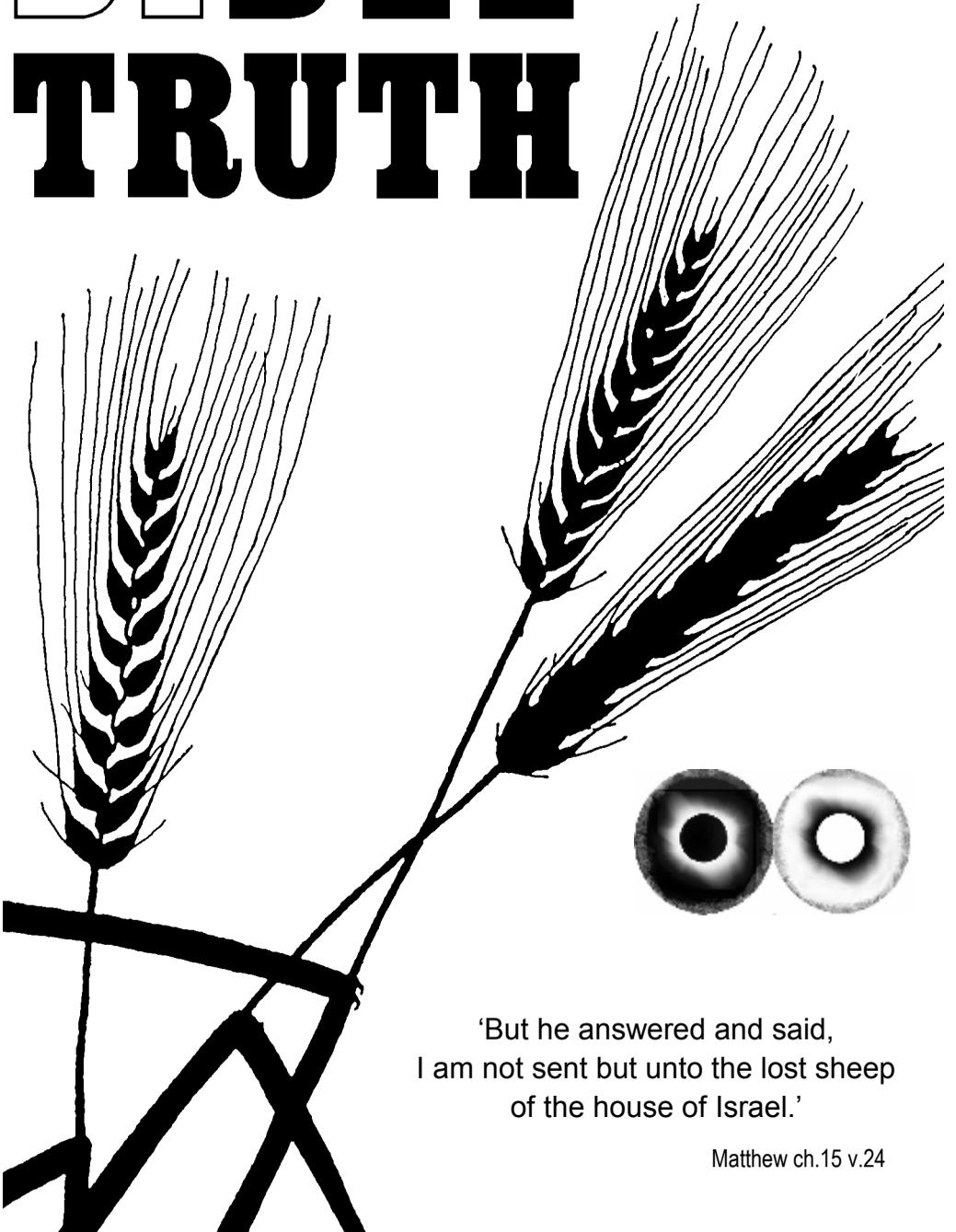


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'But he answered and said,
I am not sent but unto the lost sheep
of the house of Israel.'

Matthew ch.15 v.24

THE DECLINE AND FALL

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What caused the Fall of the Roman Empire? Turn to an old classic for the answer. Gibbon. In his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* is the following answer. Remember, he was not a Christian!

First: Rapid increase of divorce with the undermining of the sanctity of the home which is the basis of society.

Secondly: Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money for bread and celebrations.

Thirdly: The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

Fourthly: The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within - the decadence of the people.

Fifthly: The decline in religion, faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide it.

These five reasons give a 21st century people serious pause for thought. **Read them again!**