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Geographie Sacrae ex Veteri et Novo Testamento desumptae Tabula Prima, quae Totius Orbis Partes continet. . . 1694 [Sacred Geography Taken from the Old and New Testament, First Map, Which Contains All Parts of the World. . . 1694]

Stock#: 95359
Map Maker: Tipografia del Seminario
Date: 1694
Place: Padova
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Geographie Sacrae ex Veteri et Novo Testamento desumptae Tabula Prima, quae Totius Orbis Partes continet, published by the Seminary press in Padua in 1694, is a rare map based on the work of Nicholas Sanson, the esteemed French geographer to King Louis XIV. This distinct cartographic work offers a portrayal of the Mediterranean and its surrounding regions, drawing upon the geographical narratives found in the Old and New Testaments.

The map presents a panorama of the Mediterranean world as described in biblical accounts. It encompasses regions from Spain and North Africa to the east of the Caspian Sea, providing detailed geographical insight into an area deeply embedded in biblical history. Regions, cities, and geographical features are labeled with their historical names, providing a link between the landscape and its biblical references.

An important highlight of the map is the inset located in the lower left corner titled "Israelitarum Mansiones in Deserto". This inset illustrates the journey of the Israelites through the desert, offering a geographical perspective on this significant event from the Old Testament.

As an essential element of the broader geographical understanding of the period, the map showcases Sanson's skill in merging geographical precision with historical and biblical contexts. His ability to integrate these different elements into a cohesive and detailed visual representation testifies to the innovative spirit of cartography during the period.



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As such, *Geographie Sacra ex Veteri et Novo Testamento desumpta Tabula Prima, quae Totius Orbis Partes continet* offers an intriguing blend of geographical understanding, biblical narrative, and historical context, reflecting the distinct cartographic style of Nicholas Sanson and the broader epistemic currents of the late 17th century.

Detailed Condition:

Wide margins. Scant original hand-color in outline. Minor finger soiling in the margins.