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Across

- 1 Wall of great significance in Judaism symbolizing loss and yearning despite absence of compelling case for historicity
- 7 Indefinite article in German language (“Ich bin ... Berliner” (“I am a donut”) etc.)
- 8 Member of sporting team to be coached by Clarko after bombshell announcement of five-year deal with coaching legend (being called a “monumental ... coup”)
- 9 Avraham Stern *or* Ariel Sharon *or* Anna Schwartz *or* Andrew Sibley (initials)
- 10 *Bong* ... Controversial president of Philippines facing arrest in US for outstanding fines of \$353 million for human rights abuses in era of gangster father (also hookah-like filtration device used to ingest cannabis in extended session with other stoners)
- 11 Loosely defined region in ancient world co-extensive with modern-day Bulgaria, northern Greece and Turkey (west of Bosphorus)
- 12 Hannah Arendt (initials)
- 13 *The Damned* (initials)
- 15 Ripping, wide-screen, blockbuster of 1956 with bass-baritone Jesse Delos Jewkes of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir as the voice of G-d (initials)
- 17 Automotive enthusiast (colloq.)

Down

- 1 Controversial men from Ann Arbor, Illinois dedicated to violent overthrow of state and end to US imperialism (in 60s)
- 2 Beloved wife of Prophet Muhammed (SWT) invoked in Islamophobic staple demonstrating depravity of Islam due to age at time of marriage (see Max Harris, Shmuley Boteach et al.)
- 3 English scientist known for calculation (in 1704) of 2060 as year indicated in scripture for destruction of Rome (by volcano) and the Second Coming (based on 1,260-year rule of Antichrist predicted in Daniel commencing in 756 AD with assumption of temporal power by Church under Pope Stephen II) (initials)
- 4 US jock car meet (“Her boyfriend’s a d*** and he brings a gun to school and he’d simply kick my a** if he knew the truth, he lives on my block and he drives in ...” *Wheatus Teenage Dirtbag*)
- 5 Musical group with nine members such as *Twice*, *Girl’s Generation* or *Slipknot*
- 6 Mysterious biblical entity regarded variously as living in the land of Magog or an evil force at work in the Middle East smote by George W. Bush in fulfillment of prophecy in 2003
- 10 Secular, socialist, anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist, Arab nationalist political party (from Arabic for renaissance or resurrection) calling for unification of Arab world and end to control and interference from West (associated with Saddam Hussein) (see above)
- 14 Best known role in Swedish cinema (in Swedish)
- 15 *The Veronicas* (initials)
- 16 Colin Elliot (initials)