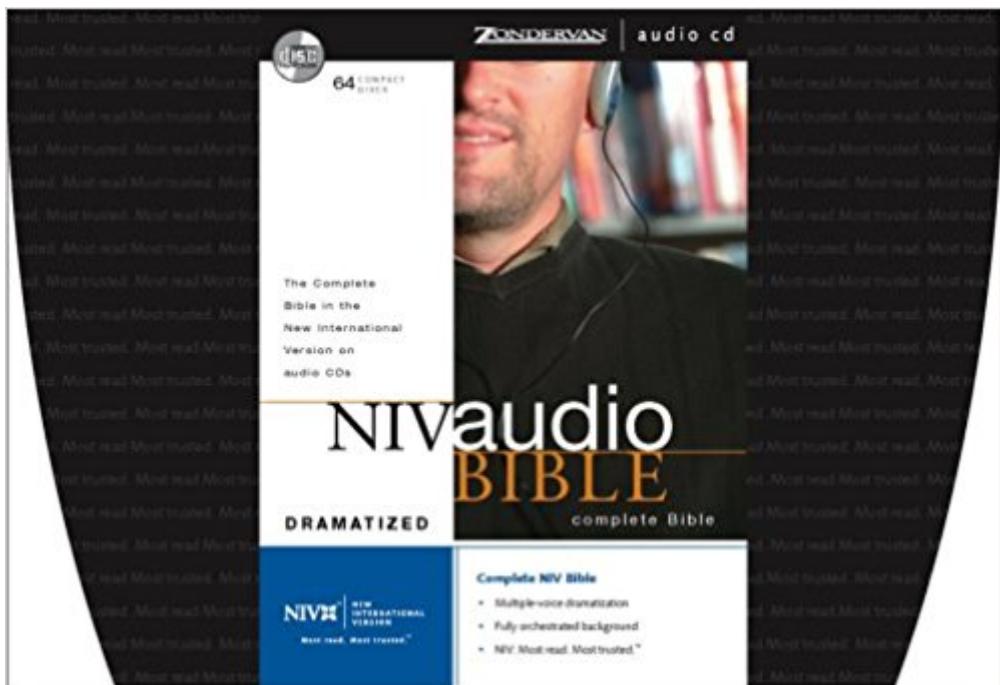


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# NIV Audio Bible Dramatized CD



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## **Book Information**

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finding and keeping your place as you listen as easy as hitting "fast-forward" or "reverse" Â Â Running time 76 hours Â Â Lifetime guarantee stands behind this product's performance

[Editor's Note: The following is a combined review with the NIV AUDIO BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT.]--The New International Version, begun in 1967 and published in its complete form in 1978, is not only one of the most widely popular English translations, but it also is among the most effective at finding the balance between accuracy and accessibility. These audio adaptations come in several flavors: the entire Bible on 64 compact discs or 48 cassettes, or the New Testament only on 16 compact discs or cassettes. All come in attractive carrying cases. Each of the Bible's 66 books is introduced with a short overview, most of which--even for the Old Testament books--take a strong evangelical Christian point of view. The production is nicely done, with subtle musical accompaniment running through-out and a massive cast of performers. Performance quality is mixed. Production editors made special efforts to guarantee consistency of characterization and name pronunciation, but some performances are weaker than others. All in all, an attractive, well-produced, and, considering its sheer size, economical choice. S.E.S. Â Â© AudioFile 2002, Portland, Maine-- Copyright Â Â© AudioFile, Portland, Maine

We've had this for just over a year now. We also have another dramatized version called The Bible Experience (also in my reviews). We like the audio bible for several of the same reasons listed by previous reviews. You can go through the entire bible several times a year listening as opposed to once (on average) reading it. It does open new areas of perception that you can often miss while reading alone. Romans 10:17 "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." We enjoy listening as a family but we have also found that we enjoy playing it at bedtime. Which is one reason we prefer this version over the other one we own. The ESV or NASB is our preferred version for reading but the NIV is easier than the other versions for listening purposes. Between the two versions we own, this our go to version.

I received this audio bible as my birthday present. I think no present is more precious than the own words of God. I hope this review would be helpful to those who are interested but still hesitating to get a copy of this product: MUSIC The background music is kept to minimum. It doesn't aim to stir one's emotion, but to set the ambience right. The volume is not high so it is not distracting at all. For instance, while Jesus is preaching, the music is light-hearted and gentle. While Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert, there is this melody which slightly highlights the sense of danger and tension.

For most of the time when the narrator speaks, the melody is soothe and relaxing. A little music really makes it easier to listen through the narration.

**SOUND EFFECT** Now this is a "dramatized" version and perhaps one would wonder whether it is "over-dramatized". Here are some examples how the sound effect is done:- water flew when Jesus was baptized- rooster crew immediately after Peter denied Jesus thrice- donkey hoofs kicked the ground when Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly- coins splashed on the ground when Jesus cleansed the temple- soldiers spat and struck when they mocked Jesus- etc

The sound effect makes you feel like you are right there in the scene. It stimulates imagination instantly. Most of all, the music and sound effect together keep you from dozing off.

**VOICE** Before getting this audio bible, my main concern was whether I would mistake the actor's voice as Jesus's voice (likewise God's, Satan's and other characters' voices). I had a worry that after repetitive listening I would subconsciously take that voice as Jesus's. But fortunately, no, I didn't. After a year of listening, I am still 100% aware that it was the actor's voice. I understand that Jesus's voice might sound different. I think most of you reading the review of this product might have seen movies or drawings of Jesus (or other characters in the bible) somewhere else. I believe you won't instantly take that image as Jesus, right? It's the same when I listen to this audio bible. I keep telling myself it is only recorded by human voice. So I don't have the problem of confusion whether Jesus's voice was like that. (After all, Jesus doesn't speak English but probably Aramaic with some Hebrew and Greek.)

**ACTING** Some people have comments on how the actors and actresses articulate their voices, accents, emotions, etc in this recording. I do not have much problem with that. Bottom line is, I think the production team did this in a very respectful way. I feel very comfortable listening to that.

**PRONUNCIATION** I am not an English native speaker. Most of the vocabularies in the bible are unfamiliar to me, pronunciation-wise. I am very glad to know how most of the names of persons and places are pronounced. I truly recommend this to all non-English-native-speakers who are studying the bible in English. For native speakers, there are also some benefits in terms of pronunciation. Do you know how to read "Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani? (Oh God, oh God, why have you forsaken me?)" as Jesus shouted on the cross?

**PRICE** Is it expensive? Yes, if you unpack and place it in your bookshelf to collect dust. No, if you transfer it to your ipod or cellphone and listen to it (God's words) anywhere anytime you like. It definitely would be worth the price if you can share it with your family and friends, particularly those who have the resistance of being forced to accept the gospel. I have family members and friends who are interested in knowing God but at this moment not that comfortable being pushed by other Christians. It would be perfect to let them listen to the bible themselves so as to allow time and space for them get close to God in their own pace at this stage.

**OVERALL** I am very thankful that I

can understand God in this way by listening to His story. I can't imagine what I would have missed if I didn't have the chance in experience God's word in this way. I can't help but wonder whether it is just another way God tries to speak to me. If that is the case, I am very much flattered. As it is said, we didn't choose God, it's God who chose us. Perhaps God is trying to speak to you too. Hope this review would be useful to you. God bless.

Every publisher divides the source book by page or by chapter. This MP3 audio bible is really helpful because the running time is around 63 hours, hence the MP3 format. The files on the audio bible tends to follow XXBook.MP3 where XX is the chapter number, and Book is a shortened book of the bible you're working in. Some people don't like the idea of having to group the chapters into separate folders, and still others doesn't like the chapter breaks since some chapters are quite long. In my personal experience, the chapter breaks gives the listener MP3s that are about two-five minutes long for each chapter being read. As an individual with a print-related disability, I buy audio books and I'd need to convert the audio format into MP3 format and I group files into chapter folders. I use a digital talking book player called Victor Reader Stream. With this player, I can pause the reading and resume mid-sentence. If I were to use a commercial player (say an iPod), the reading goes too fast. With my DTB player, I can slow down the reading to the pace where I can comprehend the material. I also like to buy a large-print version of the book (in this case, a large print bible) and follow along. I usually study for anywhere between 30mins to 1 1/2 hours per sitting. And with the MP3 version, I can always replay the book or particular chapters that I need to hear (and study) again. That's a plus. I was unsure about how the dramatized bible compared to the print version. So I do follow along with a print version, and it's the same thing. Because I can replay tracks that I need more study on, I find that the dramatize version really sinks in. Which is a good thing. To close on the lack of folders for each book, the publisher doesn't really know how the end user (the reader and listener) will use the product since there's a lot of different MP3 players on the market. 4 out of 5.

I purchased the Zondervan NIV Dramatized Audio Bible on CD (64 CD Audio format) in 2005. Recently after trying to listen to them again, after CD 27, I realized CD 28 and CD 30 had been lost, and I would either need to find a replacement or purchase a whole new set. I found this MP3 CD set on the Zondervan website, then found it on . After initially reading reviews that when you stop the play (turn off the player), it wouldn't remember where you left off, I was skeptical whether it would work OK for me. I decided to purchase it anyway. After purchasing and loading all 6 CDs in my car's

(Honda Pilot) in-dash 6 CD player, I was able to find the spot I left off on (Nehemiah within previous CD 27), and continue right from there. The recording is the same, the quality seems to be equal (although I have had to turn the volume higher), and I have not had any problems turning off the vehicle, then automatically restarting exactly where I left off when I turn on the ignition of the vehicle. It is great to have the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments) on 6 CDs. My belief is the problem with not automatically returning to where you last were playing a recording is more of a problem with the player and not with the CDs. I have been very happy with this purchase!

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