

- 1:15...The King puts the matter squarely before them. What should they do about Vashti and her open disobedience? He sent a command to her by the chamberlains and she flagrantly refused to obey! What a thing!
- 1:16...Memucan is the last mentioned of the princes (wise men, etc.) but he is the first to speak and he spells out the difficulty in a neat form and offers a prescription that will save the realm from domestic disaster.. He notes that Vashti has not only done harm to the king but to all of the princes and people present at the feast...and indirectly to everyone in the kingdom. You can hardly imagine how much damage she has done---that is his studied opinion.
- 1:17...The outworking of it, in the eyes of Memucan, is that women all over the realm will hear about it and will "despise" (not regard with favor) the decrees and desires of their husbands. The thought is: if the queen could do it we can all do it! No man would be safe from the refusal of his wife and the cold contempt she could pour upon him at any occasion.
- 1:18...The results will be especially bad in Media and Persia and the contempt and aggravation will make life nearly impossible.
- 1:19...So Memucan thinks the king must sent out, as a matter of precedent, a royal decree...one of those things that could not be changed (supposedly) in which Vashti is set aside, given no more precedence, and her entire royal estate will be given to another. In other words, when a woman defies her husband, she loses all! Is he a wretched thinker or not?
- 1:20...He continues that when this decree is known throughout the Empire, the women will shake in their shoes and all wives will give their husbands great honor whether they are great or small persons.
- 1:21...and we read that the saying pleased the king and the princes and he did according to the advice of Memucan. How long it took to do this we do not know but it would take some time. The king would soon have other problems on his mind (military) but I suspect he acted pretty rapidly on this problem to "save the men of the kingdom". My humorous guess is that Memucan was not married!
- 1:22...So the letters went out to everybody and the content was that every man should rule in his own house. The edict would be in all the languages of the territories that made up the empire and any woman who defied her husband in any way would soon be out! (And, of course, if they really carried out the decree they would soon be out of women as well).