Contents

Prologue WHAT IS THE HOLOCAUST? 3 What Is Meant by the Holocaust? 4 How Has the Holocaust Been Interpreted? 7 How Shall We Interpret the Holocaust? 9 What Can Be Done? 15 PART ONE: EARLY HISTORICAL ROOTS Chapter 1 THE JEW AS OUTSIDER: THE GRECO-ROMAN AND EARLY CHRISTIAN WORLDS 23 Anti-Jewish Policies in the Greco-Roman World 27 The Birth of Christianity and the Beginning of the Jewish-Christian Schism 31 The Fall of Jerusalem and the Roots of the Holocaust 35 Chapter 2 THE TRIUMPH OF CHRISTIANITY AND THE "TEACHING OF CONTEMPT" 46 From the Church Fathers to the Reformation 46 Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformation, and the Enlightenment 52 Chapter 3 THE IRONY OF EMANCIPATION: A FRENCH CONNECTION 66 The Rationalization of Politics 67 Opposition to Emancipation 69 Growing Resentment 73 The Jew as Judas 77 The Myth of Conspiracy 82 A National Obsession 84 Anticipations of Auschwitz 88

PART TWO: THE NAZIS IN POWER

A Chronology of Crucial Holocaust-Related Events 92 Chapter 4 TOWARD TOTAL DOMINATION 95 The Russian Solution to the Jewish Problem 95 Hitler, Germans, and the Jewish Question 97 The Twisted Road to Auschwitz 104 Rational and Irrational Antisemitism 108 The Last Year of Peace 114 "The Most Fantastic Association of Men Imaginable" 117 The Failure of Emigration 121 Chapter 5 WAR AND THE FINAL SOLUTION 126 Genocide in the Soviet Theater of Operations 127 Toward the Rationalization of Genocide 138 Efficient Death 144 Destination Auschwitz 152 The End of Killing 157 Chapter 6 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS 159 An Impulse Toward Community 162 Dilemmas and Alternatives in the Ghettos 165 Fighting Resistance 173 The Chances of Survival 178 The Role of the Survivor 188 Remorse, Guilt, and the Victim as Nonperson 190

PART THREE: RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST

Chapter 7 THEIR BROTHERS' KEEPERS? CHRISTIANS, CHURCHES, AND JEWS 199 "You Can't Be Both" 201 Politics in the Vatican 211 The Boundaries of Obligation 216 The Avenue of the Righteous 223 Chapter 8 **BUSINESS AS USUAL?** PROFESSIONS AND INDUSTRIES DURING THE HOLOCAUST 229 Ordinary Officials, Extraordinary Tasks 231 "The Problem . . . Can Now Be Regarded as Definitely Solved" 239 "I Have Lived Only for My Work" 243 No Sign of Remorse 246 Can Right Make Might? 250 Chapter 9 WHAT CAN-AND CANNOT-BE SAID? LITERARY RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST 254 Lamentation 257 Resistance 262 Endurance 266 Survival 270 Honesty 274 Choice-making 279 Protest 283 Chapter 10 THE SILENCE OF GOD: PHILOSOPHICAL AND RELIGIOUS REFLECTION ON THE HOLOCAUST 290 The Religious Testimony of Survivors 292 A Christian Response 296 Covenant and Election 300 Mending the World 316 The Religious Future 329

PART FOUR: THE AFTERMATH AND THE FUTURE

Chapter 11 THE LEGACY OF THE HOLOCAUST 339 A Historical Crisis 340 International Dilemmas 347 Surplus People 351 Epilogue SOME CONCLUDING REFLECTIONS ON A CENTURY OF PROGRESS 355 Notes 365 Selected Bibliography 389 Index of Names 407

Index of Subjects 412