



# Angels: God's Secret Agents



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There Are  
Different Kinds of  
*Angelic* Beings

# 1. Cherub

(Plural: cherubim)

- Attend and serve God on His throne
- Involved with the worship of God
- They dwell primarily in God's presence
- Their physical description includes: 4 wings, hands like a human, with a body somewhat similar to humans yet distinct in many ways
- Some are seen armed with flaming swords...

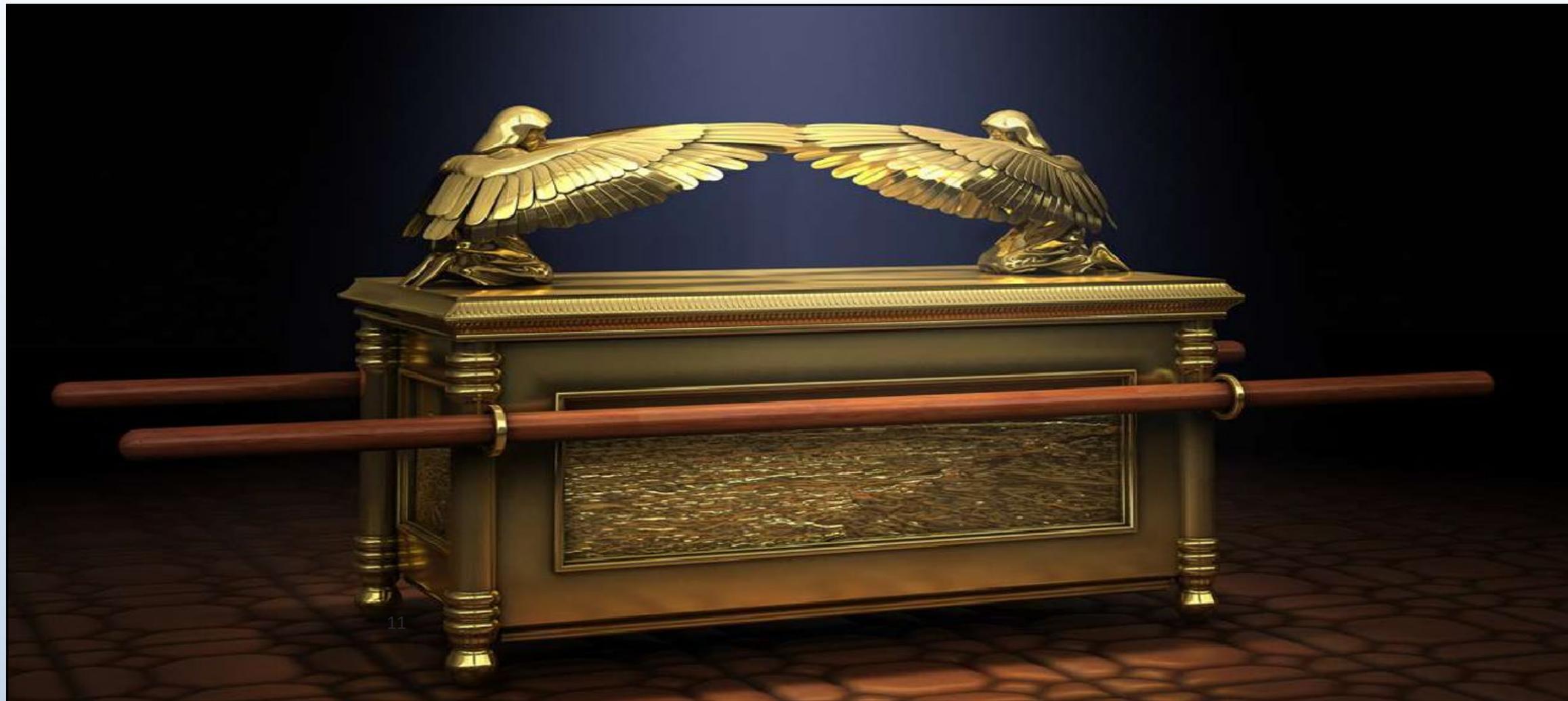
## Genesis 3:24

*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.*

Cherubs seen by Ezekiel included four faces, four wings, and many eyes. It is uncertain whether this is true of all cherubs or was limited to those in his vision

## Ezekiel 1:5-14

Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings *were* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* stretched upward; two *wings* of every one *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.



**Exodus 25:20** 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.

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- Satan was a Cherub

## **Ezekiel 28:14-15**

Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

## 2. Seraph

(Plural: seraphim)

- They are sent to punish Israel, Num 21:6
- Their name means “fiery ones”
- They are ready at once to minister to God
- Appear to be “worship leaders”
- Their form appears to be human-like with the addition of 6 wings

**Isaiah 6:1-3, 6**

## 3. Archangel

- Archangel occurs only twice in the Bible, both times in the New Testament. Archangel means “chief angel.”
- The only *archangel* called such in Scripture is Michael.
- It is possible that Michael is the only archangel, since he is called “the archangel.” Scripture does not say there is only one archangel, so there could be many of them. If so, Michael seems to be the head archangel and appears to be the leader of all angels.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

### Jude 9

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said,  
The Lord rebuke thee.

## 4. Living Creatures

**Rev 4:6-8** Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

## 5. Thrones, dominions, principalities

**Col 1:16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**Eph 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

## 6. Authorities and Powers

**1 Pet 3:22** who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

## 7. Michael and Gabriel appear to be the “leaders” of the rest of the angels:

**Dan 10:13, 21** ... Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, ... <sup>21</sup>  
(No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.)

**Dan 9:21** while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

**Lk 1:19,26** And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ... <sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

## 8. Angels are also known by such names as:

- Sons of the Mighty – Ps 89:6
- Sons of God – Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7
- Angels – Ps 8:5
- Holy Ones – Ps 89:5-7
- Morning Stars – Job 38:7
- Princes – Dan 10:13
- Stars - Revelation 1:20

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels** of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.