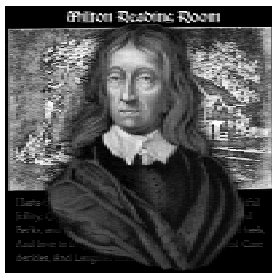


## John Milton's **Paradise Lost**

*A Visual Interpretation*  
By Nina Curley & Jordan Lee

### **Milton Invites You To Explore...**



### **The Transformation of Written Word to Visuals**

### **A Brief Summary**

- Book I: *The Assembly*. Satan & his fallen angels reconvene after their banishment from Heaven.
- Book II: *The Council in Hell*. The fallen angels congregate in Hell. Satan volunteers to corrupt Adam & Eve. He travels through the Gates of Hell and the Chaos realm.
- Book III: *The Sacrifice*. God sees Satan flying toward the New World, and His Son offers to sacrifice himself for man's salvation.

- Book IV: *The Garden of Eden*. Satan overhears Adam and Eve talking about the Tree of Knowledge. Satan, disguised as a toad, whispers evil thoughts into Eve's ear while asleep. Satan is found and banished.
- Book V: *The Dream*. Eve awakes to tell Adam about the horrible dream. The angel Raphael tells A&E about Lucifer's Fall.
- Book VI: *The Cosmic Battle*. The angel, Michael, tells how the good forces battled Lucifer and his army. In the end, Lucifer and his angels were forced into Hell.

- Book VII: *The Creation Story*. Raphael tells Adam & Eve about the Creation Story.
- Book VIII: *The Reflection*. Adam reflects upon his own creation, the Garden of Eden, the creation of Eve, and creation of the world.
- Book IX: *The Fall*. Satan returns to the Garden of Eden as a serpent. Satan sees Eve, alone and vulnerable, and convinces her to eat of the Tree of Knowledge. She consumes the apple. Then Adam eats of the fruit to remain with Eve. They have lustful sex. The next morning, they awake to find themselves naked and ashamed.

- Book X: *The Reconciliation*. The angels flee toward Heaven, and the Son of God comes down to judge Adam and Eve for their disobedience. He clothes them. At the Gates of Hell, Sin and Death build a bridge across Chaos and meet up with Satan. They return to Hell, expecting applause, but hear on hissing. The fallen angels have been transformed into serpents. Adam and Eve has some arguments, but in the end, they forgive each other.

- Book XI: *The Prophecy*. God sends Michael to deliver the fates of Adam and Eve. Adams learns of the Great Flood that will extinguish mankind.
- Book XII: *The Redemption*. Michaels tells Adam that the Seed of a woman will be the Christ Child, who will redeem mankind. Adam meets up with Eve, and both are cast away from Paradise. Their Paradise, lost.

## Visualizing Paradise Lost

Analyzing the Interpretations of  
Edward Burney, Francis Hayman,  
Gustave Dore & John Martin

**What's the big deal?**

**Is there a purpose?**

## Why, Of Course!

### *Visualization:*

- Is worth a thousand words
- Allows for metaphorical interpretations
- Reflects the artist's attitude
- Can summarize a complex scene
- Adds richness and depth to written word
- Encourages visual thinking

Looking at the  
Role of Eve,  
Role of Women



Edward Burney &  
Francis Hayman

*Satan at the Gates of Hell*  
Book II: 629 ff, 649 ff, 666 ff



Edward Burney, Francis  
Hayman, John Martin &  
Gustave Dore

*Satan & Eve in the Garden of Eden*  
Book IX: 180 ff, 679 ff, 820-5



Francis Hayman

*Satan in the Garden of Eden*  
Book IV: 172 ff



Gustave Dore

*The Banishment*  
Book I: 27 ff



# Gustave Dore

*The Punishment*  
Book X: 504 ff

