The Asteroid Impact Killed the Dinosaurs… Or Did It?

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“Everyone” knows that an asteroid impact 66 million years ago killed the dinosaurs—at least, that’s the evolutionary narrative we hear over and over again! But, wait, that might not be what happened! (Spoiler: according to God’s Word, that’s absolutely not what happened.)

Here we go again: the evolutionary story has changed once again. A new study suggests that the widespread asteroid impact story may not be what happened after all. A popular summary of this new study states,

They found that the popular belief of a sudden asteroid collision was not the cause of their extinction, neither was the theory of climate change at the time. Their findings suggested that the extinction of the dinosaurs was not abrupt and simultaneous, but rather a gradual one, having drawn out over time. According to Professor David Fastovsky of URI, “in the end, we concluded that neither the asteroid impact nor climate change had anything to do with the extinction, and that the extinction was certainly not as it had been described—sudden and synchronous. In fact, it was diachronous and drawn out.”

They came to this conclusion by assuming the ages of rock layers that dinosaurs are found in and therefore determined (by evolutionary assumptions regarding dating) that some dinosaurs died out millions of years before or after the asteroid impact. So the evolutionary story has changed again—although the asteroid hypothesis is so ingrained in mainstream science, I doubt this new study will have much impact (on intended).

The extinction of the dinosaurs remains a huge mystery to those who refuse to start with God’s Word as history. But when we start with God’s Word, it’s not a big mystery. I’ve often been asked, “How do we fit dinosaurs into the Bible?” But we don’t “fit” dinosaurs into the Bible. We use the Bible, and its history, to explain dinosaurs. Why? Because we have an inherent, infallible eyewitness account to history, so we always want to start there.

Dinosaurs are land creatures, and we know that these creatures were made on day six of the creation week. This means dinosaurs (by the way, the word wasn’t invented until 1841 and applies to particular groups of land animals) were created then, too, and they lived alongside man—having been created on the same day. This explains why cultures around the world all have legends of dragons that sound like distorted stories of encounters with dinosaurs.

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As dinosaurs are land dwelling, air-breathing creatures, Noah took two of every kind (probably around 80 families) of dinosaur on the ark with him to survive the flood. The others outside the ark were drowned, some becoming fossils. Those that survived the flood on the ark entered a radically new world and their kinds eventually died out due to the same things that wipe out species and kinds today—habitat loss, human predation for food, protection, or sport, loss of food sources, climate change (remember the ice age followed shortly after the flood), etc. Many other species died out after the flood, so it’s no big mystery why the dinosaurs died out too.

When we start with God’s Word, we have the true history that explains what we see in the world.