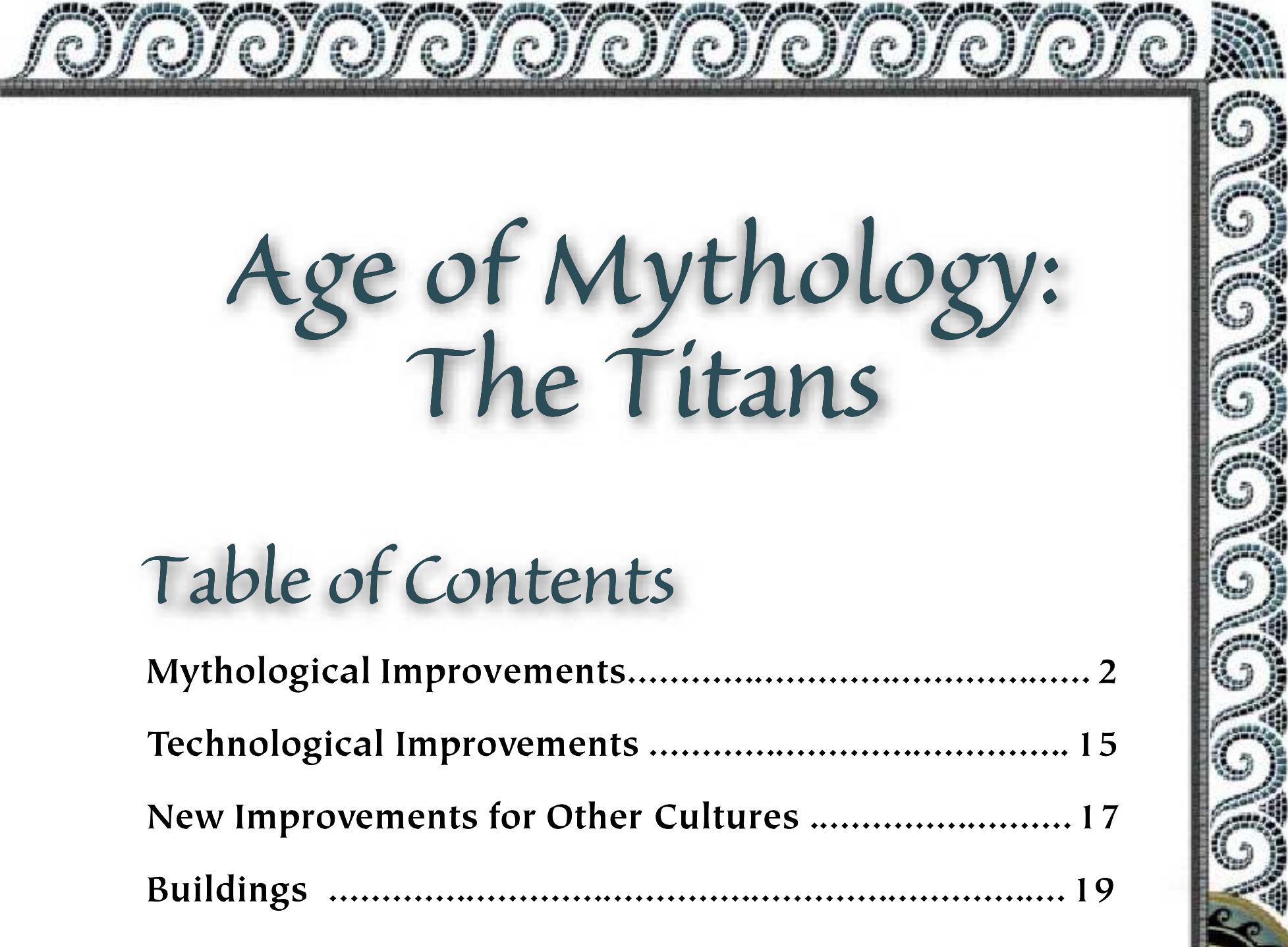




Age of Mythology: The Titans

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Mythological Improvements



Alluvial Clay

Worship Prometheus

Researched at Temple

Improvement Increases the hit points of Promethean myth units

Prometheus formed his Prometheans from the clay in river banks and beds, which was deposited from running water and contained bits of rock, other minerals, and even gold. This clay formed a tight matrix, almost like a skeleton, inside the Prometheans and made them very strong, sturdy creatures.



Asper Blood

Worship Hekate

Researched at Temple

Improvement Makes the blood of Lampades do area damage to units and bonus damage to heroes

The Lampades, torch-bearing nymphs devoted to Hekate, drank from the waters of Phlegethon and their blood became like the fire of their torches. The death of a Lampades resulted in a spectacular spray of blood and a flame that burned long after the body was consumed.



Bite of the Shark

Worship Oceanus

Researched at Barracks

Improvement Provides Murmillo with serrated swords, increasing their attack

Some companies of Murmillo would dedicate themselves to one particular Titan, most commonly Oceanus. These Murmillo carried shark teeth as a symbol of their devotion. Some companies entered a bloody rage, like the berserkers of the north, and others carried swords with vicious, serrated edges which they used to savage their enemies.



Celerity

Worship Hekate

Researched at Temple

Improvement Causes myth units to train much faster

Hekate, the goddess of night and magic, was later the companion of Persephone in the Underworld. Those that follow Hekate have a deep understanding of how quickly life can slip away. They learn to make each second count, for wasted time only brings them closer to death.



Channels

Worship Gaia

Researched at Town Center

Improvement Makes Citizens move faster

The capital city of Atlantis was ringed by nine great canals. These canals allowed Citizens, soldiers, and goods to be transported quickly around the huge city. When Atlanteans left their beloved city, they would toss coins, and even jewelry, into the waters of the canals for good luck and as an offering for a safe return.



Eyes of Atlas

Worship Atlas

Researched at Temple

Improvement Increases line of sight for all myth units

As a punishment for rebelling against Zeus, the Titan Atlas, first king of Atlantis, was condemned to bear the weight of the heavens on his shoulders. When Atlas turns his gaze to the burden on his back, it is said that those who follow the Titans see all that he sees with his eyes.



Focus

Worship Kronos

Researched at Temple

Improvement Increases focus of Oracles, improving their movement speed and the speed at which their line of sight grows

Oracles studying the mysteries of Kronos learned methods of meditation where they could slip into the future and see more clearly and quickly than other Oracles. As they advanced in their studies and drew further and further away from the present, these Oracles lost the ability to communicate their visions. Eventually, they slipped away entirely, their minds lost to their visions of the future.



Gemino

Worship Hyperion

Researched at Temple

Improvement Doubles the amount of javelins thrown by Satyrs

Satyrs were not warriors or soldiers, though they were fierce when deprived of wine, sleep, nymphs, or when threatened. They rode timid donkeys into battle and carried javelins crafted for them by Dryads. The eldest Satyr, Silenus, could throw two javelins at a time and would occasionally teach this trick to other Satyrs.



Halo of the Sun

Worship Helios

Researched at Palace, Dock

Improvement Increases damage done by Fire
Siphons and Fireships

"Thereafter, because they so honored Helios, the Titan returned to Atlantis, and in his great temple there set a flame that could be extinguished by neither wind nor water. The Atlanteans carried this flame to every land they conquered, and with it, the light of Atlantean wisdom."

—Voices of the Oracle, the Lay of Ioleta



Heart of the Titans

Worship Prometheus

Researched at Temple

Improvement Reduces cost of improving human units
to heroes

The Titan Prometheus loved mankind, his most favored creation. He always sought to make their troubled lives better, at times assisting them in spite of the will of the other gods. He even went so far as to bestow upon his favorite mortals the secrets of the Titans, giving birth to a line of heroes who would rattle the foundations of Olympus.



Hephaestus Revenge

Worship Leto

Researched at Temple

Improvement Grants Automaton more hit points
and the ability to repair themselves

During the god Hephaestus's exile from Olympus, the lame smith was more than willing to offer his services to the highest bidder. If he could serve the enemies of the family that had rejected him in the process, so much the better. Hephaestus taught the Atlanteans many interesting tricks; among them was the smelting technique that dramatically improved the longevity of their mechanical servants, the Automatons.



Heroic Fleet

Worship All cultures in the Classical Age
can research this mythological
improvement

Researched at Dock

Improvement Increases naval unit effectiveness
against myth units

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Heroic Renewal

Worship Hyperion

Researched at Palace

Improvement Allows heroes to regenerate

"Hekate then gave her infusion to Helios for his help in finding Persephone. Helios, renewed daily, had no need of this restorative and gave it to his father, Hyperion. Hyperion, far-sighted and all-seeing, smeared it upon the eyes of worthy mortals in their sleep. When these favored mortals awoke to sight and consciousness, they found themselves with the ability to heal swiftly from even the most terrible of wounds."

—Voices of the Oracles, the Lay of Ioleta



Horns of Consecration

Worship Rheia

Researched at Town Center

Improvement Grants a faster trickle of favor

The Titan Rheia was an earth goddess and surrounded herself with wild creatures. While she is usually associated with lions, like those which pulled her chariot, the Minoans worshipped her with rites and rituals involving bulls. The Minoans consecrated their buildings by decorating them with the sculpted representations of horned bulls, believing it pleased the gods.



Io Guardian

Worship Atlas

Researched at Temple

Improvement Upgrades Argus to Io Guardian, giving them increased line of sight and faster recharge of their special ability

Zeus transformed his lover Io into a white cow to protect her from the wrath of his jealous wife, Hera. But Hera saw through the ruse, and requested the cow as a gift. She then sent her servant Argus, a giant with a hundred eyes, to guard the cow. Eventually, Zeus sent Hermes to trick and slay Argus. To honor the memory of her fallen servant, Hera placed the eyes of Argus on the tail of a peacock.



Lance of Stone

Worship Theia

Researched at Temple

Improvement Improves the attack of Contarius heroes against buildings

A Contarius distinguished in battle, upon returning to Atlantis, was presented with a lance made from petrified wood found in one of Atlantis's most distant western colonies. When the stone lance of a Contarius broke, the soldier's name was carved on its shaft and the fragments were returned in honor to Atlantis. These fragments were arranged in a palisade around the Palace of the Theocrat. It did not take long for the competitive Contarii to begin seeking out targets that would most swiftly break their lances—namely buildings.



Lemurian Descendants

Worship Theia

Researched at Palace

Improvement Increases line of sight for all human soldiers

The Titan Theia, goddess of sight, ruled over Lemuria, the most loyal and advanced of Atlantean colonies. The Lemurians were tall and lithe, but were best known for their keen vision—a boon from their patron goddess. They were employed as scouts alongside Oracles for much of the Atlantean empire. The island of Lemuria was destroyed when the brother giants Ephialtes and Otus piled up mountains, including the mountainous Lemuria, to reach Olympus.



Mail of Orichalkos

Worship Rheia

Researched at Barracks

Improvement Makes archers more resistant to hacking attacks, such as those from swords

The Atlantean followers of Rheia were blacksmiths of unsurpassed skill who mastered a unique method of distilling zinc ore. When the distillation was mixed with brass, the result was the silvery metal orichalkos. Strong enough to stop the heaviest of blows, Mail of Orichalkos is also extremely lightweight when quenched in sea water, the perfect armor for archers and other missile troops.



Mythic Rejuvenation

Worship Hekate

Researched at Temple

Improvement Allows myth units to regenerate health

“Hekate collected the blood of Behemoth under a new moon and added to it honey, rain, and wine. This she poured into the mouths of her most favored creatures. These creatures thereafter healed swiftly from even the most grievous wounds.”

—Voices of the Oracles, the Lay of Ioleta



Petrified

Worship Helios

Researched at Counter Barracks

Improvement Improves armor of siege weapons

“... were made of a strange and very hard wood. And as Helios’s searing gaze beats down onto all things, so too did these giant-crafted siege weapons, rock-hurlers and arrow-throwers, lay waste to the shining capitol of Lemuria. They reduced our beloved city to rubble in a matter of hours, but Chalu was not afraid.”

—The Inverada, The Siege at Murinca



Poseidon's Secret

Worship Theia

Researched at Barracks

Improvement Gives cavalry greater speed and attack

Theia, wife of Hyperion and mother of the sun, moon, and dawn, was the Titan most interested in learning from the upstart Olympians. Poseidon had much to teach his aunt, most importantly a method for breeding the finest steeds the world had ever seen. Whether Theia stole Poseidon's knowledge of horses or Poseidon simply volunteered to help the Atlanteans is unclear. Regardless, Poseidon's Secret now belongs to the followers of Theia.



Rheia's Gift

Worship Rheia

Researched at Temple

Improvement Decreases the cost in favor of all mythological improvements

As the children of Kronos and Rheia were born, Kronos swallowed them one by one. When Rheia gave birth to Zeus, she hid the infant and fed Kronos a stone instead, risking her husband's wrath to save her youngest son. Rheia is held in high regard by both the Olympians and the Titans—and her son Zeus, her gift to the world, is honored by all.



Safe Passage

Worship Oranos

Researched at Sky Passage

Improvement Makes Sky Passages cheaper, and gives them more line of sight and a ranged attack

The sacred Sky Passages of Oranos were identified by the enemies of Atlantis as logistically very dangerous buildings because they could instantaneously transport armies and Citizens. These buildings were attacked and destroyed before all others. In response to these attacks, Atlanteans began building Sky Passages more soundly and with the ability to be defended from within.



Titan Shield

Worship Atlas

Researched at Town Center

Improvement Makes buildings more resistant to pierce and hack damage

The Atlanteans were always closely connected to the Titans, and the raw power of the ancient gods is locked deep within the stones of Atlantis itself. While Atlas still bears the burden of the heavens, the Atlanteans can draw on the might of his sturdy shoulders to strengthen their buildings and walls.



Volcanic Forge

Worship Leto

Researched at Temple

Improvement Hardens the steel skin of Automaton, making them more resistant to piercing damage

After Hephaestus was hurled from Olympus by his mother Hera, he was willing to offer his services to the highest bidder, even if the bidders were the Atlantean followers of Leto, daughter of the Titans Phoebe and Coeus. The Volcanic Forges found in many Atlantean towns are one legacy of this partnership between Titan-worshippers and the Olympian god of blacksmiths. The forges draw their power from the eternal flames that burn in the depths of Tartarus.



Weightless Mace

Worship Oceanus

Researched at Counter Barracks

Improvement Increases Katapeltes speed and attack

Atlanteans worshipping Oceanus discovered another odd property of the metal orichalkos. When quenched in salt water, weapons forged from this otherwise very heavy, dense metal became virtually weightless. The Atlanteans quickly adapted this metal to their heaviest weapons, the deadly maces of the Katapeltes.

Technological Improvements



Bronze Wall

Researched at Wall

Improvement Increases strength of basic rock wall

Great veins of valuable ores discovered deep within the heart of Atlantis contributed to its early prominence and wealth. These ores were so plentiful and were mined in such quantity that the metals they yielded were not reserved solely for costly weapons and tools. Buildings were roofed with shiny metal shingles, and even the poorest Atlantean Citizen had metal tools, household implements, weapons, and jewelry. However, the most remarkable signs of the fabulous prosperity, power, and wealth of Atlantis were the gleaming metal walls that ringed the island and its capitol city, including a Bronze Wall that ringed the whole island three times.



Iron Wall

Researched at Wall

Improvement Increases strength of Bronze Wall

Further signs of the extraordinary prosperity of Atlantis were the massive Iron Walls surrounding the nine citadels that overlooked the city. Set high above the city at the top of tall cliffs, the citadels and their gleaming walls could be seen from great distances by approaching ships.



Orichalkos Wall

Researched at Wall

Improvement Increases strength of Iron Wall

The most important structures in Atlantis, the cloisters of the Caladrian Order, the Palace complexes of the Theocrat, and all the Temples dedicated to the Titans, were enclosed by stunning walls of pure orichalkos. The wondrous and precious Orichalkos Walls were nearly indestructible, offering appropriate protection to those structures most important to the people of Atlantis.

New Improvements for Other Cultures

In addition to the Heroic Fleet mythological improvement, which is available to all cultures in *Age of Mythology®: The Titans*, there are new improvements available for each of the previous cultures.



Axe of Muspell

Worship Norse Gods

Researched at Longhouse

Improvement Gives Throwing Axemen a bonus against flying units

Muspell is a land of fire and desolation, directly opposed to Niflheim, and ruled by the fire giant Surl. Throwing axes forged in the flames of Muspell are extremely accurate, and can knock a bird from the sky at a great distance.



Hands of the Pharaoh

Worship Egyptian Gods

Researched at Temple

Improvement Allows Priests to pick up Relics

Some treasures of the ancient world were so sacred that it was forbidden for any to touch them except the Pharaohs. There were times, however, when a particularly enlightened Pharaoh would grant his most loyal servants the right to bear those wondrous Relics to their new places of rest.



Beast Slayer

Worship Greek Gods

Researched at Fortress

Improvement Improves attack of Hetairoi, Myrmidon, and Gastraphetes against myth units

Heroes have always risen to protect their cities from the marauding monsters of legend. Some heroes stand out beyond others: Bellerophon, Chalu, Perseus. Such names echo in Olympus. These heroes are so great the gods have named them Beast Slayers.



Heroic Fleet

Worship All cultures in the Classical Age can research this mythological improvement

Researched at Dock

Improvement Increases naval unit effectiveness against myth units

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Buildings

The townships of the Atlantean culture reflect the unique nature of the Atlantean people. While some structures serve essentially the same purpose as those of the other cultures, such as the Town Center and the Temple, there are some that are more specialized.



Guild

Since the Atlantean Citizens need no drop sites for food and resources collected, all economic improvements are researched at the Guild.



Manor

Atlantean families are more closely tied to their neighbors than in most communities. The Manors where they live are much larger than the Houses of other cultures, and may house many families living together.



