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

Israel & Jerusalem

Political considerations in Washington and Jerusalem could shape whether leaders confront threats from Tehran, but ignoring national interests may carry long-term political costs. Separately, a BBC report describes seven people stranded in Taiz, Yemen, after being cut off from the outside world for weeks. In Gaza, Hamas condemned an Israeli military incursion, which Israel said targeted a “terror tunnel,” as a flagrant violation of the ceasefire. (JNS; BBC News; BBC News)

Reports from al-Duyuk al-Tahta differ over a clash involving Israeli settlers. Palestinians described it as a settler attack, while the Israeli military said settlers opened fire after being attacked. (Al Jazeera; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran is expanding its neighborhood intelligence capabilities with a nationwide platform designed to map local communities and identify influential residents. The initiative reflects a broader effort to mobilize the regime’s loyalist support base amid concerns about renewed protests. In the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a Georgia resident accused of transferring funds to Islamic State-linked individuals and groups from 2021 to 2026; the investigation reportedly traced suspected extremist financing through cryptocurrency transactions. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Ukrainian strikes damaged the Crimean Bridge, a key symbol and logistics link of Russia’s occupation, increasing Moscow’s reliance on alternative routes through southern Ukraine. Restrictions on access to Starshield, however, are limiting Ukraine’s efforts to disrupt those routes. (Long War Journal)

Syria hosted a European Union coordination forum, a French naval delegation, and a senior U.S. commander from the anti-Islamic State coalition in mid-November, signaling expanded diplomatic and military engagement with Western countries. Damascus continues to face Islamic State threats and unresolved security challenges involving

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Kurdish forces. Turkey and Egypt are also discussing closer defense-industry cooperation: Turkey's naval commander has proposed jointly building warships under Ankara's MILGEM program. (Long War Journal; FDD)

Turkish police raided the Istanbul headquarters of Sozcu TV, a prominent opposition broadcaster, shortly before dawn on November 17, raising concerns about pressure on independent media. In Lebanon, the U.S. Treasury sanctioned Wa Ta'awanu Association over allegations that Hezbollah used its charitable network to channel funds. Analysts warn that Iran retains the will to fight despite damage to its military capabilities, and that its strategy includes threatening regional energy infrastructure and maritime commerce. Hezbollah, meanwhile, continues to reject disarmament as long as it views Israel as a threat. (FDD; FDD; Long War Journal; FDD)

Yemeni government-aligned forces have shifted from the western coast to defend Aden, the interim capital, as Houthi forces advance along the Bab al-Mandeb Strait and the Taiz–Lahj border. The Houthis are reported to have moved within 40 miles of Aden, heightening concern over the city and the strategic shipping corridor. In Iraq, a government crackdown on oil smuggling is also contributing to tensions with Kataib Hezbollah. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

A diplomatic dispute between Russia and Denmark has escalated after Denmark expelled Russia's defense attaché; the Russian embassy denied the allegation behind the move. Separately, an investigation found that a Russian technology company backed by an oligarch close to President Vladimir Putin had secretly collected data from hundreds of thousands, and possibly millions, of Swedes. The disclosures have heightened concern in a Nordic country increasingly alert to Russian influence and security risks. (BBC News; France24)

Russia said a cargo ship bound for Kaliningrad was attacked by drones in neutral waters in the Gulf of Finland, underscoring the vulnerability of Baltic shipping routes that carry energy and food supplies. Switzerland's debate over its neutrality continues as the country weighs its response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Separately, the reach of China-linked operators in Southeast Asian data-center capacity is drawing attention amid potential U.S. restrictions on advanced artificial-intelligence chips bound for China, a policy with possible consequences for regional technology trade. (Bloomberg; Bloomberg; Bloomberg)

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AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

The New York Police Department's Facial Identification Section conducted approximately 26,000 facial recognition analyses in 2025, while another police unit made nearly 100 approved requests to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to search outside image repositories, according to a new watchdog report identifying gaps in oversight and disclosure. (biometricupdate.com)

A China-linked threat actor used the open source artificial intelligence penetration testing tool Cairn to persistently attack two universities, and in one case, possibly discover a zero-day bug, researchers said (biometricupdate.com; therecord.media).

Pestilence & Global Health

Researchers at Rockefeller University report that arginine, a common amino acid, may help the immune system recognize cancerous and virus-infected cells. Their findings suggest that low arginine levels can impair this recognition, while higher levels may strengthen immune responses. The study is preliminary and does not establish arginine as a proven treatment. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 0.8 earthquake near Cobb, California, and a magnitude 6.8 earthquake near Lospalos, Timor-Leste. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 3.9 earthquake near Commerce, California. A magnitude 5.2 earthquake at a depth of 10 kilometers was also reported in Japan on November 21 at 10:09 UTC; the disaster-monitoring report estimated that about 7,000 people live within 100 kilometers. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Two Israel Antiquities Authority publications were issued on November 19, 2026. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

Archaeological discoveries and extrabiblical records can shed particular light on the biblical accounts of Israel's history during the reigns of Hezekiah and Manasseh. A discussion of Josiah's reign and the destruction of Jerusalem also considers how archaeological and historical evidence informs the period. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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