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1 result was the direct opposite of what Julian  
 2 expected. The excavation had proceeded only a  
 3 short time when fire shot out from the earth  
 4 and a series of explosions occurred. The  
 5 frightened workmen rushed from the spot and no  
 6 entreaty or offer could persuade them to con-  
 7 tinue the work. The death of Julian, a few  
 8 months later, prevented any second attempt.

9 Even the cynical and antichristian writer,  
 10 Gibbon, was convinced by the historical evidence  
 11 that this event occurred. However, he proceeded  
 12 to assert that it was not a supernatural act,  
 13 but simply the result of the fact that the gases  
 14 imprisoned for many years in the subterranean  
 15 chambers under the temple had become so con-  
 16 pressed that when they were released by the  
 17 beginning of the excavation explosions occurred.  
 18 Yet Jesus had made no claim that divine inter-  
 19 vention in supernatural form would cause the  
 20 fulfillment of the prophecy. Regardless of  
 21 whether the occurrence was a miracle or a purely  
 22 natural event, the fact remains that in the  
 23 providence of God many centuries passed during  
 24 which Jerusalem was trodden down of the Gentiles  
 25 and the site of Solomon's temple remained in the

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