

Prophets

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p. 186 Probably, then, Israel borrowed ecstatic prophecy from the Canaanite environment, as she did so much else. But in this case too, what was borrowed was transformed. To be sure, there are certain external similarities between the Baal prophets, like those on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18), and the Israelite prophets of the early monarchy. . . .

p. 187 But these are superficial similarities. The real difference between the Yahweh prophets and the Canaanite prophets was that the former were active primarily in the political sphere. They were not soothsayers or clairvoyants, but spokesmen of Yahweh in the arena of history.