fins and scales

קַשְׂקֶשֶׂת *qashqeshet* (H7193) is the covering of certain fish and also means the scales of leather armor (cf. 1 Samuel 17:5). In Greek, λεπίδες *lepídes* (G3013) means “scales” in the sense of a visible covering that can be “peeled” off or removed. In Numbers 16:38, the censers of those who sinned were beaten into scales (G3103) for a covering of the altar. The modern translation of the Greek λεπίδες *lepídes* is “blades” and from the same origin as the word Λέπρας *lépras* (G3014) translated as Leprosy from *lepo* which means “to peel”.