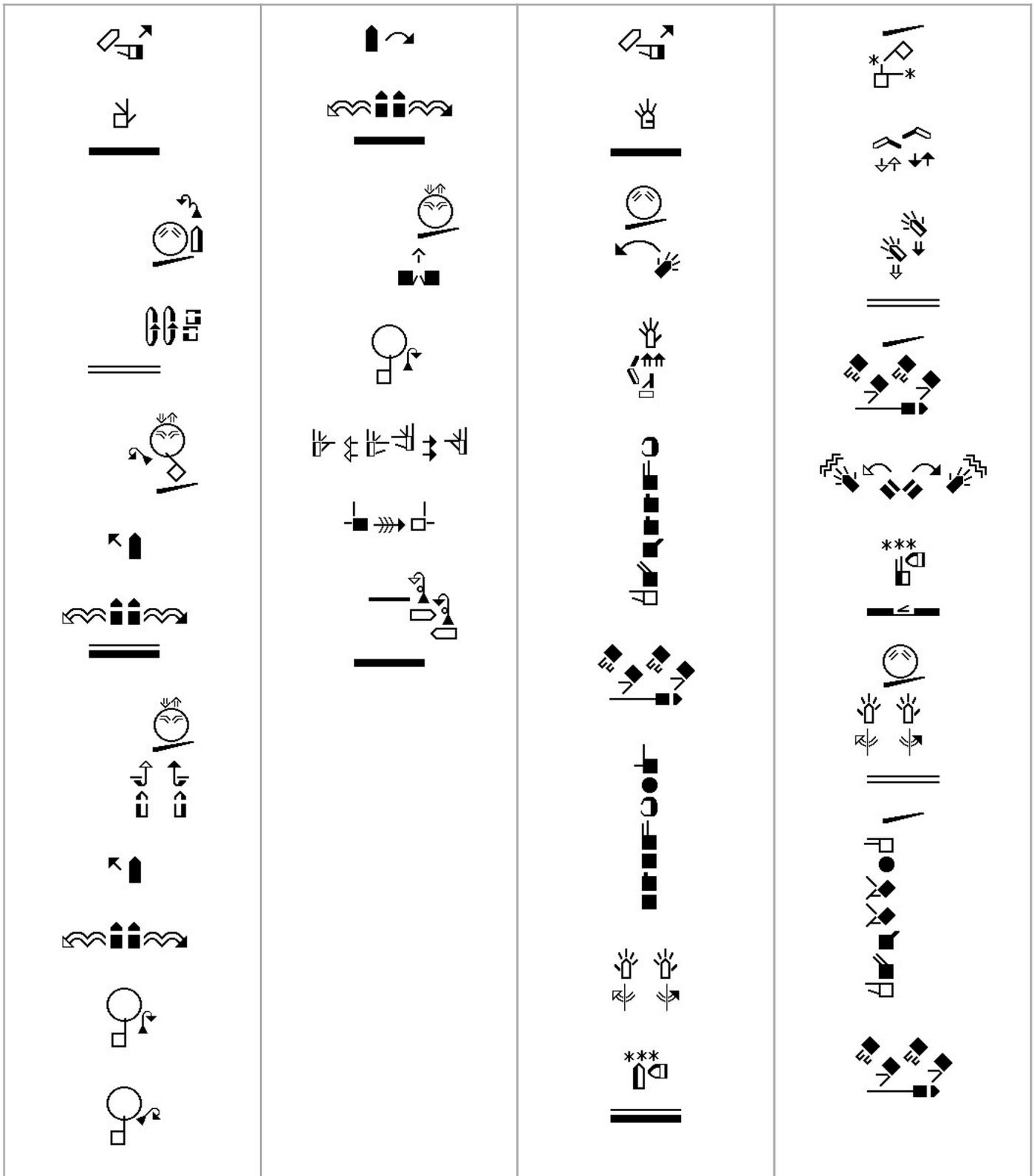


1 Joel Chapter One. The LORD gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel. Verse 2. Hear this, you leaders of the people. Listen, all who live in the land. In all your history, has anything like this happened before? NLT

