

#603 Salem Rebellion, Salem Witchcraft – The Voice of the People and the Habitation of Devils, part 5, The Rebellion of the Glorious Revolution (1688-1689) and Boston Witchcraft (1688-1689)

*1 Samuel 15:23 (KJV) **FOR REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king [speaking of Saul].*

*1 Samuel 15:24 (KJV) And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: **because I FEARED THE PEOPLE, AND OBEYED THEIR VOICE.***

The Rebellion, 1688-1689. The events of the Glorious Revolution that brought William III of the House of Orange in the Netherlands to the throne of England occurred during the two years of 1688 and 1689.

- **1688, the Glorious Revolution** – The Glorious Revolution of 1688 unfolds. Prince William III of Orange is invited to invade England, and does so, arriving on November 5 (O.S.), 1688.
- **1689, the crowning of William and Mary after their acceptance of the Declaration of Rights (English Bill of Rights)**



William and Mary being offered the crown of England

Here is **#603–Doc 1** for a **detailed chronology of the 1688-1689 events of the Glorious Revolution**, the crowning of William and Mary, and the acceptance of the English Bill of Rights.

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The Witchcraft, 1688-1689. The events of the Salem Witchcraft Trials in 1692 actually had their beginnings *in Boston* in the two years of 1688-1689.

- **1688, the witchcraft** – In Boston, initial incidents of alleged witchcraft occurred, with the accused being a laundress for the John Goodwin family named Goody Glover. She was arrested for bewitching the Goodwin children, who were exhibiting bizarre behavior. The Reverend Cotton Mather met twice with Glover following her arrest in an attempt to persuade her to repent of her witchcraft. She was hanged on November 16, 1688. Mather took one of the Goodwin children, Martha Goodwin, age 13, into his house, but her bizarre behavior continued and even worsened.



Reverend Samuel Parris

- **1689, the book** – Cotton Mather published a book, *Memorable Providences, Relating to Witchcrafts and Possessions*, which detailed the episode.
- **1689, the pastor** – Samuel Parris was named the new minister of the new church at Salem Village, on the outskirts of Salem Town. [What was called Salem Village is known today as Danvers, Massachusetts.] In 1692, it would be Samuel Parris's own daughter, Elizabeth Parris, and his niece, Abigail Williams, who would exhibit the strange behavior – similar to the Goodwin children from four years earlier in 1688 in Boston. It would result in the Salem Witch Trials.



Home of the Reverend Samuel Parris, Centre Street, Danvers (Circa 1891)

Key Understanding: *The rebellion of the Glorious Revolution (1688-1689) and Boston witchcraft (1688-1689).*

The Lord ordained that the beginning events associated with the Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692 (representing *witchcraft*) would occur in Boston in 1688-1689, unfolding in general simultaneity with the events of the Glorious Revolution of 1688-1689 in England (representing *rebellion*). This would be to correlate with 1 Samuel 15:23a (KJV) FOR REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT, and *stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*

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