

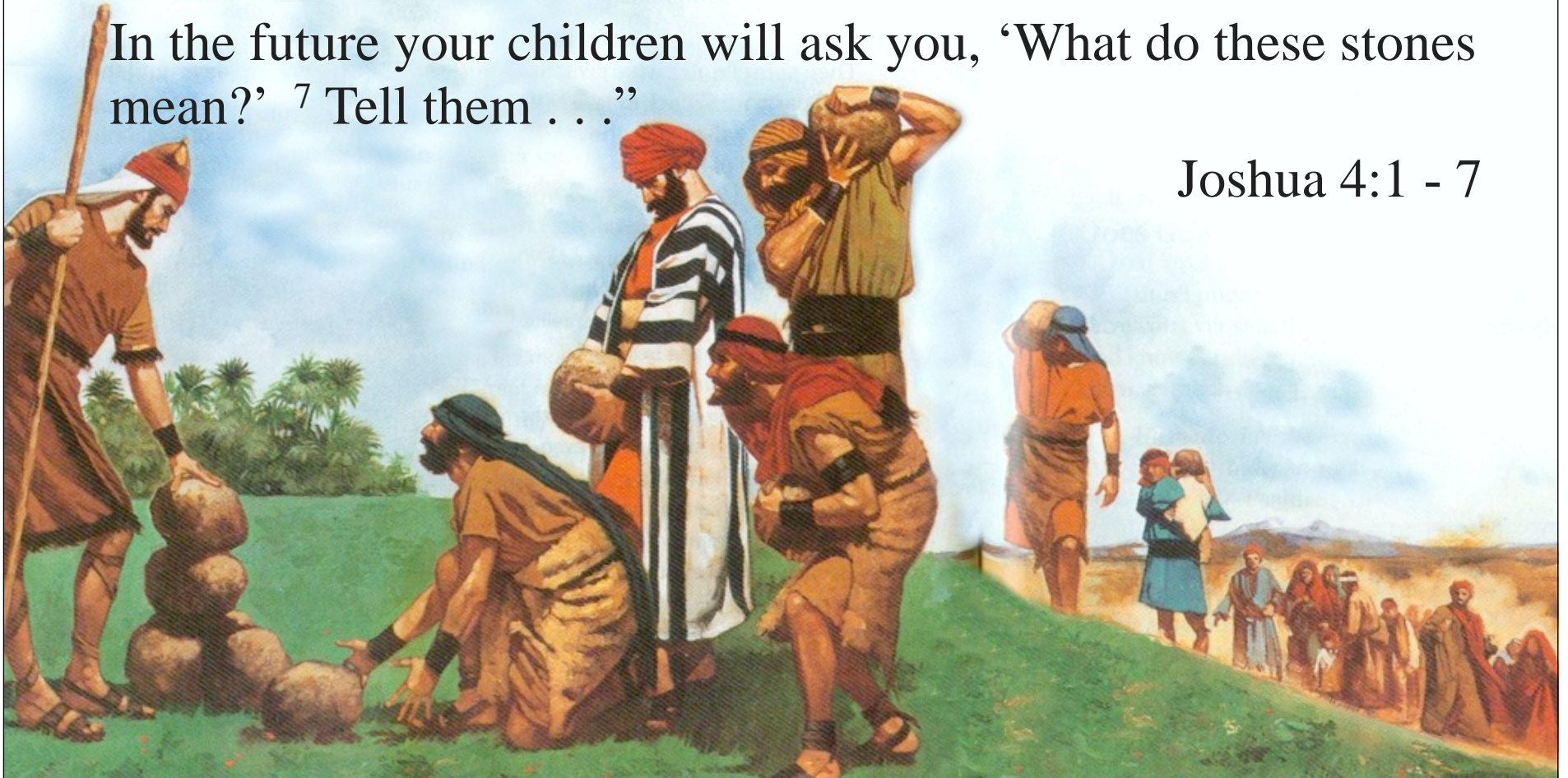


# Memorials of Thanksgiving



<sup>4</sup> So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>6</sup> We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> Tell them . . .”

Joshua 4:1 - 7





Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; give  
thanks to him and praise his name.



