

# King of Kings Qädamawi Haile Selassie



On 02.11.1930 Negus Tafari Makonnen was crowned King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Elect of God, Emperor of Ethiopia, Qädamawi Haile Selassie

## "That unto me every knee shall bow"

Isaiah 45, 23 Psalm 22, 28+29

#### **Officials**

On the coronation day, the representatives of great nations came to Addis Abeba to honor and to bow before the King of Kings:

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, envoy of England
H.R.H. the Prince of Udine, envoy of Italy
H.E. M. Gérad, envoy of Belgium
H.E Baron H.K.C. Bildt, envoy of Sweden

H.E. Jonkheer van Haersma de With, envoy of the Netherlands

H.E. M. Isabuto Yoshida, envoy of Japan

H.E. Muhammad Tawfiq Nasim Pasha, envoy of Egypt

H.E. Marshal Franchet d'Esperey, envoy of France

H.E. Mr. H.M. Jacoby, envoy of the USA

H.E. Baron von Waldthausen, envoy of Germany

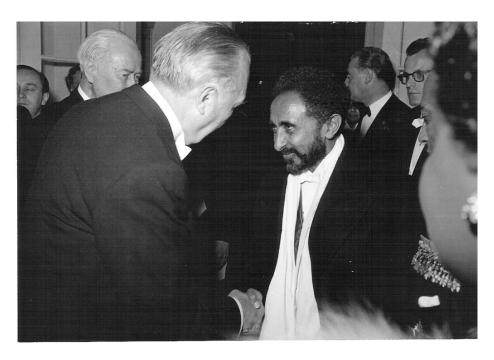
H.E. Muhittin Pasha, envoy of Turkey

and

H.E. Count Dzieduszycki, envoy of Poland



Foreign diplomats and statesmen during the coronation ceremony in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, 02.11.1930



German President Heuss and German Chancellor Adenauer honoring the King of Kings, Bonn, Germany, 08.11.1954



Officials from Northrhine Westphalia bowed before the King of Kings, Düsseldorf, Germany, 11.11.1954

#### States honored the King of Kings during His visits:

Grand Cross of the Order of the Legion of Honor (France) Grand Cross Order of the Peruvian Sun (Peru) The Order of the Golden Lion (Luxembourg) Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (Italy) Field Marshal (Hon) of the British Army The Order of the Hashemites (Iraq) Grand Collar of Carlos III (Spain) The Order of Seraphines (Sweden) The Order of the Savior (Greece) The Order of Leopold (Belgium) The Order of Suvorov (USSR) The Order of St. Olaf (Norway) The Order of the Star (Yugoslavia) The Order of the Aztec Eagle (Mexico) The Order of Sanbastian Guillaime (Brazil) The Order of the Republic 1st Class (Sudan) Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum (Japan) The Order of the Lion of the Netherlands (Holland) 1st Class Military Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia) The Order of Military Merit (Federal Republic of Germany) Ribbon of the Grand Cross of the Order of Christ (Portugal)

### The King of Kings also got "City-Keys"...



The King of Kings presented with a key to the city of Washington by the District of Columbia Commissoner Samuel Spencer in a public ceremony, Washington D.C., USA, 25.05.1954

### ...and signed in the "Golden Book" of the cities



The King of Kings signed in the Golden Book from the City of Bonn, Germany, 1954 and 1959



US President Kennedy looks up to the King of Kings, Washington D.C., USA, 01.10.1963

"Your Imperial Majesty:

It is a very great honor this afternoon to welcome His Imperial Majesty once again to American shores.

The most destructive war in human history might well have been prevented if the world had only listened—30 years ago—to the Emperor of Ethiopia. Mankind has seldom been offered so accurate a prophecy. And it has never paid a grimmer price for ignoring one of its prophets.

No one has ever offered a better prescription for destroying the cancer of war.

Only when this simple, moral truth is finally accepted by all the leaders of every land can we truly hope for lasting peace.

His Imperial Majesty has never raised his voice in the halls of nations except to counsel wisdom, restraint, and justice.

 $[ \ldots ]$ 

Your Majesty, I am told that in your country there is a proverb which says: "Truth, and the morning, become light with time."

