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

Israel & Jerusalem

Prime Minister Netanyahu has called for the dismissal of the case against incoming Mossad chief Maj. Gen. Gofman, as the Advisory Committee found no defects in his integrity. Meanwhile, Israel has intensified strikes against Hezbollah targets in eastern Lebanon following recent hostilities. At the same time, antisemitism continues to appear in Jordanian textbooks, which erase Israel from maps and label the territory as “Palestine,” reflecting ongoing regional tensions. ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

In related developments, Libyan forces loyal to Khalifa Haftar detained activists attempting to deliver aid to Gaza, highlighting the complex regional dynamics affecting humanitarian efforts. These events unfold amid broader unrest in the Middle East and a range of international responses. ([Al Jazeera](#); [JNS](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Syria continues to face security threats, including a recent car bombing in Damascus and ongoing raids against militants in Deir Ez Zor, while also pursuing reconciliation with Kurdish groups and diplomatic engagement. Hamas has replaced its military wing leader following targeted killings, as ceasefire violations in Gaza persist, underscoring the fragile security situation. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Amid these conflicts, experts emphasize the importance of soft power and long-term strategies, as seen in discussions of the Muslim Brotherhood’s enduring influence and reflections on historical battles such as the Battle of Peleliu. Debates on energy security continue, with the UK advised against new investments in North Sea oil, highlighting the global implications of regional instability. ([FDD](#); [Chatham House](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Recent tragedies include a fatal collision between a school minibus and a train in Belgium, resulting in four deaths. In Senegal, the sacked Prime Minister Sonko has been elected



parliamentary Speaker, positioning him to challenge the president's policies. Meanwhile, citizen science initiatives such as France's "Bugs Matter" app encourage public participation to monitor insect population declines. ([BBC News](#); [France24](#))

In South America, Chile's new far-right president Kast has implemented Trump-inspired border controls that complicate migrant life, although mass expulsions have not materialized as expected. In Southeast Asia, Cambodia is preparing to mark May 28 as the start of its border war with Thailand, while internal political pressures on autocrat Hun Sen signal shifts in regional power dynamics. ([France24](#); [The Diplomat](#))

Pestilence & Global Health

New research reveals that silent tooth infections can contribute to systemic inflammation and impair blood sugar control, with root canal treatments providing benefits beyond oral health. Additionally, scientists have identified a shared vulnerability in polio and common cold viruses, revealing how viral RNA directs the replication machinery within human cells, potentially guiding future antiviral strategies. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Two minor earthquakes occurred near Cobb and Anderson Springs, California, with magnitudes of 0.9 and shallow depths, causing no reported damage. NASA continues preparations for humanity's return to the Moon through Artemis missions, with leadership roles shaping astronaut training and mission storytelling, emphasizing innovation and exploration. ([USGS](#); [NASA](#))

Unsettled weather is forecast across the Eastern U.S. through Memorial Day, with meteorological agencies closely monitoring conditions. In sports, Spain's World Cup squad notably excludes Real Madrid players while Barcelona dominates selections, reflecting a "united nation" approach by the coach. ([weather.gov](#); [Al Jazeera](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Recent archaeological publications highlight significant findings, including the El'ad (A-8478) and Legio (A-9683) artifacts, offering new insights into ancient regional histories. Radiocarbon dating challenges previous assumptions about fortress builders, attributing sites to Jeroboam II of Israel rather than Assyria, while Egyptian authorities have unveiled a plaster blocking wall from King Tutankhamun's tomb, underscoring efforts to preserve



ancient heritage. ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [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.