

~PLUMMET (89)

- **A plumb line, a cord to the end of which was fastened a metal, stone, or clay weight that kept the line straight and made it possible to build walls and other structures that were straight and perpendicular to the horizon. The weight itself is sometimes called the plumb bob, or plummet. Carpenters, masons, and other craftsmen of ancient times used the plummet.**
- **In connection with the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel is represented as having in hand a plummet, literally, the stone or, weight, the tin, according to the **Masoretic** text.**
- **The very hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his own hands will finish it. And you will have to know that Yehowah of armies himself has sent me to you people. (**Zechariah 4:9**)**
- **For who has despised the day of small things? And they will certainly rejoice and see the **plummet** in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of Yehowah. They are roving about in all the earth. (**Zechariah 4:10**)**
- **As foretold, not only was the temples foundation laid by Zerubbabel but under his supervision the work was carried to completion.**
- **And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (**Ezra 3:8**)**
- **Accordingly Jeshua, his sons and his brothers, and Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, stood up as one group to act as supervisors over the doers of the work in the house of the true God, also the sons of Henadad, their sons and their brothers, the Levites. (**Ezra 3:9**)**
- **When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Yehowah,**

then the priests in official clothing, with the trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph, with the cymbals, stood up to praise Yehowah according to the direction of David the king of Israel. (**Ezra 3:10**)

- And the older men of the Jews were building and making progress under the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo, and they built and finished it due to the order of the God of Israel and due to the order of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes the king of Persia. (**Ezra 6:14**)
- And they completed this house by the third day of the lunar month Adar, that is, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. (**Ezra 6:15**)
- In vision, Amos beheld Yehowah stationed on a wall made with a **plummet**, and thus one that was originally straight, perpendicular. Yehowah was seen holding a **plummet**, and the prophet was told that God was setting a **plummet** in the midst of His people.
- As Israel did not meet the test of straightness in a spiritual way, not acting in accord with God's requirements, Yehowah would mete out justice and no more do any further excusing of it.
- Israel's high places would be laid desolate, her sanctuaries would be devastated, and God would rise up against the house of Jeroboam with a sword.
- This is what he caused me to see, and, look! Yehowah was stationed on a wall made with a **plummet**, and there was a **plummet** in his hand. (**Amos 7:7**)
- Then Yehowah said to me; What are you seeing, Amos? So I said; A **plummet**. And Yehowah went on to say; Here I am setting a **plummet** in the midst of my people Israel. I shall no more do any further excusing of it. (**Amos 7:8**)
- And the high places of Isaac will certainly be laid desolate, and the sanctuaries themselves of Israel will be devastated, and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with a sword. (**Amos 7:9**)
- True to these words, Israel was devastated and Samaria destroyed by the Assyrians in **740 B.C.E.**

