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Stock#: 57018
Map Maker: de Jode
Date: 1593
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

De Jode's edition of Giacomo Gastaldi's Landmark Map of The Middle East and Asia Minor.

Old color example of De Jode's highly desirable map of the region, bounded by the Black Sea and Mediterranean in the West and Afghanistan and Central Asia in the East. Cyprus is prominently shown in the Eastern Mediterranean.

De Jode's map is based upon Giacomo Gastaldi's highly influential 2 sheet map of the region, *La Descrittione Della Prima Parte Dell' Asia ...* first published by Gastaldi in Venice in 1561. Gastaldi's map is the single most influential map of the region published in the 16th Century. The map would go on to be the most influential map of the region and the pro-type for the region well into the early 17th Century.

Giacomo Gastaldi was the most celebrated Italian cartographer of the sixteenth century. He was also one of the first true professionals in that field. Unlike most contemporary cartographers who also served as publishers and/or engravers, Gastaldi specialized in the drafting and design of maps, only rarely becoming involved in the technical aspects of their commercial distribution. As official cosmographer to the Venetian Republic, moreover, Gastaldi had access to the most up-to-date geographical information in compiling his maps, and many of them represent the most accurate renderings of their time. Such is the case with his landmark maps of Asia, which were printed as three separate but complementary "parts."

Geard De Jode was a contemporary of Ortelius. His *Speculum Orbis* did not enjoy the same commercial success as Ortelius, making his maps very scarce and highly desirable. This map was engraved by the van Deutecum brothers and is based upon an earlier map by Gastaldi.

Detailed Condition:



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