

REPAIR REBUILD REINFORCE

NEHEMIAH



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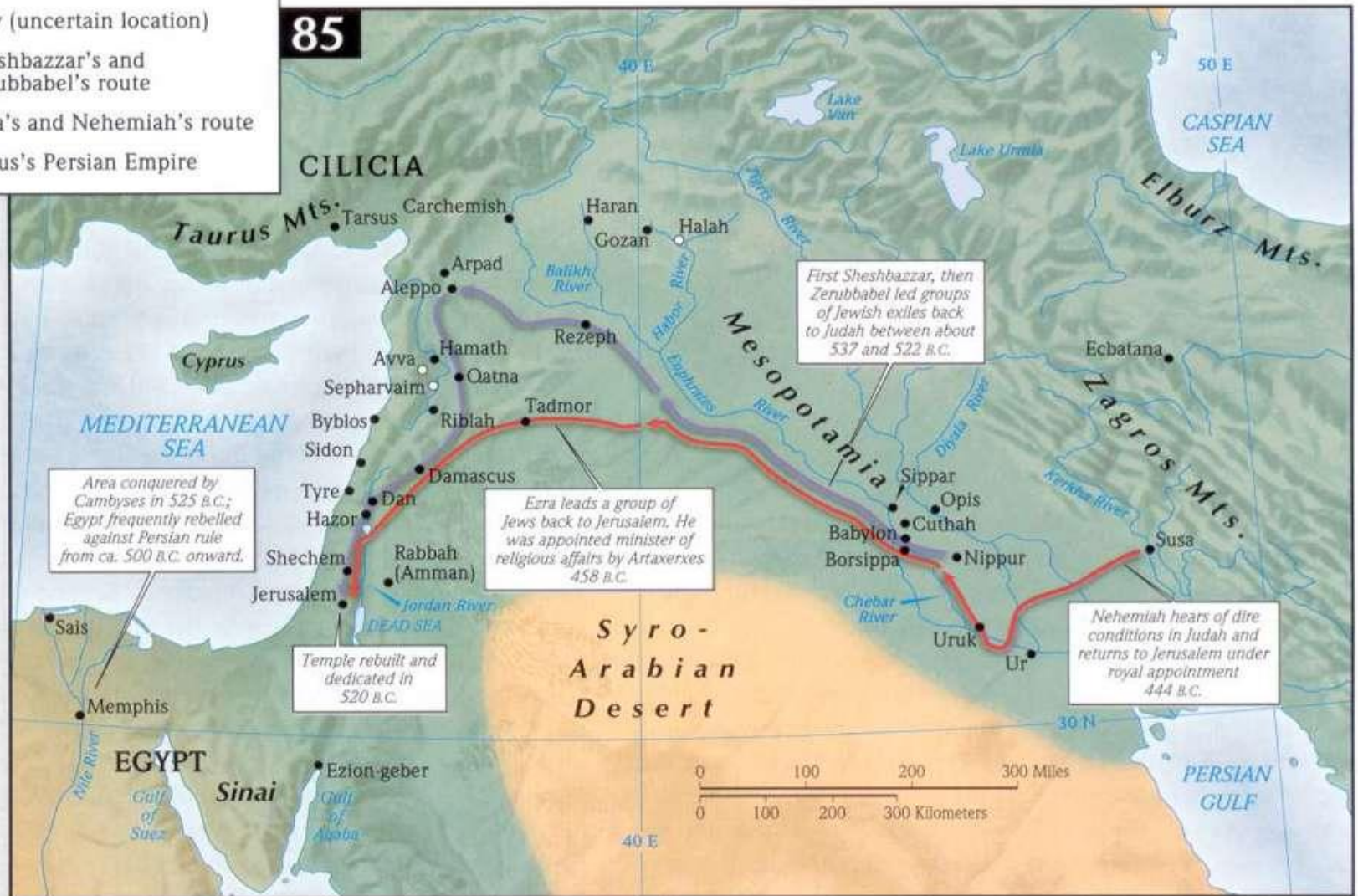
	<div> <div> Cupbearer to the King Prayer May I? You may! <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:1-2:10 </div> <div> Builder of the Wall “So the wall was completed . . . in fifty-two days.” (6:15) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 2:11-6:19 </div> <div> Governor of the People Scripture found (7:5) read (8:3-7) explained (8:8) Lives changed (8:1-3, 9; 10:28-31) Nation confronted and cleansed (13:10-30) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 7-13 </div> </div>			
Location	Susa, Persia		Jerusalem in Judah	
Focus	Leadership of a man		Revival of a nation	
Subject	Burden	Project	Scriptures	Reforms
Difficulties	The King	Enemies	Tradition	Compromise
Victories	Release	Accomplishment	Obedience	Changes
Theme	Nehemiah's trust in the covenant-keeping God			
Key Verses	6:15-16; 8:8-10; 9:1-38			
Christ in Nehemiah	Suggested in Nehemiah, who leaves an exalted position to identify with the plight of his people and lead them into restoration; pictured in Nehemiah's prayerful dependence on God			

