

Exodus 5:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

Analysis

Verse 18 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 6-18 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

לְכָה וְעַתָּה

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H1980

עֲבֹד וְ

H5647

therefore now and work

וְתַּחֲנֵן

H8401

וְתַּחֲנֵן

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be given

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לְכָה מִתְּכָה לְבָנִים

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the tale

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