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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 40**

**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 ACTUAL BUILDERS OF ERETZ ISRAEL ACHIEVE  
GREATER RECTIFICATIONS THAN A TZADDIK SAYING  
TIKKUN CHATZOS EVERY NIGHT**

...Moreover, it seems to me that the simple Jew who builds the Land fulfillment without any spiritual intent (kavanah), merely for his own benefit, accomplishes a greater rectification (tikkun) in the supernal worlds than the greatest tzaddik with his tearful and lamenting midnight lofty prayers (tikkun chatzot) recited for the sake of the Shechinah and the end of exile. The latter certainly accomplishes a great rectification, yet it cannot compare to the rectification caused by the simple Jew who physically builds the Land, even if he has no godly intent (as the above-mentioned passage from Sanhedrin indicates).

The introduction to Reishit Chochmah states that the essential rectification is achieved by one who actually performs a mitzvah.

Similarly, the Yismach Moshe (2:33) writes that the actual performance of a mitzvah, even without any intent, accomplishes more than a mitzvah which lacks an actual deed, even if it is accompanied by the loftiest intentions. Thus, my thesis is clear and true and can only be contested by he who argues with the truth...

Thus, Omri fulfilled the mitzvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael with all its rectifications, even those pertaining to the upper worlds. Through the physical act of building, he elevated and established the mitzvah, even though that was not his intention at all and even though he acted sinfully. The proof being the fact that he received his reward "a measure for a measure."

Hence, we have a clear, irrefutable proof that by building a city in Eretz Yisrael, even the greatest sinner - one who denies the entire Torah (heaven forbid), like Omri who worshipped idols, which is tantamount to denying the entire Torah - achieves all of the possible rectifications that this mitzvah can effect in the supernal worlds.

This principle can be applied to our times as well. Even though the men who currently build the Land have left the path of the Torah (due to our many sins), they are certainly no worse than Omri. The verse testifies that he was more wicked than

all who proceeded him and that he followed the ways of Yerovam ben Nevat, who caused Israel to sin. Nonetheless, when Omri built Eretz Yisrael, he fulfilled the mitzvah properly and achieved unification in the upper spheres. In the same manner, it seems quite clear that the supernal sphere of Kingship has been rectified and glorified by the toil of today's builders, no matter who they are. Even if they are the greatest sinners, the Creator of the Universe desires their actions, and they achieve the appropriate rectifications and unifications. That is, by constructing buildings and transforming the Land into fertile soil, they have fulfilled the essential component of the mitzvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael.

#### **SOME WORDS TO THE IRRELIGIOUS SETTLERS OF THE LAND**

... My fellow Jews, all of us yearn to see the prosperity and preeminence of our Holy Land. Therefore, heed my words! If you wish to succeed, subjugate yourselves to the wise gedolim of our generation, those who bear the banner of Torah. Do not be stubborn and think that you can do without them. That would be unwise, for the Land cannot be built by might nor by power alone, only by My spirit, says the Lord of Hosts.

We need you, for even Shlomo selected experts for each aspect of the work. The same is true today. Everyone will admit that without expert craftsmen we will be unable to rebuild the Land. Therefore, anyone who understands will acknowledge that we need you and your labor. You, however, must also understand that you need the gedolei Torah, so that everything will be done in the spirit of the Torah. Then, your labor will bear fruit. Similarly, Chazal state:

Were it not for David who sat and occupied himself with Torah, Yoav ben Tzeruyah would not have been victorious in war. And, were it not for Yoav who fought the battles, David would not have been able to sit and occupy himself with Torah. (Sanhedrin 49a)

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**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**