פרשת דברים

Book of Devarim: Moshe's Last Three Addresses to the Children of Israel

First Address: Historic review and lessons to be learned

- 1. Introduction
- 2. From Sinai to Kadesh 39 years ago
 - a. Order to travel to the land of Israel
 - b. Moshe asked for assistance in leading the people
 - i. Judges
 - c. People asked for spies
 - i. Disheartening report
 - ii. People rebelled, despite warnings
 - iii. Decree: the entire generation, including Moshe, would die out in the wilderness
 - iv. People attempted to ascend to the land, but were rebuffed
 - 1. Travelled around Mount Seir
- Recent encounters with the eastern nations at the end of 40 years;
 including background information
 - a. Edom (Esav)
 - b. Moav (Lot)
 - c. Amon (Lot)
 - d. Sichon
 - e. Og
 - f. Gil'ad (Emorites)
 - g. Instructions (to Gad and Reuven)
 - i. Yehoshua

May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase your numbers a thousandfold, and bless you as He promised you. — How can I bear unaided the trouble of you, and the burden, and the bickering!

(דברים א:יב) יְהוְּה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבְוֹתֵכֶּם יֹסֵף עֲלֵיכֶם כָּכֶם אֶלֶף פְּעָמֵים וִיבֵּרֶהְ אָשָׂא אָתְּכֶּם כַּאֲשֶׁר דָּבֶּר לָכֶם: אֵיכָה אָשָׂא לְבַּדֵּי טְרְחֲכֶם וּמַשַׂאֲכֶם וְרִיבְּכָם:

Eicha Rabba 1:1

"How (*Eichah*) does she dwell..." (Lamentations 1:1): There are three who prophesied with the language of "Eichah": Moses, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Moses said, (Deuteronomy 1:12), "How (*Eichah*) will I carry alone..." Isaiah said, (Isaiah 1:21) "How (Eichah) she has become a prostitute..." Jeremiah said, (Lamentations 1:1) "How (*Eichah*) does she dwell alone ..." Said Rabbi Levi: It is compared to a noble woman who had three friends. One saw her in her tranquility, one saw her in her recklessness, and one saw her in her degenerateness. Moshe saw Israel in its tranquility and said "How (*Eichah*) will I carry alone..." Isaiah saw them in their recklessness and said "How (*Eichah*) she has become a prostitute..." Jeremiah saw them in their degenerateness and said "How (Eichah) does she dwell alone ..."

אֵיכָה יָשְׁבָה, שְׁלֹשָׁה נָתְנַבָּאוּ בִּלֵשׁוֹן אֵיכַה, משה, ישעיה, וירמיה. משֶׁה אַמַר)דברים א:יב (אֵיכָה אֵשַׂא לְבַדִי וגו'. ישעיה אַמר)ישעיה יַשעיה א:כא) אֵיכָה הַיִּתָה לְזוֹנָה. יִרְמְיָה אָמַר: אֵיכָה יִשְׁבָה בַדַד (איכה א:א). אַמַר רַבִּי לֵוִי מַשֵּׁל לְמַטְרוֹנָה שהיו לה שלשה שׁוֹשָׁבִינִין, אֱחַד רַאַה אוֹתַה בִּשַׁלְוַתַה, וְאֵחַד רַאָה אוֹתַהּ בִּפַּחַזוּתַהּ, וָאָחַד רַאַה אוֹתַה בִּנְוּוּלַה. בַּדָ, משָה רָאָה אֵת יִשִּׁרָאֵל בָּכְבוֹדָם וְשַׁלְוַתָם וְאָמֵר: אַיכָה אֵשַׂא לְבַדִּי טַרְחַכֶם. יְשַׁעְיָה רָאָה אוֹתָם בִּפַחֲזוּתָם, וְאָמֵר: אֵיכָה הַיָתָה לְזוֹנָה. יְרְמְיֵה רַאַה אוֹתָם בִּנְוּוּלָם, וְאָמֵר: אֵיכָה יָשְׁבָה.