

## "THE DISAPPEARING DINOSAURS"

**TEXT:** Genesis 6:17,18

**THESIS:** To show that the dinosaurs are not necessarily all extinct and offer an explanation why many of them have disappeared.

**INTRO.:** A. The "scientific" answers to the question of "THE DISAPPEARING DINOSAURS" are almost as varied as the various theories of evolution. Some say that disease wiped them out, others say famine, predators (?), inability to adapt to changing conditions (anti-evolution!), astral cataclysm, etc. Disney's classic "Fantasia" graphically depicts their demise owing to some sort of cataclysmic weather change which brought about famine and death and a great flood to form the fossils paleontologists dig up today.

B. The Bible's answer to the question of the dinosaurs disappearance is much more plausible and absolutely infallible! Let's weigh the evidence in support of the evolutionist's claims and the Biblical account...

### I. THE ARK AND THE ANIMALS:

**Genesis 7:21-24** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

#### A. All the Dry-Land Creatures:

1. The sea creatures were obviously excluded from the Ark.
2. The dry-land creatures: animals, insects and birds were included.

**ILLUS.:** Evolutionists estimate about a million species of animals living on the earth today. Can we put all of them in the Ark? Obviously not. But it is not necessary. Excluding the sea creatures: fish, echinoderms, brachiopods, etc., whose natural habitat is water, but including the amphibians, we narrow down the number of species to about 17,500. Taking 17,500 males and 17,500 females we have about 35,000 animals in the ark. The average size is about that of a sheep or large dog (incl. the various dinosaurs!). You can place 35,000 sheep in 146 box cars with three tiers. There are about 850,000 species of insects so we need to take about 1,700,000 species and allowing about two inches of flying or crawling space for each, we would need another 21 railroad cars, or a total of 167.

The Ark, figuring the cubit conservatively at 17.5 inches, had the capacity of 522 railroad cars! We could put all the animals on the bottom story, Noah and his family on the second story, and have plenty of space left for food, water, and recreation in an area larger than a football field. (The Ark was the largest vessel ever built until the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It was approx. 437 ft. long, 73 ft. wide, and 44 ft. high.) **VIZ. #7**

- a. God may have used the "homing instinct in the animals to bring them into the Ark, causing mass migration.
- b. He could have kept them in a state of semi-hibernation during the year long voyage, reducing their food intake, elimination, activity, etc.
- c. Noah didn't need to take every "species" but just representatives of every "kind" – i.e., dog-kind, cat-kind, etc.

**ILLUS.:** Someone says "Wait a minute! How are you going to put a 60 ton brontosaurus into the Ark?" Very carefully! However it is reasonable to assume that very young creatures were taken for reasons of space, manageability, reproduction of the species, etc.

#### B. Dinosaurs and Dogs:

1. If God created ALL the dry-land animals on the 6<sup>th</sup> day – that would have included dinosaurs as well as dogs.
2. Just as Noah didn't have to take all the varieties of dogs on the Ark (a Chihuahua, and a St. Bernard), so too he didn't have to take a Brontosaurus and an Allosuar; the gene pool in the various "kinds" would supply the variety after the flood.

**ILLUS.:** Evolutionists claim that dinosaurs lived 70 million years ago and that man evolved millions of years later. But footprints of man and dinosaurs have been preserved overlapping each other in the Paluxy river bed in Texas and in other places. Also dinosaur pictures have been found on cave walls in Rhodesia and other places. Since the artists who painted them lived only about 3500 years ago, and only painted from things they actually saw, dinosaurs and man were contemporaneous! Maybe the Flintstones and Alley Oop are not so wrong after all!

One "scientist" invited to inspect such paintings, *without ever leaving his office*, concluded the pictures were not dinosaurs, but an ant bear (aardvark), or a giraffe. A paleontologist who can not tell the difference between an aardvark and a giraffe wouldn't know a brontosaurus if he tripped over one! But because of preconception regarding evolution, he did not want to consider facts which didn't fit his theory.

