

#1424 The United States of America as the New Jerusalem/New Israel – At its founding, the land of America was looked upon by many as representing a New Jerusalem and/or a City Upon a Hill and/or a New Israel, part 7, Sometimes early America was looked upon like an earthy new Jerusalem (or new Israel) and sometimes like the heavenly New Jerusalem

Key Understanding: Sometimes early America was looked upon as an *earthy* new Jerusalem (or new Israel) and sometimes like the *heavenly* New Jerusalem.

Salem and an *earthy* new Jerusalem. Salem, Massachusetts, is an example of early America being looked upon as an *earthy* new Jerusalem.

Thomas Hooker and a *heavenly* New Jerusalem. Though the usual manner of looking upon cities in America and/or America itself as a new city of Jerusalem would be that of an *earthy* new Jerusalem, thoughts were also in existence in early America of viewing New World America as the site of the *heavenly* New Jerusalem.



A statue of Thomas Hooker (*left*) stands in Old State House Square in Hartford, Connecticut

Thomas Hooker was a Puritan minister, and the chief founder of the city of Hartford, Connecticut, and thus one of the chief founders of what became the state of Connecticut.

In 1977, Frank Shuffleton wrote a comprehensive, full-length biography of Thomas Hooker titled *Thomas Hooker: 1586-1647* (Princeton 1977). Shuffleton writes on p. 226 of the book:

“Hooker believed with [John] Winthrop that a New England town should be a city upon a hill in a political sense, that it should be a model for the spirituality and morally imperiled society of Old England, but **he emphasized even more strongly the traditional image of that city as the New Jerusalem.** When the final thousand years of peace began, Hooker hoped and believed that they would be initiated by the [Calvinist] reformed churches in Christ.” [In this case the author and Thomas Hooker in typical reformed theology eschatology are portraying the final one thousand years of Jesus Christ seen in Revelation 20 as being congruent with the time of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 and 22 coming down out of heaven from God.]



Here is **#1424–Doc 1**, the Wikipedia article about **Thomas Hooker**, one of the chief founders of the state of Connecticut.

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*Revelation 21:1-2 (KJV) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
2 And I John saw **THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*Galatians 4:25-26 (KJV) **For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to JERUSALEM WHICH NOW IS, AND IS IN BONDAGE WITH HER CHILDREN.** [NIV . . . Now Hagar stands for {the law of} Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.]
26 **But JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE IS FREE, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL.** [NIV . . . But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.] [Note: This is speaking of the *heavenly* New Jerusalem of which true Christians who have forsaken in their hearts their *earthly* kingdom citizenships are citizens.]*

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