



**ZWINGLI AND THE
BEGINNINGS OF THE SWISS
REFORMATION**

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□ BACKGROUND OF THE SWISS REFORMATION:

- AT TIME OF THE REFORMATION, SWITZERLAND CONSISTED OF 13 STATES OR CANTONS:
 - URI, SCWYZ, UNTERWALDEN, LUCERN:
 - FOREST CANTONS (ROMANIST MAINSTAYS)
 - ZUG, SOLEURE, ZURICH, GLARUS, BERN, FREYBURG, BASEL, SCHAFFHAUSEN, & APPENZELL
 - SEPARATE FROM THE EMPIRE:
 - TREATY OF BASEL (1499)
 - SWISS NOTED FOR THEIR VALOR & SKILL IN BATTLE:
 - RESISTED THE HAPSBURGS (AUSTRIA)
 - RESISTED MAXIMILIAN'S INTRUSION
 - SUCCESS LED TO NOTORIETY AS MERCENARIES

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□ ZWINGLI'S EARLY YEARS:

- ULRICH ZWINGLI BORN JAN 1, 1484 IN WILDHAUS
- AS A YOUTH, STUDIES IN BASEL & BERN
- BEGINS UNIVERSITY WORK IN VIENNA
 - STUDIES SCHOLASTICISM
 - SOME HUMANIST INFLUENCE
 - OVERT PATRIOTISM DURING SWABIAN WAR
 - SENT AWAY IN 1499, BUT RETURNS AFTER 1500
- RECEIVES BACHELOR (1504) & MASTER OF ARTS (1506) AT BASEL
 - HIGHLY INFLUENCED BY HUMANIST THOMAS WYTENBACH
- DUE TO UNCLE'S INFLUENCE, BECOMES PRIEST OF GLARUS (1506)

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□ ZWINGLI'S EARLY PASTORATES:

- GLARUS (1506-1516):
 - ENTHUSIAST OF ERASMUS' WORK
 - OPPONENT OF MERCENARY ACTIVITY
- EINSIEDELN (1516-1519)
 - DEVOTES "WHOLE STRENGTH TO STUDY OF SCRIPTURE"
 - PREACHES "CHRIST ALONE SAVES"
 - APPRECIATION OF GREEK FROM ERASMUS
 - "BEFORE LUTHER WAS HEARD OF IN SWITZERLAND, I BEGAN TO PREACH THE GOSPEL"
 - OPPOSES INDULGENCE TRAFFIC
 - NOT AS DEFINING AN ISSUE TO ZWINGLI AS LUTHER
- ASSUMES PASTORATE OF "GREAT MINSTER" IN ZURICH (1519)
 - "THE WITTENBURG OF SWITZERLAND"

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- **THE SIXTY-SEVEN CONCLUSIONS:**
 - **ZWINGLI'S EQUIVALENT OF THE "95 THESES"**
 - **BROADER IN SCOPE, EMPHASIZING CHRIST AS ONLY SAVIOUR, SUPREMACY OF THE WORD, DENIAL OF PAPAL SUPREMACY, REJECTION OF THE MASS, FASTS, PILGRIMAGES, CELIBACY, & PURGATORY**

- **3 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS (1523-24):**
 - **CALLED BY ZWINGLI TO SOLICIT ZURICH MAGISTRACY APPROVAL OF:**
 - **67 CONCLUSIONS**
 - **ABOLITION OF MASS & IMAGES**
 - **ZURICH MAGISTRATES UPHOLD ZWINGLI'S POSITIONS**

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□ REFORMATION IN ZURICH:

- REMOVAL OF ALL IMAGES, ORNAMENTS, PICTURES, RELICS, CRUCIFIXES, ALTARS, CANDLES IN 13 DAYS (1524)
 - BONES OF SAINTS BURIED
 - ORGAN REMOVED & MUSIC ABOLISHED
 - “THE ABSENCE OF IMAGES WILL INCREASE HUNGER FOR THE WORD”
- ABOLITION OF THE MASS:
 - REFORMED COMMUNION FIRST HELD IN 1525
 - FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY
- CHURCH SUBJUGATED TO THE MAGISTRACY:
 - DUTY OF THE MAGISTRACY TO OBEY THE GOSPEL, PROTECT RELIGION, PUNISH WICKEDNESS

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□ REFORMATION IN ZURICH (CONT):

- CHURCH SUBJUGATED TO THE MAGISTRACY (CONT):

- DUTY OF THE PREACHER TO INSTRUCT, EXHORT, COMFORT, REBUKE SIN, & BUILD UP THE KINGDOM

- BEGINNINGS OF SEPARATION; TO BE FOLLOWED IN GENEVA
- CLEAR CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF REFORMED POSITION VICE ROMANISTS & ANABAPTISTS

□ ANABAPTIST CONTROVERSY:

- ANABAPTIST POSITIONS REJECT INFANT BAPTISM, STATE ORDINANCES AFFECTING THE CHURCH, COLLECTION OF TITHES, & REQUIRE A "SINLESS CHURCH" (PERFECTIONISM)

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- **ANABAPTIST CONTROVERSY (CONT):**
 - ZWINGLI SYMPATHETIC TO SOME ANABAPTIST POSITIONS, BUT UNWILLING TO YIELD:
 - CONFERANCES OF MAGISTRATES IN JAN & NOV, 1525:
 - INFANT BAPTISM (8 DAYS) REQUIRED
 - MANDATE AGAINST REBAPTISM
 - ANABAPTISTS RESIST & SEVERAL ARE EXECUTED FOR "SUBVERSION"
- **EVENTS LEADING TO CAPPEL:**
 - ZWINGLI SEEKS COMPLETE FREEDOM TO PREACH IN OTHER CANTONS
 - "FOREST CANTONS" UNWILLING TO TOLERATE PROTESTANT TEACHING
 - JACOB KAISER BURNED AT STAKE (1529)

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- **EVENTS LEADING TO CAPPEL (CONT):**
 - **ZURICH UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTS TO FORM DEFENSE LEAGUE:**
 - **ABILITY TO JOIN WITH GERMAN LUTHERANS (SMALCALD LEAGUE) FAILS**
 - **"FOREST CANTONS" ATTACK ZURICH (OCT, 1531)**
 - **TROOPS MEET AT CAPPEL**
 - **ZURICHERS OUTNUMBERED 3:1 & OVERCOME**
 - **ZWINGLI SLAIN; BODY QUARTERED & BURNED**
 - **THEY MAY KILL THE BODY, BUT NOT THE SOUL**
 - **“WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN THY FAITH, THY WAS AN HONEST PATRIOT”**

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- **EXTENSION OF SWISS REFORMATION:**
 - BASEL (OECOLAMPADIUS)
 - BERN
 - CONTINUATION AT ZURICH (BULLINGER)
- **REFORMATION AT BASEL:**
 - JOHANN OECOLAMPADIUS (1482-1531):
 - GREATLY INFLUENCED BY HUMANISTS/REFORMERS:
 - REUCHLIN (HEBREW), WYTENBACH, MELANCTON AS A GERMAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT
 - AS PRIEST IN BASEL, ATTRACTED BY ERASMUS (RESIDENT)
 - FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH LUTHER
 - IN 1523, UNITES WITH ZWINGLIAN CAUSE

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□ REFORMATION AT BASEL (CONT):

• JOHANN OECOLAMPADIUS (CONT):

– DEBATED ECK AT BADEN (1526)

– INSPIRED REVOLT OF 1529 PARALLELING ZURICH CHANGES:

• IMAGES DESTROYED

• MASS ABOLISHED

– MOST NOTED FOR CHURCH DISCIPLINE:

• COLLEGE OF 12 CENSORS (PRESBYTERY) TO DEAL WITH SIN IN THE CHURCH

• CENSORS COMPOSED OF PASTORS, MAGISTRATES, LAITY

□ REFORMATION AT BERN:

• SPAWNED BY THE “DISPUTATION OF BERN” (1528)

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- **REFORMATION AT BERN (CONT):**
 - **THE “DISPUTATION OF BERN” (CONT)**
 - **BUCER (STRASSBURG REFORMER), OECOLAMPADIUS, ZWINGLI PREACH & DEBATE ROMANISTS**
 - **CLEAR VICTORY FOR REFORMERS**
 - **OF ZWINGLI “THIS BEAST IS MORE LEARNED THAN I THOUGHT”**
 - **TEN THESIS (CONCLUSIONS) OF BERN**
 - **SUBSEQUENTLY, BERN ADOPTS ZWINGLIAN REFORMS**
 - **DISCONTINUATION OF THE MASS; ABOLITION OF IMAGES; ABOLITION OF CLERICAL CELIBACY & SEASONS OF FASTING; MANDATORY PREACHING AT LEAST FOUR DAYS A WEEK**
 - **BERN--FUTURE HOME OF FAREL**

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- **HEINRICH BULLINGER (1504-75):**
 - **SUCCEEDED ZWINGLI AT ZURICH**
 - **CONTEMPORARY OF CALVIN IN GENEVA**
 - **STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH GENEVA REFORMER**
 - **PROLIFIC WRITER (150 TITLES)**
 - **KNOWN FOR SHELTERING PROTESTANT REFUGEES**
 - **MOST NOTED FOR 2ND HELVETIC CONFESSION (1566):**
 - **ADOPTED BY ALL SWISS CANTONS BUT 3**
 - **UNIFORMITY BETWEEN “FRENCH” & “GERMAN” SWISS REFORMERS**