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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 63

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

## USE LOGIC: THE ZOHAR HA KADDOSH SAYS: "THE HOLY ONE BLESSED BE HE IS CALLED 'KING' ONLY IN ERETZ YISRAEL" (ZOHAR 3:276A).

R. Shimon ben Menassiya said, "Israel will not be shown a good sign until they return and seek out these three things (The Kingdom of heaven, The Kingdom of David and the Beit ha Mikdash). Accordingly, it says, Afterwards, the Children of Israel will return and seek out the Lord their G-d - this refers to the kingdom of Heaven and David their king - according to its simple meaning, and they will tremble for the Lord and His goodness - this refers to the Beit HaMikdash, as it says, This good mountain and the Lebanon (Devarim 3:25)" (Yalkut Shimoni 2:106).

Rabbi Yehuda Alkalai comments (Minchat Yehuda 18):

Since he said that Israel will not see a good sign until they seek out those three things, we certainly have a great obligation to devote ourselves to them.

"Afterwards, the Children of Israel will return and seek out the Lord - this refers to the kingdom of Heaven": The holy Zohar states, "The Holy One Blessed be He is called 'King' only in Eretz Yisrael" (Zohar 3:276a). Thus, the first act of repentance that Israel will do in the end of days will be to seek out the kingdom of Heaven. That is, they will return to Eretz Yisrael so that the Holy One Blessed be He can be called 'King.' This is the meaning of And seek out the Lord their G-d, for "He who dwells outside of the Land is like one who has no G-d" (Ketuuot 110b).

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

SO THOSE WHO RETURN TO ERETZ YISRAEL ARE IN FACT SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, FOR G-D IS ONLY CALLED KING IN ERETZ YISRAEL, AS THE ZOHAR HA KADDOSH SAYS. SO WHO'S DOING THE REAL TESHUVAH? THOSE WHO LIVE IN NEW YORK AND PARIS OR THOSE WHO LIVE IN ERETZ YISRAEL THE PLACE WHERE HASHEM IS CALLED KING?

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