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ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 269

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

OUR EXILE STRENGTHENS THE NATIONS IN THEIR FALSE FAITH

THE EXILE, ITSELF, IN THE EYES OF THE NATIONS IS THE PINNACLE OF CHILUL HASHEM, WHEREAS ISRAEL'S RETURN TO ERETZ ISRAEL, THE LAND FROM WHICH THEY WERE EXILED, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVEREIGN STATE TRIUMPHANTLY, AGAINST THE WILL OF THE NATIONS, IS THE PINNACLE OF KIDDUSH HASHEM

The proof to the nations that, indeed, a G-d exists in Israel, and He is the Supreme Master and King of Kings. Thus, His might, valor and victory are revealed through the might, valor and victory of Israel.

Isaiah prophesied (Isaiah 52:5-7,10 11):

Now, therefore, what do I do here ["in this, the third exile" - Radak] says the L-rd, seeing that My people is taken away for naught? They that rule over them do howl, says the L-rd, and My name is blasphemed all day long. Therefore, My people shall know My name, and they shall know on that day that I, even He that spoke, here I am How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger of good tidings, announcing peace, the harbinger of good tidings, announcing salvation, who says unto Zion, "Your G-d reigns!" The L-rd has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our G-d. Depart you, depart! Get out of there! Touch no unclean thing. Get out of her midst! Be clean, you who bear the L-rd's vessels.

The prophet brings the word of G-d, Who laments for Israel at the time of redemption: "What business have I here in the exile, where gentile rulers arrogantly blaspheme My name all day long? Therefore, both My people and the nations shall know that I am truly the Omnipotent L-rd G-d, when I announce salvation and sovereignty for Zion and gather them to their land with My holy arm before all the nations to the ends of the earth. Therefore, depart the corrupt exile, the source of

Chilul Hashem. Return to Eretz Israel so that you can live and sanctify My name." Indeed, only through might, revenge and valor, the defeat of the nations, Israel's return to Eretz Israel and the exile's liquidation will the nations understand that the L-rd is G-d.

Isaiah also said (Isaiah 59:16-19):

He saw that there was no man and was astonished that there was no intercessor. Therefore, His own arm brought salvation unto Him, and His righteousness sustained Him. He put on righteousness as a coat of mail, a helmet of salvation on His head, garments of vengeance for clothing, and was dad with zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds will He repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies, and to the islands He will repay recompense. So shall they fear the name of the L-rd from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun

REMOVING THE EXILE FROM ISRAEL IS TEN TIMES HARDER THAN REMOVING ISRAEL FROM THE EXILE

TO OUR SORROW, THIS DISEASE HAS EVEN SMITTEN TORAH SCHOLARS.

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