

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Revd Professor Iain William Provan. M.A., B.A., Ph.D

1. Education and Qualifications

- 1982–86 University of Cambridge, UK: Ph.D for a thesis entitled “The David and *Bamoth* Themes of the Books of Kings: A Key to the Redactional Development of Kings and of the Deuteronomistic History.” *Supervisor*: Professor H. G. M. Williamson. *Examiners*: Professor A. D. H. Mayes and Professor G. I. Davies.
- 1977–80 London School of Theology, UK: B.A. with First Class Honours in Theology.
- 1974–77 University of Glasgow, UK: M.A. in Mediaeval History and Archaeology.

2. Appointments

- 1997–2022 Marshall Sheppard Professor of Biblical Studies, Regent College, Vancouver.
- 1995–97 Senior Lecturer in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies, University of Edinburgh.
- 1989–95 Lecturer in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies, University of Edinburgh.
- 1988–89 Post-Doctoral University Fellowship, University of Wales.
- 1986–88 Lecturer in Biblical Studies, King’s College London.
- 1980–82 Church Assistant, Chiltern Church, Sutton, Surrey.

3. Publications

Books

- 2023 *Cuckoos in our Nest: Truth and Lies about Being Human*. Eugene: Cascade Books, pp. x+245.
- 2023 *1 and 2 Kings: A Reader’s Guide*. Vancouver: Regent College. Reprint of *1 & 2 Kings*. (Old Testament Guides; Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1997).
- 2020 *Seeking What is Right: The Old Testament and the Good Life*. Waco: Baylor University Press, pp. xii+488.
- 2017 *The Reformation and the Right Reading of Scripture*. Waco: Baylor University Press, pp. xii+712. Word Guild Award (Canada) 2018 for the best book published in biblical studies.
- 2016b *Discovering Genesis: Content, Interpretation, Reception*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, pp. ix+214.
- 2016a *Lamentations*. Vancouver: Regent College, pp. xviii+140. This was formerly in the New Century Bible Commentary series (London: Marshall Pickering, 1991). Japanese translation 2016.

- 2015b *A Biblical History of Israel*, co-authored with V. P. Long and T. Longman III. 2nd ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, pp. xxv+486.
- 2015a *Against the Grain: Selected Essays*. Edited by Stacey L. Van Dyk. Vancouver: Regent Publishing, pp. xvi+562.
- 2014 *Seriously Dangerous Religion: What the Old Testament Really Says, and Why It Matters*. Waco: Baylor University Press, pp. x+502. Winner of the 2016 R. B. Y. Scott Award (Canadian Society of Biblical Studies), recognizing an outstanding book in the areas of Hebrew Bible and/or the Ancient Near East.
- 2013 *Convenient Myths: The Axial Age, Dark Green Religion, and the World That Never Was*. Waco: Baylor University Press, pp. xii+159.
- 2012 *Let Us Go Up To Zion: Essays In Honour of H. G. M. Williamson on the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*, co-edited with Mark Boda. VTSup 153. Leiden: Brill, pp. xxxix+515.
- 2003 *A Biblical History of Israel*, co-authored with V. P. Long and T. Longman III. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, pp. xiv+426. Winner of the 2005 Biblical Archaeology Society prize for the best popular book on archaeology. Chinese translation 2010; Korean translation 2013; Portuguese translation 2016.
- 2001 *Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, pp. 399.
- 1997 *1 & 2 Kings*. Old Testament Guides. Sheffield: JSOT Press, pp. 125. Chinese translation 2003.
- 1995 *1 & 2 Kings*, Understanding the Bible. Grand Rapids: Baker, pp. xiv+305. Korean translation 2017.
- 1988 *Hezekiah and the Books of Kings*. BZAW 172. Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. xiii+218.

Contributions to Books

- 2023c “Jerusalem, Babylon, and Rome: A Tale of Three Cities (and More).” Pages 129-142 in *Who is Sitting on Which Beast? Interpretative Issues in the Book of Revelation. Proceedings of the International Conference held at Loyola University, Chicago, March 30-31, 2017*. Edited by E. F. Lupieri and L. Painchaud. JAOC 29. Turnhout: Brepols.
- 2023b “First and Second Kings.” Pages TBD-TBD in *Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. Edited by G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, B. L. Gladd, and A. D. Naselli. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.
- 2022a “On Refusing to be Persons: Hannah Arendt in Christian Perspective.” Pages 120-37 in *Offering the Light: Essays in Honour of Philip E. Satterthwaite on the Occasion of his*

