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**A Map accommodated to ye Writings of Fl Josephus describing chiefly such plac as lye  
without ye Holy Land & for ye better Description of ym distinguished into 4 sevrll  
Draughts whereof...**

**Stock#:** 71197  
**Map Maker:** Wells  
**Date:** 1725 circa  
**Place:** Oxford  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** Fair  
**Size:** 17 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Engraved mapsheet, featuring four maps related to the writings of the Romano-Jewish historian Josephus.

The map was issued in Oxford at the beginning of the 18th century. It includes the following sub-maps:

- *Draught I shewing ye Garden of Eden according to Josephus Page 42 Jewish Antiquites*
- *Draught II shewing chiefly ye Plantation of ye World by the Posterity of Noah*
- *Draught III shewing chiefly ye most remote Places from ye Holy Land which are mentioned by Josephus*
- *Draught IIII shewing more fully ye less remote places from ye Holy Land mentioned by Josephus*

In the lower-right corner, the Henry, Lord Bishop of London, has been replaced by an engraving of the Pyramids of Egypt.

Wells's map is one of a set of 22 maps dedicated to William, Duke of Gloucester, who at the time of publication of the maps was studying at Oxford. Edward Wells was a teacher of mathematics and geography at Christchurch College of Oxford University. Below the hemispheres is a dedication vignette, with William shown with his tutor under the tree on the right. The 13-year-old William, the heir to the throne, began studies at Christchurch in 1700 at the age of 11 and died a few months after the map was issued. On either side of this are small landscapes, one of the ships arriving in the New World and one of the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Staining, toning, and wear, particularly in the margins. Some loss of image to the bottom, where the paper has been partially reinforced on the verso.