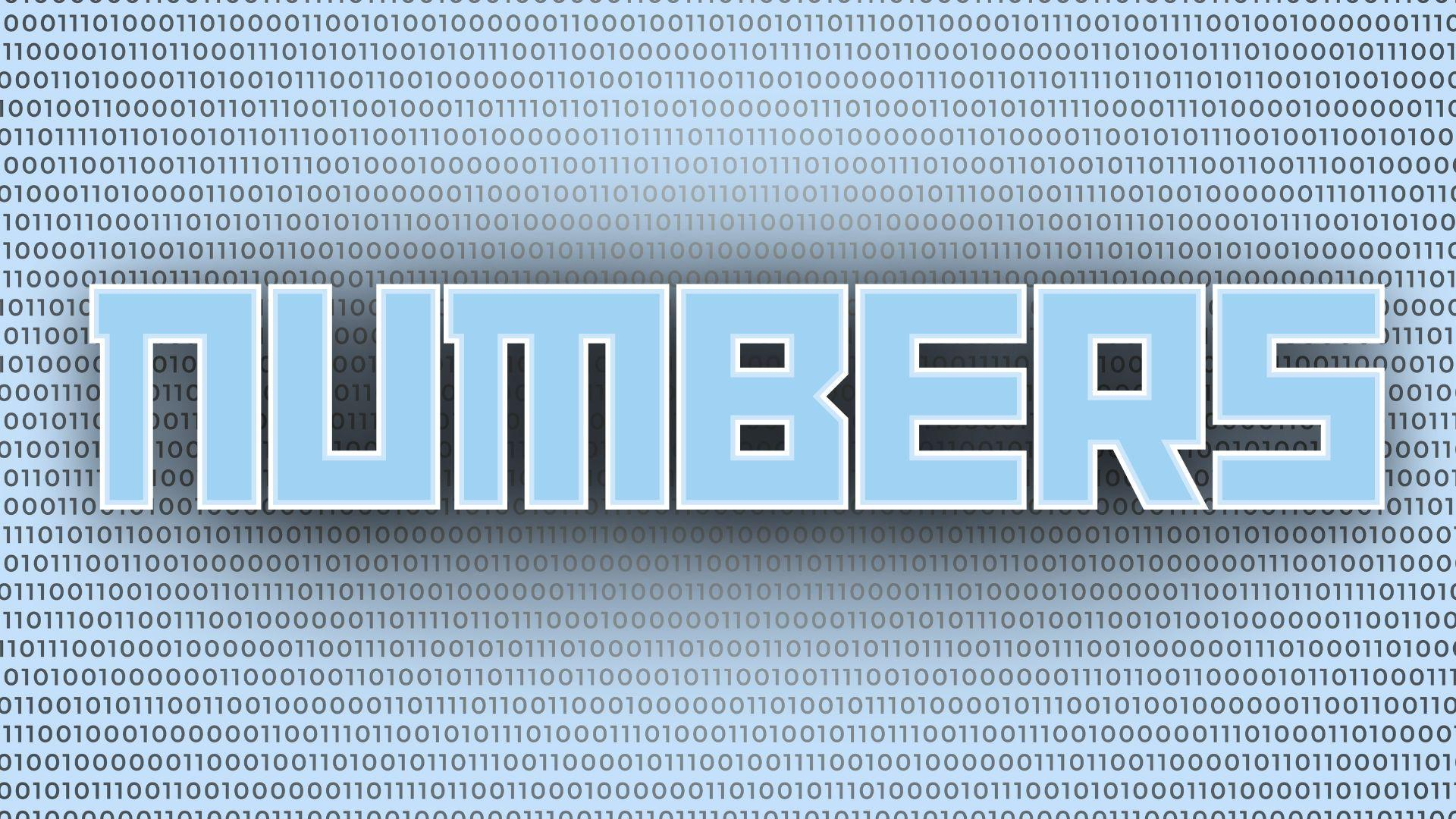




NUMBERS

EXPLORING CANAAAN

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account:

NUMBERS 13:26-33

“We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

NUMBERS 13:26-33

²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”
³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said,

NUMBERS 13:26-33

“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”
³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

NUMBERS 13:26-33

They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

NUMBERS 13:26-33

“We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ **But...**

NUMBERS 13:27-28

²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days. ¹ **But God** remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.

GENESIS 7:24-8:1

²⁰ You intended to harm me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

GENESIS 50:20

¹⁵ You killed the author of life, **but God**
raised him from the dead.

ACTS 3:15

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

⁴ **But** because of his great love for us, **God**, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

**AGAINST THE
ODDS**

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for **we can** certainly do it.” ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said,

NUMBERS 13:30-32a

“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

NUMBERS 13:30-32a

“Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

NUMBERS 13:2

“we can”

NUMBERS 13:30

⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes
⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly,

NUMBERS 14:6-8

“The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.

NUMBERS 14:6-8

“we can’t”

NUMBERS 13:31

³² And they spread among the Israelites
a bad report about the land they
had explored.

NUMBERS 13:32

The louder voice does not
necessarily make it the
right voice.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

ROMANS 4:18-22

¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

ROMANS 4:18-22

²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

ROMANS 4:18-22

³⁴ For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.'

NUMBERS 14:34-35

³⁵ I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die.”

NUMBERS 14:34-35

Listening to the wrong voice
can cost you in years.

**REGARDLESS
THE SIZE**

All the people we saw there are of **great size.** ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim).

NUMBERS 13:32b-33a

²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and **very large**. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

NUMBERS 13:28

The excuses we make reveal
that we are not grounded
in faith, but in facts.

⁴ In the course of time, war broke out with the Philistines, at Gezer. At that time Sibbekai the Hushathite killed **Sippai**, **one of the descendants of the Rephaites**, and the Philistines were subjugated.

