

One Neglected Marriage

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Balance in the Marriage Union

How Very Important it is that there be a Mutual Submission in Marriage!

Human History holds Volumes of Stories of Top-heavy and Collapsed Marriages that have shaken Civilizations around the World.

One of the most profound is the Story of The King of Persia who Ruled Over 127 Provinces from 485 to 465 BC. Proud Khshayarsha (his Persian name) Xerxes (his Greek name) or **Ahasuerus** (the Hebrew name for him).

But though he was a World Ruler in his day, he failed to Rule over his own spirit, and consequently lost his Wife and Queen.

Pride in a Man has destroyed many a Marriage.

Go with me now to our Scripture Text in the Book of Esther Chapter 1:1 **Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this was the Ahasuerus who reigned over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India to Ethiopia),² in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the citadel,³ that in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all his officials and servants—the powers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the provinces being before him—⁴when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days in**

all. (In 6 Months of self celebration, not much notice is given to his Wife, the Queen during these 180 days).

⁵And when these days were completed, the king made a feast lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Shushan the citadel, from great to small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace (care and attention to everyone but his Wife and Queen). ⁶There were white and blue linen curtains fastened with cords of fine linen and purple on silver rods and marble pillars; and the couches were of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of alabaster, turquoise, and white and black marble (Every Royal Material Thing).

⁷And they served drinks in golden vessels, each vessel being different from the other, with royal wine in abundance, according to the generosity of the king. ⁸In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the King had ordered all the officers of his household, that they should do according to each man's pleasure.

⁹Queen Vashti (On her Own these days) also made a feast for the women in the royal palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

¹⁰On the Seventh day,



when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, ¹¹to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing her royal crown in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she was beautiful to behold.

Finally she is to be recognized by the King as his Wife The Queen, after 6 months of the King's Self Exaltation. If You were the Wife/Queen, how would you be feeling about your Husband/king, after being So Long Neglected?

¹²But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command brought by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him. - (Verses from NKJV Bible).

Most people hop right on Esther, agreeing with the King; 'Ditch the Wife/Queen.' There are Plenty of Young Beauties in The Kingdom they say. But do they Learn Anything about Pride, Selfishness, Materialism, Neglect of the Very One they Married and made Queen of their Great Kingdom?

No, This Proud King found a New Queen, and his Pride Continued to Swell as he Marched Against Athens, Greece in the year 480 BC.