

Curriculum Vitae for

V. Philips Long

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PERSONAL DATA:

Birth: March 15, 1951

Citizenship: USA and Canada

Spouse: Paula T. Long, 1973-present

Children: Philip (June 27, 1976), Taylor (February 21, 1979), Andrea (May 5, 1983), Duncan (December 20, 1985).

CURRENT POSITION:

Professor of Old Testament, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS:

Ordained 1986 as Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church in America

EDUCATION:

Degrees:

Ph.D. 1987 in Old Testament University of Cambridge, England

M.Div. 1977 (*summa cum laude*) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

B.S. 1973 (*cum laude*; double major) Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

Non-degree studies:

1983 (Autumn) The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1979-81 (part-time) University of Heidelberg, West Germany: Akkadian, Aramaic

1977-78 *Das Goethe Institut*, Boppard, West Germany: German language

LANGUAGES (languages I have taught are marked with an asterisk):

Ancient:

*Hebrew, *Greek, Akkadian, Aramaic, Syriac, Latin, Ugaritic

Modern:

*German, French, Modern Hebrew, Dutch, Afrikaans, Italian, Spanish

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2000-present Regent College, Vancouver

1986-2000 Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis

1978-81 Dozent (lecturer) in Greek, Hebrew, and O.T. Exegesis at the *Freie Theologische Akademie*, now in Gießen, Germany

SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES:

Society of Biblical Literature

Institute for Biblical Research (have served on the executive committee)

Evangelical Theological Society

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

SELECTED HONORS:

Purvis Scholarship, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Overseas Research Student Award, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the U.K.

Tyndale House Research Grant, Cambridge

Byington Fellow in Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

National Merit Scholar

PUBLICATIONS (in *descending* chronological order within categories):

Forthcoming:

First and Second Samuel, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Nottingham, England; Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2020 or 2021).

Books (or book-length works) in descending chronological order:

A Biblical History of Israel, 2nd ed. (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 2015). (Co-authored with I. Provan and T. Longman III. My contribution to the second edition included c. 20,000 words of new material.)

“1 Samuel,” in *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: Old Testament*, ed. J. H. Walton (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009), 2: 266–411.

“2 Samuel,” in *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: Old Testament*, ed. J. H. Walton (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009), 2: 412–491.

A Biblical History of Israel (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, September 2003). (Co-authored with I. Provan and T. Longman III.)

Windows into Old Testament History (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002). (Co-edited with D. W. Baker and G. J. Wenham.)

Israel's Past in Present Research: Essays on Ancient Israelite Historiography, Sources for Biblical and Theological Study 7 (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1999). (I selected, compiled and edited the 36 essays in this anthology and added c. 25,000 words of introduction and analysis, including a final essay.)

The Art of Biblical History, Foundations of Contemporary Interpretation 5 (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994).

The Reign and Rejection of King Saul: A Case for Literary and Theological Coherence (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1989).

Book sections in descending chronological order:

“Abraham: Friend of God, Father of the Faithful,” in *Sources of the Christian Self: A Cultural History of Christian Identity*, ed. J. M. Houston, and J. Zimmermann (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018), 3–20.

“‘Competing Histories, Competing Theologies’: Reflections on the Unity and Diversity of the Old Testament(’s Readers),” in *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures*, ed. D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016), 362–388.

“Nahum (Introduction and Commentary),” in *NIV Zondervan Study Bible*, ed. D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015), 1820–1829.

“1–2 Samuel (Introduction and Commentary),” in *Gospel Transformation Bible*, ed. B. Chapell (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013, 2018).

“Law and Political Order: Israel’s Constitutional History,” in *Law and the Bible: Justice, Mercy and Legal Institutions*, ed. R. F. Cochran Jr and D. VanDrunen, 49–79 (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013). (Co-authored with W. S. Brewbaker III.)

- “On the Coherence of the Third Dialogic Cycle in the Book of Job,” in *Studies on the Text and Versions of the Hebrew Bible in Honour of Robert Gordon*, ed. G. Khan, and D. Lipton (SVT 149; Leiden: Brill, 2012), 113–135.
- “‘Who is the Prophet Talking About, Himself Or Someone Else?’ (Acts 8:34): A Response to Lester Grabbe’s Review,” in *Enquire of the Former Age: Ancient Historiography and Writing the History of Israel*, ed. L. L. Grabbe (London/New York: T. & T. Clark, 2011), 235–252. (Joint response with Provan and Longman. Provan wrote the draft.)
- “Introduction and Commentary to Joshua,” in *ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2008), 389–431.
- “Introduction and Commentary to 1 and 2 Samuel,” in *Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible*, ed. Richard L. Pratt (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003), 389–490.
- “Reading the Old Testament as Literature,” in *Interpreting the Old Testament: A Guide for Exegesis*, ed. Craig Broyles (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001), 85–123.
- “Historiography of the Old Testament,” in *The Face of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Contemporary Approaches*, ed. D. W. Baker and B. T. Arnold (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999), 145–75.
- “The Future of Israel’s Past: Personal Reflections,” in *Israel’s Past in Present Research: Essays on Ancient Israelite Historiography*, ed. V. P. Long (Sources for Biblical and Theological Study 7; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1999), 580–592.
- “One Man Among a Thousand, But Not a Woman Among Them All: A note on the use of *māṣā’* in Ecclesiastes vii 28,” in *“Lasset uns Brücken bauen...”: Collected Communications to the XVth Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Cambridge 1995*, ed. Klaus-Dietrich Schunk and Matthias Augustin, Beiträge zur Erforschung des Alten Testaments und des antiken Judentums (Frankfurt am Main/Berlin/Bern/New York/Paris/Wien: Peter Lang, 1998), 101–109.
- “Old Testament History: A Hermeneutical Perspective,” in *A Guide to Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, ed. Willem A. VanGemeren (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999), 83–99. Reprinted from *NIDOTTE*, 1997 (see below).
- “Old Testament History: A Hermeneutical Perspective,” in *The New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, ed. W. VanGemeren (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997), 73–89. Contributed also articles on “Gibeah, Benjamin” and “Saul, King of Israel.”
- “Introduction and Commentary to 1 and 2 Samuel,” in *New Geneva Study Bible*, ed. R. C. Sproul (Nashville: Nelson, 1995), 374–466.
- Articles on “Saul,” “Jonathan,” “Michal,” “Mephibosheth,” and “Kingship” in P. Gardner, ed., *The Complete Who’s Who in the Bible* (London: Marshall Pickering [an Imprint of HarperCollins], 1995).
- “How Did Saul Become King? Literary Reading and Historical Reconstruction,” in *Faith, Tradition & History*, ed. A. R. Millard, J. K. Hoffmeier, and D. W. Baker (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1994), 271–284.
- “First and Second Samuel,” in *A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible*, ed. Leland Ryken and Tremper III Longman (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993), 165–181.

