

Perspective

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Is a German Menace on the Rise?

Russian leaders are pushing to reinvent Russia and bring about another revival of the old USSR. Such ambitions lend itself to more war and fighting. Germany is another glaring example rising in Europe. The German nation has enjoyed a period of peace for 70 years, longer than any other period in its written history. This period of relative peace followed World War II and is known as Pax Europaea. Germany was a major foe of Allied powers in both World War I and World War II. The Axis forces, which included Germany, Italy, and Japan, fought against the Allied Powers led by Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union. In WWII, Germany's desire for racial and national dominance, fueled by Nazi ideology under Hitler, was the primary catalyst. Both wars were fundamentally fueled by Germany's expansionist ambitions and militaristic approach. Are we back where we started in September 2, 1945? Is Germany again heading down a path which will lead to war?

US will remain with NATO for now

The US will likely maintain its commitment to NATO, though it will undoubtedly reduce its troop presence in Europe as its priorities shift to the Indo-Pacific region. The answer to whether the alliance's demise is imminent is still "No." In the aftermath of the defeat of Adolf Hitler, some felt Germany should be made strong again in order to form a compelling barrier against the advancing might of Communism. However, after World War II, the Allies decided to reduce the military power of Germany by destroying German military equipment, dismantling the armed forces, and undermining the country's industrial ability to make war. The former German armed forces, called the Wehrmacht, was dissolved, and any form of military organization was strictly forbidden.

Is Germany potentially dangerous?

The Nazi Party was declared illegal by the occupying Allied Powers and officially ceased to exist in May 1945. It was a political party of the mass movement known as National Socialism, which came to power in Germany in 1933 under the leadership of Adolf Hitler. However, Nazi sympathizers still exist in Germany, although they are a small group. Some individuals express support or admiration for the beliefs and ideology of the Nazi Party, which ruled Germany from 1933 to 1945 under the leadership of Adolf Hitler. However, a majority of the German people never want to return to the time of horror under the Hitler regime, but there is always that fear.

In an article published at independent.co.uk on March 18, 2024, titled "Why the far right are on the rise again in Germany" it states: "When Sabine Thonke joined a recent demonstration in Berlin against Germany's far-right party, it was the first time in years she felt hopeful that the growing power of the extremists in her country could be stopped. Thonke, 59, had been following the rise of the Alternative for Germany, or AfD, with unease. But when she heard about a plan to deport millions of people, she felt called to action. 'I never thought such inhuman ideas would be gaining popularity in Germany again. I thought we had learned the lessons from our past,' Thonke said."

The rise of AfD was motivated by anger over high inflation and the onslaught of mass migration. Germany has had more than 300,000 immigrants in recent years mostly from Syria, Afghanistan and Turkey. Also, over a million Ukrainians were forced to flee west because of the Russian assault of Ukraine. Germans thought they were resistant to nationalism after the experience of their Nazi past, but they were wrong. Friedrich Merz, a conservative leader, known for his hot temper and unpredictability, is now Germany's chancellor, is associated with the AfD party.

The rearming of Germany

Who is this new German Chancellor and what are his aspirations for Germany? Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz, in his first statement to the *German Bundestag* on May 14, 2025, says he aims to strengthen Europe, expand Germany's defense capabilities, boost economic growth, and ensure an orderly migration policy. According to the Chancellor, the federal government would like to revitalize the European idea of freedom and peace. Germany will be a reliable and stable partner. On German defense he said, "Germany's defence capabilities and defence readiness will continue to be expanded. Merz summarized the thinking: 'We want to be able to defend

ourselves so that we don't have to defend ourselves.' Voluntary military service should be introduced for this purpose. The Federal Government will also provide the Bundeswehr with the financial means to become the strongest conventional army in Europe. Germany also seeks to take on more responsibility in NATO and the EU."

During World War II, another war planned

Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941 lost the war for him, but it could have gone the other way. After the defeat of France, Hitler contemplated invading Britain. In fact, he even had his military chiefs draw up a plan, an operation dubbed "Sea Lion." Instead, he made the decision to fight the Soviet Union which resulted in Germany's defeat.

However, before the war ended some were already talking about a "next war." During World War II, some German generals believed there would be another war, and that the U.S. and Britain would be knocked out first.

In 1944, before the final defeat of Germany at the close of World War II, General von Stuepnagel, a German general in the Wehrmacht, wrote: "We do not have to fear that the conditions for peace will be similar to those which we would have imposed- for our enemies will always be divided and disunited. We must even strive to sow the seeds of future dissension in the next peace treaty ... No defeat is final. Defeats are simply lessons to be learned in preparation for the next and greater attack."

The next war is coming to America and Britain

Most German citizens today see World War II through the spectrum of guilt, and they do not want to ever relive a Hitler again. They believe the awful history of Nazism and the Holocaust should never be forgotten. They want peace.

The United States and Britain are to be horribly punished for their great sins! Our sins have risen to Almighty God in heaven, and He has pronounced sentence in His prophetic warnings foretold in the Bible. When war strikes, our cities will be laid waste and millions will die; in the aftermath many will die of famine and disease. The rest will be taken captive as slaves (Ezekiel 5:12; 6:1-7). God says we are to be punished by a foreign nation exceedingly barbaric in war. He says the women will be raped in the streets (Lamentations 5: 11), and the little children will perish by starvation. (Lamentations 2:11).

Americans and Britons are accustomed to a soft life of affluence. They are ill-prepared to be led away by their brutal captors as slaves to distant cities on foreign soil: *"Those who ate delicacies are desolate in the streets; Those who were brought up in scarlet embrace ash heaps."* (Lamentations 4: 5).

Who will bring this about? Your Bible reveals it will be a people who have no thoughts now of ever fighting against either the U.S. or Britain. In ancient times, God used the great Assyrian Empire to punish Israel for her sins; they were taken captive as slaves in 721-718 BC. History will repeat itself, and because of the enormity of sin in our present time, God will greatly punish modern Israel. The United States and Britain are the modern descendants of the patriarch Joseph, who received the birthright promises which were passed down from the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is the reason for the tremendous blessings which allowed the people of the United Kingdom and America to acquire a major portion of the world's wealth. In spite of their incredible blessings, they turned from God and rejected His laws, commandments, and statutes and sinned. God is going to chasten them, and He will remove all that wealth He gave!

Modern Germany stems from the people of Assyria. God will use them, as the head of a revived Holy Roman Empire, to punish and hold the UK and the US accountable for their sins and failure to repent. Isaiah 10:5-7 warns us of what is coming: *"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations."*

God calls on modern Israel to repent. He does not want our nation to suffer the fate of this world which refuses to repent of their sins! God's ministry is to cry aloud and show His people their sins (Isaiah 58:1; Ezekiel 33:1-5)! Jesus instructed His followers to "watch"; He does not want these events to come upon his people unexpectedly. God desires we remain steadfast and stay alert lest we be like rats in a trap, caught like the rest of the world in the events which will unfold before us in the future (Luke 21:34-36).