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This is an illustration of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon

There are 7 wonders of the ancient world that baffle millions of people all across the globe. One of the most astonishing is the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. It is not proven to be an actual site but is for sure the most beautiful if the reports are true! This lost city was astonishing and really a wonder.

King Nebuchadnezzar II made the garden in order to make his wife happy. Philosophers believe that "she was a Median who missed the natural beauty of her homeland." He loved his wife so much, he had people construct it for her. It is believed that the garden/empire was very vast.

The empire had a capital city in Babylon. Historians think that the King had the gardens made in 605 BC. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were made with shrubs, vines, plants and flowers. This made it seem like the city was full of gardens with plants all over the place. The wife of King Nebuchadnezzar II was surely happy because of her husband's actions. It was very beautiful and had a variety of plants. The place was amazing.

For most of the time that anyone talked or wrote about this wonder, they had the Hanging Gardens of Babylon located in Babylon. They were laid out on top of an arched building. The building had provisions for raising water which was amazing.

It took 40 years to build. Now some scholars think the gardens may have been located in Nineveh. From Babylon to Nineveh is about a ten-hour drive in today's world.

There are many amazing facts about the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon's terraces were built to rise from 75 to 300 feet tall.

There is no factual evidence to prove the gardens really existed. If it was really real, it would've taken 8,200 gallons of water a day to keep the plants up and running!

Footnotes:

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