- Retirement. Edited by Tze-Ming Quek, Kiem-Kiok Kwa, and Wen-Pin Leow. Singapore: Graceworks.
- 2022b “Scripture in Three Dimensions: Confessions of an Erstwhile Flat Reader.” Pages 85-104 in *It’s About Life: The Formative Power of Scripture*. Festschrift for Rikk E. Watts. Edited by B. Bell, J. Coutts, J. Lee, and J. Nickel. Vancouver: Regent College.
- 2022a “Before Moses: Genesis among the Christians.” Pages 341-60 in *The Cambridge Companion to Genesis*. Edited by B. T. Arnold. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2021c “Will the Goof Prevail? The Hermeneutics of Textual Criticism.” Pages 23-35 in *Hearing and Doing the Word: The Drama of Evangelical Hermeneutics in Honor of Kevin J. Vanhooser*. Edited by D. J. Treier and D. A. Sweeney. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
- 2021b “It’s All Going to Burn: Holy Scripture, our ‘Environment’, and Climate Change. Pages 61-82 in *Scripture, Scholarship and the People of God: Essays in Honour of Sven K. Soderlund*. Edited by S. Rochester and J. Lee. Vancouver: Regent College.
- 2021a “Wisdom for Animals and the Cosmos: The Psalms and ‘Anthropocentric Religion.’” Pages 99-113 in *Biblical Wisdom, Then and Now*. Festschrift for Kenneth J. Kuntz. Edited by F. Flannery and N. Roddy. London: Routledge.
- 2020 “Song of Solomon,” in *Lexham Context Commentary: Old Testament* (Bellingham, WA: 2019).
- 2019b “An Ambivalent Hero: Elijah in Narrative-Critical Perspective.” Pages 136-51 in *Character and Characterization in 1 and 2 Kings*. Edited by K. Bodner and B. Johnson. LHOTS 670. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
- 2019a “On Eschewing the Labyrinths: Why Protestants should not Resurrect the ‘Spiritual Reading’ of Scripture.” Pages 77-97 in *Reforming the Catholic Tradition: The Whole Word for the Whole Church*. Edited by J. Minich. Lincoln: Davenant Press.
- 2018 “Moses as Man of God.” Pages 21-35 in *Sources of the Christian Self: A Cultural History of Christian Identity*. Edited by J. M. Houston and J. Zimmerman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2013 “Qoheleth for Today.” Pages 401–416 in *The Words of the Wise are like Goats: Engaging Qoheleth in the 21st Century*. Edited by M. Boda, T. Longman III and C. Rata. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns.
- 2012c “Pain in Childbirth? Further Thoughts on ‘An Attractive Fragment’ (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).” Pages 285–296 in *Let Us Go Up To Zion: Essays In Honour of H.G.M. Williamson on*

- the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Supplements to Vetus Testamentum 153. Edited by Iain Provan and Mark Boda. Leiden: Brill.
- 2012b “Hearing the Historical Books.” Pages 254–276 in *Hearing the Old Testament: Listening for God’s Address*. Edited by C. G. Bartholomew and D. J. H. Beldman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2012a “The Land is Mine and You are Only Tenants: Earth-Keeping and People-Keeping in the Old Testament.” Pages 33–50 in *Many Heavens, One Earth: Readings on Religion and the Environment*. Edited by C. C. Cain. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books.
- 2011 “‘Who is the Prophet Talking About, Himself or Someone Else?’ (Acts 8:34): A Response to Lester Grabbe’s Review of *A Biblical History of Israel*.” Pages 235–52 in *Enquire of the Former Age: Ancient Historiography and Writing the History of Israel*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies Series (European Seminar in Historical Methodology 9). Edited by L. L. Grabbe. London: T&T Clark.
- 2010 “1–2 Kings.” Pages 215–238 in *The New Interpreter’s Bible One Volume Commentary*. Edited by D. L. Petersen and B. R. Gaventa. Nashville: Abingdon.
- 2009 “2 Kings.” Pages 110–219 in vol. 3 of *The Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*. Edited by J. Walton. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- 2008 “1–2 Kings.” *ESV Study Bible*, Wheaton, IL: Crossway.
- 2003b “Daniel.” Pages 665–675 in the *Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible*. Edited by J. W. Rogerson and J. D. G. Dunn. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2003a “Knowing and Believing: Faith in the Past.” Pages 229–266 in *‘Behind’ The Text: History and Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by C. Bartholomew et al. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- 2001 “1 and 2 Kings.” Pages 487–575 in *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*. 3rd ed. Edited by M. D. Coogan. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2000d “In the Stable with the Dwarves: Testimony, Interpretation, Faith and the History of Israel.” Pages 281–319 in *Congress Volume: Oslo 1998*. Papers of the 16th Congress of the International Organisation of the Societies for Old Testament Study. Edited by A. Lemaire and M. Sæbø. Leiden: Brill.
- 2000c “On ‘Seeing’ the Trees While Missing the Forest: The Wisdom of Characters and Readers in 2 Samuel and 1 Kings.” Pages 153–173 in *In Search of True Wisdom: Essays in Old Testament Interpretation in Honour of Ronald E. Clements*. JSOTSup 300. Edited by E. Ball. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press.

