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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

New York City currently hosts an exhibit honoring Lore Segal, a Holocaust child refugee whose life journey from the Kindertransport to becoming a celebrated New Yorker writer is showcased through her novels and stories ([Times of Israel](#)). Meanwhile, academic institutions such as the University of Texas at Austin are launching new programs that emphasize the centrality of Jewish ideas to Western civilization and the American constitutional order ([JNS](#)).

Reports reveal a troubling rise in antisemitic violence worldwide in 2025, with 20 Jews murdered and 815 severe attacks recorded, alongside over 124 million antisemitic posts on social media platforms and thousands of anti-Israel demonstrations ([Times of Israel](#)). Additionally, the Israeli Defense Forces have issued evacuation orders for Tehran ahead of potential strikes, highlighting ongoing regional tensions ([Jerusalem Post](#)).

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

Tehran and its regional proxies have escalated threats of retaliation against the United States and Israel amid a significant US military buildup in the Middle East, including scenarios involving drone swarms and maritime disruptions ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

Hezbollah has declared it will not remain neutral if the Islamic Republic of Iran is threatened by the US or Israel, asserting that the current regime enjoys widespread domestic support despite ongoing protests ([Long War Journal](#)). Meanwhile, geopolitical analyses warn of shifting alliances as Western unity is challenged by current US policies ([Chatham House](#)).

### **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

US President Trump has issued stern warnings to Iran, declaring that “time is running out” as a “massive Armada” is deployed to the Gulf amid ongoing protests in Tehran, which state media claim drew millions despite fact-checks suggesting inflated numbers ([BBC](#)



[News](#); [France24](#)).

In Europe, leaders from France, Denmark, and Greenland emphasize Greenland's strategic importance to US interests, with President Macron affirming support for Arctic defense reinforcement ([France24](#)). Economic outlooks for Southeast Asia in 2026 remain mixed, with maritime nations expected to fare better than mainland countries ([The Diplomat](#)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

A global study reveals that long COVID brain fog and related symptoms are reported far more frequently in the US compared to countries like India and Nigeria, likely due to cultural, stigma, and healthcare access differences rather than viral factors ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Research from Guatemala highlights that bottled water from refillable jugs, often trusted as safe, may harbor harmful bacteria, whereas protected municipal wells provide cleaner drinking water ([ScienceDaily](#)). Additionally, scientists have found that the rapid antiviral response of nasal cells is crucial in preventing common cold symptoms, underscoring the body's defense against the virus ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Innovative synthetic bacteriophage engineering offers new hope against antibiotic-resistant bacteria, while micro-doses of THC show promise in mitigating long-term HIV treatment side effects without intoxication ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Scientists have found that chronic wounds resist healing because bacteria release harmful molecules that overwhelm skin cells, but antioxidant treatments may restore healing capacity ([ScienceDaily](#)).

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

Recent seismic activity in California includes a magnitude 1.3 quake near Borrego Springs and a 2.3 quake near Furnace Creek, with depths ranging from 3.53 to 12.35 km ([USGS](#)). Meanwhile, a massive winter storm has blanketed much of the US interior and east in snow, as observed by satellites ([NASA](#)).

NASA has advanced space nuclear propulsion capabilities through recent testing, potentially enabling future missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond ([NASA](#)). Weather forecasts indicate extreme cold in late January, with attention on possible East Coast storm threats ([weather.gov](#)).



## **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeological excavations in Ashqelon’s Afridar neighborhood have been documented since 1979, revealing significant historical layers beneath the “Ganei Ha-Teva” Hotel site ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#)). Further studies of Khirbat ‘Amra in the Be’er Sheva Valley highlight its importance as a multiperiod rural site spanning from the Hellenistic to Early Islamic periods, contributing valuable insights into regional history and settlement patterns ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).

Additional research on Maresha IV focuses on the subterranean complexes of the Hellenistic city, enhancing understanding of ancient urban infrastructure and cultural heritage ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).

## **Reflection**

We should interpret these developments soberly, resisting both panic and apathy while attending to what is true. Our aim is prayerful discernment—grounding convictions in Scripture and keeping watch with steadiness and hope.