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

Israel & Jerusalem

German pro-Israel politician and activist Karoline Preisler said Monday that she intends to resume her activism after being discharged from the hospital. She was assaulted at a pro-Palestinian protest in Berlin and thanked supporters for their encouragement as she prepared to return to public life. In Gaza City, Naeem Abu Nahel, who had held his position for only two months, was targeted, according to Gaza's Interior Ministry. (JNS; BBC News)

A source from the Joint List defended Arab lawmaker Ahmad Tibi's reaction to an incident involving Israeli comedian Guy Hochman, saying Tibi felt threatened by Hochman's sudden approach. Separately, the U.S. envoy said existing appropriations would extend into the period under discussion, while a BBC report described indications of possible contamination across nearly all of Gaza resulting from Israel's actions. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iraqi security forces entered Jurf al-Sakhar on November 20 as part of an investigation into oil smuggling. The town has long been a stronghold of the Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah militia, and the continued presence of militia fighters alongside the deployment of Popular Mobilization Forces brigades raises questions about Baghdad's effort to consolidate control. In Iran, the government is expanding neighborhood-level intelligence capabilities through a nationwide platform intended to map communities and identify influential residents. The initiative reflects a broader effort to strengthen and organize the regime's loyalist base amid domestic pressures. In the United States, the FBI arrested a Lavonia, Georgia, resident accused of transferring money to people and groups linked to the Islamic State between 2021 and 2026. The investigation reportedly involved cryptocurrency transactions and suspected extremist ties. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

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Ukrainian strikes significantly damaged the Crimean Bridge, a prominent symbol of Russian occupation, increasing Moscow's reliance on alternative logistics routes through southern Ukraine. Restrictions on Ukrainian access to Starshield, however, are limiting efforts to disrupt those routes and further pressure Russian supply lines. (Long War Journal)

Syria stepped up diplomatic and military engagement with Western countries in mid-November, hosting a European Union coordination forum, a French naval delegation, and a senior U.S. commander from the anti-Islamic State coalition. Damascus is pursuing these contacts while facing continued threats from the Islamic State and unresolved tensions involving Kurdish forces. (Long War Journal)

Iran remains determined to fight despite significant damage to its military capabilities, according to an assessment of the conflict. Tehran's strategy includes targeting regional energy infrastructure and maritime commerce, raising the stakes for countries dependent on secure shipping and energy flows. (Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

The long-running U.S.–China rivalry continues to resist the idea of a decisive turning point: successive administrations have promised policy shifts, but the underlying strategic contest remains unresolved. On the European economic front, European Central Bank Governing Council member Ulo Kaasik said recent data indicate that interest rates may need to rise further to bring inflation under control. The comments underscore the pressure on European policymakers to balance price stability against borrowing costs and already-strained public finances. (The Diplomat; Bloomberg)

MI5 has warned British defense executives that they face growing risks of arson and other sabotage carried out by Russian proxies, highlighting the vulnerability of defense infrastructure amid worsening tensions. Separately, reports that Russia may be preparing a nuclear anti-satellite weapon have renewed concern about the militarization of space and the potential for strategic competition to extend beyond Earth. (Bloomberg; Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

London's Metropolitan Police Service is falling short of its governance and oversight responsibilities for retrospective facial recognition, according to the UK Information

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Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO found problems with live facial recognition use by the Met as well, but the 11-page "Data protection and audit report executive summary" makes clear that the greater number and severity of compliance challenges are associated with the (biometricupdate.com).

TikTok has launched a transparency tool that lets anyone check whether images or videos were generated or edited using its artificial intelligence creation features, alongside an opt-in likeness detection system for eligible creators and public figures. The ByteDance-owned company is starting a global rollout of its likeness detection tool, which helps eligible users find and flag artificial intelligence-generated content on TikTok that may use their likeness (biometricupdate.com).

The states are seeking civil penalties and injunctions to stop Grok and X from creating and distributing nonconsensual sexualized images (cnbc.com).

West Virginia-based Athena Sciences Corp, which expanded from aerospace and defense into biometrics, has been awarded a contract to provide a cloud-based biometric identification system to the South Bend Police Department in Indiana. According to a release, Athena will provide South Bend police with fingerprint, palm print, and latent crime scene print matching through its Aegis cloud-based ABIS. The U.S. State Department is testing whether a new supplier could replace the facial recognition system that screens every U.S (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Researchers in Japan have developed an experimental gum-disease treatment that combines egg-yolk antibodies with near-infrared light to target harmful bacteria while preserving beneficial microbes. If further research confirms the findings, the approach could offer an alternative to treatments that disrupt the mouth's wider bacterial balance. (ScienceDaily)

The United States has lost its measles-elimination status after more than 25 years, while a new survey found that many Americans still misunderstand the disease and its vaccine. With cases rising, more than one-third of respondents either believed or were unsure about claims that have been debunked, underscoring the public-health challenge posed by persistent vaccine misinformation. (ScienceDaily)

A study of more than 2,500 people found that medications taken years earlier may leave lasting changes in the gut microbiome. Researchers observed microbial "fingerprints"

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associated with commonly used drugs, including antidepressants, blood-pressure medications, and anxiety treatments, suggesting that medication history may have longer-term effects on gut bacteria than previously recognized. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near Piti Village, Guam, and a magnitude 5.2 earthquake near Puerto Madero, Mexico. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 6.4 earthquake in the Mauritius–Réunion region, while a green forest-fire alert was issued in Australia. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Images from the Israel Antiquities Authority show the excavation location and the excavation area at Tel Azor, viewed from the east. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

The reigns of Hezekiah and Manasseh are especially rich periods for examining how archaeological discoveries and extrabiblical records illuminate the biblical account of Israel's history. A discussion of the history of Israel series also reflects on its title and the difficulty of changing it as the final installment approaches. (BiblePlaces; BiblePlaces)

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