



“And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance  
of this week’s lesson from the Standard Lesson Commentary®  
or Standard Lesson Quarterly®.

### **INJUSTICE BASED ON FEAR**

This month, as fears of COVID-19 spread across the world, violence against Asians has surged. Some people have taken to blaming Asian people indiscriminately. A man from Singapore was beaten on the streets of London, with the attackers crying, “We don’t want your coronavirus in our country.” Never mind that the man was not Chinese and hadn’t traveled to China. A Vietnamese art curator was uninvited from appearing on a panel at an exhibit. The organizers feared that her presence would indicate that anyone going inside would contract the virus. Fear leads to injustice and hate.

### **INJUSTICE BASED ON SIN**

The prophet Micah witnessed atrocious injustice within Israel. Its leaders were apparently condoning violence and corruption against the people of God. Leaders miscarried justice for a bribe and prophets gave “good” fortunes for pay. And yet the leaders felt they remained under the blessing of God. Injustice will be punished by God, no matter who commits it. Micah warned them that if they wanted to avoid God’s wrath, they must turn back to carrying out God’s justice and walking humbly before Him.

1. What fear have you or others felt because of the coronavirus?
2. How have you or someone you know behaved irrationally because of fear?
3. How can a good God punish His people for sin and utterly destroy their country?

#### **Additional Resources**

*These videos and materials are for your personal use. If you show videos in class, be sure to have the necessary rights to do so.*

Music Video, Traditional: [“Fairest Lord Jesus”](#)  
Music Video, Multicultural: [“He’s Able” by Noel Robinson](#)  
Music Video, Contemporary: [“Change” by Bright City](#)  
[Guzik’s Commentary on Micah 3](#) and [Micah 6](#)  
[Coffman’s Commentary on Micah 3](#) and [Micah 6](#)  
[Gill’s Exposition on Micah 3](#) and [Micah 6](#)

[www.standardlesson.com/category/in-the-world](http://www.standardlesson.com/category/in-the-world)

Copyright © 2019 by Standard Publishing, part of the David C Cook family.  
All rights reserved. Each download is for the use of one church only.