

Outline: Amos 7:1-17 – Plumb lined - Amos or Amaziah?
Serangoon Bethesda Church @ 4 Sept 22, 8.30 am (Sim Kay Tee)

A. Summary of Amos 1-6

1. Judgments on Israel and 7 neighboring nations (Amos 1-2)
 - Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, Israel
2. Reasons why Israel is judged (Amos 3-6)
 - oppression, economic exploitation, religious hypocrisy, refusal to repent, injustice, pride, complacency, luxurious indulgence

B. Visions of Israel's Future (Amos 7-9)

1. 5 Visions of Judgment
 - the swarming locusts (7:1-3)
 - the devouring fire (7:4-6)
 - the testing plumb line (7:7-9)
 - the ripening fruit (8:1-14)
 - the inescapable sword (9:1-10)
2. Vision of restoration and blessings (9:11-15)

C. Amos 7: 3 Visions of Disasters

1. Vision 1: The swarming locusts (7:1-3)
 - destruction averted
2. Vision 2: The devouring fire (7:4-6)
 - destruction averted
3. Vision 3: The testing plumb line (7:7-9)
 - destruction affirmed: religious structures destroyed
political dynasty terminated

D. Plumb-lined - Amos or Amaziah? (Amos 7:10-17)

1. Amos accused as a political conspirator and agitator (7:10-11)
2. Amos discredited as a prophet for hire (7:12-13)
3. Amos called by God to be His prophet (7:14-15)
4. Amos pronounced God's judgment on Israel's high priest (7:16-17)
5. Are you Amos or Amaziah?

