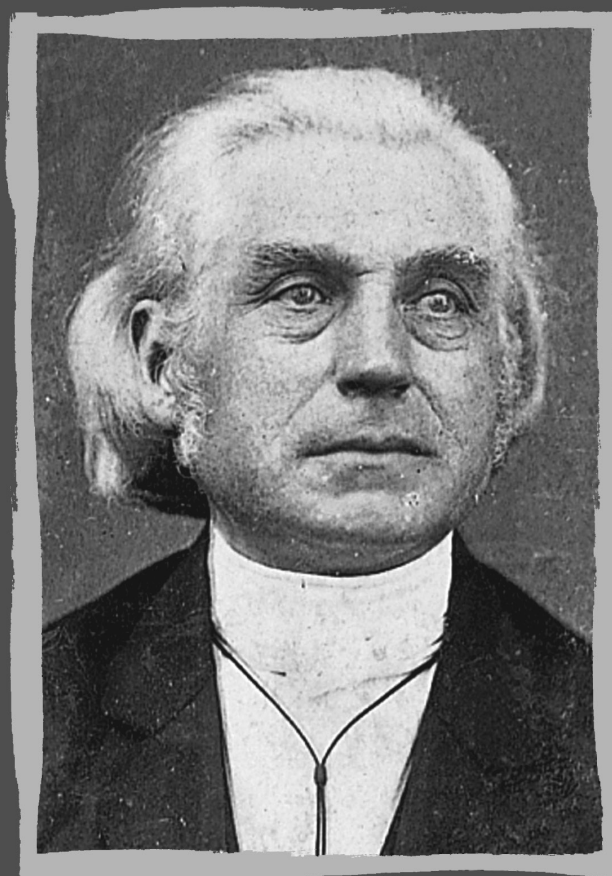


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EXERCISE 1



The following could be pages taken from the Prophet Heinrich Geyer's diary. Read them and discuss what stands out.

	1855 PP. NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN GERMANY, AUSTRIA
REASON	ACCOMPANYING APOSTLE WOODHOUSE
SPECIAL EVENTS	CALLING OF DIFFERENT MINISTERS IN CONGREGATIONS BEING VISITED
COMMENTS	APOSTLE CARLYLE HAS DIED. APOSTLE WOODHOUSE TAKES OVER HIS TRIBE OF NORTHERN GERMANY.

	PENTECOST 1860 ALBURY
REASON	CONFERENCE OF THE LAST SEVEN APOSTLES
SPECIAL EVENTS	PROPHECY: CALLING OF TWO MEN AS APOSTLES TO REPLACE THOSE WHO HAD PASSED AWAY, AND THAT FURTHER CALLINGS WOULD FOLLOW.
COMMENTS	AFTER LENGTHY DELIBERATIONS THE APOSTLES REJECTED THESE NEW CALLINGS; WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT! HOW WERE APOSTLES TO BE ACTIVE UNTIL CHRIST'S RETURN? OUR APOSTLES ARE GROWING OLDER AND OLDER. TWO OF THEM ARE ALREADY OVER 75 YEARS OLD. BESIDES, ONLY SEVEN ARE STILL ALIVE. DEAR GOD, WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS? YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A PROPHECY. NOW ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. I HAVE TO TALK TO A CLOSE FRIEND ABOUT THIS. I THINK I WILL TALK WITH FRIEDRICH WILHELM SCHWARTZ, THE ANGEL OF THE HAMBURG CONGREGATION.

	10. OCTOBER 1862 KÖNIGSBERG
REASON	VISIT AT PRIEST ROSOCHACKI'S HOME WITH APOSTLE WOODHOUSE
SPECIAL EVENTS	AROUND MIDNIGHT THE PRIEST IS CALLED AS AN APOSTLE. APOSTLE WOODHOUSE IS NOT PRESENT. THERE IS THE INDICATION THAT RUDOLF ROSOCHACKI IS NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE PREVIOUS APOSTLES, BUT TO BIDE HIS TIME, SINCE GOD WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE HIM BEFORE A GREAT GATHERING OF MANY WITNESSES. ANOTHER SERIES OF TWELVE WAS TO START WITH HIM.
COMMENTS	RUDOLF ROSOCHACKI IS CONVINCED THAT HIS CALLING IS FROM GOD, AND FOLLOWS THE INSTRUCTIONS TO REMAIN SILENT. IT IS STRANGE HOW THIS NOCTURNAL CALLING IS BOTHERING ME. SOMETHING LIKE THIS CERTAINLY HAPPENED OFTEN AT THE BEGINNING IN ENGLAND. I WILL SPEAK AGAIN WITH FRIEDRICH SCHWARTZ.

