

Battle Lessons:

ESTABLISHING A LEGACY

Joshua 22:1-9 Now that the land has been conquered and distributed, the 2 ½ tribes east of the Jordan are allowed to return to their homes. They are encouraged to remain faithful to the Lord. They took home great wealth from the plunder of their enemies.

Joshua 22:10-20 The 2 ½ tribes build an imposing altar by the Jordan as they returned home. When the other 9 ½ tribes heard about it they gathered to make war against them for turning to other gods. They confront the 2 ½ tribes and warn them about the penalties for their action. The 2 ½ tribes defend themselves saying that this is not to be used for sacrifices or the worship of other gods. It was built for future generations as a reminder that they also worship the same God. Phinehas the priest and leaders are glad to hear this response and return home peacefully.

Region of Gilgal

___ Gilgal (Stone Circles) place viewed as holy; around where Gilgal; Patriarchs would have entered the land; 2 ½ tribes wanted their place to be remembered

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