

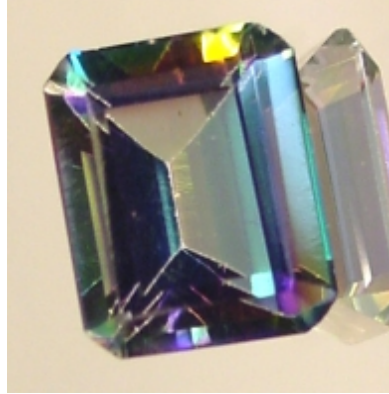
10. THE CHRYSOPRASUS, TRIBE OF ZEBULON

The Chrysoprasus, from the Greek Chusoprasos, is the 10th stone, corresponding to the tribe of Zebulon, meaning *Dwelling*. The name is derived from the root *chrao-mai*, meaning, *to furnish what is needed, or to act towards one in a given manner*. The implication is this: only if we act in the manner that Diety alone has prescribed, and only if we furnish the fruits of our faith, which are the deeds or works of our probation, can we then expect to dwell with Him. **Ref. Psalm 15:1-2.**



11. THE JACINTH, TRIBE OF JOSEPH

Jacinth, from the greek *huakinthos* is the 11th stone, corresponding to the Tribe of Joseph, meaning *adding to, or increase*. **Ref. Psa. 67:5-7; Isa. 9:7.** We would also note that Joseph, in place of his son Ephraim, is listed in Rev. 7 on account of the fact that Ephraim, or the diaspora Jew, will have been regathered in the day when the God of heaven will make up his jewels for the kingdom age.



12. THE AMETHYST, TRIBE OF BENJAMIN

Finally, the Amethyst, from the Hebrew *achlamah*, meaning *the dream stone*, and from the Greek *amethystos*, meaning *to prevent intoxication*, being derived from the root *methuo*, meaning *to drink well*. **Ref. Rev. 21:6-7.** We can learn from these associated meanings that while drinking in plentifully the living word, we must at the same time remain sober, walking circumspectly. Only in this manner will we achieve the approval of Jesus as signified in the corresponding tribe of Benjamin, *The Son of the Right hand*. **Ref. Matt. 25: 33-34;**



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1. THE JASPER, TRIBE OF JUDAH

The jasper is regarded as an opaque gemstone of differing hues, sometimes green, although in its Apocalyptic form is said to be clear as crystal, as indicated in Rev. 21:11. Its clarity in the vision which John beheld is perhaps due to the fact that he was beholding that which was a perfect substance, without impurities to cloud or color. Jasper, from the Hebrew *yashpneh*, means "to polish" **Ref. Psa. 144:11-12**



2. THE SAPPHIRE, TRIBE OF REUBEN

The Sapphire is the second foundation stone listed in Rev. 21. The word Sapphire is derived from the hebrew Root *capnar*, meaning to mark as a tally or record, to count, to declare or number, to write or inscribe. **Ref. Psa. 50:5-6; Rev. 2:17.**



We also find that the sapphire stone corresponds with the tribe of Reuben, meaning "Behold, A Son", and in the style in which it is used is representative of the multitudinous Sons of God united in nature and character and purpose: **Ref. Ezek. 1:26; Ezek. 10:1; Song. 5:14; Isa. 54:11-13.**

3. THE CHALCEDONY, TRIBE OF GAD

The Chalcedony, the 3rd stone is only listed in the new testament. It comes from the Greek word *chalkedon* meaning *copper-like*, indicative of the coppery hues that are seen in the stone as light passes through it. This has a relationship to the manner in which the light of God's word passes through us, as it were, as we find that the name of the stone is derived from the same Greek root for copper which is *chalkos*, meaning *to hollow out or to shape as a vessel*. **Ref. II Tim 2:20-21.** Also corresponding to the Tribe of Gad, meaning *company*, we learn that those who are fashioned into a vessel fit for the master's use will become part of the Great company of the redeemed **Ref. Heb. 12:22-23.**



4. THE EMERALD, TRIBE OF ASER

The Emerald is the 4th foundation stone listed in Rev. 21. The Hebrew *nophtek* means to glisten or shine. **Ref. Philippians. 2:12-15.** In the vision of the throne of Rev. Chapter 4, a rainbow appeared shining about the throne, this signifying the culmination of the truth raining down upon the earth, and reflecting the glory of God. The bow is described by John as being in sight like unto an emerald, that is to say that it was evergreen after the



fashion of the immortalized saints who's leaf will not fade or wither away. As the Emerald corresponds with the Tribe of Aser, meaning *Happy*, we know then that this will be an age of joy incomparable for those who are worthy to glorify the name of Yahweh, serving Him without ceasing and unencumbered by the frailties of the flesh.



5. THE SARDONYX, TRIBE OF NAPHTALI

The Sardonyx, the 5th stone, corresponding with the Tribe of Naphtali, means wrestling, and its transliteration from the greek simply means "the nail of a finger", thus indicating our individual wrestling with the flesh. The root for Sardonyx is also a derivative of the Greek *litthos* meaning the dangers of the deceptableness of the carnal mind, whether in doctrine or walk. **Ref. I Peter 2:7-8**

6. THE SARDIUS, TRIBE OF MANASSAS



The Sardius or Sardine stone comes from the Hebrew *Odem*, meaning redness, corresponding to a red gemstone and is indicative of the flesh. This is the same Hebrew root as Adam from whom we are all descendants and inheritors of his condemnation.



7. THE CHRYSOLYTE, TRIBE OF SIMEON

The Chrysolite is the 7th stone and comes from the Greek root *chruosus*, meaning a golden ornament or article (gold being the highest order of metals) and corresponding to the Tribe of Simeon, which means *hearing*. Seven, as we know, is the number of perfection and relates to the 7th day or the kingdom age by which the New Jerusalem will be perfected through the purging out of the dross from the earth by the refiners fire, and the hearing of the truth. *"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness"* (Mal. 3:2-3).

8. THE BERYL, TRIBE OF LEVI

Beryl, the 8th stone, corresponds with the tribe of Levi, and is descriptive of the combined *mediatorial work* of the redeemed as kings and priests. Levi means "Joined", illustrating the complete unity of thought and teaching that the Saints will administer in the kingdom age, and which will be completed in the 8th day. **Ref. Ezek 1:16; Dan. 10:5&6.**



9. THE TOPAZ, TRIBE OF ISSACHAR

The Topaz, a crystal of dark and cloudy composition, is the 9th stone, corresponding to the tribe of Issachar, meaning *Reward*, which is the finality of judgment for the righteous. **Ref. Psa. 19:9-11**

