

## Angels (ἄγγελος—Gk.32 [to bring *tidings*] a messenger) (Context: 2 Cor 12:1-7 verses Rev 2:1)

### Organization:

#### Hosts

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(Heb.6635-saba: army, company. Gk.4756-stratia: camplikeness, army.)

1Ki 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the **host of heaven** standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the **heavenly host** praising God, and saying,

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- Examples:

Mat 26:53 **Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**

2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and **chariots of fire** round about Elisha.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his **angels** fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

### Differing Orders/Ranks:

#### Archangels

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(Gk.743-archaggelos: from 757- first [political rank/power] and Gk.32-messenger, thus, chief angel.)

Dan 10:13 ... Michael, one of the chief princes...

Dan 10:21 ... but Michael your prince.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people...

- Nowhere in scripture is **Gabriel** noted as an archangel. Is **Michael** the only archangel? (*Was Attila the Hun the only Hun?*)

Look again at **Dan 10:13** "...**one** of the chief princes..." In order though, **Michael** would have been over all the angelic host, even higher ranking ones.

## *Cherubim*

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**H3742** כְּרֻבִים *ker-oob'*

Of uncertain derivation; a *cherub* or imaginary figure: - cherub, [plural] cherubims.

**Gen 3:24** So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- **Cherubim** are "*linked with the justice and holiness of God.*" Here "*they enforce the judgments of God*" concerning man and his "*access to the tree of life*".

**Exo 25:17** And thou shalt make a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. **18** And thou shalt make **two cherubims** *of* gold, *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. **19** And make **one cherub** on the one end, and the **other cherub** on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the **cherubims on the two ends** thereof. **20** And the **cherubims** shall stretch forth **their wings** on high, covering the mercy seat with **their wings**, and **their faces** *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the **faces of the cherubims** be. **21** And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. **22** And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the **two cherubims** which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

- **Cherubim** were part of the artistry of the temple.

**Exo 26:31** And thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with **cherubims** shall it be made:

**1Ki 6:23** And within the oracle he made two **cherubims** *of* olive tree, *each* ten cubits high. **24** And five cubits *was* the one wing of the **cherub**, and five cubits the other wing of the **cherub**: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits. **25** And the other **cherub** *was* ten cubits: both the **cherubims** *were* of one measure and one size. **26** The height of the one **cherub** *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other **cherub**. **27** And he set the **cherubims** within the inner house: and

they stretched forth the wings of the **cherubims**, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other **cherub** touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the **cherubims** with gold. (See also: 2 Chr 3:10-13)

1Sa 4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which **dwelleth between the cherubims**: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

2Ki 19:15 ...O LORD God of Israel, which **dwellest between the cherubims**...

1Ch 13:6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjathjearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that **dwelleth between the cherubims**, Whose name is called *on it*.

Psa 80:1 To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that **dwellest between the cherubims**, shine forth.

Psa 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: He **sitteth between the cherubims**; let the earth be moved.

Isa 37:16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that **dwellest between the cherubims**, Thou *art* the God, *even* Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: Thou hast made heaven and earth.

Psa 18:10 And He rode upon a **cherub**, and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind.

- God *"is figuratively said to ride upon them as a chariot..."*

1Ch 28:18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the **chariot of the cherubims**, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

- *"In Ezekiel chapter 10 is a powerful vision prophesying the coming destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 B.C." Jim McGuigan states, "The vision is a vision of the glory of God, but it is the glory of God as manifested in His coming in just judgment. The cherubim are the chariots of God, His battle wagon, His vehicle of righteous war! He sits enthroned on His chariots."*

Eze 10:12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the **wheels**, *were full of eyes round about*, *even* the **wheels** that they four had.

*"The all seeing executors of God's wrath." McGuiggan*

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- Cherubim are not "*griffins and sphinxes*" which were produced by the **Babylonian, Assyrian** and other pagans who lived long after (*1500 B.C.*) the cherubim of **Gen 3:24**. The inspired writer, **Moses**, was not influenced by seeing similar creatures that were later "*often found in the ruins of these places*".

*"What of the wings of the cherubs on top of the mercy seat? Again, we must remember that this was an artistic representation of the angels and, as such, should not be taken as an actual description of a cherub. The ark of the covenant itself, while certainly a literal object, symbolizes the throne of God (**Jer 3:16-17**). The Holy of Holies, where the ark resided, typified Heaven itself (**Heb 9:12**). As such, it was only fitting to have the inhabitants of Heaven who surround God's throne pictured upon the mercy seat."*

**The Hosts of Heaven** by **Travis L. Quartermous**

In **John 20:11-17** **J. W. McGarvey** says: "*The angels were placed like the cherubims upon the ark, as though the grave of Christ was a new mercy seat, which indeed it was.*" (pg 743, **The Fourfold Gospel**)

**Joh 20:12** And seeth two angels in white sitting, the **one at the head**, and the **other at the feet**, where the body of Jesus had lain.

**Jer 3:16** And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.  
**17** At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

**Heb 9:5** And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which **we cannot now speak particularly.**

**Heb 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*

*Seraphim*

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**H8314** שָׂרָפִים *sârâph saw-rawf*

From [H8313](#); *burning*, that is, (figuratively) *poisonous* (serpent); specifically a *saraph* or symbolical creature (from their copper color): - fiery (serpent), seraph.

**H8313** שָׂרַף *sârâph saw-raf*

A primitive root; to *be* (causatively *set*) *on fire*: - (cause to, make a) burn ([*-ing*], up), kindle, X utterly.

**Isa 6:2** Above it stood the **seraphims**: each one had **six wings**; with twain he **covered his face**, and with twain he **covered his feet**, and with twain he **did fly**. **3** And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of His glory. **4** And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

- It is only here in **Isaiah** that we find the seraphim.

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- The three sets of wings:

With two- *"unable to look upon the fullness of the divine glory"*

*"unwilling to move without Jehovah's permission"*

*"ready to move when commanded"*

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- Their reverence to **God** is evidenced to their praise to **Him**.

*"They shouted it to one another so loudly that the posts of the divine dwelling"* were shaken. (**6:4**)

**Isa 6:5** Then said I, **Woe is me! for I am undone**; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

**Isa 6:6** **Then flew one of the seraphims** unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

**Isa 6:7** And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, **this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**

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- *"The work of the seraphim"*:

First- *"they constantly worship and revere the Almighty"*

Second- "*they served (at least on this occasion) as the agents of God's mercy*"

- Both seraphim and cherubim are "*associated with the throne of God; the cherubim beneath it and the seraphim above it...the seraphs...with cleansing sin and the cherubs with it's punishment.*"

**Rom 11:22** Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *His* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

- "*they are two separate classes of angels*"

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