



AbiYah Yisrael

Nicole 'AbiYah [Ah-bee-Yah] Yisrael' Alfred, is the 6th and last member of the house of Mr. & Mrs. Adolphus and Sonia Christian. She grew up in Glasgow, a sub urban area in the south west of Dominica, in a home where strong Christian principles were enforced, taught and exemplified. Now grown, she lives in the eastern rural parts of Dominica called Castle Bruce. There, AbiYah is working with an independent Label **Chayah Studios** which she co-owns with her husband Hilroy 'ObadYah' Alfred.

From the tender age of 5 AbiYah has been involved in music taking part in various competitions and live shows. In 2012, at that time 'Nicole Christian', she released a gospel album titled "Speak To Me". That same year AbiYah was enrolled at the University of the West Indies, Cavehill Campus, where she successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. There, her perspective on religion, life and history shifted causing her to pull back from music for about 6 years.

While attending University, AbiYah was reintroduced to the authentic conscious sound of organic roots rock reggae where her love and understanding of reggae grew. She soon took up an unfathomable interest in the Hebraic teachings of the Scriptures and has made and is continuing to make drastic life changes. AbiYah identifies herself as an African, as well as a Hebrew which she portrays through her music. The local newspaper has dubbed her "A Musical Missionary"

AbiYah's new and prior releases such as the **African Renaissance reggae EP** (2023) and the **Revolisyon cadence-lypso EP** (2023) are a reflection of her spirituality, consciousness and life as she aspires to convey a blend of Afro-Caribbean roots in what she dubs as 'Truth Music.' She is determined to take on the great commission of enlightening others through her music so they become aware of themselves and identity. AbiYah Yisrael credits a wealth of artists for influencing her love of music, ranging from Reggae stars Bob Marley, Marcia Griffiths and Nasio Fontaine to R&B crooners like Whitney Houston, Yolanda Adams and Aretha Franklyn, among others.

AbiYah Yisrael though part of an independent label, has managed to solidify her name internationally. AbiYah has twice been in the top 10 and 20 on the France iTunes reggae charts. "Herb Tree" after its release in 2020 climbed its way up to #2 on the reggae dancehall charts. Not to long after "Protect Me" in April 2021 reached #1 on Sweden's Reggae iTunes charts. AbiYah has also managed to reach #1 on the Norwegian, Finnish and Swiss charts. A major break for AbiYah Yisrael came when she was twice featured by Seani B on BBC Radio 1Xtra. This was complimented by a major interview on iNooro TV in Kenya.

AbiYah Yisrael has performed at Dominica's Jazz and Creole fringe events for the past 4 years and twice at Ti Vilaj Kwéyòl. She also had the opportunity to be a part of Michele Henderson's vocal team for World Creole Music Festival, and St. Lucia Jazz festival. Currently AbiYah Yisrael is preparing for Dominica's Jazz and Creole main stage where she is one of the featured artists this year. In May 2025 she will be heading to Martinique for Marche Rasta. In addition she is working on her second reggae EP and making preparations for a new music video release.

AbiYah means Yahweh is my father.

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