

“Queen Vashti Deposed” **Esther 1:10-22**

I. REFUSAL: "Vashti refused to come" (vv.10-12)

A. Order: "bring Vashti before the king" (vv.10-11)

B. Opposition: "king's command delivered" (v.12)

1. Defiance: "Queen Vashti refused to come" (v.12a)
2. Delirium: "king...very angry/his wrath burned" (v.12b)

II. RESPONSE: “what is to be done?” (vv.13-15)

A. Advisors: “king said to the wise men” (vv.13-14)

1. Insightful: "who understood the times" (v.13)
2. Trusted: "were close to him" (v.14a)
3. Privileged: "had access to the king's presence" (v.14b)

B. Advice: "to be done...because she did not obey" (v.15)

III. REACTION: "a royal edict" (vv.16-20)

A. Dilemma: "conduct will become known" (vv.16-18)

1. Reprehensible: "wronged...the king...princes...all the peoples" (v.16)
2. Rebellious: "become known...causing...contempt" (vv.17-18)

B. Direction: "let a royal edict be issued" (vv.19-20)

1. Requirements: "If it pleases the king..." (v.19)
 - a. New Command: "royal edict be issued"
 - b. New Law: "that Vashti should come no more"
 - c. New Queen: "royal position to another"
2. Reason: "women will give honor" (v.20)

IV. RESULT: "this word pleased the king" (vv.21-22)

A. Approval: “the king did as Memucan proposed” (v.21)

B. Announcement: "he sent letters to all...provinces" (v.22)

1. Letters: "to each province...to every people"
2. Lord: "the master in his own house"
3. Leader: "one who speaks"