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"In November [1348] began the persecution of the Jews," wrote Heinrich von Diessenhoven, a German chronicler. That same month, Jews were rounded up and burnt alive at Solothurn, Burren, Memmingen, and Lindau. The following January, more burnings occurred at Fribourg and Ulm. Gotha and Dresden shortly followed suit. In February 1349, 2000 Jews were incinerated in Strasburg and in August 1349, Mainz and Cologne exterminated their Jewish citizens. In all, the Germania Judaica, compiled from archives across Germany, Austria, and central Europe reported that plague driven pogroms wiped out at least 235 Jewish communities across this area alone:

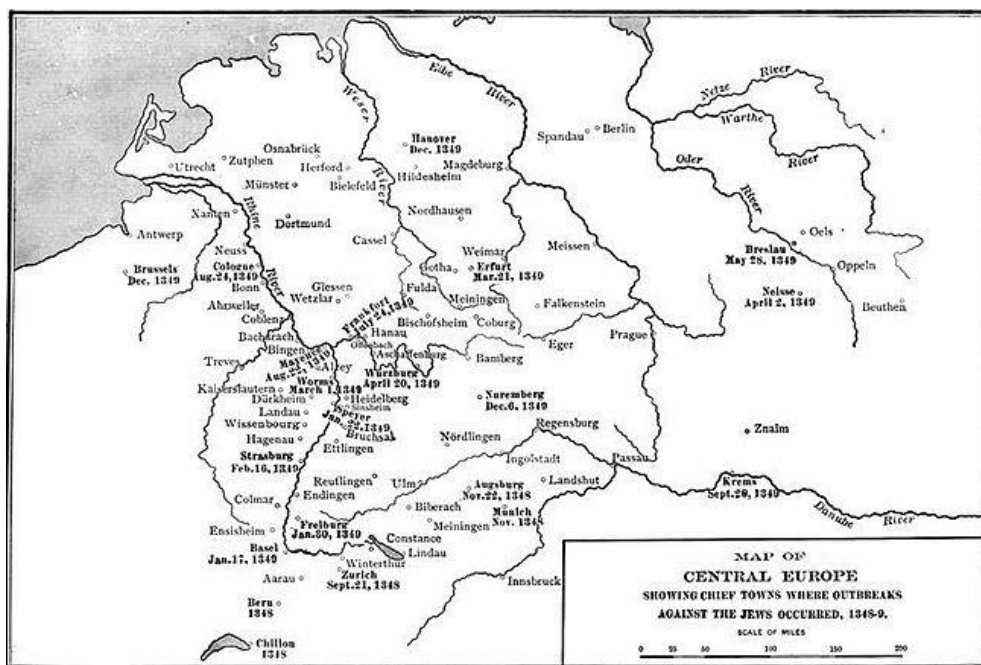


Figure 1 Black death persecution of the Jews

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Figure 2 Medieval manuscript, Gilles Li Muisis, c. 1350 CE
MS 13076-77, fol. 12v Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique.