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

Israel & Jerusalem

Five officers with the Hamas-run police force were killed in Khan Younis, while three people, including a child, were killed in Gaza City, according to officials. The incidents underscore the continuing civilian and security toll in Gaza (BBC News; Al Jazeera).

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party has alleged foreign interference after his coalition lost its majority, accusing Arab-led parties of having "stolen" the election. The dispute adds to political uncertainty as the parties contest the result and its implications for forming a government (BBC News; Al Jazeera).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

A deadly attack on a Christian funeral in Jordan has strained relations between Amman and Damascus, particularly after Jordanian airstrikes targeted suspected Islamic State positions in Syria. The dispute centers on responsibility for the attack and the risks of cross-border retaliation. Meanwhile, Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa hosted Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi in Damascus on October 28 to discuss stronger bilateral ties, trade, and energy cooperation, even as Syria continues to face serious security challenges (Long War Journal; Long War Journal).

A 15-year-old student in Gainesville, Florida, was arrested over an alleged plot to attack people at an unidentified indoor location. Investigators say the teenager sought advice from Islamic State members and supporters on making drones and explosives, highlighting the continued threat of online extremist recruitment (Long War Journal).

The confrontation between the United States and Iran extends beyond the Strait of Hormuz, as Tehran seeks to break the American naval blockade and its regional proxies remain part of the conflict. FDD analysts assess the multiple fronts involved and the prospect of renewed U.S. strikes on Iran (Long War Journal; FDD; FDD).

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Taliban and Pakistani forces have clashed at least three times since October 19, while Pakistani military and intelligence officials have reportedly met with members of Afghanistan's anti-Taliban resistance to discuss possible support. Separately, the race to succeed António Guterres as United Nations secretary-general is drawing scrutiny over the political maneuvering surrounding the selection (Long War Journal; FDD).

Poland will host Europe's first dedicated maintenance facility for Patriot PAC-3 missiles, a move intended to shorten repair times and strengthen regional air-defense readiness amid shortages of critical munitions. Jordan said its October 26 airstrikes in southern Syria targeted Islamic State militants linked to an October 23 church attack in Karak that killed nine people and wounded dozens; Amman reported that the strikes killed more than 20 militants (Long War Journal; Long War Journal).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Ryanair warned that fuel costs could rise by €2 billion in 2028 unless the U.S.-Israel war with Iran ends, underscoring how prolonged conflict could disrupt energy markets and increase pressure on transport costs. In the United States, market strategist Edward Yardeni said a Democratic "blue wave" in the midterm elections could unsettle investors by increasing political gridlock. Major Wall Street executives, including leaders from BlackRock, Blackstone, Apollo, and KKR, have also been engaging with Abu Dhabi, reflecting the Gulf's growing role in global capital flows (BBC News; Bloomberg; Bloomberg).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

WIRED uncovered some 400 apps and websites linked to Chinese-language developers that look like regular artificial intelligence tools but had secret features that let users create violent artificial intelligence-generated images and video (WIRED).

Cross-border digital ID is advancing rapidly in terms of biometrics and cryptographic tools, technical standards, and capabilities. But like everything else in digital identity, building it is easier than making it work (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Johns Hopkins researchers have linked a toxin produced by the gut bacterium *Bacteroides fragilis* to damage in the colon's protective lining, helping explain how the bacterium may

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contribute to colorectal cancer. The finding offers a possible mechanism connecting a common organism to disease, though it does not establish that the bacterium alone causes cancer (ScienceDaily).

Researchers have described an unusual bacterial defense system that operates differently from conventional systems: rather than keeping a toxin suppressed until a viral attack, it activates its response after infection begins. Separately, findings indicate that Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors, used to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory conditions, can weaken an important immune defense. These results highlight how microbial defenses and immune-modulating treatments can affect infection risk (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.7 earthquake near Susitna, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Palekastro, Greece (USGS; USGS).

The U.S. Geological Survey also recorded a magnitude 6.4 earthquake southeast of Easter Island. China issued a green forest-fire alert (USGS; GDACS).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority has published a location map and a general plan for archaeological sites (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority).

A restored 12th-century BC Canaanite or Egyptian fortress in the Guvrin Forest has reopened to the public. BiblePlaces also highlights writing on the search for Ai, an introduction to Amihai Mazar’s work, and a new synthesis of biblical and extrabiblical evidence on ancient Israel’s history (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces).

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