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Rare 16th century map of the near East & Persia

DE JODE, Gerard.

Primæ Partis Asiæ acurata delineatio...

Antwerp, 1593, Latin text edition. Original colour. 300 x 505mm.

£3,500

The Ukraine, Turkey and Armenia, Cyprus, Palestine & upper Egypt, northern Arabia, Persia, the Caspian Sea with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan & Afghanistan. Engraved c.1566-1570, this example comes from the 1593 edition of de Jode's 'Speculum Orbis Terrae', published two years after his death by his widow and son. This was to be the last edition: after the death of Cornelis De Jode in 1600 the plates were bought by Vrients, then the owner of the Ortelius plates, merely to stop their re-issue. Some of the most famous names in cartography of this period appear on this map: De Jode was the great rival of Ortelius, with whom he had a long-running feud; Gastaldi, De Jode's source, is best known for his maps in the 'Lafreri-type' atlases; and Lucas & Jan van Doeticum, the engravers, are renowned for the flair of their work for Waghenaer, Linschoten and Ortelius.

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