

RASTAFARI IN COVENANT

IMMANUEL

Month of the Divine Grace

(1st – 30th Immanuel 90 / 1st – 30th January 2021)

St Matthew 1:18

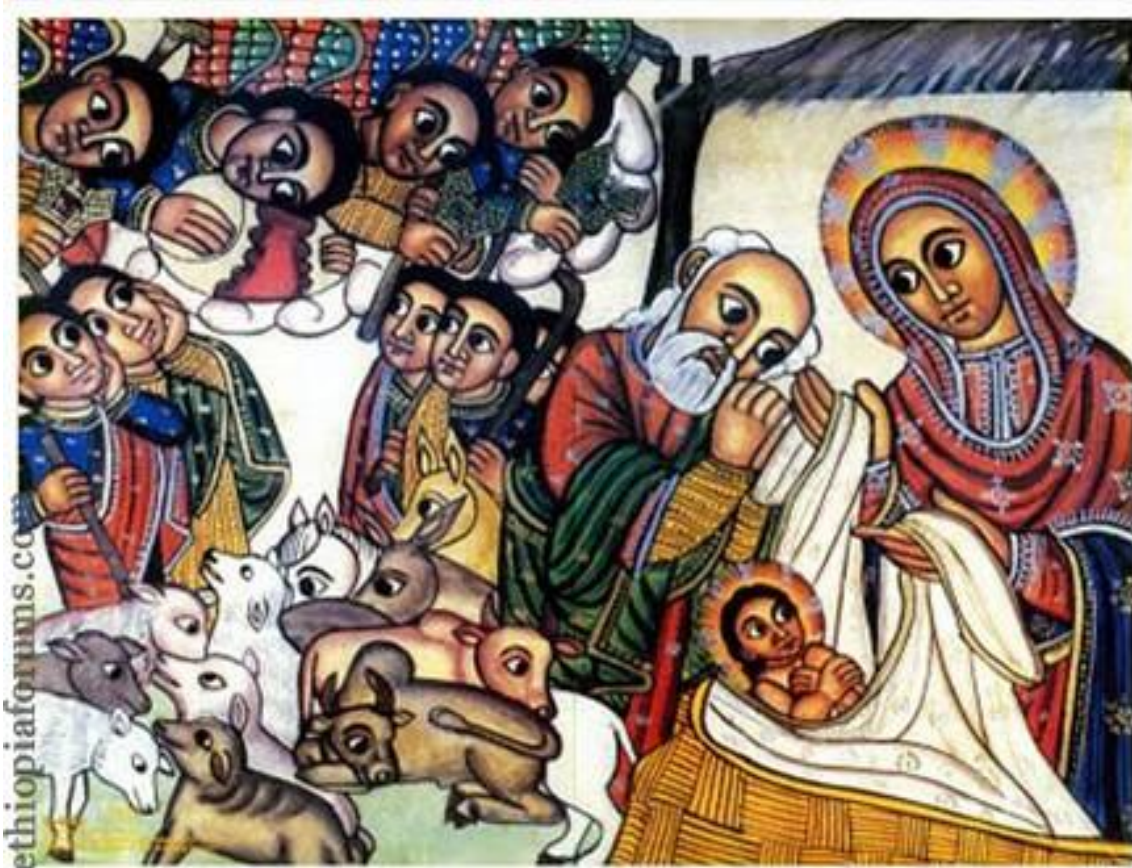
Isaiah 11:1-2

Psalms 132:11-12

Romans 8:29-30



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GOD WITH US

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Jah! Rastafari! Haile Selassie !! Blessed Love, Immanuel Blessings upon one all.

We are now into the 3rd month of the year 90HIM. This is the month and time that we call 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us'. This is the month that we describe as the 'Month of Divine Grace' and it truly is the month of divine and eternal favour.

This month Immanuel has two foundation stages;

1. It is rooted in the birth of our Lord and Saviour Yesus Kristus which is celebrated traditionally every year on 7th Immanuel (7th January)
2. On 23rd Immanuel (23rd January) we celebrate what we term as the 'divine sanctification' ~ the divine setting apart of Tafari Makonnen (Haile Selassie 1st's name before his crowning as King of kings. We celebrate this divine setting apart of Tafari Makonnen from the womb of his mother to become the temple and instrument of God for his ongoing glory.

In this glory's issue we start with the celebration of the birth of Yesus Kristus, he who came to earth as the child who was the rest or abode of the seven-fold Holy Spirit:

*"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."*

Isaiah 11:1-2

Among many revelations, we also see Him as the Power of, and over, all spirits (Revelation 1:12-20), the Heir and Inheritor of the Kingdom of God:

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

St Luke 1:31-33

We see and know him as the love of God to mankind:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

St John 3:16

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THE CURSE ~ THE WORLD IS PERISHING



This is the truth of the matter. Mankind is perishing, that is, all who have been caught up in the world and its way. In fact, all mankind has been affected by the curse of God upon them. This was the outcome of sin and man inheriting the disease of disobedience to God. Genesis 3:1-24 records and shows the reason why the world is in the condition that it is. The start of this was when mankind, “Adam and Eve”, rejected the word of JAH for their lives and chose the world and its cursed ways:

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”

Genesis 3:1-7

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17

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Immediately after rejecting God's way the curse came upon Adam and Eve.

Spiritual Death, Separation from God

"...they knew that they were naked..." Genesis 3:7

"...Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD..." Genesis 3:8

Corruption of the Souls; Bringing, Fear, Anxiety and so forth

"...I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid..." Genesis 3:10

God's Curse of Physical Death on Mankind

"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground...for dust you are and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

CHRIST'S COMING



The Maji bring their gifts

The Promise of Man's Salvation through the Seed of the Woman (Virgin)

Although mankind had sinned against God in the sentencing and judgement by God of sin, He gave them hope. Mankind was created in the image of JAH to live in His image forever. It was this love of the Sovereign Lord that gave mankind hope.

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In God's judgement on the serpent, He prophesied and declared man's redemption, saying to the serpent (symbol of judgement and degradation of satan)

"And I will put enmity (cause hostility) between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed; and He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

Receiving the Gospel "Good News"

In this judgement on satan, God was saying that there would be enmity [hostility] between satan and mankind, "...and between your seed and her [the woman's] Seed..." satan's seed represents the unbelievers those who are of the world and reject the good news.

The woman's Seed is the chosen One, the Redeemer, not born of man's seed, but the seed of the woman, born of a virgin.

If He were born of man's seed, He would carry the curse of mankind and would be powerless to do what JAH said he would do; "...He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel."

He Shall Bruise Your Head

JAH let satan know, that the Seed of the virgin would give him a deadly wound, crushing his head and he would not recover

And You Shall Bruise His Heel [It comes at a cost]

Salvation comes at a cost, and it came in the bruising of the Saviour Who gave up His earthly life for mankind's salvation.

Every man has a right of choice. Choose JAH or the world. Take the good news and rejoice or be kept imprisoned in the world.

Rejoice! Celebrate! Melkam Genna!

Christ (The Anointed One) Mas (Service)

Ras (The Prince) Mas (Service)

Let us embrace the eternal tradition, embrace the Eternal One, the One not born of man's seed but of God;

"...for He will save His people [the obedient] from their sins." St Matthew 1:21

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“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

*So, all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: **“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”***

St Matthew 1:18-23

In I Rastafari, let us receive the Good News in all obedience and rejoicing,

*“that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him.” **St John 5:23***



The Lion of the tribe of Judah, Root of David has prevailed!

O JAH! RASTAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!