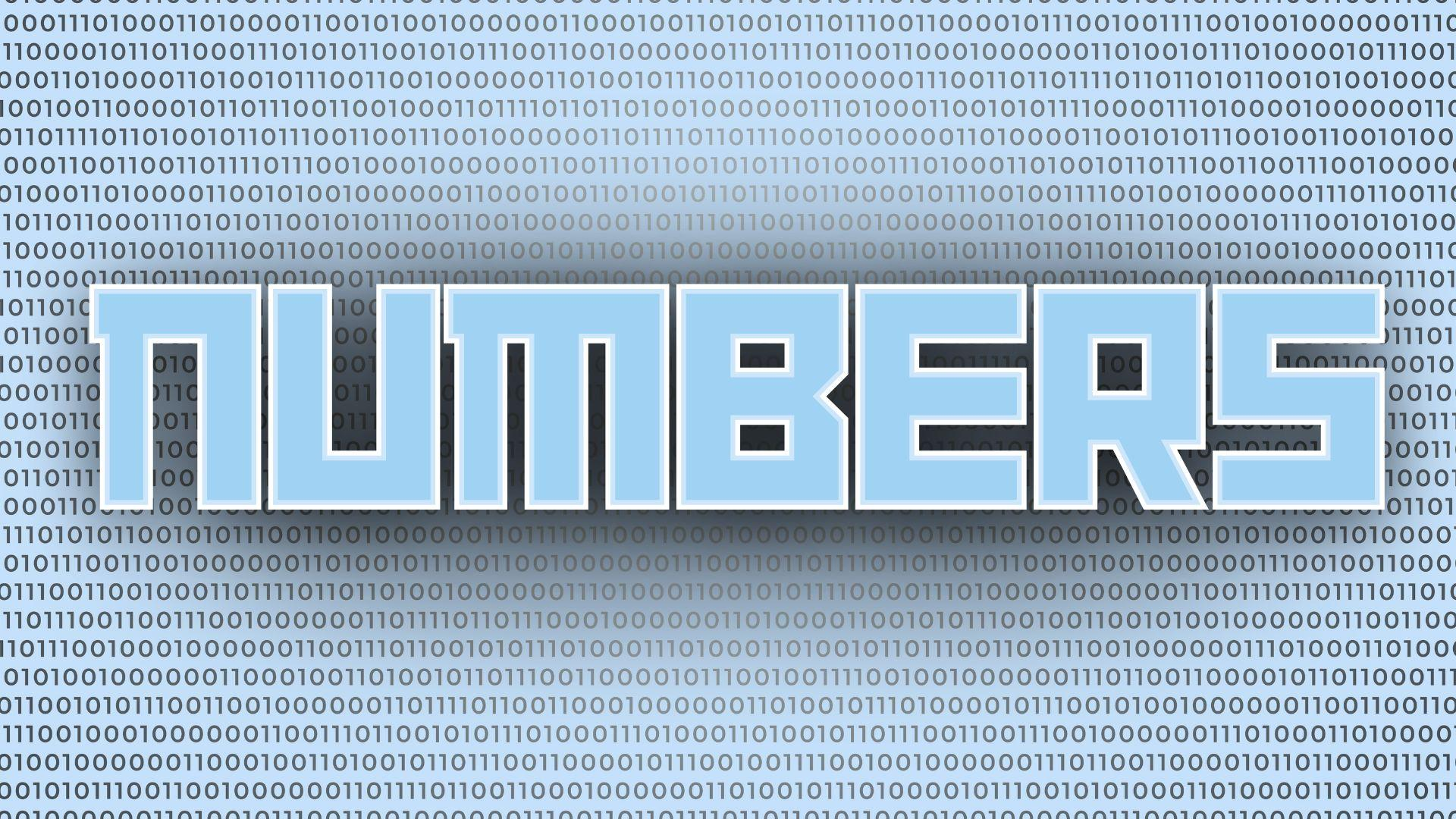




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FACEDOWN

¹ Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath,
the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites
—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and
On son of Peleth—became insolent
² and rose up against Moses.

