

Cherubim in the Hebrew Bible

Genesis 3.24	He drove out the man; and at the <u>east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim</u> , and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.
Exodus 25.18-22	[parallel to 1 Kings 6.23-35]
Exodus 37.7-9	He made two cherubim of hammered gold; at the two ends of the mercy seat he made them, one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim at its two ends. <u>The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings. They faced one another; the faces of the cherubim were turned toward the mercy seat.</u>
Numbers 7.89	When Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with YHWH, he would hear the <u>voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the covenant from between the two cherubim</u> ; thus it spoke to him.
1 Samuel 1.4	So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of YHWH of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim . The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.
2 Samuel 6.2	David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of YHWH of hosts <u>who is enthroned on the cherubim</u> .
1 Kings 6.23-35	[description parallel to Exodus 25.18-22]
1 Kings 8.6-7	Then the <u>priests brought the ark of the covenant of YHWH to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim</u> . For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.
2 Kings 19.15 [cf. Isaiah 37.16]	And Hezekiah prayed before YHWH, and said: " <u>O YHWH, the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim</u> , you are God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth."
Psalms 80.1	Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! <u>You who are enthroned upon the cherubim</u> , shine forth
Psalms 99.1	YHWH is king; let the peoples tremble! <u>He sits enthroned upon the cherubim</u> ; let the earthquake!
Ezekiel 10.1-20	[a vision of cherubim in the divine court]
Ezekiel 41.18-25	[a vision of the temple doors carved with cherubim and palm trees]