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Chapter 15. Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. Verse 2. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you -- unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. NLT

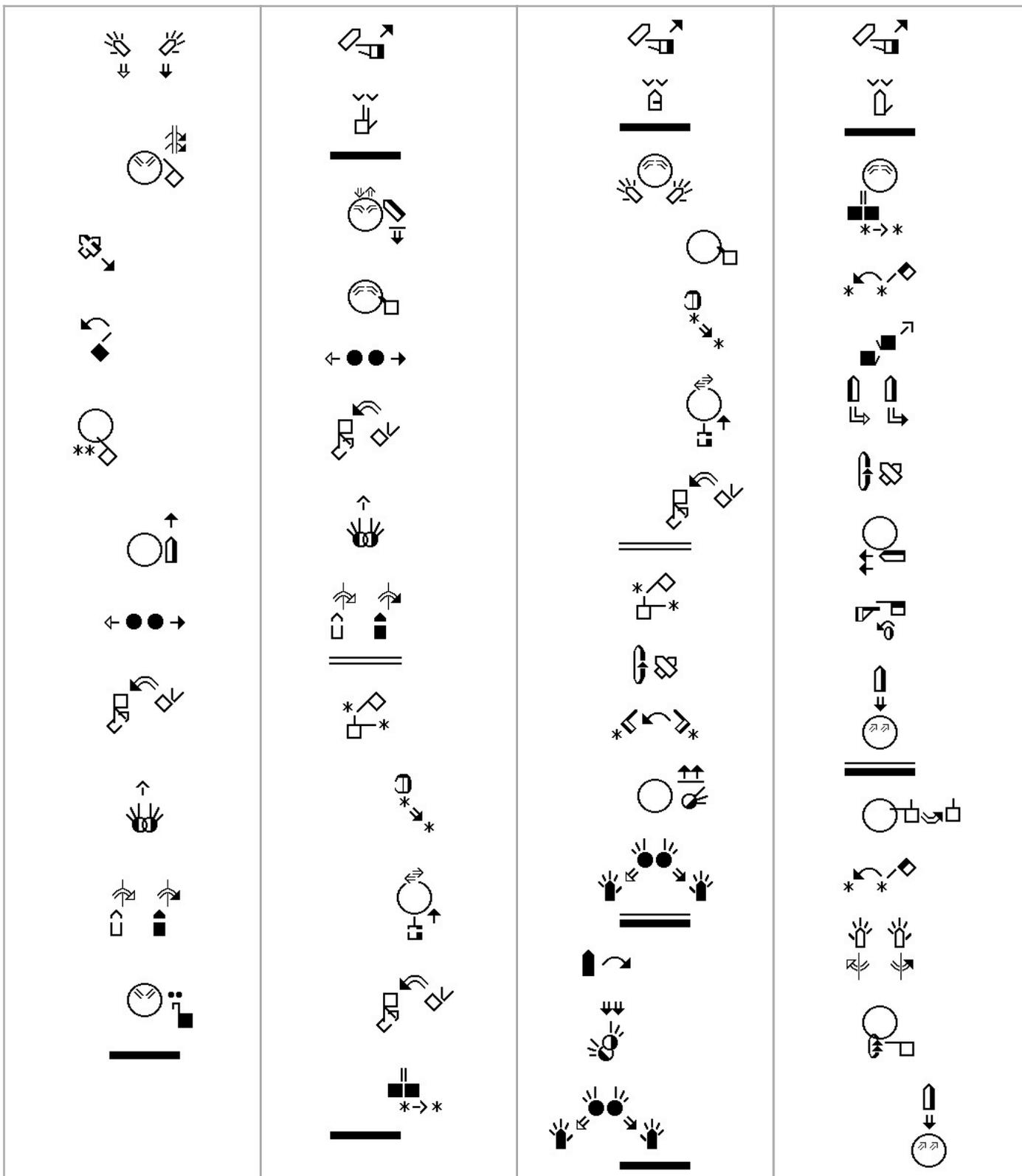




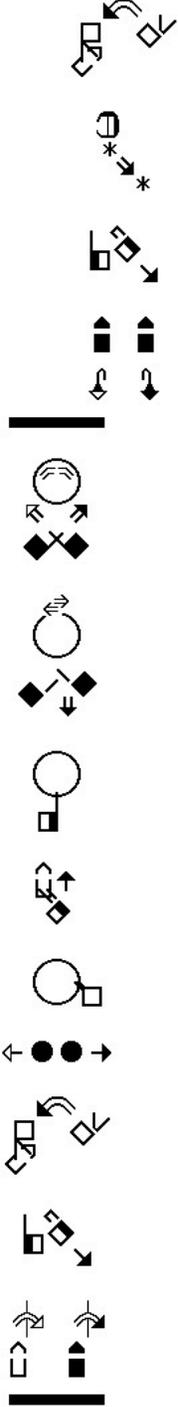
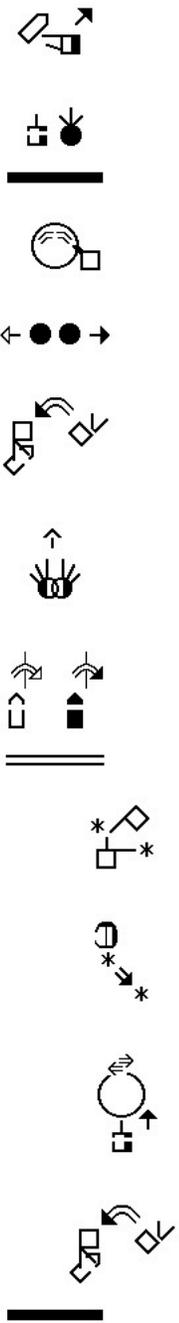
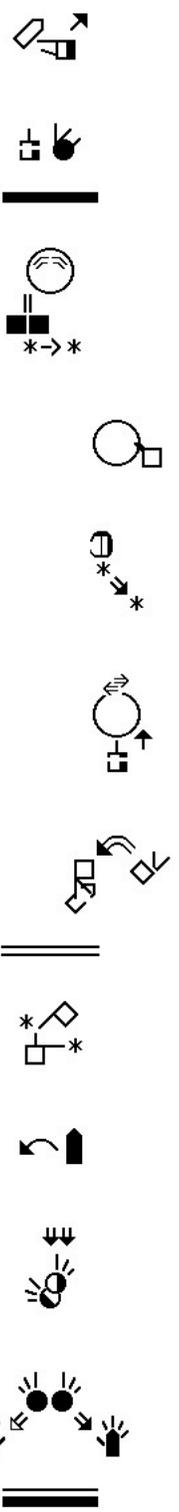


