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The <u>Temple of Artemis</u> is quite a fascinating structure, designed by the Greek architect Chersiphron. The picture above is a recreation of the Temple of Artemis in all of its glory.

Because of flooding, looting and arson (the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property), the temple had

to be rebuilt about three times. So let's see the facts for this beautiful temple.

Who really built the temple and who was it made for? The person who built it was a Greek architect named Chersiphron, and he made it to honor the <u>Greek goddess Artemis</u> (known to Romans as Diana). She was the daughter of Zeus (he is the god of the sky and ruler of the Olympian gods) and the twin sister of Apollo.

Well, how did Zeus become the chief Greek god? He overthrew his father, Cronus, and then drew lots with his brothers Poseidon and Hades, in order to decide who would succeed their father on the throne. Zeus won the draw and became the supreme ruler of the gods, as well as lord of the sky and rain. His weapon was a thunderbolt which he hurled at those who displeased or defied him, especially liars and oathbreakers.

Back to the Temple of Artemis ... where was it and when was it built? Today the ruins of the temple are located at <u>Atatürk Mahallesi</u>, <u>Dr. Sabri Yayla Blvd</u>, <u>35920 Selçuk/İzmir</u>, <u>Turkey</u>. (In ancient times, the temple's city was called Ephesus.) The temple that became a world wonder was built in 350 B.C. and took about 10 years to build fully. Wow that was a really long time.

What are some interesting facts about, The Temple of Diana (Artemis).

- First fact: The second temple was approximately four times larger in area than the previous one.
- Second fact: Each time the temple was rebuilt, it was on the same site.
- Third fact: The third time the temple was built it was 450 feet long x (by) 225 feet wide. It was 60 feet high and had at least 127 columns.
- Fourth fact: The third temple lasted for about 600 years. When it was destroyed by the <u>Goths</u> in 268 A.D., it was never rebuilt.

Wow those are some really cool facts about the Temple of Artemis (Diana).

Why is the Temple of Artemis (Diana) a wonder? Well this is why. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus was huge and very beautiful. It was built to honor Artemis, one of three maiden goddesses of Olympus. This temple is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It was built in Ephesus (an ancient city), which today would be near Selcuk, Turkey.

So that's all the facts that you need to know about this cool/beautiful building of the Greek Temple of Artemis.

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