

Al-Andalus

The European Caliphate

The conquest of Spain and Portugal

The Visigothic kings had expelled Byzantine authority from the south of Spain a century earlier and the Byzantines were now limited to the Balearic Islands. Meanwhile the city of Sabta (Ceuta) in northern Morocco had passed, perhaps only nominally, from Byzantine to Visigothic control. The Visigoths had, however, lost their earlier territories in southern France, with the exception of Narbonne and some neighboring cities.

The still largely pagan Basques were in revolt in northern Spain while the Visigothic kingdom itself was wracked by various political, social, and religious tensions. Furthermore, persecution of Iberia's large Jewish community was causing deep disquiet among powerful Jewish Berber tribes in Morocco. This was the situation that Uqbar Ibn Nafi and Musa Ibn Nusayr exploited as, in turn, they pushed westward across North Africa.



756–1039 Umayyads of Córdoba

- * Caliphate of Córdoba
- * Al-Mansur Ibn Abi Aamir

1039–1085 Taifa Kingdoms

1085–1145 Almoravids

- * Almoravid conquest
- * Battle of Sagrass

1147–1238 Almohads

- * Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa

1238–1492 Emirate of Granada

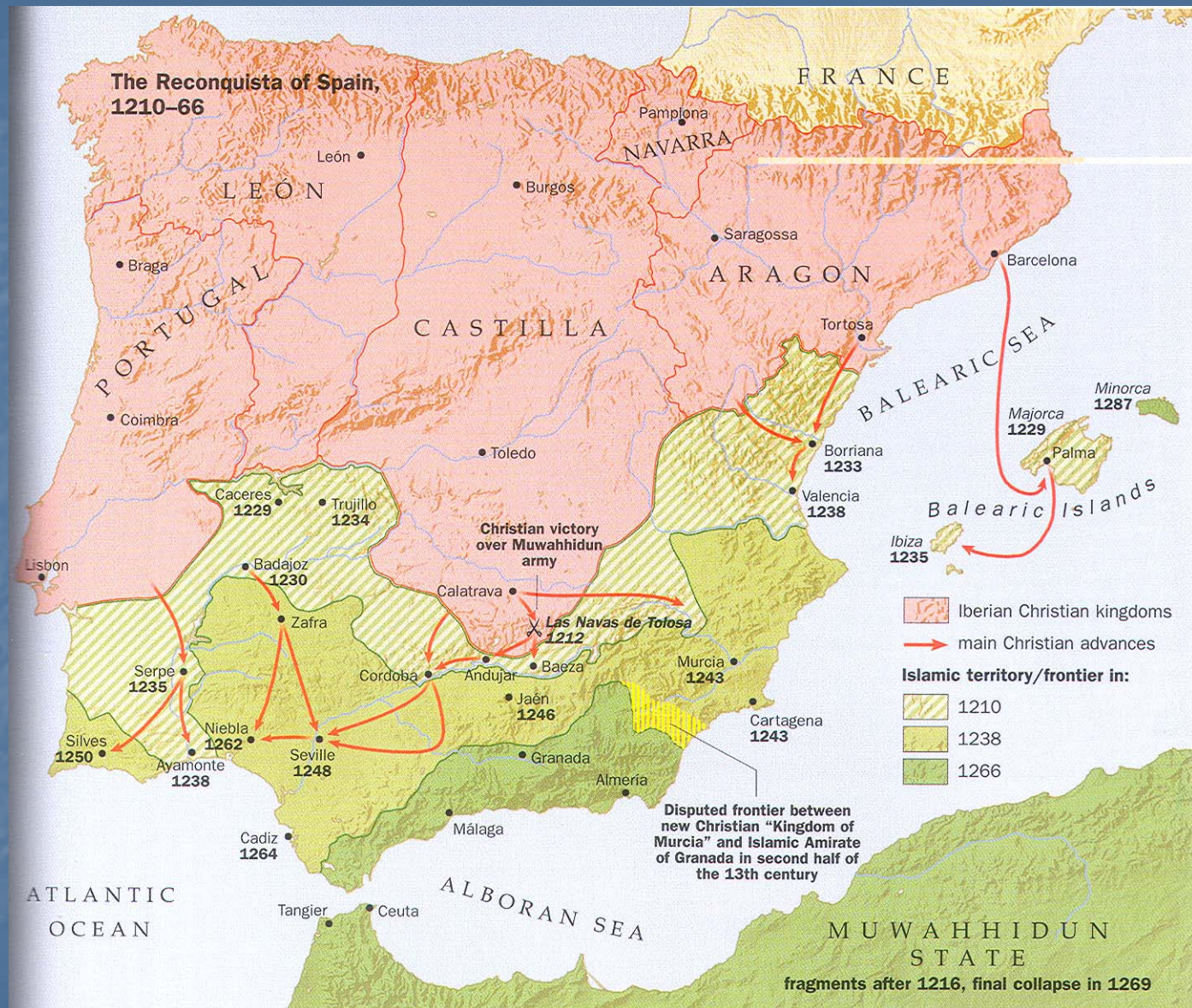
- * Nasrid dynasty
- * Battle of Granada

