

RISE.

REBUILD.

RESTORE.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

RESPOND TO THE CALL

Nehemiah 3

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The high priest Eliashib and his fellow priests began rebuilding the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and installed its doors. After building the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel, they dedicated it

Nehemiah 3:1-2

THE ENEMY COMES

Nehemiah 4:1-14

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“What are these pathetic Jews doing? Can they restore it by themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they ever finish it? Can they bring these burnt stones back to life from the mounds of rubble?”

Nehemiah 4:2

THE ENEMY COMES

So we rebuilt the wall until the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had the will to keep working.

Nehemiah 4:6

THE ENEMY COMES

When Sanballat, Tobiah, and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the repair to the walls of Jerusalem was progressing and that the gaps were being closed, they became furious. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw it into confusion.

Nehemiah 4:7-8

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Nehemiah 4:9-14

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So we prayed to our God and stationed a guard because of them day and night.

Nehemiah 4:9

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

After I made an inspection, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord

Nehemiah 4:14

STANDING TOGETHER

Nehemiah 4:15-23

STANDING TOGETHER

When our enemies heard that we knew their scheme and that God had frustrated it, every one of us returned to his own work on the wall. From that day on, half of my men did the work while the other half held spears, shields, bows, and armor.

Nehemiah 4:15-16

STANDING TOGETHER

...The officers supported all the people of Judah, who were rebuilding the wall. The laborers who carried the loads worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other. Each of the builders had his sword strapped around his waist while he was building, and the one who sounded the ram's horn was beside me.

Nehemiah 4:16-18

STANDING TOGETHER

Then I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is enormous and spread out, and we are separated far from one another along the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the ram's horn, rally to us there.

Our God will fight for us!"

Nehemiah 4:19-20

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...stand guard by night and work by day." And I, my brothers, my servants, and the men of the guard with me never took off our clothes. Each carried his weapon, even when washing

Nehemiah 4:22b-23

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As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

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For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:6

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**BEFORE A PEOPLE CAN RISE UP,
SOMEONE MUST RISK!**

**IN ORDER TO REBUILD
AND RESTORE, A PEOPLE
MUST RISE UP**

THE RECIPE FOR RISING:

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- A Call to action/vision
- Persevering



