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i.	Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii.	Region	Arabia
iii.	Site	Gerasa

i. Association with unknown name	U-NEA-001		

i. Date(s)	75 - iii AD

i.	Source(s)	I.Gerasa 50 (AD 75/6) SEG 32: 1538 (ii-iii AD)
	Online Resources	<u>I.Gerasa 50</u> <u>SEG 32: 1538</u>
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedicatory inscriptions
i.c.	Physical format(s)	The first inscription (I.Gerasa 50) was built into the Northwest Gate. The second (SEG 32: 1538) was written on a small limestone altar.
ii.	Source(s) provenance	Jerash

iii. Members	Possibly referred to as οἱ τ[ῆ]ς Ἀρ[τέμιδος], hoi t[e]s Ar[temidos] in I.Gerasa 50, 1. 2. Mention of one ἀρτεμεισιασ(τής) (1. ἀρτεμισιαστής) artemisiastes in SEG 32: 1538, 11. 8-9.

i. Comments	There is a strong possibility that there existed an association of Artemis in Gerasa. The first, fragmentary text (I.Gerasa 50), dated to AD 75/6, records the dedication of the <i>hiera pyle</i> by a group called oi τ[η̂]ς Άρ[τέμιδος], <i>hoi t[e]s Ar[temidos]</i> . The second inscription (SEG 32: 1538), possibly from the 2nd/3rd century AD, records a dedication to Leukothea by an ἀρτεμεισιασ(τής), <i>artemeisias(tes)</i> . It is impossible to prove a relationship between the texts.
iii. Bibliography	Gatier, PL. (1982), 'Inscriptions religieuses de Gérasa', <i>ADAJ</i> 26: 269-75, esp. 274-5, no. 4 (SEG 32: 1538). Welles, C.B. (1938), 'The Inscriptions', in C.H. Kraeling (ed.), <i>Gerasa. City of the Decapolis</i> , New Haven: 353-494.

i. Private association	Possible
Note	See comments above; the existence of an association of Artemis seems assured, but its name and history are unclear.

