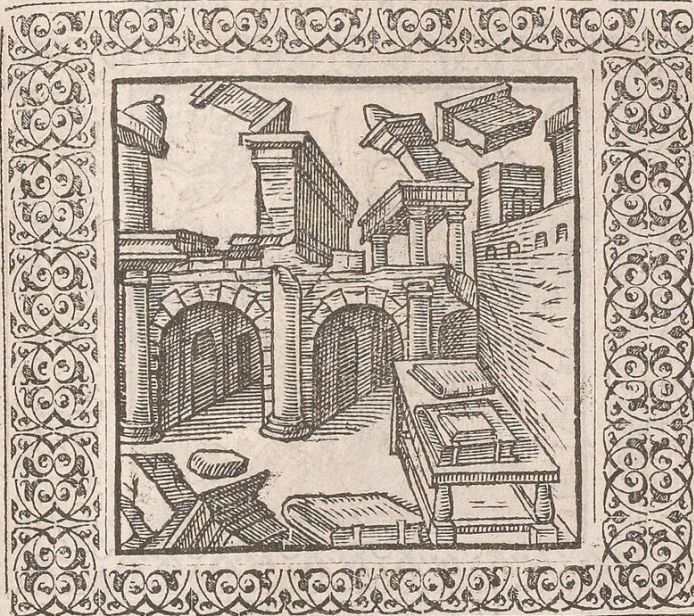


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IF mightie TROIE, with gates of Steele, and brasse,
 Bee worne awaie, with tracte of stealinge time:
 If CARTHAGE, raste: if THEBES be growne with grasse.
 If BABEL stoope: that to the cloudes did clime:
 If ATHENS, and NVMANTIA suffered spoile:
 If ÆGYPT spires, be euened with the soile.
 Then, what maye laste, which time dothe not impeache,
 Since that wee see, these monumentes are gone:
 Nothing at all, but time doth ouer reache,
 It eates the Steele, and weares the marble stone:
 But writings laste, though yt doe what it can,
 And are preferu'd, euen since the worlde began.
 And so they shall, while that they same dothe laste,
 Which haue declar'd, and shall to future age:
 What things before three thousande yeares haue paste,
 What martiall knightes, haue march'd vppon this stage:
 Whose actes, in booke if writers did not saue,
 Their fame had ceaste, and gone with them to graue.
 Of SAMSONS strengthe, of worthe IOSVAS might.
 Of DAVIDS actes, of ALEXANDERS force.
 Of CÆSAR greate; and SCIPIO noble knight,
 Howe shoulde we speake, but booke thereof discourse:
 Then fauour them, that learne within their youthe:
 But loue them beste, that learne, and write the truthe.

Propertius.
Et Theba steterant, al-
traque Troia fuit.

Demosth. in Arg.
lib. 1.
Clarissimæ olim vr-
bes, nunc nihil sunt,
Quæ maximè nunc
superbiunt, eandem
aliquando fortunam
experientur.

Virg. in Mæcenatis
obitu.
Marmora Mæoni
vincunt monumenta
libelli:

Viuunt ingenio, ce-
tera mortis erunt. &c.
Ouid. 1. Amor. 10.
Scindetur vestes, gem-
ma frangetur et aurum.
Carmina quam trā-
buens, fama perennis
erit.