

MANASSA 91HIM

Month of the Originator ~ April 1st–31st 2022 ~ 1st Glory Manassa 91HIM

Key Scriptures

Hebrews 9:28

St Matthew 16:27

Revelation 4:11

St Luke 4:18-19

ORIGIN OF OUR FAITH



JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE I!

Blessed Love! Manassa blessings to one and all! Rastafari!

Let us give thanks to JAH as we enter into a new month, the month that we call Manassa (Origin) and that we describe as the Month of the Originator.

The foundation for this month of Manassa is the visit of the King of kings, Emperor Haile Selassie 1st to the Caribbean, with the purpose of empowering his people. April 21st 1966, Manassa 21st 35HIM, is of spiritual significance to the global community of Rastafari and is known as Grounation Day, the day that the King and Head Creator walked on the ground of his people. He inspired and empowered all Rastafari faithful and people of divine purpose to be 'New Earth

Creators', independent and having dominion to shape their own destiny.

The Fruit of Manassa

The fruit of Manassa speaks of the Creator and His power over all creation. It testifies that He is the Power of the heavens and the earth and that all things were created for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11). As Rastafari, created in His image, we are blessed, empowered to have dominion and to prosper in all that we do. Likewise, we are to help and empower our fellow humans to receive God-given liberty, rights and opportunities so that we all have dominion to prosper and have peace in our lives (St Luke 4:18-19).

Empress Menen 131st Earthstrong Anniversary

In this edition we give thanks and honour for the Earthstrong, life, testimony and blessing to us all of the Queen of Glory, Queen of queens, Mother of the blessed, faithful and true, Empress Menen Queen Wallatta Georgis.

Origin of our Faith

The teaching and meditation for this glory's Manassa edition is about the 'origin of our faith' in the One and Only True God and Jesus Kristus Who emanates from the glorious Godhead, and Who, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are the Constitution of Glory, Whom we know as the Almighty God. To the revelation of Their glory, They have revealed Their Elect, the Herald of Their soon coming glory, who is Haile Selassie 1st, Power of the Holy Trinity.

Manassa Season

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EMPRESS MENEN ~ The Fruit of Manassa

Menen Asfaw was born on 3rd April 1891 in Ambassel. She was the daughter of Asfaw, Jantirar of Ambassel and Woizero Sehin Michael. Her mother was the daughter of Negus Mikael of Wollo, and her uncle was Lij Iyasu. Menen was introduced to Dejazmatch Tafari Makonnen while he was governor in Harar, and they were married on July 31st 1911. Together they had six children; Princess Tenagne Work, Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, Princess Zenebe Work, Princess Tsehay Work, Prince Makonnen Duke of Harar and Prince Sahle Selassie. On November 2nd 1930 Menen was crowned as Empress alongside her husband Emperor Haile Selassie 1st. Her crowning was unusual in that the prevailing custom was for the empress to be crowned by her husband in a separate ceremony three days later. However, on this occasion, His Imperial Majesty requested that Empress Menen be crowned by the Abuna in the same ceremony.

Empress Menen's life is characterised by devoted service to God, to her family and her country. She was a generous supporter of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. She built, renovated and made endowments to many churches both in Ethiopia and in Israel. Most notable among these are St Raguel Church, Addis Ababa, Kidane Mehret Church on Mount Entoto and the Holy Trinity Monastery on the banks of the River Jordan in Israel. She also gave generously from her personal funds towards the building of the St Mary of Zion Cathedral in Aksum. Like her husband, Empress Menen placed a high priority on education. In 1923, she established a school for girls near to the Genete Leul Palace. This enabled girls to receive equal educational opportunities with boys. Through this school many obtained scholarships to continue their studies abroad.

The good work that she and the Emperor began was interrupted by Italian aggression. When the Empress was exiled from Ethiopia during the Italian occupation from 1936 to 1941, she made a pledge to the Virgin Mary at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, promising to give her crown to the church if Ethiopia were liberated from occupation. The Empress made numerous pilgrimages to Holy Sites in the then British-ruled Palestine, in Syria and in Lebanon, during her exile, to pray for her occupied homeland. Following the return of Emperor Haile Selassie 1st and his family to Ethiopia in 1941, a replica of the crown was made for future Empresses, but the original crown that Empress Menen was crowned with at her husband's side in 1930 was sent to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Empress Menen, although often seen wearing a tiara at public events that called for it, would never again wear a full crown.

