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Terra Sancta XVI Nova Tab. (Old Color!)

Stock#: 53743
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1540
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare First Edition In Early Color

One of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the Holy Land, which appeared in the first edition of Munster's *Geographia*, first published in Basle in 1540.

The map extends from Sidon and the land of the Phoenians in the north to Gaza in the south with numerous Biblical sites and a number of vignettes. The inset is a key of ancient and modern placenames. This map is orientated with west at the top and is based on earlier maps by Munster and Ziegler.

In 1540, the last word in the title was abbreviated as "Tab." In 1542, the title was changed to spell out "Tabula." After the 1542 edition of Munster's *Geographia*, the title was changed to XXIII. It should also be noted that by 1542, a vertical split in the woodblock had already begun to show on the map, just to the right of the center and the word Occidens.

Munster's *Geographia* was a cartographic landmark, including not only Ptolemaic maps, but also a number of landmark modern maps, including the first separate maps of the 4 continents, the first map of England and the earliest obtainable map of Scandinavia. Munster dominated cartographic publication during the mid-16th Century. Munster is generally regarded as one of the most important map makers of the 16th Century.

Sebastien Munster was a linguist and mathematician, who initially taught Hebrew in Heidelberg. He issued his first mapping of Germany in 1529, after which he issued a call geographical information about



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Germany to scholars throughout the country. The response was better than hoped for, and included substantial foreign material, which supplied him with up to date, if not necessarily accurate maps for the issuance of his *Geographia* in 1540.

The 1540 edition of the map is rare in any form. This the first example of the first state of the map we have ever encountered in old color.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor soiling and some wear at centerfold and some minor wormholes and offsetting in the title area.