

MANASSA 91HIM

Month of the Originator ~ April 1st–30th 2022 ~ 5th Glory Manassa 91HIM

Key Scriptures

Hebrews 9:28 St Matthew 16:27 Revelation 4:11 St Luke 4:18-19

~ RASTAFARI ~ Origins of the Movement



JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE I!

Blessed Love Tribe of Judah, O Daughter of Zion. Manassa blessings to One and all! Rastafari! Manassa Blessings

We are here at the 5th and last glory of the month of Manassa, the month of the Originator. We give thanks to JAH for Manassa, the month in which we have declared that our wonderful heritage is rooted in the whole truth and nothing but the truth as the Scripture and the Lord says: “...*Your Word is truth...*” (St John 17:17).

In This Edition

Last glory's edition declared Grounation Day and the visitation of our king to the Caribbean, where JAH Spirit empowered I n I Rastafari as New Earth Creators, made set and ready to be a blessing to fulfil our purpose in life and in all righteousness.

In this edition we will focus on the beginnings of the Rastafari Movement through four advocates: Leonard Howell, Archibald Dunkley, Robert Hinds and Joseph Nathaniel Hibbert. Through the centuries there have always been Black anti-slavery societies campaigning for the cause of liberation. Among them were two prominent campaigners:

Henry Sylvester Williams

As slavery continued into the 20th century, Henry Sylvester Williams organised what came to be known as the first Pan African Conference in London in 1900, which took place from 23rd – 25th July. Sylvester is remembered as the one who introduced this new concept of Pan Africanism. The main objective of Pan Africanism is to encourage and strengthen the bonds of solidarity between all people of African descent.

Marcus Garvey

In 1914 the champion for Black liberation stepped onto the scene. Marcus Garvey was the first Black philosopher that had a world-wide influence on Black people, who at that time were under colonial rule, segregation, apartheid and other forms of oppression, without rights and without a voice. Many Rastafari elders were either part of the Garvey movement or deeply influenced by his philosophy and his writings. Marcus Garvey's contribution will be covered in a future article

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Leonard Howell

Born in Crawle River, Clarendon, Jamaica, Howell left the country as a youth to live with his father in Cuba. From there he began traveling to many places, including Panama and New York, and returned to Jamaica in 1932. He began preaching in 1933 about what he considered an important symbolism for the African diaspora—the crowning of Negus Tafari Makonnen as Emperor Haile Selassie 1st of Ethiopia.

Over the following years, Howell's preaching brought him into conflict with all the establishment's authorities in Jamaica: the planters, the trade unions, established churches, police, and colonial authorities, all of whom regarded Howell as a threat because of the anti-colonial message of the Rastafari movement at that time. He was also promoting the idea of a positive black racial identity.

In 1934, Howell and another Rastafari pioneer **Robert Hinds** were arrested and charged with sedition. He pleaded not guilty to openly expressing hatred and contempt for the Jamaican government and the King of England and for disturbing the public peace. Howell defended himself in court, using a photograph of Haile Selassie as evidence. It was during this trial that Howell is reported to have declared that Haile Selassie 1st was "the Messiah returned to earth". He was sentenced to two years in prison for sedition.

In 1938, Howell was sent to Bellevue Mental Asylum after being certified as insane for inflammatory statements published in his book "The Promised Key". In this book, Howell claimed that the Roman Catholic Pope was "satan, the devil" and, from other statements in the book, created the impression that war was being declared against colonialism and white supremacy, which Howell asserted should be replaced with "Black supremacy".

In 1940 Howell created the first Rastafari village at Sligo Ville, St Catherine, called Pinnacle. Soon after its foundation, other similar Rastafari communities were established across Jamaica. Pinnacle was especially known for growing ganja, that for many Rastafari, has religious significance.

Over the following years, Pinnacle would be subject to many police raids and Howell would be regularly arrested. The final raid in 1958 saw Pinnacle's destruction, its residents scattered, and Howell confined to a mental asylum.

Leonard Howell is remembered as a pioneer of the Rastafari movement and the Leonard P. Howell Foundation was created to perpetuate and honour his memory.

The Foundation is campaigning for the remnants of Pinnacle to be restored and become a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an international Rastafari worship and research centre and a monument to the vision and leadership of Leonard Percival Howell, the First Rasta.

