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Dinosaurs And Dragons – Created By God

God's PEACE is ALWAYS YOURS in Jesus.

Hear the Word of God from Genesis 1,

“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.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good ...And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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.

And God said, “To every beast of the earth, and every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and morning, the sixth day.”

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

Many people think that dinosaurs and their extinction is so shrouded in mystery that we will never know the truth about where they came from, when they lived, and what happened to them. However, dinosaurs are only a mystery if you accept evolutionary thinking. But if you accept God's Word and His creation of all things as truth, then we have answers for "The Great Dinosaur Mystery".

According to Genesis 1, God created the great sea creatures (or water dinosaurs), and the bird dinosaurs on day five; and He created all the beasts of the earth (which would include the land dinosaurs) on day six. Which means what? Yes! Christians believe in dinosaurs. We just don't believe that they existed millions of years ago, or that they evolved by chance. We believe they were artistically created thousands of years ago by God, at the same time that Adam and Eve were created.

But, if that's the case, then you're saying that humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time? Do you have any evidence? Yes! Haven't you ever watched the Flintstones. Just kidding. But Biblically, Genesis 1 tells us that the dinosaurs and humans were created on Days 5 and 6. But wait, pastor! Dinosaurs were big and ferocious, and they would have killed or eaten humans. Well, they were big. We find that in the fossil record. But where are you getting your ideas that they were ferocious? You're getting that from Jurassic Park, and evolutionary indoctrination. Originally, they were not ferocious, for suffering and pain, fighting and bloodshed, disease and death, didn't enter the world until after Adam and Eve sinned. Before sin entered the world, the Lord tells us that everything was VERY GOOD, and everyone and everything would have lived together, and forever, peacefully, because there was no death!

But even after sin entered the world, humans and dinosaurs may very well have lived together peacefully. Now how can we say this? Because people were not on the dinosaurs' menu! God's Word tells us that originally both humans and animals were created to be vegetarian. Genesis 1 says, "***To every beast of the earth, and every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.***" Now don't get me wrong, I love eating dead pig, dead cow, and dead chicken, as much as anyone. And God said we could eat meat in Genesis 9. But originally humans and animals were created to be vegetarian, and would not have killed each other for food.

In addition, animals will often times attack and kill when they feel threatened. But again, God's Word gives us answers if we'll just seek those answers, and not so quickly accept the lies of the evolutionists. Genesis 9 tells us that it was only AFTER the world-wide flood in Noah's day, and only after the animals came off of the Ark, that God put the "fear of man" into the animals, and it was only then that the Lord gave mankind permission to eat animals. So it's because of sin that we now feed on the death of plants and animals to live physically; and it's also because of sin that we feed off of the death of God's Son, to live spiritually and eternally.

But, wait a second pastor. Is there any evidence in the Bible that humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time, other than in Genesis 1? As a matter of fact, there is. In Job 40-41, the Lord tells Job to look at the Behemoth and the Leviathin, both of which were present in Job's day. And we believe Behemoth to be a land dinosaur and Leviathin to be a water dinosaur – but also a picture of the devil, as we'll get to.

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So let's look closely at the descriptions of these two creatures in Job 40-41, which says, "***Look at Behemoth, which I made along with you*** (Behemoth and humans created at same time), ***and which feeds on grass like an ox*** (Behemoth is vegetarian just like we said).¹⁶ ***What strength it has in its loins, what power in the muscles of its belly!***¹⁷ ***Its tail sways like a cedar*** (Some say Behemoth is a hippo or elephant, but neither of them have a tail that swings like a cedar tree); ***the sinews of its thighs are close-knit.***¹⁸ ***Its bones are tubes of bronze, its limbs like rods of iron.***¹⁹ ***It ranks first among the works of God*** (Not first in order, because God made many things before the animals, and not first in importance, because humans are the crown of His creation; but we take this to mean "first in size"), ***yet its Maker can approach it with his sword.***²⁰ ***The hills bring it their produce, and all the wild animals play nearby*** (All the wild animals play nearby, unafraid of the large Behemoth, because they were vegetarian, and not predatory meat eaters).²¹ ***Under the lotus plants it lies, hidden among the reeds in the marsh.***²² ***The lotuses conceal it in their shadow*** (Lotuses can grow up to 50 feet tall); ***the poplars by the stream surround it*** (poplar trees can grow up to 75 feet tall, easy to hide a huge dinosaur).²³ ***A raging river does not alarm it; it is secure, though the Jordan should surge against its mouth*** (Behemoth is so large, that even a river at flood stage can not move it, nor is it afraid. I've seen even small rivers at flood stage, and neither a hippo or elephant could have stood against the raging water, but whatever this is can. We believe that Behemoth is one of the large land dinosaurs.)²⁴ ***Can anyone capture it by the eyes, or trap it and pierce its nose?*** Page 3

