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Why is God Waiting?

Message 4

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► Outline

"... And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matthew 24:30b (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Matthew 24:30. C/R: Matthew 24:36; John 14:3; 16:27; Revelation 22:7,12, 20)

Signs of Jesus' Second Coming from Matthew 24:3-51:

- False messiahs and prophets (v. 4-5,11, 23-26)
- Wars and conflicts (v.6-7)
- Natural disasters (v. 7)
- Persecution of Christians (v. 9)
- People turning away from faith and each other (v. 10,12)
- Increase in evil (v. 12)
- Gospel preached throughout the world (v.14)
- Destruction of the Temple (v. 15-22)
- Sun and moon darkened, stars fall from the sky, the heavens will be shaken (v. 29)
- Indifference about Jesus' return (v. 37-39)

B. Reasons for God's Delay

(2 Peter 3:3-15)

1. Jesus _____ returning.

(2 Peter 3:3-7. C/R: Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 2:1-22)

2. God's perspective on _____ is different.

**(2 Peter 3:8-9. C/R: Psalm 90:4; Isaiah 57:15;
1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Peter 4:12-19)**

3. God's delay has a _____.

**(2 Peter 3:9-10. C/R: Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:4;
2 Peter 1:1; Revelation 13:8; 17:8)**

4. Our _____.

**(2 Peter 3:11-15. C/R: Matthew 9:37-38; 28:19-20;
Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15;
Revelation 21:1-22:3)**

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Answers: B. 1. isn't 2. time 3. purpose 4. response

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