

RASTAFARI IN COVENANT

TABAQA BERHAN

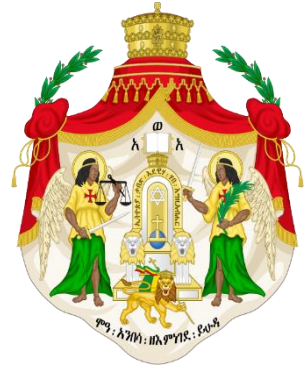
Month of the Tabot

(2nd – 31st March 2021)

Hebrews 11:1-40

Hebrews 9:28

Revelation 3:12



GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SOVEREIGNS



Part One

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Jah! Ras Tafari! Haile Selassie !!

Blessed Love Jah Ras Tafari protection and guardian blessings upon one and all Rastafari!

Daughter of Zion, here we are now in the 2nd glory of this month that we call Tabaqa Berhan Guardian of the Light, the month we describe as the Month of the TABOT.

As we saw in last glory's edition, this is a month where we honour the guardians of our divine heritage. We give thanks to JAH for those guardians who kept walking and living in the truth and way of JAH Word. They are the ones of strong faith and great expectation who were assured of the promises that we have received as Rastafari in Covenant with JAH! (Hebrews 11:30-40)

As Rastafari we have received the coming of the Saviour and His ongoing revelation in glory. We have been blessed and empowered with the divine heritage of His soon coming glory, becoming:

- I. Temples of God
- II. The Anointed Body of Testimony
(1 Corinthians 3:16 / 6:17,19-20 / St John 14:14-17 / Psalm 145:10-13 / Revelation 12:20-11 / St Luke 12:8-9) *See previous edition Introduction "The Promises we have received as Rastafari / T.A.B.O.T.)*

Guardianship

In this edition we give thanks to JAH and give honour for the **Guardianship of the Sovereigns**.

We look at the glory of the oldest dynasty of rulers in the world originating in Ethiopia. This Ethiopian empire, the world's oldest, is linked directly and is in parallel with the oldest family tree in the world, the lineage of Yesus Kristus and His parents Joseph and Mary. This lineage goes all the way back to Adam, the first Man and Son of God.

The Lineage of Joseph and Mary

St Matthew 1:1-16 and St Luke 3:23-38 both record Joseph's lineage but with slight variations. This has led to disputes as to their accuracy. However, as it was the protocol to record all genealogies through the male, Joseph is recorded as having Jacob as his father in Matthew 1:16 and Heli as his father in Luke 3:23. It is more likely that Heli, was Lady Mary's father, thereby making Heli Joseph's father-in-law.

This connects Lady Mary to the lineage as the mother of Christ and still validates Joseph as His legal guardian.

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Ethiopian Lineage of Sovereigns

In the 1920's when His Imperial Majesty was H.I.H. Ras Tafari, he presented to Mr C.F. Rey a list of Ethiopian kings along with a covering letter:

"...As you ask me to send you the names of the Ethiopian kings and the history of the Ethiopian King of kings (Emperors), herewith I have taken a copy and send it to you..."

It is from this list of at least 12 ruling dynasty that we have chosen to illuminate at least one ruler from each dynasty to honour JAH Who, through the kings, and also through their guardianship have brought to I n I Rastafari, the divine heritage of our Lord and Saviour Yesus Kristos and His glorious on-going revelation that I n I Rastafari have received in Haile Selassie 1st name.

As we go through the list let us continue to write on our hearts this wonderful heritage that we have received from the Most High Jah! Rastafari!

GUARDIANSHIP OF THE SOVEREIGNS

1st Dynasty ~ The Tribe of Ori



**KING ORI/ARAM ~ Ruled 60 years ~
Year of the world 970-1030/BC4470**

King Ori was the father and guardian of this tribe of rulers. He is known to be one of the sons of Adam, the son of God. Ori is recorded by name as the first king in the world and the first king of the Ethiopian Empire. It is recorded that Ori and his lineage of 21 sovereigns ruled Ethiopia from the 970th Year of the world (from the time when man sinned it may be supposed) until the year 2256 Year of the world, a total of 1,285 years.

This dynasty also produced the world's first known and recorded queen named Borsa. Queen Borsa was its fourth ruler. The 21st and last king from this first dynasty before the coming of the Deluge, the Great Flood was Soliman Tehagi.

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In his book History of the People of Ethiopia, which was first published in 1922, Alaqa Tayya Gabra Maryam said:

“...Those who before all the others left Asia earliest and who entered Ethiopia and occupied the country are called the tribe of Ori...”