41 ^[a]“*Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook* (You can do this with sharks and whales but not with Leviathan. Must have been larger/more powerful than a whale.) *or tie down its tongue with a rope?* ² *Can you put a cord through its nose or pierce its jaw with a hook?* (You can with sharks and whales, but not Leviathan). ³ *Will it keep begging you for mercy? Will it speak to you with gentle words?* ⁴ *Will it make an agreement with you for you to take it as your slave for life?* ⁵ *Can you make a pet of it like a bird* (Well, we’ve done so with whales and sharks at aquariums, but you can’t do this with Leviathan). *or put it on a leash for the young women in your house?* ⁶ *Will traders barter for it? Will they divide it up among the merchants?* ⁷ *Can you fill its hide with harpoons or its head with fishing spears?* (You can do this with sharks and whales, but not with Leviathan). ⁸ *If you lay a hand on it, you will remember the struggle and never do it again!* ⁹ *Any hope of subduing it is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering.*

¹⁰ *No one is fierce enough to rouse it. Who then is able to stand against me?*
¹¹ *Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.* ¹² *“I will not fail to speak of Leviathan’s limbs, its strength and its graceful form.* ¹³ *Who can strip off its outer coat? Who can penetrate its double coat of armor*^[b]? ¹⁴ *Who dares open the doors of its mouth, ringed about with fearsome teeth?* ¹⁵ *Its back has*^[c] *rows of shields tightly sealed together;* ¹⁶ *each is so close to the next that no air can pass between.* ¹⁷ *They are joined fast to one another; they cling together and cannot be parted.* ¹⁸ *Its snorting throws out flashes of light; its eyes are like the rays of dawn.* ¹⁹ *Flames stream from its mouth; sparks of fire shoot out.* ²⁰ *Smoke pours from its nostrils as from a boiling pot over burning reeds.* ²¹ *Its breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from its mouth.* (What’s the picture God describes of Leviathan? That of a fire-breathing dragon. Is it possible that many of the dragon legends are the result of real encounters that people originally had with a fire-breathing dinosaur like Leviathan)
²² *Strength resides in its neck; dismay goes before it.* ²³ *The folds of its flesh are tightly joined; they are firm and immovable.* ²⁴ *Its chest is hard as rock, hard as a lower millstone.* ²⁵ *When it rises up, the mighty are terrified; they retreat before its thrashing.* ²⁶ *The sword that reaches it has no effect, nor does the spear or the dart or the javelin.* ²⁷ *Iron it treats like straw and bronze like rotten wood. Arrows do not make it flee; slingstones are like chaff to it.* ²⁹ *A club seems to it but a piece of straw; it laughs at the rattling of the lance.* ³⁰ *Its undersides are jagged potsherds, leaving a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge.* ³¹ *It makes the depths churn like a boiling caldron and stirs up the sea like a pot of ointment.* ³² *It leaves a glistening wake behind it; one would think the deep had white hair.* ³³ *Nothing on earth is its equal—a creature without fear.* ³⁴ *It looks down on all that are haughty; it is king over all that are proud.”*

But if dinosaurs and humans co-existed, as you say they did, pastor, then what happened to them? Have you ever heard of Noah's flood? All of the animals, including dinosaurs, except for two of each kind that Noah took on the Ark, and all of the humans, except for Noah and his family were killed in the Cataclysmic event of the flood, which is what laid down and produced most of the fossilized dinosaur bones that we find to this day.

Now, don't misunderstand me, while almost all of the animals and humans on planet earth died in the flood, Noah and his family, and two of each kind of animal – including dinosaurs – survived the flood. So are you telling me that all of the representative kinds of dinosaurs were on the Ark? You're exactly right, because that's what God's Word says, and we trust God's Word over man's word as truth.

But how would Noah know to bring every kind of animal onto the Ark? Genesis 6 says, ***“¹⁹ (The Lord said to Noah) You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.” ²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.*”** Well, the Bible says Noah did, but He couldn't capture lions, tigers, and bears (Oh! My!), much less dinosaurs? They didn't have to capture them. Genesis 7:8-9 says, ***“⁸ Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, ⁹ male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.”*”**

But how could Noah have fit a T-Rex or a Brontosaurus on the Ark? Well, did you know that we have found fossilized eggs of T-Rex's. And the egg of a T-Rex was about the size of a football, which means that even a T-Rex started out life very small. And since God was going to re-populate the earth with every kind of animal after the flood, do you think he would have chosen the young and healthy T-Rex's that had many more years to live and procreate; or would he have chosen the big, fat, old T-Rex's with few years to live, to enter the ark, and then procreate after the flood? Certainly, He would have chosen the young ones.

