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## Lublin

**Stock#:** 70617  
**Map Maker:** Covens & Mortier  
**Date:** 1721 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 12 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,600.00



### Description:

Rare engraved view of the city of Lublin in southwest Poland, published in Amsterdam, about 1721, by Covens & Mortier.

The view was originally engraved for Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum* in 1617. The plate was eventually acquired by Jan Jansson, before going to Covens & Mortier. The central title cartouche was obliterated from the plate and replaced by the simple ribbon title, though evidence of the re-engraving can still be seen in the sky.

The coat of arms in the upper-right corner is that of the City of Lublin, featuring a billy goat climbing on vines. The left-hand coat of arms is the white eagle on a red field representing Poland.

### Jewish History in Lublin

Lublin was one of Poland's most important Jewish communities from roughly the second half of the 16th century. Jews established a widely respected *yeshiva*, Jewish hospital, synagogue, cemetery, and education center (*kahal*) and built the Grodzka Gate (known as the Jewish Gate) in the historic district. Jews were a vital part of the city's life until the Holocaust, during which many were relocated to the infamous Lublin Ghetto and ultimately murdered.

The yeshiva became a center of learning of Talmud and Kabbalah, leading the city to be called "the Jewish Oxford." In 1567, the *rosh yeshiva* (headmaster) received the title of rector from the king along with rights and privileges equal to those of the heads of Polish universities.

Though it was published in 1721, this view represents the city circa 1617.



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