

come nearer than that since 1948. So the temple area remains today after nearly 2000 years - trodden under foot of the gentiles as Jesus said it would be. Here was Julian doing his best to put his end to this and prove Jesus to be a false prophet and the power of the empire combined with the wealth of the Jews in the empire failed to accomplish his purpose.

Well Julian was going to bring back the great glories of the Roman empire, a man of 30 of unusual ability and we notice though how trained as a scholar as a student, never having had military experience, when his uncle sent him to France to take charge of the Army against the Barbarians - he was able to organize the army in such a way as to drive back the Barbarians and establish peace there. He was a man of remarkable ability and now he decides he was going as Alexander the Great - to go against the Persians who had for some centuries been making -----8 into the Eastern part of the empire. He was going to go and drive them back and put an end to their attack, maybe even conquer their whole army. He took the army and marched against the Persians and they say he showed remarkable generalship and remarkable effectiveness in the first part of the campaign. But then as he reached the point where he had penetrated quite a distance and lost touch with his lines of communication to get material from the area there, he made a mistake in calculation and sent to the Christian Kingdom of Armenia asking them for help. Christians in Armenia weren't interested in helping this pagan emperor and just disregarded his request, and he went forward and made a mistake in judgment, got himself into an ambush and lost 1/3 of his army. He got into a situation where the only thing to do was to retreat. He began to retreat but in the course of this retreat he was harrassed and attacked ~~by~~ and an arrow hit the emperor and he died. There was a ~~division~~ tradition that said he died saying "Gallilean, thou has conquered" but others say the words that he said were "songod, you have failed me" or something like that. Just what it was or whether he said anything, we just can't prove. But at any rate the fact is that the attempt of Julian to reestablish paganism failed after 18 mos. of as skillful work as you could expect any man to use with all of the