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## Cherubim

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# **Cherubim.**

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## **Topics.**

- A brief overview of the four cherubim, and the meaning of cherub.
- The face of the cherub, the human, the lion, the ox, and the eagle.
- The wings of the cherubim.
- Scriptures that contain the word cherubim and cherub.
- Summary of the cherub and cherubim.

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## **A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE FOUR CHERUBIM**

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Though the following picture may not be exact in detail it does give us the idea the cherubim. The Bible speaks of four cherubs in the Most Holy Place of Solomon's temple.

**The first two cherubim:** the first two that the Scriptures very clearly speak of are the two that are on each end of the mercy seat. These two and the mercy seat were made of one piece of solid gold, the cherubs were facing inwards with their wings over the mercy seat meeting each other as the following drawing shows.



**The second two cherubim:** the second two cherubs spoken of are much larger. In the book of kings, it says that the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one touched one wall, and a wing of the other cherub touched the other wall and the other wing of each cherub touched each other in the middle of the temple (1 Kings 6:23-28).

We are also told that these two cherubim are made of olivewood overlaid with gold and not solid gold and they are far too big to be on each end of the ark which was only two and a half cubits long (about 1500mm). These cherubim stood in the Most Holy Place overshadowing the entire Ark of the Covenant with one of their wings over the Ark and the other wing touching the wall of the House of the LORD. There were four cherubim in the Most Holy Place of Solomon's temple, two small ones on the Ark and two much larger ones overshadowing the entire Ark.



The outstretched cherubim were separate and much larger standing figures (i.e., ten cubits high) (5.334 meters) made of olivewood, which were also inside the temple and part of the temple.

The ark was only two and a half cubits (about 1500mm) (Exod. 25:10), and the cherubim on it were facing inward with both wings touching, they are relatively small, compared to the much larger standing cherubs, for these each had wings of five cubits (2.667 meters) with one of their wings overshadowing the Ark and the tips of their other wing touching each wall.

**The two tablets inside the ark under the mercy seat:** the only thing in the Ark of the Covenant in Solomons temple was the two tablets that Moses put inside it (2 Chron. 5:10). It is interesting to notice that the law was under the mercy seat and the cherubim overshadowed the mercy seat and the LORD spoke from above the mercy seat. This means that to get to the law one had to go through mercy first and that mercy covered the law. This is interesting because we all sin and are therefore all under the condemnation of the law and condemned to death, without God's mercy we would all be doomed.

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## THE MEANING OF CHERUB AND CHERUBIM

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**The word cherub comes from the Hebrew word** (k<sup>e</sup>ruwb) Strong's Concordance explains a cherub as visionary or imaginary figure (cherubim is the plural of Cherub). Perhaps there are angels called cherubs, but based upon the many verses that speak of cherubs it appears that the word cherub is a title that is applied to God's mighty power and to God's omnipresence (symbolised by Him riding on a cherub and flying swiftly on the wings of the wind).

The title cherub in (Ezekiel 28:14) is also applied to the king of Tyre, which means it can also apply to a man or nation with great power or to something that is far above the ordinary in beauty, authority, and influence. The vast variety of paintings of cherubim in the history of art most likely stem from Ezekiel's fantastic, unique, and unusual or exaggerated descriptions of the cherubim in (Ezek. 1:4-28) (Ezek. 10:3-22).

**NOTE:** each Cherubim has four wings (i.e., two pairs of wings), whereas, Seraphim have six wings, one pair for flying, another covering the face and the third pair covering the feet.

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## SYMBOLISMS OF THE CHERUB

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## **Cherubim are a symbol of:**

- God's presence and glory protecting truth and the path to God.
- God's covering, shelter, and protection over the law and over His mercy.
- Gods' beauty, that is far beyond any beauty that can be imagined.
- God's authority, outstanding power and influence that inspire wonder and awe.

