

he ~~would~~ would like to go and hear Erdman preach, and I went with him. During the previous two weeks I had often seen dr. Erdman on the street and had casually greeted him. After the service Woodbridge said he would like to go up /and speak to Dr. Erdman. I agreed to so and we went to the front. Dr. Erdman was speaking to someone and we stood near, waiting. Wehn he was finished with the person he was speaking to he truned around to not having noticed ~~how~~ who was there. Seeing Woodbridge and me he immediately gushed all over to me, saying how ~~gri~~ glad he was to see me, and paid hardly any attention to Woodbridge who had been away a whole year. I felt that he showed his general attitude rather plainly in that particular encounter.

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There was no building up of vocabulary in the book. With each subject that he discussed he would use illustrations often involving very unusual words and unusual g forms. There was no context in the illustrations. Consequently they were often very hard to make sense of, even though most of them consisted of a few words taken directly from the Bible. After the first year I worked out my own arrangement and system, using his book only for ;reference, and the students learned twice as fast and they had before.

One time Dr. Allis said to me, "Dr. Wilson has a great deal to answer for; he wrote such a difficult book that it has wasted a great deal of students' time in trying to figure out what it -means. ~~Dr. Allis~~ Dr. Allis, /in teaching Hebrew for over twenty years, went through the book page by page and line by line,