

0. The Wonderful Colossus of Rhodes by Rachel Joseph
- Story Preface

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The seven wonders of the ancient world are many wonderful monuments that have many backgrounds. Guaranteed you have not heard of the Colossus of Rhodes, though. If you have, well lucky you, but if you have not, this is definitely the story for you.

This story will inform you about the many wonders of this statue. The Colossus of Rhodes was a very special monument that you should consider learning about.

The Colossus of Rhodes was built starting in about 304 B.C and completed in 280 B.C, by Chares of Lindos, on the island of Rhodes. It was built as if it overlooked the seas.

This sculpture was built in honor of the defeat of Demetrius against the Rhodians. Demetrius was the son of one of the generals that worked for Alexander the Great. The statue was sculpted after Helios, sun god to the Rhodians and Greeks.

To build this sculpture they used weapons that Demetrius's men left behind after the war. They used bronze for the exterior and the siege tower for the scaffolding. It took Chares and his crew about 12 years just to build this monument. People can believe this because of all its interesting and amazing details and the fact that it was about 110 feet tall.

Although this statue took a long time to build, it took only a few seconds to destroy.

This beautiful monument was destroyed in a treacherous earthquake. The monument had survived many more

earthquakes before that and stood firm. Yet, when this earthquake came on the scene, it began to give in to it. The earthquake was so terrible, that the statue could take no more of its torture.

The statue itself was well formed, but when the earthquake happened it affected the knees. It was built in a way where if earthquakes came it would be able to capacitate it from the feet without getting destroyed. When the earthquake occurred it hit the the knees more than the base which was not expected. The knees were originally the statue's weakest point because when the ground shook, it would have twisted both the feet and the knees. But since the feet were secured in the ground the knees were going to be the ones to collapse.

The people of Rhodes did not want to rebuild the monument because there was an oracle that said that it would bring misfortune to the people. So a few years after Colossus was destroyed, its pieces were sold as scrap.

Today they are thinking about rebuilding this seventh wonder, but there are still some doubts. Who knows, one day they may actually rebuild this old monument. The question is, what will happen? Will the oracle be true? Or will the people live happily ever after?

There are many things that people should know about the seven wonders of the ancient world. The Colossus of Rhodes is just one of them that people should consider. There is so much more that people can put their interest in. Hopefully they enjoy learning about the seven wonders and other things that the past may hold.

Footnotes:

1) unknown, The Colossus at Rhodes, <https://en.wikipedia.org>, Dec/31/1879, May/26/2017, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colossus_of_Rhodes

2) Bos, Carole, The Colossus at Rhodes, <https://www.awesomestories.com>, Oct/07/2013, May/26/2017, <https://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Colossus-of-Rhodes>

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