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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 31**

**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)**

**THE CONFESSION OF A PREVIOUS SLANDERER OF THE
BUILDERS OF ERETZ ISRAEL**

I must confess the truth and declare my sin. I, too, despised the rebuilding of the Land, because I heard unqualified statements made by many Orthodox Jews, which became firmly implanted in my heart. I did not concern myself with this matter at all, because I was preoccupied with learning, teaching, and writing volumes on the Talmud and its commentaries, as well as responses to questions regarding the word of HaShem. I only delved into this halachah after we suffered afflictions in this bitter exile. HaShem enlightened me, and I saw that I and all those who opposed this movement were mistaken...

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

**OUR MASTER, MAHARAM CHAGIZ, DISCUSSES THE GREAT
PUNISHMENT THAT AWAITS THOSE WHO SLANDER THE
INHABITANTS OF *ERETZ YISRAEL*:**

HaShem decreed that just as all the men who have seen My glory (BeMidbar 14:22) - meaning, the generation of the spies will not see the Land, the same is true of future generations. Anyone who spreads an evil report about the Land will be stricken and will receive the punishment of the spies. This is the meaning of [the next verse] And all who provoke Me shall not see it (ibid. 14:23), which refers to the future.

Sefat Emet (Vilna, 5636 [1876]), p. 32b

Anyone who lives in Eretz Yisrael is considered a tzaddik (righteous individual) even though it does not seem that way. For if he was not a tzaddik, the Land would vomit him out, as it says, And the Land vomits out its inhabitants (VaYikra 18:25). Since the Land does not vomit him out he must be considered a tzaddik, even though he is presumed to be wicked

Rabbi Avraham Azulai, Chesed LeAvraham, Ma'ayan 3, Nahar 12

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