OPENNESS

We live in world where there is a lack of transparency. Whether it be in government, families, marriages, or business relationships, there seems to be trend in which people are hiding pertinent information. Everyone, it seems, is hiding something. The fact is that information is power, and the one who manipulates information can be put in a position to abuse power.

God is the most powerful Being in the universe, not only in terms of physical might but also because He has all the information. Yet God chooses the path of transparency and openness in how He decides our eternal salvation.
Write out Daniel 7:9–14 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Daniel 7:9, 10. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.
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 7:9–14. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How have you viewed the idea of God’s judgment in the past?

How does having an open, transparent judgment process affect your view of God?

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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?

What are the personal ramifications of believing in an open, transparent God?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Eccl. 12:13, 14
Eccl. 3:17
2 Thess. 1:5
Romans 14:10
1 Peter 4:17
Rev. 22:11, 12

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Daniel 7:9–14?

Review your memorized verse from Daniel 7:9–14.
Where is Jesus in the midst of the prophecies of Daniel 7:9–14?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/dan11-6
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what are personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

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

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/dan11-7
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.

How does Jesus being your defense attorney against the accusations of Satan make you feel?

How does the perfect record of Jesus being placed on your account make you feel?

Have you accepted the righteousness of Christ today?

What is the relationship between transparency and trust?

What are examples today where those in authority have shown authority?

What does transparency reveal about the character of God?

What are some of the challenges that keep us from accepting the righteousness of Christ?

What are some of the things that keep us from believing in the righteousness of Christ?