



## Global Watch Daily – November 22, 2025

A concise summary of major developments in Israel and the world through a grounded Christian worldview.

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### **Israel & Jerusalem**

The COP30 climate talks recently ended in deadlock, with 36 nations opposing a proposal that notably omitted any mention of fossil fuels, reflecting ongoing global tensions over energy policy and climate commitments ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, antisemitism has reached a record high in the Czech Republic in 2024, according to the local Jewish community, highlighting a troubling rise in hostility toward Jewish people in Europe ([Times of Israel](#)). In Madrid, hundreds of individuals marched in commemoration of the anniversary of Francisco Franco’s death, some performing fascist salutes, a reminder of lingering political and ideological divisions in Europe ([Times of Israel](#)).

In Israel, tensions remain high as protesters chanted “Death to the IDF” during a recent event, prompting questions about the appropriateness of certain synagogue activities amid ongoing conflict ([Israel365 News](#)). France has recently promoted the legacy of Alfred Dreyfus, 130 years after his infamous trial, as a symbol against antisemitism, though some question whether this effort is sufficient or timely ([Israel365 News](#)). A new study has revived interest in the biblical landscape of the Carmel Plain by documenting the historical presence of migratory birds in the region, connecting modern scientific research with ancient scriptural descriptions ([Israel365 News](#)).

Efforts to combat online antisemitism are being advanced by Jewish-led startups employing innovative technology solutions to address hate speech and misinformation on digital platforms ([JNS](#)). The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have conducted defensive missions in Syria, successfully locating arms caches, underscoring ongoing security concerns along Israel’s northern borders ([JNS](#)). Additionally, the IDF struck a Hamas compound in Lebanon, killing 13 terrorists, reflecting continued military operations against hostile groups in the region ([JNS](#)).

### **Wars & Security (Israel and Region)**



Clashes have erupted between Syrian government troops and the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, intensifying the complex conflict dynamics within Syria and its border regions ([Long War Journal](#)). The Israel Defense Forces reported that Palestinian terrorists have broken the ceasefire agreement eight times between November 13 and 21, firing on Israeli soldiers and escalating tensions along the border ([Long War Journal](#)). In a diplomatic move, the Israeli prime minister and top officials visited the Syrian buffer zone amid stalled Israel-Syria talks, signaling ongoing efforts to manage security concerns despite political deadlock ([Long War Journal](#)).

On a broader geopolitical front, former U.S. President Donald Trump has urged Ukraine to sign a peace deal and has proposed a 28-point peace plan aimed at ending the Russia-Ukraine war, reflecting continued international engagement in the conflict resolution process ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)) ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)). Meanwhile, the sale of Eurofighter jets from London to Turkey has been criticized as a strategic loss despite being an industrial success, highlighting the tension between economic interests and geopolitical strategy ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)).

## **Apostasy & Religious Developments**

The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey has donated \$1 million to treat Palestinian children, demonstrating a humanitarian outreach effort within the Christian community ([Religion News Service](#)). Orthodox Christian clergy have recently met with U.S. officials, drawing accusations of Russian influence and illustrating the complex interplay between religion and geopolitics ([Religion News Service](#)). Pope Leo has addressed America's Catholic youth with messages emphasizing artificial intelligence, partisanship, and friendship, reflecting the Church's engagement with contemporary cultural and technological issues ([Religion News Service](#)).

In Christian music, the current number one artist has been noted for lacking a spiritual soul, raising questions about the intersection of faith and popular culture ([Christianity Today](#)). Meanwhile, a 103-year-old theologian's prayers have been profiled, offering a glimpse into enduring spiritual devotion and theological reflection ([Christianity Today](#)). The persecuted church remains a focus as a priest in Pakistan has rescued Christian slaves, highlighting ongoing religious persecution in parts of the world ([International Christian Concern](#)).

## **Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering**



Recent scientific studies have shown that smoking just a few cigarettes a day can cause heart damage lasting for decades, underscoring the long-term health risks of tobacco use ([Science Daily](#)). Researchers have also identified a hidden hormone switch that plays a crucial role in learning processes, potentially opening new avenues for cognitive enhancement ([Science Daily](#)). Additionally, new evidence indicates that the drugs tirzepatide and semaglutide provide strong cardioprotective effects, offering promising therapeutic benefits for cardiovascular health ([Science Daily](#)).

Artificial intelligence is also being applied in biotechnology, as demonstrated by AI-assisted optimization techniques that enhance the biological activity of compounds extracted from *Phylloporia ribis*, a medicinal fungus ([Nature](#)). Advances in vaccine development include the use of multi-attribute monitoring methodologies for glycosylated subunit vaccines, improving quality control and efficacy ([Nature](#)). Furthermore, ultrasound-mediated blood-brain barrier opening has been tested in sheep using sonolucent cranial implants, a technique that may enhance drug delivery to the brain ([Nature](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

Scientists studying a tiny ancient virus have uncovered secrets that could aid in the fight against modern superbugs, offering hope for new antimicrobial strategies ([Science Daily](#)). Research into Long COVID has revealed strange microscopic structures in the blood of affected patients, advancing understanding of this complex post-viral syndrome ([Science Daily](#)). Historical analysis has shown that a 14th-century account of the Black Death misled the world about the nature of the plague, underscoring the importance of accurate historical epidemiology ([Science Daily](#)).

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has released its annual epidemiological report on zoonotic influenza for 2023, providing data critical for monitoring and preventing animal-to-human disease transmission ([ECDC](#)). Additional reports from the ECDC cover communicable disease threats for mid-October 2025 and an overview of avian influenza from June to September 2025, underscoring ongoing vigilance in public health surveillance ([ECDC](#)) ([ECDC](#)).

## **Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens**

On November 22, 2025, multiple earthquakes were recorded globally, including a magnitude 2.0 event near Cantua Creek, California, and more minor tremors near The Geysers geothermal area in California, indicating ongoing seismic activity in the region (



[USGS](#)) ([USGS](#)) ([USGS](#)). Volcanic activity remains notable with eruptions reported at Semeru volcano, alongside activity at Santiaguito, Fuego, Popocatépetl, Soputan, Merapi, Bromo, and Lokon-Empung volcanoes, reflecting ongoing geological unrest in multiple regions ([Volcano Discovery](#)) ([Volcano Discovery](#)).

NASA has recently awarded contracts for liquid hydrogen supply, a critical component for space exploration and rocket propulsion, supporting ongoing advancements in space technology ([NASA](#)). Additionally, NASA celebrates ten years of student involvement in growing food for space missions through the Growing Beyond Earth program, highlighting educational engagement in space science ([NASA](#)). The Hubble Space Telescope has captured images of a puzzling galaxy, continuing to expand humanity's understanding of the cosmos ([NASA](#)).

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

The recent climate summit concluded with a proposal that notably avoided calls to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels, drawing criticism for its perceived lack of urgency in addressing climate change ([Politico](#)). Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has expressed support for a U.S. proposal concerning Ukraine, a move seen as an attempt to derail aid to Kyiv amid the ongoing conflict ([Politico Europe](#)). Russian President Vladimir Putin has endorsed the U.S. peace plan as a basis for settlement in Ukraine, signaling a rare moment of agreement on the framework for peace talks ([Politico Europe](#)).

Gazan students face uncertainty as Canadian visa processing stalls, leaving many in limbo and unable to pursue educational opportunities abroad ([France24](#)). Egyptian students studying in Russia report pressure to either join the military or leave the country, illustrating the intersection of education and geopolitical tensions ([France24](#)). The European Union is pushing for reforms within the Palestinian Authority as part of efforts to stabilize the region and help bring an end to the Gaza war ([France24](#)).

In U.S. politics, former President Trump's peace plan for Ukraine has forced Ukrainian President Zelensky into a difficult position, with critics warning that it may concede too much to Russian terms ([France24](#)). The plan has elicited varied reactions from key international players, reflecting the complexity of diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict ([France24](#)). Sweden's Civil Defence Minister has emphasized that every citizen has a role to play in the country's total defence concept, underscoring the importance of national preparedness ([France24](#)).



Elsewhere, Nigeria has experienced one of its worst mass abductions, with 315 schoolchildren taken, highlighting ongoing security challenges in the region ([BBC](#)). In Mexico, seven bodyguards have been arrested in connection with the murder of a mayor, reflecting concerns about political violence and corruption ([BBC](#)). China continues to expand its influence through artificial intelligence initiatives in the Persian Gulf region and strategic partnerships in Brazil, reshaping global power dynamics ([The Diplomat](#)) ([The Diplomat](#)).

## **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeological discoveries continue to shed light on the ancient history of Jerusalem and Israel. An Assyrian inscription dating from the First Temple period was recently uncovered, providing valuable insights into the region's early history ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)). The largest dam from ancient Israel has been excavated in the City of David, revealing advanced water management techniques used in biblical times ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

In addition, a rare gold coin belonging to Egyptian Queen Berenice II was discovered in the City of David, highlighting the historical connections between Israel and neighboring civilizations ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)). Another significant find is a rare Year Four Revolt coin from the period of the Jewish revolt against Roman rule, found in Jerusalem, which adds to the understanding of the city's turbulent history ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

## **Reflection**

The developments reported today reveal a world marked by ongoing conflict, cultural tensions, and rapid technological advancement. In Israel and Jerusalem, the persistence of antisemitism and military confrontations underscores the fragile security situation and the enduring challenges faced by the Jewish people. The archaeological discoveries remind us of the deep historical roots of this land, connecting present realities with biblical history and prophecy.

Globally, the interplay of geopolitics, religious movements, and scientific progress shapes the environment in which believers live and witness. The rise of apostasy alongside humanitarian efforts within the church highlights the complexity of faith in a pluralistic world. Advances in biotechnology and health science offer hope for healing, yet also raise ethical questions that require careful discernment. Natural disasters and cosmic



phenomena continue to remind us of the fragility of the created order and of God's sovereign hand over all creation.

Amid these challenges, the call for peace and justice remains urgent, as seen in diplomatic efforts and the plight of the persecuted church. Christians are called to stay faithful, discerning, and courageous, trusting in God's providence while engaging the world with truth and love.

- Pray for the peace and security of Israel and Jerusalem, that God would protect His chosen people and fulfill His promises.
- Pray for the persecuted church worldwide, especially those suffering under oppression and violence, that they may be strengthened and encouraged.
- Pray for Christian discernment, faithfulness, and courage in these turbulent times, that believers would stand firm in the truth of God's Word.