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We all know that Rama, Lakshmana, Sita are mentioned in Buddhist Ramayana, but Ravana is not mentioned in Buddhist Ramayana. So is Ravana not in Buddhist belief?

Answer :: NO ,Ravan was known to BUDDHISTs and he is Mentioned in "LANKAVATARA SUTRA "

A Thread on BUDDHIST RAVAN https://t.co/k8bfsl1EOJ

> Did you know?
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> Lanka was originally owned by Kuber.
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> He was the dikpal of North Direction and King of Gandharva Lok.
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> When Daityas Mali, Sumali and Malyavant couldn't defeat him in battle, they sent their sister to Sage Vishrava who was father of Kuber. pic.twitter.com/9tEcyVGbXT
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> — \U0001f1ee\U0001f1f3Sonal \U0001f1ee\U0001f1f3 (@Dharm_Sthapana) December 12, 2020

The first chapter of the Lankavatara-sutra describes that Lord Buddha once incarnated along with many of his disciples, on the Malay mountain near Lankanagari.
The Tathagata Buddha began to preach with his powerful voice, which began to resonate in the sky(2/n)

Yakshadhiraja Ravana, sitting in the lankanagari at the bottom of the mountain, could not understand this mystery ; Curious when Ravana meditated, he saw that Lord Buddha is giving sermons on the Malay Mountains among many snakes and girls and surrounded by many disciples
(3/n)

Seeing such a divine vision, Mahatma Ravana had a fervent desire that 'I too should appear before God and take advantage of his visions and pray with respect to him that he should visit Lankanagari and do welfare of the Lankavasis (4/n)

Ravana proceeded towards the Malay with Yaksha-kanya and Divyangas on a chariot equipped with many flowers Lankadhipati Ravana, having reached there, performed three revolutions of Lord Buddha while sitting in the chariot (5/n)

Rakshavaraja Ravana praised Lord Buddha Tathagata got pleased with this praise of Ravana performed in the Totak raga and got up from his seat. Ravana also descended from his divine chariot and offered him a precious gift with respect(6/n)

Pleased with the deep devotion of Ravana, Tathagata said, 'O demon king! A number of Buddhas have appeared in this Lankapuri earlier also who have declared Buddha religion here and will do so in future I will walk with you to lankapuri ', then God climbed on the chariot.

After all the formalities of the reception, Ravana requested Mahamati Buddha to give a sermon to everyone, while praying to take the seat
Then the Buddha performed a miracle that manifested many mountains around Lankanagari Many Ravan, many Buddha and people started appearing

After his long discourse, when Tathagata realized that all the Lankans had benefited from my sermon, he accidentally disappeared into the sky by air, when Ravana and the subjects found themselves in Lankapuri(9/n)

Interestingly- Ravana is referred as
~Ten headed
~ lankadhipati
~Yakshadhipati
~lord of Lanka
And buddha is referred in sutra by word _" bhagwan " several times