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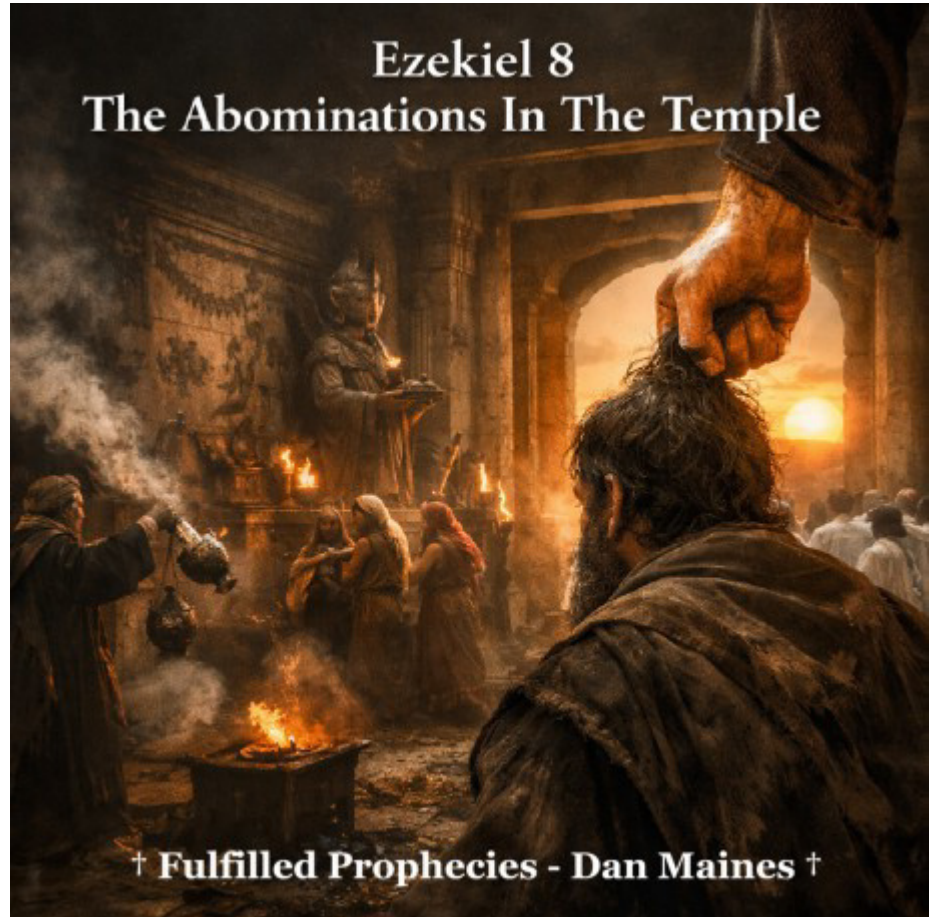
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## Ezekiel 8 The Abominations In The Temple



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### Introduction

† Ezekiel 8 shows us what was really happening inside Jerusalem before its fall, not just outward rebellion, but hidden corruption in the very place God said He would dwell (Ezekiel 8:1-4)

† This chapter pulls back the curtain and reveals that the temple was already spiritually defiled long before judgment came, which explains why the destruction of Jerusalem was not

random but deserved (Ezekiel 8:5-6)

† From the fulfilled perspective, this pattern didn't end in Ezekiel's day, it reached its full measure in the first century when Israel again corrupted God's house, leading to the judgment of AD 70 (Matthew 23:37-38)

## **Ezekiel 8:1**

Now it came about in the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell on me there.

† Ezekiel isn't speaking on his own authority, this is a divine revelation, God Himself is showing him what Israel refuses to see (2 Peter 1:21)

† The presence of the elders shows that leadership was involved, corruption wasn't just among the people, it reached the top (Ezekiel 22:26-28)

## **Ezekiel 8:2-4**

Then I looked, and behold, a figure like the appearance of a man; from His loins and downward there was the appearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance of glowing metal. And He reached out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was located. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

† The same glory of God that once filled the temple is now witnessing its corruption, God's presence doesn't mean approval, it means accountability (Exodus 40:34-35)

† The image of jealousy shows idolatry right at the entrance, Israel replaced God with idols in His own house (Deuteronomy 32:16)

### **Ezekiel 8:5-6**

Then He said to me, Son of man, raise your eyes now toward the north. So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate was this idol 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 committing here, so that I would be far from My sanctuary? But you will see still greater abominations.

† These sins are described as driving God away, not physically, but covenantally, they broke fellowship with Him (Isaiah 59:2)

† Notice the progression, greater abominations are coming, sin always deepens when it's tolerated (James 1:14-15)

### **Ezekiel 8:7-13**

Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. And He said to me, Son of man, dig now through the wall. So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance. And He said to me, Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here. So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around. Standing in front of them were seventy elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising. Then He said to me, Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land. And He said to me, Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are

committing.

† These weren't ignorant people, these were leaders practicing secret idolatry, outward religion while inwardly corrupt (Matthew 23:27)

† They believed God didn't see, this is the deception of sin, thinking hidden things are hidden from God (Psalm 94:7-9)

### **Ezekiel 8:14-15**

Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north, and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz. And He said to me, Do you see this, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these.

† This shows pagan worship fully integrated into Israel, they weren't just drifting, they were adopting foreign gods (Jeremiah 7:18)

† The phrase yet greater shows escalation, sin multiplies when unchecked (Romans 1:21-25)

### **Ezekiel 8:16-18**

Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house. And behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty five men with their backs to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, and they were bowing down to the sun toward the east. And He said to me, Do you see this, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose. Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare, and though they cry out in My ears with a loud voice, yet

I will not listen to them.

† Turning their backs to the temple shows total rejection of God, they literally faced another direction in worship (Jeremiah 2:27)

† Sun worship in the temple was the peak of rebellion, replacing the Creator with creation (Romans 1:25)

† God says He won't hear them, because repentance never came, judgment follows persistent rebellion (Proverbs 1:28-31)

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records that before Jerusalem's destruction, the temple leadership was corrupt and violent, confirming the same pattern Ezekiel saw (Wars of the Jews, Book 4-5)

† Tacitus also noted the internal corruption and chaos among the Jews leading up to AD 70 (Histories 5.12-13)

† Eusebius later records that the destruction of Jerusalem was seen as divine judgment for their rebellion against God and rejection of Christ (Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† God sees what is done in secret, nothing is hidden from Him, and outward appearance doesn't fool Him (Hebrews 4:13)

† Religious activity without truth leads to corruption, just like Israel, people can look faithful but be spiritually dead (2 Timothy 3:5)

† Judgment always follows when people continually reject God, and we've already seen that fulfilled in AD 70, proving God keeps His word (Matthew 24:1-2)

† We aren't called to a physical temple, but to walk in truth, Christ has already fulfilled what the temple pointed to (John 4:21-24)

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** What was the main sin in Ezekiel 8?

**A:** Idolatry inside God's temple, both openly and secretly, Ezekiel 8:5-6, 8:12

**Q:** Who was involved in the corruption?

**A:** The elders and leaders of Israel, Ezekiel 8:11

**Q:** Did they think God saw what they were doing?

**A:** No, they said The LORD does not see us, Ezekiel 8:12

**Q:** What was the result of these abominations?

**A:** God declared judgment and refused to hear their cries, Ezekiel 8:17-18

**Q:** How does this connect to the first century?

**A:** The same corruption existed when Jesus condemned the leaders, leading to Jerusalem's destruction, Matthew 23:27-38

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† Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 4-5; Tacitus, Histories 5.12-13; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5

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