

Lesson Notes:

What about Dinosaurs?

Does the Bible mention dinosaurs? Many believe that the Behemoth described in Job 40 and the Leviathan described in Job 41, Psalm 104 and Isaiah 27 were actually dinosaurs and not elephants or crocodiles. Below is a listing of characteristics for each creature described and the implications of each. Finally, some have questioned whether God created dinosaurs or were they an attempt by Satan to ruin God's creation. Point 3 provides reasoning that some use to support this theory.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Behemoth – Job 40:15-24** – Characteristics of this creature include:
 - Eats Grass like an Ox
 - Tail like a Cedar tree – Not Elephant or Hippo as they both have slender small tails.
 - Bones are like beams of bronze
 - Ribs are like bars of iron
 - Dwells in the marsh – Although they require water elephants are not known to dwell in a marshland.
 - Could this be a brontosaurus?

- 2) **Leviathan – Job 41, Psalm 104:25-26; Isaiah 27:1**
 - He is a great sea creature
 - Swords and spears are nothing to him
 - He boils up the deep as he dives down
 - There is none like him on land
 - He breathes fire – the bombardier beetle of Central America is capable of releasing a spark of fire when threatened due to the presence of gas filled cavities. Is it possible that Leviathan had a similar ability?
 - Could Leviathan been a plesiosaur?

- 3) **Who created the Dinosaurs?**
 - Genesis 6:1-8** – We know from the book of the **Revelation (12:4)** that 1/3rd of the angels were deceived by Satan and were banished to the earth by God along with Lucifer. Did fallen angels (sons of God) take the daughters of men in an effort to spoil God's creation?
 - Exodus 7:8-13**- Satan had enough power to convert a rod into a serpent. Did God grant the power to Satan to also create some life forms on earth? Dinosaurs were certainly terrible beasts. After each day of creation the book of Genesis tells us that God's creation was "Good". It is difficult to imagine God calling a Tyrannosaurus Rex "Good"? Were dinosaurs Satan's effort to spoil God's creation?