

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

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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

וַיִּפְּץ were scattered abroad H6327	הָעָם So the people H5971	בְּכָל H3605	אֶרֶץ throughout all the land H776	מִצְרַיִם of Egypt H4714
שֶׁלֶקֶשׁ to gather H7197	שֶׁבֶל stubble H7179	לְתֶבֶן: instead of straw H8401		

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