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- 1.** And after Phussa, the Perfectly Enlightened One, the best of bipeds;
The one with vision named Vipassī by name arose in the world.
- 2.** Having broken through all ignorance, attained the highest enlightenment;
To set in motion the wheel of the Teaching, he departed for the city of
Bandhumatī.
- 3.** Having set in motion the wheel of the Teaching, the Leader awakened both;
The first full realisation was not to be told by counting.
- 4.** Furthermore, the one of immeasurable fame made known the truth there;
For eighty-four thousand, there was the second full realisation.
- 5.** Eighty-four thousand went forth after the Enlightened by himself;
To those who had reached the park, the one with vision expounded the
Teaching.
- 6.** Having heard him speaking in every way, those who sat near;
They too, having gone to the excellent Teaching, there was the third full
realisation.
- 7.** There were three assemblies of Vipassī, the great sage;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful
minds, such ones.
- 8.** The first meeting was of six hundred and eight thousand.
The second meeting was of a hundred thousand monks.
- 9.** The third meeting was of eighty thousand monks;
There, in the midst of the group of monks, the Perfectly Enlightened One
outshines.
- 10.** I at that time, a king of serpents of great supernormal power;
Atula by name, possessing merit, resplendent.
- 11.** Having surrounded myself with many tens of millions of serpents then,
Playing divine musical instruments, I approached the elder of the world.
- 12.** Having approached the Perfectly Enlightened One, Vipassī, the leader of the
world;
Inlaid with gems, pearls and jewels, adorned with all ornaments;

Having invited the King of the Dhamma, I gave a golden chair.

- 13.** That Buddha too declared of me, having sat down in the midst of the Community;
"Ninety-one cosmic cycles from now, this one will be a Buddha.
- 14.** "Having gone forth from the delightful city called Kapila, the Truth-finder;
Having striven in striving, having performed austerities.
- 15.** "Having sat down at the root of the goatherd's tree, the Truth-finder;
Having taken up the milk-rice there, he will approach the Nerañjarā.
- 16.** "On the bank of the Nerañjarā, that Conqueror ate the milk-rice;
By the prepared excellent path, he will approach the foot of the Bodhi tree.
- 17.** "Then, having circumambulated, the unsurpassed one, the ground of enlightenment;
At the root of the holy fig tree, the one of great fame will awaken to the highest enlightenment.
- 18.** "'His mother who gave him birth will be named Māyā;
His father will be named Suddhodana, this one will be Gotama.
- 19.** "Without mental corruptions, without lust, with peaceful minds, concentrated;
Kolita and Upatissa will be the chief disciples;
Ānanda by name will be the attendant, he will attend upon this Conqueror.
- 20.** "Khemā and Uppalavaṇṇā will be the chief female disciples;
Without mental corruptions, without lust, with peaceful minds, concentrated;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the holy fig tree.
- 21.** "Citta and Hatthaka of Āḷavī will be the chief male attendants;
Nanda's mother and Uttarā will be the chief female attendants;
The life span of that famous Gotama will be a hundred years."
- 22.** "Having heard this word, etc. we shall be face to face with him."
- 23.** Having heard his word, I gladdened my mind even more;
I determined upon further ascetic practice, for the fulfilment of the ten perfections.
- 24.** The city was named Bandhumatī, the warrior was named Bandhumā;
His mother was named Bandhumatī, of Vipassī, the great sage.
- 25.** For eight thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Nanda, Sunanda, and Sirimā, three excellent mansions.
- 26.** Forty-three thousand women, fully adorned;
Sudassanā was the name of that woman, Samavattakkhandha was the name of her son.
- 27.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by chariot vehicle;

For no less than eight months, the Conqueror strove in striving.

- 28.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Vipassī, the leader of the world;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the deer-park, the highest of men.
- 29.** Khaṇḍa and Tissa by name were the chief disciples;
Asoka by name was the attendant of Vipassī, the great sage.
- 30.** Candā and Candamittā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the trumpet-flower tree.
- 31.** Punabbasu and Mitta and Nāga were the chief male attendants;
Sirimā and Uttarā were the chief female attendants.
- 32.** Eighty cubits in height, Vipassī, the leader of the world;
His radiance radiates all around for seven yojanas.
- 33.** Eighty thousand years was the life span of that Buddha;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.
- 34.** He freed many gods and humans from bondage;
And taught the path and non-path to the remaining worldlings.
- 35.** Having shown light, having taught the Deathless state;
Having blazed like a great mass of fire, he, together with his disciples, attained
final Nibbāna.
- 36.** The excellent supernormal power, the excellent merit, and the characteristic in
bloom;
All that has disappeared, are not all activities empty?
- 37.** Vipassī, the supreme conqueror, the Buddha, attained final Nibbāna in Sumittā
Park;
Right there is his excellent stūpa, raised up seven yojanas.

The lineage of the Blessed One Vipassī is nineteenth.



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