



balanced on its tail would seem to indicate that the prehistoric artist must have seen it alive” (see Hubbard, *Discoveries*). Furthermore, not far from the canyon, in the Painted Desert, fossilized dinosaur tracks were discovered. Evidently, this was a region where man and dinosaur coexisted. In another case, a Dr. Dennis Swift made an astonishing discovery in Mexico. He and his team found ancient

figurines crafted by the Chupicauro civilization (ca. 500 B.C.-500 A.D.) crafted to look like dinosaurs! In yet another discovery, 11,000 figurines were found buried along with the dead of an ancient (ca. 500 A.D.-1500 A.D.) Incan civilization in Peru. Some of these artifacts are undeniable models of dinosaurs like the Triceratops and Stegosaurus! In nearby Glen Rose dinosaur tracks and human tracks have been discovered in the same rock stratum and similar discoveries have been made throughout the continental southwest. What does science have to say in response to these discoveries? They are usually dismissed as hoaxes. We must follow the evidence wherever it leads us, and if that means evolutionary theory and geological timelines must be utterly dismantled then so be it. As Christians we must challenge ourselves to think objectively and refuse to be blinded by popular scientific doctrine regarding the age of the Earth and early human history.



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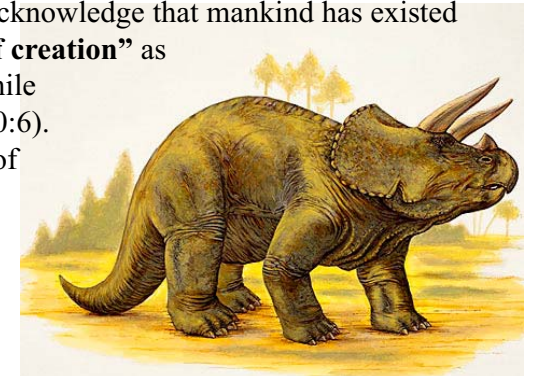


## What About the Dinosaurs?

By Jason Garcia

The subject and study of dinosaurs has been a favorite topic of accredited scientists, archeology enthusiasts, and children as long as any of us can remember. Their fossils spark our imagination and curiosity and we marvel at these striking creatures of long ago. However, anyone who is at all familiar with the standard claims put forth by scientists in explaining the dinosaurs’ origin and extinction will immediately recognize the incompatibility of those claims with the Bible’s account of creation. Does the Bible have anything to say about these fascinating creatures?

First, we must acknowledge that mankind has existed “from the beginning of creation” as Jesus Himself taught while upon the Earth (Mark 10:6). So, with one statement of truth, the Lord wholly refutes any theories put forth in our time that suggest dinosaurs pre-existed man and



became extinct before humans existed. Take into consideration another verse: **“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM”** (Exodus 20:11 ESV emphasis mine). So, where does that leave us in terms of placing dinosaurs on a timeline? We must conclude from the biblical record that dinosaurs and mankind inhabited the earth together at some point in time. Skeptics would immediately object



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perhaps appealing to fossil records or some other “scientific evidence”, but we shall see later that there is secular archeological evidence to support our claim.

Let us turn now to the book of Job and examine some curious statements given by the Lord in demonstrating His authority. Job was a man who lived during the patriarchal age and acted in a priest-like capacity among his family and friends (cf. Job 1:5; 42:7-9). He is most remembered for the suffering and loss he endured at the hands of Satan and the subsequent “back and forth” he had with the three men who came to comfort him. Upon asking God to justify Himself, Job receives an answer directly from God in chapters 38-41. It is in this context that God speaks of numerous creatures in creation to show His power and finally describes an animal that is **“the chief of the ways of God”** (Job 40:19 KJV). We will most likely be familiar with the term usually applied to this beast—“Behemoth”—an anglicized rendering of the original Hebrew. What are some other details regarding this beast? He **“eats grass like an ox”**, his **“power is the muscles of his belly”**, his bones are **“tubes of bronze”**, and his tail is **“like a cedar”** (Job 40:15-18). By and large the most popular explanation among commentators is that the animal described here is the hippopotamus—the same animal that dwells in all of sub-Saharan Africa today. I don’t know of any scientists that have ever seen or discovered the remains of a hippo that has a tail like a cedar tree—the largest tree species in ancient Palestine reaching heights of 120 feet! Some have argued the animal is the crocodile. Interesting. Would a crocodile “eat grass like an ox”? Hardly. Still, others will suggest the elephant is what is described. Again we must ask does an elephant have a tail like a cedar? Could the elephant be a candidate for the “chief” of all animals in creation? The largest ele-

phant in recorded history weighed 12 tons. However, some of the largest dinosaurs that roamed the Earth weighed nearly 100 tons! Some scholars have posited that the animal mentioned is mythological or the writer was using poetic hyperbole. We must remember the context. It is God who is speaking and demonstrating His knowledge and power. Would it make sense for Him to use a mythical beast or exaggerate His case? Certainly not. The best explanation, then, for the creature described in the passage must be an animal that, in the very least, has not been observed by modern man and is strikingly similar to the appearance of what we call *dinosaurs* today.

Consider one more example from the book of Job. After the behemoth is described, God speaks of another creature—the leviathan. Much is given by way of physical description but, like the behemoth, God says no man can subdue the leviathan (cf. Job 40:19; 41:1-10). Some commentators are convinced that the leviathan is, in fact, the crocodile, but this is not substantiated by the text. Remember, God says, **“No one is so fierce that he dares stir [leviathan] up”** (Job 41:10). A famous, ancient historian has noted how the Egyptians tamed the crocodile and even adorned some with jewelry (see Herodotus).

So is there any extra-biblical evidence that would support claims of dinosaurs coexisting with



Dinosaur and human footprints from Glen Rose Texas

mankind? Absolutely, though the discoveries don’t seem to get much press in the wake of the most popular heavily touted theories. In 1924 an expedition was led into the Hava Supai Canyon in Northern Arizona. There Dr. Samuel Hubbard found pictographs or cave drawings of dinosaurs alongside of goats, elephants, and snakes. It’s significant that Hubbard noted, “The fact that the animal is upright and