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Across

- 1 Impending global catastrophe of late twentieth century (1, 1, 1)
- 3 Bound, wrapped, swaddled, enveloped
- 9 Star in tail of Ursa Major used for navigation
- 11 Mesopotamian home of Abraham (and Lot) prior to journey to Canaan to claim divine inheritance (in ancient Levitical land grab)
- 12 Initials shared by disgraced US cyclist drug cheat and insane French intellectual known for re-evaluating Marx and killing wife
- 14 American president known for New Deal and fireside chats (1, 1, 1)
- 15 Lovely greyish yellow colour (greener and paler than chamois or old ivory) such as in a jumper from A.P.C. (French for linen)
- 16 Lifetime Movie Channel (initials)
- 18 Ineffectual Australian politician
- 19 Brazilian architect of nightmarish, futuristic capital Brasilia (featured in *L'Homme de Rio* with Jean Paul Belmondo) (initials)
- 20 Adorable Ron Howard role (from 60s)
- 22 *I am ... (...)* Controversial Swedish art film from 60s (initials)
- 24 "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime" Global conflict regarded the result variously of nationalism, alliances, militarization and social Darwinism in gloomy prognostication of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey (5, 3, 3)

- 27 Dark red/purple/brown colour popularized by Marie Antoinette (French for flea)
- 28 Kingdom in Spain associated with first wife of Henry VIII and Luis Buñuel
- 29 Character in nightmarish Scott Walker song from 1977 (purportedly about CIA torturer)
- 31 Razor's edge (initials)
- 32 Vietnamese new year associated with 1968 offensive to expel foreign aggressor
- 33 Tragic character in greatly loved gothic novel tormented by grief-stricken hero (initials)
- 34 Stage before quartering (and burning entrails) in sadistic form of execution reserved for opponents of state power (chiefly English)
- 37 Trains

Down

- 1 Arresting modernist sculpture in Melbourne City Square (removed) (informal) (6, 5)
- 2 King Ahab *or* Kylie album (initials)
- 3 Security identification display area (initials)
- 4 Global conflict called "unnecessary" by controversial pundit Pat Buchanan (5, 3, 3)
- 5 Adam Troy (initials)
- 6 Form of government in which self-appointed intermediaries claiming privileged access to deity direct lives of masses through revelation of divine will (Iran, Vatican etc.)
- 7 Disney, sceptic, trash etc.

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- 8 Peculiar episode in life of Noah (after ark) resulting in curse on descendants of Canaan (for unspecified indiscretion of father Ham) of eternal servitude (to descendants of Shem) conceived by exilic authors as etiological basis for Levitical supremacy and policies of modern supremacist state
- 10 Lion Feuchtwanger *or* Larry Fine *or* Len French *or* Lester Flatt (initials)
- 13 Sealed glass capsule containing precious substance such as blood of saint, anointing oil of Clovis I or cyanide
- 17 Sorceress in Greek mythology who detained Odysseus on idyllic island during journey home from Troy (also transformed beautiful nymph Scylla into hideous monster in fit of jealousy over affections of hunky sea god Glaucus)
- 21 80s Music genre (*The Mexican* by Jellybean)
- 23 Hindu holy man
- 25 Popular Israeli name including lovable MSNBC host Melber, dissembling Bush-era Press Secretary Fleischer and psychopathic monster Fuld (deceased)
- 26 Russell Crowe role (not Maximus Decimus Meridius, Bud White or Hando)
- 30 Group of people involved in unified effort to achieve goal (often on Zoom) (or Teams®)
- 34 Dick Cheney *or* Deepak Chopra *or* Don Corleone (initials)
- 35 Nigel Tufnell (initials)
- 36 Elizabethan way to write W (*The ...itch* etc.)