Praise the Lord. Give thanks  
to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

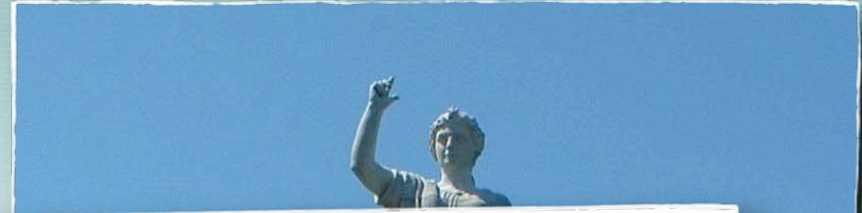
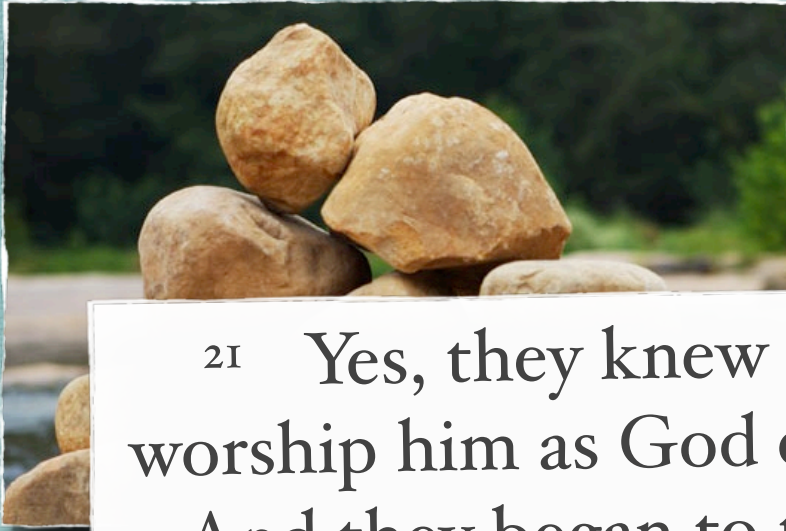


Give thanks to the Lord, call on  
his name; make known among  
the nations what he has done.

Psalm 105:1

... give thanks in all  
circumstances, for this is God's  
will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:17



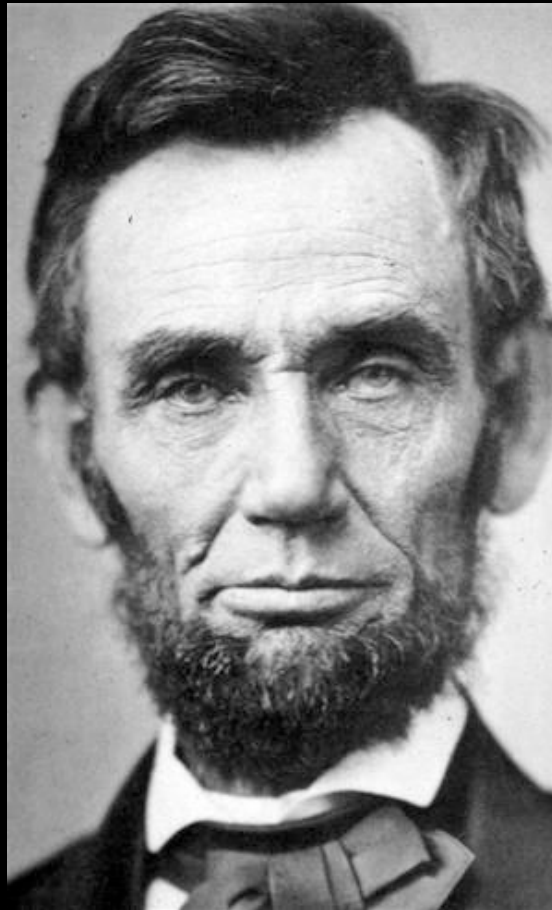
<sup>21</sup> Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even *give him thanks*. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1:21 - 23

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Lewis C. K. on the Conan O'Brien Show



March 13, 1863

Commonwealth of  Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**JOHN A. ANDREW,**

GOVERNOR:

**A PROCLAMATION.**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States of America did by his Proclamation, Dated at Washington on the 30th day of March, last, " designate and set apart THURSDAY, the thirtieth day of April, 1863, as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer;" requesting the solemn and religious observance of that day on the part of all the people of the United States, by abstaining from secular pursuits and by acts of devotion and of public worship:

I do, therefore direct and request that this Proclamation of the Chief Executive Magistrate of the Nation be published and promulgated to the people of Massachusetts in the same manner in which the Proclamation of the Governor of Massachusetts is accustomed to be promulgated, ordaining the annual Fast observed in this Commonwealth. And I especially invoke the attention of all ministers of the Gospel, as well as of all the good people of Massachusetts, in order that the day thus devoted as a National Sabbath to the special services and duties of penitence, prayer and the worship of God, may be duly observed throughout our Commonwealth.

