

THE TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS AT EPHESUS



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The **Temple of Artemis** also known as the **Temple of Diana**, was a Greek temple dedicated to an ancient, local form of the goddess Artemis. It was located in Ephesus. It was built in 440 BC and it is considered to be one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world.



The new temple was sponsored at least in part by Croesus. It was designed and constructed from around 550 BC by the Cretan architect Chersiphron and his son Metagenes. It was 115 m (377 ft) long and 46 m (151 ft) wide, supposedly the first Greek temple built of marble. Its peripteral columns stood some 13 m (40 ft) high, in double rows that formed a wide ceremonial passage that led to the goddess's cult image.





The Ephesian Artemis is a distinct form of their goddess Artemis. In Greek worship and myth, Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo, a virgin goddess of the hunt, the wild, and the moon, who, despite being a goddess of childbirth, was nevertheless known for her chastity. The oval objects covering the upper part of the Ephesian Artemis represent multiple breasts, symbolizing her fertility.

On the night of July 21, 356 BC, the temple was destroyed by a fire set by the paranoid Herostratus of Ephesus because he wanted his name immortalized in history. According to tradition, Alexander the Great was born that night.



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