

PART OF AN EPIC PLAN – JUDE 1:24-25

Jude's warnings and directions about _____ are now complete. The final words he pens through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost are all about relief and reassurance. After reading and studying the compelling statements within his small yet power-packed epistle, this is a really good way to end. And yet this conclusion causes us to reflect, to look back over what was spoken. As we survey his message and consider its purpose we see that it is part of an _____ plan.

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1. Jude's living words

a. A thought-provoking consideration:

- When Jude wrote this letter, I wonder if he knew what its _____ would be throughout history and how his small epistle fits into God's big picture.

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b. All scripture has 3 basic applications:

- History – All scripture has a basic meaning as it was written in the context of a certain time surrounding specific situations. The Bible is first and foremost a book(s) recording actual historic places, people, and events. It speaks of _____ literal issues of history. It is History. The Bible is a *history* book.
- Devotion – All scripture has a practical, inspirational, and _____ aspect. It concerns things that God wants to teach, reprove, correct, and instruct each individual believer. The applications it speaks of are countless and are only limited by the unbelief of the reader. The Bible is a book of *devotion*.
- Doctrine – All scripture has a _____ aspect. God preserves the continuity of his messages through creation and recorded historic events. He uses the creation and the accounts of people, places and events to paint pictures or show types of his profound truths. He exercises this supernatural methodology to *teach* us to live by faith. The Bible is a book of *doctrine*.

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c. The three applications of Jude's epistle

- History – Jude, the *likely* Jewish apostle, wrote this letter between 66-80 AD. It was a time when believers faced severe persecution from the *outside*—primarily the Roman Government, which endorsed others in political and religious power to act against them.

He writes alerting these early [Jewish] Christians to the added _____ from the *inside*—deceptive evil men creeping subtly into their fellowship with ungodly behaviour and devilish doctrines. He gives examples from their national history and brings the readers to the knowledge that they must *earnestly contend for the faith*.

- Devotion – Throughout history Jude's warning has resonated within the fellowship of believers and their respective local churches. All along the devil has attacked the work by countering, counterfeiting, and confounding the plans and purposes of God. He does this craftily through _____ behaviour like: being entertained by immoral programs and movies, listening to foul music, the purchase and consumption of alcohol, abuse of prescription medications and legalized drugs, lewd alluring dress, a preoccupation with politics, and adopting a variety of humanistic practices and perspectives.

He infiltrates *subtly* with false teachers professing doctrines of devils like: Calvinism, baptismal regeneration, erroneous spiritual gifts, emotional stimuli that worships mood and music over the person of God, replacing scriptural methodology with modern entrepreneurial business philosophies, use of corrupt modern Bible versions merely for enhanced readability, and a host of other things that may, in some cases, seem alright or even logical.

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- Doctrine – Jude pens the Lord's 8th letter {(1) Hebrews→ (2) James→ (3) 1 Peter→ (4) 2 Peter→ (5) 1 John→ (6) 2 John→ (7) 3 John→ (8) Jude} directed to the Jewish remnant of the future tribulation period *after* the rapture of church age saints. He entrusts them to preach God's word and reveal the deceptions of the antichrist and his evil workers. They are to be faithful in preaching impending judgment and the soon second coming of Jesus Christ.

He gives examples from Israel's history and brings the readers to the knowledge that they must *earnestly contend for the faith*.

2. Concluding words – Jude 1:24-25

a. Words of _____ – verse 24

- Jesus Christ is _____ to keep us from falling
- Jesus Christ is *able* to present us faultless
- Jesus Christ is *able* to bring us into the presence of his glory
- Jesus Christ is *able* to give me exceeding joy both now and in his presence

b. Words of _____ – verse 25

- We are _____ to reveal his superior wisdom
- We are *contending* to clarify that he is the only Saviour
- We are *contending* to glorify the only one true God
- We are *contending* to reveal his majesty
- We are *contending* to demonstrate his total dominion
- We are *contending* to reveal his power
- We are *contending* to show the world his eternal nature