- a. Job testified to a creature called a "leviathan" whose description fits a powerful reptile probably distinct today. (Cf. Job 41)

**ILLUS.:** I say "probably" because of present day reports and eye-witness sightings of living dinosaurs like the Loch Ness monster, Moekelmebe in the Republic of the Congo, Champy in Lake Champlain, etc.

- b. Job also spoke of a creature he labeled "behemoth" which was almost certainly a brontosaurus or supersaurus. (Cf. Job 40)

**ILLUS.:** According to the evolutionist's "survival of the fittest" theory, the dinosaurs should have outlived man or any other creature. The Bible provides a much more viable solution to the demise of the dinosaurs than any evolutionary hypothesis.

## II. THE FLOOD & THE FOOLS:

**Psalms 14:1** The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

### A. Post-Flood Conditions:

1. Unbelievable climatic and geographical changes would have taken place as a result of such universal proportions.
2. Since only two of each creature would have survived the flood, it would be easy to understand why some creatures would not survive.

**ILLUS.:** After the Flood God permitted something not allowed before, viz., the eating of flesh by man. (Gen. 9:1-4) Many became a hunter. Man is the greatest threat to any species good for food that stands in the way of expanding his own habitat.

- a. As a result of the collapse of the vapor canopy which surrounded our planet before the flood, the sun's radiation bombarded the globe shortening the life expectancy of every creature, including man.
- b. Many vegetarian creatures with voracious appetites would have found the post-flood world hostile indeed and vegetation initially very scarce.
- c. The ice-age of the post-flood world would explain the extinction of many creatures unable to adapt from their pre-flood tropical or sub-tropical climate (e.g., Woolly Mammoths frozen in ice in Siberia in the thousands).

- 1) Some dinosaurs apparently exist today.

**ILLUS.:** Reports of dinosaur sighting or giant reptiles continue to circulate from the rain-forests of the world where pre-flood conditions are approximated.

A newspaper report of a snake 150 ft. long with a head so large ten men were needed to support it, appeared several years ago. (Reptiles continue to grow as long as they live. Increase their lifespan (as in early O.T. times), increase their size.) In Africa creatures resembling the brontosaurus are said to live. The scientific journal "Argosy" printed a story of a ship that detected on their sonar a 150 ft. long marine creature with a long slender neck, unlike any known whales or other living sea creatures. A Japanese fishing boat hauled in what appeared to be a Plesiosaur, and the pictures were given wide publication, but the scientific evolutionist culture hushed it up or ignored it.

Fossils of rhinoceroses, camels, bears, panthers, pigs, elephants, tigers, wolves, and birds twice the size of their modern counterparts have been found. Insects were also much larger. Dragon-flies with wingspans of 20 or 30 inches are etched into the fossil record. Plants much larger than anything surviving on the planet are known to have existed. Ten thousand pound sloths once roamed the forests! Patten, *The Biblical Flood & The Ice Epoch*

- 2) Crocodiles, komodo dragons, giant lizards, etc. may be leftovers from the past which adapted to the environment or avoided extinction from hunting.
3. Since the flood was world-wide we would expect to find the very conditions we do find in the fossil record.
4. In fact ONLY the Flood can account for the fossil record.
  - a. No appreciable numbers of fossils are being formed today.
  - b. The requirements of lime, sand, etc. and the proper amount of pressure, some type of catastrophic event, and suitable fossilizing chemicals in the water do not exist.
  - c. Hydrologic sorting explains the fossils better than any evolutionary model.

**ILLUS.:** What we find in the fossil record is that certain creatures are buried together. The sea creatures together, amphibians together, herding animals together, etc. The creatures which would have been able to move to higher ground did so and are nearest to the surface. Man therefore would be at the top of the geological heap! That's why the evolutionist says man appeared very late in history. He was the last to drown! His fossils would be found in the "youngest strata." The fossil record is exactly what one would expect of Noah's Flood. **VIZ. #8**

- d. Rapid burial is necessary for the formation of fossils revealing soft body parts, scales, feathers, etc. and the forty day Flood of Noah's day with tidal waves, rock thrusting, earth movement, huge silt deposits, etc. would be consistent with the requirements.
- e. Coal and oil deposits can also be accounted for in the Flood scenario.

