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A close-up photograph of a cluster of purple flowers, likely azaleas, with prominent stamens. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, showing vibrant purple petals and yellowish centers. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.



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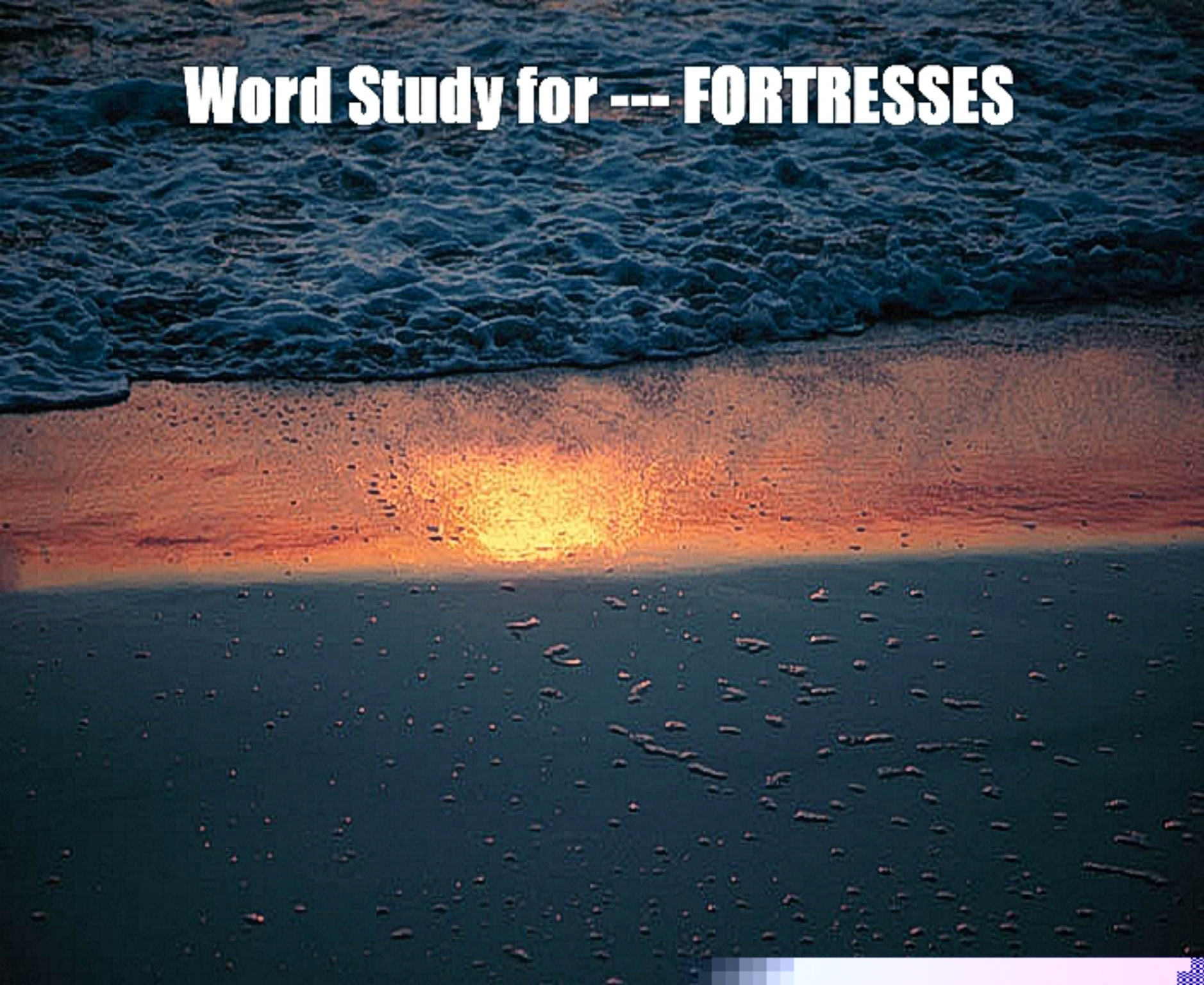




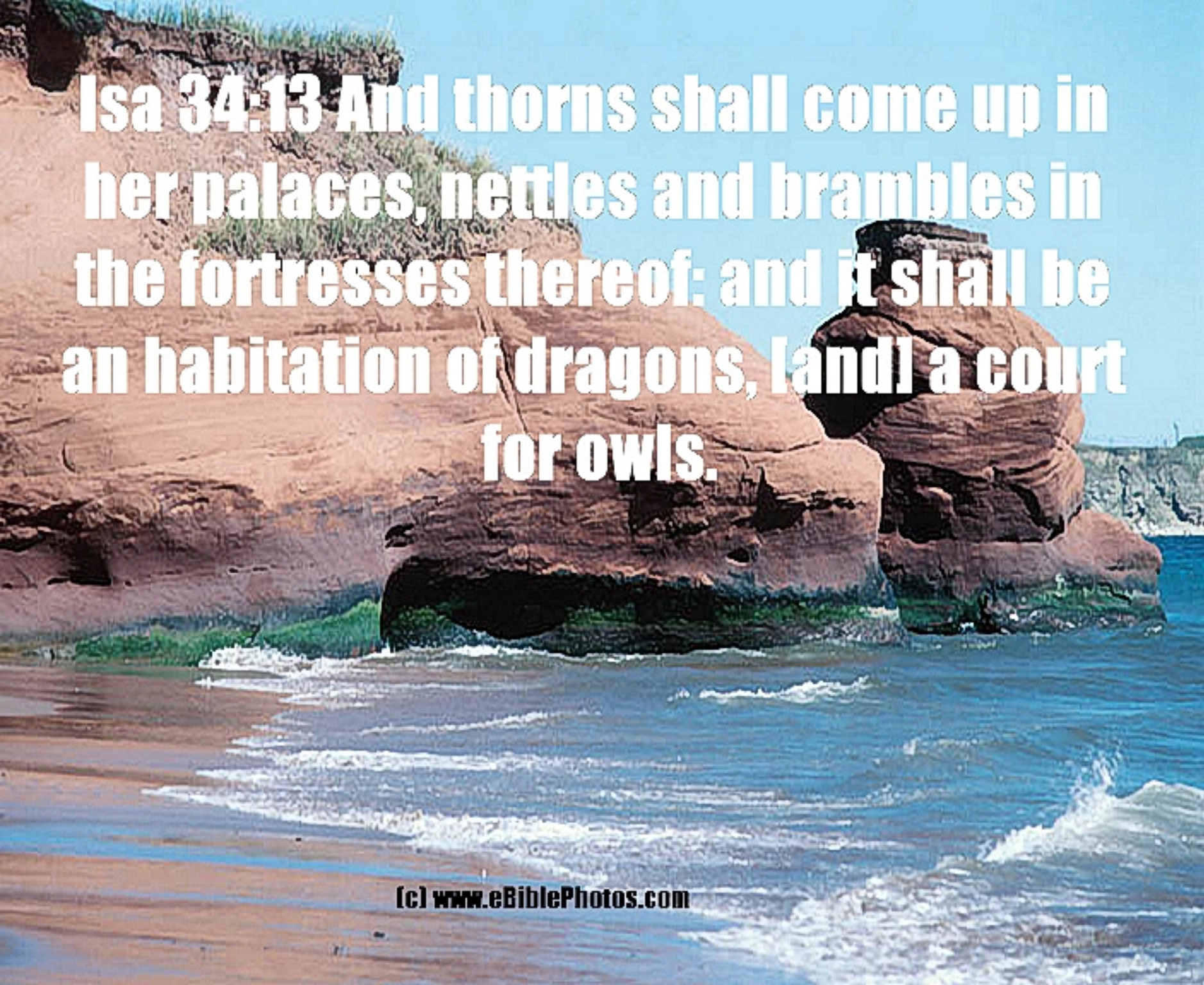
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# Word Study for --- FORTRESSES







**Isa 34:13 And thorns shall come up in  
her palaces, nettles and brambles in  
the fortresses thereof: and it shall be  
an habitation of dragons, [and] a court  
for owls.**



**Hos 10:14 Therefore shall a tumult arise  
among thy people, and all thy  
fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman  
spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle:  
the mother was dashed in pieces upon  
her children.**