



Women As Jewels

**A Study of Revelation 21
Jewels in New Jerusalem's Foundation**

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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Bible never tires diligent readers nor ceases to teach committed students. Every passage of Scripture “was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

We are encouraged to study Bible characters, examples, and stories to glean insight, understanding, and wisdom. Through our imaginations we can translate, learn, and apply lessons to our present experiences. We can seek better ways to use our God-given freedom of choice to make wise and discerning decisions.

This study guide considers New Jerusalem’s twelve foundation stones described in Revelation 21 as visual aids to examine the lives of twelve women of the Bible. From their lives we can draw insight and understanding to help us victoriously conquer our daily challenges.

Our sisters’ stories will encourage and enlighten us if we would just listen to their voices as recorded by the Holy Spirit for our “teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the [*women*] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16, 17 *emphasis added*).

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed for both individual and group settings. It may be used for personal devotional time and Bible study as well as for group or workshop study.

Resources and Additional Study Aids:

1. A Bible, preferably two or more different versions and translations.
2. A Bible concordance and, if possible, a Bible commentary.
3. If possible, Internet access.
4. Paper, pens, and highlighters.
5. An inquiring and open mind to hear the Holy Spirit speaking.

REVELATION 21:1-2, 14-20

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. **15** The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. **16** The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. **17** He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. **18** The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. **19** The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

FIRST STONE – JASPER

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

A favorite gem from ancient times, jasper is found in many colors all over the world; but, green jasper stones are especially valued. A common stone known for its colorful bands and patterns, jasper is described as “Landscape in Stone.” Because of its translucent quality, it is also described as “clear as crystal” and as the “Glory of God.”

QUESTIONS: MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

1. Is jasper included in the high priest’s breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for jasper.
2. Read Mary’s story in Matthew 1:16, 18-25; 2:10-11; 12:46-50; 13:53-58. Search a Bible concordance to read about Mary in other books of the New Testament. What is Mary’s story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Mary’s story?
4. List three of Mary’s strengths. List three of Mary’s weaknesses.
5. How is Mary’s experience like or unlike the jasper stone?

6. How are you like or unlike Mary?
7. How would you have handled Mary's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Mary's life?

COMMENTS

Mary, Jesus' mother, represents women who are happy to be used by God for God's glory. Like Mary, they know "nothing is impossible with God." In awe, they simply respond to the Holy Spirit's revelations with, "May it be to me as you have said" (Luke 1:37, 38).

Marys today are transparent in their intentions and motivations. They are just happy to serve. They do not seek nor demand credit. They serve whomever, with whatever, whenever, wherever, why ever, and however.

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SECOND STONE – SAPPHIRE

MARY, MARTHA’S SISTER

Sapphire describes the sky or firmament. It is said that the sky is just a gigantic blue sapphire stone into which the earth is embedded. A clear and hard stone, sapphire is a variety of corundum, which may be any color; but, if it is red, then it is a ruby. Kings and priests liked sapphire stones because they were considered a symbol of truth, sincerity, love, faithfulness, and divine favor.

QUESTIONS: MARY, MARTHA’S SISTER

1. Is sapphire included in the high priest’s breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for sapphire.
2. Read Mary, Martha’s sister’s story in Luke 10: 38-42 and John 11:1-20, 28-45; 12:1-8. (Based upon Ellen G. White’s writings, this is the Mary who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears and dried His feet with her hair. See full quote in *Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 2*; Chapter 32, Mary’s Offering.) Search a Bible concordance to read about Mary, Martha’s sister, in other books of the New Testament.

What is Mary, Martha's sister's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.

3. Who are the other characters in Mary, Martha's sister's story?
4. List three of Mary, Martha's sister's strengths.
List three of Mary's weaknesses.
5. How is Mary, Martha's sister's experience like or unlike the sapphire stone?
6. How are you like or unlike Mary, Martha's sister?
7. How would you have handled Mary, Martha's sister's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Mary, Martha's sister's life?

COMMENTS

Mary, Martha's sister, represents women inside the church who have been forgiven much. Because of their very personal experience of acceptance and a second chance, organizational constraints do not define their service.

Today's Marys simply cannot prevent themselves from being in God's presence and offering to God themselves and whatever they most value. It is as if they see that "under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself" (Exodus 24:10).

