# "Dragon(s)" – "What saith the scripture?" Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30

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#### Introduction

Then "what saith the scripture?" Romans 4:3, Galatians 4:30 with respect to "dragon(s)" Deuteronomy 32:33, Nehemiah 2:13, Job 30:29, Psalm 44:19, 74:13, 91:13, 148:7, Isaiah 13:22, 27:1, 34:13, 35:7, 43:20, 51:9, Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22, 14:6, 49:33, 51:34, 37, Ezekiel 29:3, Micah 1:8, Malachi 1:3, Revelation 12:3, 4, 7 twice, 9, 13, 16, 17, 13:2, 4, 11, 16:13, 20:2, 35 references, 13 in the Book of Revelation.

Concerning the term "dragon(s)" note first that Jacob Prasch has not told his readers that the modern versions that he insists are superior to the AV1611 nevertheless contain the term "dragon."

Jacob Prasch's failure in that respect shows that he is beset with "the spirit of fear." 2 Timothy 1:7. "God hath not given unto" Jacob Prasch "the spirit...of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" 2 Timothy 1:7.

# "Dragon(s)," Versions and Biblical Revelation

The 1977, 1995 NASVs contain the word "dragon" 16 and 17 times respectively each all but 3 times in the Book of Revelation.

The 1984, 2011 NIVs each contain the word "dragon" 14 times respectively exclusively in the Book of Revelation.

The 1995 NASV, 1984, 2011 NIVs are wrong in Revelation 13:1 where they read "And the <u>dragon</u> stood on the sand of the seashore..." and "(And) t(T)he <u>dragon</u> stood on the shore of the sea" respectively instead of "And I stood upon the sand of the sea..." Revelation 13:1, AV1611.

### See this extract from:

# Appendix 2 The 1611 Holy Bible versus Modern Corruptions from Corrupt OT Readings

# Table Correct Hebrew AV1611s OT Readings vs. Corrupt Hebrew NKJV, NIVs OT Readings

Verse	1611, 2011+ AV1611s	NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs
Nehemiah 2:13	<mark>dragon</mark> well	NKJV Serpent Well, NIVs Jackal Well

### **Notes on Table**

### Nehemiah 2:13

The word "dragon" singular and plural occurs 35 times in scripture, 13 (!) times in the Book of Revelation, the only occurrences of the term in the New Testament; Revelation 12:3, 4, 7 twice, 9, 13, 16, 17, 13:2, 4, 11, 16:13, 20:2. The NKJV, NIVs completely cut out the word "dragon(s)" from the Old Testament and the NIVs wrongly insert "dragon" into Revelation 13:1. The NIVs insertion is wrong because "the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" Revelation 12:17. He isn't standing around at the time of Revelation 13:1 on any beach.

The NKJV, NIVs elimination of the word "dragon(s)" weakens the testimony of scripture to:

- "the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan" Revelation 12:9, 20:2 by obscuring the association between "leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea" Isaiah 27:1 and "leviathan" of Job 41, the most detailed passage of scripture on the devil.
- The existence of "devils" plural Leviticus 17:7, Deuteronomy 32:17, 2 Chronicles 11:15, Psalm 106:37 and 51 verses in the New Testament that can assume the form of "a fiery flying serpent" Isaiah 14:29, 30:6. "dragons" are associated with "asps" Deuteronomy 32:33 i.e. serpents as

above, "owls" Job 30:29, Isaiah 34:13 "in <u>abomination</u> among the fowls" Leviticus 11:13 (!) with Leviticus 11:16, 17 classed with "every <u>unclean</u> and <u>hateful bird</u>" Revelation 18:2 and fire "<u>Out of his mouth go burning lamps</u>, and <u>sparks of fire leap out</u>" Job 41:19.

"dragons" are in turn associated with "devils" via Babylon.

"And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant" Jeremiah 51:37.

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" Revelation 18:2, 4.

The NKJV, NIVs eliminate all specific reference to both "dragons" and "devils" and obscure the above revelation.

• The satanic nature of world ruler-ship typified by particular world rulers that the scripture identifies among the dragon's "seven heads" Revelation 12:3 with Luke 4:5, 6. See remarks on Daniel 6:12 below.

"Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out" Jeremiah 51:34.

"Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, <u>Pharaoh king of Egypt</u>, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself" Ezekiel 29:3.

