

Egyptian Gods & Goddesses



The Egyptians worshipped a number of different Gods & Goddesses! Can you name any?

Ancient Egyptian Gods:

- Religion was very important in Ancient Egypt.
- Believed in a variety of Gods & Goddesses.
- Each took a different form.
- A lot took the form of different animals.
- Animals represented certain things to people.
- Depended on the area, temple or timeframe.
- Each God or Goddess had an important role to Egyptians.



Ra - Lord of the Gods

- Ra was the God of the Sun.
- He was also the Lord of the Gods.
- He has the body of a human & the head of a falcon.
- Wears a sun disk crown circled by a sacred cobra.
- Shown holding a sceptre called Ankh, the key of life.
- He was linked a myth about the all-seeing Eye of Ra.
- Pharaohs called themselves “sons of Ra”.



Atum - God of Creation

- Atum was the first God.
- Also God of the Setting Sun.
- He is also known as the “father” of the Pharaohs.
- He was self-created.
- He wore a white & red crown.
- Had a plaited beard called a Osird.
- Pharaohs based their look upon him.
- The Gods were all descendants of Atum.
- Ra took over his role as the God of the Sun.



Horus - God of the Sky

- Horus was the son of Isis & Osiris.
- Looked similar to Ra.
- Had the head of a hawk & wore a double crown.
- Lost his eye during a fight with his uncle, Seth.
- Became known as the Eye of Horus, an important Egyptian symbol.
- Said to fight off evil, danger & disease.
- Worshipped all over Egypt.
- Pharaohs believed they were Horus in human form.



Thoth - God of Knowledge

- Thoth also God of Wisdom & Hieroglyphs.
- Created himself, had no parents.
- Married to Ma'at, Goddess of Truth.
- Gave advice to the Gods before battles.
- He maintained the universe by settling arguments.
- Had the head of an ibis - a long, slim bird.
- His curved beak symbolises the moon.
- Originally known as God of the Moon.
- Said to be the creator of hieroglyphics.



Ma'at - Goddess of Truth

- Ma'at also Goddess of Justice & Harmony.
- Wife of Thoth.
- She judged the souls of the living & the dead.
- Her symbol was an ostrich feather.
- Helped her judge a persons goodness.
- She is believed to have had wings.
- Job was to stop the world falling into chaos.
- Pharaohs had to promise to follow her & be fair leaders.



Isis - Goddess of Protection

- Isis also the Goddess of Healing.
- Wife of Osiris.
- Mother of Horus.
- Also known as Queen of the Goddesses.
- Sometimes shown wearing a throne on her head.
- Used her powers to help those in need.
- After her husband's death she became Goddess of the dead.
- She was considered the mother & protector of Pharaohs.



Osiris - God of Death

- Osiris also God of the Underworld.
- Husband of Isis.
- Murdered by his brother, Set.
- His sons were Horus & Anubis.
- Often shown as having green skin.
- Wore the white, linen wrapping of a mummy.
- Wears a white crown with large feathers.
- Loved by all Egyptians.
- Pharaoh believed to become Osiris after their death.



