

Germany in Prophecy!

Khrushchev has promised the West a new crisis over Berlin. Will Russia sign a separate peace treaty with Communist East Germany? Here's what's really behind the struggle in Europe—and what history and prophecy say will be the outcome!

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WHERE is Germany mentioned in Biblical prophecy? Or are the German people mentioned at all?

The German people stand today in the very shadow of the Iron Curtain. Germany at this moment holds the key to Europe's destiny and to Western defense. German industry and transportation constitute the heart and arteries of Europe. Without the beating of the German heart, Europe would quickly stagger and fall before the ravages of atheistic Communism.

Germany has been the center of the world's two greatest wars and of the scourge of Nazism. Seventeen years ago, *two years after the Nazi movement went underground*, Germany appeared destroyed forever as a mighty nation. It seemed she could never rise again.

Yet today—seventeen years after Germany was completely destroyed—today, with the Iron Curtain still dividing her people, Germany is once again the vibrant heart of Europe.

We commonly hear of the economic "miracle of Germany." Never has there been anything like Germany's revival in history. But Germany's revival is also *military* and *political*. This time Germany does not stand almost alone—she is the leading power in a gigantic European Combine—the Common Market.

What does Germany's new power portend? Where will Germany lead Europe?

Will a Fascist revival once again succeed in taking over Germany and all Europe, this time from within, *before we realize what is happening?*

It is high time we faced these questions!

Could Bible Prophecy Ignore Germany?

Consider also that Germany has set itself up as the bulwark of European civilization for well over a thousand years. Germany for centuries has claimed

Recently the West German Government arrested four editors of Germany's leading news magazine *Der Spiegel*. They were charged with treason for publishing an article exposing military weaknesses. The case has rocked the Government. Voices have been raised against the return of Gestapo methods under Adenauer. What is now happening in German politics forebodes DANGER to the West!

to stand as the eastern wall of defense against the barbarism of Asia. It was on German soil that the hordes of Asia, sweeping across eastern Europe, were more than once stopped.

The German Reich long endured as the oldest political institution in Europe—older than the government of France or England by centuries. The German people called their Reich the Holy Roman Empire. It bore rule over Europe for a thousand years. This "Holy Roman Empire of the German People" was officially designated by the Church in the Middle Ages as "The Kingdom of God" on earth. Its citizens, the Germans, felt themselves true Romans and bearers of the Christian Reich or Kingdom. *They* were therefore the *chosen people* of the Christian era, entrusted with a world-mission to be the protectors of Christianity.

The German leaders and philosophers have never forgotten this notion of the Middle Ages that the German, in place of the Jew, has a special mission from God. German politicians know that their dream of a world Empire can be created only if they maintain this claim of a world-mission.

This strange concept, which lies behind political thinking in Germany today, is plainly stated in a German work which I have before me as I write this article. The book is entitled *Die Tragödie des Heiligen Reiches*, or, translated, *The Tragedy of the Holy Roman Empire*. It is by Friedrich Heer. It is a remarkable volume. It lays bare the reason for *the secret moves of the Ger-*

man Government toward a United States of Europe.

Hidden Till Now

Bible prophecies definitely mention such minor nations as Egypt, Libya, Jordan, Lebanon. It clearly mentions Russia, China, Italy, Turkey, Great Britain and the United States. Could Bible prophecy, then, ignore Germany? Could it overlook the German people who have played such an outstanding part in human history?

Assuredly not! Nor are the German people ignored!

Dozens of Bible prophecies are devoted to the German people. Yet the prophetic identities of Germany and Austria have remained hidden from the world. Why?

Because modern nations are not usually spoken of in Bible prophecy by their modern names, except in a few cases. Names often change over the centuries.

Usually, modern peoples in Bible prophecy are named after the ancestor from whom they sprang. Nations are merely families grown BIG.

For example, the Kingdom of Jordan is spoken of as "Ammon and Moab," because the descendants of ancient Ammon and Moab live in Jordan today (Genesis 19:37-38). The Spanish people are usually referred to as "Tarshish" in prophecy, because the bulk of the Spanish people descended from Tarshish (Genesis 10:4). The Great Russians are designated "Meshech and Tubal" in prophecy (Genesis 10:2). And joined with them in a Communist league is "Magog," the ancestor of the Mongolian hordes of Eastern Asia. Other nations, such as Egypt and Ethiopia and Greece and Persia, are referred to by their modern names, which they have retained unchanged over the centuries.

But where are Germany and Austria mentioned in the Bible prophecies?