JOHN A. ANDREW.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary.*

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN,**

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**For a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation:

And Whereas, It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord:

And, Inasmuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptions sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart THURSDAY, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope, authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

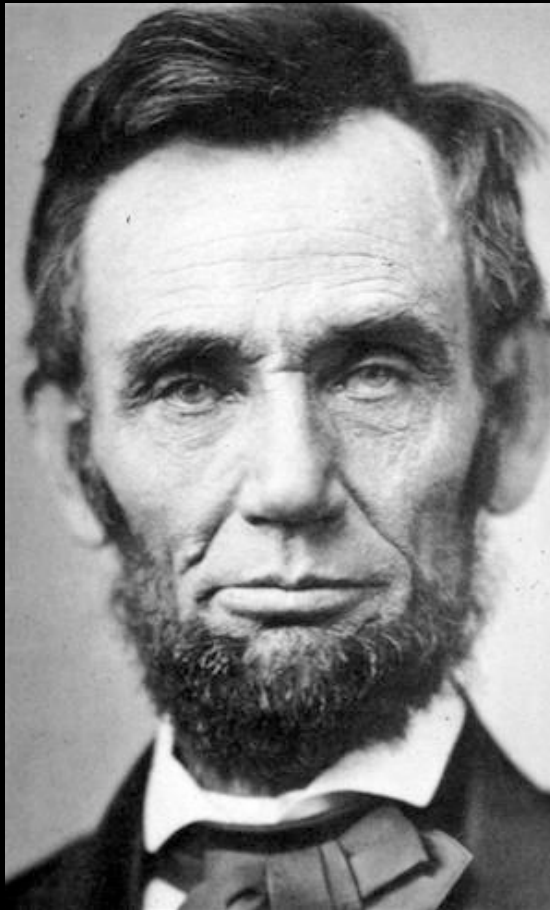
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



*October 3, 1863*

No. 9.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Oct. 3, 1863.

### A PROCLAMATION.

THE year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

Day of thanksgiving and praise set apart.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battle-field, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers, in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

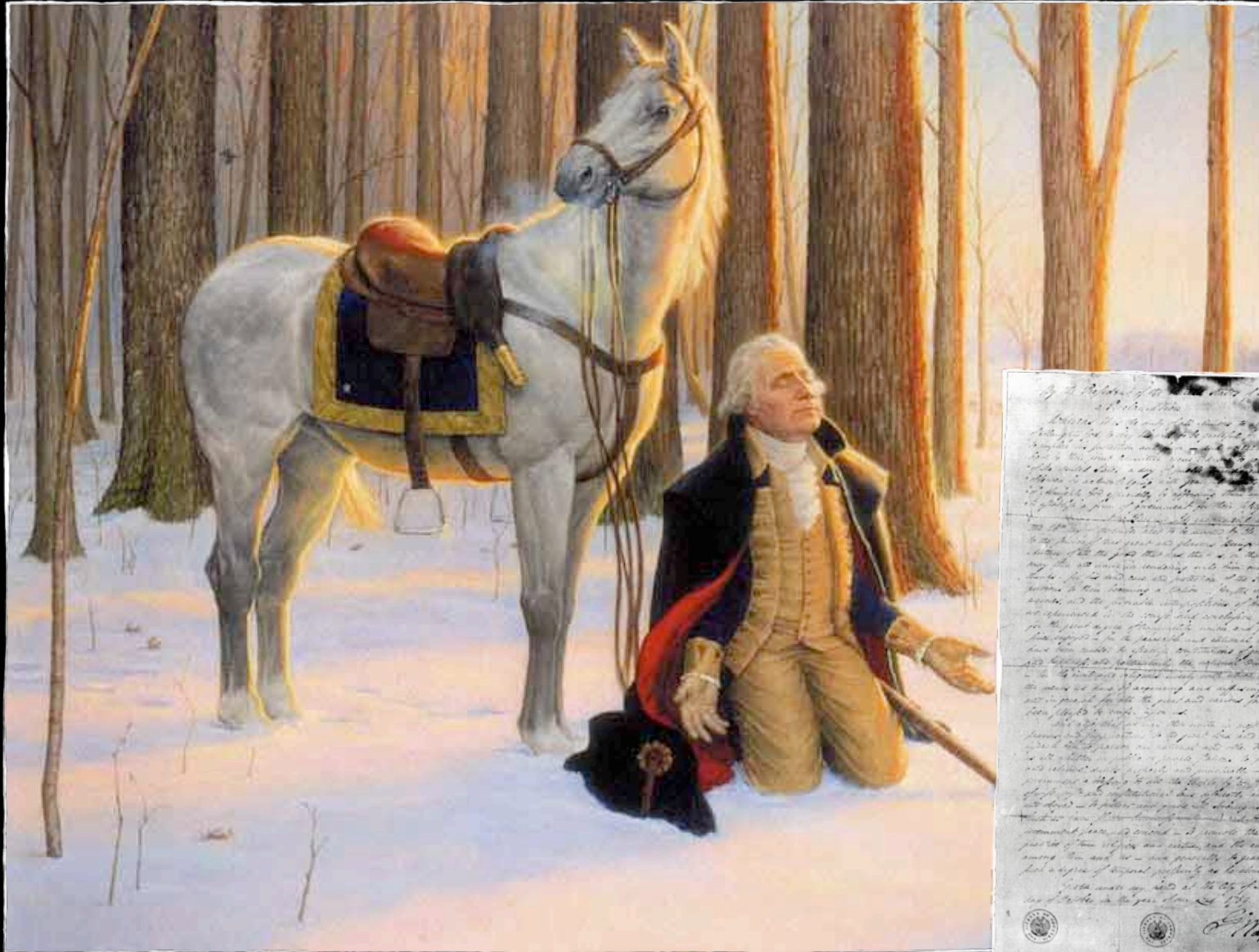
Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year [L. s.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*



