

Memory Verse

Genesis 1:21

So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good.

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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 4

A Biblical Perspective of Dinosaurs!

There is **1 God** who is the *Creator, Sustainer* and *more*. He made the universe out of **nothing** by speaking it into existence in **6 days** and resting on the 7th, yet *formed Adam and Eve with His own hands*, on day 6. Last time we answered various **questions** that arise from *Genesis 1-2*.



A. Where did the Word “Dinosaur” come from?

In **1842**, a paleontologist named *Sir Richard Owen* was studying fossils of sauropods, or the *large land walking dinosaurs*. He named them "***dinosaurs***," which means "***terrible lizard***." This came from 2 Greek words - ***deinos***, meaning "terrible, fearful, or great," and ***sauros***, meaning "lizard or reptile."



B. What does the Bible say about Dinosaurs?

Genesis 1:20-21 - Day 5

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.” 21 So God created the **great sea creatures** and **every living creature** that moves, with which the waters swarm,

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Genesis 1:24-25 - Day 6

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth **living creatures** according to their kinds - livestock and creeping things and **beasts** of the earth

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according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25And 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.

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If we have a **Biblical worldview**, and the Bible as the basis for our beliefs, then *God did not have a separate creation of dinosaurs, but created them at the same time He created other air and land animals. Dinosaurs were created on **days 5-6**, just the same as other animals.*

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Job 40:15-24 - Behemoth

Vs. 15-20 - “Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox.

16Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. **17**He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. **18**His bones are

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tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron.

19“He is the first of the works of God; let him who made him bring near his sword! 20For the mountains yield food for him where all the wild beasts play.

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ESV Bible - Job 40:15 - "Behemoth usually refers to cattle, but in at least one other reference it most likely signifies a **hippopotamus**... It is almost universally so interpreted in this passage, taking the description of vv. 16–18 as **poetical extravagance**. Some, however, suppose that the description requires some kind of **mythical beast** to be in view, as a parallel to **Leviathan** (41:1); the **first option** is simpler."

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The word "*behemoth*" means "**great beast**." Other study Bibles say it is a **hippo**, having *overtones of cosmic evil in the ancient world*. Maybe the hippo did have those **ideals**, but the **description does not fit a hippo**. They can be fierce, but let's consider *verse 17* - He makes his **tail stiff like a cedar**... Some say this is *poetic language*. *Job is poetry*, but *God is describing a literal creature*.

This does not look like a cedar tree...





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Job 41:1-34 - Leviathan

Vs. 1-2, 7-8, 14-21 - “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? 2Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook... 7Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears? 8Lay your hands on him;

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remember the battle - you will not do it again!... 14Who can open the doors of his face? Around his teeth is terror. 15His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal. 16One is so near to another that no air can come between them. 17They are joined one to another; they clasp each other and cannot be separated. 18His sneezings

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flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn. 19Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth.

20Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. 21His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth.

