

# Psalms 108:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

## Analysis

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**Who will bring me into the strong city?** (מִי יָבִילֵנִי עִיר מִבְצָר, mi yovileni ir mivtzar)—David shifts from confidence to questioning. Ir mivtzar (fortified city) likely refers to Petra, Edom's mountain fortress carved from rock, famously impregnable. The question 'Who?' acknowledges human inability.

**Who will lead me into Edom?** (מִי נַחֲנִי עַד־אֶדְוֹם, mi nachani ad-Edom)—nachani (will lead me, guide me) expresses need for divine guidance. After declaring God's sovereign ownership (v.8-9), David faces the practical challenge: How do we actually conquer what God has promised?

This verse models the tension between divine promise and human effort. God has declared Edom His footstool—but the fortified city still stands unconquered. Faith asks not 'if' God will fulfill His word, but 'how' and 'who will accomplish it.' The answer comes in v.11: God Himself must go forth with the armies.

## Historical Context

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Edom's capital Petra (Sela in Hebrew, meaning 'rock') was carved into canyon walls, accessible only through narrow gorges—militarily nearly impregnable. David recognized that conquering it required more than human strategy; God Himself must fight.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What 'fortified cities' (seemingly impossible challenges) stand between you and God's promises for your life?
2. How do you balance trusting God's sovereign promises with acknowledging your human limitations?
3. When facing impossible odds, do you ask 'Who will help me?'—and recognize that only God is sufficient?

## Interlinear Text

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מִי	יְבִלֵּנִי	עִיר	מְבִצָּר	מִי	יָנִיחַ	עַד
H4310	<b>Who will bring</b>	<b>city</b>	<b>me into the strong</b>	H4310	<b>who will lead</b>	H5704
	H2986	H5892	H4013		H5148	

אֶדוֹם:  
**me into Edom**  
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