Prophetic Proof

Did you know that Cleopatra is mentioned in the Bible? She is not recorded by name, but in Daniel 11 we have a remarkable chapter of prophecy which includes her. The chapter is from a vision which God gave to Daniel during, "the third year of Cyrus king of Persia" (see 10:1 as both chapters go together), which dates it at 537 BC. This is important, because it shows these things were written before they happened, not after, as some sceptics have objected. A fact confirmed by the later Septuagint translation (also called 'LXX') by 70 scholars in Alexandria in the 3rd to 2nd century BC.

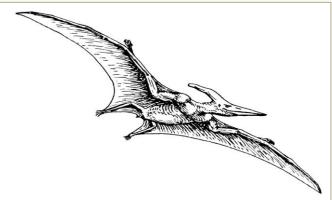


Among its long list of complex details, including four Persian kings (v2) and the divided empire of Alexander the Great (v3f) is a reference to Antiochus III who tried a marriage-alliance with the ruler of Egypt. He wanted his daughter to deceptively annex that country to him, but instead she stood with her husband and eventually Rome. It says, "And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him or for him" (v17b). That's Cleopatra! Check out the marriage on Wikipedia under 'Antiochus III', sub-heading 'Family.' This is another prophetic- proof that Scripture is inspired by God Himself.

SCIENTISTS WHO BELIEVED THE BIBLE

Georges Cuvier (1769-1832) was a French zoologist and a member of all the major scientific societies in Europe, including the Royal Society of London. From 1822 he was also in charge of all the Protestant theological faculties at the University of Paris, being a strong believer in Biblical creation.





This Lutheran believer, who upheld the teaching of Genesis, became famous for many scientific achievements, including comparative anatomy (the study of body parts, both animal and human) and palaeontology (the study of fossil remains). In fact, he is sometimes called 'the founding father of palaeontology.' One of his most interesting classifications was a flying reptile which he named the 'pterodactyl'. So, who says science has disproved the Bible? Cuvier, for one, believed the two be consistent, denying that life came from non-life or one species turned into another.