

「しるし」としての預言（民数記 11:24-30）
— 聖書神学的考察 —

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ABSTRACT Nobuyoshi KIUCHI, "Prophecy as a Sign (Num 11:24-30) - A Biblical- theological Consideration". Seventy (or seventy two including Eldad and Medad) elders were distributed the spirit of God that Moses had and they prophesied (*hitnabbē*). The mode of the prophesy, which is often taken as common to that of Saul, appears to have affected some translations (e.g., IPS 'spoke in ecstasy').

This study examines anew the use of *nb' hithpa.* and finds that the term used in this pericope has, as in many other occurrences of the term, close connection with the word *ru^ah* and indicates a discernible appearance of the spirit of the Lord. It also points out that apparently Moses himself made no distinction about prophesy in terms of its mode, i.e., whether the prophesy is in intelligible words or performed in ecstasy.

In view of the mode of the prophesying and its purpose the prophesying of the elders is similar to tongue-speaking, about which St. Paul expounds in detail in I Cor. 14. It is suggested therefore that the prophesying of the elders was in fact tongue-speaking, and that it has no connection with ecstasy.