

For the Love of God

THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS

The European and American Witch Hunts



ANALYSIS QUESTIONS:

1. How does the video segment contrast Walpurgisnacht today with the witch panics that swept across Europe in the 1600s?
2. Explain what happened to Rebecca Lemp. Why do you think she might have been accused?
3. Write another paragraph of Rebecca Lemp's letter.
4. Write down as many things as you can remember from the video segment about what happened in Salem in February 1692.
5. Outline the possible contribution of each of these to the Salem Witch Hunts:
 - a. Misogyny
 - b. Economic Tensions
 - c. Factional & Personal Vendettas

29 Don't plot harm against your neighbour,
for those who live nearby trust you.

30 Don't pick a fight without reason,
when no one has done you harm.

31 Don't envy violent people
or copy their ways.

²⁸ One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. ³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."



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