

# Karpas and Joseph's Garment

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## Esther 1:6

(6) [There were hangings of] white cotton and blue wool, caught up by cords of fine linen and purple wool to silver rods and alabaster columns; and there were couches of gold and silver on a pavement of marble, alabaster, mother-of-pearl, and mosaics.

## אסתר א':ו'

(ו) תָּוֹר | בְּרָפֶס וּתְלֻלַת אֲחִיזָו בְּתַבְלֵי-כִוִּיץ  
וְאַרְגָּמָן עַל-גְּלִילֵי כֶסֶף וְעִמּוּדֵי יָגֵשׁ מְטוֹת |  
זָהָב וְכֶסֶף עַל רִצְפֹת בַּהֲטָ-וְנֹשֵׁשׁ וְגָר  
וְסֻהָרֹת:

## Jerusalem Talmud Pesachim 70a:2

There is a teacher of Baraitot who teaches: "The Charoset must be thin." The Gemara infers: The Baraita's dictum tells us that the purpose of using charoset at the Seder is in commemoration of the blood.

## תלמוד ירושלמי פסחים ע' א:ב'

אית תניי תניי צבריה שתהא רכה.  
מילתיה אמר זכר לדם.

## Ezekiel 16:6

(6) When I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you: "Live in spite of your blood." Yea, I said to you: "Live in spite of your blood."

## יהזקאל ט"ז:ו'

(ו) וְאָעֲבֹר עָלֶיךָ וְאֶרְאֶה מִתְבּוֹסֶסֶת בְּדַמֶּיךָ  
וְאָמַר לְךָ בְּדַמֶּיךָ חַיִּי וְאָמַר לְךָ בְּדַמֶּיךָ חַיִּי:

## Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer 29:11

(11) The Israelites took the blood of the covenant of circumcision, and they put (it) upon the lintel of their houses, and when the Holy One, blessed be He, passed over to plague the Egyptians, He saw the blood of the covenant of circumcision upon the lintel of their houses and the blood of the Paschal lamb, He was filled with compassion on Israel, as it is said, "And when I passed by thee, and saw thee weltering in thy (twofold) blood, I said unto thee, In thy (twofold) blood, live; yea, I said unto thee, In thy (twofold) blood, live" (Ezek. 16:6). "In thy blood" is not written here, but in "thy (twofold) blood," with twofold blood, the blood of the covenant of circumcision and the blood of the Paschal lamb; therefore it is said, "I said unto thee, In thy (twofold) blood, live; yea, I said unto thee, In thy (twofold) blood, live" (*ibid.*).

## פרקי דרבי אליעזר כ"ט:יא

(יא) והיו לוקחים דם מילה ודם  
פסח, והיו נותנין על משקוף  
בתיהן, וכשעבר הקב"ה לנגוף את  
מצרים וראה דם הברית ודם  
הפסח, נתמלא רחמים על ישראל  
שנאמר ואעבור עליך ואראך  
מתבוססת בדמך ואומר לך בדמך  
חיי.

## Exodus 12:22

(22) Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and to the two doorposts. None of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

## שמות י"ב:כ"ב

(כב) ולקחתם אֶזְבִּיב וְטַבַּלְתֶּם בְּדָם אֲשֶׁר-בַּסֶּף  
וְהַגַּעְתֶּם אֶל-הַמִּשְׁקוֹף וְאֶל-שְׁתֵּי הַמְּזוֹזוֹת מִן-הַדָּם  
אֲשֶׁר בַּסֶּף וְאַתֶּם לֹא תֵצְאוּ אִישׁ מִפֶּתַח-בֵּיתוֹ  
עַד-בֹּקֶר:

### Genesis 37:3

(3) Now Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him an ornamented tunic.

### בראשית ל"ז:ג

(ג) וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל אֶהָב מִכָּל-בָּנָיו כִּי-בְדוּקָהּ הָיָא לוֹ וַעֲשָׂה לוֹ כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים:

### II Samuel 13:18

Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves (χιτῶν καρπωτός), for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her. (2 Samuel 13:18 ESV)

### שמואל ב י"ג:י"ח

(יח) וַעֲלֶיהָ כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים כִּי כֹן תִּלְבָּשׁן בְּנוֹת-הַמֶּלֶךְ הַבְּתוּלֹת מְעִילִים וַיֵּצֵא אוֹתָהּ מִשְׁרָתוֹ הַחֹיץ וַנְּעַל הַדָּלֶת אַחֲרֶיהָ:

### Bereishit Rabbah 84:8

(8) Israel loved Yosef...And he made for him a k'tonet passim... פסיים passim, for it reached the palm פס of his hand.

### בראשית רבה פ"ד:ח

(ח) (בראשית לז, ג): וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל אֶהָב אֶת יוֹסֵף...וַעֲשָׂה לוֹ כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים... פסיים, שְׁהָיְתָה מִגֵּעַת עַד פֶּס יָדוֹ.

### Rashi on Genesis 37:3

(2) פסיים is a term for raiment of fine wool (Shabbat 10b). Similar is (Ester 1:6) כרפס "Fine linen and blue". The same garment הפסיים is mentioned (2 Samuel 13:18) in the story of Amnon and Tamar and we may therefore gather that it was made of very fine material.

### רש"י על בראשית ל"ז:ג

(ב) פסיים. לְשׁוֹן כְּלֵי מִילָת, כְּמוֹ כַרְפָּס וְתַכְלֵת, וְכְמוֹ כְּתֹנֶת הַפָּסִים דְּתָמָר וְאַמְנוֹן

### Megillah 12a:12

The verse states: "There were hangings of *hur*, *karpas*, and sky blue" (Esther 1:6). The Gemara asks: **What is *hur*?** Rav said: A fabric fashioned with many holes [*harei harei*], similar to lace. **And Shmuel said: He spread out for them** carpets of **white wool**, as the word *havar* means white. And what is *karpas*? **Rabbi Yosei bar H̄anina said: Cushions [*karim*] of velvet [*pasim*].**

### מגילה י"ב א:י"ב

(שם, ו) חור כרפס ותכלת מאי חור רב אמר חרי חרי ושמואל אמר מילת לבנה הצייע להם כרפס אמר ר' יוסי בר חנינא כרים של פסיים

### Shabbat 10b:7

**And Rava bar Meḥasseya said that Rav H̄ama bar Gurya said that Rav said: A person should never distinguish one of his sons from among the other sons by giving him preferential treatment. As, due to the weight of two sela of fine wool [*meilat*] that Jacob gave to Joseph, beyond what he gave the rest of his sons, in making him the striped coat, his brothers became jealous of him and the matter unfolded and our forefathers descended to Egypt.**

### שבת י' ב:ז

ואמר רבא בר מחסאי אמר רב חמא בר גוריא אמר רב לעולם אל ישנה אדם בנו בין הבנים שבשביל משקל שני סלעים מילת שנתן יעקב ליוסף יותר משאר בניו נתקנאו בו אחיו ונתגלגל הדבר וירדו אבותינו למצרים: