

BREASTPLATE OF MANY COLORS (Exodus 28:15-28)		BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Ephesians 6:14)
1 st row: Sardius : Carnelian or ruby; represents the shed blood of Jesus. Exodus 28:17; Isaiah 5:16; John 1:29b.	Reuben (1 st born) Meaning: Behold A Son. Lost all privileges of being born first; lacked stability. Gen 49:3-4 (unstable as water; shall not excel).	1. Character: STABILITY (Emerald stone). Truth; firmness, solidity, steadfastness, unmovable, strength, security, safety, permanence; soundness of mind, balance, rational.
1 st 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 (2 nd born); { Levi (3 rd born - but not in Breastplate of Judgement)}: instruments of cruelty; Gen 49:5-7. Anger turned Simeon into liar, thief, murderer. (Gen 34);	2. Character: SELF CONTROL : a cognitive process that is necessary for regulating one's emotions and behavior in the face of temptations and impulses to achieve goals.
1 st 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 & 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) Psalm 56	3. Character: 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)	4. Character: 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;
2 nd 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 (5 th son from Leah) (meaning: Reward, good wages, recompensed) Gen 49: an ass couching down between 2 burdens (drive out & help). (Given fertile land: farming.)	5. Character: PATIENCE James 1:2-8; Luke 21:19; Romans 5:3-4; Romans 8:25; Romans 15:4-5.
2 nd row: Diamond : crystalized carbon, most valued & brilliant precious stones; 3 rd 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, adder (betrayal of trust, deceptive, disloyal)	6. Character: LOYAL, FAITHFULNESS, OBEDIENCE, DEVOTION . Colossians 3:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 10:23; 1 John 1:9.
3 rd row: Ligure : deep brilliant red with tinge of yellow and transparent. Ex 28:19; 39:12, 3 rd row 1 st stone; jacinth	Gad (tribe of mighty warriors; troop, lion). Deuteronomy 33:20-22; (Elijah came from tribe of Gad – Just) Psalm 89:14; Proverbs 1:3;	7. Character: JUSTICE, FAIRNESS , Isaiah 45:21, 25; Isaiah 59:12-21; Psalm 37: Psalm 82:3; Acts 3:14;
3 rd 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.	8. Character: SHARE, GENEROSITY , Genesis 1:22; Genesis 12:2; Proverbs 11:25-26; Proverbs 22:9; Isaiah 52:11; 1 Timothy 6:17-18;
3 rd row: Amethyst : Exodus 28:19; rich violet purple; symbol of royal priesthood, kingship, majestic. (9 th 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.	9. Character: ZEALOUS FOR FREEDOM, LIBERTY, DIS-ENTANGLEMENT Proverbs 14:7; Proverbs 1:1-2; Titus 2:14; Revelation 3:19; Acts 22:3; Proverbs 4: 20-27; 1 Timothy 6:10-11
4 th 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 2nd son = On breastplate: Ephraim (fruitfulness)	10. Character: VIRTUE, COMPASSION, MERCY, RIGHTEOUSNESS, MORALITY, INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, RECTITUDE, LOVE, HONOR, DECENCY, RESPECTABILITY, NOBILITY, PURITY (like Christ) no compromise with evil. Genesis 37:2;
4 th 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 (1 st 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)	11. Character: COMPOSURE; INNER PEACE; CALM; TRANQUILE ; Genesis 49:23-24; Forgive the guilty. My forgiveness has nothing to do with God's forgiveness of that person. Matthew 18:21-22.
4 th 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.	12. Character: 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.