Paradise Regained

The protoevangelium: Jehovah to the Serpent: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

See Paradise Lost 10.179, 10.500, 11.115, 12.150, 12.375; Paradise Regained 1.64-69 et passim.

Why dost thou then suggest to me distrust,
Knowing who I am, as I know who thou art? (PR 1.355-56)

That heard the adversary, who roving still
About the world, at that assembly famed
Would not be last, and with the voice divine
Nigh thunder-struck, the exalted man, to whom
Such high attest was given, a while surveyed
With wonder. (PR 1.483)

Of Goats or timourous flock together throng'd
Drove them before him thunder-struck, pursu'd
With terrors and with furies to the bound
And crystal wall of Heav'n. (PL 6.856)

The Life of Milton and the Second Temptation:
1630’s wealth (2.406-85)
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