

Exodus 28:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Analysis

The third row: ligure (possibly jacinth), agate, amethyst. Each stone's unique properties contribute to the whole. Amethyst's purple suggests royalty—we are a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9). The varied stones show that God doesn't mass-produce believers but individually crafts each with unique beauty while maintaining collective glory. No two agates are identical, yet all are valuable—like believers in Christ's body.

Historical Context

Agate (שְׁבֹעַ, shebo) displayed beautiful banded patterns, each stone uniquely marked. This mirrors how each believer bears unique marks of God's craftsmanship while sharing equal worth in His sight.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How has God 'crafted' you uniquely rather than mass-producing generic believers?

2. What does the royal stone (amethyst) teach about your identity in God's royal priesthood?

Interlinear Text

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