

## Prometheus and Zeus



Prometheus was one of the Titans, who at some point were sent to Tartarus by the enraged Zeus who didn't accept the Titans's fighting against him in the famous Battle of the Titans – Titanomachy.

However Prometheus was not directly involved in the war, so Zeus saved him from Tartarus and gave him a mission – to form a man from water and earth. Prometheus accomplished the task, but while working on his creation, he grew fond of men.

He didn't care much ever about the Gods and their hierarchy, and however friendly treated by them, he was much more comfortable being around the immortals.

In any case, Zeus's idea was not to have men with any unusual power. But Prometheus was thinking the other way, and decided to steal one of the powers Zeus was particularly sensitive about – fire.

### Prometheus steals the Fire

Thinking about stealing fire was easy, but it finally proved a bit more complicated. Prometheus, known for his wit and intelligence, had an immediate plan – to trick the goddesses throwing them a golden pear (in some version – apple) into the courtyard with a message: “For the most beautiful goddess of all”.

It worked as he planned – the goddesses started a fight over the fruit while gods were completely enjoying the scene. All of them were distracted and Prometheus didn't have a hard time stealing the fire from Hephaestus's workshop. Hephaestus was, among other stuff, the Greek god of fire. Prometheus happily left the Gods' playground and took the fire with him either in a hollowed pumpkin or hollowed reed (depending on the interpretation) and brought it to Earth and gave it to humans.

Oh, how Zeus was mad. After so many times being defied by Prometheus, Zeus decided that it was enough. Nevertheless, he made Hephaestus himself to chain Prometheus on Mount Caucasus where the eagle would eat his liver forever.

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