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 (45) There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Chapter 22

(1) Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
 (2) And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:
 (3) 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.
 (4) 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 other side Jordan.

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(44) And the LORD {Jehovah} gave them rest all around, according to all that He swore to their forefathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD {Jehovah} delivered all their enemies into their hand.
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 (2) And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:
 (3) You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.
 (4) And now the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given rest to your brothers, as He promised them: therefore return now, and go to your own tents, *and* to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} gave you on the other side {east} of the Jordan River.

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(5) 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 to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

(6) So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

(7) Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them,

(8) And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and 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 with your brethren.

(5) But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD {Jehovah} charged you, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cling to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

(6) So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went to their tents.

(7) Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but to the *other* half Joshua gave among their brothers on this side of the Jordan River westward. And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed them,

(8) And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much clothing: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.

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(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 by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

(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*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

(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, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

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(10) And when they came to the borders of the Jordan River, 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 by the Jordan River, a great altar to look upon.

(11) And the children of Israel heard saying, Look, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar opposite the land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan river, at the passage of the children of Israel.

(12) And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them^a.

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22:12a – go up to war against them – the Lord had specifically forbidden alters of sacrifice to be built anywhere except where He chose [Deut. 12:3-5]. The other tribes did not want to be punished for sin of these tribes as a repeat of what happened at Ai [Josh. 7]
- see Josh. 22:20, 26

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(14) And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

(15) And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

(16) Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?

(17) *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,

(18) 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 the whole congregation of Israel.

(14) And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

(15) And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

(16) The whole congregation of the LORD {Jehovah} is asking, What sin *is* this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD {Jehovah}, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the LORD {Jehovah}?

(17) *Is* the sin of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD {Jehovah},

(18) But that you must turn away this day from following the LORD {Jehovah}? and it will be, *since* you rebel today against the LORD {Jehovah}, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel.

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(19) 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.

(20) 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.

(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,

(22) The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

(23) 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*;

(19) Nevertheless, if the land of your possession *is* unclean, *then* pass over to the land of the possession of the LORD, in which the LORD {Jehovah}'s tabernacle stays, and take possession among us: but do not rebel against the LORD {Jehovah}, nor rebel against us, in building for yourselves an altar besides the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(20) Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the cursed thing^b, and anger fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man did not perish alone in his sin.

(21) Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel,

(22) The LORD {Jehovah} God of gods, the LORD {Jehovah} God of gods, He knows, and Israel shall know; if *it is* in rebellion, or if in sin against the LORD {Jehovah}, (do not save us this day,)

(23) That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD {Jehovah}, or if to offer on it burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD {Jehovah} Himself require *it*;

22:20b - Josh. 7:19f

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(24) And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?

(25) 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.

(26) Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

(27) But *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.

(28) Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, 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.

(24) And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* very thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel?

(25) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has made the Jordan River a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad; you have no part in the LORD {Jehovah}: so shall your children cause our children to cease from fearing the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(27) But *that* it *may be* a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD {Jehovah} 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, You have no part in the LORD {Jehovah}.

(28) Therefore we said, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Look the pattern of the altar of the LORD {Jehovah}, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you.

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(29) God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

(30) And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them.

(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.

(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.

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