

# Job 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

## Analysis

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Eliphaz continues the lion metaphor: 'The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.' The imagery suggests that even if the powerful wicked seem secure, they ultimately perish. Their children (whelps) are scattered, losing their inheritance. Eliphaz subtly implies Job's loss of children proves he was a 'lion'—a powerful oppressor now justly judged. This is cruel theology that adds spiritual accusation to material suffering.

## Historical Context

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The scattering of a powerful person's offspring was seen in the ancient world as evidence of divine curse, representing the complete extinction of their legacy and name.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond to those who interpret your losses as evidence of God's judgment?

2. In what ways might true statements about God's justice be weaponized against the suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:10** (Parallel theme): The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

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