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Prophecy and Oracles in Ancient Greece

Ancient Greeks, overwhelmed by life's mysteries and their insignificance compared to nature, sought guidance from the divine. They relied on soothsayers like Tiresias, Calchas, Helenus, Amphiaraus and Cassandra to interpret signs such as lightening, bird flights and sacrifices to decode the gods' will. Some prophets, particularly prophetesses, entered an altered state to deliver direct messages from the gods. These practices formed the foundation of Greek oracles and sacred sites were dedicated to specific gods. Apollo, the key messenger of Zeus, was central to Greek prophecy, with Delphi being the most significant oracle and Dodona the oldest.