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- 1.** After Vessabhū, the Perfectly Enlightened One, the best of bipeds;
Kakusandha by name, immeasurable, difficult to approach.
- 2.** Having abolished all existence, gone to perfection in conduct;
Like a lion having broken through a cage, attained the highest enlightenment.
- 3.** When Kakusandha, the leader of the world, was setting in motion the wheel of
the Teaching;
There was the full realisation of the teaching for forty thousand koṭis.
- 4.** In the sky, in the atmosphere, having performed the twin miracle;
He awakened thirty thousand crores of gods and humans.
- 5.** At the proclamation of the four truths by the king of men, the demon,
His full realisation of the teaching was incalculable by counting.
- 6.** Of the Blessed One Kakusandha, there was one meeting;
Of those who had eliminated the mental corruptions, spotless ones, of peaceful
minds, such ones.
- 7.** Of forty thousand, then was the meeting;
Of those who had attained the plane of the tamed, through the destruction of
the group of enemies, the mental corruptions.
- 8.** I at that time, was a warrior named Khema;
Having given no small gift to the Truth-finder, to the sons of the Conqueror.
- 9.** Having given a bowl and a robe, eye ointment and liquorice;
All this that is wished for, I prepare, the choicest of the choicest.
- 10.** That Buddha too declared of me, Kakusandha, the great leader;
"In this fortunate cosmic cycle, this one will be a Buddha.
- 11.** "Having gone forth from the delightful city called Kapila, 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 Khemāvātī, I was then named Khema;
Seeking omniscience, I went forth in his presence.

- 14.** The brahmin Aggidatta was the father of that Buddha;
Visākhā was the name of the mother, of the Teacher Kakusandha.
- 15.** There in the secure city dwelt the great family of the Perfectly Enlightened One;
The excellent, the foremost among men, of good birth, of great fame.
- 16.** For four thousand years, he dwelt in the house;
Kāma, Kāmavaṇṇa, and Kāmasuddhi by name, three excellent mansions.
- 17.** Thirty thousand women, fully adorned;
Rocinī was the name of that woman, Uttara was the name of her son.
- 18.** Having seen the four signs, he departed by chariot vehicle;
For no less than eight months, the Conqueror strove in striving.
- 19.** Asked by Brahmā, the peaceful one, Kakusandha, the great leader;
The great hero turned the wheel, at the deer-park, the highest of men.
- 20.** Vidhura and Sañjīva were the chief disciples;
Buddhija by name was the attendant of the Teacher Kakusandha.
- 21.** Sāmā and Campā were the chief female disciples;
The enlightenment tree of that Blessed One is called the Sirīsa tree.
- 22.** Accuta and Sumana were the chief male attendants;
Nandā and Sunandā were the chief female attendants.
- 23.** Forty cubits, very high, the great sage;
The colour of gold emanates, ten yojanas all around.
- 24.** Forty thousand years was the life span of that great sage;
Remaining for that long, he helped many people to cross.
- 25.** Having spread out the bazaar of the Dhamma, for men and women including the gods;
Having roared like a lion's roar, he, together with his disciples, attained final Nibbāna.
- 26.** Accomplished in speech with eight factors, without holes, continuously;
All that has disappeared, are not all activities empty?
- 27.** Kakusandha, the supreme conqueror, attained final Nibbāna in Khema Park;
Right there is his excellent stūpa, raised up a league into the sky.

The lineage of the Blessed One Kakusandha is twenty-second.



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