Four Strange Books Of The Bible: Jonah, Daniel, Koheleth, Esther

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The four books which Dr. Bickerman discusses are indeed strange, but each is strange in its own way and in spite of roughly parallel dates of composition (or at least of final recension) and of some common social references, they have little if anything in common thematically. We all know about Jonah and the whale, Daniel in the lions' den, the Preacher's Vanity of Vanities, and how Queen Esther, under Mordecai's tutelage, saved her people from the wicked Haman. But what do we think these books mean? If, as modern scholars generally agree, three of these four books have an...