

without law and without majesty(?). And within eight days 1400 of the people were baptized including the ministers in the town who had been teaching Reformation teaching but had not yet come to this teaching. And then another man came to Munster who was called John of Leyden who came from the Dutch City of Leyden - he had a long name which I forget now but later he simply called himself John of Leyden. And he's generally known (7.) by this name. But soon ~~the~~ in the town there began to be people who were not satisfied with the way the movement was going and so Mathias and John of Leyden proclaimed that this city was to be the new Jerusalem, Strassburg had failed because of its sin and all those people who would not submit to it, were to be killed. Many of the people escaped but hundreds of others were ruthlessly slaughtered. And then people of similar belief began ~~xxx~~coming toward Munster from all over the area in Holland and Germany. Thousands of these, hundreds of these were killed by the authorities on their way, but thousands reached the New Jerusalem and Mathias was recognized as the head of the theocracy in the city. Then the bishop and his allies began to attack the city and in the city there was a reign of terror killing everyone in the city who wasn't thoroughly in sympathy with the new regime. Well thousands of people had come into the city that were strongly in sympathy with it. Mathias was slain in battle in a sortie out against the invaders so John of Leyden was left as the leader and he proceeded to organize them after the model of old Israel. He appointed 12 elders with power of life and death who would sit in judgment twice a day, He declared that he was the ruler of the city who would eventually become the ruler of the world. The number of women in the city greatly exceeded that of the men and he declared that he had a revelation that polygamy was to be introduced. And he took about a dozen wives himself and he made it a rule that every woman in the city must be immediately married to some man. And so there was polygamy established within the city, immoral law in general was advocated, and yet there was a very great fanaticism and a very great zeal