



GEMSTONES OF THE BIBLE

And their Biblical Significance

GEMSTONE	Scripture	Symbol	Description
AMBER	Ez.1:4,27; 8:2	the presence and glory of God in judgment, purification and sanctification	Hard, translucent, brownish-yellow, sometimes a glowing bronze, fossil resin of pine trees. The sweet fragrance of true Amber is quite distinct. Mainly found along the Baltic coasts of Poland, the Soviet Union, and Greece [in ancient ruins of Mycenae City].
AMETHYST	Ex. 28:19, 39:1; Rev.21:20	the royal priesthood, kingship and majestic	Rich purple to blue-violet color of transparent quartz. The finest of these gems come from Brazil and Uruguay. It is the 9th stone decorating the high priests breastplate.
DIAMOND	Jer. 17:1; Ex. 28:18, 39:11; Ezek. 28:13, 3:9; Zech. 7:12	stability, brilliancy, virtuous and right standing with God	Colorless; it is the hardest naturally occurring substance. The impurities add color, red being very rare. Africa is by far the largest producer; diamond is mostly mined in South Africa.

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EMERALD	Ex. 28:18, 39:11; Ezek. 27:16, 28:13; Rev. 4:3, 21:19	glories of God and His saints, fresh, flourishing, eternal life, growth, integrity, new life, resurrection, increase & prosperity	A variety of Beryl. Rich lush medium green heavily included to flawless. The finest qualities are mined in the famous Emerald Belt of Colombia. It is on the Breastplate of the high priest. [Ex. 28:20]
JASPER	Ex. 28:15&20, 39:13; Ezek. 28:13; Rev. 4:3, 21:11,16&18	glory of God, splendor, brightness, magnificence and beauty	Opaque variety of quartz. Color ranges from green to reddish brown to yellow having a waxy luster. Whether ancient or modern, this is a stone used for signet rings which can be engraved.
PEARL	Job 28:18; Matt. 7:6, 13:45&46; I Tim. 2:9; Rev. 17:4, 18:12, 21:21	God's truth, God's people formed through suffering, to endure, and a costly experience. Greek term for pearl "Margaret" meaning lovely gem.	If an irritant such as a grain of sand becomes trapped within its shell, the oyster gradually covers it with layers of nacre, which form the precious pearl inside.
RUBY	Job 28:18; Prov. 3:15, 8:11, 20:15; Lam. 4:7	preciousness, of great value, costly glories, wisdom, and prized treasure	Fiery, deep-red, transparent form of corundum. Rubies of the finest color come for the Mogok region in Burma, the violet-red (sometimes quite dark) comes principally from Thailand.
SAPPHIRE	Ex. 24:10, 28:13&18, 39:11; Job 28:6&16; Lam. 4:7; Isa. 54:11; Ezek. 1:26, 10:1, 28:13; Rev. 9:17, 21:19&20	Beauty, hardness, natural excellence, the flower Hyacinth	There are many hues of this form of corundum; the most recognized is the "Star of India".
TOPAZ	Ex. 28:13&17, 39:10; Job 28:12&19; Ezek. 28:13; Rev. 21:20	beauty, worthiness, precious gem and seasonable	A colorless, blue, yellowish brown, or pink, aluminum silicate (mineral). The yellow graduating to pink are the most valued. Mined primarily in Brazil. Fine topaz is not widely used in jewelry due to the cost and rarity of it.

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