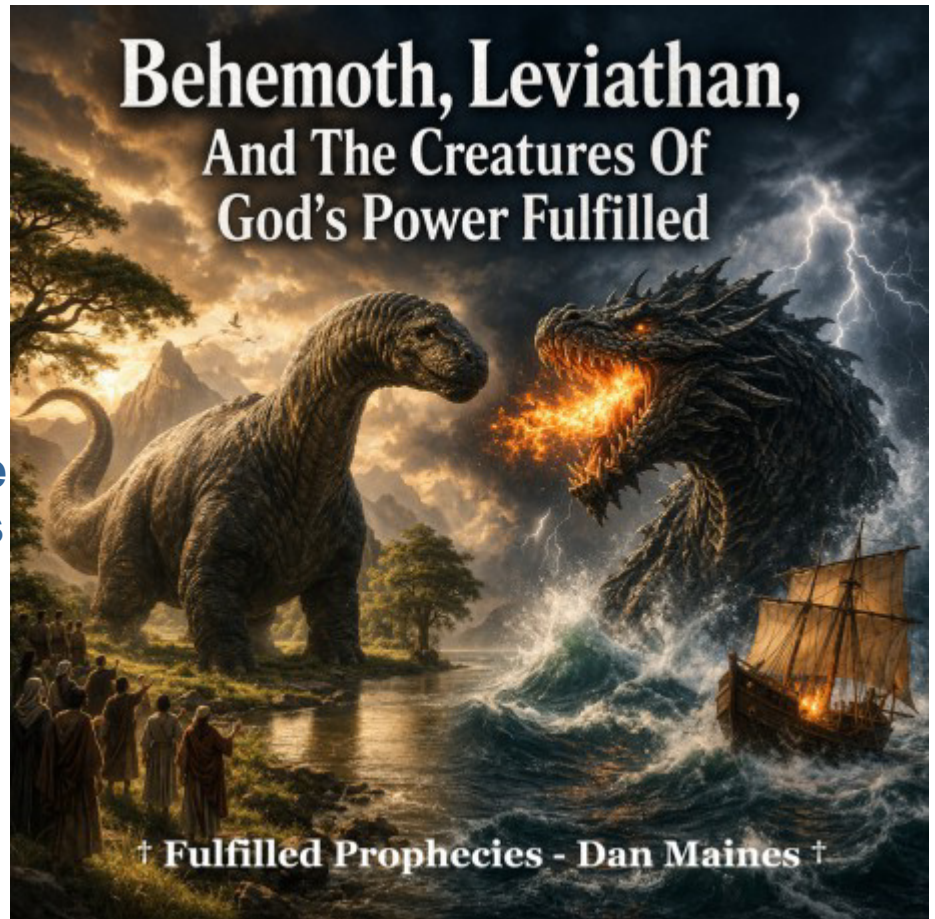


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Introduction

† The Bible doesn't use the word dinosaur, but it clearly describes massive, powerful creatures that lived alongside man.

† These creatures are not myths, they are presented as real creations of God.

† When we read these passages plainly, we see that God created creatures far beyond what we see today, and He used

them to display His power and authority.

Job 40:15-17

"Behold, Behemoth, which I made as well as you;
He eats grass like an ox.
Behold, his strength in his waist,
And his power in the muscles of his belly.
He hangs his tail like a cedar;
The tendons of his thighs are knit together.

† This creature is said to be made along with man, not millions of years before, showing they coexisted (Job 40:15).

† The description of a tail like a cedar doesn't match any modern animal like a hippo or elephant (Job 40:17).

† God points to Behemoth as a real, visible example of His creative power, not a symbol or metaphor (Job 40:15-17).

Job 40:8-14

Will you really nullify My judgment?
Will you condemn Me so that you may be justified?
Or do you have an arm like God,
And can you thunder with a voice like His?

"Adorn yourself with pride and dignity,
And clothe yourself with honor and majesty.
Let out your outbursts of anger,
And look at everyone who is arrogant, and humble him.
Look at everyone who is arrogant, and humble him,
And trample down the wicked where they stand.
Hide them together in the dust;
Imprison them in the hidden place.
Then I will also confess to you,
That your own right hand can save you.

† God surrounds the description of Behemoth with a challenge to Job, showing the creature is part of His argument about power (Job 40:8-14).

† If Job can't even deal with what God created, he can't question the Creator Himself (Job 40:8-14).

† This confirms Behemoth is not symbolic, it's part of a real demonstration of God's authority (Job 40:8-14).

Job 41:1, 18-21

"Can you drag out Leviathan with a fishhook,
And press down his tongue with a rope?

His sneezes flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eye of dawn.
From his mouth go burning torches;
Sparks of fire leap forth.
From his nostrils smoke goes out
As from a boiling pot and burning reeds.
His breath sets coals aglow,
And a flame goes forth from his mouth.

† Leviathan is described as untamable and beyond human control, showing God's superiority over creation (Job 41:1).

† The fire and smoke imagery goes far beyond any known animal today, pointing to a creature no longer present (Job 41:18-21).

† God uses Leviathan to humble Job, showing that if man can't control this creature, he certainly can't challenge God (Job 41).

Job 41:10

No one is so reckless that he dares to stir him;
Who then is he who opposes Me?

† God directly connects Leviathan to His own authority, if no man can stand before the creature, how can anyone stand before God (Job 41:10).

† This reinforces that Leviathan is part of God's argument about His unmatched power (Job 41:10).

