

Anubis

Anubis is shown as a jackal or wild dog. He was the god of funerals and death and was often painted on the walls of the tombs as he was thought to protect the dead. Anubis also supervised embalming and was believed to have embalmed Osiris.

Bastet

Bastet is shown with a cat's head. She is the goddess of cats, women and children. Ancient Egyptians believed that cats were sacred. They killed the rats and mice which ate their grain and caused disease. Some cats were even mummified.

Bes

Bes was a small human like god who wore a feathered headdress and a lion skin. His full face is always shown and he is very ugly. He protected women in childbirth, children and families against evil influences.

Horus

Horus is usually shown as a falcon and is known as a sky god. He was also the son of Osiris and Isis. Horus lost his eye fighting Seth after Seth killed his father. He was believed to give power to each pharaoh.

Osiris

Osiris is shown as a human. He was killed by his brother Seth who was jealous and wanted to take his place as king. His wife found him and brought him back to life. Osiris was god of the Underworld. All pharaohs became an Osiris when they died.

Thoth

Thoth had two forms, the ibis bird shown here with a long curved beak, and the baboon. Thoth was god of wisdom and writing. It was Thoth who helped Isis to bring Osiris back from the dead.

Ra

Ra is shown as a falcon with the sun on his head. He was the god of creation. Ancient Egyptians believed that he created the world and that the rising sun was the symbol of creation and renewal.

Sekhmet

Sekhmet is the lion-headed goddess. Priests of Sekhmet were one of the oldest groups of doctors and veterinary surgeons. Sekhmet was the goddess of medicine and of war and pestilence too!

Seth

Seth is shown with a long greyhound-like body, curved muzzle, almond eyes and long straight pointed ears. He is known as the god of Chaos. He murdered his brother, Osiris and plucked out Horus's eye.