

THE EXPLANATION OF THE APPARENT DELAY
(2 Peter 3:8-9)

- I. Peter's _____ for His _____ (2 Pet. 3:8a)
- A. He _____ them of his _____ (cf. 3:1, 14, 17)
- B. He warn them to stop _____ what they know to be _____
- II. God's _____ to _____ (2 Pet. 3:8b-c; cf. Ps. 90:4)
- A. God's use of _____ is sometimes _____ (3:8b)
1. He can accomplish in _____ what we might expect to take a _____
 2. He did so at _____ and at _____ (Rev. 4:11; 5:9)
- B. God's use of _____ is sometimes _____ (3:8c)
1. He may take a _____ to accomplish what we thought He would do in _____
 2. He did so concerning Christ's _____ and is doing so concerning His _____
- C. This implies that "the _____ of the Lord" (3:10) will last a _____ (Rev. 20:2-7)
- III. God's _____ Purpose through _____ (2 Pet. 3:9)
- A. He is not _____ in fulfilling His _____

1. Some suppose He is _____ because He is _____
2. Some suppose He is _____ because He is _____

B. He is _____ the exercise of His _____

1. He is _____ His own _____
2. He is demonstrating _____ toward _____

C. His _____ is that _____ would _____ and that _____ would _____

1. Some hold this is His general _____
 - a. "Any" and "all" refer to _____
 - b. _____ humans will be _____ (cf. 3:7)
 - c. Therefore, in this matter God's _____ must be _____
2. Some hold this promises _____ (cf. 3:7)
 - a. All that God _____ must be _____
 - b. "Any" and "all" refer to _____
 - c. Therefore, _____ must be _____
3. Best to see this as a promise of salvation of _____ the _____ (cf. Rev. 6:10-11)
 - a. All that God _____ must be _____
 - b. "Any" and "all" refer to _____ (cf. 1:1, 3)
 - c. Therefore, _____ whom He has _____ can possibly be _____