

The Decree Has Been Issued: Can We Change It? {Eicha Chapter 3}

1.	Eicha Chapter 3	איכה פרק ג
	I am the man who has known affliction	(א) אַנִי הַגֶּבֶר רָאָה עֲנִי בְּשַׁבֶּט עֶבְרָתוֹ :
	Under the rod of His wrath;	: ב) אוֹתִי נָהַג וַיּלַדְ חֹשֶׁדְ וְלֹא אוֹר
	2 Me He drove on and on	(ג) אַדְ בִּי יָשֻׁב יַהֲפֹּךְ יָדוֹ כֶּל הַיּוֹם: ס
	In unrelieved darkness;	0 : 0 : 0 : 11 \$ 11 \$ 11 \$ 1 \$ 1 \$ 1 \$ 1 \$ 1 \$ 1
	3 On none but me He brings down His hand	:ד) בָּלֶה בְשָּׁרִי וְעוֹרִי שִׁבַּר עֵצְמוֹתָי (ד)
	Again and again, without cease.	: בָּנָה עָלַי וַיַּקַף ראשׁ וּתְלָאָה (ה)
	4 He has worn away my flesh and skin; He has shattered my bones.	(ו) בְּמַתֲשַׁכִּים חוֹשִׁיבֵנִי כְּמֵתֵי עוֹלָם : ס
	5 All around me He has built Misery and hardship;	(ז) נָּדַר בַּעֲדִי וְלֹא אֵצֵא הָכְבִּיד נְחָשְׁתִּי :
	6 He has made me dwell in darkness,	(ח) גַּם כִּי אָזְעַק וַאֲשַׁוַעַ שָׂתַם תְּבָּלֶתִי:
	Like those long dead. 7 He has walled me in and I cannot break out;	(ט) צָּדַר דְּרָכֵי בְּגָזִית נְתִיבֹתֵי עָנָה: ס
	He has weighed me down with chains.	(י) דּב אֹרֵב הוּא לִי אריה אֲרִי בְּמִסְתָּרִים :
	8 And when I cry and plead, He shuts out my prayer;	(יא) דְּרָכֵי סוֹרֵר וַיְפַשְּׁחֵנִי שְּׁמֵנִי שׁמֵם:
	9 He has walled in my ways with hewn blocks, He has made my paths a maze.	(יב) דָּרַדְּ קַשְּׁתּוֹ וַיַּצְּיבֵנִי כַּמֵּטֶּרָא לַתַץ: ס
	10He is a lurking bear to me,	: (יג) הַבִּיא בְּכִלְיוֹתָי בְּנֵי אֵשְׁפָּתוֹ
	A lion in hiding; 11 He has forced me off my way and mangled me,	(יד) הָיִיתִי שְּׂחֹק לְכֶל עַמִּי וְגִינָתָם כֶּל היוֹם :
	He has left me numb.	
		ְ (טוֹ) הַשְּׂבִּיעַנִי בַּמְּרוֹרִים הַרְוַנִי לֵעֲנָה : ס
	12 He has bent His bow and made me The target of His arrows:	
	13 He has shot into my vitals	(טז) וַיַּגְרֵס בֶּחָצֶץ שָׁנָּי הָכְפִּישַׁנִי בָּאֵפֶר:
	The shafts of His quiver.	: וַתִּוְנַח מִשָּׁלוֹם נַפְשִׁי נָשִׁיתִי טוֹבָה
	14 I have become a laughingstock to all people, The butt of their gibes all day long.	(יח) נָאמֵר אָבַד נִצְחִי וְתוֹחַלְתִּי מֵיְסֹוָק: ס
	15 He has filled me with bitterness,	: (יט) וְבָר עָנְיִי וּמְרוּדִי לַעֲנָה וָראשׁ
	Sated me with wormwood.	(כ) זָכוֹר תִּזְכּוֹר ותשיח וְתָשׁוֹחַ עָלֵי
	16He has broken my teeth on gravel,	ַ נַפְּשָׁר:
	Has ground me into the dust.	(כא) זאת אָשִׁיב אֶל לָבָּי עַל כֵּן אוֹחִיל:
-	17 My life was bereft of peace, I forgot what happiness was.	7
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18 I thought my strength and hope Had perished before the Lord.

