

# Isaiah 34:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

## Analysis

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The ironic statement "they shall call...but none shall be there" emphasizes total extinction of Edom's nobility. The calling of nobles to kingship yields nothing—a kingdom without rulers shows complete political collapse. This fulfills the principle that the proud will be humbled (James 4:6). The absence of princes demonstrates that human power structures are utterly dependent on God's permission; when He withdraws His restraining hand, even established kingdoms dissolve.

## Historical Context

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Edom had a continuous line of chieftains and kings (Genesis 36:31-43). Their political extinction was unthinkable in Isaiah's time but became historical reality.

## 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 does the extinction of Edom's rulers demonstrate that all authority is delegated by God?
2. What does this teach about the temporary nature of human governments?

3. How should Christians view political power in light of God's ultimate sovereignty?

## Interlinear Text

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רֹאשׁוֹת	שָׁם	מֶלֶךְ	יְקֻלָּת
the nobles	there	the kingdom	They shall call
H2715	H8033	H4410	H3605

  

שָׁבַע	אֵת	אֵת
but none shall be there	and all her princes	shall be nothing
H8269	H1961	H657

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