

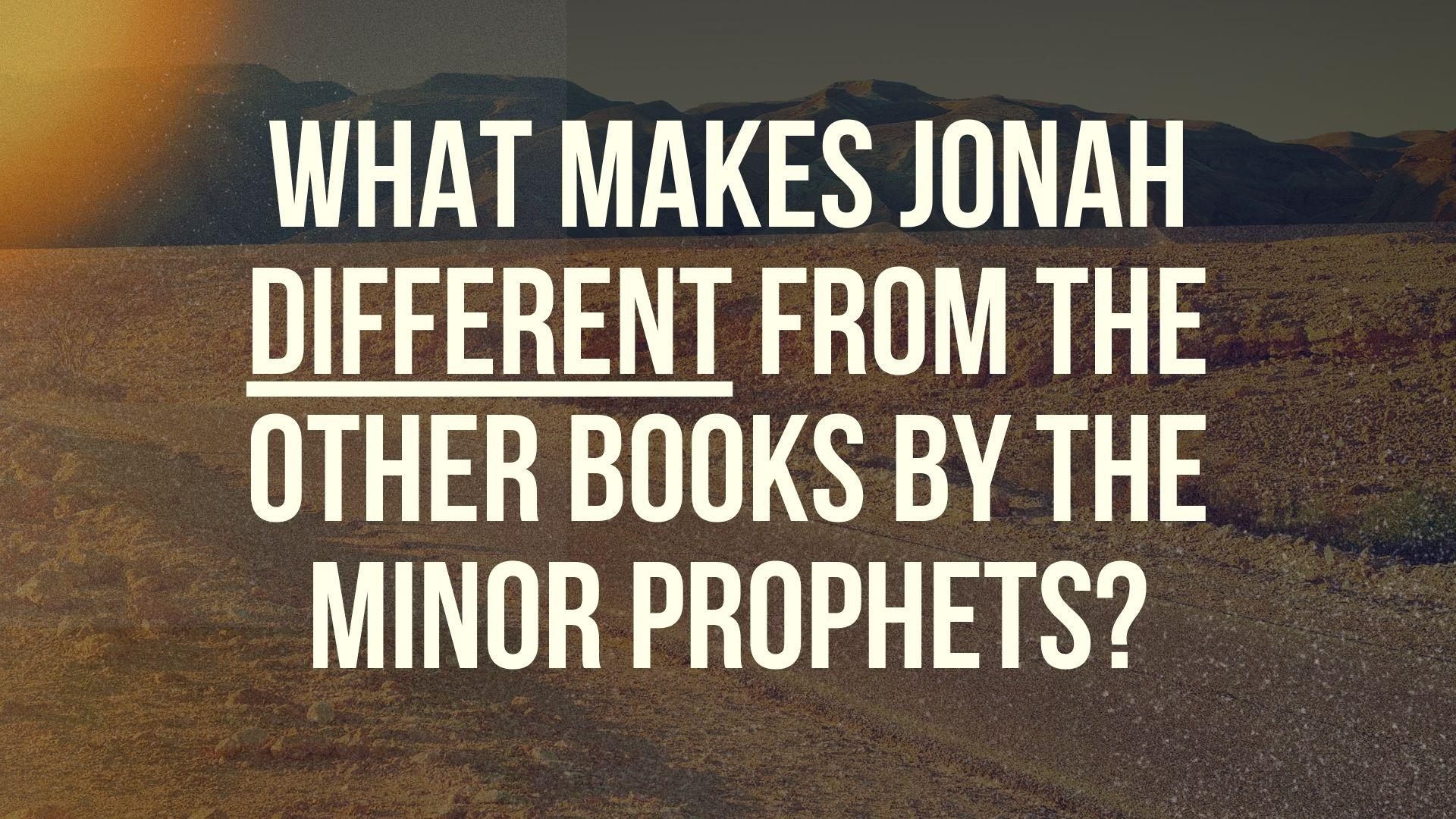
**MAJORING ON THE MINOR**

**JONAH**



## JONAH 1:1-2 NIV

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a bright light source on the left. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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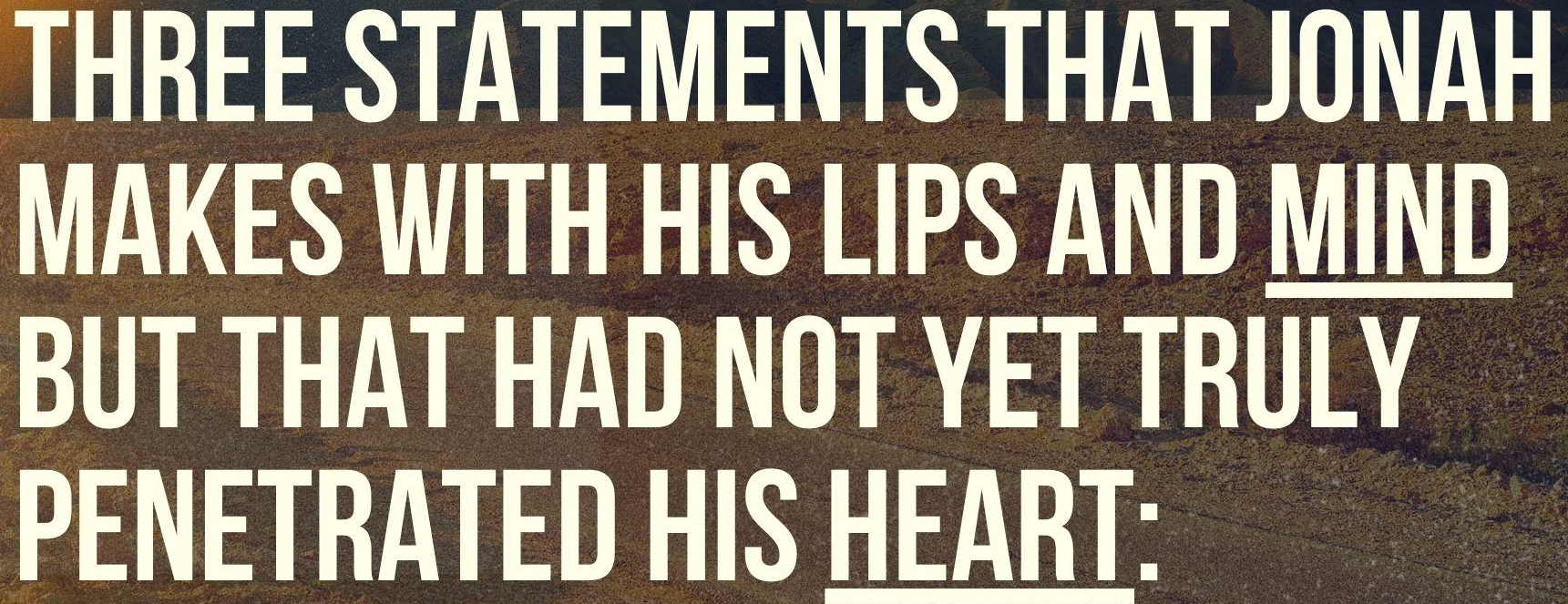
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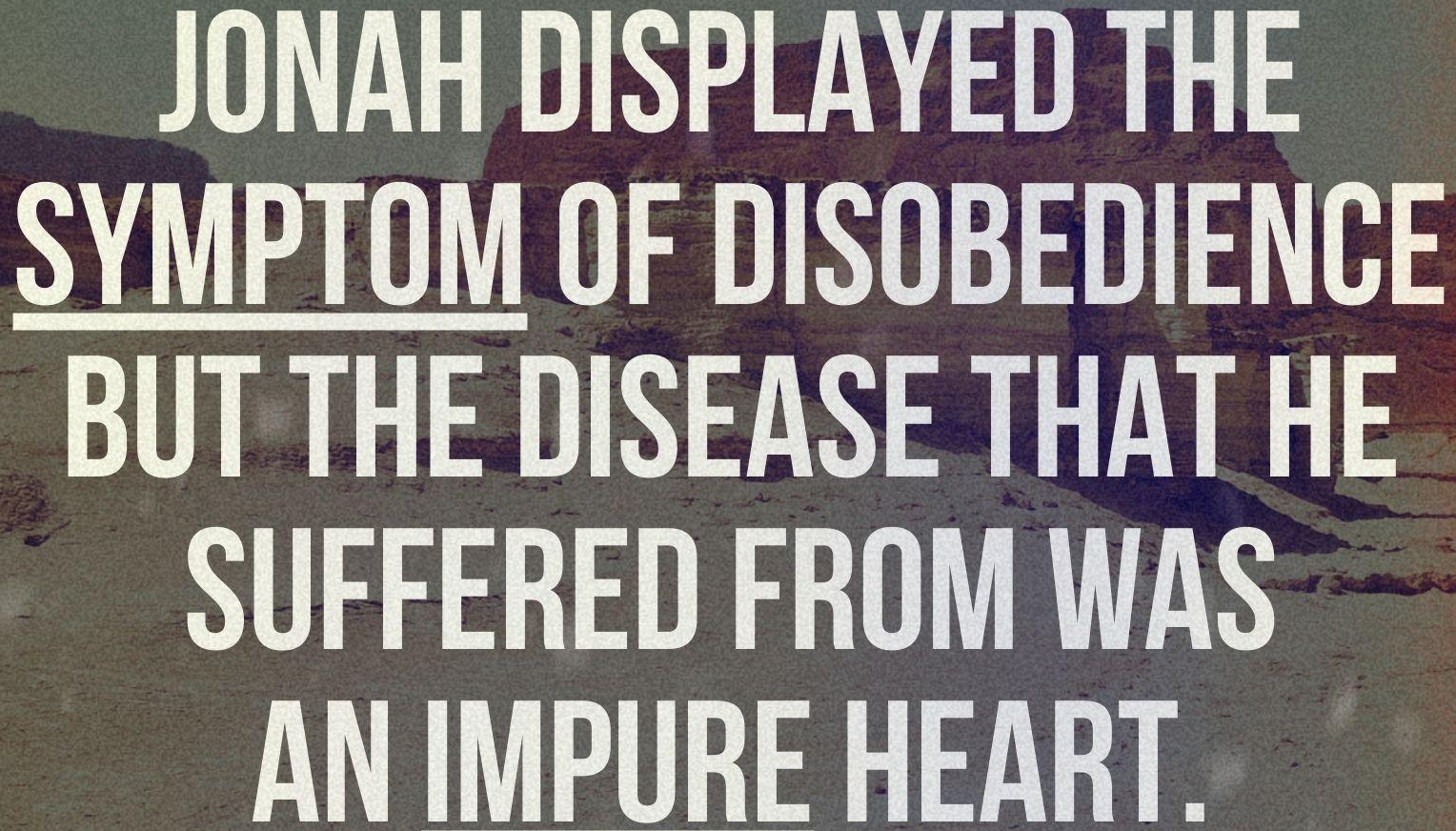
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A desert landscape with a large rock formation under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**JONAH DISPLAYED THE  
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A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a gravel road or path leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid, with sparse, low-lying vegetation and rocky soil. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, with a warm, golden glow on the left side of the frame.

