

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

Psalm 132:11-12

Romans 8:29-30



HIGHLY BLESSED HIGHLY FAVOURED



**Mary is visited by the Angel Gabriel.
The First Believer Highly Blessed Highly Favoured**

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Jah! Rastafari! Haile Selassie !!

Blessed Love Family! Let God be praised, honoured, revered, and glorified.

Here we are, well into this wonderful month and season of Immanuel “God with us”. We are now in the third glory (strong/week) of Immanuel, celebrating, still and always unwrapping, unveiling, declaring, and receiving the blessings and truths of the eternal gift of Jah to us, through the coming and birth of our Lord Yesus Kristos.

Also, in this month of Immanuel we are coming up to the celebration of the divine sanctification of Tafari Makonnen from the womb in honour of the Holy Spirit, who by the will of Jah purposed and sanctified and specially setting apart Tafari to become Haile Selassie 1st, “Power of the Holy Trinity”, through whom God brings divine testimony and is glorified. The date of this celebration is on 23rd Immanuel (23rd January) and we will focus on this blessing next glory.

In this glory let us forward on, giving thanks to Jah for His precious gift and for making us Highly Blessed, Highly Favoured in Christ, the Anointed One.

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St Luke 1:26-28

“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”

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As it was said to our Lady Mary by Angel Gabriel “Rejoice, highly favoured one...” so as children of faith, just like the mother of faith, our Lady Mary, we should also rejoice in the gift of Jah to us and go the way of full salvation as to become highly blessed, highly favoured.

Ephesians 1:3 says.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

It is here in the heavenly places and matters in Christ that we receive the eternal treasure of being sanctified, that is, being set apart for Him and having our being in Him and for Jah glory (Acts 17:28)

It is here with Him and in Him that we become highly blessed and highly favoured with every spiritual blessing. By receiving Him in faith we are no longer of the old man but of Jah (St John 1:11-13 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

In Him we receive peace, redemption, and adoption with every spiritual blessing as children of Jah. Ephesians 1:4-6 shows us that:

1. You were chosen of Jah before the foundation of the world (verse 4)
2. In Him you are holy and blameless (verse 4) He has imputed to you His own righteousness and not your sins and shortcomings, which He suffered for you. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
3. In Christ you are in the love of Jah (verse 4). His love is and everlasting love to those Jah has chosen in Him.
4. You were predestined for adoption by Jah to be part of the family (verse 5). The will of Jah is for His predestined children and family to receive their eternal inheritance by His spiritual adoption and thereby becoming His spiritual sons and daughters.
5. You have Most High Favour – Accepted in the Beloved (Christ) (verse 6) and therefore Highly blessed, Highly favoured.

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MAKING IT KNOWN

To go the way of full salvation by receiving Jah and His Son Yesus Kristos Who is
“...the Way, Truth and the Life.” (St John 14:6)



Haile Selassie 1st Address to the World Evangelical Congress in Berlin (1966)



“As Yesus Kristos has said: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them. “It is therefore Our expressed hope that these words will be realized in their full significance in this great assembly...As you all know, it is centuries past since Our country, Ethiopia, accepted the Gospel of Christ.

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We learn from the Holy Scriptures that the first Ethiopian who confessed faith in Yesus Kristus was baptised only a few months after the death and resurrection of Our Lord....

In these modern days, there are a multitude of things published in print and broadcast by radio which captivate the human mind and spirit; many new ideas are disseminated by the learned. Many wonderful appliances are produced to make life more and more comfortable. The rich powers have passed on from exploring and exploiting this earth and are vying with each other to explore and conquer the moon and the planets. Knowledge is increasing in a bewildering manner. All this is good, wonderful, and praiseworthy. But what will be the end of it all?

It is Our firm belief that only what the Lord wills will be done. We should be careful that the results thus achieved by mankind should not meet with the fate of the Tower of Babel, the handwork of those people of old which came to pieces in their hands. The Apostle Paul says: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" and "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise and they are vain." The reason for this is because generally speaking man makes himself and his wisdom the beginning and the end of his aim in life, and we are convinced that the end of this is destruction and death.

Our Lord Yesus Kristus says: "What has a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Why did the effort of those who tried to build the Tower of Babel come to nothing? Was it not because they tried to live apart from their Creator, and because, vaunting themselves in their wisdom, they tried to build a tower whose top was to reach unto heaven and thus make a name for themselves?

It is Our conviction that all the activities of the children of men which are not guided by the Spirit and counsel of God will bear no lasting fruit, they will not be acceptable in the sight of the Lord and will therefore come to nought as the Tower of Babel came to nought.

*It is for this reason that the Church of Christ, and especially Christian leaders, have such an enormous responsibility. **However wise or however mighty a person may be, he is like a ship without a rudder if he is without God.** A rudderless ship is at the mercy of the waves and the wind, drifts wherever they take it and if there arises a whirlwind it is smashed against the rocks and becomes as if it has never existed.*

***It is our firm belief that a soul without Christ is bound to meet with no better fate....** let us labour to lead our brothers and sisters to Our Saviour Yesus, Who only can give life in its fullest sense..."*

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IMMANUEL “GOD WITH US”



More revelation and unveiling of the Gift of JAH to and for us.

1. THE TREE OF LIFE

“I am the vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser...” (St John 15:1)

“... Behold the Man whose name is the BRANCH. From His place He shall branch out and He shall build the temple of the LORD...” (Zechariah 6:12-13)

“I am the Root and the Offspring (Seed) of David...” (Revelation 22:16)

Jesus is the vine, the Branch the Root, and the Seed. He is The Tree of Life. His family tree is recorded in St Matthew, Chapter 1 and St Luke Chapter 3.