The term "the dragon well" adjacent to "the gate of the valley...the valley of Hinnom" Nehemiah 2:13, 11:30, which is a place of fire, Jeremiah 7:31, 32:35, is a reminder of the devil's end and therefore an encouragement.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" Revelation 20:10.

That the NKJV, NIVs' alterations of "dragon" may be translational rather than textual is beside the point. Their editors and supporters have clung to the wrong text and have therefore forfeited revelation, a condition from which while they retain that text they cannot deliver themselves.

"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?" Isaiah 44:20.

Further to the above it should be noted that the Lord's defeat of Satan at the Second Advent identifies the devil as "the dragon." See the Ruckman Reference Bible pp 8, 1205, 1509.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" Genesis 3:15.

"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet" Psalm 91:13.

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen" Romans 16:20.

## "Dragon(s)," Attributes and Biblical Identification

The Old Testament references Deuteronomy 32:33, Psalm 44:19, 74:13, 148:7, Isaiah 13:22, 34:13, 35:7, 43:20, 51:9, Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22, 14:6, 49:33, 51:37, Micah 1:8, Malachi 1:3 to the term "dragons" plural reveal in addition to the above that:

- Deuteronomy 32:33. "Dragons" are poisonous.
- Job 30:29. "Dragons" are with the lost man in hell. See Dr Ruckman's commentary The Book of Job pp 240, 404 and the Ruckman Reference Bible p 729.
- Psalm 44:19. "Dragons" are associated "with the shadow of death." "the shadow of death" is subterranean within "the land of darkness and the shadow of death; A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness" Job 10:21-22 beyond "the gates of death...the doors of the shadow of death" Job 38:17. That is "the belly of hell" Jonah 2:2 beyond "the gates of hell" Matthew 16:18 as Jonah described it. "I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God" Jonah 2:6. See Dr Ruckman's commentaries The Book of Job p 538, The Book of Minor Prophets, Vol. I Hosea-Nahum pp 366-368, The Book of Matthew pp 296-300 and the Ruckman Reference Bible pp 751, 1188.
- Psalm 74:13. "Dragons" are "in the waters."
- Psalm 148:7, Isaiah 13:22, 34:13, Malachi 1:3. "Dragons" are or will be on earth in "pleasant palaces" that are nevertheless "desolate," overgrown and derelict "in the land of Idumea" Isaiah 34:6 where "the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch" Isaiah 34:9 i.e. a millennial lake of fire and hell on earth. See the Ruckman Reference Bible p 951.
- Isaiah 35:7, 43:20. "Dragons" are "in the wilderness" Isaiah 35:6 where "the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water" "because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen." It is understandable that "The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen" Isaiah 43:20 if these beasts inhabited "a dry and thirsty land, where no water is" Psalm 63:1 with Isaiah 34:6, 9, 13. Neither the millennial hell on earth nor hell "in the heart of the earth" Matthew 12:40 "the belly of hell" Jonah 2:2 has any water, which is why the Lord said "I thirst" John 19:28 and the rich man "in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom…cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" Luke 16:23-24.
- Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22. "Dragons" are even in Jerusalem and Judah because God says "I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant...and a den of dragons" "Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land" Isaiah 6:11-12 at "the time of Jacob's trouble" Jeremiah 30:7 "For then shall be great tribulation" Matthew 24:21 "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" Luke 21:23-24 "...for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months" Revelation 11:2. See the Ruckman Reference Bible pp 922, 993, 1000, 1283-1285, 1371.
- Jeremiah 14:6. "Dragons" are said to have "snuffed up the wind." They are therefore like "leviathan" Job 41:1 of whom God says "<u>His breath kindleth coals</u>, and a flame goeth out of <u>his mouth</u>" Job 41:21. See remarks above on Job 41:19, Isaiah 27:1, Revelation 12:9, 20:2.

- *Jeremiah 49:33, 51:37.* "*Dragons*" dwell in "*desolation*" in deserted, devastated cities that are "*left like a wilderness*" Isaiah 27:10. See remarks above on Isaiah 13:22, 34:13, Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22, Malachi 1:3, Revelation 18:2. Jeremiah 49:33, 51:37 are further pointers to "*the time of Jacob's trouble*" Jeremiah 30:7 and "*great tribulation*" Matthew 24:21.
- Micah 1:8. "Dragons...make a wailing." Micah 1:8 is important with respect to Job 30:29 above and the lost man in hell where "dragons" are with the lost man in hell. "I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat" Job 30:29-30.

