

**SA1019181**

Antique Prayer-Rug, Timuri -  
Yaqoub Khani Sub-Tribe,  
Khorassan Province,  
North-Eastern Persia.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA1019181**

**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 165 cm (65.0")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

## Description

This is undoubtedly the best Timuri Yaqoub Khani namazlyk (prayer-rug) that exists in the world market today. A bold statement, but having handled and being aware of what is in private collections world-wide, I have never seen such a complete and mint-condition piece as this one! Acquired from a private collection in Mashad in north-eastern Iran last month, I can only guess that this rug was made for an important person at the end of the nineteenth century, possibly hardly used and kept in a 'bokcha' (special dowry bag), totally preserved with its complete brocaded skirts. Amazing! The extremely finely knotted natural camel-hair field contains the symbolic 'tree-of-life' rising upwards from the underworld, the branches in the earthly world leading to the spiritual realms. The brocaded skirts have highlights of silver and gold thread woven into the nesting birds as can be seen in the close-up photos, indicating this was commissioned by a wealthy member of the tribe, possibly the Khan himself. This is a hugely important rug and highly collectable. Size: 1.65m x 0.78m (5' 5" x 2' 7").

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