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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 84**

**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

**RABBI TEICHTAL BEMOANS THE FACT THAT PSEUDO RELIGIOUS
LEADERS OPPOSE THE MITZVAH OF SETTLING ERETZ YISRAEL**

Does the Torah not don sackcloth on account of this? Is Eretz Yisrael - our mother - not disgraced and insulted by this? Her sons insult her greatly by interfering with anyone who wants to raise his voice and inspire the masses to strengthen her and raise her from the dust, as the Holy One Blessed be He has commanded US. Today's pseudo-saints defame and degrade her so much that it is forbidden to speak in public for the sake of Yishuv HaAretz. And if, by chance, someone courageously and fearlessly states the truth as it is, they say that it is forbidden to listen to his sermon. With my own ears, I heard not one, but many people say that thousands and tens of thousands of Jews were punished because they engaged in the settlement and rebuilding of the Land. Is this not blasphemy, an insult to our holy Torah? Does this not cause grief and sorrow to the holy Shechinah, which is Kingship (Malchut), and to Eretz Yisrael, the mother of Israel, which is also Kingship? Woe to the ears which have heard this. It is obviously a grave sin to even utter such things. Every intelligent person with a brain in his head will realize that this is exactly what happened with Yehoshua and Calev. They were not afraid to declare the truth in public, opposing the entire congregation, including the princes who "sanctified" themselves by disrupting and preventing Israel from entering Eretz Yisrael. ... The spies claimed that they could concentrate better on Torah and divine service in the desert because they received Manna and were not busy making a living. If they would enter the Land, however, they would have to work the ground, and this would disrupt their divine service. « Yehoshua and Calev stood up against them and cried out, I{ the Lord desires us, He will bring us into this Land... Only, do not rebel against the Lord..., the Lord is with us (BeMidbar 14:8-9). Afterwards it says, But the entire congregation said to stone them with stones (ibid. 14:10). Are they not doing the same thing today? But, the verse continues, And the Glory of the Lord appeared in the Tent, upon which Rashi comments that the cloud came down to save Yehoshua and Calev. The same will happen whenever a person defends the honor of the Land and refuses to listen to the words of the grumblers, saying, Do not answer a fool according to his Folly (Mishley 26:4). A word to the wise is sufficient.

(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