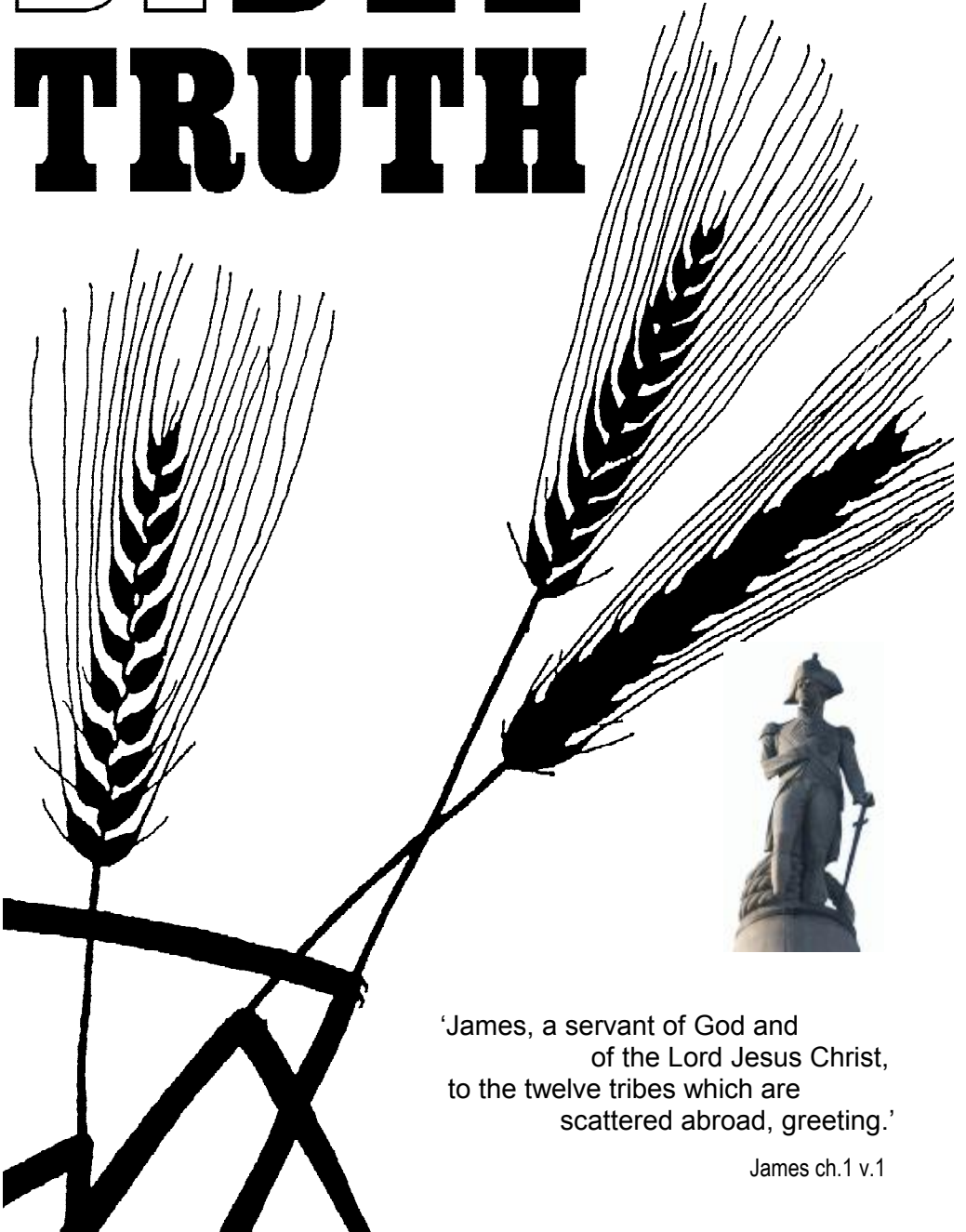


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‘James, a servant of God and
of the Lord Jesus Christ,
to the twelve tribes which are
scattered abroad, greeting.’

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Trafalgar & Nelson's Prayer

As the year 2014 draws to a close and the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War gives way to other important centenaries, it is worth pausing to remember a previous war leading to a decisive time in Britain's history, namely the Battle of Trafalgar during the Napoleonic Wars.

This was a sea battle on 21 October 1805 when Admiral Lord Nelson aboard HMS Victory fought against the combined navies of the French and the Spanish. Though the spectacular victory confirmed Britain's naval supremacy, Nelson lost his life during it.

Nelson was a minister's son who prayed morning and evening and showed how he was dependent upon God for guidance and safety. His log shows the special prayers that he penned before engaging in battle. The Battle of Trafalgar was no exception as the following illustration shows.

The Admiral who lost one arm and the sight of an eye, fought many battles some of which are depicted on bronze plaques surrounding the base of his memorial in central London.



The Battle of Cape Vincent 1797 by Musgrave Watson and William F. Woodington, west face.



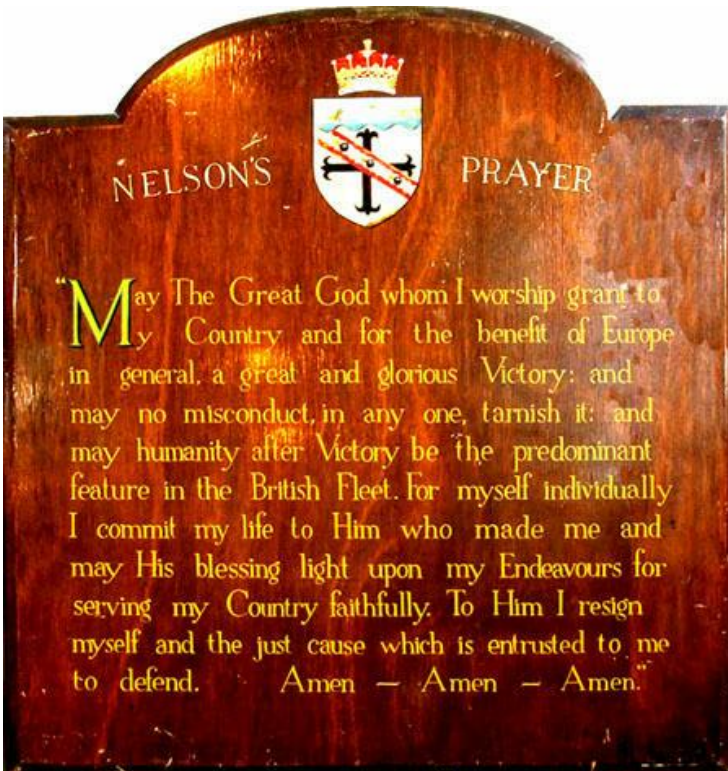
Admiral Nelson atop his column standing in Trafalgar Square, London, looks down Whitehall towards Parliament in Westminster.



The Battle of the Nile 1798
by William F. Woodington, north face.



The Battle of Copenhagen 1807
by John Ternouth, east face.



Nelson's Prayer exhibited in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard museum.