



## VELOCIRAPTOR

After examining the fossils of *Velociraptor* (which have been found in the countries of Mongolia, Russia, and China), you will likely notice how much this extinct creature resembles the North American dinosaur named *Deinonychus*. Both dinosaurs had sharp teeth, muscular legs, a stiff tail, and fierce claws. *Velociraptor*, however, was smaller than *Deinonychus*. It had a long snout that was low, flat, and narrow, which was very different from that of other dinosaurs, and its fierce claw was not quite as large as that of *Deinonychus*.

Although the producers of the movie *Jurassic Park* portrayed *Velociraptor* as being a fairly large dinosaur, scientists who have studied the fossilized remains of *Velociraptor* believe that he was no larger than a Great Dane dog—about 400% smaller than the size it was portrayed in *Jurassic Park*. It is believed that he was a quick and agile predator. In 1971, a *Velociraptor* was found fossilized alongside a *Protoceratops*. Apparently, the two dinosaurs died while in a vicious fight. The *Velociraptor* was found with one of his claws gripping the crown of the *Protoceratops*.





# DINOSAURS AND THE BIBLE

If you have ever read through the Bible in search for the word “dinosaur,” you may have noticed that this word is missing. Not one time is the word “dinosaur” mentioned in all of God’s Word. But does that mean that the Bible has nothing to say about these wonderful creatures? No. You see, just because the Bible does not mention **the actual word** “dinosaur,” that does not mean that it never mentions the animals we know as dinosaurs.

First of all, the Bible discusses dinosaurs in the same books, chapters, and verses that speak of kangaroos, anteaters, and platypuses. Where is that? In Exodus 20:11, the Bible states: “For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, **and all that is in them**, and rested the seventh

day.” In Genesis 1:20-27, we learn that God made **all living creatures** on days five and six of the Creation week. While these verses do not mention dinosaurs **by name**, it is clear that God created all types of animals within the six days of Creation—including dinosaurs. Genesis 2:1 informs us that at the end of day six, God was finished with His creation. If God created everything in six days, and did not create anything else after those six days, then dinosaurs must have been a part of that six-day Creation. And so, just as we know that God created kangaroos, anteaters, and platypuses (even though the Bible never mentions them specifically by name), we can know that God created the dinosaurs during the Creation week.



# WERE DINOSAURS REALLY ON NOAH'S ARK?

**Y**es, dinosaurs must have been on Noah's ark! Scientifically, dinosaurs are defined as land-living animals. But the Bible tells us that all land-living animals outside the ark died in the Flood (Genesis 7:21). We know, however, that some dinosaurs must have survived the Flood. Scientific evidence indicates that ancient peoples who lived long after Noah interacted at times with dino-

saur. Also, the book of Job (which was written sometime after the Flood) mentions animals that appear to have been what we call dinosaurs (read Job 40:15-24). The fact that God talked to Job about the behemoth **after the Flood** shows us that dinosaurs were still alive. But how could dinosaurs (which live only on land) have survived the Flood—**unless they were on the ark?**

