

QUESTION: Does Satan know he will be in eternal hell eventually, or is he convinced he may rule as emperor over the world? Does Satan know what Revelation says?

ANSWER: Satan knows what Revelation and the rest of Scripture says, but like many people we deal with every day, he doesn't believe it is true. Satan has colossal PRIDE and ARROGANCE, not to mention "tunnel vision" and a self-centered world-view. That also sounds like many in our world today, and no wonder, because Satan is the ruler of this world system (John 12:31, John 16:11), and he disseminates HIS way of thinking to as many human beings as he can. It seems impossible to us that Satan could not believe what God says will really happen, but then again, it seems impossible for us to conceive how Satan, as Lucifer the archangel, could think he could usurp God from His throne in the first place. Then, to top it all off, Satan will try one last time to overthrow Christ's kingdom AFTER the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth. Satan will be bound in chains in the abyss for that thousand years, so you would think he would realize God is more powerful than he is, but his enormous ego pushes him to make one last attempt.

Another thought is that he knows what is going to happen to him, but since he can do nothing to change it, the only thing he can do is deceive as many people as possible so that they will go to hell with him.

- **Revelation 12:12** ".....Woe to the earth and the sea; because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath (he's really pissed!), **knowing that he has only a short time.**"
- **Revelation 20:1-3 & 7-10** "And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is **the Devil and Satan**, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time." "And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out **to deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth... to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city (Jerusalem), and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And **the devil who deceived them** was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."