

## Divided to Join - The Amos 7 Plumb-Line

### Scripture References

*This is what He showed me, and see, יְהוָה stood on a wall made with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in His hand, and יְהוָה said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb-line." And יְהוָה said, "See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of My people Yisra'ĕl, no longer do I pardon them. (Amos 7:7-8)*

*Do you think that I came to give peace on earth? I say to you, no, but rather division. (Luke 12:51)*

*I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am going to spew you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:15,16)*

*Enter in through the narrow gate! Because the gate is wide – and the way is broad – that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in through it. Because the gate is narrow and the way is hard pressed which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matt 7:13,14)*

*For as a young man marries a maiden, so shall your sons marry you. And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your Elohim rejoice over you. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Yerushalayim, all the day and all the night, continually, who are not silent. You who remember יְהוָה, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Yerushalayim a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:5-7)*

*He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post (pillar) in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name. (Revelation 3:12)*

*And you shall be set-apart to Me, for I יְהוָה am set-apart, and have separated you from the peoples to be Mine. (Leviticus 20:26)*

*Therefore thus said יְהוָה, "If you turn back, then I shall bring you back. Before Me you shall stand. And if you take out the precious from the worthless, you shall become as My mouth. Let them return to you, but do not return to them. And I shall make you to this people a strong*

*bronze wall. And they shall fight against you, but not overcome you. For I am with you to save you and deliver you," declares יְהוָה.* (Jeremiah 15:19,20)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no Torah. (Galatians 5:22,23)*

### **Word References in Hebrew (Amos 7:7)**

**chomah:** a wall

Definition: Feminine active participle of an unused root apparently meaning to join; a wall of protection -- wall, walled.

**cham:** husband's father

Definition: From the same as chomah; a father-in-law (as in affinity) -- father in law.

**natsab:** to take one's stand, stand

Definition: appointed, deputy, erect, establish

A prim root; to station, in various applications (literally or figuratively) -- appointed, deputy, erect, establish, X Huzzah (by mistake for a proper name), lay, officer, pillar, present, rear up, set (over, up), settle, sharpen, establish, (make to) stand(-ing, still, up, upright), best state.

**al:** upon, above, over

**anak:** to plummet

Definition: line

Probably from an unused root meaning to be narrow; according to most a plumb-line, and to others a hook -- plumb-line.

### **Now using the above meanings, lets insert them into Amos 7:7**

***This is what He showed me, and see, יְהוָה, a pillar firmly established and upright stood erect as a vertical wall, standing (upon/above/over) a vertical wall that was constructed with a***

***narrow line, a plumb-line and was seen holding a narrow line, a plumb-line in His hand.***

If you read closely, as in so much of the Scriptures, there is a Hebraism here – a sort of Hebrew pun. He stands erect and upright with a plumb-line upon an erect and upright wall made with a plumb-line. In short, Yah is compared to the wall because it is made with the same instrument that He is holding.

To illustrate this, I have included a picture below that matches closely what is described in Amos 7:7

*(notice even how the man is standing perfectly upright as the wall itself is as well as the very plumb-line he is holding. Now if he was standing upon, above or over it then it would be a perfect fit!)*



Notice in Amos 7:8, when asked by Yahuweh what he saw; the response was a plumb-line. There is an assumption here that Amos saw the One holding the plumb-line as well as the wall but didn't mention it in his response. The assumption comes because if I was standing on top of a chair holding out a plumb-line and I asked you what you saw – you would say the plumb-line, for it is the object of focus. We could analyze this further but really it isn't necessary however I do want to bring up a key point:

***Yahuweh wanted Amos to see the plumb-line in His hand – yes, but also bear witness of this:***

***That the One holding it was in complete alignment with, firmly erected and established as the vertical wall was which had been built using the same type of instrument He was holding and showing him.***

This is paramount! In verse 8, Yahuweh says that He is dropping a plumb-line in the midst (the middle) of My people. He isn't taking a literal plumb-line to drop but a living person to drop it – Amos in this case! Yahuweh uses people – set-apart unto Himself – people He can trust tested through fire and perseverance to drop His message.

Please understand this one thing...

***A living plumb-line that is dropped is only as effective as the erected wall one is standing upon. If the wall was erected without a plumb-line than the wall is crooked. If the wall is crooked, then the plumb-line which is dropped is crooked – It is useless and of no effect – and Yahuweh WILL NOT use a defective instrument or skewed measurements!***

Be ye set-apart as I am set-apart says Yahuweh! His judgments are RIGHT and straight!

