

It is *Istatis*

איסטטית¹ היא² –

OVERVIEW

The משנה stated that if עדים המזימים continue to be מזים any and all עדים that testify (regarding someone murdering), according to ר' יהודה these עדים המזימים are considered איסטטית (and only the first group of זוממים are killed).

ברב אלפס פירש³ לשון סטים⁴ (שבת דף⁵ פט,ב):

In the רי"ף the word איסטטית is explained to mean a dye.⁶

SUMMARY

איסטטית (or איסטסים) is referring to a dye.

THINKING IT OVER

What are the relative advantages of פירוש תוס' (והרי"ף) and פרש"י?

¹ The marginal note indicates that this תוספות is referencing the משנה on the previous עמוד.

² על the איסטטית רש"י on the סרה וסטיא it veers from the truth; there is collusion between the עדים המזימים to discredit whoever testifies.

³ The גירסא of the רי"ף is איסטסים.

⁴ The רש"י amends this to סטים.

⁵ The מהרש"א refers us to שבת סח,א (where in our text it reads סטים; while the מהרש"א is סטים). In שבת פט,א גורס סטים. In any event it is a certain dye.

⁶ According to the רי"ף it is a rhetorical statement, are these עדים המזימים like dye, that whoever comes in contact with them becomes colored; here too how can it be that all the other עדים were together elsewhere with the עדים המזימים.