







PAUL OF SAMOSATA: A TALK OF THE ANCIENT STRIAN CHURCH.

CHAPTER V. THE INTERVIEW. "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the Prophets, from morning till evening."—ACTS XXVII. 23.

of the approaching siege and destruction of Jerusalem; the character he sustained, the excellence of his precepts, the meekness of his demeanor, the universal benevolence of his words and deeds,—he intended to show the conformity of his practice with his pretensions, and from this to derive the presumption that he was really what he declared himself to be. But he was suddenly interrupted by the opening of the door which communicated with the apartment, and the announcement of Longinus and Paul of Samosata.

"Our conversation," observed Zenobia, before these individuals had made their appearance, "must now cease. I have to render you many thanks, holy father, for the instruction you have afforded me. The train of thought awakened by your clear and simple statements shall be continued and improved, when a temporary release from the cares of government may allow me an hour of tranquil study. But what means this visit, my friends," pursued the Queen, addressing herself to the two persons who had now entered the room; "are you provided with any important intelligence? Has Plato for a time been laid on the shelf, my learned Longinus? And has any mishap occurred to you, bishop of Antioch, that mars thy customary nocturnal amusements?"

"Most excellent Zenobia!" responded the proud Paul, as he bent his knee before her throne, "I crave pardon for my sudden intrusion. But I have come in haste to inform thee, on behalf of the King, that he has just received intelligence from the East, which has excited his profound interest. He is so friendly to thee, most gracious Queen, that he has thought it well to send thee a messenger, who will deliver to thee the substance of the intelligence which he has received. He is so friendly to thee, most gracious Queen, that he has thought it well to send thee a messenger, who will deliver to thee the substance of the intelligence which he has received. He is so friendly to thee, most gracious Queen, that he has thought it well to send thee a messenger, who will deliver to thee the substance of the intelligence which he has received."

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