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hands of those hostile to the Jews. Thus

Julian's attempt intentionally to cause prophecy

not to be fulfilled came to nothing.

Another method used in the effort to prove that the prophets were not really messengers from God is to assert that certain prophecies in the Scripture were not actually fulfilled. Sometimes much is made of the prediction by Jeremiah that Jehoiakim would "be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem" (Jer 22:19). has been pointed out that there is no statement in II Kings that Jehoiakim's body was thrown out 14 unburied or that he died through violence, but merely that he "slept with his fathers" (II Kings 24:6). It is sometimes alleged that the statement that a king "slept with his fathers" indicates a ceremonial burial. Such an 19 argument, however, rests on no factual founda-In most of the many instances where this tion. 21 phrase is used of a king it is followed by the statement "and he was buried" or by "and they buried him," thus showing that this phrase merely indicates death and not burial. II Kings 24:6 is one of the few instances where the

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