Introduction

- 1. Amos 7:1-9
- 2. Three visions given in the text
 - a. The grasshopper
 - b. The fire
 - c. The plumb line
- 3. The first two has God as repenting the NKJV has God relenting
- 4. In the first two destruction was averted by the intercession of the prophet
 - a. There is power in prayer
 - b. There is power in intercessory prayer. James 5:16
 - i. There is a time to pray for the sick to recover
 - ii. There is a time for us to pray for the spiritually sick to recover.
- 5. There is the third vision, which we need to consider carefully.

II Discussion

- 1. The plumb line
 - a. It is a regulating appliance or testing instrument it checks the vertical perfection of a wall
 - b. God's plumb line Isaiah 8:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-18; Psalm 19:7; Ps 119:105; John 12:48
 - c. The testing of the wall shows
 - i. No more indulgence
 - ii. No more forgiveness
 - iii. No more postponement.
 - iv. Judgment is coming. Matthew 25:13
- 2. The Wall
 - a. This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise. Isaiah 43:21
 - b. Christ formed His church. Matthew 16:18
 - i. It is His house. 1 Timothy 3:15
 - ii. It is His building 1 Corinthians 3:9
 - 1. Christ is the chief corner stone. Isaiah 28:16; I Peter 2:6-8; Ephesians 2:20
 - 2. Yet He was rejected by some. Isaiah 8:14; Psalm 118:22-23; Matthew 21:42-46
 - c. Since it is His we cannot change anything about the church.
 - d. The wall is tested by the rule by which it was built; in our case the New Testament.
- 3. The destruction that will come.
 - a. He will not again pass by them anymore. The season of repentance is over! John 9:4
 - b. We can get to the place where we will not repent Mark 4:12; Jeremiah 15:6; Ezekiel 7:2-9
 - c. In the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah

III Conclusion

- 1. Destruction does not have to come! Look at the first two visions
- That is up to us, if it comes.
 The time of repentance is now Acts 17:30-31
- 4. Come Now

Sources: Hailey commentary on the minor prophets, Pulpit commentary; Minor Prophets Power lectures