This of course would be seen as a contentious statement in many quarters as Ethiopia and Africa as a whole is known as the cradle of Mankind. That may be so but who knows where the fall of man (Adam and Eve) occurred. Was it in the Ethiopian realm in the east Africa land mass? Was the Garden of Eden altogether in another realm and dimension? In truth only JAH knows.

What we do know is what has been recorded in Alaqa Tayya's book,¹ that the tribe of Ori occupied or re-occupied Ethiopia and thereby according to this and other traditions, they became the guardians of all kingship before the Creator.

With this foundation King Ori/Aram of the Ethiopian Empire of its first Dynasty is The Guardian and Father of all Kingship.

2nd Dynasty ~ The Tribe of Kam



KING KAM ~ Ruled 73 years – Year of the world 2787-2865/BC2635

Because of the extinction of mankind, except for eight souls in the 2,256 year of the world through the great flood, the entire land of Ethiopia was empty. Ethiopia was now void of any indigenous people, right up until the destruction of the tower of Babel some 531 years after the flood (YoW 2787/BC2713) (Genesis 11:1-9).

Alaqa Tayya quoted in his book that in the same year of the destruction of the tower of Babel:

“Kam came to Ethiopia crossing the Bab il-Mandab from Asia. This was in the year 2787 of the world in the 2,713th year before the birth of our Lord Yesus Kristos

¹ History of the People of Ethiopia. Maryam, Alaqa Tayya Gabra, (1987)

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(Jesus Christ). Kam ruled Ethiopia for 78 years and returning to Asia intending to seize Syria, he fought against the sons of Sem and died in battle”.²

Now! With Alaqa Tayya stating that Kam fought against the sons of Sem, it shows that this tribe of Kam was a Hamitic tribe coming from Asia.

Guardianship of the Tribe of Kam.

King Kam, the guardian and father of this second ruling dynasty of Ethiopia and his posterity, ruled Ethiopia for 728 years (Year of the World 2787-2515 / BC2713-1985)³ with a total of 25 kings in all. After he died, Alaqa records that King Kam's sons set the eldest brother Kugan / Kout to rule over them and Ethiopia as King.

Extra Note: The 7th ruler of this dynasty ruled for 21 years as Amen 1st (Year of the World 3045-3066 / BC2434).

This is interesting as other kings also reigned in Ethiopia with the name, Amen. Amen 1st reign was approximately 800 years before the Egyptian god Amen rose to prominence.

3rd Dynasty ~ The Tribe of Yoqtan

(The Ag'dayan dynasty of the posterity of Joctan / Yoqtan)



QUEEN MAKEDA ~ Ruled 31 years, Year of the World 4487-4518 / BC 982)

Queen Makeda came from the tribe of Yoqtan, offspring of Shem, Noah's son. The tribe of Yoqtan were the offspring of Shem's third son Arphaxad. Five of the children of Yoqtan migrated to Yemen in Arabia (Genesis 10:22). In the tenth year of the reign of Piros I, the last king of the tribe of Ori, of the first dynasty rulers, the tribe of Yoqtan the offspring of Shem left Yemen in their masses and crossed the Bab Il-Mandab and entered Ethiopia.

² History of the People of Ethiopia. Maryam, Alaqa Tayya Gabra (1987)

³ Kebra Negast pp 333-348

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At that time, they were called at different times by five names “Saba, Badaw, Irranna, Tigri and Ag’azyan. (To see why they were called by these names at different times, see Kebra Negast pp 353-356).⁴

Queen Makeda ~ “Queen of Sheba”

The last ruler of this third Ethiopian dynasty, is regarded as the mother and guardian of the nation, the Queen of Sheba, Makeda, Queen of Ethiopia.

As David prophesied in the Psalm, *“Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hands unto God...”* (Psalm 68:31) So the Scripture and continual and unfolding word of prophecy took on flesh, in and through the person of Makeda. The Queen of the oldest empire and kingdom in the world met up with the Lord’s elect kingship. Queen Makeda visited King David’s son King Solomon as recorded in 1 Kings 10:1-13.

“Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. So, Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. Then she said to the king: ‘It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

*However, I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! **Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel!***

⁴ Kebra Negast (The Glory of the Kings) Brooks, Miguel L. (2001)

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Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.’ ”

Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon”.

The Queen’s Guardianship

Again, as David said in the Psalms, “...Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hands unto God.”, so it was through Queen Makeda and for the future generations of her people as the kingdoms of Ethiopia and Israel were sealed as one, concerning the name and heritage of the LORD.

