

## Chapter Five

## Hitler's Total War Against the Jews



Map of Europe and the Middle East in World War Two

**Since coming to power** in 1933, Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party had been tormenting and persecuting the Jews in Germany: robbing them, humiliating them and throwing them into concentration camps. For example, on April 1st 1933, the German Government officially started a boycott of all Jewish businesses. Stars of David were painted on Jewish owned shops which were often covered with posters saying "Germans Beware! Do not buy from Jews". Fortunately, many Germans were not willing to give up

their choice of where to buy things and the threat was largely a failure. The Nazi Government called off the boycott after only one day! On 10th March 1933 thousands of young Nazis marched on Berlin University where they removed many thousands of books written by Jewish authors such as Sigmund Freud and Heinrich Heine and burned them. It is amazing to think that one hundred years before the arrival of the Nazis, Heine had written "If you burn books, you end up burning people too".