

Ancient Paths

A tour to Israel is a spiritual journey and a real adventure in the Land of the Bible. It is a



great expedition to the world of the ancient Hebrew people. We will see the Israelite landscapes,

taste the Israelite food, and travel along some old Israelite highways.

Before the

journey is finished we will know what they knew about God, and be renewed in our faith.

Thus says Adonai, “Stand by the way and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it.”

Jeremiah 6:16

The patriarchs and prophets walked in God’s paths, the **derek tov**, meaning not just the good way, but the right way. God, in His wisdom and goodness, marked out right spiritual paths to follow.

Spiritual paths in scripture led to tangible journeys on the highways of Israel and Edom (Jordan). Geography affects history. Whether a location was a strategic military position, an abundant water supply, or a convenient road, geography determined where these ancient biblical events occurred.

The wayfarer walked where he found the easiest ground, not across scrubby fields or rugged mountain terrain. He did not meander through the landscape. He moved on the roads of the ancient world which were in use long before the Israelites left Egypt 3500 years ago.

Understanding ancient highways makes Bible history come alive. They are a rich chain of biblical sites. Here are some of the ancient highways. Two of these will be traveled by the Israel Discovery Tour.