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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israeli transport officials are visiting Dubai to receive a briefing on the Emirati investigation into a failed flydubai hijacking, as the countries consider resuming flights. Separately, witnesses said a missile struck a building at Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza that houses surgical wards and intensive care units. (JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Houthi missile and drone attacks across Saudi Arabia are unfolding alongside continued fighting in Yemen and Saudi-led airstrikes on Houthi targets. In Iran, the Baluch insurgency is widening: Ansar al-Furqan, a Sunni Baluch militant group, announced on November 11 that it had joined a coalition of armed Baluch factions opposing the Islamic Republic. The merger reflects the evolution of the insurgency beyond its earlier pattern of sectarian violence and attacks. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Clashes between Taliban and Pakistani forces have continued along their border since October 29. On November 11, an ambush by the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan killed 10 Pakistani police officers. Washington has signaled it is willing to help address Pakistan’s concerns about militant groups. (Long War Journal)

Concerns about Islamist political influence, religious extremism, free speech, and national security have prompted renewed scrutiny of the Muslim Brotherhood’s activity in Western institutions. Separately, Providence, Rhode Island, has ordered divestment from Israel, making it the largest U.S. city to take that step. The decision has drawn criticism over the role of the United Nations as a moral guide and concerns about antisemitism. (Long War Journal; FDD)

Ukrainian intelligence says Russia has redesigned its Geran-5 cruise missile as Moscow seeks to counter Ukraine’s defensive adaptations and intensify attacks on civilian infrastructure. Syria’s foreign minister, Asaad Hassan al-Shaibani, denied reports that

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Damascus had deployed troops to Yemen or planned to do so. He said Syria's military agreement with Saudi Arabia is focused on rebuilding Syria's armed forces. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the United States had suggested Ukraine make territorial concessions in exchange for NATO membership, while Russia had rejected an energy truce. U.S.-mediated negotiations this week did not produce an agreement, leaving the war's territorial and energy-security questions unresolved. In southern Africa, Mozambique's national carrier, Air Mozambique, warned that fuel-supply restrictions could force it to cancel flights. (France24; Bloomberg)

European Central Bank policymaker Klaas Knot, a candidate to lead the institution, warned that central-bank tools for stabilizing sovereign-debt markets cannot substitute for responsible public-finance management. His comments highlight the limits of monetary intervention when governments face pressure to maintain credible fiscal policies. (Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Researchers at Brown University have overcome a major obstacle to creating ultra-low-power computer chips that could help slash the energy demands of artificial intelligence. Their breakthrough eliminates a long-standing "dead layer" problem that causes promising materials to stop working when made extremely thin (ScienceDaily).

European analyses suggest biometric technologies can be used effectively without compromising privacy, while one of the European Union's major projects takes steps to improve accountability and get its biometric functionality online. The takeaway from many of the top stories on Biometric Update this week is that making digital identity work depends on appropriate architecture, effective governance, communication and accountability. Shufti has launched its on-device age verification tool. A release from the UK provider says the product combines on-device facial age estimation (FAE), encrypted age tokens and flexible verification methods, helping businesses confirm a user's age eligibility without transmitting users' facial images to a verification server (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

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Experiments in mice suggest that an acute viral infection may leave lasting effects on the immune system after visible symptoms have passed. Researchers observed persistent changes in the spleen and weaker immune responses in recovered animals, though the findings do not establish the same effects in people. (ScienceDaily)

Researchers identified traces of a sheep virus in ancient manuscripts, including the roughly 1,000-year-old York Gospels. The findings suggest the virus has persisted with little change for more than 3,700 years, making historic parchment an unexpected source of evidence about its long-term history. (ScienceDaily)

A bioengineered chewing gum reduced human papillomavirus levels by as much as 93% in oral samples from cancer patients and sharply lowered two harmful bacterial species after one use. The results point to a possible approach for reducing oral microbes, though further research would be needed to establish its clinical value. (ScienceDaily)

Studies of gut microbes suggest 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. Researchers have also found that underexamined proteins in plant foods can shift gut bacteria toward producing beneficial substances. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

New research on Lyme disease risk challenges the assumption that deer populations are the main driver of tick abundance. The findings instead point to mice as an important factor: higher mouse populations may contribute to a 40% rise in tick numbers the following year. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.7 earthquake near Calumet, Oklahoma, and a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Houma, Tonga. (USGS; USGS)

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

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority published location maps for two archaeological survey findings. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

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Horbat Burgin in the Shephelah, an archaeological complex with underground tunnels used by Jewish rebels during the Bar Kokhba Revolt, has opened to the public. A separate historical discussion examines why accounts date the fall of the northern kingdom to either 723, 722, or 721 BC, and why the fall of Jerusalem is dated to either 587 or 586 BC. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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