

**POSSESSING THE LAND OF PROMISE**

**Joshua 22:1-34**

**New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green**

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**1. Be Certain To Build Your Life \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

**Joshua 22:1-9 (NIV2011)** “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.”

**Joshua 22:10 (NIV2011)** “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.”

**2. Do Not Build Your Life To Merely \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

**Joshua 22:11-12 (NIV2011)** “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 22:13-14 (NIV2011)** “The Israelites sent Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, to the land of Gilead—to Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh. <sup>14</sup> With him they sent ten of the chief men, one from each of the tribes of Israel, each the head of a family division among the Israelite clans.”

**Joshua 22:19 (NIV2011)** “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.”

**Joshua 22:20 (NIV2011)** “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 22:21-23 (NIV2011)** “Then Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh replied to the heads of the clans of Israel: <sup>22</sup> ‘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 22:24-25 (NIV2011)** “No! We did it for fear that some day your descendants might say to ours, ‘What do you have to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?’ <sup>25</sup> The LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you—you Reubenites and Gadites! You have no share in the LORD.’ So your descendants might cause ours to stop fearing the LORD.”

**Joshua 22:26-28 (NIV2011)** “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 descendants, ‘You have no share in the LORD.’ <sup>28</sup> And we said, ‘If they ever say this to us, or to our descendants, we will answer: Look at the replica of the LORD’s altar, which our ancestors built, not for burnt offerings and sacrifices, but as a witness between us and you.’”

**Joshua 22:29 (NIV2011)** “Far be it from us to rebel against the LORD and turn away from Him today by building an altar for burnt offerings, grain offerings and sacrifices, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before His Tabernacle.”

**Revelation 21:3 (NIV2011)** “I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place [the Tabernacle of God] is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.”