

THE BATTLE OF COVADONGA



The Battle of Covadonga was an armed confrontation between Asturian and Umayyad troops in Covadonga, Asturias, in the year 722. The Asturian troops were commanded by Pelayo, who some historians consider a Visigothic nobleman and others an Asturian prince. The Umayyad forces were led by General Al Qama, who had been sent by the Muslim governor of Córdoba. Traditionally, this battle is considered the beginning of the Christian Reconquest of the Iberian Peninsula. However, there are contemporary authors who question this view and others who claim that the battle was an invention of Christian chroniclers of the 10th century.

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