



Some believe Heimdall's mothers were nine giantesses and not the Nine Waves.

Ancient means old. His great-grandfather was an ancient giant king. His name was Fornjot. Fornjot's children were Aegir and Ran. Aegir and Ran were rulers of the sea. They were Heimdall's grandparents.

Odin was Heimdall's father. Odin was the father of all the gods. He went to sea. He saw nine sea goddesses. He fell

in love. Together, they gave birth to Heimdall. Heimdall's mothers were the daughters of Aegir and Ran. They were wave **maidens**. Maidens are young women.

## Family Tree

**Grandparents:** Borr (god of mountains), Bestla (giantess, goddess of water and ice), Aegir (god of the sea), and Ran (goddess of the sea)

**Parents:** Odin (father of all gods) and Nine Waves

**Half brothers:** Hod (god of winter and darkness, often called Hodr), Hermod (messenger of the gods), and Thor (god of thunder)

**Children:** Thrall (ancestor of servants), Karl (ancestor of craftsmen and farmers), and Jarl (ancestor of nobles and warriors)