

Iain Provan: Biography

Iain Provan has been the Marshall Sheppard Professor of Biblical Studies at Regent College since 1997. He was born and educated in the U.K. and retains strong family, academic and church connections with his homeland. He received his MA at Glasgow University in Mediaeval History and Archaeology in 1977; his BA from London Bible College in Theology in 1980; and his PhD from Cambridge in 1987. His thesis focused on the books of Kings, and was subsequently published (1988) as *Hezekiah and the Books of Kings* in the Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft series. His subsequent academic teaching career took him to King's College London as a Lecturer in Biblical Studies (1986-1988); to the University of Wales (1988-1989) as a University Fellow; and then to the University of Edinburgh as first a lecturer (1989-1995) and then a senior lecturer (1995-1997) in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies. He has written numerous essays and articles, and several books: *Lamentations* (New Century Bible Commentary, 1991); *1 and 2 Kings* (New International Biblical Commentary, 1995); *1&2 Kings* (Old Testament Guides, 1997); *Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs* (NIV Application Commentary, 2001); *Convenient Myths* (2013); *Seriously Dangerous Religion* (2014); *Against the Grain* (2015); *Discovering Genesis* (2015); and (co-authored with Phil Long and Tremper Longman) *A Biblical History of Israel* (second edition, 2015). He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland; a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge (since 1993); and the recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship in Germany (ongoing since 1996). He and his wife Lynette have four grown-up children. Iain is also a qualified Provincial B Licence soccer coach (BC) and ARA rowing coach (UK). His main hobby is currently fly-fishing.