◀ Theme picture: Apostle Carl Wilhelm Louis Preuss (left), called on 12 April 1863; Apostle Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz (right), called on 25 May 1863

EXERCISE 2



There is great unrest in the Hamburg congregation, which, by way of exception, met for an additional divine service on Sunday, 4 January 1863.

Angel Schwartz introduces the new Apostle Rosochacki to the congregation and informs the congregation that he will subordinate himself to the new Apostle from now on. Almost all the members of the congregation follow his example.

Apostle Rosochacki revokes the prophet Geyer's suspension.

Read the following conversation with parts given out.

MY, THAT'S REALLY UNBELIEVABLE! HOW CAN ANYONE EVER DOUBT HEINRICH GEYER'S PROPHECY? DIDN'T HE CALL ALL THE MINISTERS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? I TRUST HIM BLINDLY.

OF COURSE, WHY CAN'T THE OTHER APOSTLES BE HAPPY THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL APOSTLES? ISN'T IT A GIFT OF GOD? THIS WAY APOSTLES ARE ACTIVE UNTIL CHRIST'S RETURN.

I THINK IT'S GREAT. THIS IS REALLY THE ONLY WAY ALL THE WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THE CONGREGATIONS CONTINUE TO GROW.

I'M ALSO FOR IT THAT WE ACCEPT APOSTLE ROSOCHACKI. PERHAPS THE APOSTLES WILL STILL RECONSIDER.

WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK WE NOW HAVE TO WAIT FOR APOSTLE WOODHOUSE'S REACTION. PERHAPS EVERYTHING WILL SORT ITSELF OUT AGAIN.



