

# Exodus 28:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

## Analysis

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The second row: emerald, sapphire, diamond (or jasper). Revelation 21:19-20 connects these stones to the New Jerusalem's foundations. Sapphire's blue suggests heaven; emerald's green suggests life; diamond's clarity suggests purity. Together they picture redeemed humanity—heavenly, living, pure in Christ. The continuity from breastplate to eternal city shows that what the high priest bore on his chest prefigured what God eternally treasures.

## Historical Context

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Ancient sapphires (Hebrew סְפִיר, sappir) were likely lapis lazuli, deep blue stones highly prized. The emerald (בָּרֶקֶת, bareqeth) was bright green. These second-row stones continued the pattern of maximum beauty and value.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

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

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does your identity in Christ reflect heaven, life, and purity simultaneously?
2. What does the connection between the breastplate and New Jerusalem teach about covenant continuity?

## Interlinear Text

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H2905	H8145	H5306	H5601	H3095

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