

# 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 (תְּכֵלֶת, אַרְגָּמָן, וְתוֹלַעַת 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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**Psalms 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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וְתָכָה לָת	וְאַרְגָּמָם	וְתוֹלַע עֵת	שָׁנִי י	וְשֵׁשׁ ש	וְעִזִּים:
And blue	and purple	H8438	and scarlet	and fine linen	and goats
H8504	H713		H8144	H8336	H5795

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