

His military skill was no match for Adolphus who, though usually outnumbered, continued to win. By the end of 1631 it was apparent that he would not only overwhelm the entire Catholic forces but also overcome the imperial armies on their own soil. Ferdinand recalled Wallenstein who marshalled an army that at least fought on equal terms. Eventually Adolphus died in battle and Wallenstein was assassinated by plotters in agreement with Ferdinand...the latter fearing the powerful general and hearing that he was about to defect to the protestant cause in hopes of being given the Bavarian kingship. The protestant leadership went to Bernhard and Count Horn and they continued to win in the north with the signing of the Peace of Prague in 1635 which left things to stand for forty years as they had been in 1627. As Walker notes, the war should have ended then.

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But it did not end then. The intrigues of the French and Spanish, the designs of the Emperor, the greed of both Protestant and Catholic princes, all contributed to a long, on-going, no victory type of contest which was hardly fought in terms of religion or any other ideas of principle. In time the forces came to agreement at Westphalia in 1648...no one having gained anything in the last twelve years. The religious ideas that came in the agreement were these:

--The Edict of Restitution was abandoned.

--1624 was set as the normal year for religious division of territory.

--The ruler of a territory should determine the religion but if in 1624 there had been a proportional division it would be permitted to continue.

--Protestants of both Calvinist and Lutheran types were accorded freedom but there was no tolerance for either to be permitted in Bohemia or Austria

Unhappily the agreements of Westphalia were not really satisfactory and have haunted the world into modern times. And the Thirty Years War proved one thing: military force is not sufficient to answer spiritual problems.

The Huguenot Disaster

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Huguenots

In review you will remember that Henry of Navarre granted the Edict of Nantes to French Protestants in