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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

Recent events in Israel and Jerusalem underscore ongoing tensions and security concerns. A suspected terror-motivated fatal ramming claimed the life of 18-year-old settler Yehuda Sherman, with footage showing Palestinian locals aiding the wounded ([Times of Israel](#); [Al Jazeera](#)). Israeli Defense Minister Katz emphasized that no Lebanese residents will return to Southern Lebanon until security is assured, highlighting the fragile situation along the border ([JNS](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Meanwhile, civilian casualties continue to mount in the broader region amid the US-Israeli conflict with Iran, including Iranian civilians such as a pharmacist and a blogger ([BBC News](#); [Times of Israel](#)). Domestically, legal and political developments unfold as a stand-in for Israel's justice minister submits a pardon recommendation for Netanyahu, reflecting ongoing internal political dynamics ([JNS](#)).

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

Iran and its allied militias persist in attacks on regional infrastructure, targeting airports, energy facilities, and military bases, thereby intensifying the conflict in the Middle East ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)). The Iranian regime's claim of possessing additional weapons further complicates prospects for de-escalation ([FDD](#)).

Diplomatic efforts are emerging as former US President Trump announced talks with Iran, a move that has shocked and dismayed many observers. Reactions from Gulf states and analysis by former IDF researchers highlight the complexity of the situation ([FDD](#); [Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, Israeli military operations continue, eliminating Hamas operatives in Lebanon and underscoring ongoing security challenges ([Long War Journal](#)).

Broader geopolitical reflections include critiques of Brexit as a “colossal mistake” by Finland's President Stubb, who advocates for a flexible partnership between Europe and the UK, emphasizing pragmatic cooperation in security and economic matters ([Chatham](#)



[House](#)).

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

Global political and economic developments include the passing of Mel Schilling, a well-known TV dating coach, whose husband reported she died peacefully surrounded by love ([BBC News](#)). Australia and the European Union have agreed on sweeping trade and security deals, signaling strengthened ties amid global uncertainties ([BBC News](#)).

In Europe, Italian newspapers reacted to a failed referendum seen as a potential end to Prime Minister Meloni's invincibility, while French papers commemorated former Prime Minister Lionel Jospin ([France24](#)). Meanwhile, Iran and Hezbollah continue coordinated strikes on Israel, with missile attacks causing injuries and forcing over a million people into bomb shelters ([France24](#)).

Farther afield, rural communities in Bangladesh express concern over the broader implications of the Iran-US conflict despite their geographic distance, highlighting the war's global ripple effects ([The Diplomat](#)). Additionally, public perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union are explored in Central Asia, reflecting ongoing regional geopolitical shifts ([The Diplomat](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

New research reveals antibiotics accumulating in Brazilian river fish, including banned substances, raising food safety concerns and highlighting the complex interactions between aquatic plants and pollutant absorption ([ScienceDaily](#)). Meanwhile, a shingles vaccine shows promise beyond its original use by cutting heart attack and stroke risks by nearly half in high-risk individuals, rivaling the benefits of quitting smoking ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Scientists have discovered tiny rocket engines inside malaria parasites, powered by a chemical reaction that may aid parasite survival and open avenues for new treatments and micro-robotics ([ScienceDaily](#)). Advances in vaccine technology include DNA origami vaccines, which could surpass mRNA vaccines by providing stronger and more stable immune responses ([ScienceDaily](#)).

In gut health, MIT scientists identified a protein, intelectin-2, that fortifies the gut lining and traps harmful bacteria, offering potential new strategies against antibiotic-resistant microbes ([ScienceDaily](#)). Additionally, vitamin D supplementation was found not to reduce COVID-19 severity but may slightly lower the risk of developing long COVID symptoms,



providing new insights into post-viral conditions ([ScienceDaily](#)).

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

Recent seismic activity in California includes multiple minor earthquakes near Julian, Temecula, and Anderson Springs, with depths ranging from 1.38 to 6.61 km, monitored by the USGS ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

Tropical Cyclone Narelle crossed northern Australia, bringing damaging winds and heavy rains with multiple landfalls, as reported by NASA Earth Observatory ([NASA](#)). Community engagement in environmental monitoring was inspired by a NASA Data Hackathon at the University of Florida, promoting citizen science and public health awareness ([NASA](#)).

### **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeological discoveries continue to enrich understanding of the Middle East's history. Recent finds include a Byzantine church with colorful mosaics at Nitzana in the Negev and a lead sling bullet inscribed with the Greek word for "learn" discovered at Hippos, reflecting local humor among ancient defenders ([BiblePlaces](#)). Excavations in Upper Egypt have uncovered approximately 3,000 ostraca pottery fragments this season, bringing the total to about 43,000—the largest known collection from a single site in Egypt ([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.