



Zeus is the Supreme Ruler of the Gods. He is the Lord of the Sky, the Rain-god and the Cloud-gatherer. His weapon was the Thunderbolt. He has two brothers (Hades and Poseidon). He also had three sisters (Hera, Hestia and Demeter). He married his sister Hera. Zeus had many children, not just with Hera. He had many affairs. Some of his children are Ares, Athena, Hermes, Persephone, and Apollo. Zeus carries a shield into battle that has Medusa's head on it. His sacred bird is the eagle. His sacred tree is the oak. He has an oracle at Dodona, which is in the land of the oak trees.

The Myth of Zeus

Zeus was not always the Supreme Ruler of the Gods. He was born to the Titans Cronus and Rhea. He is the youngest child. All of his other siblings were swallowed alive by their father Cronus because he was afraid together they would overthrow him. Zeus's mother, Rhea, saved Zeus by giving birth to him in a cave. There he grew into adulthood. When Rhea returned to Cronus, she gave him a rock in a blanket to swallow. He fell for it. Zeus was safe for now. When Zeus had become an adult, Rhea found him once again. She needed his help. She wanted Cronus to be overthrown and Zeus was the only one who could succeed. First he needed his brothers and sisters to help him though. Rhea put poison in the wine she gave to Cronus. Cronus then vomited all the children he had swallowed, including the rock. Zeus then gathered his siblings and they banded together to overthrow their father. Then came a war between the Titans and the Olympians. The Olympians were winning the battle and Cronus was weakening. When Cronus knew he was about to lose, he used his last trick. From the underworld came Typhon. He was a ferocious beast. However Zeus defeated him using his thunderbolt. Cronus was defeated. The Olympians now ruled.

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