

HOW DID THE ISLAM ARRIVE TO THE IBERIAN PENINSULA?

THE WEAKNESS OF THE VISIGOTHIC KINGDOM

- ❑ Beginning of the **8th century**: while a **famine** was occurring, there was a **clash** (war) between the supporters of **Achila** (son of the previous king) and the supporters of the **king Roderic** (who had been elected).
- ❑ Achila's supporters **asked for help from the Muslim** governor of Northern Africa. But, after the exploration of his delegate **Tarif in 710**, they decided to conquer the Visigothic Kingdom.
- ❑ Afterwards, a Muslim army, commanded by **Tariq and Musa** crossed the Gibraltar Strait and **defeated Roderic's troops** in the Battle of **Guadalete River (711)** and they conquered most of the Iberian Peninsula **fighting and negotiating** the surrender of many towns. The conquest finished by **718**.
- ❑ **Some Christians** from the Visigothic Kingdom **migrated** to the Cantabrian Mountains or beyond the Pyrenees.



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