

## Sanctuary Under Siege: The Hijacking



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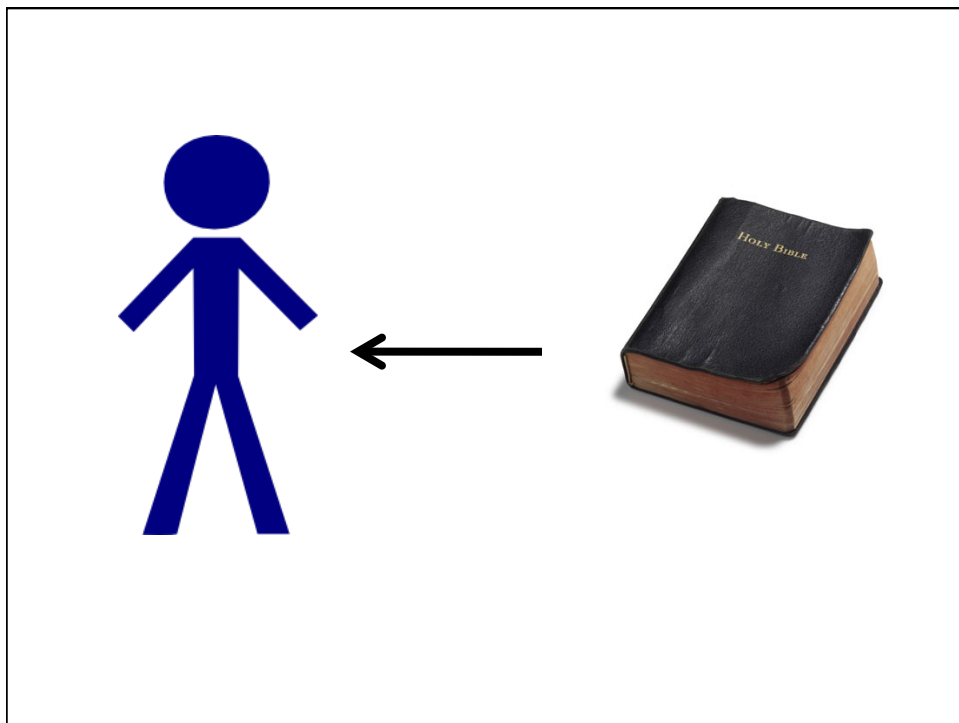
### Bet Sefer

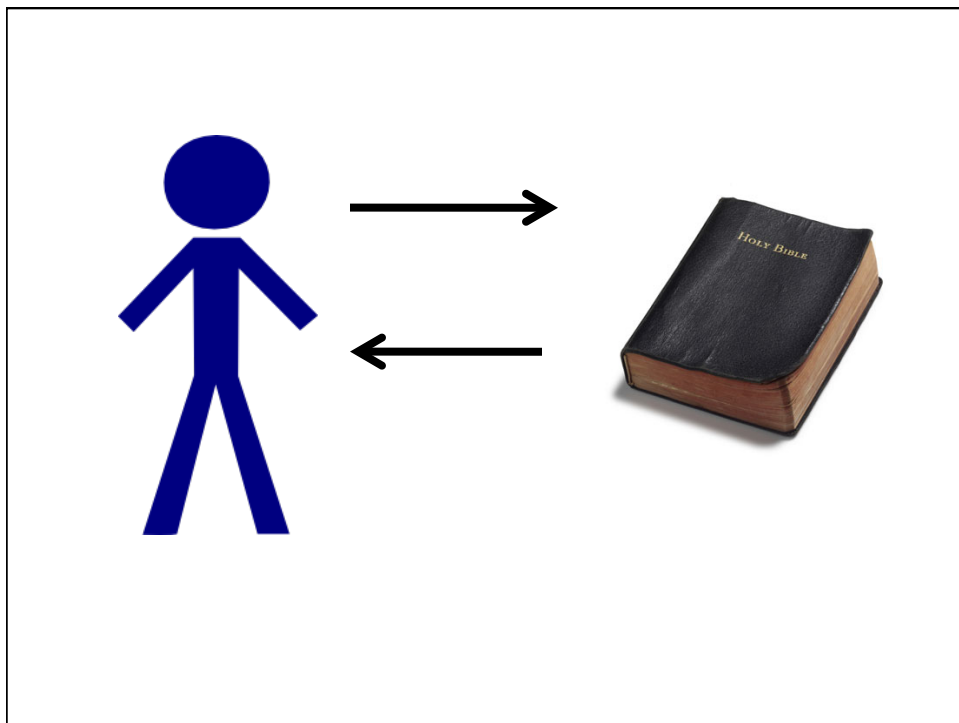
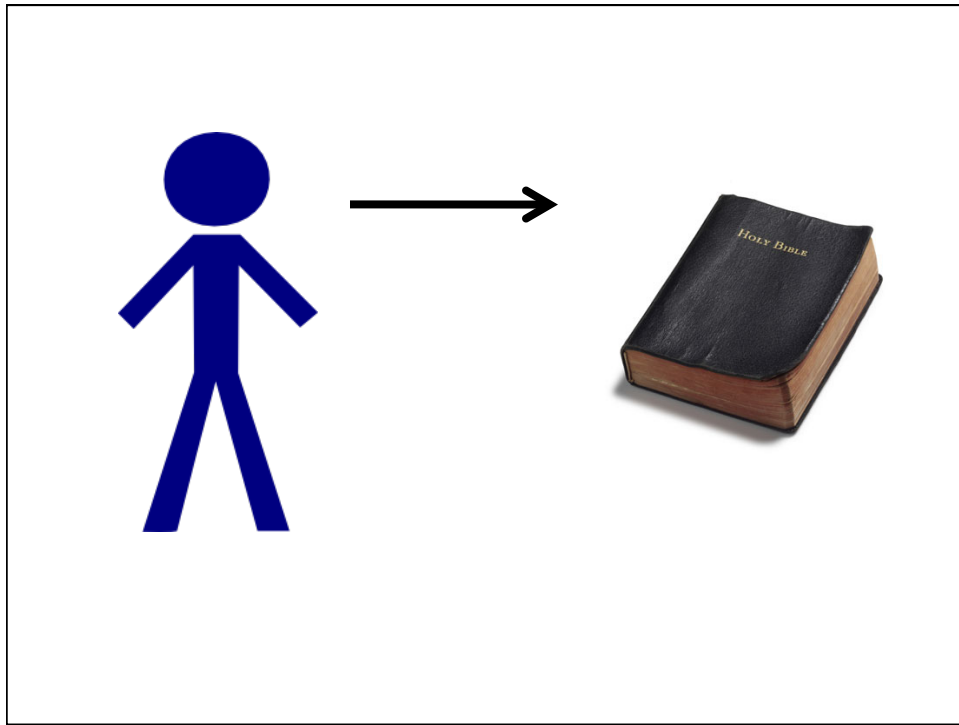
From ages 6-10 they would memorize Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. By age 10 they had memorized the entire Torah and completed Bet Sefer.