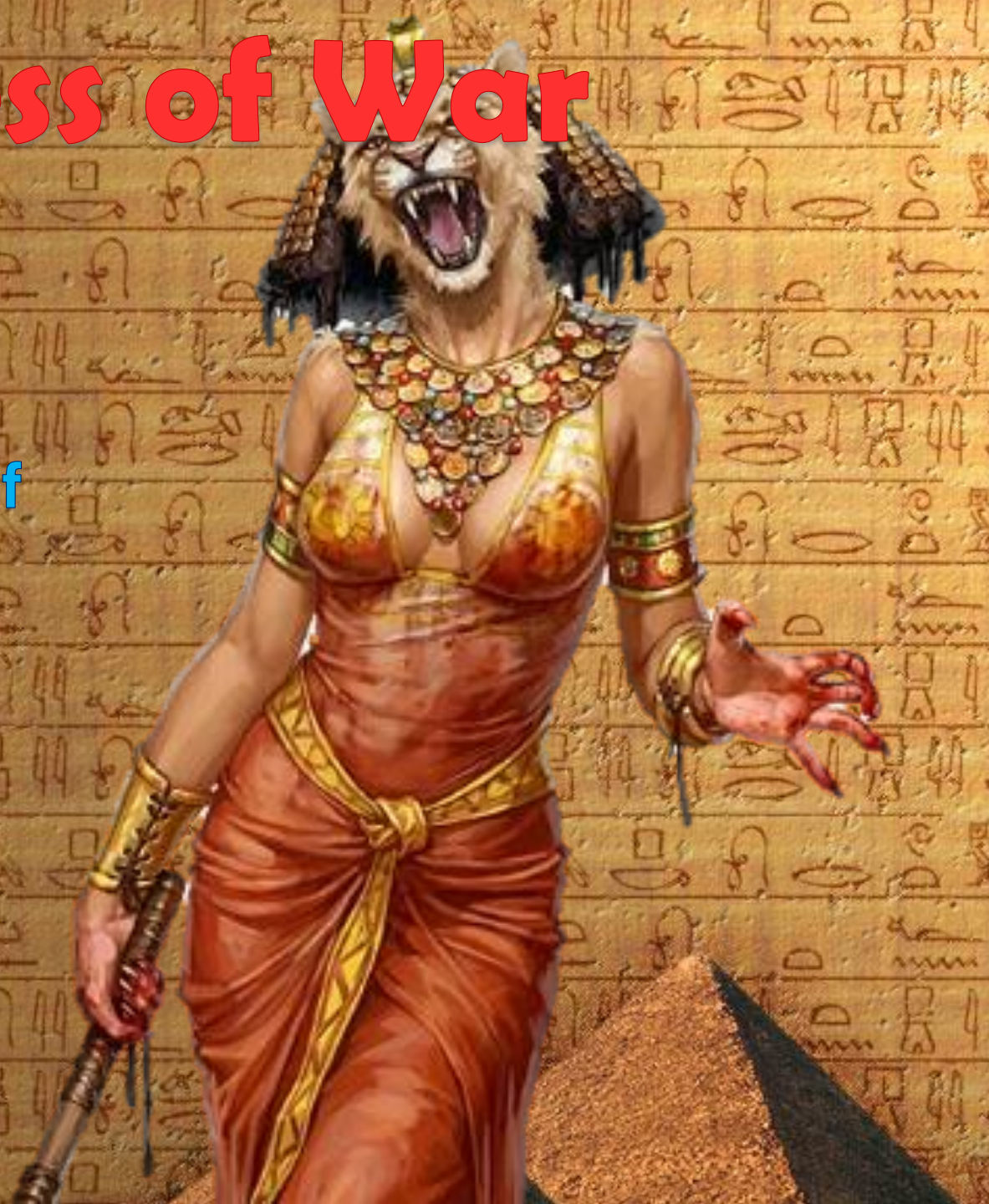
Set - God of Chaos

- Set also the God of Darkness.
- Had one of the largest & oldest cults in Egypt.
- Had a human body & the head of an animal called a Seth.
- Was an enemy of quite a few gods.
- Egyptians associated the colour red with him.
- Sometimes seen as a war God.
- He murdered Osiris & was later beaten by Horus.



Sekhmet - Goddess of War

- Sekhmet is also sometimes called the daughter of Ra.
- Wife of Ptah, the God of Life.
- Shown with the body of a woman & head of a lioness.
- Wore a sun disk headdress similar to Ra.
- Often called the “lady of terror”.
- Known for her violence & power.
- Loved war & went to battle with the king.
- She loved blood & Egyptians made sacrifices to her.



Anubis - God of the Dead

- Anubis also God of Embalming.
- Invented the mummification process.
- Shown with the head of a jackal, tail of a lion & human body.
- Sometimes wore a golden necklace.
- Had dark black skin.
- People would give their organs to Anubis as gifts.
- Embalmed Osiris after his death.
- Helped decide the fate of the dead.



Can you name each of the Gods?



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Ma'at



Ra



Sekhmet



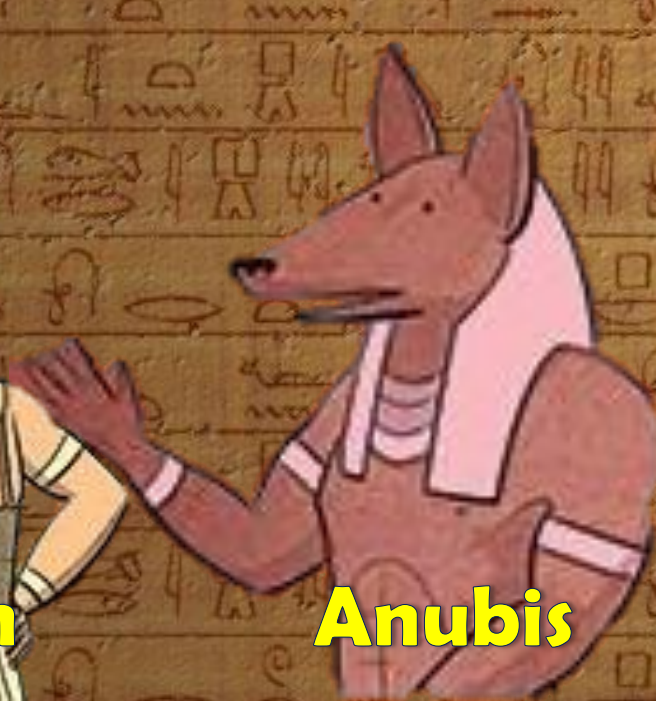
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