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**ERETZ ISRAEL
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**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**

MASHIACH BEN YOSEF

(Pesikta Rabbati, 36): What is meant by "In Your light we see light" (Ps. 36:10)? Whatever light the Congregation of Israel sees is the light of the Messiah, as it says, "G-d saw that the light was good" (Gen. 1:4). This teaches that G-d foresaw the Messiah and his deeds before the world was created, and stored him away under His throne to be Messiah to his generation. Satan said, "Master of the Universe! To whom does the light stored under Your throne belong?" G-d responded, "To the one who in the future will counter and humiliate you." Satan then said, "Master of the Universe! Show him to me! G-d replied, "Come and see him." Once he saw him, he was shocked and fell on his face and said, "This is surely the Messiah who is going to push me and all the angelic princes of the nations into Hell." At that moment the nations became excited and said, "Master of the Universe! Who is this into whose hands we shall fall? What is his name? What is his nature?" G-d replied, "He is the Messiah and his name is Ephraim, My righteous Messiah."

Mashiach ben Yosef will be the spark which will begin to burn and destroy Esau. Our sages said (Tanchuma, Vayeshev, 1):When Jacob saw the tribal chiefs of Esau, he became afraid and he wondered, "Who will be able to stand up to these chiefs?" What is this like? A large group of camels were laden with flax, and a blacksmith asked in wonder where all that flax could be stored. A clever fellow answered him, "What is there to wonder at? A single spark from your bellows could burn up all of it." Here, as well, when Jacob saw Esau and his chiefs, he became afraid. He asked, "Who could defend me against these?" G-d answered, "Your spark will consume them, and that is Joseph," as it says, "The house of Jacob shall be fire, the house of Joseph flame, and the house of Esau stubble, and they shall kindle in them [and devour them, and none shall remain of the house of Esau]" (Obadiah v. 18). It therefore says, "Jacob dwelledThese are the generations of Jacob: Joseph" (Gen. 37:1-2).

G-d will bring the final redemption the same way He brought the first, in order to be elevated and sanctified, and in order to show the world that "His ways are as of old" (Habakuk 3:6). And in order to lower the proud and prove to them that He directs the universe, G-d will cause the Messiah to emerge precisely from the country of Gog, as He did with Moses who grew up in the palace of Pharaoh and went out from there to smite the Egyptian.

Our sages said (Tanchuma, Shemot, 8): Pharaoh would hug and kiss him, and Moses would remove Pharaoh's crown from his head and cast it down the way he would do later on. Likewise, G-d said to Hiram, "I have brought forth a fire from your midst, and it has devoured you" (Ezek. 28:18). The daughter of Pharaoh was raising the one who would ultimately punish her father and her land. Just so, the Messiah, who will in the future punish the nations, will grow up with them there in their country, as it says, "There shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down and consume its branches" (Isaiah 27:10).

Similarly we find (Tanchuma, Tazria, 8):The Messiah, who will in the future punish Gog and Magog and his forces, will grow up with them there in their country, as it says, "There shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down and consume its branches" (Isaiah 27:10).

**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