

~DIAMOND (69)

[Hebrew, *sha-mir'*]

- A brilliant precious stone, the hardest natural mineral yet discovered and among the most valuable of gems. Although diamonds are generally colorless, some have such tints as yellow, green, red, brown, blue, and black.
- Most uncut diamonds are eight-sided transparent or translucent crystals and are composed of nearly pure carbon. Diamonds are thought to have been formed long ago when the earth's carbon was subjected to great pressure and heat. Early diamonds were found in streambeds, but in modern times they are usually mined from rock formations deep in the earth.
- The Hebrew word *sha-mir'*, translated diamond twice, emery stone once in NW, is evidently related to the Akkadian word *ashmur*, meaning emery.
- Some suggest that *sha-mir'* may apply to a very hard mineral loosely identified by the general term adamant; from Greek, *a-da'mas*, meaning unconquerable, which may refer to diamond or to a number of very hard substances, such as corundum and emery.
- Yehowah referred to the use of diamonds for scratching or engraving hard materials when he said; The sin of Judah is written down with an iron stylus. With a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars.
- The sin of Judah is written down with an iron stylus. With a **diamond** point it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars. (Jeremiah 17:1)
- When their sons remember their altars and their sacred poles beside a luxuriant tree, upon the high hills. (Jeremiah 17:2)
- The house of Israel also became obstinate and hardhearted. Therefore, Yehowah said to Ezekiel.
- But as for the house of Israel, they will not want to listen to you, for they are not wanting to listen to me, because all those of the house of Israel are hardheaded and hardhearted. (Ezekiel 3:7)

- **Look! I have made your face exactly as hard as their faces and your forehead exactly as hard as their foreheads. (Ezekiel 3:8)**
- **Like a **diamond**, harder than flint, I have made your forehead. You must not be afraid of them, and you must not be struck with terror at their faces, for they are a rebellious house. (Ezekiel 3:9)**
- **Similarly, because of the Jews stubbornness, Yehowah declared through Zechariah; Their heart they set as an emery stone **Hebrew**, *sha-mir'* to keep from obeying the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his spirit, by means of the former prophets.**
- **And their heart they set as an emery stone to keep from obeying the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his spirit, by means of the former prophets, so that there occurred great indignation on the part of Yehowah of armies. (Zechariah 7:12)**

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