CONTEXT: THE TIME & PLACE



MEDITERRANEAN
SEA

Damascus
Tyre
Samaria
Jerusalem
Jericho

Babylon

Susa

Mount Sinai

KNOWING A NEED

1st Return
Of Exiles

Temple
Rebuilt in
Jerusalem

538

516

Esther, Queen
Of Persia

483-473

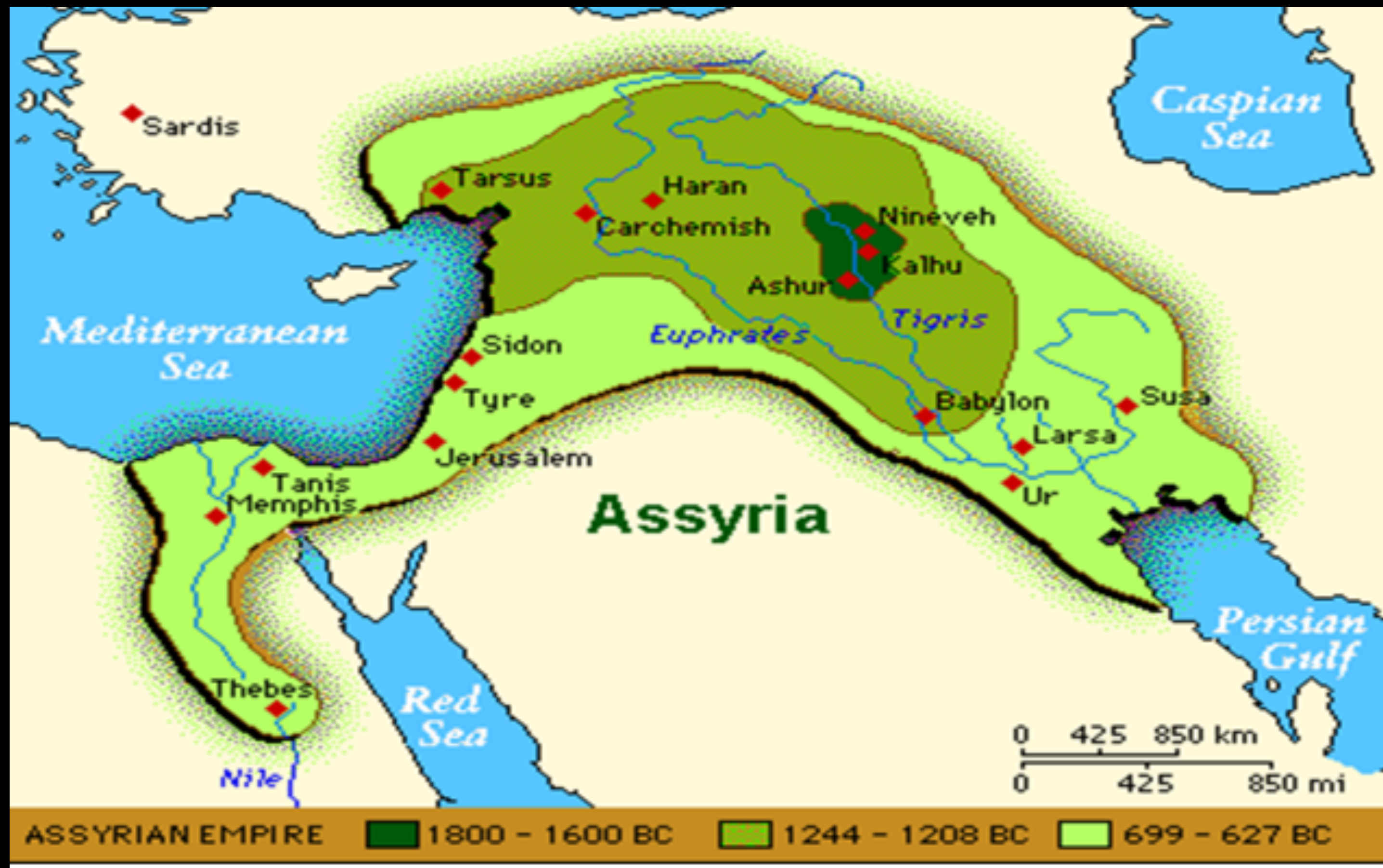
2nd Return
Of Exiles
Led by **Ezra**

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3rd Return
Of Exiles led
by **Nehemiah**

