“The Wordy Shipmates”:
Theocracies in New England

Protestant Reformation: 
All Heaven is Breaking Loose!

- Protestant Reformation
  - 1492 - W. Europe - Catholic
  - 1517 -

- Faith Alone
- “Priesthood of all believers”
- Results - conflict & civil war

- Strict morality & hard work
- “Defender of the faith”

- Catherine of Aragon
- Elizabeth I

- Anglican Church (Protestant)

Settling New England

- Plymouth Colony (1620)
  - “Holy Commonwealth”
  - “saints” and “strangers”
Massachusetts Bay Colony (Plymouth) — gov't determined by religious leaders, religious conformity

Quarrels within the Fold

Ye Olde Deluder Satan Act

As rose the Glint
Man's life dark pass
My Book and Hand
Shall never part
Job deth the end
And blesses God
Proof Korah's troops
Were swallowed up
The Lion told
The lark eth hold
The Moon shines bright
In time of night.
Quarrels within the Fold

- Hosts meetings to discuss sermons
- Claims direct revelations from Holy Spirit
- General Court (1637)
- Quakers
- Individual interpretation of “inner light”
- Complete
- Full participation for
- Relationship with the Natives
- Religious Toleration + Political Independence

Great Awakening

- Colonists lapse into sinful life
- “Gales of Heavenly Wind”
- "new birth" needed — emotional
- (Northampton, MA)
- “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” (1741)
- Results:
  - Emotional appeal of revivalism
  - Literacy & Higher Education
  - denominations + need for