NUMBERS 16:1-3

With them were 250 Israelite men,
well-known community leaders who had
been appointed members of the council.
³ They came as a group to oppose Moses
and Aaron and said to them,

NUMBERS 16:1-3

“You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD’s assembly?”

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**A POSTURE OF
INSPIRATION**

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the LORD's assembly?" ⁴ **When Moses
heard this, he fell facedown.**

NUMBERS 16:3-4

Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." ⁵ Then **Moses and Aaron fell facedown** in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.

NUMBERS 14:4-5

⁴ Why did you bring the LORD's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? ⁵ Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place?... ⁶ **Moses and Aaron** went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and **fell facedown**.

NUMBERS 20:4-6

I fell/lay prostrate before the LORD those
forty days and forty nights.

DEUTERONOMY 9:18 & 9:25

When Moses fell facedown,
he expressed his need for
inspiration from God.

“I will help you speak and will
teach you what to say.”

EXODUS 4:12

¹¹ “When you are brought before
synagogues, rulers and authorities,
do not worry about how you will defend
yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for
the Holy Spirit will teach you at that
time what you should say.”

LUKE 12:11-12

¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

MARK 13:11

⁵ Then he said to Korah and all his followers: “In the morning the LORD will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him.

NUMBERS 16:5-7

⁶ You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers ⁷ and tomorrow put burning coals and incense in them before the LORD. The man the LORD chooses will be the one who is holy.

NUMBERS 16:5-7

A POSTURE OF INTERCESSION

¹⁹ When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the tent of meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the entire assembly.

NUMBERS 16:19-22

²⁰ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
²¹ “Separate yourselves from this
assembly so I can put an end to them
at once.” ²² **But Moses and Aaron fell
facedown and cried out,**

NUMBERS 16:19-22

“O God, the God who gives breath to all living things, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?”

NUMBERS 16:19-22

¹⁶ Moses said to Korah, “You and all your followers are to appear before the LORD tomorrow—you and they and Aaron. ¹⁷ Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it—250 censers in all—and present it before the LORD. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.”

NUMBERS 16:16-17

We need to be mindful of who is influencing us and who we are influencing whether for good or for bad.

If we are not careful, we may not only encourage people to rebel against leadership, but also rebel against God's lordship.

¹¹ “Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering.

LEVITICUS 16:11-13

**¹² He is to take a censer full of burning
coals from the altar before the LORD
and two handfuls of finely ground
fragrant incense and take them behind
the curtain.**

LEVITICUS 16:11-13

¹³ He is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the tablets of the covenant law, so that he will not die.

LEVITICUS 16:11-13

Godly leaders plead for God to
be merciful to their enemies.

¹ Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command. ² So fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

LEVITICUS 10:1-3

³ Moses then said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke of when he said: “‘Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honoured.’” Aaron remained silent.

LEVITICUS 10:1-3

I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

EXODUS 33:19

²⁴ For the LORD your God is a
consuming fire.

DEUTERONOMY 4:24

A POSTURE FOR INTERVENTION

⁴¹ The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. “You have killed the LORD’s people,” they said. ⁴² But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the tent of meeting,

NUMBERS 16:41-45

suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the LORD appeared. ⁴³ Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting, ⁴⁴ and the LORD said to Moses, ⁴⁵ “Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.” **And they fell facedown.**

NUMBERS 16:41-45

⁹ “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

GALATIANS 5:9

⁴⁷ So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. ⁴⁸ He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.

NUMBERS 16:47-48

One of the difficult things we need to reconcile in our mind is that God intervening did not mean no loss.

⁴⁹ But 14,700 people died from the plague,
in addition to those who had died
because of Korah.

NUMBERS 16:49

³⁹ Going a little farther, **he fell with his face to the ground** and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

MATTHEW 26:39

Jesus inspires us.

**¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom
that none of your adversaries will be able
to resist or contradict.**

LUKE 21:15

Jesus intercedes for us.

Christ Jesus who died—more than that,
who was raised to life—is at the right hand
of God and is also **interceding for us.**

ROMANS 8:34

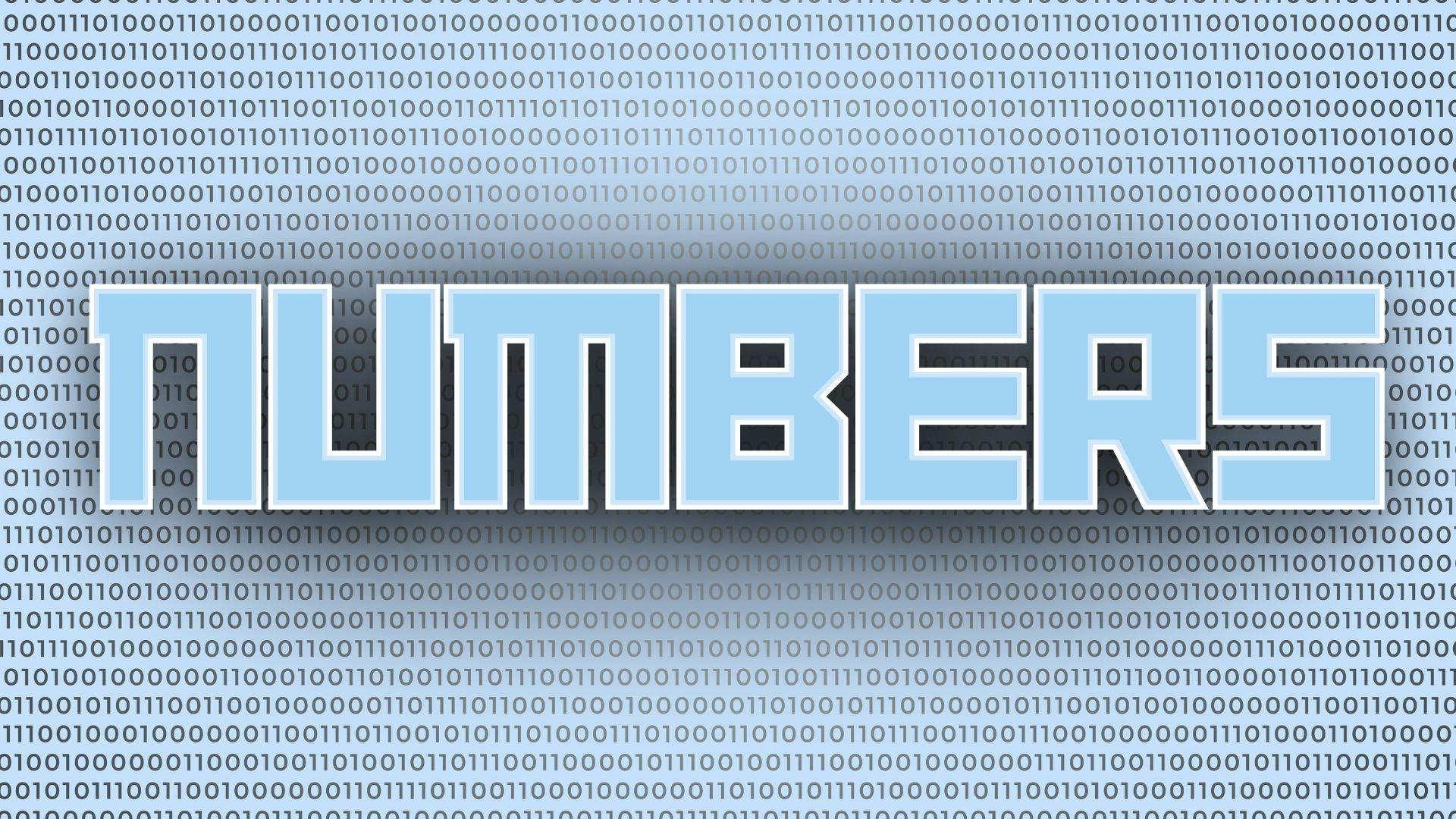
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² **He is the atoning sacrifice** for our sins,
and not only for ours but also for the sins
of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:2

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