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## 1 | Intro

- Pilgrims weren't entirely religious fanatics
- Difference between Pilgrims and Puritans
  - **Pilgrims:** Mayflower, 1620
  - **Puritans:** Arbella, 1630
- Only from 1691 with merging of Massachusetts did Puritans and Pilgrims become single settlement
- Judeo-Christian narrative of escaping slavery to a promised land
  - Religious narrative turned cultural myth of America
  - America was thought of as a Utopia ever since the Renaissance in Europe
- The American Genesis myth
  - America created as Christian Utopia
  - Dominant from 1930's to 1980's in discourse
  - Waned in 1980's after 60's and 70's movements
- Europeans thought America was poggers
  - Wasn't really based on anything
  - Didn't find any utopias or anything so decided to build their own
- Bunch of religious separatists moved to America

## 2 | Puritans

- Puritans were protestants and believed in individual process for enlightenment
- Initially thought they would come to new world and find the promised land
- Piquot War => Sign of God's mercy?
- America and utopianism go hand and hand
- Jeremiad literature
  - Started by Puritans
  - List complaints about community, then prompts change and presents incentives

## 3 | Pilgrims

- Were more merciful with Indians
- Saw English-speaking Indian dude as sign from God
- Bradford dude wrote a lot about colony history