

**SA1197995**

## Mid-17th-Century Madrid School, Saint Elijah - Antique Oil Painting

Price

**GBP 3,200**

| USD \$4,330 | EUR 3,744

**Item Reference: SA1197995**

**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 121 cm (47.6")

Width = 95 cm (37.4")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

## Description

This commanding mid-17th-century Spanish Baroque painting depicts Saint Elijah wrapped in a coarse Carmelite habit and raising a flaming sword. Towering within the vertical composition, his gaunt face carved by conviction, he holds his burning brand aloft - its red blaze cutting sharply through the heavy storm clouds behind him. In his left hand - a scroll bearing his declaration of zeal. Here's a man who has staked everything on belief. The atmosphere is charged. The sky roils in leaden greys and bruised blues. At his feet, a fire burns, as a smouldering reminder of the prophet's confrontation with the priests of Baal. In the background, almost swallowed by smoke and shadow, a bull lies engulfed - the sacrificial contest that defined his story. Yet what arrests the viewer is not spectacle, but intensity. Elijah's gaze is stern, inward, and burdened. This is not a man celebrating victory - it is a man carrying responsibility. The Spanish Baroque understood something essential: faith was not mild. In the decades following the Counter-Reformation, images like this were meant to galvanise. Elijah becomes an embodiment of conviction under pressure - a figure who stands ag...

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