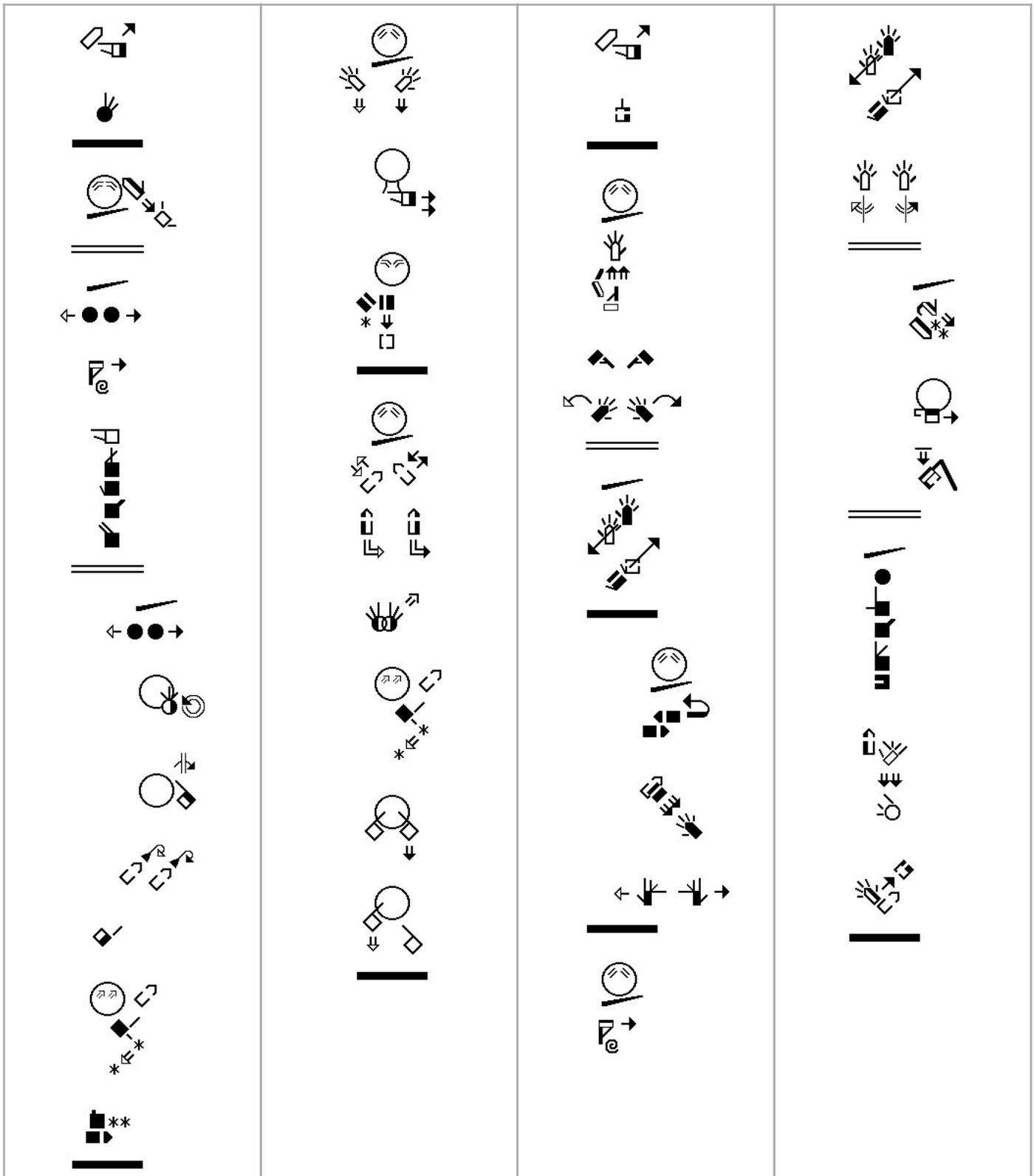


Verse 3. Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation. Verse 4. After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts,  
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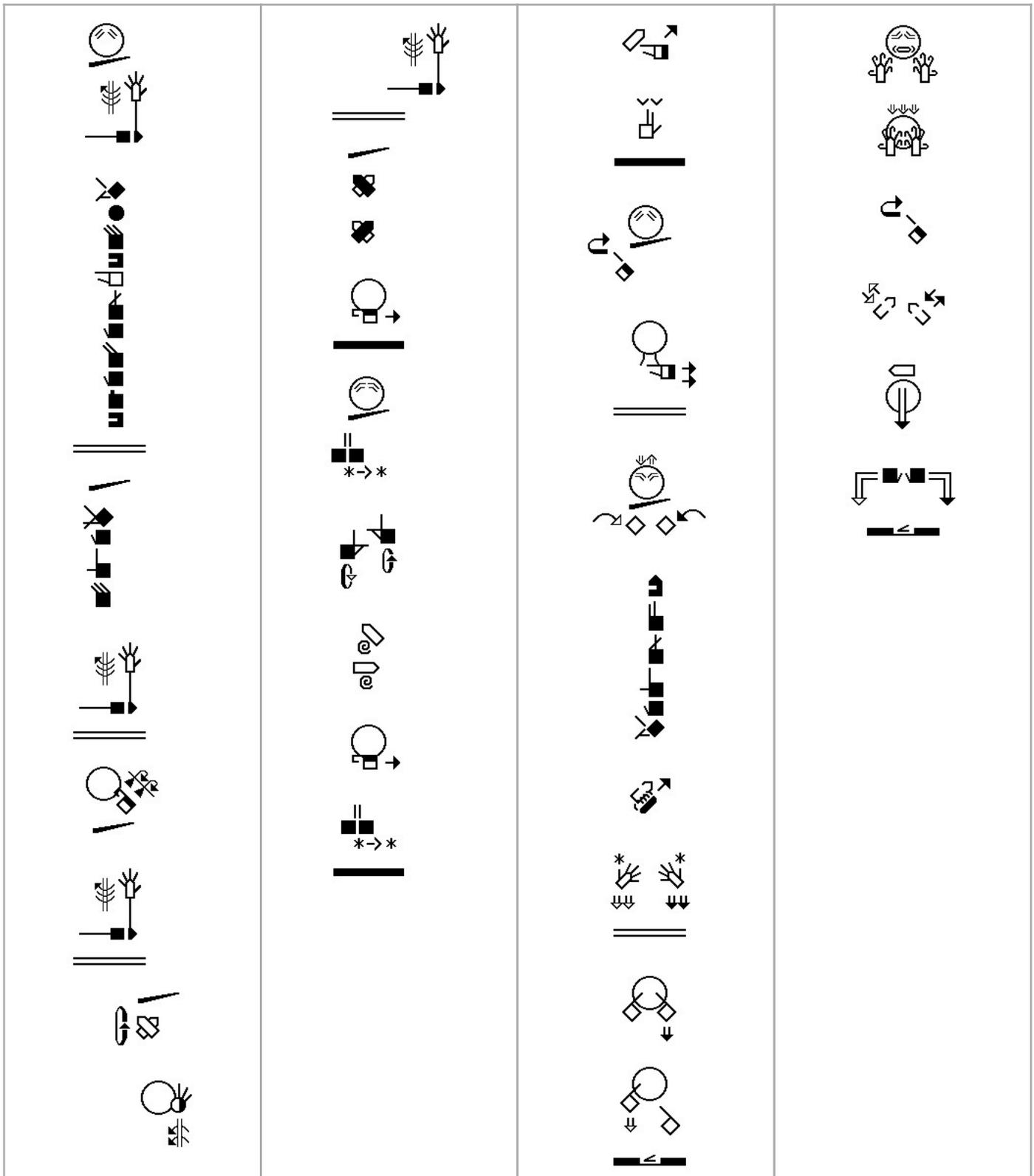




Verse 9. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of the LORD. So the priests are in mourning. The ministers of the LORD are weeping. Verse 10. The fields are ruined, the land is stripped bare. The grain is destroyed, the grapes have shriveled, and the olive oil is gone.

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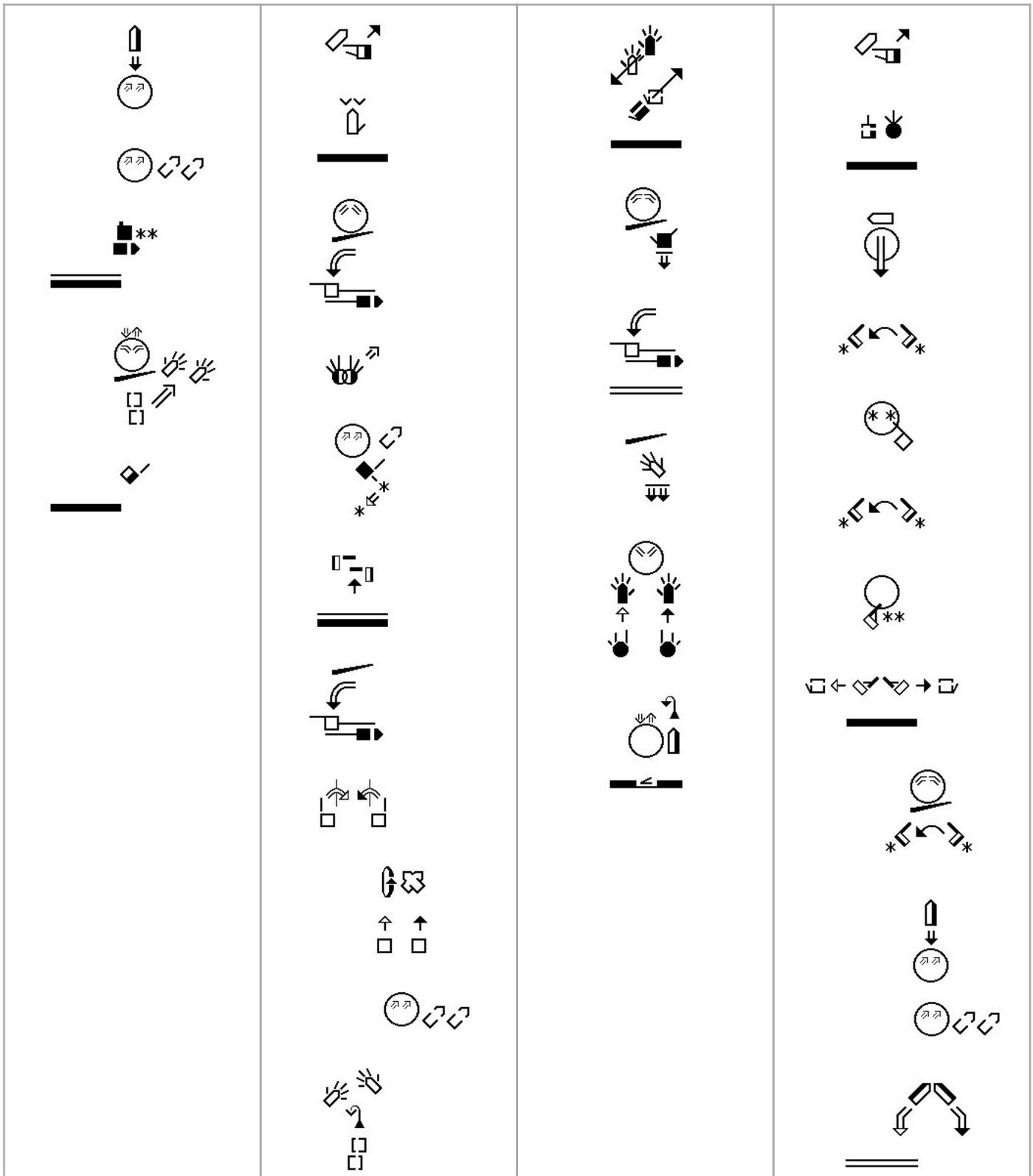




The pomegranate trees, palm trees, and apple trees -- all the fruit trees -- have dried up. And the people's joy has dried up with them. Verse 13. Dress yourselves in burlap and weep, you priests! Wail, you who serve before the altar!

