

STUDY GUIDE

Dinosaurs – Part of God’s Creation

Genesis 1:1 declares that God created the heaven and the earth. Were dinosaurs included in the six days of creation? When, exactly, were dinosaurs created? Throughout the Word of God, various terms and descriptions are given of dinosaur-like creatures. Dig into the Scriptures and discover these truths for yourself!

1. What 4-word phrase in Genesis 1:24 would describe the inclusion of dinosaurs in God’s creation?

2. Based on the descriptions of known dinosaurs and Genesis chapter 1, on what day of creation would dinosaurs have been created?
3. Discuss: How did God’s perfect world become corrupted?
4. Discuss: Although there was great wickedness in the world, God chose to spare who?
_____ God chose to spare Noah from the destruction of the flood. What character traits of Noah reveal the reasons that God preserved him? (Genesis 6:9)
5. Discuss: Did Noah take dinosaurs on the ark? If so, how was that possible?
6. Although we can not be sure, what can we surmise happened to the dinosaurs after the flood?

7. In Job 40:15-19, what words describe the dinosaur-like characteristics of the behemoth?

8. The term “_____” implies that the behemoth must have been a huge and significant sight.

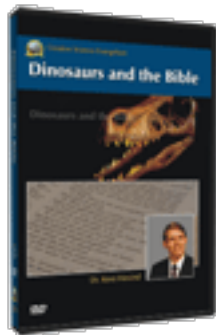
9. Elsewhere in the Bible, there are mentions of other animals that fit descriptions of dinosaurs for which we have physical evidence. What are some of the terms used for these creatures?

10. “Dinosaur” is a modern term coined in _____ by Sir Richard Owen.

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Answer Key:

1. “beasts of the earth”
2. Day 5 – water/air creatures
Day 6 – beasts of the earth
3. Corruption came because of the fall of man. Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God. The world became corrupted in many ways. Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden. Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”
4. Noah – Noah was a just man, perfect, and he walked with God.
5. Yes, dinosaurs would have been on the ark with Noah. He would have chosen the younger and smaller dinosaurs.
6. The dinosaurs became extinct because of change in the climate.
7. Job describes the behemoth as a grass-eater with strong loins and belly. Its tail was like a cedar, and it had bones like brass and iron. It was the “chief of ways.”
8. “chief of ways”
9. dragons, serpents, vipers
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