



### News to Know

1) **MFuge Fundraiser**

I have been in prayer that our ongoing fundraiser will help support your family. Please remember to log your contribution on the Donation Chart we provided. If you have any questions, please reach out.

2) **Refuge – Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

This week, we'll meet at 6:30 in The Harbor and discuss Revelation 6-7

3) **Sunday Morning Small Groups**

Join us for a small group at 9:45 AM in Grace Cottage or at 11:00 AM in Building B

4) **Graduate Commissioning Sunday**

Parent of seniors, mark May 18 on your calendar for Graduate Commissioning. I'll have more details for you within the next couple of weeks.

### Refuge this Week

This Wednesday, we will be studying Revelations 6 and 7. These chapters begin a section of the book that has sparked many interpretations. In chapter 5, we saw Jesus take the scroll from the Father's hand. Now, we get to see what is inside. From Revelation 6 through 19, John introduces three cycles of seven judgments: the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls. These judgments are not chronological but cyclical, unfolding between Christ's first and second coming. This week, we will focus on the seven seals and what they reveal about our world today.

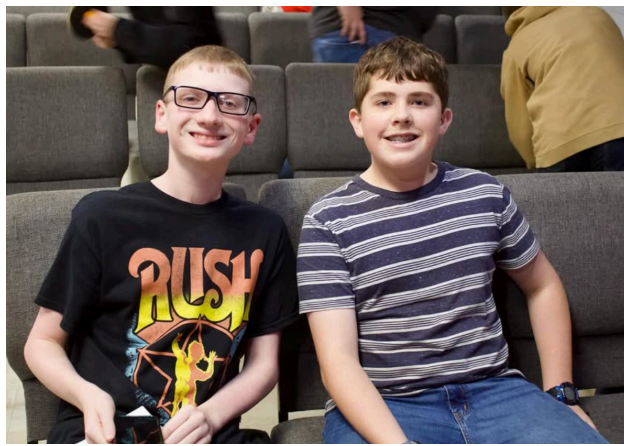
The first four seals introduce the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The first, a white horse, appears victorious but is actually a deception, an imitation of Jesus. This rider represents the power of deceit, reminding us to stay vigilant against falsehood. The second, a red horse, brings war, conflict, and division. We live in an age of constant strife, and we must guard against the culture of rage that surrounds us. The third, a black horse, represents famine and economic disparity. It highlights a sobering truth: people may lack what they truly need while still indulging in luxury. This mirrors how our lives can be full of work, possessions, and achievements yet lack deep relationships, authentic community, and a connection with God. The fourth, a pale horse, brings sickness and death, an unavoidable reality. Our lives will all end in death. There's no escaping it. Disease is an expression of divine judgment because of human sin, yet Jesus healed the sick. Jesus offers spiritual healing and spiritual life.

The fifth seal reveals the cry of the martyrs, those who have been killed for their faith. They call out to God, asking, "How long until You bring justice?" As believers, we should share this longing for justice and for the world to be set right. The sixth seal describes cosmic upheaval, symbolizing the final judgment of unbelievers. When Jesus returns, He will confront and overthrow all opposition.

Chapter 6 ends with a powerful question: "Who can stand?" In the face of judgment, who can endure? Chapter 7 provides the answer. God's sealed children, Christians, will stand firm. Not only will they stand, but they will sing. Revelation 7 gives us another glimpse of Heaven, where God's people lift their voices in unending praise.

### **Resource of the Week**

This week's resource is titled, "Six Habits for Successful Bible Study." You can find it [here](#).



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