

I. General

- 1) The Westminster Assembly (WA) = an _____
- 2) Purpose:
- 3) Result & Impact:

II. Distant Background: Reformation & Monarchy

- 1) Henry VIII (1509-47)
 - ✓ Serial Polygamy:
 - ✓ Acts in Restraint of Appeals (1533), of Succession (1534), of Supremacy (1534):
 - ✓ Thomas2: Cranmer & Cromwell:

- 2) Edward VI (1547-53)====> Theological allegiance: _____
 - ✓ King & All the King's Men: Ed Seymour, John Dudley, Martin Bucer, Pietro Vermigli:
 - ✓ Cranmer: 49 Articles, Prayer Books of 1549 & 1552:

- 3) Mary (1553-58)====> Theological allegiance: _____
 - ✓ Cardinal Reginald Pole:
 - ✓ Executions: Cranmer, John Hooper, Hugh Latimer, Michael Ridley
 - ✓ Exiles: John Knox

- 4) Elizabeth (1558-1603)====> Theological allegiance: _____
 - ✓ Exiles Return: John Knox
 - ✓ Acts of Settlement & of Uniformity (1559):

- 5) James I (1603-25)====> Theological allegiance: _____

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- ✓ Puritan Reformer?
- ✓ Reforms or Concessions?
 - KJV Bible:
 - George Abbot, James Ussher, Synod of Dort

6) Charles I (1625-49)====> Theological allegiance: _____

- ✓ Political & Theological Acumen:
- ✓ Marriage:
- ✓ Appointees: Matt Wren, Will Piers, Sam Harsnett, Rich Niele, William Laud
- ✓ Laudian Theology:
- ✓ Results:

III. Near Backdrop: Breakdown of Order

1) Precipitating Events:

- ✓ Monarchical Despotism: House of Commons, Scots and Episcopacy
- ✓ National Covenant & Solemn League
- ✓ Climax: Cannons of 1640

2) Consequences:

“The controversy was thus shifted from a contest between Pope and King to a contest between King and Parliament. And as the cause of the King had ever more intimately allied itself with that of the prelatical party in the Church, which had grown more and more reactionary until under the leading of Laud it had become aggressively and revolutionarily so, the cause of Puritanism, that is of pure Protestantism, became ever more identical with that of the Parliament.”

B.B. Warfield, *The Works of Benjamin B. Warfield*, Vol. VI, *The Westminster Assembly and Its Work*, pp. 4-5

IV. The Distant Mirror: (Stay Tuned)

- 1) Calling & Establishment of the WA
- 2) Composition & Interest Groups: Social, Political, Ecclesiastical
- 3) Powers
- 4) 1st Task
- 5) Scots & The Solemn League & Covenant
- 6) Chronology & Agendas
- 7) Developments During the Assembly & Beyond