

1 Joel Chapter One. The LORD gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel. Verse 2. Hear this, you leaders of the people. Listen, all who live in the land. In all your history, has anything like this happened before? NLT

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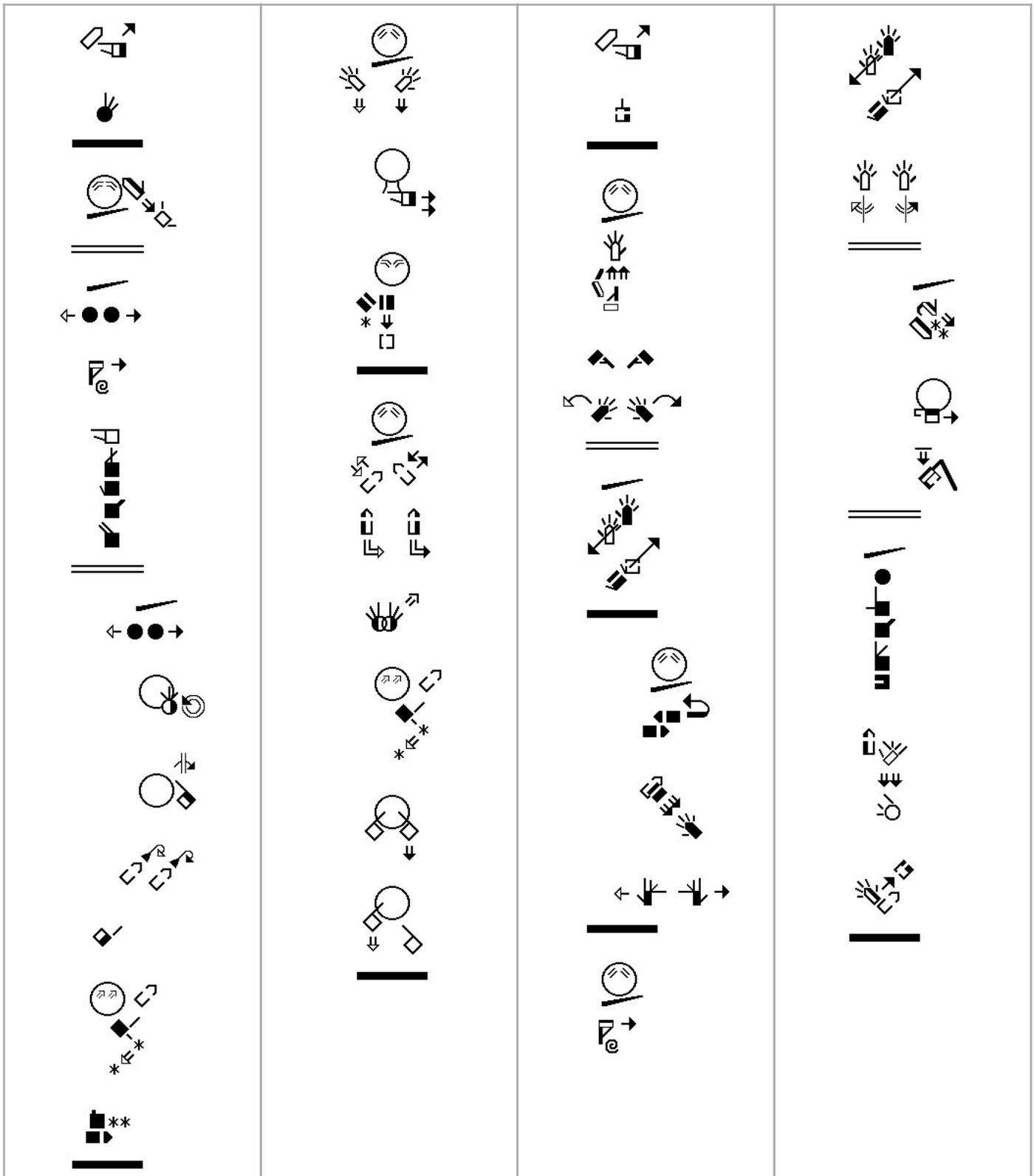
Verse 3. Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation. Verse 4. After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts,  
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<p>ASL signs for 'locusts' and 'invaded'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'terrible' and 'army'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'too numerous to count'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'teeth' and 'fangs'.</p>
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Verse 6. A vast army of locusts has invaded my land, a terrible army too numerous to count. Its teeth are like lions' teeth, its fangs like those of a lioness. NLT

