



# GULF SHORES

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### *LESSON TWENTY: Unveiling the Second Coming of Jesus*

Introduction: The book of Revelation ended with an emphatic conclusion: Jesus is coming soon! I heard a preacher once declare that “The Second Coming of Christ is mentioned 318 times in the 260 chapters of the New Testament.” This means that 1 out of every 25 verses (or 1/20<sup>th</sup> of the New Testament) mentions this fact of life. When will that happen when He comes again? How can we get ready for this event? Let’s study together...

#### Discussion:

#### *I. How Can We Know Jesus Is Coming Again?*

- A. Jesus confirms it (**Matthew 24-25, John 14:1-3**).
- B. The angels confirmed it (**Acts 1:9-11**).
- C. Paul confirms it (**I Corinthians 1:7, Philippians 3:20-21, I Thessalonians 1:9-10, 4:16-17**).
- D. The Hebrew writer confirms it (**Hebrews 9:2**).
- E. James, the Lord’s brother, confirms it (**James 5:7**).
- F. Peter confirms it (**I Peter 1:13, II Peter 3:9-12**).
- G. John confirms it (**I John 3:2, Revelation 2:5, 2:16, 3:11, 22:7, 22:12, 22:20**).

#### *II. When Will Jesus Come Again?*

- A. What other people have said:
  - Some New Testament Christians thought it was imminent (**I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians**), but they were incorrect.
  - Some thought was to be in AD 70, 1000, or 2000, but they were incorrect.
  - William Miller, founder of the Seventh Day Adventist, “foretold” in 1833 it would be in 1843, then changed his mind to 1844, but he was incorrect.
  - Charles Russell, founder of the Jehovah’s Witness, “foretold” it would be 1914, then 1919, then declared it would be to the inner circle, but he was incorrect.
- B. What God’s Word says:
  - No one knows the hour when the Lord will come (**Matthew 24:36**).
  - He will come prior to the final judgment (**Matthew 25:31, I Thessalonians 4:16-17**).
  - He will come like a thief in the night (**I Thessalonians 5:2, II Peter 3:10**).
  - He will come after the man of sin is revealed (**II Thessalonians 2:2-3**).
  - He will come at the last trumpet (**I Corinthians 15:51ff**).

### *III. How Will Jesus Come Again?*

- A. His coming will be with great power and authority (**Matthew 25:31, Mark 8:38**).
- B. His coming will be accompanied by angels (**Matthew 25:31, I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
- C. His coming will be audible (**John 5:28, I Thessalonians 4:16**).
- D. His coming will be personal (**John 14:1-4, I Thessalonians 4:16-17**).
- E. His coming will be visible (**Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7**).
- F. His coming will be unannounced (**I Thessalonians 5:2, Revelation 16:15**).

### *IV. What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Again?*

- A. There will be a final judgment (**Matthew 25:31, John 12:48, Revelation 20:11-15**).
- B. There will be a great resurrection (**John 5:28-29, I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
- C. The kingdom of God will be delivered (**I Corinthians 15:24**).
- D. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess (**Philippians 2:9-11**).
- E. The righteous will be changed (**Philippians 3:20-21**).
- F. The saints will be glorified (**Colossians 3:2-4**).
- G. There will be vengeance upon the unrighteous (**II Thessalonians 1:7-10**).
- G. A crown of righteousness will be given to the saved (**II Timothy 4:6-8**).
- H. The elements of the world (and all in it) will be destroyed (**II Peter 3:9-12**).

### *V. What Should We Do To Prepare For His Second Coming?*

- A. We should be saved while there is still time (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16, Luke 13:3,5, John 3:3-5, Acts 2:38, 22:16, 26:28, Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12**).
- B. We should be watchful and ready (**Mark 13:35, I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
- C. We should live faithful (**Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2, Revelation 2:10**).
- D. We should bear the fruit of the spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:1-8**).
- E. We should wait patiently (**I Corinthians 1:7, Philippians 3:20-21, James 5:7**).
- F. We should be pure and blameless (**Philippians 1:10, I Thessalonians 3:13, 5:23**).
- G. We should live soberly, righteously and godly (**Titus 2:11-13, II Peter 3:11**).
- H. We should set our hope on His coming (**I Peter 1:13, Hebrews 11:1**).

Conclusion: We can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is coming again. The Scriptures confirm He is coming back. We may not know the hour He is coming, but we can know how it will happen and what we need to do to get ready. There are steps we must take to assure our salvation: a person must hear the gospel (**Romans 10:17**), then believe in Jesus Christ (**John 8:24**), repent of their sins (**Luke 13:3**), confess their faith in Jesus (**Matthew 10:32**), be baptized (**Mark 16:16**), and then must remain faithful (**Revelation 2:10**). Have you taken these steps? Are you ready to meet God? Are you ready for Jesus to come again?