Much time has already passed, Your Majesty, since you first tried to light our way toward a better, and toward a more peaceful world. I hope and believe that men are closer to reaching that long-sought destination than ever before in history. And our voyage has been guided, in no small part, by the courage, the example, and the wisdom of Ethiopia.

Your Majesty, we are greatly honored to have you with us in the White House this afternoon. We look forward with great anticipation to your visit with us in the days ahead."

Lyndon B. Johnson welcomes the King of Kings, White House, Washington, USA, 13.02.1967



The King of Kings awarded an honorary Doctor of Agriculture Degree by the Friederich Wilhelm University's Professor Dr. Wendt, Bonn, Germany, 09.11.1954

"On behalf of the Agricultural Faculty of the University of Bonn, I would like to thank you all for having accepted our invitation. Today, the Faculty of Agriculture bestows the highest academic honour, a German university has to award, on His Majesty Haile Selassie I. of Ethiopia. His Imperial Majesty has received the title of Doctor honoris causa already from a number of universities in the United States of America, Canada and Great Britain. I only mention the Harvard University in Cambridge and Oxford University in England.

As long as the Touropa still does not do any holiday trips to Ethiopia, I cannot assume that each of us has an idea of the farming problems in Ethiopia. Let me therefore say something about the Ethiopian Empire and the local agricultural conditions. [...] The number of livestock in Ethiopia is the highest of all countries on the African continent. 1952, the empire had more cattle and sheep than it had residents, namely about 20 million cattle and 28 million sheep and goats. For comparison, I cite the figures of the Federal Republic. We have about 12 million cattle and 2.5 million sheep and goats. Our stocks are constantly decimated due to diseases such as Tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease damaged basis. We have been trying for years to overcome the tuberculosis, and it is not clear when the goal will be fully achieved. You can appreciate the difficulties that arise with the same task and the high livestock numbers in Ethiopia! [...] As a problem unknown to us, I name the plague of locusts. It is clear that such an abundance of various practical problems can hardly be solved by a pure scientist treating special problems in the solitude of his study room. It requires a farsighted person who has thorough expertise in the agricultural sector and is of deep human understanding. We know how skeptical in this country the rural people are to innovations. I only remind you of the great difficulties in the introduction of the potato in Germany. Only with careful hand, under the careful observance of traditional values the high goal can be achieved. The improvement of agriculture in Ethiopia requires an outstanding

teacher of the whole people. And this teacher and supporter, the people of Ethiopia have in His Imperial Majesty. [...] What action has now taken His Imperial Majesty, to increase the agricultural wealth of his people? I shall confine myself here to some points.

About thirty years ago the first steps have been taken for land reform. Today, large parts of the empire have been measured, and there are clear legal relationships created.

Foreign experts have set up model farms, to which seed stations were affiliated. On some of these farms His Imperial Majesty has introduced European breeding animals for the refinement of cattle and horse breeds. Young farmers go to these farms to learn how to use modern machinery and seed selection, seed storage, fertilizers,



Prof.Wendt, the King of Kings, Pre. Heuss

waste management and irrigation. After completion of the training young farmers can avail themselves of free modern plows, harrows and seeders that allow them to implement the newly acquired knowledge into practice. Next is that in the provinces agricultural colleges have been established, and two cities have higher agricultural schools. Here the students are taught in agriculture and animal husbandry, agricultural engineering, veterinary medicine, plant diseases and other subjects. Numerous German work at these schools. One of the first schools was set up in the German model following the German Koslan. I now come to the reading and presentation of the diploma."

Speech from Prof. Dr. Wendt, Friederich Wilhelm University, Bonn, Germany, 09.11.1954



The King of Kings leaving the Colombia University, New York, USA, 02.06.1954



The Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College honoring the King of Kings, Oklahoma, USA, 18.06.1954

## Universities of the world honored and bowed before the King of Kings

Doctor of Laws (Hon) Cambridge, England
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Athens, Greece
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Banaras, India
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Moscow, USSR
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Charles, Czechoslovakia
Doctor of Laws (Hon) McGill, USA
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Michigan, USA
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Howard, USA
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Georgetown, USA
Doctor of Laws (Hon) West Indies, Jamaica
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Montreal, Canada
Doctor of Laws (Hon) Laval, Canada
Doctor of Civil Laws (Hon) Oxford, England
Doctor of Agriculture (Hon) Bonn, Germany



