LOOKING FORWARD TO JUDGMENT

If the Bible is ever clear about anything, it’s clear on the fact that God is a God of judgment and that sooner or later, in one way or another, the judgment so lacking here and now is going to come and be administered by God Himself, “the Judge of all the earth” (Gen. 18:25; see also Ps. 58:11; 94:2; 98:9). As Paul himself wrote: “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Rom. 14:12).

Scary thought, isn’t it? Having to give an account of ourselves before the God who knows the deepest things, the God who will “bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Eccles. 12:14).

Yet the judgment ultimately reveals the goodness and grace of God and that He is both just and merciful in how He deals with both the saved and the lost.

This week we will explore the deeper themes of the judgment in relation to the great controversy raging in the universe, and we will look especially at what happens when God’s faithful people face the inevitable “judgment to come” (Acts 24:25).
Write out Daniel 7 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Daniel 7:22. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/ 
phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/ 
phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Daniel 7. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How do you see the inseparability of the gospel from the judgment?

What hope for yourself can you take away from the link between the gospel and judgment?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/3am05-3
After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

There are 24 humans around God’s throne in this scene. What does that imply about what heaven will be like? About the judgment?

What does it mean to you personally to be part of the “royal priesthood” of believers? How does it impact your day-to-day life?

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What relationship do the following verses have with Daniel 7?

Psalm 51:1–4
Revelation 20:12
Revelation 4:2–4
Revelation 5:1–12

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 7?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 7.
How is Jesus as our substitute the only hope for salvation?

How do you see Jesus differently in the light of this week’s lesson?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Daniel 7 again and look for where Jesus is.

Read more at www.inversebible.org/3am05-6
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study, what are some decisions that must be made in your personal life?

What are some practical decisions you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at wwwVERSEbible.org/3am05-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Why is the judgment good news and not bad news?

How does the knowledge that “the hour of His judgment has come” impact our daily lives?

How can Christ’s role in the judgement motivate us to be more faithful to Him, knowing that only because of what He did for us can we have the hope of salvation?

How does the judgment reveal God’s character to the universe?

What does it mean to you personally to be part of the “royal priesthood” of believers? How does it impact your day-to-day life?

How does Psalm 51 help shed light on the meaning and purpose of the judgment?

What are some simple steps you could take today to start living differently because we know the judgment is real?