

The Sanctuary of the Seven Covenants!

Yes! The revelation of the mystery for the past, present and future survival of Ethiopia, not only as The Land of Thirteen Months of Sunshine, but also as the oldest free nation on Earth under God for a period of seven millenia, four centuries, nine decades and eight years is outlined herein!

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(The Grand Seal of Ethiopia)

(The Seven Signs of the Holy Covenant)

THE SEVEN

HOLY COVENANTS

According to the long and *living* Ethiopian Tradition, there are Seven Covenants, as enshrined in the Scriptures, that God made with humanity ever since Creation.

The first of these Covenants is signified and eternalized by the Matrimony of Adam and Eve (Gen. 2/21-25, Mt. 19/4-6); the second, by the Rainbow of Noah (Gen. 9/8-17); the third, by the Bread and Wine Offering of Melchizedek (Gen. 14/18-20); the fourth, by the Circumcision of Abraham (Gen. 17/1-14); the fifth, by the Ark of Moses (Deut. 5); the sixth, by the Throne of David (2Sam. 7/8-16); the seventh and the last, by the Crucified Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary (Mt. 26/26-29).

The Covenants, as described above and each symbolized by real signs, are personified by humble individuals who pleased God with their true love for Him. These persons became unique and parties of their respective Covenants with God following their singular triumphs over great trials of various physical and spiritual dimensions. And these trials were meant to test the truthfulness of their love for God before each one of them actually won His favor to be chosen as a representative party for the specific Divine Covenant.

These Seven Holy Covenants constitute ETHIOPIA or THE ETHIOPIAN. In other words, Ethiopia or the Ethiopian is these Seven Covenants, and these Seven Covenants are Ethiopia or the Ethiopian. Devoid of them, or outside the context and realm of these Seven Covenants, there is no Ethiopia nor the Ethiopian.

As a matter of fact, the Biblical Testimony or the Truth of the Old and the New Testaments endorses and identifies Ethiopia conclusively as the True Israel, and the Ethiopians as the True Israelites. Hence, the existence of Ethiopia and the life of the Ethiopian are both based on and intertwined by these Seven Covenants. Not only do the religious, the cultural and the social fabrics of the Ethiopians' lives, but also their educational, economic and political principles emanate from these Covenants. This is ETHIOPIANHOOD.

The above testimony is spelled out in the book entitled Ethiopia: The Classic Case in greater detail and summarized in the following Testimonials.

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THE ETHIOPIAN CREED

We Ethiopians believe in One God, God the Father, Almighty who possesses all, Maker of the Heavens and Earth, the visible and the invisible.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, One Lord, the only begotten Son of the Father, who was with Him before the creation of the world. He is Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten not made, and, in His Divine Essence, one with His Father. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing whatsoever was made, in Heavens or on Earth.

He came down from Heavens for our sake, for the sake of humanity, for our salvation. He was Incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the Divine Work of the Holy Spirit, and, acquiring the human soul and the human flesh from Her, became the Perfect Man.

In the days of Pontius Pilate, He suffered, was crucified, died and was buried for our sake. And He rose from the dead on the third day, ascended in glory into Heaven and sat on His Throne at the right-hand of His Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. There is no end to His Kingdom.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit. He is the life-giving Spirit who proceeds from God the Father, spoke through the Prophets, and, by the atonement of Jesus Christ, descended upon the Apostles and filled the world with His Grace. We worship and glorify Him with the Father and the Son.

We believe in the One Church of The Holy Covenant that was founded by the Word of God, Jesus Christ, initially in the Hearts of the Patriarchs, and later sustained by His Divine Messages through the Prophets, and finally brought to perfection through the Holy Spirit by His convocation of the Apostles, and where His Body and Blood is offered as Sacrifice for the Holy Communion with God, and where the Sacramental Blessings of the Holy Spirit are bestowed upon and communicated to all believers.

We believe in One Baptism for the remission of sins.

We believe in the Resurrection from the dead and the Life to come, world without end. Amen.

THE TESTIMONIAL **OF THE ETHIOPIANS ON THE HOLY COVENANT**

We Ethiopians believe in our Ethiopian hood of the Holy Covenant that embodied and conserved the Seven Divine Covenants the Lord granted to humanity.

Our God, in the Era of the Genesis, founded the Ethiopian Entity on the Covenant of the Soul, through the Matrimony of Adam and Eve.

