

Treasure Hunt

- Why are we studying Jonah on Easter Sunday?
- How many prayers did Jonah pray between the time the sailors threw him into the sea, and the time the fish took him back to land?
- Where did Jonah find encouragement when he was in trouble, and how do we know this?
- Who threw Jonah into the sea? (Be careful)
- What is the temple to which we turn in times of trouble?
- How did the sailors' experience with Jonah change their beliefs?

Jonah and the Resurrection

Mat 12:38-40 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

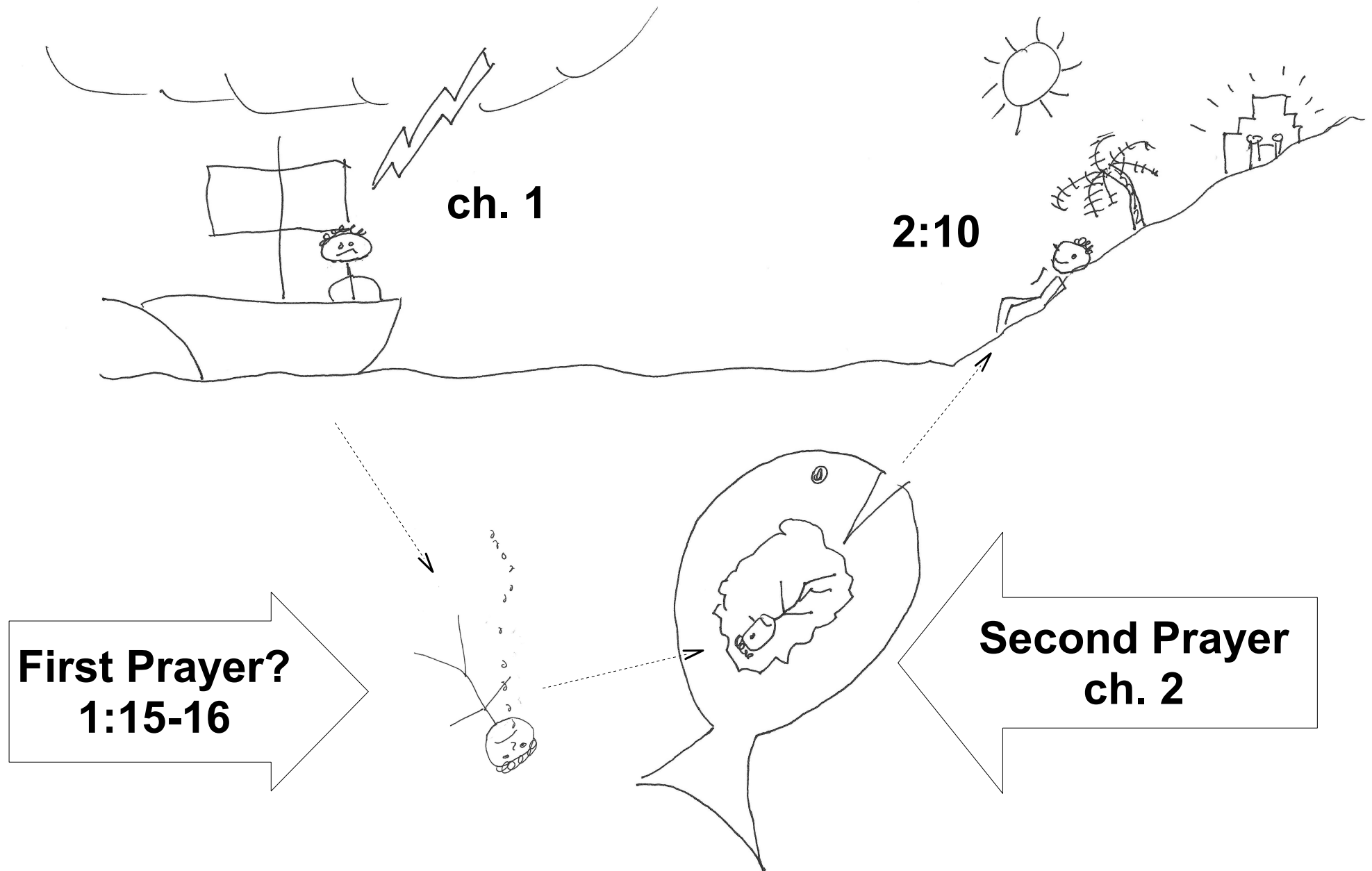
Jonah's First Prayer

Jonah 2 is not a request for salvation, but thanksgiving for deliverance!

Compare references to his a previous prayer:

- 2 **I cried** by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and **he heard** me [answered me]; out of the belly of hell **cried I**, *and thou heardest* my voice.
- 4a Then **I said**, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
- 7b When my soul fainted within me **I remembered** the LORD: and **my prayer** came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Jonah's Two Prayers



Jonah Knows the Psalms

Jonah	Ps 18 = 2 Sam 22	Ps 42	Ps 102	Other pss
2 cry, affliction, heard	18:6 = 22:7		102:2	81:7; 86:7; 91:15; 120:1; 34:7
3 thou has cast me			102:10	
3 the floods compassed me	18:4 = 22:5			116:3
3 thy waves & thy billows passed over me		42:8		
4 cast out of thy sight				31:22
4 thy holy temple (& v. 7)				5:7
5 waters compassed me	18:4 = 22:5			116:3
5 Waters ... unto the soul				69:1
7 soul fainted				107:5
7 I remembered the Lord		42:4		
7 prayer came in			102:1	88:2
7 holy temple (also v. 4)	18:6 = 22:7			138:2
8 observe lying vanities				31:6
9 voice of thanksgiving		42:4		
9 salvation is of the Lord				3:8

Declarative Psalm of Praise

Summary	2:2 I cried ... he heard
Recalling Time of Need	2:3-6a <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 thou hadst cast me .. thy billows and thy waves ...• 4 yet will I look again• 5-6a compassed ... round about ... wrapped about
Report of Deliverance	2:6b-7 thou hast brought up my life
Vow of Praise	2:8-9 I will sacrifice

Other examples: Pss 18, 30, 34, 52, 107, 116, 118, 138, ...

4, 7, “Thy Holy Temple”

David fleeing Absalom:

Psa 42:4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to **the house of God**, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Psa 43:3-4 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me **unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles**. 4 Then will I go unto **the altar of God**, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Solomon dedicating the temple:

33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee,	and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house :	34 Then hear thou in heaven , and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.
35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee;	if they pray toward this place , and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:	36 Then hear thou in heaven , and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,

4, 7, “Thy Holy Temple” (2)

Our Lord, facing Calvary:

Joh 17:4-5 I have glorified thee **on the earth**: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, **glorify thou me** with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee **before the world was**.

Believers in affliction:

Col 3:1-4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are **above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things **above**, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

What is the temple that points us to heaven?

Eph 2:19-21 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto **an holy temple in the Lord**:

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8, “lying vanities”

Storm

Jon 1:5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man **unto his god**,

Storm continues

Jonah tells them about his God

They throw Jonah into the sea

The storm stops

Jon 1:16 Then the men **feared the LORD** exceedingly, and **offered a sacrifice unto the LORD**, and made VOWS.