

## The Bible Explains Dinosaurs - Answers in Genesis

*On that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.*

*The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. Genesis 7:11-12, 15-19*

In the Bible we read that *"The fountains of the great deep burst forth and the windows of heaven were opened."* It is difficult to even imagine all that happened during the flood. While we aren't told what the fountains of the deep were, it was powerful activity of some sort, possibly like volcanoes, or earthquakes that burst from under the water, raising up mountains, buckling the land, and creating the canyons and caverns that we see today. Have you ever seen the effects of a volcano or earthquake?

In Genesis it says that *"rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights."* Where would all of that water come from? In Genesis 1:7-8 it says, *"So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse sky."* Could it be that before the flood that there was more water in the sky, possibly creating a more tropical earth? When it rained for 40 days it raised the water level on the earth.

All over the world different cultures have passed down legends that tell the story of a great flood. There are also legends of dragons and great sea creatures. Could these legends have started because there were dinosaurs on the earth the same time as people? Where would people in ancient civilizations get their stories about dragons if they never saw such an animal? Why would Native Americans have drawn pictures that resembled dinosaurs if they'd never seen an animal that looked like them?

The layers in the Grand Canyon are said to have taken millions of years to have evolved. However, the same layering effect happened in hours at Mount St. Helen during the 1980 volcano eruption.

Could the waters of the flood have caused the layers that we see in the Grand Canyon? Instead of it taking millions of years for the Colorado River to have carved out the canyon, could it have happened during the time of the Biblical flood?

Although some people feel there is no evidence for a global flood, Ken Ham says that we do have evidence all around us. His partner Buddy has a song called, "Billions of dead things, buried in rock layers, laid down by water, all over the earth." The Bible tells the story of a Biblical flood that would have left behind layers of different kinds of soil and fossils that would be buried in the rock layers.

Why do you think some people don't believe in the flood when the evidences of it are all around us?

God created a perfect world, but people turned away from doing what was right. God sent a flood to wash the world clean of the evil that was happening. God told Noah to build the ark. God also sent two of every kind of animal to be saved in the ark. People laughed at Noah but he obeyed God. Even though Noah warned them what was going to happen they refused to turn to God to be saved. They wouldn't believe Noah when he told them that God was going to judge the earth. When the door was shut and the rains began everyone knew it was true.

*Dear Lord, You are still calling us to turn away from what is wrong and to choose what is right. Just like in Noah's day, many people laugh and scoff, but when You come to reclaim Your own, all will know the truth. Wash our hearts clean and fill us with trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*