

# SEPHER YEZIRAH.

## CHAPTER I.

### SECTION 1.

Yah,<sup>1</sup> the Lord of hosts, the living God, King of the Universe, Omnipotent, All-Kind and Merciful, Supreme and Extolled, who is Eternal, Sublime and Most-Holy, ordained (formed) and created the Universe in thirty-two<sup>2</sup> mysterious paths<sup>3</sup> of wisdom by three<sup>4</sup> Sepharim, namely: 1) S'for שְׁפָרָה; 2) Sip-pur שִׁפּוּר; and 3) Sapher שָׁפָר which are in Him one and the same. They consist of a decade out of nothing<sup>5</sup> and of twenty-two fundamental letters. He divided the twenty-two consonants into three divisions: 1) three מִמְלָא mothers, fundamental letters or first elements; 2) seven double; and 3) twelve simple consonants.

### SECTION 2.

The decade<sup>6</sup> out of nothing is analogous to that of the ten fingers (and toes) of the human body, five parallel to five, and in the centre of which is the covenant with the only One, by the word of the tongue and the rite of Abraham.

### SECTION 3.

Ten are the numbers out of nothing, and not the number nine, ten and not eleven. Comprehend this great wisdom, understand this<sup>7</sup> knowledge, inquire into it and ponder on it, render it evident and lead<sup>8</sup> the Creator back to His throne again.

1) See Notes commencing on Page 47.