

Exodus 35:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

Analysis

Onyx stones and stones for setting (אַבְנֵי-שָׁהֹם וְאַבְנֵי מְלָאִים avnei-shoham ve'avnei millu'im) would bear the names of Israel's twelve tribes on the high priest's ephod and breastplate. These precious stones represented God's people carried constantly before Him—on the priest's shoulders (strength) and over his heart (love). This foreshadows Christ our High Priest who bears His people's names perpetually before the Father.

Historical Context

Onyx was likely brought from Egypt as plunder or possibly traded from Arabia. The 'stones for setting' included twelve different precious stones for the breastplate (28:17-20), each representing one tribe—an expensive component requiring multiple gem varieties.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does the high priest bearing Israel's names on precious stones teach about how Christ intercedes for His people?
 2. How does the imagery of names engraved on stones speak to the security and permanence of God's covenant relationship?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹל	בָּם	לְבָם	בָּם	בָּאָו	בָּאָו	אַתְּ	וְיִעַשׂ
H3605	And every wise	hearted	H0	among you shall come		and make	H853
	H2450	H3820		H935		H6213	

כָּל	רָאשׁ	הַצּוֹר	יְהֹוָה:
H3605	H834	hath commanded	all that the LORD
	H6680		H3068

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