

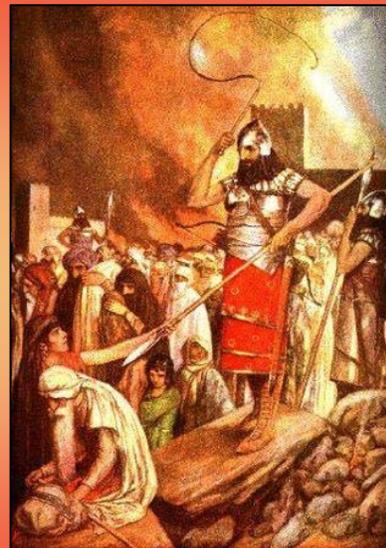
#1242 America as Media-Persia – John Philip Sousa, “The March King” of Habakkuk, part 3, Sousa is connected to both Babylon and Media-Persia through Habakkuk

Essentially, both Babylon and Media-Persia are seen in the Book of Habakkuk in a unique manner, for it is first emphasized and prophesied that Judah will be judged by God through the hand of Babylon, and then explained that Babylon will be judged by God (through the hand of Media-Persia, though Media-Persia is not stated explicitly).

Key Understanding: It is the unique manner in which Babylon and Media-Persia can both be seen in the Book of Habakkuk that serves as the reason why John Philip Sousa is connected with both kingdoms in the Book of Habakkuk.



Sousa is connected to Babylon through the theme of “the March King,” for Habakkuk 1:6 is specifically about the Babylonians being on the march against Judah.



Sousa is connected to Media-Persia through his name, for the (winter) capital of Media-Persia was Susa.



Sousa represents America as both a *second* Babylon and a *second* Media-Persia because America is both a *second* Babylon and a *second* Media-Persia.

Habakkuk 1:6-11 (KJV) For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans [Babylonians], that bitter and hasty nation, WHICH SHALL MARCH THROUGH THE BREADTH OF THE LAND [of Judah], to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. {breadth: Heb. breadths} [NIV . . . I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling-places not their own.]

7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. [NIV . . . They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honour.]

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat. [NIV . . . Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour;]

9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. [NIV . . . they all come bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand.]

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. [NIV . . . They deride kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them.]

11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god. [NIV . . . Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—guilty men, whose own strength is their god.”]

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