

Where is God when evil prevails?

l. The <u>rise of evil</u>. These verses depict, the rise of Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

- A. He was anti-God.
- B. He was evil personified.
- II. God is still in control!

God is not <u>reactive</u>; just responding to what mankind does to use it for good.

God is <u>sovereign</u>. He has determined the times.

- III. God works <u>good</u> in His people, even in the worst of times. (33-35) A. This represents the rise of the Maccabees.
 - B. God always has His own. (32-33).
 - C. The faithful experienced great persecution.
 - D. God's <u>purpose</u>: refined, purified, made white.

When evil prevails, God is <u>still in control</u> and is <u>working good</u> for His people.

How does this apply to me?

For next week: Read Daniel 11:36-45

