

# Exodus 5:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

## Analysis

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Verse 12 content addresses the systematic oppression through impossible brick quotas. The removal of straw while maintaining production requirements embodies how evil systems break spirits through mathematically impossible demands.

## Historical Context

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Archaeological evidence confirms ancient Egyptian brick-making used straw as binding material. The escalating oppression in verses 6-12 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do impossible expectations create false guilt in modern systems?
2. What does this passage teach about systemic injustice?

## Interlinear Text

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מִצְרַיִם	אֲרַז	בְּכָל	בְּעֵמָה	וְיָצַר
<b>of Egypt</b>	<b>throughout all the land</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>the people</b>	<b>he made</b>
were scattered abroad	So the people	H3605	H776	H4714
H6327	H5971			
לְקַרְשׁ שָׂבָעָה	לְקַרְשׁ שָׂבָעָה			
to gather	stubble	instead of straw		
H7197	H7179	H8401		

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