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La Nuova et Esatta Descrittione della Soria, e Della Terra Santa . . . l'Anno M D LXVI

Stock#: 81988
Map Maker: Forlani
Date: 1566
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine, Rare Lafreri School Map of the Holy Land

Handsome and scarce separately-published map of the Holy Land and Cyprus, published by Paolo Forlani.

The map stretches from the Dead Sea and Jerusalem in the south to Aleppo in the north. There are many recognizable names, like Damascus and Nicosia.

The terrain appears hilly and is bisected by many rivers. There are more than towns marked as well, such as tombs and tabernacles. Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, is mountainous yet densely settled.

The map is based upon Waldseemüller's map of the Holy Land from 1513, most likely the 1561 edition published in Venice by Giordano Ziletti. This edition has maps by Giulio Sanuto and commentary by Ruscelli. This map is larger and more decorative than Sanuto's. Forlani's work also draws from Giacomo Gastaldi's map of 1548.

Maps showing the terrain of the Holy Land were some of the most popular of the early modern period. However, this particular map is seldom seen on the market. This is the first time we have offered it.

This is a first version of the map. Interestingly, there is another variant, on a new plate, which has the date in Arabic numerals, rather than in Roman numerals. There are also small differences in toponyms.



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Detailed Condition:

Trimmed to neatlines, with large contemporary margins added in the style of Lafreri maps.