

## JOSEPH'S COAT

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❖ PaSIM = The "owners" of Joseph

- **P** = Potiphar
- **S** = *socherim* (the "merchants")
- **I** = Ishmaelites
- **M** = Midianites

❖ "It is called *pasim* because they cast lots (*hephissu*) over it..."

❖ "*Pasim* denotes stripes." (Ramban)

❖ "Why was it they hated him? Because He divided the sea before them, *pasim* indicating *pas yam* (פַּם יָם)."

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37:4 "*They hated him*" - due to their father's favor

37:5 "*They hated him even more*" - due to his words

37:8 "*They hated him even more*" - due to their own words!