

Job 39:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them." The young mature (chalats, ψלָת, "grow strong") and become independent without prolonged parental care. God designs each species with appropriate nurture periods. The young don't "return" (shuv, שׁוּב)—they follow their created instincts. This demonstrates God's wisdom in creation design—each creature equipped with what it needs for survival. The verse celebrates creation's self-sustaining patterns established by divine wisdom.

Historical Context

Ancient observers noticed different animals had varying parental care periods. This natural order demonstrated divine design and wisdom. Understanding that God encoded survival instincts and growth patterns into creatures would assure readers of His comprehensive provision for all life.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does observing God's designed independence in creation inform healthy human relationships?
2. What does creation's self-sustaining design reveal about God's efficient wisdom and ongoing providence?

Interlinear Text

אֵלָא	כִּי צָאָה	בְּבֵבֶר	בְּנִיקָם	בְּרִיבָה	כִּי חִלָּם
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