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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 275**

**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.**

"The lowliness of Israel is a Chilul Hashem" (Rashi, Ezek. 39:7). When Israel reach the nadir of lowliness, shame and grief, and the mockery against G-d, thereby, reaches its height, such that it seems as though G-d is incapable of helping His people, then comes the time of redemption, redemption "in its time." Of this it says (Deut. 32:36,39,43):

G-d will then take up the cause of His people and comfort His servants. He will see that their power is gone, and they have no protection or help. They shall say, "Where is their G-d, the power in which they trusted... Let them now get up and help you! Let them be your protector!" But now see! It is I! I am the only One! There are no other gods with Me.... Let the tribes of His nation sing praise, for He will avenge His servants' blood.

Sanhedrin 97a teaches, "The son of David will not come until they have despaired of redemption, as though there is no help or support for Israel, as it says, 'They have no protection or help.'" Sifri comments (Ha'azinu, 326), "'He will see that their power is gone': When He sees them all walking before Him in the exile. Another lesson: When they despair of redemption."

**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**