Cathedral Cologne, Cologne, Germany, 10.11.1954

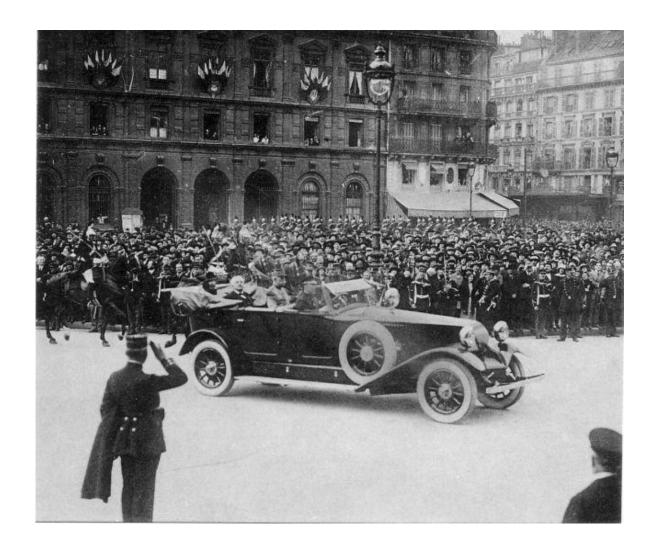
The King of Kings leaving the Cologne Cathedral, after sitting as the last emperor on the chair, which is *usually reserved* for German emperors



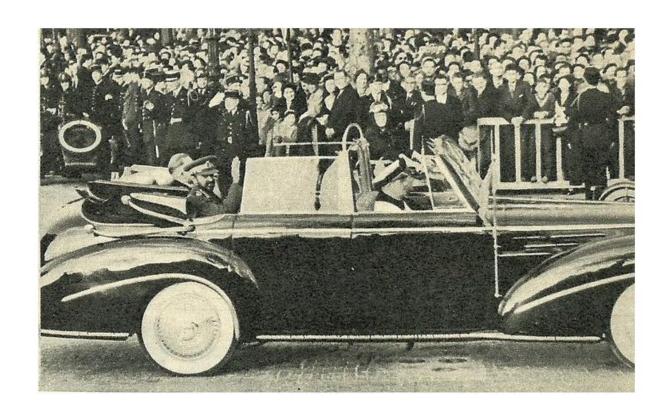
Bethesda Hospital, Hamburg, Germany, 12.11.1954

Nurse Annelise F. presents the special gift from the Bethesda Hospital to the King of Kings, while the nurses in the back honor the King of Kings with the hymn "Praised be the Lord"

# People



Paris (France) citizens already knowing and honoring the King of Kings during His visit 1924



Back in 1954, Paris citizens again came to honor the King of Kings, Champs Élysées, France



The King of Kings welcomed by the inhabitants of London, England, 1936



Again standing ovations for the King of Kings in London, England, 14.10.1954



Daily Mirror, London, England, 15.10.1954



Bath citizens (here mostly women) bowed before the King of Kings, Fairfield House, Bath, England, 1936

"I was walking with my sister in the Victoria Park and I looked up, there was a man coming towards me, which I found very striking. He was immaculately dressed but he was quite small, but very very powerful. Great sensitive energy coming off him; and he walked up to me and spoke to us and he had a very gentile, gentile quiet voice.

He touched me on the head, and I can remember to this day the sense of being in the presence of someone who was *more than man*.

His eyes were very powerful, very dark, very honest- the sense of honestly...perfection...this was a stock for me all the years and I am very pleased to have met Him."

