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- 1.** After Padumuttara, the Leader named Sumedha;
Difficult to approach, of risen radiance, the sage highest in all the world.
- 2.** With clear eyes, fair-faced, lofty, upright, majestic;
Seeking the welfare of all beings, he freed many from bondage.
- 3.** When the Buddha, having attained the consummate, highest enlightenment;
In the city of Sudassana, set in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 4.** At his full realisations there were three, at the teaching of the Dhamma;
There was the first full realisation for a hundred thousand koṭis.
- 5.** Furthermore, he, the Conqueror, tamed the demon Kumbhakaṇṇa;
For ninety thousand crores, there was the second full realisation.
- 6.** Furthermore, the one of immeasurable fame made known the four truths;
For eighty thousand crores, there was the third full realisation.
- 7.** There were three assemblies of Sumedha, the great sage;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful minds, such ones.
- 8.** When the Conqueror approached the city named Sudassana;
Then a hundred koṭis of monks who had eliminated the mental corruptions met together.
- 9.** Furthermore, at Devakūṭa, when the kathina robe was spread for the monks;
Then the second meeting was of ninety koṭis.
- 10.** Furthermore, the one with ten powers, when he went on a journey;
Then there was the third meeting of eighty koṭis.
- 11.** "I at that time, a young man named Uttara;
Eighty crores of wealth, accumulated in my house.
- 12.** Having given the whole entire to the leader of the world together with the Community;
I went for refuge to him, and I delighted in the going forth.
- 13.** That Buddha too declared of me, giving thanksgiving;
"In thirty thousand cosmic cycles, this one will be a Buddha.

14. "Having striven in striving, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
15. Having heard his word too, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten perfections.
16. The discourses and also the monastic discipline, the ninefold Teacher's instruction;
Having learnt all thoroughly, I made resplendent the Conqueror's Dispensation.
17. There, dwelling diligent, in sitting, standing, and walking;
Having gone to the perfection of direct knowledges, I went to the Brahma world.
18. The city was named Sudassana, the warrior was named Sudatta;
The mother was named Sudattā, of Sumedha, the great sage.
19. For nine thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Sucanda, Kañcana, and Sirivaḍḍha, three excellent mansions.
20. Thirty-six thousand women, fully adorned;
Sumanā was the name of that woman, Punabbasu was her son.
21. Having seen the four signs, he departed by elephant vehicle;
For no less than a fortnight, the Conqueror strove in striving.
22. Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Sumedha, the leader of the world;
The great hero turned the wheel, in the excellent Sudassana park.
23. Saraṇa and Sabbakāma were the chief disciples;
Sāgara by name was the attendant of Sumedha, the great sage.
24. Rāmā and Surāmā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the great ironwood tree.
25. Uruvelā and Yasavā were the chief male attendants;
Yasodharā and Sirimā were the chief female attendants.
26. Eighty-eight ratanas, very high, the great sage;
He illuminates all directions, as the moon the host of stars.
27. Just as the jewel of a universal monarch shines for a yojana;
So too his jewel pervades a yojana all around.
28. For ninety thousand years, life span exists for that long;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.
29. With those possessing the threefold true knowledge and the six higher knowledges, those who had attained power, such ones;
This was crowded with Worthy Ones, good ones.

- 30.** They too, all of boundless glory, free, without clinging;
Having shown the light of knowledge, those of great fame were quenched.
- 31.** Sumedha, the supreme conqueror, the Buddha, attained final Nibbāna in
Medhā Park;
There was a wide-spread distribution of relics in those various regions.

The lineage of the Blessed One Sumedha is eleventh.

