**Milton, *Paradise Lost*  Book 4**

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Here are important lines (and brief notes) for reading Book 4:

1-31 Narrator

6-7 need to warn Adam and Eve

11 loss

16ff Satan’s doubts, despair, fear; hell within him, all around him

24-25 memory of what was, must be worse, worse, worse

32-113 Satan monologue

addresses Sun, hates sun and light because of memory of Heaven

40-55 Satan’s confession; line 48: God’s good, and Satan’s ill

55-56 grateful mind owing owes not

63-67 others as great as I were not tempted despite free will

72-75 I chose feely; me miserable . . . myself am hell

80 repentance possible?

82 pride, fear of shame with other fallen angels

91 Satan supreme only in misery

95 no reconcilement possible: too much hate

105 no hope

109-110 all good in me is lost; evil be my god

114-355 Narrator

115 Satan emotions: ire, envy, despair

121 artificer of fraud—the first

125ff Uriel sees Satan as he is on edge of Paradise (132)

133-154 Description of Paradise wall of trees

159-169 epic simile—as . . . so

178 one gate into Paradise, at east

181-183 Satan o’erleaps the wall

183-198 epic simile: as . . . so. The wolf, grand thief

194-196 Satan sits like cormorant in Tree of Life (tallest)

207 Paradise = heaven on earth

218ff Tree of Life

220-221 Tree of Knowledge (of Good and Evil): knowledge of good is bought

Dear by knowing ill

222ff catalogue of wonders: rivers, mountains, fountains

282ff description of Eden, four rivers, birds, flowers, eternal spring,

no danger ever

288-295 introduction of Adam and Eve: erect, tall, image of EF, truth,

Wisdom, sanctitude, lords of all

297-298 Adam for contemplation and valor; Eve for softness and grace;

He for God, she for God in him

313 no shame; honorable, innocent sexuality (companionate marriage)

321 hand in hand

330ff supper

340ff animals frisk, at play; serpent still innocent and beautiful

356-392 Satan monologue

367-370 Satan gazes, mute, then sad; Satan in wonder at Adam and Eve,

could love them because of their grace; but determines their

delights will disappear when he delivers them to woe

374 Satan could even pity them

388 tempted to melt at their innocence—if Satan not damned, he would

abhor ruining them

393-408a Narrator

396ff Satan among the animals changing shapes to hide among them

408 Adam’s love for Eve, aware of EF’s infinite good and generosity

408b-439 Adam to Eve

418 nothing merited

420 one service: trim the trees

423-430 do not eat of Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil—obedience;

Satan hears the injunction—big news for him

433 dominion over all Paradise, but only one easy prohibition

440-490 Eve to Adam

445 Eve: happier than Adam because she enjoys him

449-491 Eve recalls her creation, awakening

460 Eve: sees her image in the lake, astonished at her beauty (fs)

466 voice warns Eve, leads her to Adam; knowledge of children

475 mother of the human rae

477 Eve first sees Adam: he is less beautiful than she, less soft and

Amiable

480 Eve turns away; Adam calls her, describes how she was formed

484-485 flesh, bone, nearest to his heart, part of his soul, his other half

489 Eve sees that beauty is excelled by manly grace and wisdom

491-502a Narrator

498 Adam’s superior love

502b-535 Satan monologue

501-504 Satan’s jealousy

506 A and E “imparadised” in one another’s arms

514-515 Satan knows Tree of Knowl of Good and Evil forbidden—can use

521 this knowledge is foundation of human ruin

522 Satan’s plan: make A and E aspire to be like God, to taste and die

529ff Satan as scout throughout the garden

536-560a Narrator

540ff dusk, alabaster rock on which Gabriel sits

550ff Gabriel’s army of guards, exercises

561a-575 Uriel to Gabriel

561-575 Uriel warns Gabriel about an alien from the banished crew

576-588 Gabriel to Uriel

582 Gabriel: they cannot keep out a Spirit, but Gabriel will discover

Intruder

589-609 Narrator

590-609 Uriel returns to Sun; description of sunset, twilight, silence, song

Of nightingale

610-633 Adam to Eve

dignity of labor, pleasant labor, list of tasks

634-658 Eve to Adam

Unargued I obey; God is thy law, thou mine (companionate

marriage)

640 as they work, E chats with A, forgets time, amazed at surrounding

Beauty

646ff evening, night, morning: all most beautiful with Adam. What is

the world like while they sleep?

659-688 Adam to Eve

664ff reason for stars, moon, light, heat

677-680 angels invisible

689-720 Narrator

690-705 Adam and Eve’s bower, site chosen by sovran Planter, beasts

in awe of mankind

721-735 Adam and Eve pray together to God

adoration of God, prayers (724-735)

727-728 companionate marriage: mutual help, mutual love

736-775 Narrator

744 others’ hypocrisy about sex; defame what God declares pure

752 Satan created adulterous lust

759-760 pure sexuality, perpetual foundation of domestic sweets, not

casual intercourse

772ff A and E sleep lulled by nightingale

776-785 Gabriel to Uzziel

778 cherubim guards, night watch

782-796 Gabriel and Uzziel: divide troops to seek intruder (Ithuriel and

Zephon); search garden, ensure A and E are safe

786-796 Gabriel to Ithuriel and Zephon

797-822 Narrator

799-809 Satan disguised as toad sitting at Eve’s ear, tempting her;

inspiring her fancy, putting venom in her thoughts to lead her

to discontent, vanity, pride

810 Ithuriel’s touch to Satan with spear: Satan returns to his own

shape: falsehood cannot endure the touch of celestial temper

814-821 epic simile: as . . . so --ike lightning to nitre

823-826 Ithuriel and Zephon to Satan

angels do not recognize Satan because he is so changed from

former self (Lucifer)

827-833 Satan to Ithuriel and Zephon

“Know ye not me?” Satan’s pride

834-843 Zephon to Satan

Satan has lost brightness, no longer upright and pure; now

resembles sin and doom

844-851a Narrator

846-850 Satan abashed . . . “and felt how awful goodness is”; loss, luster

impaired

851b-854a Satan to Zephon

854b-856 Zephon to Satan

857-864a Narrator

858-870 epic simile: haughty; Satan’s faded splendor

864b-872 Gabriel to his squad

873-876 Narrator

877-884 Gabriel to Satan

Gabriel interrogates Satan; Satan’s contempt “Lives there who

loves his pain?”

885-902a Satan to Gabriel

You know only good; you are ignorant of evil; Satan blames EF for

not barring the gates to keep him out

902b-923 Gabriel to Satan

905 Gabriel’s disdain: Satan fell because of his own folly

918-924 G asks Satan: why are you alone? (Where are fallen companions?)

S presents himself as great war hero

924-945 Satan to Gabriel

935 “I alone.” Satan hazards all: pride, desire for fame, no fear of

Danger

940 lie: looking for better place to settle fallen angels

946-967 Gabriel to Satan

actual warrior angel Gabriel catches Satan’s lies, equivocations,

contradictions; G asks, “Who can you ever have been faithful to?”

957 hypocrite: once you groveled before EF and used every ploy as

you sought to reign

968-976 Satan to Gabriel

977-1004 Narrator

978 angelic squadron turns fiery red, hem Satan round with spears;

980 simile

986 Satan, alarmed, dilates, tries to reach the sky; on helm sits Horror

997 to decide conflict, EF uses his golden scales (see *Iliad*)

1005-1014a Gabriel to Satan

1014b-1016 Satan sees that his cause is too light, rises; he flees