

The Final Witness

Earthquake! 9 on the Richter scale! Buildings and bridges down, and roads demolished! Cell towers down, so no phone service, for many who use the cell phone for everything, no email, internet, or emergency communication. Power out virtually everywhere. Water and gas mains broken everywhere, with subsequent fires breaking out but no way to put them out. First responders need help as much as the rest of us do! Worst of all, the earthquake's epicenter is a few miles out in the ocean, causing a huge tsunami big enough to wipe out the entire west coast of the U.S.

With no help available and a wall of water that we can never survive coming at us, what can we do? Run to the hills! Go high enough that the water can't reach you, high enough for true safety!

Okay, okay, I can hear you ask, "Is this a crazy dream you had, Linda?" No, it's coming from a novel we are reading together in the morning, *The Final Witness*, by Ray and Vickie Bentley and Bodie Thoene. It's the fifth in a series of novels about the last days and the beginning of the Great Tribulation promised by God, a time of terrible suffering as God's judgment is finally upon us. (And no, God is not a terrible God of retribution. He has given mankind many warnings and chances to become His followers and ultimately get out of the jail of this world and be with Him in eternity, FREE!)

The *Final Witness* begins the story as the main character, Jack Garrison, is at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, delivering a speech to a conference of pastors, warning them of the tribulation, and trying to motivate them to warn their own congregations of the imminence of disaster.

During the speech, the judgment arrives in full force, wiping out California and the entire west coast in the space of minutes. And what is the natural response when something like this happens? Run for the hills (if you can)!

Fortunately Jack and his little group of speakers manage to escape to the mountains behind San Luis Obispo, and then they have to figure out a way to get to a place where rescue is possible. (You'll have to read the story for yourself to find out what happens! 😊)

As we were reading this part of the story, a couple of us thought of the same thing at the same time, "Higher Ground", a well-known hymn that we have in our little song books. And then we sang it!



*I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."*

Refrain:

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.*

*I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.*

*I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."*

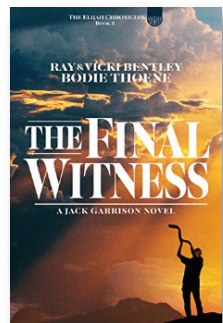
When Jesus warned of the difficult days to come, He said to flee to the hills:

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. (Luke 21:20-22)

That same advice applies to us now, as we see clouds of trouble on the horizons (yes, all of them, 360°). We may have to run to the hills due to any number of growing threats all around us. We must be ready, not just to run to the hills, but to meet our Father and to account for our lives. What did we do with the talents He gave us? Have we surrendered our stubborn wills to Him, and do we live by His Holy Spirit?

From Ray Bentley, who passed on to be with God in January, 2022:

"The truth is ready to prevail... This is the hour of opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus, to speak boldly, filled with the Holy Spirit, on fire, burning with the message, THE KING IS COMING!" —Ray Bentley



Linda Gammel

King of the Hammers

Thurs, Jan 26 - Sat, Feb 11, 2022

This all takes place in Johnson Valley. For more information and live coverage go to <https://ultra4racing.com> or search for Ultra4 TV on YouTube.



Thursday 1/26 - Gates Open

Saturday 1/28 - King of the Motos Qualifying and Race 1

Sunday 1/29 - King of the Motos Race 2 & Awards

Thursday 2/2 - Pre-Running starts & Hammertown Opens

Saturday 2/4 - Desert Truck Races Baja Jerky Class T1 Showdown

Sunday 2/5 - Desert Truck Races

Monday 2/6 - UTV Qualifying, Great American Shortcourse, & Pit Crew Challenge

Tuesday 2/7 - Every Man Challenge Qualifying, Backshoot Shootout

Wednesday 2/8 - 4400 Qualifying, & KOH Youth Race

Thursday 2/9 - UTV Race, Can-Am/UTV Grudge Match

Friday 2/10 - Every Man Challenge Race

Saturday 2/11 - King of the Hammers Race

Hammertown -- In Hammertown there is a large vendor show, stage and jumbotron (a semi truck sized TV). That is just a small part of Hammertown. The vendor show is surround by "garages" where the racing teams work on their race cars. The race cars line up through the vendor area for contingencies (race cars getting checked before the races) so you can see them up close!

More Information

Buy tickets online or they are \$100 at the gate. Your ticket gets you access to Johnson Valley for the duration of KOH. This includes access to spectator areas, Hammertown, and dry camping locations.

You will need to purchase a camper pass for any camping vehicle with living quarters.

Be sure to bring cash if you want to breeze through the front gate and have money to spend in Hammertown.

Hammertown promises to be bigger and better than ever. Vendors open during the day and plenty of food vendors. There are also porta-potties in Hammertown.

The race course and areas along the race course is closed to the public on race days. The spectator areas are set up to give spectators a chance to see the race at a safe distance from the action.



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On The Lighter Side . . . from the Web

GONNA BE A BEAR

In this like I'm a woman, In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear. When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

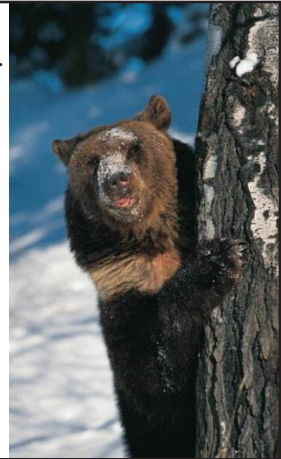
Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that too.

When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear!



When your WiFi goes down for 10 minutes...



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Bad Grammar

Regarding your Jan. 10 editorial "English Lesson": It may be that criticism of one's grammar gives rise to hurt feelings, but bruised sensitivities are insignificant when it's a question of employing the proper tools for accomplishment in our world. My high school English teacher, Miss Amos, once told us about attending a "modern communication" seminar at a local college. Opening the session, the professor pointed to her and said, "If I told you I ain't got no money, you would know exactly what I meant, would you not?" Miss Amos immediately replied, "Yes, and I also would know *why* you don't have any money."

J. REYNOLDS

Houston

CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Watch as looters steal trillions within minutes...



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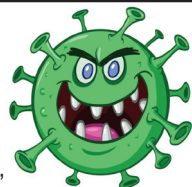
LIFE ON MARS

27 days after colonization...



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Even the most advanced computer programs cannot take care of this one. It appears to target those who were born prior to 1948.



The COVID-19 "lock-down" seems to have increased the chances of being affected.

Virus Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. (Done that.)
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail. (That, too.)
3. Causes you to send the e-mail to the wrong person. (Yep.)
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. (Ah-ha!)
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. (Done that.) (Done that.)
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished. (Oooh, no. Not again!)
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND (Hate that!)
8. Causes you to hit SEND when you should DELETE. (Cringe.)

This fast-spreading virus is called the C-NILE Virus!

Many of us have already been inflicted with this dreadful disease and, unfortunately, as we age, it gets worse!

And, if you cannot admit to any of the shown symptoms, you might have inadvertently been infected with another, equally noxious strain, which is called... ..the D-NILE Virus!