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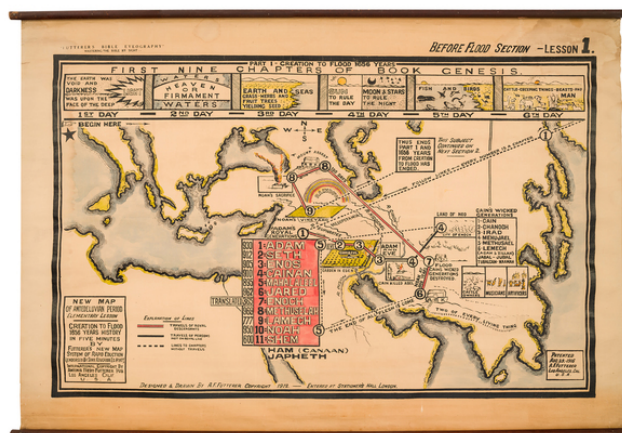
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### New Map of Antediluvian Period -- Before The Flood

**Stock#:** 97021  
**Map Maker:** Futterer  
**Date:** 1916  
**Place:** Los Angeles  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 47.75 x 29.75 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



#### Description:

#### *A Biblical Map by A Remarkable World Traveller*

Rare educational wall map of the Biblical World before the Flood, published by Antonia Frederick Fuller, who is often thought to be the inspiration for Indiana Jones.

Antonia Frederick Futterer's map of the Antediluvian Period 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 world before the biblical flood, as part of "Futterer's Bible Eyeography" in an attempt to master the Bible by sight.

The map is both geographical representation and chronological guide, detailing the lineage from Adam to Noah and the corresponding events leading up to the flood. The significance of this map lies in its attempt to synchronize biblical events with physical geography, presenting the antediluvian world in a tangible form. It situates the viewer in the early 20th century, a time when biblical history was often interpreted through a literal lens, reflecting the era's quest for integrating faith with empirical observation.

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



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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.

- 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.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Laid on linen, attached to wood rollers.