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## **THE FACES OF THE CHERUB, HUMAN, LION, OX AND EAGLE**

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Faces speak of character, who a person is, their personality, goal, purposes, motivation etc, so when the word face is used figuratively it speaks of the character of a king, nation, army, or an individual. When the secular world uses the expression, "that person has two faces," they are not saying they have got two heads, they mean they are deceitful and have two characters, (i.e., while they are with you, they are full of flattery but behind your back they are speaking or plotting wickedness).

**Face of the Cherub:** the cherubim cover God's glory, His mercy and His presence and sit under His throne, when the face of a cherub is applied to a nation it probably means they are fulfilling the LORD'S will and His purposes (i.e., His judgment on a nation) (especially Jerusalem).

**Face of a Human:** a human face in contrast to a cherub or God carries the idea of the sinful side of human nature which is hypocritical, of low degree, not honourable, destructive, and cruel without mercy (especially when it is used in the context of a nation's army).

**Face of a Lion:** a lion is the king of wild animals they are fierce and tears its prey apart when captured. The right side carries the idea of being the stronger and more skilful and by orientation the south (the two tribes were south).

**Face of an Ox:** the ox is the king of working animals they are strong, powerful, and able to endure. The left side carries the idea of being lessor than the right, and by orientation the north (the ten tribes were north).

**Face of an Eagle:** the eagle is a bird of prey and the king of birds; they are swift and quick to their prey.

**SUMMARY: human, lion, ox, and eagle:** when the titles human lion ox eagle is applied to a king, nation, or an army they are symbols of the character and nature of the king, nation, or army. When applied to a king, nation, or army, they signify they are strong, fierce, cruel, and swift to destroy

**NOTICE:** they are all symbols of great creatures

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## **VARIOUS DETAILS**

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**The wings of the cherubim:** overshadow the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place of the temple. They are a symbol of: deliverance from trouble, a place of refuge, protection, and shelter Joy, healing, help, strength, and energy, and a vehicle that brings people or a nation to God Himself.

**Place inside the ark of the covenant in the tabernacle: was the golden urn holding the manna, Aaron's staff that budded and the tablets of the covenant (i.e., the ten commandments).** Only the Ten Commandments were placed in the ark in Solomon's Temple.

**The Ark was called by the following names:** the Ark of the Covenant of God, the Ark of God, the Ark of the Testimony. (Because the Ten Commandments were in it), and the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD.

- The Cherubim are a symbol of God's presence, His glory, and His protection, they make the statement that God judges through the eyes of mercy.
- The ark was placed in the Most Holy Place, and made of wood overlaid inside and outside with gold.

The cherubim and the mercy seat were made of one piece of solid gold, and one cherub was placed at each end of the ark with their wings overshadowing the mercy seat.

- A moulding of gold (i.e., a crown) was around the top edges of ark, and each corner of the ark had four rings of gold for the carrying poles to go through.
- The length of the ark was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cubits (about  $3\frac{3}{4}$  feet), it was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubit (about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  feet) and its height was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits (about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  feet).
- Inside the Ark was the golden urn holding the manna, Aaron's staff that budded and the Testimony given to Moses (i.e., the Ten Commandments).
- The carrying poles were made of wood overlaid with gold, and placed permanently in the rings of the Ark.
- God is enthroned on the Cherubim signifies the LORD'S throne is above the Cherubim.
- The LORD is pictured riding on a golden chariot flying on a Cherub on the wings of the wind.
- Cherubim were skilfully woven into the ten blue, purple, and scarlet linen curtains of the tabernacle and the inner and outer walls and the doors of the tabernacle had cherubim, palm trees and open flowers carved into them.

**The King of Tyre:** is spoke of as an, "Anointed Guardian Cherub" who was the signet of perfection full of wisdom and perfect in beauty and who was blameless from the day he was created until unrighteousness was found in him. God even uses the title, "O Guardian Cherub" when referring to the king of Tyre (Ezek. 28:11, 14, 16). The king of Tyre is called a guardian cherub, because he was considered by all nations during his time as a glorious king and the protector of his people. The word cherub carries the idea of something glorious and outstanding they are not real angels, but symbols of something that inspires wonder and so distinguished that it merits praise and lasting fame, it can apply to God or an exceptional human king

### GENESIS

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- **Genesis 3:24:** He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24).

Here God placed cherubim with a flaming sword to guard the path to the tree of life and prevent humans from re-entering the garden of Eden and gaining access to the tree of life. In this context, cherubim are a symbol of protection, especially protecting the following two things:

1. Protecting the tree of life from the sin and destruction of man.
2. Protecting truth and the way to God.

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## GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES FROM BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM

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### EXODUS

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- **Exodus 25:18-22:** And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup>Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. <sup>20</sup>The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. <sup>21</sup>And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. <sup>22</sup>There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you (Moses) about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

- The cherubim were made of hammered gold
- A cherub was placed on each end of the mercy seat.
- The cherubim and mercy seat were made of one piece of gold.
- The cherubim wings overshadowed the mercy seat.
- The faces of each cherubim faced each other.
- The mercy seat sat on the top of the ark.
- The Ten Commandments were placed in the ark.
- The LORD met and spoke with Moses from above and between the two cherubim, to give all the people of Israel His commandments and laws.
- The Cherubim sit over the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place in God's temple with their wings spread out over the mercy seat (the law of God is under the Mercy Seat), symbolising God's covering, shelter, and protection over the law and over His mercy.

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## CHERUBIM WOVEN INTO CURTAINS

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### EXODUS

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- **Exodus 26:1:** "Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns; you shall make them with cherubim skillfully worked into them.
  - **Exodus 26:31:** "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it.
  - **Exodus 36:8:** And all the craftsmen among the workmen made the tabernacle with ten curtains. They were made of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns, with cherubim skillfully worked.
  - **Exodus 36:35:** He made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; with cherubim skillfully worked into it he made it.
- Craftsman skillfully worked cherubim into the ten curtains of the tabernacle.
  - Craftsman skillfully worked cherubim into the blue and purple veil of the tabernacle.

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### CHERUBIM WERE MADE OF GOLD

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- **Exodus 37:7-9:** And he made two cherubim of gold. He made them of hammered work on the two ends of the mercy seat, <sup>8</sup>one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim on its two ends. <sup>9</sup>The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim.
- Cherubim and the mercy seat were made of one piece of hammered gold.
  - A cherub was placed on each end of the ark.
  - The wings of the cherubim overshadowed the mercy seat.
  - The cherubim faces were toward each other.

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### GOD SPEAKS FROM BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM

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- **Numbers 7:89:** And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him.
- The LORD spoke to Moses from above the mercy seat on the ark from between the two cherubim.

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### GOD IS ENTHRONED ON THE CHERUBIM

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#### SAMUEL

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- **1 Samuel 4:4:** So, the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

- **2 Samuel 6:2:** And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.
- The LORD of hosts, is enthroned on the cherubim.
- The ark of God is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim.

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### THE LORD RIDES ON A CHERUB ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND

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- **2 Samuel 22:11:** He (the LORD) rode on a cherub and flew; he was seen on the wings of the wind.
- The LORD rode on a cherub and flew on the wings of the wind.

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### FROM HERE ON IS SOLOMONS TEMPLE

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### MEASUREMENTS OF THE WINGS OF THE CHERUBIM

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#### KINGS

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- **1 Kings 6:24-27:** Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. <sup>25</sup>The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. <sup>26</sup>The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. <sup>27</sup>He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house. And the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one touched the one wall, and a wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; their other wings touched each other in the middle of the house.
- **1 Kings 6:25:** The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form.
- Both wings of cherub wings were five cubits (2.667 metres), which means from tip to tip was ten cubits (5.334 metres).
- The height of each cherub was ten cubits (5.334 metres).
- The wing of one cherub touched one wall, and a wing of the other cherub touched the other wall.
- The other wings of the cherubim touched each other in the middle of the tabernacle.

