

A. The Popular Reaction and the Plague 1641-49. Here we have the leaders of this revolt, the movements actively involved in it had been put down but among the people there was still a great feeling of irritation over it. People tend to go along in one direction, and then they gradually move in another direction, and when they get moved in that direction it's hard to move them back or to move them away from it. We have to learn to recognize those facts. People who have a complete idea of how they think everything should be and go out and try to persuade people that things should be done in just this way, usually don't have much success unless there has been considerable preparation for it. Martin Luther was the great leader whom God sent to bring on the Reformation and do a tremendous work, but in the 200 yrs. before Martin Luther there had been a number of other men who had brought teachings very similar to Martin Luther's or who had protested against several of the particular things that Martin Luther was protesting against and most of these men had been killed or had been imprisoned for life, or had disappeared and had seemed to have had no influence but they had had an effect, and the effect had prepared large numbers of people -- more than they realized perhaps to be ready when Luther came with his great message and tremendous ability. There was a preparation which could be used of God in order to give him great success. So the general mass of people move slowly and we have to recognize that fact. And very often it is better to, if you have a train of 30 ~~g~~ freight cars you want to move somewhere, it is better to start pulling at a pace that can gradually get them under way, than to give them a great g big jerk to make them immediately move and perhaps break a coupling or perhaps break your arm and accomplish really nothing. We have to stand four-square for what is right, but we have to measure our practical efforts in order to accomplish something as a rule.

Now Capital A was then the Popular Reaction and the Plague. The calendar is moving along at such a rate that we'll have to merely mention this, not discuss it more. But go on to

B. Aaron's Rod. God dealt ~~u~~ directly with the uprising and with the reaction thereafter, but also he proceeded to use a means of giving evidence that what he was