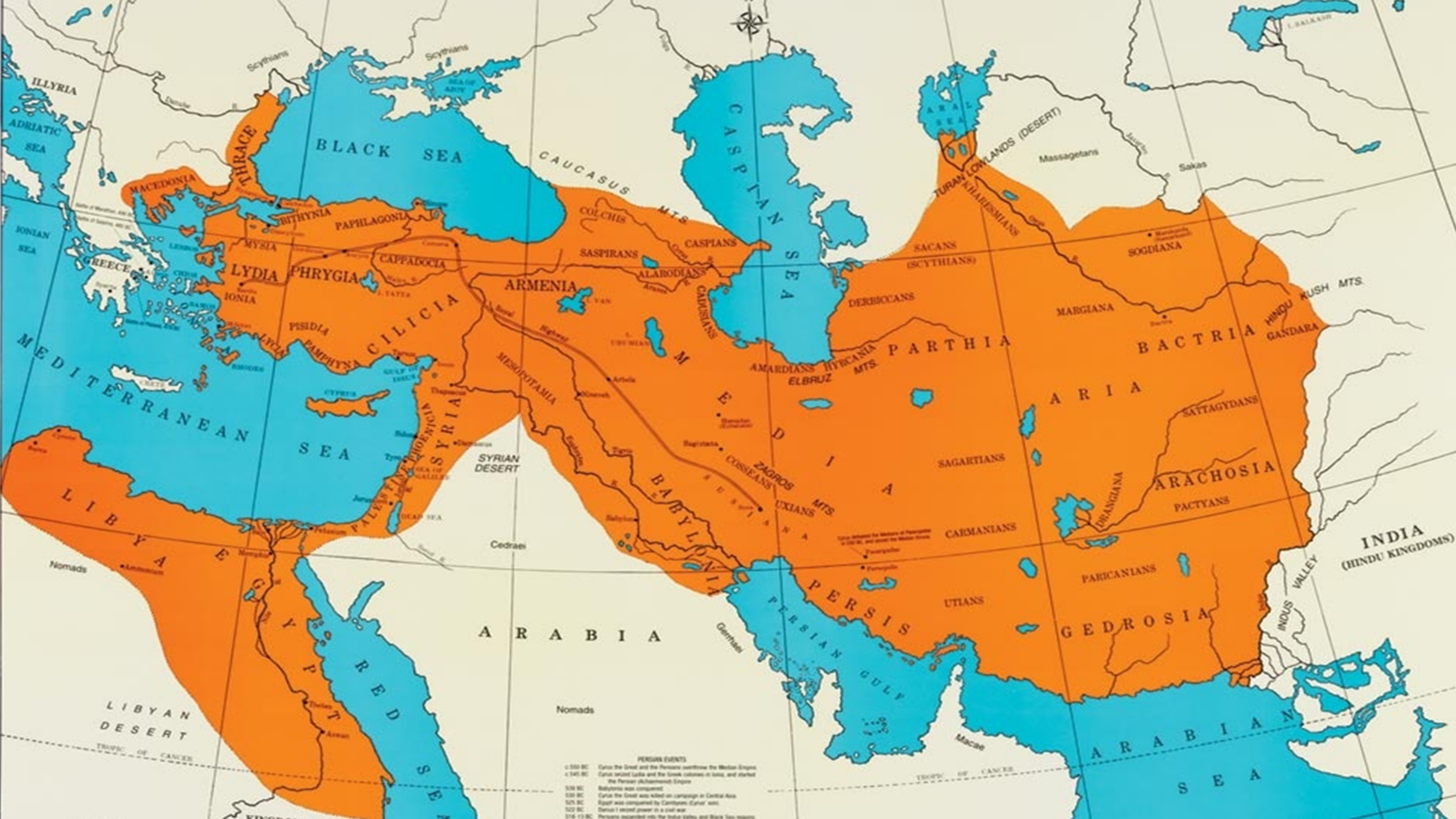
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—● Judah Vassal State of Persia ●—





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PERSIAN EVENTS

- 550 BC: Cyrus the Great and the Persians overthrow the Median Empire
- 545 BC: Cyrus seized Lydia and the Greek colonies in Ionia, and started the Persian (Achaemenid) Empire
- 530 BC: Babylon was conquered
- 520 BC: Cyrus the Great was killed in campaign in Central Asia
- 525 BC: Egypt was conquered by Cambyses, Cyrus' son
- 522 BC: Darius I seized power in a civil war
- 518-13 BC: Persians expanded into the Indian Valley and Black Sea regions

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**PRAYING OVER
THE NEED**

"It is the tragedy of this hour that many people seem to think that if they know the mechanics of serving God, that is all that is necessary. May this thought be far removed from your minds. No service is acceptable unto God unless it is rendered upon the wings of prayer. Therefore, may we withdraw ourselves to the secret place and there pray until we have an answer."

Dr. Lee Roberson



After the
SERMON
EXPANDING ON SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

L I S T E N O N B E T H A N Y E F C . O R G

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- **Remembering & Praising God**
- **Confessing our sins**
- **Praying according to God's Will & Word**
- **Pray for success**

**WHO WAS
MEHEMIAH?**

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A CALL TO ACTION

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”

