

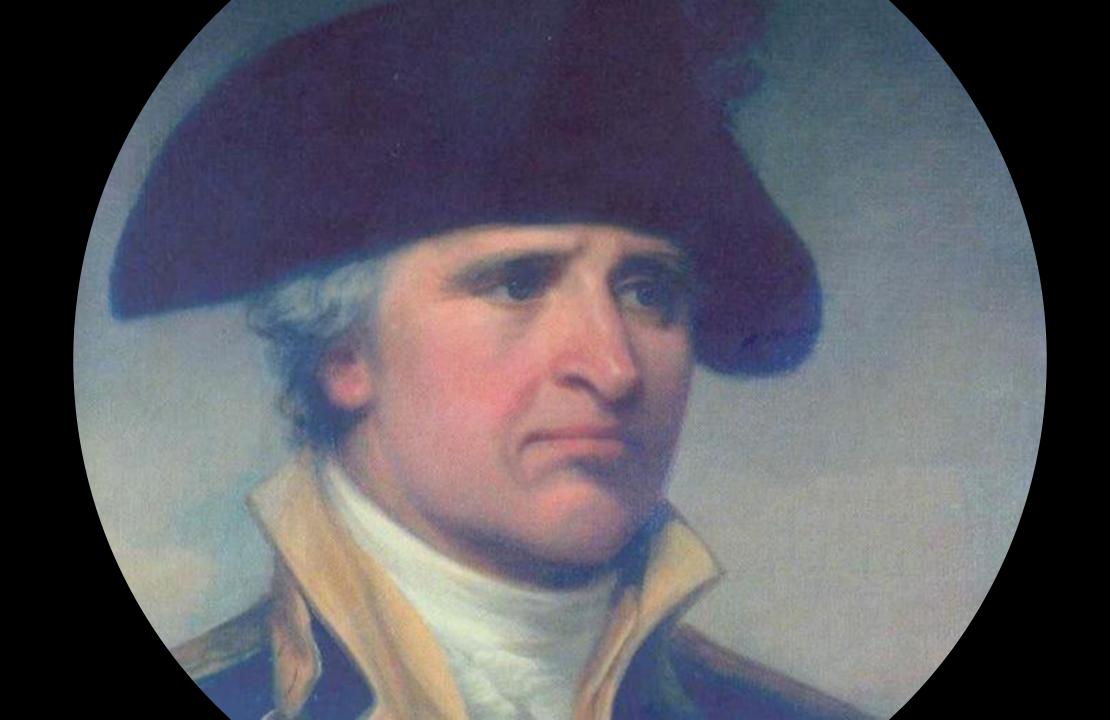
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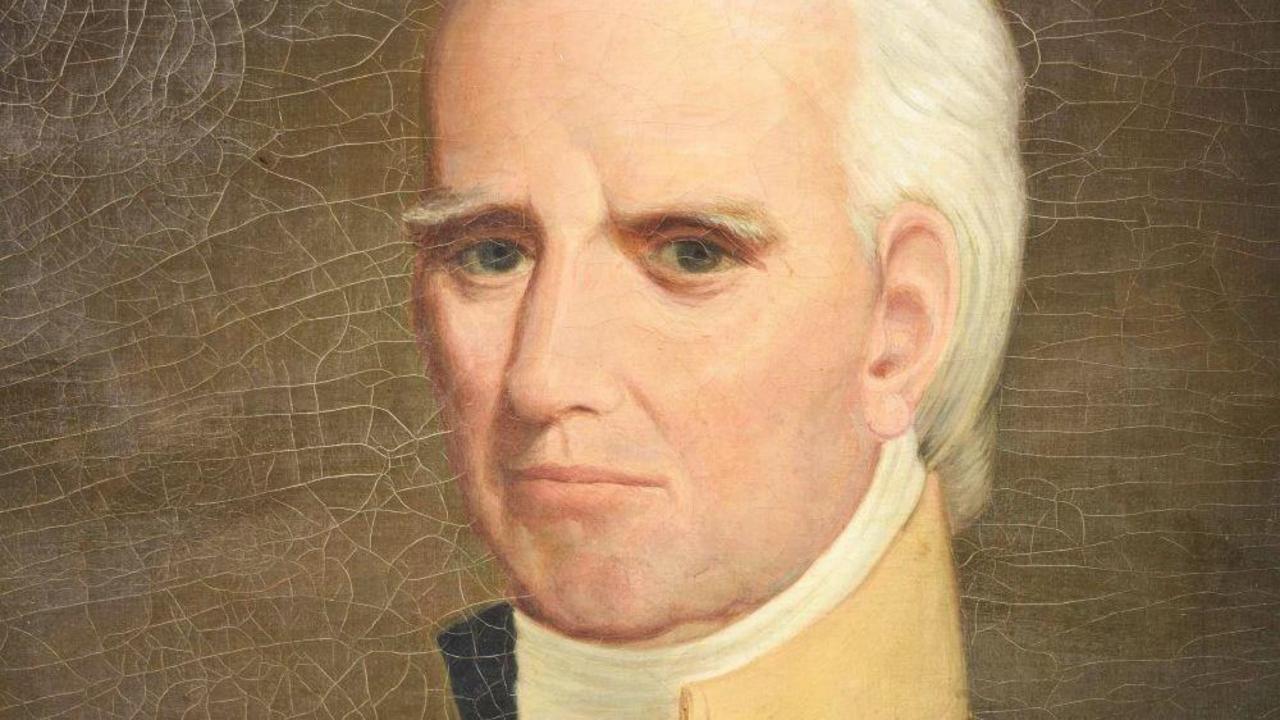












"There are your enemies, the Red Coats and the Tories. They are ours, or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow."

(From Brigadier General John Stark's Speech at the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777)

"It lasted about two hours and was the hottest engagement I have ever witnessed, resembling a continual clap of thunder."

(Brigadier General John Stark, in a letter to General Horatio Gates, August 23, 1777)



"For a few seconds the scene which ensued defies all power of language to describe. The bayonet, the butt of the rifle, the sabre, the pike were in full play as men fell, as they rarely fall in modern war, under the direct blows of their enemies."

(From the "Glick" account, as recorded in Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester's 1878 anthology *History of Saratoga County, New York*, page 59)



"I can never forget that I commanded American troops on that day at Bennington. They were men who had not yet learned the art of submission, nor had they been trained to the arts of war, but our astonishing success taught the enemies of liberty that undisciplined freeman are superior to veteran slaves....Live free or die. Death is not the worst of evils." (John Stark, in a letter to the Battle of Bennington reunion committee, July 31, 1809)









Genesis 2:7-25 (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. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...."

"...10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates...."

"...15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.' 18 Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'..."

"...19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh...."

"...22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."







Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV): "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."







EDEN NEEDS FREEDOM.

MAIN POINT

2 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV): "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

John 6:66 (ESV): "After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him."

Galatians 5:13 (ESV): "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV): "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."



LIVE FREE AND THRIVE.

APPLICATION

John 8:36 (ESV): "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Galatians 5:1 (ESV): "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

Romans 13:10 (ESV): "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Galatians 4:7 (ESV): "You are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."