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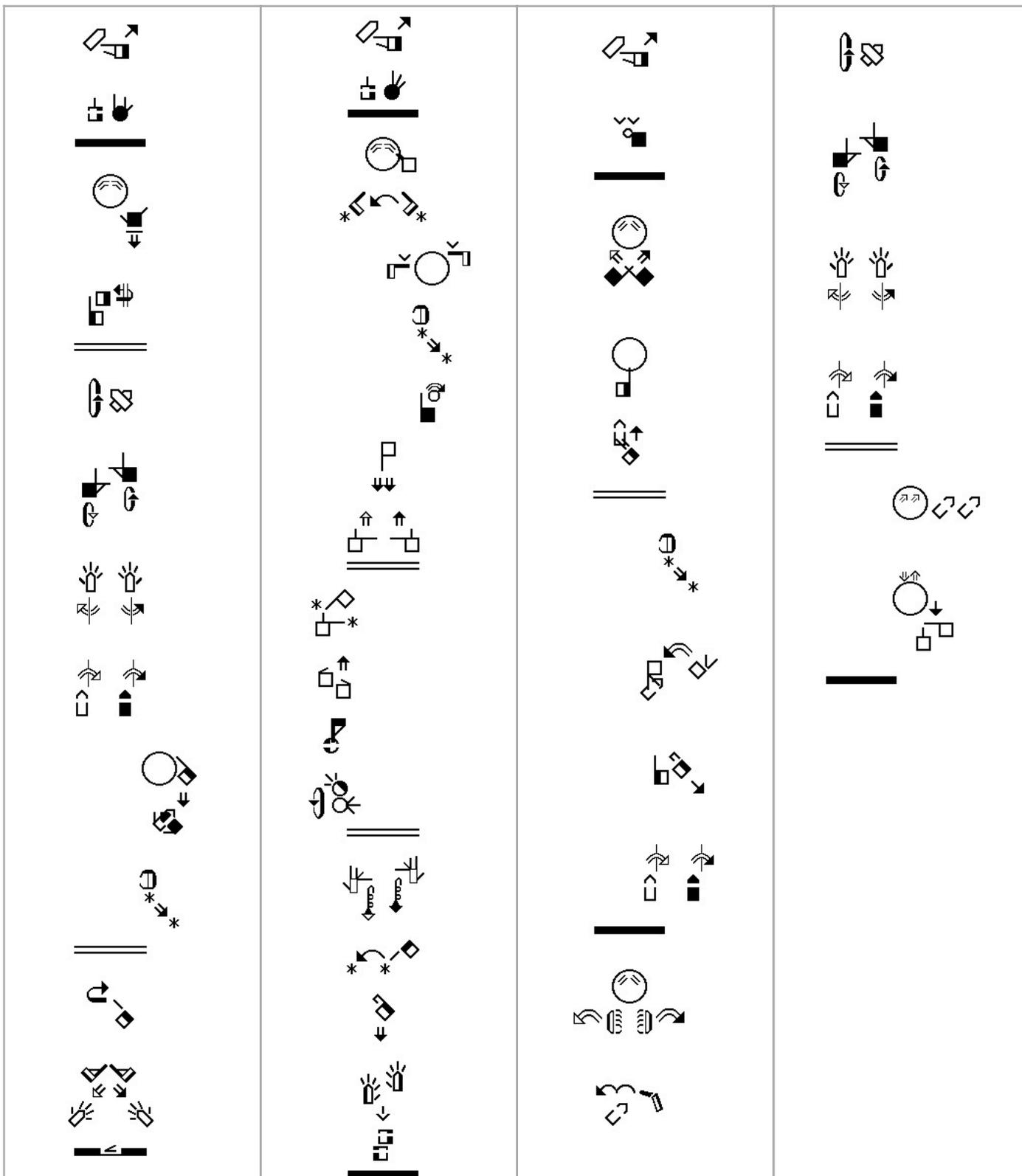
yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. Verse 11. So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed. Verse 12. But tell me this -- since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, NLT



why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? Verse 13. For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. Verse 14. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. Verse 15. And we apostles would all be lying about God -- for we have said that God