† The point is clear, man is not in control, God is (Job 41:10).

Psalm 74:13-14

You divided the sea by Your strength;
You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
You crushed the heads of Leviathan;
You gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

† Leviathan is again presented as a real creature, not just symbolism (Psalm 74:14).

† Multiple heads are mentioned, showing the magnitude and terrifying nature of this creature (Psalm 74:14).

† God is shown as the one who destroys even the most powerful creatures, proving His absolute authority (Psalm 74:13-14).

Psalm 104:25-26

There is the sea, great and broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
The ships move along there,
And Leviathan, which You have formed to have fun in it.

† Leviathan is described as part of the natural order, created by God and active in the sea (Psalm 104:26).

† This shows these creatures were not rare myths, but part of the created world people could observe (Psalm 104:25-26).

† God even describes it as playing, showing His control and purpose over even the largest creatures (Psalm 104:26).

Psalm 148:7

Praise the LORD from the earth,
Sea monsters, and all the ocean depths;

Sea creatures, including great monsters, are called to praise God, showing they are part of His creation (Psalm 148:7).

† This confirms these creatures were known and

acknowledged, not imaginary (Psalm 148:7).

† Even the greatest creatures exist for God's glory (Psalm 148:7).

Isaiah 27:1

On that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
With His fierce and great and mighty sword,
Even Leviathan the twisted serpent;
And He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.

† This shows Leviathan continued to be known and referenced throughout scripture (Isaiah 27:1).

† The language connects with earlier descriptions, reinforcing that this is the same type of creature (Isaiah 27:1).

† God alone is the one who ultimately destroys even the greatest of creatures (Isaiah 27:1).

Genesis 1:21

And God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind; and God saw that it was good.

† The Bible clearly states that great sea creatures were created by God from the beginning (Genesis 1:21).

† These are not later developments, they were part of the original creation (Genesis 1:21).

† What we call dinosaurs today would fall into these categories of land and sea creatures created on Day 5 and Day 6 (Genesis 1:21, 24-25).

Genesis 1:24-25

Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kind: livestock and crawling things and animals of the earth according to their kind"; and it was so. God made the animals of the earth according to their kind, and the livestock according to their kind, and everything that crawls on

the ground according to its kind; and God saw that it was good.

† Large land creatures were created directly by God as part of the same creation account (Genesis 1:24-25).

† This supports the existence of massive land animals like Behemoth (Genesis 1:24-25).

† These creatures were created in the same timeframe as man, not separated by ages (Genesis 1:24-25).

Psalm 91:13

You will walk upon the lion and cobra,
You will trample the young lion and the serpent.

† Scripture continues to reference powerful and dangerous creatures, including serpents, as real entities (Psalm 91:13).

† This shows a consistent theme of man encountering powerful creatures in the world God created (Psalm 91:13).

† These references reinforce the reality of creatures beyond what we commonly see today (Psalm 91:13).

Historical References

† Josephus describes large, unusual creatures and confirms that ancient people were aware of animals no longer present today.

† Pliny the Elder wrote about massive reptiles and sea creatures in his Natural History, showing these ideas weren't foreign to the ancient world.

† Augustine of Hippo acknowledged that creation included creatures no longer seen in their time.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God is still the Creator of all things, including creatures we no longer see, and that should humble us.

† We shouldn't reinterpret scripture to fit modern assumptions, we should let the text speak plainly.

† These passages remind us that God's power is beyond our understanding, and His creation is greater than what we see today.

† Just like Job, we're called to trust God, not question Him based on our limited view of the world.

Q & A Appendix

Q Are dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible?

A The word dinosaur is not used, but large creatures like Behemoth and Leviathan are clearly described in Job 40-41, Psalm 74:13-14, Psalm 148:7, and Genesis 1:21-25.

Q Did humans live with these creatures?

A Yes, Job 40:15 says Behemoth was made along with man, showing they coexisted.

Q Why don't we see these creatures today?

A Scripture doesn't give a full explanation, but it shows that God created many kinds of creatures, some of which are no longer present, Genesis 1:21-25.

Q Are these creatures symbolic or real?

A The detailed descriptions and physical characteristics show they are real creatures, not just symbols, especially in Job 40-41.

Q Why would God create such massive and powerful creatures?

A God created all things for His purpose and glory, Genesis 1:21, 24-25. In Job 40-41, God points to Behemoth and Leviathan to show His power over creation and to humble man, Job 40:8-14; Job 41:10. These creatures show that God alone has authority over all things.

Q Are Behemoth and Leviathan just symbolic creatures?

A No, they're described with detailed physical characteristics,

behavior, and strength, Job 40:15-24; Job 41:1-34. God presents them as real examples that Job could understand and observe, not as abstract symbols.

Q Why does the Bible mention creatures we don't see today?

A Scripture shows that God created many kinds of creatures, Genesis 1:21, 24-25. Some aren't present today, but their mention shows the fullness of God's creation and His authority over all of it, Psalm 104:25-26.

Q What is the main point God is making with these creatures in Job?

A God is showing that if man can't control or stand before these creatures, then he can't question or challenge God, Job 40:8-14; Job 41:10. The focus isn't the creatures themselves, but God's unmatched power.

Q When was the word dinosaur created?

A The word dinosaur was created in 1842 by Richard Owen. The Bible was written long before that, so it uses terms like beasts, serpents, and sea-monsters instead of the modern word dinosaur.

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