

He did not know which was safest. So he asked the keepers of the Sybbline books. They said if you march out and attack Constantine the enemy of Rome will perish. Of course that was wonderful! The enemy of Rome will be destroyed. So Maxentius marched out; attacked Aonstantine. There was a great battle. Maxentius army was defeated. He himself killed. Thereby proving Constantine was the real Emperor and the enmyof Rome perished.

Now in each of these cases you can say whatever happened the prediction turned out true. Are Biblical predictions like this? Does the Bible say it in such a way that whatever happens its going to be true. I will say this. Many of the Biblical predictions are so stated that you cannot tell ahead of time completely what's going to happen. I don't think prophecy is history written inadavance. It's not God's purpose to satisfy our curiosity. But it is his purpose to prepare us for things ahead for which we should be prepared, and it is his purpose to give us evidences so that when they are fulfilled we can see how they were fulfilled and see God's hand in it.

Let's look at a couple of the Biblical prophecies and ask out-selves the question, is this prophecy so worded that whatever happened it would have been fulfilled. Or is it so worded that while we could not tell how it would be fulfilled, after it has happened we can see that it's exactly what's here predicted that has come to pass.

There's an interesting prophecy like this we find inthe book of Jeremiah 51:42-43. The whole ch. is talking about Babylon, but here we find Jeremiah saying, "The sea is come up upon Babylon, she is covered with the multitude of its waves." Right there let me ask, Do you take all the Bible literally? If you say Yes, I doubt if you've ever read much, because you cannot take anything entirely