

# An Elusive World Wonder Traced

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The Hanging Gardens were said to be one of the most beautiful and extravagant structures in the ancient world. They were described as a series of terraces planted with exotic trees, flowers, and shrubs, and were said to have been built by King Nebuchadnezzar II in the 6th century BC.

The Gardens were said to have been located in the city of Babylon, which was the capital of the Babylonian Empire. However, the exact location of the Gardens has been lost to history. Over the centuries, there have been many different theories about where the Gardens were located, but none of these theories have been proven conclusively.

In recent years, a team of researchers from the University of Chicago has been conducting a new study of the Hanging Gardens. The researchers have used a variety of techniques, including satellite imagery, ground surveys, and archaeological excavations, to try to locate the Gardens.

The researchers believe they have finally found the location of the Hanging Gardens. They believe that the Gardens were located on the south side of the city of Babylon, on a terrace overlooking the Euphrates River.

The researchers have found evidence of a large, rectangular structure on the terrace. They believe that this structure was the foundation of the Hanging Gardens. They have also found evidence of a system of canals and aqueducts that would have been used to water the Gardens.

The researchers' findings are still preliminary, but they are very promising. If the researchers are correct, they will have finally solved one of the greatest mysteries of the ancient world.

## **The Hanging Gardens in History**

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were first mentioned in the writings of the Greek historian Herodotus. Herodotus wrote that the Gardens were built by King Nebuchadnezzar II in the 6th century BC.

Herodotus described the Gardens as a series of terraces planted with exotic trees, flowers, and shrubs. He said that the Gardens were watered by a system of canals and aqueducts.

The Gardens were also mentioned by other Greek and Roman writers, including Diodorus Siculus, Strabo, and Pliny the Elder. These writers all

described the Gardens in glowing terms, and they all agreed that the Gardens were one of the most beautiful and extravagant structures in the ancient world.

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### **Theories About the Location of the Hanging Gardens**

There have been many different theories about where the Hanging Gardens of Babylon were located. Some people believe that the Gardens were located on the south side of the city of Babylon, on a terrace overlooking the Euphrates River.

Other people believe that the Gardens were located on the north side of the city, on a terrace overlooking the Hanging Gardens Canal.

Still others believe that the Gardens were not located in Babylon at all, but in a different city in Mesopotamia.

The exact location of the Hanging Gardens is still a mystery. However, the recent research by the University of Chicago team is very promising. If the researchers are correct, they will have finally solved one of the greatest mysteries of the ancient world.

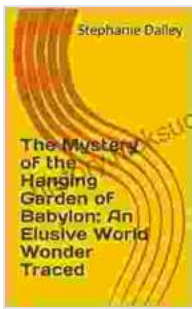
### **The Significance of the Hanging Gardens**

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were one of the most famous and iconic structures in the ancient world. They were a symbol of the wealth and

power of the Babylonian Empire.

The Gardens were also a testament to the ingenuity and creativity of the ancient Babylonians. They were able to create a beautiful and extravagant structure in a harsh and unforgiving environment.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon are a reminder of the great achievements of the ancient world. They are a testament to the human spirit and the power of creativity.

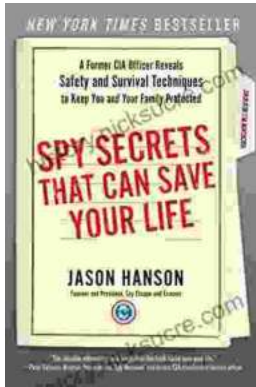


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