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CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1486	—	Diaz, the Portuguese, discovers the Cape.
1497	July 8th ..	Vasco da Gama sets out. Found and named Natal.
1510	—	Dom Francisco d'Almeida, Governor-General of Portuguese India, landed at the Cape. His party wiped out by the Hottentots. The Portuguese have little further interest in South Africa, and evacuate.
1580	—	Drake rounded the Cape.
1591	—	English ships visit Table Bay for the first time.
1600	—	English East India Company formed.
1602	—	Dutch East India Company formed.
1652	—	Johan van Riebeck sent by the Dutch Government as first Governor-General. Cape the half-way house to India, but no more.
1658	—	First slaves imported from the Guinea Coast.
1666	—	Dutch build Castle of Good Hope.
1679	—	Stellenbosch founded.
1688	—	Huguenot settlers arrive and go to Stellenbosch. Are absorbed by the Dutch.
1792	—	Dutch East India Company bankrupt.
1795	—	English landed at the Cape.

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1796	—	English annex the Cape.
1803	—	English hand the Cape back to the Dutch: Batavian Republic under Treaty of Amiens.
1806	—	English, under General Baird, attack and capture the Cape.
1815	—	<i>English buy Cape Colony from the Dutch for six million pounds.</i>
1820	—	Many Englishmen, ruined by Napoleonic Wars, arrive and settle.
1828	—	Dutch settle round Orange River.
1834—	—	Great Trek of Boers to north, to get away from English control.
1836	—	Slavery abolished.
1834	—	Boers, led by Pretorius, fight Zulus.
1838	—	End of Dingaan. English garrison sent to Port Natal. All slaves liberated.
1839	—	Natal declared a white possession.
1841	—	Boers of Natal declare themselves independent of the English.
1842	May	British occupy Port Natal.
1848	—	Boers trek north again to get free of the English. English annex country between the Orange River and the Vaal.
1852	January ..	Transvaal independent.
1853	—	Cape Colony given a Parliament.
1854	—	English hand Orange River back to Dutch. Crimean War.
1857	—	Boers fighting among themselves. Indian Mutiny.
1860	—	Indian coolies to Natal for the sugar fields.
1862	—	Louis Botha born.
1865	June	Basuto War.

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1867	April	First diamond found at Hopetown, Orange River.
1868	—	Basutoland annexed by the English. Suez Canal opened.
1870	—	<i>Smuts born.</i>
1871	—	Kimberley diamonds discovered. Cape takes over Basutoland. British annex Griqualand West.
1872	—	Cape Colony given complete self-government.
1880	April	Gladstone takes office.
1881	—	First Anglo-Boer War. Battle of Majuba.
1884	—	Fred. Strubens finds gold in Johannesburg. Bismarck declares South West Africa a German protectorate.
1886	—	<i>Witwatersrand goldfields proclaimed.</i> Johannesburg gold rush.
1887	—	English annex Zululand.
1888	—	Kruger again elected President.
1889	—	Transvaal and Free State make defensive alliance. <i>Rhodes joins hands with Hofmeyr.</i> Delagoa Bay Railway reaches Transvaal.
	—	Slump in goldfields. <i>Rhodes and Alfred Beit buy Kimberley Diamond Mines.</i> De Beers founded. Rivalry between Dutch and English for rights in the Rand. Gold between them.
1891	—	<i>Smuts to Cambridge.</i>
1892	—	Railway reaches the Rand.
1895	—	<i>Smuts working with Hofmeyr, the friend of Cecil Rhodes. Practising in Cape Town.</i>

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1895	June	Chamberlain becomes Colonial Secretary. Delagoa Railway from Pretoria reaches sea.
1896	December 29th	<i>Jameson Raid.</i> Steyn elected President of the Free State.
1897	—	<i>Arrival of Sir Alfred Milner as High Commissioner.</i> <i>Steyn and Kruger make agreement to stand together.</i>
1898	—	<i>Kruger's Fourth Presidency.</i> Kruger dismisses Chief Justice Kotzé. Schreiner Prime Minister of The Colony. <i>Smuts as State Attorney of the Transvaal Republic</i>
1899	March 24th ..	Uitlanders' Petition.
	May 30th ..	<i>Bloemfontein Conference.</i>
	August 12th ..	Smuts-Greene negotiations.
	October 11th	<i>Boer War.</i>
1900	—	<i>Fall of Pretoria.</i>
	November 29th	<i>Kitchener takes over from Roberts and starts to clear up systematically.</i> <i>Smuts and de la Rey to Western Transvaal.</i>
1901	February 28th	Middleburg peace discussions.
1902	April 4th ..	<i>Smuts besieges Ookiep.</i>
	May 15th ..	<i>Conference at Vereeniging.</i>
	May 19th-28th	Discussion with Kitchener and Milner.
	May 28th ..	Delegation returns to National Convention.
	May 31st ..	<i>Peace signed at Pretoria.</i>
1903	January ..	Boer leaders meet Chamberlain. <i>Smuts and Botha combine.</i> Milner invites Botha, Smuts, and de la Rey to join Advisory Administration: they refuse.

