

Dinosaurs & Dragons and the Bible

The word dinosaur (terrible lizard) was invented in 1841. It is not even mentioned in the 1891 dictionary. The words “dragon” and “dragons” appear in the Bible 36 times. It preceded dinosaur and means serpent, sea monster, and whale in different contexts. Both words refer to lizards which never stop growing.

The Bible, the Babylonians, Samaritans, and Egyptians all refer to in their writings of a “golden age” when man lived to be 1000 years old. Imagine lizards that old who never stop growing.

Human bones and dinosaur bones & footprints have been found in the same rock layers in Russia, Lagoa Santa, Brazil, Matto Grosso, Ica Peru, Glen Rose Texas, Charleston South Carolina, Turkmenia, and Arizona.

Exodus 20:11 - *“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”*

God made everything in 6 days. He made a young earth with age fully mature and functioning symbiotically. This would include the dinosaurs (dragons). This was about 6,000 years ago.

Many scientists today say that dinosaurs lived and went extinct 65 million years ago. This is what is mostly taught in public schools, universities, and colleges.

At the rate the sun is burning up, however, the surface of the sun (10,000°F) would have touched the earth just 20 million years ago. The earth would have been burned up and ceased to exist.

People believed in a young earth and universe for most of history. Then George Buffon, the French naturalist, proposed that the earth was 70,000 years old. This was in 1770. By 1905 naturalists increased the age to 2 billion years. In 1969 it was 3.5 billion years old and today naturalists and evolutionists say 4.6 billion years old. Only in the last 250 years have such numbers been thrown around.

The first fossils of dinosaurs were discovered in 1809. Fossils of dinosaurs have been found on all 7 continents (including Antarctica!) and in 51 countries all around the world. Fossils are formed when living animals are buried in mud and water suddenly disallowing decomposition. A worldwide flood would be an explanation for this. There are approximately 270 legends of a worldwide flood including the Bible story of Noah and the ark.

Noah’s ark could fit 8000 different kinds of land and air animals. Noah probably took the smallest two of everything, even dinosaurs. The average size of a dinosaur ranges from about the size of a big dog to an elephant. We just hear about the largest ones. The average weight being 200-2000 lbs. The largest dinosaur egg was smaller than a football.

The theory of some evolutionists is that the dinosaurs went extinct about 65 million years ago when an asteroid struck the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. How could that make every kind of dinosaur on all 7 continents go extinct while other life kept “evolving”?

And what about historic records of dragons? Such as:

- 1) 2000 BC – Gilgamesh, believed to be the historical king of the Sumerian city-state of Uruk, was famous for slaying a dragon.
- 2) 2000 BC – The Chinese legend of a man named Yu: “After the great flood – Yu surveyed the land of China and divided it into sections. He built channels to drain water off to the sea and helped make the land livable again. Many snakes and dragons were driven from the marsh lands when Yu created the new farmlands.”

The Chinese have many ancient recipes found which included the use of dragon blood, bones, and saliva.

The Chinese zodiac includes 12 animals – 11 are still alive today, and the dragon. Why would they include 11 real animals and one “mythical” one? Maybe the dragon wasn’t mythical.

3) 1800 BC – One of the oldest pieces of pottery on earth, the Slate Palette from Hierakonpolis, shows the triumph of King Nar-Mer (1st Pharaoh of a united Egypt) and long necked dragons.

4) 1200 BC – Hippo tusk found in Egypt with carvings on it. Long necked creatures included with other animals and people.

5) 2000 BC – Cylinder Seal shows longnecked dinosaurs. This is now in the Louvre, Paris.

Why or how could people then sketch dinosaurs on their artwork if they never saw them, or their fossils yet?

6) 600 BC – Marduk, the chief “god” of Babylon is shown in a drawing with a fire breathing dragon. (Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, p. 193)

7) 326 BC – Alexander the Great recorded that when he conquered parts of what it now India, his soldiers were scared by the great dragons that lived in caves.

Many dinosaur fossils have been found in India. Between 2017 and 2020, 256 dinosaur egg fossils have been found in 92 nesting sites by paleontologists.

8) 2nd Century AD – A Roman mosaic was unearthed showing 2 longnecked dinosaurs.

9) 275 AD – History records that St. George slew a dragon. He later became the “Patron Saint” of England and Portugal

10) 583 AD – Beowulf slew many dragons and was killed while fighting a winged dragon at the age of 88. Beowulf killed a dragon that was named Grendel by pulling off one of its small arms. A cylinder seal was found in Babylon showing a man pulling off the arm of a dragon.

11) 1271 AD – Marco Polo lived in China for 17 years. He observed and recorded that the emperor raised dragons to pull his chariots in parades.

12) 1611 AD– the Emperor of China appointed the post of “Royal Dragon Feeder.” Chinese books tell of families raising dragons to use their blood for medicines and highly prizing their eggs.

13) 1587 AD – Coin showing a man slaying a dragon.

14) 1535 AD – Spanish conquistadors saw creatures carved on rocks. They are called the Ica stones today.

15) 1500-1900 AD– Many sightings of sea monsters were recorded by shipmasters and passengers in writing before ships converted to steam or gas power. Then the sightings disappeared.

16) The first dinosaur fossils were found and put together only about 214 years ago! Yet, land dinosaurs are described in the Bible in Job 40:15-24 matching the description of a Brachiosaurus. Job is told by God to “behold” them. Job 41:1-34 has the description of a sea monster called Leviathan.

17) More recently:

- Native Americans carved dinosaurs on the walls of the Grand Canyon
- Carvings of dinosaurs were found on cliffs in Blanding, Utah
- Paintings of dinosaurs have been found in many parks
- Paintings by Aborigines of 12 men surrounding a dinosaur with spears, with one of their friends shown in the dinosaur’s stomach.