

Allegorical Depiction of the Decline of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation: *The Judgment of Time* (1805)

Abstract

Over the course of the Napoleonic Wars, the Holy Roman Empire dissolved. This 1805 caricature entitled *The Judgment of Time* [*Das Gericht der Zeit*] makes mocking reference to this. Here, the Napoleonic eagle has plunged the double-headed imperial eagle into the depths. The monstrous figure in the center symbolizes the “Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation,” which is not capable of survival.

Source



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