

Trojans, she fainted and couldn't believe it. Aeneas asks how the Trojan rule in the city came to be.

- Andromache said she was unlucky compared to women like Polyxena, as they died at Troy and didn't have to serve as slaves. However, Andromache accepted it, and had a child with Pyrrhus. However, Pyrrhus began courting Hermione of Sparta, and gave Andromache to be the wife of Helenus. However, Orestes had been captivated by Hermione and killed his competition, Pyrrhus. The city had then fallen into the hands of Helenus, who built a Pergamum, a Trojan citadel and renamed the area Chaonia, after the Trojan Chaon.
- Helenus invited Aeneas and his party into his home, which was like a small Troy, with its Citadel and dried up river, the Xanthus. The men were given food and drink. After a few days, Aeneas consults Helenus, the prophet, to ask whether he should continue in his journey to Italy, and what dangers he should avoid on the journey. He says;
 - The voyage is favoured by the king of the gods
 - The journey will be long, and they will have to go via Sicily, the underworld and the island of Circe
 - The city must be founded in a place surrounded by holm oaks, with a sow and her thirty white piglets by the shore
 - He must leave straight away but avoid the nearest coast of Italy, because it is filled with hostile Greek settlements
 - He should wear a purple cloth on his head during sacrifices at his altars, to keep enemy powers away, and this must be maintained by his descendants forever
 - He must take the long way around Sicily, and in the gap between Sicily and Hesperia are Scylla and Charybdis
 - Worship Juno more than the other gods, to win her over. This will be crucial in reaching Italy.
 - Once they have landed they must go into a cave inhabited by virgin priestesses. Many who seek them leave impatiently when the cave fills with swirling leaves, but Aeneas must go to the head priestess and ask her for counsel directly. She will tell of wars and labours he must endure
- Helenus then gave the Trojans plentiful gifts, including riches, manpower and arms. The priest of Apollo addressed Anchises and told him he must go to the furthest shore of Ausonia in his son's quest. Andromache also gives them gifts. Aeneas says he wishes for a day of the two Trojan cities united.
- They stopped for rest, until Palinurus woke up and noticed there was no wind while studying the constellations. He called them to resume their travels. They caught sight of the nearest coast of Italy, spotted by Achates, and Anchises prayed for a favourable wind.
- They sail into the harbour and see an omen of four horses. Anchises interprets this in two ways; as men use horses for war, there will be war here, but they can also be used when yoked, peacefully, so there is a chance of peace.