

And they were so widespread that most people came in contact with them and their reaction from them, their attitude toward them colored many things that happened. And so I must tell you about this event which happened which Newman describes under the first head here, "The ~~Mill~~^{Kil}liastic Anabaptists". Now I don't like that heading for this reason - that what is often spoken of as "kiliasm" is quite different from that which is characteristic of these people. The word "kiliasm" simply means thousand and the Kiliastic Anabaptists - he means those who believe that the reign of Christ would be set up for a thousand years. And the term is often used about pre-millennialism. Pre-millennialists are often called Killialists. But the difference between these Kiliastic Anabaptists and modern pre-millennialism is this - that pre-millennialism teaches that Christ at his return will set up a kingdom which will last a thousand years upon this earth. While the Kiliastic Anabaptists believed that God was going to set up a kingdom which would last 1000 years upon this earth but that it was to be set up by their putting down all that was contrary to it and killing all the unbelievers and thus establishing a kingdom of absolute right. And so this was preached widely by a man named Hoffman - that this kingdom was coming soon and Monsignor Hoffman, a letter dresser by trade, was a man of great personal charm and he attracted thousands by his preaching and he traveled in many parts of Europe. And he preached that the city of Strassburg, which was a great Anabaptist center at this time, would become the center of the new kingdom that would last a thousand years after all the unbelievers were removed. Now he came to believe that the human nature of Christ was not derived from Mary but was a direct divine creation. And he stressed this teaching, which is quite unBiblical, but it was not his main point. He was stressing the coming of this kingdom so soon, putting great stress on it, but he was imprisoned and another man named Jan Mathias(?) ~~Mathias~~ from Holland began to become the leader of the movement. And Mathias