

RASTAFARI IN COVENANT

NEGEST

Month of the Prosperous

The Victorious Family Month

(1st – 30th Negest / 31st May – 29th June 2021)

Revelation 19:7-9

Revelation 21:9-11

Revelation 22: 1-5, 17



OFFSPRING OF THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES FIRST IN SUCCESSION



AMHA SELASSIE 1ST

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JAH! RASTAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!

Majesty Love and Victorious Family Blessings of Negest to one and all! Rastafari!

To You, Most High God, Who alone is God, and Who is great and Whose mercies endure forever, we give You all praise, honour, reverence and the glory.

*“There is only One God in creation and it is You JAH
I n I will never have no other in creation but You JAH.
I n I will love You forever
I n I will love You forever
Cause we’re created for Your pleasure
And Your Son’s blood was shed for us and forever
Therefore, we give all glory to You
O Faithful and True.”
JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!*

THIS EDITION

Last glory’s focus was on the Negest (Queen’s) namely Empress Taitu and Empress Menen, who we described as ‘comparable helpers’ to their respective husband and king.

Their role as comparable helpers is an important foundation stone for the Victorious Family, that the husband and the wife are one.

In this edition, we look at the offspring of His Imperial Majesty and Empress Menen, starting with their first-born son Asfa Wossen, who became Emperor Amha Selassie 1st.

What must be noted and embraced is that at the end of His Imperial Majesty’s reign, although the Imperial reign of kings was abandoned, Asfa Wossen received the title of Emperor, whilst in exile in England and took the throne name Amha Selassie 1st. In so doing, he maintained the family heritage that is now eternal and through which those of this faith, I n I Rastafari, have become part of this Victorious Family.

Haile Selassie 1st Lives!

We also look at the propaganda surrounding the so-called death of His Imperial Majesty and how I n I receive and embrace the will of the Almighty, declaring our king as the Ever Living, whose heritage we receive to the glory of God, for both now and forever.

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1ST OFFSPRING OF THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES

ASFA WOSSEN ~ EMPEROR AMHA SELASSIE 1ST



Asfaw Wossen Tafari was born on 27th July 1916 in Harar and was the first born son of Dejazmatch Tafari Makonnen and Menen Asfaw, who would later become Emperor Haile Selassie 1st and Empress Menen.

Asfa Wossen was the eldest brother of five other siblings; Princess Tenagne Work, Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, Princess Zenebework, Princess Tsehay, Prince Makonnen and Prince Sahle Selassie.

Asfa Wossen was 14 years old when his father and mother became Emperor and Empress of Ethiopia. As the first born son, this made him Crown Prince and heir to the Ethiopian throne. In the days before the great event, delegations and other guests would arrive at Addis Ababa station and they would be met personally, either by His Imperial Majesty or by Asfa Wossen.¹

After the coronation ceremony of the Emperor, it was the turn of the Crown Prince to swear the oath of allegiance:

“Crown Prince Asfa Wossen knelt down before his imperial sovereign and swore his oath of fealty, a promise to be faithful to his king. The Emperor held out the sceptre to him and said: ‘May God Almighty make you the heir to my power and authority, my throne and my crown.’ Whereupon the Crown Prince kissed his father’s right hand and replied: ‘May the Lord hear your words.’²

Just as the crowning of Empress Menen by the Archbishop on the same day as the Emperor was a departure from the tradition of previous coronation ceremonies, so too was the Emperor’s act of placing the prince’s crown on the head of Asfa Wossen.

¹ King of Kings (Asfa Wossen Asserate, 2015)

² Ibid pg. 85

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Dynastic Succession

*“Dynastic succession was not a traditional feature of the Ethiopian Empire, rather every prince from the House of Solomon had always been free to lay claim to the throne. **By contrast Haile Selassie was determined, from the moment he ascended the throne, to found a dynasty.** It was the Emperor’s fervent wish that the princes of Ethiopia should never again be allowed to conspire in back rooms and play at being king-makers. Instead, he resolved that princes of royal blood should stake their claim to the throne with full authority at their disposal.”³*

The succession was codified in Article 3 of the Constitution of 1955, which required that the Crown Prince must not only be a descendant of Solomon from the lineage of David but also must come from the branch of the dynasty to which His Imperial Majesty belonged.⁴



Family Life, Exile and Return

Asfa Wossen married Princess Wallatta Israel Seyoum, the great-granddaughter of Emperor Yohannes IV and they had a daughter Princess Igiayehu. This marriage ended in divorce in 1941. He then married Princess Medferiashwork Abebe in 1945 and together they had four children; Princesses Maryam Senna, Sehin Azebe and Sifrash Bizu and Crown Prince Zara Yacob.⁵

Asfa Wossen went into exile with the rest of the Imperial Family in May 1936 following Italy’s invasion and occupation of Ethiopia. He was 20 years old. While the Imperial Family stayed at Fairfield House in Bath, Asfa

Wossen attended Liverpool University, where he studied political science and public administration. In 1940 he enrolled at St George’s Military Academy near Khartoum and graduated with the rank of Lieutenant. After Italy’s defeat, Asfa Wossen returned to Ethiopia and joined Fitawrari Birru Wold Gabriel in Gondar as Supreme Commander of the Ethiopian Army and engaged in the final push to expel the remaining Italian forces.⁶ After accompanying his father into Gojjam, he was promoted to Lieutenant General in a solemn ceremony.

