

7 Wonders of the Ancient World

Name	Date of construction	Builders	Date of destruction	Cause of destruction	Modern location
Great Pyramid of Giza	2584–2561 BC	Egyptians	Still in existence, majority of façade gone		Giza Necropolis, Egypt
Hanging Gardens of Babylon	c. 600 BC (evident)	Babylonians or Assyrians	After 1st century AD	Unknown	Hillah or Nineveh, Iraq
Temple of Artemis (Diana) at Ephesus	c. 550 BC; and again at 323 BC	Greeks, Lydians	356 BC (by Herostratus)	Arson by Herostratus, plundering	Near Selçuk, Turkey
			AD 262 (by the Goths)		
Statue of Zeus at Olympia	466–456 BC (temple)	Greeks	5th–6th centuries AD	Disassembled and reassembled at Constantinople; later destroyed by fire	Olympia, Greece
	435 BC (statue)				
Mausoleum at Halicarnassus	351 BC	Greeks, Persians, Carians	12th–15th century AD	Earthquakes	Bodrum, Turkey
Colossus of Rhodes	292–280 BC	Greeks	226 BC	226 BC Rhodes earthquake	Rhodes, Greece
Lighthouse of Alexandria	c. 280 BC	Greeks, Ptolemaic Egyptians	AD 1303–1480	1303 Crete earthquake	Alexandria, Egypt

"I have seen the walls and Hanging Gardens of ancient Babylon, the statue of Olympian Zeus, the Colossus of Rhodes, the mighty work of the high Pyramids and the tomb of Mausolus. But when I saw the temple at Ephesus rising to the clouds, all these other wonders were put in the shade"- Antipater of Sidon

Antipater of Sidon was an ancient Greek poet in the second half of the 2nd century BC