



## Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible

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