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A New Mapp of the Land of Promise And the Holly City of Ierusalem with the Principal Scripture Histories of the Old & New Testament . . .

Stock#: 81915
Map Maker: Overton
Date: 1717
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 54.2 x 24.2 inches



Price: SOLD

Description:

An English Holy Land Rarity

First state of this exceeding rare view of Jerusalem and the Promised Land, extending from the Red Sea, Mecca and the Nile River on the right side of the map to Damascus and Sidon on the left side, centered on Jerusalem.

The map shows the Holy Land, the Sinai and the Nile Delta, projected from the East as is often the case but with the Egyptian coast "stretched" to eliminate its western turn. The image is adorned with depictions of villages, towns and fortresses in "bird's-eye perspective" and hundreds of tiny vignettes depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Of further interest are an inset view of the Temple of Solomon, a large inset plan of Jerusalem (its format hearkening back to Visscher's 17th-century plan) and an even larger bird's-eye view of the city, as well as 14 larger vignettes depicting central moments of the Old Testament narrative.

The original prototype for this map seems to have been van Doetechum's 1641 *Nieuwe Caertees das Lants von Beloften ende* (Nebenzahl, Holy Land, pp. 120-124). English versions of the view were issued by Overton (ca. 1717), Sayer (ca. 1752), Cluer Dicey (ca. 1765), G. Thompson (1795) and others throughout the 18th century. An American edition was published by Thomas Duffield's map in Philadelphia in 1828.

On the verso, the present map has the following inscription, quite possibly in the hand of Henry Overton:

*Map of the Land of Promise & other courious Maps to be put on Linnen Role and few Plates
large Size in a Portfolio.*



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Rarity

The present example is apparently a unique survival.

This is likely the map advertised for sale by Henry Overton in his 1717 catalog, which was described as follows (no known surviving examples).

*An Exact Map of Canaan, or the Land of Promise, in Three Sheets, with an Historical Account
of that Country, about Four Foot One Inch long, and Two Foot Five Inches deep.*

Detailed Condition:

Area at the right side added in facsimile.