

ISIS – GODDESS OF THE MOON

The story of ISIS:

Isis was the daughter of the gods Nut (female sky god) and GEB (male earth god). She had 1 sister, Nephthys, and 2 brothers, Osiris and Seth. She married her brother Osiris, who was god of the underworld, and ruled Egypt. Her brother Seth thought he should be the ruler of Egypt so he built a coffin the exact size of Osiris and said whoever fitted in it would win a prize. When Osiris got in he slammed the lid shut and threw the coffin into the river Nile. Isis searched for the coffin and when she found it returned to Egypt with it so she could bring Osiris back to life using her magic powers. When Seth found out about her plans he removed Osiris from the coffin and cut his body into 14 pieces. He threw the pieces into the river Nile for the crocodiles to eat. Isis and her sister Nephthys searched for the body parts and found 13 of them. They bandaged Osiris back together and used wood and wax to make the missing piece. Isis used her magic powers to bring Osiris back to life for long enough to make her pregnant. 9 months later Isis gave birth to the most famous god in Egypt and named him Horus. Horus later killed his Uncle Seth.

The 3 gods Isis, Osiris and Horus are known as the Abydos Triad – the 3 main gods of Egypt. All the gods in Egypt were supposed to be the god Horus reincarnated.

Isis is an Egyptian Goddess. One of the most important goddesses of ancient Egypt. Her name is the Greek form of an ancient Egyptian word for throne.

All about ISIS:

To begin with not many people had heard of Isis, she had to do lots of different jobs and roles. The most important was as wife, mother, and magical healer.

She was a role model for women, which meant women looked up to her, and she also cured the sick.

She was a beautiful woman wearing a dress and either an empty chair/throne as a crown or a solar disc and cow's horns on her head. She may also be shown as a winged goddess. Occasionally she would look like a scorpion, a bird, a sow, or a cow.

Isis was the perfect wife and mother. She liked to stay in the background when things were going well, but would jump to their aid if they got into trouble. This meant she was the goddess of protection. Her biggest power, though, was with magic. She was more powerful than the other gods. Other people asked her to look after the sick, but she also protected people who died.

The wings of Isis symbolise female falcons or kites, which sound like a sad woman. Isis represents power and mourning.

Her headdress represents magical powers