Then in the Patriarchal period, He raised it, through Noah's Rainbow, Melchizedek's Offering and Abraham's Circumcision, to the next stage of its eschatological growth.

In the transitional Era of the Old Testament, He structured it, through Mose's Ark and David's Throne, to the finishing level that caused to bring about, under the Covenant of the Law, the genealogical union of the Ethiopian Queen Makkedda and the Israelite King Solomon.

Finally, in the Era of the Everlasting Life, He brought it to completion with the Sacrificial Body and Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, who is the pure seed descended from that preordained genealogical union, thus culminating the Ethiopian Entity with the Eternal Crown of the Covenant of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Ethiopia, as such, represents the Kingdom of God on Earth constituting the three Houses of the People, of the Administration and of the Priesthood achieved through such progressive development in Her uninterrupted existence under the protection and guidance of the Holy Covenant.

We believe that Jesus Christ who is the Son of God and in the name of whom we are called Christians and who is born of the seed that sprung from Shem, Ham and Japhet, in the Ethiopian image of nationhood, ordination and kingship of His precursor, Melchizedek, is our Eternal Priest and King.

We believe that the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, who is the True Mother of the Living and the Eternal Ark of the Covenant, is the personification of Ethiopia, our Queen in Heavens and on Earth and in whose name we are called Ethiopians.

We believe that the tri-coloured banner of Green, Yellow and Red, symbolizing the sign of the Rainbow, is our Eternal National Flag entrusted to us by God through Noah.

We believe that the Divine Word of **“the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah”** is ascribed to Jesus Christ who is the ultimate manifestation of the Holy Covenant, and the Prophetic Word of **“Ethiopia Stretches out Her Hands to God”** is attributed to the Virgin Mary, and that both Words of the Holy Spirit are our Eternal Divine Seal we received from Our God as a Nation of The Holy Covenant.

We believe that our spiritual birth from God, through the Grace of the Holy Baptism of The Covenant, entitled us to be heirs and servants of the Kingdom of God.

We believe that, in order for us to maintain such Divine birthright privilege, to confirm our inheritance of God's Kingdom and to continue rendering our pertinent services, it is our constant commitment to absolve our sins through incessant repentance and partake the Holy Communion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the genuine manifestation and the distinctive identification of our Faith in the Ethiopianhood of The Holy Covenant are best demonstrated by the typical Ethiopian deed that we perform in consideration and reflection of our love for both Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary.

We believe that it is our God who, in accordance with His Word of The Covenant, inscribed in our hearts, taught us and made us to preserve in our lives this Ethiopianhood, which is the embodiment of the Holy Covenant. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE ETHIOPIANS

IN GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD

Our Father God! We thank You, and glorify You for the prayer which Your Son Jesus Christ taught us to say, **“Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one. For, Yours is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever. Amen.”** and, through His atonement, for the answer You gave us to our supplication in that prayer.

You provided us with everything that pertains to our spiritual and material needs for the body as well as for the soul. Your generosity for us is bountiful; Your mercy, complete; Your love, perfect, and Your grace, overflowing.

Through the salvation of Your Son, born of the Holy Virgin Mary, the Grace of the Holy Spirit descended over and filled the whole world. Thus, today You reside not only in Heavens, but on Earth as well. Your Name is hallowed also on Earth. Your will that is done in Heavens is done also on Earth. Your Kingdom has come and is revealed on Earth.

By Your endowment of Nature, We recognized that You have arranged for our daily bread and for the entire life-long provisions of our bodily needs.

You gave us, on daily basis, the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Your Son as nourishment for our Soul, and as an assurance for our salvation and eternal life. Through the same Sacrament, You exonerated us completely from our sins and iniquities once for all, and empowered us to forgive the debts of our debtors.

For us to be Your Children, You granted us the exaltation of the spiritual birth of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Grace of Penance. You led us out of every temptation, delivered us from evil, and overthrew the powers of the Devil and Death that dominated our lives. Finally, You ordained for us the honour and the privilege to live in the Rapture of Your Resurrection.

O Lord! We are always grateful to You for Your inexpressible generosity, mercy, love and grace, as well as for all our needs that You provided us before we even ask You.

