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<sup>2</sup> Jehoshaphat apparently took for his son Jehoram in marriage Ahab's daughter, Athaliah. The result was disastrous (cf. 2 Kings 11:1; 2 Chron.21:6; 22:2-4; 24:7).



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<sup>3</sup> Jehoshabeath was sister of the slain Ahaziah, aunt of Joash and wife of Jehoiada the priest.

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**ADDENDUM: Ways in Which 2 Chronicles Differs from 1 Kings**

1. 2 Chronicles omits Adonijah's coup.
2. 2 Chronicles omits Solomon's purge of his enemies (as commanded by his father): Adonijah, Joab and Shimei (all executed) and Abiathar (removed from the priesthood).
3. 2 Chronicles omits Hiram's displeasure with Solomon's cities (8:1-6).
4. 2 Chronicles omits details of Solomon's forced labor (8:7-11, cf. 1 Kings 9:15-25).
5. 2 Chronicles includes Solomon's organization of the Levites (8:14-16), but 1 Kings omits it.
6. 2 Chronicles omits Solomon's pagan wives as dragging Solomon away from God; it omits the judgment that followed (cf. 1 Kings 11:1-28).
7. 2 Chronicles omits Solomon's murderous rivalry with Jeroboam, to whom God promised ten tribes as a judgment upon Solomon and Judah (9:29-31, cf. 1 Kings 11:29-40)!

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