Empress Menen performed perfectly in the role of Empress-consort. In her public role she combined religious piety, concern for social causes, and support for development schemes with the majesty of her Imperial status. Outwardly she was the dutiful wife, visiting schools, churches, exhibitions and model farms, attending public and state events at her husband's side or by herself. She took no public stand on political or policy issues. Behind the scenes however, she was the Emperor's most trusted advisor, quietly offering advice on a whole range of issues.

Manassa Season

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The covenant affirmation of the faithful affirms the Word of God and that the origin of all creation is God the Holy Trinity. **“For there are three that bear witness in heaven the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one”**. (1John 5:7)

Genesis 1:1-3 declares the constitution of Glory as the three in one God, the Eternal being, before the beginning of all creation.

Verse 1: The Father ~ The Source of creation *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”*.

Verse 2: The Spirit of God ~ *“...And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”*.

Verse 3: The Word of God ~ *“...And God said...and there was...”*

1 The Father ~ The Only True God

“And this is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Kristos Whom You have sent” (St John 17:3).

In His statement, Jesus affirms that the Only True God is His Father. He was contrasting God with the world’s false gods. As for Himself in the same statement, He declares that the One True God and Himself is eternal life, therefore He spoke as part of the One and Eternal being that we know as God Almighty, as He says in another place:

“I and My Father are One” (St John 10:30).

2 The Son ~ “...the Word was God... the Word became flesh” (St John 1:1,14)

Jesus our Lord is God the Son: *“...Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM”* (St John 8:58).

We know Him as our Lord and Saviour, for He is co-equal with the Father as One, of the Eternal being we know as God, for He is the Son.

“...to the Son, He [the Father] says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...’” (Hebrews 11:8).

3 The Holy Spirit ~ “...The Lord is the Spirit...”

⇒ The Holy Spirit is, *“... the Spirit of God”* (Genesis 1:2).

⇒ The Scripture also says, *“...the Lord is the Spirit...”* (2 Corinthians 3:17). It is blasphemy, to deny the presence and working of the Holy Spirit. It is the unforgivable sin (St Luke 12:8-10).

⇒ Jesus was empowered for service through the Holy Spirit (St Luke 4:18-19).

⇒ *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...”* (St John 16:13).

TABAQA BERHAN 91HIM

27 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience

Monday 28th March 2022

Psalm 40:1-8

28 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness

Tuesday 29th March 2022

St Luke 4:1-15

29 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation

Wednesday 30th March 2022

St Matthew 7:1-8

30 Makraab ~ Day of Provision

Thursday 31st March 2022

Psalm 34:1-8

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1 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship

Friday 1st April 2022

Revelation 14:1-7

2 Germa ~ Day of Majesty

Saturday 2nd April 2022

Psalm 20

3 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension

Sunday 3rd April 2022

St Matthew 5:1-12

4 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience

Monday 4th April 2022

Psalm 25:1-15

5 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness

Tuesday 5th April 2022

Psalm 30:1-5

6 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation

Wednesday 6th April 2022

Proverbs 8:1-21

7 Makraab ~ Day of Provision

Thursday 7th April 2022

Psalm 4

8 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship

Friday 8th April 2022

St John 3:16-22

9 Germa ~ Day of Majesty

Saturday 9th April 2022

Revelation 15:1-3

10 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension

Sunday 10th April 2022

Revelation 1:4-8

In I Rastafari

Beginning of a New Era in Kristos in Haile Selassie 1st name

In the covenant affirmation of the origin of our faith, we declare the reign of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie 1st as the Herald of our Lord's soon coming glory.

The coronation of His Imperial Majesty on November 2nd 1930 AD / Anbassa 1st HIM marked a new beginning and era in Kristos, when the king took his baptism name, Haile Selassie – Power of the Trinity – to reign, so that the reign of all power would be proclaimed, to the glory of God the Holy Trinity.

JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE I!