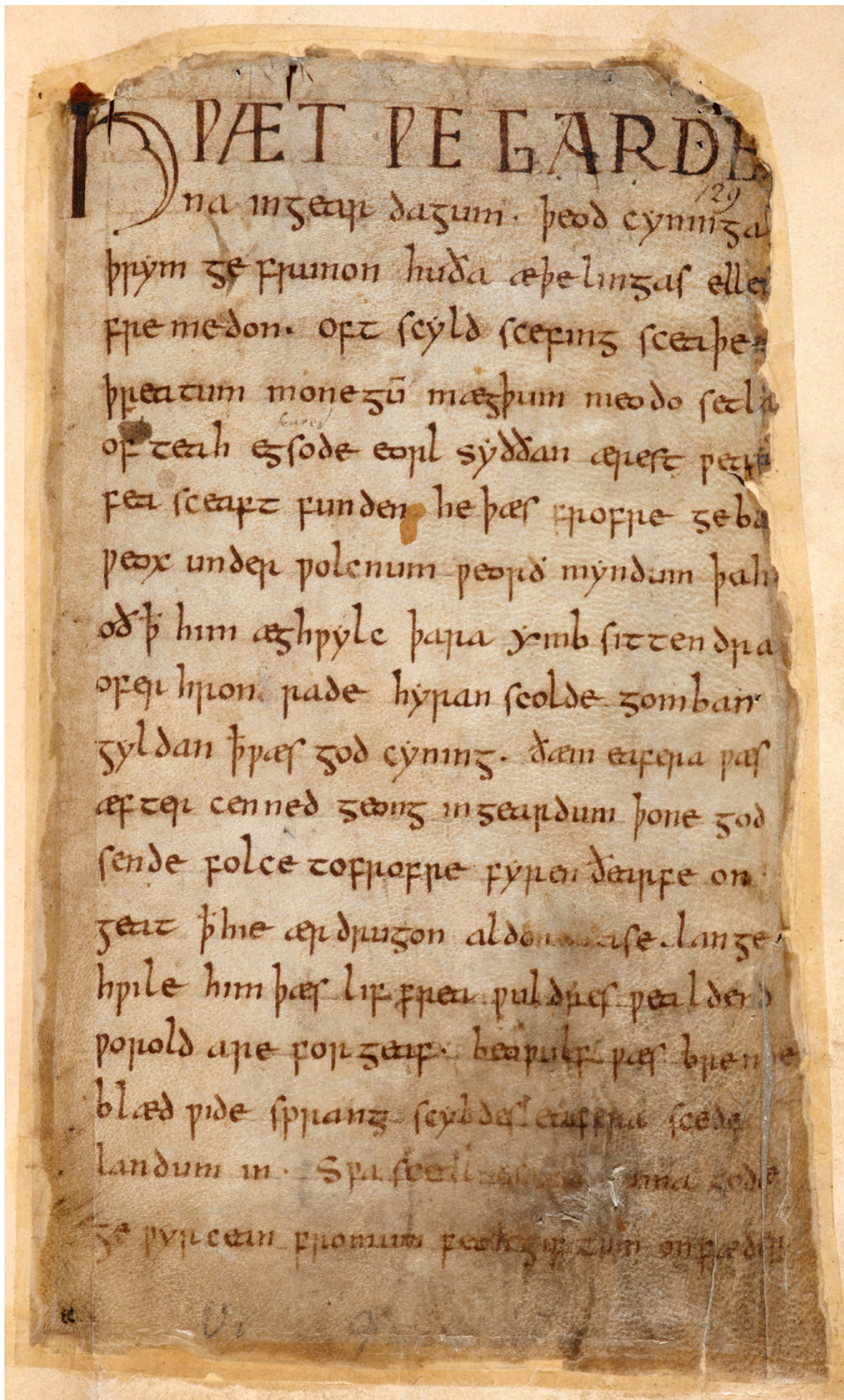


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ƿorð 7 þƿorð ƿær mid gode 7 god ƿær þƿorð. þƿær  
onfruman mid gode ealle þing ƿæron geƿorhte  
ðurh hýne 7 nan þing næs geƿorht bucan him.  
þƿær lif þe on him geƿorht ƿær. 7 þƿær ƿær manna  
leoht 7 þleoht lyht on ðýsqum. 7 þýfeto þ ne gena  
mon; Mann ƿær fram gode aƿend. þær namn  
ƿær iohannes. ðes com to geƿit neƿre. þ he geƿit  
neƿre cýðde be ðam leohte. þ ealle menn þurh  
hýne gelyfdon; Mær he leoht. ac þ he geƿit neƿre  
ƿorð bære be þam leohte. Soð leoht ƿær.  
þ on lyht ælcne cumendne man on þýne mid  
dane eard. he ƿær on middan earde. 7 middan  
eard ƿær geƿorht þurh hine. 7 middan eard  
hine ne ge cneop; To hýra genum he com. 7 hit  
hýne ne under fenton; Soðlice swa hýlce  
fram hýne under fenton. he sealde him an  
ƿeald þ hi ƿæron godes beurn þam ðe gely  
fað on hýs naman. ða ne sýnt acennede of  
blodum. ne of flæscer ƿillan. ne of seƿer ƿillan.  
ac hit sýnt of gode acennede; And þƿorð  
ƿær flæsc geƿorðen 7 eardode on us 7 se ge  
raƿon hýr ƿuldor swýlce acenneder ƿuldor.

**I**of fæder þƿær ful mid gýfe. 7 god ƿær tnyffe;  
iohannes cýþ geƿit nesse be him 7 gelyƿað