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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israel's mission to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons remains incomplete, Defense Minister Israel Katz said. Newly released archival documents also quote Israel's founding prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, reflecting on Gaza: "If I believed in a miracle, I would want it to be swallowed by the sea." Saudi Arabia, which leads a coalition fighting the Houthis in Yemen, has not commented on the developments. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Neither Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's bloc nor his rival's secured a majority in last week's election, leaving the formation of a governing coalition uncertain. (BBC News; Al Jazeera; JNS)

A mass wedding for Palestinian couples took place amid the rubble-strewn streets of Gaza, offering a moment of celebration in a landscape heavily damaged by war. (BBC News; Al Jazeera)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Northern Iraq faces overlapping security and political pressures. Iranian drone attacks have targeted Kurdish Iranian opposition groups, Iraqi forces are conducting operations against the Islamic State, and political disputes continue to threaten stability in Sinjar. In Israel, Arab voter turnout in the October 27 parliamentary election reached a record level, nearly doubling the representation of Arab-led parties and potentially giving them leverage in coalition negotiations. Separately, the Israel Defense Forces reported 52 ceasefire violations by Hamas and other groups between October 16 and November 5. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Syrian security forces arrested members of an alleged Hezbollah-linked cell on November 3. The suspects are accused of plotting an attack on a refinery near Homs. The arrests are part of a series of operations against Hezbollah networks and arms smuggling since the Assad regime fell in December 2024. (Long War Journal)

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Lebanon’s military prosecutor charged 13 people in connection with a shipment of explosives seized at Dahr al Baidar. The reported charges identify an alleged supplier, intended recipient, vehicle owner, and members of the transport team. (Long War Journal; FDD)

A Chatham House survey found that concerns over China’s effect on domestic manufacturing have not reduced European and Canadian consumers’ interest in Chinese-made solar panels and electric vehicles. The findings point to a tension between industrial-policy concerns and demand for lower-cost clean-energy products. (FDD; Chatham House)

Former Ukrainian prime minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said China is not neutral in the war in Ukraine and described it as unrealistic for Ukraine to regain territory “right now.” Chatham House analysts also examined how the United States’ midterm elections could reshape its political system and influence President Donald Trump’s remaining two years in office. (Chatham House; Chatham House)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

French police have used tear gas extensively during protests that have roiled the country in recent weeks, with some incidents causing severe injuries. Accounts from women describing unusually painful periods and heavier bleeding have intensified calls to ban tear gas, raising fresh questions about its use and potential health effects during civil unrest. (France24)

Taipei’s mayoral election should not be treated as a direct measure of Taiwanese public opinion on China policy, The Diplomat cautioned. The result may reflect local political concerns rather than a clear shift in the island’s approach to relations with Beijing. (The Diplomat)

U.S. inflation is expected to ease in October after two particularly difficult months for consumers, though the outlook remains sensitive to the cost of goods and services. Any slowdown would offer some relief to households while leaving broader affordability concerns unresolved. (Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Biometrics are being asked to do more than establish identity. From proving presence in remote transactions to estimating age without identifying a person, biometric applications are expanding, along with the technologies needed to protect them against attacks (

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biometricupdate.com).

MPs, local authorities, lawyers, schools and more are receiving floods of grievances, requests and legal challenges, often complex to read and respond to. “It started as a trickle in 2024, and now it’s an onslaught.” Hollie Wickens, a senior caseworker in a Labour MP’s office, is explaining the daily reality of dealing with surging volumes of artificial intelligence-generated correspondence. “Half the emails we receive are some form of artificial intelligence” (The Guardian).

Pestilence & Global Health

A study of nearly 200,000 adults aged 65 and older found an association between high-dose influenza vaccination and a lower risk of Alzheimer’s disease. The findings suggest a possible protective benefit for older adults, though the study does not establish that vaccination directly prevents the disease. (ScienceDaily)

An international team has issued coordinated guidelines for personalized phage therapy, which uses viruses that target and kill harmful bacteria. The guidance offers a framework for developing and applying the treatment safely as researchers seek new options against antibiotic-resistant infections. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Huara, Chile, and a magnitude 5.5 earthquake near Hamakita, Japan. (USGS; USGS)

Global disaster monitoring alerts reported forest fires in Australia and Burkina Faso. (GDACS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published archaeological reports by Paula Rut Zajac in two issues of its journal. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

Research on Tel Shiqmona indicates that its industrial center operated year-round and supported different industries, according to an illustrated article in The Times of Israel. A separate BiblePlaces post reflects on the author’s new book about the history of Israel and Ahab and Jehoshaphat. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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