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From what I heard, once the Buddha was at the garden Jetavana in the country Śrāvati, he got together with 500 Mahā-bhiksus. At that time, Ananda asked with right shoulder bare and right knee knelt: "Tathā-gatas should observe everything as same as a mirror reflecting every object. They know the past, present and future throughout, such as the names of the past Buddhas, the number of their attendants and Bodhisattvas who follow these Buddhas. In addition, they observe (the things in) a kalpa, a hundred kalpas, to innumerout kalpas. They know the names of kings, officials, people and can distinguish them one from the other. They also know the boundries of all countries. In a far future, Maitreya will appear on the earth and achieve the true sambodhi. I would like to ask the reason. How many disciples will he have? How prosperous will his country be? How long will it last?"

At that time, the Buddha answered: "You go back to your seat and listen to me. When Maitreya appear on the earth, how many disciples will he have? How prosperous will the country be? I think about these questions a lot and always keep them in my mind." Ananda followed the Buddha's words and went back to his seat. The Buddha said: "In a far future, there will be a town named Kutematī on the earth. It will be 12 yojanas in width and 7yojanas in length. Agricultural products will be prosperous. There will be many people and weaved streets. At that time, a naga king called Shui-kuang水光 in this city, who will make fregrant rain at night in order to have a clear day during the day-time. There will a raksa called Yeh-hua葉華 in this town whose behaviors will follow the true Dharma. He will always give away his evils and