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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

**G-D WILL DERIVE JOY FROM PUNISHING THE
NATIONS, AS IN SIFRI (IBID., 326): "WHEN G-D
JUDGES THE NATIONS, IT BRINGS HIM JOY"**

How intensely the nations subjugated and tormented Israel! For this they will taste G-d's revenge. Observe how severe is their sin towards Israel, for it brings upon them more Divine anger than all their other sins.

Our sages said (Mechilta, Beshalach, Mesechta De'vayehi, Petichta): It is not bad enough that the nations treat Israel disrespectfully, but they murder them with murders one more cruel than the next. In this regard it says, "I will gather all the nations and bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat" (Joel 4:2). Lest I think the nations will be judged for idolatry, sexual sin and murder, the verse adds, "Regarding My people and My heritage Israel" (Ibid.)...

The result of that judgment is this: "Judah shall remain forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation" (Ibid v. 20); and, "I have acquitted Israel, but not those who shed their blood; the L-rd will dwell in Zion" (Ibid., v. 21). When will "the L-rd dwell in Zion"? When G-d "acquits Israel, but not those who shed their blood." (A similar source is Tanchuma, Beshalach, 5).

The sin of the nations' tormenting Israel is so severe, because it is the height of Chilul Hashem. Our sages said the same in Pesikta Rabbati (12): "'You rebuked the nations' (Ps. 9:6): The nations constantly take evil counsel against Israel, and G-d nullifies it."

We also find (Eliyahu Rabbah, I):The nations incurred the Flood, destruction, and Hell for casting a hand against Israel and Jerusalem, and against the Temple... Just as they gather and seek to destroy Israel's wealth, so

shall G-d gather them on the mountains of Israel to wreak great vengeance against them for not heeding the Torah and for tormenting Israel.

This will be the end of the nations who tormented and subjugated Israel; and in the future, only those who did not act this way will be saved.

As Pesikta Rabbati (I) teaches: It shall come to pass that every new moon and every Sabbath, all flesh shall come to bow down before Me" (Isaiah 66:23): Even the nations [who have accepted the yoke of Heaven], but not all the nations - only those who did not subjugate Israel shall be accepted by the Messiah

Sifri comments (Ha'azinu, 322): When Israel have troubles, the nations treat them like strangers and act as if they are unaware of their existence. Thus, when Israel sought to flee north [following the destruction of the Temple], the nations handed them over... toward the south... east... or west, the nations handed them over... But when things go well for Israel, the nations lie to them and make themselves out to be their brothers.

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