

# SEFER YETZIRAH 5.3



משנה ג': שתים עשרה פשוטות ה' ו' ז', ח' ט' י', ל' נ' ס',  
ע' צ' ק', יסודן חקקן חצבן צרפן שקלן והמירן וצר בהם שנים עשר  
מזלות בעולם שנים עשר חדשים בשנה שנים עשר מנהיגים בנפש  
זכר ונקבה:

5.3: Twelve Elementals HVZ ChTY LNS OTzQ Their  
foundation is [that] He engraved them, carved them,  
permuted them, weighed them, and transformed them,  
And with them He formed twelve constellations in the  
Universe twelve months in the Year and twelve  
directors in the Soul, male and female.  
(*Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation*)

5:3 Twelve plain, hey-vav-zayin-chet-tet-yud-lamed-nun-samach-ayin-tzaddi-kuf. Their foundation is IT decreed them, shaped them, combined them, weighed them, and exchanged them, and IT formed with them twelve constellations in the world, twelve months in the year, twelve conductors in the person, male and female. (*Doc Benton translation*)

Once again we see that each letter is involved in the five fundamental steps of creation: willing/decreeing, shaping, combining, weighing/defining, and exchanging/transforming. Additionally, the influence of these letters, the pattern of twelve, will be found in the twelve constellations (space), the twelve months (time), and in the person who is the connecting link between space and time.