

## THE CASE EXAMINED - V16-22



### THE APPROACH - V16-18

Then Memucan said to the king and the other important men, "Queen Vashti has not done wrong to the king alone. She has also done wrong to all the important men and all the people in all the empire of King Xerxes. All the wives of the important men of Persia and Media will hear about the queen's actions. Then they will no longer honour their husbands. They will say, 'King Xerxes commanded Queen Vashti to be brought to him, but she refused to come.' Today the wives of the important men of Persia and Media have heard about the queen's actions. So, they will speak in the same way to their husbands, and there will be no end to disrespect and anger."



### THE ASSERTION - V19-20

"So, our king, if it pleases you, give a royal order, and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media, which cannot be changed. The law should say Vashti is never again to enter the presence of King Xerxes. Also let the king give her place as queen to someone who is better than she is."

And let the king's order be announced everywhere in his enormous kingdom. Then all the women will respect their husbands, from the greatest to the least."



### THE AGREEMENT - V21-22

The king and his important men were happy with this advice, so King Xerxes did as Memucan suggested.

He sent letters to all the states of the kingdom in the writing of each state and in the language of each group of people. These letters announced that each man was to be the ruler of his own family.



# THE PRICE OF SAYING NO!

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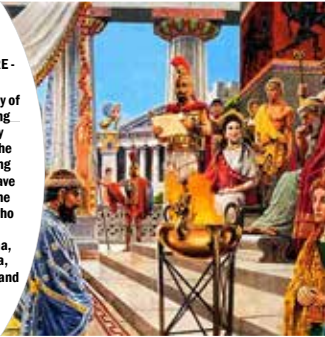




**THE COMMAND EXERCISED - V10-12**

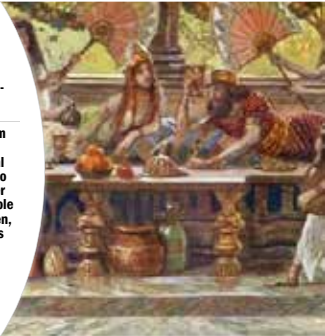
**THE ATMOSPHERE - V10**

On the seventh day of the banquet, King Xerxes was very happy, because he had been drinking much wine. He gave a command to the seven eunuchs who served him—Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas.



**THE AUTHORITY - V11**

He commanded them to bring him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown. She was to come to show her beauty to the people and important men, because she was very beautiful.



**THE AUDACITY - V12**

The eunuchs told Queen Vashti about the king's command, but she refused to come. Then the king became very angry; his anger was like a burning fire.



**THE CONCERN EXPRESSED - V13-15**



**THE ASSESSMENT - V13**

It was a custom for the king to ask advice from experts about law and order. So King Xerxes spoke with the wise men who would know the right thing to do.



**THE ASSESSORS - V14**

The wise men the king usually talked to were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, seven of the important men of Persia and Media. These seven had special privileges to see the king and had the highest rank in the kingdom.



**THE APPRAISAL - V15**

The king asked them, "What does the law say must be done to Queen Vashti? She has not obeyed the command of King Xerxes, which the eunuchs took to her."