³ Ibid pg. 86

⁴ Ibid pg. 95

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medferiashwork_Abebe

⁶ Dictionary of Ethiopia 2nd Edition (Shinn and Ofcansky, 2013)

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After the war, Asfa Wossen returned to his governorate in Wollo and also became the head of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society.

End of Imperial Reign in Ethiopia and Crowning of Asfa Wossen as Emperor.

In 1973, Asfa Wossen suffered a stroke and went to Europe to receive treatment and it was while he was away that the military uprising took place which ended the reign of His Imperial Majesty. The Derg proclaimed Asfa Wossen the 'King Designate'. They abolished the title Negusa Negast but let it be known that if he returned to Ethiopia, they would crown him King.⁷

In 1974, the Derg proclaimed Asfa Wossen Emperor in absentia, but he refused to recognise this title. However, in 1989, he was proclaimed 'Emperor of Ethiopia' in a ceremony that took place at his home in London by members of the exiled members of the Ethiopian community. He took the throne name Amha Selassie 1st, and his wife became Empress Medferiashwork.

In 1991, after the fall of the Derg, Emperor Amha Selassie 1st founded the Moa Anbassa Monarchist Movement to promote the restoration of the monarchy. Moa Anbassa means 'Conquering Lion'.⁸



THE VICTORIOUS FAMILY AND DYNASTY OF THE EVER LIVING HAILE SELASSIE 1ST ~ HE IS ALIVE!

The dynasty of His Imperial Majesty, both physical and spiritual, continues through the Ethiopian Crown Council and the global Rastafari faithful.

All in all, this dynastic succession should be seen as a spiritual succession for the establishing of

the eternal heritage through which the Rastafari faithful have also become part of the Victorious Family of the Ever Living Haile Selassie 1st.

⁷ King of Kings (Asfa-Wossen Asserate, 2015)

⁸ Amha Selassie https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amha_Selassie

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Note the term 'Ever Living'. For as Rastafari, who are in covenant with JAH, we believe that Amha Selassie's spiritual succession to become Emperor was not because of the so called 'death of the king' (which the world, certain members of Rastafari and the Ethiopian Royal Family, have accepted) but a succession towards an eternal heritage, in which our King has been taken from this realm to make room for the oncoming generation.

THE TRUTH

Example:

The Empty Tomb



Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'" And if this

comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So, they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. (Matthew 28: 11-15)

This is what the Jews of that time, who represented the unbelievers say, claiming that here was no resurrection, while the believers know that Christ rose from the dead and is ever-living.

Likewise in the era of HIM and in the world, the non-believers proclaim that His Imperial Majesty died, without having any proof, while the believers declare and know that no-one took his life, but he is ever-living.

Haile Selassie 1st Lives!

Despite rumours and false confessions concerning the so-called death of His Imperial Majesty, the facts are that his body has never been seen and the place of his internment remains unknown, just like Moses (Deuteronomy 34:6)

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The Conspiracy

In 1973/74 a rebellion took place against the government of His Imperial Majesty but he refused to take up arms against the rebels, for his work was completed. He surrendered himself to the so called 'People's Rebellion' and was placed under house arrest. On August 27th 1975, the announcement was made that he was dead.

Prominent Ethiopian priests asked the rebel leaders for the body of His Imperial Majesty, but they were refused. They also asked to be shown the place of his burial and were again refused. Approximately three days later, these priests were murdered.

They even waited until the celebration of his 100th year anniversary, to continue the rumour that they murdered him by strangulation. However, their claims have no foundation in truth. When someone of great influence and stature is killed, it is customary to display the body so as to establish the truth of it and quell any possibility of future uprising. In the case of His Imperial Majesty, they produced no body.

During the subsequent years, propaganda promoting the so-called death of His Imperial Majesty surfaced from time to time in an effort to destroy the faith in His Imperial Majesty, usually on the anniversary of his birth or of his coronation.

In the year 2000, 108 years after His birth more propaganda emerged claiming that his bones were found under a latrine, but this was refuted in an article in the Guardian (dated 3rd November 2000) which stated that these remains were never DNA tested and therefore had no authenticity.⁹

A funeral was held in Ethiopia for these remains and the ceremony was attended by members of the Ethiopian Royal Family and prominent members of the Rastafari faithful but, **this funeral represented 'the death and bones of the old world' and their dying to the truth and revelation of Haile Selassie 1st.**

The truth is that His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie 1st, who I n I declare as the Herald of the glory of God, has no known grave and no officially verified body to be declared dead.

Like the crucifixion death and resurrection of Jesus, rumours and lies exist to this day. (St Matthew 28:11).

For in truth, no man and no situation allowed the soul of His Imperial Majesty to be severed from his body, but the power of God alone took him. I n I Rastafari have been raptured up in spirit and truth, into the ever-living heritage of the Victorious Family, in the name of Haile Selassie 1st, **JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!**

⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2000/nov/03/ethiopia>

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I N I RASTAFARI

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When you see I n I you see JAH JAH!

To the Father **JAH** Who is Ever-Living (Psalm 68:4)

To the Son **RAS** Who is the Ever-Faithful (Revelation 1:5)

To the Holy Spirit **TAFARI** Who is Ever-Sure (St John 15:26)

We give thanks for Your Herald and Power that we might know and live the New Jerusalem life and livity for both now and forever !



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

The Power of the Holy Trinity has Conquered!

JAH! RASTAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!