



Global Watch Daily – January 12, 2026

Global Watch Daily – January 12, 2026

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

Israel & Jerusalem

Recent events in Israel and abroad underscore ongoing tensions and political challenges. In Mississippi, a pre-dawn arson attack targeted the state's largest and oldest synagogue, a site previously bombed by the Ku Klux Klan. This act drew strong condemnation from the Jewish community as a deliberate attack on Jews ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, in Israel, Prime Minister Netanyahu's chief of staff, suspected of leaking classified documents, is appealing the terms of his release. He has described the police investigation as "delusional" and politically motivated, despite being barred from the Prime Minister's Office and restricted from leaving the country ([Times of Israel](#)).

On the diplomatic front, Prime Minister Netanyahu linked the threat posed by Iran and its proxies to a new cyber-cooperation agreement signed with Germany in Jerusalem, emphasizing concerns over regional security ([JNS](#)). Additionally, the Israel Defense Forces have issued evacuation orders for Tehran in anticipation of potential strikes, highlighting the heightened military alert in the region ([Jerusalem Post](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The security environment remains volatile with ongoing military actions and strategic developments. The US military conducted strikes against Islamic State targets in Syria in direct response to a deadly attack on US and Syrian forces. Although the Islamic State has not claimed responsibility, the attack has been linked to Syrian security forces allied with Al Qaeda factions ([Long War Journal](#)). Concurrently, a Gaza militia claimed responsibility for killing two members of Hamas, reflecting the complex intra-Palestinian conflicts amid threats from Hamas and other factions ([Long War Journal](#)).

Russia's deployment of its new "Oreshnik" intermediate-range ballistic missile for the second time in Ukraine signals a potential escalation aimed at intimidating the West, with significant implications for regional and global security dynamics ([FDD](#)). Furthermore, strategic doctrines such as Israel's "Periphery Doctrine" continue to shape regional



alignments and responses to emerging threats ([FDD](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Global political and economic developments reveal shifting power dynamics and social unrest. In the United States, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department, which he describes as a “pretext” amid political pressure from President Trump to lower interest rates ([France24](#)). Meanwhile, immigration enforcement has intensified with ICE conducting its largest operation ever in Minneapolis, sparking protests across multiple cities following the fatal shooting of an undocumented immigrant ([France24](#)).

In Africa, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni seeks a seventh term in office despite previous criticism of leaders clinging to power, highlighting the continent’s ongoing political tensions ([BBC News](#)). Additionally, the United States has pledged \$45 million to support a ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, reflecting diplomatic efforts to stabilize regional conflicts in Southeast Asia ([The Diplomat](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

Recent scientific studies provide new insights into infectious diseases and potential treatments. A notable real-world experiment found that flu patients spending days indoors with healthy volunteers did not transmit the virus, a result attributed to limited coughing and well-mixed indoor air. This study highlights the importance of ventilation and mask-wearing ([ScienceDaily](#)). Meanwhile, research into Long COVID suggests that lingering virus, inflammation, and micro-clots contribute to persistent symptoms. Experimental treatments show early promise despite the lack of large-scale trials ([ScienceDaily](#)).

New discoveries into viral infection mechanisms reveal “Migrions,” viral structures that enable collective delivery of viral material between cells, enhancing replication and disease severity ([ScienceDaily](#)). Additionally, the antiviral drug Tamiflu has been shown to reduce the risk of neuropsychiatric events in children with influenza, overturning previous concerns about its safety ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Seismic activity has been recorded in the United States, with several minor earthquakes near Whites City, New Mexico, and Banning, California, indicating ongoing tectonic activity



([USGS](#); [USGS](#)). In space exploration, NASA continues to advance human spaceflight capabilities, with efforts led by Susan Schuh focusing on enhancing the human experience in space ([NASA](#)).

NASA has also removed two historic test stands at its Marshall Space Flight Center as part of ongoing modernization efforts. Preparations for the Artemis II crewed moon mission are progressing, with final integration and testing of the Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft underway ([NASA](#); [NASA](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Archaeological discoveries and updates to cultural heritage continue to deepen our understanding of ancient Jerusalem. The City of David regularly shares news, events, and tours that illuminate the rich history of the region ([City of David](#)).

Reflection

The current global landscape reveals a world grappling with complex challenges, ranging from regional conflicts and political upheavals to public health crises and scientific breakthroughs. The persistence of threats in the Middle East, alongside geopolitical tensions involving major powers, underscores the fragility of peace and the urgent need for vigilant diplomacy and security measures ([Times of Israel](#); [France24](#)).

At the same time, scientific progress offers hope through a deeper understanding of diseases and innovations in space exploration, reminding us of the resilience and creativity inherent in human endeavor. Navigating these realities calls for wisdom and faith as we face uncertain times ([ScienceDaily](#); [NASA](#)).

- Pray for peace and protection for vulnerable communities worldwide.
- Support efforts to promote justice and truth in political and social arenas.
- Embrace scientific advancements with discernment and gratitude.