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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**

**PUNISHING THE NATIONS FOR PROFANING G-D'S NAME BY
WHAT THEY DID TO ISRAEL FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF
YEARS IS AN ADDED IMPETUS FOR REDEMPTION.**

It says (Ezek. 35:3,5,7,15): Behold, I am against you, O Mount Seir Because you have had a perpetual hatred and have hurled the children of Israel to the power of the sword in their time of calamity, the time of their final punishment. Thus, will I make Mount Seir most desolate and cut off from it all who come and go.... Just as you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so will I do to you. You shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, and they shall know that I am the L-rd.

In other words, out of this desolation, this Divine revenge, they shall know that Hashem is G-d. It further says (Ezek. 36:4-6): Therefore, you mountains of Israel... Thus says the L-rd G-d to the mountains and the hills, the streams and the valleys, the desolate wastes and the forsaken cities that have become a prey and a derision to the remnant of the nations that are round about: Surely, in the fire of My zeal have I spoken against the remnant of the nations and against all Edom, who with joy and disdain have appointed My land to themselves for a possession, to cast it out for a prey. Therefore, prophesy concerning the Land of Israel and say to the mountains and the hills, the streams and the valleys: Thus says the L-rd G-d. Behold, I have spoken in My zeal and My fury, because you have suffered the insult of the nations.

It also says (Joel 4:2,7,19,21): I will gather all nations and bring them down into the valley of Yehoshaphat, and I will enter into judgment with them there for My people and My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, dividing up My land Behold, I shall raise them out of the place to which you have sold them and shall return your retribution upon your own head. For the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land Although I have acquitted them for their other sins, I shall not do so for [Israel's] blood [see Rashi]. The L-rd dwells in Zion

In Rosh HaShanah 23a, our sages comment: R. Yochanan said, "Woe to the nations who have no means of rectification, as it says, 'For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; for wood brass, and for stones iron' (Isaiah 60:17). Yet

what can be brought to replace R. Akiva and his colleagues? Of them it says, 'Although I have acquitted them for their other sins, I shall not do so for [Israel's] blood' (Joel 4:21)."

It further says (Obadiah 8-16,21): Shall I not on that day, says the L-rd, destroy the wise men out of Edom and understanding out of the Mount of Esau? Your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, for every one from the Mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. For your violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you and you shall be cut off forever. On the day that you stood aloof that strangers carried off his substance and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem, you, too, were one of them.

But you should not have looked on the day of your brother's misfortune, nor rejoiced over the children of Judah on the day of their destruction, nor spoken proudly on the day of distress. You should not have entered the gate of My people, gazed on their affliction, or laid hands on their substance on the day of their calamity. Neither should you have stood in the crossway to cut off those who escaped, or delivered up those who remained on the day of distress.

For the day of the L-rd is near upon all the nations. As you have done, so shall be done unto you. Your deeds shall return on your own head. As you have drunk upon My holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continuously, indeed, they shall drink and swallow down, and shall be as though they had not been Liberators shall ascend upon Mount Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the L-rd's

It also says, "I am zealous for Jerusalem and Zion with a great zeal. I am sorely displeased with the nations that are at ease, for I was a little angry, but they abetted the evil" (Zechariah 1:14-15), as well as:

Thus says the L-rd of hosts (for your honor's sake, He sent me to the nations that plunder you, for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye): "I will wave My hand over them, and they shall be plunder to those who served them."

Then you will know that the L-rd of hosts has sent me Be silent, all flesh, before the L-rd, for He has roused Himself out of His holy habitation. (Zechariah 2:12-13,17)

It also says (Zephaniah 2:8-10): I have heard the taunt of Moab and the reviling of the children of Ammon wherewith they have taunted My people and spoken boastfully on their border. Therefore, as I live, says the L-rd of hosts, the G-d of Israel: Surely Moab shall be like Sodom and the children of Ammon like Gomorrah... a desolation forever. The remnant of My people shall plunder them and possess them. This shall they have for their pride, for having taunted and spoken boastfully against the people of the L-rd of hosts

**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