

Trump's Israel Nominee Mike Huckabee Lays a Path Forward to CBN

There is much talk now of Israel annexing the West Bank (biblical Judea and Samaria) or at least vast swaths of it, to protect the Jewish communities inhabiting the land.

Eytan Gilboa, professor of American-Israel relations at Tel Aviv's Bar-Ilan University, noted, "What happened in Gaza really destroyed the chances for the establishment of a Palestinian state, as well as peace."

Currently, Jewish cities and towns are so mingled with Arab population centers, and it's difficult to see how they could be cleanly divided into two nations.

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"I think it's impossible to speak about a two-state solution because it will never happen. You cannot draw a line that can divide and separate the population," said Israel Ganz, head of Samaria's Binyamin Regional Council.

Regardless of Donald Trump's views on Judea and Samaria, his choices for foreign policy positions come with strong pro-Israel backgrounds, including Marco Rubio as secretary of state, Elise Stefanik for U.N. ambassador, and a choice many are praising – former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee for U.S. ambassador to Israel.

"I look forward to going to work for my country, my president, and for the people of America and to be an able representative to my friends in the Jewish state of Israel," Huckabee told CBN's Gordon Robertson on The 700 Club on Monday.

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Huckabee, who first came to Israel more than 40 years ago, says he is passionate about his calling. He believes the U.S. president should not decide weighty matters such as annexing Judea and Samaria. That should be Israel's call alone.

Huckabee has said he doesn't consider a two-state solution to be practical and he has called Judea and Samaria the "Promised Land."

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