

# The Good Hand of God

## Ezra 7-8

### Introduction

Ezra 1-6 Return under Zerubbabel to Restore the Temple (538 B.C.) 50,000 people

Ezra 7-10 Return under Ezra to Reform the People (458 B.C.) 5,000 people

Key Phrase "the hand of the Lord his God" / "the good hand of his God"  
6x in Ezra 7-8 (7:6, 9, 28; 8:18, 23, 31) 2x in Nehemiah (2:8, 18)

### I. The Curse (7:10)

1. Study
2. Practice
3. Share

### II. The Consequence

1. God's Hand is a Providing Hand (7:6, 11-27)  
Nehemiah 2:8
2. God's Hand is a Guiding Hand (7:8-10)
3. God's Hand is a Strengthening Hand (7:27-28)
4. God's Hand is a Supporting Hand (8:15-20)  
Encouraging Hand (Neh 2:18)
5. God's Hand is a Protecting Hand (8:21-31)

### Conclusion