

~TURQUOISE (73) (tur'quoise)

- **A semiprecious, opaque, porous gemstone, ranging in color from pale sky blue to dull green. It is composed of hydrous phosphate of aluminum with traces of copper, the blue color source, and iron, the green color source.**
- **When the blue stones are heated or exposed to the weather, they turn green, which sometimes happens when the stones lose their natural moisture with the passing of time.**
- **This may account for the seeming popularity of green turquoise stones in ancient times. The early Egyptians used turquoise for jewelry, and it is found on the Sinai Peninsula as nodules in a red sandstone.**
- **Turquoise is easy to engrave because it is a comparatively soft stone. The High Priest Aaron wore an engraved turquoise stone on his breastpiece of judgment.**
- **Inscribed upon it was the name of one of Israel's 12 tribes, and it was positioned first in the second row of stones on the breastpiece.**
- **And you must make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and beauty. (Exodus 28:2)**
- **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 second row is turquoise, sapphire and jasper. (Exodus 28:18)**
- **And the stones should be according to the names of the sons of Israel, the twelve according to their names. With the engravings of a seal they should be, each one according to its name, for the twelve tribes. (Exodus 28:21)**
- **And the second row was turquoise, sapphire and jasper. (Exodus**

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- The figurative **covering** worn by the king of Tyre is depicted as being adorned with **turquoise** along with every other sort of precious stone.
- Son of man, lift up a dirge concerning the king of Tyre, and you must say to him; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; You are sealing up a pattern, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (**Ezekiel 28:12**)
- In Eden, the garden of God, you proved to be. Every precious stone was your covering, ruby, topaz and jasper, chrysolite, onyx and jade, sapphire, **turquoise** and emerald, and of gold was the workmanship of your settings and your sockets in you. In the day of your being created they were made ready. (**Ezekiel 28:13**)
- Edom was Tyres **merchant** for **turquoise**, for which Tyre was willing to give some of its stores in exchange.
- And as for you, O son of man, raise up concerning Tyre a dirge. (**Ezekiel 27:2**)
- Edom was your merchant because of the abundance of your works. For **turquoise**, wool dyed reddish purple and material of various colors and fine fabric and corals and rubies, your stores were given in exchange. (**Ezekiel 27:16**)