

# Exodus 35:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

## Analysis

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Rams' skins dyed red (עורות אילים מִצְמָמִים, orot eilim me'addamim) and badgers' skins (עורות טְחַשִּׁים, orot techashim) provided protective coverings. The red-dyed rams' skins evoke substitutionary sacrifice—rams throughout Scripture symbolize sacrificial atonement (Genesis 22, Leviticus 16). The outer covering of badger/dugong skins was plain and protective, concealing the glory within, much as Christ's humanity veiled His divine glory (Isaiah 53:2).

## Historical Context

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The exact identity of techashim remains debated—possibly dugongs from the Red Sea, or a leather processed to be water-resistant. These durable outer coverings protected the tabernacle during desert wanderings, demonstrating practical design alongside symbolic meaning.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does the progression from glorious inner materials to plain outer coverings teach about spiritual realities versus external appearances?
2. How does the use of animal skins in the tabernacle point to the necessity of substitutionary sacrifice?

## Interlinear Text

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