

## Spanish Armada sources

**“I sent you to fight with men, and not the weather,”**

Philip II, talking to survivors of the Armada (1588)

**“...the Spanish fleet was conquered for the first time. But not by the men, nor by the ships... It was defeated by the weather... Only against the hurricane and the gales did we lose.”**

L. Ortiz Munoz, *The Glorious Spanish Armada* (1940)

**“Though the English ships were smaller and fewer than those opposed to them, they were better built and better manned... their skilful use of artillery gave them a great advantage.”**

J. Oliphant in his book, *A History of England* (1920)

**“Following our encounter with the Spanish fleet on 29 July, God has stricken the enemy with a wonderful fear. The Spanish fleet was followed up the Eastern coast but had to return to port to relieve the wants of water and provisions.**

Letter from Sir Thomas Fenner, a captain of a ship in the English fleet (1588)

**“I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a King... I think foul scorn that Spain should dare to invade the borders of my realm. I myself will be your general, judge and rewarder of every one of your virtues in the field.”**

Speech by Elizabeth

**“The Spaniards got clear of the shallows and sustained a charge as much as they could since their ships were much torn and shot throughout.**

**The galleon Santa Matteo was taken, and the whole Spanish fleet most grievously distressed all the day long.”**

Extract from the 1625 edition of William Camden's Annals of Elizabeths reign.



(The English sent empty fire ships into the Spanish fleet).



