



Prometheus was the son of the Titan **Iapetus** and the Oceanid **Clymene**. Even though a Titan himself, together with his brother **Epimetheus**, he sided with **Zeus** during the **Titanomachy**. However, after helping **Zeus** to achieve victory in the war, he started a quarrel with him over his supposed unfair treatment of humanity. This led to **Prometheus** stealing the fire from the gods and gifting it to humanity, which resulted in **Zeus** chaining **Prometheus** and sending an eagle to prey upon his continually regenerating liver. After some time, **Zeus'** son **Heracles** shot the eagle and freed **Prometheus**, and the Titan subsequently made peace with his savior's father.

Family and Name

Prometheus was the son of the Titan **Iapetus** and the Oceanid **Clymene**, and the brother of **Epimetheus**, **Atlas**, and **Menoetius**.

Even though modern scholars tend to disagree, as far as the Ancient Greeks were concerned, the name "**Prometheus**" had been derived from the Greek prefix *pro-* ("before") and the verb *manthano* ("to learn," "to be increased in knowledge"), making **Prometheus** the "Forethinker," that is, the One Who Thinks Ahead. Analogously, **Prometheus'** brother's **Epimetheus** was the

"Afterthinker," i.e., the One Who Thinks Afterward.