

Lesson 5 Gods of Olympus

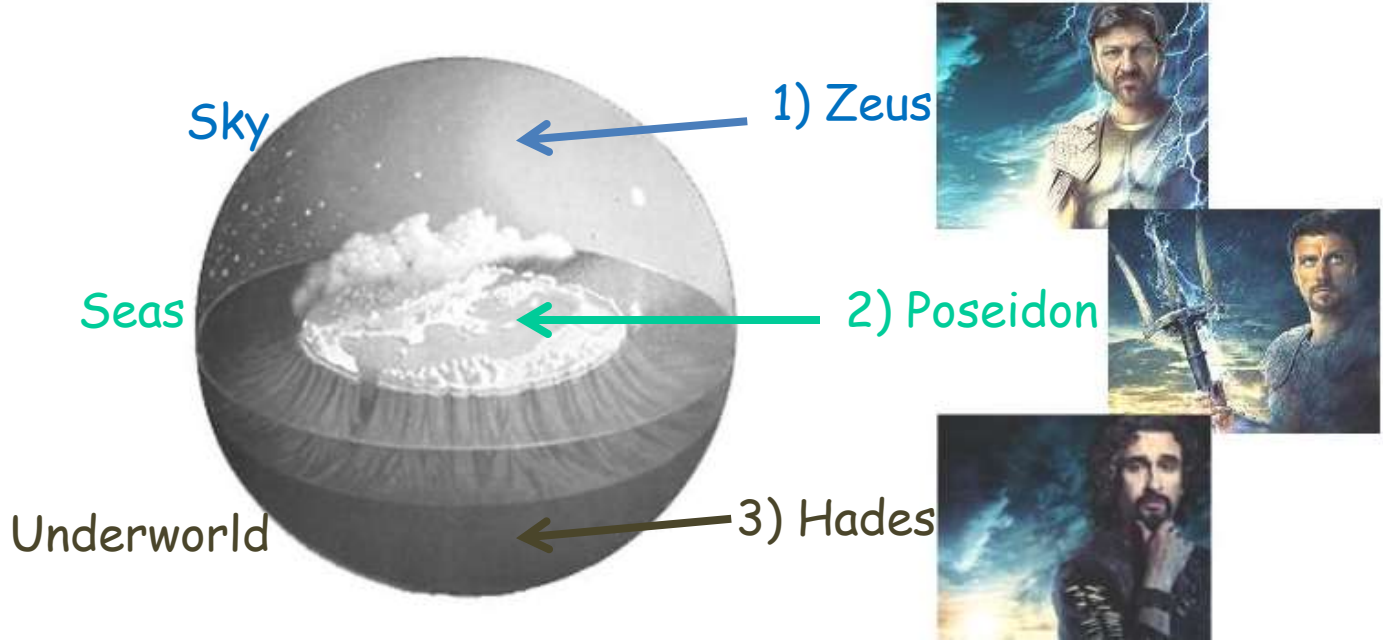
Q: How did the gods organize themselves?



1.

After the War, . . .

The world was divided into realms. The three god brothers
cast lots to decide who would rule each.



2.

Four groups of gods and goddesses:

1. Olympians
2. gods living elsewhere
3. demigods (half god; half mortal)
4. personifications of virtues & vices
(Love, Envy, Fear, Patience, . . .)

Each god and goddess had



- areas of responsibility
- family
- symbols
- characteristics & personalities

3.

