

**GOD'S HAND ON A MAN**  
**EZRA 7:6 / 6-10-18 / PM**

**I. EZRA'S LIFE.**

A. What do we know about Ezra?

1. His name means "**My Court of God**".
2. He held several positions.
  - a. Priest.
  - b. Scribe or Teacher.
  - c. Administrator .
3. God was with him—7:6 and 9.
4. Jews believe he wrote the Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and perhaps Esther.

B. Ezra's character traits.

1. Trustworthy—the Persian king trusted him with a fortune in gold to take back.
2. Humble—7:27-28.
3. Sensitive to sin—10:6.
4. Led by example—9:3-4.
5. Passionate about God's Word—7:10.
6. Personal relationship with God--7:10.
7. Boldness—7:6.
8. Man of prayer—8:21.
9. Quick to praise God—7:27-28.

**II. EZRA'S LESSONS.**

1. God is just in sending Israel into exile because they forgot Him. However, God is also merciful in that He allowed them to return—Prov. 19:21.
2. No one, not even a king or nation, can stand in the way of God's plans—Jer. 29:11.
3. God uses people dedicated to Him—2 Timothy 2:20-21.