

## Dinosaurs and Noah's Ark – Creation Seminar Session 5

### Fossil evidence: first found in 1820; term “Dinosaur” first used in 1841

- Size varied; sometimes only a few fossil bones are found
- Best T.Rex specimen: 73% of number of bones found (90% by weight)
- Size varied from very small to huge; sauropods as big as 130 feet in length and 60 tons
- Soft tissue found in the bones – can't last millions of years

### Secular theory of origin: dinosaurs evolved 250 to 225 million years ago

- Based on geologic “time scale” of strata in which fossils are found

### Bible: Behemoth, Leviathan (Job 40, 41), Dragon

- Created on Day 5 (sea creatures) and Day 6 (land dinosaurs) of Creation (**Gen 1:20-25**)
- Always co-existed with man on earth
- Hebrew term *tanniyn* – a land or sea monster.
- Some Bible versions use the term dragon.

### “Extinction” event

- Abrupt lack of dinosaur and other animal fossils above the Cretaceous strata
- Biblical explanation: Noah's Flood at the peak of the flood waters...
  - o ...but some dinosaurs went on the Ark – probably young adults. They started out small since they hatched from eggs.
- Secular explanation: Chicxulub asteroid 65 million years ago and/or volcanoes – all wiped out

### Dinosaurs with Man

- Post-flood dinosaurs came off the Ark and multiplied
- Drop in atmospheric oxygen level and climate change reduced their number
  - o Encroaching post-Flood Ice Age
  - o Less vegetation, lower temps
- Historical accounts of some encounters through Middle Ages – Herodotus, Josephus, others
- Dragon Legends - worldwide
- Seen in carvings, drawings, pottery, petroglyphs
- Isolated clashes with man eventually wiped them out...except...
  - o ...Some people claim a few may remain in deep jungles or deep lakes

### Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:14-22)

- Noah, his family, and the animals saved through the Flood
- Flood Legends on every continent
  - o Common theme: people saved in a boat escaping divine judgment
- Huge, barge-like boat (300 x 50 x 30 cubits); cargo space equal to 500+ railroad box cars
  - o One cubit (fingertip to elbow) was about 18 inches, probably larger
  - o Large enough for all air-breathing animal “kinds” (3,000-6,500) and food
  - o Most animal kinds came by pairs, some by sevens (or seven pairs); God sent them.
- Seaworthy by secular estimation – dimensions best possible for stability
- Gopher wood probably like cypress - waterproof
- Covered with pitch (tar). Hebrew word is same as that for “atonement” (covering for sin)
- 3 decks and a window at the top (for light and possibly ventilation)
- Probably had a moon pool for ventilation and waste removal
- One door (type of Jesus Christ being One Way to escape judgment)