1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

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not performed the commandment of
the ling ahasuerus by the
16 chamberlains? 16 and memucan
answered before the ling and the
princes, vashti the queen hath not
done wrong to the ling only, but
also to all the princes, and to
all the people that are in all the
provinces of the ling ahasuerus.
17 17 for this deed of the queen
shall come abroad unto all women,
so that they shall despise their
husbands in their eyes, when it
shall be reported, the ling
ahasuerus commanded vashti the
queen to be brought in before him,
18 but she came not. 18 likewise
shall the ladies of persia and
media say this day unto all the
ling's princes, which have heard
of the deed of the queen. thus
shall there arise too much
19 contempt and wrath. 19 if it
please the ling, let there go a
royal commandment from him, and

let it be written among the laws
of the persians and the medes,
that it be not altered, that
vashti come no more before king
ahasuerus; and let the king give
her royal estate unto another that
20 is better than she. 20 and when
the king's decree which he shall
make shall be published throughout
all his empire, (for it is great,)
all the wives shall give to their
husbands honour, both to great and
21 small. 21 and the saying pleased
the king and the princes; and the
king did according to the word of
22 memucan: 22 for he sent letters
into all the king's provinces,
into every province according to
the writing thereof, and to every
people after their language, that
every man should bear rule in his
own house, and that it should be
published according to the
language of every people.