1. **Four animals coming out of the Great Sea**  
   a) Daniel 7:1-7 Why does God use animals to represent earthly powers?  
   b) What similarities and differences do you notice between the vision in Daniel 2 and this vision recorded in Daniel 7?

2. **The Little Horn power**  
   a) Daniel 7:8, 19-25 What important information is revealed concerning this Little Horn power?  
   b) The Protestant Reformers identified this Little Horn power as the Roman Papacy. What led them to this conclusion?  
      i) It arose out of the Roman empire.  
      ii) It plucked up 3 horns.  
      iii) It had eyes like the eyes of a man.  
      iv) It spoke pompous words against the Most High.  
      v) It persecuted the saints of the Most High.  
      vi) It sought to change times and laws.  
      vii) It oppressed the saints for 1260 years.

3. **Judgment scene in heaven**  
   a) Daniel 7:9-10  
   b) Daniel 7:26-27

4. **The Coming of the Son of Man**  
   a) Daniel 7:13-14 Who is described here as “One like the Son of Man”?

ii) 1 Timothy 2:5

b) Is the coming of the Son of Man in the clouds to the Ancient of Days a description of the glorious return of Jesus to earth or an event that precedes it?

c) What other Scriptures emphasize the important role the Son of Man plays in the judgment prior to His glorious return to earth? John 5:22

d) How is your attitude about the final judgment impacted by knowing Jesus is also your Advocate in the final judgment? 1 John 2:1-3

5. **Judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High**  
   a) What does the judgment reveal about the abuse of the saints by the Little Horn power? Daniel 7:21, 25  
   b) What judgment decision is made regarding the saints of the Most High God? Daniel 7:21-22, 27, 18.
   c) How does this revelation give you hope when you are persecuted as a follower of Jesus?
   d) Recount some persecutions the apostle Paul suffered as a follower of Jesus (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). What impacts you as you hear his testimony, recorded in Romans 8:35,37-39?
   e) How can God work for good (Romans 8:28) even in times of persecution for our faith in Jesus?