

# This Week's Developments

August 29 – September 4, 2021

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# Emboldened Iran to hold war drills with Russia & China

Washington Free Beacon, August 29, 2021



## EVENT

Iran is set to hold a series of war drills with Russia and China, as the hardline regime celebrates the United States' bungled evacuation in Afghanistan and boosts its enrichment of nuclear weapons-grade uranium to historically high levels. Iranian and Russian leaders announced on Monday that their countries, along with China, will hold joint maritime war exercises in the Persian Gulf later this year or early in 2022, according to Iran's state-controlled media. The countries said they will focus on "shipping security and combating piracy" as the United States reduces its military footprint in the region following its marred withdrawal from Afghanistan. Iran's new hardline president, Ebrahim Raisi, celebrated what he called America's "military failure" in Afghanistan last week, saying the Biden administration's "military defeat and its withdrawal must become an opportunity to restore life, security, and durable peace in Afghanistan." Iranian officials also have sought to increase ties with the Taliban, historically a regional enemy, as it expands its footprint in the region.

## COMMENT

America's enemies are taking advantage of the botched withdrawal from Afghanistan. Iran, Russia and China are coming together with war games in the Persian Gulf. This is significant from a prophecy point of view. The Persian Gulf is mentioned in Isaiah 21 - it speaks of Elam and Media (areas of modern Iran) rising up and besieging. It also mentions the sea. The sea next to Elam is the Persian Gulf. We therefore expect to see great trouble in this area at some point. Also, Ezekiel 38 says that Russia will act as a guard (protector) of Iran. The proposed war games are part of this. All this comes as Iran increases uranium enrichment and talks over Iran's nuclear deal stall....

## BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea. ]Persian Gulf] As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (Isaiah 21:1-2)

# Iran has taken over the Golan and is at Israel's border

Israel 365, September 1, 2021



## EVENT

Veteran journalist and Middle East analyst Ehud Yaari recently came out with the disturbing statement that just across the northern border, **the Iranian military is becoming firmly entrenched in the Syrian Golan**. Yaari noted that for the past two months, these combined forces **besieged the city of Daraa**, occasionally shelling the city. Inside the city are rebel groups who refuse to surrender. The Syrian army intends to exile the rebels to the Turkish-controlled region to the north. Russian attempts at mediation have failed. **Daraa holds particular significance as it was the scene of the first protests against the Assad regime in 2011**. The tense situation threatens to explode at any moment. Another Syrian army bombardment of Daraa on Sunday killed six rebels. The Syrian army declined to comment on the reports but said in a statement it was losing patience with what it called “armed groups and terrorists” in the neighborhood.

## COMMENT

**Israel is caught in a delicate balancing act, caught between Russia, Syria, Hezbollah, and Iran**. In the article above by Ehud Yaari he warns that a Hezbollah rocket attack targeting Israeli cities could be the match that sparks a major inferno in the region. **The situation for Israel has become more complex for Israel as they cannot depend on US support under the Biden administration**. This makes it more likely for **Israel to act alone** to prevent Iran from establishing any base in the Golan area. The **Golan region is mentioned specifically in the Bible. It is the area called Bashan**. This land was given to the half-tribe of Manasseh. Joshua 13:29-31. Bashan is mentioned a number of times with reference the last days. Isaiah 2 speaks of the “day of the LORD” coming on the proud and lofty and bringing them low. **Bashan is specifically mentioned in this context**.

## BIBLE QUOTE

and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. **For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud** and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, **and upon all the oaks of Bashan,**

( Isaiah 2:12-13)

# Syria says Israeli air strikes target areas near Damascus

Reuters, September 3, 2021



## EVENT

**Israel carried out air strikes on targets near Damascus early on Friday**, triggering Syrian air defences but causing no casualties, Syrian state media reported, the second such attack in just over two weeks. The Israeli military declined to comment on the report. A Syrian military source quoted by state media said Syrian air defences shot down most of the Israeli missiles and only material damage was done in the attack launched at 1:26 a.m. Syrian TV showed footage of the air defences being fired. The Israeli army said a **surface-to-air missile launched from Syrian territory towards Israeli air space had exploded over the Mediterranean Sea** and residents in central Israel had located several fragments of the projectile on the ground. Many residents of central Israel reported hearing a large explosion at the time Syria reported the strike. Blasts were also heard in Lebanon, from whose air space the attack was launched.