#### In sum:

- "Dragons" are poisonous, Deuteronomy 32:33.
- "Dragons" are with the lost man in hell, Job 30:29, "the land of darkness and the shadow of death" Job 10:21, "a furnace of fire" Matthew 13:42 "everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" Matthew 25:41 "hell...the fire that never shall be quenched" Mark 9:43, 45 where as dragons wail Micah 1:8 "there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" Matthew 13:42.
- "Dragons" dwell in "desolation" on earth in deserted, devastated cities that are "left like a wilderness" Isaiah 27:10 with Isaiah 35:6 even "the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant...and a den of dragons" Jeremiah 9:11 at "the time of Jacob's trouble" Jeremiah 30:7 and also "in the land of Idumea" Isaiah 34:6 where "the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch" Isaiah 34:9 i.e. a millennial lake of fire and hell on earth, Psalm 148:7, Isaiah 6:11-12, 13:22, 34:13, 35:6, 7, Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22, 49:33, 51:37, Malachi 1:3 typified by the derelict cities "left like a wilderness."
- "Dragons" are like "leviathan" Job 41:1 of whom God says "His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth" Job 41:21 with Jeremiah 14:6.
- "Dragons" are "in the waters" Psalm 74:13.

"Dragons" are identified in scripture by two sets of beings.

First, note that "the waters" are "the waters which were above the firmament" Genesis 1:7 "the deep...the sea" Job 41:31 wherein is "leviathan" Job 41:1 "cast as profane out of the mountain of God" Ezekiel 28:16 "and his angels...with him" Revelation 12:9 back then as the future casting out of Revelation 12:9 strongly suggests. That is in part why God did not say "that it was good" in Genesis 1:8. This writer has concluded that "the dragons in the waters" Psalm 74:13 are "his angels" Matthew 25:41 i.e. the devil's and leviathan's. "Comparing spiritual things with spiritual" 1 Corinthians 2:13 yields the following results.

Because "leviathan" being jealous of God said "I will be like the most high" Isaiah 14:14 "his angels" whom he appears to have provoked to the same jealousy most likely will bear his image "the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy" Ezekiel 8:3, that image of "leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea" Isaiah 27:1 as described in Job 41:12-23. Angels are appearances. Note that angels appear, Exodus 3:2, Judges 6:12, 13:3, 21, Matthew 1:20, 2:13, 19, Luke 1:11, 22:43, Acts 7:30, 35. Note further that "the children of God" i.e. today's believers "are equal unto the angels" Luke 20:36 and "are as the angels of God in heaven" Matthew 22:30 who "shall also bear the image of the heavenly" 1 Corinthians 15:49. It would follow that "evil angels" Psalm 78:49, the devil's angels, Matthew 25:41, "his angels" Revelation 12:9 would bear the image of "the great dragon...that old serpent" Revelation 12:9 and in their fallen state be "the dragons in the waters" Psalm 74:1 along with "leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea" Isaiah 27:1. Job 41:12-23 would therefore describe as for the devil the actual appearance "his angels" "the dragons in the waters" though like "Satan himself is

transformed into an angel of light" 2 Corinthians 11:14 they as among "his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" 2 Corinthians 11:15 as shown below.

"The devil and his angels" Matthew 25:41 will come down to earth because "he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" Revelation 12:9. They will appear as men because that is how the Lycaonians perceived them from history as "gods" Genesis 3:5 and "the sons of God" Genesis 6:2, 4 as Acts 14:11 states. "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men."

That is the first group of beings that are "dragons" but are like "the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" Revelation 12:9 because they are "in the likeness of men" because it is asked even of "Lucifer" Isaiah 14:12 "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?" Isaiah 14:16.

The second group of beings that the scripture identifies as "dragons" are as indicated above "dragons" with the lost man in hell, Job 30:29, "the land of darkness and the shadow of death" Job 10:21, "a furnace of fire" Matthew 13:42 "everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" Matthew 25:41 "hell...the fire that never shall be quenched" Mark 9:43, 45 where as dragons wail Micah 1:8 "there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" Matthew 13:42.

