

~MEMUCAN (88)
(Me-mu'can)

- The chief spokesman for the seven Medo-Persian princes on the occasion that Vashti refused to obey King Ahasuerus.
- And the king proceeded to say to the wise men having knowledge of the times, for in this way the king's matter came before all those versed in Law and legal cases. (**Esther 1:13**)
- And those closest to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and **Memucan**, seven princes of Persia and Media, having access to the king, and who were sitting first in the kingdom. (**Esther 1:14**)
- According to Law what is to be done with Queen Vashti because she has not performed the saying of King Ahasuerus by means of the court officials? (**Esther 1:15**)
- **Memucan's** opinion was that Vashti had wronged not only the king but also the princes and the people of the empire and that she should therefore be removed as queen, so that all wives of the empire might learn to be obedient to their husbands.
- The king and the other princes agreed with **Memucan**, and a royal decree to this effect was written among the unchangeable laws of the Medes and Persians.
- To this **Memucan** said before the king and the princes; It is not against the king alone that Vashti the queen has done wrong, but against all the princes and against all the peoples that are in all the jurisdictional districts of King Ahasuerus. (**Esther 1:16**)
- For the affair of the queen will go out to all the wives so that they will despise their owners in their own eyes, when they say; King Ahasuerus himself said to bring in Vashti the queen before him, and she did not come in. (**Esther 1:17**)
- And this day the princesses of Persia and Media, who have heard the affair of the queen, will talk to all the princes of the king, and there will be plenty of contempt and indignation. (**Esther 1:18**)

- If to the king it does seem good, let a royal word go out from his person, and let it be written among the laws of Persia and Media, that it may not pass away, that Vashti may not come in before King Ahasuerus, and her royal dignity let the king give to a companion of hers, a woman better than she is. ([Esther 1:19](#))
- And the decree of the king that he will make must be heard in all his realm, for it is vast, and all the wives themselves will give honor to their owners, the great as well as the small. ([Esther 1:20](#))
- And the thing was pleasing in the eyes of the king and the princes, and the king proceeded to do according to the word of **Memucan**. ([Esther 1:21](#))
- So he sent written documents to all the kings jurisdictional districts, to each jurisdictional district in its own style of writing and to each people in its own tongue, for every husband to be continually acting as prince in his own house and speaking in the tongue of his own people. ([Esther 1:22](#))
- These seven princes of Persia and Media were versed in Law and legal cases. They were the kings closest advisers, sitting first in the kingdom.
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- That the Persian court had such a council of seven is confirmed by;
- Inasmuch as from before the king and his seven counselors an order was sent to investigate concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the Law of your God that is in your hand. ([Ezra 7:14](#))