The Ta'ifa kingdoms of Iberia, c.1035

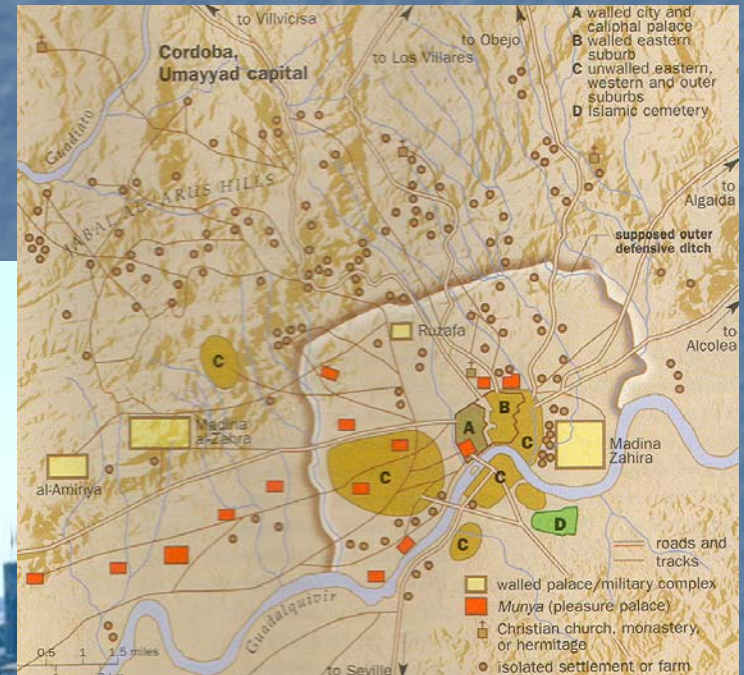
Ta'ifa states with year of breakaway from central rule, where known

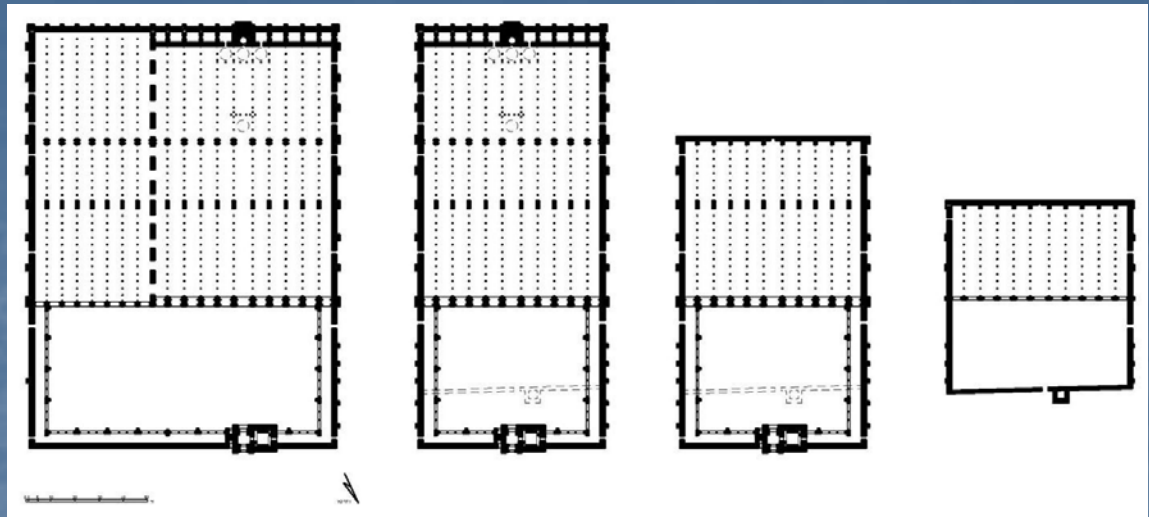
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- 4 Lérida
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- 9 Denia 1009
- 10 Almería 1012
- 11 Granada 1012
- 12 Málaga
- 13 Córdoba 1031
- 14 Seville 1023
- 15 Silves 1048
- 16 Algarve
- 17 Huelva 1012
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- 24 Algeciras 1035



