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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 283**

**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**

Without a doubt, Gog and the nations who will go up with him symbolize a world which has shrunken and united, that hates the Jewish People so much and that is looking for pretexts to attack and destroy them and to conquer their land. Israel will be isolated and alone, not because they wanted this - in the event that they do not repent and do not follow in G-d's path - but as poetic justice, for having feared isolation and relied upon the nations. Now, even those few nations who Israel thought were on their side, and because of whom they thought they could dwell in safety, will betray them. Ezekiel continues (verses 22-23):

I will judge him with pestilence and blood, and will rain down upon him and upon his bands and upon the many peoples that are with him a torrential rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. Thus, will magnify and sanctify Myself, and I will make Myself known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the L-rd.

In this way, and in this way alone, will the great and final Kiddush Hashem occur, through pestilence and blood and the power of G-d, His might and majesty. Only in this way will the non-Jew understand the truth and uniqueness of G-d, and precisely through Israel, who are the yardstick for Kiddush and Chilul Hashem. Thus it said (Ezek. 39:1,4,6-7): Behold, I am against you, O Gog You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the peoples that are with you, I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell safely in the isles, and they shall know that I am the L-rd. My holy name will I make known in the midst of My people Israel, neither will I suffer My holy name to be profaned any more, and the nations shall know that I am the L-rd, the Holy One of Israel

**G-d will bring His revenge and Kiddush Hashem through Israel, the very avenue by which Chilul Hashem had preceded. As Rashi wrote (Ezek. 39:7), "Israel's lowliness is a Chilul Hashem, for men say that Israel are the L-rd's people, yet He cannot save them (see Ezek. 36:20)." Radak comments, "In lengthening the exile, G-d's name is profaned among the nations as if He, Himself, profanes it." And Mahari Kra comments:**

**I will make My valor famous among the nations. They shall know that I possess the might to redeem Israel from their hands. Then they will sanctify Me following the miracles I will perform amidst My people Israel. "Neither will I suffer My holy name to be profaned anymore" (Ezek. 39:7): Until now My name was profaned among the nations, for they would say, "G-d has no power to remove them from among us." As it says, "When they came unto the nations, where they came, they profaned My holy name, in that men said of them: 'These are the people of the L-rd, and are gone forth out of His land.'" (Ezek. 36:20). Now, however, when the nations see Gog and his troops smitten, and G-d gathering Israel to the Land, they will say, "He certainly had the power to redeem them. It was only their sins which prevented it from happening until now."**

**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**