19 To recall my distress and my misery Was wormwood and poison;

20 Whenever I thought of them, I was bowed low.

21 But this do I call to mind, Therefore I have hope:

22 The kindness of the Lord has not ended, His mercies are not spent.

23 They are renewed every morning— Ample is Your grace!

24"The Lord is my portion," I say with full heart; Therefore will I hope in Him.

25 The Lord is good to those who trust in Him, To the one who seeks Him;

26 It is good to wait patiently Till rescue comes from the Lord.

27 It is good for a man, when young, To bear a yoke;

28Let him sit alone and be patient, When He has laid it upon him.

29 Let him put his mouth to the dust— There may yet be hope.

30 Let him offer his cheek to the smiter; Let him be surfeited with mockery.

31For the Lord does not Reject forever,

32 But first afflicts, then pardons In His abundant kindness.

33 For He does not willfully bring grief Or affliction to man,

34 Crushing under His feet All the prisoners of the earth.

(כב) חַסְדֵי יְקוָׁק כִּי לֹא תָמְנוּ כִּי לֹא כָלוּ רַחֲמָיו :

(כג) חַדַשִׁים לַבְּקָרִים רַבָּה אֱמוּנַתַך:

(כד) חֶלְקִי יְקֹּוֹסְ אָמְרָה נַפְּשִׁי עַל בֵּן אוֹחִיל לוֹ: ס

(כה) טוֹב יִקוָק לְקוָו לְגָפֶשׁ תִּדְרַשַּׁנוּ

(כו) טוב וְיַחִיל וְדוּמָם לְתִשׁוּעַת יִקוַֹק:

(כז) טוֹב לַגְּבֶר כִּי יִשַּׂא עֹל בַּנְעוּרֵיו: ס

(כת) יַשֶּׁב בָּדֶד וְיִדֹּם כִּי נָטֵל עַלָיו:

(כט) יַתֶּן בֶּעָפַר פִּיהוּ אוּלֵי יֵשׁ תִּקְוַה:

(ל) יָתָן לְמַבֶּהוּ לֶחִי יִשְבַּע בְּחֶרְבָּה: ס

(לא) כִּי לֹא יָזְנֵח לְעוֹלֶם אֲדֹנֵי:

(לב) כָּי אָם הוֹנֶה וְרְחֵם כְּרֹב חסדו מסדיו:

(לג) כִּי לֹא עַנַה מִלְבּוֹ וַיַּנְה בְּנֵי אִישׁ: ס

(לד) לְדַכָּא תַּחַת רַגְלָיו כֹּל אֲסִירֵי אַרץ:

(לה) לְהַטּוֹת מִשְׁפַּט נָבֶר נֶנֶד פְּנֵי עֵלִיוֹן :

(לו) לְעַוּת אָדָם בְּרִיבוֹ אֲדֹנָי לֹא רָאָה: ס

(לז) מִי זָה אַמֶר וַתַּהָי אַדֹנֵי לֹא צַוָּה:

(לח) מָפָּי עֶלְיוֹן לֹא תֵצֵא הָרָעוֹת וָהָטּוֹב:

(לט) מַה יִּתְאוֹנֵן אָדָם חָי נֶּבֶּר עַל חטאו חֵטָאֵיו: ס

(מ) נַחְפְּשָׁה דְרָכֵינוּ וְנַחְקֹּרָה וְנָשׁוּבָה עד יהוֹה:

(מא) נִשָּׂא לְבָבֶנוּ אֶל כַּפָּיִם אֶל אֵל בַּשָּׁמִים:

(מב) נַחְנוּ פָשַׁעְנוּ וּמֶרִינוּ אַתָּח לֹא סֶלֶחְתָּ : ס





35 To deny a man his rights
In the presence of the Most High,

36 To wrong a man in his cause— This the Lord does not choose.

37Whose decree was ever fulfilled, Unless the Lord willed it?

38 it not at the word of the Most High, That weal and woe befall?

39 Of what shall a living man complain? Each one of his own sins!

40 Let us search and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord;

41 Let us lift up our hearts with our hands To God in heaven:

42 We have transgressed and rebelled, And You have not forgiven.

43You have clothed Yourself in anger and pursued us, You have slain without pity.

44 You have screened Yourself off with a cloud, That no prayer may pass through.

45 You have made us filth and refuse In the midst of the peoples.

46All our enemies loudly Rail against us.

