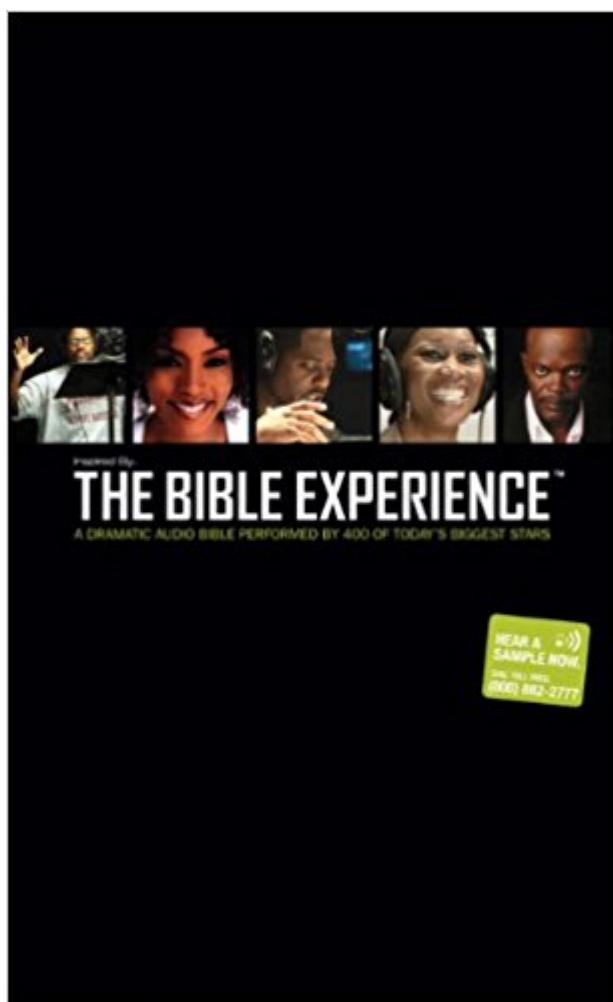


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# Inspired By . . . The Bible Experience: The Complete Bible, Audio CD: A Dramatic Audio Bible Performed By 400 Of Today's Biggest Stars



## Synopsis

The most ambitious, critically-acclaimed presentation of the Bible ever produced, Inspired By *The Bible Experience* features a star-studded cast of almost 400 performers, including 23 Grammy winners, 8 Emmy winners, 5 Golden Globe winners, and 3 Oscar winners. Highlighting the cast is 2007 Academy Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker as the voice of Moses, along with Angela Bassett (Esther), Cuba Gooding, Jr. (Jonah), Denzel and Paulette Washington (Song of Songs), LL Cool J (Samson), Eartha Kitt (Serpent), Bishop T.D. Jakes (Abraham), Blair Underwood (Jesus), Samuel Jackson (God, NT only), and Bishop Eddie L. Long (Joel) among others. The Bible Experience uses Zondervan's most accessible and up-to-date translation, Today's New International Version (TNIV), and includes dramatic performances set to an original musical underscore by the Prague Symphony Orchestra and Hollywood-style sound design created at Technicolor Studios. The Bible Experience has become not just the bestselling audio Bible, but also one of the all-time fastest-selling new Bibles. In addition to record-breaking sales, Inspired By *The Bible Experience* has received unprecedented consumer satisfaction and national recognition including numerous five-star reviews on .com, an Audies Audiobook of the Year (the highest honor of the Audio Publisher's Association), an AudioFile Earphones Award, and a nomination for an NAACP Image Award. The complete Bible features 79 digitally mastered audio CDs, a bonus "making of" DVD, and a convenient carrying case.

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. This is not your grandmother's recorded Scripture. The Bible Experience breathes

new life into the pages of the bestselling book of all time, entralling the listener with its energy, wit, adventure, romance and power. The New Testament captured the Audiobook of the Year honor in 2007; now with the entire Bible available, the complete work has set the standard for excellence that is maintained across 85 hours. Of the more than 400 cast members, picking out favorites is harder than a rich man going through the eye of a needle, but there are some standouts. Robert Guillaume plays Noah with a wisdom that warrants God's mercy. Faith Evans, MC Lyte and others make the music and lyricism of Psalms come to new life. Cuba Gooding Jr. reminds us why he won an Oscar with his portrayals of the recalcitrant Jonah in the Old Testament and the ultimate traitor Judas in the New Testament. The Song of Solomon soars as Denzel and Paulette Washington bring the ancient love poetry into the here and now. This is not Charlton Heston declaiming page after page of a dusty tome. The Bible Experience pulls you in and makes you part of what is arguably the greatest story ever told. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

'...a full show of music, sound effects, and a dazzling array of celebrity voices. The producers...put together a cast of...actors who deliver a rich, diverse rendering of the contemporary Today's New International Version (TNIV) translation in gospel-meeting style. Listeners are treated to a sort of aural kaleidoscope with layers of voices, sound, and music....The lavish production pulls out all the stops....If a modern multimedia production experience is what you're after, enjoy the fine voices and often dynamic dramatized readings.' (AudioFile)

I absolutely love this audio Bible. I listen to it on the way to and from work and I've gotten pretty far. I hear things that I usually have missed because when I'm reading the Bible sometimes I'm in a hypnotic mode as I'm trying to read things, but as I listen to it I think to myself, "I don't remember that" and I go back in the Bible and lo and behold there it is. I really love it. It's a great way to look at things, the way people said things are different as well. Not that the content is different, but the tone of their voice. Sometimes I read something and I didn't think the person would have said it in a certain way but listening to it gives me another insight into how that person might have been thinking. I really love it it's really great I definitely recommend this product.

