

SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM

AADHI PARVVAM ANUKREMANIKAA PARVVAM

44. JanamejayaRaajyaabhishekam (44. Janamejaya Coronated as King)

After the death of Pareekshith Mahaaraajan, his son Janamejayan became the King. He married crown jewel of women named Vapushtama and began to rule the kingdom properly and efficiently.

Soothan Said:

Having seen that Ahi or Sarppa Raaja Thakshakan coiled Pareekshith Mahaaraajan like that the ministers became so fearful and reflecting with extreme grief and sadness on their face cried aloud. 1

And hearing ear piercing and terrifying hiss and horrifying roar all those brave ministers fled. Then as fleeing away in grief and sadness, they saw Thakshaka, the King of snakes coming through the blue sky in the color of lotus. 2

As that Thakshakan or the Phaneendhran or Naagaraajan was going like that they felt like the vermilion-colored crown dividing dark mass of hair in the middle. And all the ministers were extremely sad stricken. 3

Suddenly, the special mansion in which Pareekshith Mahaaraajan and his ministers were blazed in the huge fire flame of the horrible and fierce poison of that Thakshakan. The ministers who fled with fear were burned to death. The King fell down just like how a tree struck with lightning falls down. 4

Thus, after the King was laid dead by the deadly poison of Thakshakan, his councilors with the royal priests and holy Braahmanaas performed his last rites as prescribed in Vedhaas and Saasthraas in its order. 5

And all the citizens assembling together made the minor son of Pareekshith Mahaaraajan as their King or Monarch. Even though minor in age, he was

very strong and brave, he was the slayer of all his enemies, and his name was Janamejayan or Jenamejeyan. 6

Even though he was too young in age, that Raaja Sreshttan or best of all the Lords of Earth or Kings ruled the kingdom very efficiently like his Prepithaamahan, Yuddhishttiran who was the best of Kuru Vamsam, along with Purohithaas or Councilors and Amaathyaas or Ministers. 7

Having seen the valorous bravery of Janamejayan who always defeats all his enemies and make them penitent, his councilors and ministers requested the King of Kaasi, Suvarnavarmman or Suvarnavarmma, to give his daughter, Vapushtama, to king Janamejayan as his wedded wife. 8

The king of Kaasi got his daughter virgin Vapushtama married to Janamejaya, the most valorous of Kuru Vamsam, who was the perfect match. Janamejayan and Vapushtama led a very happy and joyous wedded life. Janamejayan never even thought of another woman as his wife. 9

Gifted with great energy king Janamejayan, the bravest and most valorous of Kuru Vamsam, wandered around in expanses of water, amid woods, flower gardens, and entertaining playgrounds in pursuit of pleasure with cheerful hearts along with his wife. Janamejayan and Vapushtama enjoyed married life like how the famous Puroorevas or Purooravas enjoyed married life with his wife Urvvasi in olden days. 10

Vapushtama who is the fairest of fair damsel gained her most desirable husband and totally devoted to her lord Janamejayan. She pleased him by her excessive love and affection not only during the period he spent in pursuit of pleasure but throughout his life. 11

So ends this section.