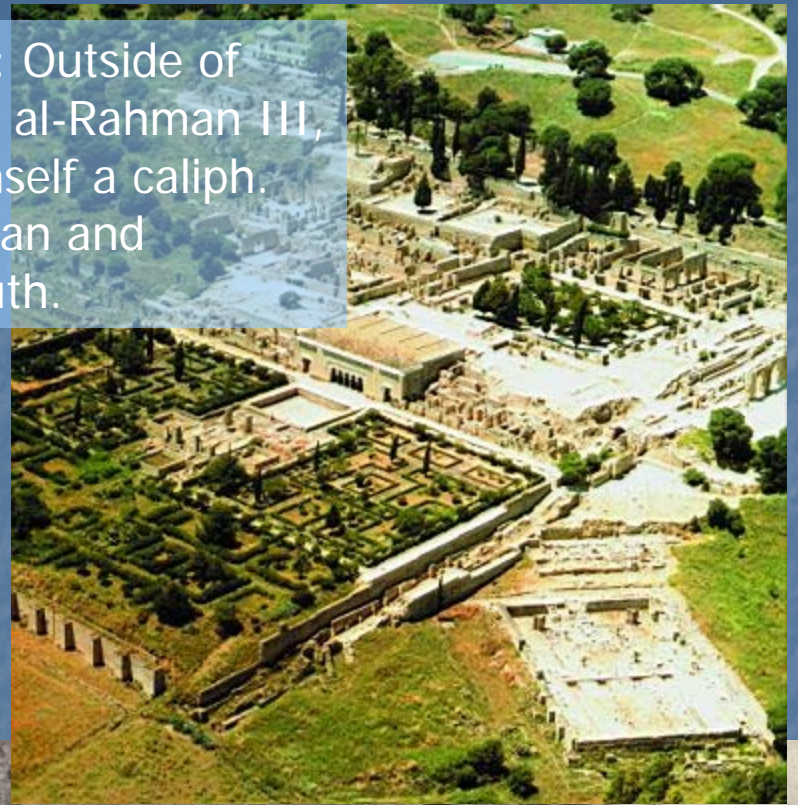
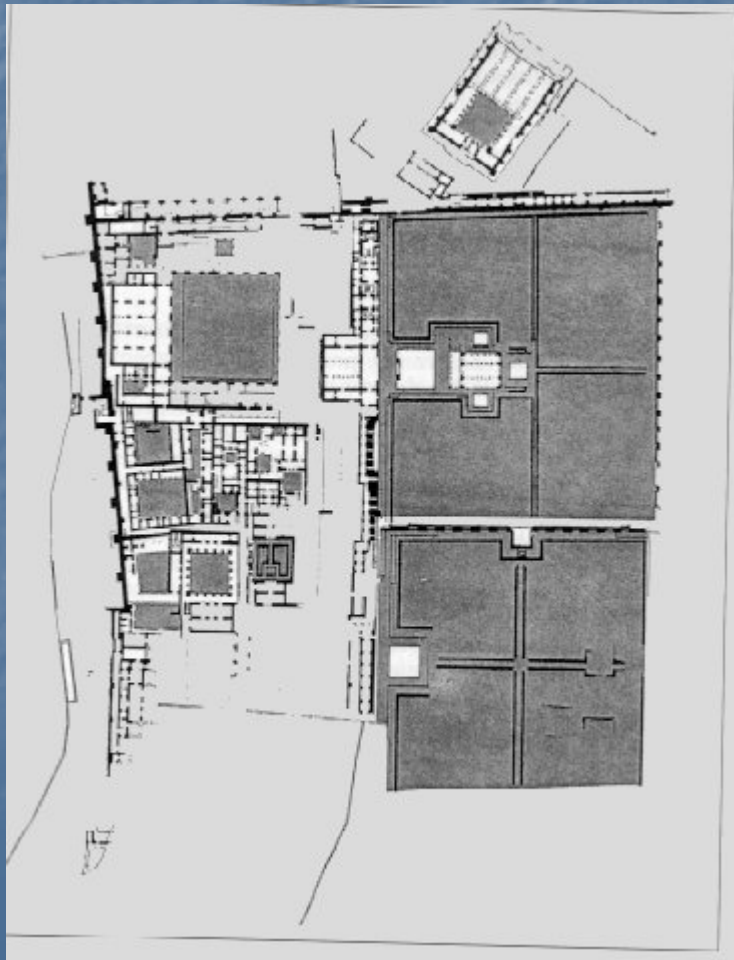


