

After the death of King Dēvānampiya Tissa, it was his younger brother, Prince 'Uttiya', who succeeded him. He was succeeded by another brother, 'Mahāsiva', Thereafter, it was again his brother 'Sūratissa' who came to the throne.

During Sūratissa's reign two Tamil brothers , Sena and Guttika, sons of a freighter, who brought horses to Lanka, invaded and conquered the king. They jointly ruled the country until King Asela defeated them. It is during the time of King Asela, that a powerful chola ruler 'Elāra' overpowered King Asela and seized the Anurādhapura Kingdom. It is said that King Elāra was a good ruler, who meted out even justice to friend and foe alike.

Around the first century B.C. the kingdom of Lanka was ruled from three cities. While King Elāra ruled from Anurādhapura, King Kelanitissa ruled from Kelaniya and King Kāvantissa ruled from Māgama.

Owing to a dispute in the Royal Family
the king punished an innocent arhant.
People and the ministers were horrified.

The gods too got angry and made the sea overflow
to the land.