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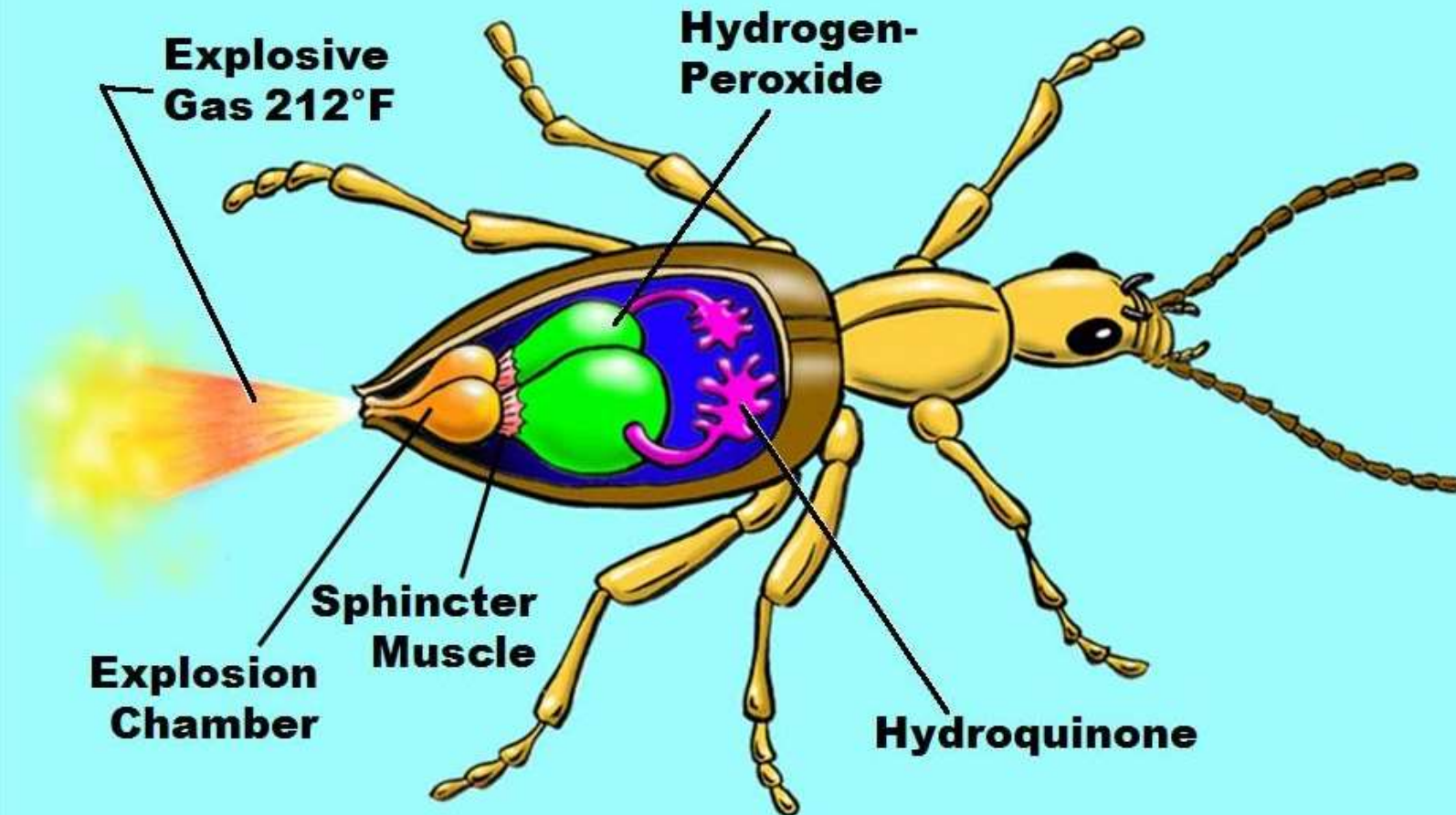
ESV Bible - Job 41:1 - "The animal described in this section may be the **crocodile**... Interpreters sometimes suggest it is a **mythical creature** representing forces overcome by God's power in creation (see 3:8 and note). ...whatever **powerful creature** is being referred to, it is a part of God's creation and is governed by his power (see note on Ps. 74:14)."

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A crocodile *doesn't spit fire or smoke*. Some may say it is poetic language. Again, *God is describing a literal creature Job knew about*.

What about spitting fire? Can it happen?

Bombardier Beetle



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The Word "*Dragon*"

Because the word "*dinosaur*" didn't exist during the time when the Bible was written, other words would have been used for them, such as "*dragon*." This word was used in the **KJV**, originally in 1611. There are different contexts when "*dragon*" is used, sometimes

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figuratively for satan in Revelation. But there are other contexts. The Hebrew word is "**tannin**" and means, "*serpent, sea monster.*" Some references are: *Genesis 1:21, Exodus 7:9-10, 12, Deuteronomy 32:33, Psalm 74:13, Isaiah 43:20*, and more. Some modern translations translate this "*jackal.*" It is possible "*dragon,*" referred to a **dinosaur**.

C. What Happened to the Dinosaurs?

When you go to school, watch a documentary, or movie, you hear *all sorts of theories*. There was an **asteroid** that hit the earth, **climate change**, or some **other theory**. Biblically, there is *one very easy explanation* for the *extinction of most of the dinosaurs*, and *where the fossils come from*.



