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Asia

Stock#: 26622
Map Maker: Heyns
Date: 1598
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.5 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare 16th Century map Asia and part of the Unknown Southern Continent, published by Zacharias Heyns in his rare *Le Miroir du Monde, ou, Epitome du Theatre d'Abraham Ortelius*, published in Amsterdam in 1598.

While the map is drawn from Ortelius and other contemporary sources, it is noteworthy that Heyns' map is most likely the second printed map to show the peninsula of Korea, after Fausto Rughesi's 2-sheet map of Asia, published in 1597. [inventory_detail_link\('33821'\)](#). It would seem that no other cartographer followed the peninsula model for Korea for many decades thereafter.

Zacharias Heyns was the son of Peter Heyns, who wrote the rhyming text for Ortelius' *Spiegel Der Werelt*, first published in 1577. Zacharias Heyns *Le Miroir du Monde* . . . was likely an attempt to continue the success of his father, although the maps bear no connection to Ortelius' work.

All of the maps for this work are woodcuts, making it one of the last atlases to employ this means of printing. The atlas is highly sought after among collectors, prized for its rarity and the unique appearance of its maps. The second edition of 1615 is virtually unknown, with Koeman locating only 1 example at the Bibliotheque Nationale.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow upper margin.