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A1 INTRODUCTORY CALL TO REPENTANCE 1:1-6

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¹ Zechariah Title: Author: Zechariah, a contemporary of Haggai. Date: 520-518 B.C. (Last part of the book later?) Note: "LORD of hosts" appears 53 X in 46 verses in this prophecy! ("LORD of hosts" signifies Yahweh as Commander in Chief of His Angelic Armed Forces, and is definitely a militaristic designation. I often use the phrase "Yahweh of Troops.")

² 1:2-6 title: The quotation marks indicate my paraphrase, not the text of NASB.

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