

# Daniel 11:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

## Analysis

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The conqueror extends power over multiple countries, including Egypt. This military expansion parallels both historical campaigns (Antiochus's Egyptian invasions) and eschatological warfare (end-times conflicts centered on Middle East). The prophecy's dual fulfillment pattern—near historical and far eschatological—typifies biblical prophecy.

## Historical Context

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Daniel chapter 11 contains some of Scripture's most detailed predictive prophecy, written c. 536 BC and fulfilled with remarkable precision 200-160 BC during Ptolemaic-Seleucid conflicts. The prophecies served multiple purposes: encouraging Jewish exiles that God controls history, providing roadmap for future generations facing Hellenistic pressures, and typologically pointing to end-times Antichrist. Reformed theology sees dual fulfillment: near historical events (Antiochus Epiphanes) typifying far eschatological realities (final Antichrist). This pattern validates divine inspiration—only God knows future details with such precision. For believers under persecution, these prophecies demonstrated that tyrannical opposition is temporary, God's sovereignty absolute, and ultimate victory certain. The historical fulfillment encourages trust that eschatological promises will similarly fulfill exactly as prophesied.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the remarkable precision of fulfilled prophecy strengthen faith in Scripture's divine origin?
2. What does the dual fulfillment pattern (historical Antiochus typifying eschatological Antichrist) teach about biblical prophecy's layered meaning?
3. How should these prophecies encourage believers facing persecution or opposition today?

## Interlinear Text

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**He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries also upon the countries**

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לֹא מֵצַח יְמִינָה:

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**shall not escape**

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