## COMMENT

Israel has been attacking Iranian positions in Syria for several years. **The attack on Friday was supposed to be (from Israel's point of view) a routine operation. However it wasn't.** Multiple blasts were heard in a wide range of towns from Netanyahu in the north, through Herzliya, Rosh Ha'Ayin, Ramat Gan, Givatayim, Tel Aviv and Rishon Letzion. Reports from Israel intelligence agencies say two missiles were fired towards Israel from Syria. One was a Syria anti-air missile that **exploded north of Tel Aviv**. The second one was a surface-to-surface Russian-made Scud. Both were intercepted by Israel. Syria appears to be raising the stakes and responding directly to Israel's strikes. **Assad would have got approval from Russia to do this.** Isaiah 17 is getting closer....

## BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of Damascus. Behold, **Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim [northern Israel]**, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

(Isaiah 17:1+3)

# Russia looks to fill Afghan power vacuum as US exits

DW, September 1, 2021



## EVENT

Although the US and Russia are both interested in keeping Afghanistan from falling into civil war, Moscow is unlikely to overtly support any continued NATO presence in the country. Johnny Walsh, a senior expert on Afghanistan at the United States Institute of Peace, told DW that **Moscow would like to keep the Afghan state afloat and prevent instability that could lead to a refugee crisis.** For Russia, this means working with regional powers to ensure stability in the region and to keep the US at bay. Experts say this may result in a **strong Russian influence in Afghanistan after the US departure.** "This is fundamentally a conflict among Afghans, and Afghans must decide how to end it. But the regional powers are influential. Russia doesn't care much about human rights issues, and **that makes Russia an attractive partner for the Taliban,**" Walsh pointed out.

## COMMENT

As the Taliban takes over in Afghanistan, **Russia has appointed itself as a mediator in the war-torn country.** This underlines its position as a **key stakeholder.** Russia can hardly hide its desire to expand its influence in the region to fill the power vacuum left by the retreating U.S. military. President Putin's special envoy to Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, said Moscow has been working to establish "contacts with the Taliban movement for the last seven years. Just as Putin intervened in the Syrian civil war, **Putin's aim is to have a major footprint in the region.** This is all part of his ambitions to restore Russian geopolitical influence and **counteract the West - especially the US and UK.** This support from Russia will give the Taliban the lifeline it needs to stay in power. This in turn could lead to the nation once more becoming a breeding ground for terrorists. It must be part of the events that herald the time of trouble such as never was

## BIBLE QUOTE

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and **he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:** *these verse are speaking about Gog* *(Daniel 8:24-25)*

# Proposals for an EU army re-emerge after Afghan pullout

DW, September 2, 2021



## EVENT

European dismay over President Joe Biden's precipitous withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan has renewed calls for an EU military force. But while proponents of "strategic autonomy" say the fall of Kabul should serve as a wake-up call, others do not see an existential threat and are content to remain as junior partners to US military might. European countries had no option but to pull out of Afghanistan along with the US – despite their desire for Western troops to stay and stop the country falling into the Taliban's hands. Washington's NATO allies depended on US logistics and aerial support for their military engagement in Afghanistan – and then for the safe evacuation of their citizens. For some, this state of affairs revived the old idea of a European military – with the EU's chief diplomat himself urging the bloc to create a collective armed force.

## COMMENT

The US withdrawal from Afghanistan will "catalyse" the EU to establish its own permanent military force, the union's foreign policy chief has said, despite years of fruitless debate and opposition from member states. Borrell said EU impotence during the crisis should be a "wake up call". He has been backed in his calls by the European council president, Charles Michel, and the EU internal market commissioner, Thierry Breton. Repeated attempts have been made to encourage military cooperation between member states, often attacked as an example of nation-building by critics. The Bible speaks of a resurrected Holy Roman Empire existing when Christ has returned. The EU is not this – yet. There will be 10 nations (from the EU area) that form a united empire that make war against Christ and the saints. At this point they must have an army – the events in Afghanistan move the EU thinking in that direction.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: (Revelation 17:12-14)

# Storm Ida kills dozens across US north east

BBC, September 3, 2021



## EVENT

US President Joe Biden says "historic investment" is needed to deal with the climate crisis, as the north-east reels from flash flooding and tornadoes that have killed at least 45 people. The US is facing climate-related destruction across the country and tackling it is "a matter of life and death", the president said. New York City and New Jersey saw unprecedented levels of rainfall. Some residents became trapped in flooded basements and cars. Six states suffered loss of life: New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy said at least 23 people had died in his state - most of them stuck in their vehicles as the waters rose. At least 14 people lost their lives in New York City, including a two-year-old boy. Eleven of them drowned while trapped in their flooded basements, officials said. Five people died in Pennsylvania, while a state trooper in Connecticut was swept away as he responded to a call.

## COMMENT

As the remnants of Hurricane Ida swept over New York City, Central Park recorded 3.15 inches of rain in a single hour on Wednesday night. This smashed the previous one-hour record of 1.94 inches set on Aug. 21 (just days before) during Tropical Storm Henri. The sudden burst of rain paralyzed the city, with cascades of water pouring into subway stations and shutting down much of the system for hours. In July, unusually heavy rains in Germany and Belgium caused rivers to burst their banks, washing away buildings and killing more than 220 people. In China rain submerged the city's subway system and caused at least 300 deaths in the region. It is a growing picture of chaos around the world. We are witnessing signs and wonders that herald the return of our Lord Jesus...

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. God also showed signs and wonders at the demise of Egypt. Egypt is also symbolic of the world. (Deuteronomy 26:8-9)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

**DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

2021-09-03 Israeli Airstrike on Iran Weapons Factory Near Damascus; Syrian Missile Response – YouTube 8:34 min

2021-08-25 Israel WARNS Iran Close to a Nuclear Bomb & Afghanistan Crisis Update - YouTube

2021-08-17 Timeline of U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan

2021-08-13 Israeli Archaeologists Find Evidence of Ancient Biblical Earthquake in Jerusalem – YouTube 8:20 min

2021-08-07 Israel’s Iron Dome BLOCKS Hezbollah’s Rocket “Response” to Israeli Airstrikes – YouTube 11:46 min

2021-08-06 Israel Ready to STRIKE Iran, Defense Minister Confirms; Raisi Takes Presidency - YouTube 12:18 min

2021-08-05 Rockets Launched at Israel as Tensions with Iran Reach Boiling Point - YouTube 13:41 min

2021-08-04 Israel WARNS Iran Over Attacks and Slams EU Appeasement - YouTube 11:15 min

2021-08-03 Israel Vows Response to Iran Drone Attack as U.S. & UK Pledge Support - YouTube 10:32 min

2021-07-31 Israeli Airstrikes in Syria Escalate Tension w- Russia; Prophetic Implications- - Watchman Newscast

2021-07-25 Iran 2.11 Water crisis spurs violence in Khuzestan, anti-govt protests rage - Oneindia News - YouTube

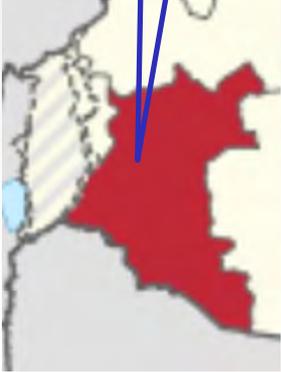
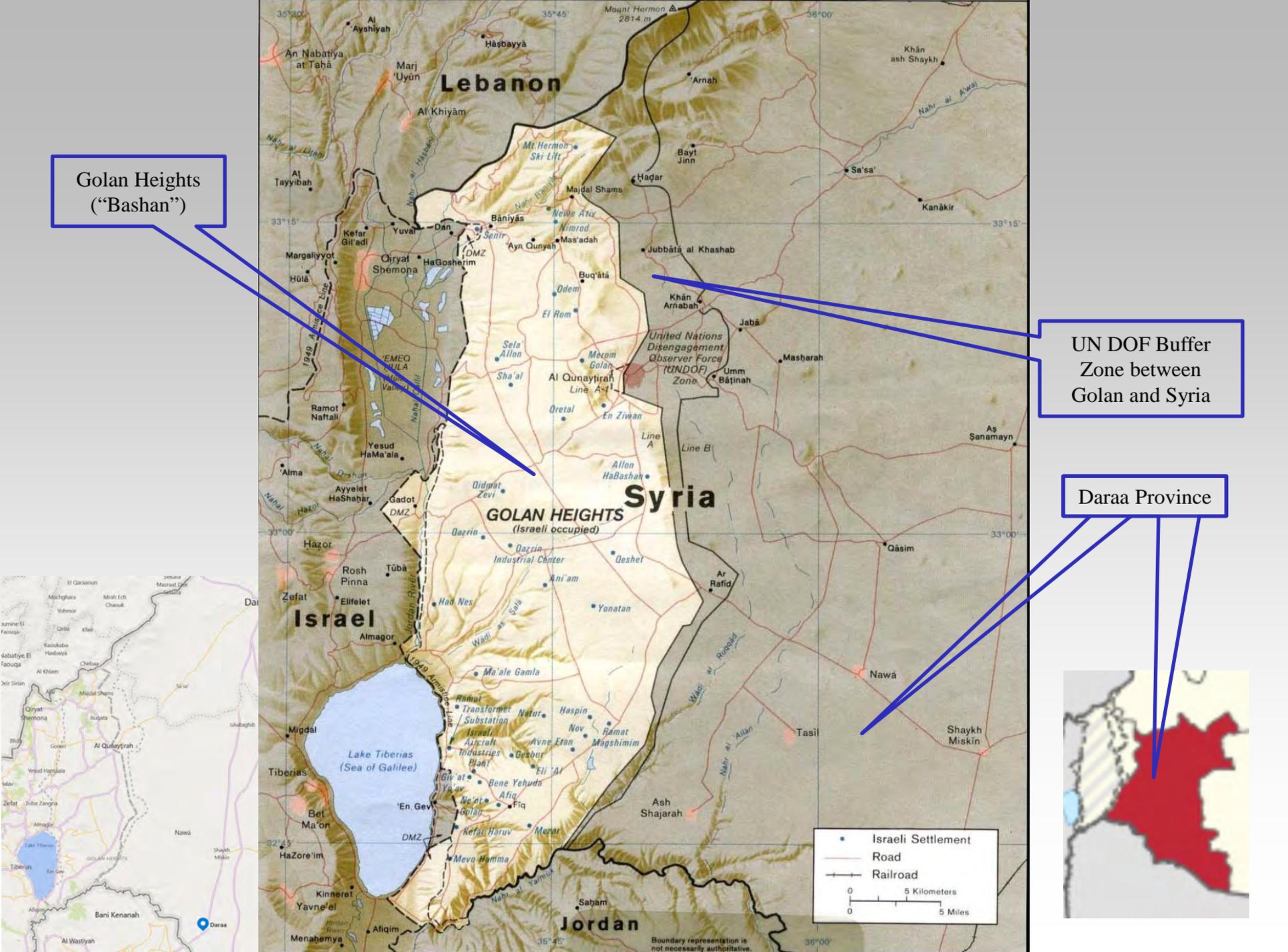
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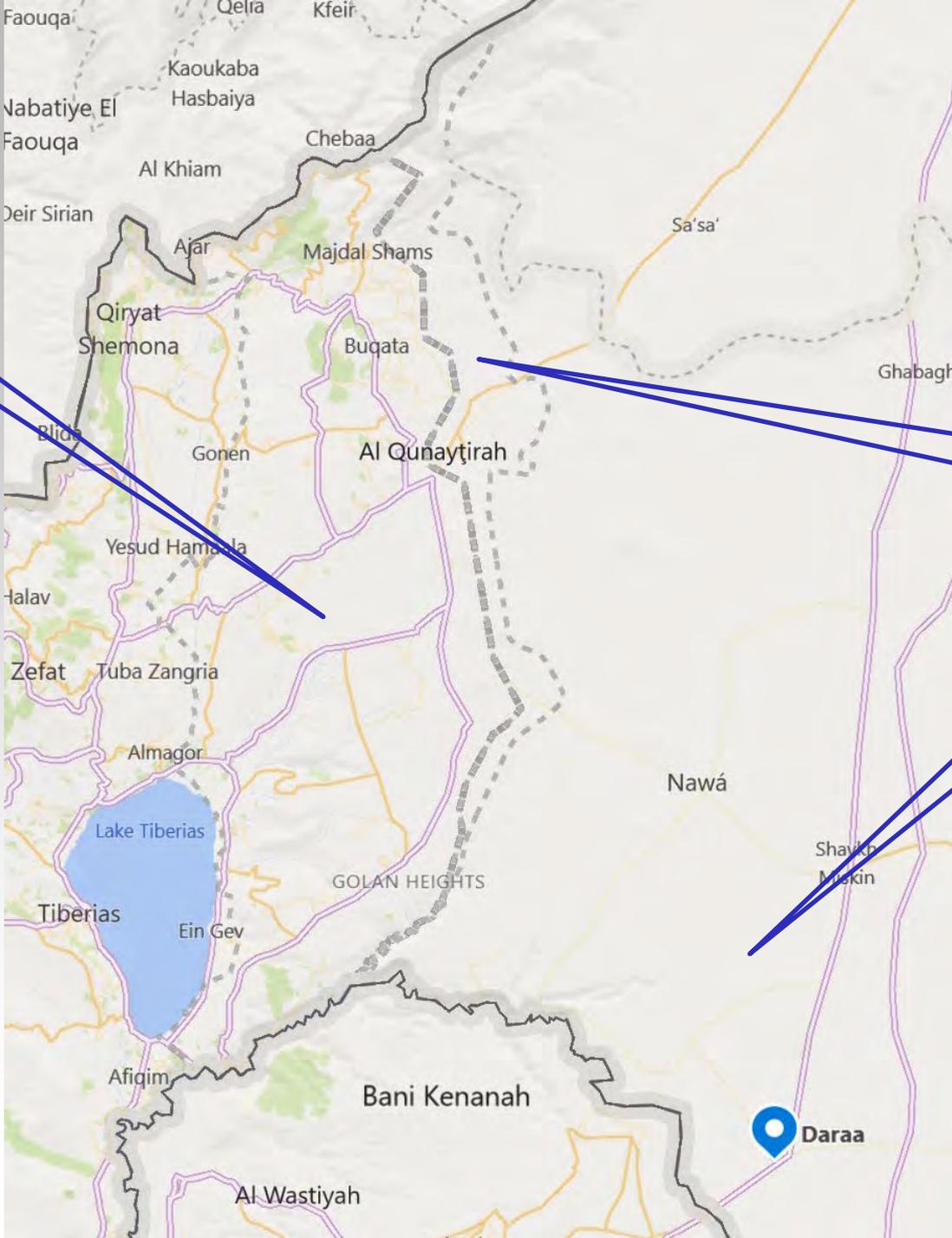
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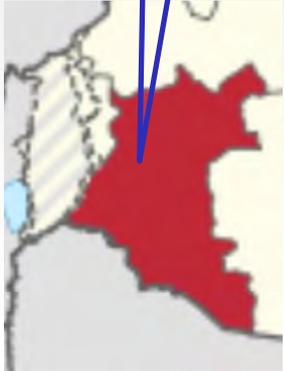


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**13.08 Paragraph 08 – Barbarian Tribes Invaded and Settled Territory of the Mediterranean West**

The geographical extent of the Roman Habitable upon which the barbaric tribes of the abyss established themselves with Feudal Sovereignty, was the Mediterranean West. They have to be enumerated by the names they bore in the period when they were engaged in the work of establishing themselves upon that territory. The symbol, as we shall see, requires at least eleven abyssal tribes—ten for the horns, and one or more for the Seventh Head. The following is the list that seems to me authorized by history: 1. Huns; 2. Vandals; 3. Visigoths; 4. Burgundians; 5. Gepidœ; 6. Lombards; 7. Franks; 8. Suevi; 9. Alans; 10. Bavarians. These were the founders of the Horn-Kingdoms of the Beast. This divided form of Mediterranean Europe has continued for ages, even to the present time; though the number of its divisions has not always, nor is it now, ten. The prophecy does not require that the number of the kingdoms should be invariable. They were ten in the period of their foundation, and from this fact have acquired the symbolic

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designation of the Ten Horns. So that though their number might be reduced onehalf, the power that might be established over the territory they originally occupied would, to that extent, be represented as the Ten Horns.

**SUMMARY:** Whatever be the current configuration and number of nations, the symbolism must always be regarded from the viewpoint of its original configuration of ten barbarian kingdoms and one seventh head Roman kingdom.