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**ERETZ ISRAEL
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**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
FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL**

**THE VERY EXILE IS A CHILUL HASHEM, AND OUR
RETURN TO ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE OPPOSITE -
KIDDUSH HASHEM.**

The nations' having control over a Jew, and Israel's lowliness in the exile, are called Chilul Hashem in that the non-Jew rules over the People of Israel, and thereby, over the G-d of Israel. I have already made clear that this is Rashi's intent regarding the verse, "My holy name will I make known in the midst of My people Israel. Neither will I suffer My holy name to be profaned any more. The nations shall know that I am the L-rd, Holy One of Israel" (Ezek. 39:7). Rashi said, "Israel's lowliness is a Chilul Hashem, in that the nations say of them, 'These are the L-rd's people, [and they are gone forth out of His land]' (Ezek. 36:20), yet He is unable to save them."

The very conquest of Eretz Israel by the nations and Israel's exile from its land allow the non-Jew to think that there is no G-d in Israel, Heaven forbid; because if there were, and if He were truly all-powerful, He would not let the nations destroy His land and Temple and exile His people. Even if Israel do not endure real suffering at the non-Jew's hand, the very fact that they must live in their lands at their mercy, dependent on their tolerance and benevolence, is a Chilul Hashem. Only when Israel dwell in sovereignty and might in their own land is G-d's name sanctified. If Israel stubbornly refuse to leave the exile, G-d - with fury poured out - will liquidate their exile in order to blot out the Chilul Hashem. Now is surely the time to "flee before calamity comes."

In a word, the idea of Israel living under the dominion of the nations and their alien culture, by definition a Chilul Hashem, clashes with G-d's will to establish a chosen, treasured people in a chosen, treasured land. There, Israel would be separated and isolated from the nations' cultures and alien beliefs, fulfill pristine, complete Torah lives, and establish a sovereign, independent state and society under G-d's rule, and that is a Kiddush Hashem.

Every Jew has a sacred, absolute duty to live in Eretz Israel, because living in the exile contradicts and profanes G-d's will. What mental gymnastics and sophistries are employed to justify loathing the Desirable Land! Just as G-d liquidated the exile in Egypt and allowed no Jew to remain, killing those who refused to leave for Eretz

Israel, so, too, in this period of final redemption, G-d will liquidate the exile with fury poured out and will annihilate any who refuse to leave it - Heaven help us!

G-d is Creator of the universe and Owner and Master of the earth and all it contains: "The earth is the L-rd's, and the fullness thereof" (Ps. 24:1). He gave Eretz Israel to the Jewish People as their land, to enable them to fulfill their mission of building a state and society in accordance with the laws and foundations of the Holy Torah: "He gave them the lands of nations; they inherited people's toils, that they might keep His statutes and observe His laws" (Ps. 105:44-45).

G-d took Eretz Israel from the nations who lived there and saw it as their home and birthplace, and He did it for one simple reason, the only reason that could justify Israel's taking the Land: because G-d, Who fashioned and created the universe, is its Owner and Master. He acquired the universe by having created it, and men, who are likewise just G-d's creations, occupants in G-d's house, are not entitled to protest. If G-d wishes, He brings a specific people into a specific home, or land, and if He wishes, He removes them, and they have no mastery over a land unless He permits them to live there. Our sages said (Pesikta DeRav Kahana, 15, Echah, page 123):

"Therefore says the Master, L-rd of hosts" (Isa. 1:24): Shmuel bar Nachmeni said, "Wherever it says 'master' refers to G-d uprooting inhabitants from their homes and replacing them with others. The prototype for this is, 'Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Master of all the earth' (Josh. 3:11), in which G-d uproots Canaanites and brings in Israel."

REMOVING THE EXILE FROM ISRAEL IS TEN TIMES HARDER THAN REMOVING ISRAEL FROM THE EXILE

TO OUR SORROW, THIS DISEASE HAS EVEN SMITTEN TORAH SCHOLARS.

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