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adj.
Greek Mythology
Of or relating to the underworld.

[From Greek *khthonios*, of the earth, from *khthōn*, earth; see **dhghem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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