

#1426 The United States of America as the New Jerusalem/New Israel – At its founding, the land of America was looked upon by many as representing a New Jerusalem and/or a City Upon a Hill and/or a New Israel, part 9, John Cotton in 1630 speaking of the land and people of America as representing a New Israel (continued)

Key Understanding #1: *The Puritans migrating to Canaan.* John Cotton’s famous sermon “God’s Promise to His Plantation” was given to those who were beginning the Great Puritan Migration. It was centered on the idea of the Puritans possessing a divine right to occupy the land, as if savage America in New Testament times was akin to the land of Canaan in Old Testament times, and as if America was meant to be a New Israel in New Testament times, just as the land of Canaan would become the land of the twelve tribes of Israel in Old Testament times.

2 Samuel 7:10 (KJV) Moreover I will appoint a place [referring to the land of America in John Cotton’s sermon] for my people Israel [the Puritans], and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

Key Understanding #2: *The Canaanite American Indians.* In the story of the deceived Puritans building America as an *earthly* New Israel for the New Testament Church, the Lord’s prophetic role for the American Indians was that of being Canaanites in the land of America.

Here is #1426–Doc 1, which contains the full text of **John Cotton’s sermon.**

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