

Zeus, King of the Gods

In Ancient Greek religion, people worshipped many different Gods. Zeus was the king of the Greek gods who lived on Mount Olympus. He was the god of the sky and thunder. His symbols include a golden, jagged lightning bolt and a fierce, mighty eagle.



Zeus shown throwing a lightning bolt.

Powers

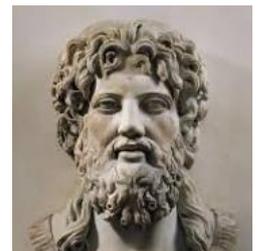
Zeus was the most powerful of the Greek gods and had a number of magical powers. His most famous power is the ability to throw deadly lightning bolts. His winged horse Pegasus carried his lightning bolts and a well-trained eagle brought them back. He could also control the weather and could cause torrential rain and huge storms.

Zeus could shape-shift (change his appearance) so that he looked like an innocent animal or a mortal person. Sometimes, when he was angry, he would turn people into animals as a punishment.

Personality

Zeus was seen as a wise, fair, just, and merciful god, but he was also unpredictable – nobody was able to guess the decisions he would make. As a result of his unpredictability, he was feared by many gods and by humans.

Due to the fact that he was so easily angered, he frequently threw lightning bolts and caused violent storms. As King of the Gods, Zeus had authority over other Gods. They needed to follow his instructions.



A statue of Zeus

Interesting facts

Zeus was married to the wise, beautiful goddess Hera (goddess of women and family). Hades (God of the Underworld) and Poseidon (God of the Sea) are Zeus' brothers. Their father, who was called Kronos, used to be King of the Gods before Zeus took power.

Conclusion

Zeus is often seen as one of the fiercest, most intimidating Gods. He gave harsh punishments to people who disappointed him, therefore humans and gods were often afraid of him.