

# The Great Misunderstanding JOSHUA 22:1-34



Proper Worship of God
Healthy Community with Each Other

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### **Joshua 22:1-3** NIV

Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "You have done all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and you have obeyed me in everything I commanded. <sup>3</sup> For a long time now—to this very day—you have not deserted your fellow Israelites but have carried out the mission the LORD your God gave you."

Jacob (Israel)

of Leah

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun of Zilpah

Gad, Asher

of Bilah

Dan, Naphtali

of Rachel

Joseph, Benjamin

Ephraim, Manasseh

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### **Joshua 22:4-6** NIV

"Now that the LORD your God has given them rest as he promised, return to your homes in the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. <sup>5</sup> But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." <sup>6</sup> Then Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their homes.

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### John 14:21 NIV

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

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### Joshua 22:9-10 NIV

So the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh left the Israelites at Shiloh in Canaan to return to Gilead, their own land, which they had acquired in accordance with the command of the LORD through Moses. <sup>10</sup> When they came to Geliloth near the Jordan in the land of Canaan, the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an imposing altar there by the Jordan.

### Joshua 22:11-12 NIV

And when the Israelites heard that they had built the altar on the border of Canaan at Geliloth near the Jordan on the Israelite side, <sup>12</sup> the whole assembly of Israel gathered at Shiloh to go to war against them.

### Joshua 22:16-18 NIV

"The whole assembly of the LORD says: 'How could you break faith with the God of Israel like this? How could you turn away from the LORD and build yourselves an altar in rebellion against him now? <sup>17</sup> Was not the sin of Peor enough for us? Up to this very day we have not cleansed ourselves from that sin, even though a plague fell on the community of the LORD! <sup>18</sup> And are you now turning away from the LORD? If you rebel against the LORD today, tomorrow he will be angry with the whole community of Israel."

### Joshua 22:19-20 NIV

"If the land you possess is defiled, come over to the LORD's land, where the LORD's tabernacle stands, and share the land with us. But do not rebel against the LORD or against us by building an altar for yourselves, other than the altar of the LORD our God. <sup>20</sup> When Achan son of Zerah was unfaithful in regard to the devoted things, did not wrath come on the whole community of Israel? He was not the only one who died for his sin."

### Joshua 22:22-23 NIV

"The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows! And let Israel know! If this has been in rebellion or disobedience to the LORD, do not spare us this day. <sup>23</sup> If we have built our own altar to turn away from the LORD and to offer burnt offerings and grain offerings, or to sacrifice fellowship offerings on it, may the LORD himself call us to account."

### Joshua 22:26-27 NIV

"That is why we said, 'Let us get ready and build an altar—but not for burnt offerings or sacrifices.' <sup>27</sup> On the contrary, it is to be a witness between us and you and the generations that follow, that we will worship the LORD at his sanctuary with our burnt offerings, sacrifices and fellowship offerings. Then in the future your descendants will not be able to say to ours, 'You have no share in the LORD.'"



Communicate early and often.

Believe the best.

Pray about it.

Practice the circle principle.

### Joshua 22:32-34 NIV

Then Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, and the leaders returned to Canaan from their meeting with the Reubenites and Gadites in Gilead and reported to the Israelites. <sup>33</sup> They were glad to hear the report and praised God. And they talked no more about going to war against them to devastate the country where the Reubenites and the Gadites lived. <sup>34</sup> And the Reubenites and the Gadites gave the altar this name: A Witness Between Us—that the LORD is God.