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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



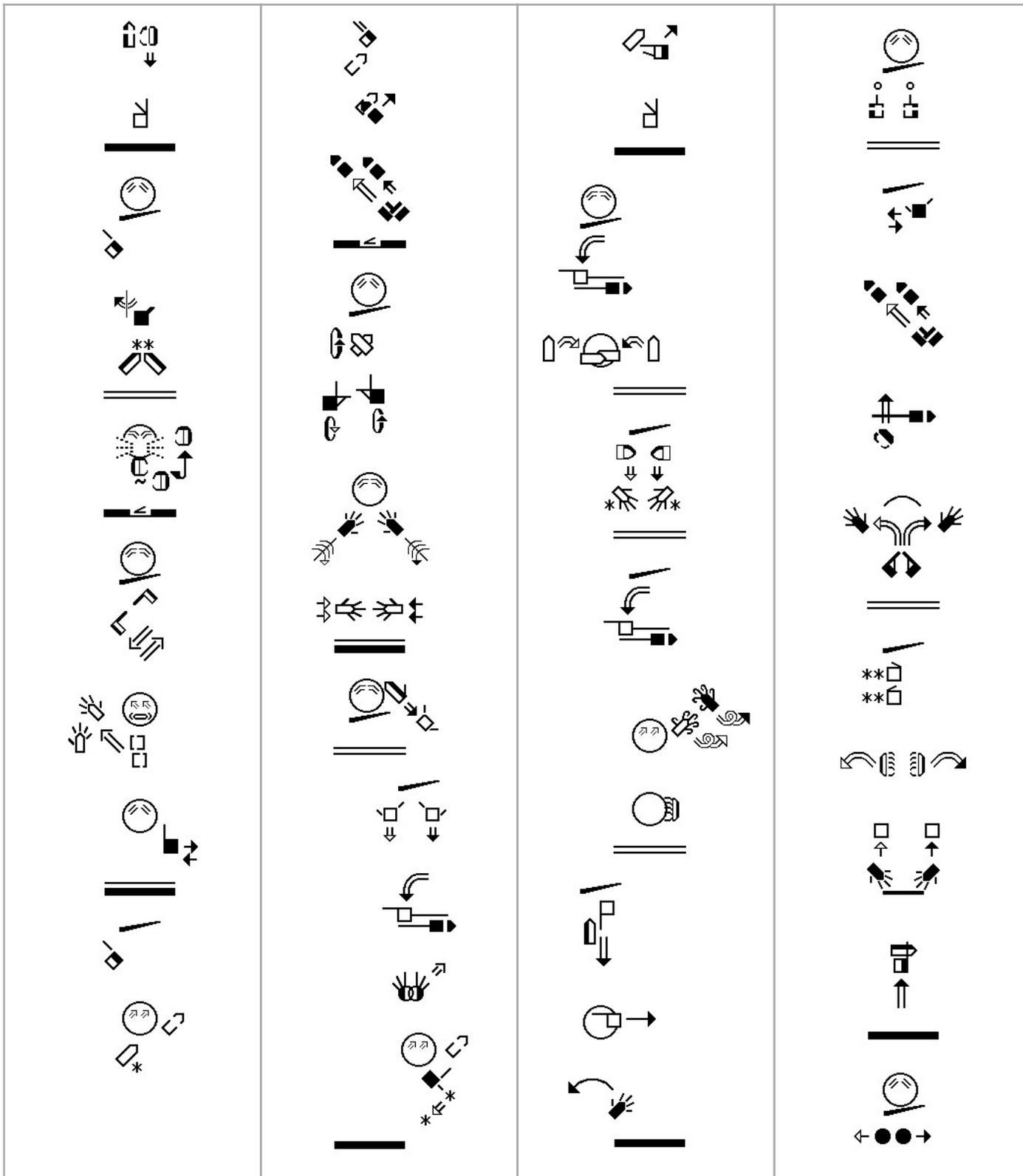
God, and cry out to him there. Verse 15. The day of the LORD is near, the day when destruction comes from the Almighty. How terrible that day will be! Verse 16. Our food disappears before our very eyes.



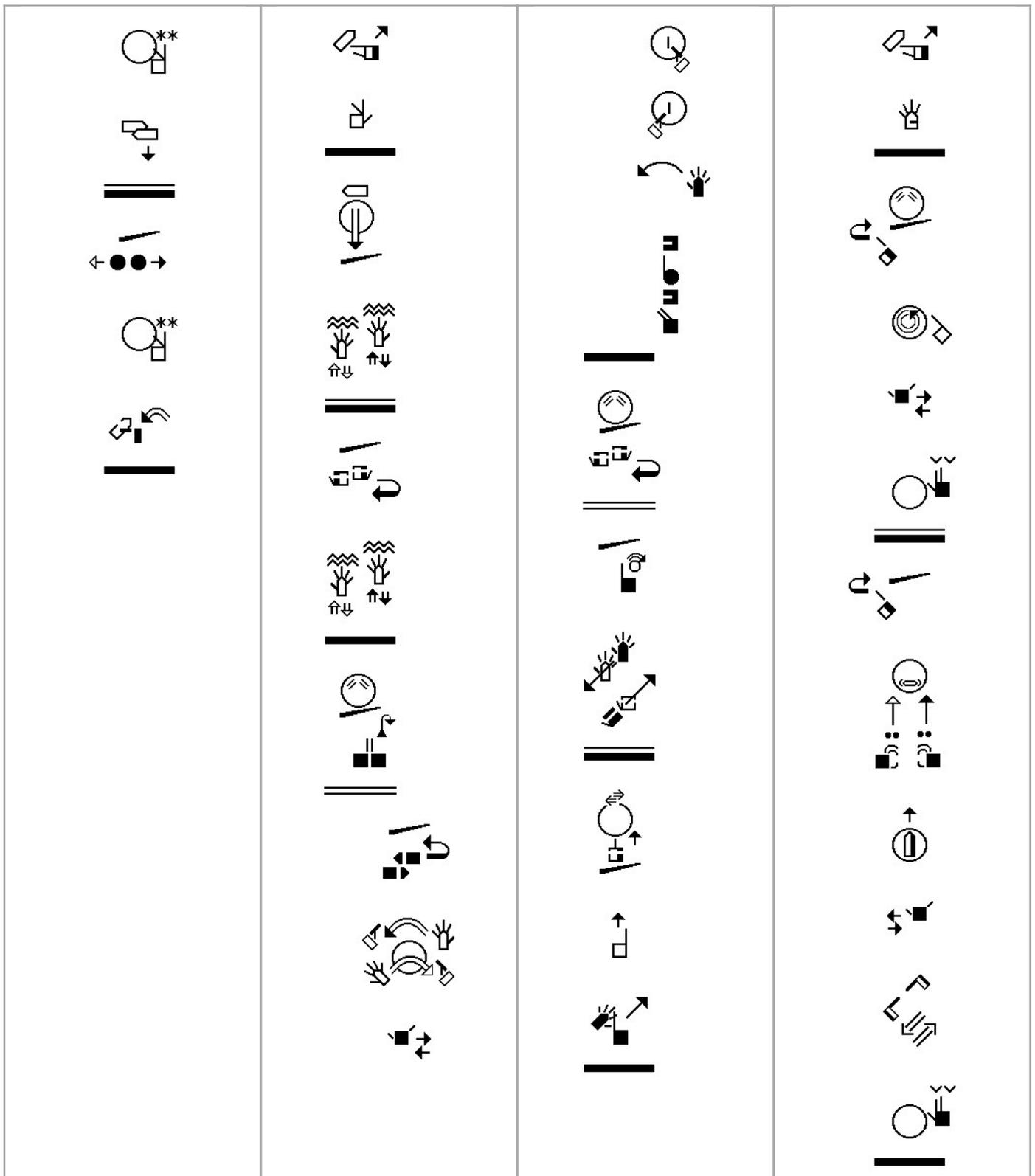
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The flocks of sheep and goats bleat in misery. Verse 19. LORD, help us! The fire has consumed the wilderness pastures, and flames have burned up all the trees. Verse 20. Even the wild animals cry out to you because the streams

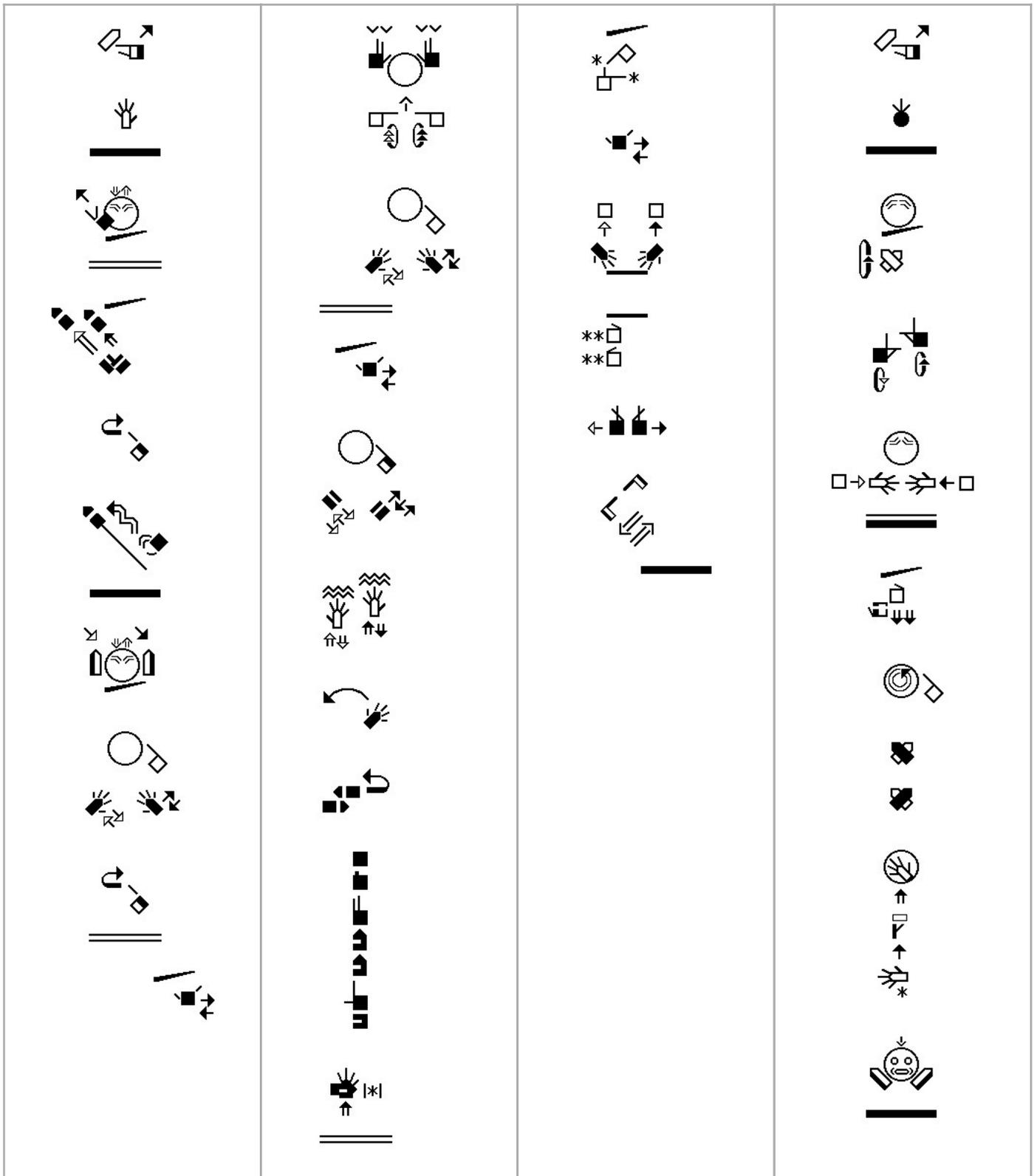




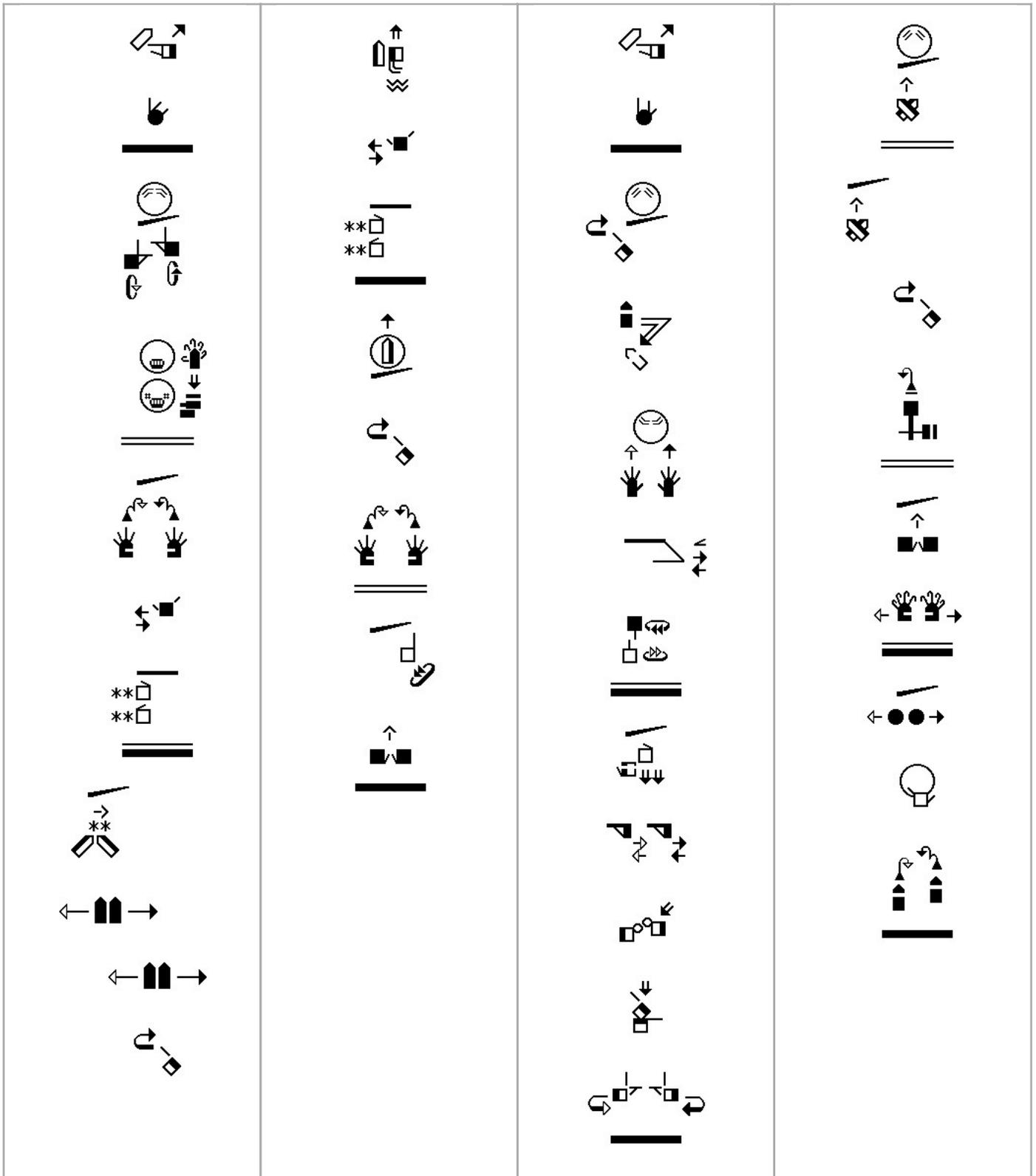
Chapter 2. Sound the alarm in Jerusalem! Raise the battle cry on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the LORD is upon us. Verse 2. It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness. Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a great and mighty army appears. Nothing NLT



