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**ERETZ ISRAEL  
BULLETIN 237**

**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**

**FROM THE WRITINGS OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE ZTKL  
HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A KING OF ISRAEL WHO  
FOLLOWS G-D'S WAYS, TRUSTS IN HIM AND UNDERSTANDS  
THE CHILUL HASHEM INHERENT WHEN THE NATIONS  
ATTACK THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL**

There came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a million-man army and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephath at Mareshah. Asa cried unto the L-rd his G-d, and said: "L-rd, there is none beside You to help, between the mighty and him that has no strength. Help us, O L-rd our G-d; for we rely on You, and in Your name are we come against the multitude. You are the L-rd our G-d. Let no man prevail against You." So the L-rd smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. Asa and the people with him pursued them until Gerar, and there fell of the Ethiopians so that none remained alive, for they were shattered before the L-rd and before His host, and they carried away very much booty. They smote all the cities roundabout Gerar, for a terror from the L-rd came upon them, and they spoiled all the cities, for there was much spoil in them. (II Chron. 14:8-13)

Here is an example of a king of Israel who follows G-d's ways, trusts in Him and understands the Chilul Hashem inherent when the nations attack the Jewish People in the Land of Israel. He does not pursue tortured arguments regarding the prohibition against provoking the nations or regarding saving lives. He knows that this is a milchemet mitzvah, a compulsory war. Thus, he goes off to war against the frightening army of the nations.

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