

The Golan Heights - God's Prophetic Redline for Satan's attack against Israel and the Church

The Golan Heights is the northern most tip of Israel. It is bordered on the east by Syria and on the north and west by Lebanon. From its capture by Israel in the 6-Day War of 1967 until 2019 its sovereignty was internationally disputed. Our study of God's Word today will not only settle the ownership of the Golan but will reveal how God drew not one but two specific redlines for Satan, in of all places the Golan Heights of Israel.

Back in 2012, then President Barack Hussein Obama declared, "The use of chemical weapons by Syrian forces would be crossing a "red line" requiring American military intervention. A year later, Syrian President Bashar Assad did just that, firing rockets filled with sarin gas into towns around Damascus, killing an estimated 1,400 civilians."¹ Obama quietly backed down from his "infamous" threat. But, when God, who changes not, draws a redline for Satan's advance, He will not back down. "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Ps. 121:4

In March of 2019, Donald Trump, the 45th president of the United States announced during the Jewish Feast of Purim/Esther, that;

- America was recognizing Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights."²
- PM Netanyahu responded to Trump's proclamation, with a quote from Esther 8:16 "Once again, "the Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor."
- To honor this recognition, Netanyahu unveiled a new settlement in the Golan, named "Trump Heights." A celebration was attended by dignitaries with a sign "Trump Heights", flanked by US and Israeli flags. Under President Trump, For the first time the US reversed its decades long opposition and is in support of Golan sovereignty by Israel.

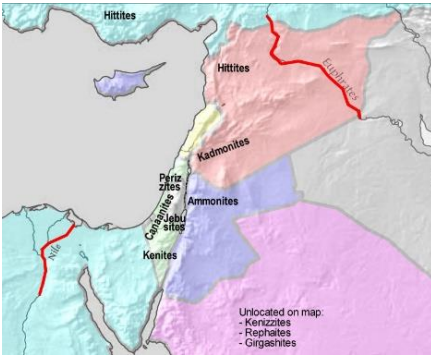
Strategically – Golan is the literal high ground for the military defense of Israel and the deterrence of attack from Syria, now heavily infiltrated by Iran. Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria during the Six Day War in June, 1967, preventing the Syrian mortar attacks on Israeli towns and farms around the Galilee.

Topographical Context

It contains Israel's highest mountain range which peaks at 9000 feet above sea level on Mt. Hermon. The Golan Height's slopes end their descent at the northeast rim of the Sea of Galilee/Lake Kinneret. Through its ravines pour the aquifers of fresh water that feed the Jordan River and Israel's only reservoir of fresh water, the Sea of Galilee. From the zenith of Mt. Hermon, moisture descends across the northern Hula Valley and moisture laden billows waft over the Jordan valleys reaching as far as the hills of Samaria and Judea as described in Psalm 133:3 "As the *dew of Hermon*, and as the *dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing...

¹ https://www.nola.com/opinions/article_3635bdc4-4a9f-595a-a34f-35863ecdc303.html

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_recognition_of_the_Golan_Heights_as_part_of_Israel



Textually – The original land deed is listed in Genesis 15:18-21 “In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.”

It is further clarified in Numbers 34:1,2,7-15

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, 2 When ye come into the land of Canaan. 7 And **this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor:** 8 From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad: 9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazarenan: this shall be your north border. 10 And ye shall point out your east



border from Hazarenan to Shepham: 11 **And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain;** and the border

shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: 12 **And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.** 13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe: 14 For the tribe of the children of **Reuben** according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of **Gad** according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and have received their inheritance: 15 **The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan near Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.”**

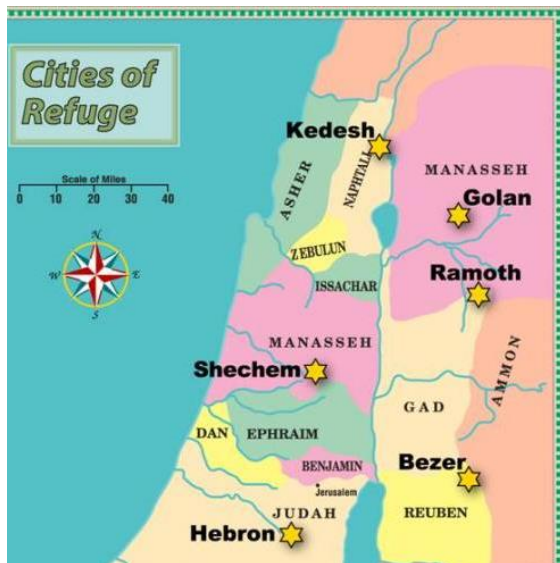


It was repeated by God to Joshua in Joshua 1:4 “now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 **From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates,** all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

God declares ownership in Leviticus 25:23

“for the land *is* mine.”

The name Golan appears for the first time in the Book of Deuteronomy. The first thing God emphasized



about His land was that it would be dotted with six cities of “refuge,” one named Golan, first identified by Moses as a city of refuge.

“Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising. That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor unawares... and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.” Deuteronomy 4:41-43.

Prophetic Significance What does the 2019 political declaration of sovereignty have to do with prophecy?

Israel’s possession of the Golan is essential to Eschatology – the doctrine of end times.

Jesus made the Golan a special place in Ecclesiology – the doctrine of the Church.

1. The geography of the Golan stands out in the Ezekiel’s prophecy of Gog and Magog.

In Ezekiel, God promised to protect Israel from the end-times and soon coming Russian Invasion. Satan’s next prophesied military campaign to annihilate Israel will be stopped short there.

2. More importantly, these “heights” were chosen by Jesus’ for a foundational declaration for us today.

The second deadline was Christ’s promise to protect His bride the church from the onslaught of Hell. Both the Church and Israel are separately but equally the targets of Satan.

It is here in the Golan that the old serpent again strikes at the woman, God’s wife-Israel and His Son’s Bride, the Church.

It was no coincidence that God chose the Golan to draw a redline for Satan, guaranteeing the survival of both Israel and the Church.

Prophetic Geo-Political Alliance of Russia and Iran on Israel’s Border

When Obama blinked in the face of Syrian chemical warfare, he in effect punted the ball to the Russians, who were all-too-willing to fill a power vacuum, to firmly establish control over a naval port and an air base. Putin’s subsequent direct military thrust into the Syrian civil war and Middle East politics would be unprecedented in the post-Soviet era. The war in Syria was not only a testing ground for advanced Russian weapons. This could include building pipelines from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. Russia and Iran have been united in wanting to preserve Syria.

“In 2017 a deal struck by Syria with Moscow allows Russia use of the naval facility free of charge for 49 years and gives the Kremlin sovereign jurisdiction over the base. The agreement also allows Russia to keep a dozen warships — including nuclear-powered vessels — at Tartus, the only navy facility the Kremlin possesses outside the former Soviet Union.” The Hmeimim air base, has been the main hub for Russia’s pro-Assad military intervention. **Geopolitically, “Syria has been crucial to the return of Russia’s military power status” in the eastern Mediterranean.”³**

Dispensational Bible scholars, are consistent that many Russian allies including Persia, will be the aggressors in an end time northern invasion of Israel. **RUSSIA AND IRAN ARE FIRMLY ROOTED ON ISRAEL’S BORDER.**

³ <https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/russia-expands-military-facilities-syria>

- Ezekiel identifies the geographical origin of the aggression. Ezekiel 38:15 “Gog and the land of Magog” “thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts” Ezekiel 38:2,15
- “Persia...and many people with thee.” Ezekiel 38:5,6
- The geographical location of the invasion “in the latter years thou shalt come ... against the mountains of Israel.” Ezekiel 38:8

Exactly which mountains is God referring to here?” The key is found in, Ezekiel 38:21 “I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains.” That is from the highest Hermon all the way to the mountains around Jerusalem. The Russian led alliance will ascend from the north. “and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land.” Ezekiel 38:9

Just when Satan’s Storm Troopers are about to accomplish their “final solution” and exterminate Israel, God sends a literal storm to wipe out these hell hounds. Thus “saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken...I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.” Ezekiel 38:18,19,22

1. Golan became a place of Refuge for Israel as Moses prophesied.
2. Magog and her allies will be decimated and on those mountain heights as Ezekiel prophesied.
3. What prophetic significance does the Golan hold for us today in the age of grace?

Jesus and His disciples ascended from the Sea of Galilee to the Golan Heights at Caesarea Philippi.

It was at this earthly throne of demonic activity that Jesus asked what men were saying about him in Matthew 16:13-19. Peter answered that “Jesus is the Messiah/Christ the Son of the living God.”

The Church that was prophesied there, will never be vanquished by her adversary. Yes, it was again in the Golan Heights that the Redeemer of Israel would do far more than provide a temporal city of refuge. The Messiah of Israel would do far more than physically redeem Israel from the coming attempt to destroy her in the Tribulation. In the Golan, at the pagan “gates of Hell,” Jesus proclaimed His Church as the indomitable eternal gate to Heaven. It was here near the original city of Refuge that Jesus drew a red line that Satan’s monopoly on the lost souls of men would come to an end. Death would soon be swallowed up in victory when He himself arose from the dead. From the day He established His Church on Himself through the founding Prophets and Apostles, the Church began with 12 Jews and grew to 120 Jews to 3000 Jews at Pentecost, to another 5000 Jews, then multiplied greatly among the chief priests of Jerusalem, Judea then to Samaria and Greece then across the globe. The Golan has always been a place of refuge from Satanic attack. Everywhere the Gospel has ventured through great and effectual open doors it has met the opposition of Hell’s gates and prevailed in saving lost souls from Satan’s grasp. It was prophesied in the Golan Heights.

“for there the Lord commanded the blessing.” Psalm 133:3

“in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:3 The blessing came through Abraham’s descendants Israel.

Salvation came through Jesus the son of David the son of Abraham who said in the Golan heights I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18