

# STATUE OF ZEUS AT OLYMPIA



The Statue of Zeus at Olympia was a colossal statue created by the famous sculptor Phidias around 435 BCE, located in the Temple of Zeus at Olympia, Greece. Standing about 40 feet tall, it depicted the king of the Greek gods, Zeus, seated on a grand throne. Made of ivory and gold-plated bronze, the statue was a stunning example of ancient Greek artistry and craftsmanship. Zeus was portrayed holding a figure of Nike, the goddess of victory, in one hand and a scepter in the other. It was considered one of the greatest works of Greek sculpture and was admired by visitors from all over the ancient world. Unfortunately, the statue was lost to history, likely destroyed by a fire in the 5th century CE, but its legacy continues to be celebrated in the annals of ancient art.