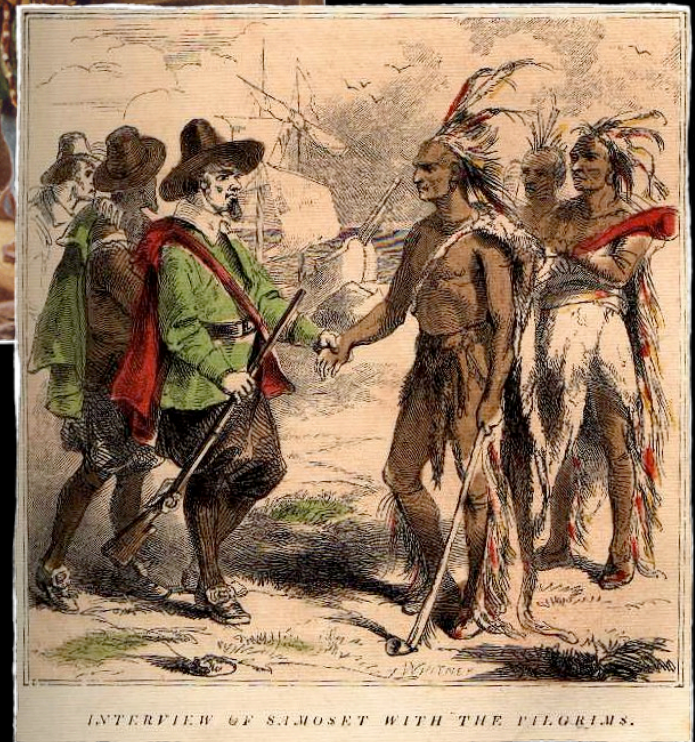


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By the Order of the Committee of the Senate  
to Publish  
The Papers of George Washington  
Volume 10  
Part 1  
Page 1  
October 3, 1789  
Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the papers of George Washington, and in answer to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith

October 3, 1789



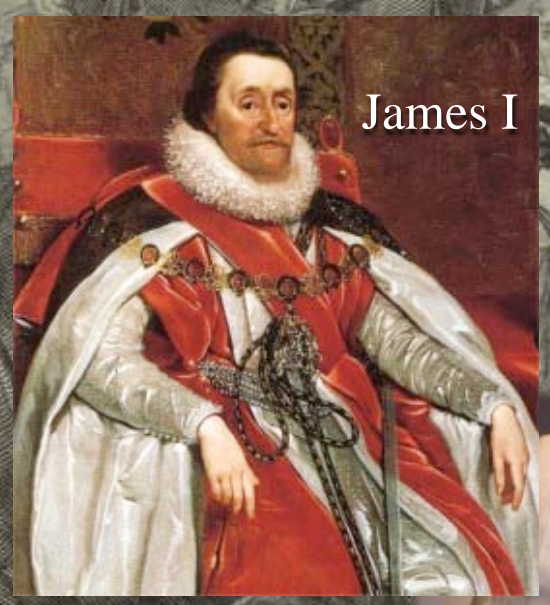
Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1621





