

Exodus 28:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

Analysis

The fourth row: beryl, onyx, jasper—all set in gold settings. These final stones complete the twelve, representing all Israel. Jasper represents divine glory (Revelation 4:3, 21:11). Gold settings frame each stone, showing that human identity receives context from divine glory. We are who we are because of who He is. The completion of four rows signifies comprehensive representation—all of God's people, all the time, are on the High Priest's heart.

Historical Context

Beryl (תַּרְשִׁישׁ, tarshish) was likely golden chrysolite. Jasper (יְשֻׁפֵּה, yashpheh) was possibly green jasper. These completing stones were no less valuable than the first—from beginning to end, all are precious to God.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does being 'set in gold' (framed by divine glory) give meaning to your identity?

2. What does the completion of twelve stones teach about God's comprehensive care for all His people?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁבָּצָם יְמִינָה וּבְטוֹרָה
they shall be set in their inclosings
H7660

בְּמַלְאָקָתָם: יְהִי וְיַהֲבֵב
in gold H1961 in their inclosings
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