

*Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*  
Current Book: The Book of Esther – Message 3

**2016 VISION: Faithful in little things!**

## Scriptures for Today: Esther 1:13-22 – The Impact of Queen Vashti’s Deeds & Punishment

**Title of Today’s Message: The Wake of Disobedience – *The ramifications are bigger than we think!***

### INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw incredible **doctrinal pictures** within Esther chapter 1 related to **prophetic** events that will occur during the **Tribulation Period**. The king made a **seven-day FEAST** to honor **all those present with the king in the court of the garden of the king’s palace**. And, in a stunning move, the Gentile queen \_\_\_\_\_ to **COME** when she was called by the king. Today, we will see the king’s response to the queen’s **disobedience**. And, we will learn that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the queen had an impact that was \_\_\_ greater than she thought. The application to us will be **very practical** and may cause **great** offense. However, we are not here for the sake of entertainment or to discover some new self-help remedy. We are here to hear from and \_\_\_\_\_ Almighty God!

### PREACHING NOTES

1. The king **sought counsel** from those closest as to what to \_\_\_ with Vashti **according to the law**.

- ✓ The king’s closest advisors were **wise men, which knew the times** – and **knew the law**.

1 Chronicles 12:32

*“which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...”*

2 Kings 25:19

*“out of the city he took an officer...and five men of them that were in the king’s presence”*

Proverbs 13:20

*“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”*

NOTE

It was the king’s manner to consult those seven men closest to him who knew the law and judgement! Our closest friends matter. Who we spend our time with matters. The enemy will try to steal this from you. You must seek out friends who will help you glorify God.

- ✓ The king’s closest advisors were **the seven princes which saw the king’s face** – and **sat first**.

Ezra 7:14

*“Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand.”*

Revelation 4:5

*“there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.”*

Isaiah 11:2

*“And the spirit of the LORD (1) shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom (2) and understanding (3), the spirit of counsel (4) and might (5), the spirit of knowledge (6) and of the fear of the LORD (7);”*

Psalms 1:1-2

*“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”*

Colossians 2:8

*“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”*

NOTE

The Word of God must be our final authority in all matters of life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3)!! The Word of God and the Holy Spirit must be our closest advisors. We must allow the Spirit of God to guide and direct our thinking and decisions with the Word of our God! Beware!

2. Memucan’s **counsel** declared how the queen’s **actions** affected \_\_\_\_\_ the provinces of the king.

- ✓ The queen had **not done wrong to the king only** – but **also to all the people in all the provinces**.

Romans 14:7

*“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”*

2 Corinthians 3:2

*“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:”*

NOTE

This truth is the key to God’s message to us today! Our every thought and action **matters!**

- ✓ The deed would be *heard* by **all women** who would despise their husbands in their eyes.

2 Samuel 6:16                    *"...and she **despised him** in her heart."*                    [Michal, Saul's daughter, toward David]  
 Genesis 3:6                      *"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."*

NOTE                      In our day, we have seen the demise of the moral, family unit with the husband as leader.

- ✓ The deed would impact the wives of **the king's leaders** – leading to contempt and wrath.

1 Timothy 3:11                    *"Even so **must their wives** be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."*  
 Titus 2:3-5                        *"The aged women likewise, that they be in **behaviour as becometh holiness**..."*

NOTE                      The queen was the "highest ranking" woman *per se*. The wives of the princes were next.

- ✓ By **the word** of the king, a **decree would be made** to give the queen's royal estate to another.

1 Samuel 15:28                    *"The LORD hath rent the kingdom...hath given it to a neighbour...that is better than thou."*  
 1 Kings 3:28                      *"and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment."*  
 Romans 11:26                      *"And so **all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written..."*

NOTE                      What a statement the king would say to all women! A new bride would replace the queen!

- ✓ The published WORD of the king would CAUSE **all the wives to give honour to their husbands**.

Deuteronomy 17:13                    *"And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously."* (death penalty)  
 Genesis 3:16                      *"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."  
 1 Corinthians 11:3                    *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."  
 Ephesians 5:22-24                    *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, AS unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even AS Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body"  
 Ephesians 5:33                      *"...let everyone of you...so love his wife... and the wife see that she reverence her husband."  
 Colossians 3:18                      *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, AS it is fit in the Lord."  
 1 Peter 3:1-7                        *"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands...Even AS Sara obeyed Abraham"******

NOTE                      Webster's 1828 says "honor" is the esteem due or paid to worth; a testimony of respect by words or actions; reverence and submission. The "progressive" liberals of our day want us to believe that the Bible is irrelevant and the biblical marriage union forsaken. Yet, the counsel of Memucan from the law aligns with the timeless, perfect WORDS of our God!

- ✓ Letters went to **EVERY people** and language – **EVERY MAN should bear rule in his own house**.

Genesis 3:17                        *"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed..."*

NOTE                      The first human rebellion and sin against Almighty God came by way of a role reversal. The woman's voice must be heard. She is so important to him and God! Yet the man must lead.

**MAKING THE APPLICATION**

Church                      An irreverent and unfaithful bride ("Christ's church") has caused untold harm to **all** people!  
 Church                      Your Husband Jesus has commanded you to **OBEY HIM**. The world is watching **every** day!  
 Wives                        Your Father says your husband is the head. Submit to him for Christ. The world is watching!  
 Husbands                      Almighty God says you are the HEAD. He has given you responsibility to lead. Lead **WELL!**