

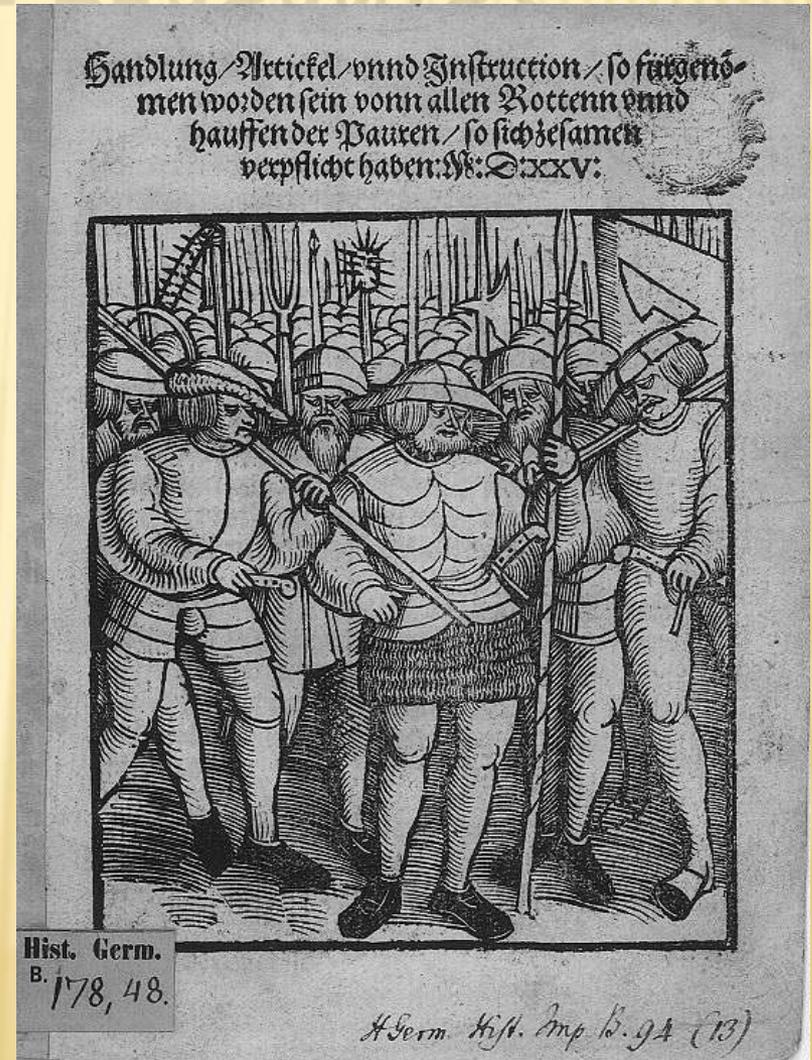
WHAT ATTRACTED THE TOWNSPEOPLE?

- ✘ 2 developments laid the groundwork for Luther
 - + Clerical privileges were highly resented
 - + Sermons were of especially poor quality
- ✘ Luther's ideas:
 - + Put more money into the pockets of merchants
 - + Provided the literate with freedom to read the Word of God



WHAT ATTRACTED THE PEASANTS?

- ✘ *On Christian Liberty* (1520)
 - + “A Christian man is the most free lord of all and subject to none.”
- ✘ With Luther as their national hero, peasants began to demand social reform



GERMAN PEASANTS' REVOLTS (1524-25)

- ✘ 2 reasons for social unrest:
 - + Crop failures 1523-24
 - + New obligations placed on peasants by lords
- ✘ Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants
- ✘ Revolts broke out all over Germany, but they were quickly crushed by the nobility



LUTHER'S REACTION TO THE REVOLTS

- ✘ *An Admonition to Peace* (1525)
 - + Blamed the nobles but did not justify violence
- ✘ *Against the Murderous, Thieving Hordes of the Peasants*
 - + Championed the power of the state
 - + Paul declared that men must be obedient to temporal powers, for they are established by God



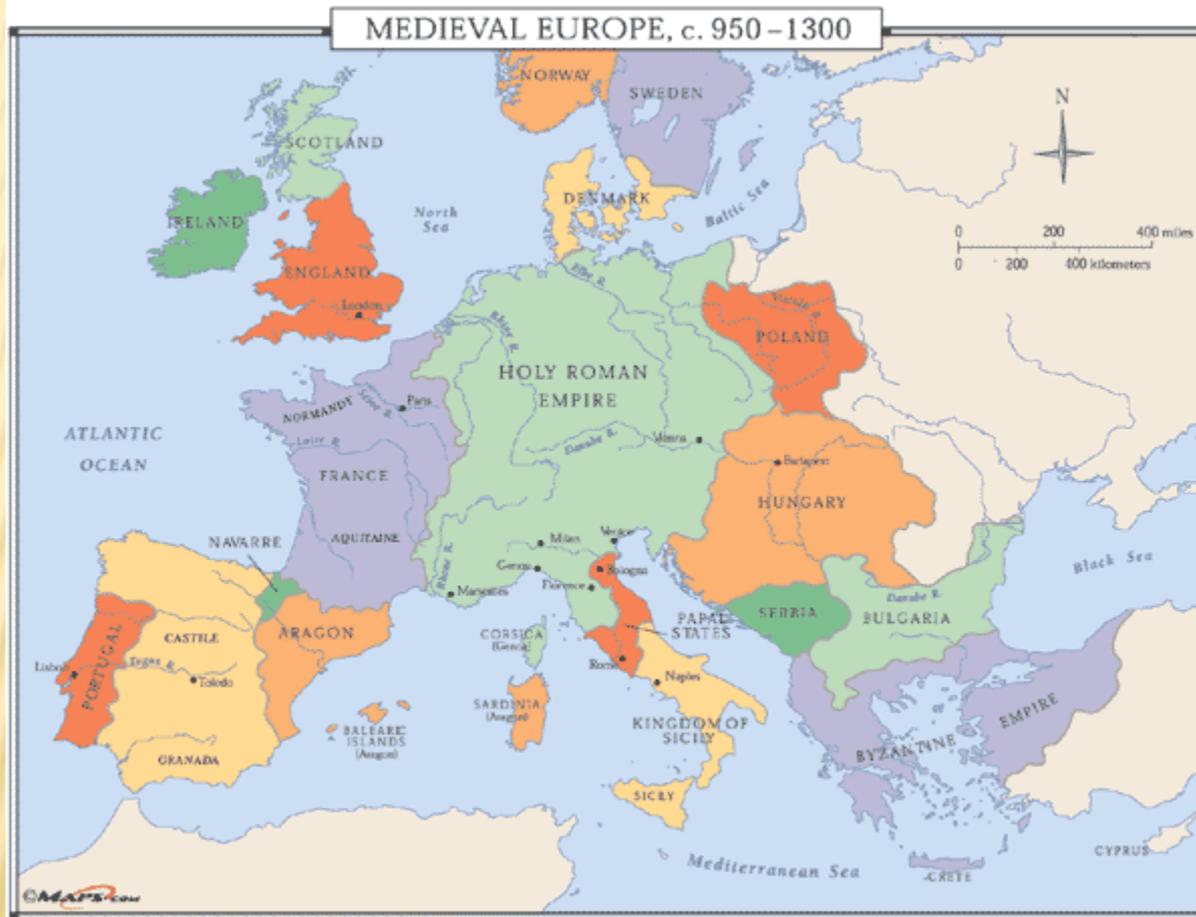
Dr. M. Luther stillt in der Graffschaft Mansfeld einen Aufstand der Bergleute und stellt durch seine Predigten die Ruhe her.

WHAT ATTRACTED THE PRINCES?

- ✘ Not only did Luther side with the princes in the peasants' revolts, but his break with Rome offered other advantages to the princes
- ✘ First though, we must examine the nature of the HRE!



THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE



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MEDIEVAL EUROPE, c. 950-1300

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CHARACTERISTICS OF HRE

- ✗ Golden Bull – 1356
 - + Established gov't by aristocratic federation of 7 electors, who had complete control of their regions
 - + Emperor could not take action without consent of Imperial Diet
- ✗ HRE was decentralized
 - + Power was localized in the hands of nobility
 - + Disorder was common!



RISE OF THE HABSBURG DYNASTY

- ✘ “Other nations wage war; you, Austria, marry.”
 - + Maximilian marriage created conflict with France
- ✘ Max’s grandson Charles inherits massive empire
 - + Joanna – Spain, Italy
 - + Philip – Austria, Bavaria, Low Countries
- ✘ 1519 – Charles is elected HRE!
 - + Last medieval emperor!



WHY WASN'T THE EDICT OF WORMS ENFORCED?

- ✘ *Appeal to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation (1520)*
 - + Called on princes to reform the true church
 - + Aroused patriotic sentiment
- ✘ Confiscation of ecclesiastical lands!



CHARLES' REACTION TO PRINCES

- ✘ The great defender of Roman Catholicism
- ✘ Due to foreign obligations, he neglected the affairs of the HRE!
 - + This allowed for religious division to solidify for 10 years!
- ✘ 1530 – Diet of Augsburg
 - + He ordered all Lutherans to reconvert to Catholicism



THE SCHMALKALDIC LEAGUE

- ✘ Cause: Charles' rejection of Augsburg Confession
- ✘ Protestant defensive alliance against the Catholic Charles
 - + Gained support of the French...why?
- ✘ Again, Charles was too busy outside Germany and the Protestant princes achieved a stalemate



PEACE OF AUGSBURG (1555)

- ✘ Division of Christendom was formally recognized!
- ✘ “Cuius regio, eius religio”
 - + Princes were given the authority to determine state religion
 - + Does this mean freedom of religion?
- ✘ Lutheranism spread to Denmark and Sweden!



WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

- ✘ This was a period of religious reformationS!
 - + Were Luther's ideas continental or local?
 - + Will other "Luthers" begin to appear in different regions of Europe?
 - + If so, how will they reform the true church?

