The movement [Rastafari] views Ethiopia as the promised land, the place where Black people will be repatriated through a wholesale exodus from all Western countries where they have been in exile (slavery). Leonard E. Barrett Sr, The Rastafarians, 1997. Rastafari is a religion born in Jamaica, a country whose society and culture for the last four centuries has been substantially formed by the slave trade. One of the fundamental themes of Rastafari is that of repatriation; return to Africa, and particularly to Ethiopia - 'Zion' - the spiritual ideal of Rastafari. The Rastafari ever since the movement's rise in the early 1930s have held to the belief that they and all Africans in the diaspora are but exiles in 'Babylon,' destined to be delivered out of captivity by a return to 'Zion,' that is, Africa. In Rastafari, 'Zion' stands for a utopian place of unity, peace and freedom, as opposed to 'Babylon,' the oppressing and exploiting system of the materialistic modern world and a place of evil.[13]. It proclaims Zion, as reference to Ethiopia, the original birthplace of humankind, and from the beginning of the movement calls to repatriation to Zion, the Promised Land and Heaven on Earth.[14] Some Rastafari believe themselves to represent the real Children of Israel in modern times, and their goal is to repatriate to Ethiopia, or to Zion. Reggae groups such as Steel Pulse and Cocoa Tea also have many references to Zion in their various songs. Zionism. Main articles: Zionism, Types of Zionism, Labor Zionism, Religious Zionism, Post-Zionism, and Neo-Zionism. Reggae Rasta Jah Rastafari Child Of The Universe Caribbean Culture Up In Smoke Dancehall Island Life Bob Marley Woodstock. What others are saying. Jamaica Jahmaica This is what i was hearing in the night on the beach near the hotel the drums oh i wished to go there but my ex NO !  Rastafari, a well-preached belief in the country. Rastafari's believe in Zion, and their spiritual leader is Hailee Selassie prince of Ethiopia. Jamaica Jahmaica “Healing of the Nation” Most High Jah” Mudra” in a different style! Image D: Jamaican Culture. Haile Selassie I: Emperor of Ethiopia Ras Tafari Makonnen lived from July to Aug. The Rastafari movement was born when political. A small vintage collection of Ethiopia’s emperor Haile Selassie I with his Lions. We visit the repatriated Rastafarians of Ethiopia who left Jamaica to live in the Promised Land. Four hours South of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, lies Shashemene, a haven of tranquility and a patch of Jamaica that Rastafarian settlers, mainly from the Caribbean and some from the United States, call home. This will be no surprise to reggae lovers who are familiar with the idea of Ethiopia as the Promised Land, the Land of Zion awaiting the repatriation of African descendants worldwide. The Rastafarian religion originates in the philosophy of Jamaican political leader and activist Marcu In Time and Memory in Reggae Music: The Politics of
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