



GEMSTONES OF THE BIBLE

Their Biblical Significance



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“The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.”

—Revelation 21:19

Introduction — Gemstones of the Bible

Throughout Scripture, **precious stones appear in places of beauty, honor, glory, and divine significance.** They adorned the breastplate of the High Priest, are seen in prophetic descriptions and heavenly visions, and form the foundations of the New Jerusalem.

These precious stones were not hidden away, but were placed where their **color, brilliance, beauty, and value could be seen.** As we trace their appearance throughout the Bible, we discover how often God uses the beauty of His creation to provide vivid pictures of **His glory, His purposes, and heavenly things.**



From the brilliance of **sapphire and emerald** to the richness of **ruby and amethyst**, gemstones provide vivid imagery that helps illuminate the beauty and splendor found throughout the Word of God.



AMBER

Scripture References: Ezekiel 1:4, 27; 8:2

Biblical Significance: The Presence and Glory of God, Judgment, Purification, Sanctification

Description: A hard, translucent, brownish-yellow fossilized resin that can have a warm, glowing appearance. True amber may also have a distinctive fragrance.

AMETHYST

Scripture References: Exodus 28:19; Revelation 21:20

Biblical Significance: Royal Priesthood, Kingship, Majesty

Description: A transparent variety of quartz ranging from rich purple to blue-violet. Amethyst is the ninth stone named on the High Priest's breastplate.

DIAMOND

Scripture References: Exodus 28:18; 39:11; Jeremiah 17:1; Ezekiel 3:9; 28:13; Zechariah 7:12

Biblical Significance: Stability, Brilliance, Virtue, Right Standing with God

Description: A brilliant gemstone known for its exceptional hardness. Although naturally colorless, trace elements and other characteristics can produce diamonds in a variety of colors.

EMERALD

Scripture References: Exodus 28:18; 39:11; Ezekiel 27:16; 28:13; Revelation 4:3; 21:19

Biblical Significance: Glory of God, Flourishing, Eternal Life, Growth, Integrity, New Life, Resurrection, Increase, Prosperity

Description: A variety of beryl prized for its rich green color. Emerald is also associated with the precious stones of the High Priest's breastplate.

JASPER

Scripture References: Exodus 28:15, 20; 39:13; Ezekiel 28:13; Revelation 4:3; 21:11, 16, 18

Biblical Significance: Glory of God, Splendor, Brightness, Magnificence, Beauty

Description: An opaque variety of quartz occurring in many colors, including green,



reddish-brown, and yellow. Jasper has been used throughout history for ornamental objects and engraved signet stones.

PEARL

Scripture References: Job 28:18; Matthew 7:6; 13:45–46; 1 Timothy 2:9; Revelation 17:4; 18:12; 21:21

Biblical Significance: Truth of God, Great Value, Endurance, Beauty Formed Through Suffering, Costly Treasure

Description: A lustrous gem formed within certain mollusks when layers of nacre develop around an irritant. Pearls have long been treasured for their natural beauty and rarity.

RUBY

Scripture References: Job 28:18; Proverbs 3:15; 8:11; 20:15; Lamentations 4:7

Biblical Significance: Preciousness, Great Value, Costly Glory, Wisdom, Prized Treasure

Description: A transparent form of corundum prized for its rich red color. Fine rubies range from vivid red to deeper violet-red tones.

SAPPHIRE

Scripture References: Exodus 24:10; 28:13, 18; 39:11; Job 28:6, 16; Lamentations 4:7; Isaiah 54:11; Ezekiel 1:26; 10:1; 28:13; Revelation 9:17; 21:19–20

Biblical Significance: Beauty, Strength, Excellence, Heavenly Glory

Description: A precious variety of corundum occurring in many colors, although sapphire is most commonly recognized for its magnificent blue hues.

TOPAZ

Scripture References: Exodus 28:13, 17; 39:10; Job 28:12, 19; Ezekiel 28:13; Revelation 21:20

Biblical Significance: Beauty, Worthiness, Preciousness, Value

Description: A gemstone occurring naturally in several colors, including colorless, blue, yellow, golden-brown, and pink. Fine topaz is prized for its clarity, brilliance, and beauty.

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Further Reading

The Breastplate of the High Priest — Exodus 28

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