

An aerial photograph of a dark, textured landscape, possibly a volcanic crater or a rugged terrain, with a white, stylized title 'JONAH' overlaid in the center. The landscape is composed of dark, layered ridges and valleys, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the ridges and casting deep shadows in the valleys.

JONAH

A STORY OF STORMS
AND SECOND CHANCES

An aerial photograph of a large body of water, possibly a river or a wide channel, with a prominent wake or channel cutting through it. The water is dark blue-grey, and the wake is a lighter, more turbulent path. The text is overlaid on the water.

THE REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

JONAH

Jonah 3:5-10

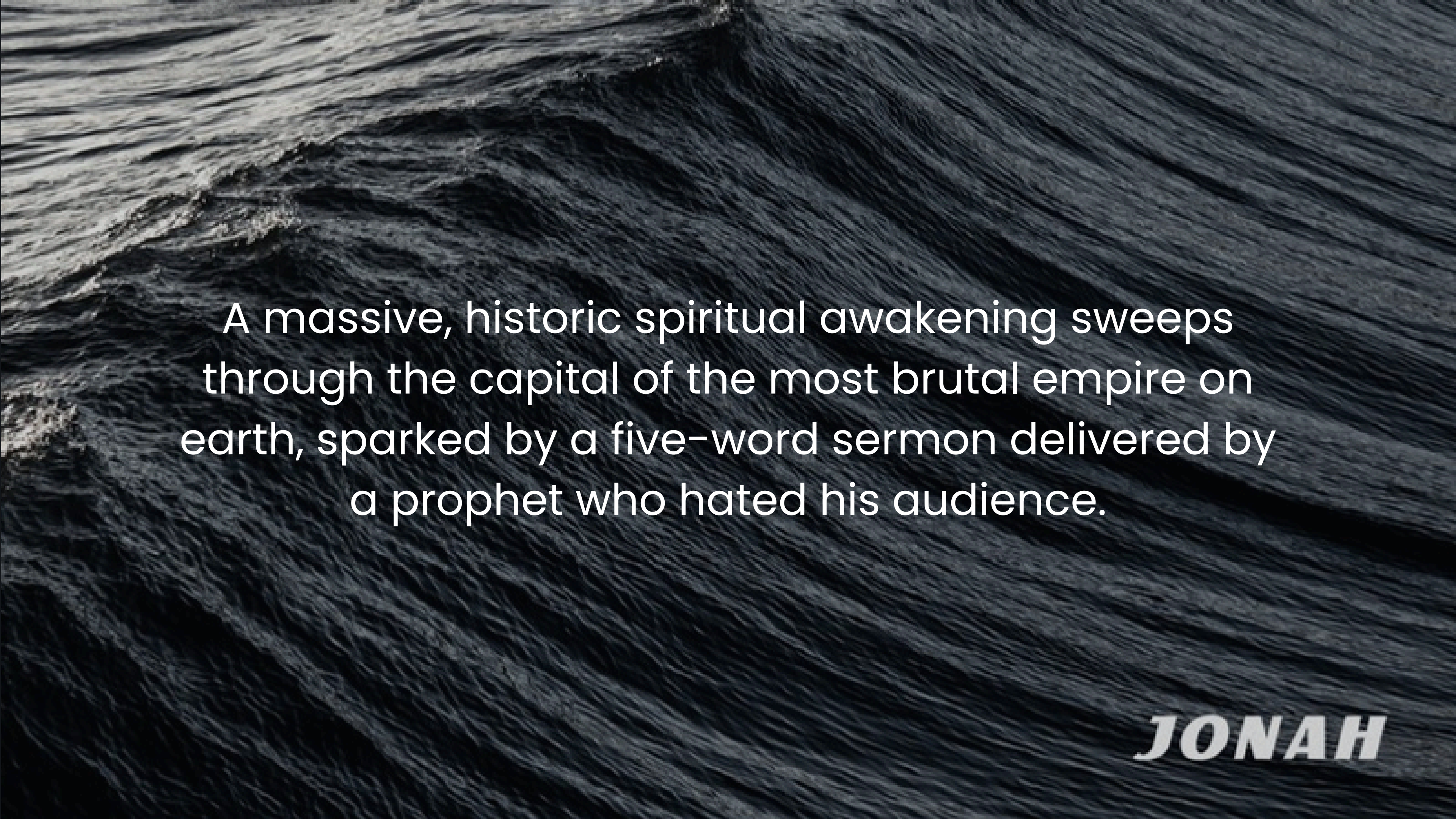
And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything."

JONAH

Jonah 3:5-10


“Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

JONAH

The background of the image is a high-angle, aerial photograph of a massive, dark, textured structure. The structure appears to be a large-scale architectural element, possibly a ship's hull or a large-scale architectural element, with a white text overlay. The texture is highly detailed, showing many small, repeating patterns that create a sense of depth and scale. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, emphasizing the three-dimensional nature of the structure.

A massive, historic spiritual awakening sweeps through the capital of the most brutal empire on earth, sparked by a five-word sermon delivered by a prophet who hated his audience.

JONAH



haphak = destroyed,
turned around, transformed

JONAH

An aerial photograph of a rugged, dark mountain range. The terrain is covered in dense, dark vegetation, possibly a forest. A winding road or path is visible, cutting through the mountains. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights, giving the scene a somber and intense atmosphere.

Jonah preaches haphak meaning,
“In forty days, God is going to smash
this city to rubble.”

