**The last measuring**

Amos 7:7

Amos 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, **Behold, I will set a plumbline** in the midst of my people Israel: **I will not again pass by them any more:**

1. **Divine Inspection**
   1. He will put off his judgment no longer.
   2. God’s Plumb line was on their wall

**God would now visit them according to their iniquities with Strict justice.**

7:7-9 The plumb line as a line of judgment

Isa. 28:17 The line is God’s judgment - The plummet is God’s righteousness

Jer 51:13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and **the measure** of thy covetousness.

Na 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not **after Christ**.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure** of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Amos 8:11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

**Amos 1:1** ¶ The **words** of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning **Israel** in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the **earthquake**.

7:10 ¶ Then Amaziah **the priest** of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath **conspired against thee** in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

**Amos 1:2** And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

**Amos 1:3** Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

2Sa 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

1Ch 2:3 **The sons of Judah**;

The tribe of Judah were more full and exact in their genealogies than any other of the tribes, in which we must acknowledge a special providence, for the clearing of the genealogy of Christ.

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Heb 7:15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

Ge 49:8 ¶ Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

1Ch 5:2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:

Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Mt 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Joh 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

Lu 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Mt 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Lu 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Lu 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

1. 1Ch 2:3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. **And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD**; and he slew him.

Ge 38:2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.

Ge 38:7 And **Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD**; and the LORD slew him.

Er was wicked; “watchful”

**Rom. 1:32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but **have pleasure in them that do them**. {have...: or, consent with} contentment, gratification, delight, Joy

1Co 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; {in the truth: or, with the truth}

Ge 46:12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

Mt 1:3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of **Thamar**; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

Ge 38:12 ¶ And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

Ge 38:26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

1. 1Ch 2:4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

Ge 38:29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah. {Zarah: A Rising of Light}

1. 1Ch 2:6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all. 1Ki 4:31 (Wise Men--Solomon was wiser)
2. 1Ch 2:7 And the sons of Carmi; **Achar, the troubler of Israel**, who transgressed in the thing accursed.
3. 1Ch 2:10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat **Nahshon**, **prince** of the children of Judah;
4. Here we find Bezaleel, who was head workman in building the tabernacle, Ex 31:2.
5. 1Ch 2:17Jether the Ishmeelite. {Jether...: also called, Ithra an Israelite} 2Sa 17:25 Ishmaelite by birth but an Israelite by (Conversion-true religion)
6. 1Ch 2:18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife

Why was she called Azubah? (Believed to be barren and despised. But her injury was manifested before the Lord; and she was comforted, and adorned with wisdom; and she span, skilfully, goats' hair for the court of the tabernacle).

1Ch 2:24 And after that Hezron was dead in Calebephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him **Ashur** the father of Tekoa.

(Ashur’s father died before he was born)

(Hezron died leaving his wife a widow with child--Ashur)

1Ch 2:55 And the **families of the scribes** which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Here are some that are said to be families of scribes (1Ch 2:55), such as kept up learning in their family, especially scripture-learning, and taught the people the good knowledge of God. Among all these great families we are glad to find some that were families of scribes. Would to God that all the Lord's people were prophets--all the families of Israel, be families of scribes, well instructed to the kingdom of heaven, and able to bring out of their treasury things new and old!

1Ch 4:5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

2Ch 11:6 He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

2Ch 20:20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

Jer 6:1 ¶ O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

* 1. The same plumb line is on your wall

I Cor.3:1-3;13:11; 14:20; Eph.4:14; IPt.2:2-12

Heb.5:11-6:1

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be **the first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:

**The First Principles of the Oracles of God**

**The Duty of Self-Denial**

*Self-denial is the first principle of Christianity!* It is the life-blood which must run through the whole soul. Self-denial is not learned at an academy, but from the oracles of Scripture.

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and **it is his glory to pass over a transgression**.

Morality is a good *Jacob's staff* to walk with among men

Morality without Holiness is a bad *Jacob's ladder* to climb up to heaven!

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Isa 64:6 ¶ But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

**A Christian must deny SINFUL FASHIONS.** Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world." That is—do not be conformed to the fashions and mode of it. If the old Christians were to rise out of their graves—our new fashions might frighten them into their graves again!

**There may be going to heaven without comfort—but there is no going there without self-denial.**