Now, I would like to dig a little deeper...

What is the function of a wall? I am not Hebrew scholar, but I can tell you the function of a wall today is the same function of a wall 3000 years ago.

A wall:

- Separates and Partitions
- Divides
- Protects in Defense
- Security
- Keeps something in
- Keeps something out
- Surrounds
- Joins

You may ask yourself how does a wall join anything? Doesn't a wall separate? How can it perform two functions?

Remember the word for wall in Hebrew is Chomah from an unused root apparently meaning to **join**; a wall of protection -- wall, walled.

Cham from the same word as Chomah simply means father-in-law. What does a father-in-law have to do with a wall?

*And they came to Re'uwl (Jethro) their father, and he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?"*

*And they said, "A Mitsrite rescued us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."*

*And he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why did you leave the man? Call him and let him eat bread."*

*And Mosheh agreed to dwell with the man, and he gave Tsipporah his daughter to Mosheh. (Exodus 2:18-21)*

The father-in-law is the joining factor (joint) between two families in marriage. In the above verses, Re'uwl (Jethro) became the tie, the link and joining factor between two families – His family (His daughter Tsipporah) and the family of Moshe.

A father-in-law not only is the one who joins the families together but also the one that separates the two families. I'm not saying separation or dividing in a negative way but he proves to be the border I should say between the two families. Moshe 'crossed' the border into Re'uwl (Jethro)'s family to marry his daughter. He passed through Tsipporah's father to marry her and become one with her. Moshe and Tsipporah were one yes however, Re'uwl (Jethro) never stopped being the dividing line between the two families.

In light and understanding now of what the function of a father-in-law

really is – what about Abba Father Yahuweh? He is our Father yet He is also our Father-in-law. In the Song of Songs, the writer uses this terminology four times "my sister, my bride". A daughter of Yahuweh is a sister of Yahushua – YET – the bride of Yahushua as well.

(Song of Songs 4:9-10, 12; 5:1) In 4:11 he uses only "bride", in 5:2, he uses only "sister" - that whole passage is fascinating that he refers to his bride as his sister also. In the Christian church all women are called "sisters" - but not bride ... that is a spiritual term. But, in the Word, Yahuweh is the Father of the sister (both as Creator and as **spiritual re-birther**), as well as the Father-in-law; for His Son, Messiah Yahushua, **spiritually** marries His sister.

So as the wall is concerned, it separates yet it joins. If a person is on the outside of the wall and wants to visit his friend on the inside of the wall, that person on the outside must pass through the wall to get on the inside. Passing through can be via a gate or a door. However you want to view it, in order to get on the other side, one must go through, over or under the wall to get there. The wall divides outside and inside yet at the same time it joins the outside and inside. What is standing 'between' the outside and inside? The wall!

If you look back at the eight different descriptions of a wall, there is only One that spiritually can fulfill all of them:

### ***Yahushua, The Messiah – The Torah***

In all the descriptions listed, Yahushua fills them all !

He (The Torah) – Separates, Partitions, Divides, Protects (Security), Keeps something in, Keeps something out, Surrounds and Joins.

Messiah came to divide and separate because His Father, Yahuweh, said to be Set-Apart as I am Set-Apart. Messiah NEVER said a word or did anything without His Father's instructions! However, He also came to join together again the family Yahuweh always wanted from the beginning of time.

### ***The act of separation always precedes the act of joining***

- In the renewal of the marriage covenant, Messiah bore the sin of all mankind and was **SEPARATED** for a time from His Father BEFORE he was **JOINED** with Him again on the throne.
- At the time of the death of Messiah, after the High Priest said "It

is finished”, He would walk over the Kidron Valley on a bridge to the barley fields on the Mount of Olives and ‘mark’, set-apart, **SEPARATE** 10 omers (sheaves) of barley until the time of the First Fruits wave offering on the day after the weekly Shabbat. When the time came, He went and gathered (**JOINED**) the sheaves together from the barley field and processed them for the wave offering in the Temple.

- Messiah will **SEPARATE** the wheat and the tares, the righteous FROM the wicked, THEN He **JOINS**, gathers the wheat into His barn.
- In the ancient Jewish wedding, a woman is betrothed to the groom and for a time is **SEPARATED** from him while she prepares herself. THEN, when the father of the groom says it’s time to go get his bride, he comes and is bound legally through the marriage ceremony – THEN the two become one and are **JOINED** together through the act of consummation!

