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ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 79

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

HASHEM BEGS US [TO LOATH THE EXILE]; HE EVEN FORCES US [TO DO SO] BY WAY OF CURRENT EVENTS. FOR IF WE DO NOT LOATH THEM [THE GENTILES], THEY WILL LOATH US

...The same applies to the entire nation (due to our numerous sins). During this lengthy exile, we have become so accustomed to nursing from the breasts of a foreign woman that we think it is impossible otherwise. HaShem complains about this and says to the Jewish nation: "How many years have you be en accustomed to this, yet it does not disgust you!" He begs us [to loath the exile]; He even forces us [to do so] by way of current events. For if we do not loath them [the Gentiles], they will loath us. In this way, He will rid us of our Diaspora mentality, in which we have become so accustomed to living together with the Gentiles. Then, He will teach us to live in conjunction and brotherhood with our fellow Jews, without jealousy, hatred, or rivalry; in our Land, the portion of our inheritance. Amen, so may HaShem declare.

DO NOT PUT YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN THE CORDIALITY THAT THE GENTILES WILL SHOW YOU AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THESE DIFFICULT DAYS

Furthermore, my brother, contemplate and recognize the history of our people throughout the exile. Difficult times were always followed by easier times and freedom. However, the days of freedom only lasted a few decades, and then the hardships began once again. This has been Israel's lot throughout the journey of exile. Therefore, do not put your faith and trust in the cordiality that the Gentiles will show you after the passage of these difficult days, for strength does not last forever ...

... Therefore, the Torah warns, Do not forget what they did to you, and never let them appease you. Instead, take hold of your forefathers' inheritance, for that is HaShem's desire. All of these misfortunes befell you in order to arouse you in this matter, as I explained above.

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

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