

BREASTPLATE OF JUDGEMENT (Exodus 28:15-28): Children of Israel: BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Ephesians 6:14)

1st row: **Sardius: Carnelian or ruby**; represents the shed blood of Jesus. Exodus 28:17; Isaiah 5:16; John 1:29b. Reuben (1st born) Meaning: Behold A Son. Lost all privileges of being born first; lacked stability. Gen 49:3-4 (unstable as water; shall not excel). **STABILITY (Emerald stone). Truth; firmness, steadfastness, solidity, unmovable, strength, security, safety, permanence; soundness of mind, balance, rational.**

1st row: **Topaz**: The second stone in first row of breastplate of judgement (Exodus 39:10; one of foundations in New Jerusalem (Rev 21:20) Simeon (2nd born); {Levi (3rd born - not in Breastplate of Judgement)}: instruments of cruelty; Gen 49:5-7. Anger turned Simeon into liar, thief, murderer. (Gen 34) **SELF CONTROL: a cognitive process** that is necessary for regulating one's emotions and behavior in the face of temptations & impulses to achieve goals [Prov 16:32; 17:21; Prov 19:19; 29:18; Matt 5:5;

1st row: **Carbuncle: like a large ruby or garnet**, of a dark, deep red color. When held up to sun, it shines like a burning coal, a dark-red glowing coal. Next to diamond, hardest and most costly of all precious stones. Judah (Praise the LORD!) Praise; Praise (Psalms are songs of praise even in the bad times.) David praised God. (Hebrews 13:15) Ps 56 **FORTITUDE, COURAGE, BOLDNESS, RESOLVE; FEAR NOT**: (Eph 6:10-11; 2 Timothy 1:7; Matthew 28:20; Isaiah 43:5; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Timothy)

2d row: **Emerald**: rich green color Exodus 28:18; 39:11, Revelation 21:19; Ezekiel 28:13; Judges 10:21; Rev. 4:3; Glories of God & His saints, **fresh, flourishing, essence of life, growth, integrity, increase** Zebulun (dwell with me) Key to financial stability, shipping industry. These people came into contact with many Gentiles. (only Missionary tribe) **INDUSTRIOUS, DILIGENT, ACTIVE business & Spiritually**: Genesis 2:15; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:17, 23. 1 Thessalonians 4:11; John 4:34; John 9:4;

2nd row: **Sapphire**: Beauty, hardness; stone of royalty. Exodus 24:10; 2d stone in 2d row; Ex 28:18; extremely precious Job 28:16; Ezekiel 1:26. 2d foundation New Jerusalem. Issachar (5th son from Leah) (meaning: **Reward, good wages, recompensed**) Gen 49: *an ass couching down between two burdens* (drive out & help). (Given fertile land: farming.) **PATIENCE** James 1:2-8; Luke 21:19; Romans 5:3-4; Romans 8:25; Romans 15:4-5.

2nd row: **Diamond: crystalized carbon**, most valued & brilliant precious stones; 3rd stone in 2d row; Ex 28:18; Exodus 39:11; Ezekiel 28:13; Jeremiah 17:1 Dan (God hath judged me) It would have been better that he never been born; like Judas; Samson. Gen 49:17. *Serpent, dder* (betrayal of trust, deceptive, disloyal) **LOYAL, FAITHFULNESS, OBEDIENCE, DEVOTION**. Colossians 3:23; 1 Thes 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13; Heb 2:17; Heb 10:23; 1 John 1:9.

3rd row: **Ligure**: deep brilliant red with tinge of yellow and transparent. Ex 28:19; 39:12, 3rd row 1st stone; jacinth **Gad** (tribe of mighty warriors; troop, *lion*). Deuteronomy 33:20-22; (Elijah came from tribe of Gad – Just) Psalm 89:14; Prov 1:3; **JUSTICE, FAIRNESS**, Isa 45:21, 25; Is 59:12-21; Ps 37: Psalm 82:3; Acts 3:14;

3rd row: **Agate**: Exodus 39:12; Revelation 21:19; Ezekiel 27:16; Isaiah 54:12. **Ashur** (happy or blessed; land of generosity); Genesis 49:20; Deuteronomy 33:24-25. blessed with children, accepted to his brethren, oil, shoes shall be iron and brass, days-strength. **SHARE, GENEROSITY**, Gen 1:22; Ge 12:2; Prov 11:25-26; Prov 22:9; Isaiah 52:11; 1 Tim 6:17-18;

3rd row: **Amethyst**: Ex 28:19; rich violet purple; symbol of royal priesthood, kingship, majestic. (9th stone in breastplate). **Naphtali** (wrestled; a *deer* let loose; gives goodly words) zeal for freedom from dangers that may ensnare you. Run away from sin's controlling power, mind control, temptations. **ZEALOUS FOR FREEDOM, LIBERTY, DIS-ENTANGLEMENT**, Proverbs 14:7; Prov 1:1-2; Titus 2:14; Rev 3:19; Acts 22:3; Proverbs 4: 20-27; 1 Timothy 6:10-11

4th row: **Beryl**: Exodus 28:17, 20; 39:10; 39:13; Ezekiel 1:16; Ezekiel 10:9; Ezekiel 28:13; Daniel 10:6; Song of Solomon 5:14; Isaiah 54:12. (Not on breastplate) **Joseph** (May he add) outshined any person in OT. Gen 49:22 fruitful bough by the well – used by God; Joseph's second son = On breastplate: **Ephraim** (fruitfulness) **VIRTUE, MERCY, COMPASSION, LOVE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, MORALITY, INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, HONOR, RECTITUDE, DECENCY, RESPECTABILITY, NOBILITY, PURITY (like Christ)** no compromise with evil. Genesis 37:2; Numbers 25:11

4th row: **Onyx**: Exodus 28:20; 39:13; Job 28:16; Exodus 35:27; 35:9; 25:7; 39:6; 28:9; Genesis 2:12; Ezekiel 28:13; Revelation 21:20; 1 Chronicles 29:2. **Manasseh** (1st son of Joseph) forgetfulness. Joseph forgot painful memories. No longer desire to return home. New home, family, job. Dwelling upon painful past is heavy baggage. (Phil 3:13) **COMPOSURE; INNER PEACE; CALM; TRANQUILE**; Gen 49:23-24; Forgive the guilty. My forgiveness has nothing to do with God's forgiveness of that person. Matthew 18:21-22.

4th row: **Jasper**: Revelation 21:19; 4:3; 21:11; 21:18; Exodus 28:13, 20, 39:13; Job 28:18; Daniel 10:6; Exodus 39:11; Exodus 28:18; Ezekiel 1:16; 10:9; Isaiah 54:12 **Benjamin** (son of my right hand) Genesis 35:16-20 (Named by Jacob) raven as a wolf; divide spoil Genesis 49:27; In Deuteronomy 33:12, Moses said of tribe: beloved of LORD; cover him all the day long; shall dwell between his shoulders. Psalm 17:7; Psalm 98:1. **GRATITUDE; GRATEFULNESS; THANKSGIVING; SELFLESSNESS; promotes HUMILITY & WORSHIP OF GOD**; Paul from tribe of Benjamin. 1 Timothy 1:12; Psalm 95:2; Psalm 50:14-15 – Offer God thanksgiving; Right hand Power of God.