Palace of the gods

Zeus had the Cyclopes

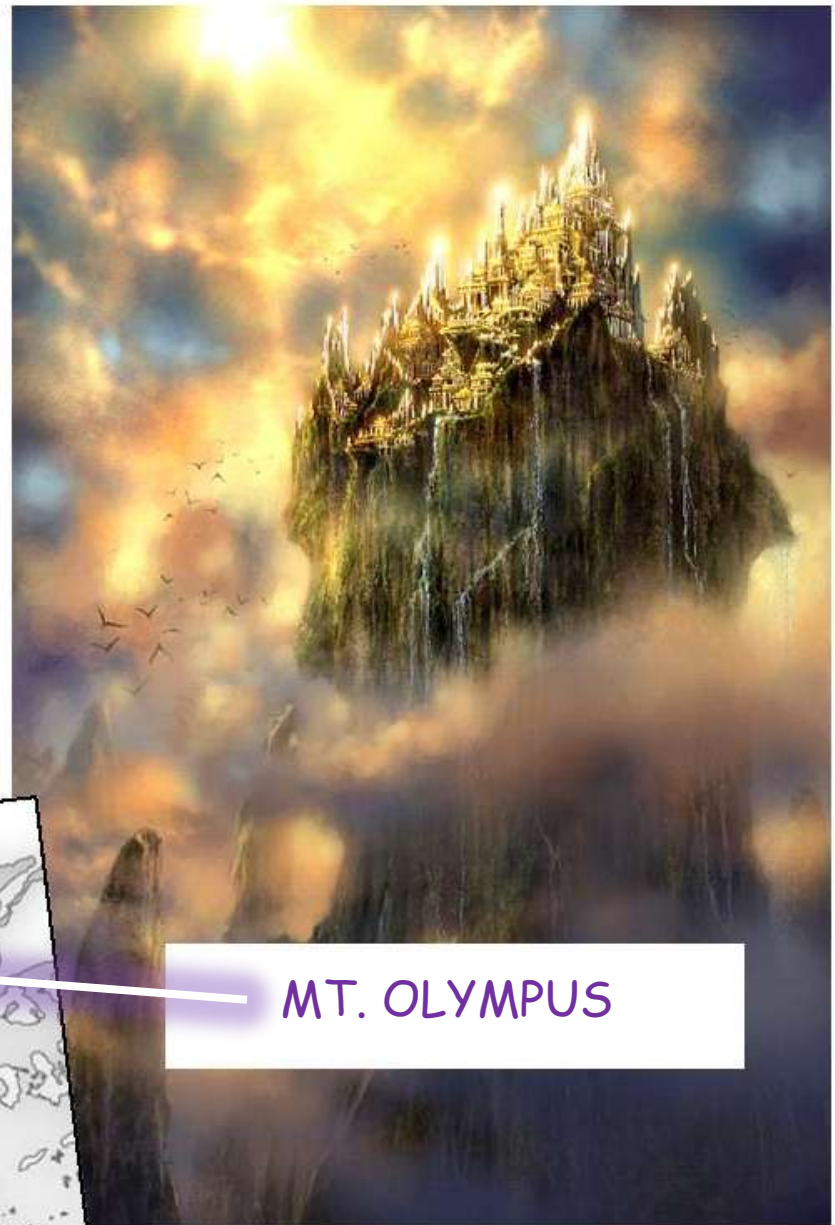
build a palace and headquarters for

the council of gods and

goddesses to meet. The Major gods

and goddesses who met were the

12 Olympians



MT. OLYMPUS



4.

Post-war Peace

Zeus established peace & order and the seasons.

He also became the King of the gods. But he was not perfect nor was he omnipotent (all-powerful) or omniscient (all-knowing).

His sister and main wife Hera became Queen of the gods.

She was often jealous because of Zeus' many other women.



What I've learned: The gods divided responsibilities and rankings,
and they lived in specific places.

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 45:21-22

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

Revelation 4:8

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

ZEUS Card

ZEYΣ

JUPITER (Iuppiter)

AREAS: Ruler of the Sky
King of the Gods
Law & Government

FAMILY: Cronus & Rhea (parents)
Hera (wife)
other wives & women

SYMBOLS: lightning bolt
eagle



WOMANIZER

ACTS 17:15–18:1

TO ESCAPE THEIR ENEMIES IN THESSALONICA, PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS, SILAS AND TIMOTHY, GO ON TO BERA. BUT UNKNOWN TO PAUL, HIS ENEMIES FOLLOW HIM.

WE'VE COME TO WARN YOU ABOUT A JEW NAMED PAUL. HE'S A TROUBLEMAKER! DRIVE HIM OUT OF THE CITY AS WE DID.

WE'LL GET RID OF HIM RIGHT NOW!

