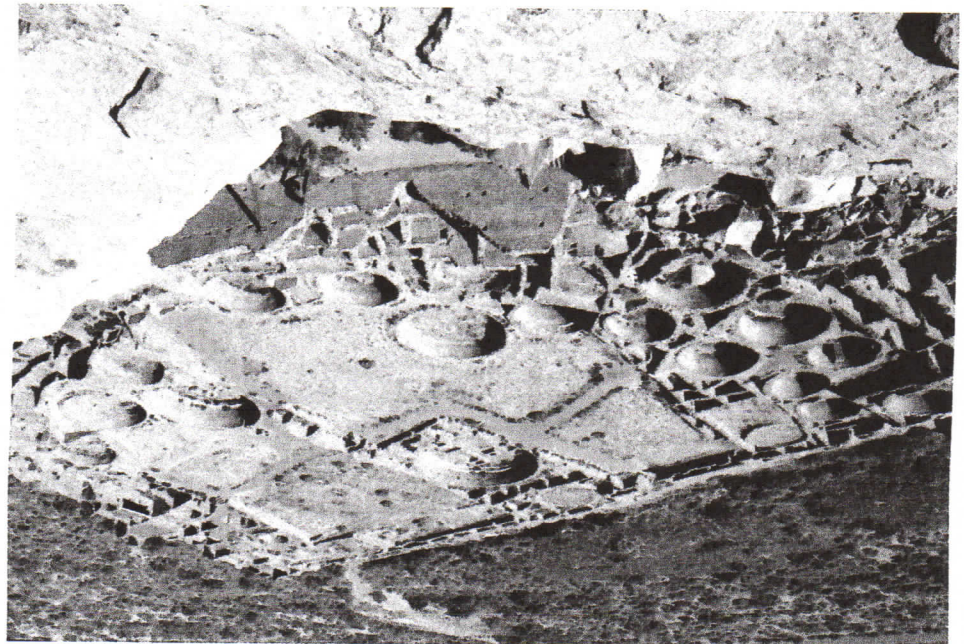




confirmed that the people who lived there were well aware of their history. A small original construction became the ceremonial heart of the large village, which was built around it several generations later. There the people concentrated their burials, reliquaries, and precious goods, which included products brought from as far away as Mexico. At the town's height, as many as a thousand people lived there.

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1.3 KING FERNANDO

AND QUEEN ISABELLA OF SPAIN, "GRANADA CAPITULATIONS" (1492)

In 1492, King Fernando and Queen Isabella of Spain defeated the last Muslim kingdom on the Iberian Peninsula, freeing them to turn their attention to international trade. They signed a business contract with a Genoese explorer named Christopher Columbus, who believed he could reach Asia by sailing west. They promised him a percentage of all the profits, and later, at his request, they also agreed that he could govern any territories he might conquer. They were all imagining he might conquer territories on the outskirts of Asia. This document, called the "Granada Capitulations," was signed April 30, 1492.

Sir Fernando and Lady Isabel, by the grace of God king and queen of Castile, Leon, Aragon, Sicily, Granada, Toledo, Valencia, Galicia, the Balearics, Seville, Sardinia, Cordoba, Corsica, Murcia, Jaen, the Algarve, Algeziras, Gibraltar and the Canary Islands, count and countess of

1.4 AZTEC PRIEST TO THE FRANKS

Source: Granada Capitulations, Granting Christopher Columbus and the

Barcelona, lords of Vizcaya and Cerdagne, marquises and because you, Christopher and personnel to discover and hoped that the help discovered and acquired should be remunerated for Wanting to honor a Christopher Columbus, the Ocean Sea, will be our admiral, forward to call yourself office and post may entitle You and your proxy with the offices of viceroys acquire. You will have the criminal, related to the admiral, and as the proxies will have the power of admiral, viceroys, and benefit from the fees and as your high admiral enjoy

In 1524, three years after friars representing the two official meetings with high these occasions, the Europe rewrote these notes as though occasion, though he was released from the Nahuatl of what hours to the messages (not so much the idea of a ne

You say that we do not recognize our gods are not true gods. feel forbidding. Our makers They gave us their laws, they honored them. They are the respected. Before them we eat incense, make sacrifice. . . . I of the time, the place where get up with [our daily sustenance, green maize, chia. We beg fr