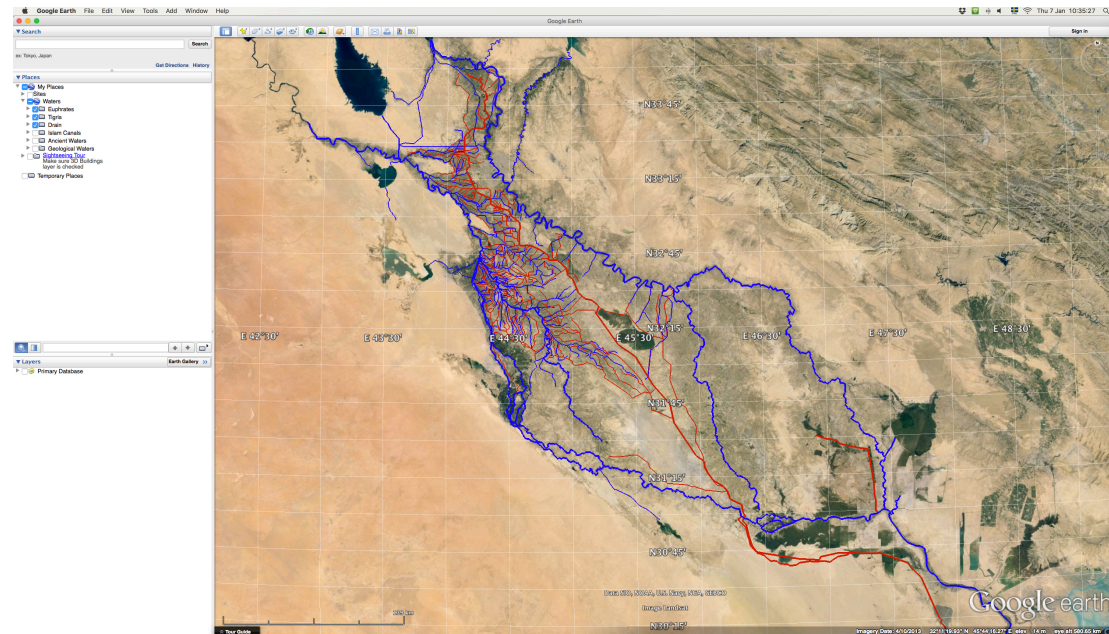


Waters Placemarks

A preliminary overview of the waters of the Mesopotamian floodplain (waters.kmz) for Google Earth can be [downloaded here](#).



Mesopotamian floodplain with modern waters.

Waters.kmz works as a supplement to ANE.kmz with Google Earth, which has to be downloaded (free at earth.google.com).

This is a preliminary basic research tool and can be modified by the user. Scholars, students, and any person interested in ancient and modern waters in the Mesopotamian floodplain can use it. Represented on different layers are

- (1) Modern waters systems (Euphrates, Tigris, Drain)
- (2) Islamic canals
- (3) Ancient waters
- (4) Geological waters.

It is based on my own survey of modern waters, some archaeological reconstructions (often Neo-Babylonian according to Gasche 1998) and geological water reconstructions (Aqrabi et al. 2006). The archaeological reconstructions of Ancient waters shown here are incomplete and provisional and most detailed in the Babylon area.

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A short introduction to the project dealing with waters especially in the Babylon area can be found in my paper [Waters at Babylon](#).

New installation

With Google Earth already installed, just double click the waters.kmz icon. You find all waters in the Mesopotamian floodplain listed in your left panel of Google Earth under Places/My Places. They can be rearranged, deleted or extended later on by yourself. Double click the name in your left panel in

order to go to the water. (Due to a program bug, people having Adobe Photoshop may experience that this program try to take over the .kmz file. If so choose open with Google Earth or open the .kmz file from inside Google Earth.)

There are two options after the first session.

1. You never save when leaving Google earth. Then you keep your waters.kmz and double click the icon each time you want to use it.
2. The alternative is that you save when leaving Google Earth when being asked. Now you keep the placemarks in your left panel. If you use this possibility it is important that you delete the waters.kmz file because otherwise you will get duplicate names.

Updating

Two alternatives:

1. If you never saved before leaving Google earth you can just throw the old waters.kmz away and use a new down loaded waters.kmz.
2. If you saved, you have all waters listed inside Google Earth. Go to your left panel and mark My Places (if you want to get rid of all there) or all the waters from the old waters list (if you have more to keep in My Places). Delete what you have marked. Now double click the new waters.kmz icon and save when leaving Google Earth, if you want to keep the new placemarks. If you don't delete the old ones, there will be double names on every site in Google Earth. Delete the waters.kmz file if you saved the placemarkes inside Google Earth.

Until someone else comes up with a better, more permanent solution, these waters will be updated. Any correction or addition with coordinates could be sent to [Olof Pedersén](#).