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A New Map of the Land of Promise And the Holy City of Jerusalem with the Principal Scripture Histories of the Old & New Testament

Stock#: 31088
Map Maker: Dicey
Date: 1765
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 58.5 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map of the Promised Land, extending from the Red Sea, Mecca and the Nile River on the right side of the map to Damascus and Sidon on the left side, centered on Jerusalem.

The map shows the Holy Land, the Sinai and the Nile Delta, projected from the East as is often the case but with the Egyptian coast "stretched" to eliminate its western turn. The image is adorned with depictions of villages, towns and fortresses in "bird's-eye perspective" and hundreds of tiny vignettes depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Of further interest are an inset view of the Temple of Solomon, a large inset plan of Jerusalem (its format hearkening back to Visscher's 17th-century plan) and an even larger bird's-eye view of the city, as well as 14 larger vignettes depicting central moments of the Old Testament narrative.

The original prototype for this map seems to have been van Doetechum's 1641 *Nieuwe Caerte des Lants von Beloften ende* (Nebenzahl, Holy Land, pp. 120-124, English versions of which were issued by Overton (ca. 1717), Sayer (ca. 1752), Cluer Dicey (ca. 1765), G. Thompson (1795) and others throughout the 18th century. An American edition was published by Thomas Duffield's map in Philadelphia in 1828.

All editions of the map are very rare. It is believed that the present example is one of approximately 3 known examples.

Detailed Condition: