**1 Kings 6:23-27 KJV** - 23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims [of] olive tree, **[each] ten cubits high**.

24 And five cubits [was] the **one wing** of the cherub, **and** five cubits the **other wing** of the **cherub**: **from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other [were] ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub [was] ten cubits**: both the cherubims [were] of one measure and one size. 26 The height of the one cherub [was] ten cubits, and so [was it] of the other cherub. 27 **And he set the cherubims within the inner house**: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the [one] wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

Trying to understand this correctly. According to this scripture these cherubim were in the Holy of Holies (?) in addition to the “Ark of the Covenant”.

* two cherubim of wild olive wood, each 15 feet tall
* placed them in the inner sanctuary (assume this was the Holy of Holies?)
* The wingspan of each of the cherubim was 15 feet (Total wingspan of both 30 ft)
* He placed them side by side in the inner sanctuary of the Temple
* Their outspread wings reached from wall to wall
* their inner wings touched at the center of the room

NOTE: I realize a cubit varies due to historical changes of that measurement but not really that much. I used a royal cubit because it was stated it was typically used in ancient construction.

Using a “Royal Cubit” **19.8** to 20.6 for the height of each cherub =

19.8” X 10 Cubits = 198” divided 12 = **16 ½ Feet Tall**

Using a “Royal Cubit” **19.8** to 20.6 for one wing tip to tip of a cherub =

19.8” X 10 Cubits = 198” divided 12 = **16 ½ Feet X 2 cherubs = 33 feet wide for the wing span of both cherubs standing wing tip to wing tip**

**8 QUESTIONS????????**

1. Do you agree these cherubim had to be approximately 16 ½ feet tall and both cherubs wings as they were standing side by side would be 33 ft?

2. If this is true wouldn’t these cherubs had to have been in the inner house **in addition to the cherubs on the mercy seat of the “Ark of the Covenant”?** I can’t imagine how the Ark of the Covenant could have been moved with cherubim of this size being part of it. How could the Jewish people been able to transport the “Ark of the Covenant” into battle marching (Jericho) or from place to place if the cherubim described here were on the Ark and not in addition to them in the inner room?

3. I “think” these cherubim had to be in the inner room in addition to the cherubim on “The Ark of the Covenant” but want your decision based on this scripture.

4. Is the inner room the Holy of Holies that was in the temple? I assume it is but want to be sure this is true.

5. **1 Chronicles 28:18** And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out [their wings], and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

Note: If the cherubim in **1 Kings 6:23-27** KJV above were in addition to the Ark their wings would have covered the ark of the covenant also.

6. Why in this passage are the cherubim referenced as the pattern of “the chariot of the cherubim”? Isn’t this totally different and separate from the pattern of the ark?

7. **1 Kings 8:7 KJV** - 7 For the cherubims spread forth [their] two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

Note: Doesn’t this passage state the cherubim wings in **1 Kings 6:23-27 KJV** spread their wings over the place of the ark?

8. **Exodus 25:20 NKJV** - 20 "And the cherubim shall stretch out [their] wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim [shall be] toward the mercy seat.

Note: The cherubim for the mercy seat faced each other and were not stretched out wing tip to wing tip as the cherubim in **1 Kings 6:23-27** and this alone should prove that they are in addition to the pattern of the cherubim on the ark because they face in a different direction.

I love studying the Old Testament. Here are additional scriptures that describe how stunningly, glorious and beautiful “everything” there was:

**1 Kings 6:28-38 NKJV** - 28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer [sanctuaries], with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. 30 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer [sanctuaries]. 31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors [of] olive wood; the lintel [and] doorposts [were] one-fifth [of the wall]. 32 The two doors [were of] olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid [them] with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33 So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts [of] olive wood, one-fourth [of the wall]. 34 And the two doors [were of] cypress wood; two panels [comprised] one folding door, and two panels [comprised] the other folding door. 35 Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers [on them], and overlaid [them] with gold applied evenly on the carved work. 36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams. 37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv. 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

**1 Chronicles 28:10-17 KJV** - 10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do [it]. 11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, 12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things: 13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD. 14 [He gave] of gold by weight for [things] of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; [silver also] for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service: 15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, [both] for the candlestick, and [also] for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick. 16 And by weight [he gave] gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and [likewise] silver for the tables of silver: 17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons [he gave gold] by weight for every bason; and [likewise silver] by weight for every bason of silver:

I thank you in advance,

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