Joshua 22:1-9

And said unto them, Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, [and] unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the side Jordan.

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God.

And when Joshua sent them away unto the tent of their father's stock in the land of Gilead, he sent him</p>
with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies among your brethren.

9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which [is] in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that [are] in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh, have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it; all the congregation of the children of Israel gathered together unto Mount Gilgal, to go unto the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh; and all the children of Israel assembled, and sent unto the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh, and unto Reuben, and unto the children of Israel gathered together unto Mount Gilgal, saying, What reason have ye that ye have built this altar? for that ye transgressed the LORD God of Israel, and turned away this day from following the commandments of the LORD; and ye said in your hearts, There shall not be one altar unto the LORD our God.

13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, and said unto them, Declare unto us this word that ye have said.

14 And the children of Gad answered Joshua, saying, Thy servants are come to make known unto us that ye will give us fields unto build an altar, in one of the fields which thou shalt give us on the Jordan.”

15 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, saying, That the children of Israel passed over Jordan, and the altar was taken away out of Shiloh of the children of Ephraim and of the children of Dan, and brought over unto the other side, and set up for an altar in the midst of their own inheritance, in the land of Jordan, in the parts of their possession; therefore said they, "Alas, what shall we do for this great sin which we have committed? for we have transgressed the LORD God of our fathers, in not inquiring at him before building this altar.

16 And Joshua said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben and to the half tribe of Manasseh, Ye shall not be guilty of sin; for ye have taken heed to the will of the LORD this day.

17 Now therefore turn ye, and take your journey into the land of possession, which the LORD your God hath given unto you: and build you there an altar unto the LORD God of Israel, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded thee, as I have commanded thee.

18 Joshua said unto them, Why have ye transgressed the commandment of the LORD, saying, That we shall not build us an altar unto the LORD? shall ye transgress against the commandment of the LORD, not unto build you an altar? therefore ye have transgressed this commandment of the LORD; but ye shall not be guilty thereof.

19 And Joshua deceived the children of Gad and of Reuben and of the half tribe of Manasseh, saying, Lo, ye are gathered together unto me: now therefore go up this way unto the hill country of Lebo-hamath, and possess it: build you an altar unto the LORD God of Israel.

20 So the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar; and called it Gilgal, and said unto the children of Israel, This is an altar of the LORD.

21 Then came Israel near unto the Jordan to the city of Jericho: and the priests that bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood in the midst of the Jordan, and the ark rested there in the midst of the river seven days, and the priests stood there by.

22 And the princes of the congregation went on before the people, and the congregation followed them by thousands of every tribe of Israel.

23 And the priests that bore the ark came up from the Jordan before the children of Israel, and went into the land of Gilgal, into the plains of Shittim: and the children of Israel followed them unto Gilgal.

24 And there the children of Israel set up there an altar unto the Lord; and offered peace offerings and thank offerings unto the Lord before the ark which was anointed with the oil of the holy膏. And the children of Israel rejoiced before the LORD that day. So the children of Israel called that place Gilgal unto this day.

25 And the children of Israel journeyed from Gilgal to Beth-el, and set up there an altar, and offered peace offerings and thank offerings unto the Lord, and bared their vows before the Lord.

26 And they journeyed from Beth-el, and passed from the valley of Moreh without a city, and went unto the mountains of Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

27 And the men spied out the land of Shechem, and the children of Ephraim, they, even Micah’s house, broke down the altar of El, and built thereunto an altar unto the Lord their God.

28 And they feared the LORD, and said, That which we have spoken against, we have sinned: and now, I bring the first fruits of the field of mine, and set up the grove of the Lord our God, and the altar of our God, and I will offer upon the altar of the Lord my God burnt offerings and peace offerings and will turn again to the Lord, and serve him with my soul.

29 And the children of Israel did as they were commanded; and they brought every man the gift of the Lord, even silver and brass.

30 And they came thither unto the house of Micah, and sat down, and told him all that they had done.

31 And Micah said unto them, What is your purpose that ye have come unto me, unto my house? and they said, We are come unto thee, that we may find repose out of the host of the host of the Lord.

32 And Micah said unto them, Turn yourselves, and let us go together unto Beth-el; and I will build there an altar unto the Lord, my God.”

33 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Micah. And they did fear the Lord, and did what Micah had said.

34 And Micah said unto them, Fear ye the Lord, and serve him: for he saved you from the hand of your enemies.

35 And they said unto Micah, What shall be the reward of Micah for doing this good thing unto us? and Micah said unto them, I will do a thing for you which shall be of the Lord, and ye shall know that I have found favour in his eyes. And they gave him twelve pieces of silver, after the shekel of sanctuary; and he made thereunto an ephod, and made thereunto a robe, and made thereunto a breastplate, and made thereunto a girdle, according to the word of Micah, and served the Lord.

36 And Micah consecrated the house of his father which was in Ewell, and called it the house of Micah.”

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The LORD God of gods, the Lord of the whole earth, did not choose one of all your tribes to be a prince over you; but the LORD has chosen Joshua as prince over you, to bring you in possession of your land and to keep you in possession of it, to drive out all your enemies before you as he has promised.

Joshua 22:17

But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, [seeing] ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with all the congregation of Israel.

Joshua 22:18

Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession [be] unclean, [then] pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.

Joshua 22:19

Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

Joshua 22:20

The LORD God of gods, the Lord of the whole earth, did not choose one of all your tribes to be a prince over you; but the LORD has chosen Joshua as prince over you, to bring you in possession of your land and to keep you in possession of it, to drive out all your enemies before you as he has promised.

Joshua 22:21

Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,
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23:2 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require [it];

24:1 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad, ye have no part in the LORD; so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

25:2 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

26:28 Therefore said we, that it [may be] a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

27:2 But [that] it [may be] a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we may say [again], Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it [is] a witness between us and you.

28:2 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day
22:30 And they are calling and they are returning, and they are hearing, and they are speaking, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and blessing, and 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22:31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, this day we perceive that the LORD [is] among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD; now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

22:32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

22:33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

22:34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar [Ed]; for it [shall be] a witness between us that the LORD [is] God.