

Sentinels of Ceth™: Read Me

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1. DESCRIPTION

Sentinels of Ceth is a fast paced arcade blaster. Use your ship to protect your Gems from being stolen. You will need a bit of planning to purchase the right equipment for the job. Brains and skill are the only requirements to play. Are you up to the challenge?

2. HOW TO PLAY

You are the Sentinel of Ceth. Your enemy, the Doltres race, wants to plunder the Ceth Temple and you are their only obstacle. Your task is to prevent the Doltres from stealing the 12 Gems of Ceth, the lifeblood of the temple.

As you destroy wave after wave of Doltres ships, the Goddess Ceth will bestow blessings upon you. These blessings can be spent at the Temple Gift Shop. The gift shop carries everything that a Sentinel could ask for (guided missiles, energy mines, engine upgrades, etc.).

When the Goddess Ceth is in a particularly good mood, she will send down Boons that can give you special powers for a limited time.

Click on the START button from the title screen to start the game. You start with 12 Gems in a circle around the center of the Temple floor. The enemy Doltres ships will fly in from the sides and try to steal you Gems. If you kill them while they are carrying a Gem, the Gem will fall back to the Temple floor at the place where the enemy was killed. Any enemy that leaves the temple with a Gem will drop it off and come back to steal more. If all the enemies in the wave are destroyed, you will gain bonus blessings based on how well you performed. At the start of the next wave, the remaining Gems will be

relocated back into a circle around the center. Once a Gem is stolen, you cannot get it back. When all the Gems are stolen, the game is over.

The upper left of the screen will show ammo counts of three special weapons you are able to purchase once you have gained enough blessings. Below it is the Boon level indicator which will only appear if you have gotten the Visions Boon or the Shield Boon (see Boons).

The upper middle shows your life bar. You can take 20 points of damage before your ship is destroyed. If you are killed, the gems will regenerate you. You are immortal as long as the gems remain in the temple. At the beginning of each wave and after you have been regenerated, your life bar is restored to 20. Note that enemy weapons do different amounts of damage and as the wave number gets higher, the enemy weapons will do even more damage.

The upper right shows your current blessings. As you spend blessings in the Temple Gift Shop, this number will go down. Total blessings earned throughout the game will determine your final score. Spent blessings do not count against you.

3. OPTIONS

In the Options screen, you can reconfigure your keyboard and make adjustments to the game.

Key Commands

To change a key control, use the mouse to click on the control you want to change. After it prompts you, press the new key.

Sound

You can turn the sound on and off by clicking the sound control.

Test Keys

Some keyboards may not allow you to press all of your keys down at once. Use the Key Test button to determine if your key selections are okay. If not, you run the risk of your commands not being recognized (i.e. Not being able to turn or fire). After pressing Test Keys, hold down all of the fire and move keys at the same time. A message of KEYS: OK will appear if your keys check out. If not, hit the ESC key and try to figure out which keys are causing the problem. The default keys should work on most keyboards.

4. SPECIAL KEYS

Caps Lock

Caps Lock on will pause the game.

ESC

While in the game/Temple Gift Shop this will abort your game. If you abort the game, you will not be able to enter your score into the Greatest Sentinels list.

5. REQUIREMENTS

CPU: Pentium 100 or better

RAM: 8MB

Hard Disk: 6.5MB

Video: 640x480 @ High Color (16-bit)

System: Windows 95 or later, Windows NT 4.0 or later

Other: DirectX 3.0 or later

6. PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Sentinels of Ceth costs US\$15. There are two ways to register:

1. You can purchase it over the internet from our website at <<http://www.smgames.com/>>. The server is **secure** and will allow you to generate an order form that you may submit **online**, via **mail**, or **fax**. We highly recommend that you use this method as it is easier to fill out, and it will encrypt your credit card information.
2. You can fill out the included "Order Form" and **mail** or **fax** it to us.

When you receive the unlock code, enter it and your name into the registration screen EXACTLY as given. The unlock code will remove the registration screen and eliminate the 5 minute play limit.

Do not throw away your registration code! You will need it if you reinstall the game or delete the preferences file.

7. HINTS AND TIPS

Keep moving. The enemies come onto the screen firing at you. Do not stand still or you will eat on a ton of weapons.

When the enemy grabs a Gem, he will always move away from where your ship is, so if you are good, you can herd Gems back towards the middle.

Lasers have unlimited ammo. Apply liberally.

If an enemy ship like a Raider is coming toward you, do not face him and charge or you will suck on a ton of missiles. Fly diagonally and strafe him.

One and only one boon will appear on each wave at a random time. You must quickly decide whether to grab a boon or protect your Gems.

Your first purchase should be Mk2 Engines. The Mk1 engine truly sucks and you will need the mobility to avoid the rapidly increasing weapon fire.

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