

- 17 And you shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row shall be a row of ruby, topaz, and emerald;
18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;
19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
20 and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.
21 And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; and they shall be like the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes.
22 And you shall make on the breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.
23 And you shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.
24 And you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.
25 And you shall put the other two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.
26 And you shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod.
27 And you shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.
28 And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece may not come loose from the ephod.
29 And Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.
30 And you shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually.

Incidentally, Genesis 35:22b-26 gives us the order of the sons of Israel:

- 22b Now there were twelve sons of Jacob --
23 The sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun;
24 the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin;
25 and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali;
26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

A diagram of the breastpiece of judgment (shown on the following page) has been suggested: