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Subject: Dinosaurs

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Considering all the proof of the existence of dinosaurs, why are they never talked about in the Bible, and where do they fit into biblical history? --Matthew J.

Dear Matthew: Some reliable commentators do think dinosaurs are mentioned in the Bible under the label "sea monsters" or "whales" in Genesis 1:21. The word is often translated "dragon" and could well include dinosaurs. Also, it is possible that Behemoth and Leviathan were dinosaurs (Job 40:15, 3:8; Isaiah 17:1). Whether one agrees with these identifications or not, dinosaurs were created along with the other animals, two were taken into the ark by Noah (though not necessarily large specimens of dinosaurs but small ones), they exited the ark, and they ultimately became extinct. Perhaps they could not survive in the changed climate after the flood.

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