Chazal[[1]](#footnote-1) tell us there were five things that brought about the *geula* in mitzrayim, 1. מתוך הקץ, 2. מתוך צרה, 3. מתוך צווחה, 4. מתוך זכות אבות, 5. מתוך תשובה, and the same is with the גאולה לעתיד, all five are necessary to be זוכה for the גאולה. The Ramban[[2]](#footnote-2) explains that even though the קץ has already arrived, it wasn’t enough for klal Yisroel to be נגאל if not for the צעקות (not plain Tehillim, rather screaming out to Hashem). Rabeinu Bachye adds on that this a רמז to the גאולה העתידה, that even though the time has come they will only be נגאל through תשובה and תפילה, and as soon as klal Yisroel will do that the גאולה will come immediately!

Chazal tell us further what kind of tefillos are needed, and they based it on the פסוק in הושע (ג,ה), **אחר ישובו בני ישראל ובקשו את ד' אלוקיהם, ואת דויד מלכם, ופחדו את ד' ואל טובו באחרית הימים.** Rashi explains that this is referring to the period of time that the גלות is over, prior to the גאולה, that there will be a ביקוש for 1. מלכות שמים, 2. מלכות בית דוד, 3. בנין בית המקדש. Rashi brings down that Chazal say in these three were despised by klal Yisroel, and the geula will only come when klal Yisroel rectifies this by doing תשובה and being מבקש these three things.

The beis Yosef[[3]](#footnote-3) brings down this Chazal and says that because of this Chazal instituted in שמונה עשרה and ברכת המזון these three בקשות. However, this is not the קיום of the נבואה of אחר ישובו בני ישראל, because this we have been doing throughout the entire גלות, and the נביא says that this is going to take place only in the end of the גלות. This נבואה is referring to תפילות that klal Yisroel get together and cry out to Hashem for the גאולה like we did in mitzrayim.

During this long גלות, many Gedolim urged that there should be such tefillos, but it didn’t come into fruition. The מעבק יבק who was one of the big mekubolim in his generation, a talmid of the רמ"ע מפאנו, brings a lengthy תפילה sent to him from Yerushalayim, and its source is from the קדמונים, asking for these three בקשות and he writes that even though we ask for it in שמונה עשרה, but that is not enough based on this Chazal that there has to be a ביקוש for these three things, there should be a special תפילה asking just for מלכות שמים, מלכות בית דוד and בנין בית המקדש. The מעבר יבק writes that he sent out the תפילה to all his surrounding cities and printed it in his sefer, so that everyone can also join the בני ירושלים in the בקשת הגאולה.

The Duvne Magid[[4]](#footnote-4) also says the it is not enough the regular tefillos because Hashem says you came to daven for your needs, and once you were there anyways you through in a tefilla for the geula, however if klal Yisroel will gather together just to daven for the geula, immediately the guela will come. The Chofetz Chayim[[5]](#footnote-5) also writes the same idea that it is in עיקר גדול that klal Yisroel gather together specifically to daven בצעקה for the geula, just like it was done in mitzrayim. The Chofetz Chaim himself tried to arrange such a tefilla in his old age, and he cried and said the only thing that is preventing the geula, is that klal Yisroel did not gather to be צועק for the גאולה, and he intended to send out a קול קורא with ר' חיים עוזר, to make gatherings to be צועק for the geula, but it did not work out.[[6]](#footnote-6)

In our times however we are zoche to witness the fulfillment of the נבואה, אחר ישובו בית ישראל ובקשו, and the wish of the Chofetz Chayim, as major gatherings are taking place all over Eretz Yisroel, to be צועק for the geula. And history is repeating itself, the tefilla of the מעבר יבק that was sent from Yerushalayim, is used [in a shorter form], was used to Daven every Rosh Chodesh in קהל אנשי ירושלים in Yerushalayim, and from there it spread all over Eretz Yisroel by every type of קהילה! The tefilla was said by thousands of Bnei Torah, in Yeshivas Mir by the levayah of the Mashgiach Zatzal, by the direction of the Mashgiach Harav Don Segal Shlit”a, and again on Rosh Chodesh Shvat there was a gathering of 1500 yidden led by Reb Binyomin Finkel Shlit”a. Motzei Shabbos parshas vo’eira there was a huge gathering in Kollel Chazon Ish in Bnei Brak, led by Rav Naftoli Kopshitz shlit”a, Rav Eliyohu Diskin, and Reb Levi Yitzchok Shushan.

The tefilla has become so widespread in Eretz Yisroel, it is being said in some Chadorim, Avos U’banim, while waiting by a bris, many kollelim say the tefilla once a week, and Baruch Hashem it has spread a little in Chuz la’aretz as well.

1. ירושלמי תענית פ"א ה"א. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. שמות ב, כה, ורבינו בחיי בפסוק כג [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. או"ח סי' קפ"ח [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. כוכב ליעקב פר' אמור [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. חומת הדת פרק יד [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. והגדת פ' שמות [↑](#footnote-ref-6)