

THE MARK 1 ERROR

This error is found in the New International Version, New American Standard Bible, The Message, Amplified Bible, New Living Translation, English Standard Version, Contemporary English Version, American Standard Version, Darby Translation, Holman Christian Standard Bible, New International Reader's Version, Wycliffe New Testament.

We can honestly spend all day looking at the places where these versions attack the fundamental doctrines of the faith such as the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, God's promise to preserve his word, hell, etc but we won't right here.

If this error does not convince a Christian who loves the Lord and believes his whole word to be truth, as Jesus did (John 17:17) and Paul did (Acts 24:14), to get rid of the above translations and read the Authorized Version, nothing else will.

Mark 1:1-3 (NIV) Here we have a flat out lie, claiming to be quoting from Isaiah it says, "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way a voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.*"

The italicized portion is actually quoting from the prophet Malachi. Malachi 3:1 of the NIV says, "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the LORD Almighty."

Nowhere is that statement found in the prophet Isaiah. The other portion is found in Isaiah 40:3, "A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."

Some might argue, "Well the other half is found in Isaiah so there is no lie or problem." Well then the NIV is telling partial truths. It is part true and part false. Nevertheless the verse claims to be quoting from Isaiah, yet Isaiah never said such a thing, however the prophet Malachi said that. Did God screw up?

NO!!!!!! Have we forgotten who Satan is? What did he say to Eve?

"Yea, hath God said"(Genesis 3:1). Let's just stop there. Satan already is casting doubt and questioning the word of God by this statement. "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" He then asks the woman about what God commanded regarding eating of the trees of the garden.

Notice Eve misquotes God in verse 3. God never commanded don't touch it, but he commanded them not to eat it.

Notice how the devil flat out lies next and says, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as

gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5)

So what can we understand about Satan? Well first of all HE CAUSES ONE TO QUESTION THE WORD OF GOD! Then he flat out lies about it. Then he mixes truth with the lie (very deceptive!). Jesus said the devil was a LIAR from the beginning.

Were their eyes opened? Yes, “And the eyes of them both were opened,” (Genesis 3:7); Were they as gods, knowing good and evil? Yes, “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil” (Genesis 3:22).

Isn't that something? The Devil did not completely lie, but mixed truth with his lie, and look at the consequences. Remember God is not the author of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).

So as we look at the NIV and read these verses, what does it cause us to do?

1. Makes us question the word of God. Is the word of God wrong here? It says Isaiah but it clearly quotes from Malachi.
2. Destroys belief that the Bible is holy and perfect. (God says his words are perfect and would be preserved for ever) When you doubt the Bible and don't believe it, it affects your life as a son of God. You don't know what is true or false. Satan cannot steal your salvation, but the most important thing after that is belief, and respect, and the authority of the Word of God in your life.
3. Causes confusion, which God is NOT the author of.

This passage has Satan's fingerprints all over it. There is both truth and error in it. Is not that one of Satan's tactics? Can you see it? Paul says we are not ignorant of Satan's devices (II Corinthians 2:11)

This should convince any Born-Again Christian that loves the word of God and believes every word of it to stop reading the NIV. But most Christians could care less and will do what is right in their own eyes and what they prefer, blah, blah, blah. Why would Christians defend a Roman Catholic, corrupt, Egyptian, Satanic, Counterfeit, Perversion of God's word?

The Authorized Version reads in Mark 1:1-3,

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets...”