

Ezekiel 8:16-9:7

The third abomination is 25 ____ with their backs facing the altar of the Lord, an overt sign of _____ to the true God, Whose house they were actually in

They faced east because many pagan pantheons worshipped the ____ god foremost, but later, Christians adopted the practice to _____ Christ's coming in the clouds from the east

God tells Ezekiel that these abominations are bad enough, but the people have also interwoven _____ practices along with their idolatry

God is angered by both of these things, but Israel has further added _____ to injury by putting the branch to their nose, probably an idiom for some kind of obscene _____

All these things being done give God no other choice but to exact His _____ on the people, because they have not simply _____ but fallen away completely

God has offered His love to the people many times, but because they _____ every time, God will not listen to their _____, just like Jesus will say I never knew you to those who deny Him

Now we get a break from abominations, in order for there to be justice served in the form of six _____, lined up to deal with the idolaters in the way they deserve

The bronze altar where they gathered was the traditional place for animal sacrifices, unless the evil _____ of Israel pushed the altar into the corner to worship idols, but now it would be the place of God's justice

We are not told who the six executioners might be, but if they are carrying out God's Will, a good guess would be that they are _____, whose sole purpose is to serve God

Six are equipped with weapons of _____, perhaps axes, swords, or a noose, but there is a seventh who only carries a writing case, a box with slots for pen and ink, so that he can _____ the event

After we observe these men, we are redirected to the glory of the Lord, who is leaving His resting place in the holy of holies upon the _____ and just exiting the threshold of the door before he speaks again

He tells the man with the writing case to put a mark on all those who have _____ all of the idols littering the city of Jerusalem, so that the righteous can be identified and grouped together

The man in linen's marking gives the faithful _____, so that when the executioners follow after, they have no trouble deciding who should be put to death and who should be spared

But among those who do not have the mark, there is no _____, no matter how young or how old or if they were men or women, because all kinds had participated in these abominations