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### ***Rastalogy Class: Ruth and Empress Menen "Faith" seen through Rastalogy.***

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#### **BLESSED BE JAH RASTAFARI, HAILE SELASSIE I LIVETH !**

Ruth born within the time of 1375-1050 BC through self-giving, love, and righteous fulfillment of God's LAW. Ruth was a good and serious Young woman. Who became the great grandmother of Israel King David. They were a God fearing family whose faithfulness in hardship stood in sham contrast to the general spiritual and moral decline in their country. In Ruth 1:16, Ruth said "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee for wither thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people thy God my God." Through Rastalogy we are always reminded that our neighbor are brethren and sistherens within the church (Initiate). We must always show each other JAH LOVE.

Ruth faith in God caused her to remain faithful in her love for Naomi. In this way, Naomi can be seen as the church, in Rastalogy because of the love we have for this Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I. Everyone must remain loyal to the church and help in every way we can. As members of the church of Haile Selassie I we must not consider all adversity and hardship to be the result of God's action or displeasure with us because ordinary people experiences, will at times inflict difficulties and hardship on us irrespective of our dedication to his Imperial Majesty. Deuteronomy 11:1 8-19

Empress Menen, was born March 25, 1883 in Wollo province Ambassel Region at "Egua"; her baptized name was Wolete Giogis. She married in June, the then Dejaznach Teferi now his Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I. She was very religious, work alongside her husband and advises him on occasion During the 1935 invasion of Ethiopia by Italy, she contributed her all. Empress Men was a pioneer for education and the development

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of young girls by getting many schools built for the girls in 1934. She visits the Ethiopian Woman Association and advised them how to make the association be stronger. Similarly, through Rastalogy the Daughter of Zion meet to discuss different ways how to improve our association.

If we want his Imperial Majesty to hear our prayers when we are in need, then we must also hear, listen and respond in love to the needs of others. Matthew 25: 45-46. Empress Menen with the women of Ethiopia prepared the first-aid materials and send to the battlefield for the soldiers. She was a tower of strength for all who were in the battlefield; she portrayed knowledge by advising and encouraging the people to stay strong and show courage. Additionally, prayer was a fundamental aspect of Empress Menen strength, she prayed earnestly for victory. When she learned via telegram of the victory won by his Imperial Majesty she went on to write her speech.

In the speech she first thanked the almighty then she thanked the Ethiopian people for their support and most importantly, she thanked them for receiving her with “great pleasure.” Her speech was entitled “The Speech of Empress Menen my Country’s Ladies and Gentlemen.” From this title, you know that she acted the role of a determined humanitarian. She ended this speech by stating, “Let good keep our fertile country. Let God make it possible long live to our flag.

Currently in our closely-knit church congregation, Ascento Foxe has taken up the challenges to revitalize the importance of attending church (temple worship), education for children by building a school. On the contrary, Sonia Thompson's dedication to His Imperial Majesty and the church is beyond measure. She demonstrates this dedication in so many ways, one of which is having compassion for anyone who is in need of her help.

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