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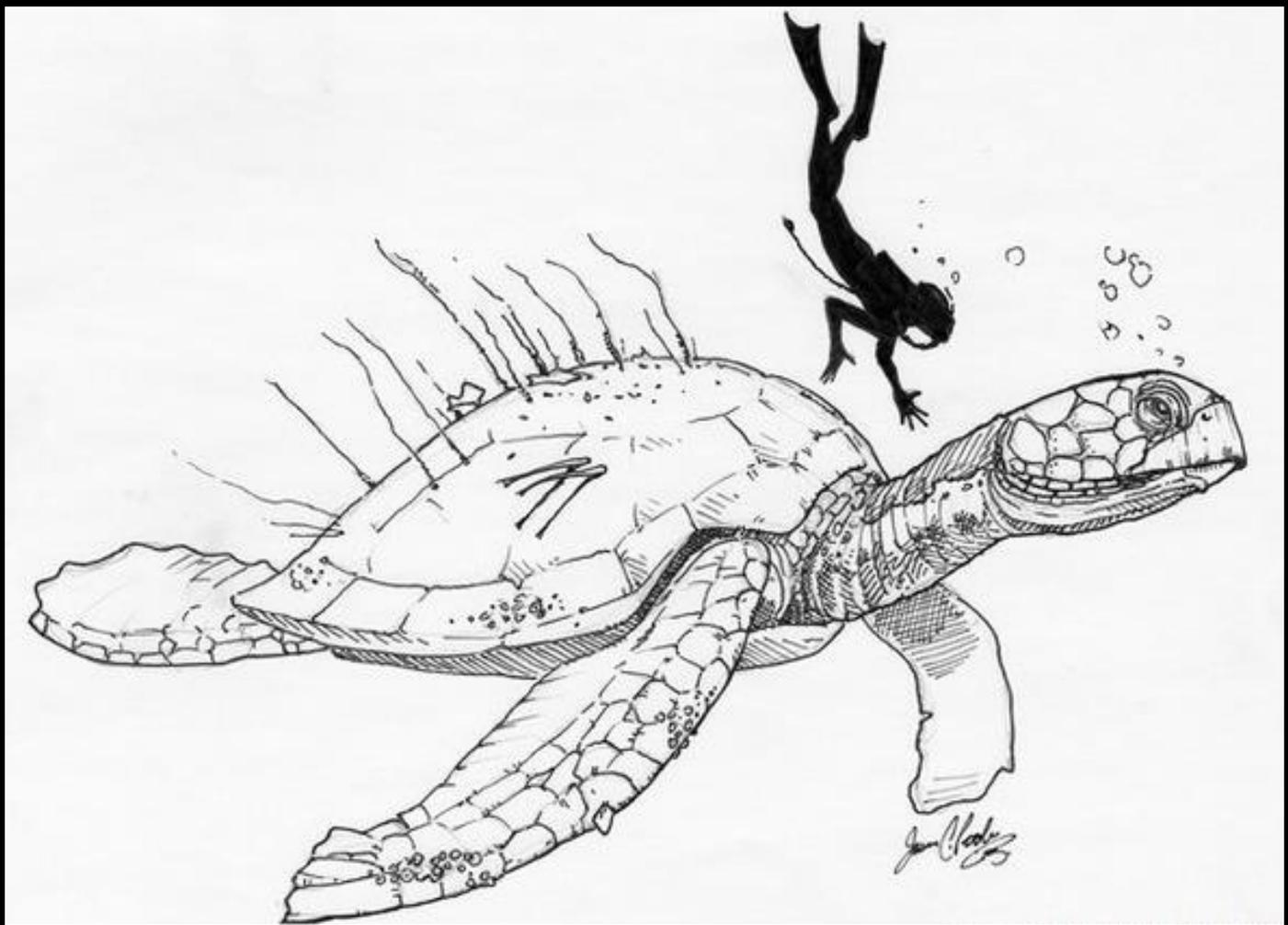


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“My reaction then, as it still is, was nearly complete disbelief. The odds are infinitesimally minute...To say this is a once-in-a-lifetime event is really short-changing it. This is completely unprecedented.”

(Jason Schein, as quoted in the *National Geographic* article “Fossil of Giant Turtle *Atlantochelys* Reunited with its Other Half after 163 Years,” March 25, 2015)







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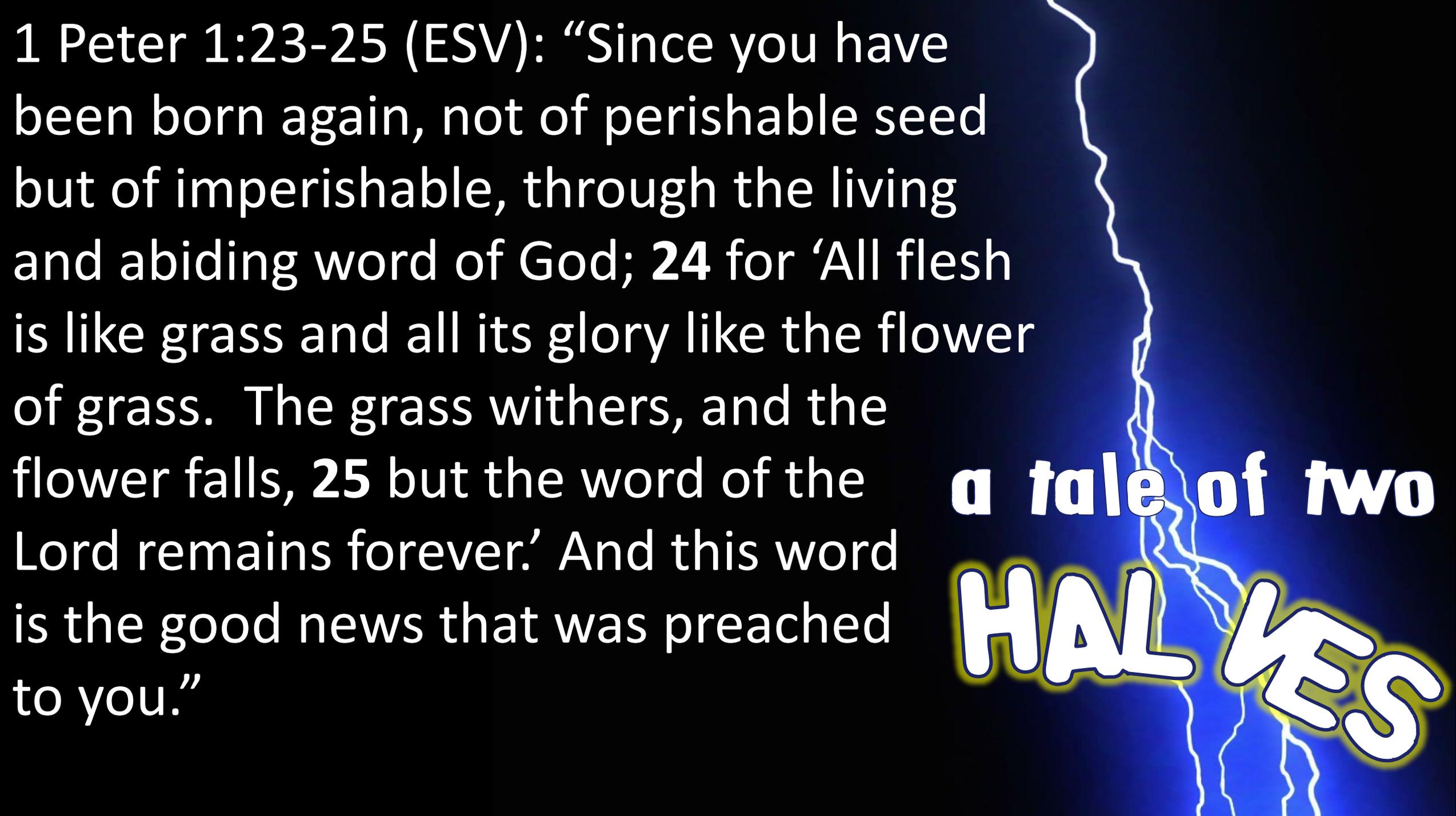


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1 Peter 1:23-25 (ESV): “Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; **24** for ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, **25** but the word of the Lord remains forever.’ And this word is the good news that was preached to you.”



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John 1:1-3 (ESV): “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him.”



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Colossians 1:16 (ESV): “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.”

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Hebrews 4:12 (ESV): “The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow.”

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1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV): “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

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Genesis 1:1 (ESV): “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”



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Genesis 1:2 (ESV): “The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

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Genesis 2:4 (ESV): “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.”



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Genesis 2:7-8 (ESV): “Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.”

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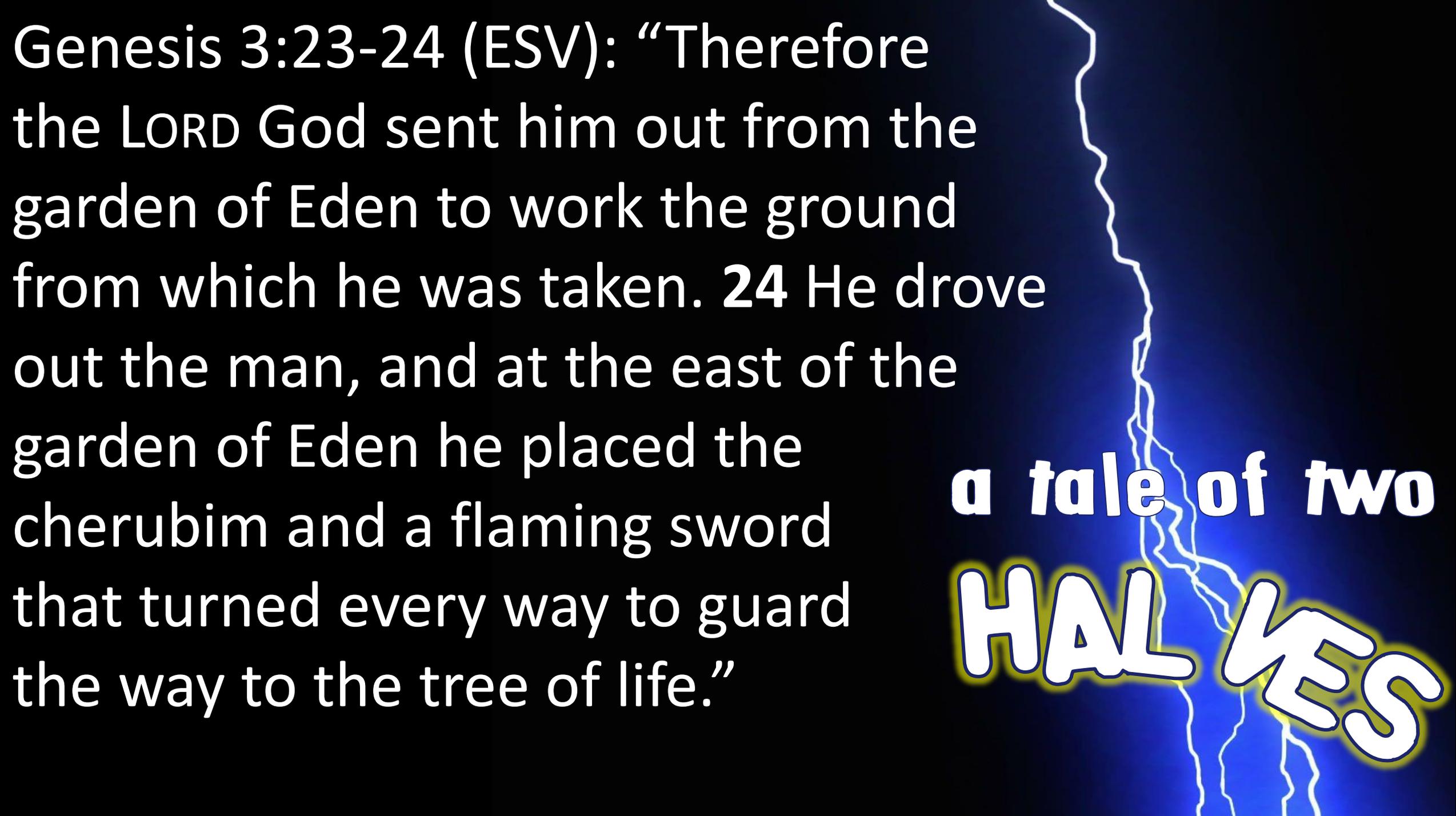
Genesis 3:8 (ESV): “They heard
the sound of the LORD God
walking in the garden in the
cool of the day.”

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Genesis 2:15 (ESV): “The LORD
God took the man and put him
in the garden of Eden to work
it.”

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Genesis 3:23-24 (ESV): “Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”



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1 Peter 1:13-14 (ESV): “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.”

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1 Peter 1:17-18 (ESV): “And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold.”



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2 Peter 2:12 (NIV): “They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish.”



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1 Peter 1:15-16 (ESV): “But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”

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THERE IS NO
HOLINESS
WITHOUT
WHOLENESS.



MAIN POINT

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (ESV):
“Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you
completely, and your
whole spirit and soul and
body be kept blameless at
the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.”



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Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV): “Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”



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1 Peter 1:19-21 (ESV): “But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

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Colossians 2:9-10 (ESV): “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, **10** and you have been filled in him.”

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Ephesians 1:9-10 (ESV): “Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

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Revelation 21:1, 3 (ESV): “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...**3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.’”

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1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (ESV):

“For now we see in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face. Now I know
in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known.

13 So now faith, hope, and
love abide, these three; but
the greatest of these is love.”

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1 Peter 1:22 (ESV): “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”



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APPLICATION



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“For love is the desire of the whole, and the pursuit of the whole is called love.”

(From Aristophanes' speech in Plato's *The Symposium*)



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1 John 4:16-18 (NIV): "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."

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“I am with thee. I am with
thee now. We are both there.
Go.”

(Robert Jordan, in Ernest Hemmingway's novel
For Whom the Bell Tolls, first edition, page 465)



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WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

A central graphic featuring a realistic globe of the Earth, showing continents and oceans. Below the globe is a black silhouette of a person in a crouching position, with their arms raised and hands supporting the bottom of the globe, symbolizing the concept of 'bearing the weight of the world'.

Next Week: 1 Peter 2:1-12