Wow! What a great narrative of the bible! Spoken by African American actors and clergy whose work we have come to know and respect and whose voices we readily recognize. It is like listening to a full scale movie production, with music and sound effects, while at the same time maintaining

the accuracy and integrity of biblical teachings. It encourages us to take the meaning of scriptural references to the next level. The CDs capture your attention and they leave you wanting more. What a wonderful resource for going deeper into the things of the Lord!

I bought this a few weeks ago and I CANNOT stop listening to it. Because of this audio Bible, I have spent more time in Scripture in the past few weeks than I have all year! Wow! This Bible has God's anointing all over it. When I listen to this Bible, I am transported into the writing in a way that is so powerful, vivid, and real. The words spring to life for me and convict me in a way that is profound and moving. This is THE best purchase I have made all year. The readings are AWESOME. Seriously awesome. The sound effects and music add so much meaning and emotion. The entire work is executed beautifully. I literally can't stop listening to this Bible - I put it on while I get ready in the morning, while I jog on the treadmill, while folding laundry, while playing fetch with my dog, etc. I uploaded the entire thing to Google Music, and I stream it from my phone wherever I go. I have been soaking up God's word day and night. What an absolute gift and blessing it has been to own this Bible. Right now, as I write this review, it is past midnight and I am about to go to sleep, but I can't help but play a few chapters of Luke before I pass out. Seriously -- this Bible has gotten me addicted to the Scripture...Praise God! Highly recommended! Don't hesitate to buy this!

Honestly, the better purchase is the Word of Promise, but I do not regret this purchase. It's still an excellent audio rendition of the Holy Word, but several actors in this ambitious venture are over-actors and the one who plays Moses makes Moses sound like he's a drunk. Lol. That aside, for the price, this was not a purchase I regret!

The product is great. The only real issue I have is that all the cds come in one plastic box not a big deal. the other thing is these cd's are mp3 formatted so your cd player has to be able to play these types of cd's. My cd player at work can't play these thankfully they play through my computer. I am sure this is mentioned in the description for whatever reason it didn't sink in with me. Other than those things I love the product so far. I may update this as I get further into the cds.

I hesitated on this purchase for probably a year before I decided to purchase the whole set. A multi-voice dramatic reading of the entire Bible is a large and complex project, so they are not free. I already had three recordings of the New Testament, fully dramatized to single voice. And I had one for the Hebrew Bible. Did I really need another? I purchased Genesis through

Deuteronomy as single books as I taught through the Pentatech this autumn. It was good enough to convince me to take the plunge. Here's what I got for my money. Overall, this is an excellent recording. The technical quality is high, recordings are clear, the direct-to-your-mp3-player file format is much more convenient than the cassette tapes and audio CDs I've had in the past (no ripping required!). The TNIV translation is fresh and clear, yet dignified and accurate. It should be: it boasts impressive scholarship behind its rendering of the biblical texts (e.g. Gordon D. Fee for the New Testament). The one small criticism I might make is that oral interpretation is somewhat uneven. Most of it ranges from good to, well, the word "magisterial" comes to mind. Yes, some of it really is that good. Occasionally, however, a voice seems to leave a dramatic moment flat. Yet for the price--and 's price couldn't be beat--these recordings are probably the deal of the decade. It certainly is one of the best dramatic renderings of the Bible I've ever heard. For many books, it IS the best dramatic reading I've ever heard. In summary, I need not have hesitated. Buying this set was a very good decision. For those who've never LISTENED to the Bible before, be ready to have your ears opened! From ancient times, this is the way it was intended to be encountered: orally and with flair. I haven't listened to any other Bible recording since this one arrived. Very enjoyable, highly recommended.

Whole Bible well done recording with just right background music and sound effects. Much easier to listen to a recording than to do all the reading yourself. I can listen to a chapter in one hour verses two days of reading. For the price well worth getting.

I like the dramatised. But the background music sometimes doesn't match the scripture historical background. For example, the Israeli blew the ram horn, but the sound is modern horn. Sometimes it portrayed the dance sound of the Israeli, but it sounds more like African dance. Sometimes the voices don't match the age of the characters portrayed, usually too young. Also sometimes some of the voices of the narrators couldn't express the feeling of the Scriptures accurately. Overall, I still think they did a great job and I enjoy listening to it.

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