

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Joshua 22:1-34**  
**Wednesday October 3, 2012**

**Josh 22:9-12**

**1-5: Dedication of A Nation – (One month)**

**6-12: Defeat Of The Enemy – (7 years)**

**13-24: Division Of The Land – (18 years)**

**Joshua 22-24** – These last 3 chapters consist of a “Farewell Address”

**Josh 22:4**

**Numbers 32**

**Josh 22:9**

**1. Verses 1-8 – Discharged**

**2. Verses 9-10 – Concern**

**3. Verses 11-29 – Submission**

**4. Verses 30-34 – Agreement**

**1. Verses 1-8 – Discharged:**

Joshua 22:1-2

Numbers 32, Deut. 3:12-20

Joshua 1:12-18

Joshua 22:3

Colossians 3:23-24

Joshua 22:4

Ex. 33:14; Duet. 12:9-10 – God kept His promise; Peace, His favor.

Joshua 22:5-8

Num. 31:25-27

## **2. Verses 9-10 – Concern:**

Joshua 22:9

Lot made the same choice, Gen. 13:10-11

Joshua 22:10

“in appearance” – “great to sight”

They built an altar to declare that they belonged to Israel.

## **3. Verses 11-29 – Submission:**

Joshua 22:11

Joshua 22:12

Francis Schaeffer said, “They thought the holiness of God was being threatened. So these men, who were sick of war, said “The holiness of God demands no compromise.” I would to God that the church of the twentieth century learn this lesson. The holiness of God who exists demands that there be no compromise in area of truth.”

Joshua 22:13

A 4-point plan for dealing with the problem:

### 1. Verses 13-14 – They Formed An Investigative Team Of Spiritual Leaders:

“Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,” – This man was a faithful man. He helped bring the plague from God to a stop! Num. 25:6-18 Ps. 106:30-31 Midianite.

Joshua 22:14

Proverbs 18:13

Joshua 22:15

### 2. Verse 15 – Went To The Offenders And Talked Face To Face:

Joshua 22:16

3. Verses 16-18 – They Were Clear In Expressing Their Concerns:

“What is this unfaithful act” – (transgression) is “an act of treachery”

Deut. 12, Lev. 17:8-9

“turning away from following the LORD this day,” – This term “turned away” it means that they are not following the Lord any longer; it carries the idea of “Backsliding”; it is gradually moving away from the Lord.

“Rebel” – is the strongest word used 3X (16, 18-19); it carries the idea of, “deliberately resisting God’s will and disobeying His Law.”

Joshua 22:17

Example: When Israel fell into sin with the Moabites and committed harlotry with the women. (Num. 25)

Joshua 22:18-19

“where the LORD’S tabernacle stands,” – No manmade substitute (Altar) for God’s presence will ever do.

4. Verse 19 – They Showed Compassion And Generosity In Making The Accusation – “and take possession among us.”

Joshua 22:20

Example: Was the rebellion of Achan with the holy things under the ban in Jericho (Joshua 7)

Joshua 22:21-22

“The Mighty One” – “EL”, God – “Elohim”, the LORD – “Jehovah”; They are giving a solemn oath that they are sincere.

Jeremiah 17:9

Joshua 22:23-29

**4. Verses 30-34 – Agreement:**

Joshua 22:30-33

1 Tim. 5:21

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Joshua 22:34

They did fall into idolatry and were taken into Assyrian captivity, 1 Chron. 5:25-26

"Brazen altar": Deut. 12:27 – it was the blood on that altar that was the basis of unity.

It was this bloodless altar that had brought division.

**Application:**

1. As Believers, We Must Be Committed To The Purity Of The Faith, Because Compromise Of Truth Is Costly.
2. It Is Dangerous To Judge People's Motives Based Merely Upon Circumstantial Evidence.
3. To Help Achieve Reconciliation, We Must Come In Meekness And Honesty. Without Which It Is Impossible To Have Open Discussion Leading To Reconciliation.
4. When We Are Falsely Accused We Need To Respond With A Gentle Answer. Prov. 15:1