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## (Armenia, Caspian Sea, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Iran) Tabula Asiae III (Noah's Ark)

**Stock#:** 87506  
**Map Maker:** Gastaldi  
**Date:** 1548  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 7 x 5.25 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine example of Gastaldi's map of Armenia, Caspian Sea, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Russia, Iran and neighboring regions, based upon the work of Claudius Ptolemy.

The map shows Noah's Arc (Arca Noe) in the Caspian Sea.

Giacomo Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548 has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available and are among the earliest obtainable maps for regional collectors.

### Detailed Condition: