

Thesis: God created all animals of days five and six of the creation week. Therefore, man must have coexisted with dinosaurs (and not separated by 65 million years as evolutionists contend). The Bible describes (at least) three animals that do not exist today. In all likelihood, these are dinosaur or dinosaur-like creatures.

Support: Job 40:15-41-34; Isaiah 14:29; 30:6

1. Greeting

- a. Good morning!
- b.

2. Introduction

- a. My oldest son Noah read these words:

Jack looked out the window with her. The Pteranodon was standing at the base of the oak tree. Like a guard. His giant wings were spread out on either side of him.

“Hi!” Annie shouted.

“Shush!” said Jack. “We’re not supposed to be here.”

“But where is here?” said Annie.

“I don’t know,” said Jack.

“Hi!” Annie called again to the creature.

The Pteranodon looked up at them.

“Where is here?” Annie called down.

“You’re nuts. He can’t talk,” said Jack. “But maybe the book can tell us.”

Jack looked down at the book. He read the words under the picture:

This flying reptile lived in the Cretaceous \kri-‘tā-shəs\ period. It vanished 65 million years ago.

- b. With these words, it became painfully obvious to me that the battle for my son’s mind and his soul had just begun in earnest.

- i. Satan was using a children’s book, a Magic Tree House book, to poison my son’s mind with evolutionary dogma.

1. Satan is a crafty fellow; he starts working on us when we’re young, and he never stops hammering us with his anti-God agenda.

2. He understands that Genesis 1 is the foundation for the entire Bible.

- a. If he can shake the foundation in your mind, he’s well on his way to winning the battle for your soul.

- c. **Brothers and sisters and friends, God created everything over six literal 24-hour days. Moreover, he created all animals and man on days five and six. Genesis 1:20-28 say:**

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—



livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- i. The Bible teaches:
 1. On day five, God created marine animals and birds.
 2. On day six, God created land animals and human beings.
 - ii. Furthermore, **Exodus 20:11** says, "¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day."
 1. Everything that was made in the sky, on the earth, or in the sea, was made during the six days of the creation week.
- d. This is the unavoidable conclusion. Here is where the rubber meets the road for us this morning.
- i. If Genesis 1 is true, there cannot be 65 million years separating humans from the dinosaurs.
 - ii. Rather human beings and dinosaurs must have been contemporaries.
3. **This morning, let us look at the biblical evidence of dinosaurs and dinosaur-like creatures and their coexistence with mankind. We will consider the biblical descriptions of three unusual animals that do not exist today but are found in the fossil records.**
4. **The first unusual animal is flying serpents.**
- a. In **Isaiah 14:29; 30:6**, the prophet refers to "flying fiery serpents."
 - i. During the time of Isaiah, some serpents had the ability to fly, although none can fly today.
 - ii. The Greek historian Herodotus confirms the existence of flying serpents in his day. He wrote in about 450 B.C.
 1. There is a place in Arabia...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 a water-snake; but he has wings without feathers, and as like as possible to the wings of a bat.
 - a. Winged reptiles existed at the time of Isaiah and Herodotus.
 - b. The Israelites may have encountered such serpents during the exodus. In **Deuteronomy 8:15**, Moses writes, "¹⁵ [God] who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,"
 - i. Moses makes no mention of flying serpents here, but Josephus, the Jewish historian says, during the days of Moses, some serpents could fly. He writes:



1. When the ground was difficult to be passed over, because of the multitude of serpents (which it produces in vast numbers...some of which ascend out of the ground unseen, and also fly in the air, and do come upon men at unawares, and do them a mischief)...[Moses] made baskets like unto arks, of sedge, and filled them with ibes [birds], 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; and as they fly they are caught and devoured by them.
 - a. It is quite likely that some of the snakes encountered by the Israelites during the exodus had the ability to fly, because Josephus says they existed at the time.
 - ii. At any rate, according to the Bible, winged, flying serpents lived alongside man, even though none exist today.
 1. Scientists know these flying reptiles as pterosaurs \`ter-ə-sor\.
 - c. Pterosaurs were made by God during the creation week, and they lived with man. Some even survived to the time of Isaiah and Herodotus.
- 5. The second unusual animal is Behemoth.**
- a. Behemoth is described in **Job 40:15-24**:
 - ¹⁵ "Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox.
 - ¹⁶ Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly.
 - ¹⁷ He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together.
 - ¹⁸ His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron.
 - ¹⁹ "He is the first of the works of God; let him who made him bring near his sword!
 - ²⁰ For the mountains yield food for him where all the wild beasts play.
 - ²¹ Under the lotus plants he lies, in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh.
 - ²² For his shade the lotus trees cover him; the willows of the brook surround him.
 - ²³ Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened; he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth.
 - ²⁴ Can one take him by his eyes, or pierce his nose with a snare?
 1. The scriptures do not identify Behemoth, yet most scholars believe it to be the hippopotamus, or, perhaps, the elephant.
 - a. Most likely, there is a footnote in your Bible saying as much.
 2. However, given the description of Behemoth, it is impossible he was a hippo or elephant.
 - a. Behemoth "makes his tail stiff like a cedar" (**40:17**).
 - i. The cedars of Lebanon are huge trees.
 1. They can grow to be 125 feet tall with trunks 8 feet in diameter.
 2. The tails of hippos and elephants are stubby, little appendages; they in no way resemble cedars.
 3. However, sauropods (Apatosaurus, brachiosaurus) did have tails like cedars.



