

Panels 9 & 10

49 Age 9

The planet Mars appears in human form, and the prince reveals the reason to the Emperor.

50 Age 12

The prince meets the monk Nichira from Baekje (a Korean kingdom).

51 Age 22

The prince builds a temple dedicated to the four heavenly kings, called Shitennoji Temple.

52 Age 24

Sacred wood washes ashore on Awaji Island.

53 Age 36

Ono no Imoko meets three elderly monks at Mt. Heng in Sui-dynasty China.

54 Age 37

The prince sends his spirit to Mt. Heng in a blue dragon chariot and retrieves a sutra he owned in a past life.

55 Past lives

During the prince's previous six lives, he built three pagodas and three stone pillars.

56 Past lives

In his past life as a monk named Huisi, Prince Shotoku converses with Bodhidharma. Afterward, Bodhidharma ascends to the sky.

57 623 AD (2 years after death)

Envoys from Silla (a Korean kingdom) and Gaya (a Korean territory) and monks from China arrive in Japan with gifts of Buddhist relics and statues.



Panels 7 & 8

41 Age 16

The prince defeats Mononobe no Moriya, an opponent of Buddhism.

42 Age 18

The prince gives a cowherd the key to a granary.

43 Age 33

The prince visits Kaedeno in Yamashiro Province.

44 Age 37

The prince meditates in the Hall of Visions for seven days and nights.

45 Age 48

The prince climbs Mt. Shiisaka, where he recites a poem overlooking the palace.

46 Age 50

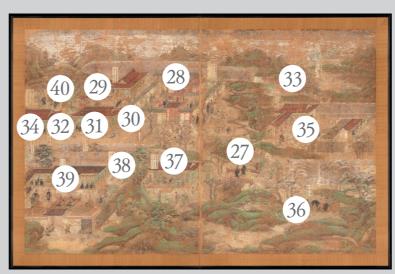
The prince and his consort pass away at Ikaruga Palace.

47 Age 50

The prince and his consort are entombed at Shinaga.

48 643 AD (22 years after death)

The prince's son and his kinsmen are attacked by Soga no Iruka and ascend to heaven from the five-storied pagoda of Horyuji Temple.



Panels 5 & 6

27 Age 17

An envoy of craftsmen bearing Buddhist relics arrive in Japan from Baekje (a Korean kingdom).

28 Age 25

Hokoji Temple is completed and alms are collected.

29 Age 28

Baekje (a Korean kingdom) presents a camel, donkey, sheep, and white pheasant as gifts.

30 Age 33

The prince writes a seventeen-article constitution.

31 Age 36

The prince sends Ono no Imoko to Mt. Heng in Sui-dynasty China.

32 Age 37

The prince reads and then burns a letter brought back by Imoko.

33 Age 37

Although the prince is in disguise, members of an envoy from Sui-dynasty China sense the presence of a "pure one" and venerate the prince.

34 Age 40

The prince writes an annotated Srimaladevi Sutra text.

35 Age 41

A man from Baekje (a Korean kingdom) teaches a masked drama and dance (gigaku) to children.

36 Age 43

Seeing a dog attacking a deer, the prince perceives the suffering of reincarnation and the effects of karma.

37 Age 46

At the behest of Empress Suiko, the prince gives another lecture on the Srimaladevi Sutra.

38 Age 48

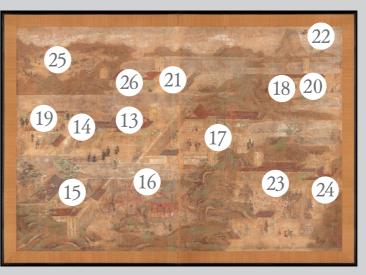
The prince sees an ill omen in a fish-like monster.

39 Age 49

A feast is held and gifts are given to nobles.

40 Age 49

The prince and his ministers are unsettled by the appearance of a red cloud in the sky.



Panels 3 & 4

13 Age 6

Prince Owake returns from Baekje (a Korean kingdom) with sutras and Buddhist monks and nuns.

14 Age 10

The prince listens to plans to prevent potential attacks by the Emishi.

15 Age 13

Soga no Umako enshrines a statue of Maitreya brought from Baekje (a Korean kingdom).

16 Age 14

Opponents of Buddhism destroy pagodas and statues.

17 Age 16

Emperor Yomei falls ill and dies.

18 Age 17

The prince foretells misfortune for Emperor Sushun.

19 Age 19

The prince's coronation ceremony is held.

20 Age 21

Emperor Sushun looks at a wild boar given in tribute and reveals his intention to kill Soga no Umako.

21 Age 21

Soga no Umako kills the brazen Yamato no Aya no Atai Koma.

22 Age 27

The prince flies to Mt. Fuji on a black stallion.

23 Age 35

Auspicious lotus petals fall from the sky as the prince gives a lecture on the Srimaladevi Sutra.

24 Age 35

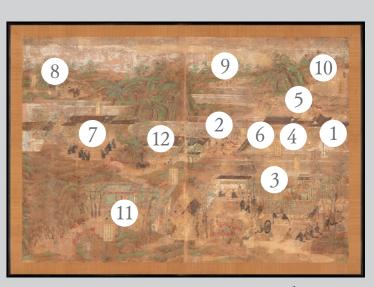
The prince gives a lecture on the Lotus Sutra at Okamoto Palace.

25 Age 40

The prince admonishes Empress Suiko for hunting.

26 Age 43

The prince ordains 1,000 monks and nuns to pray for the ailing Soga no Umako.



Panels 1 & 2

1 Conception

The prince's mother is visited by a golden monk in a dream and conceives a child.

2 Birth

The prince is born in front of a stable.

3 Birth

Banquets are held to celebrate the prince's birth.

4 Age 2

The prince folds his hands in prayer, faces east, and chants "Praise to the Buddha."

5 Age 3

The prince extols the virtues of evergreen pine needles over fleeting peach blossoms.

6 Age 4

The prince willingly accepts his father's punishment.

7 Age 5

The prince prophetically pays homage to the future Empress Suiko before others.

8 Age 10

The prince pacifies the Emishi without the use of force and achieves peace.

9 Age 11

The prince simultaneously listens to the utterances of thirty-six children.

10 Age 11

The prince displays special powers, such as levitating in the air.

11 Age 26

The prince is visited by Prince Asa of Baekje (a Korean kingdom).

12 Age 27

Kai Province presents the prince with a black horse.