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

Israel & Jerusalem

A Madrid court cited translation errors in its decision to grant James Cox Chambers Jr. bail while he contests extradition. Separately, a 47-year-old Turkish woman was detained on the Temple Mount over allegations that she distributed money to worshippers and expressed support online for slain Hamas leaders Ahmed Yassin and Yahya Sinwar. (JNS; JNS)

Hamas condemned an Israeli military operation to dismantle what the military described as a “terror tunnel,” calling it a flagrant breach of the ceasefire. Otzma Yehudit lawmaker Limor Son Har-Melech criticized House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries for supporting a bill targeting settler violence, arguing that equating Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria with Palestinians who murder Jews distorts the moral facts. British Prime Minister Andy Burnham marked Mitzvah Day, the United Kingdom’s largest faith-led day of social action, which brings volunteers together to support local causes. (BBC News; JNS; JNS)

In al-Duyuk al-Tahta, Palestinians reported a settler attack, while the Israeli military said settlers fired after being attacked. (BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran is expanding neighborhood surveillance through a nationwide platform designed to map communities and identify influential residents, strengthening the regime’s ability to monitor local networks amid concern about renewed protests. In the United States, the FBI arrested a Georgia man accused of transferring $26,000 to Islamic State-linked individuals and groups between 2021 and 2026. Investigators reportedly traced cryptocurrency transactions during a multiyear inquiry. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Ukrainian strikes damaged the Crimean Bridge, a key symbol of Russian control and a major logistical link. Moscow may rely more heavily on alternative routes through southern Ukraine, while restrictions on Starshield have complicated Ukraine’s efforts to disrupt those supply lines. (Long War Journal)

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Syria hosted a European Union coordination forum, a French naval delegation, and a senior U.S. commander in the anti-Islamic State coalition in mid-November, reflecting Damascus's push to broaden diplomatic and military ties. The outreach comes as the country faces continuing Islamic State threats and unresolved tensions involving Kurdish forces. Turkey and Egypt are also deepening defense cooperation: Turkey's naval commander has proposed joint warship production under Ankara's MILGEM program. (Long War Journal; FDD)

Hezbollah lawmaker Ali Mokdad rejected calls to disarm the group, saying it would not surrender its weapons while Israel remains a threat. Meanwhile, the U.S. Treasury sanctioned Wa Ta'awanu Association, alleging that the Lebanese charity network helped finance Hezbollah. The sanctions target a funding channel, but analysts say further action may be needed against the group's broader political and financial support structures. (FDD ; FDD)

Turkish police raided the Istanbul headquarters of Sözcü TV, a prominent opposition broadcaster, in an operation that could further restrict independent media. Separately, U.S. and Iranian strategies remain in focus after American strikes damaged Iranian military capabilities; analysts warn that Tehran may still seek to pressure regional energy infrastructure and maritime commerce. (FDD; Long War Journal)

Yemeni government-aligned forces have redeployed from the west coast to defend Aden, the interim capital. The Houthis have retaken territory near the Bab al-Mandeb Strait and along the Taiz–Lahj border, bringing them within roughly 40 miles of the city. In Iraq, a government crackdown on oil smuggling is raising tensions with Kataib Hezbollah. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

A new assessment finds that the United States' advantage over China in shaping international events has narrowed to its lowest level since 2018. The Iran war and Washington's unilateral approach have, according to the report, weakened U.S. military and diplomatic influence. The shift raises questions about the durability of U.S. partnerships and the balance of power among major states. (Bloomberg)

Russia said it struck Ukrainian energy facilities, port infrastructure, and a cargo vessel overnight, adding pressure to power supplies and transport routes. The attacks underscore how the war continues to threaten both civilian energy access and the movement of goods

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through the region. Separately, Finnish defense officials said Ukraine was likely responsible for a drone attack on a vessel. (Bloomberg; Reuters; BBC News)

Swiss National Bank Vice President Antoine Martin said consumer-price growth has accelerated since the central bank's September rate decision, a warning that inflationary pressure remains a concern even as policymakers weigh their next steps. (Bloomberg)

The International Court of Justice ruling has renewed hope among Rohingya refugees who have spent years in crowded camps, but the community is looking for practical measures that would make a safe return to Myanmar possible. The case highlights the gap between international legal findings and the political conditions needed to protect displaced people. (The Diplomat)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

Digital identity resilience faces new tests from cyberattacks, vendor lock-in, and artificial intelligence agents as governments pursue stronger standards and oversight. The Dutch Data Protection Authority, known as Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens (AP), examined six artificial intelligence camera glasses sold in the Netherlands and found recording indicators that could be obscured without stopping the camera, security weaknesses that could expose recordings or camera controls to nearby attackers, and unreliable artificial intelligence advice in simulated safety scenarios. The findings prompted the regulator to advise (biometricupdate.com).

Artificial intelligence voices are getting harder to distinguish from real speech. Learn how to spot potential artificial intelligence-generated audio, recognize voice cloning, and verify what you hear (Forbes.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Researchers at Rockefeller University report that arginine, a common amino acid, may help the immune system identify dangerous cells and respond to cancer and viral infections. Their findings suggest that low arginine levels can impair this recognition process, while increasing availability may strengthen immune defenses. The work is an early research finding, not a treatment recommendation. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

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The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.6 earthquake near Salcha, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.9 earthquake south of the Fiji Islands. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey also recorded a magnitude 3.9 earthquake near Commerce, California. The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System issued a green forest-fire notification for Australia. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Antiquities Authority’s gallery includes a location map and an aerial view looking north over an excavation area. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

Archaeological discoveries and extrabiblical records add important context to the biblical accounts of Israel’s history, particularly during the reigns of Hezekiah and Manasseh. A separate reflection considers the challenge of naming a series about Israel’s history as it reaches its final installment. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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