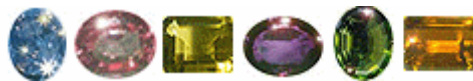


GEMSTONES and their Biblical Significance



There are an amazing total of 1,704 references to gemstones and minerals in the Holy Scriptures. We find that **gemstones** were used to adorn the breast plate used by the high priest when ministering to Jehovah-GOD, and are described in the 28th chapter of the book of Exodus, and also in the last book of the Bible, Revelation the 21st chapter describing the Holy City of God.

This is a condensed list of gemstones that we are familiar with in our modern day.
 (All Scripture references are from the King James Version of the Bible)

GEMSTONE	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL
AMBER	Ez. 1:4, 27, 8:2	A gleaming bronze or glowing gold translucent fossil resin of ancient pine trees. Referred to as "SEA GOLD" by fishermen of old sailing the Baltic Sea.	Presence of God; Glory of God in Judgment; Purification; Sanctification
AMETHYST	Ex. 28:19, 39:12; Rev. 21:20	A rich purple to blue-violet color of transparent quartz. The finest comes from Brazil and Uruguay. The 9 th stone of the High Priest's breastplate. Hebrew = dreams Greek = not drunken	The Royal Priesthood; Kingship; Majesty; Royalty; Reverence
DIAMOND	Jer. 17:1; Ex. 28:19, 39:11; Ez. 3:9, 28:13; Zech. 7:12	The hardest naturally occurring substance, colorless. The "Fancies" are the rarest of all stones in our modern day which are the Blue Hope Diamond; Canary-yellow Tiffany Diamond & the renowned Dresden Green Diamond.	Stability; Brilliance; Virtuous; Unconquerable; Right Standing with God; Overcoming
EMERALD	Rev. 4:3. 21:19; Ex. 28:18, 39:11; Ez. 27:16, 28:13	A brilliant, velvety intense green beryl. High quality Emerald is found in the mines of Colombia.	Fresh; Life; Zeal; Growth; Increase; Prosperity; Flourishing

JASPER	Ex. 28:20, 39:10; Ez. 28:13; Rev. 4:3, 21:11,18	An opaque variety of quartz. Colors range from green reddish-brown to yellow.	Splendor; Beauty; Magnificence; Brightness; Glory or God
PEARL	Job 28:18; Mat. 7:5, 13:45-46; 1 Tim. 2:9; Rev. 17:4, 18:12, 21:21	If an irritant such as a grain of sand becomes trapped within its shell, the oyster gradually covers it with layers of nacre, forms the pearl. Ancient Chinese beauty treatment: ground finely then ingested with liquid for flawless skin.	God's Truth; Testing's; High Price; God's people formed through suffering; Costly Experience
RUBY	Job 28:18; Prov. 3:15, 8:11, 20:15; Lam. 4:7; Ex. 28:17	A fiery, pale to shades of deep-red, transparent form of corundum. Rubies of the finest color come from the region of Mogok in Burma; these rubies are primarily violet-red in color.	Wisdom; Great Value; Preciousness: Prized Treasure; Costly Glories
SAPPHIRE	Ex. 24:10, 28:18, 39:11; Job 28:6, 16; Lam. 4:7; Isa. 54:11; Ez. 1:26, 10:1; Rev. 9:17	There are many hues of this form of corundum. The most recognized of this gem variety is the very large 'Star of India' which weighs 563 carats.	Beauty; Hardness; Healing; Grace; Heavenlies; Reward; Natural Excellence; Flower=hyacinth
TOPAZ	Ex. 28:17, 39:10; Job 28:19; Ez. 28:13, 17; Rev. 21:20	Brilliant crystals of blue, brown, yellow or pink. Yellow graduating to pink is the most valued.	Seeking; Beauty; Worthiness; Seasonable; Precious Gem

REFERENCES:

- King James Version of the Holy Bible (Authorized Version)
- Gems & Minerals of the Bible, by: Ruth V. Wright & Robert L. Chadbourne
- Symbols and Types, by: Kevin Conner