

# Exodus 5:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

## Analysis

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Verse 14 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 6-14 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## 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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וְאֵת	שָׁבֵרִי	בָּנִים	שָׁמַרָּה לְ	שׁ מַוְאָשָׁר יִשְׁרָאֵל
over them were beaten	And the officers	of the children	of Israel	had set
H5221	H7860	H1121	H3478	H7760
עָלָה מִ	פְּרָעָה הַנֶּגֶשׁ וְלֹא מַד וְעַ	לְאָמֶר וְלֹא	לְלִבָּן	תָּמִם וְלֹא
H5921	H5065	H6547	H559	H4069
taskmasters	which Pharaoh's	and demanded		H3808
H5065	H6547	H559		H3808
כְּלִיָּת מְ	סְלָקָה מְ	לְלִבָּן	תָּמִם וְלֹא	
Wherefore have ye not fulfilled	your task	in making brick	both yesterday	
H3615	H2706	H3835	H8543	
שְׁלֵשׁ מְ	תָּמִם וְלֹא גָם	תָּמִם וְלֹא גָם	תָּמִם וְלֹא גָם	
as heretofore	H1571	both yesterday	H1571	and to day
H8032	H8543		H3117	

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