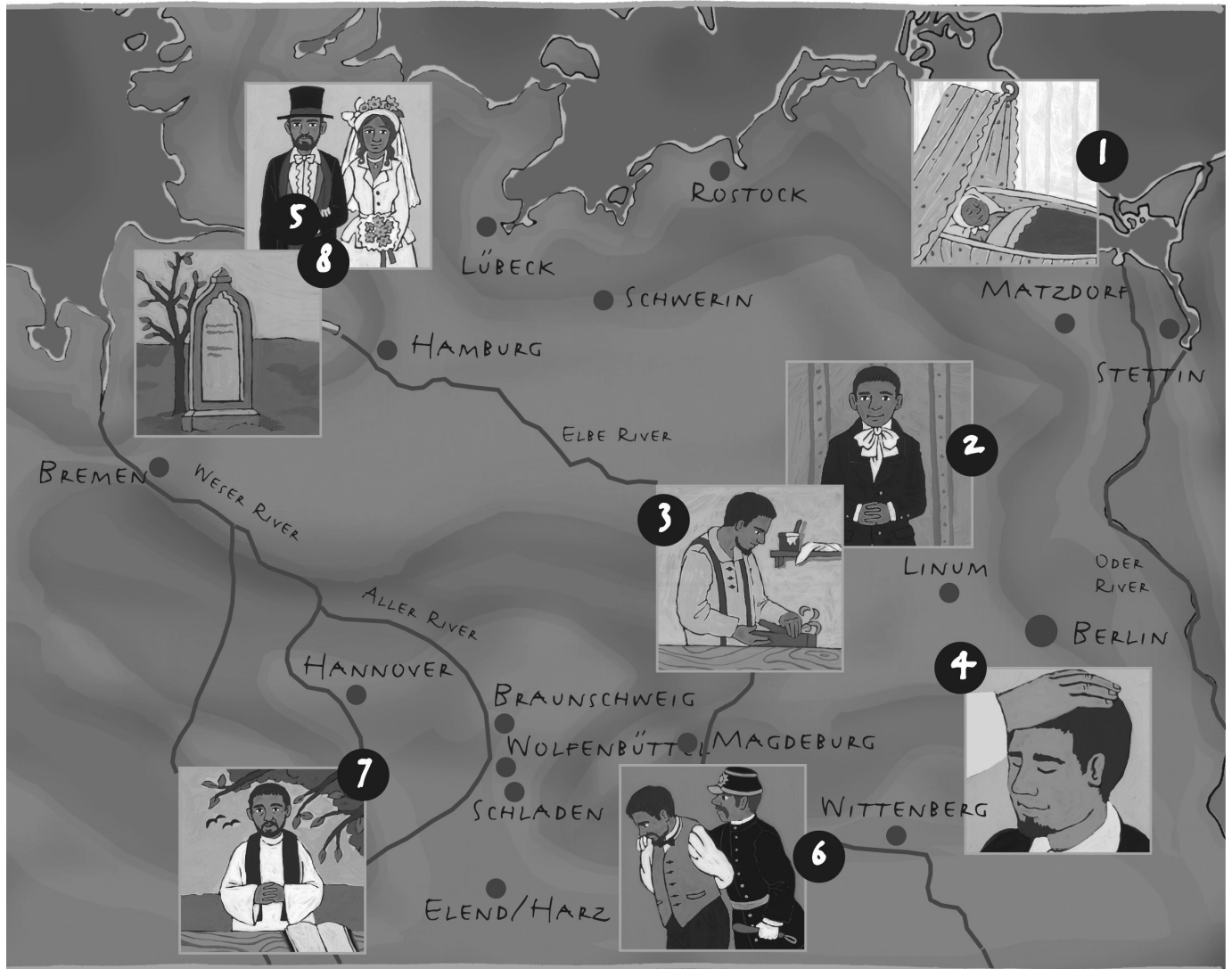
EXERCISE 3



With the help of the map, trace Apostle Preuss's life.

Place		Event
Matzdorf	1	Carl Wilhelm Preuss, born 12 January 1827
Linum	2	Following the death of his parents at the age of five, he is raised by his grandparents, where he stays until completion of his schooling. He is confirmed in the Lutheran Church.
	3	Apprenticeship as a cabinetmaker.
Berlin and surroundings	4	1846 to 1852 journeyman. Sealed by Apostle Carlyle in 1850. Ordination as a Priest on 14 June 1854.
	5	Move to Hamburg in 1855. He looks after the Hamburg congregation as the sole minister until 1858. In November 1858 Friedrich Wilhelm Schwartz from Berlin takes over as Angel of the Hamburg congregation.
Hamburg		Marriage to Anna Maria Todtmann in 1860.
		Called as an Apostle on 12 April 1863 through prophecy.
Schlade	6	In the spring of 1864 he conducts a divine service in a private home without permission of the authorities. He is arrested. Schlade belongs to the Kingdom of Hanover, and there is no religious freedom yet.
Surrounding area of Schlade	7	In the summer of 1864 he conducts an open-air service in Prussia. Among those who are sealed are names such as Krebs, Niemeyer, and Wachmann, who later become Apostles; probably also Ruff.
Hamburg	8	Apostle Preuss works here until his death on 25 July 1878.

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▲ Central Germany.

EXERCISE 4

**Read the following:**

This happened in twentieth century Angola, Africa.

Apostle Rocha Tomás is arrested

In March 1995 Apostle Rocha Tomás wanted to travel to his working area in a particular region of Angola. Owing to the civil war in the country, he chose a rather unusual route via the neighbouring country of Zambia, involving an airplane flight, a six-hour drive by automobile, and a boat trip. After many questions, he finally received an entry permit at the border.

On the Angolan side of the border, he was accused of being a spy. From then on, he was accompanied by two armed soldiers. In spite of this, he conducted a divine service with Holy Sealing near the border that same day still. Then he travelled for ten days on foot to Lumbala, a city in the country's interior. He told the soldiers accompanying him much about his faith.

In Lumbala the Apostle was interrogated and, one day after his arrival, locked up in a prison.

Since many children of God had been expecting him, and no one wanted any unrest in the city, he was always permitted to conduct divine services on Sundays under military watch. In this time he sealed over 930 souls and ordained 140 ministers.

The Chief Apostle and all of the Apostles prayed for Apostle Rocha Tomás. Apostle Mbuta tried to obtain the release of the imprisoned Apostle through a UNO mediator. When he was finally released on 30 May 1995, because they believed him that he was involved in pastoral care and not in spying, the soldiers even put a vehicle at his disposal in which he was brought back to the Zambian border.