



Upcoming Schedule

Oct 3-5

Matt at Good News Bible Church
Iowa City, IA

Oct 5-8

Ryan at Beecher Island Sunday School
Wray, CO

Oct 12

Ryan at Parkview Christian Church
Sedalia, MO

Oct 12-15

Matt at Oswego Christian Church
Oswego, KS

Oct 19-21

Ryan at Oak Grove Church of Christ
Industry, PA

Oct 19-22

Matt at First Baptist Church
Clarinda, IA

Oct 24-26

Ryan at Grissom Church of Christ
Peru, IN

Oct 31-Nov 2

Ryan at Aetna Calvary Church
Aetna, MI

Nov 9-12

Ryan at College Heights Baptist Church
Chickasha, OK

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FLOODED MARINE REPTILE

The Flood during Noah's day was a devastating judgement against the sin and wickedness of the time. Most people focus on what the Lord did as He saved the eight people and animals on the Ark. Yet while they were being saved, the Flood destroyed the earth and left behind some remarkable things. Geology around the globe shows water burial of plants and animals. Many of the animal remains show signs of drowning and then burial. One particular reptile that shows this is the *Ichthyosaurus*. From what we can understand, water was her home for everything in life, even giving birth to live young. This well designed creature may even help us trust the Word of God when it comes to the history of the Flood.

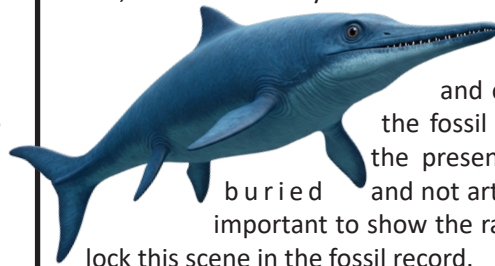
In our Mobile Museum of Earth History, we exhibit a research replica of an ichthyosaurus called *Stenopterygius*



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quadriscissus. She is from Holzmaden, Germany and is one example of hundreds that have been found in the area. The reason we can so confidently state this fossil is a "her," when we rarely know for sure about fossil animals, is because she is pregnant.



She has three babies present with her remains: one under her tail, one in or near the birth canal, and one still inside. Our fossil is in situ, which means the fossil remains in the rock matrix it was buried in. So, the presence of momma and babies are how they were buried and not articulated in some manner after excavation. This is important to show the rapid, watery burial that must have taken place to lock this scene in the fossil record.

The Flood trapped organisms all over the world in different life positions. Sometimes the fossils left behind have shown eating, hunting, sleeping, swimming, nesting, or drowning. When it comes to ichthyosaurs around the planet, there is a significant number of females that seem to be pregnant. They have been found in the fossil record on at least four continents. A fair assumption would be that Ichthyosaurs had a certain time of year they mated and gave birth to young, much like sea turtles today that nest from late spring to late fall depending on the region around the world. So it should

come as no surprise that we find pregnant ichthyosaurs all around the world as the Flood lasted an entire year. It would have buried the females that were pregnant near their location of habitat.

Evolutionists maintain that ichthyosaurs lived 90 to 250 million years ago and each of the mothers found in the fossil record just died while giving birth. This is difficult to support in a millions magnitude time scale. That would mean every time a disaster happened, millions of years apart, the right conditions existed to quickly bury ichthyosaurs that just so happened to be pregnant. It just might take some "faith" to trust that "miracle" would happen over and over again through eons of time. Or you can have faith that the Word of God's history is correct with a judgement of man's sin bringing global devastation through the Flood during Noah's 600th year of life. The Word of God is trustworthy, with even the fossil record showing us glimpses of historical evidence in support of our faith. I'm so thankful we don't need blind faith to trust our salvation! Blessings.

NEW BOOK

UNTOLD SECRETS of Planet Earth

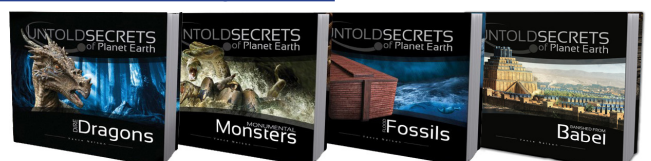


BANISHED FROM BABEL BY: VANCE NELSON

The account of the Tower of Babel is familiar to many, but most people consider it to be just a myth. What if there is significant evidence showing that the event is a part of genuine history? There are physical artifacts found in cultures all around the world that provide compelling reasons to believe that the dispersion at the Tower of Babel is true. Banished from Babel discusses these untold secrets by examining a dozen lines of physical evidence.

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OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE

¹⁴ *Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? ¹⁵ ...if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?”*

¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”* Daniel 3:14-18



In the 6th century BC, three young men stood up for their faith in the one true God, for which someone attempted to kill them. Today, in the 21st century AD, one young man was gunned down for his faith in the one true God. And sadly, Charlie Kirk is not the only one. According to The Esther Project, martyrdom for the cause of Christ is commonplace around the world (theestherproject.com/statistics). On average:

- 322 Christians are killed monthly.
- 214 churches or Christian properties are destroyed monthly.
- 772 forms of violence (beatings, kidnappings, etc.) against Christians are committed monthly.
- 100,000 to 160,000 Christians are killed annually in the 21st century.
- 1.093 million Christians were martyred between 2000 and 2010.
- And more than 70 million Christians are believed to have been martyred since the 1st century, with more than half killed in the 20th century alone under communist and fascist governments.

And how should Christians respond? Peter wrote, “*if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but glorify God in this name*” (1 Peter 4:16). Jesus took this a step further; He told us, “*...love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*” (Matthew 5:44). Now, as Shawn Grant, minister at Kissimmee Christian Church, FL, preached on the Sunday following the assassination, that may not be what you want to hear right now, but that is what Jesus has told us we must do. Why? So the world will see the difference Jesus makes!

The night of and the days after the assassination, businesses did not have to board up their stores. Police and soldiers did not have to be deployed. There were no riots, no property damages, no police spat upon – only tears, prayers, and a witness to the world that Jesus is the answer. So noticeable is this to the world, there were more international press requests for the Charlie Kirk memorial service than are requested for Super Bowls. Within seven days of his death, Kirk’s ministry Turning Point USA had received over 54,000 campus chapter requests. And most importantly, scores of videos of young people considering or even deciding to give their lives to Jesus have been posted to social media platforms.



Because of his unique place in history, most of us may not be able to have the scale of impact Charlie Kirk’s life and death are having. But that doesn’t matter. The question we all must ask is: Am I having an impact on **anyone** for Jesus? If not, then what are we doing? Just going to church services so we feel good about ourselves? Going through the motions so we feel like we’re good parents?

Are you having an impact for the Kingdom of God? Can any and all people with whom you come into contact tell that Christ is your King, reigning on the throne of your heart?

Is it always easy? NO. Could it even be dangerous? YES. That doesn’t mean you have to pack up your family and take them to the most dangerous mission fields. Jesus just asks of you to be faithful, to DAILY walk with Him, with the resulting consequence that people see you walking with Jesus!

Jesus said in Matthew 5:9, “*Blessed are the peacemakers*”. Unfortunately, just as there are many who love fresh baked bread, but don’t put forth the effort to make bread, there are far too many Christians who love peace, but don’t put forth the effort to be a peacemaker. It is imperative that we regularly check the alignment of our worldview so that it is Biblical and our eyes are fixed on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) as we “*press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 3:14). We can do so, even in the face of the most menacing opposition, because, as those three young men in Daniel 3 so confidently declared, “*our God whom we serve is able*” to do great things, including in your life and mine. He is “*able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us*” (Ephesians 3:20). Therefore, as the bearers of Christ’s name, we shine forth His light, remembering, as Taya Smith sings:

There is another in the fire standing next to me...
And should I ever need reminding
What power sets me free
There is a grave that holds no body
And now that power lives in me.