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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 308**

**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**

**PESIKTA RABBATI, 34, TEACHES: "REJOICE GREATLY, O  
DAUGHTER OF ZION... BEHOLD, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU. HE  
IS JUST AND VICTORIOUS; HUMBLE, AND RIDING UPON AN ASS"  
(ZECHARIAH 9:9): ...G-D PROCLAIMS TO ALL THE RIGHTEOUS OF  
EVERY GENERATION AND SAYS, "RIGHTEOUS OF THE EARTH!  
ALTHOUGH I NEED YOUR TORAH STUDY [ALTERNATELY, AL-  
THOUGH TORAH STUDY IS DEAR TO YOU], [YOU HAVE BEHAVED  
POORLY,] FOR YOU AWAITED MY TORAH, BUT NOT MY  
KINGDOM. I SWEAR THAT I MYSELF SHALL TESTIFY POSITIVELY  
ON BEHALF OF WHOEVER AWAITED MY KINGDOM.**

I believe the point is that G-d rebukes the righteous of the exile down through time, because they were ready and willing to accept His Torah and they toiled over it to bring it to fulfillment (we cannot explain "you awaited My Torah" to mean that they studied no Torah but only awaited its arrival; rather, they must have actively studied it), yet they did not await G-d's kingdom. That is, they did not toil or sacrifice to restore the Jewish People and G-d's kingdom to Eretz Israel and, thereby, to eliminate the Chilul Hashem of the exile and sanctify G-d's name

**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