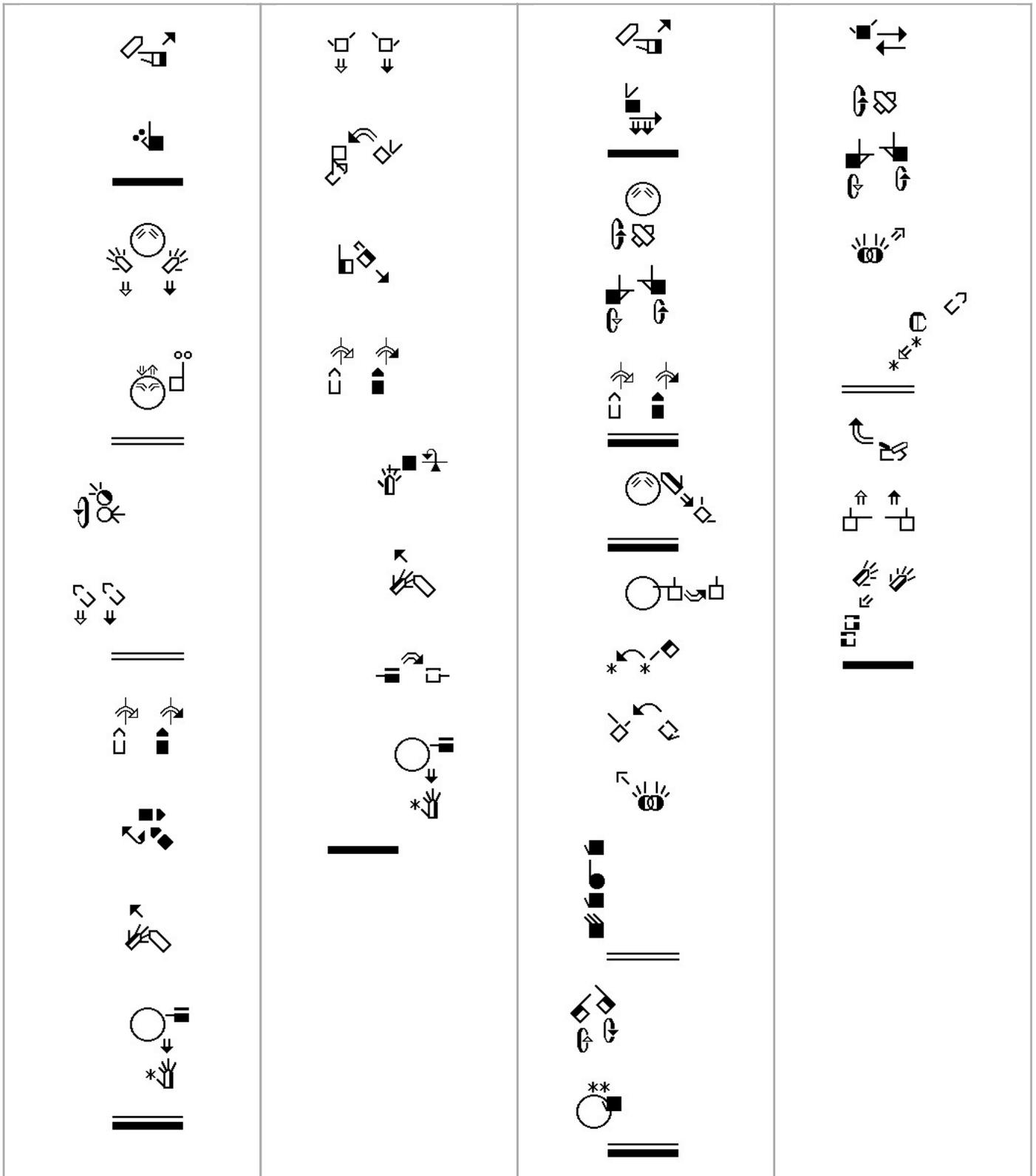
			
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185 raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. Verse 16. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. Verse 17. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. NLT



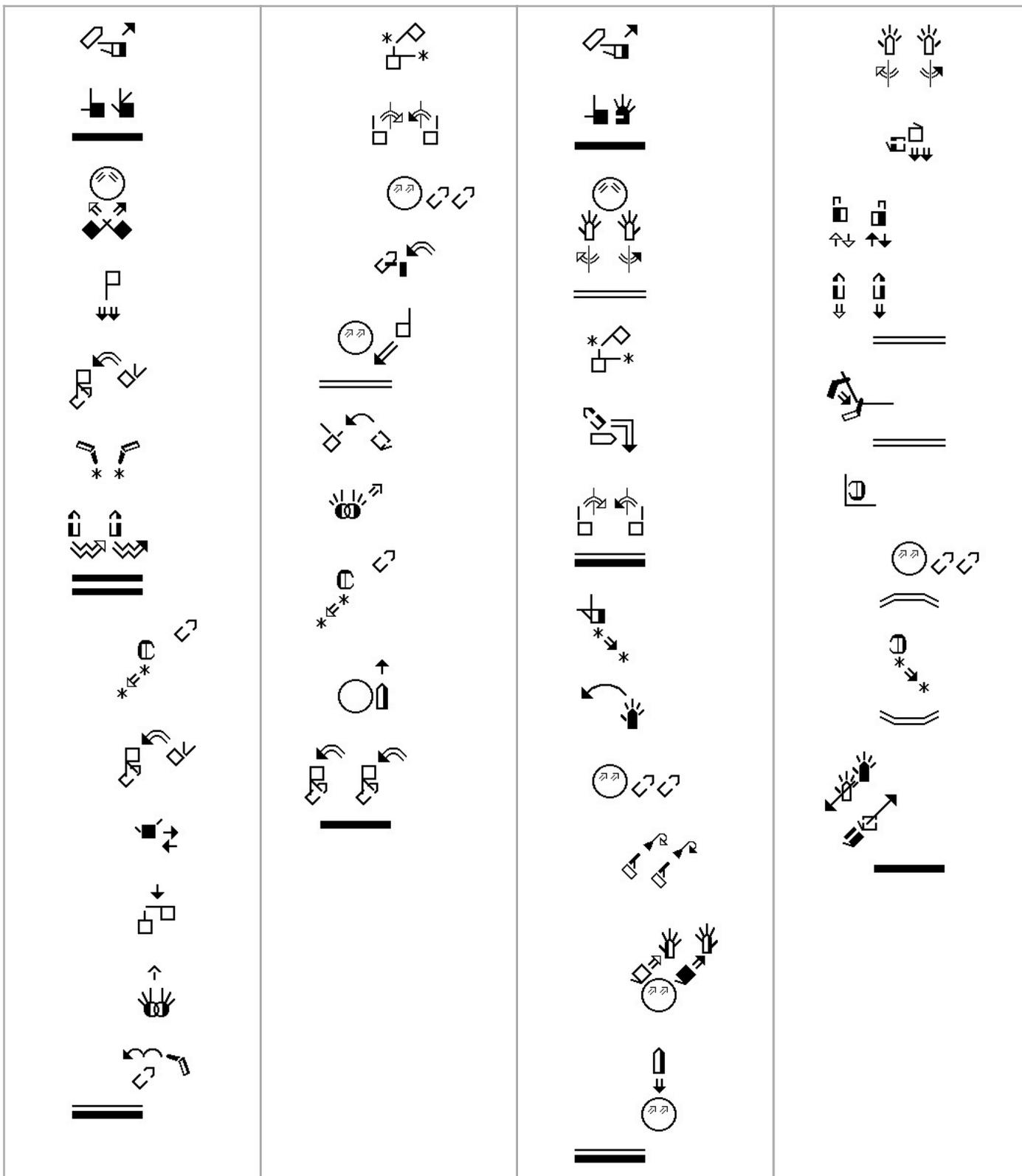
Verse 18. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! Verse 19. And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. Verse 20. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

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Verse 21. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Verse 22. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

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Verse 23. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. Verse 24. After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. NLT

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Verse 25. For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. Verse 26. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Verse 27. For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority,"

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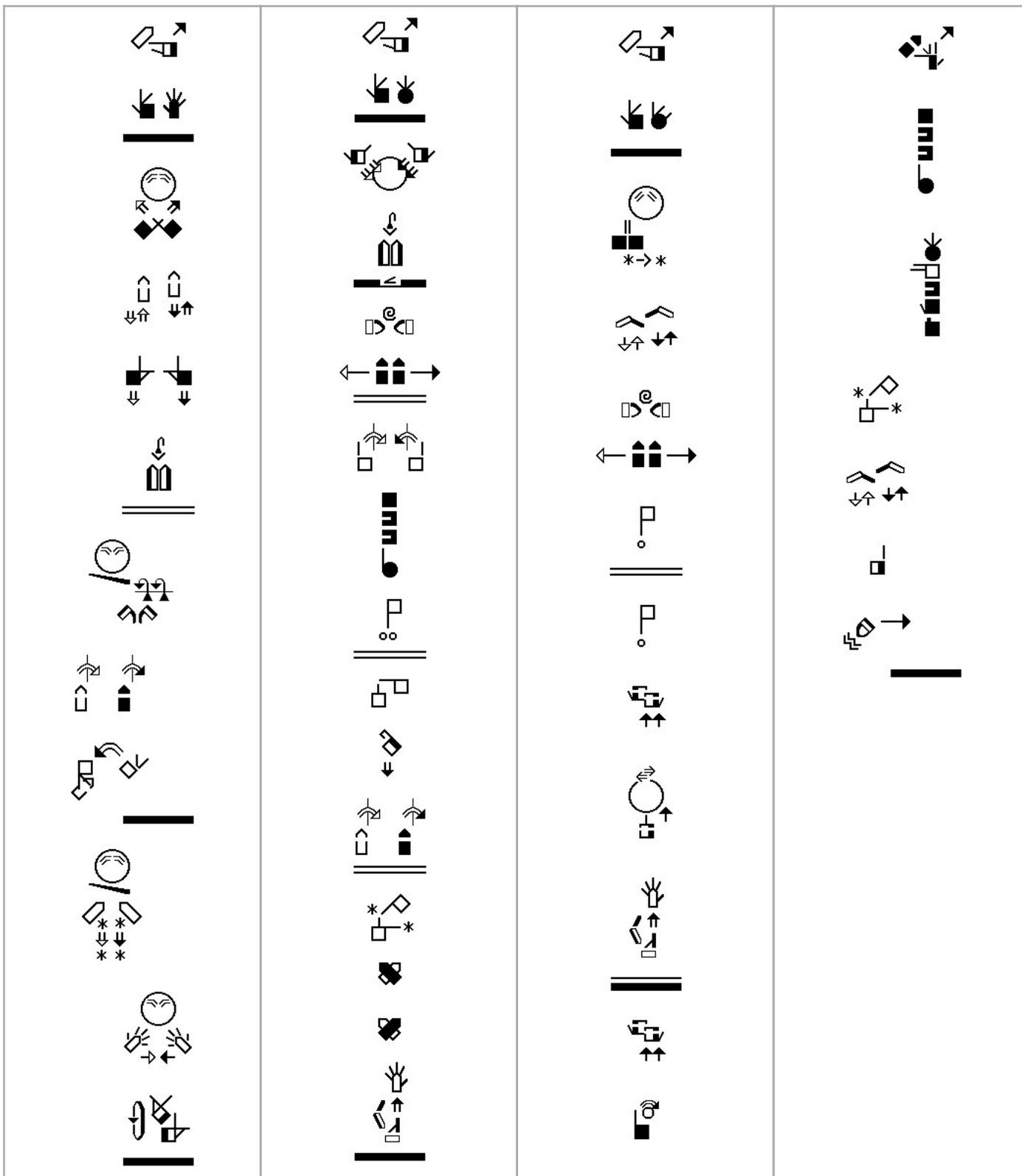