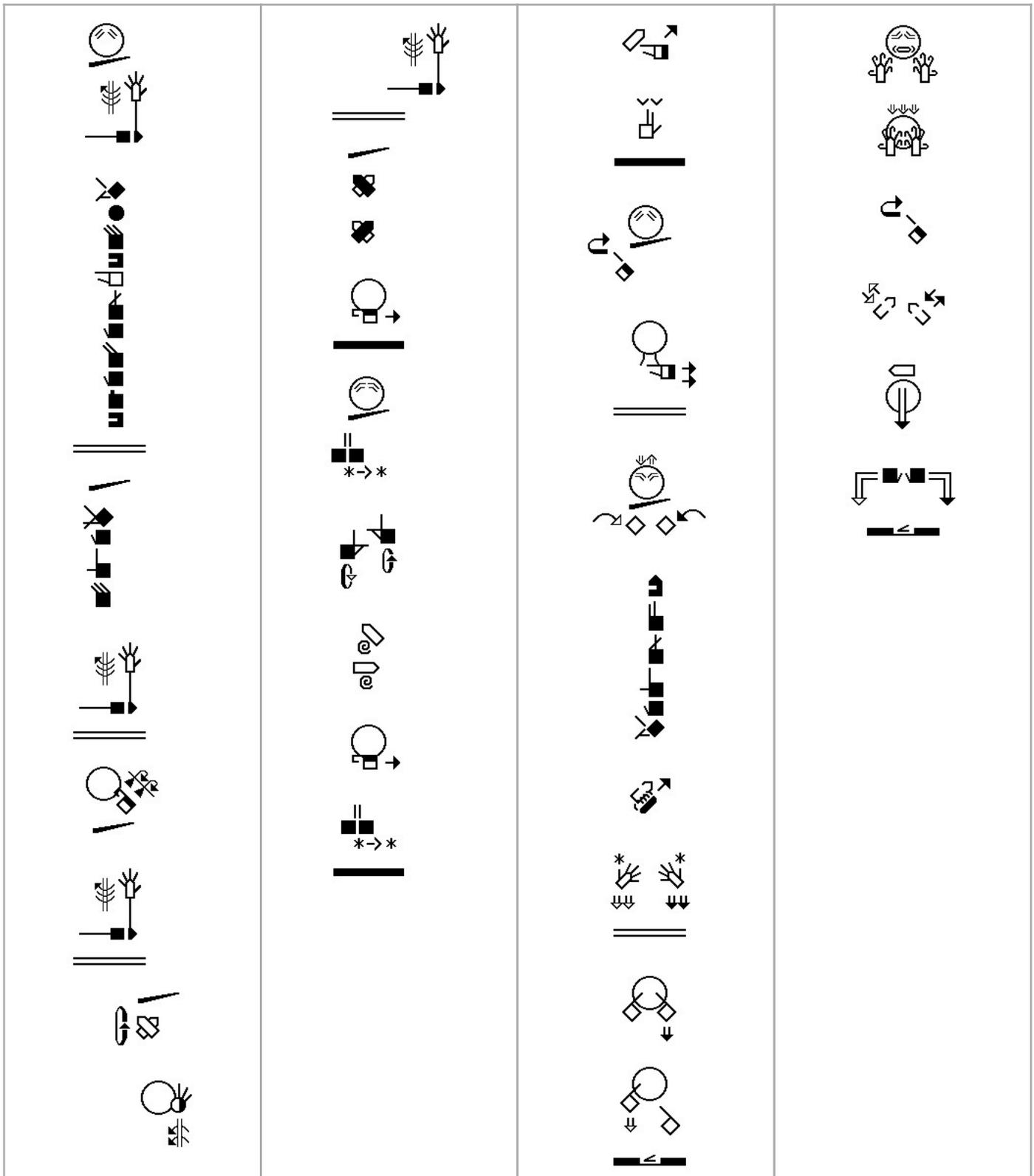




Verse 9. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of the LORD. So the priests are in mourning. The ministers of the LORD are weeping. Verse 10. The fields are ruined, the land is stripped bare. The grain is destroyed, the grapes have shriveled, and the olive oil is gone.

