

ground." Thus the statement that all Israel knew that Samuel had become a prophet of the Lord follows the account of God's direct message to Samuel, and of the prediction which Samuel made.

I Sam. 9:9 "Before time in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spoke, come, and let us go unto the seer: for he that is now called a prophet was beforetime called a seer." It is strange that the word Ro<sup>h</sup>eh, which is here indicated to have been the common term for a prophet in early days in Israel, never occurs in that sense in the Bible before the book of Samuel. It is used in that sense a few times later, though these usages are confined to I and II Samuel, I and II Chronicles, and one occurrence in Isaiah. Occasionally also in later times we find Hozeh used in the sense of seer. Thus in II Samuel 24:11 we read "Gad the prophet, the seer of David."