

Seraphim were standing above him: each had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he flew. - Isa 6:2

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Introduction -

In these first two verses of Isaiah chapter 6 the prophet sees strange beings that are in the presence of Jehovah God. They are called Seraphim and are somewhat like the Cherubim we see in Ezekiel chapter 1.

Lesson Text – Isaiah 6:1-2 -

Isa 6:1 In the year of the death of king Uzziah, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 **Seraphim were standing above him: each had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he flew.**

Seraphim - **H8314** שָׂרָף *śârâph saw-rawf* From H8313; **burning**, that is, (figuratively) **poisonous** (serpent); specifically a **saraph** or **symbolical creature (from their copper color)**: - fiery (serpent), seraph.

The Hebrew word here translated Seraphim (Strong's **H8314** שָׂרָף *śârâph*) occurs seven times in the Old Testament in Num. 21:6, 21:8; Deut. 8:15; Isa. 6:2, 6:6, 14:29, and Isa. 30:6. In Numbers 21:6 it refers to the fiery serpents that God used to punish Israel in the wilderness, and in Numbers 21:8 to the serpent of brass that Moses made and placed on a pole for the people to look on to receive healing from their snake bites. Deuteronomy 8:15 again refers to those fiery serpents that God punished Israel with in the wilderness. In Isaiah 6:2 and 6 it is translated Seraphim, and refers to the high order of beings that attend to God at His throne. In Isaiah 14:29, and 30:6 both, it is understood to refer to fiery flying serpents of the wilderness. In Isaiah 14:29 it seems to be used symbolically in a judgment against the area of Palestina.