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1 rarely found in the prophetic books, but occas-
 2 ionally occur in the historical books. Thus in
 3 I Sam 10 it is said that Saul met a company of
 4 prophets. I Sam 19 tells of a group of men
 5 popularly called prophets, who met under
 6 Samuel's direction. These two passages will be
 7 discussed further in IV H. Obadiah, the servant
 8 of Ahab, declared that he had saved the lives of
 9 "an hundred men of the Lord's prophets" (I Kings
 10 18:13). Later an unnamed prophet, who brought
 11 Ahab a divine rebuke, was recognized by Ahab as
 12 belonging to the prophetic group (I Kings 20:41).
 13 In view of the great body of evidence of the
 14 unique and individual character of the prophet's
 15 task none of these passages prove that the term
 16 in its fullest sense could be applied to groups
 17 of men.

18 The term "sons of the prophets" occurs seven
 19 times in the OT (aside from the negative state-
 20 ment in Amos 7:14 where Amos declared that he
 21 had not been a prophet's son). All these occur-
 22 rences are found between I Kings 20 and II Kings
 23 9. In Biblical use the term "son" means (1)
 24 male child, (2) descendant (cf. Matt 1:1 "Jesus
 25 Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham"),

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