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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

Joint Israel-US strikes on Iran coincided with the Jewish festival of Purim, which commemorates a historic deliverance from Persian destruction, drawing symbolic parallels to current events ([Times of Israel](#); [BBC News](#)).

Iranian UAV attacks on the Israeli embassy in the UAE and Israeli military responses in Lebanon following Hezbollah aggression highlight the escalating regional conflict, with casualties and displacement mounting ([JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

France has signaled its readiness to defend Gulf states and Jordan against Iran, while Israeli political leaders have united in support of ongoing military operations, underscoring both international and domestic resolve ([Times of Israel](#); [JNS](#)).

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

Palestinian factions mourn the death of Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei but have refrained from explicit retaliation threats, while Hezbollah is contemplating further attacks amid ongoing strikes on Iranian regime targets ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

Houthi leadership has expressed solidarity with Iran through media and demonstrations but has yet to launch retaliatory attacks; however, officials indicate plans for future aggression against Israel and Red Sea shipping ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

The US-Israeli campaign continues to target Iranian military command centers and repression infrastructure, while Iranian retaliatory strikes have caused casualties among US and Israeli civilians, reflecting the conflict's intensity ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

### **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

Recent deadly shootings in Texas are under investigation as potential terrorism, while Iran's attacks on Israel and Gulf allies threaten to further destabilize the region ([BBC News](#);



[BBC News](#)).

Drone strikes targeting oil infrastructure in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have raised concerns about global economic risks, while France has unveiled a nuclear strategy to counter Russian aggression amid shifting US commitments to European security ([France24](#); [France24](#)).

Political shifts in Nepal and a new US-Indonesia trade agreement signal broader geopolitical realignments, potentially diminishing China's influence in Southeast Asia ([The Diplomat](#); [The Diplomat](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

Scientists have discovered a bacterial kill switch involving viral proteins that disable a key bacterial cell wall protein, offering promising new avenues to combat drug-resistant superbugs ([ScienceDaily](#)).

New research suggests that the shingles vaccine may slow biological aging and reduce chronic inflammation linked to heart disease and cognitive decline in older adults ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Engineered bacteria show promise in consuming cancer tumors from the inside, while a universal nasal spray vaccine under development could protect against COVID, flu, pneumonia, and allergens by boosting lung immunity ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Researchers have identified a 5,000-year-old ice-cave bacterium resistant to many modern antibiotics, and a common pneumonia bacterium may contribute to Alzheimer's disease by triggering inflammation and amyloid buildup in the brain ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

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

Recent seismic activity includes a magnitude 2.8 earthquake near Marston, Missouri, a 1.2-magnitude quake near San Jacinto, California, and a 2.6-magnitude event near Pe Ell, Washington, reflecting ongoing tectonic movements across the United States ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

NASA is advancing lunar exploration technologies by testing solar concentrators for oxygen extraction from lunar regolith and continues to pioneer experimental flight research at Armstrong Flight Research Center, pushing aeronautics innovation ([NASA](#));



[NASA](#)).

Weather patterns show a return of winter across the northern US alongside record warmth in the Southwest, illustrating the variability and extremes of current climate conditions ([weather.gov](#)).

### **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Recent archaeological excavations at Mi'iliya and Khirbat Jamnith have uncovered ancient cisterns and burial caves, shedding light on historical settlement patterns and burial practices in the region ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).

The Israel Museum has relocated key archaeological artifacts to secure locations amid regional instability, while excavations in Emesa reveal the gradual transformation from pagan to Christian and Muslim dominance, illustrating the Levant's complex religious history ([BiblePlaces](#)).

Discoveries include a rare half-shekel coin from the First Jewish Revolt and Crusader swords off the coast of Dor, alongside a new exhibit featuring the Great Isaiah Scroll, enriching understanding of Jewish history and biblical manuscripts ([BiblePlaces](#)).

### **Reflection**

We should interpret these developments soberly, resisting both panic and apathy while attending to what is true. Our aim is prayerful discernment—grounding convictions in Scripture and keeping watch with steadiness and hope.