

# Exodus 26:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

## Analysis

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Two additional coverings: rams' skins dyed red and badgers'/dugongs' skins. The rams' skins dyed red clearly suggest substitutionary sacrifice (rams sacrificed throughout the tabernacle system). Red points to blood atonement. The outer covering of badger/dugong skins—tough, waterproof, and unbeautiful—recalls Isaiah 53:2, 'no beauty that we should desire him.' Christ appeared unremarkable outwardly, His glory hidden, yet provided complete protection.

## Historical Context

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Ram leather, tanned and dyed red, was strong and water-resistant. The outermost covering of dugong (or possibly badger) skin was extremely durable marine mammal hide from the Red Sea, providing maximum weather protection for the tabernacle interior.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do the red rams' skins symbolize Christ's substitutionary sacrifice covering you?
2. Why did God design Christ's outward appearance to be unremarkable (Isaiah 53:2)?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְעָשִׂיתָ יֵת                               | וּמִכְסֵּה | לְאֵהָל      | עֹרֹת | אֵילָנִים | מְאֻדָּמִים |
| And thou shalt make                          | a covering | for the tent | skins | of rams   | dyed red    |
| H6213  | H4372      | H168         | H5785 | H352      | H119        |
| מִלְמַעְלָה: תְּחָשִׁים יֵת וּמִכְסֵּה עֹרֹת |            |              |       |           |             |
| a covering                                   | skins      | of badgers   | above |           |             |
| H4372  | H5785      | H8476        | H4605 |           |             |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 36:19** (Parallel theme): And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.

**Exodus 25:5** (Parallel theme): And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,