

## Bryant G. Wood, Ph. D.

Bryant Wood was born in Endicott, NY. After graduating from high school in that community, he attended Syracuse University on an athletic scholarship, graduating with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. While at S.U., Wood participated in cross-country and track, setting school records in the 880-yard and mile events and serving as captain of both the cross-country and track teams in his senior year. He was also named Siekaly Scholar for outstanding athletic and academic achievement, was inducted into Pi Tau Sigma, a mechanical engineering honorary society, and was president of the Engineering Student Council.

Wood then worked for the General Electric Company in Schenectady, NY. His employment with G.E. was interrupted by a two-year term of service as a lieutenant in the Army Security Agency. During this time he was a member of the U.S. inter-service cross-country team, participating in international competition in Europe, and the All-Army track team. While with G.E., Wood held various positions at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory related to the design, fabrication and testing of nuclear reactors, and earned a M.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.



In 1973 Wood left G.E. to pursue Biblical and archaeological studies. He earned a M.A. degree in Biblical History from the University of Michigan in 1974, and a Ph.D. degree in Syro-Palestinian archaeology from the University of Toronto in 1985. In 1989–90, Dr. Wood was visiting professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto. He is currently Director of research with the Associates for Biblical Research, Akron, PA, and editor of their quarterly publication *Bible and Spade*. In addition, he has served as adjunct professor at Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA; Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, PA; Faith Theological

Seminary, Los Angeles, CA; Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, PA; Messiah College, Grantham, PA; and Toronto Baptist Seminary, Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Wood's extensive archaeological field work includes serving as co-director of a survey of three reservoir areas in northern Jordan, 1978; area supervisor for the Wadi Tumilat Project excavation at Tell el-Maskhuta, Egypt, 1979, 1981, and 1983; volunteer at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev excavation at Haruvit in the northern Sinai, 1981; member of the Wadi Tumilat Project survey of the Wadi Tumilat, Egypt, 1983; field archaeologist for the Associates for Biblical Research excavation at Khirbet Nisya, Israel, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994; and Director of the Kh. el-Maqatir excavation, Israel, 1995–present.

Wood is a specialist in Canaanite pottery of the Late Bronze Age. He is author of *The Sociology of Pottery in Ancient Palestine: The Ceramic Industry and the Diffusion of Ceramic Style in the Bronze and Iron Ages* (1990), as well as numerous articles on archaeological subjects published in various academic journals. Dr. Wood received international media attention for his research on ancient Jericho that demonstrated the historicity of the Biblical account of the capture of the city by the Israelites. He is listed in *Who's Who in Biblical Studies and*

*Archaeology*, 1993; *Who's Who in the East*, 1995–1996; *Who's Who in the World*, 1996; *International Who's Who of Professionals*, 1999; *Strathmore's Who's Who*, 2002–2003 and *2000 Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century*.

Dr. Wood has been awarded travel grants from the Endowment for Biblical Research (1981) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (1989, 1992) to carry on his archaeological research. In 2011 he received a National Science Foundation grant to do neutron activation analysis of pottery from Kh. el-Maqatir. He is on the Board of Directors of the Near East Archaeological Society and a Fellow of the Institute for Biblical Research. Bryant Wood and his wife Faith reside in Manheim, PA. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

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Research interest: correlating archaeological discoveries with the Biblical narrative for the pre-monarchy period of Biblical history