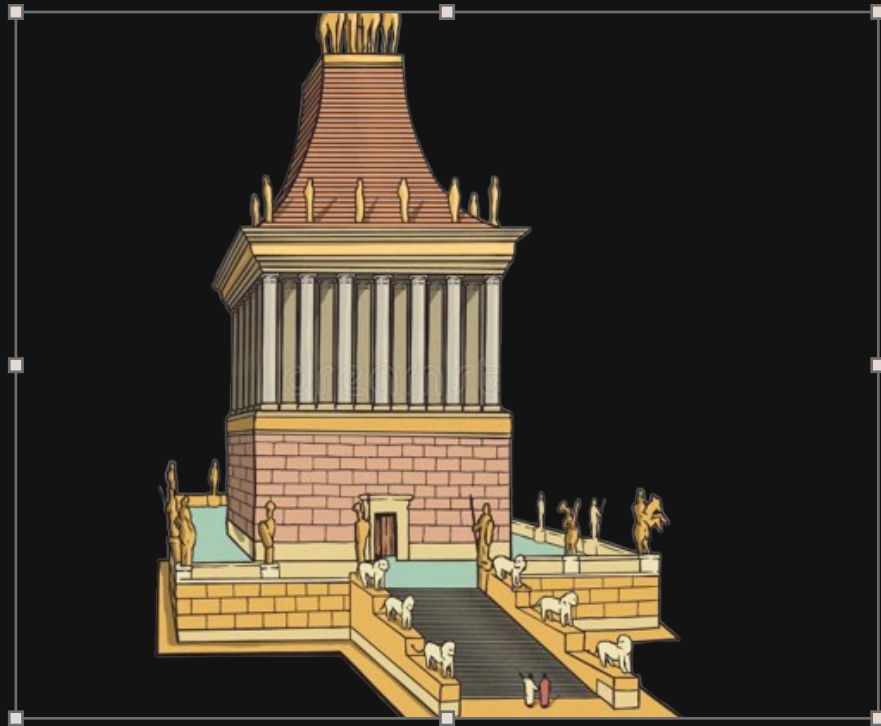


# MAUSOLEUM AT HALICARNASSUS



The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus was an elaborate tomb built for Mausolus, the Persian satrap of Caria, and his wife Artemisia II, around 350 BCE. Located in the ancient city of Halicarnassus (modern-day Bodrum, Turkey), the mausoleum stood approximately 135 feet tall and was adorned with intricate sculptures and reliefs by renowned Greek artists. Its design combined Greek, Egyptian, and Lycian architectural elements, showcasing a unique fusion of styles. The tomb was topped with a massive, ornate statue of Mausolus and Artemisia, and the structure was surrounded by beautifully detailed sculptures depicting scenes from Greek mythology. It was considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Though it was largely destroyed by earthquakes in the Middle Ages, the term "mausoleum" today refers to any grand tomb, inspired by this monumental structure.