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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 273**

**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 NATIONS' ARROGANCE, WILL BRING ISRAEL'S
REDEMPTION NEARER**

The nations' arrogance, owing to their tranquility, wealth, power and progress, will bring Israel's redemption nearer. Tanchuma (Tzav, 2) expounds:

G-d said, "Whoever raises himself up is destined for fire," as it says, "That which goes up i.e., the offering] shall go on the hearth" (Lev. 6:2). This is the kingdom of Edom, which rose up by itself, as it says, "Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, and though you set it among the stars, [I will bring you down from there, says the L-rd]" (Obadiah v. 4). And they are sentenced to fire, as it says, "I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn spoke; and as I looked, the beast was slain and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame" (Daniel 7:11). [The source goes on at length.]

Thus, the nations' future arrogance will bring G-d's wrath upon them.

The nations' pride and lack of fear of G-d, the essence of Chilul Hashem, will cause them to attack and torment Israel and try to destroy them, as we learn (Tanchuma, Beshalach, 16):

"In the greatness of Your pride" (Ex. 15:7): You have triumphed greatly against all who attacked You. And who are they? Those who attack Your children. This teaches that if someone attacks Israel, it is as though he has attacked the Divine Presence. Thus, it says, "Forget not the voice of Your adversaries" (Ps. 74:23); and, "Your enemies are in an uproar; they that hate You have raised their heads" (Ps. 83:3). Why do they do so? Because "they take crafty counsel against Your people, and consult against Your treasured ones" ([bid., v. 4). It also says, "Do I not hate them, O L-rd, those who hate You? Do I not strive with those that rise up against You?" (Ps. 139:21). Why is this? "I hate them with the utmost hatred. They have become my enemies" ([bid., v. 22). We also find, "He who touches you, touches the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2:12). It really should have said My eye, but the verse employed a euphemism. To speak, he attacks G-d. The change was an emendation of the Men of the Great Assembly.

**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**