Women who identify with Mary, Martha's sister, exhibit thankfulness that bubbles out in praise as they remember Jesus' words in Luke 7:47:

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.

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THIRD STONE – CHALCEDONY

RAHAB

Chalcedony includes many well-known varieties of cryptocrystalline quartz gemstones. Chalcedony, known for its cloudy, milky white, waxy luster appearance, is abundant, durable, beautiful, and probably one of the earliest raw materials used by humankind. Agate is a chalcedony used in ancient times for seals and to symbolize the lens of an eye.

QUESTIONS: RAHAB

1. Is chalcedony included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for chalcedony.
2. Read Rahab's story in Joshua 2, 6, and Matthew 1:5. Search a Bible concordance to read about Rahab in other books of the Bible. What is Rahab's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Rahab's story?
4. List three of Rahab's strengths. List three of Rahab's weaknesses.
5. How is Rahab's experience like or unlike the chalcedony stone?

6. How are you like or unlike Rahab?
7. How would you have handled Rahab's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Rahab's life?

COMMENTS

Rahab represents women of every race, culture, and nationality who believe in God based just upon what they see and hear about God; they lack a personal experience. Their hearts are tender to hear the unrecognized and unidentified voice of the Holy Spirit.

Rahabs today are known for their willingness to take unprecedented risks for the cause of God and, in so doing, go against everything they have ever known and valued. They step out on faith, pure faith, claiming Joshua 2:9-11:

. . . I know that the LORD has given this land to you . . . for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

NOTES

FOURTH STONE – EMERALD

SAMARITAN WOMAN

Described as fascinating gemstones, green emeralds have the most beautiful, intense, and radiant green that can possibly be imagined. Revelation 4:3 describes the rainbow around God’s throne as having the appearance of an emerald. Because emerald stones are hard and brittle, top quality emeralds are more valuable than diamonds. The literal translation of the ancient Hebrew word for emerald is “glowing coal.”

QUESTIONS: SAMARITAN WOMAN

1. Is emerald included in the high priest’s breast-plate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for emeralds.
2. Read the Samaritan Woman’s story in John 4. What is her story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in the Samaritan Woman’s story?
4. List three of the Samaritan Woman’s strengths. List three of the Samaritan Woman’s weaknesses.

5. How is the Samaritan Woman's experience like or unlike the emerald stone?
6. How are you like or unlike the Samaritan Woman?
7. How would you have handled the Samaritan Woman's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about the Samaritan Woman's life?

COMMENTS

The Samaritan Woman represents women who are on the fringe of the church, but who are interested in spiritual matters. They must be sought out by intentional one-on-one evangelism. Once reached, they will stop whatever they are doing and quickly go tell others about the good news of salvation. They exclaim, as the Samaritan woman did in John 4:29, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

Samaritan women today are fascinated by their personal encounter with Jesus. Their enthusiasm is like "glowing coal," igniting others around them to investigate if Christ really is the Messiah, the Saviour. Samaritan women today, whose response to finding the Messiah is to invite others "to come see", are more valuable than diamonds.

FIFTH STONE – SARDONYX

MARTHA

Sardonyx is a variety of onyx, which is a variety of chalcedony. The semi-precious stone is formed as many layers of quartz fibers stack one upon the other. Sardonyx bands can be translucent, opaque, or solid. The colored bands of sardonyx are shades of red and white, not the black and white common to onyx. In many ancient civilizations, sardonyx was more valuable than sapphire, silver, or gold.

QUESTIONS: MARTHA

1. Is sardonyx included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for sardonyx or onyx.
2. Read Martha's story in Luke 10:38-42 and John 11:1-3, 17-45. What is Martha's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Martha's story?
4. List three of Martha's strengths. List three of Martha's weaknesses.
5. How is Martha's experience like or unlike the sardonyx stone?

6. How are you like or unlike Martha?
7. How would you have handled Martha's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Martha's life?

COMMENTS

Martha represents women characterized by busyness, focus, and commitment in the service of God; but they lack the alternating bands of worship and service. They feel the burden and responsibility of getting the job done because the job must be done.

Marthas today have not heard, or are unwilling to hear, what Jesus said in Luke 10:41-42:

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered,
“you are worried and upset about many
things, but only one thing is needed . . .”

