"Son" in the Scriptures

The term "son" occurs in both OT and NT in relation to humanity, ancestry, but also used in other ways…

Other than 1st generation sons:

sons of Benjamin (= Benjamites, etc) - Num 2:22
sons of Israel (=Israelites) - Deut 23:17
sons of David (=descendants of King David) - 2 Chron 13:8;
sons of Adam (=humans) - Deut 32:8

Characteristics:

sons of the mighty (= mighty people) - Ps 89:6
son of wickedness (= wicked people) - Ps 89:22
son of the morning (= Lucifer, bright & shining)- Is 14:12
sons of the sorceress (= those involved in idolatry) - Is 57:3
sons of the stranger (= Gentiles) - Is 56:36; 60:10; 61:5; 62:8
sons of Zion (= Jews not in their homeland) - Lam 4:2
son of peace (= peaceful person)- Luke 10:6
[son] of your father the devil (= people performing similar deeds to those the devil does)- John 8:44

"Son" is used as…
- a relative term to "Father" (or parent / ancestor)
- a characteristic of a person in a more figurative sense
- a son is one who has an affinity with a characteristic, or another person such as ancestor

The term "son of God" illustrates, not only did Christ come from God, but that He was God-like, and indeed God Himself.