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**ERETZ ISRAEL**  
**BULLETIN 5**

*"DWELLING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS EQUIVALENT TO  
ALL THE MITZVOT OF THE TORAH" (SIFREI, PARASHAT REE)*

**THE GREAT FOOLISHNESS AND SIN OF NOT  
LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL**

The Zohar states: "R. Chiya said, 'The nations will rule over Israel for only one day, a day of the Holy One Blessed be He, which is a thousand years. It is thus written, "He has made me desolate, faint throughout the day" (Eichah 1:13), one day and no longer.' R. Yosi said, 'If [the Jews] are subjugated longer than this, it is not because of the King's decree, but because they refuse to return towards Him " (Zohar 2:17a). (Brought Minchat Yehuda sec. 18, p. 237 by R Yehuda Alkalai)

Rabbi Yehuda Chai Alkalai writes in a Kol Korai, "Because Israel didn't rise up to return to our Land, and to the inheritance of our forefathers, the decrees began, the expulsions and slaughters, for the matter is dependent on the repentance of returning to Eretz Israel (Kol Korai, Rabbi Yehuda Chai Alkalai. The Writings of Rav Alkalai.)

Why did Moshe Rabbenu yearn to enter Eretz Israel? Did he need to eat its fruits, or to satisfy himself from its bounty? Rather, Moshe said: The people of Israel have been given many commandments, and they cannot be fulfilled except in the Land of Israel. (Sota 14)

As long as you are in the Land of Canaan, I am your G-d; when you are not in the land - I am not your G-d. (Tosefta, Avoda Zara 85)

"He who dwells in Eretz Israel is like one who has a G-d, and he who dwells outside the Land is like one who does not have a G-d" (Ketuvot 110b)

The people of Israel who are outside the Land worship false gods in purity." (Avoda Zara 8)

*Please Hashem, Be good to Me according to Your will, and grant me with compassion and kindness and as a free gift, that I will soon merit to come to Eretz Israel, to the Eretz ha Keddosha, the Land our forefathers inherited, the Land which all the authentic Tzaddikim, wished with all their soul and desired to be there, and most of them came there... (Tefillah of Rebbe Nachman of Bresslov)*