

Evangelist R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, March 13, 2022

Sermon: "Killing Cousins!" - What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 38

**I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Judges 12:1-7*

New Covenant: *Luke 21:5-19*

**II Doctrine:**

The Ammonites reject Jephthah's appeal for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. He has no choice, and must resort to violence to protect his people and homeland.

Jephthah is inspired by God to conduct a war to deliver the Israelites. Like a modern Evangelical, Jephthah shows his ignorance concerning the law of God and makes a ridiculous pledge. He pledges to sacrifice the first thing that emerges from his home if he is victorious in battle.

God of course keeps his promise and Jephthah defeats the Ammonites. Upon returning home his daughter emerges from the house and will be a sacrifice offering.

This tragic story sums up the ignorance and debauchery of Israel during this period. The Evangelical Church around the world, has plunged into the same state of debauchery and ignorance concerning God's commands.

**III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

1) Jephthah wins an amazing victory and delivers Israel from their arch enemy, only to be attacked by his brethren. (*Judges 12:1; Luke 21:5-19*)

2) The tribe of Ephraim is completely unreasonable in their accusations against Jephthah. Their betrayal will be met with swift judgment. (*Judges 12:2-3*)

3) Jephthah and the men of Gilead smash the resistance of the tribe of Ephraim. Jephthah's leadership is solidified and he rules Israel for six years. After being rejected and exiled, he is buried with honor within the promised land. (*Judges 12:4-7*)