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Henry Archibald Dunkley

Henry Archibald Dunkley, along with Leonard Howell, Joseph Hibbert, and Robert Hinds, was one of the early preachers of the Rastafari movement in Jamaica, following the coronation of Ras Tafari as Emperor Haile Selassie 1st of Ethiopia on 2nd November 1930.

Dunkley had spent much time away from Jamaica, as a seaman employed by the United Fruit Company and he returned to Port Antonio, Jamaica on December 8, 1930, where he switched professions, becoming a street preacher. His studies of the Bible had convinced him that the newly crowned Haile Selassie 1st was the returned Messiah, and that Rastafari was the name of God. By 1933, he had relocated to Kingston, where the King of kings Ethiopian Mission was founded. Following Howell's December 1933 imprisonment for sedition, Dunkley too was imprisoned briefly by the authorities a number of times in 1934 and 1935 on charges of "disorderly conduct". In August 1938, he became one of the founder members of the first Jamaican local chapter of the Ethiopian World Federation, Local 17, which however became dormant soon afterward, to be replaced by the more permanent Local 31.

Joseph Nathaniel Hibbert

Joseph Nathaniel Hibbert was born in Jamaica in 1894. Around 1911, at the age of 18, he moved to Costa Rica where he spent 20 years at farm work. While he was there Hibbert became a member of the Ancient Order of Ethiopia masonic lodge. His background at this time had been with the Ethiopian Baptist Church, founded in Jamaica by the 18th century Baptist preacher George Lisle. Hibbert returned to Jamaica in 1931, starting his ministry, "Ethiopian Coptic Faith", to teach that the newly crowned Haile Selassie 1st was divine, in St. Andrew Parish, in a district called Benoah. He reached this conclusion independently, having studied the Ethiopic translation of the Bible.

Sometime later, he transferred his ministry to Kingston, where he found that another street preacher named Leonard P. Howell was already teaching many similar doctrines. Like Howell and Dunkley, Hibbert was subjected to arrest and imprisonment by authorities, and he was also a founding member of the Ethiopian World Federation EWF Local 17.

Hibbert was probably among the Rastafari elders, including Mortimer Planno, who were given the honour of meeting with Haile Selassie 1st on his historic 1966 visit to Jamaica. In 1970, Hibbert formally invited the Archbishop Laike Mandefro, whom Haile Selassie 1st had sent to Jamaica as emissary of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, to teach Rastafarians about the Orthodox Faith, and in 1971, Mandefro named Hibbert as a "Spiritual Organizer".



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25 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience

Monday 25th April 2022

St Mark 16:9-18

26 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness

Tuesday 26th April 2022

St Luke 24:38-49

27 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation

Wednesday 27th April 2022

St John 21:14-25

28 Makraab ~ Day of Provision

Thursday 28th April 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5

29 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship

Friday 29th April 2022

Isaiah 12:1-6

30 Germa ~ Day of Majesty

Saturday 30th April 2022

Acts 2:1-21

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1 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension

Sunday 1st May 2022

Revelation 22:1-5

2 Tazajenat ~ Day of Obedience

Monday 2nd May 2022

Exodus 20:1-17

3 Kedusenat ~ Day of Holiness

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

St Matthew 25:31-40

4 Ra'ee ~ Day of Revelation

Wednesday 4th May 2022

Revelation 5:1-10

5 Makraab ~ Day of Provision

Thursday 5th May 2022

Psalms 46

6 Mamlak ~ Day of Worship

Friday 6th May 2022

Revelation 15:3-4

7 Germa ~ Day of Majesty

Saturday 7th May 2022

Psalms 100

8 Ergat ~ Day of Ascension

Sunday 8th 2022

St John 6:31-35

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Our God and Guardian Shepherd, Who watches over I n I, Who it seemed was silent for a time, will now not keep silent. For the Lord reigns forever. Your God O Zion reigns and He reigns over the nations and truth and justice are His thrones.

We give thanks to You Our God Most High for Your Manassa blessings and for bestowing upon I n I Rastafari, the kingdom of the Son of Your love (Colossians 1:12-14), so that we might keep in "the Way" and establish this wonderful heritage that is now with I n I Rastafari for both now and forever! (Psalm 132:11-18 / Psalm 87).

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