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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 290**

**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 MAIN PRINCIPLE HERE IS THAT G-D BEGINS THE
INGATHERING DURING THE GRACE PERIOD OF THE
FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH, EVEN IF ISRAEL DO NOT REPENT.
HE DOES NOT ALLOW THEM TO ASSIMILATE AND BE LIKE ALL
THE NATIONS, BUT FORCIBLY TRANSFORMS THE EXILE TO
HORROR AND TREMBLING, TO A CEMETERY, SO THAT ISRAEL
FLEE THERE AND RETURN TO ERETZ ISRAEL.**

All this is for Israel's good, for despite the grief and suffering, and the victims who will fall, it marks the start of redemption for Israel as a people. Our sages spoke along these lines regarding the exile (Sifri, Ekev, 43): "The Land will not give forth its crops" (Deut. 11:17): Lest one think he can leave Eretz Israel and enjoy bounty, it says, "The skies above you will be like brass, and the earth below you [i.e., wherever you are] like iron" ([bid., 28:23)... [And you will soon be lost from the Land ([bid.): Besides all the other suffering, I shall exile you. Exile is equal in harshness to all [the other suffering combined].

The whole liquidation of the exile is for Israel's good, so that they do not assimilate among the nations. Ezekiel, quoted above, continues as follows (20:34-38,40,44): I will remove you from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with anger poured out. I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I chastise you to your face. As I chastised your fathers in the Egyptian wilderness so will I chastise you, says the L-rd G-d. I will make you pass under the rod and bend you to the discipline of the covenant. I will purge from among you the rebels and those who sin against Me. I will remove them from the country where they sojourn; they shall not enter the Land of Israel. You shall know that I am the L-rd. For in My holy mountain, high place of Israel, all the House of Israel in the Land shall serve Me. There will I accept them. You shall know that I am the L-rd, when I have acted with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways or corrupt doings, O House of Israel, says the L-rd G-d.

**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**