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Introduction: *The Operative Word Is Hope*

1. David Bryant, *The Hope at Hand: National and World Revival for the Twenty-First Century* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995). This volume is the companion book to *Messengers of Hope* and provides background on revival and the current developments toward revival that I have not taken time to study in depth in this book.

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17. Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*, 154.

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19. Stephen L. Carter, *The Culture of Disbelief: How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion* (New York: Anchor Books/Doubleday, 1993), 60.

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21. Bishop George McKinney, quoted in Andreas Tapia, "Soul Searching: How Is the Black Church Responding to the Urban Crisis?" *Christianity Today*, 4 March 1996, 30.

22. Tony Evans, *Are Christians Destroying America? How to Restore a Decaying Culture* (Chicago: Moody, 1996), 28.

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Chapter 1: *A Nation in Need of Messengers of Hope*

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9. A 1996 national Gallup survey.

10. Jürgen Moltmann, writing in and reviewed by *Theology News and Notes*, Fuller Theological Seminary (19 October 1996). See Jürgen Moltmann, "Theology in Modern Society," and Winston E. Gooden, "Theology, Crises, and Modern Values."

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12. See interview with John Leo, "Counter Punch Morality" *Christianity Today*, 7 October 1996, 62.

13. Robert H. Bork, *Slouching towards Gomorrah: Modern Liberalism and American Decline* (New York: HarperCollins, 1996), 11.

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28. J. I. Packer, "Our Lifeline: The Bible Is the Rope God Throws Us," *Christianity Today*, 28 October 1996, 22.

29. George Barna, *Absolute Confusion: How Our Moral and Spiritual Foundations Are Eroding in This Age of Change* (Ventura, Calif.: Regal, 1994), 138.

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Chapter 3: Turn Fellow Christians into Prisoners of Hope

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7. George Barna, *Absolute Confusion: How Moral and Spiritual Foundations Are Eroding in This Age of Change* (Ventura, Calif.: Regal, 1994), 19.

8. George Barna, *Today’s Pastors: A Revealing Look at What Pastors Are Saying about Themselves, Their Peers, and the Pressures They Feel* (Ventura, Calif.: Regal, 1993), 91.

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10. Tony Evans, *Are Christians Destroying America?: How to Restore a Decaying Culture* (Chicago: Moody, 1996), 18.

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9. David Bryant, *The Hope at Hand: National and World Revival for the Twenty-First Century* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995), 74.
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Chapter 9: P Stands for “Pray Back!”

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Chapter 10: *E Stands for “Enter In!”*

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