Preaching Elder R. Rubino Sermon Outline for Sunday, September 26, 2021

Sermon: "The Curse Of Polygamy." What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 25

## I Text:

Old Covenant: Judges 8:29-35; 9:1-6 New Covenant: 1Timothy 3:1,2

## **II Doctrine:**

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## **III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

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- 4) In the bible at most two wives were tolerated by the Lord, but never the multiplication of wives. The King of Israel himself was forbidden from taking multiple wives. (*Deuteronomy 21:15-17; Deuteronomy 17:14-17*)