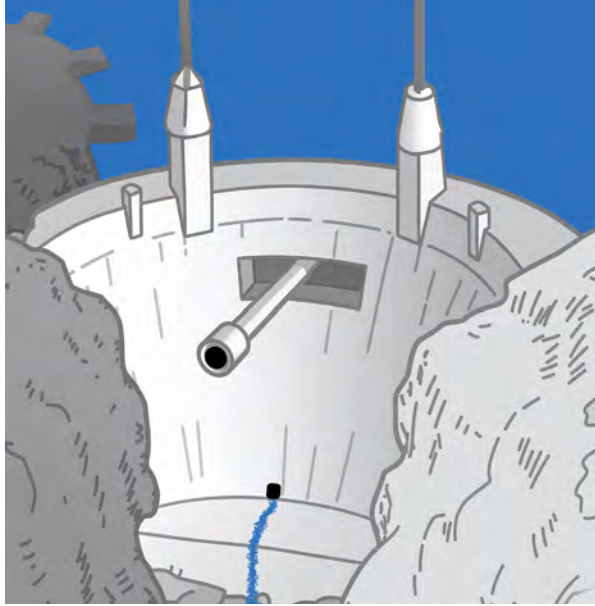




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My son and I play this silly game when we brush our teeth in the morning: we have a sink with a tap lever. You pull the lever and the tap gushes water out, you push the lever down and the water stops. Simple, right, even we can do it.

My son, being of an age where mischievousness and fun highlight his day, is very eager to not allow me any water to brush my teeth. I have to somehow find a way to get something (water) out of that tap in a distracted moment. I am usually not successful. As a silly older person also, we both have a lot of giggles and hysterics as he shows his prowess in preventing me from getting the water I so badly need!

How long this type of activity will continue is anybody's guess; he may grow out of it when he hits manhood, but who knows? But for now, we are locked into the teeth-brushing 'water wars' every morning!

But, as I have been finding, many of these articles I write or record, are inspired by some

event in my daily life! That's the way the Lord seems to love to do it. I find it greatly satisfying to learn this way.



I also remember when I lived in Brazil, an elder rebuked me saying I was leaving the tap running while brushing my teeth and I should 'examine my heart about how wasteful I was being, Amen?' It's interesting how the much needed rebukes and corrections we receive, are often what we remember most. It seems water and teeth have been a lesson to me at least twice in my life!

Applying this message:

The world is moving close to the abyss, it's possible one day, we may go to the lever, the spigot or the tap, and there may be zero water there. This could be for a multiple

of reasons; perhaps the rivers ran dry like some of those in the Middle East or other countries, perhaps one country dammed up their river water so it stopped flowing to a neighbouring country. Perhaps the water became so polluted that the government cut it off.

Water as we know is a vital commodity and countries today and in the past have gone to actual war over Water.

Some countries now even charge citizens for how much rain water falls from the sky and lands in their water drums or containers!



My message today is a reminder to stock up with water, rainwater containers, drinking and bathing water for some weeks at least. Please store in a quiet and cool place if possible.

What we take for granted now, will be sorely missed in the future, unless we were wise enough to store it now, like Joseph did the grain in Egypt.

PSALM 107: 33 He (God) turned rivers into a desert,

Flowing springs into thirsty ground,

34 and fruitful land into a salt waste,

Because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

35 He turned the desert into pools of water

And the parched ground into flowing springs;

36 there he brought the hungry to live,

And they founded a city where they could settle.

37 They sowed fields and planted vineyards

That yielded a fruitful harvest;

38 he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,

And he did not let their herds diminish.

Biblical examples of Water Wars:

Genesis 6-9 Noah and the Flood!

