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[The Earthquake that Destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah]

Stock#: 87894op
Map Maker: Schedel
Date: 1493
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Finely colored image from the Old Testament, illustrating a provocative biblical scene, depicting the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in about 1900 BC, from Schedel's 1493 Nuremberg Chronicle.

The image shows a section of the descendants of Abraham connected by a vine, along with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, with Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt as she gazed back on the burning cities. There is evidence of extensive quake in the Dead Sea area at this date. Legends of fire and brimstone could well have arisen from the escape of petroleum gases.



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On verso is an additional portion of the lineage of Abraham, and an illustration of Abraham returning with his forces from the slaughter of the five kings, being received by Melchizedek.

Detailed Condition: