

Lesson 3
Early Years of Zeus

Q: *Where did Zeus come from?*



1.

What did Cronos do after defeating his father?

Cronos did *not* free his siblings from Tartarus.

He married his Titaness sister Rhea.

He was afraid that one of his children would overpower him,

so he swallowed each newborn god & goddess.



- Hestia
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2.

Rhea tricks Cronos!

But Rhea hid baby Zeus in a cave on the island of Crete,
and Cronos swallowed a stone instead.





3.

Little Zeus

Nymphs looked after little Zeus.



They fed him **ambrosia & nectar** that flowed from the **horn(s)** of the fairy goat **Amaltheia**. Zeus grew rapidly and soon left.

As farewell gifts, he gave them a horn of the goat which was an endless

horn of plenty (**cornucopia**).

From the skin of the goat, he made a strong breastplate, the **Aegis**.



4.

How is the LORD God different from Zeus?

Psalm 90:2

² Before the mountains
were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the
earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.

LORD had no beginning!

LORD had no parents!

LORD created everything!

LORD needs nothing! (He doesn't need help.)

What I've learned: Zeus was born to Cronus & Rhea

and was raised by Nymphs (or shepherds).