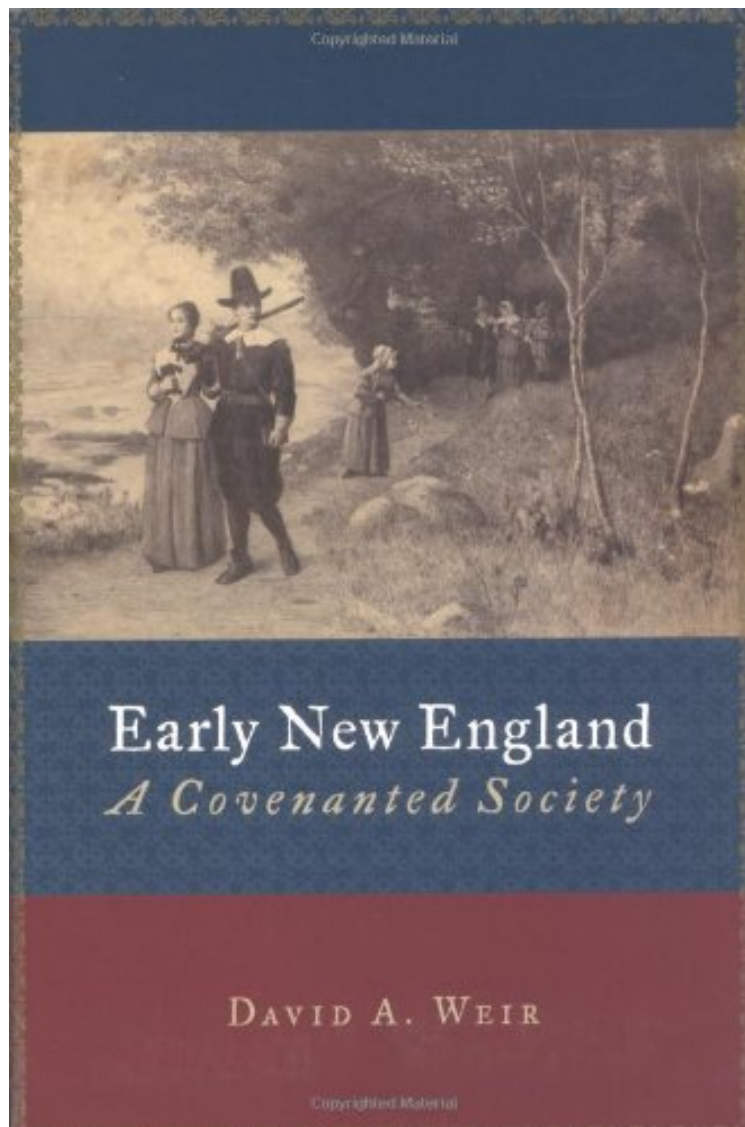


(Read download) Early New England: A Covenanted Society (Emory University Studies in Law and Religion)

## Early New England: A Covenanted Society (Emory University Studies in Law and Religion)

*Mr. David A. Weir*

*audiobook / \*ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#3086799 in Books David A Weir 2005-07-07Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.00 x 1.20 x 6.00l, 1.44  
#File Name: 0802813526478 pagesEarly New England | File size: 32.Mb

**Mr. David A. Weir : Early New England: A Covenanted Society (Emory University Studies in Law and Religion)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Early New England: A Covenanted Society (Emory University Studies in Law and Religion):

The idea of covenant was at the heart of early New England society. In this singular book David Weir explores the origins and development of covenant thought in America by analyzing the town and church documents written and signed by seventeenth-century New Englanders. Unmatched in the breadth of its scope, this study takes into account all of the surviving covenants in all of the New England colonies. Weir's comprehensive survey of seventeenth-century covenants leads to a more complex picture of early New England than what emerges from looking at only a few famous civil covenants like the Mayflower Compact. His work shows covenant theology being transformed into a covenantal vision for society but also reveals the stress and strains on church-state relationships that eventually led to more secularized colonial governments in eighteenth-century New England. He concludes that New England colonial society was much more "English" and much less "American" than has often been thought, and that the New England colonies substantially mirrored religious and social change in Old England.

"David Weir has given us the most detailed study of the civil and church covenants of colonial New England that we have ever had. Moving far beneath the reflections of the theologians, he shows us how the concept of covenant functioned among ordinary settlers attempting to live together in isolated and hazardous colonies. This is a thorough, judicious, and deeply informative book." E Brooks Holifield

About the Author David A. Weir is professor of history at Nyack College in New York. His other book is *The Origins of the Federal Theology in Sixteenth-Century Reformation Thought*.