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[Turkey / Asia Minor] Tabula Asiae I (

Stock#: 103875
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1574
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7.5 inches
Price: \$ 225.00



Description:

Tabula Asiae I, first published in Venice in 1561 by the renowned Italian cartographer Girolamo Ruscelli, presents a detailed Ptolemaic perspective of Asia Minor. The map reaches from Constantinople to Armenia, encompassing regions such as Pontus et Bithynia, Galatia, Pamphilia, Licaonia, Caria, Lidia, Lycia, and both Armenia Minor and Maior.

Born in the era of the Renaissance, this map is a testament to the revival of scholarly interest in the works of Claudius Ptolemy, the influential Greek-Roman scholar of the second century AD. Ruscelli's map embraces Ptolemaic cartographic principles, reflecting the blend of preserved ancient knowledge and contemporary 16th-century geographic understanding.

Asia Minor, the geographical area depicted in this map, was a region of significant historical and cultural intersection. The landmass, now primarily constituting modern-day Turkey, was a crossroads of civilizations, with rich layers of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine history. The detailed rendering of regions such as Constantinople (modern Istanbul), the heart of the Byzantine Empire, and Armenia, an ancient kingdom with a distinct cultural heritage, illuminates the historical complexity of the region.

In sum, the *Tabula Asiae I* offers a unique historical and cartographic perspective on Asia Minor. As a synthesis of Ptolemaic tradition and Renaissance inquiry, it serves not only as a testament to the evolving understanding of the world in the 16th century but also as a rich tapestry of the historical and geographical complexities of the region it depicts.

Detailed Condition: