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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israel's security agencies are caught between ministerial authority and legal oversight, a dispute that could strain civil peace. Roz Rothstein told JNS that, amid rising antisemitism and hostility toward Jewish students and communities, media outlets have a responsibility not to fuel hatred. In Riyadh, markets and restaurants remain busy despite recent strikes, as residents express confidence in the government's ability to protect them. (JNS; JNS; BBC News)

Gerard Filitti of the Lawfare Project argued that protests outside synagogues targeting Israel would be treated differently if demonstrators gathered outside a mosque over Iran or a Hindu-owned store over India. In Gaza, Israel continues to carry out near-daily strikes against targets it identifies as Hamas positions, amid reported killings. (JNS; BBC News; Al Jazeera)

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iran-backed groups continue to challenge the authority of internationally recognized governments in Iraq and Yemen. Baghdad is seeking to disarm Iran-aligned factions, while the Houthis continue to advance their influence. Syrian authorities have seized hundreds of millions of Captagon pills and intercepted weapons destined for Lebanon, earning recognition from U.S. Central Command. Washington is also reportedly considering a multinational effort to train Syrian forces in demining operations. In Iran, lawmakers are advancing bills that would expand Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei's direct authority over the intelligence ministry and tighten scrutiny of Iranians' foreign contacts, following the killing of the intelligence minister eight months ago. (Long War Journal; Long War Journal; Long War Journal)

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Gadi Eisenkot reportedly plans to announce the formation of a new government next week, although coalition negotiations remain deadlocked. In Gaza, implementation of the U.S.-backed ceasefire agreement remains stalled, with the

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Board of Peace acknowledging the impasse. (Long War Journal)

Iraqi security forces entered Jurf al-Sakhar, a longstanding stronghold of the Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah militia, on November 20 as part of an investigation into oil smuggling. The continued presence of militia fighters and the deployment of Popular Mobilization Forces brigades raise questions about Baghdad's ability to consolidate state authority in the area. (Long War Journal)

Commentary examines the risk of rushing to judgments about genocide, lessons drawn from Tehran, and Europe's challenge in maintaining credibility amid disputes over Russia and Gaza. (FDD; FDD; Chatham House)

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Western governments face a difficult trade-off as China's exports put pressure on domestic industries: accepting cheaper goods may benefit consumers, while protecting local production could mean higher costs and further strain on already elevated public debt. The debate highlights a broader strategic tension between trade dependence and industrial resilience. (Bloomberg)

France held nationwide demonstrations against violence toward women, amid estimates that about 840 million women worldwide have experienced violence. The scale of the problem underscores persistent social pressures that can fuel public demands on governments and institutions. (France24; AP News)

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

The UK government has announced plans for a center to counter hostile-state information operations, and iProov wants it to focus on the infrastructure that supports them. Speaking on a panel at the RISK Expo Europe Summit, Campbell Cowie, head of policy, standards and regulation at iProov, called the creation of the National Centre for Information Defence (NCID) an important step in tackling the problem of artificial intelligence fraud, and fake content.

Experts suggest artificial intelligence companies may be sitting on 'bombshell' that could have severe consequences for secret information. Leading experts and the governor of the Bank of England have suggested that top artificial intelligence companies might have something under their hat – a "bombshell" revelation about encryption. Depending on what it is, it could have major consequences for the world's secret information, and the

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banks and governments (The Guardian).

The Philippine Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) has signed an agreement with Meta to protect children online, support age-appropriate experiences on its platforms, and address scams, impersonation, and harmful artificial intelligence-generated content such as deepfakes. The agreement comes as Philippine officials separately explore whether the national ID system could support privacy-preserving age checks (biometricupdate.com).

A UK parliamentary inquiry examines plans to centralize police technology procurement, including live facial recognition, in England and Wales. Selfies submitted without camera sensor metadata were more than three times as likely to fail biometric identity verification as submissions with expected sensor data, according to new research from Persona. Of the 202,360 selfies missing sensor metadata, 26 percent failed verification, compared with 8 percent of submissions with expected sensor data (biometricupdate.com).

Pestilence & Global Health

Two studies explored alternatives that could complement standard treatment for severe gum disease. One found that omega-3 supplements combined with low-dose aspirin produced results comparable to antibiotics when used alongside standard care, with benefits lasting after supplementation ended. Researchers in Japan reported a separate approach using egg-yolk antibodies and near-infrared light to target harmful bacteria while preserving beneficial microbes. (ScienceDaily; ScienceDaily)

The United States has lost its measles-elimination status after more than 25 years. A new survey also found that more than one-third of Americans either believe or are uncertain about disproven claims concerning the disease and its vaccine, as cases rise. The findings point to the continuing challenge of countering misinformation and maintaining public confidence in vaccination. (ScienceDaily)

A study of more than 2,500 people found that medications taken years earlier may leave lasting changes in the gut microbiome. Common drugs, including antidepressants, blood-pressure medicines, and anxiety treatments, were associated with microbial “fingerprints” that persisted over time. (ScienceDaily)

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

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The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.2 earthquake near Cobb, California, and a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Tobelo, Indonesia. (USGS; USGS)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 4.0 earthquake near Point MacKenzie, Alaska. The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System issued a green notification for a forest fire in Brazil. (USGS; GDACS)

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Israel Antiquities Authority publications describe two excavations conducted ahead of construction: a January 2025 trial excavation at the village of Kabul and a separate excavation recorded under permit A-10310/2026. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

Two Israel Antiquities Authority studies published on November 24, 2026, list work by Rifka Ben Chelouche, Elisheva Zwiebel, Baruch Yuzefovsky, and other contributors. (Israel Antiquities Authority; Israel Antiquities Authority)

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