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Five Visions of Warning (7:1-9:10)

- **Vision of a locust-swarm (7:1-3)**

- After the king had already taken his share
- It completely “finished” the crops
- Amos intercedes for Israel
- God relents

- **Vision of a consuming fire (7:4-6)**

- A fire consumed the ocean before moving on shore
- Amos intercedes for Israel
- God again changes His mind

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- **Vision of the plumb line (7:7-9)**

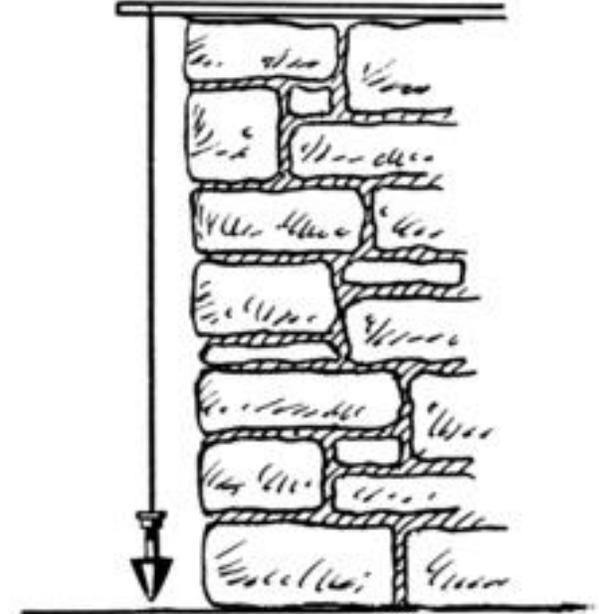
- The LORD beside a wall
- A plumb line in His hand

*“A plumb line won’t make anything straight,
but it will show how crooked it is.”*

- God has measured Israel against His standard
- This time, He will not relent

- **“I will spare them no longer.”**

- The altars of their false religion will be destroyed
- God, Himself, will rise against them with the sword



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Amaziah Shoots the Messenger (7:10-17)

- **Amos has conspired against Israel??**
 - The people don't like what they're hearing
 - Amos has threatened the comfortable *status quo*
 - Go preach somewhere else
- **An answer for all ages (7:14-15)**
 - I didn't ask for this job
 - I don't have an agenda here
 - The LORD God said go and preach and I went
 - But you say that I should not prophecy against Israel...
 - Well, just listen to what the LORD has in store for you... (7:16-17)

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- **Vision of the Summer Fruit (8:1-10)**
 - Like the fruit, Israel is ripe for judgment
 - Their songs will turn to wailing
 - The corpses will be more than they can mourn
- **God Will Not Forget Their Evil Deeds**
 - Greed and oppression of the poor
 - Service to God took time away from what they really valued
 - Dishonest business practices
 - They will be overtaken like an earthquake, a flood or an eclipse at midday
 - They will mourn as if for an only son
 - *“the end of it will be like a bitter day.”*

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- **God Will Send a Famine on the Land (8:11-14)**
 - Not of bread and water
 - A famine from hearing the word of the LORD
 - Though now, finally, they may seek it to the ends of the earth...
 - They will not find it
 - Those that have placed their faith in man-made religion will fall and not rise again

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- **Vision of the LORD Standing at the Altar (9:1-10)**
 - Knock down the House of Israel
 - None will escape
 - God has commanded the sword to slay them
 - *“I will set my eyes against them for evil and not for good.”*
- **Israel Had Become as One of Many Nations**
 - God reigns over all the nations
 - It was God’s law that made them His separate people
 - Disregard for the Law had left them just another sinful kingdom
 - Those with their false sense of security would be shaken like chaff
 - But the “good grains” will be preserved...

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- **Behold Days Are Coming (9:11-15)**
 - In that day, God would restore the house of David
 - It will possess all the nations
 - Blessings will overflow
 - No end to the abundance God will provide
 - He will restore and rebuild
 - This time, His people will not be “rooted out”
- **A Prophecy of the Spiritual Reign of Christ**
 - Acts 15:16-18



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Lessons
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God will punish His covenant people

- **The power of the prayer of the righteous**
- **How do we measure up against God's plumb line?**
- **Do we ever shoot the messenger?**
- **Do we avoid truth that threatens our comfortable status quo?**
- **Is "the LORD said to me..." sufficient to move us?**
- **Does service to God get in the way of what we'd rather be doing?**
- **Has disregard for God's law left us just like those around us?**

Even amid judgment, there is hope for the faithful...

- **Are we planted and rooted in the land with He has given us?**