Henry VIII

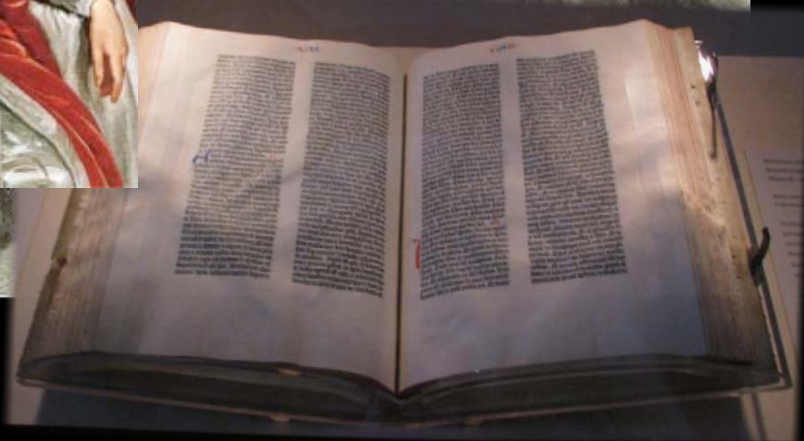
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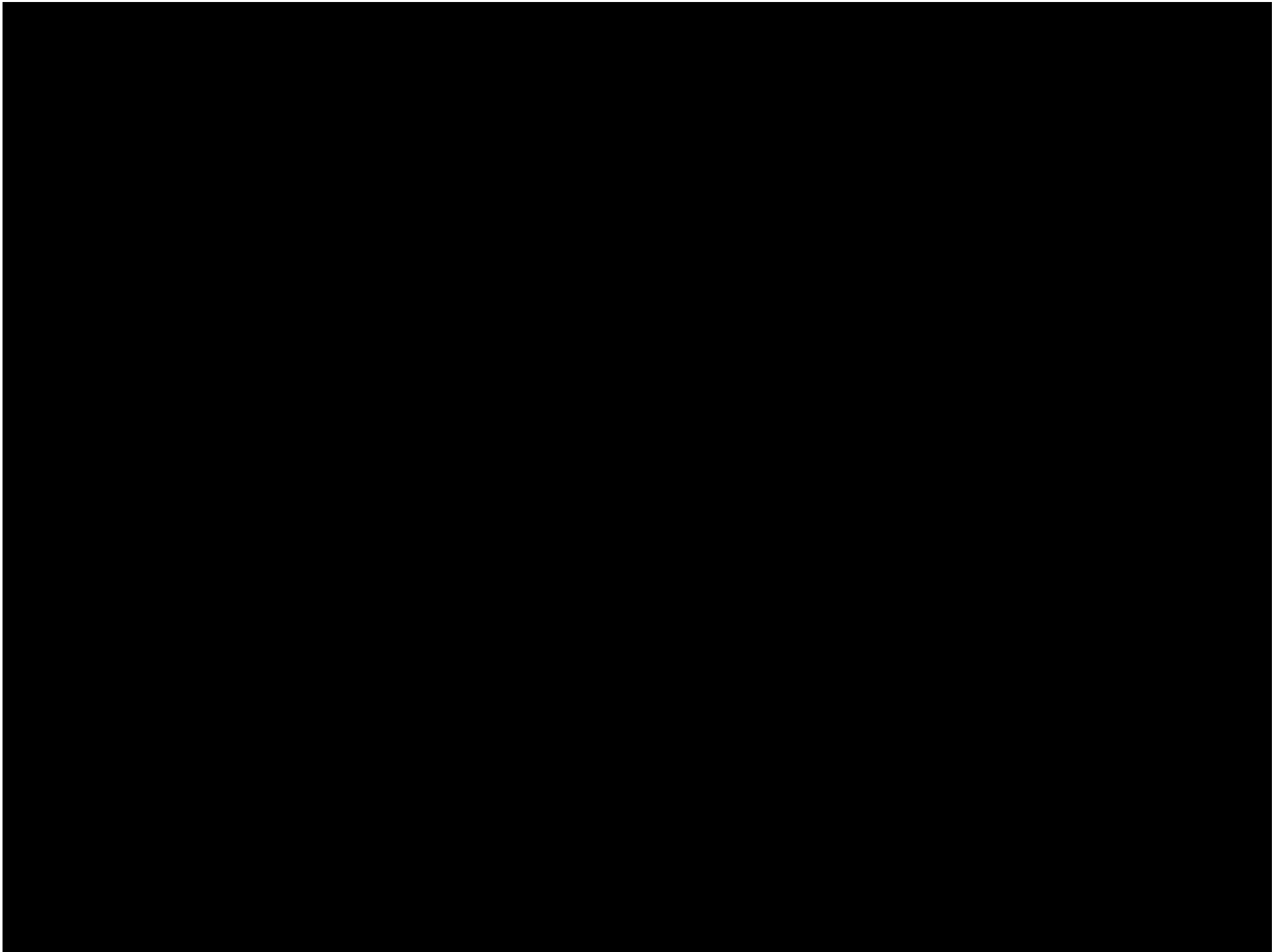


