

THE THIRTY YEARS WAR (1618-48) AND THE DEFENESTRATION OF PRAGUE

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The Holy Roman Empire



The Defenestration of Prague

23 May 1618



Conflicting versions

Catholic



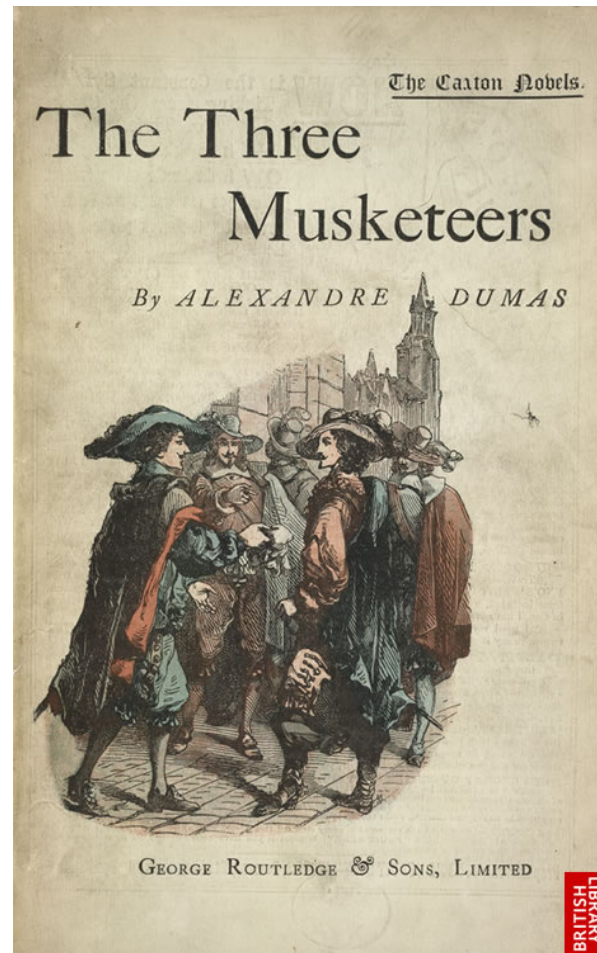
Protestant



The European dimension



French civil wars 1620s



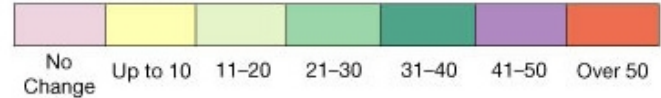
Prince Rupert (Ruprecht) (1619-82)



Destruction



Percentage Loss:



 *Population Loss in Germany During the Thirty Years' War*

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The Adventures of Simplicissimus (1668)

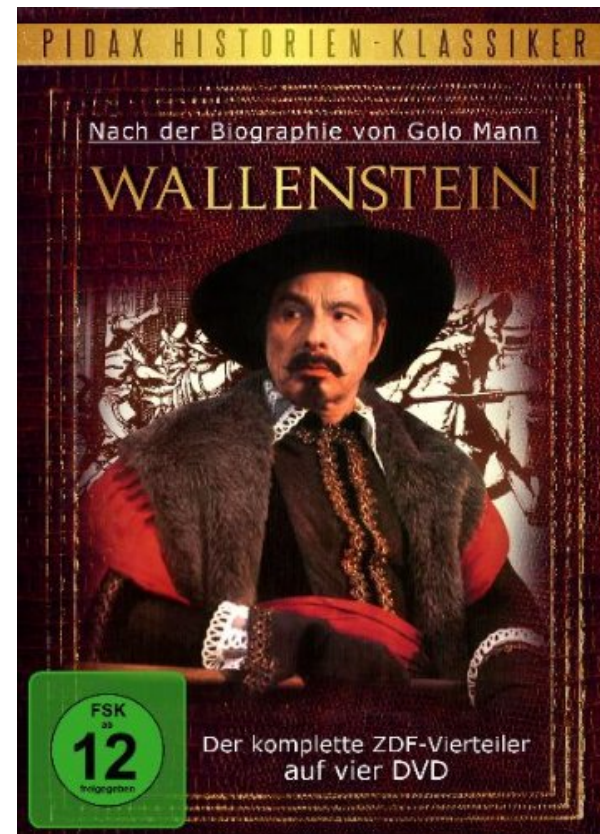


Cultural Legacy

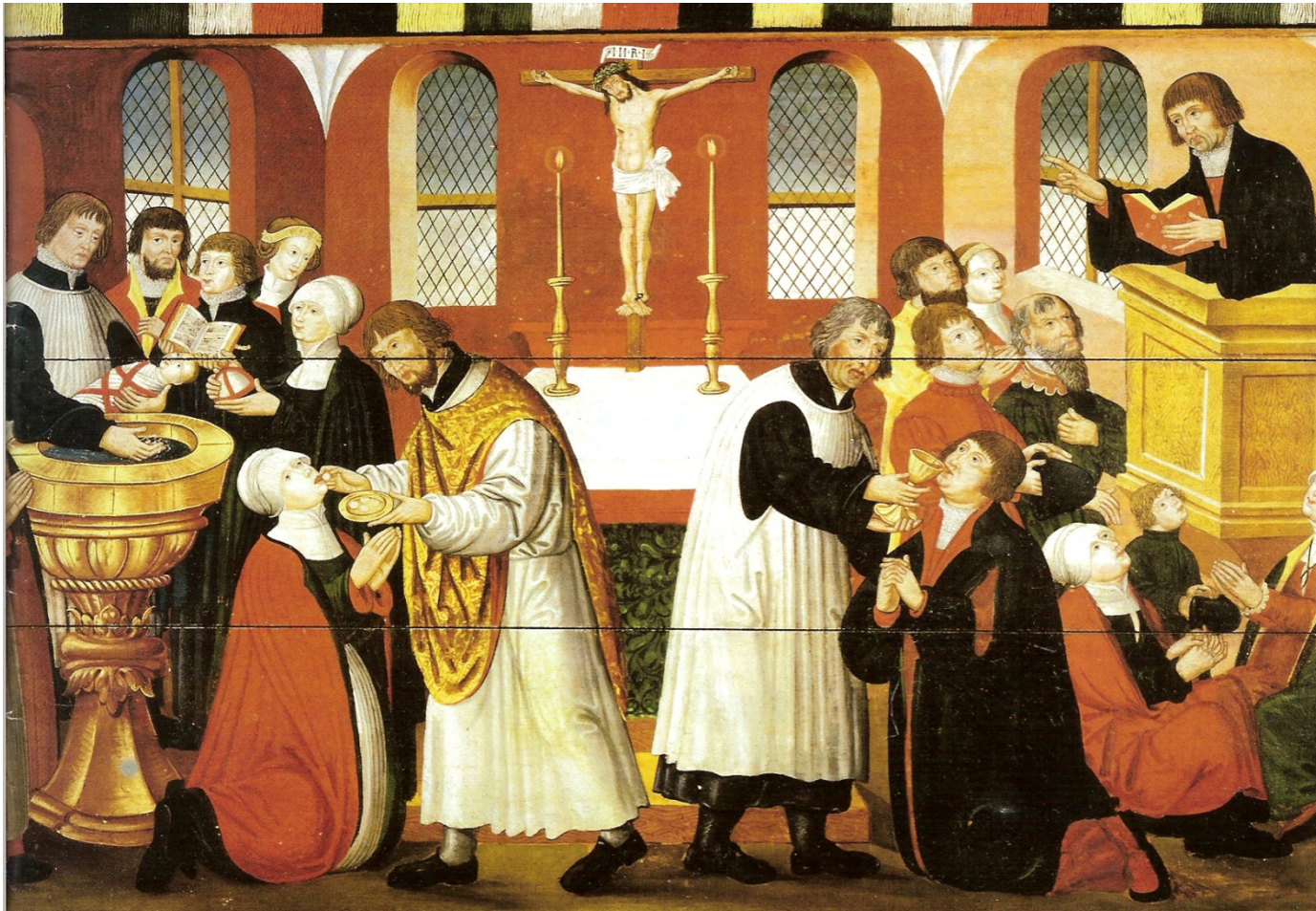
Friedrich Schiller



Wallenstein



How to deal with the Reformation



The Peace of Augsburg 1555



Massacre of St Bartholomew 1572



Peter Melander, Count Holzapfel (1589-1648)



