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between 283 and 247 BC. Ptolemy was an ancestor of Cleopatra. The lighthouse was 400ft high, cost about L187,000 and by the light of fires built on top ships were guided to the safety of Alexandria harbour.

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Next is the **STATUE OF JUPITER**, known as Zeus, at Athens. The statue was made of gold and ivory and later disappeared, its shape and posture being known



only from designs on ancient Greek coins. It is recorded that the Greek sculptor Phidias was thrown into prison for having carved his own face on a shield held by his famous figure of the Goddess Athena. The charge was one of impiety and there was also the crime that he had misappropriated some of the gold intended for the statue.

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The Goddess Diana — known to the Greeks as Artemis — was known as the deity of chastity. It is reported that because a youth had watched her bathing, the goddess had slain him and turned



another into a stag. In her honour the Greeks erected the great **TEMPLE OF DIANA**, at Ephesus, in Western Asia Minor — now Turkey — some 2000 years ago. It was rebuilt in 356 BC, but was destroyed by the Goths in 263 AD.

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According to legends a woman, Semiramis, was responsible for sponsoring the **HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON** nearly 5000 years ago. However, it is claimed that they were probably built by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, from 604 to 551 BC, in honour of his wife. With a base which covered four acres, the gardens formed a pyramid structure of terraces with trees, shrubs and flowers, and rested on arches supported by hollow pillars ranging from 75 to 300ft in height.

