

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, August 8, 2021

Sermon: "We Must Chop It All Down!" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 18

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Judges 6:24-32*

New Covenant: *Matthew 24:1-4*

II Doctrine:

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III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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