

A picture of Anubis was drawn on the walls of royal burial sites. He protected the dead.

Ancient Egyptians believed there were 3 types of souls. The Ka stayed in the mummy. The Ba was free to fly in and out. The Akh traveled to the **underworld**. The underworld is the place where dead people's souls lived. It's the world of the dead. The Akh went to the **afterlife**. Afterlife is the life after death.

Anubis ruled the underworld. He ruled over the dead. He guided souls. He led them west. West was the direction of the sunset. That's where the afterlife was.

He's also the god of travelers. He's the god of the lost. He's the god of the helpless. He's the god of orphans. Orphans are people who have lost their parents.

Family Tree

Great-grandparents: Shu (god of light and dry air) and Tefnut (goddess of wet air and rain)

Grandparents: Geb (god of the earth) and Nut (goddess of the sky)

Parents: Osiris (god of the afterlife, underworld, and rebirth)

and Nephthys (goddess of darkness and water)

Adopted mother: Isis (goddess of marriage, fertility, motherhood,

magic, and medicine)

Brother: Horus (god of the sky, kings, and war)

Wife: Anput (goddess of burials and mummification)

Children: Kebechet (goddess of freshness) and Ammut

(eater of hearts)