Genesis 26: 16-25 Isaac

God bless you, until Next week, God willing,

Jerry for the WCF Team

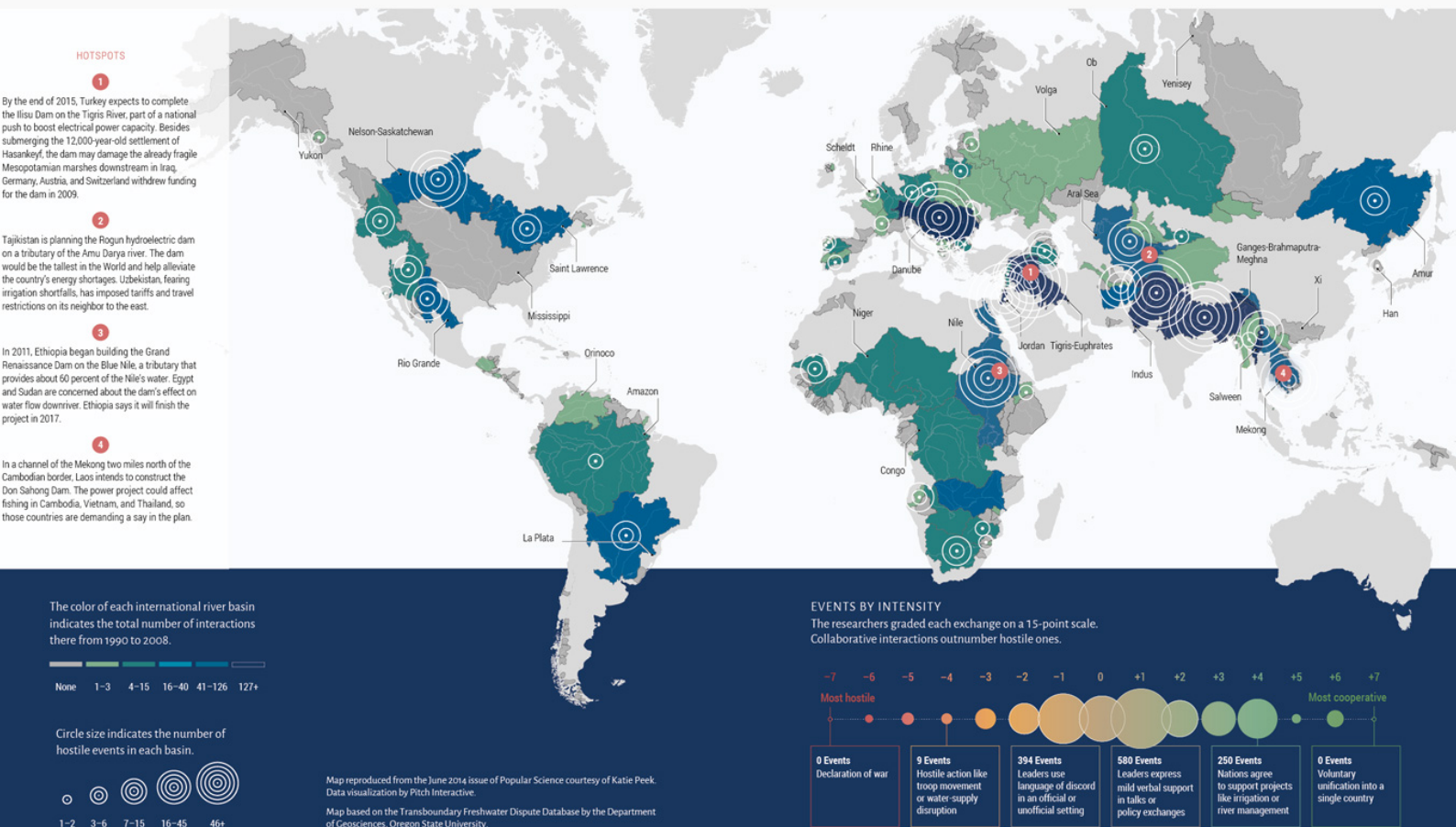
Check out these links below

[Countries who fought wars over water - Google Search](#)

[Countries who tax citizens for rainfall - Google Search](#)

[Bolivia charges its people for rainfall - Google Search This was a massive event in Bolivia and nearly overthrew the government.](#)

HEAT MAP Where is the highest risk of water conflict?