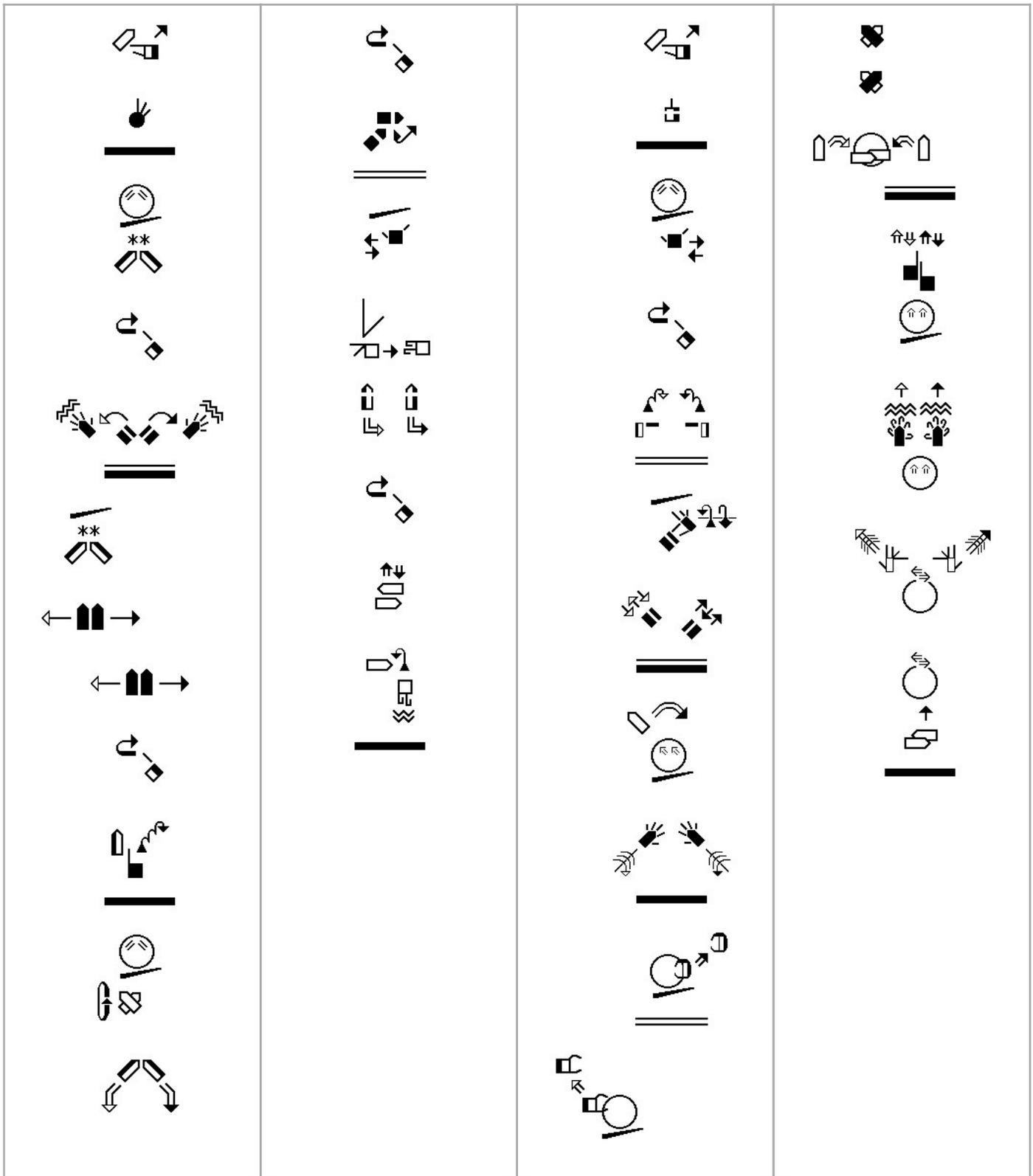
like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again. Verse 3. Fire burns in front of them, and flames follow after them. Ahead of them the land lies as beautiful as the Garden of Eden. Behind them is nothing but desolation; not one thing escapes. Verse 4. They look like horses; they charge forward like war horses. NLT



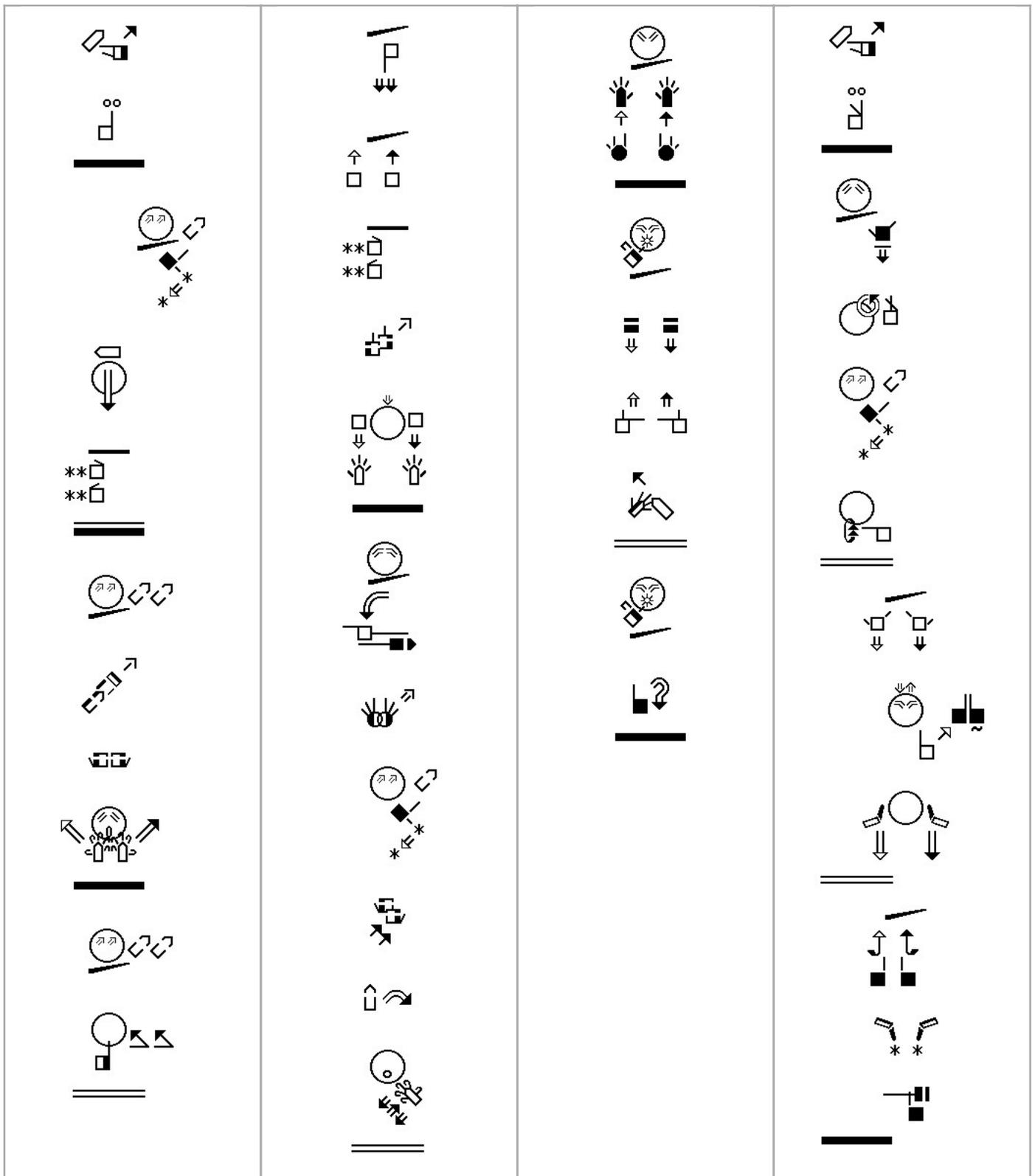
Verse 5. Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops. Listen to the noise they make -- like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble, or like a mighty army moving into battle. Verse 6. Fear grips all the people; every face grows pale with terror. NLT



Verse 7. The attackers march like warriors and scale city walls like soldiers. Straight forward they march, never breaking rank. Verse 8. They never jostle each other; each moves in exactly the right position. They break through defenses without missing a step. NLT



Verse 9. They swarm over the city and run along its walls. They enter all the houses, climbing like thieves through the windows. Verse 10. The earth quakes as they advance, and the heavens tremble. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars no longer shine. NLT



Verse 11. The LORD is at the head of the column. He leads them with a shout. This is his mighty army, and they follow his orders. The day of the LORD is an awesome, terrible thing. Who can possibly survive? Verse 12. That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time.

