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Dinosaurs in the Bible

Evolutionists believe dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago but man evolved recently. How then is it that we have such good descriptions written down by man before paleontology was invented? These descriptions of dinosaurs are in great detail, tying in with the skeletons of dinosaurs found today. This essay will look at dinosaur-like creatures found in the Bible.

In Job 40:15-24 it describes a very interesting creature that God calls the Behemoth. Verse 15 states that this animal is clearly a herbivore: "Look at the Behemoth which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox." Verse 16 then goes on to say that it has strong muscles. "What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly!" Verse 17 shows that he has a large tail. "His tail sways like a cedar..." Verse 18 says that its bones are very strong. "His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron." And finally in verse 23 it talks about how he is very large. "When the river rages, he is not alarmed; he is secure, though the Jordan should surge against his mouth."

Bible translators and some evolutionists have stated that the Behemoth is either a hippo or an elephant but verse 17 clearly states that the Behemoth has a huge tail. Hippos and elephants generally have tiny tails no more than a foot long. Cedars are usually huge trees some growing up to 120 feet tall! This suggests that the Behemoth is some sort of Sauropod, possibly a Sauroposeidon or Seismosaurus. A Sauropod is a type of dinosaur that is a herbivore. It has a very long neck and tail and is very large.

The next creature to be discussed is mentioned in the bible several times. It is called the Leviathan. It says in Job 41:1 and Psalm 104:26 that this creature lives in the sea and coils like a serpent (Isaiah 27:1 and Job 41:31). It is also described as terrifying (Job 41:2-6 and Job 41:25) yet graceful (Job 41:12). Job 41:8-9 and 41:22-24 state it is very strong. As well as living in the sea it also is written in 41:30 that it comes up on to the land. It has a terrifying appearance in having teeth like daggers (Job 41:14) and scales like shields (Job 41:15-17 and Job 41:7). Job 41:18-21 has the most interesting description of all, where it is written that the Leviathan breathes fire.

This sounds very much like a creature whose skeleton was found in the 1950's, called Sarcosuchus. It looks like a huge crocodile which would have come up on to land like other crocodiles and the Leviathan. In Job 41:15-17 it describes the Leviathan as having scales like shields. Sarcosuchus has very strong, big scales. Sarcosuchus has a bulla at the end of its snout, which may have been used to mix chemicals making smoke and possibly fire. If the bulla was used to make fire this may indicate that the Leviathan was a Sarcosuchus.

In conclusion it seems clear from the biblical account that dinosaurs did not die out millions of years ago. How would these descriptions have been written if the authors had not seen the creatures themselves?

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