# LOOKING AT THE OVERARCHING THEME OF JONAH

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, scrubby area. The middle ground shows rolling hills and sparse vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, tans, and muted blues.

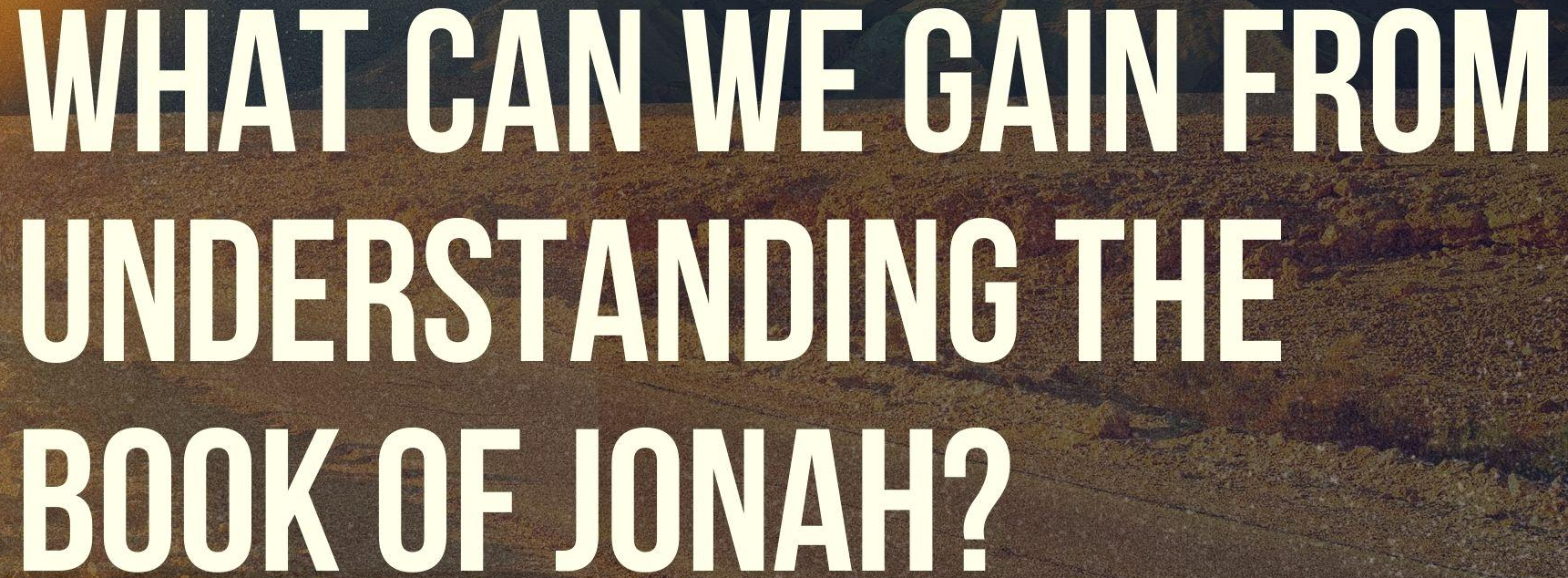
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## JONAH 3:4-5 NIV

4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

5 The Ninevites believed God.

A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

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- GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLE, IN ALL PLACES, AT ALL TIMES.



JONAH 4:11 NLT

“But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?”

## 2 PETER 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

# WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JONAH?

- WE SERVE A GOD OF SECOND CHANCES.

## JONAH 2:8-10 NIV

8 “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.

9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

## JONAH 3:1-3A NIV

1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh.

# WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF JONAH?

- NO MATTER HOW FAR WE FEEL FROM GOD, HE IS A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AWAY.

## JONAH 3:10 NIV

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**JONAH 4:2 NLT**

2 So he complained to the Lord about it: “Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people.”



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid and rocky, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and vast.

# THE FINAL QUESTION?

## JONAH 4:11 NASB

“Should I not also have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 people, who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left, as well as many animals?”

A landscape photograph featuring a range of mountains in the background under a sunset sky. The foreground is a field of dry, brownish vegetation. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The word 'HEART' is underlined.

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