

SA953395

George Sidney Hunt After Edwin Long RA, In the Wilderness - Antique Engraving

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA953395****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

This late 19th-century mixed-method engraving by George Sidney Hunt (1856-1917) after Edwin Long RA (1829-1891) is one in a series of three depicting the Old Testament story of Jephthah. Here, we see Jephthah's daughter contemplating her fate during a two-month sojourn in the wilderness. The heart-rending story of Jephthah captured Victorian minds and inspired artist Edwin Long to produce three exhibition pieces, which are now held at the Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum. Prior to a fearsome battle with the Ammonites, Jephthah, a leader in Isreal, committed a vow to God that he'd make a sacrifice if his armies were triumphant. "whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the Lord's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering" (Judges 11:30-31). Alas, upon returning, his only daughter danced into his arms - unaware of the tragic consequences of her innocent actions. Hence, her sacrifice was set in stone - her father's oath had condemned her to death. "Oh no, my daughter! You have brought me down and I am devastated. I have made a vow to the Lord that I cannot break ..." (Judges 11:35). Commissioned by fine ...

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