

Daniel:

God's Divine Ambassador

New Hope
Baptist Church
Winter Bible Study
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Lessons Thus Far:

- ❖ Spiritual warfare between nations
 - ❖ Explains why nations so often turn to violence and conquest
- ❖ God maintains control over all affairs of humanity
- ❖ God will consummate His plan for humanity

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- ❖ Daniel 11:40-45
- ❖ The details continue, but the vision shifts to the end of history
- ❖ Attacks will come from both the south and the north
 - ❖ cf. Ezekiel 38-39: Attack of Gog/Magog on Israel
- ❖ “Tens of thousands shall fall”
 - ❖ Ezekiel 39:1: “Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog...”
 - ❖ 39:4: “You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hordes and the peoples who are with you”

Invasion of the Land



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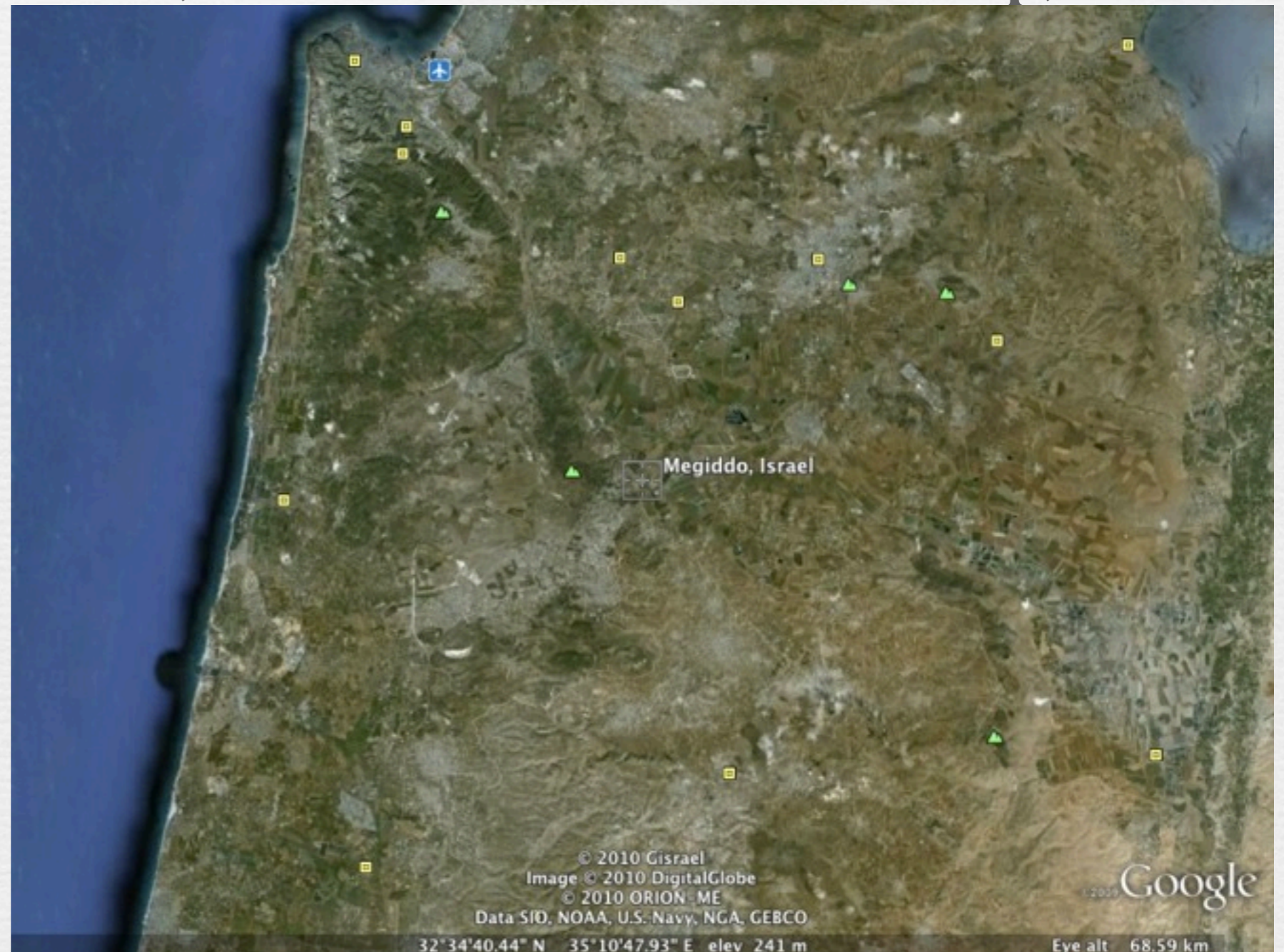
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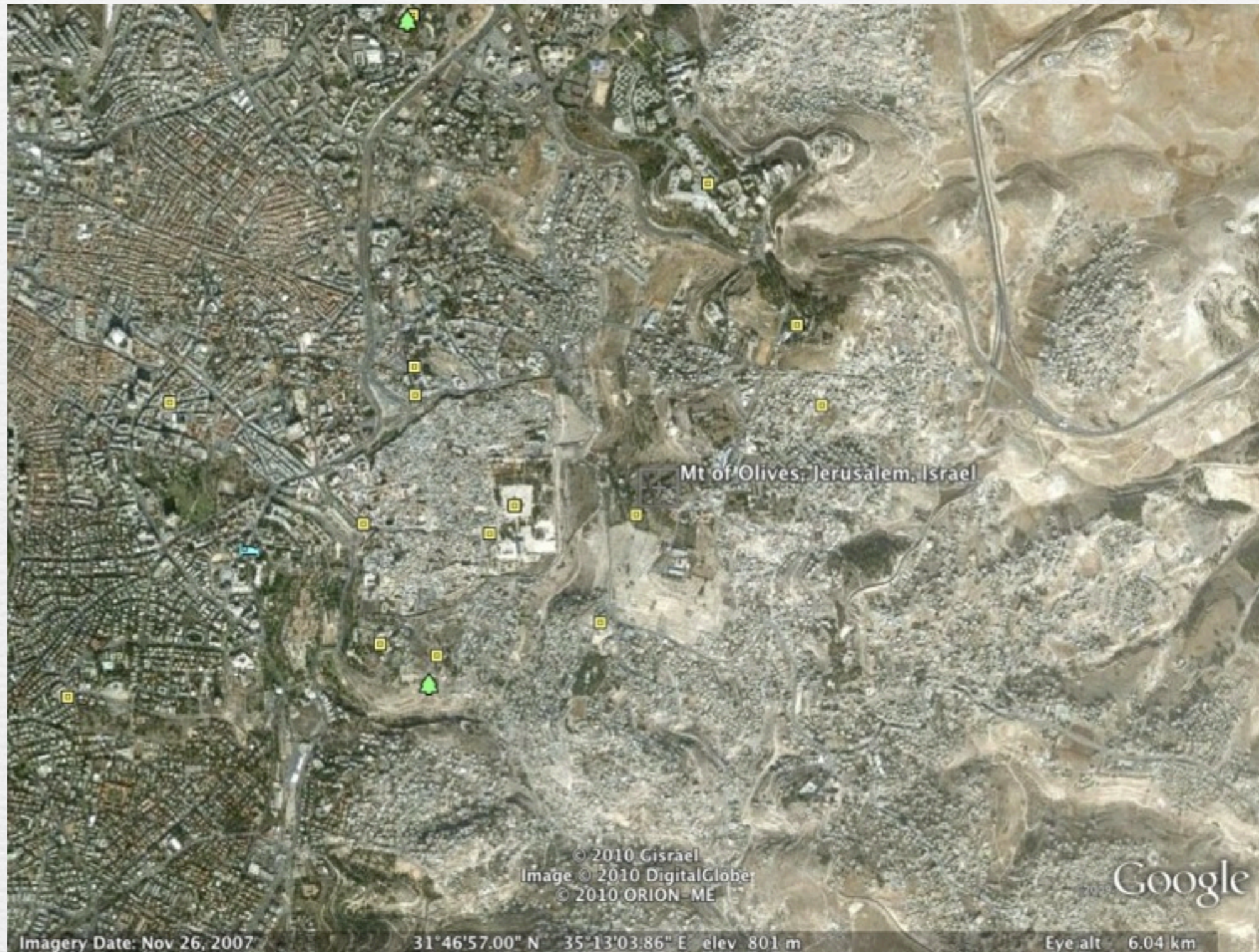
- ❖ Final battle: Megiddo Valley (Rev. 16)
- ❖ 16:12: “The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east”
- ❖ 16:16: “And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon”



Zechariah 14

- ❖ Zechariah 14: “Day of the LORD”
- ❖ v. 2: “I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle”
- ❖ vv. 3-4: “Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward”

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- ❖ Zechariah 14: “Day of the LORD”
- ❖ v. 12: “And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths”
 - ❖ Sounds ominously like radiation sickness

Israel's Deliverance

- ❖ Daniel 12:1: “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book”
 - ❖ Michael:
 - ❖ Mentioned in 10:13 as defender of Israel
 - ❖ Revelation 12:7: Casts Satan from heaven
 - ❖ Israel receives special protection in the end (cf. Revelation 7, 12)
- ❖ Israel's ultimate rescuer: Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:11-21)

Resurrection Foretold

- ❖ Daniel 12:2-3: “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake”
- ❖ Resurrection also foretold in Isaiah 26:19 (“Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead”), 200 years before Daniel’s vision
- ❖ cf. 1 Thessalonians 4, Revelation 20:4-7: The first resurrection, in which the faithful of Christ shall rise and reign with Him 1,000 years
- ❖ Second Resurrection (“some to shame and everlasting contempt”): Rev. 20:5, 13-15: The final judgment

Final Words

- ❖ Daniel 12:4: “But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end”
- ❖ vv. 5-7: 2 men with one final prophecy
 - ❖ “a time, times, and half a time:” one half of the last week of Daniel ch. 9
 - ❖ 1,290 days: about 3 1/2 lunar years
 - ❖ cf. Rev. 12:6, “1,260 days:” exactly 3 1/2 lunar years
 - ❖ 1,335 days: We don’t know what will occur in the last month and a half

Final Words

- ❖ Daniel 12:13: “But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days”

Lessons of Daniel

- ❖ God calls on His people to remain faithful
- ❖ God's sovereign protection of His people
- ❖ God's sovereign plan for the redemption of the nations
- ❖ God's exaltation of His Son
- ❖ God's ultimate victory over evil
- ❖ God will raise His people as He has raised His Son, Jesus Christ, for eternal glory