

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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הַשֵּׁשׁ הַשְּׁמֹת וְעַל הָאֶבֶן הָאֶחָדָה וְאֵת הַשֵּׁשׁ הַשְּׁמֹת  
**Six** **names** H5921 **stone** **on one** H853 **names** **Six**  
H8337 H8034 H68 H259 H8034 H8337

כְּתוּלֵדָתָם: הַשֵּׁנִי יֵת הָאֶבֶן עַל הַבְּנוֹתֵי יָם  
**of the rest** H5921 **stone** **on the other** **according to their birth**  
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