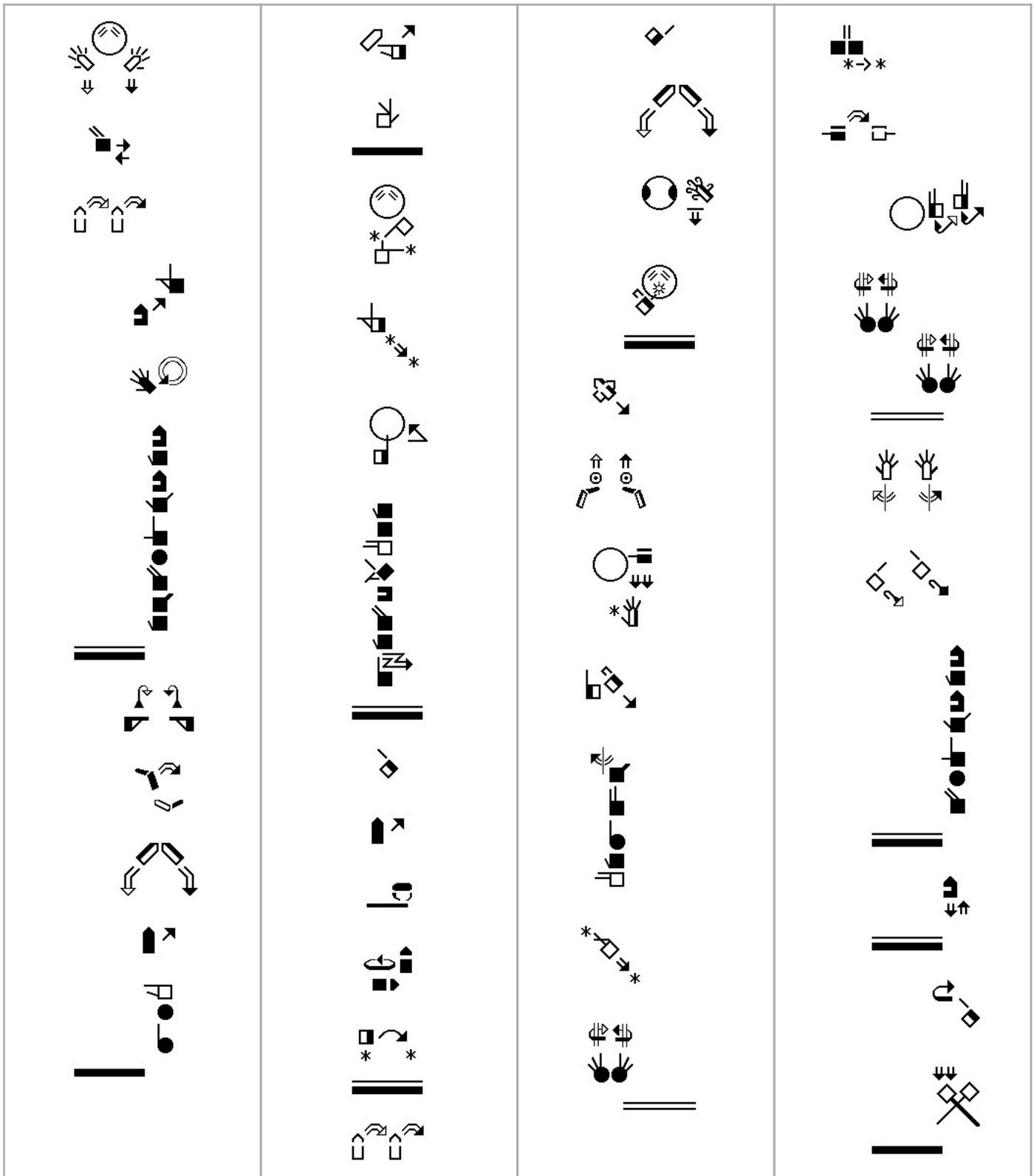


Daniel Chapter 1. During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. Verse 2. The LORD gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. NLT

