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## TO BEGIN....

If you acquired the shareware version of Timelin3, your decompressed package of files should contain time3.prv (six sample pages from the timeline itself), timln3reg.wri (why and how to register), sharew.wri (hints on how to decompress, and begin to enjoy your shareware), tmln3bg.wri (this file) and on disc flyers that describe the studies in the history of religion available from Reality Software.

Timelin2 was distributed via BBS in late 1991 as a complete edition, with registration on the honor system. The complete timeline was available in the 'shareware' package with registration form included so that Reality Software would be compensated fairly for the large work effort involved. Timelin2 was quite popular, judging by the large number of downloads but very few users chose to register. For that reason, this edition of timeline is being made available via BBS as a shareware preview. Registration is required if you wish to own the entire timelin3 which has received a major revision as explained in the registration document.

All files, except the timeline itself, are text files and were prepared using Word Perfect for Windows (WPWIN). Sonsgod.wpw remains in .wpw format and may be viewed and printed with WP for Dos or Windows. All other text files were converted to Windows write format (.wri). The timeline itself was prepared using MS EXCEL 4.0 for Windows and thus YOU MUST HAVE WINDOWS 3.0 or 3.1 and EXCEL 3.0 or 4.0 in order to access and enjoy it. In order to view and/or print the timeline, copy time3.xls (or .prv) to your Excel directory and proceed. Files in Windows Write format (.wri) should be copied to you main Windows directory and sonsgod.wpw should be copied to your WP directory.

Technical help is available from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. EST, seven days a week at 1 207 832-7348. PLEASE, BEFORE CALLING, READ THE FILE ABOUT SHAREWARE HELP (SHAREW.HLP)! I am not home every day of the month, but your chances of getting me are about 90%; five to six days/month I am away. I have a deep hatred of answering machines, however efficient, and so you will not hear a taped message if I am out. Chances are no one will answer; please call again in 24 or 48 hours. I will also answer written questions through the mail (no fax here either); please include a SASE. There is a level of technological frenzy and obsessive, machine generated demand for instant feedback, that I have no

patience with, or toleration for. I intend to keep one foot in the tenth century. The result of that personal philosophy, for better or worse, is that I generated an historical timeline, not a computer game or PIM.

ENJOY!

File List -

Timeline: sonsgod.wpw; time3.prv (or.xls); timln3bg.wri; timln3dc.wri; tmln3reg.wri; sharew.wri

'Flyers' for history of religion software: celtreg.wri; chjapreg.wri; intbrgrg.wri; whgdsreg.wri.