### Bet Talmud

Now the best of the best students would continue on. Bet Talmud meant house of learning. Roughly from ages 10-14 in Bet Talmud you would memorize the rest of the Old Testament. By the age of 14 they have memorized Genesis to Malachi.









## Theological Perspective

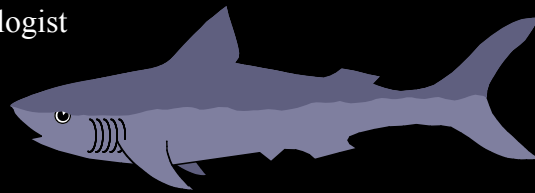
### Presuppositions

- Thinking behind thinking
- Assumptions
- Unconscious ideas

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Presuppositions illustration

Marine Biologist



Seminary Student

## Theological Perspective

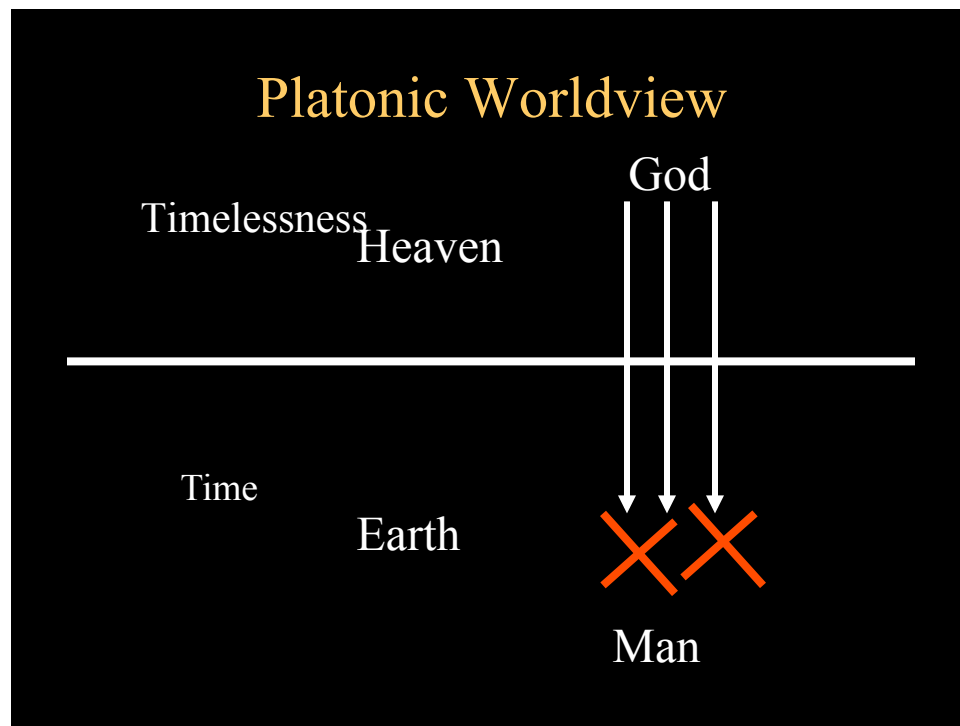
Presuppositions in Theology

- Platonic Worldview
- Dualism
- Heavenly - Timeless, Transcendent
- Earthly - Time, Mortal
- Discontinuity between Heaven and Earth