Editorship:

Editor in chief of *Presbyterion: Covenant Seminary Review* from Autumn 1992 to 1998.

Translation work:

German to English

J. A. Soggin, “History as Confession of Faith—History as Object of Scholarly Research” [orig. “Geschichte als Glaubensbekenntnis — Geschichte als Gegenstand wissenschaftlicher

Forschung," *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 110, no. 3 (1985): 162-172], in V. P. Long, ed., *Israel's Past in Present Research: Essays on Ancient Israelite Historiography*, Sources for Biblical and Theological Study 7 (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1999).

I also reviewed and extensively corrected four other German essays, one French essay and one Spanish essay in the above volume.

Rykle Borger, "The Incantation Series *Bit Meseri* and the Ascension of Enoch," in R. S. Hess and D. T. Tsumura, eds., "*I Studied Inscriptions from before the Flood*": *Ancient Near Eastern, Literary, and Linguistic Approaches to Genesis 1–11*, Sources for Biblical and Theological Study 4 (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1994).

Bible translation committee work

New Living Translation (translator; Tyndale)

The Message (exegetical consultant; IVP)

English Standard Version (exegetical consultant; Crossway)

Journal and Magazine Articles:

"Irenaeus, Scripture, and the 'Rule of Truth': Of Kings, Foxes, and Mosaics," *CRUX* 54 no. 2 (2018): 13-25.

"Conservative Scholarship—Critical Scholarship: Can We Talk?" *The Bible and Interpretation* 2005. <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2005/03/lon298001.shtml> (accessed March 22, 2019).

"Renewing Conversations: Doing Scholarship in an Age of Skepticism, Accommodation, and Specialization," *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 13/2 (2003): 227–49.

"A Man After Our Own Heart," *Tabletalk* (January 2003): 8-10.

"How Reliable are Biblical Reports? Repeating Lester Grabbe's Comparative Experiment," *Vetus Testamentum* 52 (2002): 367–84.

"Good, Bad or Indifferent? Wealth According to the Old Testament." *Vocatio* 5/1 (2001): 6-10.

"A Marriage that Grows in Glory: Straight Talk to Men," *InCovenant* 12, no. 6 (1997): 8–10.

"So What Does the Bible Tell Me About History?," *Modern Reformation* 5, no. 2 (1996): 10-15.

"Seven Habits of Godly Leaders: Selected Insights on Leadership Distilled from the Old Testament," *InCovenant* 11, no. 3 (1996): 4-7, 19.

"Cyberspace: 'To Boldly Go...?' A Sermon Drawing on Proverbs 4:10-27," *Presbyterion* 21, no. 1 (1995): 3-12.

"Scenic, Succinct, Subtle: An Introduction to the Literary Artistry of 1&2 Samuel," *Presbyterion* 19, no. 1 (1993): 32-47.

"Interpolation or Characterization: How Are We to Understand Saul's Two Confessions?," *Presbyterion* 19, no. 1 (1993): 49-53.

"Toward a Better Theory and Understanding of Old Testament Narrative: A Selective, Comparative Review of Robert Alter's *The Art of Biblical Narrative* and Meir Sternberg's *The Poetics of Biblical Narrative*," *Presbyterion* 13, no. 2 (1987): 102-109.

Sample of Recent Book Reviews

"Review of *Biblical Authority After Babel: Retrieving the Solas in the Spirit of Mere Protestant Christianity*, by Kevin Vanhoozer," *CRUX* 53 no. 4 (Winter 2017): **.

"Review of *Ancient Texts for New Testament Studies: A Guide to the Background Literature*, by Craig A. Evans, and *Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible: A Guide to the Background Literature*, by Kenneth L. Sparks," *CRUX* 51 no. 1 (2015): 36-40.

“Review of *From Conquest to Coexistence: Ideology and Antiquarian Intent in the Historiography of Israel’s Settlement in Canaan*, by Koert van Bekkum.” *Journal for the Evangelical Study of the Old Testament* 3(1) no. 1 (2014): 106-109.

“Review of *Understanding the History of Ancient Israel*, ed. H. G. M. Williamson (Proceedings of the British Academy; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007),” *Themelios* 34 no. 1 (2009): 94-96.

“Review of *Instruction and Imagery in Proverbs 1–9* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007),” *Themelios* 33 no. 2 (2008 76): 75.

Plus thirty-five or so reviews or notices in the last twenty years.