Lets look at another picture. Here is a picture of the Ramparts Walk in Jerusalem. One can walk along the top of the wall on a narrow ledge (path) anywhere from 3 to 4 feet wide.



Once again, we see the Ramparts Walk (a widened area on top of a wall) that serves as a divider from the inner city and outer. It served as a defense. The wall surrounds the city, keeping those who wish to be inside – safe and those that wish to remain outside – outside. The rampart on any ancient wall was typically narrow. Depending upon the

wealth of the city, the fortification practices of those dwelling in the city and manpower, the thickness or width of the wall was determined. As with any wall, you see in the picture that it provides the barrier, link, union or joint between the outer and inner. It is the boundary line so to speak.

This is a picture of Messiah. Yahushua said unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but by (through) me. (Yochanan (John) 14:6). The Way of Truth IS LIFE!

No one enters the Kingdom (The City) except through Messiah. Yes He is the narrow gate but what is the gate attached to? The wall. You can walk over gates while walking on top of a wall.

Abba Yahuweh is our Father but yet He is also our Father-In-Law. We are joined with His family through the marriage covenant with His Son Yahushua. Because Yahuweh Father and Yahushua the Son are Echad – One – We are joined to the family name of Yahuweh through the Son. We are eternally then separated from our family of sin and bondage!

Yahuweh the Father is also Set-Apart – Separated from darkness and those that participate in the dark world. He is light and no darkness can approach Him. Messiah said – “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:23)

The word lawlessness when translated back into the Hebrew simply means – WITHOUT TORAH. Without Messiah and obedience to His commands we will be forever separated from the Father’s Kingdom!

So here we see that in order to come INTO the Kingdom of Yahuweh – The Father’s House – One must go THROUGH the wall – Messiah (Torah)! Messiah is the **separation** between the world and the Kingdom yet He is the means of **joining** us to Himself and the Father.

#### **THE TORAH WALL DETERMINES WHAT SIDE OF THE FENCE WERE ON**

With this understanding we can now go back and look at some of the reference Scriptures listed at the beginning of this article.

Messiah said I wish you were either hot or cold but because your lukewarm I will spew you out. What does this really mean? Hot doesn’t

necessarily mean that your 'HOT' for the things of Torah – although in a way it can be interpreted this way. Hot is simply an extremity. Cold is an extremity as well. When you turn on the bath water, it's easy to go to hot because it's either all the way in one direction or the other and *marked HOT*. Cold is the opposite. Lukewarm is a mixture of the two (NOT NECESSARILY IN THE MIDDLE). Messiah said He will spew out the lukewarm – He will spew out that which is anything but one of the two extremities. Mixture makes him sick. The righteous 'HOT' ones have their future already planned out as well as the wicked 'COLD' ones. Being lukewarm doesn't mean He doesn't have their future planned out already it just means that if your lukewarm (ANYWHERE in between) then you're out!! Out with the COLD.

If you look at the Rampart Walk picture above once more, you can see how narrow the path is. Actually this is the path of the HOT ones – The path is very narrow and if the walls on either side of the walkway were not there, you would have to walk pretty much down the center to keep from falling off one side or the other. Walking the path of Torah (notice I said 'walking'. It's an action word) – Walking the path of Torah is walking a straight path – a straight line. This is the means of being HOT. Anything else is just plain off the path – COLD, LUKEWARM or whatever you want to call it.

Again, we see that the Torah is the narrow wall we walk on not veering off to the left or right but going straight forward.

What if that Ramparts walk was crooked and leaned to one side or the other? The walk would be treacherous. This means the foundation, the very wall is out of alignment. This takes us back to Amos 7:7,8.

The reason why Yahuweh can drop the plumb-line is because He stands upon a wall (Torah) that was built using a Righteous Instrument. This qualifies Him to judge accurately and measure out justice with perfect straightness (righteousness).

The righteousness instrument – the plumb-line – measures with precision – accurately dividing between HOT and COLD/LUKEWARM. What other Scripture talks about dividing between something?

*For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)*

What is the 'Word of Elohim'? The Torah! The Torah is the Word, The Sword, The Plumb-Line – ***It is the only accurate instrument in the entire universe capable of precisely measuring the dividing line between good and evil !***

How do we know if we even qualify to become instruments in the hand of Yahuweh to accurately measure out His message to this world? By the fruit we bear! Without fruit, without evidence of our walking out the Torah lifestyle in our lives, there is nothing to show for.

