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ERETZ ISRAEL BULLETIN 64

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 THE TESHUVAH OF THOSE WHO SETTLE IN ERETZ YISRAEL MAY BE MUCH GREATER THAN WHAT YOU THINK, GREATER THAN YOUR TESHUVAH IN EXILE

Now, it is well known that the mitzvah of Yishuv Eretz Yisrael is equal to the entire Torah (Sifrei, Re'eh 28). It is al so well known that many Jews presently ascend to Eretz Yisrael with genuine effort and self-sacrifice. Furthermore, [we already explained that] by performing one of the preeminent mitzvot, the Jews are considered penitents and deserve redemption. Therefore, the Rambam's statement - "Israel will only be redeemed through repentance, and the Torah has already promised that Israel will repent...and immediately be redeemed" - has come to fruition. That is to say, the very fact that the Jews yearn to return to Eretz Yisrael, which is a preeminent mitzvah, is their repentance, and it makes them worthy of seeing the final redemption (with G-d's help). Their yearning stems from HaShem's promise to stir their hearts to repentance at the end of their exile. For, I stated above that the Holy One Blessed be He will place in their hearts the desire and vearning to return to Eretz Yisrael. This itself will be their repentance, as Hoshea the prophet says, Afterwards, the Children of Israel will seek out the Lord their G-d. "This refers to the kingdom of Heaven," [meaning, they will strive] to return to Eretz Yisrael so that the Holy One Blessed be He can be called "King."

(FROM EM HA BANIM SEMECHA, RABBI YSACHAR SHLOMO TEICHTAL, ZTK'L)

SO THOSE WHO RETURN TO ERETZ YISRAEL ARE IN FACT SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, FOR G-D IS ONLY CALLED KING IN ERETZ YISRAEL, AS THE ZOHAR HA KADDOSH SAYS. SO WHO'S DOING THE REAL TESHUVAH? THOSE WHO LIVE IN NEW YORK AND PARIS OR THOSE WHO LIVE IN ERETZ YISRAEL THE PLACE WHERE HASHEM IS CALLED KING?

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