

decided that the new dispensation was to be established just as the Israelites had established their control in Canaan. True believers were to be the instruments in God's hands for blotting out of his enemies from the face of this earth. Hoffman ~~(XXXX)~~ had said the prophet Enos would appear just before the inauguration of the new dispensation. Mathias said, "I am the promised Enos". And so the message spread and within a few weeks many thousands were introduced by Baptism into this covenant and were ready any moment to begin their work of destroying all the unbelievers and establishing the kingdom. Now there was a city called Munster. There were thousands of these Anabaptists. There were many in Switzerland and Germany but particularly in Holland. And there was a city of Munster in Germany which until 1532 was a stronghold of Roman Catholicism. And then in 1532 a very dissolute prince bishop made himself so disliked by the people that there was an uprising against him and the city began to turn to Protestantism and some of these Kiliastic Anabaptists began to come in and they managed to get control of the city. Then when they got control of the city, they began to declare their new views in the city. Now Newman here quotes their views on baptism and other things but I see our time is up and we will continue with them next Wednesday

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We are only looking at some of the outstanding ones, not taking so much time on it as on ~~some of~~ the other heads, because it is a movement which is similar to movements which had occurred at many times during the history of the church, that sprung up, spread widely, and then completely died out. And this movement similarly would have completely died out if it were not for the fact that the success of the Reformation as led by Luther and Calvin, resulted in its being protected in certain areas. But even there it practically died out. I mean it became a comparatively tiny movement which later grew larger again.