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## 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

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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

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**Gen 3:24** and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Ezk 1:5-14, 10:15** And the cherubim were lifted up. ... This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar.

**Ps 18:10** And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; he flew upon the wings of the wind.

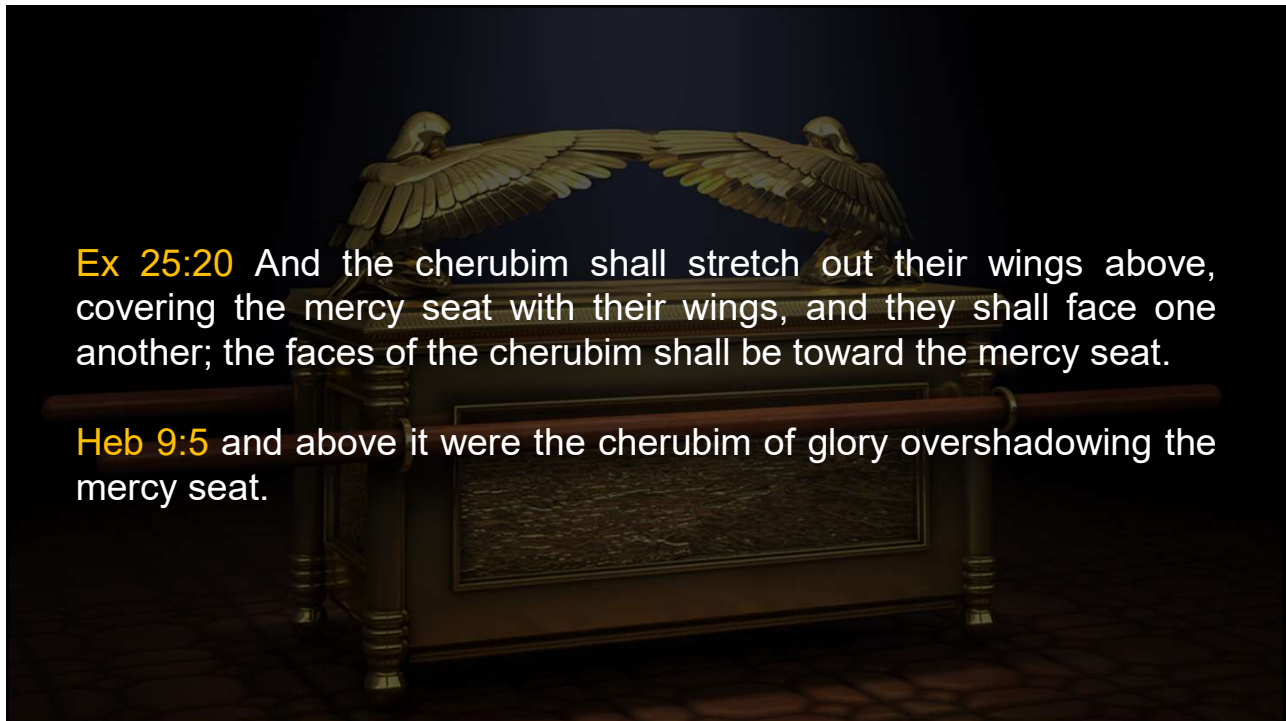
**Ps 80:1** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

**Is 37:16** "O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

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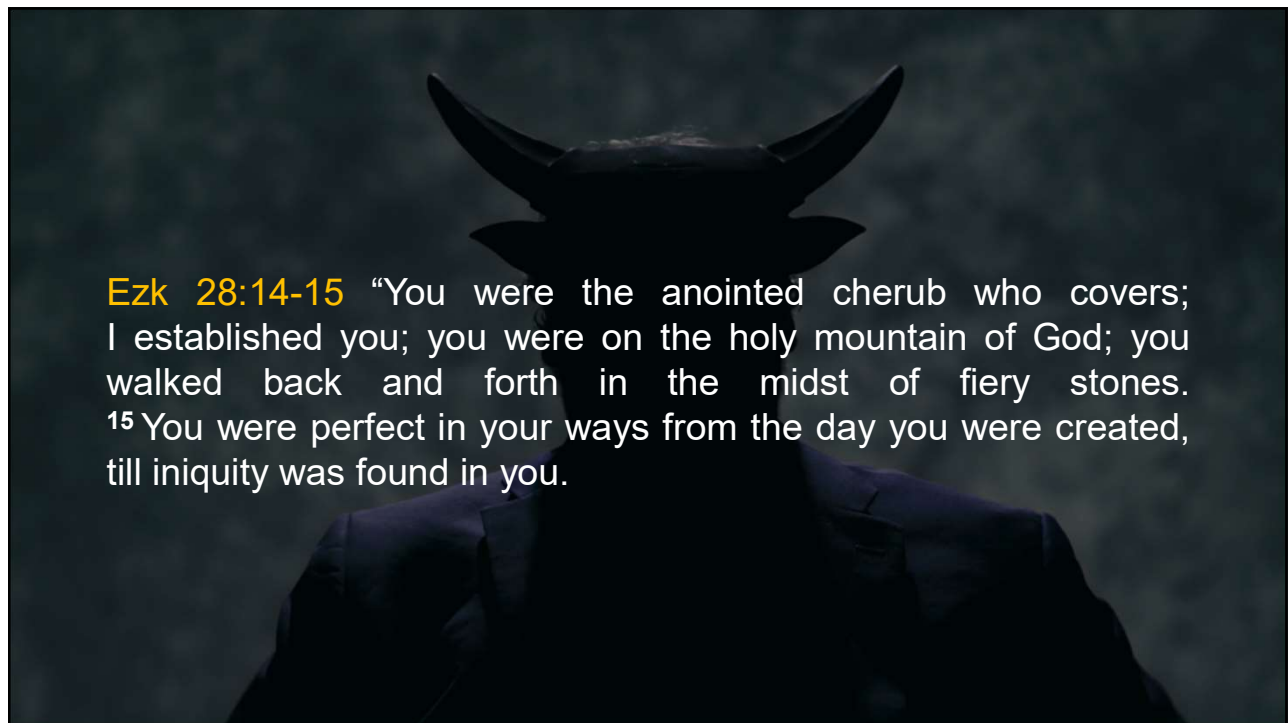
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## 2. Seraph

