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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 182

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

Who scorned the day of small things? Who caused the table of the Tzaddikim to be disgraced in the Time to Come? The small minded among them who didn't have faith in the Almighty. Sotah 48B. "Small minded - small in Emunah." Rashi, there

"The Gemara speaks of, Tzaddikim who don't believe. (Sotah 49a) There were people at the time of the Second Temple, who remembered the grandeur of the First Temple and complained about the situation in their time. Today also, among certain groups, there is an absence of Emunah in Hashem's Providence over the events of our times.

The facets of Geula which we are experiencing are not hidden at all. They are straightforwardly described by the Gemara. The revealed End comes when Eretz Yisrael abundantly gives forth her fruits. (Sanhedrin 98A) And we see with our own eyes that our agricultural production is booming.

There are those who say that what is happening now is the work of the Satan. (READ SATMAR REBBE ZTKL) Personally, I am unacquainted with the Satan. I don't have any business with him at all. Our Sages say that, One is to shoot arrows al the Satan. (Kiddushin 81A) We believe that everything which is happening now is from Hashem. The Gemara tells us that if there exists an agricultural situation like we find in Eretz Yisrael today - this is the revealed End. (Sanhedrin 98A) We are not Karaites who don't believe in the Oral Law, nor do we deny this Gemara."

"It is possible to propose new understandings, or to present the didactics of a Gemara in a different fashion, but in the Gemara, there are simple, straightforward matters. How is it possible to introduce another philosophy into this Gemara? Nothing here is secret or hidden, as it says, "There isn't a more revealed End than this. Before this statement, the entire page speaks about endings of the Galut. At the conclusion is a very stern warning against precise calculations of the End, and even a curse. The End is secret and hidden. When people see that predictions regarding the End don't come to pass, their Emunah becomes confused. After this warning in the Gemara, Rabbi Abba's words are recorded - there is one End which is revealed and certain, with no need for clarifications or reckonings. This is when one sees the trees in Eretz Yisrael graciously yielding their fruit. Rashi explains that, 'When the Land of Israel gives forth her fruits in abundance - the End is near, and there is no more revealed sign of the End of the Exile than this.'

## (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

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