MISREADING SCRIPTURE

WITH WESTERN EYES

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"Shame"

vs.

"Guilt"

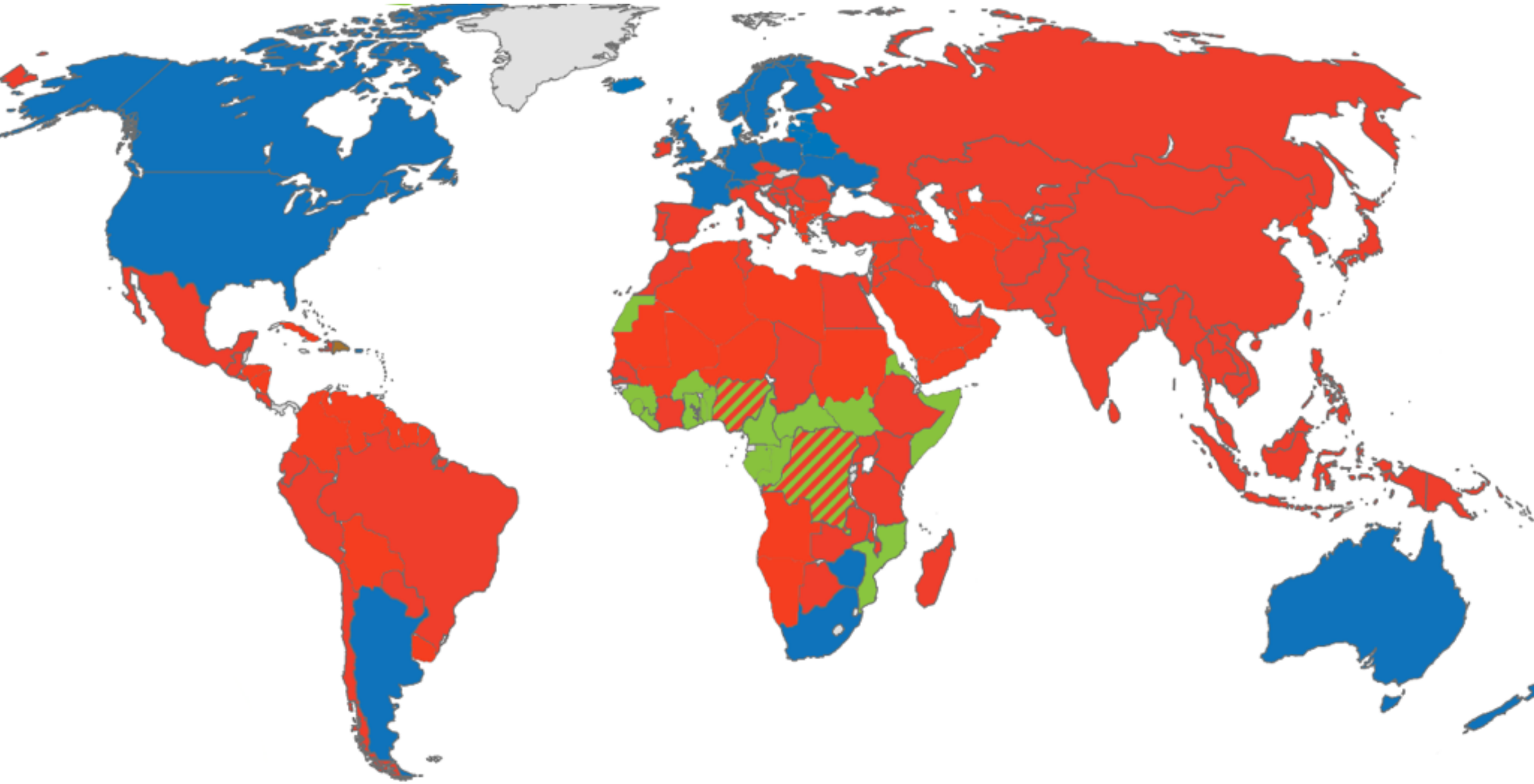
GUILT:

a feeling of <u>personal</u> responsibility or remorse for some offense, crime, wrong, etc., whether real or imagined.

SHAME:

the painful feeling arising when <u>others</u> learn of something dishonorable, improper, ridiculous, etc., done by oneself <u>or another</u>

She put me on a diet
so I ate her shoe.



Guilt **Shame** **Fear**

"Guilt" Culture	**People think I didn't do it**	**People think I did it**
I didn't do it	**No problem**	**I feel no guilt**
I did it	**I feel guilt**	**I feel guilt**

"Shame" Culture	**People think I didn't do it**	**People think I did it**
I didn't do it	**No problem**	**I feel shame**
I did it	**I feel no shame**	**I feel shame**

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“In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.”

2 Samuel 11:1

“It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.”

2 Samuel 11:2

“The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.”

2 Samuel 11:11

“But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.”

2 Samuel 11:27

“No one could say a word in reply [to Jesus], and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.”

Matthew 22:46

Why does this matter?

- It can change our <u>understanding</u> of a passage
- It can change the <u>application</u> of a passage
- Might change the way we approach the Christian life

For reading scripture…

- Always assume shame/honor plays a part
- Is the conversation public or private?
  - Private questions were <u>not</u> honor challenges.
  - Public questions <u>were</u>.

Honor & Shame 101

A Ministry Explainer Video

Video link:

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