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1904	January ..	Botha forms <i>Het Volk Party</i> .
	June 22nd ..	First cargo of Chinese labourers arrives.
	July 14th ..	Kruger died on the Lake of Geneva. Jameson Prime Minister in Cape Colony.
1905	May	Steyn returns to South Africa. Selborne replaces Milner as High Commissioner.
	December ..	<i>Smuts visits England.</i> Balfour's Conservative Government falls, and Liberals come in with <i>Campbell-Bannerman as Prime Minister.</i>
1906	December 6th	<i>Self-government given to the Transvaal.</i>
	December 22nd	Smuts stands as <i>Het Volk</i> candidate for Winterboom.
1907	February ..	<i>Botha Prime Minister of Transvaal.</i> Fischer Prime Minister of Orange River Colony.
		Lorenço Marques becomes capital of Portuguese East Africa.
	May 22nd ..	Miners' strike.
	June 30th ..	Self-government given to Orange Free State.
		Botha attends Imperial Conference in England.
1908	October 12th	<i>National Convention at Durban.</i>
1909	May 31st ..	<i>Act of Union.</i>
1910	—	Last Chinese labourer leaves South Africa.
		Election.
		Smuts Member for Pretoria West.
1911	—	Botha attends Imperial Conference in England.
	November ..	<i>South African Party formed at Bloemfontein.</i>
1912	June 28th ..	Smuts Minister of Finance.

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1912	December ..	Botha re-forms his ministry without Hertzog.
1913	—	Bad year. World troubles.
	May	<i>Rand strike.</i>
	July	Botha's Government falls.
1914	January ..	<i>General strike. Deportations.</i>
	August 4th ..	<i>War declared against Germany.</i>
	September 15th	<i>Rebellion in Western Transvaal.</i>
	September 16th	First troops under Mackenzie land at Luderitzbucht, German South West.
1915	Mid-April ..	<i>De la Rey shot.</i>
	May	Smuts joins Botha in German South West.
	May 5th ..	Smuts to Aus, to co-ordinate Southern columns.
	July 9th ..	Botha to Karibib.
	September 23rd	<i>Germans under von Francke surrender to Botha.</i>
	February 19th	General Election.
1916	March	Attempt to kill Smuts at Newlands meeting.
	January 3rd ..	<i>Smuts lands at Mombasa, for German East Campaign.</i>
1917	January 20th	Smuts through Taveta gap.
	January	Across Rufiji River. Hands over to Hoskins.
	January	<i>Smuts leaves German East for Cape Town.</i>
	May	<i>Imperial War Cabinet formed; Smuts a member.</i>
	May	Smuts reorganises Air Force and Air Defence.
1918	January	Smuts to the Western Front to report.
	February	Smuts to see Allenby in Middle East.
	March 21st ..	Big German offensive.
	April 14th ..	Foch in supreme command.
	July 15th ..	Germans' last offensive.
	July 18th ..	Allies' counter-attack.

YEAR	DATE	ITEM
1918	September ..	Influenza plague.
	October 1st ..	Allenby takes Damascus.
	October 31st	Turks sign Armistice.
	December 16th	Smuts resigns from War Cabinet. Botha reaches England.
1919	January 11th	<i>Botha and Smuts to Paris for Peace Conference.</i>
	April 4th ..	Smuts to Budapest to see Bela Kun.
	June 28th ..	<i>Versailles Treaty signed.</i>
	June 29th ..	<i>Smuts publishes protest.</i>
	July 19th ..	<i>Smuts returns to South Africa.</i>
	August 26th ..	<i>Botha dies.</i>
1920	—	Election, Smuts backed by Labour and Unionists.
1921	May 26th ..	Smuts Attends Imperial Conference in England.
1922	—	<i>Johannesburg Communist rising.</i>
1923	September ..	Imperial Conference.
1924	April	<i>Election. Smuts defeated.</i>
1925	—	<i>Publishes "Holism and Evolution."</i>
1926	—	Hertzog attends Imperial Conference.
	—	Definition of Imperial Status.
1927	—	<i>Flag Debate.</i>
1929	—	Smuts touring in England, Canada, and America.
1932	—	South Africa goes off the gold standard.
1933	—	<i>Smuts and Hertzog combine.</i> Coalition Government.

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