Constitutional issues in the Empire



The Wittelsbach Rivals

Frederick V Elector Palatine

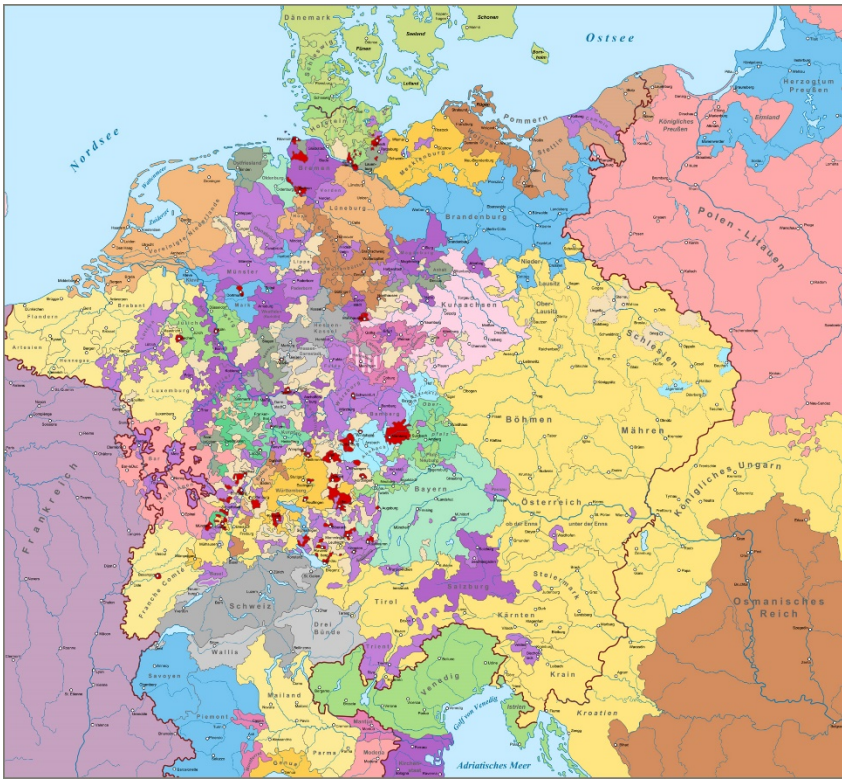


Maximilian Duke of Bavaria

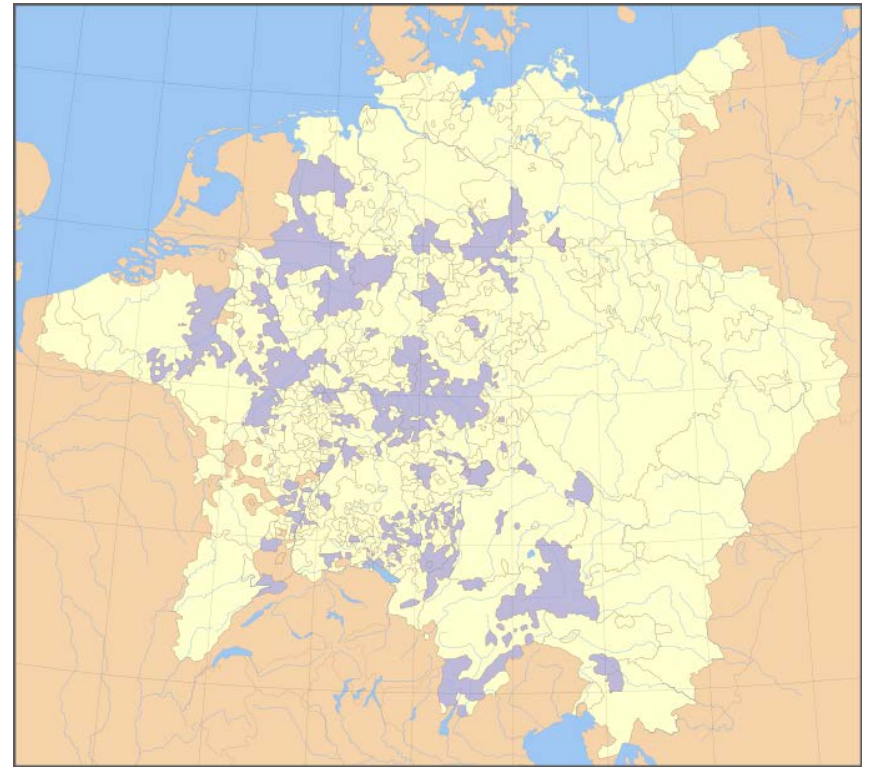


The Church Lands (Imperial Church)

The Empire in 1618



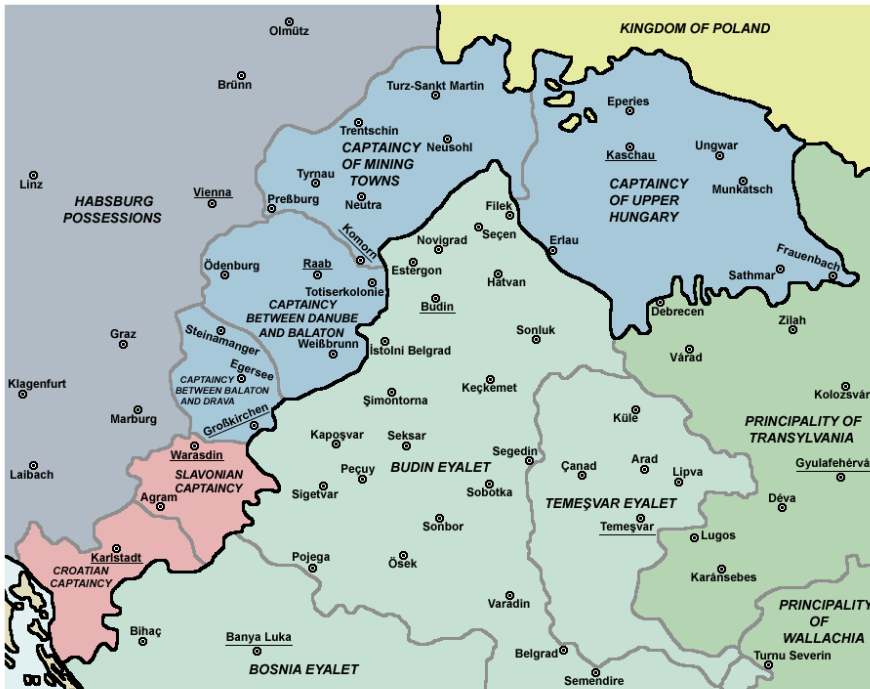
The Imperial Church Lands (1648)



Habsburg Weakness

Imperial Hungary 1572

Rudolf II r.1576-1612



Central Europe in 1572:

- - Habsburg Monarchy
- - Habsburg Kingdom of Hungary (Royal Hungary)
- - Croatia
- - Other Habsburg possessions
- - Ottoman Empire
- - Ottoman eyalets
- - Ottoman vassal principalities



Habsburg rulers

Matthias r.1612-19



Ferdinand II r.1619-37



Battle of White Mountain, November 1620

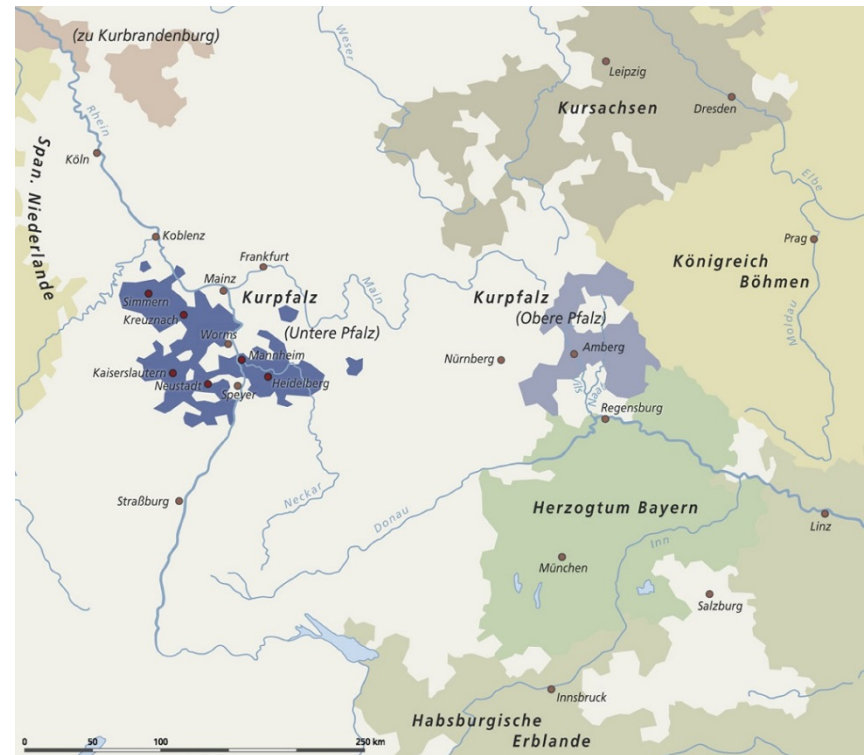


The 'Winter King'

Frederick as Winter King



Palatine and Bavarian Lands



Foreign intervention



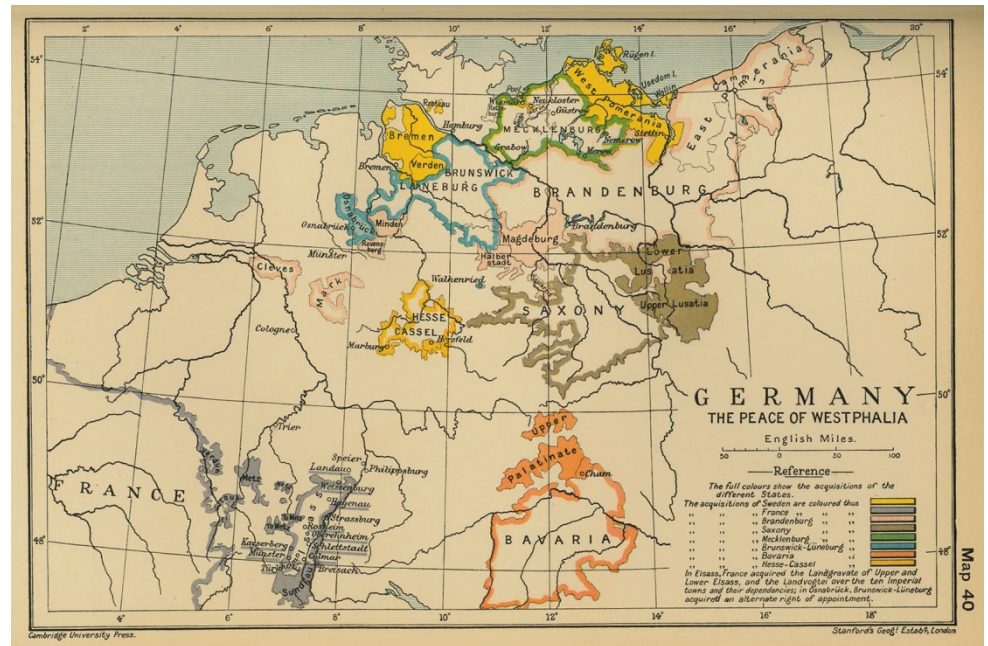
Swedish intervention: Gustavus Adolphus 1594-1632)



Peter Hagendorf's itinerary



The Peace of Westphalia 1648



Perceptions

