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When Satan is at last defeated, this great enemy who has done so much harm will be forever removed. He will spend the rest of eternity in the lake of fire and will face eternal justice for the horrific crimes he committed.

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Revelation is also clear that the new earth is what it is because sin will not be there. God's pure and righteous holiness will prevent anything to be in this recreated earth that is impure or defiling. The new earth will be what it is because God is there, and because God is there evil cannot be.

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