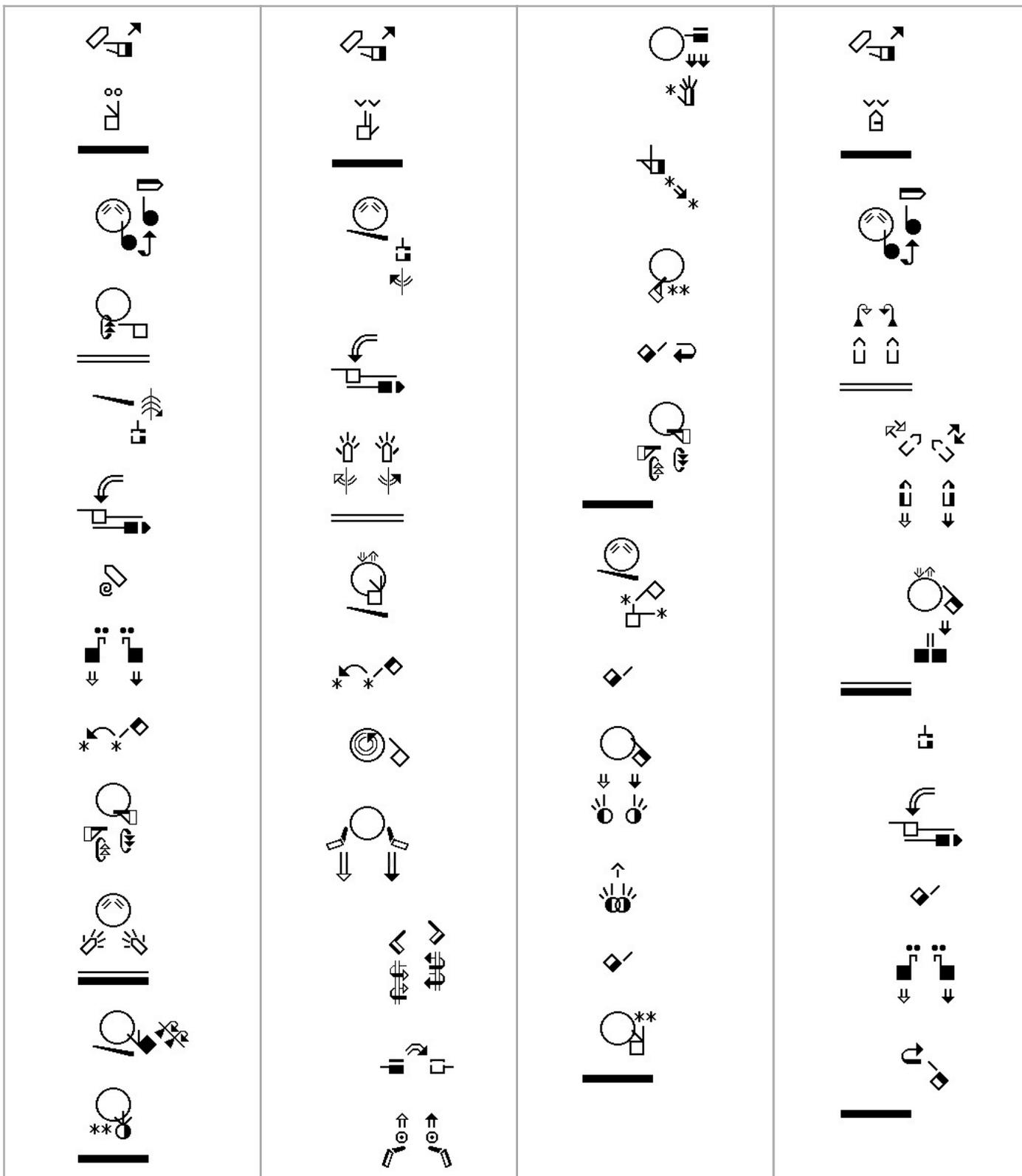


So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia and placed them in the treasure-house of his god. Verse 3. Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. NLT

