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Left bottom: (1) King Gondophares sends Habban to engage a builder. (2) Christ instructs Thomas to go to India. (3) Christ consigns Thomas to Habban. (4) Habban and Thomas embark for India. (5) Banquet feast, King and others present. (6) Thomas is struck on the cheek by the cup-bearer. (7) Cup-bearer killed by a lion. (8) Thomas at the King's request blesses the bride. (9) Thomas before King Gondophares. (10) Thomas distributes the King's money in alms. (11) Destruction of the idol (the devil in the form of a black monster). (12) The high priest kills Thomas.

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