

# Water War and Peace in the Middle East

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**Some scholars argue that an actual war over water is more of a hoax exaggerated by the mainstream media.**



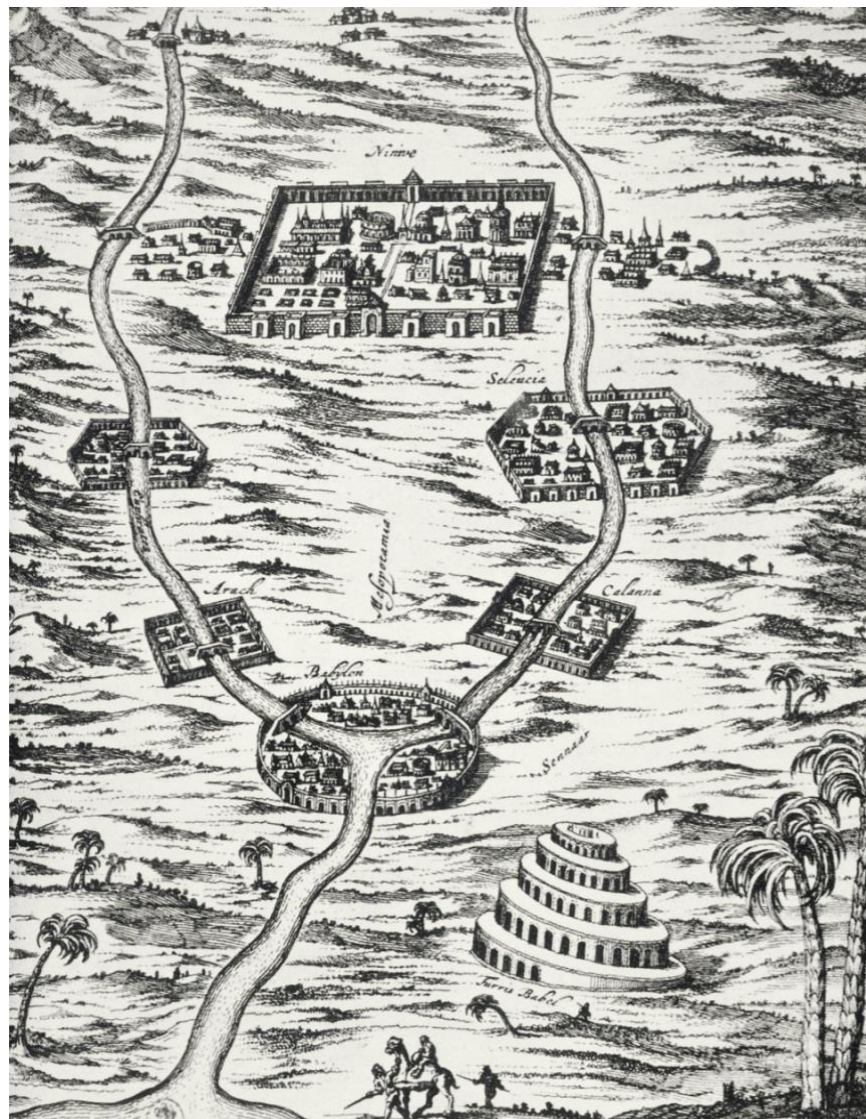
# Historical mechanisms to overcome conflicts rooted in the uneven distribution of water:

