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ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 306

WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES

"LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL

THE SOURCE OF IMPURITY AND FOREIGN CULTURE IS THE EXILE. THAT IS WHERE THE GENTILE INFLUENCE ON A PURE AND HOLY PEOPLE ORIGINATES AND WHERE THEIR CORRUPTION BEGINS. IT IS THROUGH THIS THAT THE NATIONS RIDICULE ISRAEL AND PROFANE G-D'S NAME, AS IT SAYS, "THEY PROFANED MY HOLY NAME, IN THAT MEN SAID OF THEM, 'THESE ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE L-RD, AND THEY ARE GONE OUT OF HIS LAND" (EZEK.36:20).

This is why G-d took the Jewish People by force out of Egypt, with those not wishing to leave dying in the three days of darkness. It is why G-d destroyed exile after exile, including a sizable portion of the exile just a short time ago, Heaven help us G-d will do the same even in our own age, that of redemption "in its time," unless we gird ourselves with strength to fulfill the mitzvah of the G-d of the Land: "Go up and occupy it, as the L-rd, G-d of your fathers, has told you. Do not be afraid and do not be concerned" (Deut. I:21)

The Jewish People have no choice. The exile will be eliminated, and they will leave it. They can do this of their own free will, with Gd's blessing, as it says, "Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid" (Jer. 30:10). If, however, they stubbornly insist on being "like the nations, the families of the lands" (Ezekiel 20:32), remaining in the exile, then, "As I live, says Hashem G-d

I will bring you out from the peoples. with a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and with anger poured out." (Ezek. 20:33-34).

Countless Jews will fall on the mountains of the nations in their exilic home, and only remnants will escape in fear from the exilic cemetery

This last exile and its redemption will be like the first exile and its redemption: Just as there, when the time of reckoning came, G-d did not allow Israel to remain in the exile, the same here as well. Our sages said (Midrash HaGadol, Bereshit, 50:24):

G-d is sure to visit you' [pakod yifkod] (Gen. 50:24): He informed them of two visits. The first [pakod] referred to the time of Moses, the second [yifkod] to that of the Messianic king.

REMOVING THE EXILE FROM ISRAEL IS TEN TIMES HARDER THAN REMOVING ISRAEL FROM THE EXILE

TO OUR SORROW, THIS DISEASE HAS EVEN SMITTEN TORAH SCHOLARS.

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF "THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND" (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON