and silver stones in order to make a start in the excavation, and the day
when, with imperial patronage the beginning was to be made on the beginning
of the temple in Jerusalem . Now, Gibon, author of the Fall and Decline and
Fall of the Roman Empire was a noted skeptic and a hater of Christianity, but
Gibon in his history records what happened now and he bases it upon the
writings of the very year which have been preserved to us, and given iss
just as when they went and began their digging for laying the foundation
of the temple of Jerusalem , he says that fire shot out from the ground.
There was a serixes of explosions and fire came shooting out, and the
workmmen ran in terror and could not be persuaded to come back and continue
with the work. And the work had to be given up. The very next year we
have a sermons presented preserved, from the very next year, from that
area , pointing to this as a great proof of Christianity, the fact that
with all the efforts of the Roman Empire behind it , it was impossible to
deliberately cause the prophecy to be broken. Now, of course , Julian
died within a couple of years after that in fighting against the Persians,
and he did died xamxx saying, some say, "Galilean thou hast conquered."
But there is some arguement as to just what he said, but the fact is that
the attempt to re-establish paganism ended with Julian, but this effort
to destroy this-work His word had failed. Now, of course, Gibon says, x that
is f not a fulfillmment of prophecy . There is nothing supernatural in that.
It was the gasses in the underground chambers in the temples which had been
imprisoned in there through those centuries, and all that that gas that had
gathered together there was all ready to shoot x out and explode the minute
theyd dug into in it and opened it up . It's purely a natural thing. Well,
who says it isn't a natural thing. God used natural things.x We don't
have to believe that God intervenes in some miraculous way for every thing
He does . N It doesn't say that here. What it says is Jerusalem shall be