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Across

- 1 Fourth book of Torah recounting wilderness years of tribes of Israel establishing themes relating to existence in world (and relations with others) inc. extreme nationalism, racial supremacism, intolerance, hatred, genocidal violence and fabulist history employed as justification for naked aggression
- 8 Death/thrash metal band from Rochester, NY (It's Time...to Rise from the Grave etc.)
- 9 "This sickness is not" Comforting words of Jesus to sisters of Lazarus in inspirational story in John (referenced by gloomy Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard in 1849 work *The Sickness* (i.e., life) (initials)
- 10 Syntactic Structures or Sensual Seduction (initials)
- 11 US mobster who took over Chicago Outfit with Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik and Tony "Joe Batters" Accardo after incarceration of Capone for tax evasion
- 13 ... Window Leaden classic of 1954 known for scopophilia, misanthropy, Raymond Burr as swarthy wife murderer Lars Thorwald and Grace Kelly radiant in eau de nil
- 14 Best known role of Carolyn Jones (not town madame Miss Hattie in Eaten Alive! or Elaine of Siniscola in The Saracen Blade with Ricardo Montalbán) (initials)
- 15 Hashemite kingdom on Red Sea (inc. Jeddah, Makkah and Madinah) known for promise to King Hussein bin Ali of self-determination (after Turkish defeat in WW1) broken at Versailles by colonial powers privileging Zionist aspirations in Arab world instead
- 17 Polish American brothers Moses, Jerome and Samuel known for greatly loved comedy act (with friend Larry Fine) (surname)

Down

- 1 German musician (Euphorie im Zeitalter der digitalen Informationsübertragung etc.) and Einsturzende Neubauten co-founder (with Blixa Bargeld) in 1977 (with initials) (1.1.5)
- 2 Popular online warehouse with big brands at basement prices inc. Bonds, Berlei, Jockey, Kayser, Playtex, Heidi Klum Intimates, Little Minx, 2(X)IST, Tradie, Hey Frankie and Tackle
- Idea widely promoted in America in mid 19th century about special duty, due to unique virtue of American people and institutions, to extend dominion westward over entire continent, subduing savages and spreading democracy and capitalism (inc. slavery) to create agrarian utopia in new world (initials)
- 4 Cover or partly cover with scattered objects in no particular arrangement (poetic)
- 5 No. 1 Asian food delivery service known for jaunty yellow theme and flagrant violation of Australian labour laws
- **6** Rorschach test *or* racist taunt (initials)
- Name assumed by Malcolm X after rejection of slave name on conversion to Islam
- 12 Shaggy, Himalayan goat with short, thick, inward curving horns
- 14 Rectangle of coarse material placed at door for wiping shoes often with message reading "Welcome" (or other amusing text such as "Wipe Your Paws", "Hi, I'm Mat" or "I see London, I see France" etc.)
- 16 Jörg Immendorff *or* John Inman *or Jemaah Islamiyah* (initials)