

righteous Moshiach. [This should have happened] particularly in this year, which according to all of the calculations and the signs is "the year when King Moshiach will be revealed,"⁴ as was discussed several times in recent months.

A Jew acquires (in this place and time) the most potent energies as well as the greatest privilege and responsibility to implore and cry out to G-d: "How much longer"?!...

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Since we have already completed all the requirements of "our deeds and efforts,"⁵ which is why we cry out and demand "how much longer" (as was discussed earlier), the raging question remains the same: Since we have already accomplished everything, how is it that our righteous Moshiach has not yet arrived?!...

*(From the talk of Shabbos Parshas Ekev, 23 Menachem Av,
Mevorchim Hachodesh Elul, 5751)*

4. *Yalkut Shimoni* 499.

5. See *Tanya*, beginning of ch. 37.

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The Announcement of the Redemption

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All aspects of "our actions and Divine service" have already been completed, including "polishing the buttons," "behold he (Moshiach) comes"; this year is the "year in which the king Moshiach is revealed"; the only thing remaining is one movement of G-d to take the Jewish people from exile and bring them to the Holy Land; the merit and responsibility to plead and cry to G-d "until when," how is it possible that Moshiach has not yet come

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The timely theme now is the true and complete Redemption. As discussed several times, especially most recently, since one must "await his coming every day"¹ and all of the signs indicate that "behold, he (Moshiach) is coming"² we therefore continuously think and speak of the Redemption. We also make every effort to connect all matters of current concern with the Redemption. Our service now as Jews is to hasten the Redemption.

...It has been discussed many times that my sainted father-in-law testified and proclaimed that we have already completed all that was needed, including the "polishing of the buttons." The only thing left is the one simple gesture on G-d's part to take the Jews out of exile and to bring them to the Holy Land... Thus, Jews implore and cry out, time and again - and now with much more intensity than previously - "how much longer?!"...

...A Jew not only has the capacity to awaken himself and other Jews, but also to "arouse" G-d, as it were, to "come and let us calculate the calculations of the world."³ According to all calculations (which G-d had indicated in His Torah and in the miracles He wrought in the world), G-d should long ago have brought the true and complete Redemption through our

1. The text of "Ani Ma'amin" published in prayer books etc. See *Likkutei Sichos*, vol. 23, p. 394.

2. *Shir HaShirim* 2:8 and *Shir HaShirim Rabbah* on this verse.

3. Talmudic expression, *Bava Basra* 78b.