- 2000b “The Terrors of the Night: Love, Sex and Power in Song of Songs 3.” Pages 150–167 in *The Way of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Bruce K. Waltke*. Edited by J. I. Packer and S. K. Soderlund. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- 2000a “Kings,” “Solomon” and “Elisha.” Pages 183–188, 788–789, and 456–458 in the *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Edited by D. Alexander et al. Leicester: IVP.
- 1998c “The Historical Books of the Old Testament.” Pages 198–211 in *The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by J. Barton. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 1998b “War and Warfare,” “The Kings of Israel and Judah” and “Josiah.” Pages 88–89, 134–135, and 144–145 in *The Complete Bible Handbook: An Illustrated Companion*. Edited by J. Bowker. Willowdale, ON: Firefly Books.
- 1998a “Babylon,” and “Nineveh.” Pages 68–69 and 595–596 in the *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*. Edited by L. Ryken, J. Wilhoit and T. Longman III. Downers Grove: InterVarsity.
- 1997 “Hezekiah” and “Kings (1 and 2): Theology of.” Pages 703–707 and 846–855 in vol. 4 of the *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. Edited by W. A. VanGemeren. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- 1995 “The Messiah in the Book of Kings.” Pages 67–85 in *The Lord’s Anointed: Interpretation of Old Testament Messianic Texts*. Edited by P. E. Satterthwaite, R. S. Hess, and G. J. Wenham. Carlisle: Paternoster/Baker Academic.
- 1990 “Kings” and “Lamentations.” Pages 377–379 and 382–383 in *A Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by R. J. Coggins and J. L. Houlden. London: SCM Press.

Journal Articles

- 2020 “The Emperor’s New Clothes: Constantine as Old Testament Hero.” *Cruce* 56/4: 22–34.
- 2020 “Sports and Me,” *Cruce* 56/2: 22–23.
- 2018 “On Rightly Hitching our Wagons.” *Christian Post*, May 18, 2018 (<https://www.christianpost.com/voice/on-rightly-hitching-our-wagons-a-response-to-andy-stanley.html>).
- 2017 “Five Hundred Years Later: The Clarity of Scripture Reassessed,” *Cruce* 53/2: 27–36.
- 2017 “Did Luther Nail It? The Reformation and the Right Reading of Scripture,” *Regent World* 29/2 (<https://world.regent-college.edu/leading-ideas/did-luther-nail-it>).
- 2017 “Discovering Genesis,” *The Ancient Near East Today* 5/6