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is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you. Verse 32. And what value was there in fighting wild beasts -- those people of Ephesus -- if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!" NLT



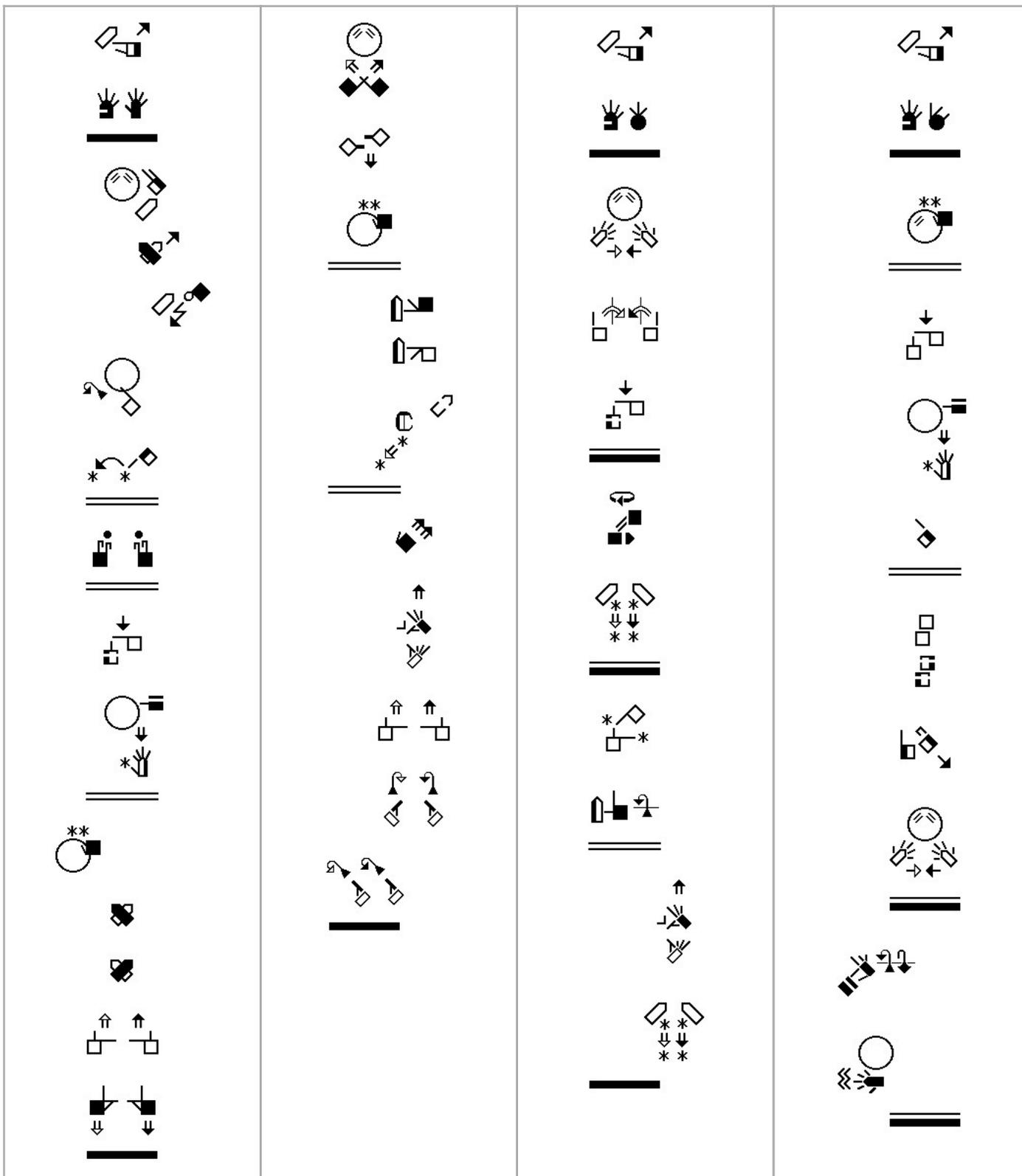


Verse 35. But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" Verse 36. What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. Verse 37. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. NLT

