



Paper Kings



¹⁰ When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family of the house of Judah.



2 Chronicles 22:10

¹¹ But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes who were about to be murdered and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.



2 Chronicles 22:11-12

Because Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and wife of the priest Jehoiada, was Ahaziah's sister, she hid the child from Athaliah so she could not kill him. ¹² He remained hidden with them at the temple of God for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.

2 Chronicles 22:11-12



¹ In the seventh year Jehoiada showed his strength. He made a covenant with the commanders of units of a hundred: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zikri.

2 Chronicles 23:1-3



² They went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites and the heads of Israelite families from all the towns. When they came to Jerusalem, ³ the whole assembly made a covenant with the king at the temple of God.



2 Chronicles 23:1-3

¹⁶ Jehoiada then made a covenant that he, the people and the king would be the Lord's people. ¹⁷ All the people went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.



2 Chronicles 23:16-17

² Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the years of Jehoiada the priest.



2 Chronicles 24:2

⁴ Some time later Joash decided to restore the temple of the Lord. ⁵ He called together the priests and Levites and said to them, “Go to the towns of Judah and collect the money due annually from all Israel, to repair the temple of your God. Do it now.”

2 Chronicles 24:4-5



But the Levites did not act at once.



2 Chronicles 24:4-5

2 Chronicles 24:8-13



¹⁵ They did not require an accounting from those to whom they gave the money to pay the workers, because they acted with complete honesty.



2 Kings 12:15

¹⁵ Now Jehoiada was old and full of years, and he died at the age of a hundred and thirty. ¹⁶ He was buried with the kings in the City of David, because of the good he had done in Israel for God and his temple.



2 Chronicles 24:15-16

So he died and was buried in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.



2 Chronicles 24:25c

God is perfectly comfortable choosing supporting characters to play lead roles



Consider yourself a supporting character



Stop focusing only on lead roles





1. What was your word for King Joash?
2. Do you think of yourself as more of a lead role or a supporting character?
3. What roles has God given you to play?

