

## Ezekiel Sees Abominations in the Temple

Ezekiel 8:1-18

And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the month, I was sitting in my house. And the elders of Judah were sitting before me. And the hand of Adonai YAHWEH fell on me there. And I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire, from the appearance of His loins and downward, like fire, and from His loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, like the color of polished bronze.

And He put forth the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem (in the visions of Elohim), to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there was a seat of the image of jealousy, which causes jealousy.

And, behold! The glory of the Elohim of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain. And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way of the north, and, behold, from the north, at the gate of the altar, was this image of jealousy at the entrance. And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But you turn back and you shall see greater abominations.

And He brought me to the opening of the court. And I looked, and, behold, a single hole in the wall. And He said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And I dug in the wall; and, behold, an opening!

And He said to me, Go in and see the evil abominations that they are doing here. And I went in and looked. And, behold, every form of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel were carved on the wall all around.

And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, the son of Shaphan, were standing among them. These were standing among them, and each man with his censer in his hand, and the odor of the cloud of incense rising.

And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, YAHWEH does not see us, YAHWEH has forsaken the earth.

