



## 16th Century Flanders Tapestry - The Bravery Of David's Army - N° 1660



12 500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Wool

Width : 137 cm

Height : 242 cm

Depth : 1 cm

### Description

This magnificent tapestry has benefited from a thorough cleaning as well as a hand lining in 100% linen fabric, and a meticulous check by our experts in our Atelier artisanal. It is now ready to adorn your home "Le Triomphe de l'Épopée Biblique : Importante Tapisserie d'Audenarde du XVIe siècle aux Armes de Noblesse" This remarkable wool and silk tapestry, woven in the prestigious manufactures of Flanders in the 16th century, illustrates the ardor of the Old Testament stories with exceptional vigor. The Subject: The Bravery of the Army of David The scene depicts a glorious episode in David's wars against the Philistines. At the center of the composition, the action is striking: a warlord, probably general Joab or the future king David himself, leads a decisive cavalry charge. The warriors are

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depicted "à l'antique", blending the heroism of the sacred texts with the classical aesthetics of the Grand Siècle. We admire the precision of the weaving in the movement of the horses, the detail of the round shields and the dynamism of the combatants on the ground, creating a striking dramatic depth.

**Composition and Colors**The work is set in a verdant landscape of hills and groves, typical of "character greens". The chromatic palette is dominated by a superb cameo of umber blues and golden yellows (which have turned cream over time), lending the whole a luminous, serene atmosphere despite the fervor of the battle. The scene is magnified by a richly ornamented border of fruit baskets, flowers and landscape cartouches, symbolizing the abundance and peace regained after victory.

**THE PRESTIGIOUS ELEMENT: THE ALLIANCE BLazon** The top of the border is topped with a heraldic shield, a true historical signature of this piece.

**Heraldry:** This is a "parti" blazon, signifying the union of two noble lines by marriage.

**To the dexter (left):** Two silver bezants are distinguished on an azure field, often symbolizing wealth or the link with Mediterranean trade and the Crusades.

**To the sinister (right):** A fess field of six pieces, a classic motif of European high nobility.

**Significance:** surmounted by a mantling helmet in profile, this coat of arms indicates that this tapestry was not a simple decoration, but a special commission intended to adorn the home of an aristocratic family (probably from the Spanish Netherlands). It testifies to the owner's social rank and taste for the virtues of courage and piety illustrated by the biblical subject.

**Expert note:** This tapestry is a rare testimony to the time when Flanders was the center of the world for the art of weaving, combining here sacred history, military bravery and genealogical pride.