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

Israel & Jerusalem

British MP Hollinrake said conservatives remain committed to restoring the partnership with Israel, which he described as damaged in recent years. The remarks came during a meeting with an Israeli delegation, where Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said Israel regretted the deterioration in relations with the United Kingdom and that it had not been Israel's intention. Separately, Jewish activists said police had confined them to a side street during a pro-Israel demonstration in London; police disputed that account. In Gaza, witnesses said a missile struck a building at Nasser Hospital that contains surgical wards and intensive care units, raising fresh concern about the safety of medical facilities and patients amid the conflict. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

The US Department of Justice said the men charged in a series of alleged plots were linked to plans that included a major incident near a British airbase used by US forces. In Israeli politics, Knesset Member Yoav Segalovitch, a former law-enforcement officer and the only Jewish member of his party, is set to represent it on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. (BBC News; Al Jazeera; JNS)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged opposition leaders to reject Arab lawmakers who stood for the Palestinian anthem at a Fatah convention but, he said, had not stood for Israel's anthem. The controversy followed a walkout by Joint List members during the singing of "Hatikva" in the Knesset. Separately, Gadi Eisenkot, Netanyahu's main political rival, has the first opportunity to form a new government and replace the prime minister. (JNS; BBC News; Al Jazeera)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Ukrainian intelligence described a redesigned Russian Geran-5 cruise missile, part of Moscow's effort to adapt to Ukrainian defenses and intensify attacks on civilian infrastructure. Syria's Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shaibani denied that Damascus had sent troops to Yemen or planned to do so, saying its military agreement with Saudi

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Arabia concerns rebuilding Syria's armed forces. In separate counterterrorism cases, authorities in five countries announced arrests or indictments of eight people between October 9 and November 10 over alleged Islamic State links. The cases underscore the group's continuing ability to recruit and radicalize supporters online despite losing its territorial holdings. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Hezbollah is reportedly rebuilding intelligence networks and reestablishing its presence in three southern Lebanese villages designated as pilot areas for testing the group's disarmament. These reports challenge the Lebanese Army's claims of operational control and point to unresolved questions about verification and the durability of disarmament efforts. (Long War Journal)

A Chatham House survey found that European and Canadian interest in Chinese-made solar panels and electric vehicles has risen, despite concerns about the effects of Chinese competition on domestic manufacturing. (Chatham House)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

More than 360,000 people remain displaced in Lebanon after months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, according to the United Nations. Israel's military says it is confronting the Iran-backed group along the border, while reports describe Israeli forces occupying about 6 percent of Lebanese territory and extensive destruction in affected areas. The displacement and military presence highlight the scale of the humanitarian and security pressures confronting Lebanon. (France24)

A proposed trilateral meeting involving China, Russia, and the United States presents Beijing with a strategic dilemma: declining could carry diplomatic costs, while accepting may draw China into an agenda shaped by Moscow and Washington. At home, Chinese policymakers are considering a tax on interest payments from government bonds as one possible way to lift yields from historic lows, a sign of pressure in the country's sovereign debt market. (The Diplomat; Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Scotland's cautious approach to deploying facial recognition for police use could be undermined by an even more hesitant approach to pass the laws necessary to govern it, UK Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner Professor William Webster has warned. Police Scotland is considering its options for adopting live facial recognition in

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public spaces, yet the UK BSCC warned during the Digital Justice & Policing conference held by Futurescot last month. The balance of power over federal biometric surveillance is about to change. Democrats will take control of both chambers of Congress in January with plans to investigate the Trump administration's expanding surveillance and data infrastructure, even as billions of dollars in previously approved funding could allow some of those systems to continue operating and expanding for years (biometricupdate.com).

Bio Catch, LexisNexis and True Foundry expand artificial intelligence agent detection, risk intelligence and access controls as businesses prepare for agent-initiated activity (biometricupdate.com).

Here's something you don't see every day: a humanoid robot company with real, significant revenue. Agile Robots just raised $500 million. Robotics companies are investing heavily in the belief that data will solve the most difficult problems in robotics (forbes.com; IEEE Spectrum).

Pestilence & Global Health

Researchers found traces of a sheep virus in ancient manuscripts, including the roughly 1,000-year-old York Gospels, indicating that the virus has circulated for more than 3,700 years. The findings show how historical documents can preserve biological evidence and help trace the long-term history of infectious disease. A separate study tested a bioengineered chewing gum designed to reduce microbes associated with head and neck cancer; it lowered human papillomavirus levels by up to 93 percent in oral samples from patients and sharply reduced two harmful bacterial species after one dose. Researchers also reported that gut bacteria can break down the protective mucus lining of the intestines and produce potentially harmful compounds, while dietary fiber and overlooked proteins in plant foods may help encourage beneficial microbial activity. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

A study of Lyme disease risk challenged the assumption that deer populations are the main driver of tick abundance, pointing instead to mice as a more significant factor; mouse populations can contribute to a 40 percent increase in tick numbers the following year. Separately, researchers examining nearly 200,000 adults aged 65 and older found an association between high-dose influenza vaccination and reduced Alzheimer's disease risk. The findings add to research on prevention but do not establish that the vaccine directly prevents the disease. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

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Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The US Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.9 earthquake near Campo, California, and a magnitude 4.5 earthquake off the Oregon coast. (USGS; USGS)

The US Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 6.4 earthquake near Lata in the Solomon Islands. The Oregon coast event was reported at magnitude 4.5 and a depth of 10 kilometers, with no people affected within 100 kilometers, according to the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Two publications by Ofer Sion and Yehudah Rapuano appeared in the Israel Antiquities Authority journal on November 9, 2026. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

A discussion of a new history of ancient Israel considers how oppression and deliverance shape the account of the past. Separately, an archaeological roundup describes the rediscovery of officials’ tombs, an offering chapel, a limestone sarcophagus, and an undisturbed mummy at Saqqara, as well as a discovery at Apollonia on the Rhyndacus. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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