Mr. Johnson, Bath-citizen, met the King of Kings as a young boy in Victoria Park, Bath, England, 1936



The King of Kings welcomed by the citizens of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, 21.04.1966

"Everyone kept their eyes on the sky wondering when the plane carrying His Imperial Majesty from Trinidad and Tobago would arrive. Rain began to fall and the crowd continued to wait, hoping even for just a glimpse of the plane through the thick clouds that had formed. When the insignia of a roaring lion and stripes of red, green and gold finally came into view, the rain stopped. People shouted, "See how God stop de rain." The sound from the crowd was deafening as masses of people rushed to get closer to the island's distinguished visitor. The crowd simply broke down any barriers that stood in their way in their eagerness to position themselves as close as possible to the "King of Kings." But the Lion of Judah immediately as expected. Instead appear plane stood there, silent in a sea of activity and sound. No movement could be seen from within the cabin. The door to the plane finally opened forty-five minutes later, close to 2:15 p.m., and His Imperial Majesty came to the top of the stairs to deplane. The crowd responded with a roar that 'was louder than the sound of rolling, louder explosion' [...]." thunder even than an The Gleaner, Jamaica, 21-24, April, 1966



The King of Kings rides through Manhattan, New York, USA, 30.05.1954

During His state visit to the USA in 1954 a well- known Native American from Okumulgee, presented the King of Kings with a war bonnet and gave Him the name "Great Buffalo High Chief" Oklahoma, USA, 18.06.1954



Cologne citizens waiting to see the King of Kings after His visit in the Cathedral, Cologne, Germany, 10.11.1954



Citizens from Bonn waiting in front of the City Hall for the arrival of the King of Kings, City-Hall, Bonn, Germany, 09.11.1954



The King of Kings on His way to Petersberg, Bonn, Germany, 09.11.1954



People from Vienna waiting for the King of Kings in the main hall of Vienna railway station and (below and picture next page) on the Mariahilfer Street, Vienna, Austria, 29.11.1954

kollchefs Dr. Winterstein, des General- der Bundespolizeiwache ab.

### Fahrt durch die Stadt: Tausende standen Spalier

der Bolschafter Athiopiens in London Ate Abebo Retta, der Pfügeladjutant des Kalssebo Retta, der Retta der Präsidentschaftiskanzlei, des Bundeskanzleramtes und des Außenamtes geladen. Der Kalser von Athiopien saß zur Rechten des Bundespräsidenten, gegenüber das Herzogspaar. Im Verlauf der aus vier Gängen bestehenden Mahleste tenbo der Bundespräsidentes seinse Landes und seines Volkes. Der Monarch erwiderte, indem er seine besteh Wünsche für die Gesundhaft des Seines Volkes zum Ausdruck brachts.

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Für nachnitag 15 Uhr war der Besuch des Souveräns in der weitlichen Schatz-kammer angesagt. Vor und im Schweizer Hof der Burg standen schon gut eine Stunde zuvor die ersten Neugierigen, dicht gedrängt bis an die Treppen hinauf. Ihre Enttäuschung war groß, als kanpp vor dem Eintreffen des Kalsers Kriminal-



VIERZEHN WAGEN ROLLEN DURCH DIE STADT. Durch ein dichtes Menschen-spaller fuhr die Autokolonne vom Westbahnhof über die Mariahlifer Straße zum

tierten im Hof die Leute. Sie sprachen über die sympathische Erscheinung der eithlopischen Majestät, darüber, daß der Herzog von Harrar dem Herrscher "direkt aus dem Gesicht" geschnitten und die Herzogin — die, in einen herrlichen Nerzenatel gehüllt, mit Ihrem wohlgepflen gelönten Teint und den klugen, dunklen Augen offensichtlich jedermann begeisterte — einfach "zum Verlieben" sei.

Augen öfensichtlich jedermann begelsterte — einfach "zum Verlieben" sel.

Der Kaiser von Äthloplen, der in der weltlichen Schatzkammer besonders lange vor den kalserlichen Reichskleinodlen verwellt hatte, besichtigte anschließend, da er an religiösen Fragen stark interessiert ist, auch noch die geistliche Schatzkammer, deren Besude im Programm ursprünglich nicht vorgesehen war. Dann ließ er sich mit seinem Gefolge in das Museum für Völkerkunde fahren, wo er von Direktor Univ--Prof. Dr. Schmidt empfangen und durch die Schauräume geleitet wurde. Die Führung übernahm Dr. Annemarie Schweder-Höfel, die Afrika-Expertin des Museums, die in den letzten Wochen die Neuaufstellung der Äthlopten-Sammlung und der auf der Weit einzig dastehenden Kaffa-Sammlung Friedrich Biebers geleitet hatte. Der Monarch zeigte sich von den wertvollen und interessanten Schausfüken aus der äthlopischen Geschichte tiel beeindruckt und dankte erfreut für ein in Leder gebundenes Exemplor des Buches von Otto Stradai über Friedrich Bieber sich eine Meisten und der Söhn des Forschers überreichte. Dann ließ sich der Monarch noch die Waffen- und Musikinstrumentensammlung zeigen, wo er von Dr. Luithlen geführt wurde.