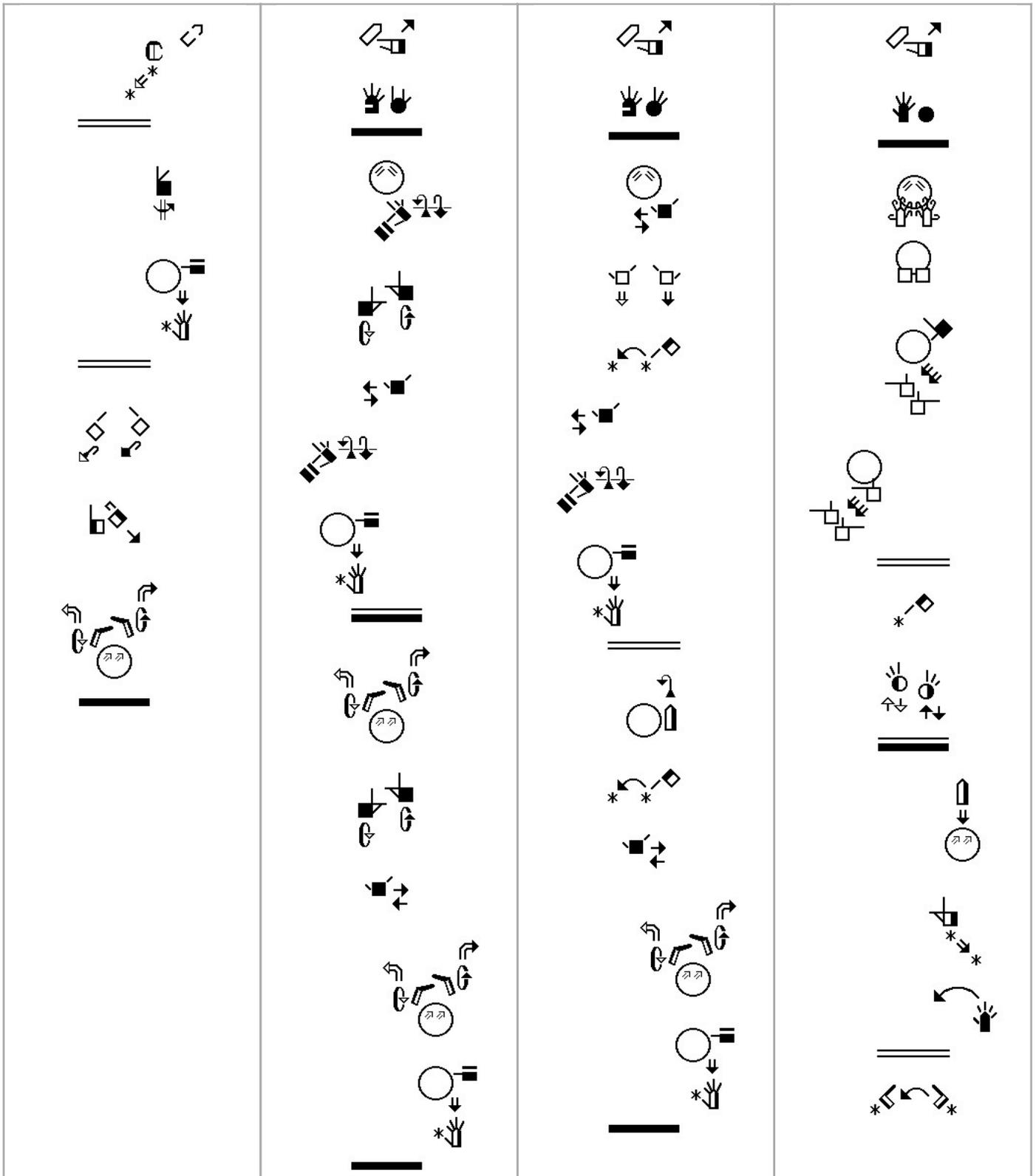




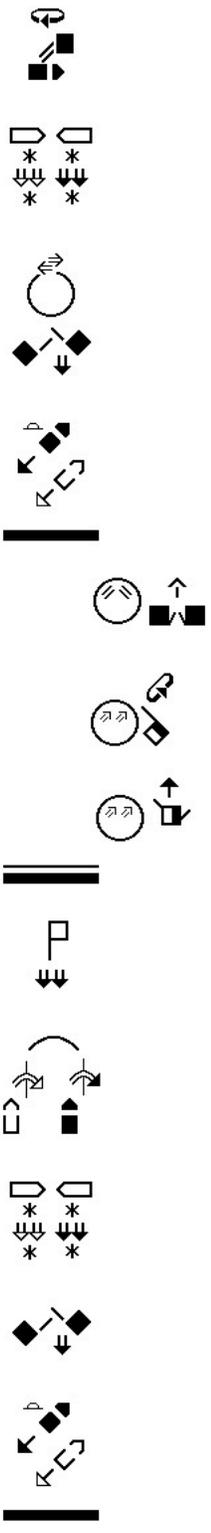
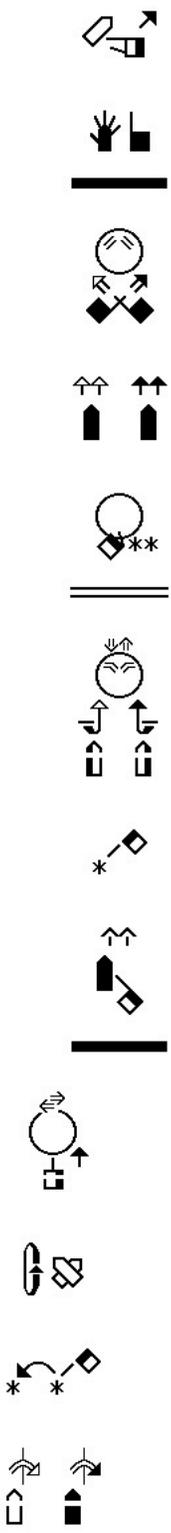
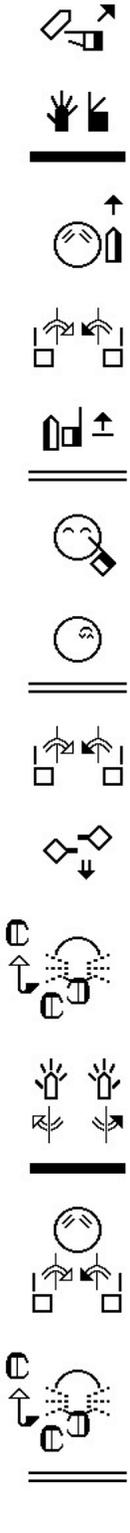




