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Original Manuscript of the first page of the score for the opera "Die Ruinen von Athen" by Heinrich Schütz. The manuscript is written on aged, yellowed paper and features several staves of musical notation. The notation includes vocal lines with lyrics in German and instrumental parts. The lyrics are:

Ich hab' die Ruinen von Athen  
 Gesehen, die ich einst  
 Gesehen hab' in der  
 Hauptstadt der Welt.  
 Die Ruinen von Athen  
 Gesehen, die ich einst  
 Gesehen hab' in der  
 Hauptstadt der Welt.  
 Die Ruinen von Athen  
 Gesehen, die ich einst  
 Gesehen hab' in der  
 Hauptstadt der Welt.

The manuscript is signed "H. Schütz" at the bottom right. There are several annotations and corrections throughout the score, including a large "X" over a section of the music. The paper shows signs of age, with some staining and wear.

Nr. 2. Die Ruinen von Athen. Erste Seite des eig. Manuscripts (verkleinert).