

This study's goal was to describe and analyze the ways of life and culture among Palestinian Bedouin communities in east Palestine and mainly among the Bedouin encampments that settled in Jericho district, and are at the edge of disappearing. The study focuses on anthropological and ethnographical aspects of Bedouin society.

Moreover, how these aspects contribute to shaping each member man, woman, and children in this society. The major part of this study was conducted in the field and concentrated on various aspects of daily life of the Bedouin communities; therefore, a daily work in the field among Bedouin groups was taking place. The study provides a detailed picture of social structure, economic structure, tribal law, material culture, traditions, Bedouin knowledge, and the influence of religion practices on the Bedouin life. Thus, this study sheds light on the Bedouin communities that migrated to the east of Palestine in Jericho district in the aftermath of 1948 war. In addition, it shows the social and economic changes that occurred in these groups according to their move from their original home to be merged with other various communities' activities. In general, chapters of this dissertation seek to examine the lives of Bedouin communities under different social and cultural customs. In addition, how they are consistent with the social and economic disparities. Hence, these chapters discuss the different activities performed within household, showing the activities performed by males and females within the Bedouin society. The major findings of the study can be summarized as follows: Bedouin society is characterized of special social, economic, law, and traditions. That is giving it a unique type of life in comparing with urban style of living. Moreover, traditions, law, and religion play a big role in shaping the daily life of the Bedouin communities and in both dealings with each other or with others. Finally, there is a defined picture for the man and the woman roles in Bedouin life that we can see in all different matters of life within the Bedouin communities.