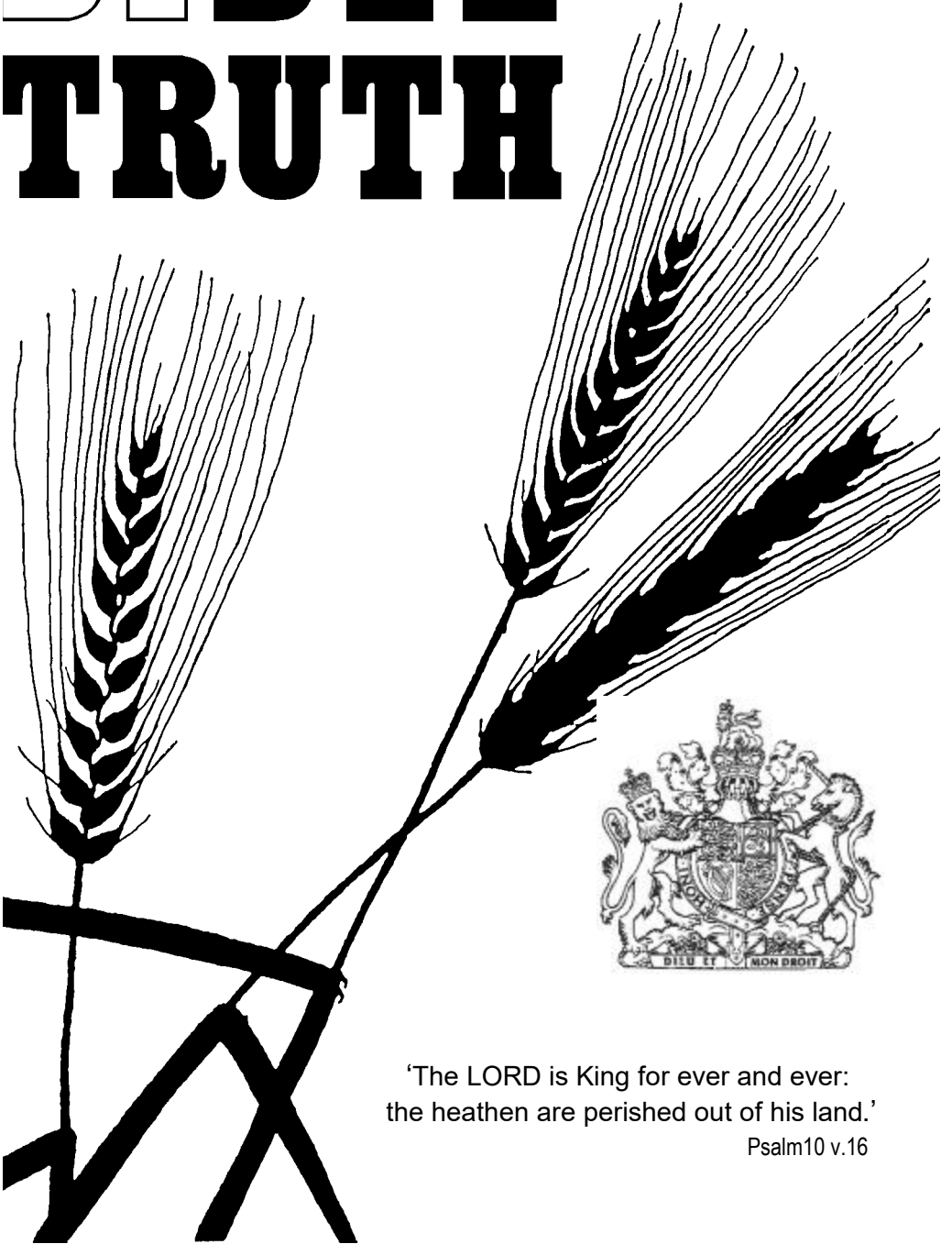


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'The LORD is King for ever and ever:  
the heathen are perished out of his land.'

Psalm10 v.16

# Oliver Cromwell's view on prophecy

Oliver Cromwell's statue is to the north of Westminster Hall in Westminster Square, London.



Some boldly asserted that the power of King and Lords was part of that Babylon which God would destroy, and pleaded their own convictions to that effect as a revelation from heaven. Cromwell replied with a warning against imaginary revelations.

Like them, he said, he believed in the fulfilment of the prophecies in the Bible. 'I am one of those whose heart God hath drawn out to wait for some extraordinary dispensations, according to those promises that He hath held forth of things to be accomplished in the later times, and I cannot but think that God is beginning of them.'

He was inclined to agree with those who held that God would overthrow King and Lords. 'Yet let them not make those things a rule to them which they could not clearly know to be the mind of God. Let them not say, "This is the mind of God, we must work to it". If it was God's purpose to destroy the power of King and Lords, He could do it without necessitating the army to dishonour itself by breaking its engagements. Let them wait for God's time, and do their plain, immediate duty. Surely what God would have us do He does not desire we should step out of the way for it.'

Extract from *Oliver Cromwell and the Rule of the Puritans in England* by C. H. Firth, Putnam 1947, p 181.