Intro: 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. 8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” 10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

VII. America’s arrogance has misperceived God’s judgment – 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

a. This is what happened to the nation of Israel

• Throughout Israel’s history they would perceive wrongly or incorrectly God’s judgments. They took it for guaranteed that they were God’s chosen so therefore free from God’s judgments. America, if God can punish Israel for the turning their backs on Him, and if God can punish Israel for their sins against Him, then what makes you think America is going to escape His judgment for their sins against Him.

° 6 Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— 7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; 8 they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. Amos 2:6-8

b. This is what happened to the rebellious angels

• We get a glimpse sometimes at the spiritual world, and here is one. At some time, there was a battle that the Lord won and locked up some angels in hell. Satan is not one of them. This is backed up with the demons who called out to Jesus in Mat. 8:28, 29. One thing we do know is that they perceived wrongly or incorrectly God’s judgment.

° 28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Matthew 8:28-29

c. This is what happened to Sodom & Gomorrah

• Abraham asks God if he could find 10 righteous people, God would spare the city. So, at sometime the people of Sodom and Gomorrah were asked about their relationship with the Lord, and they would not repent. They too perceived wrongly or incorrectly God’s judgment, and they paid with fire and brimstone raining down and destroying their cities.

° 32 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” 33 And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place. Genesis 18:32-33

° 23 The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the Lord out of heaven. 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But Lot’s wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. Genesis 19:23-26

VIII. America has a filthy fantasy – 8 Yet in like manner these people also, *relying on their dreams*, *defile the flesh*, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

a. They have a filthy fantasies about your kids

• They will teach you children that sin is acceptable. They will tell your children that they have the righteous path to God and not your parents. They will teach and indoctrinate your children in the LGBTQ+ lifestyle and teach them that its doctrine is more important to teach than God’s bible. They will teach this horrid practice in your libraries, city halls, and throughout all political landscapes. This is nothing but a filthy fantasy from the pits of hell and satan himself.

° 5 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Matthew 18:5, 6

b. They have filthy fantasies about our churches

• They will put an AIDS cross in urine, they will make a video with a gay Jesus being crucified on a cross, they will mock the crucifixes, they will mock the Christian, they will mock God by the way they live their lives. They would rather shut down churches instead of gay bathhouses. Remember they will mock now but they will bow later.

° 11 for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14:11-12

IX. America has rejected God’s authority – 8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, *reject authority*, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

We are talking about both spiritual and physical authority

a. They will reject the authority of those who protect

• If man’s authority clashes with God’s word we obey His word. But this is not what we are talking about. What we are talking about here is the rebellion against authorities’ norms. When you have rejected God then you will replace Him with your god which is yourself. And no one will replace you. You are your own authority, so why would you respect authority if you are the only authority around.

° 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Romans 13:7

° 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:16, 17

b. They will reject the authority of God

• They do not have respect for God nor His ways, that is why they have to change the way God does things. They can’t follow the whole word of God but instead rely on the part of scripture that they can twist. They will often use the word against itself. Things like God loves everyone, so I can do what I want. God hates you but will love me. God will not send me to hell because He loves me. What God would do that. This is called rejecting the authority of God. How? Because God says if we love Him we will keep His commandments.

° 15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” John 14:15-21

X. American has mocked things that know nothing about – “*and blaspheme the glorious ones*”. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” 10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

a. First they will mock the spiritual warfare that is going on

• They don’t understand that we are in a spiritual warfare. They mock the fact that somehow demons can possess someone, they mock the fact that you believe it and deny science. They see it as a weakness on the Christians part and laugh at you for believing in a prehistoric religion.

° 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12

b. They act like unreasonable animals

• The idea of the apostle seems to be that their knowledge was confined to those things. They did not rise above the intelligent thought of those higher morals. This is the America we have today. They will not reach for higher standards of morals, but in the fairness of “equality” will erode the fabric of our society to achieve the immoral goals. Their knowledge is confined to the subjects of sensual indulgence, and all their intelligence in that respect is employed only to corrupt and destroy themselves.

° 14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to our disciples, and they could not heal him.” 17 And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. Matthew 17:14-18