**GERMAN & SLAVIC TRIBES**

The area that made up the German Empire was originally established by Germanic and Slavic tribes, some identified as early as several hundred years B.C. With the establishment of tribes came the beginning of area cultures including languages, laws, & naming practices, etc. The following chart identifies the tribes that were found in each kingdom, province and duchy of the German empire.

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| GEOGRAPHICAL AREA | GERMANIC & SLAVIC TRIBES |

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| BADEN | Alemannie, Franks |
| BAYERN/PFALZ | Hermunduri, Baiwaren |
| BRANDENBURG | Burgender, Hevelier, Luitizen, Semnonen, Sweben, Wends, Wilzen, Lugier |
| BRAUNSCHWEIG | Langobarten |
| ELSASS-LOTHRINGEN | Franks, Triboker, Nemeter |
| HANNOVER (west) | Friesen, Sachsen |
| HANNOVER (east) | Chauci, Langobarten |
| HESSEN | Chatten, Hermunduri |
| HESSEN-NASSAU | Chatten, Franken |
| MECKLENBURG (east) | Sweben, Varini |
| MECKLENBURG (west) | Luitizen, Wilzen, Obedrites, Veleti |
| OLDENBURG | Chauci, Friesen, Sachsen |
| OSTPREUSSEN | Prussen |
| POMMERN (east) | Luitizen, Rugier, Sweben |
| POMMERN (west) | Burgender, Lemovier, Pomoranen, Wilzen |
| POSEN | Goten, Lugier |
| RHEINLAND | Franks, Friesen |
| SACHSEN (kingdom) | Wends, Hermunduri, Franks |
| SACHSEN (Preussen) | Luitizen, Semnonen, Sorben, Langobarten, Hermunduri, Thüringer, Franks, Wilzen |
| SCHLESIEN | Silingen, Wandalen, Goten, Lugier |
| SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN (east) | Wends, Obodriten |
| SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN (west) | Angeln, Sachsen |
| THÜRINGEN | Hermunduri, Thüringer, Franks |
| WESTFALEN | Franks, Sachsen |
| WESTPREUSSEN | Goten, Prussen |
| WÜRTTEMBERG | Alemannie, Suebi, Franks |

**INTRODUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY**

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| **AREA OF GERMANY** | **ESTABLISHMENT OF CHRISTIANITY** |

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| BADEN | 8TH Century |
| BAYERN / PFALZ | 8th Century |
| BRANDENBURG | 10th - 11th Centuries |
| BRAUNSCHWEIG | 8th - 9th centuries |
| ELSASS-LOTHRINGEN | 7TH century |
| HANNOVER | 8th - 9th centuries |
| HESSEN | 7th century |
| HESSEN-NASSAU | 7th century |
| MECKLENBURG | 10 century |
| OLDENBURG | 8th - 9th centuries |
| OSTPREUSSEN | 10th - 11th centuries |
| POMMERN | 10th - 11th centuries |
| POSEN | 10th - 11th centuries |
| RHEINLAND | 8th century |
| SACHSEN (Preussen) | 10th - 11th centuries |
| SACHSEN (kingdom) | 10th - 11th centuries |
| SCHLESIEN | 10th - 11th centuries |
| SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | 8TH - 9TH centuries |
| THÜRINGEN | 9th - 10th centuries |
| WESTFALEN | 8th - 9th centuries |
| WESTPREUSSEN | 13th century |
| WÜRTTEMBERG | 7th century |

**PERCENT OF DESTRUCTION DUE TO THE 30 YEARS WAR**

The Thirty Years War affected almost every area of the German Empire either directly or indirectly. Other countries were involved but the battleground itself was in Germany. The following gives the percent of destruction and loss of life and records for every German kingdom, province, and duchy.

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| **AREA OF GERMANY** - **PERCENT OF DESTRUCTION**  Baden 33 - 66%  Bayern 33 - 66%  Brandenburg 33 - 66%  Braunschweig 0 - 33%  Elsass-Lothringen 15 - 66%  Hannover 0 - 15%  Hessen 33 - 66%  Hessen-Nassau 33 - 66%  Mecklenburg over 66%  Oldenburg 0 - 15%  Ostprussen 33 - 66%  Pfalz 33 - 66%  Pommern over 66%  Posen 0%  Rheinland 15 - 66%  Sachsen (Prussia) 33 - over 66%  Sachsen (kingdom) 15 - 66%  Schlesien 33 - over 66%  Schleswig-Holstein 0 - 15%  Thüringen over 66%  Westfalen 15 - 66%  Westpreussen 0%  Württemberg over 66% |

**PRIMARY RELIGIONS BEFORE & AFTER THE 30 YEARS WAR**

The Thirty Years War (1618 - 1648), was fought to determine the primary religion for each kingdom, province, and duchy in Germany. At the conclusion of the war, however, most areas retained the primary religion that had existed before the war began.

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| KINGDOM, PROVINCE, DUCHY | PRINCIPAL RELIGION (1550-1650) | PRINCIPAL RELIGION (1650 - ) |

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| Baden | Calvinist/Catholic | Catholic |
| Bayern | Catholic | Catholic |
| Brandenburg | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Braunschweig | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Elsass-Lothringen | Catholic | Catholic |
| Hannover | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Hessen | Lutheran/Calvinist | Lutheran |
| Hessen-Nassau | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Mecklenburg | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Oldenburg | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Ostpreussen | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Pfalz | Calvinist | Lutheran |
| Pomern | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Posen | Catholic | Catholic |
| Rheinland | Catholic | Catholic |
| Sachsen (Prussia) | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Sachsen (kingdom) | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Schlesien | Lutheran | Catholic |
| Schleswig-Holstein | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Thüringen | Lutheran | Lutheran |
| Westfalen | Catholic/Lutheran | Catholic |
| Westpreussen | Catholic/Lutheran | Catholic |
| Württemberg | Catholic/Lutheran | Lutheran |