1 CHRONICLES 20:4-8

⁵ In another battle with the Philistines, Elhanan son of Jair killed **Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite**, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.

1 CHRONICLES 20:4-8

⁶ In still another battle, which took place at Gath, **there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha.**

1 CHRONICLES 20:4-8

⁷ When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

⁸ **These were descendants of Rapha in Gath, and they fell at the hands of David and his men.**

1 CHRONICLES 20:4-8

¹⁰ (The Emites used to live there—
**a people strong and numerous,
and as tall as the Anakites.**

1 CHRONICLES 20:10

²⁰ (That too was considered a land of **the Rephaites**, who used to live there...

²¹ They were **a people strong and numerous, and as tall as the Anakites.**

1 CHRONICLES 20:20-21

⁴ **The Nephilim** were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when **the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them.** They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

GENESIS 6:4

We have a habit of magnifying
the giants more than our God.

³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

PSALM 34:3

**DESPITE THE
FEELINGS**

We seemed like grasshoppers **in our own eyes**, and we looked the same to them.”

NUMBERS 13:33b

If we believe our feelings,
feeling small can lead to
small-mindedness.

¹³ So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts;

EXODUS 10:13-15

¹⁴ they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. **Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again.**

EXODUS 10:13-15

¹⁵ They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail—everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

EXODUS 10:13-15

¹⁴ What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.

JOEL 1:14

Yes, it is very important to magnify God, but it is also important to have a healthy and right view of yourself before God.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

ROMANS 8:31

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

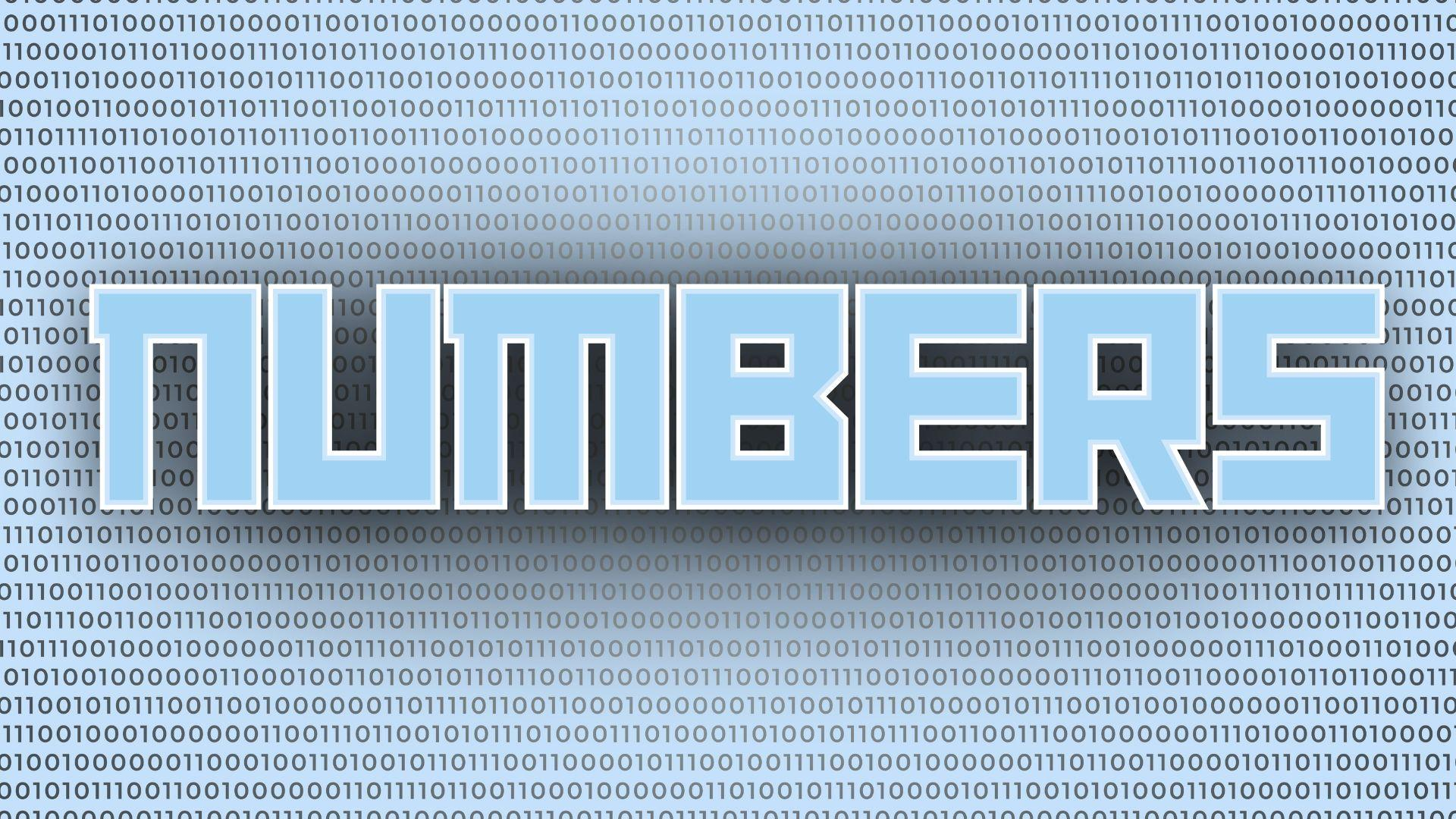
ROMANS 8:37

¹³ In accordance with the LORD's command to him, Joshua gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a portion in Judah—Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron. (Arba was the forefather of Anak.) ¹⁴ From Hebron **Caleb drove out the three Anakites—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmai, the sons of Anak.**

JOSHUA 15:13-14

SERMON REVIEW:

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