Marthas are not still long enough to get instructions from God. Today's Marthas are resentful of Marys, who leave the work undone to sit quietly at Jesus' feet. Think about Martha the next time you want to complain that no one is helping you do all the work that you think must be done.

NOTES

SIXTH STONE – CARNELIAN

WIDOW WITH TWO MITES

Carnelian is sardius in the King James Version of the Bible. Used interchangeably, the names identify chalcedony stones colored by impurities of iron oxide. With shades ranging from reddish-orange to reddish-brown, carnelian is lighter and softer than sardius. While relatively inexpensive, both stones are noted for their great warmth and beauty.

QUESTIONS: WIDOW WITH TWO MITES

1. Is carnelian/sardius included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for carnelian/sardius.
2. Read the Widow with two mites' story in Mark 12. What is her story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in the Widow with two mites' story?
4. List three of the Widow with two mites' strengths. List three of the Widow with two mites' weaknesses.
5. How is the Widow with two mites' experience like or unlike the carnelian/sardius stone?

6. How are you like or unlike the Widow with two mites?
7. How would you have handled the Widow with two mites' experience?
8. What do you want to remember about the Widow with two mites' life?

COMMENTS

The Widow with two mites represents women who are undervalued, unappreciated, and unnoticed. From all outward appearances, it seems that they should keep whatever they have to offer because they need it more. Nevertheless, in spite of that, they do all they can with what little they have, so they accomplish much.

Women today who are like the Widow with two mites feel that even God ignores them. How further from the truth can they be! Jesus clearly took notice of her sacrifice, commenting that “this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others” (Mark 12:43).

How can that be? Every time someone gives remembering the Widow with two mites, she receives credit in heaven for her example.

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SEVENTH STONE – CHRYSOLITE

HAGAR

Chrysolite means gold stone. However, it is easily dissolved by common acids. True chrysolite gems are rare. Chrysolite is also known as olivine when its color is a light or golden yellow hue.

Better quality stones with good translucency are called peridot gemstones, displaying a deep olive green color. Interestingly, chrysolite contains a mineral known to be an essential constituent of meteorites, which fall to earth from outer space.

QUESTIONS: HAGAR

1. Is chrysolite included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for chrysolite.
2. Read Hagar's story in Genesis 16 and 21. What is her story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Hagar's story?
4. List three of Hagar's strengths. List three of Hagar's weaknesses.
5. How is Hagar's experience like or unlike the chrysolite stone?

6. How are you like or unlike Hagar?
7. How would you have handled Hagar's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Hagar's life?

COMMENTS

Hagar represents women who neither asked nor desired to be involved in God's plans. In fact, they are outright resistant and refuse to submit. However, because God patiently waits for them to realize their destitute condition, when they call, He abundantly answers.

Hagars today are marked by their changed characters and attitudes. They lose the chip on their shoulder because their encounter with God cannot be ignored. It is so powerful and awesome that they, like Hagar, give God a name based upon their personal experience. Hagar named God, "El Roi— the God who sees me" (Genesis 16:13).

NOTES

EIGHTH STONE – BERYL

RUTH

Beryl is an important stone, for in its family are many colored stones with varying degrees of transparency, each described as having the colors of the sea and air. Stones designated as beryl are not distinctly green enough to be classified as emeralds. Aquamarine gemstones, in all varieties of blue, are beryl stones without the green color. Regardless of the wide ranging colors, beryl stones share essentially the same chemical and physical properties.

QUESTIONS: RUTH

1. Is beryl included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for beryl.
2. Read Ruth's story in the book of Ruth. Search a Bible concordance to read about Ruth in other books of the Bible. What is Ruth's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Ruth's story?
4. List three of Ruth's strengths. List three of Ruth's weaknesses.

5. How is Ruth's experience like or unlike the beryl stone?
6. How are you like or unlike Ruth?
7. How would you have handled Ruth's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Ruth's life?

COMMENTS

Ruth represents women who are very different from our nuclear families. They are unlike us in every way. Except for being female, we cannot imagine any other similarity. But God placed them within our families so that we may share with them the way of salvation. They become bonded to the family by a love that is stronger than blood. God has daughters everywhere, even if they come from other backgrounds. That is why home evangelism is so important.

Ruths today are easily recognized because they don't look like they belong with the rest of the family, but the family would be completely lost without these "Ruths." These women see something in their new families valuable enough to reject their own cultures and families. Maybe that is why Ruth 1:16-17 is so often incorporated into wedding ceremonies:

But Ruth replied, “Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”

NOTES

NINTH STONE – TOPAZ

ABIGAIL

Pure topaz is colorless and transparent. It is usually tinted by impurities; however, topaz takes a high polish that gives it a yellow color associated with the setting sun. The stone can also be found in other shades. Topaz is quite hard and changes colors as it is exposed to heat; thus, a colorless topaz can be given color by a gradual heating and cooling process. Topaz is a chrysolite.

QUESTIONS: ABIGAIL

1. Is topaz included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for topaz.
2. Read Abigail's story in 1 Samuel 25:2-44. Search a Bible concordance to read about Abigail in other books of the Old Testament. What is her story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Abigail's story?
4. List three of Abigail's strengths. List three of Abigail's weaknesses.

5. How is Abigail's experience like or unlike the topaz stone?
6. How are you like or unlike Abigail?
7. How would you have handled Abigail's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Abigail's life?

COMMENTS

Abigail represents women who have no control over the actions of others with whom they are involved in important relationships, almost exclusively family members. Abigails bear the brunt of their family members' choices, and when possible, Abigails are cleaning up other people's messes.

Abigails today are recognized by their display of grace under pressure. Further, their wisdom, insight, and prompt actions mitigate oncoming catastrophes. With Holy Spirit discernment, Abigails see clearly, giving appropriate and meaningful counsel as Abigail gave to David in 1 Samuel 25:30-31:

When the LORD has done for my master every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him leader over

Israel, my master will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. . . .

Abigails are interceders. Many can attest that an Abigail can halt the consequences of poor decisions.

NOTES

TENTH STONE – CHRYSOPRASE

HANNAH

Chrysoprase is the most valuable stone in the chalcedony group. Chrysoprase is a very fine translucent green color and texture, due to the presence of nickel impurities in the form of oxides or silicates of nickel. The green color varies from a greenish yellow to a clear apple green. This stone sometimes is confused with imperial jadeite.

QUESTIONS: HANNAH

1. Is chrysoprase included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for chrysoprase.
2. Read Hannah's story in 1 Samuel 1 and 2. What is Hannah's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Hannah's story?
4. List three of Hannah's strengths. List three of Hannah's weaknesses.
5. How is Hannah's experience like or unlike the chrysoprase stone?
6. How are you like or unlike Hannah?

7. How would you have handled Hannah's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Hannah's life?

COMMENTS

Hannah represents women who have no control over the challenges they face within themselves. Their impurities are not of their own doing. They cannot fix their problems. Without God's personal intervention, there is no solution, no cure, no resolution, no help. Yet, in the reality of their hopeless situation, they hope anyway, trusting God will hear and answer their prayers. Should God help them, they will keep their promise to give only to Him all the glory and honor.

Hannahs today are not easy to identify because the burdens they carry are so personal and private. Like Hannah of old, others looking on have no clue, no idea of the weight upon Hannahs' shoulders. Their prayers are misinterpreted, as 1 Samuel 1:15 reports:

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD."

NOTES

ELEVENTH STONE – JACINTH

MIRIAM

Jacinth (hyacinth) is the semi-precious orange variety of zircon stones. Colorless zircon stones, which are brilliant and intense, often surpass the look of diamonds; thus, zircon gems are used to imitate diamonds. Because of its special properties, zircon is a helper mineral.

Zircon is a heavy gemstone, but chips easily, requiring special handling to avoid contact with other gems.

QUESTIONS: MIRIAM

1. Is jacinth included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for jacinth.
2. Read Miriam's story in Exodus 2 and 15 and Numbers 12 and 20. Search a Bible concordance to read about Miriam in other books of the Old Testament. What is Miriam's story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in Miriam's story?
4. List three of Miriam's strengths. List three of Miriam's weaknesses.

5. How is Miriam's experience like or unlike the jacinth stone?
6. How are you like or unlike Miriam?
7. How would you have handled Miriam's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about Miriam's life?

COMMENTS

Because God allowed Miriam starring moments, she felt entitled to continue being a star. Miriam represents women who act like the star, but are really the supporting cast. Miriams today get the distinction confused. These women are quite valuable and unique when serving in their own roles of giftedness.

Miriams today, if not truly converted and committed to serve where God has placed them, will seek to invade others' arenas of responsibilities. Much trouble is caused when Miriams forget the value of their *supporting* roles. They are inclined to complain and backbite. One unconverted Miriam can place many obstacles in the progress of God's directives.

The children of Israel remained encamped seven days because Miriam complained about Moses'

wife, Zipporah. Note carefully the story as reported in Numbers 12, paying special attention to God's disapproval and quick response to the trouble Miriam stirred up.

But also note God's final assessment of Miriam's contribution to the children of Israel in Micah 6:4, "I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam."

NOTES

TWELFTH STONE – AMETHYST

PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

Amethyst, a transparent purple quartz, is the most important quartz variety used in jewelry. But for its availability, it would be more expensive. Even the word itself has become symbolic for deep rich purples. Other purples are compared to amethyst. Since purple has long been considered a royal color, amethyst gems have always been highly desired and prized.

QUESTIONS: PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

1. Is amethyst included in the high priest's breastplate described in Exodus 28:17-20? In the description of Lucifer found in Ezekiel 28:12-13? Search a Bible concordance for any other references for amethyst.
2. Read the Woman's story in Proverbs 31. What is her story? Explain the historical setting of her story.
3. Who are the other characters in the Proverbs 31 Woman's story?
4. List three of the Proverbs 31 Woman's strengths. List three of the Proverbs 31 Woman's weaknesses.

5. How is the Proverbs 31 Woman's experience like or unlike the amethyst stone?
6. How are you like or unlike the Proverbs 31 Woman?
7. How would you have handled the Proverbs 31 Woman's experience?
8. What do you want to remember about the Proverbs 31 Woman's life?

COMMENTS

The Proverbs 31 Woman represents women who are defined by their spiritual growth and maturity. Everything else in their world springs out of their sound spiritual core. They are possessed by the Holy Spirit and it shows. Each verse in Proverbs 31:10-31 reveals another facet of her well-rounded development, experiences, and contributions.

Proverbs 31 women today simply stand out because they are royal queens. The Bible identifies them as amethyst gems:

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value. She brings him
good, not harm, all the days of her

life (Proverbs 31:10-12).

She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple (Proverbs 31:22).

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate (Proverbs 31: 30-31).

NOTES

SUMMARY

Jasper is the first stone in the foundation of New Jerusalem because it is “clear as crystal,” which represents His glory.

(Mary, the Mother of Jesus)

Then God adds *Sapphire*, the color and setting of His throne, the vast blue sky. It is symbolic of truth, sincerity, love, and faithfulness.

(Mary, Martha’s Sister)

Then *Chalcedony*, a stone known from the earliest days of time, represents those not thought to know Him, like the heathens.

(Rahab)

Next are *Emeralds*, stones most beautiful, intense, and radiant. God surrounds His throne with a rainbow of emeralds, which are sometimes more valuable than diamonds, just like the women He plucks from Satan’s hand.

(Samaritan Woman)

Next, God adds the alternating bands of color found in *Sardonyx*, which represents women who achieve balance between worship and service.

(Martha)

God wants every woman to know she is valued; so, *Carnelian/Sardius* is the sixth and middle stone, relatively inexpensive, but displaying great warmth and beauty.

(Widow with two mites)

God again shows how much He values women by adding *Chrysolite*, a gem listed only in New Jerusalem's foundation. He affirms that women are included in His plans in the most unlikely of ways.

(Hagar)

God is so excited about His stones! *Beryl* stones are rich with colors of the sea and air; the colors Ezekiel saw in the wheel. Beryls are so varied and different from each other; God has daughters everywhere, even at home!

(Ruth)

Topaz, a golden color, brings grace, insight, and wisdom to the foundation.

(Abigail)

Chrysoprase, a gem with imperfections, found only in the list of New Jerusalem's foundation, demonstrates how God can use any woman's issues to show His power.

