Ezekiel 13-14 • Quality, Not Quantity

- (13:1-7) Jeremiah and Ezekiel were not prophets known for executing <u>signs</u> or <u>miracles</u> – they were <u>preachers</u> of God's <u>Word</u>.
- (13:8-11) Just as in Ezekiel's day, the false prophets of every age prophecy <u>peace</u> and <u>error</u> in order to <u>seduce</u> those who are not walking by the <u>Spirit</u> according to God's Word.
- (13:12-16) Our spiritual <u>foundation</u> and every <u>brick</u> of teaching on which we build going forward has to measure up to God's <u>standards</u> in order to pass God's <u>tests</u>.
- (13:17-19) When it comes to the Word of God and true worship, a false prophet will <u>substitute</u> things that are <u>pleasing</u> to the <u>eye</u> and personally gain <u>financially</u> in the process.
- (13:20-23) A major component of every revival, of every judgment of God in the past and to come, is the <u>re-</u> <u>establishment</u> of His <u>Word</u>.
- (14:1-5) No one can be <u>seduced</u> against their will. Embracing a false teaching, false prophet, or substitute god is the <u>NEXT step</u>
 AFTER one has already chosen to follow their own <u>desire</u> and <u>will</u> over God's.

- 7. (14:6-8) Those "deceived" by a false prophet were already deceiving themselves before the false prophet came along. The false prophet merely recognizes the opportunity to exploit what had already begun within each individual.
- 8. (14:9-11) The goal of <u>accountability</u> is personal reconciliation to the Person and service of God with an eye toward remaining spiritually acceptable <u>permanently</u> going forward.
- (14:12-20) When a group is absent of accountability to God's
 Word and ways, it's ultimate destruction is assured. Because
 God judges each heart, the only exceptions will be made on an
 individual basis. To not hold others accountable is to place
 yourself and everyone in the group at risk.
- 10. (14:21-23) A given ministry's goals may be better served by focusing on **guality** rather than **guantity**.