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21 and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. Verse 14. Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the LORD your God as before. NLT

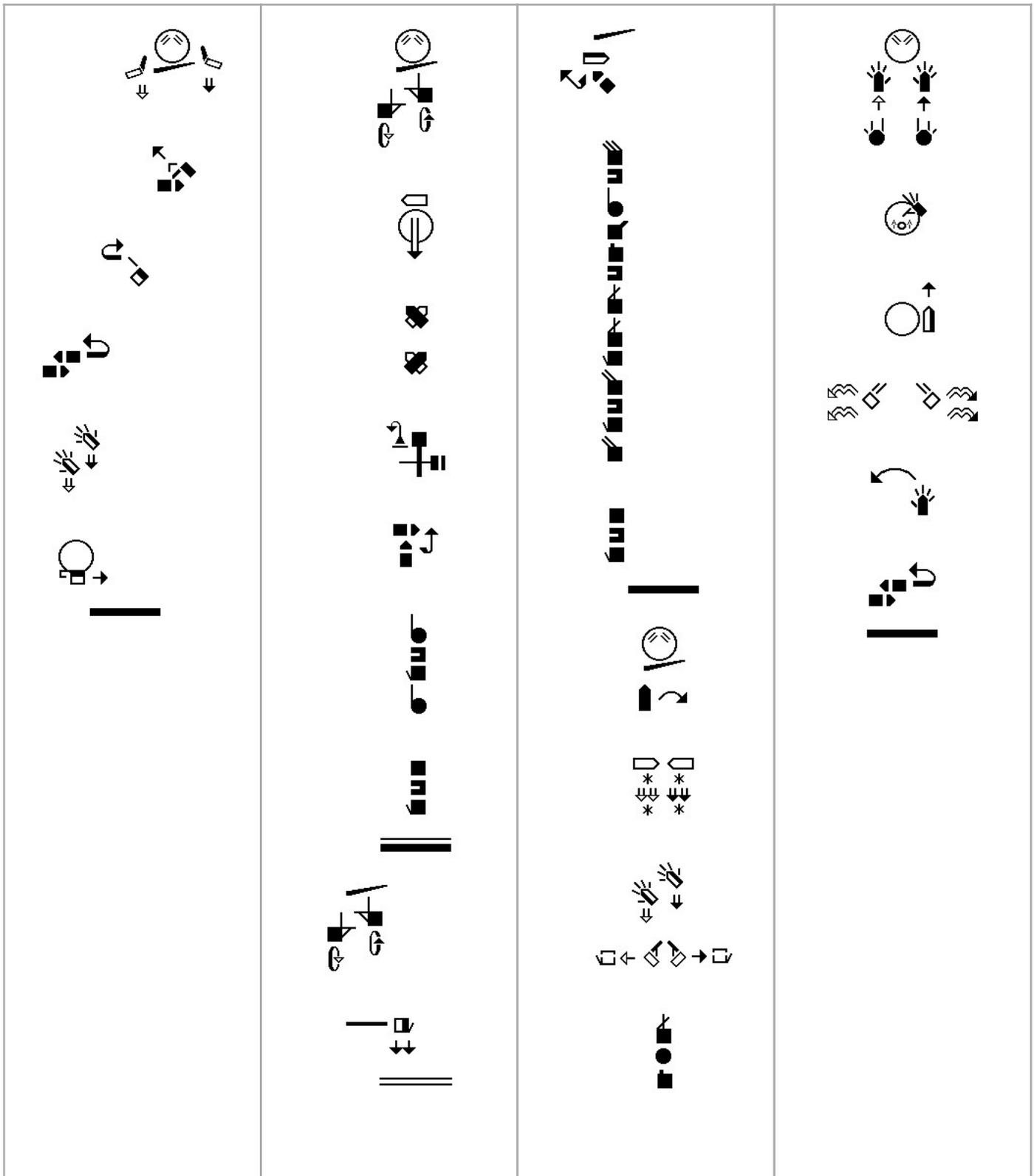
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Verse 15. Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Verse 16. Gather all the people -- the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room.  
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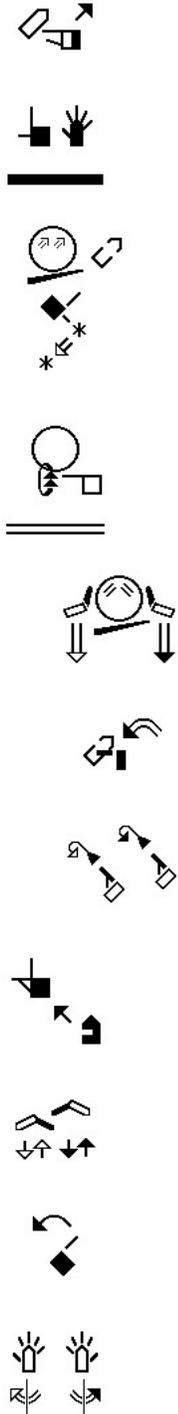
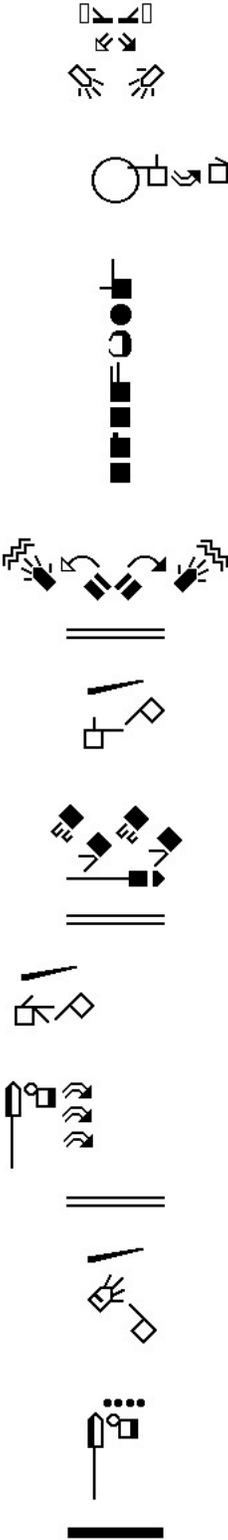
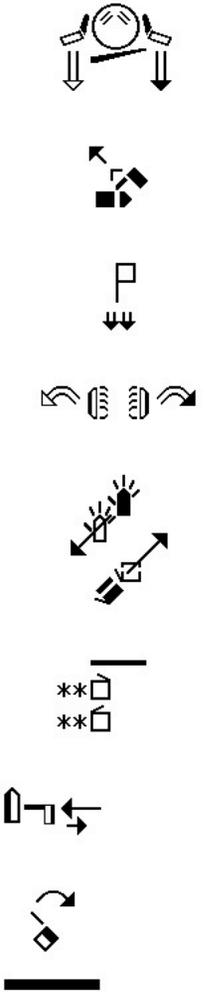




