

The Angelic Assembly

Psalm 89:7, “A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him? [all those who encircle or surround him]

Psalm 89:8, “O Lord God of hosts [שָׁבָא *šābā'*], who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.”

היח צה"ל



כְּרֻבִים *kerûbim* **CHERUBIM**

**Four wings (Gen. 3:24; Ezekiel 1:5–24;
Ezekiel 10:1–15; Heb. 9:5)**

- 1. Pictured as part human, part animal
(Ezek. 1:5, 8)**
- 2. Four faces: man, lion, ox, eagle
(Ezek 10:1–15)**
- 3. Full of eyes (Ezek 10:12)**
- 4. Gleaming like flaming torches
(Ezek 1:7, 13)**

Gen. 3:24, “So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.”



Ex. 25:18, “And you shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.

Ex. 25:19, “And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

Ex. 25:20, “And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.”

Ex. 25:22, “And there I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.”

Ezekiel 41:18, “It was carved with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces,

Ezekiel 41:19, “a man’s face toward the palm tree on one side and a young lion’s face toward the palm tree on the other side; they were carved on all the house all around.”

שֶׁרָפִיִּים *śārāpim*

SERAPHIM

Six wings; Isa 6:1–7

- 1. “Burning ones”**
- 2. They have faces, feet, and hands and fly above the throne of God.**
- 3. They cover their faces because they cannot look upon the holy glory of God.**

Is. 6:1, “In the year of King Uzziah’s death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Is. 6:2, “Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Is. 6:3, “And one called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.’

Is. 6:4, “And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

Is. 6:5, “Then I said, ‘Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Is. 6:6, “Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a burning coal in his hand which he had taken from the altar with tongs.”

τὸ ζῷον *to zóon* “Living Creature”

Six wings; Rev 4:6–9

1. “Burning ones”
2. Faces of a lion, calf, man, eagle (like a *cherub*).
3. Sing a song similar to the *seraphim*.

Jud 1:9, “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!’”**

John 1:3, “All things were created by Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.”

Colossians 1:16, “for all things in heaven and on earth were created by Him—all things, whether visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers—all things were created through Him and for Him.”

Rev 12:7, “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,”

Mat 12:24, “Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, ‘This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons’.”

Mat 25:41, “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels’:”

Eternal God

ANGELS

Universe

Human Race

Evil

**Evil has a precise beginning;
A final judgment and restriction.**

Lake of Fire



The Problem of Evil: *Resolved*

- 1. Of all religions only Judaism and Christianity have an answer to the origin of evil.**
- 2. The problem of evil: sometimes critics of Christianity ask, “How can a loving God allow suffering and evil to occur?”**

The Problem of Evil: *Resolved*

Alleged conflict between God's power and His love

If He is all powerful, He must not be loving because of all the suffering that exists.

If He is love, He must not be able to control the evil and suffering that exists.

The Problem of Evil: *Resolved*

- 3. NonChristians do not have an answer to this. In all nonChristian religions, evil is ultimately eternal and suffering is normal.**
- 4. God allows evil because He allows free will.**
- 5. God originally created angels with volition, knowing that there would be a rebellion, evil would be introduced into the creation.**