Mirror Tower

A type of Guard Tower, the Mirror Tower is a gift to the followers of Helios and can fire devastating beams of focused sunlight.



Sky Passage

A gift of Oranos, the Sky Passage is a type of tower that, if units are garrisoned there, allows Atlanteans to exit from any other sky tower the player possesses.

Mythology: The Titans

Gaia, the Mother Earth goddess, created Oranos, the god of the sky, and mated with him, thereby producing the first immortals—the Titans. The twelve Titans were equally divided between males (Iapetus, Hyperion, Oceanus, Coeus, Creus, and Kronos) and females (Phoebe, Rheia, Theia, Mnemosyne, Tethys, and Themis). In addition, Gaia gave birth to other creatures, including the Cyclops and the Hecatoncheires (hundred-handed giants).

Oranos hated Gaia's children, however, and hid them within Mother Earth, causing her great pain and suffering. Kronos, the youngest of the Titans, eventually overthrew his father and freed his siblings, though he kept the other creatures imprisoned. The Titans and their children (including Prometheus, Atlas, Hekate, Selene, and Helios) then ruled the universe. At this time humankind was created and Atlantis was founded. All was not harmonious, however.

Kronos took his sister Rheia as his wife. Fearing a prophecy that his own offspring would turn on him, as he had turned on Oranos, Kronos swallowed his children as they were born. Rheia gave birth to her sixth child, Zeus, in the dead of night and fooled Kronos by giving him a stone to swallow. Zeus was then entrusted to Gaia until grown, at which point he returned and forced Kronos to regurgitate the five older children (and the stone).

A war, called the Titanomachy, broke out between Zeus and his generation against many of the older Titans. At the request of Gaia and to aid his cause, Zeus freed the Cyclops, who forged Zeus's thunderbolts, Hades's helmet of invisibility, and Poseidon's trident. The struggle raged for ten years, and the earth shook and burned as huge rocks crashed into it and thunderbolts ignited forests. Some surmise that Atlantis was destroyed in this struggle, perhaps for siding with the Titans against Zeus's confederacy.

As the climax of the war approached, Zeus recalled the wishes of Gaia and returned to the Underworld to free the Hecatoncheires. Maddened by their long imprisonment at the hands of the Titans—first Oranos, and then Kronos—they unleashed a storm of rocks that ended the war. Zeus condemned to Tartarus the Titans who stood against him and the Cyclops fashioned a series of gates and walls to hold them. Zeus also placed the Hecatoncheires as their guards. Zeus and his generation took over the universe and ruled from Olympus.

Thus all the gods of the universe were the progeny of the Titans and ruled in peace only so long as the Titans remained imprisoned. But there remained in the world both mortals and immortals who continued to plot revenge.

Mythology: Atlantis

One of the great myths of the ancient world is the story of Atlantis, a very advanced civilization that prospered on an island in the Atlantic Ocean 11,000 years ago. The only reference to Atlantis that has survived from ancient times is found in the Dialogues of Plato, written around 360 BC. Plato describes an idyllic land of bountiful crops, abundant natural resources, and a rich and varied wildlife (including elephants). A contented population lived principally in a large city that was a center for trade and commerce.

Although the Atlanteans lived harmoniously for many generations, they gradually became corrupted by greed and power. This moral collapse drew the attention of Zeus and the gods of Olympus, leading ultimately to the sudden and catastrophic destruction of the island and its civilization.

Whether Plato was recounting facts passed down to him from unknown sources or created the story himself as a cautionary tale for the Greeks of his day has been debated ever since. No generally accepted physical evidence of a lost advanced civilization or island has been found in the Atlantic, although many people believe they have located the site of Atlantis there or elsewhere. The story is compelling, however, and continues to live. It has been furthered and embellished by many writers following after Plato, including quasi-historians, novelists, and even filmmakers.

All Atlantis stories assert that Atlantis was the first great civilization on Earth, and that it was wealthy and very technically advanced. Modest advances claimed for Atlantis include irrigation, canal building, and writing (perhaps a half dozen millennia before writing appeared again in the Middle East). At the extreme, more modern proponents of Atlantis claim they developed to the point of having electricity, robots, and flying machines.

All proponents agree that Atlantis was suddenly destroyed, probably by natural disaster. Atlantean refugees (or colonists) escaped from the disaster, however, to found colonies elsewhere around Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East. These in turn grew into what are now recognized as many of the first great civilizations on Earth, such as the Mycenaens, Egyptians, and Sumerians. Thus the Atlanteans are seen as the precursors of western civilization, though most of their technology was lost in the dark age following their destruction.