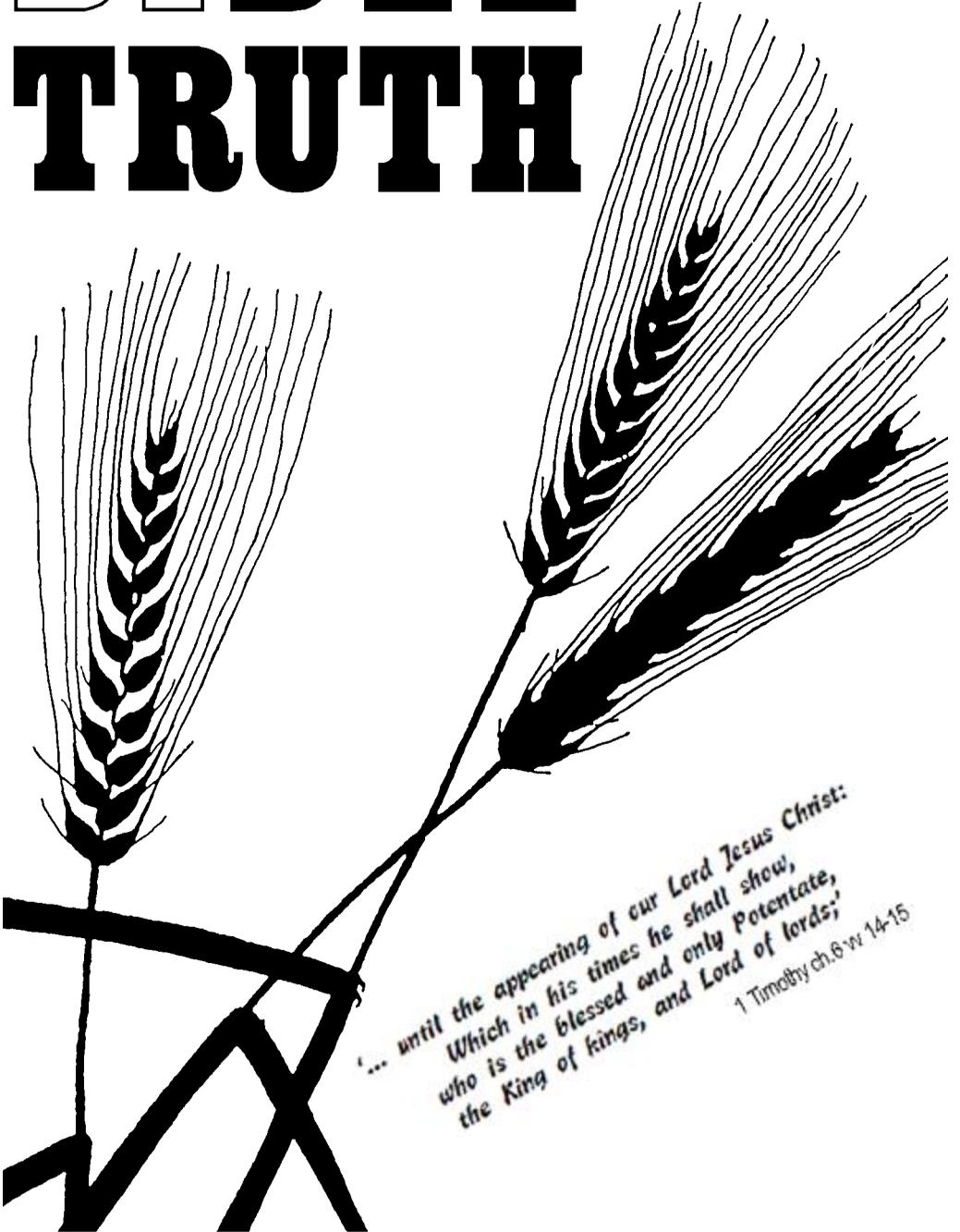


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*... until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Which in his times he shall show,
who is the blessed and only Potentate,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
1 Timothy ch.6-w 14-15*

The Declaration of Arbroath 1320



Picture of the original which is in the Scottish Record Office Edinburgh

The Scottish Declaration of Independence is written in Latin on parchment and is now in the West Register House in Edinburgh. This ancient document, described by Register House officials as 'probably our most precious possession', is dated AD 1320, and bears the seals of the Scottish barons assembled in Parliament under Robert Bruce.

A translation taken from the *Scotts Magazine*, April 1934, pp. 16-18, reads, thus:

'To the Most Holy Father in Christ our Lord, the Lord John by Divine Providence of the Holy Roman and Catholic Church Supreme Pontiff ... We know, Most Holy Father and Lord, and from the chronicles and books of the ancients gather, that among other illustrious nations, ours, to wit the nation of the Scots, has been distinguished by many honours which, passing from the greater Scythia through the Mediterranean Sea and Pillars of Hercules and sojourning in Spain among the most savage tribes through a long course of time, could nowhere be subjugated by any people however barbarous; and coming thence one thousand two hundred years after the outgoing of the people of Israel, they, by many victories and infinite toil, acquired for themselves the possessions in the west which they now hold after expelling the Britons and completely destroying the Picts, and, although very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, always kept themselves free from all servitude, as the histories of the ancients testify. In their kingdom one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, no stranger intervening, have reigned, whose nobility and merits, if they were not clear otherwise, yet shine out plainly enough from this that the King of Kings, even our Lord Jesus Christ, after His passion and resurrection, called them, though situated at the uttermost parts of the earth, almost the first to His most holy faith, by any one less than His first apostle, although in rank second or third, to wit, Andrew, the most meek the brother of St Peter, who He would have always preside over them as their Patron ...'

Somewhere in the world today is God's servant nation Israel, not the Jews only, but the descendants of the ten tribes. God swore that this nation would exist for ever.

'Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.'

Jeremiah ch.31 vv 35-37
