

**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 284**

**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
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."

When the nations scornfully humiliate Israel and destroy them and their land, G-d's name is profaned. Indeed, it is the greatest Chilul Hashem possible. Hence, "On the day that Gog attacks the Land of Israel, G-d's fury shall glare out" (Ezek. 38:18). G-d's revenge and Kiddush Hashem follow as poetic justice: "On that day, I shall give Gog a place for burial in Israel" (Ezek. 39:11). This nation, which went forth to conquer Eretz Israel, will indeed receive a place there - for their burial. As it says, "And you, son of man... speak to every winged bird and every beast of the field You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth" (Ezek. 39:17-18). Those who scorned G-d and relied on their own valor to curse and revile Him, who in their arrogance trusted in their own strength to succeed, Hill now be lower even than the winged bird and the beast of the field in fact, they will be their food.

Only in this manner, through shock, through the "terror which gripped Philistia" (Ex. 15:14), through fear and dread of G-d's enormous demonstrated power, will the nations understand that Hashem is G-d. The non-Jew's sealed ears, which did not hear about G-d's greatness due to Israel's lowliness, are only capable of hearing G-d's might, as in the verse, "The L-rd's voice is through might" (Ps. 29:4). Might is what Esau understands, for all of Esau's power is through physical might; and in the future, he is destined to be the object of G-d's punishment and revenge

**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**