A BIBLE COMPANION

Version 3.4

INTRODUCTION

        "A Bible Companion" is just that. It is a companion to assist you in
your study and reading of the Bible.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

        An IBM PC or 100% compatible computer with one disk drive and 256K
memory or higher is required. The program works equally well on monochrome
and color monitors. Some of the selections require a graphics adapter. You
can still use "A Bible Companion" even if your computer is not equipped with
a graphics adapter, however your available selections will be limited.

TO GET STARTED

        Simply insert "A Bible Companion" disk into your computer's drive
and type ----> BCOMP then press <ENTER>. The program will then load auto-
matically. From the Main Menu screen the user will be prompted to make a
selection. Selections can be made my moving the highlighted bar over top of
one's choice with the cursor control keys, and then <ENTER>.

READING PLAN/BOOKMARKS

        Here we have the "hub" of the program. Two Bible readings will be
highlighted on your screen based upon the current date. It takes on the average
20-30 minutes per day to read the highlighted readings.   If you use "A Bible
Companion" on a daily basis you will have read by the end of one year's time
the Old Testament once, and the New Testament twice. Printed bookmarkers are
available to the user if a printer is attached to LPT1:. To receive a pair of
bookmarkers with this month's readings, press <B> while in the reading plan
display, else any other key will return the user to the Main Menu. If the date
is incorrect (wrong month or day), return to the Main Menu and select "Date -
Verify or change".

MAP, CHARTS AND DICTIONARY

There are two map features that are available to the user. The "Holy Land - Palestine" option allows the user to locate many of the topographical features of Biblical Palestine. The "Acts of the Apostles" option allows the user to locate nearly all of the cities and regions mentioned in the New Testament book of Acts. By typing in the feature you wish to find, the pro- gram will do its best to display it on the selected map.

The charts should explain themselves.

The dictionary was designed to assist the average reader in understanding some of the many archaic and obscure words found in the King James translation. You can use the dictionary by pressing the "Page Up" and "Page Down" keys, and also by pressing any letter key. For example, if you press the <N> key, your computer will display the first page on which a word that begins with the letter "N" can be found. <ESC> will take the user back to the Main Menu.

FILE VIEWER

This option will prompt the user for a file name, and will display the file's contents on the screen. Files must be simple ASCII text files. The purpose of this option is to provide a way to read Bible text while still being able to gain access to some of the more useful utilities of this program, such as the Dictionary and Maps - both of which can be called up while viewing a file. Most large shareware/public domain distributors have the Bible on disks that can be used with the "File viewer" option; or the user can contact the program author (with a SASE) for information on obtaining the complete text of the Bible.

DISCLAIMER

We shall not assume any direct or indirect responsibility for losses incurred from the use of "A Bible Companion." This program is offered "as- is," with no guarantees attached.

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1) No changes or alterations are to be made to "A Bible Companion" -

this includes all data files on this disk.

    2) No one may sell "A Bible Companion."

    3) User groups and software libraries are permitted reimbursement for their services (however, not to exceed $5 for 5.25" format).

    4) Shareware/PD distributors of "Adult/X" software are NOT permitted to distribute "A Bible Companion."

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