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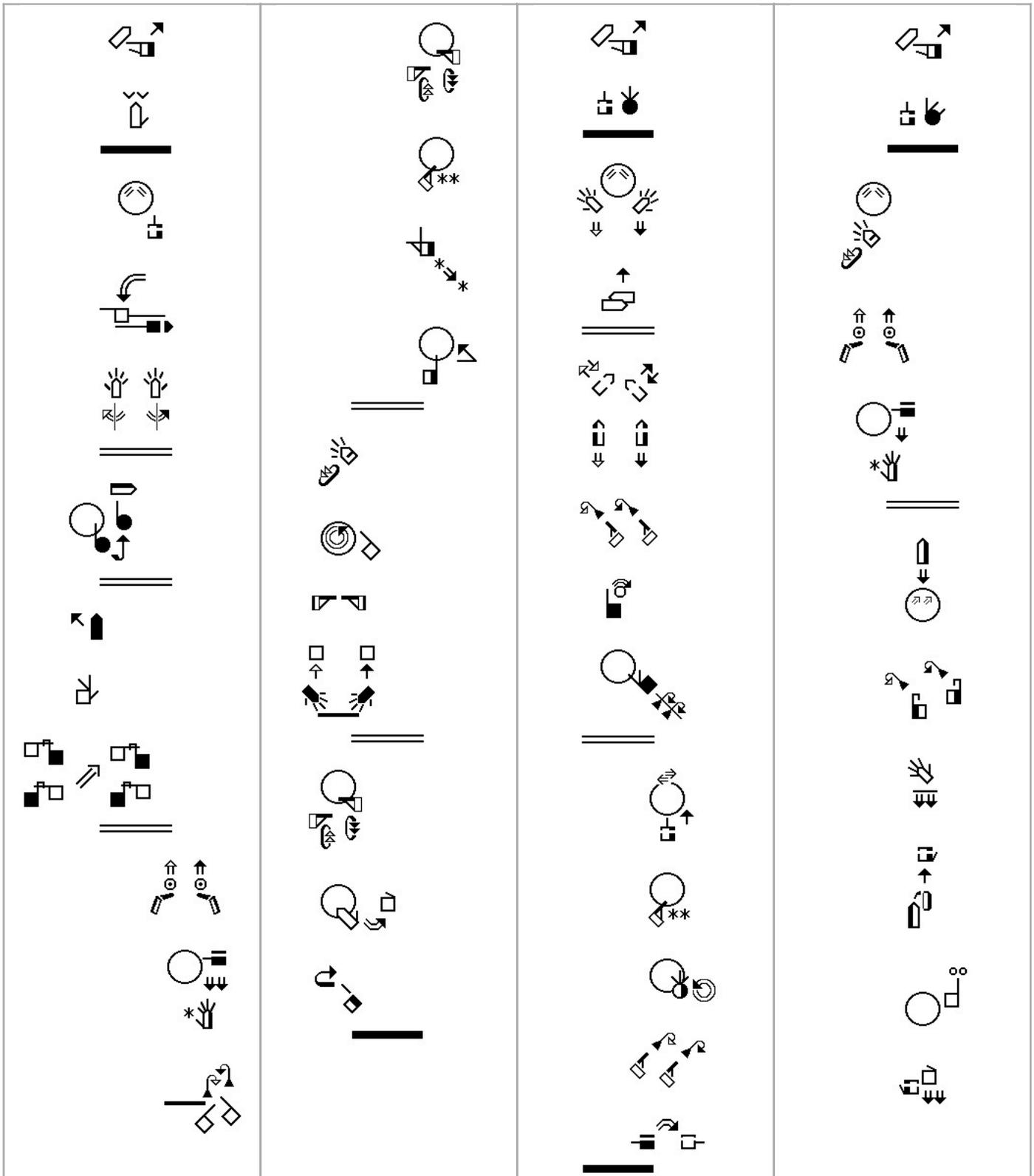
by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. Verse 9. Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel. Verse 10. But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food

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Verse 12. "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. Verse 13. "At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see." Verse 14. The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days.

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Verse 15. At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. Verse 16. So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others. Verse 17. God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every NLT

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aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams. Verse 18. When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. NLT

