

# RAS 91HIM

Month of the Light of the World

Ras 1st—30th 91HIM ~ January 31st—March 1st 2022

**1st Glory Ras 91HIM**

## Key Scriptures

*St Matthew 5:14-16*

*St Luke 4:18-19*

*Luke 10:19*

*Isaiah 10:27*

*Revelation 1:5*

# HEAD OF THE FAMILY



H. H. RAS TAFARI MAKONNEN

## JAH! RASTAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE I!

Blessed Love to one and all! Truly this is the day and time JAH has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it, Rastafari! Here we are in a new month and season, the month that we call “RAS” (Prince, Head) and that we describe as “Month of the Light of the World”.

## FOUNDATION OF RAS

This month of Ras was founded upon Ras Tafari being sealed and proclaimed as “Alga Wa Ras” Crown Prince and heir to the throne of Ethiopia. This occurred on February 11th 1917 at the coronation of Queen Zawditu. Five and a half months previously on 27th September 1916, both Tafari and Princess Zawditu accepted their appointment as Ras and Queen respectively, but it was at the Queen’s coronation that they were confirmed as Alga Wa Ras Tafari and Empress Zawditu.

## Birth of Honourable Robert Nesta Marley

We also celebrate the birth of the Honourable Robert Nesta Marley Berhane Selassie on the 7th Ras (6th February). We acknowledge this Ras as the Light of Holy Trinity, the Light of the Rastafari faith and the movement

## “The Ras” Yesus Kristos

We acknowledge our Lord and Saviour Yesus Kristos as “The Ras” declaring Him as the Prince of the Holy Trinity, Ruler over the kings of the earth, the Heir of all things. [**Revelation 1:5 / Hebrews 1:2**].

## I n I Rastafari

As Rastafari we must know that we are heirs of glory, heirs and inheritors of the glory of the covenant kings of Ethiopia, receiving the eternal inheritance of the heritage and way of full salvation.

I n I Rastafari are a blessed generation, empowered with JAH Spirit [**St John 14:14-17**], empowered with the knowledge and education of “the way” and testimonies of the faithful and true overcomers. I n I Rastafari are people of the regeneration and empowered to prosper in righteousness, truth, peace and love.

# Ras Season

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### Ras Tafari ~ Test of Election

The eleven years during which Tafari Makonnen governed as “Dejazmatch” (1905-1916) was a trying period for him, which we call “The Test of Election”. Our king passed the test of election by keeping true to his identity, destiny and livity (lifestyle) being faithful and true to himself and country. He triumphantly overcame all temptations, his adversaries and the political intrigue, which we will go into at some other time.

### The situation that elevated Tafari to the rank of Ras.

On 27th September 1916 Lij Iyasu the 4th ruler of this 12th and last dynasty of Ethiopia was excommunicated for converting to the Islamic faith. Dejazmatch Tafari was then appointed “Regent Plenipotentiary” (Head of government) with the rank of “Ras” and Princess Zawditu was made Queen. Less than a month after becoming Regent, Negus Mikael “King of Zion” (so ran his title) the father of Lij Iyasu, instead of siding with righteousness and truth and the faith of the kings, came against the empire with his army.

### The Battle and the Victory

On October 19th 1916, Ras Tafari rode out for battle against Negus Mikael and his army. Eight days later, on October 27th early in the morning the battle began and after fighting for approximately five hours, with swords drawn, and fighting hand to hand, Negus Mikael was defeated and captured. The Regent Ras Tafari rode back to Addis Ababa triumphantly, arriving on November 2nd 1916. Her Majesty Queen Zawditu seated in a vast tent at Jan-Meda and the people of the capital being assembled in full, received Ras Tafari with a great parade, ululating with joy.

Three months and nine days later on 11th February 1917, the coronation of Queen Zawditu took place. Tafari was confirmed as Alga Wa Ras, Crown Prince and heir to the throne of Ethiopia and Queen Zawditu as Empress, the Queen of the kings.

## WORKS OF RAS TAFARI MAKONNEN

With the title of Ras, Tafari became Head of the Family, Shepherd of the Sheep, Heir to all things to the Glory of God, The Light to and of the World.

In this way he was empowered to follow and emulate the Lord in righteousness, truth, peace and love.

