

#61 The Legs of Iron – Hitler’s Third Reich

Key Understanding: *The Third Reich*. Hitler’s Third Reich, or Third Empire, was based on the concept of a Christian Millennium, with the First Reich, or First Empire, considered to be the Holy Roman Empire of 800-1806.



Das Dritte Reich. We are addressing this somewhat prematurely, but it adds to our *millennial* conversation. The descriptive phrase “Third Reich” was first coined in a 1923 book (*left*) *Das Dritte Reich* (“The Third Reich”) published by German Arthur Moeller van den Bruck.

In German history, two periods were distinguished:

- (1) The Holy Roman Empire of 800-1806. This was the First Reich.
- (2) The German Empire of 1871-1918. This was the Second Reich.

The Third Reich. The Second Reich would soon be followed by a Third Reich, Hitler’s Germany. In a speech on November 27, 1937, Hitler commented on his plans to have major parts of Berlin torn down and rebuilt. His words included, “. . . *to build a millennial city adequate to a thousand year old people with a thousand year old and cultural past, for its never-ending glorious future.*” He was referring back to the Holy Roman Empire.



Adolf Hitler

Instead of lasting 1000 years, Hitler’s Third Reich lasted but “a short space” of 12 years. We use that phrase for a reason, of course. We will come back to Hitler’s Germany, and exactly where it is in prophecy (besides it being an attempted counterfeit of Rev. 20:1-4), but we need to move on.

Revelation 20:1-4 (KJV) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

*2 **AND HE LAID HOLD ON THE DRAGON, THAT OLD SERPENT, WHICH IS THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, AND BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS,***

*3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, **THAT HE SHOULD DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO MORE, TILL THE THOUSAND YEARS SHOULD BE FULFILLED:** and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

*4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.***

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