

Constantius, who had been mis-treated by his cousin, and came in by a fluke into the emperorship. He hated everything Constantius stood for, and he hated Christianity, and Julian said, "I will go back to the beautiful religion of Jupiter and Venus and Mars", and he took that religion, mixed it up with a lot of philosophy, tried to get rid of most of the old mythological ideas, and developed it into such a religion as never was before or since. But he called it the old pagan, and he said, "I want people to worship this", and great numbers of people were Christian, at least half the people of the empire, and Julian said, "You must become pagans", but he did not want to persecute them because he figured that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.

But he wanted to persuade them, and he wrote books, and he did everything he could, and he charged them higher taxes if they were Christians. He did everything like that he could. And then Julian said, "I am going to convince these people that Christianity is a fraud. I am going to show them that there the Bible makes a prediction the prediction will not necessarily be fulfilled. Now here is the prediction that Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled and if this is proven false everybody will know there is nothing to Christianity". And so Julian said the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was to be rebuilt. And Jews came from all over the Empire, and they brought great sums of money, and Julian promised they would have great sums of money given from the imperial trasury. And the Jews came with their golden spades to make a great, wonderrful occasion of the rebuilding of their glorious temple. And the great day came when they were to begin the excavation for building the Temple. And then we are told that when they began digging into the ground there, fire began shooting out of the ground, and there was a series of explosions, and the workmen ran back in