

# QUEST 9-3

## CONQUEST OF THE AMERICAS

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>Quetzalcoatl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Aztec believed this god had light skin and a beard.</li><li>• His return would lead to the destruction of the Aztec.</li><li>• The prophecy said he would return in 1519, Hernando Cortez (with light skin and a beard) arrived that same year.</li></ul> <p><b>The End of the Aztec</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cortez had 600 men, guns, armor, and horses (all new to the Aztec)</li><li>• He formed alliances with Aztec enemies and tribute-paying tribes</li><li>• He took control of Tenochtitlan without much fight.</li><li>• Appalled by Aztec sacrifices, they killed the priests but were driven from the city.</li><li>• Smallpox wiped out nearly half the Aztec people.</li><li>• Cortez returned with 75,000 men and laid siege to Tenochtitlan.</li><li>• After 2½ months, the Aztec Empire was no more.</li></ul> <p><b>The End of the Inca</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Inca Emperor died and a civil war broke out between his two sons.</li><li>• Pizaro arrived in 1532 with only 168 men.</li><li>• He used guns and horses to slaughter 6,000 Incas and capture Emperor Atahualpa.</li><li>• To gain his freedom he offered Pizaro a room full of gold.</li><li>• Atahualpa paid the gold, but was executed anyway.</li><li>• Smallpox killed much of the Inca army and the rest ran away.</li></ul>