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## Basileae Inclytae Rauracorum Urbis, ac eiusdem circumvicini agri situs exactissima delineato . . .

**Stock#:** 23722  
**Map Maker:** de Jode  
**Date:** 1578 (1593)  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Nice example of De Jode's map of the Basel region, from the *Speculum Orbis Terrarum*, which along with Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* are the earliest modern atlases of the World.

The map is centered on Basel and the Upper Rhine River. Engraved by Joannes Van Deutecum. De Jode's atlas was not a commercial success and maps from this atlas are rare, especially the 1578 edition.

As noted by Burden:

*In 1578 Gerard de Jode published his Speculum Orbis Terrarum, an atlas aimed at competing with the Theatrum of Ortelius. However, the latter had first been issued in 1570 and had already built a commanding market presence, and so despite de Jode's longer standing reputation the atlas did not sell very well. Only a dozen or so examples have survived. Undeterred, he made plans for another expanded edition, and upon his death in 1591 it was taken on by his son Cornelis. The Speculum Orbis Terrae of 1593 likewise did not sell well and was never reissued. Although more examples than the first edition have survived, it too is very scarce. Many of de Jode's maps are judged to be superior to those of Ortelius, both in detail and style.*

The present map is one two originally printed on a single sheet, with the upper map ( *Valesiae Provinciae Montanae*) lacking here.

### Detailed Condition:

Remargined.