(Hannah)

God reminds us with *Jacinth*, a semi-precious stone, that every woman has a place. He expects women to faithfully fulfill their assigned tasks, which may include the important gift of uplifting and supporting others without expecting to be promoted.

(Miriam)

And, on the top of the foundation is *Amethyst*, the gem of royalty, which represents what we will finally become when God is finished with us!

(Proverbs 31 Woman)

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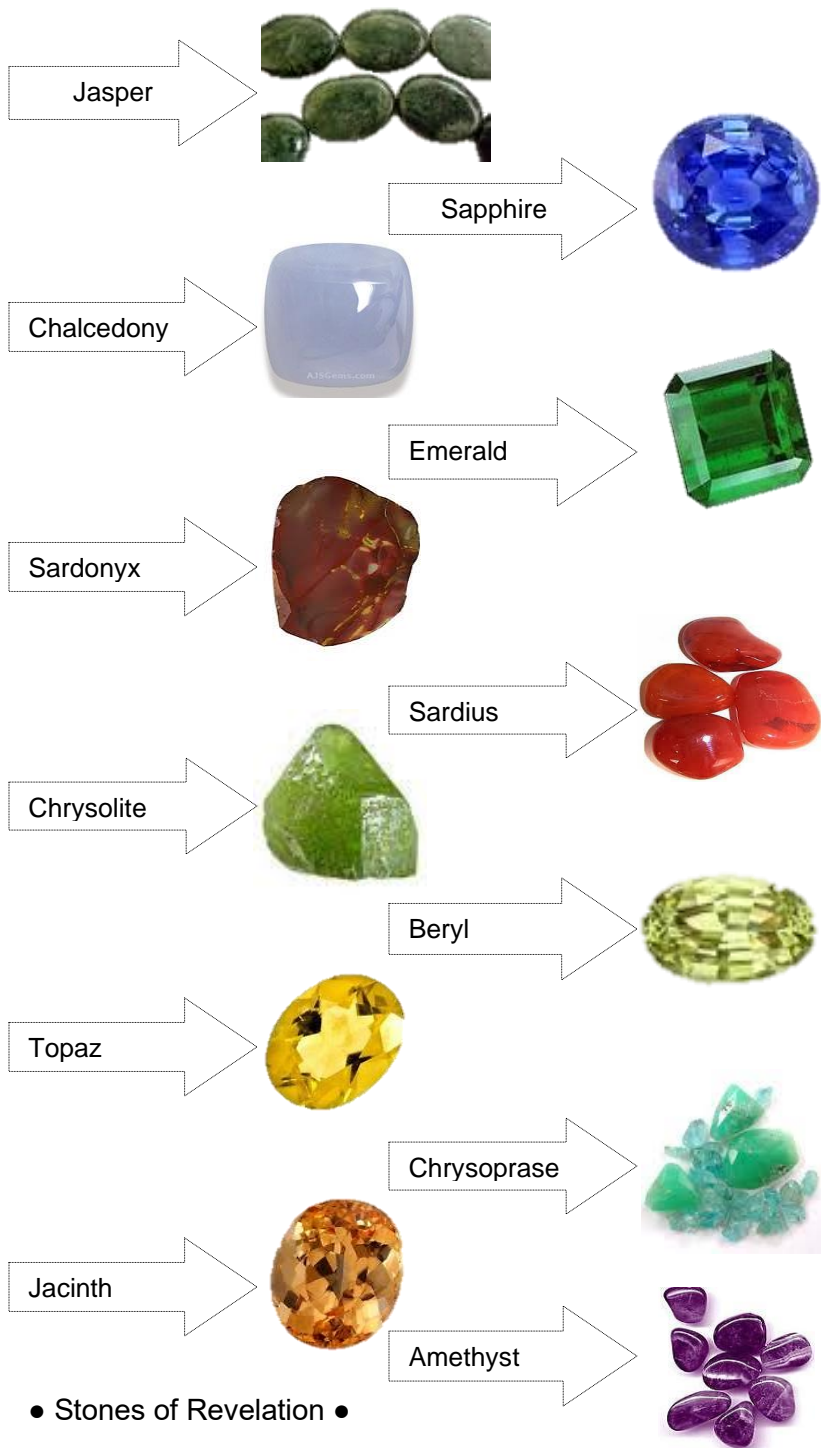
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