THE RETURNS OF JEWISH EXILES TO JUDAH

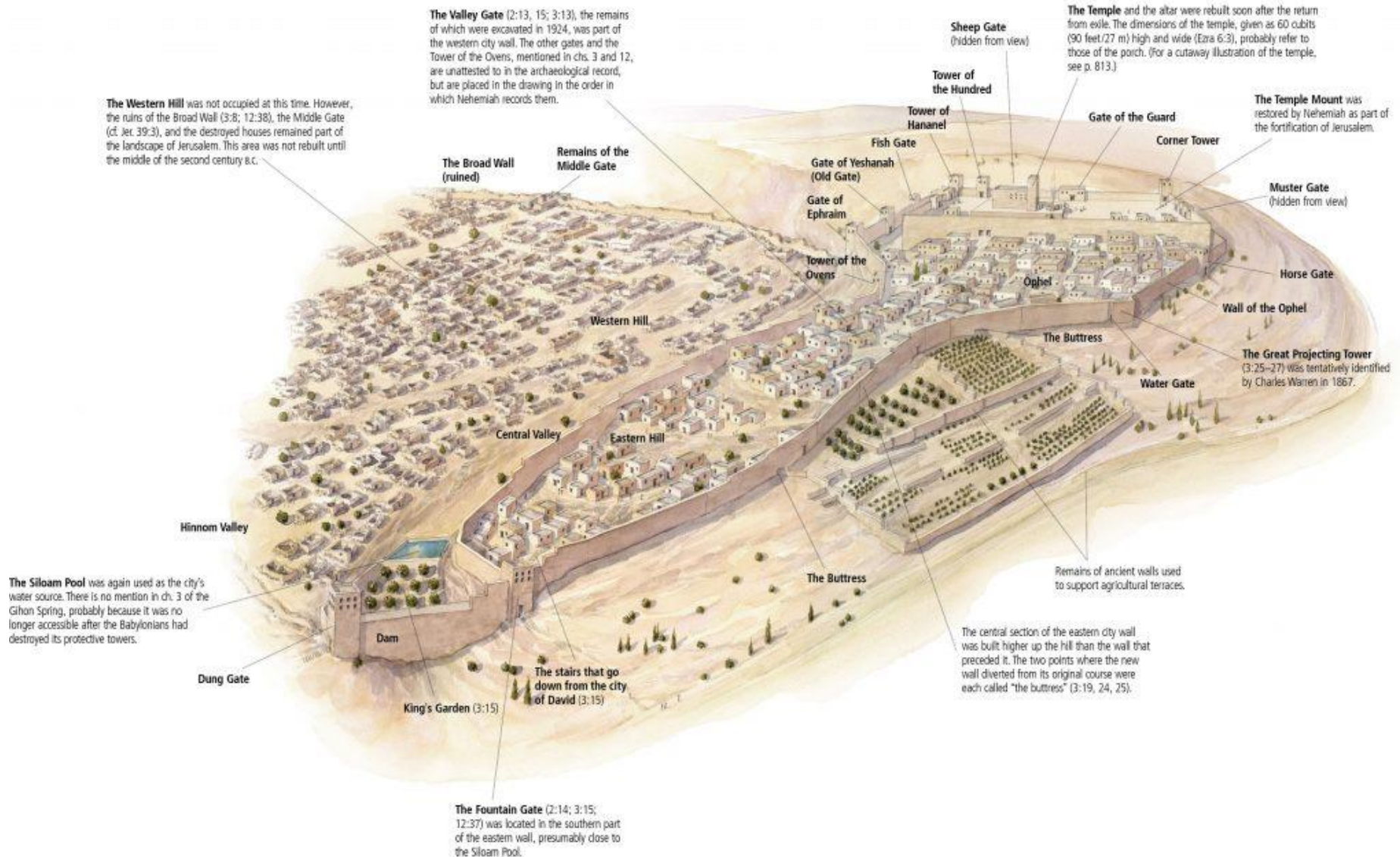
THE EDICT OF CYRUS: EZRA 1:2-4; 6:1-4
see also EZRA 1:5-8:35

