**What happens in *Paradise Lost***

*Note:* square brackets indicate that events are narrated *retrospectively* in this book although they have happened at some other time.

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<td>2. Satan leads his angels into rebellion.</td>
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<td>4. God creates the world, Adam, and Eve; humans are intended eventually to replace the lost Angels.</td>
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<td>7. Satan reconnoiters Eden; Eve tells Adam about her creation (4); Satan tempts Eve in a dream.</td>
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