These dragons are poisonous, Deuteronomy 32:33 and after the Second Advent will be on earth in "pleasant palaces" that are nevertheless "desolate," overgrown and derelict "in the land of Idumea" Isaiah 34:6 where "the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch" Isaiah 34:9 i.e. a millennial lake of fire and hell on earth. The following scriptures describe monstrosities that apparently emerge from "the land of darkness and the shadow of death" Job 10:21 after the opening of "the bottomless pit" Revelation 9:1, 2. They are led by "evil angels" Psalm 78:49, Revelation 9:14-15 of God's fourfold rage. They resemble the fabled centaurs en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centaur but are much more horrific. These monstrosities are "horsemen" and "horses" but "dragons" would be a fitting designation for these beasts. Note the matches with Deuteronomy 32:33, Job 41:21, Jeremiah 14:6. Each of the riders, all being designated as men, could be "a devil" John 6:70 like "Judas" that "by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" Acts 1:25 "the bottomless pit" Revelation 11:7, 17:8. Note that Deuteronomy 32:17 refers to "devils" plural that are associated with "gods" as distinct from "the devils" that are explicitly designated as "the unclean spirits" Mark 5:12, 13. The scriptures describing the monstrosities that apparently emerge from "the land of darkness and the shadow of death" Job 10:21 after the opening of "the bottomless pit" Revelation 9:1, 2 are as follows.

"And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone...For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt" Revelation 9:16-17, 19.

These are the "dragons" of Deuteronomy 32:33, Job 41:21, Isaiah 34:9, Jeremiah 10:22, 14:6 in all but name only. However, the designation of horse-like beasts, horses themselves being "beasts" Acts 23:23, 24, with riders provides a helpful description of these devolved monstrosities. They will clearly be confined "in the land of Idumea" Isaiah 34:6 where "the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone" Isaiah 34:9 at the Lord's Return because "his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein" Isaiah 34:16-17.

See Dr Ruckman's commentaries *The Book of Genesis* pp 13-14, 173-184, *The Book of Job* pp 605-615, *The Book of Matthew* pp 17-18, *The Book of Acts pp 403-404*, *The Book of Revelation* pp 194-195, 239-245, 304-309, 468-469 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 2, 14, 769-771, 1076-1077, 1105.

# "Dragon(s)" Historical and Here and Now

The above scriptures show that "dragons" cannot airily be dismissed as mythological characters which do not actually exist as Jacob Prasch and Gary Amirault [universalist] do. "Dragons" are Biblical creatures that exist in the spiritual realm and can and will exist in the physical realm. Other detailed reports from secular sources give credence to the current existence in the physical realm of creatures appropriately called dragons even if these beasts do not precisely match the descriptions of Biblical dragons cited above from Deuteronomy 32:33, Psalm 44:19, 74:13, 148:7, Isaiah 13:22, 34:13, 35:7, 43:20, 51:9, Jeremiah 9:11, 10:22, 14:6, 49:33, 51:37, Micah 1:8, Malachi 1:3.

See for example *The Book of Bible Problems* by Dr Gerardus D. Bouw pp 235-236 on the term "dragon(s)" including historical references to dragons that once existed in the material world as recently as the 16<sup>th</sup> century as reported by the Italian naturalist Ulysses Androvanus. Bill Cooper in After The Flood Chapter 10 Dinosaurs from Anglo-Saxon and other Records, Chapter 11 Beowulf and the Creatures of Denmark summarises many accounts from various parts of northern Europe of giant reptiles both aquatic and amphibian that were known as dragons. Accounts are found as far back as the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. but many are from medieval times and some from the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries with one as recent as the 1930s where two mountain climbers observed a large serpentine creature in Glaslyn Lake in Snowdon.

Jerome Clark in his book *Unexplained!* www.amazon.com/Unexplained-Sightings-Incredible-Occurrences-Phenomena/dp/1578593441 has a chapter entitled *Pterosaur Sightings* that includes 20<sup>th</sup> century accounts of large flying snakes, one of which was said to be a "flying dragon." Clark has another chapter entitled *Sea Serpents* that describes many sightings from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in the North Atlantic and elsewhere of *gigantic unknown sea animals* and a further chapter entitled *Sky Serpents* that summarises numerous reports *From antiquity through the nineteenth century...of sightings of enormous aerial dragons or snakes...* 

Creation The Journal of the Creation Science Movement <a href="www.csm.org.uk/">www.csm.org.uk/</a> Vol. 13 No. 7 March 2003 p 4 reports a sighting as recently as October 2002 by a veteran bush pilot and his passengers of a pterodactyl-like creature with a wingspan of approximately 15 feet flying at a 1000 feet in the remote south-western corner of Alaska. John Bouker, a pilot with then 22 years' experience of flying in Alaska, said that the creature was much larger than any eagle.

