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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 76**

**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  
ONE SHOULD NOT BECOME BLINDED OR ENTICED BY A  
GOOD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY THAT HE MIGHT FIND HERE  
[IN EXILE], FOR HE WILL NOT SEE ANY BLESSING FROM IT.**

An evil spirit rests on it, and in the end it will be to his detriment, God forbid. I said this long ago about individuals who use bribes and "protectionism" to remain in places from which practically all of the Jews were expelled. They use the prevailing market conditions to amass huge sums of money. Others take advantage of war-time market conditions to become wealthy. However, they forget that the Creator of the Universe sent these afflictions to awaken us, His children, to leave the lands of exile and yearn to return to our forefathers' inheritance. They do not understand this. They have fattened their hearts and become engrossed in accumulating wealth through the great business opportunities that have developed during these turbulent times. Nothing will come out of this but disappointment I cited a Midrash about the plague of locusts [to prove this]:

What is the meaning of the verse Not a single locust remained (Shemot 10:19)? R. Yochanan said, "When the locusts came, the Egyptians rejoiced, saying, 'We will gather them and fill barrels with them.' The Holy One Blessed be He retorted, 'You wicked ones, you are happy with the plague that I have brought upon you?!' Immediately, The Lord turned a very strong west wind, and it carried the locusts (ibid.). What does it mean Not a single locust remained? Even the ones that were salted in their pots and barrels flew away." (Shemot Rabbah 13:7)

The same is true of those who rejoice over the market conditions that have resulted from today's misfortunes. The Holy One Blessed be He says to them, "You are happy with the plague that I have brought upon you?! I swear by your lives that you will remain empty-handed, because the wind will carry everything away!" Similarly, we must not expect anything from the market conditions that will arise after the war. The only outcome of these misfortunes should be that we leave the Diaspora, go up to the cities of Zion, and dwell therein. Then, we will succeed and attain everlasting peace and tranquillity. This is HaShem's will, as I proved above at length.

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

**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**