### The Commission of our Lord Yesus Kristos

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me  
Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor  
He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted  
To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed.  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”.* [St Luke 4:18-19]

Likewise, Ras Tafari adopted the commission of our Lord Yesus Kristos. Ras Tafari became the burden removing, yoke destroying power of God, reflecting Isaiah’s prophesy of JAH destruction of the Assyrian:

*“This day, the cursed one’s burden is taken away from your shoulder and his yoke from your neck and the yoke is destroyed because of the anointing oil.”* [Isaiah 10:27]

# Ras Season

## HEAD OF THE FAMILY



### Ras Tafari ~ Jah Burden Remover and Yoke Destroyer

Ras Tafari as Head of the Family, and Shepherd of the Sheep, the burden removing, yoke destroying power of God:

- I. Proclaimed and set in motion policies and standards whereby the people would receive a higher level of civilisation.
- II. He brought hope and healing to his people, especially for those who had been crushed in spirit and previously left void of hope, freeing them, from old customs, ignorance, poverty, exploitation etc.
- III. He became the Light of and wisdom of God to the world, the saving grace and example for Ethiopia and Africa, proclaiming and bringing liberty to the captives and those who suffered under oppression and discrimination.
- IV. To the developing nations of the world, he opened the way for truth, rights, justice and equality to be realised and exercised.
- V. For the hopeless and blind in ignorance he set the way for them to receive education and absorb knowledge, thereby opening their eyes to the possibility of attaining their aspirations and accept a new way.
- VI. From Ras Tafari to him becoming Haile Selassie 1st more people and nations became liberated from the oppression and bondage of their captors than at any time in history. This was due to his anointed works.
- VII. As Ras Tafari he was appointed and anointed for service as the burden removing yoke destroying power of God.

From September 27th 1916 and for twelve years Tafari as Ras and Regent (Head of government) was the guardian of Ethiopia. From the beginning of his guardianship, he led and guided the nation on the path to a higher level of civilization. From that time forward, he faced fierce suspicion and opposition against his way of running the country.

Edward Ullendorf, the translator of Emperor Haile Selassie 1st's autobiography, said in the translator's preface, **'...for two thirds of his life, all the problems Haile Selassie had to face arose from the fact that he was in advance of his time...'**

And so it was. The business of government was upon his shoulder. Ras Tafari brought in new and foreign technology for the progress of the nation, yet still, this became a thorn in his side, as his adversaries both internal and external came against the progression of Ethiopia and all for their selfish and wicked ambitions, but as Ras Tafari, he eventually prevailed. He recalls his struggle to accomplish this work in the introduction to his autobiography:

**"...We Ourselves, by virtue of Our descent from the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon, ever since We accepted in trust, in 1916, first the regency of the Ethiopian realm and later the Imperial dignity, right up to the present, We have set out to the best of Our ability to improve, gradually, internal administration by introducing into the country, western modes of civilization through which Our people may attain a higher level; hence Our conscience does not rebuke Us."**

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### **1 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience**

*Monday 31st January 2022*

***Isaiah 2:1-4***

### **2 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness**

*Tuesday 1st February 2022*

***Romans 6:8-13***

### **3 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation**

*Wednesday 2nd February 2022*

***1 Thessalonians 1:6-12***

### **4 Makraab ~ Day of Provision**

*Thursday 3rd February 2022*

***St Mark 11:1-10***

### **5 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship**

*Friday 4th February 2022*

***Isaiah 12***

### **6 Germa ~ Day of Majesty**

*Saturday 5th February 2022*

***Psalms 148***

### **7 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension**

*Sunday 6th February 2022*

***St John 11:30-45***

### **8 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience**

*Monday 7th February 2022*

***St Mark 12:28-30***

### **9 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness**

*Tuesday 8th February 2022*

***St Luke 4:14-21***

### **10 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation**

*Wednesday 9th February 2022*

***St Matthew 7:1-8***

### **11 Makraab ~ Day of Provision**

*Thursday 10th February 2022*

***Psalms 130***

### **12 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship**

*Friday 11th February 2022*

***Psalms 135:1-5***

### **13 Germa ~ Day of Majesty**

*Saturday 12th February 2022*

***Psalms 93***

### **14 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension**

*Sunday 13th February 2022*

***Isaiah 43:5-11***

## St Matthew 5:14-16

*“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*