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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israel's Foreign Ministry marked the anniversary of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, including the assault on the Chabad House, and reaffirmed the country's commitment to combating terrorism. Separately, Israel has continued near-daily strikes on targets it says are linked to Hamas, underscoring the persistent security threat and the difficulty of preventing renewed violence (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has asked for his corruption trial to end after judges reportedly indicated there was little chance of conviction in one of the three cases against him. The dispute comes amid wider political criticism, including arguments that Israel faces intense pressure from the United States over its choices and security policy (JNS; BBC News)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran-backed groups continue to challenge the authority of internationally recognized governments in Iraq and Yemen. In Iraq, the government is attempting to curb militia influence while the Houthis press their own agenda in Yemen. Syrian authorities have seized large quantities of Captagon pills and intercepted weapons bound for Lebanon, prompting praise from U.S. Central Command; Washington is also reportedly considering a multinational program to train Syrian forces in demining. Meanwhile, Iran's parliament is advancing measures that would expand Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei's authority over the intelligence ministry and increase scrutiny of Iranians' foreign contacts (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Gadi Eisenkot reportedly plans to announce a new government next week, although coalition negotiations remain deadlocked. In Gaza, implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire remains stalled, and the Board of Peace has acknowledged the difficulties facing the agreement (Long War Journal)

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Iraqi security forces entered Jurf al-Sakhar on November 20 to investigate oil smuggling in a stronghold long controlled by the Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah militia. The continued presence of militia fighters and the deployment of Popular Mobilization Forces brigades raise questions about Baghdad's ability to consolidate state authority. Iran, meanwhile, is expanding a nationwide neighborhood intelligence platform to map communities and identify influential residents, a measure that could strengthen surveillance of the regime's support base amid fears of renewed protests (Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

China's technology acquisitions abroad are drawing scrutiny because some transfers may be conducted through ordinary, legal channels, making them less visible than headline-grabbing espionage cases. At the same time, governments in the region are navigating trade tensions: China has not yet retaliated against proposed U.S. tariffs, while Singapore and Japan are seeking talks with Washington. These developments reflect the pressure that strategic competition and tariff uncertainty place on supply chains and trading relationships (The Diplomat; Bloomberg)

Jordan Bardella, leader of France's National Rally, has denied new allegations of antisemitism published by Mediapart and Le Monde. The dispute adds to scrutiny of antisemitism in French politics and the broader challenge of confronting it amid a polarized political climate (Bloomberg)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is preparing to acquire a commercial intelligence platform that can uncover hidden corporate ownership structures, international financial interests, and relationships among individuals and businesses as it expands its immigration fraud investigative capabilities (biometricupdate.com).

Peru has begun issuing its digital national ID nationwide through Perú Pass, a mobile wallet built on the open-source Inji platform. The National Registry of Identification and Civil Status (RENIEC) announced the nationwide rollout on November 18. The criminal investigation division of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) bought a $63,000 subscription to Clearview artificial intelligence in March 2026, less than two years after telling federal auditors it had no plans to use non-federal facial recognition. Congressional Democrats are laying the groundwork for investigations that will extend beyond the Department of Homeland Security (Department of Homeland Security) to the private

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companies supplying the Trump administration with biometric identification, digital intelligence, and surveillance technologies. Twenty-seven House Democrats, led by Illinois Rep (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

The United States has lost its measles-elimination status after more than 25 years, as cases rise and misconceptions about the disease and its vaccine persist. A new survey found that more than one-third of Americans either believe or are unsure about a debunked claim concerning measles, highlighting the public-health consequences of misinformation and declining confidence in vaccination (ScienceDaily).

Two experimental approaches to gum disease have drawn attention. One study found that omega-3 supplements combined with low-dose aspirin produced results comparable to antibiotics alongside standard treatment, with benefits persisting after supplementation ended. Researchers in Japan also tested egg-yolk antibodies activated by near-infrared light to target harmful bacteria while preserving beneficial microbes in the mouth (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily).

A study of more than 2,500 people suggests that medications taken years earlier may leave lasting changes in the gut microbiome. Antidepressants, blood-pressure drugs, and anxiety medications were among those associated with persistent microbial “fingerprints,” though the findings do not establish that these changes cause later health problems (ScienceDaily).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.8 earthquake near Ocotillo, California, and a magnitude 5.5 earthquake near Taliwang, Indonesia (USGS; USGS).

The U.S. Geological Survey also recorded a magnitude 5.0 earthquake near Pinnacles, California. A forest-fire alert was issued in Australia (USGS; GDACS).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Two Israel Antiquities Authority excavation records describe archaeological work undertaken before construction. One concerns a trial excavation at the village of Kabul in January 2025; the other documents a separate excavation conducted ahead of construction in 2026 (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority).

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A BiblePlaces essay reflects on the challenge of naming a series after it has begun and considers the historical account of Josiah and the destruction. A separate Israel Antiquities Authority publication lists its contributors and publication date of November 24, 2026 (BiblePlaces; Israel Antiquities Authority).

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