

~KING'S ROAD (49)

- The road from which the Israelites promised not to depart if allowed to pass through Edomite territory and the Amorite realm of King Sihon.
- Let us pass, please, through your land. We shall not pass through a field or a vineyard, and we shall not drink the water of a well. On the **king's road** we shall march. We shall not bend toward the right or the left, until we shall pass through your territory. (**Numbers 20:17**)
- Israel now sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorites, saying; (**Numbers 21:21**)
- Let me pass through your land. We shall not turn off into a field or a vineyard. We shall drink water of no well. On the **king's road** we shall march until we pass through your territory. (**Numbers 21:22**)
- Then I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying; (**Deuteronomy 2:26**)
- Let me pass through your land. Only on the road I shall walk. I shall not turn to the right or to the left. (**Deuteronomy 2:27**)
- This road must have extended from the Gulf of `Aqaba at least as far as the Jabbok, the apparent North boundary of Sihon's territory, and many believe that it ran as far North as Damascus and generally corresponded to the paved Roman highway built by Emperor Trajan in the **Second Century C.E.** With the exceptions of needed adjustments for modern traffic, the present-day road called **Tariq es-Sultan** it closely follows the ancient Roman highway, portions of which still exist.
- Apparently the northern portion of this road from Heshbon to Ashtaroth was called, the way of Bashan.
- After that they turned and went up by the way of Bashan. At this Og the king of Bashan came out to meet them, he and all his people, to the battle of Edrei. (**Numbers 21:33**)

- **Then we turned and went up by the way of Bashan. At this Og the king of Bashan came on out, he and all his people, to meet us in battle at Edrei. (Deuteronomy 3:1)**