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Terra Sancta quae in Sacris Terra Promissionis ol: Palestina

Stock#: 74305
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1610
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Striking example of the Jodocus Hondius' map of the Holy Land, first published in 1606.

Hondius's classic map of the Holy Land shows Palestine on both sides of the Jordan and the shoreline from Beirut to Gaza. The map is largely based on Ortelius's popular 1584 *Terra Sancta*, designed by Christian Schrot, which showed the region after the description of Petrus Laicstain (Peter Laicksteen, an astronomer who visited the Holy Land in the 16th century). Mercator borrows the prominent image of Jonah being thrown to the whale from Ortelius, and adds tiny vignettes of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah on fire in the Dead Sea, along with the towns of Admah and Zeboim.

Palestine is shown divided between five different biblical and classical entities. The Kingdoms of Edom, Judea, Samaria, Galilee are shown in full, along with part of Syria. While at the time this map was published the area would have been controlled by the Ottoman Empire, little mention of this is made. Instead, the map seeks to portray the Holy Land as informed from the bible. Most of the geopolitical entities shown did not survive past late antiquity. In addition, many more interpretations have been added that can be attributed to biblical interpretations, from the position of the tribes of Israel to the inclusion of Samochonitus Lacus [the Waters of Meron], a lake difficult to locate in the present but present in the bible.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor toning.