

Do Fossils Prove the Existence of the Garden of Eden?

In a recent video, evangelist Perry Stone shares Scriptural insights on the authenticity of the Garden of Eden, drawing from biblical accounts and archaeological findings.

Stone revisits ancient depictions of serpents and evidence that suggests the biblical curse placed upon the serpent in Genesis 3:14 may have historical roots.

“Josephus, the Jewish historian, tells us that before the fall of Adam and Eve, the animal kingdom was able to communicate with man,” Stone explains. He addresses skeptics who dismiss the story of a talking serpent as allegorical, arguing that ancient Jewish history suggests animals could communicate with humans before the fall. Stone emphasizes that this communication was lost when God cursed the serpent after Adam and Eve’s disobedience. “God cursed the serpent where it could no longer communicate with Adam or Eve and put poison in its mouth,” he says.

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This argument is in reference to fossils discovered in a rock quarry outside Jerusalem as potential evidence supporting the biblical narrative. “They came across several fossils... showing evidence that they once had legs,” Stone says. He points to these fossils as physical proof that aligns with the curse in Genesis, where God said, “Upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all of your days.” Stone added, “The implication has always been... that the serpent had the ability to stand upright before it was cursed, which would mean that the serpent had some form of legs.”

Ancient carvings and drawings from Mesopotamia also depict snakes standing upright with legs. Stone addresses the scientific explanation that legless serpents are a result of evolutionary development, countering, "No, that's not what happened. The Lord cursed the serpent, and from that moment on... the legs were removed."

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Stone's message reinforces the biblical account and calls for reflection on its deeper meaning. "When you took the serpent and you took the legs off, you defeated him," he stated, connecting the defeat of the serpent to the imagery of Satan throughout the Bible, "all the way to Revelation 12. So just remember that your enemy has been defeated," Stone encourages.

By using Scripture as the cornerstone of human understanding, Stone urges Christians to trust in the accuracy and power of the Bible. This evidence encourages believers to put their faith in God and His Word, affirming that Scriptural accounts carry both spiritual and historical significance.

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