



A very rare map of the Holy Land

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Nova Totius Palestinae seu Terrae Sanctae Descriptio Pagella una. ita ut Bibliorum Voluminibus Congrat. Neue unnd deutliche Beschreibung Des gelobten Heyligen Lanndts Palestinae... inn diese Kleinne Taffel bracht Durch Balthasar Jenichen.

Nuremberg, 1570. Image 190mm x 390mm.

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An extremely rare map of Palestine, with the Mediterranean at the top of the map, marking Sidon at the furthest right and Azza on the left. It is full of oddities, including invented bays on the coast, an over-sized Haifa Bay and a crescent-shaped Dead Sea. The compass is also incorrectly engraved, with North 45°W off true. Very little is known about Jenichen, an engraver and publisher in Nuremberg, whose output seems to be between 1560-77, including a map of Cyprus during the siege of 1571. He usually signed his plates with his initials only.

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