

MIXED MESSAGES  
*Unread: It's All In The Text – Part 2*

**ON TV:** *Unread: It's all in the Text*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Mixed Messages

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** People understand a text message correctly only 50% of the time.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

**ON TV:** (Graphic 1 of bible verse “For I know the Plans” fancy)

**ON TV:** (Graphic 2 of bible verse “For I know the Plans” Ugly and Desolate)

**ON TV:** Everybody desires to hear from God.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** we all desire to hear from God, but we hope God tells us our desires”

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** <sup>4</sup> *This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:* <sup>5</sup> *“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” <sup>8</sup> Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. <sup>9</sup> They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD.*

<sup>10</sup> *This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. Jeremiah 29:4-10*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** <sup>4</sup> to all those I carried into exile...

**ON TV:** Here's how to read God's text a little clearer: Look at the **last text** from God

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Jeremiah 29:5*

**ON TV:** Plant gardens in a place you don’t want to be.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“Build and plant”*

**ON TV:** Stay in the Gray!

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Romans 12:12, *“Rejoice in Hope, Be patient in tribulation, be consistent in prayer.”*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Tribulation is a fancy word for great troubling

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” Jeremiah 29:7*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Be committed to the community.

**ON TV:** If you’re willing to plant a garden in a place you don’t want to be, you’ll see fruit you never thought you’d see.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** <sup>8</sup> *Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. <sup>9</sup> They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD. Jeremiah 29: 8-9*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Make sure it’s not the wrong number.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8*

**ON TV:** What are your sources?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** the best way to hear from God is from God

**(music starts) ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*

**For Generosity talk at the end:**

**ON TV:** Hebrews 13:16, *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*