

# 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

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"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

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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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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אָתָּה הַ	תִּרְאֶה	אֶת־	בֶּן־	אֵלַי יְיָ אָמַר	
<b>seest</b>	<b>of man</b>	<b>Son</b>	<b>furthermore unto me</b>	<b>He said</b>	
H859	H7200	H120	H1121	H559	H413
בֵּית־	אֶשֶׁר	גְּדֻלוֹת־	תּוֹעֵב וְ	עֲשֵׂי־	מִהֶם
<b>that the house</b>	<b>even the great</b>	<b>abominations</b>	<b>committeth</b>		
H1004	H834	H1419	H6213	H8441	H4100
יָמַעַל	לִרְחֹקָה	כֹּה־	עֲשֵׂי־	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לִן־
<b>here that I should go far off</b>	<b>committeth</b>	<b>of Israel</b>			
H5921	H7368	H6311	H6213	H3478	
גְּדֻלוֹת־	תּוֹעֵב וְ	תִּרְאֶה הַ	תָּשׁוּב וְ	מִקְדָּשִׁי	
<b>even the great</b>	<b>abominations</b>	<b>seest</b>	<b>but turn</b>	<b>from my sanctuary</b>	
H1419	H8441	H7200	H7725	H5750	H4720

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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