#619 Salem Rebellion, Salem Witchcraft – May 14, 1692: Increase Mather established the Massachusetts Bay Colony a *second* time as a Matthew 5:14 *City Upon a Hill*, with the urgent order of business being its Habitation of Devils

Preceding this series of <u>Salem Rebellion</u>, <u>Salem Witchcraft</u> was <u>City on a Hill vs. Habitation of</u> <u>Devils</u> [Unsealings <u>#588</u>–<u>#595</u>].

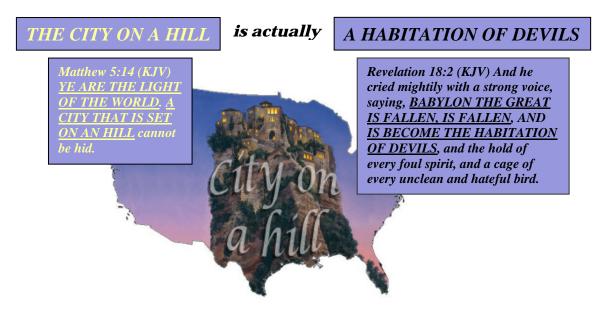
The two key verses for <u>City on a Hill vs. Habitation of Devils</u> were Matthew 5:14 and Revelation 18:2.

Matthew 5:14 (KJV) <u>YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD</u>. <u>A CITY THAT IS SET ON</u> <u>AN HILL</u> cannot be hid.

Revelation 18:2 (**KJV**) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, <u>**BABYLON THE**</u> <u>**GREAT IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, AND IS BECOME THE HABITATION OF DEVILS**</u>, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Not only did Boston and Salem in general represent the contrasting themes of (i) Matthew 5:14 *Cities Upon a Hill* vs. (ii) "habitations of devils," seen in part (but only in part) through the site of Boston, England, once being considered a "habitation of demons," and through the Salem Witch Trials, but . . .

Key Understanding: *The newly established city on a hill was a habitation of devils*. When Increase Mather established the Massachusetts Bay Colony a *second time*, on May 14, 1692, as a Matthew 5:14 *City Upon a Hill*, its immediate and urgent order of business was the Salem Witch Trials. In short, a significant amount of demon-possessions, or habitations of devils, were thought to be in the *City Upon a Hill*. The Lord's purpose was to show that in truth the Puritans were building Babylon the Great, the Revelation 18:2 *"habitation of devils."*



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[Remember, Ronald Reagan, tied to Regan and *The Exorcist* in prophecy, borrowed from John Winthrop in referring to America as a *City on a Hill* in his farewell address to the nation on January 11, 1989.]

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