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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 44**

**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)**

**HASHEM BROUGHT SALVATION TO ERETZ ISRAEL
THROUGH THE HAND OF WHOM HE SAW FIT**

The book of Melachim (11 14:26-27) states: For the Lord saw that Israel's affliction was very bitter. And there was none surviving and none remaining and there was no helper for Israel. But the Lord did not speak to erase the name of Israel from under the heavens, so He saved them by the hand of Yerovam ben Yoash. The Midrash Tanchuma comments:

But the Lord did not speak... Why is Yerovam mentioned here? Was he not an idolater? The explanation is that [he deserved this] because he did not listen to gossip about Amos. At that time, the generation and its leader worshipped idols. Nevertheless, [God said], "The Land which I promised to give to the descendants of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov, give it over into the hands of he who did not listen to gossip." They say: that which was not given over into the hands of Yehoshua bin Nun and David, king of Israel, was given over into Yerovam's hands, as it says, So He saved them by the hand of Yerovam ben Yoash

**Thus, when the Almighty wants to save Israel from
exceedingly dire circumstances, He saves them
even by way of the most wicked person, like an
idolater...[With some uncommon quality]**

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

**SO INSTEAD OF JUDGING THE RULERS OF ERETZ ISRAEL, DO YOUR PART
AND HELP BETTER THE LAND AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND MOVE THERE AND
LIVE THERE, AND THROUGH THIS YOU WILL BE HONORING HA KADDOSH
BARUCH HU**

**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**