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The Spread of Lutheranism

Lutheranism has tied its future to the fortunes of princes after the collapse of the Peasants' War, ten years before, five years before in 1525 and there was now no doubt it advanced wherever the powers that be favoured it. Over and over again the same thing happened, a territory, a prince, a city council, a lesser noble would decide that his future lay with the reformed faith and his territory simply in consequence followed suit. You converted the ruler and thereby you converted the people. The work of real conversion was to be done but the political situation and the realignment on the map was thereby achieved.