

#1237 America as Media-Persia – John Philip Sousa: Susa

Key Understanding: *Susa and Sousa.* The most famous march composer in U.S. history, John Philip Sousa, is in prophecy as part of the story of America playing the role of Media-Persia. This is because the (winter) capital of the Media-Persian Empire was the city of Susa. The city of Susa played an enormous part in Assyrian, Babylonian, and Media-Persian history. It was located in today's southwestern Iran. Susa was an important city in scripture as well.

John Philip Sousa



Map of the Media-Persian Empire showing the location of **Susa**, a winter capital for the Persian Empire, and Persepolis, a summer capital for the Persians (in the mountains).

Here is #1237–Doc 1, about **Susa**.

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Most of the events in the Book of Esther took place in Susa, so we will use Esther 1:1-3 (NIV) as a key passage for this Unsealing. Darius the Great (ruled about 521-486 B.C.) built his magnificent royal palace at Susa (also known as Shushan). Xerxes succeeded his father Darius and ruled from 486-465 B.C.

Esther 1:1-3 (NIV) This is what happened during the time of Xerxes, the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush:

*2 At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of **SUSA**,*

3 and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. The military leaders of Persia and Media, the princes, and the nobles of the provinces were present.



Esther made Queen in Susa

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