

Lesson 2

Greek Myths of Creation

Q: What did the ancient Greeks believe about the beginning of the world?

1.

In Greek mythology, how did the world and universe come to be?



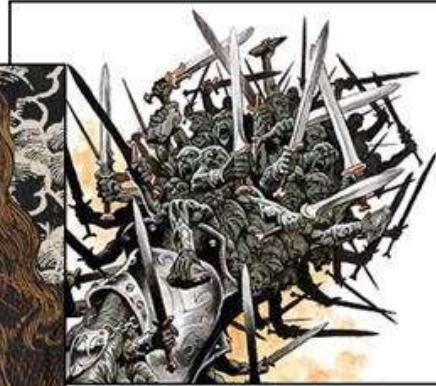
In the beginning, there was just dark chaos.

Gaea (Mother Earth) arose from it,

and Uranus (Father Sky)

came from her and married her.

Their children were enormous!



12 Titans

3 Cyclopes

3 Hundred-Handers

1st "gods"

one-eyed
metal-workers

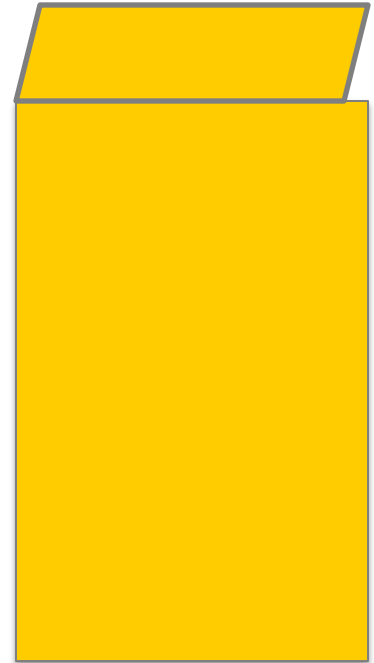
50 heads each

2.

What happened to these children?

Uranus cast them into Tartarus,

the deepest, darkest pit of the Underworld.



3.

Golden Age begins!

Gaea made a sickle / scythe, which Cronus used to cut off pieces of his father.

Uranus' blood dripped onto Gaea and formed . . .

Giants

Nymphs

Furies

& other creatures

Cronus now became Ruler of the Universe.

Gaea married Pontus (Seas).

Early mortals (men) arose and there was . . .

peace, happiness, no killing, no stealing, . . .



4.

How do the mythical accounts of Creation differ from the Bible's?

Genesis 1-2

LORD created everything (not other way)!

LORD always was!

"Things" are not creatures or beings.

What I've learned: The Greeks believed everything originally
"just came" from chaos and from Gaea & Uranus.