**ILLUS.:** Coal requires large quantities of compressed vegetation without heat loss. Oil needs large quantities of compressed animal material. (*There may be some truth to Exxon's slogan about putting a "tiger in your tank."* ☺) Some of the very high pressures necessary to contain the gas and oil deposits slowly escape and finally reach the surface. "It has been estimated that the high pressures could not be contained for longer than about 10,000 years before they were dissipated. Yet petroleum is still present under those tremendously high pressures. IS IT NOT EVIDENT THAT THE ANIMAL LIFE WHICH PRODUCED THE PETROLEUM WAS TRAPPED SUDDENLY ONLY A FEW THOUSAND YEARS AGO? The evidence is consistent with the biblical record of a global flood just a few thousand years ago, not with the evolutionary picture of slow burial over periods of millions of years." Seagraves, *The Great Dinosaur Mistake*

5. Only the biblical record of the Flood can account for the present population growth.

**ILLUS.:** The evolutionist postulates that man has been on the planet for approximately one million years. If we start with Mr. & Mrs. Zinjanthropus or Mr. & Mrs. Australopithecine and give them 2.4 children per generation each living 43 years and then dying, the present population ought to be 10 to the 1800<sup>th</sup> power or 1 followed by 1900 zeroes. That would fill all the land mass on the planet and all the ocean beds, stacking people on top of each other out to a distance of 10 billion light years.

But if we start with Mr. & Mrs. Noah, using the same formula, we come up with approximately 3 ½ billion, much closer to what is actually so. IBID., above

6. What about the dating methods for 'pre-historic' fossils?

a. The evolutionist uses circular reasoning, not scientific reasoning to reach the fantastic dates given to fossil evidence.

**ILLUS.:** You find a genuine dinosaur bone and you take it to a paleontologist. He asks his geologist friend what strata of rock the bone was located in. He says 70 million year old rock. Ask the geologist how he knows it is 70 million year old rock and he will say because the paleontologist told him it was a dinosaur bone and dinosaurs lived 70 million years ago! The rock was dated by the "index fossil" it contained and the fossil was dated by the rock it was found in.

Potassium-argon, Carbon 14, or some other radioactive methods were not used because "there is not a single dating method that can be used to determine the age of (these) fossils." IBID.

EXAMPLES: Using the Carbon 14 dating method on LIVING PENGUINS have yielded ages of 3000 years! Seals recently killed gave ages of 1000 years!!!

b. The problem stems from a BELIEF in uniformitarianism, i.e., the present is the key to the past.

c. Evolutionists BELIEVE that all the processes presently in effect have always been in effect.

B. Present Day Conditions:

1. Just like in Noah's day men today are wicked and refuse to believe the truth.

2. Noah stood pleading for 120 years for men to get in the Ark with him to avoid the coming judgment.

**ILLUS.:** No doubt professors, scientists, and religionists scoffed at Noah and told him "rain" and the "flood" he was predicting, was impossible because it had never happened before! (Uniformitarianism).

There was no God or He would have intervened centuries before to stop all the killing, disease, etc. (Evolution, Liberalism, Atheism). God will not intervene even if there is a God (agnosticism), for He must be a God of love. **VIZ. # 10**

**2 Peter 3:3-9** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3. These fools rejected Noah's (& God's) warnings and up to three billion men, women and children died in the Flood! (Only eight people were saved.)

**Matthew 7:13-14** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

**Luke 17:26-27** And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

4. The present day fools who reject God also ignore God's warnings of a future judgment by fire.

**2 Peter 3:10-11** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness...

**ILLUS.:** The "Big Bang" hasn't happened yet, but it is coming!!!

5. In addition to the judgment by fire of the heavens and the earth, there is another more personal judgment on the way.

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment...

**CONCL.:** Today there is another Ark of safety. It too has only one door. Jesus said; "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,..." Jn.10:9 Better get on board! **VIZ. # 11**