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*"DWELLING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS EQUIVALENT TO
ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFREI, PARASHAT REE)*

**IT IS BY THE HAND OF HASHEM THAT WE HAVE
RETURNED TO ERETZ ISRAEL, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES
THAT IT IS ONLY MEN THAT HAVE DONE IT AND
DETERMINED IT, HAS NO EMUNAH AND WORSE, THAT
PERSON HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AND HAS NOT READ THE
BOOK OF EZRA AND NECHEMIAH.**

SEE THE FIRST FEW LINES OF EZRA (1: 1-5):

1 And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he issued a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying: 2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord G-d of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is there among you of all his people? His G-d be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord G-d of Israel, he is the G-d, which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whoever remains in any place where he sojourns, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of G-d which is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the chiefs of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all those whose spirit G-d had stirred to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

**CYRUS ISSUED THE PROCLAMATION BUT ONLY BECAUSE
HE WAS STIRRED BY HASHEM, NOT BY COINCIDENCE, NOT BY
POLITICS, BUT BECAUSE HE WAS STIRRED BY HASHEM**

As a further proof read how the prophet Yeshayahu (45:1) calls Cyrus:

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him doors and gates; and the gates shall not be closed;

**HASHEM CALLED CYRUS HIS ANOINTED (MESHICHO).
NOW CYRUS WAS NOT ORTHODOX, HE WAS NOT
SATMER, VISHNITZ, LUBAVITCH, LITVACK, HE WAS A
GOY, AND YET HASHEM USED HIM IN ORDER TO BRING
THE JEWS BACK TO ERETZ ISRAEL.**

**SO BECAUSE HASHEM USED HERZL AND OTHERS WHO
YOU MAY NOT APPROVE OF TO ESTABLISH THE JEWS
ON THE LAND, DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU ARE
EXEMPT FROM LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL?**

**REALIZE THAT IF YOU REJECT THE LAND AND YOU STAY
IN GALUT, IT IS ONLY YOUR FAULT, AND NOT THOSE OF
THE ZIONISTS, THE GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER
EXCUSES THE PEOPLE WITH TENDENCIES TO BEHAVE
LIKE THE SPIES CLAIM IN ORDER NOT TO GO
LIVE IN ERETZ ISRAEL**

**Do you think at the Time of Ezra those who made
Aliyah had no sins? Do you think what you see today is a
new phenomenon? Read in Ezra (9:1-3)**

1 And when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not set themselves apart from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mixed themselves with the people of those lands; and the hand of the princes and rulers has been foremost in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this matter, I tore my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down appalled.

**NOW IF THOSE WHO WENT UP FROM BABEL
HAD THOSE SINS TO ACCOUNT FOR, THEN WHAT
DO YOU EXPECT TODAY AFTER 2000 YEARS OF
EXILE AMONG THOSE WHO WENT
UP TO ERETZ ISRAEL?**

Please Hashem, Be good to Me according to Your will, and grant me with compassion and kindness and as a free gift, that I will soon merit to come to Eretz Israel, to the Eretz ha Keddosha, the Land our forefathers inherited, the Land which all the authentic Tzaddikim, wished with all their soul and desired to be there, and most of them came there... (Tefillah of Rebbe Nachman of Bresslov)