

“Dinosaurs and the Bible:  
*Applying a Creation Worldview*”  
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### **Questions to Answer Today**

- How do dinosaurs fit with the Bible?
- What about the ice age?
- What about the fossils?
- What about the “races”?

### **What *About* the Dinosaurs?**

- When did they live?
- When did they die?
- Are they alive today?

### **Evolutionary Explanation**

- Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago but then died out mysteriously ~65 million years ago
- Dinosaur descendents are modern birds

### **Could God Have Used Evolution?**

-Answer: No. Why not?

1) Evolution is unbiblical

- It's never taught in Scripture
- Evolution views death, suffering as good
- It's based on the survival of the fittest
  - How can evolution be a “good” process that God would use to create all there is???

2) Evolution is unbelievable

-If evolution is true:

- An explosion organized itself
- Chemicals give rise to insects
- Fish give rise to people

### **Evolution = Science?**

- “Science” → The scientific method
  - Fundamentally, science is about observation
- History: Scientific?
  - No; history is not observable
- History ≠ science
- Evolution ≠ science

### **Dino Evidence**

- nearly all of our knowledge is based on dinosaur bones

### **From the Evidence: Guesses**

-Apart from what describing their bones, science can tell us little about dinosaurs—not when they lived, not what they looked like

### **Dino Evidence**

-Genesis 1-11

-Yes, the Bible answers some of the questions we have about dinosaurs

### **Objection: “Science and the Bible in the Same Sentence???”**

-Claim: “The Bible is not a science textbook!”

--True

-Is the Bible a history book?

--Yes and no

-The Bible was written to tell us who God is

-However, God reveals Himself in *history*

-When the Bible describes history, it describes it...*truthfully!!*

### **Genesis 1-11 Summary:**

-The 4 “C’s”

I. Creation

II. Curse

III. Catastrophe

IV. Confusion

### **I. Creation (very good)**

#### **Genesis 1-2: Days of creation**

-When Were Dinosaurs Created? Which Day?

i). Day 5

-Genesis 1:20-21 “Then God said, ‘Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.’ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”

--Swimming and flying dinosaurs were created on Day 5

ii). Day 6

-Genesis 1:25 “And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.”

--Land dinosaurs—small and large—were created on Day 6

#### **Dino Diet in Perfect World?**

-Genesis 1:30 “Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food.”

--All dinosaurs ate meat after Creation, including T-rex

## II. Curse

### **Genesis 3—Adam & Eve’s sin**

- Death Enters the World
- Genesis 2:16-17 “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
  - Adam & Eve disobeyed
- Romans 5:12 “...through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin...”

### **Dino Fossils: Created in Place? Where Did They Come From?**

- Since fossils are the *dead* remains of living creatures, dino fossils must have been formed after the Curse
- What formed the dino fossils?

## III. Catastrophe—Genesis 6-8: The world-wide Flood

### **Purpose of the Flood**

- Genesis 6 “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”

### **Physical Causes for the Flood**

- Genesis 7:11 “...all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”
  - “All the fountains of the great deep”
    - Subterranean water?
    - Break-up lasted 150 days
  - “Windows of heaven”
    - Subterranean explosion may have created tsunamis
    - Global cause implies global effect

### **The Depth of the Flood**

- Genesis 7:19-20 “And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered....the mountains were covered.”
  - A local flood would not cover mountains

### **Expressions of Global Nature**

- Many in Genesis 6&7
  - “destroy man...from the face of the earth”
  - “earth also was corrupt...earth was filled with violence”
  - “all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth”
  - “The end of all flesh...destroy them with the earth.”
  - “destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life...under heaven”
  - “every thing that is in the earth shall die”
  - “all the fountains of the great deep”
  - “all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered”

-The account makes no sense if the Flood was local.

### **Promise of No More Floods**

-Genesis 9:11 “Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

-Many local, even regional floods since Noah’s Flood

-If Noah’s Flood was local, God broke His promise

### **The Need for an Ark**

-Genesis 6:14,18-19 “Make yourself an ark of gopherwood... You shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you.”

-The reason for an Ark: To hold all the animals!

-No need for boat if local flood

-If Flood was local, animals could have migrated away

-If ark was unnecessary, construction task was brutally difficult

### **Dinos On the Ark?**

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-Yes, dinos on the Ark!

### **How Could the Dinosaurs Have Fit?**

1) Size of the Ark = capacity of 522 railroad cars

2) Average Dino Size = chicken/pony

3) “2 of every ‘kind’” ≠ “2 of every *species*”

4) No need to take old adults!

--*Juveniles ideal* (fertile, live long after Flood)

### **Dinosaur Fossils**

-Fossil Formation: Slow and Gradual? No; examples of “snapshot” fossils—those formed in positions that seem to require catastrophic and rapid burial

-T-rex femur: 65 Million Year Old Fossil? No; we can recover red blood cells from it!

### **Did dinosaurs and people live together *after* the Flood?**

-Job 40 “Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you... See now, his strength is in his hips, and his power is in his stomach muscles. He moves his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. His bones are like beams of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron.”

-Elephant? Hippo? No—neither of these have a “tail like a cedar”

-Behemoth may be a sauropod dinosaur

### **Leviathan**

-Job 41 “Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.”

-A crocodile or alligator? No—they don’t breath fire

-Leviathan = a plesiosaur?

### **After the Flood: What happened to the dinosaurs?**

-Ark Landing

Genesis 8:4 “Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.”

### **Animal Dispersion Post-Flood**

-Genesis 8:17 “Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that *is* with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”

### **People Dispersion Post-Flood**

-Genesis 9:1 “...Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”

### **Disobedience to the Dispersal Command**

-Genesis 11:1-2 “Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.” (rather than spread out)

### **People Dispersion Post-Flood**

-Genesis 11:9 “Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”

-This is the origin of the so-called “races” within the single human race

## **IV. Confusion**

### **Genesis 11—dispertion of humans at Babel**

-After the Flood: Cultural artifacts pointing to human-dino co-existence (likely stegosaurus carving in Cambodia, triceratops carving in Peru)

### **How Do You Get to Peru from Ararat?**

-Ice age (best explained by warm ocean after the Flood) lowers the sea level, exposing land bridges for people and dinosaurs to travel together on towards Peru

### **After the Flood: What happened to the dinosaurs?**

-we don’t know

-people may have killed them off

-some may be alive today

### **Summary: The 4 “C’s”**

## I. Creation

--Dinos created on days 5&6, ate plants

## II. Curse

--Dinosaur death, meat-eating begins

## III. Catastrophe

--Many dinosaurs died in the Flood; fossils

## IV. Confusion

--Dinos, people spread out (during ice age?)

### **The Creation Worldview and the Gospel**

-Romans 1 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful.”

1. God is the Creator (Bible teaches this; evolution doesn't make sense)
2. As Creator, we owe Him thanks and glory. Because we haven't done this, God is going to pour out His wrath upon us.
3. He already poured out His wrath on people in the Flood—the evidence is all around us in the rock layers!
4. Jesus has already taken His wrath; those who put their trust in Him, who repent, are spared God's future wrath.