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## Natoliae Quae Olim Asia Minor Nova Descriptio [with] Aegypti Recentior Descriptio [with] Carthageinis Celeberrimi Sinus Typus [shows Cyprus]

**Stock#:** 74786  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1609  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** Not Available



### Description:

#### *Ortelius' Maps of Anatolia and Egypt from his Famed Atlas*

Fine example of three detailed regional maps on one sheet showing Anatolia, Egypt, and Carthage published by Abraham Ortelius. These maps originally appeared in his *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world.

This plate first appeared in the first edition of Ortelius's *Theatrum*, and subsequently in every edition until 1624. The plates underwent some minor changes, as detailed below, but kept their detailed and attractive composition for their entire lifetime.

#### Natolia

The first map covers Asia Minor, Cyprus, and the eastern Mediterranean. The map drew on an earlier set of 1564 maps published by Gastaldi and Forlani in Italy.

It appeared in three states. The first had vestiges of old degree numbers near the new ones on the left edge of the map; these faded away by 1587, leaving the second state. From 1588, the maritime hatching extended from 3 to 5 mm and stippling was added behind the sea names.

#### Aegypti

The second map shows the region around the Nile, as far as Aswan. It was based on an anonymous Italian source (possibly Ruscelli), which Forlani published in 1566, and is considered to be [the first modern](#)



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**[map of Egypt.](#)**

This map was also altered in 1588, with extended hatching and stippling. Cross-hatching was also added next to the degree numbers.

**Carthage**

The third map shows the environs of the city of Carthage (present-day Tunis). It was based on an anonymous Italian map of 1535. As with the other two maps on the sheet, it was altered in 1588. The wave patterns were made more pronounced, while the cartouche scroll, hills, mountains, and cities were also given additional hatching.

**Detailed Condition:**