

walls of Rome, or to march out and attack. And so he asked the keepers of the Sibylline booke, Shall I march out and attack Constantine? If I do, what will happen? They said, If you march out and attack Constantine the enemy of Rome will perish. That is wonderful, that the enemy of Rome should perish. And so Lycentius marched out and attacked the armies of Constantine; there was a great battle in which Lycentius was utterly defeated and consequently was proven to be the enemy of Rome because Constantine was proven to be the true emperor. And ~~whichever~~^{whichever} way it came, the prediction would have been correct.

So you want to watch these predictions,- we want to ask the question, Would it have been fulfilled if things had happened differently than they did? Or is a Biblical prediction like the predictions of Greece and Rome? Does the Bible really predict the future or not? Well, I am not going to try to go over the whole gamut of Biblical prediction with you tonight. I just want to try to take a few instances, a few instances which are so clear that there is no question as to whether they have been fulfilled or not, and a few instances of which we can say that it would have been impossible for any human being to have known what would happen. Not I am not saying that we will be able from these predictions to tell exactly what is going to happen in the future. Not at all. But ~~we~~^I am saying that we are going to see how the future fulfills this prediction, and how if the future had been different we would not say that the prediction had been fulfilled.

The first one I want to call to your attention, is found in the book of Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 51:42-43 we read: "The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. Her cities, the cities of Babylon, are a desolation, a dry land, and wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass