

# TIMELINE

## ADOLF EICHMANN

(19 Mar 1906 – 31 May 1962)

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This material outlines a brief timeline related to the Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann.

**19 Mar 1906** - Adolf Eichmann is born in Solingen, Germany.

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**1914** - Eichmann's family move to Linz, Austria. This is the Linz of Adolf Hitler.

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**1925** - Eichmann works in the sales division of the Upper Austrian Electrical Construction Company.

**1927-1933** - Eichmann works as a traveling salesman for the Vacuum Oil Company in Upper Austria.

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**1932** - Eichmann enters the Austrian National Socialist (Nazi) Party and the SS at the suggestion of an acquaintance, Ernst Kaltenbrunner.

**30 Jan 1933** - Adolf Hitler, Führer of the Nazi Party, is appointed Chancellor of Germany.

**Jan 1933 - Aug 1934** - The Nazis consolidate absolute power in the German state, culminating in Hitler proclaiming himself Führer of the German nation.

**Aug 1933** - After the Austrian government began to crack down on the Austrian Nazi Party (June 1933), Eichmann leaves Austria for Germany, where he joins the "Austrian Legion" and engages in military training.

**1934** - Eichmann joins the Security Service Main Office (*Sicherheitsdienst (SD) Hauptamt*) with the rank of SS-*Scharführer* (Sergeant).

**1937** - Eichmann negotiates with Zionist functionaries and makes an inspection tour of Palestine after he is assigned to a section of the SD dealing with Zionist activities.

**11 - 13 Mar 1938** - Germany incorporates Austria in the Anschluss.

**20 Aug 1938** - The Central Office for Jewish Emigration (*Zentralstelle für jüdische Auswanderung*), officially opens in Vienna This is an agency that Eichmann had designed after the Anschluss.

**01 Sep 1939** - Germany invades Poland, starting World War II.

**Summer 1939** - Eichmann becomes responsible for promoting the expulsion of Czech Jews from the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and he creates a Central Office for Jewish Emigration in Prague.

**Sep 1939** - Reichsführer-SS and Chief of German Police Heinrich Himmler establishes the Reich Security Main Office (RSHA). This is agency that Hitler will use to coordinate the annihilation of the European Jews.

**Oct 1939** - Eichmann leads the Reich-wide Reich Central Office for Jewish Emigration in Berlin (*Reichzentrale für jüdische Auswanderung*).

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**1940** - Eichmann becomes director of Reich Security Main Office (RSHA) section IV D 4 "Emigration and Evacuation", and in October 1940 he organizes the deportation of approximately 7,000 Jews from Baden and Saarpfalz to areas of unoccupied France.

**Jan - Dec 1941** - Hitler, Himmler, Heydrich, and other top Nazi personnel reach the decision to physically annihilate the Jews of Europe - The Final Solution.

**Mar 1941** - Eichmann becomes director of RSHA section IV B 4 (Jewish Affairs, or *Judenreferat*). From this position, Eichmann plays a central role in the deportation of over 1.5 million Jews from all over Europe to killing centers.

**22 Jun 1941** - Germany invades the Soviet Union. SS and police authorities, supported by the military and by local auxiliaries, begin to systematically murder Soviet Jews.

**Autumn 1941** - Eichmann is appointed SS-*Obersturmbannführer* (Lieutenant Colonel) and takes part in discussions in which the Nazi leaders plan the annihilation of the European Jews.

**15 Oct 1941** - February 1942 - Eichmann's Section IV B 4 coordinates the deportation of tens of thousands of Jews from the Greater German Reich to ghettos and killing sites in the German-occupied Soviet Union.

**20 Jan 1942** - Reinhard Heydrich convenes the Wannsee Conference, presenting his plans to coordinate a European-wide "Final Solution of the Jewish Question" to key officials from Reich Ministries and the Nazi Party. Eichmann attends the conference and prepares Heydrich's briefing papers, and will later play a key role in the implementation of the "Final Solution."

**1942 - 1943** - Eichmann and his staff organize the deportation of Jews from the German Reich, Slovakia, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, and Croatia to killing centers in German-occupied Poland, primarily Auschwitz-Birkenau.

**1943 - 1944** - Eichmann and his aides organize the deportation of Jews from Greece, northern Italy, and Hungary, primarily to the killing center Auschwitz-Birkenau.

**30 Apr 1945** - Hitler commits suicide

**07 May 1945** - Germany signs surrender document

**1946** - Eichmann escapes from U.S. custody and flees to Argentina with the assistance of some Vatican officials.

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**1960** - Agents of the Israeli Security Service (*Mossad*) abduct Eichmann and bring him to Israel to stand trial.

**15 Dec 1961** - Eichmann is found guilty of crimes against the Jewish people.

**31 May - 01 Jun 1962** - Eichmann is hanged at midnight between 31 May and 01 Jun 1962.

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