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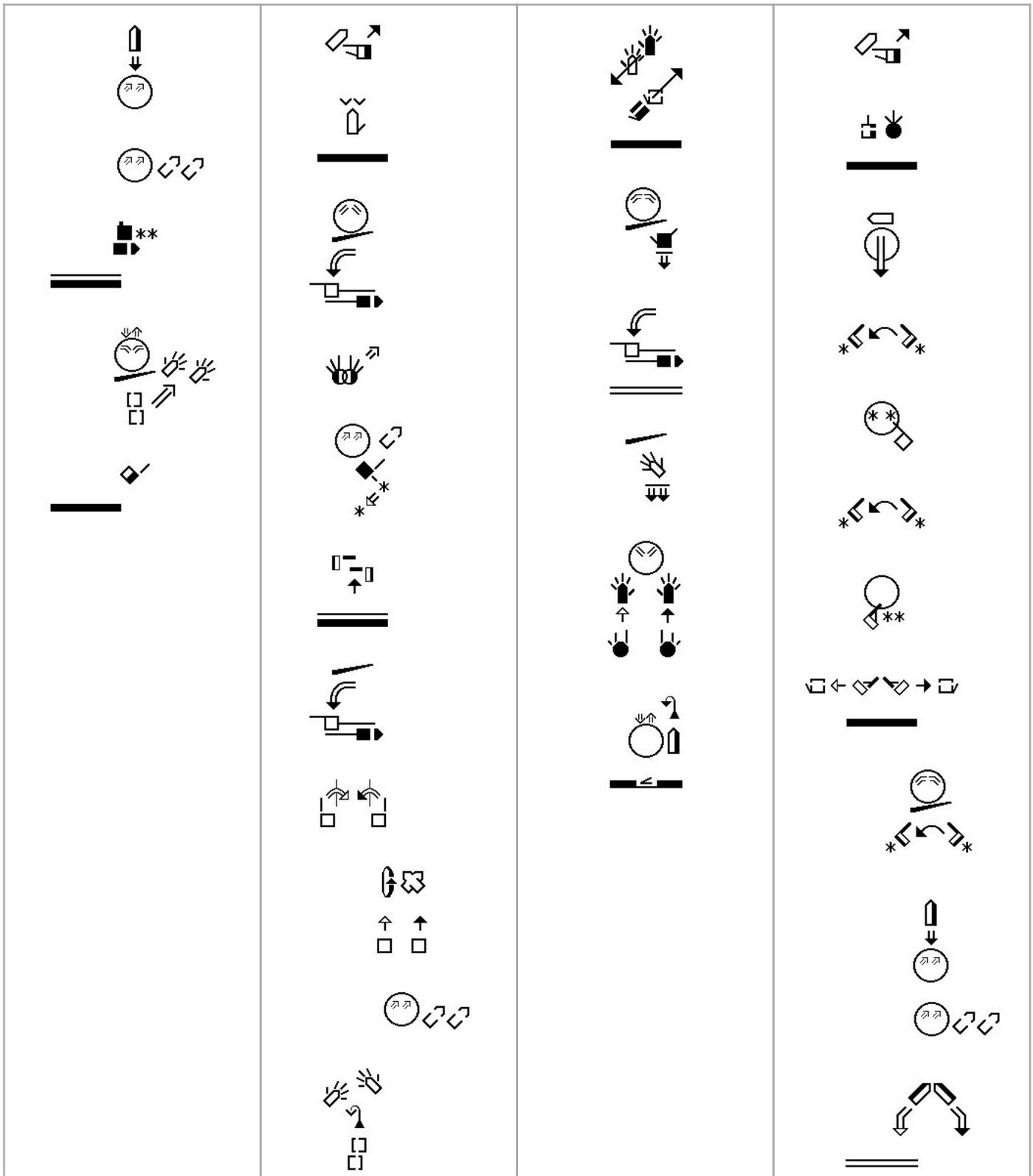




The pomegranate trees, palm trees, and apple trees -- all the fruit trees -- have dried up. And the people's joy has dried up with them. Verse 13. Dress yourselves in burlap and weep, you priests! Wail, you who serve before the altar!

