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HOLY CELEBRATION OF THE MEETING OF
FATHER ABRAHAM
AND
MELCHISEDEC KING OF SALEM
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(Hebrews 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;)

Haile Selassie visited [Jamaica](#) on Thursday, [21 April, 1966](#). Somewhere around 100,000 Rastafari from all over Jamaica descended on [Palisadoes Airport](#) in [Kingston](#), having heard that the man whom they considered to be God was coming to visit them. They waited at the airport smoking lots of [ganja](#), and playing [drums](#).

When Haile Selassie's [Ethiopian Airlines](#) flight landed at the airport at 1:30 PM, the crowd surrounded his plane on the [tarmac](#). The day had been overcast and stormy, but just as the plane's wheels touched down, four large white clouds appeared and sunlight burst through, causing nearly everyone to kneel.

After about half an hour, the door swung open and the Emperor appeared at the top of the mobile steps. A deafening tumult was heard from the crowd, who beat nyahbingi drums, lit firecrackers, waved signs, and sounded [Abeng](#) horns of the [Maroons](#).

All protocol was dropped as the crowd pressed past the security forces and onto the [red carpet](#) that had been laid out for the reception. Selassie waved from the top of the steps and began to shed tears, although interpretations of this gesture varied. He then returned into the plane, disappearing for several more minutes. Finally Jamaican authorities were obliged to request Ras [Mortimer Planno](#), a well-known Rasta leader, to climb the steps, enter the plane, and negotiate the Emperor's descent.

When Planno reemerged, he announced to the crowd: "The Emperor has instructed me to tell you to be calm. Step back and let the Emperor land". After Planno escorted the African monarch down the steps, *journalists were puzzled by Selassie's refusal to walk on the red carpet on the way to his limousine.*

As a result of Planno's actions, the Jamaican authorities were asked to ensure that Rastafarian representatives were present at all state functions attended by His Majesty, and Rastafari elders, including Prince Emmanuel, Planno and probably [Joseph Hibbert](#), also obtained a private audience with the Emperor, where he reportedly told them that they should not emigrate to Ethiopia until they had first liberated the people of Jamaica. This dictum came to be known as "[liberation](#) before [repatriation](#)".

At a dinner held at the King's House, Rastas claimed that acting Jamaican Prime Minister [Donald Sangster](#) had stamped his foot at Lulu, Haile Selassie's pet [chihuahua](#), who, they swore, had responded with the roar of a lion.

Defying expectations of the Jamaican authorities, Selassie never rebuked the Rastafari for their belief in him as the [Messiah](#). Instead, he presented the movement's faithful elders with gold medallions bearing the Ethiopian seal – the only recipients of such an honour on this visit. Meanwhile, he presented some of the Jamaican politicians, including Sangster, with miniature coffin-shaped cigarette boxes.

The great significance of this event in the development of the Rastafari should not be underestimated. Having been outcasts in society, they gained a measure of respectability for the first time. By making Rastafari more acceptable, it opened the way for the dissemination of [Rastafari Culture](#), leading in turn to the further global spread of Rastafari.

Haile Selassie encouraged the Rastafari elders to learn about African Liberation while in Jamaica, and dispatched [Prince Emmanuel](#) to establish the King's mission in Jamaica.

*Because of Haile Selassie's visit thus fulfilling both history and prophecy (**Hebrews ch.7 and Genesis ch.14**), [April 21st thru 23rd](#) is celebrated as the meeting of Abraham and Melchisedec.*

Holy Emmanuel I Selassie I Jah Rastafari

HEBREWS 7

7:1 For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

7:4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

7:5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

7:6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7:7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

7:8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

7:9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

7:10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

7:11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

7:13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

7:14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

7:15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

7:17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7:18 For there is verily a dis annulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

7:20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

7:22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

7:23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

7:24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

7:27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

7:28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.



King's House Jamaica April 21st 1966