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The first of these passages is in I Sam 10. 2 Here Samuel says to Saul: "And it shall come to 3 pass, when thou art come thither to the city, 4 that thou shalt meet a company of prophets 5 coming down from the high place with a psaltery, 6 and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before 7 them; and they shall prophesy: And the Spirit 8 of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into 10 another man' (vv.5b-6). The fulfillment of this 11 prediction is described in vv.10-11: "And when 12 they came thither to the hill, behold, a company 13 of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came 14 upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it 15 came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime 16 saw that, behold, he prophesied among the pro-17 phets, then the people said one to another, What 18 is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is 19 Saul also among the prophets?" It is reading a great deal into the passage to 21 say that it describes a group of prophets as 22 singing wildly, dancing like dervishes, or fall-23 ing into a trance. All that is said is that they moved down the hill in a procession, proph-

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