

# 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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אָמַר יְמִינָה וְלִבְנָה יְמִינָה	נָתַן אֶלְעָבָד יְבָדֵל	עָבָד יְבָדֵל	עָבָד יְבָדֵל יְבָדֵל	עָבָד יְבָדֵל יְבָדֵל יְבָדֵל
<b>There is no straw</b>	<b>given</b>	<b>and behold thy servants</b>	<b>brick</b>	<b>and they say</b>
H8401	H369	H5414	H5650	H3843
<b>to us Make</b>	<b>and behold thy servants</b>	<b>are beaten</b>	<b>but the fault</b>	
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לְכָהּ יְמִינָה וְלִבְנָה יְמִינָה	וְלִבְנָה יְמִינָה	עָבָד יְבָדֵל	מִפְּנֵי אֶלְעָבָד יְבָדֵל	וְלִבְנָה יְמִינָה
עָבָדֵל:				
<b>is in thine own people</b>				
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