NEH. 1-3

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ← Sheshbazzar's and Zerubbabel's route
- Ezra's and Nehemiah's route
- Cyrus's Persian Empire



The Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, the Sheep Gate, the Gate of the Guard, and the Corner Tower added strength to the northern wall of the Temple Mount, which also served as the northern city wall in this area.



Jerusalem (after Nehemiah rebuilt the city's walls & gates)



Lion's Gate



Damascus Gate



Jaffa Gate



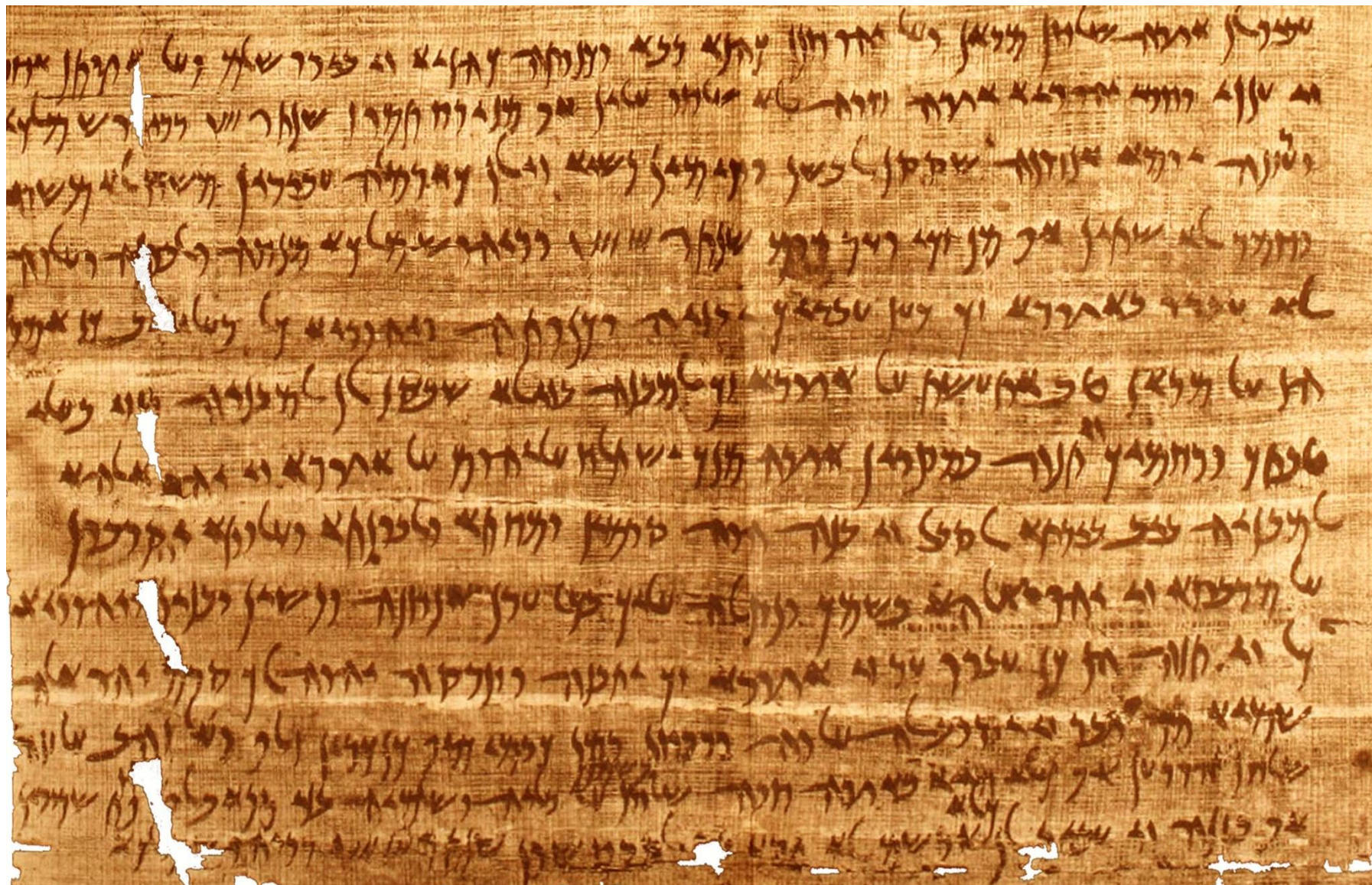
Zion Gate



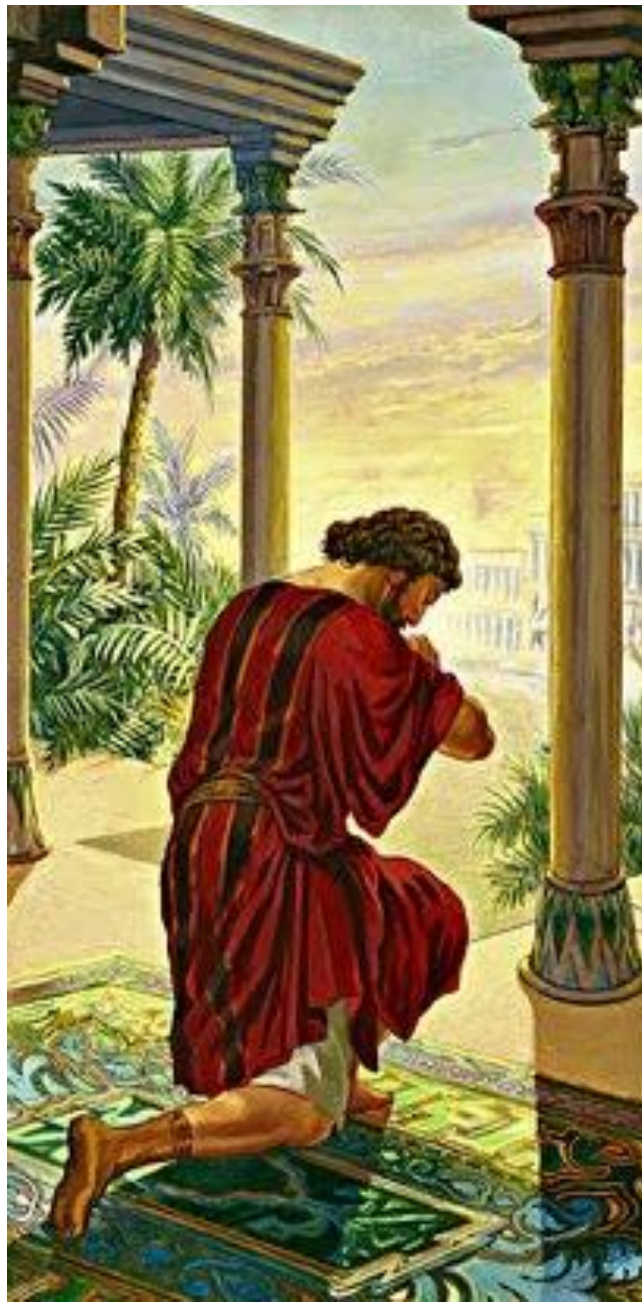
Dung Gate



Golden Gate (also called Eastern Gate or Beautiful Gate)



495-399BC: The Judean Elephantine Egyptian Papyrus letters to Bagohi Governor of Judea



Nehemiah prays to The Lord

Judah After the Return from Exile (Ezra and Nehemiah)





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Nehemiah 4:14

Nehemiah encourages the people. He tells them three things:

1. Don't be afraid. God is with us.
2. Think about the LORD's character. He is great and awesome.
3. Fight for your families.



PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP – Chapter 4

1. A leader never loses sight of the goal. Regardless of the circumstances. Regardless of the problems. Nehemiah is going to accomplish the goal of rebuilding the walls. And for you and I while we are here on this earth, we must not lose sight of why we are here. What is your purpose? Our goal as believers is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. As we do that, we glorify God in our lives.

2. A leader never gets side-tracked. Nehemiah did not spend his time arguing with the enemy.

He did what he was supposed to do. Question – Are you on track? Are you doing what you are supposed to be doing?

3. A leader focuses on the right things. He focuses on God and his task. And not on his circumstances.

Application

1. Let's keep our eyes on God and not our situations and problems.
2. Remember that God is the strength. He is the one that fights the battles. Live your life in God's power.
3. Be consistent in your Christian life. Be faithful. Do what you are supposed to do.