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Artistic reconstruction of an archosauromorph

An "unknown ancient reptile roamed the Pyrenees mountains" according to a BBC News article published on April 20, 2017.

"The footprints of a mysterious reptile that lived about 250 million years ago have been identified in fossils from the Pyrenees mountains."

"Footprints" have been found, now an entirely new species has been discovered? And it's "a member of the group that gave rise to crocodiles and dinosaurs?"

All from "footprints?"

"Fools base their thoughts on foolish assumptions." (Ecclesiastes 10:13 [a] NLT)

From footprints to an entire animal, replete with its history.

"So their conclusions will be... madness." (Ecclesiastes 10:13 [b] NLT)

"He begins by talking nonsense.... A fool talks at great length." (Ecclesiastes 10:13-14 REB)

Now they are searching for bones for this creature they've already constructed out of mere footprints.

"They chatter on and on." (Ecclesiastes 10:14 [a] NLT)

"A fool talks at great length." (Ecclesiastes 10:14 [b] NLT)

The article also notes that in the past, "a mass extinction devastated life on land and in the oceans. Some 90% of species disappeared. At that time the Earth was very different from today."

Hello? - Flood of Noah's day, possibly?

"For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark." (Genesis 7:17-23)

Yes, very likely, this is the mass extinction to which this article unknowingly refers. Of course, they don't connect it to the flood.

"It escapes their notice that by the word of God... the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water." (2 Peter 3:5-6 NASB)