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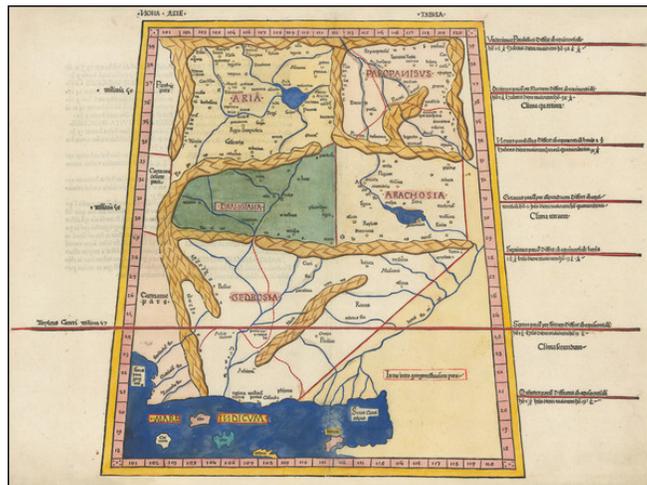
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[Pakistan and Afghanistan] Nona Asie Tabula [Ninth Map of Asia]

Stock#: 101345
Map Maker: Ptolemy / Reger
Date: 1486
Place: Ulm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches including text
Price: \$ 9,500.00



Description:

The First Map of What is Now Pakistan and Afghanistan Published Outside of Italy.

This fantastic woodcut map of Pakistan and Afghanistan was prepared for Leinhardt Holle in Ulm, Germany in 1482. The present example adds the title ("Nona Asie Tabula") across the top denoting it as the ninth Ptolemaic map of Asia and was published in Ulm in 1486 by Johann Reger.

The map is bounded by the Indus River ("Indus fluius") and includes a patchwork of Classical kingdoms as they were understood to exist during the 2nd century.

Aria, or Ariana, was located in what is now western Afghanistan and eastern Iran. It was a region known for its fertile land and strategic location along the Silk Road, facilitating trade between the East and West. It was an important province of various empires, including the Persian Empire and Alexander the Great's empire.

Paropanisus corresponds to the area around the Hindu Kush mountains, primarily in present-day Afghanistan. It was known for its challenging mountain passes and served as a gateway for invaders and traders moving between Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. It was also significant in the spread of Buddhism from India to Central Asia.

Drangiana, or Sarangia, was situated in the area of present-day Sistan in Iran and parts of Afghanistan, Drangiana was important for its location at the crossroads of trade routes leading to the Indian subcontinent, Persia, and Central Asia. It was known for agriculture and was a part of various empires, including the Achaemenid, Seleucid, and Sassanian empires.



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Arachosia covers parts of modern-day southern Afghanistan and Pakistan; it was strategically located on the trade routes connecting India with the Persian Empire and beyond. Its capital, Kandahar, was historically significant for trade and military campaigns.

Gedrosia corresponds to the Makran coast of modern-day Pakistan and Iran, Gedrosia was known for its harsh desert landscape. Alexander the Great's army suffered significant hardships while crossing it. Despite its challenging geography, it was part of the trade routes linking the Middle East to the Indian subcontinent.

At the edges of the map, Carmanie Pars, or Kerman, is located in southeastern Iran. It was important for its position on the trade and military routes connecting Persia with the Indian Ocean. The area was known for its diverse geography, including desert and mountainous landscapes.

Finally, "Indie intra gangem fluvium pars" refers to the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, particularly the fertile Ganges Plain. It was known for its rich culture, advanced urban settlements, and as the birthplace of major religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism. The area was a crucial part of trade networks extending throughout Asia.

Detailed Condition:

Woodcut on 15th-century laid paper. Original hand-color, retouched and augmented.