Numerous sites indicate that dragon creatures have existed in the natural world, giving rise to *later* mythological accounts. The following extract shows the *error* of the modern substitutes for the term "*dragon(s)*" as found in the 1611 Holy Bible. See <u>www.dragon-history.com/</u> *Dragon History – Ancient Accounts*, this writer's emphases.

# Dragon History - A Summation of the Evidence

Where are all these accounts of dragon history? Actually, let's start with the Bible, the most widely published book in history. A search for the word "dragon" in the King James Version of the Bible produces 34 separate matches across 10 different books written between approximately 2000 BC and 90 AD. The word "dragon" (Hebrew: tannin) is used throughout the Old Testament, and most directly translates as "sea or land monsters." In the Book of Job, the author describes the great creatures, Behemoth (Job 40) and Leviathan (Job 41). Although the latest Bible translations\* use the words elephant, hippo or crocodile instead of Behemoth and Leviathan, the original Hebrew and the context of the descriptions do not allow for these interpretations. \*Bible versions retain the words behemoth and leviathan in their texts but give interpretations in their marginal notes e.g. Behemoth and Leviathan – Creatures of Controversy www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=9&article=184 which states that some versions of the Bible identify these creatures in the marginal notes or chapter headings as the hippopotamus and the crocodile.

Of course, dragon history is by no means limited to the Bible. Dragon accounts from China, Europe, the Middle East, and ancient Latin America share similar accounts of "dragons" and other beasts. Some cultures revered these creatures. For instance, records of Marco Polo in China show that the royal house kept dragons for ceremonies, and records of the Greek historian Herodotus and the Jewish historian Josephus describe flying reptiles in ancient Egypt and Arabia. In other cultures, it was a great honor to kill these creatures.

There are numerous records of warriors killing great beasts in order to establish credibility in a village. Gilgamesh, Fafnir, Beowulf and other famous legends, including the mythology of Egypt, Greece and Rome, include specific descriptions of dragons and other dinosaur-like creatures...

#### CONCLUSION

I propose that early humanity did encounter dragons, or dinosaurs. This means that humanity did not evolve millions of years after the dinosaurs became extinct, but that the two co-existed. Each piece of evidence by itself may perhaps be explained away, as those who accept evolutionary concepts are prone to do. But the evolutionary model of history which separates humanity and dinosaurs by millions of years leaves too many unanswered questions. How could a people draw pictures of dinosaurs on ancient cave walls, if none were around to serve as models? How is it that so many ancient cultures wrote about dinosaurs (dragons), if they were unknown to early humanity? How do the early literary accounts of dragons end up being so realistic, down to the smallest details?

The evidence for the co-existence of humanity with dinosaurs is overwhelming. I have often heard it said that if evidence can be adduced from a number of different disciplines, it is strong indication to the veracity of a hypothesis. I have shown evidence from archaeology, prehistoric art, ancient literature, legend and mythology, and the Bible. This evidence leads me to the conclusion that human beings shortly after the dispersal from Babel did indeed encounter dinosaurs in the early earth, and that they drew them, wrote of them and passed on tales of them to their children. The dragons of ancient art and literature, I conclude, were in fact dinosaurs...

## See www.forbidden-history.com/marco-polo.html *Marco Polo's Account of Dinosaurs*.

"Leaving the city of Yachi, and traveling ten days in a westerly direction, you reach the province of Karazan, which is also the name of the chief city....Here are seen huge serpents, ten paces in length (about 30 feet), and ten spans (about 8 feet) girt of the body. At the fore part, near the head, they have two short legs, having three claws like those of a tiger, with eyes larger than a forepenny loaf (pane da quattro denari) and very glaring.

