



The Wäldseemüller/Fries Ptolemaic map of the Middle East & Cyprus

WÄLDSEEMÜLLER, Martin.
[Tabula IIII Asiae.]

Lyons: Melchor & Gaspar Trechsel, 1535. Coloured woodcut. Printed area 320 x 450mm.

£950

A fine example of the Fries reduction of Wäldseemüller's Ptolemaic map of the Middle East, with Cyprus featuring prominently. Originally intended not for a Ptolemy edition but for a new 'Chronica mundi' being written by Wäldseemüller, his death c.1520 caused the project to be shelved, so the woodcuts were used to publish a smaller sized and so cheaper edition of the 'Geography'. On verso is a Latin text with other woodcuts including decorative columns.

LAOR: 610; ZACHARAKIS: 1829.

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