***Those that bury truth will become buried themselves***

Yahuweh gave Amos a message, a prophet's message – His message! A true prophet is a living plumb-line – in words and in action! The message of the plumb-line didn't die with the "Old Testament".

Yahuweh is our example! He says – align yourselves to My Torah – To My Son – Be the watchman on My Wall! Build your life on My Wall of Torah – accurately and consistently measuring it (your life) with the Plumb-Line of My Torah.

***How can we be examples of righteousness to others if our own lives are built upon crooked walls of pagan belief systems?***

When are we going to see the days once again as in the case of Charles Finney? Read the excerpt below...

*It was a strange scene that morning in the cotton factory near Whitesboro, N.Y. The looms and spinning mules had gone silent ... but new sounds, never before heard here, had replaced them.*

*Groans and cries from workers, many prostrate on the ground, filled the expansive building.*

*Evangelist Charles Finney had been touring the facility after preaching in the village schoolhouse the night before. It was early in the workday, and the labor was humming along as usual. It would be strange for one visiting individual to attract much notice, much less cause the bustling enterprise to grind to a screeching halt.*

*But that's exactly what happened.*

*As Finney simply observed the machinery, one worker, then another sank to the floor and burst into tears.*

*"The impression caught almost like powder," said Finney in his autobiography, "and in a few moments nearly all in the room were in tears."*

*The factory's owner, who was not a believer, was himself taken by*

*what was happening.*

*"Stop the mill," he instructed his superintendent, "and let the people attend to religion; for it is more important that our souls should be saved than that this factory run."*

*The workers were assembled, and Finney preached. In his own words: "A more powerful meeting I scarcely ever attended. It went on with great power. The building was large, and had many people in it, from the garret to the cellar. The revival went through the mill with astonishing power, and in the course of a few days nearly all in the mill were hopefully converted" (Charles G. Finney: An Autobiography, 1908 Edition).*

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Whether Charles Finney 'kept Torah' in a way that a lot of people "do" doesn't really matter. Had he known about it and was restored to the Torah as we have been today, He would of gladly kept it to the fullest. In fact – in a way he did keep it because he kept it in his heart. Unlike the many Torah guarders who have more hate in the heart than most worldly people do.

***What a joy it must have been to have seen as one like Finney walking the plumb-line of truth as conviction resulted!***

When one walks out the truth – either conviction or hate will be the result.

Yahuweh's Spirit cannot convict others through us if our own measurement standard is crooked! Becoming Yahuweh's plumb-line must first begin with our own life. Think how silly it would be to stand in front of a million people and say look at the wall I'm standing on. Build one just like it and use this instrument to build it with. When all along the people are joking and laughing at you because your leaning and about to fall over.

The very plumb-line (Torah) we preach in word and do in deed (action) better be the same plumb-line on which the wall were standing on was built.

***The wall is only as straight as the instrument used to build it is***

We have a standard! The wall has already been built using a standard that will never be crooked. That standard is Torah. We cannot build our own walls and stand upon them expecting Yahuweh to use us as plumb-lines. A tree's fruit is defiled if the root of that tree is defiled!

In Jeremiah 15, Yahuweh talks about making a wall of protection against those that fight against him and those people will not overcome him. The wall of protection is Torah.

Our wall of defense is only as strong as our obedience to Torah. He builds the wall but we are the ones that can tear it down if we are not careful. The wall we stand on is Torah and it is a wall of separation – a divider – our example of set-apartness should we choose to except it. Torah sets us apart and we must first stand divided and set apart FROM the world through the Torah. Torah is the wall that sets us apart – the wall built by Yahuweh is Yahushua – The Messiah!

***Messiah is the Wall and the Plumb-Line! Yahuweh will not use an instrument that is not first aligned to the Wall !***

Yahushua Messiah is returning soon. As it says in Jeremiah 15, Yahuweh cries out 'Turn Back' – The precious will be divided from the worthless. Separation will happen – Therefore it is wise to separate yourself NOW, voluntary UNTO Yahuweh before His Judge – Messiah Yahushua separates you FROM Himself.

Those that have aligned themselves to Torah – Built their lives upon the wall of Torah - served as living and righteous plumb-lines to the world, friends and FAMILY members – bearing good fruit unto righteousness will themselves stand firm and upright, established as an erected pillar in the Dwelling Place of the Creator! (Revelation 3:12)

***He who does wrong, let him do more wrong; he who is filthy, let him be more filthy; he who is righteous, let him be more righteous; he who is set-apart, let him be more set-apart.  
(Revelation 22:11)***

Shalom,  
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