

Before you begin, let me address several frequently asked questions.

How Does This Work?

The *Study Guide NT* complements the *Daily Reflections NT* (sold separately). The *Daily Reflections* are devotions for each day's reading. The devotions include a summary and a challenge or encouragement with introspective questions with space for you to respond.

While the *Daily Reflections* are just that — daily — the *Study Guide* is geared towards a weekly review of the assigned passages. The Weekly Reviews have the week number, dates, and assigned passages at the top left. At the top right is the percentage that you've completed, as well as how many days you have left.

The first section of Review has a section called "Helpful Resources" with other articles, charts, or maps to assist your study. The next section, "Making Sense of It All," provides the big picture from the week and addresses difficult doctrines or concepts. In the "Prophetic Passages" section are listed any Old Testament predictions that were fulfilled or new predictions for the future.

Next, there is a section of personal application, where you will be encouraged or challenged. There is a "Bottom Line" for each Review, to help clarify succinctly the point of the week. Finally, there are questions to consider for individual reflection or small group discussion.

How Much Time Will It Take?

There are 27 books in the New Testament, with 260 chapters and 7956 verses. Divided by 365 days, the New Testament can be completed by reading 22 verses a day. Compared to the Bible in a year, in which you read 3-5 chapters a day, 22 verses don't sound like much. Of course, there will be days when you read more and days when you will read less. To be successful, you should allot 10-15 minutes a day to read your Bible, unless you are also reading the *Daily*

Reflections. Of course, you can always spend more time studying if you prefer.

Regarding the year, the four gospels comprise 47% of the New Testament verses, which means you will complete the story of Jesus near the end of May. The history of the church and the letters of Paul comprise 38% of the New Testament, which means you will complete them near the end of October. All that's left is 15%, which is comprised of the other letters and the book of *Revelation*.

Which Bible Should I Use?

The reading schedule corresponds to the *One Year Chronological Bible NLT* (2000) by Tyndale Publishing. The New Testament begins in that Bible on September 24. You can use this version and read along even though the dates will not match. If you do not have that Bible, that's okay. You can use the translation of your choice. Just follow the assigned passages at the top of the devotions.

Do I Have to Start in January?

While the Daily Reflections are designed to begin January 1, you may begin whenever you prefer. Though the date is at the top left of each devotion, the day number is at the top right, so you can easily keep track of your progress no matter what day you begin.

What If It Takes Me Longer Than a Year?

God does not keep score. The time it takes for you to complete the New Testament is not important. What's important is that you are reading and studying God's Word. Don't quit!

What If I Have a Question?

If you have a question or comment at any point during the year, please don't hesitate to email me at aferguson@biay.org.



God bless you on your journey. See you at the end!