So how did the dinosaurs, and many kinds of animals go extinct? Well, once the flood waters receded, everything in the post-flood world was very different. You would have had only one male and one female of the representative dinosaur kinds coming off of the ark, so if either the male or female died, that kind would go extinct. But, in addition to this, Noah's flood brought in great climate change, and a great cooling of the Northern and Southern poles of the earth. In addition, there was no doubt a food shortage after the animals exited the Ark. ***Page 5***

Furthermore, God now gives permission to Noah and his family, and to all humans, that they can now eat meat. And because of the curse of sin, animals may also have begun fighting and eating each other just to survive, or out of protection, and once they got a taste of blood, their predatorial actions could also have resulted in their extinction. But what I really hope you've seen in all this information, is that God's Word has answers to the questions we have, if we will just search and study God's Word, and if you ever have any questions on Creation versus Evolution, be sure to go to: AnswersInGenesis.org , and type in your questions in the search bar, and you will receive multiple answers and explanations to your questions, that are faithful to God's Word. We literally do not need Evolutionary thinking to explain our world.

But the real question for us, as with any sermon, is this: "How is this News that I can use?" Our goal is not simply to show you that we can trust God's Word, but to see again, how the message of God's Word impacts our lives.

Not only was Leviathan a great sea dinosaur or sea serpent in Job 41, but Biblically, Leviathan is also a picture of that great dragon, and evil serpent, satan, who leads the whole world astray, and desires to kill us eternally. And the point is this: Hollywood, evolutionists try to teach us that the dinosaurs were terrible creatures to be feared; but that the devil is just 'make believe'. But the truth is that much of what they tell us about the dinosaurs is make believe, while the Real Leviathan, the ancient serpent, called the devil, or satan, is our real and ferocious enemy. But just as God rescued Noah and his family, eight souls in all, from a world-wide, cata-clysmic flood, so the Lord has rescued us from our evil dragon and foe, that wicked Leviathan the devil. Isaiah 27 says, "***In that day the LORD with his sore, great, and strong sword shall punish Leviathan, that piercing serpent, even Leviathan that crooked serpent. And he shall slay the dragon, that is in the sea.***"

So where and when did Jesus slay that satanic sea dragon and the devilish leviathan? When Jesus came to this earth as the Babe of Bethlehem, 1st John 3:8 declares, "***The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil.***" We're then told that Jesus indeed conquered that devilish dragon or monster by his death. Hebrews 2:14-15 says, "***Since the children have flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also shared in our humanity, so that by His death He might destroy the one who held the power of death, that is the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.***" And having defeated our real and fearsome Leviathan, and upon Jesus' triumphal entry back into heaven at His Ascension, we're told what happened to that dragon in Revelation 12, which says, "***And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels had to fight against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But they were not strong enough.....*** Page 6

And they lost their place in heaven. And the great dragon, that ancient serpent, who leads the whole world astray, was cast to the earth, and his angels with him. And then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, “Now have come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ...for the accuser has been hurled down, and they/we triumph over him by the blood of the lamb.”

Yes, dinosaurs and dragons did exist. Most of them died in the flood, and the rest of them went extinct over time, after the flood. But at least one dragon still exists. He is a defeated and conquered dragon. His maker, and Lord, has chained him and put him on a leash, so that He has no more power over us; with the exception that He can still lie, deceive, seduce, and growl at us, like a mad dog on a chain, but his end is near. Although he will be set free from his leash for one more short season, before Christ returns, to deceive the nations once more. You and I can and do overcome the evil and satanic dragon leviathan, by the blood of the lamb. Our leviathan, the devil, hates, and is thrown down by the victorious blood of the lamb, which has won our salvation, and given us life, so that you and I will not go extinct like the dinosaurs have. But will rise again, together with Christ, on the last day.

And on that day, it is this one evil dragon, this one satanic Leviathan that will go forever extinct, when the Lord throws that evil serpent in the lake of fire forever. Those who trust in Jesus will not go extinct, but will survive thru the blood of the lamb. And then, surprise of surprises, Romans 8 says that the Lord is going to make all creation new again. And all creation means all creation! And thus, we believe that even the dinosaurs, that have gone extinct because of the old satanic foe, and our sin, will be fully redeemed, and we believe there will no doubt be dinosaurs and animals in heaven. Life in the new Garden of Eden – the paradise of heaven – will not be like the Flintstones, nor will it be fearful, like Jurassic Park, but all creation will restored, including the dinosaurs, and all believers, and we will live with our loving creation, saving redeemer, and comforting Holy Spirit, in a paradise, that even Hollywood can't imagine or produce. And don't be surprised if you and your children get to play with, and ride on dinosaurs, completely without fear, for their will be no pain, suffering, or death there; only life, and life to the fullest, all in Jesus. Amen.