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Dear David:

I received you November 26 letter yesterday, and I appreciate your frankness about the logistics of the trip to Jordan. I had been thinking along the same lines. We used to do a lot of mountain hiking, but the opportunity has lessened over the past 5 years, and we really feel the altitude and the effort of 10 to 15 mile hikes now.

The extreme heat and dryness of August in Jordan would be a deterrent to me. I burn easily, and I have an eye condition where the dryness causes my corneas to split open. Also I like to sleep in beds. I had been thinking that a land rover only holds 4 comfortably. I like one of your other options, especially you and Sue leading a tour later on. One of the reasons I cancelled out of Berkeley's ~~XXXX~~ tour was because of the limited range in Israel -- they weren't going to Jordan -- as well as the expense. Jesus spent a great amount of time in Perea and the Decapolis, and a trip to Israel would be only part of the area where Jesus conducted his ministry.

Thank you for your list of names. I notice your list does not include both Dium and Dion, probably for the reason on your covering letter. Dium is mentioned on P. 1762; Dion on 1817. Most historians use the interchangeably, tho the book does not. Their roots are separate: Dium means "10"; Dion come from Dionysis. Neither has been located, altho Ptolemy placed Dium at 67^o, 30'; 31^o, 45', but it is also supposed to be near Pella. Various locations put it at tell al-Ash'ari or Kefr Abid, Ba'um, or Ajlun. Magadan is mentioned in a footnote in Historical Geography of the Holy Land by Smith, but isn't located.

Your 3-D computer map sound interesting. I am enclosing copies of some preliminary efforts I made several years ago. As to style, I prefer the map that has no names on it yet -- a pictographic style. I used a very small scale NASA ~~max~~ photo, and have several adjacent areas roughed in, besides the one I am sending. With a computer a NASA photo could be sketched in the same style using an overlayment. The computer could then "lift" the drawing and expand, condense, turn, or print it.

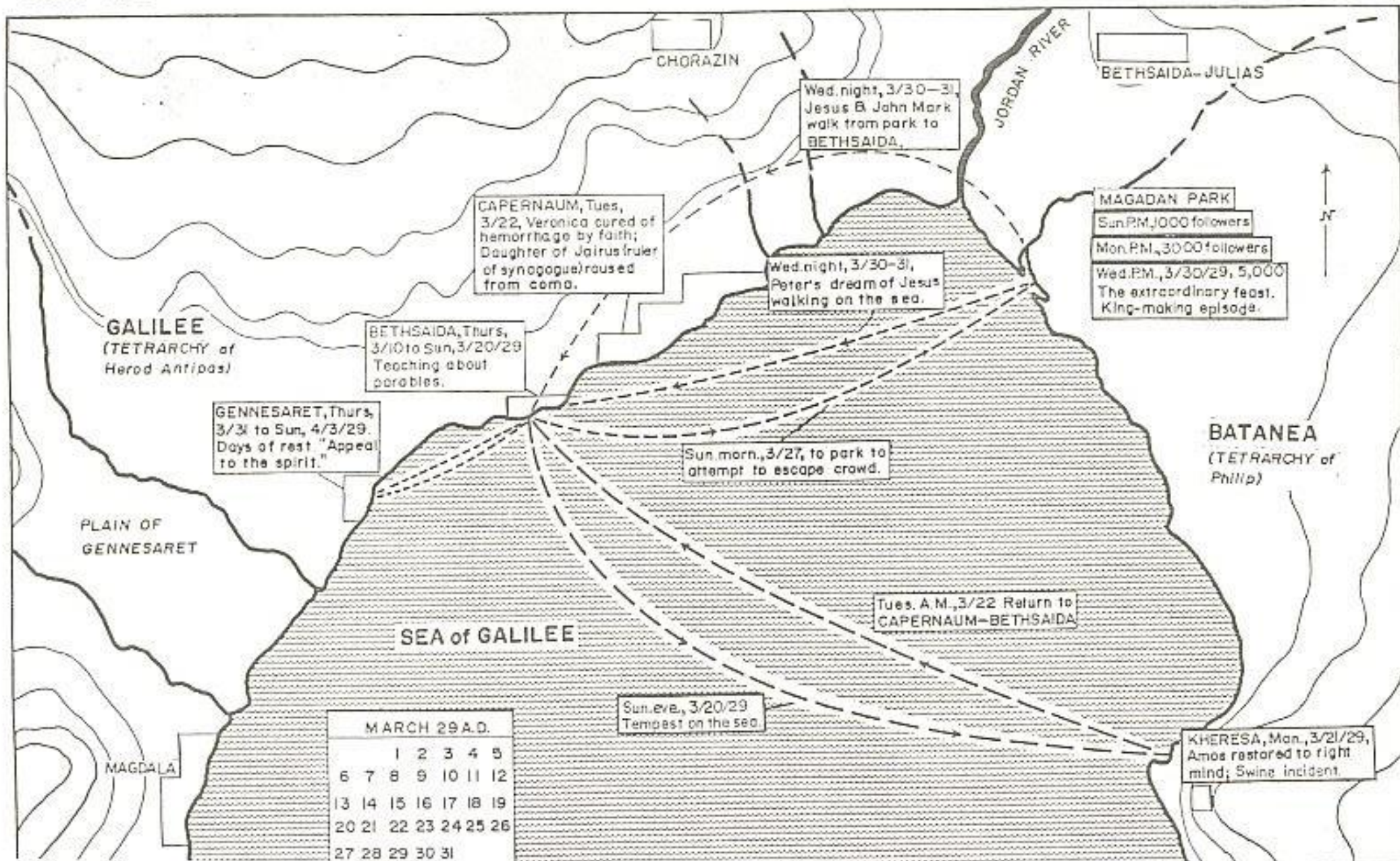
Tom, Scott, and Mike, as well as John and Marian still get after me to finish the maps. I am aware that one of the trustees gets cold feet about the maps, believing that a certain group which has already prepared (error-ridden) maps might protest. I certainly wouldn't relish the thought that someone would veto publication of the maps after I had gone to all that work. It might be best if I waited until time takes its toll on that individual. Maybe I'll never finish the project, who knows?

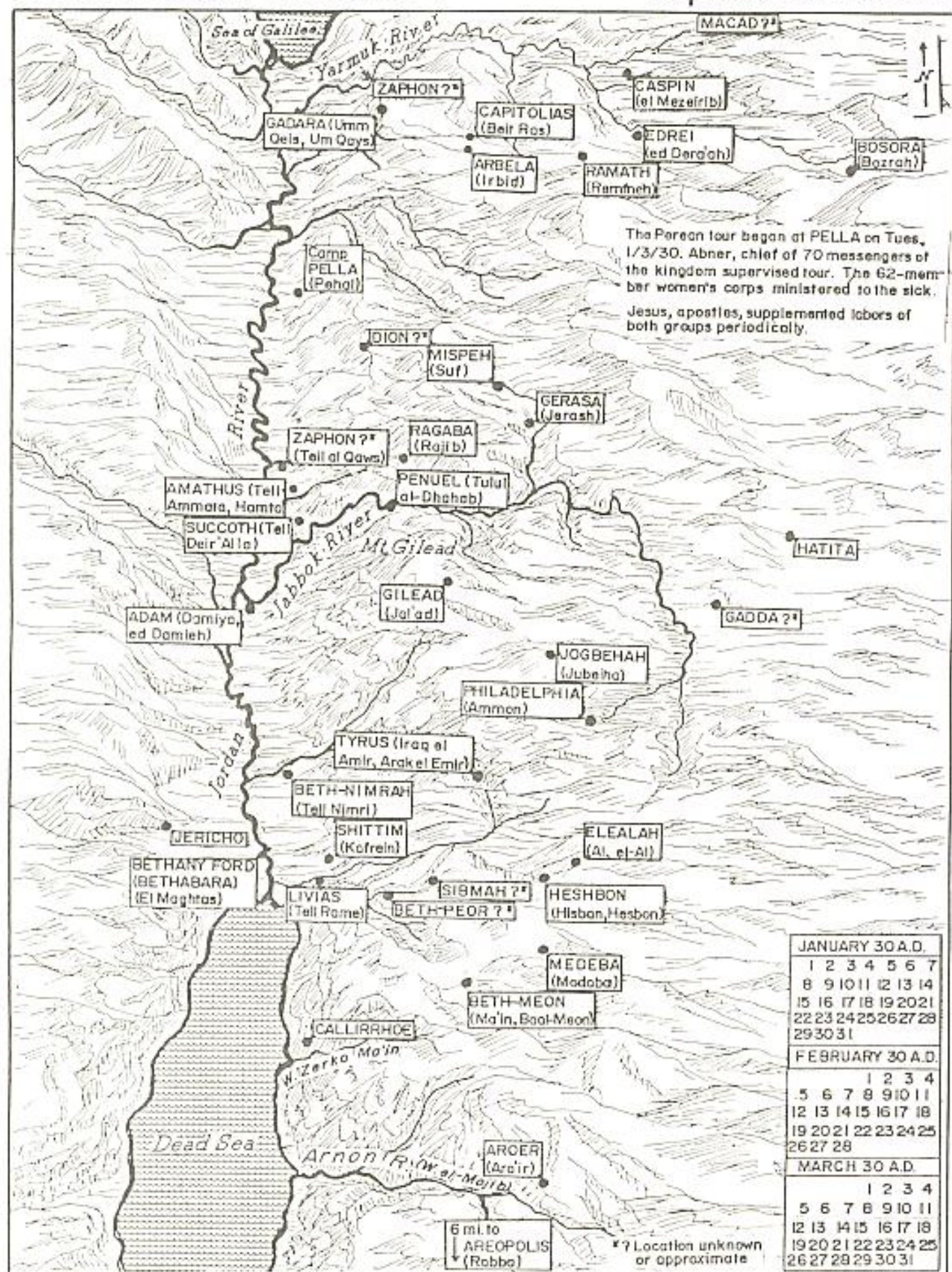
Many, many good wishes,

James Kinsell

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