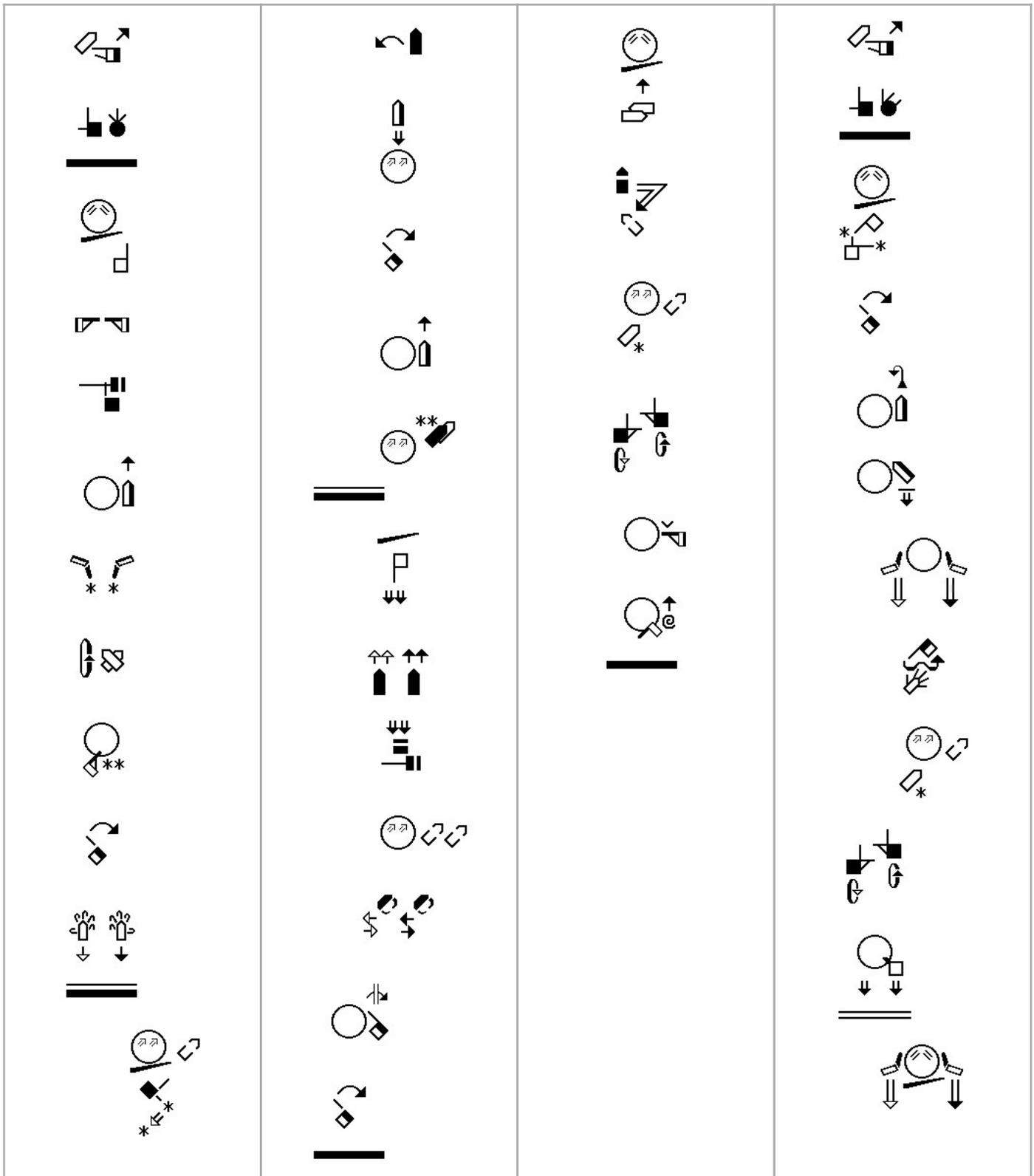
I will send them into the parched wastelands. Those in the front will be driven into the Dead Sea, and those at the rear into the Mediterranean. The stench of their rotting bodies will rise over the land." NLT





			
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29 and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil. Verse 25. The LORD says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you. NLT



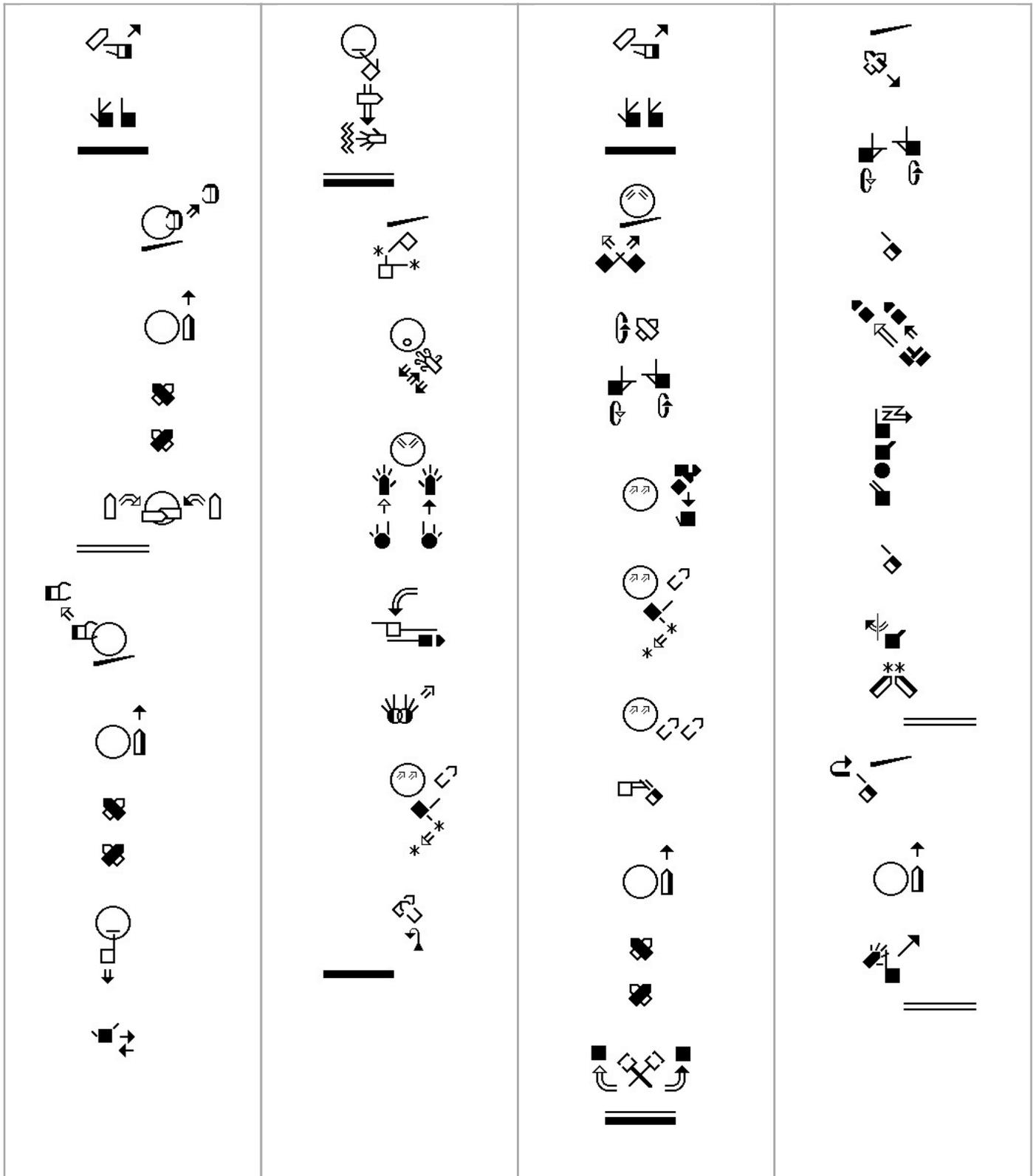
Verse 26. Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the LORD your God, who does these miracles for you. Never again will my people be disgraced. Verse 27. Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am

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31 the LORD your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced. Verse 28. "Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. NLT





