

The Kimmerians who sought a refuge in Asia make their first appearance in Armenia. They were attacked and defeated by Esar-haddon, the powerful King of Assyria, in the year 670 B.C., somewhere between the Zagrus and Niphates. They were thus compelled to move in a westerly direction, and enter Asia Minor. There they committed the most terrible ravages. They plundered Lydia, Paphlagonia, Bithynia, Mysia, Phrygia and Ionia. In Lydia they took Sardis, the chief city, all except the acropolis. In Ionia they ravaged the valley of the Cayster, laid siege to Ephesus, and burnt the Temple of Diana, which was situated about a mile from the city.

For a long time the Kimmerians roamed at will through the most fertile portions of Asia Minor. They met with the first severe check in Kilikia. The hardy inhabitants of that country attacked one of their bands, utterly defeated it, and slew its leader, Lygdamis. They were driven out of Lydia by Alyattes, the grandson of Ardys, about the year 600 B.C. They were not, however, driven out of Asia Minor. They held possession of Antandrus, a town on the northern side of the Gulf of Adramyttium, for a hundred years. They formed a permanent settlement at Sinope.

Moses, in the tenth chapter of Genesis, tells us that the sons of Japhet were Gomer, and Magog, Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Mesech, and Tiras. He also tells us that the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. Ezekiel, in the thirty-eight chapter of his prophecy, speaks of Gomer and Togarmah as two powerful nations. His words are: "Gomer and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes."

That the Gomer of the Bible and the Kimmerians of the Greeks are the same people is quite evident. Various facts tend to shew their identity: (1) The names Gomer or Gomerians and Kimmerians bear a close resemblance to one another. The change of *g* into *k* is not an unusual thing. The Hebrew gamal (a camel) becomes Kamélos in Greek. Again, Kabalia, the name given by the Greeks to a moun-