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conclusion that was just as much the product of their own biases than of the actual things that they saw.

Yehoshua and Kaleiv saw the exact same land and still concluded that “we will surely ascend and inherit it.” They let their underlying perspective be positively and optimistically shaped based on their faith in God’s promise as opposed to being filtered through the ephemeral temptations of one’s heart.

How does one gain the proper perspective on life’s challenges to be able to reach the proper conclusions? One method is connecting to Yerushalayim. According to one breakdown of the name Yerushalayim, the city’s name is a compound word of “yireh” “shalem” – “his vision will be complete.”<sup>4</sup> Yerushalayim’s proximity to the Divine Presence and the ability to “see” God’s face there gives a person the complete and perfect perspective. After spending time in the city or learning of its significance we walk away with a deeper connection to eternity and hence a better and truer perspective through which to filter everything we see in the world around us.

May we merit to connect to Yerushalayim and gain a true perspective on life!

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<sup>4</sup> For a list of the different meanings of “Yerushalayim” see, Rav Yitzhak Levi, “Mashma’ut HaSheim Yerushalayim,” available at <https://www.etzion.org.il/he/%D7%A9%D7%99%D7%A2%D7%95%D7%A8-11-%D7%9E%D7%A9%D7%9E%D7%A2%D7%95%D7%AA-%D7%94%D7%A9%D7%9D-%D7%99%D7%A8%D7%95%D7%A9%D7%9C%D7%99%D7%9D>.