

were blown to and fro like the clouds in the sky tossed about in a stormy whirlwind.

9. On seeing the Asuras afflicted by the gusts of wind Jalandhara the great Asura became furious and terrified all the gods.

10. Seeing Viṣṇu suppressing and pounding the Asuras, the lips of the heroic Asura throbbed and he rushed at Viṣṇu to fight with him.

11. The king of Asuras shouted and roared terrifying both the gods and the Asuras. On hearing it, the ears became pierced.

12. The entire universe, filled with the terrible shouts of the Asura Jalandhara, quaked.

13. Then a great battle ensued between Viṣṇu and Jalandhara, the ruler of Asuras, both filling up the sky with their arrows.

14. O sage, gods, Asuras, sages and the Siddhas were very much surprised at the terrible mutual clash between the two.

15. Striking with a single arrow, Viṣṇu smote the heart of the Asura. With innumerable arrows he cut off the umbrella, banner, bow and arrows of the demon.

16. Seizing the mace with his hand, the Asura jumped up quickly, hit Garuḍa on his head and felled him to the ground.

17. The infuriated Asura with throbbing lips hit Viṣṇu in his heart with his sharp spear diffusing its splendour.

18. Viṣṇu laughingly split the mace with his sword. The destroyer of Asuras twanged his bow and split him with sharp arrows.

19. Viṣṇu the infuriated destroyer of the Asuras smote the Asura Jalandhara with a very sharp terrifying arrow.

20. On seeing his arrow coming, the powerful Asura cut it off with another arrow and hit Viṣṇu in the chest.

21. The heroic Viṣṇu of long arms split the arrow discharged by the Asura to the size of gingelly seeds and roared.