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

Israel & Jerusalem

An Israeli diplomat drew parallels between Nazi and Soviet antisemitic propaganda, as Holocaust denial and distortion have surged worldwide since the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023. Sweden has made Holocaust denial a criminal offense. Meanwhile, President Isaac Herzog warned politicians that “not every commitment and promise can be fulfilled” if they hope to avoid another election. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

“We are dismantling the Oslo Accords through our actions; we are returning home,” said Yisrael Gantz, head of the Binyamin Regional Council, as Jewish families moved into eight homes near Jericho following a secret purchase. In the United States, President Donald Trump accused Democrats of weaponizing aid to Israel as a “talking point” to attack Republicans. (JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Lebanon’s military prosecutor charged 13 people over an explosives shipment seized at Dahr al-Baidar. The case identifies an alleged supplier and intended recipient, as well as the vehicle owner and members of the transport team. In Afghanistan, anti-Taliban attacks increased in October, with the Afghan United Front leading the rise in claimed operations. The loss of another National Resistance Front commander underscores the divisions and leadership challenges confronting armed opposition to the Taliban. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa hosted Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi in Damascus on October 28 to discuss closer ties, expanded trade, and renewed energy cooperation. The visit comes as Syria continues to face security challenges in both the north and south. Separately, a deadly attack at a Christian funeral in Jordan and subsequent Jordanian airstrikes in Syria have triggered a diplomatic dispute between Amman and Damascus, with Islamic State involvement among the questions under discussion. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

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A social media account linked to pro-Hezbollah media backed protests in France, including demonstrations in Paris. In Ukraine, former prime minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said China is not neutral in the war and suggested that regaining territory “right now” is unrealistic. (FDD; Chatham House)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Kazakhstan is pursuing an ambitious target of completing its first two nuclear power plants by 2035, though a deal with China has not yet been finalized. The plan reflects Astana’s effort to expand domestic energy capacity while navigating strategic ties with major powers. In the United Kingdom, the Bank of England raised its policy rate by a quarter point to 4%, warning that inflation could approach 5% next year and indicating that further increases remain possible. (The Diplomat; Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

UK police are catching thousands of dangerous criminals each year with facial recognition, the Home Office says, and the government plans to introduce a new law and an independent oversight body with the power to pause deployments to provide safeguards around the technology. The move follows the release of a 47-page report on “Police use of facial recognition technology: a public dialogue,” which documents the results of the government’s public consultation. At Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru (BLR Airport), one of the seven participating airports, SITA’s Smart Path technology is supporting the trial for eligible international travelers. The trial will link passengers’ e-passport-based digital credentials with participating airline and airport systems, while existing immigration, security and regulatory checks remain unchanged (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Johns Hopkins researchers have identified a mechanism linking the gut bacterium *Bacteroides fragilis* to colorectal cancer. A toxin produced by the bacterium damages the colon’s protective lining, offering a possible explanation for how it can contribute to disease. Researchers have also described an unusual bacterial defense system that activates after an infection begins, reversing the pattern seen in more typical systems, which keep a toxin restrained until a viral attack occurs. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

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The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.1 earthquake near Port Alsworth, Alaska, and a magnitude 5.1 earthquake near Masumbwe, Tanzania. (USGS; USGS)

The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System issued green-level forest-fire notifications for Bolivia and China. (GDACS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Two recent publications by Paula Rut Zajac appear in the Israel Antiquities Authority’s journal. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

A recently restored Canaanite or Egyptian fortress in the Guvrin Forest, dating to the 12th century BC, has reopened to the public. A separate discussion considers how archaeological evidence can inform histories of ancient Israel and the search for Ai. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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