1. Main episode Sidra - one of most disturbing to sensitive Jew who believes in Torah and proud its high moral teachings. That is - the story of the deception practiced by Jacob, prompted by Rebecca, on Isaac in taking the blessing that rightfully belonged to was intended for his older brother, Esau.

2. Story in broad outline

3. Clearly a story of deception, hard to explain, harder to defend. Even more acutely embarrassing - silence of Torah in not offering an moral judgement, ethical criticism.

4. "Higher Bible criticism", always eager to attack ....

5. well, what is answer?

6. Answer is: if read carefully, between lines, w/o prejudice, you find Torah still most moral document available mankind.

7. Torah tells the story straight, never makes any effort "whitewash", defend wrong-doing even pg 193 as Jacob, Rebecca.

8. Certainly - they were wrong - good ends, wrong means...

9. And Torah NOT silent - but its criticism is IMPlicit, not EXPLICIT; OBJECTIVE, not SUBJECT.

10. Here, as in other cases, AIN ADD D SHN, punishment fits crime. [all following from cauto, mizrah 1711]

11. Invite you with me in adventure in Bible study.

12. First: Jacob. His sins:
   a) Exploited darkness - Isaac's blindness
   b) Fooled brother who was older

13. Punishment (in addition to exile, she pursued by Esau):
   a) Exploited by Laban, makes him work yrs beloved, Rachel
   b) Then fools him by in darkness of night (wedding night)
   c) by substituting her sister - her older me.
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