

Princes would come out of Egypt” and Ethiopia would be the first of African nations to soon “stretch out her hands unto God (Psalm 68:11).”

- . A new kingdom is to arrive. All blacks would be repatriated to Africa.
- . Ethiopia or the land of the burnt skinned people is the promise land.
- . In 1923 Garvey was convicted of mail fraud and was imprisoned in Atlanta. He was later deported to Jamaica.

4. Haile Selassie

- . Crowned emperor of Ethiopia in 1930 and took flamboyant titles: “Ras Tafari,” i.e., “King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah.”
- . He also claimed to be the 225th descendant in an unbroken succession that originated with King David and Queen Bathsheba.
- . His enthronement caused many poor Jamaicans to look to Ethiopia. They heard Garvey’s message about Africa and took it as a prophecy. They believed that Garvey was a black prophet, like John the Baptist, who announced Jesus’s coming or in this case, Selassie.
- . Many also remembered the use of the term Ethiopia.

Rastafari Movement

- . All blacks in the New World are the chosen people of God and the reincarnation of the ancient Israelites who wandered through the desert or in this case, the New World. They will repatriate one day to Africa.
- . As Jah’s (God) chosen people, blacks should separate themselves from whites.
- . Jah and Jesus are black, and so are all the biblical figures.
- . White civilization is Babylon – a world abysmally corrupt and evil and one that is devoid of their participation.
- . Jah allowed blacks to be exiled to the New World because of the sins of their ancestors. There will become a day when they will be exonerated and ushered into the new kingdom (Ethiopia or Africa) where everyone will be happy and good.
- . Like Babylon, Jamaica is hopeless hell and will be destroyed.
- . That destruction will open the way for Jah to enact his covenant with his people and ensure their safe passage to Ethiopia.
- . The emperor who is God in the flesh is working out the details with all the world’s leaders for the blacks’ repatriation to Ethiopia.
- . A new world order will be established that is the reversal of the present social order in which whites will become subservient to blacks.
- . Today, the Rastafari place less emphasis on Ethiopia. They tend to believe that all of Africa is the Promise Land. Ethiopia is a symbol of international unity.
- . The Rastafari live in close-knit communities that have contributed to the rise of the movement’s theology and organizational structure which is their recreation of the African style compounds.
- . They believe in what they consider “natural.” These include the growing of beards and dreadlocks that have different interpretations:
 - 1) The biblical passage in which one takes a holy vow of separation (from whites)
 - 2) “No razor shall come upon your head ... but a man should let his lock of hair hang by the side of his head” (Numbers 6:9).
 - 3) Symbol of the long suffering of the “people of Jah.” The natural locks symbolize the tears resulting from the pain of oppression.
 - 4) Their hair and unkempt appearances symbolize their rejection of Babylon.