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Peregrinationis Divi Pauli Typus Chorographicus . . .

Stock#: 76020
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1624
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A gorgeous example of Ortelius' map of the travels of St. Paul the Apostle through the Mediterranean, extending west to Italy and east to the Euphrates, including parts of the Red Sea and the Black Sea. Several sailing ships and sea monsters in the Mediterranean.

Ortelius titles this work with an apology that this map is not as detailed as others of Palestine and the Eastern Mediterranean, but that he preferred to focus on place names which had New Testament significance. The map labels many of the cities of the modern and Roman eras in the large area where Paul was believed to have exercised his ministry. The map shows all the places of interest in the life of Paul: Damascus, where he was converted, Malta, where he converted the local populace, Corinth, the city to which he wrote his epistles, Rome, where he died, and many more. Interestingly, these places are not explicitly associated with Paul's life in the map.

Two ornate scenes from St. Paul's travels are illustrated with unusual detail. They depict the two major conversion scenes in Paul's life: first when he is converted, and second when he converts the inhabitants of Malta. Paul's conversion occurred while he was on the road to Damascus, persecuting the new Christians. Having fallen from his horse, he was blinded for three days before Jesus appeared to him, and he converted. We see this on the left. In the right-hand side image, we see Paul bitten by a viper while lighting a fire and surviving after having been shipwrecked. This act of survival was enough to convince the local population to convert.

At the bottom of the image is a quote from Corinthians which scholars and theologians attribute to Paul. In his two epistles, Paul describes what he saw while in Corinth and the various ways in which the inhabitants strayed from the path that Jesus had set forth. This particular verse written in Latin details



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that as the true believer walks by faith and not sight, they make it their aim to please the Lord whether at home or abroad. This was a key verse for pilgrims and exemplifies the difference between spatial and spiritual pilgrimage.

This work was published in Ortelius's *Parergon sive veteris geographiae aliquot tabulae*, which featured the areas traveled by famous figures of the ancient world. Five maps are devoted to sacred history, and those regarding the travels of Abraham, Moses, and Paul are the best known in this series.

Detailed Condition: