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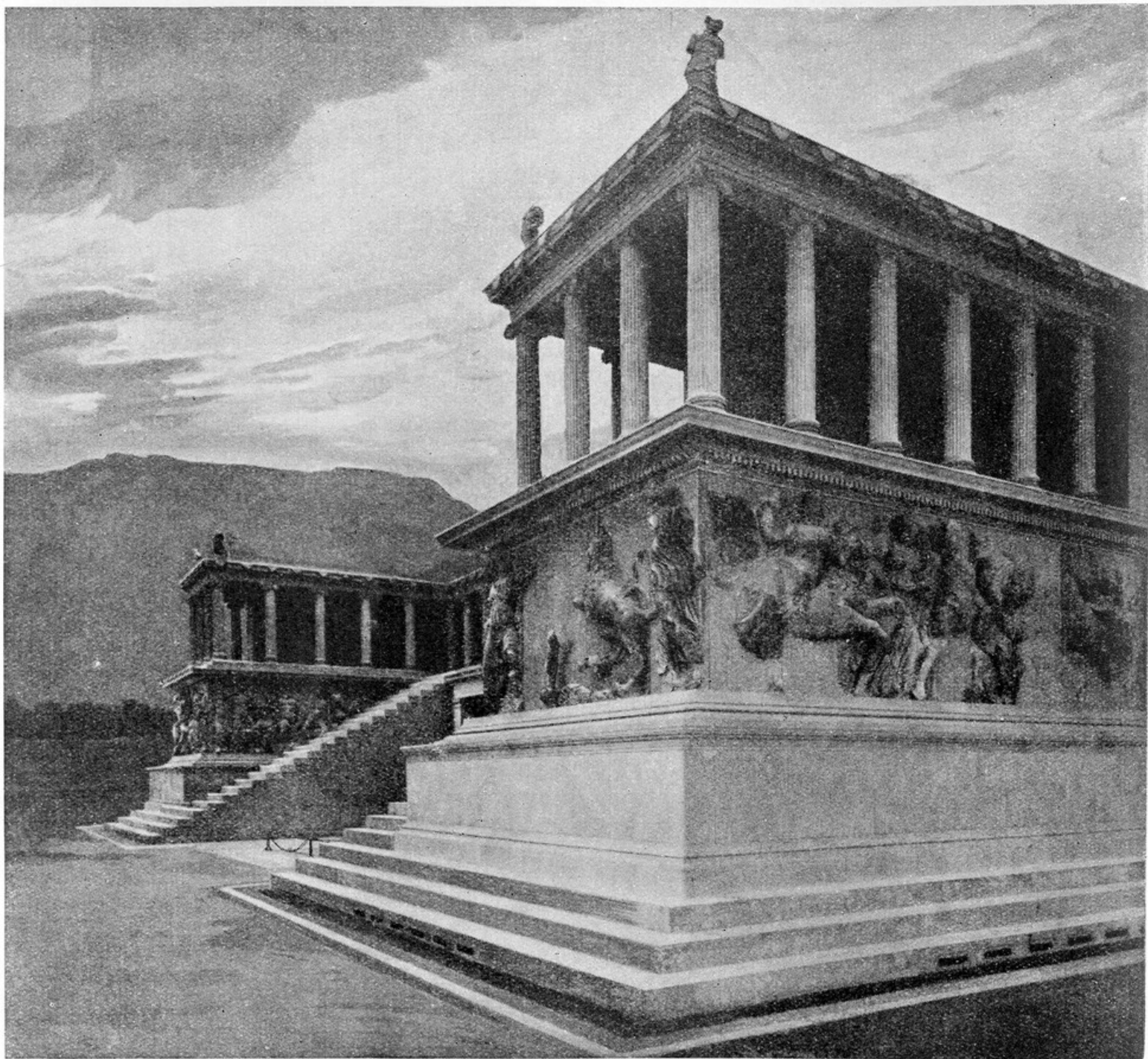
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RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GREAT ALTAR OF ZEUS AT PERGAMUM

The magnificent Altar of Zeus built by Eumenes II. to the south of the Temple of Athene on the Acropolis was the glory and the crown of Pergamum. Its appearance is here reconstructed, with the exception of the frieze representing the Gigantomachia which surrounded the base of the structure; this is shown in its present damaged condition, but more detailed examples of it are illustrated in pages 426 and 427. The altar was dedicated to Attalos, who had become the city's hero after his defeat of the Gauls.

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