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

Israel & Jerusalem

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party alleged foreign interference and accused Arab-led parties of "stealing" the election after his coalition lost its majority. With more than 90% of votes counted, the results point to a political impasse, leaving new elections as one possible outcome. The vote was a celebration of democracy in some respects, but Israel has no clear path to forming a new government ([BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

The election has also underscored divisions in U.S. politics over support for Israel, with defense assistance becoming a partisan issue among both Republicans and Democrats. The result leaves Israeli leaders facing uncertainty as they seek to form a governing coalition ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [BBC News](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

A 15-year-old student in Gainesville, Florida, was arrested on suspicion of seeking guidance from Islamic State members and supporters on building drones and explosives for an attack at an indoor location. The case highlights the continued reach of online extremist networks. Separately, the U.S.-Iran conflict remains active beyond the Strait of Hormuz, with Tehran reportedly seeking to challenge the American naval blockade. In Afghanistan, Taliban and Pakistani forces have clashed at least three times since October 19, amid reports that Pakistani military and intelligence officials met anti-Taliban resistance members to discuss possible support ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Poland will host Europe's first dedicated maintenance facility for Patriot PAC-3 missiles, a move intended to shorten repair times and bolster regional air-defense readiness amid shortages of critical munitions. In Washington, Congress is expected to consider the Trump administration's proposed nuclear-cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia, which critics argue should be blocked. The Florida teenager arrested in the alleged Islamic State-linked plot was charged with making or attempting to make a destructive device ([Long War](#)



[Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#)).

Jordan's air force struck suspected Islamic State positions in southern Syria on October 26, targeting militants it linked to an October 23 church attack in Karak that killed nine people and wounded dozens. Jordan said the strikes killed more than 20 people ([Long War Journal](#)).

Iraq continues to face security pressures along its borders while balancing relations with Iran, Syria, and Jordan. Pakistan's reported overtures to Afghanistan's anti-Taliban resistance also present a dilemma: accepting Pakistani support could deepen internal divisions and damage the resistance's standing among Afghans who blame Islamabad for decades of bloodshed ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

France is bracing for a third consecutive Saturday of demonstrations over the cost of living and education funding, after earlier protests ended in clashes. The protests add to pressure on the government as households contend with economic strain. In the United States, Alaska's Senate race has become contentious after incumbent Republican Dan Sullivan and his allies accused Democrats of recruiting a candidate with a similar name to confuse voters ([BBC News](#); [France24](#)).

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond President Tom Barkin said gradual interest-rate increases may be appropriate while inflation remains elevated, unemployment is low, and demand is solid. The debate reflects the pressure on policymakers to contain inflation without destabilizing economic activity ([Bloomberg](#)).

China's role in climate policy extends beyond its contribution to global emissions: as a major supplier of green technologies and an upstream actor, it has significant influence over South Asia's transition and energy security ([The Diplomat](#)).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

A rapid assessment from UK communications regulator Ofcom says social media firms have four reasonable age assurance options for determining whether a user is 16 years of age or older. Selfie biometric comparisons to a government-issued ID document count. Suffolk Constabulary announced on October 26 that it will deploy live facial recognition (LFR) technology in Lowestoft on November 3, Bury St Edmunds on November 4 and Ipswich on November 5. The force will use a facial recognition van and NEC Neo Face



equipment loaned by Bedfordshire Police. Using artificial intelligence for roles from executive assistants to chiefs of staff, companies are boasting about doing more with less, creating tension with their human workers. (biometricupdate.com; [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com)).

Artificial intelligence has upended cybersecurity, and deepfakes are the form the technology most often takes in attacks on biometric processes. Reports from Biometric Update and Goode Intelligence forecast market growth of 42 and 99 percent CAGR from 2026 to 2028, respectively, for deepfake fraud detection and injection attack detection (IAD; biometricupdate.com).

Developed by Conmitto, Dock Optimizer connects verification results to driver, carrier, and freight appointment records to provide an additional check before releasing cargo. During self-check-in, drivers scan a QR code with their smartphones, followed by the barcode on the back of their driver's licenses (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Scientists reported that JAK inhibitors, which are prescribed for rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases, can weaken an important immune defense. The finding points to a potential infection-related risk for patients receiving these medicines and underscores the need to weigh immune effects in treatment decisions ([ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 0.7 earthquake near The Geysers, California, and a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near False Pass, Alaska ([USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [USGS](https://www.usgs.gov)).

A magnitude 6.4 earthquake was recorded southeast of Easter Island, and Botswana issued a green-level forest-fire alert ([USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [GDACS](https://www.gdacs.org)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published two entries in its excavation and survey record on October 28 ([Israel Antiquities Authority](https://www.israelantiquitiesauthority.org); [Israel Antiquities Authority](https://www.israelantiquitiesauthority.org)).

A newly released history of ancient Israel brings biblical and extrabiblical evidence together to survey the major historical periods. The authors describe the work as the culmination of years of research and writing, including studies of the reigns of David and Solomon ([BiblePlaces](https://www.bibleplaces.com); [BiblePlaces](https://www.bibleplaces.com)).