We wait for the time You promised us to come, when Your Kingdom of Truth, in which we are now blessed to live, under the Kingship of Jesus Christ, **“The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah”**, will prevail and destroy Evil, Sin and Death completely. Yes, we wait for the day when It actually reveals Itself to the material world and universally reigns over the whole realms of Creation.

Power, Glory and Kingdom are Yours, today as ever and forever, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE ETHIOPIANS

IN EXALTATION OF THE HOLY MOTHER.

Our Holy Mother Mary! With the Words of Greeting of the Angel Saint Gabriel, we bow to You in solemn salutation saying, “Hail, O Favoured One!” You are Virgin both in soul and in body. Because of Your perfect chastity, You became the Mother of the Almighty God. And so, You deserve such glorious salutation.

Your womb bore the Holy Adam who is the Sacred Fruit of the Tree of Life. Hence, You are the Holy Eve, the Chosen and the Blessed One among all the women.

In the early times, the Prophets spoke of You as **“Ethiopia stretches out Her Hands to God”**, and we addressed you as ‘Our Mother Zion’.

Rejoice, O Our Queen in Heavens and on Earth! God, through Your instrumentality fulfilled His promise of our Salvation and granted His Eternal Covenant of Mercy to His Creation. And so, we always praise You saying. “You are the Blessed, full of Grace.”

In the Words of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Priest and King, we are Your children, committed to Your Maternal guardianship; and You are our Holy Mother, entrusted to our spiritual dedication. Thus, we believe Your Motherhood that has never forsaken Your beloved Son will always be with us.

We thank Our Gracious Father, God the Most High, for His Benevolence of such magnitude. World without end, Amen.

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About the Author

of the above-mentioned books and this Publication.

An Ethiopian, Son, Servant and Messenger of “Ethiopia: The Kingdom of God” with the following biographical sketch:

Name and Title: Ermias Kebede Wolde-Yesus, Nibure-Id (of Aksum Zion). [See pp. 72-78, Ethiopia: The Classic Case, by the same autor, for the explanation of the title.]

Born: on Hamle 3, 1928 (Ethiopian Calendar; by the Gregorian, July 10, 1936) in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

Educated and ordained: by the Grace of God, in Ethiopia.

Married: Rahel Abraham Zekarias in Hamle 22, 1948 (July 29, 1956) and is blessed with three sons and five daughters named: Tnbeete (deceased), Temnaite (deceased in infancy), Melikte, Tmhirte, Sbkete, Haimanote, Semaete and Sbhate.

Served: as Parish Deacon, Priest and Head; as secretary and executive in various departments of the Houses of the Priesthood and the Government of Ethiopia; and as Administrator of Menelik II Foundation.

Elected: by the Covenantal People, from the Addis Abeba Constituency, as member of the City Council and of the Chamber of Deputies in the House of the People (Ethiopian Parliament); and by both the Chamber and the Senate, as President of the Ethiopian Parliament in the Interparliamen- -tary Union whose headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Appointed: by Atsie Haile Sellassie the First, under the recommendations of the Itchege (Patriarch) of the House of the Priesthood, the Tsehafe-T’izaz (Prime Minister) of the House of the Government and the Liqe-Hizb (President) of the House of the People (Parliament), to the positions of:

- 1) Nibure-Id of Aksum Zion, constituting the Three Houses of Ethiopia: The Kingdom of God;
- 2) Megabe Bete K’h’net (Chief Administrator of the House of the Priesthood);
- 3) Hig Wossagn (Senator) in the House of the People.

Visited: some African, Middle-eastern, Asian, European, North and South American countries, including, officially, England, Germany, Israel, U.S.A., and the former U.S.S.R.

Attended: several local, national, ecumenical and international conferences.

Participated: in numerous social, religious, academic and philanthropic organizations in Ethiopia; and, writing being my secondary vocation, served as founder and the first secretary of the Ethiopian Literary Society.

Detained: in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, by the revolutionary Communist military junta in 1974 and remained incarcerated until 1981.

Exiled: to the United States of America in 1987 after my release from detention and a period of respite under government surveillance. Ever since: under the banner of “Ethiopia: The Kingdom of God Services”, I am preoccupied with the preservation and dissemination of the concepts of the Ethiopian Heritage: by participating in translation works and projects pertaining to Biblical Ethiopia; by conducting prayer services and educational meetings; and, by writing, publishing, lecturing, and traveling.

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