

**~LESTEM STONE (24)**  
**(lesh'em)**

- **An unidentified precious stone that was placed first in the third row of gems on the High Priest's breastpiece of judgment.**
- **And you must make the breastpiece of judgment with the workmanship of an embroiderer. Like the workmanship of the ephod you will make it. Of gold, blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple and coccus scarlet material and fine twisted linen you will make it. (Exodus 28:15)**
- **And the third row is leshem stone, agate and amethyst. (Exodus 28:19)**
- **And the third row was leshem stone, agate and amethyst. (Exodus 39:12)**
- **Various stones, such as amber, hyacinth, opal, and tourmaline, have been suggested as being identical with leshem stone, but none of these identifications can be substantiated. The New World Translation therefore leaves the Hebrew word untranslated as leshem stone.**