

CHAPTER III.

THE MEDES AND PERSIANS.

OUTLINE : *Situation of Media and Persia — The Median Empire — The Persian Empire : Cyrus, Darius — Phœnicia.*

SUMMARY OF EVENTS.

- I. — Media and Persia were situated east of Chaldea and Assyria. Media extended on the north as far as Armenia and bordered on the Caspian Sea. Persia extended to the Persian Gulf on the south.
- II. — The Median Empire was founded by Cyaxares. After having taken and destroyed Nineveh, he took possession of Assyria. The Median Empire lasted over two centuries.
- III. — Cyrus subdued the Medes and founded the Persian Empire which he soon extended over almost the whole of Upper Asia. He seized Babylon and allowed the captive Jews to return to their country.
- IV. — Phœnicia, a small country north-west of Palestine, formed a maritime and commercial nation whose principal cities were Tyre and Sidon.

LESSON.

- I. — Media and Persia. — Situation. — 26. The Medes and Persians whom Cyrus had brought to Babylon, were two kindred nations living east of Assyria and Chaldea.