The story of the ancestry of the German people, and their role in prophecy, is one of the strangest stories ever written. It is gripping with interest, amazing—yes, astounding!

Germans Shape World Affairs

The German people have been the civilizers of Central Europe. It is they who have fundamentally carried the torch of this world's civilization from Roman to modern times. It is the German people who, often by the sword, brought the pagans of Europe into the fold of the Catholic Church.

"The History of Germany," writes Bayard Taylor, "is not the history of a nation, but of a race . . . Thus, even before the fall of the Roman Empire, it becomes the main trunk out of which branch histories of nearly all European nations, and . . . the connecting link between ancient and modern history. The records of no other race throw so much light upon the development of all civilized lands during a period of fifteen hundred years" (from *History of Germany*, page iii).

Germany has been a center of learning for generations. From German inventions developed one of the most powerful means of mass communication ever produced—the printing press.

Many of the world's most renowned musicians have come from Germany and Austria — Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Schumann, Schubert, the Strausses and Wagner.

German inventions have contributed greatly to the modern industrial world—Daimler invented the motorcycle (in 1885), and the gasoline-driven automobile in 1887; Rudolf Diesel invented the Diesel engine; Siemens, the furnace for steelmaking; Bayer, the synthesis of chemical dyes; Fahrenheit gave us the mercury thermometer; Benz, the internal combustion engine; Mitterhoffer, the typewriter; and Röntgen discovered the X ray.

And think how many children have read Grimm's fairy tales, translated from the German. German dramatists, essayists, historians, philosophers and poets—too numerous to mention—have mightily moulded world thinking.

Germany has contributed more military leaders than any other nation in

history. Its governments have, in the past, claimed the right to rule the "Christian world." The German State, from its beginning, has nearly always been a confederation of states—often an empire of German ruling over non-German. It is the German people who, more than once, have believed themselves to be the "Herrenvolk"—the Master Race.

German leaders once again—just as in centuries past—openly are attempting to unite all Europe in a United States of Europe—and, through Europe, to reshape the world in order to fasten German leadership and culture on all nations and peoples. German philosophers still regard this as a special calling from heaven itself.

Certainly the German nation, which now holds the key to the survival of civilization, *could NOT be overlooked by the Bible!*

Where DID the Germans Come From?

The German people—who number over one hundred million throughout the world today—are one great family. But they are composed of numerous small tribes. Nations, remember, are families grown BIG. Take Israel for example. The nation Israel descended from one man, Jacob (who was renamed Israel upon his conversion—Genesis 35:9-10). But Israel had 12 sons. His family therefore was divided into 12 tribes. You read so often in the Bible about "the 12 tribes of Israel"—Judah, Dan, Ephraim, Levi, etc. (Genesis 49:28).

The same is true of the German people.

The Germans are composed of numerous small tribes divided today into three nations, Austria and East and West Germany. Of all these tribes, perhaps the most famous name to Americans is that of the *Hessians*. The British hired numerous Hessians in their effort to put down the American Revolution which began in 1776. But the Hessians are not the only German tribe. When the Germans poured into Europe nearly 2000 years ago, they were known to the Roman historians by various tribal names. Among the most important German tribes were the "Hatti" (the ancestors of the modern Hessians), the

"Alemani" and "Suabi," the "Quadi," the "Casuari" and others. The Romans called them collectively *Germani*, meaning "War-men" (from the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, article, "Germany").

But from where did all these Germanic people come?—for Europe was *not* their original homeland!

Here is the answer of history: "There can be no doubt that they . . . migrated into Europe from the Caucasus and the countries around the Black and Caspian seas," states *Smith's Classical Dictionary*, article, "Germania," p. 361.

The Germans, then, can be traced in historical records to the regions surrounding the Black and Caspian seas, which border on the ancient *Biblical land of Mesopotamia*. This is the region where civilization commenced and from where the Bible patriarchs came!

The Bible Answer Is Found!

Ancient German records claim that their oldest city, Trier, was founded by a son of Ninus—the Nimrod of the Bible—who founded civilization (Genesis 10:8-12). "The inhabitants of Trier maintain that their city is the oldest in all Europe," writes Josef K. L. Bihl in his textbook *In deutschen Landen*, page 69. "Trier was founded," he continues, "by Trebeta, a son of the famous Assyrian King Ninus. In fact, one finds . . . in Trier the inscription reading, 'Trier existed for 1300 years before Rome was rebuilt.'"

But how is it possible that the oldest German city, Trier, founded over 2000 years before Christ, should be built by a son of Ninus, the renowned King of *ancient Assyria*?

Notice! Ninus (his Bible name was Nimrod), according to Genesis 10, led the ancient Assyrians from Babylon and supervised their building of Nineveh, the capital of ancient Assyria. (In 1957 Dr. C. Paul Meredith and I viewed in Iraq, the ancient Mesopotamia, the very cities originally settled with the Assyrians by Nimrod.) From there the Assyrians began their conquest of the ancient world. They, too, called themselves "the Master Race." But why do the German records speak of the son of an *Assyrian* King as the builder of their first city? What connection have the German tribes *with the Assyrians* of

history?

Jerome, who lived at the time when the Indo-Germanic tribes were invading Europe, gives the answer: "For 'Assur (the Assyrian) also is joined with them'"! (Letter 123, § 16, quoted from Psalm 83:8; from *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*.)

Did the Assyrians Invade Europe?

Yes! Jerome said so! But how did he know?

He saw them! He was an *eyewitness* to their migrations from Mesopotamia and the shores of the Black and Caspian seas!

Only 300 years before Jerome, the Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder de-

Below are three photos of Assyrians who still live in the ancient land of Assyria in Mesopotamia. Notice their similarity to the Germans of Europe. See how different they are from their Arab neighbors.

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clared the "Assyriani"—the Assyrians—were dwelling north of the Black Sea (*Natural History*, IV, § 12, page 183). But the Assyrians did not remain there! They are not there today! Of course not—they migrated into Central Europe—where the Germans live today!

History lost sight of the Assyrians, just as it did of the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel" whom the Assyrians took captive (II Kings 17 & 18). But when we rediscover the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel" as they migrated to the British Isles, the Low Countries and Scandinavia, they were separating from the Assyrians or *Germans*, who took them captive.

Germans Are Assyrians

The Germans, remember, came into Europe from the shores of the Black Sea and its environs. Now consider what Sylax, the author of the "Periplus," who lived about 550 B.C., writes of this region: "*The coast of the Black Sea . . . is called Assyria*" (from page 261 of Perrot and Chipiez's *History of Art in Sardinia, Judaea, Syria and Asia Minor*, Vol. II.

How plain! The Germans came from Assyria!

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SUNDAY

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is a forgery—"do make the following constitutions. Let the slaves work five days; but on the *Sabbath-day* and the Lord's day let them have leisure to go to church for instruction in piety. We have said that the Sabbath is on account of the creation, and the Lord's day of the resurrection" (Ch. XXXIII, p. 495).

These spurious laws continue:

"*Thou shalt observe the Sabbath*, on account of Him who ceased from His work of creation, but ceased not from His work of providence" (Ch. XXXVI, p. 413).

"On the day of the resurrection of the Lord, that is, the Lord's day, assemble yourselves together, without fail" (Ch. XXX, p. 471).

But the resurrection was not on Sunday! This decree is nothing but the tradition of MEN—inherited from Babylon! The Constitutions continue:

"You must fast on the day of Preparation, because on that day the Lord suffered the death of the cross under Pontius Pilate. But keep the Sabbath and the Lord's day festival, because the former is the memorial of the creation, and the latter of the resurrection" (p. 469).

Notice that Saturday and Sunday are being observed side by side!

"But assemble yourselves together every day, morning and evening, singing psalms and praying in the Lord's house: in the morning saying the sixty-second Psalm, and in the evening the hundred and fortieth, but principally on the Sabbath-day. And on the day of our Lord's resurrection, which is the Lord's day, meet more diligently" (p. 423).

"Every Sabbath-day excepting one, and every Lord's day, hold your solemn assemblies, and rejoice" (p. 449).

Notice—Gentiles assembling on the Sabbath as well as on Sunday centuries after apostolic days. It took centuries before the ecclesiastical power was able to suppress the Sabbath!

Daniel prophetically gazed upon this ecclesiastical system that would "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). Jesus condemns it as "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth"! (Rev. 17:5.)

Origen Instructs Gentiles How to Observe Sabbath

Now we come to Origen who wrote about 230 A.D. What did Origen of Egypt say about the Sabbath?

He spoke in no uncertain terms about Sabbath keeping within the Gentile churches in Egypt. What follows is not said by a Judo-Christian, as those who obeyed God were called. This was written by a Catholic to Catholics concerning the seventh day of the week at the beginning of the third century:

"But what is the feast of the Sabbath except that of which the apostle speaks, 'There remaineth therefore a Sabbathism' (Hebrews 4:9), that is, the observance of the Sabbath by the people of God? [Notice how this man understood his native Greek tongue!] Leaving the Jewish observances of the Sabbath, let us see how the Sabbath *ought*