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THE LION'S SEAL OF FAITH

Order of the Seal of Solomon



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HYMANOT

Month of the Lion's Seal

(2nd – 31st December 2020)

Amos 3:7-8

Isaiah 55:11

Jeremiah 1:9-10



Hail Jah! Rastafari! Haile Selassie !!

Hymanot blessings to one and all.

In this second glory (week/strong) we will be looking at the strength of the glory of the kings of Ethiopia of the Solomonic dynasty. We will be looking at two kings in particular from the 9th Ethiopian dynasty of Solomonic descent. The first is the Emperor Yekuno Amlak whom St Tekla Hymanot, by the command of God (as we saw in the first article) anointed to reign with his generations to follow after him.

The strength and glory of the kings we will look at is the glory of them having strong faith and courage which they inherited in the grace of the Holy Spirit as sons, Root of David. As we know, King David of Israel himself was strong in Jah and as the Holy Scripture shows, he restored Israel back to faith in God in his killing of Goliath (1 Samuel 17:32-54).

The two kings we will briefly be looking at represent this 9th Ethiopian dynasty of rulers, for they were like their fathers, King David and King Solomon and good examples of operating in strong faith for their generations to follow which include I n I Rastafari. Yekuno Amlak and Amda Tseyon were strong in faith and its actions with them having the blessing, anointing and faith of the lion's seal, "*being strong in the Lord and in the power of His might*" (Ephesians 6:10).

Yekuno Amlak

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In faith Yekuno Amlak prepared himself to become King of kings and Emperor of Ethiopia. His claim and right was that he was the offspring of the Solomonic dynasty who ruled Ethiopia from the time of Menelik 1st of the 4th dynasty of Ethiopia's rulers (957 BC) right up until the last king of kings of the Solomonic dynasty, Del Naad of the 7th dynasty ending 920 AD (King's list).

The sovereigns of the Zagwe dynasty in the north took over and ruled Ethiopia for 333 years (King's list). However, according to traditional history and manuscripts the Solomonic kings maintained their dynasty in the province of Shoa in central Ethiopia. (His Imperial Majesty supported this view of the continual rule of the Solomonic dynasty, affirming that they have ruled since the Queen of Sheba met King Solomon and a son was born of their union). Yet the rule of the whole of Ethiopia by the Solomonic dynasty had to be restored.

As we know, the tradition has it that St Tekla Hymanot eventually influenced the Zagwe king, Nakuta Laab, to abdicate, which was accompanied by Yekuno Amlak stepping out in faith and rallying support. Tradition also has it that Yekuno Amlak came against the Zagwe king in battle. The result was the restoration of the Solomonic dynasty in 1253 AD, through Yekuno Amlak. The Emperor established his capital in Shoa and so was the beginning of the restoration and increase of the Solomonic dynasty to the



glory of God through Yekuno Amlak. From this time the church grew in wealth and power.

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Amda Tseyon

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Amda Tseyon was the 9th ruler of the sovereigns from Yekuno Amlak. Without doubt he carried the lion's seal of being strong in faith. It is from his actions recorded in his chronicle that we use the term, 'the sword of faith and confidence'. This was his power, in the trust of the Most High God, 'dressing himself in his victorious armour, which is to say confidence and faith.

Amda Tseyon reigned from 1279-1327 (King's list) 1314-1344 (other sources) who consolidated the Ethiopian empire and brought through a period of major expansion. Here is an account of the action of his faith and confidence in the Most High God from the Ethiopian Royal Chronicles (Pankhurst, 1967):

AMDA TSEYON AND THE SIX CAVALIERS

"...The army of the unbelievers advanced, bows extended, swords in hand, their swords shining like lightning. They were as numerous as locusts, as the stars of the sky, or the grains of sand on the edge of the sea and resembled clouds full of rain which cover the sky. The noise which they made resembled the noise of waves driven by a hurricane, their voices resounded like the thunder which bursts in the middle of



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rain; their cries made the hills and mountains tremble and the earth shake under their feet.

The unbelievers were so terrifying that the Emperor's forces fled, leaving Amda Tseyon almost alone with a mere handful of trusted followers. His friends kissed his hands, feet, eyes, breast, and shoulders, and, all taking to flight, left him to die. He remained alone like a steadfast column, like a solid base, like a wall of granite and he cried out to those who fled, "Stay a little to see how I fight, how I know how to die and what God will do today by my hand!" but no one listened; everyone fled. And if I say that they all fled, do not believe that it was through cowardice and be not astonished, for I must add that the army of Shoa and of Damot, that of Gojam and of Tigre, that of Bugana and of Amhara and even all the armies of Ethiopia together could not have resisted, if not by the power of God.

When King Amda Tseyon saw his soldiers take flight, he cried to them in a loud voice, "Where are you going? Do you believe you can today reach your provinces? Have you forgotten, besides, that it is I who raised you, nourished you and covered you with ornaments of gold and silver and precious clothes? Then he threw himself forward like a tiger, jumped like a lion on his horse, which was called Harab Asfare and told one of his followers, Zanasfare, the chief of the young cavaliers, to advance on the right in the middle of the unbelievers. Zanasfare, obeying the order of the King, penetrated their ranks and was followed by five other cavaliers, the first of whom was Takla, the second Wanag Raad, the third, Saf Sagad, the son of the king, the fourth Badl Wabaz, the fifth Qedmaye.

King Amda Tseyon attacked the enemy on their left flank, which was the weakest; he attacked without looking behind him, without turning back, despite the spears and arrows which fell like hail around him.

The unbelievers surrounded him with their swords, but he, his face impassive as a rock, despising death, threw himself into their ranks, striking with such force that, by the power of God, he killed two of his enemies simultaneously with his spear. Then the unbelievers scattered and gave way to flight, feeling that they could not resist and old warrior like himself, who had no equal in fighting. The six cavaliers of who I have just spoken also struck at the enemies whom they found around them, and when the King put the unbelievers to flight, the troops who had abandoned him re-joined him; they drove the enemy, though numerous and powerful, into a ditch which God seemed to have put there for that very purpose.

Then the King descended from his horse, took his shield, and struck at the unbelievers. When his right hand was exhausted, he would use his left, and, when that had had its turn, he again used his right.

Amda Tseyon, if we can believe his admiring chronicler, had thus won the battle almost single-handed."

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HYMANOT! THE LION'S SEAL

Ancient Ethiopian Bible

Action of Faith ~ James 2:14-26

“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?



Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not

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Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

The Faith Scripture ~ Hebrews 11:1-40

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken, he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Faithful Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

The Heavenly Hope

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers

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and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

The Faith of the Patriarchs

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

The Faith of Moses

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

By Faith They Overcame

By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith, the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others

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were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.”

“Be strong”



The Lion of the Tribe of Judah Has Prevailed!

JAH! RASTAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!