



SEVEN WONDERS

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Great Pyramid of Giza (2550 BC)

- Built for Khufu (Cheops)
- Designed by Hemiunu
- World's tallest building until 1301 (Lincoln Cathedral)

Hanging Gardens of Babylon (600 BC)

- Built by Nebuchadnezzar II for his homesick wife Amytitis
- Also known as the Hanging Gardens of Semiramis

Statue of Zeus at Olympia (435 BC)

- Built by Phidias
- Made of ivory coated in gold sitting on a cedar base
- Some say it was stolen and taken to Constantinople where it was later destroyed in a fire.

Temple of Artemis at Ephesus (550 BC)

- Located in present-day Turkey
- Designed & constructed by Chersiphron and his son Metagenes; commissioned by Croesus of Lydia
- Destroyed by arson by Herostratus on the exact night that Alexander the Great was born. It was later rebuilt but the Goths destroyed it in 262 AD

Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus (351 BC)

- Designed by Satyrus and Pythius
- Commissioned by Maussollos, the satrap of Caria, to hold the remains of him and Artemisia, his wife/sister

Colossus of Rhodes (292 BC)

- Designed by Chares of Lindos
- Statue of the sun god Helios commissioned by the city of Rhodes to celebrate a military victory over the Antigonids of Macedonia
- An earthquake in 226 BC snapped the statue at the knee, and it toppled. The ruins were eventually sold to a Syrian merchant. It is said that it took 900 camels to transport the pieces back to Syria

Lighthouse (Pharos) of Alexandria (3rd Century BC)

- Designed by Sostratus of Cnidus, commissioned by Ptolemy I
- It was destroyed by two earthquakes, in 1303 & 1323