But the Holy Spirit takes that exact same
word, enters the ears of the Ninevites, and
they hear, **“In forty days, this city is going
to be turned around.”**

JONAH

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

JONAH

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

JONAH

An aerial photograph of a winding river flowing through a dense forest. The river is the central focus, curving from the top left towards the bottom right. The surrounding forest is lush and green, with the riverbanks clearly visible. The lighting is bright, creating a high-contrast scene.

The people most ready for grace are often those who are most aware of their own brokenness.

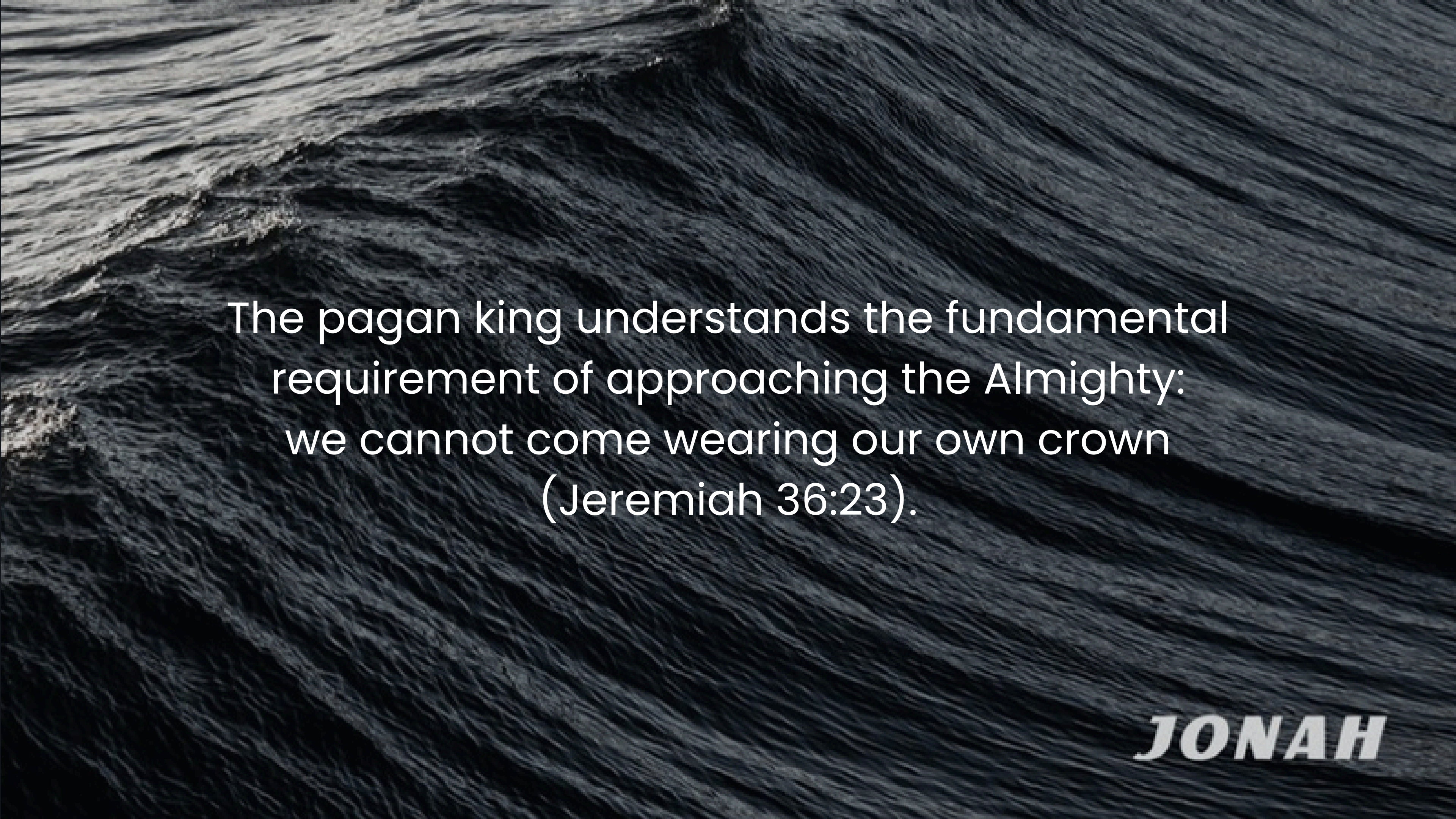
True repentance does not begin with a self-improvement strategy. It begins with the piercing realization that **the life we have built apart from God is unsustainable.**

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Jonah 3:6

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

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The pagan king understands the fundamental requirement of approaching the Almighty: we cannot come wearing our own crown (Jeremiah 36:23).

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Matthew 16:24

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

JONAH

Genesis 3:19

For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

JONAH

Jonah 3:7–8

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything..
let man and beast be covered with sackcloth.

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Why include the animals?

In the ancient world, livestock were the engine of the economy. They were the tractors, the transport, and the treasury. By commanding the animals to fast and wear sackcloth, the king is bringing the entire economic machine of the Assyrian Empire to a grinding halt.

JONAH

Joel 2:12-13

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

JONAH

Jonah 3:8

Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

JONAH

Genesis 6:11

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and was full of violence.

JONAH

Jonah 3:9

Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish.

JONAH

Jonah 3:10

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

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The immutability (unchanging nature) of God does not mean He is static, like a block of granite.

God is love. Because His character of love and justice is absolute and unchanging, His relationship to us shifts depending on our posture.

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Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

JONAH

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

JONAH

Lord, I step down from my throne, removing robes of pride. I drop my idols of control, and turn back to You. Have mercy on my failures and sin. Forgive me Lord. Thank You, Jesus, for absorbing what I truly deserve and giving me freedom, hope and eternal life.

Amen.

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