Abraham Lincoln

PREPARING TO ACT

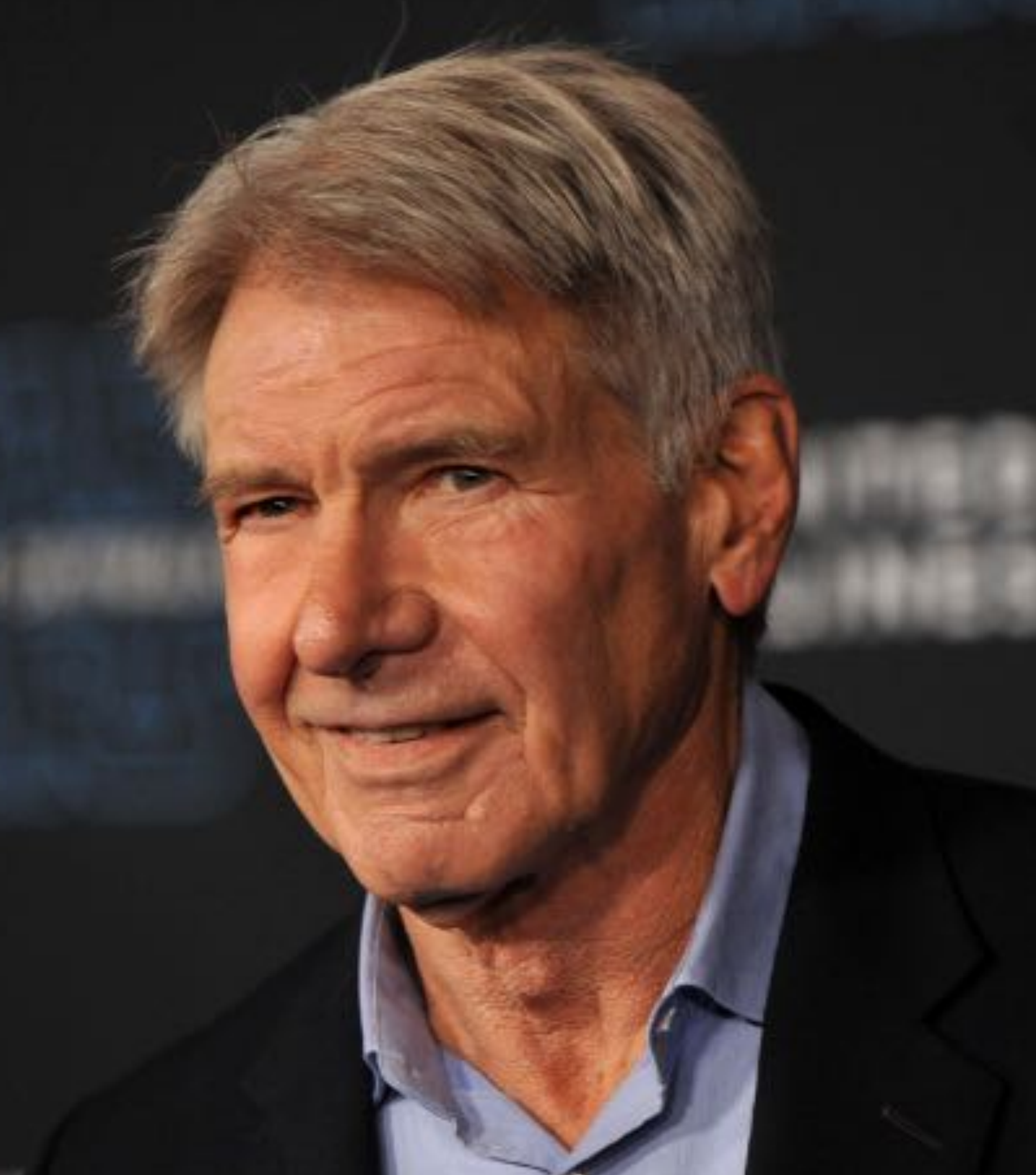
“Secondly, the leader must ensure that the organization he is to lead understands their present reality, both the positives and negatives of that reality.”

Rutland

“Success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure.”

Confucius

PERSEVERING



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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

**Those who are ashamed of me and
of my words, of them the Son of
Man will be ashamed when he
comes in his glory and the glory of
the Father and of the holy angels.**

Luke 9:26 (NRSV)

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.

Immediately she got up and began to serve them...

Luke 4:38-39 (NRSV)