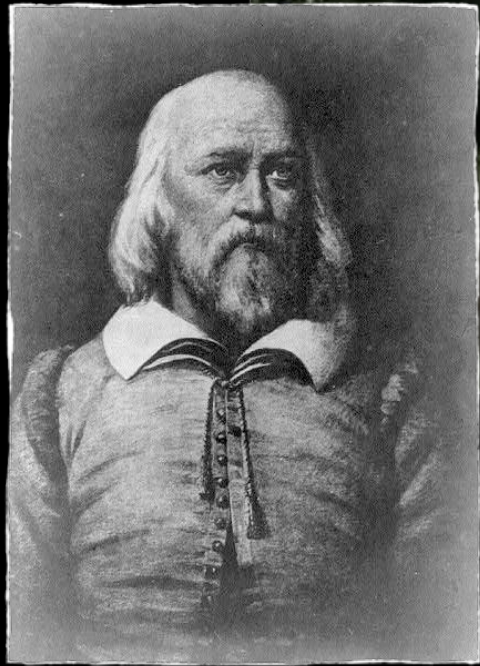
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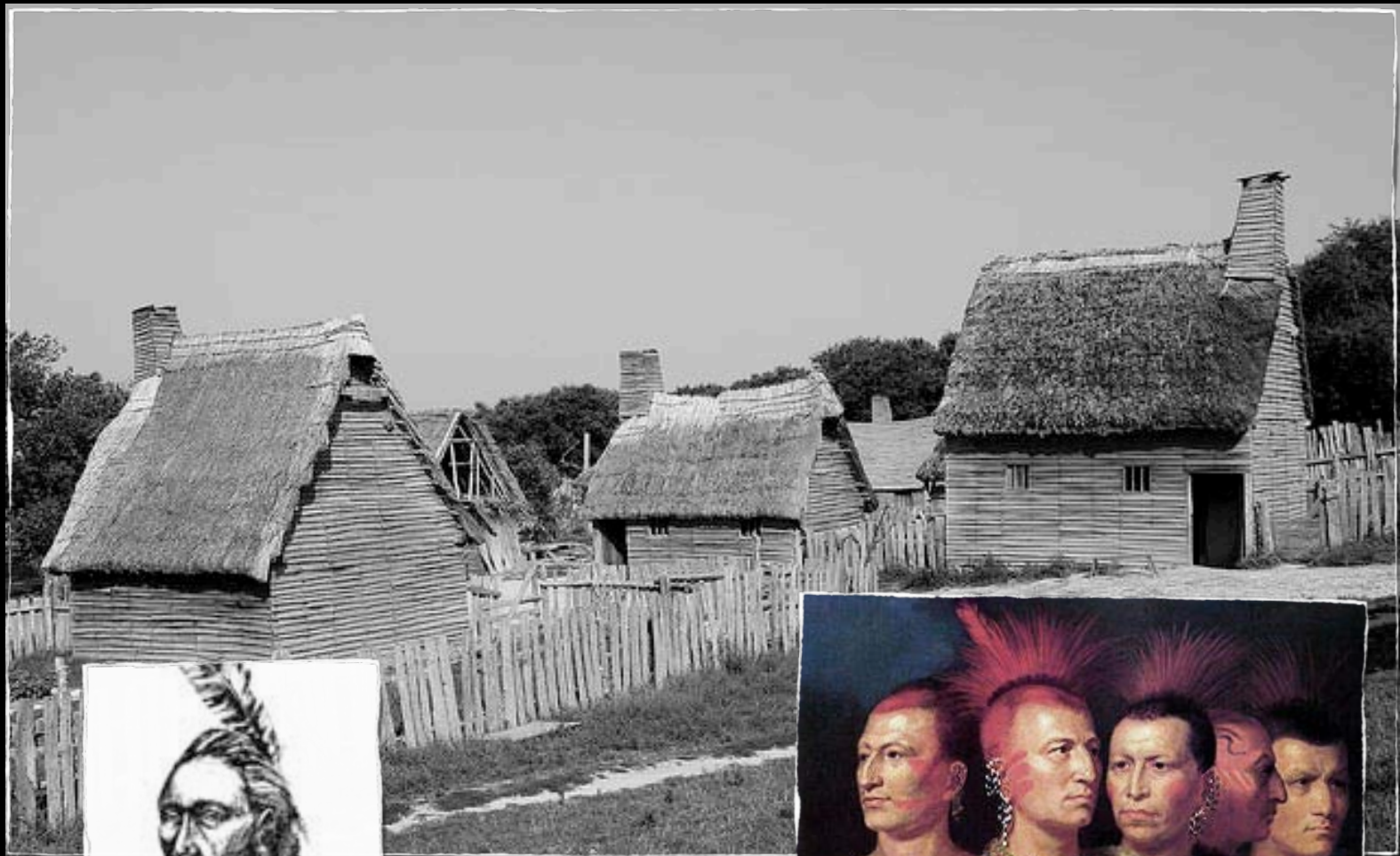
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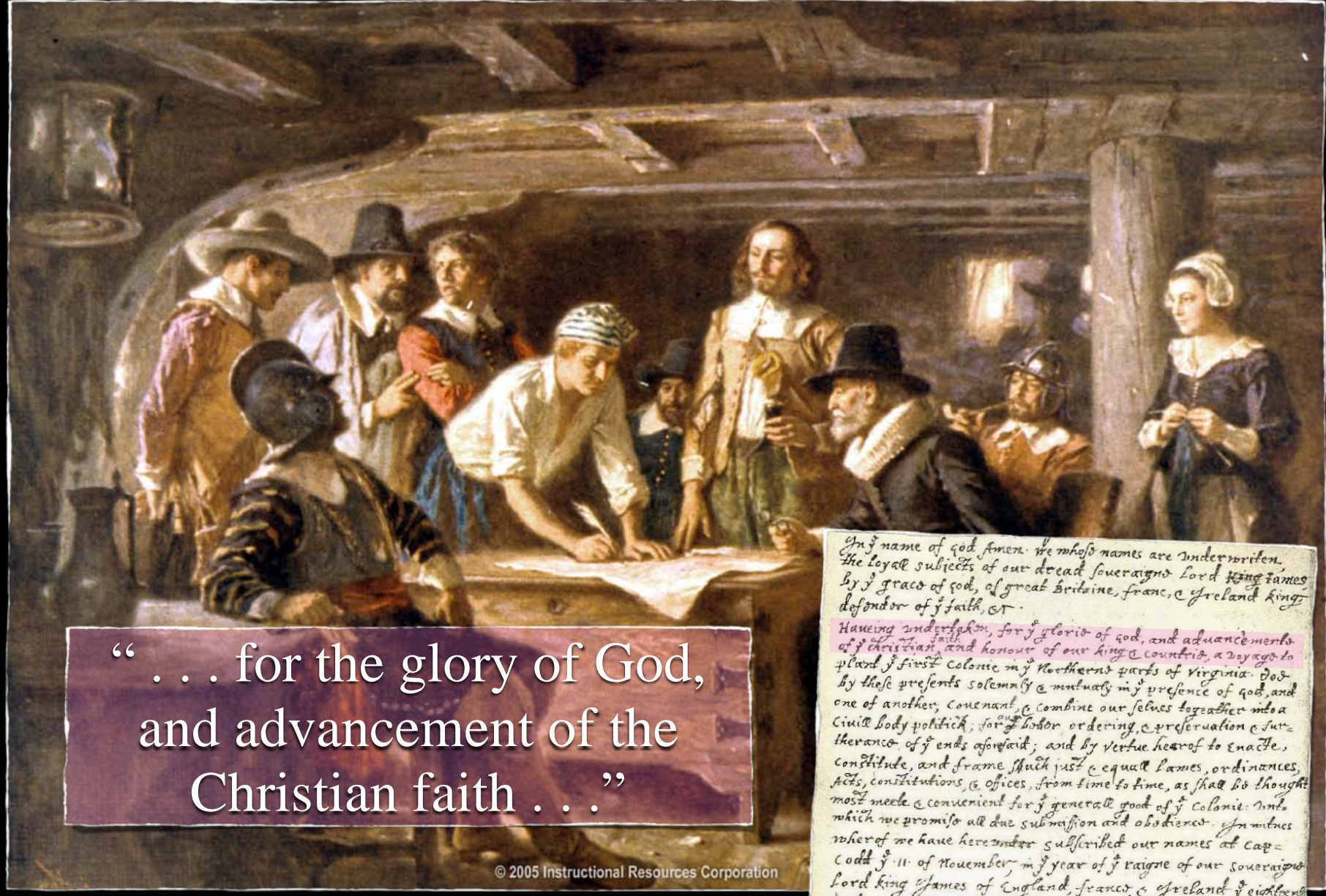












