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New Map of Egyptian Slavery and Wilderness Journey Exodus & Numbers

Stock#: 97019
Map Maker: Futterer
Date: 1916 circa
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 47.75 x 31 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Illustrating The Book of Numbers by A Remarkable World Traveller

Rare educational wall map of showing the time period from Jacob's arrival in Egypt up to Exodus and the decades wandering the Desert, published by Antonia Frederick Fuller, who is often thought to be the inspiration for Indiana Jones.

Antonia Frederick Futterer's map of illustrating the Book of Numbers 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 of the period between Jacob's arrival in Egypt with 70 followers to Exodus and the wanderings in the Desert following Moses, as part of "Futterer's Bible Eyeography" in an attempt to master the Bible by sight.

This map depicts the narrative of the Exodus and the book of Numbers from the Bible, highlighting the journey of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan. The map outlines the route taken by the Israelites, marking significant events and locations such as the crossing of the Red Sea, Mount Sinai, and the various encampments they made throughout their journey.

The map also includes references to the Ten Plagues of Egypt and details the "Way of the Land of the Philistines" along with several key waypoints such as the Wilderness of Sin and Edom. Notably, the map shows the division of the lands among the tribes of Israel and the neighboring regions and peoples, such as the Amalekites and the land of Moab.

Additionally, the map features a continuation of the "Adamic Royal Generations" with a list of names from



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Judah to Nahshon, providing a biblical genealogy that connects to the story of the Exodus. The color coding, numbers, and various symbols on the map correspond to different aspects of the biblical narrative, serving as a visual aid for educational or religious study.

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, with its clear demarcations of the days of creation and the genealogical progression from Adam to Noah, 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.



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

We note only the Copyright renewal for the map on October 23, 1939.

Detailed Condition:

Laid on linen, attached to wood rollers.