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**ERETZ ISRAEL
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**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

**DO YOU WANT PROOF THAT THE REDEMPTION
WILL START THROUGH HINTS AND NATURAL WAYS?**

It says in Zechariah's prophecy, I will whistle to them and gather them, for I have redeemed them; and they will increase as they had increased before (10:8). Rashi explains, "I will whistle to them, like one who whistles to those who have lost their way as a signal for them to come towards him. And I will gather them, in the future, at the time of the end "

Metzudat David explains: I will whistle to the Jews of exile as a sign that they should come, and in this way I will gather them. That is to say, I will awaken their hearts to return to their Land, for then I will redeem them from exile. And they will increase, with sons and daughters, as they increased in Egypt.

The prophet further states, I will sow them among the nations; and they will remember Me in faraway places; and they, with their children, will live, and they will return (ibid. 10:9).

Metzudat David explains: I will sow them among the nations: Even though I scattered them like a person scatters seeds for sowing, they will remember Me in the faraway places to which they were scattered. Therefore, they, with their children, will live and return to their Land.

Thus, the prophet foretold that the redemption will occur by way of a hint. HaShem will call His children who are lost in the lands of exile, the same way a man shows a sign to someone who is lost in a desert, to help him find a way out. This will happen when the Holy One Blessed be He awakens the Jews to return to their Land. However, if the redemption were to occur with manifest, publicized miracles, it would not happen with a hint and a sign. When Klal Yisrael is unworthy, though, the redemption must occur in this fashion, as I explained above.

Now tell me, O people of Israel, is this prophecy not fitting for our times?! This awakening to return to the Land has already entered the heart of every Jew. We fulfil the verse And they will remember Me in faraway places; and they and their children will live, and they will return. That is to say, even Jews in the furthest places will

remember to return to their Land. For they and their children will only find a safe haven when they return to their Land. Every detail of this prophecy coincides with current events.

In any event, we see clearly that this prophecy refers to our era. Therefore, no one should oppose the return to the Land, for even if his intentions are desirable, his actions are certainly not.

"Above, I mentioned that the Sages of the Talmud, whose every utterance was said with Ruach HaKodesh, revealed that unclean birds will bring us a hint and a sign of our return to the Land. We will be lost in the desert of the nations, greatly bewildered, and we will cry out, "To where shall we flee? To where shall we flee?" Then, the Holy One Blessed be He will whistle to us and give us a sign to come towards Him. He will do this by way of unclean birds, meaning, men who have strayed from the path of Torah and fear of G-d due to the foreign influences they absorbed in exile. I already explained above⁵ that no one can fathom the searchings of G-d. The thoughts and deeds of He Who is Perfect in Knowledge are beyond our thoughts.

I also cited our mentors, the Maharal of Prague, the Midrash Shmuel, the Shach, and the Noam Elimelech (who all possessed Ruach HaKodesh) as saying that great and holy things must develop from mundane matters and through sinners. These sacred rabbis are more reliable than all of today's distinguished men. How can these men compare to those "lions"?!

On the contrary, every G-d-fearing Jew must join the builders in their sacred task. In this way, the religious Jews will enhance the sanctity of the Land after the secular Jews succeeded in initiating the building. Furthermore, the merit of Israel's complete unity will cause HaShem to rest His Shechinah among us. He will then bestow a purifying spirit upon the secular Jews and cause them to return and serve Him wholeheartedly. Thus, the prophet says, And I will remove the iniquity of that Land in one day (Zecharyah 3:9), and HaShem says, Peace, peace for the far and near, says the Lord, and I will heal him (Yeshayah 57:19). That is to say, you will see that you will live peacefully even with those who you call sinners. Building the Land will unite you, for this mitzvah alone is capable of bringing unity, as I explained above, at length. Do not worry [about the secular Jews], for I [G-d] will heal them with a heavenly spirit of purity. Those who "sanctify themselves" and publicly advocate division, speak out of ignorance, as the brilliant and holy R. Yusha'le of Kutno writes.

(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