

like ordering them to rebuild the pagan temples. little ways to irritate them and to hurt them and to make people that were not really very earnest Christians decide they better get away from this group that was on the way to being wrecked. His irritation was getting greater and most historians think that if he had lived, he would have had real persecution but he was only emperor for 18 months. He did not get the the persecution before his death. However in this connection also there is a relation to Christianity that we should mention - another thing which he did which was an attempt to injure Christianity was that he read in the book of Luke where the Lord Jesus said that the Holy City shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Then he said "it's an interesting fact that only four years after the time of Jesus - Jerusalem was destroyed - the temple was destroyed and that the temple has never been rebuilt. And in fact when in 133 AD the Jews rebelled under -----3 after Hadrian conquered the city and destroyed the jews that were there, Hadrian made a law that no jew could come within 10 miles of Jerusalem and he put up a heathen temple. Temple Jupiter on the site of the old temple. So Jerusalem had been a heathen city ~~temple~~ until the time of Constantine when many Christians entered and it became largely a Christian city but it very definitely was not a Jewish place and had not been since 40 years after the time of Jesus" So Julian said "now if we prove that this statement that is attributed to Christ is false, that will go a long way to proving to the people that Christianity is a false religion. So he said the Jews are to be encouraged to rebuild Jerusalem. They are to be encouraged and given some money out of the imperial treasury, they will be given the right to the area for those who want to build it, they will be encourag d to make collections for it and do the work of rebuilding their temple and then this will prove that this is utterly fantastic and ~~pre~~ purely accident that this prophecy seems to have been fulfilled. So he gave the orders and set a date when they would begin and instructed his accomplished ministers with the supervision