“ . . . for the glory of God,  
and advancement of the  
Christian faith . . . ”

In the name of god Amen. We whose names are underwritten,  
the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord King James  
by the grace of god, of great Brittain, France, & Ireland King,  
defender of the faith, &c.

Having undertaken, for the glory of god, and advancement  
of the Christian faith, and honour of our King & Country, a voyage to  
plant the first Colonie in the Northern parts of Virginia. God  
by these presents solemnly & mutually in the presence of god, and  
one of another, Covenant, & combine our selves together into a  
Civill body politick; for the better ordering, & preservation & fur-  
therance of the ends aforesaid; and by vertue hereof to enacte,  
constitute, and frame such just & equall Lawes, ordinances,  
Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought  
most meete & convenient for the generall good of the Colonie: unto  
which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness  
whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cap-  
Cott the 11. of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereign  
Lord King James of England, France, & Ireland King, eighth  
and of Scotland the fifth fourth, for. Dom. 1620.



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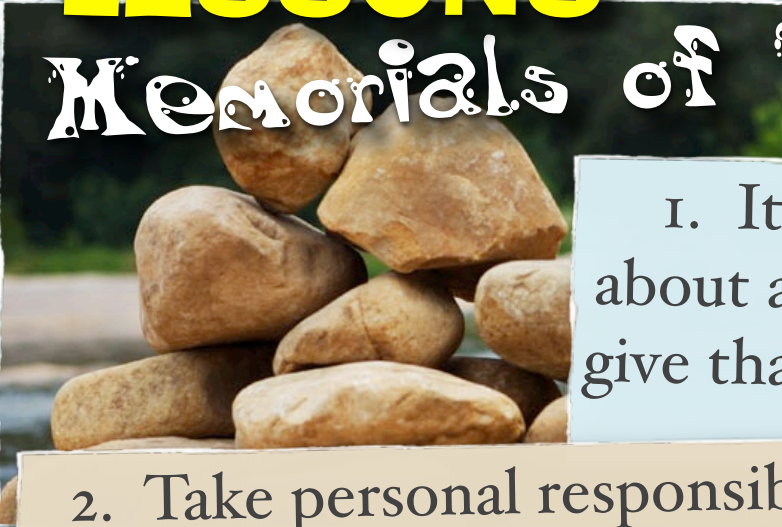
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# LESSONS


