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Jehosheba means “YHWH is her oath or YHWH is plenty”. She was the daughter of King Jehoram (or Joram) of Judah not by his wife Athaliah, but by another wife.

King Jehoram of Judah + Athaliah (daughter of Ahab and Jezebel) => King Ahaziah (Jehoahaz) of Judah + second wife => Jehosheba

She was the half-sister of King Ahaziah (Jehoahaz) of Judah. She was the wife of high priest, Jehoiada. She was the only princess who married the high priest. After her half-brother Ahaziah’s death, she hid his infant son, Jehoash (Joash) from wicked Queen Athaliah for six years until High priest Jehoiada (her husband) brought him out to be proclaimed as a King of Judah. She and her husband get the credit for protecting and preserving the lineage of Judah through which the Messiah was born.

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2 Kings 11:1-3; 2 Chronicles 22:10-12

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¹When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs. ²But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons *who were* being murdered; and they hid him and his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, so that he was not killed. ³So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 22:10-12

¹⁰Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. ¹¹But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. ¹²And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.



Lessons from Jehosheba:

- Courage – she was brave enough to hide her nephew (Jehoash/Joash) for 6 years from the wicked Queen Athaliah
- Love – her love overtook her jealousy. She didn't harbour jealousy towards her half-brother or his son. Her actions prove that she had love for them.
- Credit – her husband being a high priest must have served God truly and the fear of God must have led them both to hide Jehoash for 6 years. It brought them the credit of preserving the line of Judah.

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