

Exodus 5:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

Analysis

Verse 23 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 6-23 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

בָּשָׂתִים בְּ לֹדֶבֶת פְּרָעָה אֶל בְּ אֶתְּנִי וּמִמֶּאָז
H227 For since I came H413 to Pharaoh H6547 to speak H1696 in thy name H8034

עָמָבָן הַבָּעֵב לֹא הָצָא לְפָנֶיךָ הַבָּעֵב עָמָבָן
H7489 he hath done evil H5971 thy people H2088 at all H5337 at all H853 H5337 thy people H5971

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