

**Problem:**

we do not live in a godless society - we live in a pagan society  
radical environmentalism and principled abortion are but two examples of this fact

Ex 20:1-3 no other gods before me -

He is referring to the nature gods of the surrounding pagans, the nature gods held by the Egyptians that He just delivered them from

these same gods rule our culture - gods of nature and creature, gods of environmentalism and humanism. These are the gods of our culture and make no mistake their followers hate the One True God of the bible.

The seventh seal is the beginning of the new exodus

**Main Idea:**

Out of deafening silence  
The prayers of the saints will rise  
God will answer in thunder  
and a trumpet will sound against the earth  
and a trumpet will sound against the sea  
and a trumpet will sound against the water  
and a trumpet will sound against the sky  
Woe to those who dwell on earth - He is just getting started

**Implication:**

Rom 8:18-23 - the Creation does not wait with eager longing for better carbon emissions  
it does not wait with eager longing for less people to feed or nourish  
it waits with eager longing for the salvation of the Saints

**Application:**

Isaiah 2:10-22

God will bring calamity upon an earth that refuses to make Him preeminent - He will take away all of the false gods of modern man

but we can make Him pre eminent now -  
the most environmentally sound act one can commit is to respond and spread the gospel

**Articles for further study:**

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/10/14/radical-environmentalists-save-the-earth-abort-babies/>

<http://www.wnd.com/2008/12/83960/>

**Text:****Out of deafening silence**

Rev. 8:1 ¶ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven for about half an hour**.

silence deafening  
-Rev 4:1-6:7

**the prayers of the saints will rise**

Rev. 8:2 Then I saw the **seven angels** who (had been standing) stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them.

Rev. 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to offer with the **prayers of all the saints** on the golden altar before the throne,

Rev. 8:4 and the smoke of the incense, with **the prayers of the saints**, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

seven trumpets  
- Josh 6:1-5 (seven trumpets break down wicked world)

prayers of saints  
- Lk 1:8-10 - prayer likened to incense  
- exodus 3:7-10 - God hears the cries of His people  
Abortion every 30 seconds in USA  
- Rev 6:9-10 - "how long?"

**God will answer in thunder**

Rev. 8:5 Then the angel took (dramatic perfect - has taken) the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Rev. 8:6 ¶ Now the **seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them**.

thunder  
-Exodus 19:16-19 (Moses spoke and God answered in thunder)

prepared  
- exodus 12:11-12 (judgment of the Lamb on the gods of egypt)

**and a trumpet will sound against the earth**

Rev. 8:7 ¶ **The first angel blew his trumpet**, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And **a third of the earth** was burned up, and **a third of the trees** were burned up, and **all green grass** was burned up.

the earth  
- exodus 9:13-25 (a new exodus)

a third - not total judgment but a lesson that will be unheeded  
- Rev 9:20-21

**and a trumpet will sound against the sea**

Rev. 8:8 ¶ **The second angel blew his trumpet**, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and **a third of the sea** became blood.

Rev. 8:9 **A third of the living creatures** in the sea died, and **a third of the ships** were destroyed.

the sea  
- Exodus 7:14-21

**and a trumpet will sound against the water**

Rev. 8:10 ¶ **The third angel blew his trumpet**, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on **a third of the rivers** and on the springs of water.

Rev. 8:11 The name of the star is Wormwood. **A third of the waters** became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

wormwood (russian - chernobyl)

- Ps 147:4 -name of star (not the plant)

- Ex 15:23-25 opposite of Marah

**and a trumpet will sound against the sky**

Rev. 8:12 ¶ **The fourth angel blew his trumpet**, and **a third of the sun** was struck, and **a third of the moon**, and **a third of the stars**, so that **a third of their light** might be darkened, and **a third of the day** might be kept from shining, and likewise **a third of the night**.

a third

Amos 8:9 (16 hrs of darkness)

if God could use supernatural judgments in Egypt

why not in the end

darkness

- Ex 10:21-27 (supernatural)

- Luke 21:25-26

**woe to those who will dwell on earth**

**- He is just getting started**

Rev. 8:13 ¶ Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with **a loud voice** as it flew directly overhead, **“Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth**, at the blasts of the **other trumpets** that the three angels are **about to blow!**”

Those who dwell on earth

(the destruction of creation is about man)

**implication:** Romans 8:18-23 (creation is about man)

**application:** Isaiah 2:10-22 (preeminent)