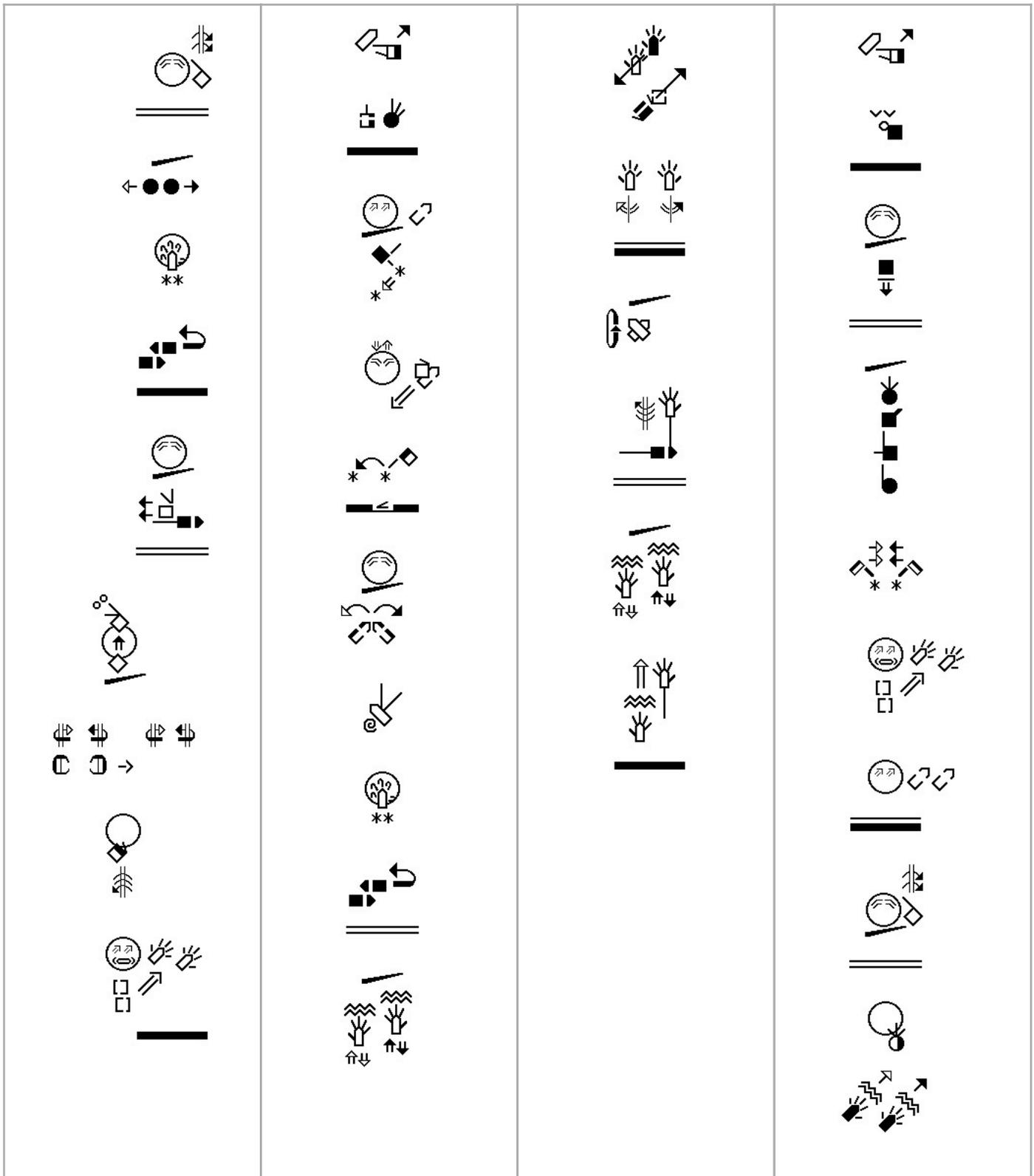
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Come, spend the night in burlap, you ministers of my God. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of your God. Verse 14. Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring the leaders and all the people of the land into the Temple of the LORD your NLT



God, and cry out to him there. Verse 15. The day of the LORD is near, the day when destruction comes from the Almighty. How terrible that day will be! Verse 16. Our food disappears before our very eyes.





The flocks of sheep and goats bleat in misery. Verse 19. LORD, help us! The fire has consumed the wilderness pastures, and flames have burned up all the trees. Verse 20. Even the wild animals cry out to you because the streams

