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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 309**

**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**

**MANY JEWS JUST WAIT IN THE EXILE UNTIL THE MESSIAH
ARRIVES, NOT TO REACH ERETZ ISRAEL. THEY DO NOT
ACT BASED ON TRUST OF G-D FOR THE SAKE OF HIS
KINGDOM AND THE SANCTIFICATION OF HIS NAME.**

I believe our sages were referring to such people when they said (Mechilta, Beshalach, Mesechta DeShirah, 10): "The L-rd will reign forever and ever" (Ex. 15:18): R. Yossi HaGelili said: "Had Israel said on the sea, 'The L-rd is King forever and ever,' no nation or tongue could ever have stood up to them. Rather, they said, 'The L-rd will reign forever and ever' - referring to the future."

Similarly, the Tosafot wrote in Hadar Zekenim (Beshalach): "Had they said, 'G-d is King,' no creature could have stood before them. Yet, they intended not to crown Him Everlasting King until the Messianic era, for then His kingdom will exist forever."

It follows that it is a mitzvah and duty for every Jew, especially in our day at the start of redemption, to cry out "The L-rd is King!" in order to crown Him King over ourselves, Israel, and the whole world now. Obviously, it is not just a matter of crying out these words. Rather, as with the first redemption at the splitting of the sea, we have to perform acts of faith and trust such as the deed of Nachshon, who fearlessly endangered himself for Kiddush Hashem. By jumping into the water, he effected both, the splitting of the sea, and proclaiming "The L-rd is King."

Our sages, likewise, said (Pesikta Rabbati, 31): If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand lose its cunning" (Ps. 137:5): R. Elazar HaKapar envisioned G-d saying: "My Torah is in your hands and the end of days is in My hands, and we both need each other. [Just as you need Me to bring the end, I need you to keep My Torah, to have ten the rebuilding of My house and of Jerusalem. Just as I cannot possibly forget the end, as it says, 'Let My right hand lose its cunning,' so have you no right to forget the Torah, which stated, 'From His right hand went out a fiery law for them' (Deut. 33:2)."

**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**