Nicht ganz 1/15 Uhr war es, als Halle Selassie I. mit seinem Gefolge vor dem

sammlung zeigen, wo er von Dr. Luithlen geführt wurde.
Nicht ganz 1/15 Uhr war es, als Halle Selassie L mit seinem Gefolge vor dem Hauptportal des Stephansdomes eintraf. Dompropst Prillat Wegner und einige Herren des Domkapitels hießen den hohen Gast in einer Kurzen Ansprache willkommen und geleiten Inn in das Presbyterfum, wo der Souveräm der Kirche als Geschenk ein vergoldere Kreuz überreichen ließ. Prälat Wagner übergab dem Kaiser zwei Gemälde mit Ansichten des Stephansdomes. Anschließend wurde die Majestät durch das Gotteshaus geführt.

Auf dem Rückweg zu der Wagenkolonne kam es noch zu einem unvorhergesehenen Ereignis, als ein kleines Mädchen, das schon bei der Vorfahrt den Blick des hohen Gastes auf sich gelenkt hatte, von ihm herbeigerufen wurde, hin einige Schritte begleiten durfte und schließlich als 'Andenken eine äthiopische Goldmünze erhielt.

"Ride through the city: Thousands formed a guard of honor", Wiener Zeitung, Vienna, Austria, Issue: 30.11.1954

"Was antiit an democratic demonstration? Were all the people monarchists who crowded outside the hotel entrance and cheered the Emperor? Not at all! The same ovation was given to Him on his journey to



other countries. No, there were no demonstrations, there was a desire of expression." Arbeiter Zeitung, Vienna, Austria, 02.12.1954



People from Pula honoring the King of Kings, Pula, Yugoslavia, 1959

## Luke 19, 54

Tens of Thousands of citizens had gathered together to pay tribute to His Majesty. (Bonn, Germany, 09.11.1954)

The masses could no longer be contained and burst through the police cordon. (Vienna, Austria, 29.11.1954)

Million cheer Selassie in file up lower Broadway to City Hall Ceremony. (New York 02.06.1954)

The people were stubborn as a wall and waited in the rain for Haile Selassie. (Hamburg, Germany, 12.11.1954)

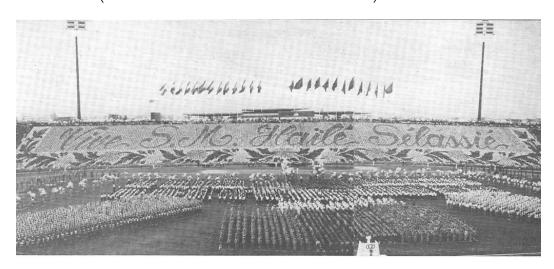
Thousands lined the sidewalk. (San Francisco, USA, 14.06.1954)

However the crowd did not move, but constantly broke out in applause. (Vienna, 29.11.1954)

The citizens from Rhinehouse clustered on trees, masts and piled on bicycles. (Rhinehouse, Germany, 11.11.1954)

Chicago: police counts 59.000 people on the way from airport to His hotel. (Chicago, USA, 07.06.1954)

On platform 1 thousands of Innsbruck citizens had gathered together to be witness. (Innsbruck, Austria, 02.12.1954)



Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Asian-Tour 1971

# "Let the children come to me"

Luke 18, 15-17 Psalm 8, 3

## Children



The King of Kings with a *strong* hand, painted by this little child, Kindergarten Schweizer Spende, Vienna, Austria, 30.11.1954



The King of Kings in the Kindergarten "Schweizer Spende", Vienna, Austria, 30.11.1954

"What I will never forget are His eyes. As He came in, through the door, He seemed little and delicate to me. But as I dared to look into His eyes, He suddenly became powerful; I would say 'imperial'. These eyes had a charisma that you cannot describe. They exuded power, but also goodness and the (His) gaze seems not only to enter the person, but also their thoughts and character." Susanne S. (behind the boy)



The King of Kings watched by a baby in the *Bethesda* Hospital, Hamburg, Germany, 13.11.1954

"After His visit to Austria, the King of Kings arranged that all flower-presents He got should go to the women who were in childbed during His visit."

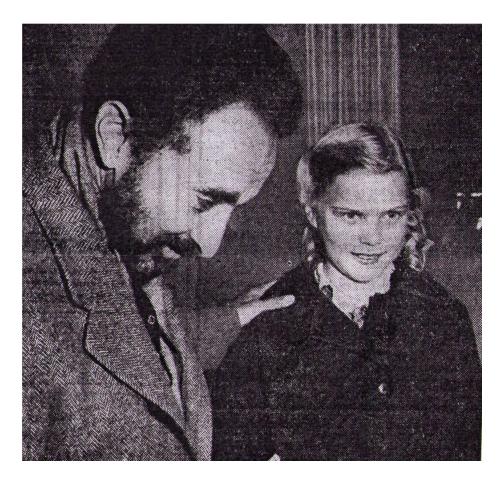
'Auf den Spuren Seiner Kaiserlichen Majestät in Republik Österreich', Vienna, Austria



Hands up for the King of Kings in Artek, Ukraine, 1959



The King of Kings in Poland, 18.09.1964



The King of Kings greets Ute M., Hamburg-Dammtor, Hamburg, Germany, 14.11.1954

"On Friday morning the little girl Ute M. sent a blond curl from her hair with a letter to H.I.M, writing H.I.M. that the curl was a present to Him cause He had "no fair-haired *subjects*" in Ethiopia. This letter the King of Kings received on Sunday morning and He wanted to see Ute, so the



German police started a huge search operation in Hamburg to find little Ute. They found her on her grandmother's couch and brought her directly to Hamburg-Dammtor railway station where the King of Kings waited for her. She and a little boy, who broke through the barriers only to be near to the King of Kings, got a golden coin from Him." Hamburger Abendblatt, Hamburg, Germany, 15.11.1954

"Haile Selassie arrived in Horten on the 10th of October 1954. He was driven through the town in a car. It was one of the first winter days with new, white snow. The schools had closed down and we all stood along the streets in our best clothes to get a glance of the Emperor and to bid him welcome. In those days it was quite a sight. During the visit he also had a dinner at the Sjømilitære Samfunn. When he arrived there a lot of people had found their way to see more of him. He stopped on the stairs and had a speech to the crowd. Among the audience there were some children who after a while wanted to have a closer look. They found a way through the barricades and guards and came up to the Emperor. He liked this and

let them through. A little girl had picked some flowers and gave them to him. He lifted the girl up and placed her on his arm. While holding her on the arm and speaking to her, he took some gold-coins with the portrait of the Emperor printed on them, out of his



pocket and started to give them to the other children, one by one. When the time had come to enter the building, the Admiral and other officers from the Norwegian Navy had to guide the children into the hall because the Emperor would have it that way. The Admiral carried the girl. It rather got out of control." Gjengangeren, Horten, Norway, 20.11.1954

old "Because of the loud noise an housewife went outside on the street, where a lot of people, especially children crowded. 'What is happening' she 'The Negus is coming!' the children answered. 'Who is the Negus?' emperor of Ethiopia' said." she again asked. 'The Mülheimer Tageblatt, Mülheim, Germany, 12.11.1954



The King of Kings talked to children in Port Said, United Arab Republic, 06.11.1963



The King of Kings welcomed by children in Hungary, 1964

## Conclusion

This publication is a part of the results of the pilgrimage in the footsteps of His Imperial Majesty.

As an example, some pictures and information were selected from different countries.

Each country the Lord visited still contains more such treasures, so that each of us should do research in his country, that everyone will understand the *other* part.

My deepest thank to the almighty God Qädamawi Haile Selassie Jah Ras Tafari for his enduring mercy.

Also personal thanks to:

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"That one on earth may know thy ways, among all nations your help, because on your paths of your testimonies, O Lord, I have joy."

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