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## ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 185

## 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 "Today also, Hashem is causing upheavals in the world, and toppling rulers from their thrones, as in the time of Koresh. Hashem overthrew the Turks, who ruled in the Land, and replaced them with others who recognized our right to this Land. Is all of this happenstance? Nature's wanton anarchy? No. This is Hashem's hidden hand. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed, Hear, O deaf; and look, O blind, that you may see. Who is blind but My servant, or deaf as the messenger that I sent? Who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Isaiah, 42:18-19

## Talmidei Chachamim, who are called servants of Hashem, they are the ones who are blind. It agonizes. Even Torah scholars, who are called Hashem's messengers and angels of the Lord Nedarim 20B - it is they who are deaf.

Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he hears not. " Isaiah, 42:20 There are so many things to see and to hear. Be quiet, pensive, and listen. Then you will see the Almighty, who disguises Himself in the events which unfold in the world." "The Lord is the Creator of the World, and the Creator of nations and kingdoms, and there is nothing besides Him. He brings about all of the great upheavals, as it says in Daniel: He brings down kingships, and raises them Up. Daniel, 2:21 There is no mysticism in seeing Hashem's guiding hand in the events of our time. This is all clear, visual proof of the Divine. Our Holy Land, which was in a paralyzing slumber, is showing her powers. She began to awaken during all of the wars which erupted these last fifty years, and which ended the Turkish rule in the Land. Thank G-d, the Land is in our hands now. Even the Temple Mount is under our control."

JUST AS THERE ARE TORAH SCHOLARS WHO TAKE ISSUE TODAY WITH THE WAY HASHEM IS RETURNING HIS CHILDREN TO ZION, SO TOO IN

EZRA'S TIME, TORAH SCHOLARS CRITICIZED THE WORKS OF HASHEM.

In the era of the Second Temple, the Almighty used a gentile king to return His exiled children to Zion. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight his ways. He shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives (Isaiah, 45:13) There were people who didn't agree with this way of restoring things. They thought the Geula should come in a holier way, and that the Temple be built in a more suitable manner. However, the Lord has many Shlichim, and He does what He wants. King Herod, a gentile, usurped the throne of Israel by force, murdered all of the Rabbis, save Rabbi Baba ben Buta, whom he only blinded, (Baba Batra 3B-4A.) and yet Hashem allowed him to reconstruct the Second Temple and to rebuild the city of Jerusalem (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