47 Panic and pitfall are our lot, Death and destruction.

48 My eyes shed streams of water Over the ruin of my poor people.

49 My eyes shall flow without cease, Without respite,

50 Until the Lord looks down And beholds from heaven.

51 My eyes have brought me grief Over all the maidens of my city.

(מג) סַכּּתָה בָאַף וַתִּרְדְּפֵנוּ הָרַגְּתָּ לֹא חַמֶלִתָּ

(מד) סַכּוֹתָה בֶעָנֶן לָדְ מֵעֲבוֹר תִּפָּלָה:

(מה) סְחִי וּמָאוֹס וְּנִשִּׁימֵנוּ בְּקֶרֶב הָעֵמִּים : ס

(מו) פַצוּ עַלִינוּ פִּיהָם כַּל אֹיָבֵינוּ:

(מז) פַּחַד וָפַחַת הָנָה לָנוּ הַשֵּׁאת וָהַשָּׁבֵּר:

(מת) פַּלְגֵי מַיָּם תַּרַד עֵינִי עַל שֶׁבֶּר בַּת עַמִּי: ס

> (מט) עֵינִי נִגְּרָה וְלֹא תִּדְמֶה מֵאֵין הַפָּגוֹת :

(נ) עַד יַשְקִיף וְיַרֵא יִקוָֹק מִשָּׁמָיִם:

(נא) עֵינִי עוֹלְלָה לְנַפְשִׁי מִכּּל בְּנוֹת עִירִי: ס

(נב) צוד צָדוּנִי כַּצָפּוֹר אֹיָבֵי חָנָם:

(נג) צָמְתוּ בַבּוֹר חַנָּי וַיַּדּוּ אֱבֵן בִּי:

(נד) צָפוּ מֵיָם עֵל ראשׁי אָמַרְתִּי נִגַּזַרִתִּי: ס

(נה) קָרָאתִי שְׁמְדְּ יְקוָׁק מִבּוֹר תַּחְתִּיוֹת:

(נו) קוֹלִי שְּׁמֶעְתָּ אֵל תַּעְלֵם אָזְנְדְּ לְרַוְחָתִי לְשַׁוְעָתִי :

(נז) קַרַבְּתָּ בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָאֶדְ אָמַרְתָּ אַל תִּירַא: ס

(נח) רַבָּתָּ אֲדֹנָי רִיבֵי נַפְשִׁי גַּאֵלְתַּ חַיָּי:

(נט) רָאִיתָּח יְקוָֹק עַנָּתָתִי שַּׁבְּטָה מִשְׁפָּטִי :

(ס) רָאִיתָה כֶּל נִקְמָתָם כֶּל מַחְשְׁבֹתָםלִי: ס

(סא) שָׁמַלְתָּ חֶרְפָּתָם יְקוָק כָּל מַחִשְׁבֹתָם עָלָי:

(סב) שִּׂפְתֵּי קַמֵּי וְהָגְיוֹנָם עַלֵּי כָּל הַיוֹם :





52My foes have snared me like a bird, Without any cause.

53 They have ended my life in a pit And cast stones at me.

54 Waters flowed over my head; I said: I am lost!

55 I have called on Your name, O Lord, From the depths of the Pit.

56Hear my plea; Do not shut Your ear To my groan, to my cry!

57You have ever drawn nigh when I called You; You have said, "Do not fear!"

58You championed my cause, O Lord, Youhaveredeemed my life.

59 You have seen, O Lord, the wrong done me; Oh, vindicate my right!

60 You have seen all their malice, All their designs against me;

61You have heard, O Lord, their taunts, All their designs against me,

62 The mouthings and pratings of my adversaries Against me all day long.

63 See how, at their ease or at work, I am the butt of their gibes.

64 Give them, O Lord, their deserts According to their deeds.

65 Give them anguish of heart; Your curse be upon them!

66 Oh, pursue them in wrath and destroy them From under the heavens of the Lord!

(סג) שָׁבְתָּם וְקִימֶתָם הַבִּיטָה אֲנִי מֵנְגִינֵתַם: ס

(סד) תַּשִּׁיב לָהֶם גְּמוּל יְקוְק כְּמַעֲשֵׁה יָדֵיהָם :

(סה) תּתֵּן לָהֶם מְגְּצַּת לֵב תַּאֲלָתְדְּ לַהָם:

(סו) תַּרְדֹּף בְּאַף וְתַשְׁמִידֵם מִתַּחַת שָׁמֵי יִקוָק: פ

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