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Situs Terrae Promissionis S.S. Bibliorum intelligentiam exacte aperiens per Chr. Adrichom

Stock#: 72478
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1645 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 495.00



Description:

This map, titled *Situs Terrae Promissionis S.S. Bibliorum intelligentiam exacte aperiens per Chr. Adrichom*, created by Henricus Hondius and published in Amsterdam circa 1645, represents an early rendition of the Holy Land based on the influential work of Christian Van Adrichom. It features Latin inscriptions and illustrates a "land of torrents, waters, fountains, and valleys, and of wheat, barley, vines, figs, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey."

During the 17th century, the mapping of the Holy Land was a subject of great interest, motivated by religious curiosity, scholarly pursuits, and the desire for understanding Biblical geography. Christian Van Adrichom, a theologian, was a key figure in this endeavor, and his work became the foundation for subsequent representations, including that of Hondius. This map, portraying the lands as described in the Scriptures, served not only as a geographical guide but also as an embodiment of religious belief and scholarly interpretation.

Hondius' rendition of the map is notable for its wonderful imagery, realized by the engravers Everardus Sim. Hamersveldt and Salomon Rogeri. It is a work of both artistic and historical significance, capturing the topographical features of the region along with symbolic and Biblical references. The Latin text that accompanies the map adds to its scholarly and theological resonance, offering a textual dimension to the visual portrayal.

As a historical artifact, *Situs Terrae Promissionis S.S. Bibliorum intelligentiam exacte aperiens per Chr. Adrichom* encapsulates a particular moment in the history of cartography, reflecting the confluence of



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religious, intellectual, and artistic trends of the time. It stands not only as a geographical representation but also as an expression of a worldview, a testament to the intricate relationship between faith, scholarship, and the exploration of the world.

Detailed Condition:

A few small wormholes.