

COLERAINE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST EXODUS 28

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BREASTPLATE Exodus 28:15-30

It was made from the same material as the Ephod.
Upon it were set 12 precious stones.

- **THE SETTING OF THE STONES** v17

Each precious stone had one of the names of the
Twelve tribes engraved upon it.

Note:

Their Variety, Unity, Harmony and Beauty.

They were arranged in 4 rows with 3 in each row,
not by birth order, as on the stones on the shoulders,
but *'according to the twelve tribes'* v21.

That is the order in which God commanded they
camp, walk through the wilderness and go to war
Numbers 2;10:14-28.

Each believer is gifted and placed in His service as
He wills 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:7.

- **THE SITE OF THE STONES**

They are situated upon his heart v29, 30.

At times you may feel unloved, unappreciated, and
unwanted. That is wrong.

Moment by moment your Great High Priest has you

upon His heart of love and is bearing you up in
prayer before the Throne.

Jeremiah 31:3; John 17:23; Galatians 2:20.

- **THE SECURITY OF THE STONES**

The stones could not fall off and be lost.

Each stone was held in a gold enclosing v19.

The breastplate was secured by gold chains of
wreathen work v22 and tied with laces of blue to
gold rings v23, 24, 27, 28 *'that it be not loosed.'*

Gold symbolises glory. If a stone would be lost the
glory would be diminished Romans 8:35.

I am kept secure because I am on My High Priest's
heart and He intercedes for me Hebrews 7:25.

- **THE SECRET ASSOCIATED WITH THE
BREASTPLATE** v30

'Bear the judgment' is not referring to punishment
but to obtaining direction on a specific matter.

There is a mystery about what *Urim* (lights) and
Thummim (judgements) were, but we do know they
gave direction Numbers 27:18; Ezra 2:63; Proverbs
16:33; 1 Samuel 30:7, 8.

When you don't know what to do, you should go to
your Great High Priest for guidance.

He will direct your path.

Always remember that His specific will for your
life comes from His heart of love Romans 12:1-3.