- She came to Israel, “**...concerning the name of the LORD...**” (verse 1)
- She acknowledged that God was the LORD and honoured Him, “**...Blessed be the LORD your God...because the LORD has loved Israel forever...**”

The mother and guardian of the nation inherited the blessing of Israel on behalf of her posterity, as the blessing of Israel was translated to the kingdom of Ethiopia. Queen Makeda’s union with King Solomon produced an offspring who was named Menelik I of the Solomonic dynasty of Ethiopia, Root of David.

The posterity of Queen Makeda of Ethiopia has gone from glory to glory in receiving the divine heritage and covenant blessing of the LORD, Root of David (Psalm 132:11-12). Our Lord also spoke of the Queen concerning judgement upon the earth (St Luke 11:31)

In I Rastafari celebrate yearly the day of “the Gift of Jewels” on 14th Sawwara (11th September) the beginning of Ethiopia’s new year. The celebration is in honour of the Queen of Sheba’s return to Ethiopia after her visit to King Solomon of Israel.

ITYOPPIS 1ST ~ Ruled 56 years, Year of the World 3644 – 3700/BC1856-1800

We must make mention of the 5th ruler of this 3rd Ethiopian dynasty, he is Ityoppis 1st. Ityoppis was the grandson of the first ruler of the tribe of Yoqtan named Akbuna Saba II. Tigre was first named Saba after this king.

According to Alaqa Tayya, Ethiopia was first called Ityoppis after this king.⁵

⁵ History of the People of Ethiopia. Maryam, Alaqa Tayya Gabra (1987)

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Also, in the 15th century Book of Aksum⁶ a legendary individual called Ityoppis is attributed to be the founder of Aksum, “the glorious Ethiopian city of Zion”, the city of the Kings. Aksum is known to be the home of Queen Makeda.

4TH DYNASTY ~ TRIBE OF ISRAEL

(Posterity of Menelik 1st)



MENELIK 1ST ~ Ruled 25 years Year of the world 4518-4543/BC 957

Menelik 1st, son of King Solomon of Israel and Queen Makeda of Ethiopia became King of Ethiopia in 982 BC.

Menelik is the father of all Solomonic Kings of Ethiopia, which have ruled for over 3,000 years. According to H.I.M Haile Selassie 1st, “...*My dynasty has ruled since the Queen of Sheba met King Solomon and a son was born from their union...*”⁷

This 4th dynasty of Ethiopian sovereigns of the posterity of Menelik 1st ruled for 991 years, Year of the world 4518-5509/9th Century AD with a total of 67 ruling sovereigns.

Coincidental names of Solomonic 4th dynasty Kings with Egyptian Pharaohs

- ❖ Abralyus Piyanki II (Year of the World 4680-4712/BC 788)
- ❖ Sabaka II (Year of the World 4748-4760/BC 740)
- ❖ Tsawi Terhak (Year of the World 4770-4819/BC 681)

These three rulers’ names also appear in the renowned 25th dynasty of Egypt also known as the Nubian dynasty or the Kushite Empire. This dynasty ruled Egypt around the period 747-656 BC which is roughly the same time that their namesakes of the Solomonic dynasty ruled in Ethiopia. In fact, Terhak (Tirhakah is mentioned in the Bible as “King of Ethiopia” (2 Kings 19:9 / Isaiah 37:9).

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Aksum

⁷ The Kings List 1922 <http://rastaites.com/list-ethiopian-kings-haile-selassie-i-lineage/>

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King Bazen

King Bazen was the last of the 4th dynasty kings. He ruled for 17 years, (Year of the World 5492-5509 / 9th century AD). According to tradition, Bazen is thought to be one of the wise men who visited the young Child Yesus Kristus and brought with him the gift of incense. He then returned to Ethiopia, declaring the birth of the Lord.

These are the highlights of the posterity of Menelik 1st regarding the 4th dynasty sovereigns of Ethiopia belonging to the tribe of Israel, Root of David.

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Give thanks to the Most High Jah Ras Tafari every time. He has bestowed upon I n I Rastafari a wonderful and eternal heritage that was and now is, going from glory to glory. We give thanks JAH that we are being fed with heavenly manna and are being built up in the way of full salvation. All glory be to You Most High, Who has made I n I to partake of this blessed inheritance so that we might declare the divine heritage, house and livity, of Your soon coming glory.

JAH has opened the gates, *“that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You, For in JAH the Lord is everlasting strength”*, So that we might dwell in Your secret place which is with us for both now and forever.



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

JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !