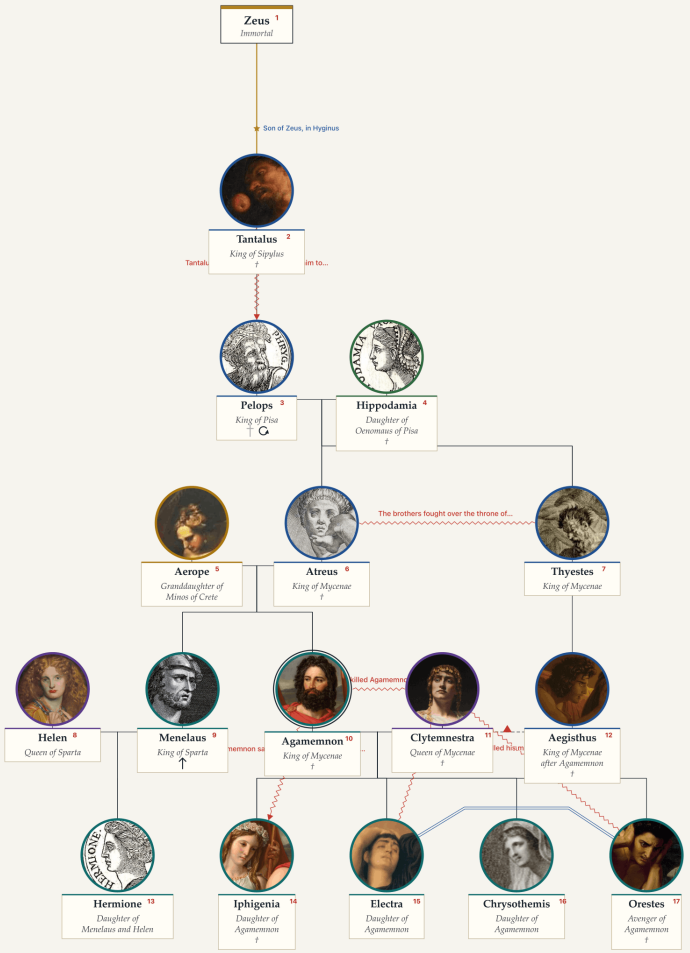
# The house of Atreus, from Tantalus to Orestes

The curse runs through five generations. In each one a parent harms a child or a relative kills a relative, and every killing calls for another. The cycle ends only when Orestes is tried and acquitted in Athens.




## The house of Atreus

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**Key** *Notation: McGoldrick, Gers...*

PEOPLE
- Index person
- A god
- Immortal
- Portrait
- Died
- Rose again or was restored
- Taken up without dying

HOUSES
- The gods
- Tantalids
- House of Oenomaus
- House of Minos
- Tyndarids
- Atreidae

COUPLES & CHILDREN
- Marriage
- Secret affair
- Biological child
- Divine parent

EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS
- Close
- Hostile
- Physical abuse

HOUSE
- The gods
- Tantalids
- House of Oenomaus
- House of Minos
- Tyndarids
- Atreidae

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