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## GPS: God's Prophetic System

A few years ago some small devices started to revolutionize the way we drive our cars. Instead of a pile of city, county, state and country maps that we consult to get from A to B, many now have a small palm-sized minicomputer sitting in their car. These little navigational computers – or GPS (Global Positioning System) can, through a connection with a number of geostationary satellites and through triangular methods, calculate the exact position of the GPS device – down to our exact location. Therefore it becomes possible to navigate to any address or waypoint, no matter whether we are on the move by boat, bike, car or even by foot.



In this present prophetic-apostolic reformation the prophetic gift is having a similar role as the GPS-Systems for motorists. The current church scene has, at least for normal folks, become a maze, let alone the economic and political situation. It has become increasingly difficult to navigate spiritually, when you don't know where you are in your journey, where exactly you are going, and whether you have to turn left or right at the next stop sign. To be on top of all this, you would have to constantly look at a million facts, developments, key players and statistical developments. Nobody knows any more what's going on – but God. And, instead of constantly going after the latest information, for many a new way of navigating opens up, and they start to look *upward* for help. Here they discover what God meant when he said: "I will guide you with my eyes". God speaks of a navigational system that he is offering to his folks. It has a horizontal and a vertical dimension. The horizontal is the Bible, the unchangeable, revealed word of God that we can read and touch here on earth ("Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105). The Bible is the map. The vertical dimension, straight from heaven, are prophetic insights (which may come through visions, dreams, auditions, angels etc), that accentuate or temporarily lift out biblical truth, announce changes or are the symbolic red dot on the map that says: "You are here. Next left."

### The 'Amos 3:7 –Principle'

The prophet Amos says: (V.7):

*'Surely the Lord God does nothing,  
unless He reveals His secret to his servants the prophets'*

The principle is simple. God has deliberately covenanted with mankind and is transparent enough in this relationship, that he allows for a select group of individuals to once in a while peep into his cards, or watch over his shoulder. In the Old Testament we see the difference between people to whom God shows "**his works**" (thunder, lightning, miracles, the dividing of the Red Sea etc.), and those to whom God reveals "**his ways**" (his plans, inner motives etc.) like his friends Moses and Abraham. This friendship with God is closely related to our character, not just a charismatic gift, and requires, as my prophetic friend John Mulinde (Uganda) never tires to say, a lifestyle of seeking God, ready to be set apart for God. The result are individuals that are set apart, different from the rest, to whom God is communicating in special ways, and who are, in turn, calling their people to be set apart, too, for the purposes and ways of God. At all times in church history there were people who seem to have been able to hear God's voice in a special way. There was a significant increase, though, in the 80's and 90's of the last millennium of prophetic activity. But just the statistical growth of the prophetic does not necessarily mean that everything that calls itself prophetic really is. Many people, not only from the various charismatic movements of our days, are plain unhappy with the quality and calibre of the majority of prophets and prophecies they come across. The Bible plainly tells that it is possible "to speak our own heart" or "prophecy", what others want to hear or what seems politically opportune at the time. Here we have to remain with both feet (or all four wheels) firmly planted on the ground, and soberly watch two things: do the things prophesied actually come to pass, and does the prophet allow favour to flow towards him or her, or towards God?

### **In my office there is a file**

with a label called Amos 3:7. Here I collect prophetic words that I know of, which I observe because I consider them important, especially when they speak about the larger context, not just individual people or movements. Six months before the devastating Tsunami (Dec. 2004) a number of prophetically gifted women (many illiterate) in India have foreseen such a catastrophe and recommended moving out of the coastal area that was later hit. The latest documents in my file have to do with the USA. Here are 2 examples:



### **Katrina: The „purifying“ Wind**

No only scientists have predicted the catastrophic hurricane hitting New Orleans on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005. A number of prophets have seen it coming, too. Prophetic teacher Rick Joyner speaks of the fact that in his movement there was a prophecy as early as 1998 that “New Orleans will look like an estuary”.

On the 29th August 2004, to the day a year before the catastrophe, Chuck Pierce (USA) prophesied:



“The Saul structure collapses, and a new demonstration with a new blueprint will be seen. This will be known as a meeting house. Wind and water will rise in the midst of New Orleans. Many from the south will come north for refuge. Prepare, prepare now for winds and water will surprise you. Shift! Saul will be no more. David will arise from this day forward. This will purify the land and bring great change. Get ready. Don't brace yourself. Throw yourself up. Get ready, for the New is coming. Every place I blow on will shake. The wind is coming on Louisiana, and it will shake the entire state. The south, *purifying* wind of my Holiness will sweep across Louisiana.”

(Katrina means “pure”. More details in the latest Fridayfax; register for free at [www.buften.net/fridayfax](http://www.buften.net/fridayfax))

### **Erich Reber**

is a wellknown prophetic figure far beyond his native Switzerland. He has probably one of the most exciting stories to tell of God calling anyone into ministry that I know. The long term accuracy of his prophetic ministry is often so remarkable, that even secular businessmen or psychiatrists regularly come to him for counsel. Six months before 911 Erich experienced an open vision in which he found himself trapped in a collapsing high-rise building and almost lost his mind in this trap of concrete. God made him to revisit the situation seven times. In a vision on the first Sunday in July 2005 God showed him that he is going to shake London – and only one week later the subway-bombing in London took place.



1990 God visited him with a clear and fascinating vision about what God is going to do in the Islamic world. As a part of this, God spoke to him in 1990 about an imminent “Desert Storm”, which will lead to many Muslims seeking shelter in the only security known to them: the Mosques – only to find out that Jesus would reveal himself in their very houses as well as from within the Mosque to them. In a second vision 1991 God showed him the sequel of the last harvest. According to his vision, it will happen in 4 phases: first God is going to visit the eastern Block countries (Russia etc.), then God is going to bring in a huge harvest in Middle- and North-India. The third phase will be God visiting first the soft-Islamic, then the hard Islamic nations, and finally, as the last phase, Europe. All of this seems to come true: In a 1996-vision God showed him a huge harvest in Middle- and North India: today this is one of God's current hotspots, with more than 20.000 new house churches planted so far.

In a vision in autumn 2002 Reber saw an imminent terrorist attack (with Islamic background) on the US, that will be so devastating that many thousands will be found dead. Reber, who has delivered this prophecy first in Canada upon invitation of David Demian, says he has been transported in the Spirit into the very US-cities and neighbourhoods where this is going to happen, and saw the many dead bodies strewn about. “It looked far worse than after the 2004-Tsunami”, he said to me. The result of this attack will be the emergence of a cloud of poison, that will hover over the US, and then slowly, over many days, move towards Canada. Since humanly speaking there is nothing that people could do, in utter fear and frustration many will cry out to God, feeling like the people of Israel trapped between the army of Egypt and the Red Sea. God will answer, as he did to Moses: “Don't cry to me – stretch out your hand and use your rod!” And as people would pray in unity, God will have the cloud cast into the sea. This will have two results: First: it will lead to a great and new quest for God. The people of God therefore should get ready for a large harvest of people previously unmoved by God. Second, the US as a nation will overreact and retaliate with military means so strong that this will lead to a huge humiliation and demoralisation of the Islamic world. This, in turn, will again open a door for the gospel, and many Muslims will be brought into the Kingdom of God.