

Read Esther 1:9-15

9 At the same time, Queen Vashti gave a banquet for the women in the royal palace of King Xerxes.

10 On the seventh day of the feast, when King Xerxes was in high spirits because of the wine, he told the seven eunuchs who attended him—Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas—

11 to bring Queen Vashti to him with the royal crown on her head. He wanted the nobles and all the other men to gaze on her beauty, for she was a very beautiful woman.

12 But when they took the king's order to Queen Vashti, she refused to come. This made the king furious, and he burned with anger.

13 The King immediately got together with his wise advisers and lawyers, who knew all the government laws and customs. He always asked their advice.

14 The names of these men were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan—seven nobles of his kingdom. They met with the king all the time and held the highest positions in the empire.

15 “What must be done to Queen Vashti” the king demanded. “What penalty does the law provide for a queen who refuses to obey the king's orders?”

At the same time the King was having his second party, what did the Queen do (v. 9)? She had a party of her own for the women of the city.

What did the King tell his eunuchs to do (vv. 10-11)? Go get the Queen, tell her to put her crown on and bring her to his party. **What's a eunuch?** Servants who were males.

Why? He wanted to show her off because she was very beautiful.

How did the Queen react (v. 12)? She said No.....she wasn't gonna go to his party.

What did the King think of that? He was very angry. Nobody ever refused to obey the King. **Do you think that Queen Vashti's going to get in trouble?**

After the Queen refused to come to his party, what did the King do next (vv. 13-14)? He got together several of the smartest advisers and lawyers in his kingdom.

What did the King ask his wise advisers/lawyers (v. 15)? What are we going to do with Queen Vashti since she refused to come to my party? How are we going to punish her?