

“Sons of the Prophets” as a Group

- Collected in bands or schools
- In specific localities
- Under a master prophet or teacher—(Samuel,) Elijah, Elisha
- With specialized instruction
- Sharing a communal life
- Wearing a tonsure?
- Possibly with a mark or tattoo at the “3rd eye”

Pattern & Prototype: Elijah

- Key Text: *1 Kings 19*
- Return to the desert
 - To reenact the Exodus
 - To reenact Sinai
- Desert Disciplines
 - Solitude
 - Silence
 - Prayer
- The “Saving Remnant”
- *But...* Political engagement

The Mission

- To renew Israel’s Covenant with *YHWH*
- To recall Israel to Covenant faithfulness
- To repristinate Israelite religious life