The Worldwide Flood

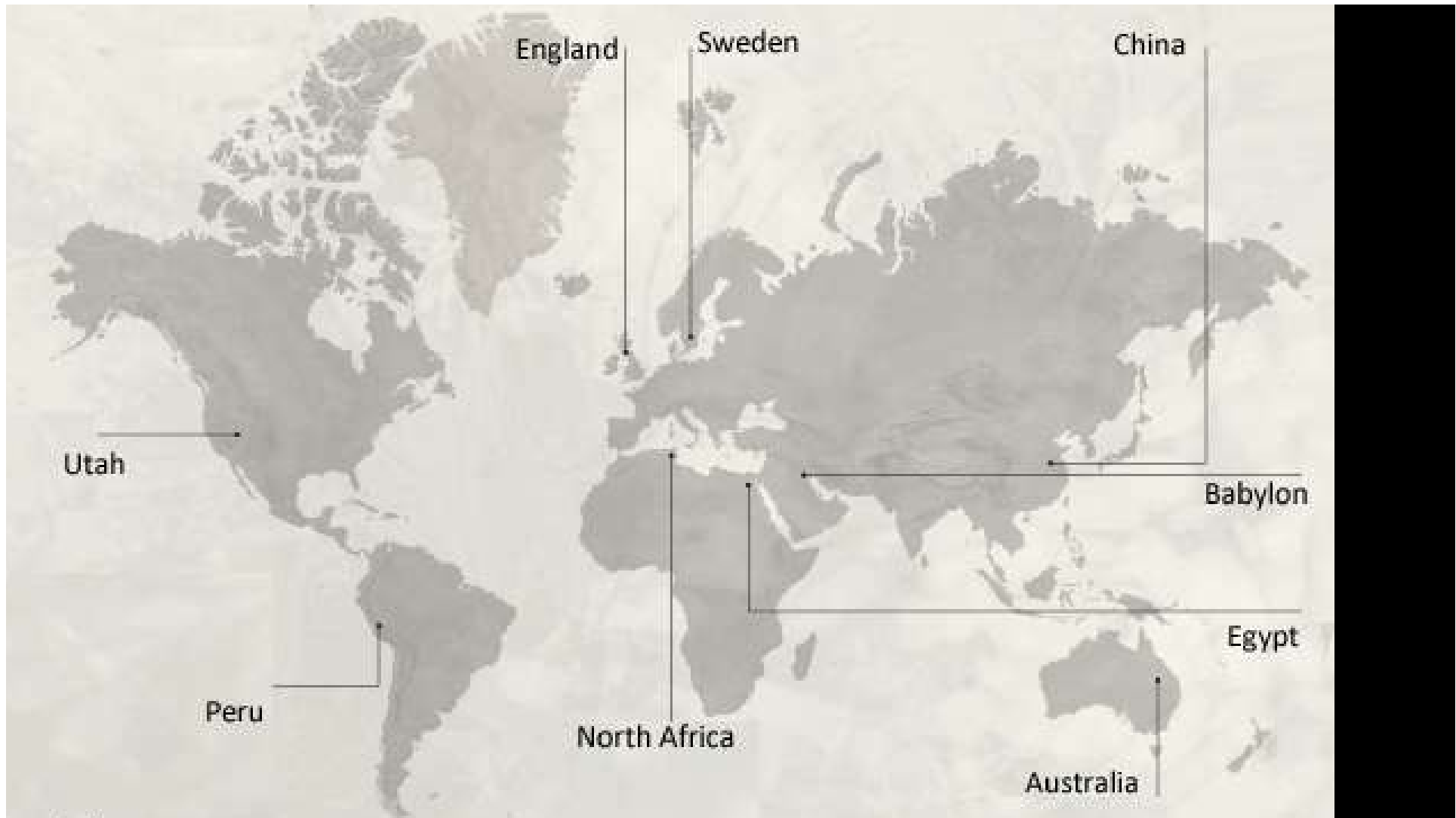
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Hunted and More

Since people could eat meat after the flood, humanity would have **hunted** them, like *any other animal*. A brachiosaurus can *feed your family or a village* a lot longer than a rabbit. Also, if a *male dinosaur* is killed and there's a female left, she **can't breed**. **Environmental factors** effect animals too, as well as *changes in food availability*.

D. Is there Evidence for Dinosaurs Today?

From an evolutionary, naturalistic worldview, the answer is no. But if we look at the evidence, then it *leads to another conclusion*. When you look at life **Biblically, historically** and **evidentially**, you find there *have been and are reports of creatures looking like dinosaurs*, in the **past** and in the **present**.





Coelacanth

**Living
Fossils**



**Native American petroglyph under the Kachina Bridge
at Natural Bridges National
Monument, Utah, USA.**