## Memorials of Thanksgiving



1. It's easy to find things to complain about and hard to find things for which to give thanks . . . work at it and do it anyway.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

2. Take personal responsibility to lead your family in giving thanks.



3. Take personal responsibility to train your children, your grandchildren, the children of our church, in the "way they should go."

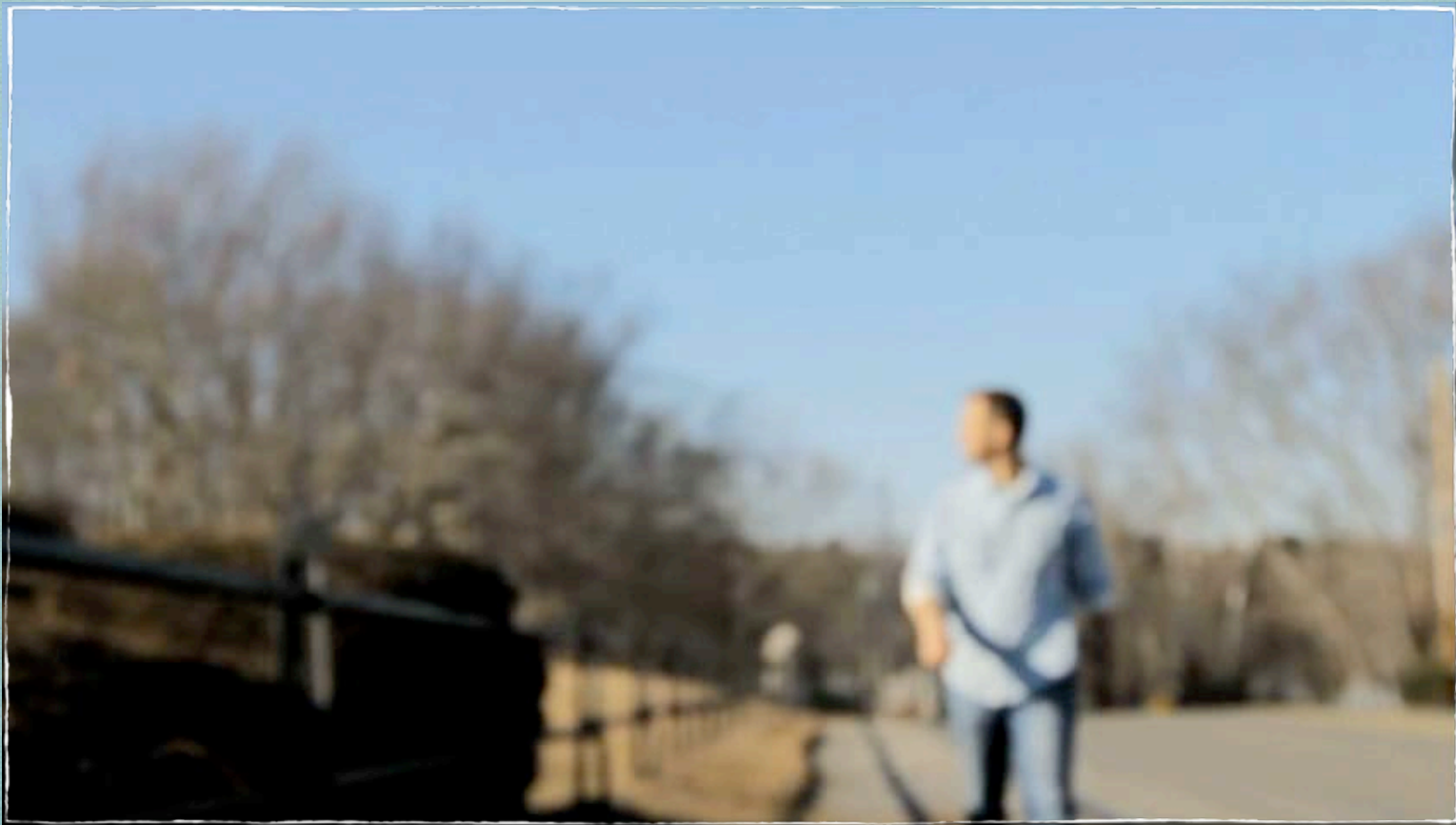
Proverbs 22:6

4. Create and/or expose your children to things (memorials) that open opportunities to rehearse for them the things God has done.

Psalm 105:1



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