The Eternal Family Tree

St Matthew 1:1 says: *“The book of genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David the Son of Abraham...”*

Jesus as the Son of David became:

I. The heir of divine kingship

Jesus as the Son of Abraham became:

II. The Seed of God’s eternal promise

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Christ the Heir of Divine and Eternal Kingship through David

Approximately 1,000 years before Christ, the Sovereign LORD chose David the son of Jesse to be king of Israel and so at the command of God, David was anointed by the prophet Samuel to become the first covenant king “**Elect of God**” (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

The Almighty also made a covenant promise to David and to his seed, that his throne and kingdom would be established forever (which would be through and for Christ Himself to inherit forever) (2 Samuel 7:12-16 / St Luke 1:31-33)

Christ the Seed of God’s Eternal Promise through Abraham

In Genesis chapter 12, Jah told Abraham to leave his country and to go to a land that He would show him. Jah promised Abraham that He would make him a great nation and that in his Seed “...all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (v 3). Abraham obeyed God in faith so that the eternal blessing for the families of the earth would come through his “Seed” who is Christ. The eternal blessing comes upon those who believe in Christ, them having the faith of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3 / Galatians 3:7-8 & 16)

Coming Birth of Christ

The family tree in St Matthew 1 culminated with the birth of the Lord but not before the fullness of time and not before the coming of the parents of Christ.

Joseph and Mary ~ The First Believers and Parents of the faith

“...And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ (St Matthew 1:16)

Joseph was to become the New Testament father of the faith having believed that the Child Who was conceived in his wife was of the Holy Spirit. (St Matthew 1:18-25) Our Lady herself conceived Jesus in faith, becoming the Mother of faith as she said to the angel Gabriel “Let it be to me according to Your word...” (St Luke 1:38)

Rejoice! Give thanks to Jah, for the Tree of Life is now here, that anyone who believes in Him could be grafted into the Tree of Life in faith.

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2. THE WISE MEN

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So, they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared". (St Matthew 2:1-7)

Scripturally, it just says "wise men" , it does not say that they were kings or how many there were. That's not to say that they were not kings. In I tradition and teaching is that one of the kings was King Bazen of Ethiopia who was the last king of the 4th Dynasty. This would be fitting as the 4th Dynasty of Ethiopian rulers was the first in the line of Solomonic dynasties to rule Ethiopia. Menelik 1st, the son of King Solomon and Queen Makeda of Ethiopia's 3rd Dynasty, was its first king Root of David. Again, King Bazen as the last king of the first of the Solomonic dynasties of Ethiopia, by visiting and worshipping Christ with the other wise men, has become part of a wonderful revelation and covenant connection of the glory of the kings of Ethiopia. Our heritage declares that King Bazen returned to Ethiopia bringing the good news of the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Above all else we must note and acknowledge that Christ was born as a king and would have been worshipped by earthly kings as King of kings.

3. THE GIFT OF LIFE HIMSELF RECEIVED GIFTS

Read St Matthew 2:8-11. When the wise men visited Christ, He was a young Child of about two years old, living with His parents in a house and not a baby in a manger according to cultural tradition.

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The Wise Men's Gifts (St Matthew 2:11)

Yesus received gifts from the wise men of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Each gift is symbolic:

Gold ~ This symbol acknowledges that Christ comes from divine kingship.

Frankincense ~ This is a symbol of priesthood and Christ would become our High Priest and Mediator between God and Man as it is this day.

Myrrh ~ This symbol is connected with death and burial. The Lord is He who gave His life for the salvation of Mankind.

4. IN HONOUR OF THE CHILDREN SLAIN BY HEROD

In Revelation 14:3-4 it talks about 144,000 virgins who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, redeemed from among men being the first fruits of God and unto the Lamb. This brings to mind the Slaughter of the Innocents, the children who died for Christ's sake.

The Lord came and gave His life for us, these children's lives were given for Him (Read St Matthew 2:12-18)

Herod was angry with the wise men who deceived him. He was exceedingly angry and put to death all the male children in Bethlehem and in all its districts from the age of two years old and under.

5. HONOUR FROM THE SHEPHERDS TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On the day of Christ's birth, shepherds were watching over their flock and an angel of the Lord stood before them bringing good tidings and declaring to them;

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord." (St Luke 2:11)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (St Luke 2:13-14)

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The shepherds went to Bethlehem in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger (v 16). The shepherds made widely known the saying that was told them concerning this Child (v 17) For as shepherds they saw Him Who was to become the Good Shepherd and Who would lay down His life for the sheep. (St John 10:14-15)

YESUS KRISTOS THE GIFT OF JAH TO I N I RASTAFARI

He was born of woman so that we could be born of God.

He humbled Himself, for as God, He became flesh, so that we could be lifted up with Him and into His eternal realm.

He became a servant so that we could be joint heirs with Him.

He suffered rejection so that we could become His friends.

He denied Himself so that we could freely receive all things.

He came to give Himself for us so that He could bless us in every way, as it is this day.

Give thanks to the Most High Jah! Rastafari Who has blessed I n I with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Thank you, Jah! We are Highly Blessed , Highly Favoured!

For Immanuel "God is with us" and in Him we live and move and have our being.



The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Root of David has Prevailed.

JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE II