

Sacred *Odù Ifá* Series: April 2026 Release
Sacred *Odù Èjì Ogbè* (Èṣẹ 1.6) *Òyìnbó, Ifá, and Ògún*

Alàfíà ati Ife Brothers and Sisters!
Orí ire fun owo! (Good Tidings to you!)

I pray that you are feeling awake, aware, and elevated in mind, body, and spirit, wherever you are, and whatever may be happening around you! *Àṣẹ o!*

If you have been studying with me for a while, welcome back. I'm grateful for your attendance and support as we travel together into the wisdom of *Ifá*.

Homage to The One Who Sends, and to those who are sent!
Homage to *Òrìṣà* and *Egun!*

Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ! Àṣẹ o!

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Our topic in this video is: Sacred *Odù Èjì Ogbè - Èṣẹ 1.6: Òyìnbó, Ifá, and Ògún*
(*Òyìnbó* Migration Narrative)

Part 1 - Spiritual Significance of the *Odù & Èṣẹ*

Within *Èjì Ogbè*, the primordial *Odù* of creation, this *Èṣẹ* speaks about destiny-led migration, technological transformation, and divine guidance during civilizational movement.

Spiritually, the verse presents:

- The departure of a people from *Ilé-Ifẹ*, the spiritual center of creation in Yorùbá cosmology.
 - *Ilé-Ifẹ, Oodaye - Ilé-Ifẹ*, where the word of creation took place
 - *Ilé-Ifẹ, Ibi ti Ojumo ti mowa - Ilé-Ifẹ*, where the dawn of the day was first experienced
 - *Ilé-Ifẹ, Orí aye gbogbo - Ilé-Ifẹ*, head of the whole universe
- The role of *Ògún* as the force behind technological development.
- The consultation of *Ifá* before embarking on migration (physical, mental, or spiritual.)

This *Èṣẹ* reveals that even large historical movements of peoples occur under the supervision of destiny (*Orí*) and divine consultation.

Part 2 - Core Spiritual Themes of the *Èṣẹ*

- Uncertainty of Human Knowledge vs Certainty of Destiny

- Human beings often travel without fully knowing the destination of their *Orí*.
- Divine Consultation Before Major Decisions
- Destiny and Migration - *Òyìnbó* migration occurred only after divination.
- Technology as Sacred Power (hard & soft technologies).
- The reference to making *Ògún* into a statue indicates technological mastery.
- Faith in *Ifá* Guidance. The *Òyìnbó* migrants relied on *Ifá* to lead them to prosperity.

Part 3 – Translation of the *Ẹsẹ*

Olóòótó oloore

The truthful one, the benevolent one.

Sugbemi máṣe gbémìtì

Support me and do not abandon me.

Ṣaaraga ejífùrù

Ṣaaraga, the great whirlwind.

Adífá fún Òyìnbó

This was the divination performed for the Caucasian people.

Ọmọ asogun dere

The descendants of those who turned *Ògún* into a statue.

Ní ojọ tíwọ̀n yíò kúrò ní Ilé-Ifẹ̀

On the day they would depart from *Ilé-Ifẹ̀*.

Àwa kò kúkú mọ ibí orí n gbéni rẹ̀

We truly do not know where our destiny will lead our feet.

Ibí rere lọpẹ̀ n gbéni rẹ̀

It is to a good place that the palm-nut of *Ifá* directs one.

Ifá dákun síwájú wa

Ifá, please go before us and lead the way.

Ibí rere lọpẹ̀ n gbéni rẹ̀

A good place is where the palm-nut of *Ifá* directs us.

Èjì Ogbè / Ogbè Méjì (1.6)

Part 4 – Core Message of the *Ẹsẹ*

The primary teaching of this *Ẹsẹ* is:

- Human beings often travel into the unknown, but destiny guided by *Ifá* leads toward the place of fulfillment.
- Migration, innovation, and expansion are not random historical events; they are movements orchestrated through *Orí* and revealed through *Ifá*.

Part 5 – Historical Context of the *Ẹsẹ*

In traditional *Ifá* interpretation within *Isese* scholarship, the line “*ọmọ asogun dere*” suggests a people who institutionalized the power of iron and technology, which aligns symbolically with societies whose development heavily relied on metallurgy and mechanization.

Within *Ifá* oral historiography, such verses are not always literal historical records, but cosmological reflections on the movement of peoples and technologies across the world.

- This *Ẹsẹ* clearly points to the Caucasians and the rise of Western Eurocentric Culture, Civilization, and Worldview.

Part 6 – Philosophical Implication of the Ẹsẹ

This *Ẹsẹ* expresses several philosophical principles:

- Humans do not fully understand their destiny.
- Divine Determinism Balanced with Human Movement (Humans have free will!)
 - While people travel physically, *Orí* determines the path.
- Technology as Sacred Evolution
 - The mastery of iron represents civilizational transformation under *Ògún*.
- Destiny as Direction
 - *Ifá* is portrayed as the compass of destiny.

Part 7 – Esoteric Layer of the Ẹsẹ

At the deeper esoteric level, this *Ẹsẹ* is not only about migration. It also refers to: The spiritual journey of the soul.

Key symbols:

- Migration from *Ilé-Ifẹ* - the soul leaving its primordial origin.
- Not knowing where *Orí* leads - human ignorance of destiny.
- *Ifá* leading the way - divine wisdom guiding spiritual evolution.

Thus, the *Ẹsẹ* operates on two planes:

1. Historical / communal migration
2. Spiritual migration of consciousness

Part 8 – Moral and Communal Teaching of the Ẹsẹ

The moral teachings include:

- Always consult *Ifá* before major decisions.
- Trust destiny even when the path is uncertain.
- Technological progress must remain spiritually guided.
- Communities should remain humble about their origins.

The *Ẹsẹ* teaches that progress without spiritual guidance leads to imbalance, but progress guided by *Ifá* leads to success. The *Òyìnbó* turned their backs on the guidance of *Ifá*.

Part 9 – Theological Summary (Ilé-Ifẹ / Isese Orthodoxy)

Within *Isese* theology:

- *Olódùmarè* establishes destiny.
- *Orí* carries the personal path.

- *Ifá* reveals that path.
- *Ògún* empowers civilization through iron and technology. (Iron is in your blood.)

This verse illustrates the cooperation of these forces:

- *Olódùmarè* -> Destiny
- *Orí* -> Direction
- *Ifá* -> Revelation
- *Ògún* -> Manifestation

Part 10 – Closing Interpretation

This *Èsè* teaches that migration, innovation, and exploration are part of destiny's unfolding.

The travelers in the *Èsè* demonstrate three essential attitudes:

1. Humility before destiny
2. Consultation of *Ifá*
3. Faith in divine guidance

Thus, the verse reminds humanity:

- We may not know where we are going, but *Ifá* knows the road ahead.

Part 11 – Related *Ifá* Proverb

Bí a bá tẹ̀lé Ifá, a kì í ̀sìnà lójú ̀nà.

- When one follows *Ifá*, one never loses the way.

Meaning:

- *Ifá* is the compass of destiny.
- Those who walk according to its wisdom eventually arrive at their rightful place.

The Symbolism of “*Şaaraga ejífùrù*”

- *Şaaraga* – a roaring, sweeping force or tumultuous movement
- *Ejífùrù* – whirlwind, storm wind, or spiraling atmospheric force

Together they evoke the image of a great whirlwind sweeping across the land.

Şaaraga ejífùrù

- The roaring whirlwind
- Sudden transformation or migration.

A whirlwind:

1. lifts things from their original place
2. carries them across great distances
3. deposits them elsewhere

This mirrors civilizational migration in general and the *Òyìnbó* migration in particular. Within this *Èsẹ̀*, the phrase (*Şaaraga ejífùrù*) suggests:

1. a powerful force pushing people to move
2. destiny accelerating historical change
3. rapid expansion into unknown lands

Thus, *Şaaraga ejífùrù* symbolizes the unstoppable momentum of destiny.

Esoteric Interpretation of *Şaaraga ejífùrù*

At a deeper level, the whirlwind symbolizes:

- the movement of *Orí* through time
- the sweeping force of cosmic destiny

In *Ifá* metaphysics, events that appear chaotic often represent the invisible movement of destiny.

Let me know in the comments how this lesson impacts on your spiritual journey in *Ifá*. *Àşẹ o!*

Note: There is a part 2 of this lesson that will be available on the Community page. In that part I will share more on the importance of *Ògún* in this *Èsẹ̀*.

Ki Olódùmarè, Òrìşà, ati Egun fifun e ni

Itona, Imoye, ati Opo Ire!

May Olódùmarè, Òrìşà, and Egun bestow on you,
Guidance, Wisdom, and Abundant Blessings!

Ifokanbale! Peace of Mind from *Olódùmarè!*

Alafia ati Ife! Peace and Love!

Ajolo Ajobo! We go out together; We return together!

Àşẹ! Àşẹ! Àşẹ o!