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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 208**

**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

**HOW IS IT THAT THROUGHOUT MOST OF WORLD
HISTORY THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN A
SCATTERED, NOMADIC PEOPLE BULLIED FROM
COUNTRY TO COUNTRY WITHOUT A KINGDOM OF
THEIR OWN? HAS THE DIVINE PLAN GONE WRONG?**

The Maharal explains that the answer lies in understanding the developmental process which directs the Jewish people in bringing the world to redemption. The true role of the Jewish people comes not in the midst of world history but at its finale, when the nation of Israel brings the world to completion. (Maharal, Tiferet Yisrael, Pg. 55. Gevurot Hashem, Pgs. 63, 101, 147. Netzach Yisrael, Pg. 137. Ner Mitzvah, Pg. 19) In his book, Ner Mitzvah, on the holiday of Hanukah, the Maharal explains Daniel's vision of the four kingdoms. These are the empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome which are to dominate history until Israel can reestablish the Kingdom of G-d in the world. As we will discover in Chapter Eight, in an in-depth study of this theme, Rome is identified with Edom, the descendants of Esav. The terrifying beast of Edom which devours everything in its path is the Christian world and its American, European, and Russian offshoots, which dominate Western civilization today. It is this last kingdom of awesome military and material might which stands in defiance of Israel's spiritual mission.

...The yearning for the national valor we lack in Galut and the longing for the physical and moral bravery which filled the souls of our heroes, completes us as Jews, strengthening us and refining our spiritual powers. Rabbi Kook is certain that we will rebuild our nation, return to our homeland, and vanquish our enemies in a just moral war. Through our yearning for our champions of old, our spiritual powers are awakened, and our holy valor is reborn.

**FROM WAR AND PEACE, THE TEACHINGS OF RAV AVRAHAM YTZCHAK
HAKOHEN KOOK ZTKL**

**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**