(Plural: seraphim)

- Their name means “fiery ones” (used also of the “fiery serpents” the Lord sent to punish Israel, Num 21:6)
- It is believed that the title refers to their burning love for and devotion to God
- They are seen in Scripture as “standing” above the King as he sits upon his throne
- 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

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**Is 6:1-3, 6** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” ... <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

**Rev 4:8** 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!”

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### 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.

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**Dan 10:13, 21** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ...  
<sup>21</sup> But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

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- **Michael is the protector of Israel:**

**Dan 12:1** "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;

- **Michael withstands the devil**

**Jude 9** Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

- **Michael will participate in the rapture of believers**

**1 Thess 4:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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**Michael enjoys a prominent role in Scripture, but his glory is always subservient to the glory of Jesus Christ. (Heb 1:7-14)**

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## 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!"

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 7. Again, 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,

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## 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

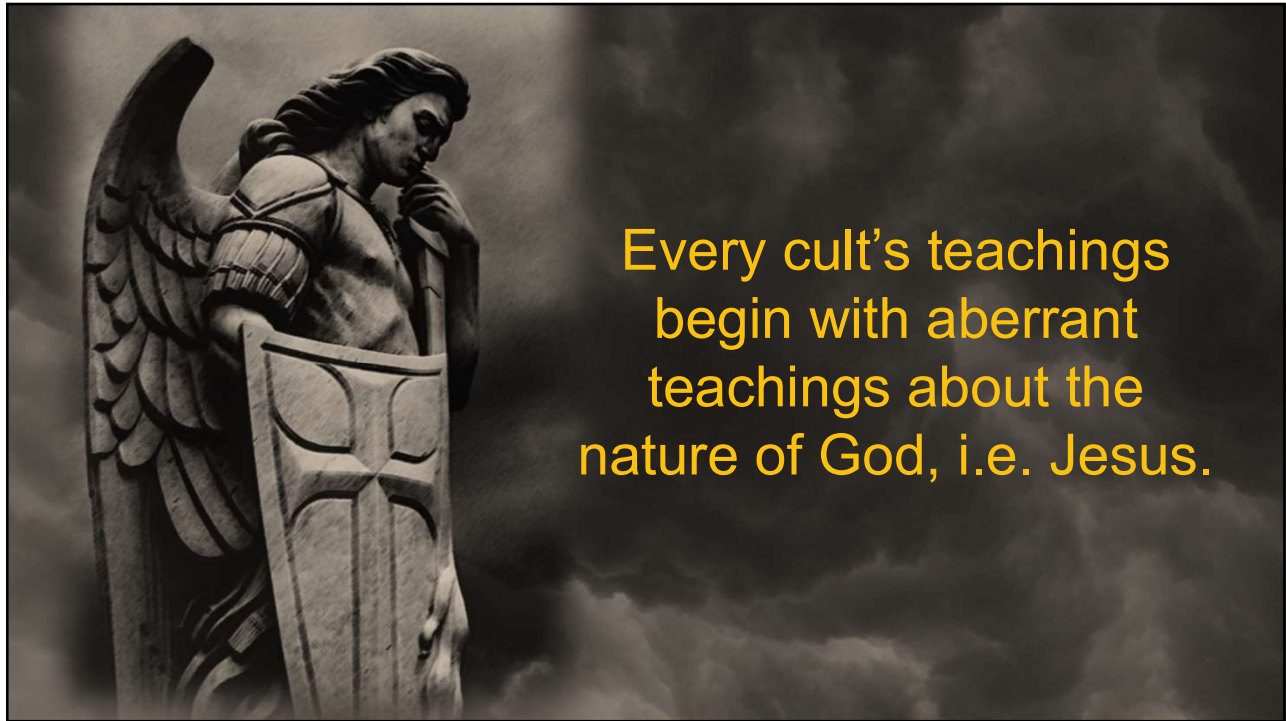
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## 9. Demons have similar distinctions as the holy angels:

**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.

**Rev 9:11** And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

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Every cult's teachings  
begin with aberrant  
teachings about the  
nature of God, i.e. Jesus.

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## 1. Jesus is NOT an angel

- He created the angels:

**Neh 9:6** You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

**Ps 148:1-5** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**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.

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