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1. In that very Maṇḍa cosmic cycle, Dhammadassī of great fame;
Having dispelled the darkness of ignorance, outshines the world with its gods.
2. For him too, of incomparable power, in setting in motion the wheel of the Teaching;
There was the first full realisation for a hundred thousand koṭis.
3. When the Buddha Dhammadassī trained the sage Sañjaya;
Then for ninety koṭis, there was the second full realisation.
4. When Sakka together with his retinue approached the guide;
Then for eighty koṭis, there was the third full realisation.
5. Of that god of gods too, there were three assemblies;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful minds, such ones.
6. When the Buddha Dhammadassī entered the rains retreat at the refuge;
The first meeting was of a hundred thousand koṭis.
7. Furthermore, when the Buddha came from the gods to the human realm;
Then too, the second meeting was of a hundred koṭis.
8. Furthermore, when the Buddha made known the virtues of ascetic practice;
Then there was the third meeting of eighty koṭis.
9. I at that time, was Sakka, the first of givers;
With divine scents and garlands, and with music I honoured him.
10. That Buddha too declared of me, having sat down in the midst of the gods;
"In eighteen hundred cosmic cycles, this one will be a Buddha.
11. "Having striven in striving, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
12. Having heard his word too, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten perfections.
13. The city was named Saraṇa, the warrior was named Saraṇa;
The mother was named Sunandā, of the Teacher Dhammadassī.
14. For eight thousand years, he dwelt in the house;

Araja, Viraja, and Sudassana, three excellent mansions.

- 15.** Forty-three thousand women, fully adorned;
Vicikoḷi was the name of that woman, Puñṇavaḍḍhana was her son.
- 16.** Having seen the four signs, he departed from the palace;
For seven days the striving conduct, the highest of men practised.
- 17.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Dhammadassī, the lord of men;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the deer-park, the highest of men.
- 18.** Paduma and Phussadeva were the chief disciples;
Sunetta by name was the attendant of the Teacher Dhammadassī.
- 19.** Khemā and Saccā by name were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the bimbijāla.
- 20.** Subhadda and Kaṭissaha were the chief male attendants;
Sāḷiyā and Kaḷiyā were the chief female attendants.
- 21.** That Buddha too, equal to the matchless, risen to eighty cubits in height;
Outshines with his radiance, in the ten-thousand-fold world system.
- 22.** Like a king of sal trees in full bloom, like lightning in the sky;
Like the midday sun, thus he appeared beautiful.
- 23.** For him too, of incomparable power, his life was equal;
For a hundred thousand years, the one with vision stood in the world.
- 24.** Having shown light, having made the Dispensation spotless;
He passed away like the moon from the sky, he, together with his disciples,
attained final Nibbāna.
- 25.** Dhammadassī, the great hero, attained final Nibbāna in the Sāla park;
Right there is his excellent stūpa, raised up three yojanas.

The lineage of the Blessed One Dhammadassī is fifteenth.



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