Several years ago National Geographic magazine published a story about a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park in the United States. After it ended, forest rangers trekked up a mountain to assess the damage. One ranger found a bird literally burned to ashes at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.

When he moved it, three tiny baby birds scurried from under their dead mother’s wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her babies. What a picture of Christ!

The fires of God’s judgment burned themselves out on Him at Calvary, and all who are in Christ are safe forever beneath His wings. At the cross Christ was judged as a condemned sinner so that we could be judged as righteous citizens of the heavenly kingdom. He was judged as a criminal so that we could be set free from the destructive fires of eternal loss, both figuratively and literally.
Write out Daniel 8:14 and 9:24–27 from the translation of your choice. 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. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

Why is it significant that the death of Jesus, as revealed in Daniel 9:24–27, is directly linked to the judgment in Daniel 8:14?

What great truth is taught here by this link?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

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

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How do we today “afflict our souls”?

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What relationship do the following verses have with Daniel 8–9?

Ezra 7
Matthew 3:13–17
Romans 5:6–9
Mark 15:38
Leviticus 16:16

What other verses/promises come to mind with Daniel 8–9?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 8–9.
Where do you see Jesus in Daniel 8–9?

How does the exact prediction of Jesus’ crucifixion deepen your relationship and discipleship with the Lord Jesus Christ?

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

What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:
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?

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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.

How is the biblical understanding of Creation different from a deistic understanding of it? Why is this difference so important?

Why is being created by God not enough for humanity? Why does humanity also need the promise and fulfillment of redemption?

How have you personally experienced God’s love through His creative power working in your life?

How does the reality that God created the entire cosmos comfort you? How does it humble you?

What does it say about God if He used evolutionary methods such as death, violence, destruction, suffering, and mass extinction to “create” humanity?

How does this week’s study impact your private and public worship of God?

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