

on the part of many of the people in the city so that for a whole year they resisted the attack by the people outside stirred up by the citizens of the city who had had to flee. And there was a ~~HEIKK~~^{siege} for a whole year and finally at the end of the siege the city was conquered and there was a terrible massacre of the bulk of the people there, the leaders were seized and they were tortured in a most terrible way - John of Leyden, himself being put in a cage too short for him to stand up and not wide enough for him to lie down and hung up on the top of one of the church steeples and left up there until he died. And so the cruel treatment of the people was very terrible and after that in this city there was absolutely no possibility of entrance of any kind of Reformation for a very long time. But the news of this spread all through Europe and people who never dreamed of having any idea of doing anything like this - if they were Anabaptists came to be thought of by others as if this was what their teaching was likely to lead to, this was the sort of thing that they would go into and it turned the feelings of Protestants and Romanists alike all over Europe against the Anabaptists. And while there were other leaders and other Anabaptist movements in many parts of Europe, most of them didn't last more than a few years and the general opposition of people to them was very strong. There was a new leader in Holland who came forward who persuaded a considerable following that he was the Messiah of a better kingdom than that of Christ in which the members were no longer bound by the old laws of morality. From 1536 on - this was 1534 when this occurred at Munster - he was driven away from the town in Holland where he'd been, he fled to Barbon (?) in Switzerland but there he lived under an assumed name and pretended to be a follower of Zwingli while secretly, constantly sending out publications in support of his fanatic claims. And for many years after his death some of his followers were found here and there scattered through Europe. The Anabaptist movement in general came - yes? (Student question)