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- 1 Even if the city of Hatra is well known as a political and religious centre of Eastern Jazirah, its role in long distance trade-routes still remains enigmatic. This article focuses on the major routes leading towards the city, comparing the study of modern satellite imagery with a further reading of ancient sources, in particular the so-called *Tabula Peutingeriana*. This Roman itinerary map points out the city of Hatra as a pivot in ancient trade-routes, connecting lowland Mesopotamia with the eastern border of the Roman Empire. Satellite imagery allows the Authors to verify the course of the routes described in the map, supporting the evidence that these – as shown in the *tabula* – bypassed Assur. Furthermore, the comparison between the map and satellite images contributes to the understanding of the city's development from a nomadic level to a high-rank political capital.
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