

Sardes Archaeological Site





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April 1-October 31

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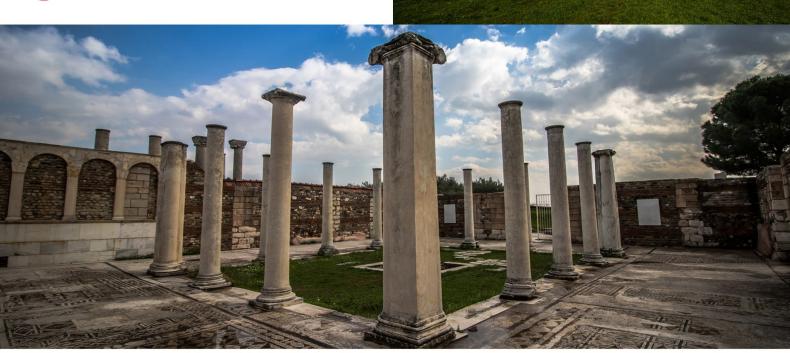












Where the First Coin was Minted in History







Lydia's Capital

It was the capital of the state of Lydia, where the coins were first minted and used in commerce. The site has been inhabited as a settlement from 687-547 B.C. to the present day. There are the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, The Church adjacent to the temple, The Gymnasium and Bathhouse Complex, shops, The Theatre and The Stadion in the ancient city.



The Altar and Temple of Artemis

The construction of the structure was started in accordence with the peripteros plan in the Hellenistic period (3rd B.C.) and with various additions and changes of plans. It showed development and change until the Roman period. It is among the largest temples in the world in lonic order. There are rounded and embroidered column bases on square pedestals, fluted coloumn shafts with lonic coloumn heads on top. The Temple is dedicated to Artemis, goddess of hunting, fertility and soil.

