

Jonah

Introduction

Author

Jonah (?)
2 Kings 14:23–27

Date

790 BC (?)

Background

Assyrian expansion (2 Kings 15:17–20; 17:6)

Key Issues

Is Jonah historically true?
What is the message of Jonah?

Structure

Act I – Jonah at Sea

Prelude – Jonah's call (1:1–3)

Scene I – Jonah on the ship (1:4–16/17)

Scene II – Jonah in the belly of the fish (1:17/2:1–2:10)

Act II – Jonah in Nineveh

Prelude – Jonah's Call (3:1–3)

Scene I – Jonah's in Nineveh (3:4–10)

Scene II – Jonah's outside Nineveh (4:1–11)

