

6- The sons of the prophets surrounding Elisha (2 Kgs 2:3; 9:7).
Called man of God— —Seer— —-Prophet (1 Sam 9:9)

(Divine inspiration was what made a person a prophet, and what caused the prophet to speak out, and what made others listen to the prophet as a legitimate spokesperson for the divine)
They claim or are given backgrounds as varied as shepherd, priest, agriculturalist, scribe.
They spoke in poetry, and some of the poetry that the prophets created is virtually unmatched in world literature.

prophets speak their words in the form of poetic parallelism

Amos 3:7

A- Early prophetic company and prophets

1- The 70 accompanying Moses (Numbers 11:29)

2- Numbers 12:6; Deu 13:1; 18:15-22

3- The Prophet Balaam from the Euphrates

4-Deborah Judges 4:4- Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim

5- unknown prophet- Judges 6:8

B- The unnamed prophet that came to Eli (1 Sam 2:27).

“man of God” (v. 27), the second most common designation for a prophet in the Old Testament (used seventy-one times) common in books of Judges, Samuel, and Kings,

C- The Prophets surrounding Samuel at Ramah Naioth (“house of instruction”) referring to the prophetic assembly within Ramah. This would not be a school where young prophets were instructed but an assembly of prophets

Samuel was born in Ramah (1 Sam. 1:19–20), grew up in Shiloh (v. 24), but after the tabernacle was moved from Shiloh returned to Ramah where he spent most of his adult life (7:17; 25:1).

He is judge, priest, and leader of the group called “the sons of the prophets.”

Nathan, Dan followed Samuel as prophets that were in the kings court

D- The sons of the prophets

sons of the prophets, as in 2 Kings 4:38; 6:1, Elisha who oversees them (2 Kings 9:1)
And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him,
Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:

Location of Prophets (gathering places, communities and schools)

1- Company at Shiloh- The ark and the priest were there (Joshua 18:1; 1 Sam 1:3). The place where the Lord revealed Himself (1 Sam 3:21)

a-Shiloh was on the North side of Bethel, north-central territory of Ephraim, some 27 km. (17 mi.) N of Bethel

Ps 78:58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their graven images. When God heard this, he was wroth, And greatly abhorred Israel: So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent which he placed among men;

Jer. 12:11-12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. (Jer 26:6)

b- Prophets were still there after the divided kingdom 1 Kings 11:29

2- Company of prophets at Ramah 1 Sam 19:20

a- Historic- Judg 4:5 notes that the prophetess Deborah used to sit beneath a palm tree somewhere between Ramah and Bethel

b- The prophets, here appear 1) in an assembly, 2) therein engaged in prophesying, and 3) under the lead of Samuel.

3- Company at Bethel

a-Jacobs encounter with the Lord Gen 31:13; 35:1

N of Jerusalem at the border of Ephraim/Benjamin

b- the Ark was there Judges 20:18,27

c- dwelling place for the sons of the prophets 2 Kings 2:3

d- Jeroboam established worship of a false god there 1 Kings 12:25-33; 12:29

e- One of the places on the circuit of Samuel (1 Sam 7:16)

f- Company of prophets met with Saul 1 Sam 10:3-7

g- Elijah sent there before he was taken up (2 Kings 2:2)

h- Place where Elisha spent time (2 Kings 2:23)

4- Company at Jerusalem (2 Kings 22:44; 23:2; Jeremiah 8:1;13:13)

5- Company in Jordan (2 Kings 6:1-7)

6- Company at Gilgal 2 Kings 4:38

a- One of the places on the circuit of Samuel (1 Sam 7:16)

b- Meeting place with Saul where Samuel offered sacrifice (1 Sam 10:8)

c- became another center of idolatry (center for sacrifices (Hos. 4:15; 9:15; 12:11 [MT 12]; Amos 4:4; 5:5)

7- Company at Gibeon 1 Chronicles 16:37-42; 1 Kings 3:2-5; 2 Chronc 1:3,13

So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness 2 Chronc 1:3

Prophets from the Priesthood

a- Ezekiel, Jeremiah, maybe Zachariah (the son of Iddo the prophet who may have also been a priest Zachariah 1:1 (Jeremiah 1:1; Ezekiel 1:3);

Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them. Ezz 5:1).*** **possible clue**

b- Herdsman, Royal Family, Priesthood, sons of prophets

c-1 Chron 25 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:

Continues on even after the exile is complete Ezra 2:41; 3:10; Neh 7:44; 11:17; 12:36,45

Missing literary Prophet

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30 And 2 Ch 9:29–30).

**Moses and the 70
first prophetic company**

**Instruction to the people
concerning prophets
Num. 12:6;Deu 13:1;18:15**

Balaam

Deborah

unnamed prophet

**unnamed prophet
comes to**

Shiloh

Ramah

Bethel

Gilgal

Gibeon

Jordan

Jerusalem

Samuel

**company of prophets
met Saul**

Samuel

NATHAN, DAN

**Company of prophets
under Samuel at Ramah**

Solomons dream/ ark

**Asaph, Nemaan,
Jeduthun and families**

Ahijah 1 Kings 11:29

Elisha

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