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## **Rastalogy Class: The Battle of Adowa/Resurrection through Empress Menen**

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The month of March is historical to the Haile Selassie-ite, Rastafarian Community; reasons, the birth of Empress Menen, and the Battle of Adowa - defeat of Rome, Rev. 12:7 "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels", Rev. 19:11-16.

We as Haile Selassie-ites, hold great tribute to March, because of the victory of the Battle of Adowa. This battle was waged against Ethiopia in 1896, four (4) years after the birth of Tafari, the Christ child. Italy waged war against Ethiopia under false pretense. They claimed that they wanted to civilize the very people who gave them civilization. Their true objective was to kill the Christ child Tafari, just as in the days of Moses and Jesus the Christ.

The vigilance of the Ethiopians gave them great victory and embarrassment to Rome at the Battle of Adowa. Rome failed at their endeavor to kill the Christ child Tafari

We as Rastafarian/Haile Selassie-ites pay great tribute and

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respect to Emperor Menelik, Ras Makonnen and the people of Ethiopia who assisted in the great victory. If it was not for their victory at the battle, then there would not have been a November 2, 1930, nor would we as Rasta people be here today.

Birthday greetings to Empress Menen, who was born in Wollo, March 25, 1883, daughter of Jantirar Asfaw and Woizero Sehin Michael.

Empress Menen showed act of courage through the bitter years of 1935- 41 where she stood beside Emperor Haile Selassie I. She organized woman movement, visited the sick, and cared for the homeless. While she was in exiled in England she continued her struggle and shared in the victorious return on May 5. No matter what Empress Menen never stopped working with Jah.

Empress Menen's contribution and commitment to Ethiopia established a platform that we as Daughters of Zion should use to do something meaningful for the church, and people who love justice and hate aggression. This should be the stimulus that motivates us the sisters in the year of the Aquarius, in the new Millennium.

We as Daughters of Zion should resurrect what was taken from us: pride, dignity, faith, integrity, courage, self reliance and unity between male and female.

Through Rastalogy, the resurrection means coming back to life through the concept of winter, meaning darkness, and spring meaning light. Having light, one should live that life of Psalms 101: 1-2. "I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

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I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.”  
This should be an empowerment for us to prioritize the light.

With her birthday speech to the Ethiopian people, the fore said statement should be a criteria to uplift us as Daughters of Zion, in this (resurrection) birthday greetings.

Be wise my people, and evolve as the caterpillar (butterfly)

**One God, Emperor Haile Selassie I Liveth!!!**

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