

# Magical gem mounted in a modern gold ring: Jonah and the whale

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<b>Collection</b>	US_Boston, Museum of Fine Arts
<b>Inventory</b>	03.1008
<b>References</b>	Bonner, SMA D. 347
<b>Former Collections</b>	Warren, Edward Perry, Collection
<b>Material</b>	carnelian, yellow to orange
<b>Dimensions</b>	17 x 15 mm (MFA)
<b>Dating</b>	late 3rd or early 4th c. AD (MFA)
<b>Iconography</b>	animal: whale; bird, unspecified; boat; clothing: tunic; figure, male; gesture, orant; Jonah; plant: tree; rudder; scepter, unspecified



Credits Francis Bartlett Donation of 1900

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A: In the center, a boat with a steersman, while a figure plunges from the prow and a sea monster swims towards him (Jonah swallowed by the whale). To the left, a figure wearing a tunic stands with hands raised in prayer (Jonah praying). Behind the boat, a tree with a bird, below, a seated figure (Jonah) holding a staff.  
B: No information.

## Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1515](#)

[Spier, Gems](#), 67, no. 418 (with earlier bibliography)

[The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston website on CBd-1515](#)

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