

Mediaeval Decorated Letter 4



This two-part letter from the York Psalter shows the ways in which some scenes in the Old Testament were thought to foretell those in the New Testament. In the bottom half Jonah is coming out of the mouth of a very angry looking whale. In the top half, Jesus is coming out of his tomb, with angels either side looking as if they're clapping his exit. At the top of the letter S on the right is a very fed up looking monster.

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