

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 reconciliation 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 race

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 Knowledge 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 --like 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