

Hanging Gardens of Babylon

Gardens of Babylon, 20th century interpretation

Hanging Garden, [Assyrian](#) interpretation

The **Hanging Gardens of [Babylon](#)**,^[1] and the walls of Babylon (near present-day Al Hillah in [Iraq](#)) were one of the [Seven Wonders of the World](#). They were built by [Nebuchadnezzar II](#) around 600 BC. He is said to have built the gardens to please his wife, Amytis of Media. She wanted to see the trees and plants of her homeland. The hanging gardens were destroyed in an earthquake after the [1st century](#) BC.

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Some people do not believe the Hanging Gardens were real. In ancient writings the Hanging Gardens of Babylon were first described by *Berosus*, a [Chaldean priest](#). He lived in the late 4th century B.C. [Greek](#) historians later wrote more about them.^[2]

Recent [archaeological](#) digs of the [palace](#) in [Iraq](#) have uncovered evidence of a building with vaults and a well nearby. However, the place of the palace complex is different from where Greek historians said they were, which was on the banks of the [Euphrates](#) River.^[2] Also recently, there have been digs on the banks of the [Euphrates](#) River of some large 25 meter-thick walls.^[2]

References

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1. [↑] also called the 'Hanging Gardens of Semiramis'. Semiramus was what the Greeks called one of the queens of Assyria.
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