

# Exodus 28:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

## Analysis

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The engraving must be done 'like the engravings of a signet'—the same method used for official seals that authenticate documents. A signet's impression validates ownership and authority. The tribal names engraved with signet-quality craftsmanship indicates God's authentication—these are officially His people. The enclosing gold settings (ouches) frame and display the names, ensuring they're seen and protected. Christ's representation of us is both official (authenticated by God) and careful (we're displayed and protected).

## Historical Context

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Signet rings bore owner's seals for impressing into wax or clay, authenticating documents. The same engraving technique used for personal seals was applied to these sacred stones, ensuring permanence and clarity—names that wouldn't fade or wear away.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's 'authentication' of you (signet engraving) mean for your identity?
2. How does Christ both display and protect you before the Father?

## Interlinear Text

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מַעֲשֵׂה הַ	חֲכַשׁ	הָאֲבִנִּים יִם	כְּפִתּוּחַ י'	חֹתֶם	
With the work	of an engraver	in stone	like the engravings	of a signet	
H4639	H2796	H68	H6603	H2368	
תִּפְתָּח	אֶת	שְׁתֵּי י'	הָאֲבִנִּים יִם	עַל	שְׁמֵי ת
shalt thou engrave	H853	the two	in stone	H5921	with the names
H6605		H8147	H68		H8034
בְּנֵי י'	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	מִסֵּב ת	מִשְׁבָּצֹת וְ	זָהָב ב	תַּעֲשֶׂה הַ
of the children	of Israel	them to be set	in ouches	of gold	thou shalt make
H1121	H3478	H4142	H4865	H2091	H6213
אֲתֶם:					
H853					