



In a world torn apart by wars, moral crises, and fading faith, the prophecies of Catholic mystics take on a chilling relevance. Among the most startling revelations is the so-called “**Great Warning**,” a supernatural event that, according to visionaries like **St. Mary of Jesus Crucified** and **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**, will precede the **Three Days of Darkness**—a period of purification before the ultimate triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

But how much truth is there in these prophecies? Are they merely legends, or divine warnings we should take seriously? In this article, we will explore the **theological origins, mystical sources, and spiritual significance** of these events, always under the discernment of the Church.

1. What Is the “Great Warning”? A Supernatural Call to Conversion

The “**Great Warning**” is a private revelation described by several mystics as **an instantaneous illumination of conscience**, in which every person will see the state of their soul before God, as in a personal judgment. It will not be a punishment, but **an act of mercy**, a final opportunity to repent before greater events unfold.

Mystical Sources of the Warning

- **St. Mary of Jesus Crucified** (a 19th-century Carmelite mystic) said: *“God will send two punishments: one in the form of wars, revolutions, and other evils, brought about by men. The other will come from Heaven. An intense darkness will cover the earth for three days and three nights. Nothing will be visible, and the air will become pestilential and harmful. Only the light of blessed candles will provide illumination.”*
- **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** warned his spiritual children: *“Keep lamps lit, for a time will come when you will be in darkness for three days. Those who survive this trial will live in a new era of peace.”*
- **The Prophecies of Garabandal** (Spain, 1961-1965) also mention a “**Warning**” that will shock the entire world, preceding a great miracle and a chastisement.

Theologically, this echoes Christ’s words: *“If you do not repent, you will all perish”* (Lk 13:3). This is not a message of terror, but **of hope**: God sends signs so that we may return to Him.



2. The Three Days of Darkness: Punishment or Purification?

The **Three Days of Darkness** have been mentioned by numerous saints and visionaries, always with a clear message: **it will be a time of trial, but also of protection for the faithful.**

What Do the Prophecies Say?

- **Blessed Anna Maria Taigi** (19th century) described: *“A terrible darkness will cover the earth, during which demons will take on hideous forms, and the wicked will perish. Those who survive will be astonished to find themselves alive.”*
- **St. Gaspar del Bufalo** warned: *“Those who have scorned Divine Mercy will be consumed by the fire of Heaven.”*
- **Fr. Stefano Gobbi** (Marian Movement of Priests) received messages from the Virgin Mary indicating that **before the triumph of her Immaculate Heart, there will be a great purification.**

Theological Interpretation

These prophecies evoke **the Exodus (Ex 10:21-23)**, when Egypt was plunged into darkness, but the Israelites had light. They also recall **Christ’s words about the end times**: *“The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light”* (Mt 24:29).

This is not the end of the world, but a **necessary purification**, like a fire that burns away weeds so new life may sprout.

3. How to Prepare Spiritually

In light of these warnings, the Church has always taught **discernment and prayer**. The Catechism (n. 67) reminds us that private revelations **are not dogma**, but they can help us live our faith more fully.



Advice from the Saints

1. **Live in a State of Grace** – Frequent confession and sacramental life.
2. **Keep Blessed Objects** – Holy water, blessed candles, crucifixes.
3. **Pray the Rosary** – The Virgin Mary promised protection to her devotees.
4. **Do Not Give in to Fear** – As Jesus said: *“Do not fear those who kill the body”* (Mt 10:28).

Conclusion: A Call to Hope

The **“Great Warning”** and the **Three Days of Darkness** are not myths, but **warnings filled with love**, like a father alerting his children before danger. **God does not desire evil, but permits purification for our salvation.**

In these uncertain times, **the best response is faith, conversion, and trust in Divine Mercy.** As St. John Paul II said: *“Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.”*

Are we ready? The answer lies in our hearts.

□ *“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”* (Matthew 25:13)

□ **What do you think of these prophecies? Do you believe the world needs a spiritual awakening?** Comment and share with those who need this light of hope!