

## Cherubim

When Moses came down from the mountain, he started the Ten Commandments by saying "Hear! Oh Israel, our God is One!" The Egyptians had many gods. The people of Israel knew that. What a marvelous revelation !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

God told Moses to have cherubim embroidered on the curtains in the tabernacle. Ex 26:31 These are not cute baby angels. These figures have a body like a man, and the head of an animal. God also said to put cherubim on the Mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant. Ex 25:18 this was done in the time of having just come from Egypt. They didn't wait to do this after they were in Canaan. So I can't see why some archaeologists insist these figures were borrowed from the Syrians. The Persians had figures that had the body of a seated lion, and the head of a man. At that time, they had not been in Persia. They would have been borrowed from Egypt.

Solomon made huge Cherubim inside the Holy of Holies, in the temple that he built in Jerusalem. 1 Kings 6:23-35. He had carved in the cedar wood walls, many Cherubim. All over the walls, and on the doors. These were not original with Solomon. God told Moses to make them first.

1 Kings 7:24. Solomon made carts to use in the temple. The decorations were lions, oxen, and cherubim. On the base of the carts he put cherubim, lions, and palm trees.

Ezekiel 1:1 says I saw God. This is what he saw. Verse 5 says, four weird creatures that each had the body of a man, and four faces. V 10 They each had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, and the face of an ox, and the face of an eagle. My girls use to have a dolly that had 3 faces on it. You could turn the head from a crying baby, to a baby with a happy face. Or turn it again and have a sleeping baby.

Ezekiel saw these same creatures again. Chapter 10:22, he said they were the same, but when he described them, he said v 14, the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third was the face of a lion, and the fourth, the face of an eagle. V 15 calls them cherubims. So knowledge had increased from four figures, to one figure with four faces.

Ezekiel was able to imagine a single God. That was advancing in the knowledge of God. Ezekiel was the prophet during the Babylon period.

God put Cherubim to guard the gate of the Garden of Eden. Gen 3:24. .

Matthew presents Jesus as the Lion. The Lion of Judah. The true king of Israel. Authority.

Mark presents Jesus as the ox. The perfect servant. The ox carries our load. Strong. We take milk from the cow. Then we eat the ox. Then we make his skin into shoes for us.

Luke shows us the perfect man. The natural man with wisdom and intelligence.

John shows us Jesus as the eagle. More than the lion, because he is not bound to the earth. Far sighted, swift. All birds are a symbol for a spirit. Either good spirits, or bad. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove.

Rev 4:6-9. These Cherubim are what John saw in the throne room in heaven.

I have tried to make something from the standards that the tribe carried on their wilderness journey. They have many symbols on their standards. Judah has the lion and was placed on the east. Ephraim has a bullock and was placed on the west. The man and the eagle are not there.

I think these different faces indicate the four natures of the Most High God. God is the king, the lion. And you better acknowledge that.

He is also the ox, or servant. It is easy to tell God what we want him to do.

He is also the 100% man. And God is also the mighty Holy Spirit. The eagle.

Question. They made a figure of a calf. Ex 32. Only one nature of God. If they had made all 4 natures, all 4 figures, lion, ox/calf, man, and eagle, would they have recognized their great sin? Psalm 106 : 19 20. They made a calf, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their glory (made in the image of God) into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. Any god must be superior to you. If it is less than you, then you will degenerate to that lesser evil. Our God is an ox, but that's not all that he is.

Ex 19:14 – 24:1 God and Moses were talking on the lower ground, where all the people were. 19:17 They stood at the nether part of the mountain. So they did have knowledge of what God required. 19:8 All the people said "all that God requires, we will do." They had a basic understanding of God. How could they have gone so far from that understanding.? Then later Moses questioned Aaron about his actions. Aaron said "the calf, just jumped out of the fire". Ex. 32:25 says Aaron made them be naked. God knew all about that. God still made Aaron be High Priest. WOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is important for us to recognize the 4 natures of our God. He is our servant.

But He is also our king. We submit to Him, totally. We are His servants. We say to Him 'what can I do for you, today ?' A human king does not know what the rest of the world lives like. But this God king does. A natural king can only see what his advisers allow him to see. But this King/God knows what is going on in the least corner of the whole world. I understand there is a question asked

by the atheists, why do you call your God a king ? We have never seen a good king. They are all bad, selfish, self promoting. We call this nature of God 'King', because He chose us, for us to choose Him.

But He is also a man of understanding men. He is able to be a father, or a husband, or a lover, or an employee, or an employer. He is not so high and mighty, that He doesn't sympathize with our problems. Because He knows, he will ask of us that, that will make us grow.

Then, he is a spirit. He knows the end, at the time of the beginning. He created you and me before the foundation of the world.

We should demonstrate these 4 face/natures of God ourselves. Showing authority, strength, wisdom, and God consciousness.

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