



Key verse: Philippians 1:6

God begins and God finishes.

WHY JACOB?

Heb 11:16 *“God was not ashamed to be their God”*

A promise to fulfill.

To Abraham Gen 12:1-3

To Isaac Gen 26:3-4

To Jacob Gen 28:13 *What I started – I will finish!*

Jacob = “to take hold of the heel”, “grabber”

Life is messy for Jacob . . .

. . . but, Jacob is chosen by God.

. . . but, God has promised to bless.

Gen 25:19-34 Jacob’s story begins.

[We are all like Jacob in many ways, but some of us may be like Esau . . . throwing away future blessing for immediate gratification.]

Given a new name. Israel = “God prevails”