14. Chronicle of the Buddha Sujāta

- 1.** In that very Maṇḍa cosmic cycle, the Leader named Sujāta;
With a lion's jaw and bull's shoulders, immeasurable, difficult to approach.
- 2.** Like the moon, spotless and pure, like the sun, majestic;
Thus shines the Perfectly Enlightened One, blazing with splendour always.
- 3.** Having attained the consummate, highest enlightenment, the Perfectly
Enlightened One;
In the city of Sumaṅgala, set in motion the wheel of the Teaching.
- 4.** While Sujāta, the leader of the world, was teaching the excellent Teaching;
Eighty crores fully realised, at the first teaching of the Dhamma.
- 5.** When Sujāta of immeasurable fame entered the rains retreat among the gods;
For thirty-seven hundred thousand, there was the second full realisation.
- 6.** When Sujāta, equal to the matchless, approached his father's presence;
For sixty hundred thousand, there was the third full realisation.
- 7.** There were three assemblies of the well-born great sage;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful
minds, such ones.
- 8.** Of those who had attained the power of direct knowledge, not reaching any
kind of existence;
Sixty hundred thousand, they first gathered together.
- 9.** Furthermore, at an assembly, when the Conqueror descended from the
celestial abode;
The second meeting was of fifty hundred thousand.
- 10.** Approaching the lord of men, he who was his chief disciple;
With four hundred thousand, he approached the Perfectly Enlightened One.
- 11.** I at that time, lord of the four continents;
One who moves through the sky I was, a universal monarch of great power.
- 12.** Having seen a marvel in the world, wonderful, hair-raising;
Having approached, he paid homage to Sujāta, the leader of the world.

13. The great kingdom over the four continents, the seven excellent jewels;
Having given over to the Buddha, I went forth in his presence.
14. Monastery attendants in the country, having gathered the revenue;
Bring to the Community of monks, requisites and lodgings.
15. That Buddha too declared of me, lord over ten thousand world systems;
"In thirty thousand cosmic cycles, this one will be a Buddha.
16. "Having striven in striving, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
17. Having heard his word too, I generated even more joy;
I determined upon a fierce ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten
perfections.
18. The discourses and also the monastic discipline, the ninefold Teacher's
instruction;
Having learnt all thoroughly, I made resplendent the Conqueror's Dispensation.
19. There, dwelling diligent, having developed the supreme meditation;
Having gone to the perfection of direct knowledge, I went to the Brahma world.
20. The city was named Sumaṅgala, the warrior was named Uggata;
His mother was named Pabhāvatī, of the well-born great sage.
21. For nine thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Sirī, Upasirī, and Nanda, three excellent mansions.
22. Twenty-three thousand women, fully adorned;
Sirinandā was the name of that woman, Upasena was her son.
23. Having seen the four signs, he departed by horse vehicle;
For no less than nine months, the Conqueror strove in striving.
24. Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Sujāta, the leader of the world;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the excellent Sumaṅgala park.
25. Sudassana and Sudeva were the chief disciples;
Nārada was the attendant of the great sage Sujāta.
26. Nāgā and Nāgasamālā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the great bamboo.
27. And that tree has a compact trunk, without fissures, with leaves;
The bamboo is straight, lofty, beautiful to behold, delightful.
28. Having grown with a single trunk, from there branches burst forth;
Just as a well-bound peacock-tail fan, thus that tree shines.
29. It has no thorns, nor was there any great hole;
With widespread branches, dense, giving thick shade, delightful.

- 30.** Sudatta and Citta were the chief male attendants;
Subhaddā and Padumā were the chief female attendants.
- 31.** That Conqueror was fifty cubits in height,
Endowed with all excellent qualities, having attained all virtues.
- 32.** His radiance, equal to the matchless, radiates all around;
Immeasurable, incomparable, without comparison by similes.
- 33.** For ninety thousand years, life span exists for that long;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.
- 34.** Just as waves in the ocean, just as stars in the sky;
Thus then the Scriptures, adorned by Worthy Ones.
- 35.** And that Buddha, equal to the matchless, and those qualities incomparable;
All that has disappeared, are not all activities empty?
- 36.** Sujāta, the supreme conqueror, the Buddha, attained final Nibbāna in the
Stone Park;
Right there is his shrine, raised up three leagues.

The lineage of the Blessed One Sujāta is twelfth.



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