

Social-Scientific Approaches to Biblical Interpretation

Reading List

Essential Readings:

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Further Readings:

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