

**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 292**

**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**

**G-D WILL COMBINE THE START OF REDEMPTION, THE  
INGATHERING, WITH AWFUL SUFFERING DURING THE  
GRACE PERIOD IN HOPES OF ISRAEL REPENTING BEFORE  
THE TERRIBLE BIRTH PANGS OF GOG AND MAGOG AND  
THE NATIONS' ATTACK ON ERETZ ISRAEL.**

Thus, long before the final redemption and the Messiah's arrival, a large part of Israel will already be living in their land under their own government, as in Ezekiel 38:8, quoted above: After many days you shall be called upon; in the latter years you shall come to the land returned from the sword, gathered out of many peoples. You shall come against the mountains of Israel, which had been a perpetual waste, but [whose inhabitants], brought out of the nations, all dwell safely.

Thus, before Gog attacks Eretz Israel, much of the Jewish People will return to it. As our sages said (Berachot 49a): "The L-rd builds Jerusalem. He gathers together the outcasts of Israel' (Ps. 147:2): When does G-d 'build Jerusalem'? When He 'gathers together the outcasts of Israel'." We also find (Tanchuma, Noach, 11): "R. Shmuel bar Nachmeni said, 'There is a Rabbinic tradition that Jerusalem will not be rebuilt until the exiles are gathered in.'"

As this period progresses, with Israel and the world reaching the age of the Messiah and redemption itself, the nations' downfall will begin as part of G-d's punishing them for their wicked arrogance and oppression of Israel, and as punishment to those Jews who will refuse to leave the exile. The nations will rise up and attack one another, countries will be destroyed, and all to instill fear and dread into the hearts of Israel so that they repent and return to Eretz Israel. Our sages said (Bereshit Rabbah 42:4), "If you have seen nations provoking one another, anticipate the footsteps of the Messiah. Know that it is so, for redemption came to Abraham through the nations provoking one another." We also find (Pesikta Rabbati, Kumi Ori, 36):

**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**