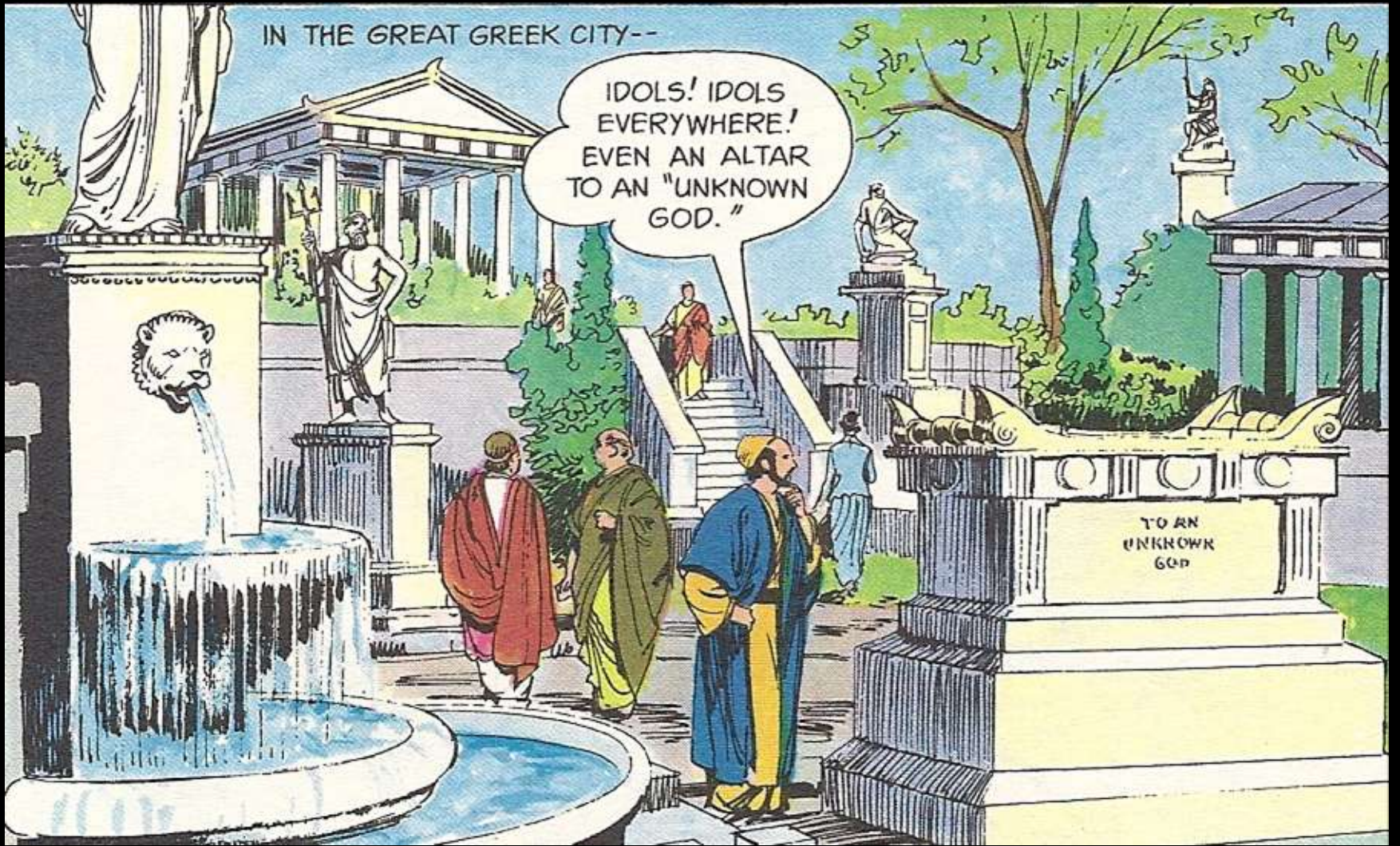
BUT BEFORE THE ANGRY MOB CAN FIND PAUL, HIS FRIENDS HELP HIM ESCAPE TO ATHENS. FROM THERE PAUL SENDS WORD FOR SILAS AND TIMOTHY TO FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



IN THE GREAT GREEK CITY--

IDOLS! IDOLS
EVERYWHERE!
EVEN AN ALTAR
TO AN "UNKNOWN
GOD."

TO AN
UNKNOWN
GOD



ON THE SABBATH PAUL
PREACHES TO THE JEWS,
BUT DURING THE WEEK
HE CARRIES HIS
MESSAGE OF JESUS
TO THE GREEKS IN
THE MARKET PLACE.

HE SAYS THERE IS
ONLY ONE GOD, AND
THAT HE SENT HIS ONLY
SON, JESUS, TO HELP US.

I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE
ABOUT A GOD WHO CARES
FOR PEOPLE. LET'S ASK THIS
MAN TO SPEAK BEFORE THE
COURT OF MARS' HILL.



PAUL ACCEPTS THE INVITATION EAGERLY.



GENTLEMEN OF ATHENS, SINCE YOU WORSHIP A GOD YOU DO NOT KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU WHO HE IS-- THE TRUE GOD, WHO MADE ALL THINGS. HE DOES NOT LIVE IN TEMPLES MADE BY HUMAN HANDS. HE IS NOT FAR FROM EACH ONE OF US, FOR IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING.



THE MEN OF ATHENS LISTEN EAGERLY-- UNTIL PAUL SAYS THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

NOBODY CAN BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD. WHAT A SILLY IDEA!

I'M NOT SO SURE...

