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Reading Questions 10-12 paradise lost

Reading Questions 10

1. I think Milton does a good job describing the effects of the fall. Directly after the fall the characters are sinful. They immediately become more recognizable, we see them blaming each other and feeling sorry for themselves. We also see in good old Milton style a road from earth to hell to make each other connected and easier to cross.

*Nature is now violent. Adam is utterly guilty and hates Eve. Eve is devastated and guilty, they both want to die.*

Reading Questions 11

1. I think a little of both. Adam sees the future, so he sees it as a happy ending for him. It also increases the tragedy because he sees all the problems that come from sin.

*There are glimmers of a happy ending. While Adam sees the increasing tragedy because he sees his descendant doing awful things and eventually sees his descendants washed away from the earth. He knows he is responsible for this sin.*

Reading Questions 12

1. Now we have a happy ending. We see that Michael shows Adam that Christ will come, and that sin and death will be defeated. He knows now that there is hope. And that God has a plan. I think it's interesting that Michael shows them the future anyways because God already told them that the "he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel" gen 3:15. Milton always seems to need more to believe. He needs to write more proof. He needs more than just the holy spirit to write his book. He needs more than just one God. He needs more than what was given to him. He thinks God was not enough in writing the creation. So, he wrote his own book.

*In this final chapter we are shown the ultimate victory of Christ over Satan. Milton does not leave the story a tragedy he includes redemption.*

2. I think in some parts Milton went too far in his writing liberties. If his goal was to write an epic poem, he succeeded. However, his goal was to recreate a fuller creation story with 100% accuracy or perfection and recall what really happened, he failed. In the end is Milton a christian? In the simple answer yes. Did Milton believe in other Gods (like the other thing he called on after the Holy Spirit almost like the holy spirit was not enough for him to write the book) I don't really know. His actions could have been bad, but his intentions could have been good. All in all, Milton wrote an epic poem about creation and filled in some details with his own thoughts and mind. As long as Milton does not say or believe it was the inspired word of God, he did not sin in the making of this book. According to google he rejected trinity and believed that God and the son are two separated beings.

*Extra biblical garden of Eden the details he made up. Unbiblical misogynistic treatment of Eve or God creating the earth out of chaos. Blasphemous we place things like conversations between father and the son. Telling the difference between these categories is essential to seeing this story in a healthy and biblical way.*