

Exodus 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

Analysis

Verse 8 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 6-8 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	מִתַּכְּ נֶת	הַלִּבֵּנֵי יָם	אֲשֶׁר	הֵם	עָשׂוּ יָם	תָּמָּוֹל
H853	And the tale	of the bricks	H834	H1992	which they did make	H8543
	H4971	H3843			H6213	
שְׁלֹשָׁם	תִּשָּׁ יָמוֹ	עָלֶיהָ ׀	לֹא		תִּגְרַע ׀	מִמֶּנּוּ
heretofore	ye shall lay	H5921	H3808		upon them ye shall not diminish	H4480
H8032	H7760				H1639	
כִּי	נִרְפָּ יָם		עַל ׀	הֵם	כִּי ׀	צֹעֲקִים
H3588	ought thereof for they be idle		H1992	H5921	H3651	H1992
	H7503					therefore they cry
						H6817
לֵאמֹר	נִלְכֶּה	נִזְבַּח ׀	לֵאלֹהֵינוּ׃			
saying	H1980	and sacrifice	to our God			
H559		H2076	H430			

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