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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 183**

**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

**TIME AND AGAIN, RAV TZVI YEHUDA WOULD EXHORT US TO
SIMPLY OPEN OUR EYES AND SEE WHAT HASHEM IS
DOING. THE LAND OF ISRAEL IS NOW MIRACULOUSLY
FERTILE AFTER TWO-THOUSAND YEARS OF DESOLATION.**

Jerusalem is being rebuilt: apartment houses, hotels, and new neighborhoods are sprouting up on every hillside. We have a reborn Hebrew language, and a Jewish government, and an army which the whole world respects and fears. We have an Israeli airline, scientific advancements on par with any nation, an ingathering of exiles from scattered corners of the globe, and, above all, more Torah learning than any other place in the world. One need only look with open eyes to see that our Geula is happening now. "We must accustom ourselves, now and for all time, to this straightforward vision." Rav Kook said. "We must accustom ourselves to the understanding that the world has a Master."

"The prophet Isaiah lived in one of Israel's healthiest eras. He proclaimed that the Babylonian exile was a matter of only one generation, seventy years.(Isaiah, 23:15, and 17.) Jeremiah (Jeremiah, 25:11,12, and 29:10) and other prophets¹¹⁶ shared this insight. Indeed, the kingdom of Bavel collapsed, and the kingdom of Persia rose in its place, and Koresh decreed his proclamation,(Daniel, 9:2, and 24. Zachariah, 1:12) which was not unlike the Balfour Proclamation in our time. The recovery from the terrible destruction began, and with it, came the awakening of prophecy. In the very same period, Haggai, Zacharia, and Malachi prophesized. (Megilla 15A) Our Sages tell us that Malachi was Ezra. Israel did not return to the full glory of her past, yet even so, prophecy flourished on a miniature scale.(Yoma 98) Similarly, the Temple was not on the exalted level of Solomon's Temple. From all over the Land, people carne to see it, but in the eyes of the elders who still remembered the magnificence of Solomon's Temple, the Second Temple seemed to be an affront. They would weep(Ezra, 3: 12.) and express reservation, 'This is the Temple?!' The prophets scolded them for this attitude, saying, For who has despised the day of small things?(Zachariah, 4:10) The Gemara answers, The small minded among them who didn't have faith in the Almighty.(Sotah 48B) You are disbelievers, the prophet told them. Ezra called the exiles to come back to Israel, and many didn't listen. In our days also, there were Tzaddikim and Talmidei Chachamim who criticized the Almighty (for the way He was returning the Jewish people to Zion)." (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

**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**