

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

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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

וְכַּיִן over them were beaten H5221	וַיִּשְׁטְרוּ And the officers H7860	בְּנֵי יִ of the children H1121	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל of Israel H3478	אֲשֶׁר H834	שָׁמוֹ had set H7760
עָלֵיהֶם H5921	נִגְשֵׁי י taskmasters H5065	פַּרְעֹה הַ which Pharaoh's H6547	וַיִּדְמֹד and demanded H559	וַיֵּד H4069	לֹא H3808
כְּלִיָּתָם Wherefore have ye not fulfilled H3615	מִתְקַן your task H2706	לְלֶבֶן in making brick H3835	וְכִּי both yesterday H8543		
שָׁלְשׁ as heretofore H8032	גַּם H1571	וְכִי both yesterday H8543	גַּם H1571	הַיּוֹם and to day H3117	

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