

# Apollon Temple

Didim Apollon Tap?na??

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The ancient geographer Strabo considers the Temple of Apollo in Didim the largest and most temple in the world. Apollo, dedicated to the temple, which became famous as one of the most important prophecy centers of the ancient world, is the son of Zeus and Leto, and the twin brother of Artemis, the Moon Goddess. Apollo, the god of the sun, light, music and prophecy, is an Anatolian God whose origin goes back to the Hittites. A temple was built on the "Holy Way" between Miletus and Didim in the 6th century; The bronze statue of Apollo was also gifted to the temple. This statue is also included in Miletus coins. The temple in Ionic order, 38x85 m. in sizes. The merchants and troops sailing from the Port of Panormos used to tell fortunes and offer sacrifices to the gods in the Temple of Apollo. The one-piece marble block in the body of 70 tons, located between the doors leading down to the sacred courtyard, The monumental structure, which is surrounded by 124 columns sitting in double rows on a platform with steps on all four sides, consists of several parts. The temple was directed by the Persians, who attacked Miletos, ruler of King Dara, in 494 BC. The reconstruction of the temple coincides with the Persian victory of Alexander the Great. The ancient temple, whose construction lasted until the middle of the 2nd century AD, was still not completely finished. The area of the temple, which has survived to the present day as it was rebuilt, is approximately 109x51 m. 53x21 m. The "Sella Sanctuary", in size, now hosts concerts and art organizations.

## Overview

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