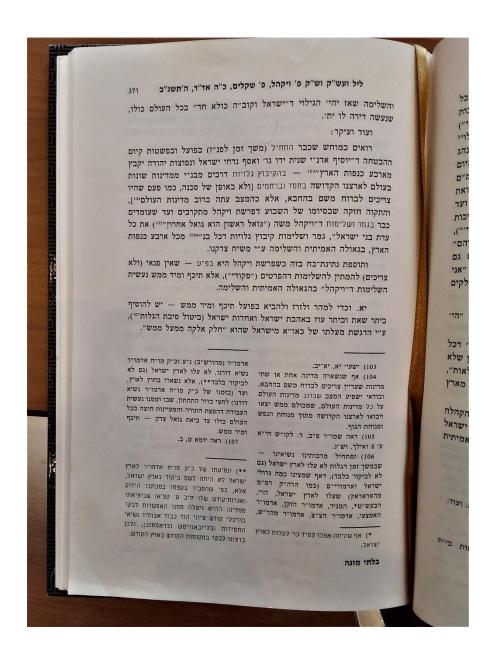


## A Sicha From 30 Years Ago, Was The Rebbe Speaking About Ukraine?

Exactly 30 years to the day of the invasion of Ukraine (24 Adar I, 5752) the Rebbe spoke about an ingathering of the exiles, saying that there still remain one or two nations where the Yidden have to flee in a way that is connected to severe danger.

The talk, which was spoken just two days before Chaf Zayin [27<sup>th</sup>] Adar 5752



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## פרשת ויקהל

## ') .... And we see more, and this is the main point:

We see openly that the ingathering of the exiles has already realistically begun straight forwardly a considerable time ago.

We have gotten to the anticipated time, for this Friday of [Shabbos when we read in the Torah of the ingathering] - Vayakhel.

Beginning on the first day of Parshas Vayakhel of this year we have actually seen the fulfilment of the promise

יוֹסִיף אֲדֹנָ-י שֵׁנִית יָדוֹ ... וְאָסַף נִדְּחֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּנְפָצוֹת יְהוּדָה יְקַבֵּץ מֵאַרְבַּע כַּנְפוֹת הַאָרֵץ

"Hashem will once again stretch forth His hand....and gather in the ones of Israel who have gone astray, and the dispersed ones of Yehuda.

He [Hashem] is gathering together from the four corners of the world <sup>103</sup> – *the ingathering of the exiles* many of the Jewish people from various countries of the world to our Holy Land with kindness and compassion; not as it was once when the Jewish people had to hide and secret themselves away.

Now there remain only one or two countries from which they still need to escape tied up with danger. But this will be - as was with most, and all of the world, in safety; thus, influencing those who have remained who are escaping amid danger - that they will all be saved.

This will not be by being endangered, as previously when they needed to escape from there in secret, but as is the situation now in most countries of the world<sup>104</sup>.

The strong hope is that by the conclusion of the week of Parshas Vayakhel we are drawing close and even standing *at the end and completion* of "And Moshe gathered together, the First Redeemer is the Final Redeemer<sup>105</sup>, the end and full ingathering of the exiles of all of the Jewish people<sup>106</sup> from all four corners of the world, in the true and complete redemption by our righteous Moshiach.

Those who came previously already had tranquility of soul and body immediately upon arrival, greater tranquility even compared to their situations and locations of the countries where they were previously.

And the additional strength given for this is that Parshas Vayakhel is read *on its own* [not with Parshas Pikudei] – that there is no time [and no need] to wait for the completion of the individual details [as in Parsha "Pikudei" which will be read a week later], but rather immediately now there takes place the completion of "Vayakhel [the ingathering] in the true and complete Redemption.

N°) And in order to hasten and to actually bring this immediately now – we need to increase with even more strength in Ahavas Yisroel – the love for one's fellow Jew and the unity of the Jewish people [thereby nullifying and cause of the exile<sup>107</sup>], by emphasizing the loftiness of every single one of the Jewish people who is "a veritable portion of Hashem from above".

## 103) Yeshaya 11, 11-12

104) Even if there remain one country or two countries from which one needs to escape from there secretly, and most certainly their situation will be influenced *by most and all* countries of the world, that from they [the Jewish people] will all exit and come to our Holy Land amid tranquility of the soul and body.

- 105) See Shemos Rabbah Ch.2, 4. Likkutei Sichos Volume 11... going forward. There it is explained.
- 106) And beginning from our Rabbeim, our Leaders that throughout Golus they did not ascend to Eretz Yisroel [not even to visit].

Even though we find many great Sages of the Jewish people and Rebbes [as for example HaRav HaKadosh Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Horodok] who ascended to Eretz Yisroel, yet, The Baal Shem Tov\*, The Magid, The Alter Rebbe, The Mitteler Rebbe, the Tzemach Tzedek, the Rebbe Maharash, The Rebbe [Rashab] and the Rebbe, my master and father-in law the Leader of our generation ... did not ascend to Eretz Yisroel [and not even to visit\*\*], but remained in Chutz LaAretz.

The Rebbe my master my father-in-law, the Leader of our generation came to the lower hemisphere [America], and it was from there and of himself that the began the Avoda of spreading the Torah and the well-springs [of Chassidus] outwards throughout the entire world, until the arrival of the righteous Redeemer - immediately now Mamash.

- 107) See Yoma 9b.
- \*) Even though he had an initial thought to ascend to Eretz Yisroel.
- \*\*) And the trip of the Rebbe my master and father-in-law to Eretz Yisroel was not for the purpose of only a visit to Eretz Yisroel, but, as he himself explained in his well-known letter [his Igros Kodesh Volume 2 page 191] that with his exit from that country [Russia] there was taken from him the possibility to visit the Holy resting sites of his ancestors the Leaders of Chassidus [in Lubavitch and in Rostov], which is why he wished to visit the Holy Sites in Eretz HaKodesh.