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### CHERUBIM CARVED IN THE WALLS OF THE TABERNACLE

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- **1 Kings 6:29:** Around all the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms.
- **1 Kings 6:29:** Around all the walls of the house he
- Carved and engraved figures of cherubim were around the walls of the Holy and most Holy Place.

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## CHERUBIM CARVED ON THE DOORS

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- **1 Kings 6:32:** He covered the two doors of olivewood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. He overlaid them with gold and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.
  - **1 Kings 6:35:** On them (the doors) he carved cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and he overlaid them with gold evenly applied on the carved work.
  - **1 Kings 7:29:** and on the panels (of the Temple of Solomon) that were set in the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim. On the frames, both above and below the lions and oxen, there were wreaths of beveled work.
  - **1 Kings 7:36:** And on the surfaces (of the Temple of Solomon) of its stays and on its panels, he carved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths all around.
- Cherubim were carved on the panels and two doors of Solomons Temple.

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## THE WINGS OF THE CHERUBIM OVERSHADOWED THE ARK

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- **1 Kings 8:6-7:** Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.<sup>7</sup>For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

The ark was placed in Most Holy Place underneath the wings of the cherubim.

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## GOD IS ENTHRONED ABOVE THE CHERUBIM

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- **2 Kings 19:15:** And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said: "O LORD the God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.
- And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim that belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD who sits enthroned above the cherubim. (1 Chron. 13:6).
- And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said: "O LORD (2 Kings 19:15).

The ark of God, is called by the name of the LORD who sits enthroned above the cherubim.

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## A GOLDEN CHARIOT OF CHERUBIM

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### CHRONICLES

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- **1 Chronicles 28:18:** for the altar of incense made of refined gold, and its weight; also his plan for the golden chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.
- The cherubim spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

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## CHERUBIM CARVED IN THE TABERNACLE

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- **2 Chronicles 3:7:** So, he lined the house (Solomons temple) with gold—its beams, its thresholds, its walls, and its doors— and he carved cherubim on the walls.
- Cherubim were carved on the walls of Solomons temple.

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## THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE WINGS OF THE CHERUBIM

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- **2 Chronicles 3:10-14:** In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim of wood and overlaid them with gold. <sup>11</sup>The wings of the cherubim together extended twenty cubits: one wing of the one, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and its other wing, of five cubits, touched the wing of the other cherub; <sup>12</sup>and of this cherub, one wing, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and the other wing, also of five cubits, was joined to the wing of the first cherub. <sup>13</sup>The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits. The cherubim stood on their feet, facing the nave. <sup>14</sup>And he made the veil of blue and purple and crimson fabrics and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it.
- Solomon made two cherubim of wood and overlaid them with gold, and placed them in the most Holy Place.
- The wings of the cherubim together extended twenty cubits.
- One wing was five cubits and touched the wall of the house, and its other wing was also five cubits, and touched the wing of the other cherub.
- The cherubim stood on their feet, facing the nave.
- Cherubim were worked on the blue and purple veil and the crimson fabrics and fine linen.

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## CHERUBIN WINGS OVERSHADOWED THE ARK

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- **2 Chronicles 5:7-8:** Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>8</sup>The cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.
- The ark was placed underneath the wings of the cherubim in the Most Holy Place.
- The wings of the cherubim were spread out and made a covering over the ark and its poles.

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## GOD RIDING ON A CHERUB

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### PSALMS

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The Scriptures picture God as flying through the heavens on a cherub with a chariot on the wings of the wind.

- **Psalm 18:10:** He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- He rode on a cherub and flew; he was seen on the wings of the wind. (2 Sam. 22:11).

The following verses picture God flying on a cherub on the wings of the wind in anger, He is seen with smoke coming out of his nostrils, devouring fire coming from his mouth and glowing coals of flaming fire going out from Him.

Thick darkness is under his feet, but brightness goes before Him, His voice sounds like thunder and arrows of lightening are seen causing the foundations of the earth to reel and the heavens to tremble at His appearance.

- **Psalm 18:6-15:** In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God, I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. <sup>7</sup> Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. <sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. <sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. <sup>10</sup> He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. <sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds. <sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. <sup>14</sup> And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them. <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

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## THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED UPON THE CHERUBIM

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### PSALMS

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- **Psalm 80: 1:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. (Psalm 80:1).
- **Psalm 99:1-2:** The LORD reigns; let the people's tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. (Psalm 99:1-2)

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In these verses the Cherubim symbolise God's chariot, His guidance, His glory shining forth, His coming quickly, His being enthroned above all creation and exalted above all people.

This means that Cherub and Cherubim can be a symbol of any of the following three things:

1. God's presence, His glory, and His protection.
2. To something that is far above the ordinary in beauty, and has great authority, outstanding power and influence that inspire wonder and awe.

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## GOD SITS ENTHRONED UPON THE CHERUBIM

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### ISAIAH

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- **Isaiah 37:16:** "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.
- The LORD, is pictured, enthroned upon the cherubim, which signifies, God is majestic beyond measure and has power above all others.

### EZEKIEL

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The following verses show that the LORD referred to the King of Tyre as an anointed cherub:

- **Ezekiel 28:12:** “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty - NOW GO TO VERSE THIRTEEN - <sup>13</sup>The signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup>You (the prince of Tyre) (v2), were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, <sup>14</sup>You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. <sup>15</sup>You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

The king of Tyre in abundance of his trade and wealth, became full of violence and pride saying, “I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods” (v2-5), so the LORD cast him as a profane thing from the mountain of God (signifying Jerusalem), and cast him, the guardian cherub to the ground, because Tyre treated Israel’s neighbors with contempt.

- **Ezekiel 28:16–17:** In the abundance of your (the prince of Tyre) trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup> Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

After this Ezekiel continues his prophecy saying, “Israel will no longer suffer hurt, for the LORD will gather the house of Israel from the peoples among who they are scattered, and manifest His holiness in them in the sight of the nations. Then they will dwell securely in their own land, and build houses and plant vineyards and know that He is the LORD their God.

- **Ezekiel 28:24-26:** “And for the house of Israel there shall be no more a brier to prick or a thorn to hurt them among all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the Lord GOD. <sup>25</sup> “Thus says the Lord GOD: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and manifest my holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell in their own land that I gave to my servant Jacob. <sup>26</sup> And they shall dwell securely in it, and they shall build houses and plant vineyards. They shall dwell securely, when I execute judgments upon all their neighbors who have treated them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God.”

These verses show that the king of Tyre is referred to as a guardian cherub, it is biblical, lofty language to describe how enormously prideful the king was in his heart and how majestic, beautiful, and great the king of Tyre and his kingdom was over the earth. The king of Tyre is a good example of the rise of the final world ruler who Paul titled, “The Man of Lawlessness,” (man of sin in KJV), and warned us not to be deceived, because of his skilful speeches, empty promise and great power and authority over the nations and his abundant wealth through global trade and commerce (especially over the seas), for his and the nations under his umbrella will be a dramatic fall from such fame, power, and worldly glory.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:3:** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

### HEBREWS

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- **Hebrews 9:3-5:** Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,<sup>4</sup> having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.<sup>5</sup> Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.

Every side of the ark of the covenant was covered with gold, and inside the ark was a golden urn holding the manna, Aaron's staff that budded and the tablets of the covenant (i.e., the Ten Commandments). On each end of the mercy seat was a cherub whose wings overshadowed the mercy seat.

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