

Ezekiel 8:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

Analysis

"He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary?" God reveals temple corruption forcing His departure. The rhetorical question emphasizes that Israel's sin, not divine caprice, drives God away. Persistent idolatry in the very place dedicated to God's worship represents ultimate covenant treachery. Holiness cannot coexist with abomination. This pattern warns: God withdraws His presence from professing churches that embrace idolatry or immorality.

Historical Context

In 592 BC, fourteen months after initial visions, God showed Ezekiel secret abominations in Jerusalem's temple while he sat in Babylon. The vision revealed why judgment was necessary and God's departure justified. Archaeological evidence confirms widespread syncretism in pre-exilic Judah. The temple, meant for exclusive Yahweh worship, housed idols and pagan rites. This ultimate profanation necessitated God's departure and the temple's destruction. The pattern repeats when churches abandon biblical faith for worldly accommodation.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What modern church practices might constitute "great abominations" causing God's presence to depart?
2. How does this passage challenge assumptions that God's presence continues regardless of corporate sin?

Interlinear Text

אָלָּי תֵּרֶא אָמֵר

He said H413 **furthermore unto me Son** H1121 **of man** H120 **seest** H7200 **אָמֵר הַתְּرִא הַאֲדָם** H859

H559

מִתְּמִתְּתָה עַשְׁתִּים גְּדוּלֹתָה אֲשֶׁר בַּיּוֹתָה

H4100 **committeth** H6213 **abominations** H8441 **even the great** H1419 **that the house** H1004

H6213

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H1004

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of Israel H3478 **committeth** H6213 **here that I should go far off** H7368 **לְגַדְעָה** H5921

H3478

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H5921

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from my sanctuary H4720 **but turn** H5750 **seest** H7725 **abominations** H8441 **even the great** H1419

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 5:11 (Temple): Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine

abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

Ezekiel 10:19 (References Israel): And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

Ezekiel 8:9 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

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