

# Exodus 35:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

## Analysis

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Blue, purple, and scarlet materials (תְּכָלֶת, אַרְגָּמָן, וְתֹלְעָתָ שָׁנִי—tekhelet, argaman, tola'at shani) represent colors of royalty and divinity. Blue symbolizes heaven, purple represents royalty (combining heavenly blue with earthly red), and scarlet signifies blood and sacrifice. Fine linen (שֵׁשׁ, shesh) represents purity and righteousness. These materials foreshadow Christ who embodies all these attributes: heavenly origin, royal priesthood, sacrificial blood, and perfect righteousness.

## Historical Context

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These dyes were extremely valuable in the ancient world. Blue dye came from Mediterranean mollusks, purple from Phoenician murex snails (worth more than gold by weight), and scarlet from oak scale insects. Their presence indicated wealth and status.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do the colors and materials of the tabernacle communicate theological truths about God's character?
2. In what ways do these physical materials point forward to Christ's nature and work?

## Interlinear Text

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וְתִכְלַת עַתְּ אַרְנָתָן | וְתִכְלַת לְתָנָה

**And blue**   **and purple**   **H8438**

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שָׁנִים | **and scarlet**

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וְשָׁשָׁן

**and fine linen**

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וְעַזְבָּן:

**and goats**

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