



If you went to visit in a home in Israel you would see the men dressed in a tunic coat. This was worn over the tunic shirt. It was made very much like the shirt except it opened down the front. It was usually worn with the front overlapping like our bathrobes or coats often do.

The tunic coat was often made of material with stripes. The stripes were narrow. They usually went up and down. The stripes were green, red, yellow, and blue with white stripes between the other colors.

Sometimes this tunic coat was lined with white cotton to make it warmer. If it was very cold, people might wear one over another.

The coat was held close to the body by a sash tied around the waist. The men usually wore the tunic coat to the knees. Women wore it to the ankles. If a man wanted to be dressed in his best, his tunic coat would be longer - even to his ankles.

The tunic coat had sleeves that reached half way to the elbow. Some sleeves were long. The long sleeves were cut with a point hanging down. Sometimes this point was very long.

TURN CARD OVER

Jacob had 12 sons. Jacob and his sons lived in tents in the land of Canaan. There was quarreling in that family. Much trouble came because Jacob had a favorite son named Joseph. Joseph had 10 older brothers. They worked hard taking care of the sheep. They were angry because the father loved Joseph. And they hated the coat that Jacob had given to Joseph. It had stripes of many colors. It was made of fine wool. It had long sleeves such as important men wear. You can imagine that the older brothers could see that coat a long way off.

They hated Joseph. They wished that they could get rid of him. They tried to do just this. They sold Joseph to traders going to Egypt. (Read about the many colored coat in Genesis 37:3 and 23, and 31-34)