

# **Legends of the Buddhist Saints**

*Apadānapāli*

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# Sattāhapabbajita

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**[288. Sattāhapabbajita<sup>1</sup>]**

Honored and revered were the monks<sup>2</sup>  
of Vipassi, the Blessed One.  
Calamity'd befallen me;<sup>3</sup>  
there was a family rift<sup>4</sup> at home.<sup>5</sup> (1) [2655]

Entering renunciation  
in order to allay [my] grief,  
I [spent] a week there blissfully,  
desiring the Teacher's teaching.<sup>6</sup> (2) [2656]

In the ninety-one aeons since  
I went forth a renouncer then,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
the fruit of renunciation. (3) [2657]

In the sixty-seventh aeon  
hence, there were seven lords of earth  
[who] were [all] called Sunikkhama,<sup>7</sup>  
wheel-turning monarchs with great strength. (4) [2658]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [2659]

Thus indeed Venerable Sattāhapabbajita Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sattāhapabbajita Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>"Renouncer for a Week"

<sup>2</sup>lit., "Assembly," the entire monastic community (*saṅgha*)

<sup>3</sup>lit., "calamity (*vyasana*) had arisen/been produced for me"

<sup>4</sup>lit., "a division among relatives." The meaning might also be "I was one who caused a rift in the family" or "I was separated from the family"

<sup>5</sup>pure, lit., "in the house"

<sup>6</sup>lit., "in a state of desire for the *sāsana* ["Dispensation" "Religion"] of the Teacher"

<sup>7</sup>"Going Out Well"