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

Israel & Jerusalem

Former U.S. Representative Cori Bush said she learned that her Israeli visa had been revoked while at a Transportation Security Administration checkpoint en route to Tel Aviv. Separately, witnesses said a missile struck a building at Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza that houses surgical wards and intensive care units (Al Jazeera; JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Ansar al Furqan, a Sunni Baluch insurgent group with a history of Islamist militancy, announced on November 11 that it had joined a coalition of Baluch armed factions opposing Iran's Islamic Republic. The merger signals a broadening of the insurgency, which has developed beyond its earlier focus on sectarian violence and attacks. Along the Afghanistan–Pakistan border, Taliban and Pakistani forces have clashed repeatedly since October 29; on November 11, an ambush by the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan killed 10 Pakistani police officers. Washington has indicated it is willing to help address Pakistan's concerns about militant groups. A separate analysis examines growing Muslim Brotherhood influence in Western politics and institutions, including concerns about free speech, religious extremism, and national security (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Ukrainian intelligence described a redesigned Russian Geran-5 cruise missile, part of Moscow's effort to adapt to Ukrainian defenses while sustaining attacks on civilian infrastructure (Long War Journal). In Providence, Rhode Island, the city ordered divestment from Israel on November 3, with critics questioning the decision's reliance on the United Nations as a moral guide and raising concerns about antisemitism among its advocates (FDD).

Georgia's ruling Georgian Dream party may have abandoned a lucrative deepwater-port deal with a Chinese-led consortium, but the country remains engaged with Beijing. China's Vice President Han Zheng's involvement underscores the continuing strategic contest over

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Georgia’s infrastructure and regional alignment (FDD).

Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shaibani denied that Syria had deployed troops to Yemen or planned to do so, saying a military agreement with Saudi Arabia is focused on rebuilding Syria’s armed forces. Separately, authorities in five countries announced arrests or indictments of eight people in Islamic State-related cases between October 9 and November 10, underscoring the group’s continued ability to radicalize and recruit supporters online despite losing its territorial holdings (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Ukraine said it struck a major crude-oil pumping station in Russia’s Samara region, about 860 kilometers (530 miles) southeast of Moscow. The attack highlights the vulnerability of energy infrastructure deep inside Russia and the continuing risk of disruption to the country’s oil transport network (Bloomberg).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

The best way to stop a face-swap attack may be to build a better one first. Sumsub and Constructor University’s Bayes Group have announced ALADDIN, a generative artificial intelligence model that produces realistic face swaps with 28 times fewer neural-network evaluations than a leading diffusion-based approach (biometricupdate.com).

Apple has detailed a new security architecture for its Home View smart home display that processes facial and voice biometrics separately from the main operating system. This allows the device to recognize household members without using Face ID. Google is entering the artificial intelligence glasses market with privacy protections designed to address controversies surrounding Meta’s smart eyewear. But its developer documentation leaves unanswered whether the operating system technically enforces its prohibition on facial recognition or relies on policing applications after they gain camera access (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

A study in mice found that recovery from an acute viral infection can leave lasting changes in the spleen and weaken immune responses after visible symptoms have passed. The findings suggest that infections may have longer-term effects on immune function,

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although how well they apply to people remains uncertain (ScienceDaily).

Researchers identified traces of a sheep virus in ancient manuscripts, including the roughly 1,000-year-old York Gospels. The viral evidence points to a history extending back more than 3,700 years and shows how historic parchment can preserve clues about past disease circulation (ScienceDaily). Separately, researchers reported that a bioengineered chewing gum reduced human papillomavirus levels by as much as 93 percent in oral samples from cancer patients and nearly eliminated two harmful bacterial species after one dose; further research will be needed to assess its potential use (ScienceDaily).

Research on gut microbes found that some bacteria can consume the protective mucus lining of the intestines and produce potentially harmful compounds, while dietary fiber may help limit this activity. Other work suggests that proteins in plant foods can shift gut bacteria toward producing beneficial substances (ScienceDaily). A study of Lyme disease risk also challenges the assumption that deer populations are the main driver: mice may play a more important role in supporting tick numbers, with local effects varying by factors such as acorn availability (ScienceDaily).

A study of nearly 200,000 adults aged 65 and older found an association between receiving a high-dose influenza vaccine and a lower risk of Alzheimer’s disease. The findings are observational and do not establish that the vaccine directly prevents the disease, but they add to research on possible connections between vaccination, immune health, and cognitive outcomes (ScienceDaily).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.0 earthquake near Toms Place, California, and a magnitude 5.5 earthquake near the northern Mid-Atlantic Ridge (USGS; USGS).

A magnitude 6.4 earthquake was recorded near Lata in the Solomon Islands, while a green-level forest-fire notification was issued in Australia (USGS; GDACS).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published two entries by Ofer Sion and Yehudah Rapuano on November 9, 2026 (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority).

An article examines the different dates proposed for the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel—722, 721, or 723 BC—and the fall of Jerusalem, commonly dated to either 587 or

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586 BC. A companion discussion considers the title and scope of a history of ancient Israel (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces).

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