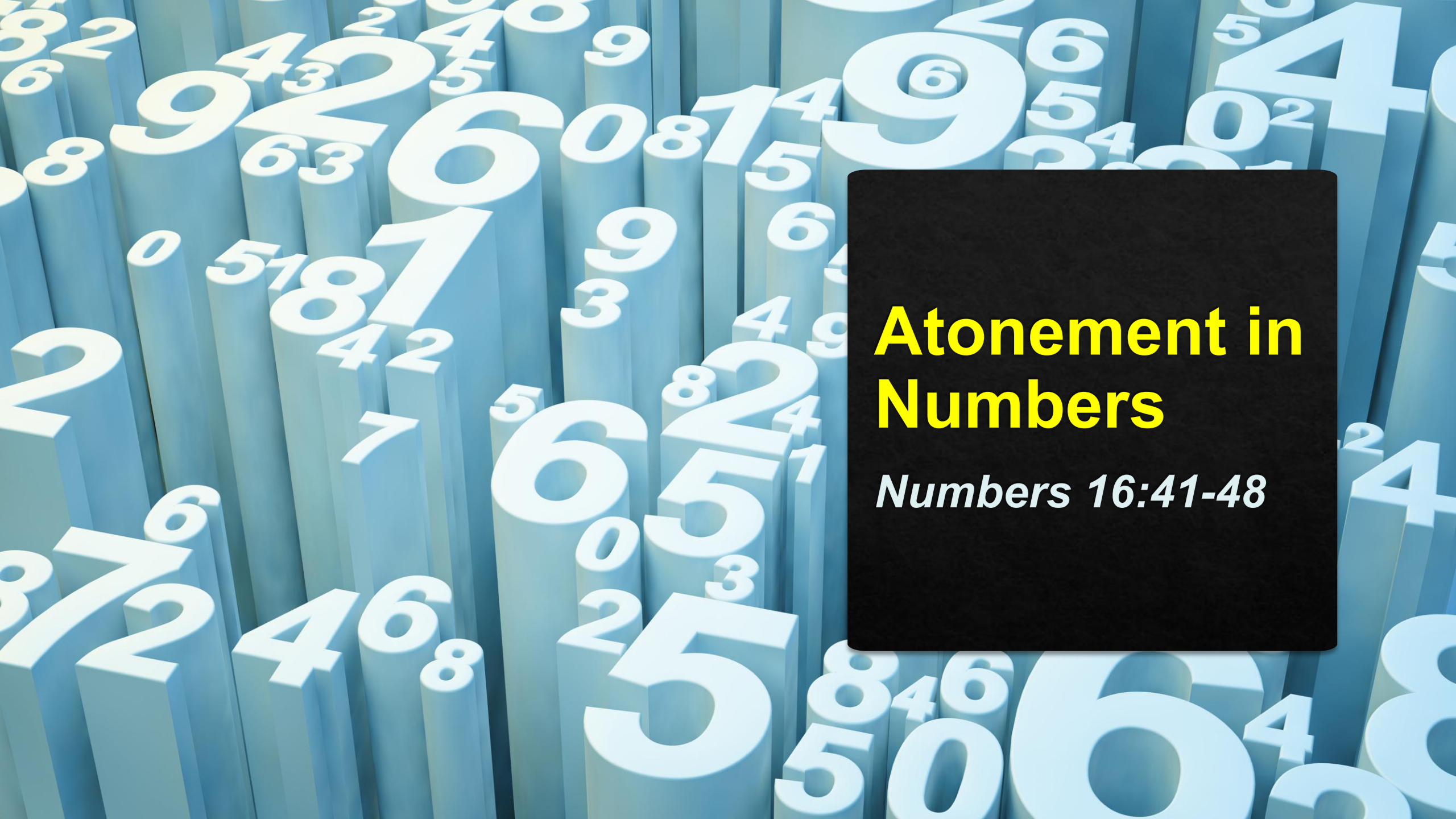


The background of the slide is a dense, three-dimensional field of numbers. The numbers are rendered in a light blue color with a soft gradient, giving them a 3D appearance as if they are floating or stacked. They vary in size and orientation, creating a sense of depth and movement. The numbers include digits from 0 to 9, with some appearing more frequently than others. The overall effect is a visually rich and abstract representation of the concept of numbers.

Atonement in Numbers

Numbers 16:41-48

1. The reality of human rebellion

The incident:

Numbers 16:41-43: After the rebellion of Korah, the congregation of Israel brazenly grumbled against Moses and Aaron, accusing them of killing the Lord's people.

Spiritual application:

Like ancient Israel, humanity rebels against God's divine authority. In the NT, Romans 3:23 reminds us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

2. The consequences of sin

The plague:

Numbers 16:44-46: God's wrath is kindled by Israel's unfaithfulness, and a plague breaks out among the people, immediately taking the lives of 14,700 individuals.

Spiritual application:

The ultimate consequence of sin is spiritual death and separation from a holy God (Romans 6:23). Sin is not merely a mistake; it creates a deadly rift between us and our Creator.

3. The urgent need for atonement

Aaron's intercession:

Moses tells Aaron to take his censer, put fire in it, incense on it, and quickly go make atonement for the people.

Standing in the gap:

Striking imagery is in v. 48: "And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped."

Spiritual application:

Aaron offers to save the physically dying Israelites, Jesus Christ offers to save spiritually dying souls.

4. The ultimate fulfillment in Christ

Our Great High Priest:

Jesus serves as High Priest, not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with His own blood.

Standing in the gap:

Like Aaron, Jesus stands between the dead and the living to stop the plague of sin.

Spiritual application:

Christ made the offering, but we receive atonement through obedient faith (Romans 5:11, 6:5-11).

Consider these passages in Hebrews

- ◆ *Hebrews 1:3*
- ◆ *Hebrews 2:17*
- ◆ *Hebrews 9:12, 22, 26*
- ◆ *Hebrews 10:12-14*

Consider these words of a hymn

Man of Sorrows, what a name... For the Son of God who came... Ruined sinners to reclaim... Hallelujah, what a Savior... Bearing shame and scoffing rude... In my place condemned He stood... Sealed my pardon with His blood... Hallelujah, what a Savior... Guilty, vile, and helpless we... Spotless Lamb of God was He... Full atonement, can it be?... Hallelujah, what a Savior... Lifted up was He to die... "It is finished" was His cry... Now in heaven exalted high... Hallelujah, what a Savior