



ANCIENT HISTORY

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Part 8



HELLO!

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IMPORTANT POINTS :

- ✦ Ancient Indian religion also known as Jain dharma with the principle of non-violence in the 6th century BC in India.
- ✦ This non-violent belief includes all living things.
- ✦ Jainism having 24 Tirthankaras.
- ✦ Founder --- Rishabdev / Rishabhath / Adinath. (1st)
- ✦ Aristanemi / Neminatha /Nemi – 22nd Tirthankar.
- ✦ Last Tirthankar – Vardhamana Mahavira. (24th)

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Emblem :

- ✦ 1st Tirthankar - Rishabdev / Rishabhath / Adinath – Bull.
- ✦ 23rd Tirthankar - Tirthankar Parshwanath - Snake.
- ✦ 24th Tirthankar - Vardhman Mahavira – Lion.

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Tirthankar Parshwanath : 23rd

- ✦ Son of King Ashvasena of Banaras.
- ✦ Prince of Banaras.

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Vardhman Mahavira : 24th

- ✦ He was born in Kundagram (Distt Muzaffarpur, Bihar) in 599 BC.
- ✦ Father name – Siddhartha.
- ✦ Belongs to Jnatrika clan.
- ✦ Mother name – Trishla sister of Lichchavi Prince Chetak of Vaishali.

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Vardhman Mahavira : 24th

- ✦ Wife – Yashoda.
- ✦ Daughter – Priyadarsena.
- ✦ Son – in – law – Jamali his first disciple.
- ✦ Related to Bimbisara.

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Vardhman Mahavira : 24th

- ✦ At 30, Mahavira left his home.
- ✦ After the death of his parents, he became an ascetic.
- ✦ He wandered place to place to attain knowledge.
- ✦ He meditated and practiced penance for about 12 years.

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Vardhman Mahavira : 24th

- ✦ At the age of 42 gained spiritual knowledge under Sal tree, on the bank of Rijupalika. (Kaivalya).
- ✦ He is now called as - Jaina / Jitendriya / Mahavira, and followers named Jain. Titled Arihant.
- ✦ First sermon at Pawa to 11 disciples.
- ✦ At the age of 72 he passed away at Pawapuri Bihar.

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Important teaching -

- ✦ Ahmisa – non – violence.
- ✦ Satya – speak truth.
- ✦ Asteya – do not steal.
- ✦ Aparigriha – do not acquire property
- ✦ Brahmacharya – celibacy.

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Three jewels :

- ✦ Triratnas –
 1. Right Belief.
 2. Right Knowledge.
 3. Right Action.

Can get by using five bows.

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Teachings :

- ✦ Certain rules for his followers.
- ✦ They have to attain starvation.
- ✦ Honest.

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Spread :

- ✦ Taught in Prakrit language.
- ✦ After Mahavira's death , got divided into two groups named , Digambaras or the sky – clad, those do not wear any clothes.
- ✦ Another Svetambaras or white – clad those who wear only white clothes.

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Literature :

- ✦ Jain literature in the form of Puravs and Angas.
- ✦ Prakrit language.

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Councils :

| Number | Chairman | King | Location | Result |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| First | Sthulabhadra | Chandra Gupta Maurya | Patliputra | 12 Angas complied . |
| Second | Devardhi | Unknown | Vallabhi | 12 Angas + 12 upangas |

THANKS!

Any questions?