

# Exodus 5:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

## Analysis

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Verse 16 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 6-16 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by 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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תֵּן קָן	אֵין	נָתַן	עֲבָדֶיךָ	וּלְבִנָּיִם	אָמְרֵי יָם
There is no straw	H369	given	and behold thy servants	brick	and they say
H8401		H5414	H5650	H3843	H559
לְנוּ	עֲשֵׂנוּ	וְהִנֵּה הֵ	עֲבָדֶיךָ	מִכָּיִם	וְחָטָא אֵת
H0	to us Make	H2009	and behold thy servants	are beaten	but the fault
	H6213		H5650	H5221	H2398
עַמֶּךָ:					
is in thine own people					
H5971					

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