**Milton, *Paradise Lost* Book 2**

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Please look closely at these lines for Sunday.

5 by merit raised

8-9 insatiate . . . vain war with heaven

10 deities of Heaven

14 not lost

18-19 just right, fixed laws, free choice

27 thunderer

38 our just inheritance of old

41-42 open war or covert guile?

47-48 Moloch: rather than be less, cared not to be at all: War

83ff what can be worse?

94 what fear we?

109 Belial: the Sophist. No war: revenge impossible, just woe

110 he seemed. . . make the worse appear the better reason;

Honey tongue

153, 163 will God dare to destroy us? Is this the worst?

185ff Unrespited, unpitied, unreprieved

196 better this than worse

210 Eternal Father may forgive . . .

226 words clothed in reason’s garb

264ff, 273 dark

270 Mammon: stay here, mine riches, accept situation, live in peace

300 Beelzebub: seems not majestic in ruin, sage he stood (305)

324 EF will reign everywhere, hell part of EF empire, custody severe in

hell

345 place: Earth—Man, Paradise, place may lie exposed, man favorite

(360)

357 Beelzebub predicts Man’s weakness

367 puny inhabitant, seduce him for our Party, that God may prove

their foe

375 “hurled headlong”; faded bliss

389 vote

402-404 Whom shall we send? (parody of Book of Isaiah)

Who is sufficient? To cross dangerous abyss infinite

411, 416 suffice, last hope

427 dreadful voyage

429 Satan’s higher worth . . . ninefold walls of hell

440ff hell, night, chaos

452 share of hazard and honor

465 deliverance for all

472 no rivals to cheapen his repute

478 bow of angels to Satan

511 pomp, state, regal sounds, brightness

521 false hop of the angels—disband to fill time till Satan returns

542 simile about Herakles’s poisoned shirt

549 heroic deeds and hapless fall

565 vain wisdom, false philosophy

575ff 4 rivers of hell: Styx, Acheron, Cocytus, Phlegethon

Lethe = oblivion; frozen continent, perpetual storms, snow, ice

608 longing for Lethe, one drop; lose in sweet forgetfulness of pain and

woe

621-622 a universe of death

630 Satan heads toward gates of Hell

646 9 gates of hell: brass, iron, adamantine, fire

650-660 description of Sin

665 Death shapeless blob, shadow

681 Satan fails to recognize his son, Death; miscreated; get out of my

way; threats

698 I reign king; Death as king of Hell; grisly terror

705 Death grows tenfold and threatens Satan

708 Satan indignant, burns like comet

709 Ophiucus

711 aim to destroy each other; Sin intervenes (snaky sorceress)

727 patricide? Filicide?

741 Satan’s failure to recognize children; what thing art thou?

753ff birth of Sin from Satan’s head; parallel Athene from Zeus

764 Sin perfect image of Satan

766 Satan copulates with daughter Sin

775 key to Hell’s gates

779ff Sin’s pregnancy and odious offspring: rape and incest . . .

Hell hounds

810 irony: Death’s “death arrow” against Satan

817-818 Dear daughter . . fair son

822 to set free both of you

826 Satan’s heroism

832 place of bliss in the purlieus of heav’n . . . upstart creatures

840ff place where Sin and Death shall dwell at ease, be fed and filled

863ff my father, my author whom I should obey, follow

871 key given to Satan

884 Hell gates now open for all

888 simile

891ff description of Chaos and Night . . . anarchy

927 Satan flies out of Hell into vast vacuity. Wind carries him

940-950 Satan cannot fly or walk well: swims, sinks, wades, creeps, flies

960-965 throne of Chaos; causes of Chaos

980ff how Chaos and Night will benefit from Man’s fall

1005 description of universe, Earth on golden chain

1022 hard labor for Satan

1023ff Satan as pioneer, pathfinder (Sin and Death and all follow him)

1035 Satan approaches Empyreal Heaven, sees light, golden chain

1055 still set on revenge, accursed