Syria in the Iberian Peninsula: The Umayyad rebuilding

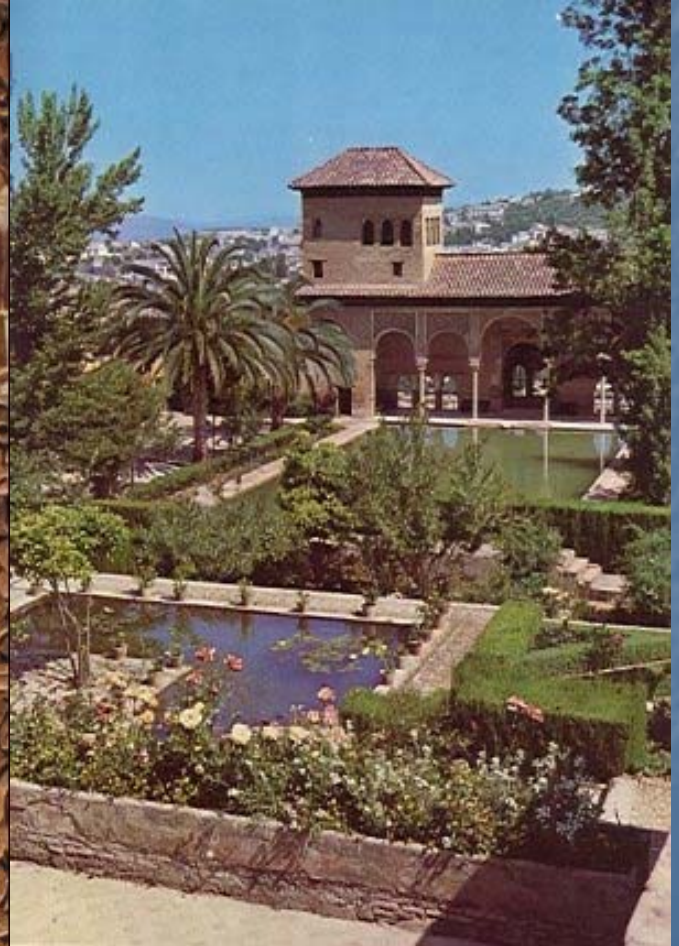




The *Madinat al-Zahra* (936-978): Outside of Cordoba, Spain, founded by Abd al-Rahman III, the first Umayyad to declare himself a caliph. Its "Salon Rico" has a basilical plan and overlooks a huge pool to the south.



The Alhambra Palace – Nasirid Granada



Alcazar Palace – Castilian Seville



El Transito Synagogue – Castilian Toledo



The Hisn/Qarya Complex

Ares



Morella

