

The Castle of Nimrod, called Qalat Nimrud in Arabic, sits on a steep hill on the Golan Heights overlooking the Metullah Valley. Scholars are not certain of its original name, but the modern name refers to the biblical Nimrod, son of Cush, "a mighty hunter before the Lord" (Genesis 10:8-9). This site was rich in Arabic inscriptions.

It is not clear when the fort was built, but it figured large in defense of the area both by Crusaders and by Moslem forces. In 1187 a pitched battle occurred here and at nearby Banyas when Saladin, commanding Moslem forces, unsuccessfully attacked Flemish knights in the fortress under the command of Baldwin III, king of Jerusalem.