“The basic ideas of Plato's worldview are so influential that some thinkers see the whole history of western thinking as a footnote to Plato.” – Fernando Canale

Break down  
Augustine  
Kant  
Hedeigger



## Illustrations of Platonic Worldviews

Philo - Jew

- Contemporary of Christ
- 1<sup>st</sup> century
- synthesis of Judaism with Greek Philosophy
- God is excluded from world and history
- Eternity – there is no past...no future...just present existence...
- Eternity of God has an inability to interact with humanity...
- History is temporal...merely a timeless reduplication of the eternal...

## Illustrations of Platonic Worldviews

Philo - Jew

Exo. 25:8 – What is meaning of God's intention to dwell in the tabernacle? Not literal understanding...Philo says "that God does interact with humanity as dwelling in the sanctuary... God dwells with us...when the soul has a glimpse of the intellectual manifestations..."

## Illustrations of Platonic Worldviews

Thomas Aquinas

- God is without space without time
- God doesn't have a body
- He doesn't need a sanctuary
- It is evident that the house of the sanctuary was set up...that God may make Himself known there...The sanctuary is not necessary...and not literal...

## Illustrations of Platonic Worldviews

John Calvin

- Text cannot actually mean in “heaven” ...
- Time and place are not important on the spiritual level...
- Sanctuary only refers to God’s presence of grace...
- Heaven is a metaphor...
- Spiritual level cannot be materialized...
- Time and Space would be a limitation to God

## Biblical Sanctuary Doctrine

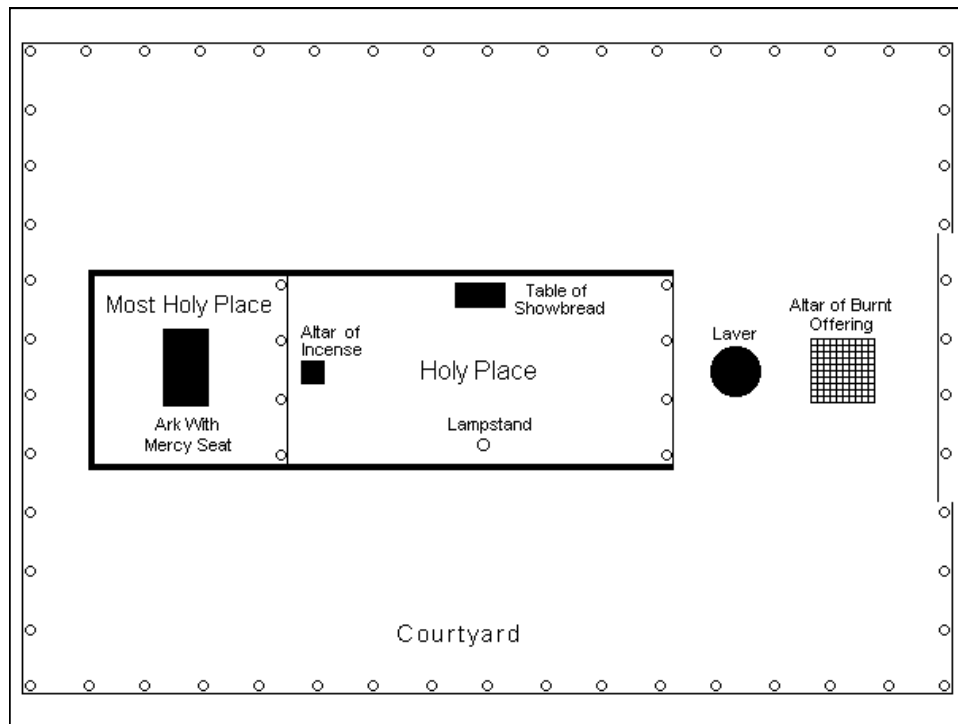
- Rejects Platonic Worldview
- Radical departure from Theology and Philosophy
- God is working in Time and Space
- History is real and progressing
- God is controlling time/history
- Incredible balance of tension...Immanence/  
Transcendence
- God is involved with us...

Your way, O God, is in the **sanctuary**.  
(Psalms 77:13)

## Sanctuary

### System of Truth

The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a complete system of truth, connected and harmonious, showing that God's hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people. (GC.423.001 )



“The central theme of the Bible, the theme about which every other in the whole book clusters, is the redemption plan, the restoration in the human soul of the image of God. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, “They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads” (Revelation 22:4), the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme,—man’s uplifting,—the power of God, “which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57.” – Ellen White, Education, p. 125

