

Dinosaurs and the Bible – New Union VBS

Begin: find and underline every appearance of the word *dinosaur* in the Bible.

1. Why none?
2. When created?
3. Biblical mentions

1. Why Not Mentioned in the Bible?

- KJV translated in 1611 by King James I
- *Dinosaur* coined by Sir Richard Owen in 1841
- Needed a new word to describe the bones he was examining
- *Deinos* [terrible] + *sauros* [lizard]

2. When Were They Created?

- Gen. 1:24 – “Day 6, Day 6 – God made animals and man that day.”
- Ex. 20:11 – “all” – “used to refer to the whole quantity or extent of a particular group or thing.”
- Man and dinosaurs were created the same day – they lived together.

3. Biblical Mentions of Dinosaurs

- Job 40 – Behemoth
 - 38:1-38 – 20 inanimate: foundation; ocean; morning; sea springs; deep recesses; gates of death; earth expanse; light/darkness; snow; hail; light; wind; rain; thunderbolts; dew; ice; constellations; laws of universe; clouds; lightning = all real
 - 38:39-40:34 – 9 animals: lion; raven; mtn. goat; wild donkey; wild ox; ostrich; war horse; hawk; eagle = all real
 - Logically the next two items will also be real
- Job 40 – Behemoth anatomy
 - 16: strong stomach muscles: hippo? elephant?
 - 17: cedar-like tail: literal? No, simile. hippo? elephant? rhino?
 - 18: bones like brass: literal? No, simile. Elephant: 5-7 tons; hippo: 3-4 tons; *Argentinosaurus*: 80-100 tons.
 - Conclusion: had to be a dinosaur!
- Job 41 – Leviathan

- Gen. 1:20-23: Day 5 – great sea creatures
- 34 verses devoted to this creature!
- 14 rhetorical questions [1-10a]
- Anatomy [12-24]: 18-21 describe literal fire-breathing
- How could the Leviathan not be a dinosaur?
- Main point: God created the Leviathan, 33-34, making YHWH greater than this beast!
- Isaiah 14:29; 30:6

“There is a place in Arabia, situated very near the city of Buto, to which I went, on hearing of some winged serpents; and when I arrived there, I saw bones and spines of serpents, in such quantities as it would be impossible to describe: ...The form of the serpent is like that of the water-snake; but he has wings without feathers, and as like as possible to the wings of a bat” (Herodotus, 1850, Book II, LXXV, pp. 75-56).

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“For when the ground was difficult to be passed over, because of the multitude of serpents, Moses invented a wonderful stratagem to preserve the army safe, and without hurt; for he made baskets, like unto arks, and carried them along with them; which animal is the greatest enemy to serpents imaginable, for they fly from them when they come near them;” (Josephus, Flavius, Book II, Chapter X, p.58).

Lessons:

1. Dinosaurs were created on the same day as man; they lived together with dinosaurs being submissive to man’s dominion.
2. The reason we do not read the word dinosaur in the Bible is because the word dinosaur was invented over 200 years after the KING JAMES VERSION was released.
3. Don’t believe what the world wants you to believe about the absurd claims of dinosaurs; instead, open God’s Word and study to see what He has revealed for us!

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