



## Global Watch Daily – December 10, 2025

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

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### **Israel & Jerusalem**

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s testimony was paused following a confrontation between security guards and bereaved families, highlighting ongoing tensions surrounding political and social issues within the country ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, Israeli authorities believe that a member of the Islamic Jihad movement may know the whereabouts of the body of Ran Gvili, a matter of significant concern for families affected by the conflict ([Times of Israel](#)).

The Knesset engaged in a heated debate over the controversial Haredi draft bill, revealing the Prime Minister’s behind-the-scenes efforts to secure its passage, which has been a divisive issue in Israeli society ([Times of Israel](#)). Additionally, the Regavim organization reported that an unauthorized Arab-built dam was drained, resulting in the seizure of hundreds of dunams of land, underscoring ongoing disputes over land and water resources in the region ([Israel365 News](#)).

On a cultural note, Israel365 hosted a life-changing tour to connect participants with the land and people of Israel, fostering more profound understanding and appreciation of the nation’s heritage ([Israel365 News](#)). However, in Brooklyn, a school canceled a Holocaust survivor’s talk due to the survivor’s pro-Israel views, reflecting ongoing challenges in public discourse about Israel and Jewish history ([Israel365 News](#)).

Internationally, Qatar’s propaganda efforts have converged with Western celebrity activism in campaigns against Israel, illustrating the complex media and political battles surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ([JNS](#)). In diplomatic developments, the US envoy described talks on Turkey’s potential reentry into the F-35 fighter jet program as “fruitful,” signaling possible shifts in regional military alliances ([JNS](#)).

Israel is bracing for the first significant winter storm of the season, expected to impact the country starting Wednesday, which may affect daily life and infrastructure ([JNS](#)). In legal news, a Bulgarian court rejected Lebanon’s extradition request for a Russian national



accused in connection with the 2020 Beirut blast, a decision that may influence international judicial cooperation in the region ([Al-Monitor](#)).

Israel has approved nearly 800 new housing units across three West Bank settlements, continuing its settlement expansion policy that remains a contentious issue in peace negotiations ([Al-Monitor](#)). Meanwhile, Egypt has taken steps to cut ties with Liverpool Football Club following fallout related to Egyptian player Mohamed Salah, reflecting the intersection of sports and national sentiment ([Al-Monitor](#)). Egypt has also called for cancellation of plans for a World Cup “Pride Match,” highlighting cultural and political sensitivities in the region ([BBC Sport](#)).

In security matters, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) issued an evacuation order for Tehran ahead of planned strikes, indicating heightened military alertness and potential escalation ([Jerusalem Post](#)). The Israeli Defense Ministry is also conducting a military exercise on Highway 35 to enhance readiness for potential emergencies ([Jerusalem Post](#)). Furthermore, a Ukrainian drone attack forced the closure of Moscow’s airport, reflecting ongoing regional tensions beyond the Middle East ([Jerusalem Post](#)).

## **Wars & Security (Israel and Region)**

The Israel Defense Forces revealed the existence of a Hamas financial network operating out of Turkey, which is believed to facilitate funding for militant activities against Israel ([Long War Journal](#)). Israeli military operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon continued through the first week of December, targeting infrastructure and personnel to counter the group’s influence and capabilities ([Long War Journal](#)).

In Iraq, an investigation concluded that drones were responsible for striking the Khor Mor gas field, a critical energy site, prompting the Kurdistan Region to request enhanced air defense systems to protect vital infrastructure ([Long War Journal](#)). Meanwhile, the United States Congress unveiled a proposal to repeal sanctions on Syria, even as tensions between Syria and Israel persist, signaling possible shifts in US policy toward the region ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)).

Hezbollah’s influence is expanding beyond Lebanon, reaching into Latin America through financial and political networks, raising concerns about the group’s global reach and impact ([Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#)). Additionally, questions have arisen regarding the United States’ commitment to Europe amid shifting geopolitical priorities, with some analysts suggesting a potential realignment of alliances ([Foundation for](#)



[Defense of Democracies](#)).

## **Apostasy & Religious Developments**

The United States Coast Guard faced criticism after mistakenly displaying a Nazi emblem. This incident has sparked discussions about the need for a deeper understanding of historical symbols and their implications ([Religion News Service](#)). In related news, two Iranian sisters detained by border protection authorities are reportedly Christian converts who face potential persecution if deported back to Iran, highlighting ongoing risks for believers in hostile environments ([Religion News Service](#)).

