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

Israel & Jerusalem

Iran has launched multiple ballistic missile barrages targeting Israel, though no injuries have been reported. Meanwhile, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) claim to have struck a critical nuclear site near Tehran. The ongoing attacks on Gulf shipping, including recent strikes on oil tankers, have intensified global concerns about the stability of oil supplies ([Times of Israel](#); [BBC News](#)).

International lawmakers have called for regime change in Iran, warning that ongoing negotiations risk extending the Islamic regime's survival. Tehran has responded with threats of severe retaliation should the United States target strategic islands in the Gulf, signaling escalating tensions that complicate diplomatic efforts ([JNS](#); [JNS](#)).

Meanwhile, some schools in Israel may reopen next week, although areas such as Tel Aviv and the northern regions remain closed due to security concerns. The Education Ministry is working closely with the IDF to evaluate the feasibility of safe reopening amid the ongoing conflict ([Times of Israel](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The war in Lebanon shows no signs of abating as Hezbollah intensifies rocket attacks on northern Israel, prompting the IDF to escalate its strikes in response. Hezbollah's allegiance to Iran's new supreme leader underscores the conflict's regional, proxy-war nature, complicating prospects for de-escalation ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

After twelve days of war and the death of Iran's supreme leader, the Islamic Republic faces unprecedented internal pressure. Analysts debate the divergence between Washington and Jerusalem's objectives, with the critical question being whether the Iranian people will bring about the regime's ultimate downfall ([Long War Journal](#)).

Turkey is seeking to avoid involvement in the war in Iran, though regional dynamics may ultimately draw it in. Meanwhile, the foreign ministers of Nigeria and Ghana emphasize the



importance of local security solutions in West Africa, underscoring regional cooperation against threats such as Boko Haram and highlighting the United States' supportive role ([FDD](#); [Chatham House](#)).

The United States has condemned Iranian and militia attacks in Iraq amid ongoing unclaimed airstrikes targeting Tehran-backed militias. These developments highlight the volatile security environment in Iraq and the broader region ([Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Senegal's approval of a stricter anti-gay law has raised concerns among human rights groups about increased violence and discrimination. At the same time, Ethiopia is experiencing a rising death toll from floods and landslides, with climate change intensifying regional storms ([BBC News](#)).

Iran's new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, maintains strong ties with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), signaling continuity in institutional power during wartime decision-making. Meanwhile, Israeli aircraft have been documented spraying herbicides on Syrian farmers' fields, causing significant agricultural damage ([France24](#); [France24](#)).

In economic news, Zhipu's stock surged following its Hong Kong debut and the launch of its GLM-5 model, positioning it as a standout AI stock amid market uncertainty. China's strategic interests in the Israel-US conflict with Iran add further complexity to global geopolitical calculations ([The Diplomat](#); [The Diplomat](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

A novel antibiotic, EVG7, shows promise in treating *Clostridioides difficile* infections without harming the gut microbiome, offering hope for more effective therapies. Concurrently, scientists have uncovered how the TRPM8 receptor detects cold and menthol, potentially informing new pain treatments ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Ancient DNA analysis of a 4,000-year-old sheep has revealed early plague strains, shedding light on the prehistoric spread of disease. Meanwhile, researchers have identified a key protein, Aurora-related kinase 1, essential for malaria parasite replication, opening avenues for novel treatments ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).



Further breakthroughs include the discovery of a bacterial kill switch targeting the MurJ protein, which could revolutionize antibiotic strategies against drug-resistant bacteria. These advances mark significant progress in the fight against superbugs ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Recent seismic activity includes a 0.7-magnitude earthquake near Searles Valley, California, a 2.5-magnitude event near Cowles, Nebraska, and a 1.1-magnitude tremor near The Geysers, California, reflecting ongoing tectonic activity ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

NASA reports a dust outbreak from the Sahara reaching Western Europe, causing hazy skies and muddy rain. Additionally, a widespread high wind event and heavy snow are forecast from the Northern Plains to the Northeast, indicating volatile weather patterns ([NASA](#); [weather.gov](#)).

Nominations are now open for the William T. Pecora Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in satellite and aerial remote sensing for Earth sciences and disaster response ([NASA](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

The Israel Museum plans to open the exhibition “The Girl Who Wrote” once war restrictions are lifted, while current online offerings continue to engage visitors, including children. Recent archaeological discoveries include rare coins from the First Jewish Revolt and Crusader swords found off the coast of Dor ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#)).

The Israel Antiquities Authority has published findings from the Giv’at Shapira site in Jerusalem, shedding light on the city’s historical layers. Excavations at Emesa (modern Homs, Syria) reveal the gradual transformation from pagan to Christian and Muslim dominance in the Levant ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [BiblePlaces](#)).

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.