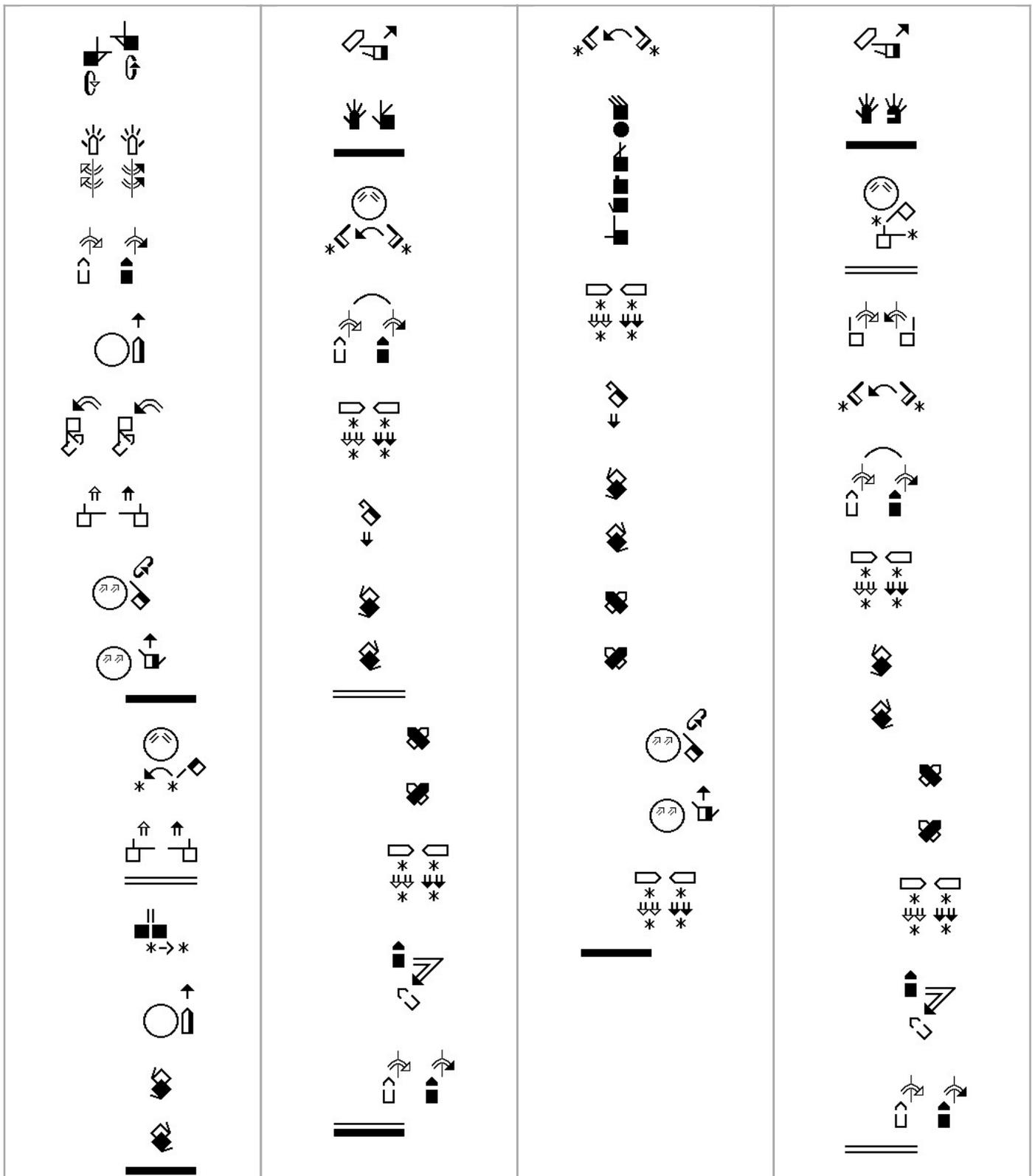
Verse 45. The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam -- that is, Christ -- is a life-giving Spirit. Verse 46. What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. Verse 47. Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth,  
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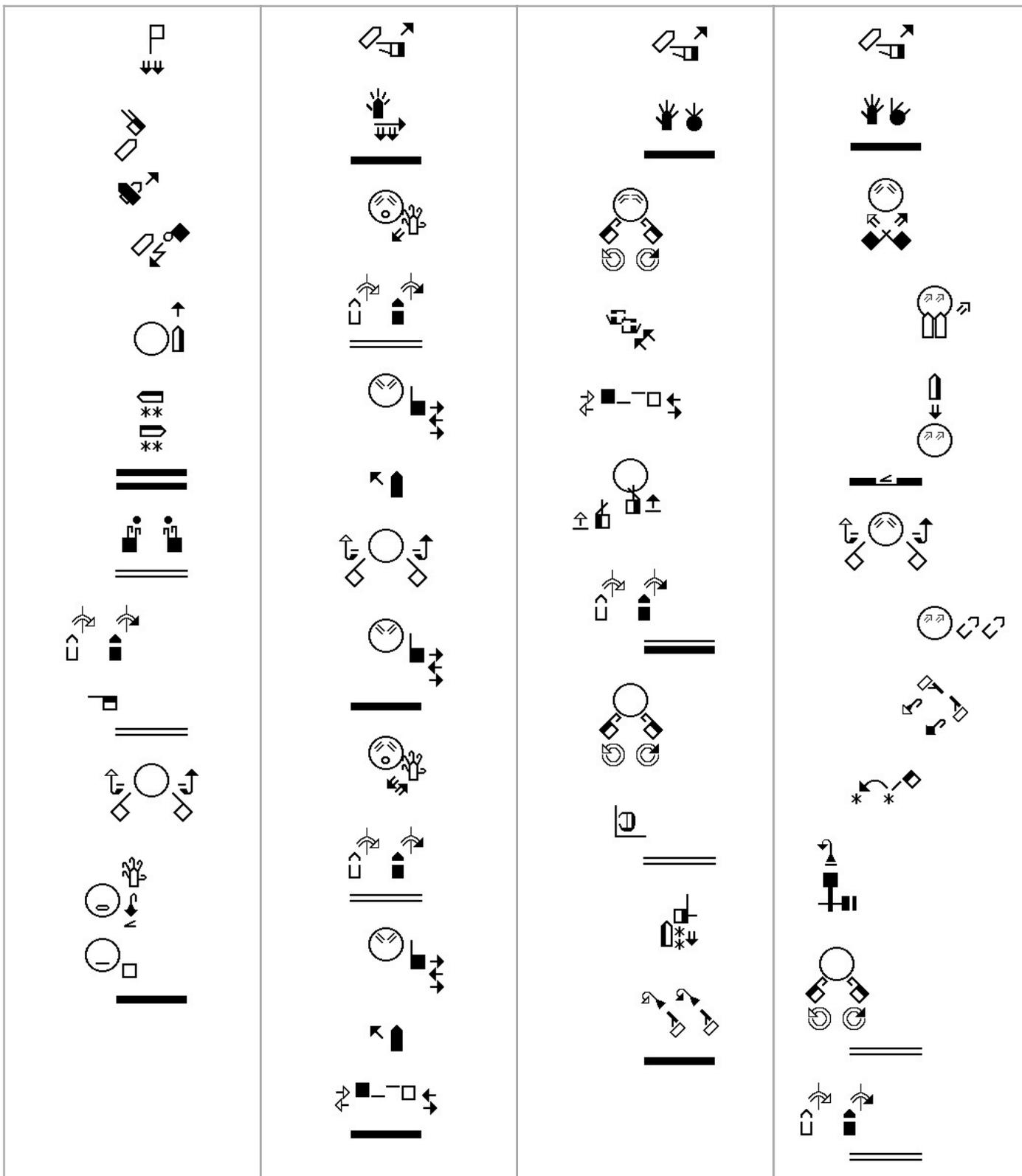
199 while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. Verse 48. Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. Verse 49. Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man. Verse 50. What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our NLT

			
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physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. Verse 51. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! Verse 52. It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds,



those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. Verse 53. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. Verse 54. Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, NLT



this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Verse 55. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Verse 56. For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. Verse 57. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death  
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<p>The first column contains ASL signs for the words 'I' and 'through our Lord Jesus Christ'. The sign for 'I' is a vertical line. The sign for 'through our Lord Jesus Christ' is a sequence of hand movements: a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, a hand with fingers spread moving down and left, a hand with fingers spread moving up and left, a hand with fingers spread moving down and right, a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, a hand with fingers spread moving down and left, a hand with fingers spread moving up and left, and a hand with fingers spread moving down and right.</p>	<p>The second column contains ASL signs for the words 'Verse 58'. The sign for 'Verse' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for '58' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left.</p>	<p>The third column contains ASL signs for the words 'So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable'. The sign for 'So' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for 'my dear brothers and sisters' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for 'be strong and immovable' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left.</p>	<p>The fourth column contains ASL signs for the words 'Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless'. The sign for 'Always' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for 'work enthusiastically' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for 'for the Lord' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left. The sign for 'for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless' is a hand with fingers spread moving up and right, followed by a hand with fingers spread moving down and left.</p>
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