- (<http://www.asor.org/onetoday/2017/06/discovering-genesis>).
- 2017 “And Finally ... On Saving our Bacon(s),” *Expository Times* 128: 311.
- 2016 “On Bringing Home the Bacons: Reflections on Science, Faith, and Scripture.” *Ex Auditu* 32: 1-21.
- 2015 “*Seriously Dangerous Religion: A Response*” *Syndicate* 2/5: 71-83.
- 2015 “Faith in the Public Square?” *Policy Options* 36/4: 20-23.
- 2014 “The Violent Legacy of Monotheism? Truths, Half-Truths, and Downright Lies about Religion and Culture.” *Bible and Interpretation*
(<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/03/pro388006.shtml>).
- 2013c “The Violent Legacy of Monotheism? Truths, Half-Truths, and Downright Lies about Religion and Culture.” *Cruce* 49/3: 29-38.
- 2013b “The Tea Party, The Taliban, and the Temptations of Power: Which Kind of Society is ‘Biblical’?” *Cruce* 49/2:2-12.
- 2013a “The Eclipse of Biblical Narrative, 1648–2013: How Did We Get Here And What Are We To Do?” *Virtue Online: The Voice for Global Orthodox Anglicanism*, <http://www.virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=17355#UU96zlfzuzc>.
- 2012 “Response to J. Todd Billings, ‘The Historical Sense, Spiritual Interpretation, and Fulfilment in Christ: On Avoiding the Eclipse of the Old Testament Narrative.’” *Cruce* 48 /2: 12–15.
- 2008 “‘Unscripted, Anxious Stutterers’: Why We Need Old Testament (Hi)story.” Co-authored with Loren Wilkinson. *Sapientia Logos* 1: 12–36.
- 2007 “How Can I Understand, Unless Someone Explains It to Me?” (Acts 8:30–31): Evangelicals and Biblical Hermeneutics.” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 17: 1–36.
- 2006b “The Land is Mine and You are Only Tenants (Leviticus 25:23): Earth-Keeping and People-Keeping in the Old Testament.” *Cruce* 42/3: 3–16.
- 2006a “Literary Competence and Biblical Authority.” *Word and World* 26: 375–382.
- 2003c “God’s Promises, God’s Story.” *In Courage* 16/3: 4–6.
- 2003b “(Perhaps the) Last Comments on the Davies–Dever Exchange.” *Bible and Interpretation*
(http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/Last_comments.htm)
- 2003a “Pyrrhon, Pyrrhus and the Possibility of the Past: A Response to David Henige.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 27: 413–437.
- 2002 “‘All These I Have Kept Since I Was A Boy’ (Luke 18:21): Creation, Covenant, and the Commandments of God.” *Ex Auditu* 17: 31–59.

- 2001c “Creation and Holistic Ministry: A Study of Genesis 1:1-2:3.” *Evangelical Review of Theology* 25: 292–303.
- 2001b “Holistic Ministry,” *Cruce* 37/2: 22–30.
- 2001a “The Circle of Life,” *Cruce* 37/1: 12–16.
- 2000 “To Highlight All our Idols: Worshipping God in Nietzsche’s World.” *Ex Auditu* 15: 19–38.
- 1997b “The End of (Israel’s) History? A Review Article on K. W. Whitelam’s *The Invention of Ancient Israel*.” *Journal of Semitic Studies* 42: 283–300.
- 1997a “Canons to the Left of Him: Brevard Childs, his Critics, and the Future of Old Testament Theology.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 50: 1–38.
- 1996 “Foul Spirits, Fornication and Finance: Revelation 18 from an Old Testament Perspective.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 64: 81–100.
- 1995b “Ideologies, Literary and Critical: Reflections on Recent Writing on the History of Israel.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 114: 585–606.
- 1995a “Why Barzillai of Gilead (1 Kings 2:7)? Narrative Art and the Hermeneutics of Suspicion in 1 Kings 1–2.” *Tyndale Bulletin* 46: 103–116.
- 1991 “Past, Present and Future in Lamentations 3:52–66: The Case for a ‘Precative Perfect’ Re-examined.” *Vetus Testamentum* 41: 164–175.
- 1990b “Feasts, Booths and Gardens (Thr 2,6a).” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 102: 254–255.
- 1990a “Reading Texts against an Historical Background: The Case of Lamentations 1.” *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 4: 130–143.

4. Awards and Honors

- 2022 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship.
- 2019 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship.
- 2015 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship.
- 2012 Lilly Foundation (U.S.A.) Theological Research Grant.
- 2012 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship.
- 1996 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship.
- 1993 Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge.
- 1993 Visiting Fellowship, Clare Hall, Cambridge.
- 1988 Postdoctoral University Fellowship, University of Wales

