

# Exodus 35:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

## Analysis

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Animal skins—rams' skins dyed red (עֹרֹת אֵילִם מְאֻדָּמִים, orot eilim me'addamim) and badgers' skins (עֹרֹת תְּחָשִׁים, orot techashim)—provided durable, protective coverings. Red-dyed rams' skins evoke sacrifice and substitution, while the outer skins' plain appearance concealed inner glory, paralleling Isaiah 53:2's description of the Suffering Servant with 'no beauty that we should desire him.' These humble materials protecting sacred space teach that spiritual realities often hide behind ordinary appearances.

## Historical Context

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Acquiring and processing animal skins required significant labor: slaughtering, skinning, treating, and dyeing. The red dye for rams' skins added cost and time. The willingness to bring processed skins, not just raw hides, shows dedicated effort.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do the plain outer coverings concealing inner glory illustrate Christ's incarnation and humble appearance?
2. What does the use of animal skins in God's dwelling teach about the necessity of death and covering for approaching God?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת	הַבִּשְׁמֵן	וְאֵת	וְלֶשֶׁן מֶן	לְמַא וֹר	וְלֶשֶׁן מֶן
H853	<b>And spice</b>	H853	<b>and oil</b>	<b>for the light</b>	<b>and oil</b>
	H1314		H8081	H3974	H8081
וְלֶשֶׁן מֶן	הַמִּשְׁחָה	וְלֶקֶט רֵת	הַטְּמִים:		
	<b>and for the anointing</b>	<b>incense</b>	<b>and for the sweet</b>		
	H4888	H7004	H5561		

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