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Genesis 2:16, 17 - of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat - - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. Genesis 3:1, 5 - The serpent was more subtil than any beast - (the serpent said) in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and "ye shall be as gods"-

The sin of the harlot (self-worship) started with Eve and the original beast (the serpent). He ruled Eve and Adam by causing them to move the boundary of God (thou shalt) taking in forbidden boundary (thou shalt not). This established a new law of self-esteem (pride). Eve, the original harlot (idolator), rode upon the beast (serpent), polluting the people (Adam). After the flood, Nimrod reinstated, at Babel (Babylon), the rebellion of Eden, setting up a new boundary (city and tower), and a new commandment (name or authority). Pride (let us make us a name) is the foundation of "all" idolatry (spiritual harlotry) that has polluted the world for all time. It is the system of self-worship. (Repent means to turn from self to God). Babel began a series of "world order" beast (ruling) systems (Dan. 2:31-45; 7:3-7). These empires (beasts) ruled all the civilized world and fell as one conquered the other (Babylon, Persia/Medes, Greece, Rome, etc). The harlot was the ancient Chaldean idolatry passed down through the empires in the form of Greek and Roman gods (mystery religions). Outlawed in Rome, the worship of idols was reinstated in the Roman church by Constantine (the deadly wound healed - Rev. 13:3). America has dispensed with icon (statue) worship and retained the "self-esteem" (pride) system of Rome/Babylon and is polluting the world with it. Babylon fell once as a literal empire never to rise again (Jer. 51:26). The second time she will fall as a wicked idolatrous religious system of "self-esteem" and "pride". (Babylon is fallen, is fallen - Rev. 18:2). Revelation 18 shows that it is a material system of wealth and self. America is "New Babylon". The beast (world order), the waters (peoples, multitudes, nations, tongues) and the 7 heads (7 mountains-7 world systems) are all the same throne where the harlot sits. A mountain was the seat of a ruling empire (Jer. 51:25). Throughout scripture, Babylon is a system of pride. Paul said that covetousness (wanting more for self) is idolatry (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5). The "new world order" will be the last "beast" that God will destroy. (Rev. 13:1; 19:19-20)

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