



Greek Colossus of Rhodes



The New Colossus – The Statue of Liberty

The **Colossus of Rhodes** was a statue of the Greek Titan Helios, erected in the city of Rhodes on the Greek island of Rhodes by Chares of Lindos between 292 and 280 BC. It is considered one of the [Seven Wonders of the Ancient World](#). It was constructed to celebrate Rhodes' victory over the ruler of Cyprus, Antigonus I Monophthalmus, whose son unsuccessfully besieged Rhodes in 305 BC. Before its destruction in 226 BC - due to an earthquake - the Colossus of Rhodes stood over 30 meters (107 ft) high, making it one of the tallest statues of the ancient world.