

Consistency of Scripture

Western Reformed Seminary

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Required Text: Gleason L. Archer, *New International Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1998).

This course consists in an overview of: a) alleged contradictions in Scripture; and b) the resolutions of these putative contradictions proposed by orthodox, biblical interpreters. Emphasis is placed, first, on the texts most commonly appealed to by critics of biblical inerrancy; second, on the most difficult of the more obscure, apparent discrepancies in Scripture; third, on the various techniques employed by orthodox exegetes to reconcile seemingly dissonant scriptural texts; and, fourth, on the significance of these techniques for the broader enterprise of biblical exegesis.

Sept. 8: Gen–Josh

Sept. 15: Judg–2 Kings

Sept. 22: 1 Chron–Job

Sept. 29: cancelled (Evangelical-Catholic dialogue)

Oct. 6: Ps–Jer

Oct. 13: Lam–Obad

Oct. 20: Jon–Mal

Oct. 27: Matt–Luke

Nov. 3: John

Nov. 10: Acts–Eph

Nov. 17: cancelled (Evangelical Theological Society convention)

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving

Dec. 1: Phil–Jude

Dec. 8: Rev

Dec. 15: Final exam