5. Invited Conference Papers and Lectures / Lecture Series

- 2020 “The ‘environment’, climate change, and Covid-19: An opportunity for serious reflection.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2019 “Back to the future: A response to Craig Carter’s, *Interpreting Scripture with the Great Tradition*.” Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, USA.
- 2019 “The emperor’s new clothes: Constantine as Old Testament hero.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2018 “On eschewing the labyrinths: Why Protestants should not resurrect the ‘spiritual reading’ of Scripture.” Davenant Institute, Denver, USA.
- 2017c “‘Become a text critic’: The Reformation and the right reading of Scripture.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Baylor University, Waco, USA.
- 2017b “‘Jerusalem, Babylon, and Rome: A tale of three cities.’ Conference: Who Is Sitting on Which Beast? Interpretive Issues in the Book of Revelation. Loyola University, Chicago, USA.
- 2017a “Seriously literal interpretation: The Reformation and the right reading of Scripture.” Laing Lecture, London School of Theology, London, UK.
- 2016e “The literal, the spiritual, and the plain confusing: Reflections on Protestant biblical interpretation.” Keynote address, Canadian Evangelical Theological Association.
- 2016d The Lund Lectures, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, USA.
- 2016c “On bringing home the Bacons: Reflections on science, faith, and Scripture.” North Park Symposium, Chicago, USA.
- 2016b “Pain in childbirth? Further thoughts on ‘an attractive fragment’ (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).” Fellowship of Biblical Studies, Sydney, Australia.
- 2016a “Chicken or egg? Scripture, canon, and the rule of faith in the early Church.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2015 “A fundamental repentance: Moses and the beginnings of biblical faith.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2014c “The violent legacy of monotheism? Truths, half-truths, and downright lies about religion and culture.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2014b “Religion and the care of the earth: Two common beliefs critically appraised.” Humboldt Association of Canada Kolleg, Banff, Canada.

- 2014a “Seriously dangerous religion? The importance of the Old Testament for human rights.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2013c “Whassup? The war of myths and the mission of the Church.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2013b “Which kind of society is ‘biblical’? Reflections on a gradualist God.” Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, Victoria, Canada.
- 2013a “The Tea Party, the Taliban, and the temptations of power.” Regent College public lecture, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2010 “Resources.” God and the Global Economy: Protestant Responses to *Caritas in Veritate*, Regent College Marketplace Institute/Cardus Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2007b Respondent to Professor Nicholas Wolterstorff’s three lectures on “Love and Justice.” Regent College Laing Lectures, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2007a “Creating wealth and the created world: The Christian call to stewardship and reconciliation.” Regent College Marketplace Institute/A Rocha Canada Conference on Business and the Environment, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2006b “The land is mine and you are only tenants (Leviticus 25:23): Earth-keeping and people-keeping in the Old Testament.” Keeping Earth in Common: A Just Faith for a Whole World, Regent College/A Rocha Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2006a The Lamplighters Lectures, Bay Area Theological Library, San Francisco, USA.
- 2004b “Teaching Old Testament narrative.” Northwest Christian Schools International/Christian Teachers’ Association of BC Convention, Langley, Canada.
- 2004a “How can I understand, unless someone explains it to me?” (Acts 8:30–31): The Evangelical and Biblical Hermeneutics,” International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches Theology Conference, Yelm, USA.
- 2002 “Knowing and believing: Faith in the past.” Scripture and Hermeneutics Project Meeting, Boston, USA.
- 2001b The Lund Lectures, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, USA.
- 2001a “All these I have kept since I was a boy’ (Luke 18:21): Creation, covenant, and the commandments of God.” North Park Symposium, Chicago, USA.
- 1999 “To highlight all our idols: Worshipping God in Nietzsche’s world.” North Park Symposium, Chicago, USA.

- 1998 “In the stable with the dwarves: Testimony, interpretation, faith and the history of Israel.” 16th Congress of the International Organisation of the Societies for Old Testament Study, Oslo, Norway.
- 1997 “On ‘seeing’ the trees while missing the forest: The wisdom of characters and readers in 2 Samuel and 1 Kings.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA.
- 1995c “Revelation 18: An Old Testament perspective.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA.
- 1995b “Canons to the left of him: Brevard Childs, his critics, and the future of Old Testament theology.” Bible and Theology Conference, King’s College, London, UK.
- 1995a “Christian interpretation of the Old Testament.” Scripture, Theology, and Society Annual Meeting, Oxford, UK.
- 1994b “Ideologies, literary and critical: Reflections on some of the newer histories of Israel.” Society for Old Testament Study Summer Meeting, Edinburgh, UK.
- 1994a “Christocentricity and Scripture.” Scripture, Theology, and Society Annual Meeting, Oxford, UK.
- 1993 “Will the goof prevail? Science and art in the textual criticism of the Psalter and Lamentations.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA.
- 1990 “On avoiding Scylla and Charybdis: Recent research on the composition of the books of Kings.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA.
- 1989c “Past, present and future in Lamentations 3:52–66: The case for a ‘precativ perfect’ re-examined.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Anaheim, USA.
- 1989b “Reading texts against an historical background: The case of Lamentations 1.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 1989a “Past, present and future in Lamentations 3:52–66: The case for a ‘precativ perfect’ re-examined.” Society for Old Testament Study Summer Meeting, Sheffield, UK.