- 1- Hydro-political borders
- 2- Virtual water





# Hydro-Political Borders

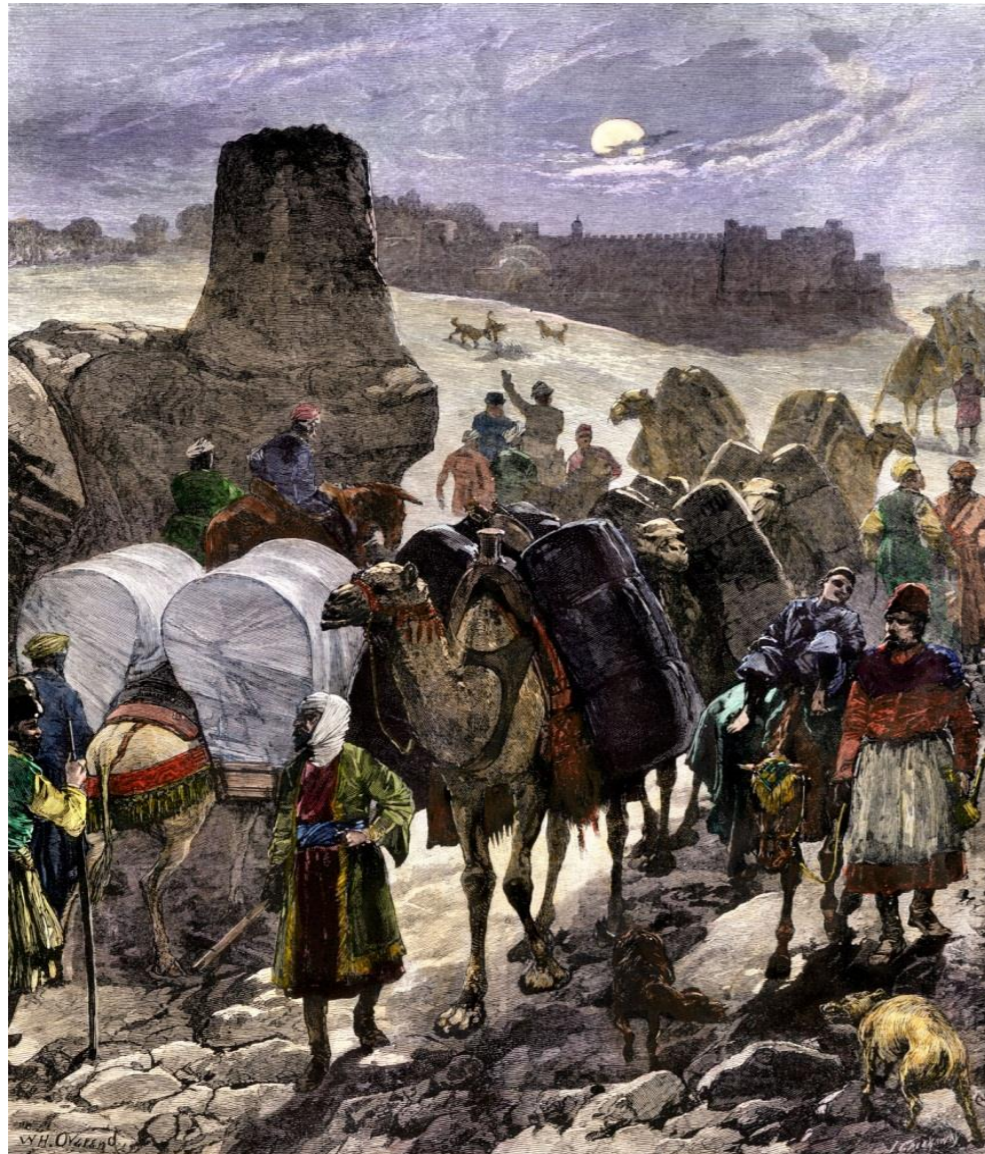


Hydro-political borders delimit an area within which a polity manages to appropriate and re-organize “water resources” as the basis of its political economy. In many historical Middle Eastern lands, water resources were regarded as an integral part of territories, embraced by agricultural units, rather than as border lines between different territories.



# Virtual Water

**Virtual water is referred to as a given deal of water embedded in the process of production. In many basins, upstream and downstream communities developed different livelihoods relative to their different geographical conditions, and virtual water could balance their relationship.**





## Conclusion

Our water issues are interwoven into the fabric of our modern development. Our history can be a source of inspiration to reconfigure a more integrated water resources management.

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