

February 19th

"Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate".

(Exodus. 25.7)

Firstly, Aaron wore a white coat, over that a blue robe, and thirdly the ephod. The ephod was made of fine twined lined, embroidered with blue purple, scarlet and gold (v.28.6-8). On the shoulder of the ephod were two onyx stones or "stones of memorial unto the children of Israel". They were engraved with the twelve names before the Lord upon his two shoulders" (verses 9-12).

This tells us that our Lord carries us upon His shoulders. Let the Lord Jesus carry your burdens. Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you (1Pet. 5.7). When you lean that lesson, and let the Lord carry your burden, you will enjoy His perfect rest and peace.

Over the ephod was the breastplate of embroidered linen with its chains and ouches of gold. Upon the breastplate were twelve stones, upon which also were the twelve names of the twelve tribes (Verse 15-21). These twelve stones were very near the heart of the High Priest. Wherever he went the stones went with him and by them God reminds His people that He wants them to be very close to His heart.

Today's calendar bible verse:

I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God. II Timothy 1:6.