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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 279**

**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**

**R. LEVI SAID (TANCHUMA, EMOR, 13): WOE TO THE
WICKED, FOR THEY ENGAGE IN EVIL DESIGNS
AGAINST ISRAEL**

And each of them says, "My design is better than yours." Esau said, "Cain was a fool, for he killed his brother Abel while his father was yet alive, but he did not know that his father would have many more children. I shall not do that. Rather, 'the day of mourning for my father will be here soon. I will then be able to kill my brother Jacob' (Gen. 27:41)." Pharaoh said, "Esau was a fool for awaiting his father's death. Did he not know that his brother would have many children during his father's lifetime? I shall not do that. Rather, while they are still small, beneath their mothers' bellies, I shall suffocate them." Thus it says, "Every boy who is born must be cast into the Nile" (Ex. 1:22). Haman said, "Pharaoh was a fool for killing just the males. Did he not know that women wed and bear children? I, on the other hand, shall 'annihilate [all Jews... women and children]' (Esther 3:13)." Gog, too, will talk like this in the future, saying, "Our predecessors were fools for they engaged in designs against Israel. Did they not know that Israel have a Patron in Heaven? I shall not do that. Rather, first I will wage war against their Patron, and then against them." Thus it says, "The kings of the earth join ranks, the rulers take counsel together, against the L-rd and against His anointed" (Ps. 2:2). G-d said to him, "Evildoer! Against Me you wish to wage war? I swear that I shall wage war against you." Thus it says, "The L-rd shall go forth as a mighty man. He shall stir up passion like a man of war" (Isaiah 42:13); and, "Then shall the L-rd go forth and fight against those nations" (Zechariah 14:3).

Gog and his generation - our own - symbolize the worst profanation of G-d's name that there could be. Like Goliath, who brazenly attacked G-d, so does Gog; yet he does not come as one person but with many nations for war against G-d, through His anointed, the Jewish People

**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**