

Large Louis XV Period Fan, Painting On Vellum, Rébecca And Eliézer, Ivory Frame



550 EUR

Period: 18th century

Condition: Très bon état

Material: Ivory

Description

Old & large fan dating from the mid-18th century.

Carved and pierced ivory branches decorated with characters.

Painted vellum sheet depicting a biblical scene "Rebekah and Eliezer"

50cm in diameter

Very good condition

The subject is taken from the Book of Genesis (24, 15-27): Eliezer of Damascus, servant of Abraham is sent by the latter to looking for a wife for his son Isaac. He is sent to Nahor in Chaldea and there asks God for help in choosing a wife. He decides to choose the one who will offer him and his camels a drink. In exchange, he offers Rebecca the jewelry given by Abraham: two

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bracelets and a ring, accompanied by the marriage proposal letter. Poussin decides to represent this last scene in his painting, a rare choice because artists generally choose the previous scene, where Eliezer drinks from Rebecca's spring. He also decided not to represent camels, although they always appear traditionally in paintings representing this subject, which will be the main subject discussed during the Academy debates around this painting.