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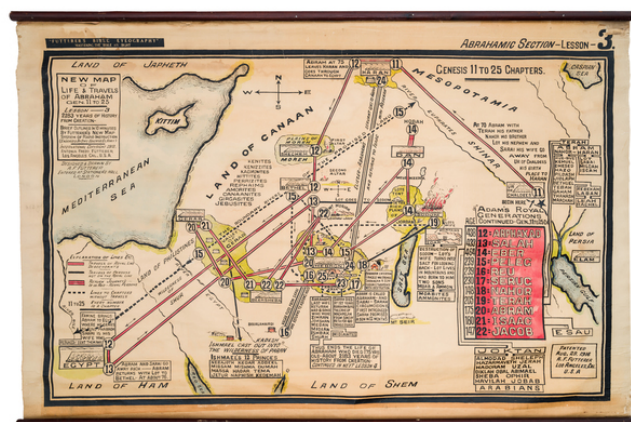
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New Map of Life & Travels of Abraham Gen. 11 to 25

Stock#: 97018
Map Maker: Futterer
Date: 1916 circa
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 47.75 x 29.75 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

A Biblical Map of the Life and Travels of Abraham by A Remarkable World Traveller

Rare educational wall map of the life and travels of Abraham (Genesis 11 to 25), published by Antonia Frederick Fuller, who is often thought to be the inspiration for Indiana Jones.

Antonia Frederick Futterer's map of the life of Abraham represents a convergence of biblical narrative and cartographic interpretation. Published in Los Angeles in 1916 by Antonia Frederick Futterer, this document provides an illustrative account the life of Abraham, as part of "Futterer's Bible Eyeography" in an attempt to master the Bible by sight.

This map is a stylized representation of the travels and life of Abraham, as narrated in the Book of Genesis, chapters 11 to 25. It is designed to provide a visual educational tool for religious study, particularly concerning the Abrahamic traditions within the Judeo-Christian context. The map features several key regions such as Mesopotamia, the Land of Canaan, Egypt. It shows various paths crisscrossing these regions, with each path corresponding to different journeys or events described in the Bible.

The left side of the map depicts the land of Egypt and the "Land of the Philistines," while the right side extends to "Ur of the Chaldees" in Mesopotamia.

What is particularly notable are the numbers along the pathways; these likely refer to specific verses or chapters in the Book of Genesis. The map also includes insets with additional information, such as a list of Ishmael's 12 princes and a breakdown of the 'Adamic Royal Generations'. The color coding and symbols, such as arrows and dotted lines, appear to indicate different types of movements or events, like routes of



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travel or migrations, famines, and significant life events.

The map was apparently part of a series, *Futterer's New Map System of Rapid Education*. Futterer's subtitle, "Mastering the Bible By Sight," illustrates the intent to provide a visual supplement to the scriptural text. The publication history, in both London and subsequently in Los Angeles signifies the widespread interest in biblical scholarship during the period, and the map's design reflects the pedagogical methods of the time, focused on memorization and visualization.

The cartographic style of the map reflects the early 20th-century didactic approach to biblical education. This piece stands as a remarkable example of the era's educational prints, offering a richly detailed and thought-provoking representation of a world long contemplated in theology and literature.

Futterer seems to have had a long history in bible education. We note a title copyrighted dated March 4, 1909 and renewed September 26, 1939, entitled "World. 4,000 years of history in one hour, by Futterer's new map system of Rapid Education." The Newberry Library and University of Chicago hold copies of the 4th edition of this work, published in 1918 in New York by the "New Eye-ographic System Bible Promoters' Club," entitled

Fütterer's patent universal eye-ographic Bible atlas: (4000 years' history visualized in one hour) for Bible students, Sunday schools and Bible colleges, in three editions--Protestant, Catholic and Jewish.

The Bible atlas was described itself as:

The latest rapid simple self-instructing map-chart system. A three-fold instructor 1 --- seeing, 2 --- traveling, 3 --- hearing."/ "Bible students' improved handy loose-leaf edition 1918. Can be taken apart and extra loose leaves inserted."/ At foot of maps: This map can be used with all Sunday school lessons or lectures. It is published for wall use 52 x 36 inches./ Publisher's advertisements on p. 31.

A similar work is recorded in OCLC, published in 1912, entitled *4000 years history in one hour*, which apparently consisted of 10 sheets (21 x 28 inches each), is held in the Eran Laor collection at Jerusalem National Library.

This map was acquired as part of a set of 4 maps, numbered lessons 1, 2, 3 and 5, suggesting that at least 1 map in the set may have been missing. However, as the wall maps essentially unrecorded, we can only surmise that these are 8 of the 10 sheets reference in the note above in the Jerusalem National Library.

- Lesson 1: [New Map of Antediluvian Period](#)
- Lesson 2: [New Map of the Ancient World](#)



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- Lesson 3: [New Map of Life & Travels of Abraham Gen. 11 to 25](#)
- Lesson 5: [New Map of Egyptian Slavery and Wilderness Journey Exodus & Numbers](#)

We were not able to connect this work to a London publication.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare. We were unable to locate any other surviving examples.

Detailed Condition:

Laid on linen, attached to wood rollers.