
Lesson Excerpt: Comparison Between Pilgrims and Israelites in Migration

Purpose/Objective: Students learn about religious/political situation and developments in England and America in the early 1600s, Pilgrims' identification with the Israelites, & Pilgrims' desire to migrate to America for religious freedom. Students learn about the Pilgrims' religious beliefs and values, including God's sovereignty and covenants, which influenced their political views about popular sovereignty.

Suggested Reading: Chapter 2 of *Miracle of America* sourcebook/text. Students read sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5. William Bradford, *History of Plymouth Plantation*.

Activity: Students read select excerpts of William Bradford's *History of Plymouth Plantation* which links Pilgrims to Israelites in coming to America. Students read excerpts from Exodus 1-20 on Israelites escape from Egypt, entrance into Promised Land. Define/review vocabulary as needed in reading. Students compare Pilgrims with Israelites in Bible using a Comparison Chart, Summary Frame, Venn Diagram, or other comparison/contrast guide. How were Pilgrims like/different from Israelites? Students consider events, political & religious circumstances, historical time & setting, geography, religious beliefs, practice of covenants, etc. Students consider: How did Pilgrims view themselves? See America? Discuss. See "[Comparison Among Israelites, Pilgrims, & Puritans in Migration](#)" Comparison Chart in "Supporting Resources" section of this course guide, p. 322.

(This activity continues in Unit 3, Part 1, on Puritans.)

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Resource: *The Miracle of America High School Teacher Course Guide*

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Activity Location

Miracle of America High School Teacher Course Guide, Unit 2, Part 1, Activity 7: Comparison Between Pilgrims and Israelites in Migration, pp. 69, 332. MS-HS.

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