"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (German: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott") is one of the best known hymns by the reformer Martin Luther, a prolific hymnodist. Luther wrote the words and composed the melody sometime between 1527 and 1529. It has been translated into English at least seventy times and also into many other languages. The words are a paraphrase of Psalm 46.
The aftermath of the Iraq War, which occasioned an unprecedented bout of transatlantic vituperation, may seem an unpropitious moment to publish a history of the German people that leans over backwards to be generous towards its subject. But was there ever a better time? It is now, with Germany tiptoeing away from its postwar Atlanticist allegiance and openly flirting with anti-Americanism, that it is most tempting for Americans to see German history reflected in the distorting mirror of the Third Reich.
The history of Germany for so long has been stagnant and skewed in one area swamped with the war of Hitler and Nazi. Little ink has been devoted in explaining the other aspect of Germany. In one of the most compelling books written with a prolific American author and a recognized historian in Harvard, Steven Ozment, has devoted to demystifying the misty history of Germany, the present time of Germany and projected it to the likely future in his book called ÆœA Mighty Fortress: A New History of the Germany People. Æœ Ozment, in his four-chapter book, unlocks the chain that has shackled the histor...