



Girsey kings, Gaspar, Melchior, and Belshazzar—one of them a Negro—who presented their offerings to the infant Christ.

The mighty river sweeps by the ancient imperial City of Worms, whose walls it once bathed. This city, also the capital and tomb of many of the German emperors, numbered more than seventy thousand inhabitants in the days of Frederic Barbarossa, but now boasts only about ten thousand. It is visited mainly for its cathedral, for its historic associations, and for the sake of the grand Luther monument, erected in the middle of this century.

In the old Romanesque Cathedral, begun in the eighth century, the condemnation of Luther was signed by Charles V. It is 423 feet long. The vaulted roof rises

to the height of 105 feet, and four lofty towers are weathered with the storms of well-nigh a thousand years. It is one of the finest specimens of Romanesque architecture in Germany. The carvings are very quaint. In one the genealogy of our Lord is shown by a tree growing out of the body of David, from whose branches spring Christ's kingly ancestors, and from the top, as the consummate flower



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