The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is a list of man-made constructions that date back to classical antiquity. These seven wonders were based on popular guidebooks that were used by Greek tourists. The Greeks believed that the number seven was magical, which is why they chose seven wonders. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are:

- The Great Pyramid of Giza
- The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
- The Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus
- The Colossus of Rhodes
- The Lighthouse of Alexandria

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the largest and oldest of the three pyramids located in Cairo, Egypt. It is also the only member of the Seven Ancient Wonders that still exists today. It is believed that this pyramid was built to be a tomb for an Egyptian King. It is believed that it took roughly 20 years for the pyramid to be built and that it was completed around 2560 BCE. For over 3,800 years, this pyramid was the tallest man-made structure in the world.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were built by Nebuchadnezzar II around 600 BCE. These gardens were located in what is known today as Iraq. Nebuchadnezzar built the gardens to please his wife, Amytis of Media. She was ill and missed the fragrant plants and trees that grew in her homeland of Persia. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were destroyed by earthquakes sometime after the second century BCE.

The Statue of Zeus at Olympia was sculpted by Phidias around 432 BCE. It was erected at the Temple of Zeus, which was located in Olympia, Greece. The Temple of Zeus was built to house this statue, and the statue took up the width of an entire aisle of the temple. The statue was 40 feet tall.

The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus took over 120 years to build. This temple was dedicated to the Greek goddess Artemis. It was burned down by Herostratus. Alexander the Great later rebuilt the temple, but it was destroyed by the Goths. It was rebuilt a third time and destroyed a third time by a mob in 401 BCE.

The Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus was a tomb that was built for Mausolus and his wife and sister. It was roughly 135 feet tall. Each of the four sides of the mausoleum was adorned with a sculpted piece of artwork. The sculpting was done by four different Greek sculptors. Each sculptor completed one side of the mausoleum. The four sculptors were Leochares, Bryaxis, Scopas, and Timotheus.
The Colossus of Rhodes was a statue of the Greek god Helios. This statue was erected on the island of Rhodes between 292 and 280 BCE. This statue was over 107 feet high. This statue was destroyed by an earthquake in 226 BCE.

The Lighthouse of Alexandria was built between 285 and 247 BCE. It was built on the island of Pharos in Alexandria, Egypt. It is said that the lighthouse was somewhere between 380 and 440 feet, which made it one of the tallest buildings during that time period.
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