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Across

- 1 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 Catholic Church under Pope Stephen II) (initials)
- 3 Painful affliction visited on Egyptians in ripping story about collective punishment of civilian population as leverage in Exodus
- 6 Silent-era actress best known for role as lottery winner Trina in nine-hour Erich von Stroheim epic *Greed* memorable in scene on bed with money prior to murder by enraged dentist husband (unusual first name)
- 8 Thirteenth letter in Greek alphabet
- 9 Popular name in Arab world inc. Deputy Iraqi PM sentenced to death as a war criminal for non-cooperation in locating WMD, FoI member FKA Norman 3X Butler acquitted in 2021 for 1965 murder of Malcolm X etc.)
- 10 Gala Dalí or *Green Day* (initials)
- 11 *King ... and the Lizard Wizard* Prolific psychedelic/surf/garage band (*Sketches of East Brunswick, 12 Bar Bruise, Fishing for Fishies* etc.) from Deniliquin
- 12 Zionist invasion (initials)
- 13 Eretz Israel (initials)
- 14 Norman Mailer or Nigel Molesworth or Ned Merrill or nü-metal (initials)
- 16 Famous Yevgeny Yevtushenko poem *The City of Yes and the City of No* (literally in Russian *Town Da Town ...*)
- 18 Touring show with Russell Morris, Glen Shorrock and Wendy Matthews celebrating 50th anniversary of timeless John Lennon album (with stirring singalong at end)

Down

- 1 Creator deity of Japanese mythology responsible (with sister/wife Izanami) for formation of heaven and earth and the Japanese archipelago
- 2 Member of National Socialist German Workers' Party from inception in 1920 until dissolution in 1945 (Herbert von Karajan etc.)
- 3 Annoying sound
- 4 *Blue* Achingly beautiful composition by Bill Evans performed by Miles Davis on *Kind of Blue* inspiring rapturous YouTube comments such as "This makes me feel like I'm holding a soggy bouquet of flowers on a sidewalk in a nighttime New York rain, realizing she isn't coming" etc.
- 5 Member of secret, oath-based organization of factory workers in 19th century England known for destroying textile machinery in region-wide rebellion lasting from 1811-1816 during which members were shot by mill and factory owners and eventually suppressed by military and legal means inc. sentences of penal transportation and execution by hanging in accordance with Frame-Breaking Act of 1812
- 7 New photography aesthetic associated with u/tiggerclaw characterized by dark, ominous, indistinct, grainy, blurred, unsettling images full of mystery, menace and portent
- 15 Wife of Jesus and founder of Merovingian dynasty with earthly remains buried under inverted pyramid of I. M. Pei at Louvre, Paris in new theory (gaining traction on internet) (initials)
- 17 Archer deity/hero of Chinese mythology known for supernatural exploits such as shooting suns out of sky