

The Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 7: Ceiling and Roof Coverings
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FOUR Coverings

The Covering - Jesus our covering and protection.... inside the tabernacle

Psa 91:4 *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

Num 16:42 *And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared*

Psalms 140:7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Psa 27:5 *For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.*

Are you covered with the COVERING of the tabernacle?

A. Ceiling of the tabernacle

Exo 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

Exo 26:2 The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

Exo 26:3 The **five curtains** shall be coupled together one to another; and *other five curtains shall be* coupled one to another.

Exo 26:4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

Exo 26:5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

Exo 26:6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

2 Sets of five curtain sections 42ft x 6ft) coupled together

A. **Blue, Purple, Red (repeat meanings) – complete salvation of Christ-like**

B. **50 “Loops of Blue” = Twist of Blue on the edges of the first and second set**

sel·vage also sel·vedge (sɪˈvɪj)

n.

1. a. The edge of a fabric that is woven so that it will not fray or ravel.
b. An ornamental fringe at either end of an Oriental rug.
2. The edge plate of a lock that has a slot for a bolt.

Fringes of blue around the borders of their garments was a reminder of ALL the commandments of God... interlocking...

Numbers 15:37 - 41

37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the **fringe of the borders a ribband of blue**:

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

Fringes = **H6734** , ציצית , tsiytsith, *tsee-tseeth'* Feminine of H6731; a *floral* or *wing* like projection, that is, a *fore lock* of hair, a *tassel*: - fringe, lock.

Fringes in Numbers the interlocking or braiding the same as loops of blue on the edges of the two main sections on the fourth linen covering.... a reminder to remember God's commandments and His deliverance!!!

C. Cherubims (Angels) embroidered within the linen.

Connected with the salvation of God in saving souls.- **Gen 28:12** And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Layers from the Top to the bottom

Badgers Skin

Ram Skin dyed Red

Goat's hair white

Fine Linen with Blue, Purple and Red.

1 - Top Layer (Badgers' Skin) Exo 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and **a covering above of badgers' skins.**

Material: Badger's skin – Outer skin of an animal – Part of the integumentary system. What is the purpose of skin? An external cover that is designed to protect the external for the outside elements. Skin provides a protective barrier against disease-causing microorganisms and against the sun's ultraviolet rays. (freedictionary.com)

Skin is the flesh of human beings. Jesus became flesh to live among man to save man and protect us from the deadly disease of sin!

Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us...

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Characteristics covering – plain no beauty rugged, not attractive

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

Humility (Divine & Human combined)

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Outer covering – Badgers Skin represent the **humanity, humility, and protection** of Jesus Christ. Who came to save us from sin!

2 – Second Layer Ram's Skin dyed red. Exo 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red

Why was ram skin dyed red designated as the second layer of covering?

1. A ram is a male sheep.
2. At the Altar of Sacrifice in the outer court a ram was used for various ceremonial offerings such as the burnt offering, peace offering, consecration offering, trespass offering, and the wave offering. All these offerings or sacrifices were a “sweet savor” like sweet incense unto God. They represent Christ who gave “Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor” Ephesians 5:2
3. When Abraham was tested to sacrifice his only son on the altar, God provided a substitute, a ram in the bush. This ram points to Jesus Christ our sacrifice who is the only begotten of the Father.

Why was the second layer dyed red? The red dye represents Jesus blood that was shed to cleanse us from sin.

Covered by his humility, humanity... yet without sin his sacrifice of blood... his blood wash whited as snow... then covers us with his royalty, blood, and standards of righteousness

Flesh (the badgers skin) and Rams skin dyed red... the Blood (blood of Jesus)

3 – Third Layer Goat's Hair (White goat commonly used)

Exo 26:7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

Why is a goat used?

The goat was mainly used for the sin offering (Lev. 9:3)

Also used in the day of atonement, yearly service...

White? Purity

SUMMARIZE: The covering represent the four phases of Christ ministry. It also represents the four phases of salvation for us.

Eze 16:10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

Four phases of the ministry of Christ in the four coverings of the tabernacle

Badgers skin – Christ humble himself as a human to save us!

Ram's Skins dyed red – A sacrificial Savior who bled and died for us to be saved.

Goat's hair, White – A Sinless perfect and holy Savior without blemish

Royal covering (inner ceiling) – Exalted Savior – Blue the standard, Red the blood, Purple – King of king

Four phases of salvation for us.

Badger's skin – We must humble ourselves

Ram's skin dyed red – Covered by the cleansing blood of Christ righteousness – blameless (Justification)

Goat's hair, White – Walk in the purity and holiness of God (Sanctification)

Royalty – Son or daughter of the King of kings!