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THE LEGACY OF ELEFThERIOS VENIZELOS: LEADERSHIP, REFORM, AND THE POWER OF POLITICAL VISION

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How can one leader reshape the destiny of a nation? Eleftherios Venizelos transformed Greece through bold reforms, decisive foreign policy, and far-reaching political decisions. This lecture explores his impactful leadership, the strategic vision behind his policies, and the enduring lessons of a political approach that has proven difficult to replicate in modern Greece.

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