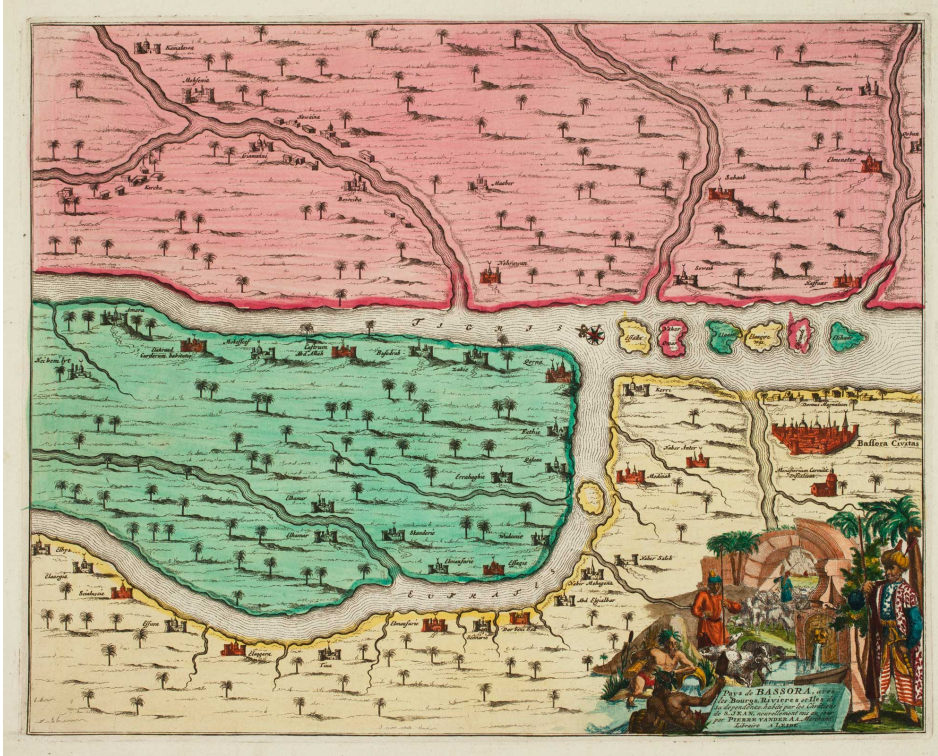




18th century map of Basra

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Pays de Bassora, avec les Bourgs, Rivieres et Iles de sa Dependence, Habite par les Chretiens de S. Jean

Leiden, c.1714. Coloured. 300 x 370mm.

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The map depicts the vicinity of Al-Basrah in southern Iraq, downriver of the fork of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The title cartouche in the lower right depicts five Arab merchants gathered around a fountain, while a fifth shepherds a flock of sheep. The remaining countryside features scattered small towns and palm trees. The finely engraved title cartouche features shepherd and two river gods representing the Tigris and Euphrates.

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