

Dating and Dinosaurs

What is the age of the earth? What about dinosaurs?

Dating: A Time Line Based on the BIBLE:

Adam & Eve	Flood	Abraham	Moses	David	Jesus the Christ
0	1656	1946	2586	approx. 3000	approx. 4000 (years after creation)
(Gen. chap. 1)	(Gen. 7:6)	(Gen. 11:10-26)	(Gen. & Ex.)	(Sam. & Kings)	(Matt. – John)
4000 B.C.	2300 B.C.	2100 B.C.	1400 B.C.	1000 B.C.	5 B.C.

These Passages Show an Unbroken Genealogy from Adam to Abram/Abraham:

NIV Genesis 5:3-32: “When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. ... When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. ... When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. ... When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. ... When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. . . . When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. ... When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah [see Jude 14]. ... When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. ... When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah ... After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.”
(Total = 1556 + 100 – Noah was 600 years old when the flood came, *Genesis 7:6*)

NIV Genesis 11:10-26: “Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. ... When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. ... When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. ... When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. ... When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. ... When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. ... When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. ... When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. ... After Terah had lived 70 years, he

became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.”
(Total = 1946 years from creation to the birth of Abram)

What Some Others Say About the Age of the Earth¹:

1. “Is it true, based upon biblical evidence, that human history must be limited to within several thousand years? We confidently affirm this to be the case. The proof is to be found in the inspired genealogies recorded in the divine scriptures.” (18)
2. “Is there actually ‘scientific evidence’ that the earth is billions of years old?” Most people answer yes because many scientists say it is so; however, “scientists say a lot of things that simply are not so! One must always keep in mind that many scientists are dyed-in-the-wool evolutionists.” Therefore, they attempt to support their theory at all cost.... “Dr. Robert Kofahl has noted that ‘it is not possible to *prove* that the earth is billions of years old.’ Or in the words of Dr. Donald Chettick, ‘the idea that the earth is very, very old is not in any way suggested by any studies in science.’” (5-6)
3. These popular arguments for an ancient earth are answered by Jackson: Dating Techniques, The Evolutionary Process, Stalactites and Stalagmites, Petrification, Formation of Oil and Coal, Starlight from Distant Bodies, The Grand Canyon, and Coral Reefs. (42-49)

¹ Wayne Jackson, Creation, Evolution and the Age of the Earth (Stockton, California: Courier Publications, 1989), page number/s are noted after each paragraph.

Dinosaurs²:

1. What is the basis of most current beliefs about dinosaurs? Most people believe what they have heard and seen; however, “some scientists have not been careful enough in their descriptions of dinosaurs. They have told grand stories of how dinosaurs looked and behaved. All of these descriptions are based on guesswork – the imagination of people who have never seen a living dinosaur. Some scientists have made complete pictures of dinosaurs based on just a single bone or tooth or leg...” (14)
2. Where did dinosaurs come from? “When God created the world, dinosaurs were one of His creations. God created all the animals (Genesis 1:20-25). God made everything in the entire universe – people, stars, planets and all that there is (Exodus 20:11a, Genesis 1)... Man and dinosaurs lived at the same time.” (16)
3. Are dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible? Yes! “The Bible uses ancient names like ‘behemoth’ . . . [which] means kingly, gigantic beasts.” This is the Bible’s best description of a dinosaur: “Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God.” (NIV Job 40:15-19) (see Job 41)
“Behemoth tails were so long and strong that God compared them to cedars – one of the largest and most spectacular trees of the ancient world.... Today some people have mistakenly guessed that the behemoth . . . might be an elephant or hippopotamus. But those animals certainly do not have tails like the thick, tall trunks of cedar trees! (18-19)
4. Why are there no dinosaurs today? “At least 55 different theories have been suggested and then thrown out because of problems. For instance, a theory that works for large

animals usually does not explain the extinction of small animals or sea creatures. Whatever happened to dinosaurs, scientists agree that it must have affected the whole world... Some Christian scientists believe that most of the dinosaurs were killed and buried during a relatively short period of time... [When] the earth was probably in the midst of the greatest earthquakes and volcanic eruptions ever known,” which took place in connection with the Flood. (22-23)

5. Where did most of the dinosaur fossils come from? The great flood in Noah’s day had a catastrophic affect on the entire earth. The Bible says: “Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.” (NIV Genesis 7:23) “Such a great event would surely have left evidence to be found today. For instance, one would expect to find billions of dead creatures buried by water in mud and sand (now hardened by rock). And that is exactly what scientists do find around the world.” (25-26)
6. Were there dinosaurs on the ark? God said to Noah: “You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.” (NIV Genesis 6:19-20) *Therefore, dinosaurs were included!*
7. Were dinosaurs on the earth after the flood? The time of Job is thought to be hundreds of years after the flood, yet God told Job to “Look at the behemoth...” (Job 40:15)
8. Why did dinosaurs eventually become extinct? “After the flood the earth was a very different place... Great numbers of creatures have become extinct in the thousands of years since the Flood. In the last 350 alone, almost 400 species have disappeared.” (34-35)

² Paul S. Taylor, The Great Dinosaur Mystery and the Bible (Colorado Springs: Chariot Victor Publishing, 1989), page

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