Below is a detailed overview of current and emerging water-related conflict hotspots around the world, highlighting geopolitical tensions, ecological triggers, and humanitarian impact:

Major Water Conflict Zones

ET Nile Basin – Ethiopia vs. Egypt (Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam)

Issue: Filling and operation of the GERD on the Blue Nile—upstream Ethiopia's hydropower ambitions vs. downstream Egypt's reliance on Nile flow (98%) ([visionofhumanity.org](https://www.visionofhumanity.org)).

Status: Diplomatic stalemate; Egypt has threatened force following stalled cooperation.

Implications: Regional tensions, displacement risks tied to water scarcity and climate stress.

PKIN Indus Basin – India vs. Pakistan (Indus Waters Treaty Suspended)

Issue: India's suspension of the 1960 treaty and threats to divert flows following militant attacks ([visionofhumanity.org](https://www.visionofhumanity.org), en.wikipedia.org).

Status: Treaty paused June 2025; risk of severing shared water rights.

Impact: Potential agricultural collapse in Pakistan and deeper geopolitical strain.

BDIN Teesta River – Bangladesh vs. India

Issue: Unequal sharing during dry season; stalled 2011 deal due to Indian regional opposition (en.wikipedia.org).

Status: Treaty talks resumed in 2024 under Bangladesh's interim government.

Impact: Crucial to rice production and rural economies in northern Bangladesh.

BDIN Ganges River – India vs. Bangladesh

- Issue: Historic disagreements over equitable flow into Bangladesh.

Status: 1996 treaty in effect, but tensions resurface during periods of scarcity (en.wikipedia.org).

Impact: Vital for irrigation and livelihoods in the floodplain region.

AFIR Helmand River – Afghanistan vs. Iran

Issue: Dam-building and water diversion in Afghanistan threaten downstream flow into Iran (climate-diplomacy.org).

Status: Sporadic violence reported; existing treaty weak and non-binding.

Impact: Rising cross-border hostility, migration pressures, ecological damage.

CNINBD Brahmaputra River – China, India, Bangladesh

Issue: China's hydropower dams on the Tibetan plateau vs. downstream agricultural needs (geopoliticalmonitor.com).

Status: Data sharing exists but full basin agreement absent.

Impact: Risk of floods, reduced flows, and bilateral tension.

TRIQSY Tigris-Euphrates Basin – Turkey, Syria, Iraq

Issue: Turkey's Ilisu Dam and broader Southeastern Anatolia projects reduce flow to neighbors (geopoliticalmonitor.com).

Status: No regional treaty; downstream drought intensified.

Impact: Agricultural decline, exacerbating regional instability.

KEET Ethiopia–Kenya – Omo River & Lake Turkana

Issue: Ethiopia's Gilgel Gibe III Dam reduces Omo flow feeding Kenya's Lake Turkana (en.wikipedia.org).

Status: Tribal clashes between Turkana and upstream Ethiopian groups; dozens killed.

Impact: Cross-border conflict, pastoral displacement.

MWCMTZ Africa Pastoral Conflicts (e.g., Mandera Triangle)

- Issue: Livestock herders crossing borders (Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia) in search of water and pastures .
- Status: Frequent inter-communal violence, raids, and banditry.
- Impact: Food insecurity, ethnic tensions, mass displacement.

🌐 Middle East – Israel/Palestine (Water Infrastructure Attacks)

Issue: Deliberate targeting of water supplies and treatment facilities in Gaza and West Bank (en.wikipedia.org, theguardian.com).

Status: Among top 25% of global water-related violence cases in 2023.

Impact: Severe humanitarian consequences; 92% of Gaza water unfit to drink (theguardian.com, reuters.com).

🏠 Global Trends & Humanitarian Concerns

Regional hotspots: Western Asia (156 events), Southern Asia (97) dominate 2020–2023 (statista.com).

Broader pattern: Asia and Africa account for ~80% of global water-related conflicts (downtoearth.org.in).

Driving factors: Climate change, population growth, weak governance, scarcity used as weapon (visionofhumanity.org).

Human toll: Displacement, violent clashes, health crisis, agricultural collapse, and rising cross-border tensions.



Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our

father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

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