In the United Kingdom, Christian groups have challenged a Christmas rally organized by a far-right provocateur, reflecting tensions within religious and political spheres over public expressions of faith ([Religion News Service](#)). The rise of “sex” robots has also been identified as a growing concern for the church, raising ethical and theological questions about technology and human relationships ([The Gospel Coalition](#)).

Amid these challenges, articles have emphasized the importance of pastoral strength and gentleness, encouraging church leaders to embody both qualities in ministry ([The Gospel Coalition](#)). In Japan, authorities issued their first megaquake warning following a 7.5 magnitude earthquake, underscoring the ongoing threat of natural disasters and the need for preparedness ([Crosswalk](#)).

Christian music artist Forrest Frank announced a massive “Jesus Generation Tour” featuring Tori Kelly and Cory Asbury, aiming to inspire faith and worship among younger generations ([Crosswalk](#)). In sports, Tampa Bay’s Bucky Irving was baptized just hours before a game, publicly affirming his faith ([Crosswalk](#)).

Religious persecution remains a critical issue, as Muslims protested the construction of a church in Indonesia, reflecting ongoing religious tensions in the region ([International Christian Concern](#)). In Nigeria, 50 children escaped, and 100 were rescued following a mass abduction at a school, highlighting the dangers faced by Christian communities in conflict zones ([International Christian Concern](#)). One year after the Assad regime’s continued control in Syria, persecuted minorities remain uncertain about their future and safety ([International Christian Concern](#)).

## **Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering**



Recent scientific advances have shown promising results in brain cancer treatment through a simple supplement mix, which demonstrated remarkable therapeutic effects in early studies ([ScienceDaily](#)). However, rising global temperatures are reported to be slowing early childhood development, raising concerns about environmental impacts on human health ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Scientists have developed a tiny brain chip capable of streaming thoughts in real time, a breakthrough that could revolutionize neuroscience and human-computer interaction ([ScienceDaily](#)). In the field of antimicrobial research, peptides and zinc oxide nanoparticles have shown effectiveness against *Helicobacter pylori*, a bacterium linked to stomach ulcers and cancer ([Nature](#)).

Innovative gene-editing techniques combining recombinases and CRISPR-Cas9 have achieved high-precision transgene knock-in, advancing genetic engineering capabilities ([Nature](#)). Additionally, research into invasive weeds has revealed antibacterial properties in floral and seed extracts, suggesting potential new uses for these plants ([Nature](#)).

Medical school enrollment has reached a new high, indicating growing interest in healthcare professions ([STAT News](#)). Meanwhile, chronic disease management programs such as MAHA are being recognized for their long-term success in improving health outcomes ([STAT News](#)). However, the rise of anti-science rhetoric is reported to have fundamentally altered the doctor-patient relationship, posing challenges for public health communication ([STAT News](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

Scientists have uncovered volcanic activity as a trigger of the historic Black Death pandemic, providing new insight into the environmental factors that influence disease outbreaks ([ScienceDaily](#)). In other health news, garlic-based mouthwash has demonstrated unexpectedly strong germ-fighting properties, suggesting a natural alternative for oral hygiene ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Researchers have captured influenza viruses entering human cells in real time, advancing understanding of viral infection mechanisms ([ScienceDaily](#)). The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) released its weekly communicable disease threats report covering November 29 to December 5, 2025, monitoring ongoing public health risks ([ECDC](#)).



In response to threats from avian and swine flu, the ECDC has developed new strategies to combat these zoonotic diseases in humans, aiming to prevent future pandemics ([ECDC](#)). Additionally, scenarios for pre-pandemic preparedness and response to zoonotic influenza have been outlined to enhance global health security ([ECDC](#)).

## **Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens**

The Reventador volcano in Ecuador has issued a volcanic ash advisory due to ongoing activity, posing a potential hazard to aviation and nearby communities ([VolcanoDiscovery](#)). On December 10, 2025, multiple earthquakes were recorded worldwide, including minor tremors in California and Alaska, reflecting the planet's ongoing geological activity ([VolcanoDiscovery](#)).

Several active volcanoes, such as Santiaguito, Fuego, Popocatépetl, Semeru, Ibu, Sangay, and White Island, continue to be monitored for activity, indicating ongoing volcanic unrest in various regions ([VolcanoDiscovery](#)). The United States Geological Survey reported recent earthquakes near Cobb and Ludlow in California, as well as near Port Lions, Alaska, with magnitudes ranging from 1.3 to 2.4 ([USGS](#))([USGS](#))([USGS](#)).

