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**ERETZ ISRAEL
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**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**

**G-D, THUS, INTENDS TO BLOT OUT THE
CHILUL HASHEM AMONG THE NATIONS**

G-d, thus, intends to blot out the Chilul Hashem among the nations, occurring through Israel, in the only way that the nations will understand, namely, Israel's redemption and their victory over the nations who blasphemed G-d. Since, in the nations' eyes, Israel's weakness and lowliness, and their suffering at the nations' hands, are interpreted as G-d's weakness and inability to save His people, and that is a Chilul Hashem, it follows that Israel's power, exaltation and victory over their own enemies and the blasphemous enemies of G-d is a Kiddush Hashem.

Therefore, although Israel are unworthy of redemption in terms of their deeds, which are insufficient, still, a certain "time" arrives in G-d's calculations when He has compassion for His holy name, profaned among the nations, and for the destruction and ruin resulting on earth. This compassion transcends all other calculations and establishes that Israel's redemption will come: "Therefore, say unto the house of Israel: Thus says the L-rd G-d: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, where you came" (Ezek. 36:22). Not for their sake, not because they deserve it, for they have not repented properly, but for the sake of G-d's holy name. For the sake of that, G-d, in His kindness, redeems Israel.

"And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in the midst of them" (Ibid., v. 23). Mahari Kra comments (v. 22), "My name, which has been profaned through you," Le., by the very fact of Israel's weak, abject state in the exile.

"The nations shall know that I am the L-rd, says the L-rd G-d, when I am sanctified through you before their eyes" (Ibid., v. 23). Rashi comments, "What does this sanctification involve? 'I will take you from among the nations.'" This is from verse 24 which follows: "I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all

the countries, and bring you into your own land."

Chilul and Kiddush Hashem are opposites, and the ways that each is expressed are opposites as well. The non-Jew understands Israel's exile and abject state as G-d's inability to help His people, or, Heaven forbid, as G-d's nonexistence. This is the greatest Chilul Hashem there is. It follows that only through Israel's return to Eretz Israel and their being exalted and gaining power over the nations will those nations understand that, indeed, the L-rd is G-d, Supreme, Omnipotent King of Kings, and accept His sovereignty. Following is Mahari Kra

"And I will sanctify My great name" (Ezek. 36:23): When I once more remove you from among the nations, I sanctify My name among the nations so that I am credited among them for possessing valor. Until now, they said that I had become weak, because they saw that Israel were among them. Yet, when they see Israel leaving them triumphantly and against their will, they say, "Surely, G-d is not incapable of salvation, and His not having saved them until now was due to their sins. Had He wished to save them, He well could have done so." What results is that the nations sanctify G-d's name.

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