

SEFER YETZIRAH 3.5



**משנה ה': שלוש אמות אמ"ש בשנה חום קור ורויה. חום
נברא מאש קור נברא ממים ורויה מרוח מכריע בינתיים:**

3.5: Three Mothers AMSh in the Year are the hot the cold and the temperate. The hot is created from fire The cold is created from water And the temperate, from Breath, decides between them.

(Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation)

3:5 Three mothers aleph-mem-shin in the year. Hot, cold, and moderate. Hot was created from fire, cold was created from water, and the time of moderation from spirit/breath decides between them.

(Doc Benton translation)

In this passage, we encounter the decomposition of time by the pattern of three. The element of *fire* corresponds to the hot summer, *water* to the cold winter, and *air* to the temperate seasons in between.