Rākṣasa—a form of marriage by which Kṛṣṇa married Rukmiṇī. But Rukmi objected to this form of marriage.

Bhā. X. 52. 18 and 41; 54. 18; Vi. III. 10. 24.

Rākṣasas (1)—see Rakṣas: semi-divine beings;¹ different clans—Devarākṣasas like Nairṛtas, Bhūmirākṣasas, Guhyarākṣasas Daityarākṣasas like Kāpileyas; Another classification is dīvācaras (Yajñamukhas) (Yātudhāna, Brahmadhāna, and Vārtta) and Niśācaras (Paulastya, Nairṛta, Āgastya, and Viśvāmītra) who ruin the Śrāddha, but worship Pitṛs;² of sharp teeth, reside in Bhaumanarakam;³ sons of Yātudhāna;⁴ description of their forms and features;⁵ mother, Svasā;⁵ both Dānavas and Daityas live in Pātāla.¹

¹ Bhā. VI. 8. 24; Br. II. 32. 1 and 2; 35. 191. ² Ib. III. 7. 132-167; 8. 60-65; 10. 111; 11. 81; IV. 1. 155; 2. 26; 20. 47; Vā. 70. 54-7. ³ M. 39. 8-9. ⁴ Vā. 69. 128. ⁵ Ib. 70. 54-63. ⁶ Vi. I. 21. 25. ⁷ Ib. II. 5-4.

Rākṣasas (11)—ety: (see also Yakṣa, Niśācara). When out of hunger the first created beings began to swallow water, the Rākṣasas tried to protect the waters; then the hairs of Prajāpati stood on end with anger; out of this came snakes of all sorts; occupy Vajraka hill.²

¹Br. II. 8. 32; Vā. 9. 30-5; Vi. I. 5. 43. ² Vā. 30. 90; 31. 12; 34. 55; 39. 36; 100. 159; 101. 3, 28.

Rākṣasajit—a son of Jāmbavan.

Br. III. 7. 303.

Rākṣasamātṛs—eight in number: perhaps the seven daughters of Khaśa and Nīlā; create fear and disease among children (human beings- Vā. P.).

Br. III. 7. 156-61; Vā. 69. 188.

Rākṣasī—a mind-born mother.

M. 179. 16.