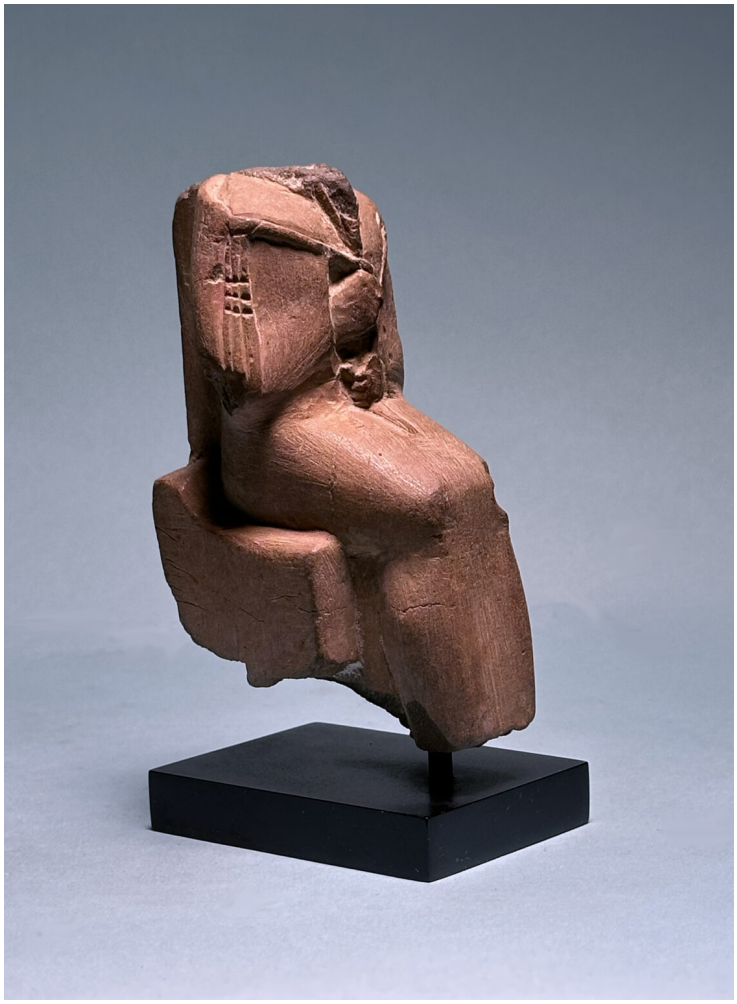
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Egyptian Sandstone Osiris

An ancient Egyptian fragmentary sandstone enthroned Osiris, mummiform with his hands emerging from his shroud holding his crook and flail.



Late Dynastic Period,
Ca. 664 - 332 BC.
Height: 4 1/8 in. (10.2 cm).

Osiris was one of the most important gods of the Egyptian pantheon. He was the lord of the underworld and god of the dead. One of his titles was therefore "ruler of the west," the west being the domain of the dead. Osiris was also the god of the inundation of the Nile and consequently fertility, and came to be seen as a protective deity over both the living and the dead.

Formerly in the J. Saladino collection, Santa Barbara, California.

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