NASA has demonstrated new technologies to ensure safer skies for future urban air travel, a significant advancement as cities prepare for increased aerial mobility ([NASA](#)). Additionally, NASA has begun plume-surface interaction tests in preparation for upcoming moon missions, advancing space exploration capabilities ([NASA](#)). Research on galaxy clusters continues to advance, with new methods combining numerical and physical modeling to understand cosmic structures ([NASA](#)) better.

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer affirmed that Europe remains united behind Ukraine despite recent attacks by former US President Donald Trump, emphasizing continued Western support for Ukraine amid the ongoing conflict ([Politico](#)). The European Union's €210 billion megaloman to Ukraine has been reassured that it will not harm indebted governments such as France and Italy, addressing concerns about the financial implications of support packages ([Politico](#)).

European leaders, Mette Frederiksen of Denmark and Keir Starmer of the UK, are advocating revisions to the European Court of Human Rights treaty to water down specific provisions related to migration. This move has sparked debate over human rights



protections ([Politico](#)).

In the Middle East, separatist gains in Yemen have raised fresh fears of civil war amid escalating regional tensions, complicating efforts toward peace and stability ([France24](#)). Syrians who have recently returned to their homeland are struggling to reclaim land seized under the Assad regime, highlighting ongoing challenges in post-conflict recovery ([France24](#)).

Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair's role in former US President Trump's peace plan for Gaza has been described as a "tarnished legacy," reflecting controversy surrounding international diplomatic efforts in the region ([France24](#)). In Europe, debates continue over claims of "civilisational erasure" as articulated by Trump, prompting discussions on cultural identity and geopolitical strategy ([France24](#)).

Paris recently unveiled a royal jewel exhibition, an event overshadowed by the ongoing investigation into the Louvre heist, one of the most significant art thefts in recent history ([France24](#)). Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky announced plans to send revised peace proposals to Washington. At the same time, China is expected to increase military cooperation with Russia, signaling shifting alliances amid the ongoing Ukraine conflict ([France24](#)).

In other news, the daughter of a Nobel Peace Prize winner accepted the award on her behalf, marking a significant moment in the recognition of peace efforts ([BBC News](#)). Ukraine has declared itself ready to hold elections if its partners can guarantee security, a critical step toward political stabilization ([BBC News](#)).

A building collapse in Morocco resulted in at least 22 fatalities, underscoring ongoing concerns about infrastructure safety in the region ([BBC News](#)). In Malaysia, a recent sauna raid has highlighted growing restrictions on the LGBTQ+ community, reflecting broader societal and governmental pressures ([The Diplomat](#)).

Antisemitism has reportedly taken hold in China, raising concerns about rising prejudice and its implications for Jewish communities worldwide ([The Diplomat](#)). At the COP30 climate conference, India's approach has been characterized as a mismatch between grandstanding and substantive climate action, reflecting ongoing global challenges in addressing environmental issues ([The Diplomat](#)).

## **Middle Eastern Artifacts**



Archaeological discoveries continue to shed light on ancient Israel's history. An Assyrian inscription dating from the First Temple period was recently uncovered, providing valuable insights into the region's historical context ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

Additionally, the largest dam from ancient Israel was excavated in the City of David, illustrating the advanced engineering capabilities of past civilizations ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

A rare gold coin bearing the image of Egyptian Queen Berenice II was discovered in Jerusalem's City of David, highlighting the historical connections between Israel and neighboring cultures ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)). Furthermore, a rare coin from the Year Four Revolt was found in Jerusalem, symbolizing the enduring hope for the redemption of Zion during times of conflict ([City of David - News in Antiquities](#)).

## **Reflection**

The developments reported today reveal a world marked by ongoing conflict, political complexity, and spiritual challenges. In Israel and the surrounding region, tensions persist both in military confrontations and societal debates, reflecting the fragile state of peace and security. The discovery of ancient artifacts reminds us of the deep historical roots of this land and of Jerusalem's enduring significance in God's redemptive plan. Meanwhile, the rise of apostasy, religious persecution, and technological advances calls the church to remain vigilant and faithful in proclaiming the gospel amidst a rapidly changing world.

Global health concerns and natural disasters underscore humanity's vulnerability and the need for wise stewardship of creation. As geopolitical alliances shift and cultural battles intensify, believers are called to pray for wisdom, courage, and unity. The hope of redemption and restoration remains central, encouraging Christians to trust in God's sovereign hand over history and to stand firm in faith.

- Pray for the peace and security of Israel, that God would protect His chosen land and people.
- Pray for the persecuted church worldwide, especially those facing danger for their faith in hostile regions.
- Pray for Christian discernment, faithfulness, and courage as believers navigate turbulent and uncertain times.