

Rome we don't know for how many centuries, but the keepers of the Sybeline books were ~~xxx~~ supposed to consult ~~ome~~ them and get predictions about the future. The time came when Maxentius was announced by his soldiers that he would be the next emperor, but at the same time up in Britain at York the soldiers of a man named Constantine announced that he should be the emperor of the Roman Empire, and Constantine took his soldiers across the English channel and marched down across the Alps and Maxentius asked the ~~xx~~ keepers of the Sybeline books ~~xxx~~ Shall I go out and attack Constantine's army or shall I stay behind the strong walls of Rome and figure that ~~xx~~ he will be unable to capture the city and eventually his power will disappear. The keepers of the Sybeline gave the answer, <sup>If</sup> You go out and attack the armies of Constantine, the enemy of Rome will perish. So he marched out, attacked the army of Constantine, there was a great battle, and in the battle Maxentius was killed, and his army utterly destroyed. And the enemy of Rome perished. But the enemy proved to be Maxentius, rather than Constantine. Well, these things don't prove anything if you look at them closely. Looking at them superficially, some people may be deceived ~~xxx~~ in thinking there is real success made in predicting the future. I ~~xx~~ want to look at these Biblical predictions ~~exie~~ critically. I want you to ask yourselves, "Are they this kind of prediction like the Sibeline books or the Delphic Oracle. Suppose things had happened ~~xx~~ differently than they did. Could you still say that ~~they~~ the predictions were fulfilled. Now, Mohammedism does not make any predictions ~~xxxx~~ about the future except the very end of the age. Mohammed said that at the ~~xx~~ very end there was to ~~gx~~ be a great judgment and there is to be a thread across from Jerusalem from one wall to another and those that can walk across this thread are going to be saved and the rest are going to fall down into the valley and to perish. And only those who have supernatural help are going to walk across it safely. He gave a certain prediction like that for the distant future but for the centuries in between