- b. In **40:19**, Behemoth is called “the first of the works of God,” first meaning chief or largest.
 - i. A full-grown hippo is about seven feet tall and weighs about four tons.
 - ii. Rhinos are even bigger, and elephants can twice as big.
 - iii. All three are dwarfed by the sauropods, which could be 15 to 20 times as large as hippos.
 - iv. Sauropods are indeed the first of the works of God.
 - c. Finally, **40:19, 24** assert the futility of trying to hunt or capture Behemoth.
 - i. Men have hunted and captured hippos and elephants for thousands of years.
 - ii. Given their humungous size, sauropods would have been unapproachable by men.
 - b. The Behemoth described in the book of Job was almost certainly a sauropod, since only sauropods match the description of Behemoth in every detail.
 - i. The implication is Job lived contemporaneously with sauropods.
- 6. The third unusual animal is Leviathan.**
- a. Leviathan is described in **Job 41**:
 - ¹ "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord?
 - ² Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?
 - ³ Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words?
 - ⁴ Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever?
 - ⁵ Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls?
 - ⁶ Will traders bargain over him? Will they divide him up among the merchants?
 - ⁷ Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?
 - ⁸ Lay your hands on him; remember the battle—you will not do it again!
 - ⁹ Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him.
 - ¹⁰ No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me?
 - ¹¹ Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.
 - ¹² "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, or his mighty strength, or his goodly frame.
 - ¹³ Who can strip off his outer garment? Who would come near him with a bridle?
 - ¹⁴ Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror.
 - ¹⁵ His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal.
 - ¹⁶ One is so near to another that no air can come between them.
 - ¹⁷ They are joined one to another; they clasp each other and cannot be separated.
 - ¹⁸ His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.
 - ¹⁹ Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth.



- ²⁰ Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
- ²¹ His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth.
- ²² In his neck abides strength, and terror dances before him.
- ²³ The folds of his flesh stick together, firmly cast on him and immovable.
- ²⁴ His heart is hard as a stone, hard as the lower millstone.
- ²⁵ When he raises himself up the mighty are afraid; at the crashing they are beside themselves.
- ²⁶ Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
- ²⁷ He counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood.
- ²⁸ The arrow cannot make him flee; for him sling stones are turned to stubble.
- ²⁹ Clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rattle of javelins.
- ³⁰ His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire.
- ³¹ He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
- ³² Behind him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be white-haired.
- ³³ On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear.
- ³⁴ He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride."
- I. Like Behemoth, the scriptures do not identify Leviathan.
 - a. Consequently, scholars have ventured some guesses.
 - i. Many suppose Leviathan was a crocodile.
 - ii. Others presume it was a whale.
 - iii. Neither matches the description of Leviathan given here.
 2. Leviathan was a ferocious beast:
 - a. You couldn't catch him (**41:1-2**).
 - b. You couldn't kill him (**41:26, 29**).
 - c. When he stood up, men were terrified (**41:25, 34**).
 - d. He swam violently (**41:31-32**).
 - e. Leviathan was too fierce and too powerful to be captured by man (**41:9-10, 33**).
 - i. The only animals that match this description are now extinct.
 - ii. Leviathan was a dinosaur-like, water-living reptile; it was a sea monster.
 3. Furthermore, Leviathan possessed a strange ability. Notice **41:18-21**:
 - a. ¹⁸ His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn. ¹⁹ Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth. ²⁰ Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. ²¹ His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth.
 - i. You may think I've lost my mind, but this text describes a dragon.



- ii. At the time this author lived, some dragon-like creatures existed.
- iii. Perhaps this is why dragon stories are found in almost every ancient culture; these creatures actually existed.
 - I. What they called dragons, we now call dinosaurs.
- b. Leviathan was a sea monster, a dinosaur-like, water-living reptile, a dragon if you will.
 - i. Job also coexisted with this creature.

7. Conclusion

- a. Hitler was fond of saying, “Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it.”
- b. Evolution is a big, fat lie that Satan repeats over and over and over. Unfortunately, most people, even so-called Bible scholars, believe it.
 - i. Dr. Henry Morris writes, ““Modern Bible scholars, for the most part, have become so conditioned to think in terms of the long ages of evolutionary geology that it never occurs to them that mankind once lived in the same world with the great animals that are now found only as fossils.”
 - 1. Bible scholars have been sucked in by evolutionary dogma.
 - 2. Consequently, they misidentify the creatures described in Isaiah and Job.
- c. The fact of the matter is man coexisted with dinosaurs.
 - i. This fact is substantiated in the pages of the Bible.
 - 1. Isaiah wrote of flying fiery serpents (pterosaurs).
 - 2. The book of Job refers to Behemoth (a sauropod) and Leviathan (a dinosaur-like, water-living reptile).
 - 3. Men lived at the same time as dinosaurs!
- d. If you’d like more information on this topic and the extra-biblical evidence concerning man and dinosaurs, I recommend two books:
 - i. *Dinosaurs Unleashed* by Kyle Butt and Eric Lyons at Apologetics Press.
 - ii. *Convicted!* By Brad Harrub, PhD at Focus Press.
 - 1. I guarantee that reading these books will be a faith building exercise.

8. Invitation

- a. God created everything in six literal days.
- b. But before even the first day, he formulated his plan to redeem humanity from its sins.
 - i. The plan is centered on Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
 - ii. He came to this earth, lived, died, was buried, and on the third day was resurrected, all for your sins.
 - iii. You can live, because he was willing to die.
- c. Choose life! Obey the gospel today.
- d. If you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, won’t you put him on in baptism?
- e. If you are ready this morning to have your sins washed away, won’t you please come forward while we stand and sing.
- f. Let us stand and sing.

