

Exodus 28:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

Analysis

Six tribal names on each stone, listed by birth: Reuben through Zebulun on one, the rest on the other. This division maintains the twelve's unity (both stones present) while acknowledging individual identity (names separated). The high priest can't bear one tribe without the other—all Israel comes together. Christ's priestly work benefits the entire church; He doesn't intercede for some while neglecting others. All are equally represented.

Historical Context

The birth order listing (Reuben as firstborn through Benjamin as youngest) reflected the patriarchal structure while avoiding favoritism based on current tribal status. Jacob's sons, despite their varied histories and Leah versus Rachel's rivalry, were equally represented.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's equal representation of all believers combat favoritism in the church?
2. What does the unity of twelve names (despite two stones) teach about church unity amid diversity?

Interlinear Text

בְּשֶׁשׁ הַ שֵּׁם וְתֵאֵת קָאֵת תְּ בָאֵבָן עַל שֵׁם וְתֵאֵת בְּשֶׁשׁ הַ

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