

Sermon Title: **“ERADICATED SIN”**

Judges 20:29-48

- Israel was going to lure out the Tribe of Benjamin & then spring out from where they set an ambush & attack Benjamin
 - Israel goes & attacks Benjamin & like the times before, Benjamin comes out from their protection to attack the wave of Israelites
 - Israel lures Benjamin further and further away from Gibeah (appearing to retreat)
- Once the Benjaminites were far enough away, those Israelites, who were hiding (in secret) jumped out & attacked the city of Gibeah
 - “But Benjamin did not know that disaster was close to them” = (in Latin) “Destruction was threatening them on every side”
 - The victory (which God promised) was costly. The Tribe of Benjamin lost 25,100 men that day in battle
- Looking over the broken & beaten army of Benjamin – it was clear Benjamin had been defeated
- After the city of Gibeah was overtaken, it was set on fire
 - Seeing the smoke was like seeing the handwriting on the wall (defeat was close at hand)
- With one final push, those who overtook the city of Gibeah & had set it on fire, came out & rushed to the battleground
- Such carnage! Originally there were 26,700 men, but now a total of 25,000 men from Benjamin had died in this Civil War
 - Of the remaining 1,700 Benjamin Soldiers, 600 were able to retreat to the rock of Rimmon (hiding there for 4 months)
- The 11 Tribes of Israel go back & massacre ALL the Tribe of Benjamin (women, children, & even their animals)