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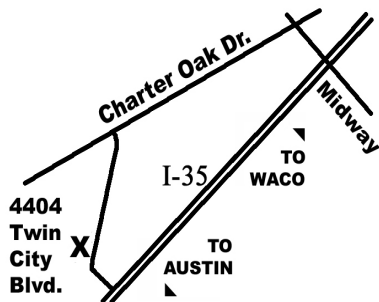
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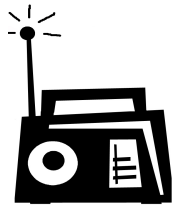
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
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WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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That Pesky Prolepsis

Abram said, "Lord GOD (Jehovah), what will You give me, seeing I go childless...?" - Ge 15:2

"I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD (Jehovah) I was not known to them." - Ex 6:3

This apparent contradiction has provided fodder for Bible mockers and scholars alike. The scoffer sees an impossible inconsistency while the believer is required to explain it. And, while many explanations have been offered, the simplest – and I believe the most accurate – is the prolepsis.

‘Prolepsis’ is defined as “*the assignment of something as occurring before it could have done so*”. But, why would the Biblical author have used prolepsis in Genesis 15?

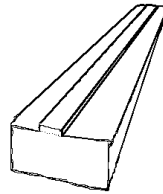
Moses was the author of the early books of the OT (Mk 12:26) and he sometimes used prolepsis to explain to the young nation of Israel a number of laws and other theological matters. For example, Moses briefly comments on the holiness of the Sabbath day (Ge 2:1-3); but, Sabbatarians err in looking for a pre-Mosaic observance of it. It simply is not there (Neh 9:13-14).

Such discussions may seem frivolous to some; but, they matter to anyone who would “*give a defense*” (1 P 3:15).

Another Perspective

Noah's Ark: a Flawless Floater

In Genesis 6:15, God instructed Noah to build an ark that was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. This is a ratio of 30 to 5 to 3 (length to breadth to height).



Until about 1858, the ark was the largest floating ship ever created. In terms that we understand better, the ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. In 1844, a man named Isambard K. Brunel built his giant ship, the Great Britain. He used almost the exact ratio of the ark — 30:5:3.

As it turns out, these dimensions are the perfect ratio for a huge boat built for seaworthiness and not for speed. Obviously the ark was not built for speed, since it had nowhere to go!

What is more, shipbuilders during World War II used that 30:5:3 ratio to build a boat that came to be known as “the ugly duckling” — a barge-like boat built to carry tremendous amounts of cargo, and one that had the same ratio as the ark.

How did Noah know the perfect seagoing ratio to use in building the ark? Brunel and others like him had many generations of shipbuilding knowledge to use, but Noah's literally was the first of its kind. Where did he get such information? From the Master Builder!

– Kyle Butt (via Apologetics Press, © 2001)

Just Thinkin'

Those who were present for Don Patton's recent series on 'Creation Science' were certainly given some food for thought. No Bible-believer doubts the veracity of the scriptures, either in the creation account (Ge 1-2) or in the flood account (Ge 6-8). But, seeing the harmony of these Old Testament narratives with modern science is a faith-building exercise in itself - IF people have the heart to accept the evidence.

Unfortunately, academia is overrun by folks long on sinful pride and short on open-mindedness. In the one venue that purports to champion objectivity, the norm is bias and 'groupthink'. Any student, or professor, who dares to challenge that megalith is immediately chastised and censored - or worse. It is just one area of modern life that demands a high degree of courage if one is to successfully negotiate its waters.

Of course, this should come as no surprise. Nearly 2,000 years ago Paul wrote, “*Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?*” (1 Co 1:20b). Well, indeed He has.