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The Pied Piper of Chaos The Life and Times of Todd Bentley

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In April 2008, Todd Bentley started having what he and others called an end-times healing revival at the Ignited Church in Lakeland, Fla., which is pastored by Stephen Strader. The meetings continued for more than four months. It received worldwide exposure via YouTube. His “revival” was a combination of the now-defunct Holy Trinity Brompton revival, the Toronto “blessing,” and Pensacola (Brownsville) “outpouring,” but kicked up — maybe literally — many levels. The Lakeland Outpouring, as it was called, was a first-rate circus complete with claims of a female angel named Emma forever enshrined on YouTube.

On July 21, Bentley announced that God had instructed him to “Move, walk the land, move the Ark of My glory.”¹

HEALING IN THE NAME OF TODD

Less than two weeks before Bentley said God told him to move, ABC’s *Nightline* ran a devastating report

exposing his past sexual assault on a younger boy.² The molestation took place when Bentley was a teen and prior to his conversion as a Christian.



He did jail time. Bentley, as well, could not produce even one documented healing for the news program.

Likewise, the *Christian News* reported:

“Bentley’s healing claims have been spectacular, with one man even saying he can now see out of a glass eye. The Associated Press tried to follow up on a list of 15 names that were given by Bentley’s ministry that is supposed to represent healings that can be medically verified. Yet two phone numbers given out by the ministry were wrong, six people did not return telephone messages and only two of the remainder,

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