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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 281**

**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 WAR OF GOG WILL BE AFTER THE JEWISH
PEOPLE RETURN TO ERETZ ISRAEL**

The reign of Gog constitutes the end of this world as we know it and symbolizes the pinnacle of blasphemous pride. Yet G-d's revenge, in which His name is finally sanctified throughout the world, forever, will serve to blot out the Chilul Hashem of all the nations in all generations. This is the intent of the words quoted above, "After many days, you shall be called upon" (Ezek. 38:8). As Rashi commented, "After many days of your sinning against Me, you shall now be summoned before Me to recall your sins and be served your recompense." The intention is not to recall only the sin of Gog and his contemporaries, but of all the nations in all generations who sinned in haughtiness and Chilul Hashem.

When their measure is full and their blasphemy surpasses all bounds, making G-d's name an object of scorn, when the nations oppress, humiliate and murder G-d's people without fear, the greatest Chilul Hashem there is, G-d will decide to end His disgrace. He will then take His revenge and the revenge of Israel, which in effect is His own, as well, and sanctify His name, profaned by the nations through Israel. Then the punishment will be established and decreed, and will not be cancelled. G-d will entice Gog and the nations, Israel's enemies, to unite against Israel and to wage war against Eretz Israel. Twice G-d says so. First He says, "I will turn you about, put hooks into your jaws and bring you forth, and all your army" (Ezek. 38:4); and then, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog and I will turn you about [ti'-veshovavticha], lead you on, and cause you to come up from the far sides of the north" (Ezek. 39:1-2). Metzudat David comments regarding "veshovavticha": "I shall arouse your heart to be unruly and rebellious, and I shall incite you."

**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**