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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 delicate petals and long, thin stamens with yellowish tips. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

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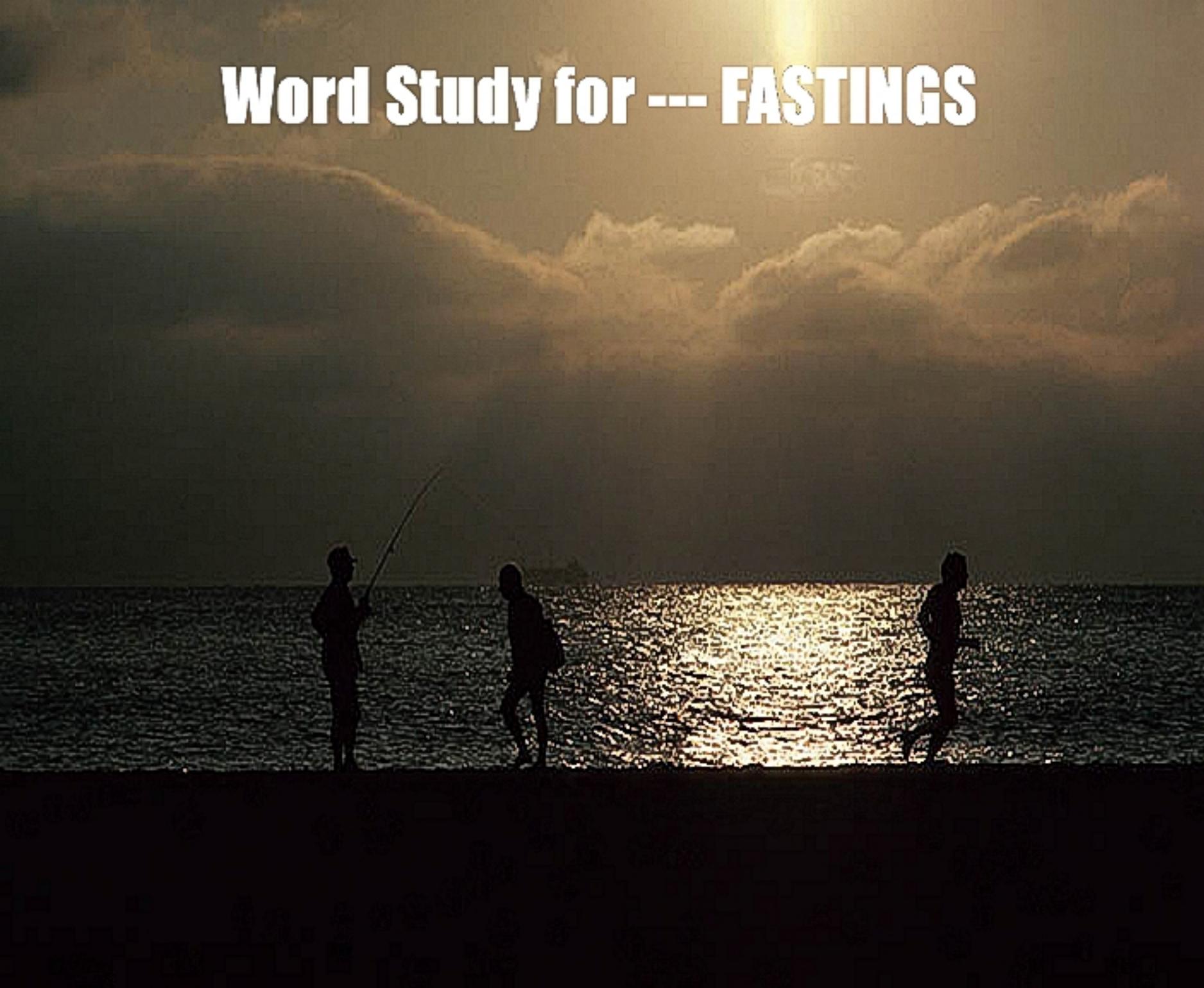
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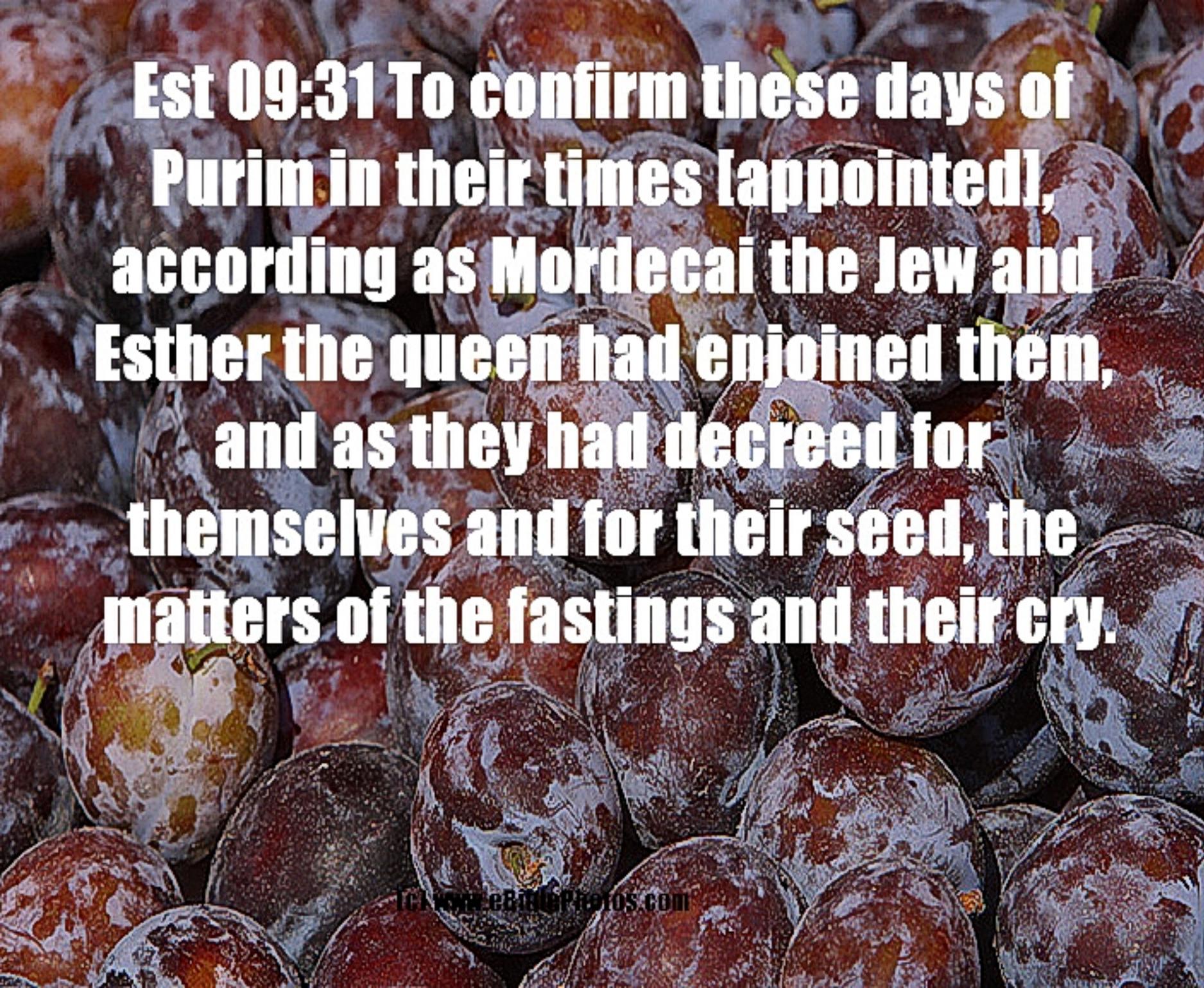




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# Word Study for --- FASTINGS





**Est 09:31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times (appointed), according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.**

**Luk 02:37 And she [was] a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served [God] with fastings and prayers night and day.**

**2Co 06:05 In stripes, in  
imprisonments, in tumults, in labours,  
in watchings, in fastings;**



**2Co 11:27 In weariness and  
painfulness, in watchings often, in  
hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in  
cold and nakedness.**

