

Kamsa: addressed the new-born Kṛṣṇa. In the Svāyam-bhuva epoch she was Pr̥śni and Vasudeva was Sutapa. In another epoch she was Aditi and Vasudeva was Kaśyapa. Yaśodā's daughter exchanged for Devakī's son and Kamsa was told of the birth of a girl; was released from prison along with Vasudeva; forgave and advised Kamsa; was saluted by Kṛṣṇa and Rāma.²

Yudhiṣṭhira asked Arjuna about her welfare.³ Kṛṣṇa's respects to, after his return from Indra's abode.⁴ Devakī came to Rukmiṇī's palace with Vasudeva and Kṛṣṇa;⁵ felt concerned at Kṛṣṇa not returning from the cave of Jāmbavān and aided by others prayed to Durgā for Kṛṣṇa's return;⁶ wondered at the discourses between Nimi and the sages, sons of R̥ṣabha;⁷ embraced Yaśodā at Syamantapañcaka and enquired after her welfare;⁸ praised Kṛṣṇa and Rāma and desired to see her sons who had been killed by Kamsa; saw them with joy when taken back from Sutala by Kṛṣṇa; in her presence they left for heaven.⁹ Her grief at the decease of Rāma, Kṛṣṇa and others; entered fire.¹⁰

¹ Bhā. I. 1. 12; III. 1. 33; 2. 25; IX. 24. 23, 45, 53; X. 1. 8 and 29; 36. 17; Br. I. 1. 125; M. 44. 73; 46. 13-15; 47. 2; Vā. 1. 148; 96. 163, 172-4; Vi. IV. 14. 18; 15. 18, 26-30. ² Bhā. X. Chh. 1-4; 44. 50-51; 45. 1-12; Bhā. I. 8. 23, 33; 11. 28; X. 36. 20; 43. 24. Vi. V. 2. 2; 4. 14; 18. 7-8. ³ Bhā. I. 14. 27. ⁴ Ib. X. [67 (V) 48]. ⁵ Ib. X. 55. 35. ⁶ Ib. X. 56. 34-5. ⁷ Ib. XI. 5. 51. ⁸ Ib. X. 82. 37. ⁹ Ib. X. 85. 27-33, 52, 56-70. ¹⁰ Ib. XI. 31. 18; Vi. V. 38. 4.

Devakī (II)—a goddess enshrined at Mathurā.

M. 13. 39.

Devakī (III)—the mother of Yaudheya by Yudhiṣṭhira.

M. 50. 56.

Devakulam—Temples where dancing girls were entertained in service.

M. 70. 28.