

Psalm 60:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

The rhetorical questions about Edom's 'strong city' reveal David's need for divine enablement in conquest. Acknowledging that God alone can bring him into the fortified city demonstrates dependence. This principle that human effort requires divine empowerment anticipates Jesus's teaching: 'Without me ye can do nothing' (John 15:5).

Historical Context

Petra, Edom's rock fortress, was virtually impregnable by ancient siege standards. David's confidence in conquering it rested not on military strategy but on God's promise and power, demonstrated when he eventually subdued Edom (2 Samuel 8:13-14).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does recognition of your inability apart from God function in prayer?

2. What 'strong cities' in your life require God's intervention beyond human capability?

Interlinear Text

עַד תָּמִיכָה מִצְרָיִם בְּלִנִּי עַיר מַצְרָה וְרָאשָׁה מִצְרָה עַד תָּמִיכָה מִצְרָיִם בְּלִנִּי עַיר מַצְרָה וְרָאשָׁה מִצְרָה

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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 11:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

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