Jaffa's messianic American Colony

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The American Colony in Jerusalem

The American Colony was founded in 1901. Its members believed that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem and start the Second Temple. They sought to hasten the Redemption by building the Temple Mount.

The colony was founded by a group of American Christians who believed in the Second Coming of Christ. They believed that the Messiah would return to Jerusalem and inaugurate the Second Temple. The colony was supported by the German Templers, who were a messianic group that believed in the Second Coming of Christ.

The colony was initially successful, and they were able to build several buildings in Jerusalem. However, they faced many challenges, including financial problems and political pressure from the Ottoman authorities.

In 1903, the colony faced a crisis when they were forced to leave Jerusalem. They were expelled by the Ottoman authorities, who were opposed to the colonists' messianic beliefs.

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