"The jaws are wide enough to swallow a man, the teeth are large and sharp, and their whole appearance is so formidable, that neither man, nor any kind of animal can approach them without terror. Others are met with of a smaller size, being eight, six, or 5 paces long...In the day-time, by reason of great heat, they lurk in caverns, from whence, at night, they issue to seek their food, and whatever beast they meet with and can lay hold of, whether tiger, wolf, or any other, they devour...

See <u>www.nwcreation.net/dinosdragons.html</u> NW Creation Network - Defending Biblical History.

# Dragons: Evidence of Recent Dinosaurs

**Dragon** is the common name that refers to a variety of gigantic <u>reptiles</u> reported by people of ancient times. Dragons were also a common theme in mythology. The word comes from the <u>Greek</u>:  $\delta p \dot{\alpha} \kappa \omega v$ , drakōn; <u>Latin</u>: draco; meaning a "serpent of huge size".

Although <u>dragon legends</u> are often dismissed as myth today [e.g. by careless commentators like Jacob Prasch and Gary Amirault], many of these stories may have a historical basis in sightings of <u>recent dinosaurs</u>. Countries, such as <u>England</u>, <u>China</u>, <u>Scandinavia</u>, <u>France</u>, <u>India</u>, <u>Egypt</u>, and <u>Arabia</u> each recount numerous dragons of a variety of types...<u>Ancient depictions of dragons</u> have been found that span more than a millennia, which often bear remarkable similarity to known dinosaur species.

There are, in fact, nearly 200 such places in Britain where dragon sightings have been reported throughout history. In his book After the Flood, Bill Cooper lists eighty-one locations in the British Isles alone. Multiple terrestrial, flying, and sea dragons were described by these cultures and known by various names. Many of these creatures were predatory to livestock or threatening to other industries and therefore often target by hunters and killed...

*The World Book Encyclopedia states the following about dragons:* 

The dragons of legend are strangely like actual creatures that have lived in the past. They are much like the great reptiles which inhabited the earth long before man is supposed to have appeared on

earth. Dragons were generally evil and destructive. Every country had them in its mythology [very likely based on accounts of actual creatures that have lived in the past]...

# "Dragon(s)" Spiritual and Natural

The weight of evidence for the existence of dragons in both the spiritual and natural worlds would indicate that Paul's admonition to the Corinthians applies equally to Jacob Prasch and his universalist amanuensis Gary Amirault.

"But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant" 1 Corinthians 14:38.

The 13 occurrences of the word "dragon" in the Book of Revelation confirm the association between the number 13 and "the Devil, and Satan" Revelation 12:9, 20:2. See also Bible Numerics by Dr Ruckman pp 36-37 and the Ruckman Reference Bible pp 931, 1105, 1657. In turn that association helps to identify notably as a created being "Lucifer" Isaiah 14:12 and "the anointed cherub" Ezekiel 28:14 as "the Devil, and Satan," "the serpent" Genesis 3:1 and "leviathan" Job 41:1 i.e. "leviathan that crooked serpent" Isaiah 27:1 in that "He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride" Job 41:34.

"For thou hast said in thine heart, <u>I will ascend into heaven</u>, <u>I will exalt my throne above the stars of God</u>: <u>I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation</u>, in the sides of the north" Isaiah 14:<u>13</u>.

"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created" Ezekiel 28:13.

The addition of "the dragon" to Revelation 13:1 by the 1995 NASV and the 1984, 2011 NIVs obscures that association, showing that together with the NKJV, see above, they are the product of "a spirit of an unclean devil" Luke 4:33.

The above two extracts show that far from being filled with superstitions the King James translators were "taught of the LORD" Isaiah 54:13 "and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" Acts 4:31 with respect to their use of the words "unicorn(s)," "satyr(s)," "dragon(s)," "cockatrice."

In reality it is Jacob Prasch who is filled with superstitions in that having "joined himself to Baalpeor" Number 24:3 in the person of universalist heretic Gary Amirault, Jacob Prasch has become as one of those whom Paul rebuked in Athens. "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious" Acts 17:22.

## **Conclusion**

In sum, the term "dragon(s)" does not refer to mythological characters which do not actually exist characters itself being a poor choice of word to describe "any beast of the field which the LORD God had made" Genesis 3:1 – but instead to real creatures that exist in the supernatural realm, have existed in the natural world and it appears from scripture will do so again "to the glory of God" 1 Corinthians 10:31.

"Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:...Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven" Psalm 148:7-8, 11-13.