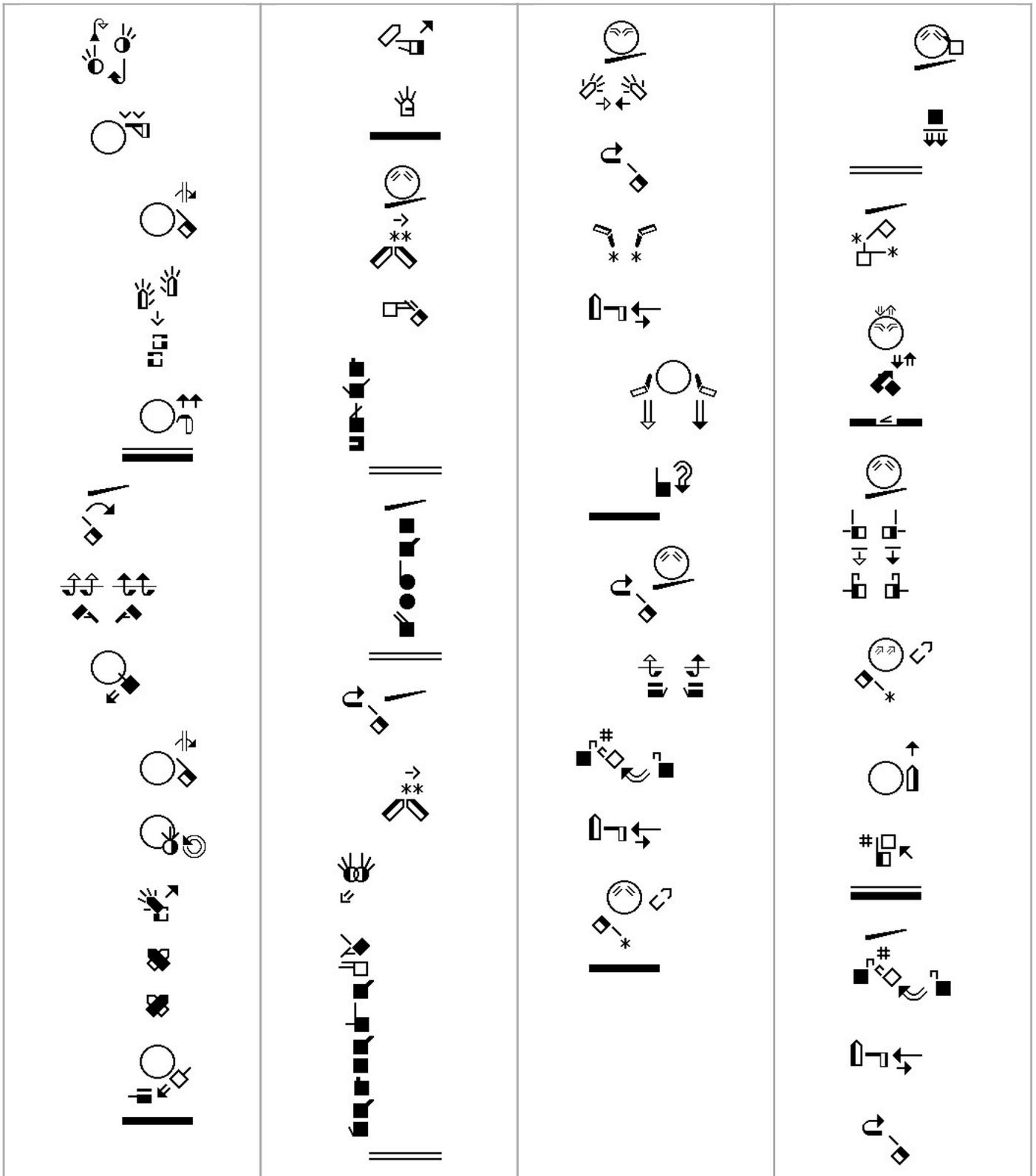
33 Verse 31. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. Verse 32. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, NLT






There I will judge them for harming my people, my special possession, for scattering my people among the nations, and for dividing up my land. Verse 3. They cast lots to decide which of my people would be their slaves. They

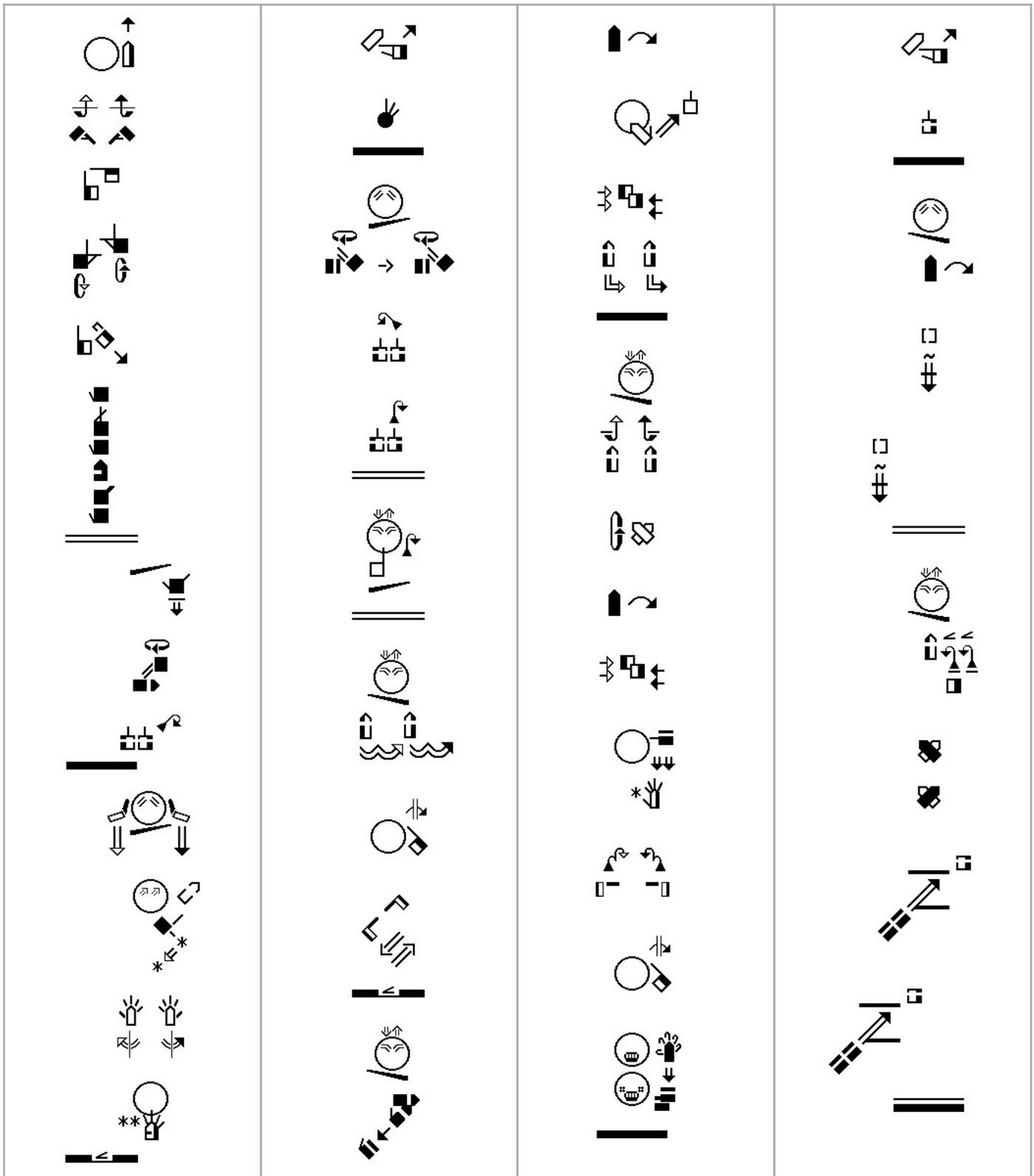
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traded boys to obtain prostitutes and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk. Verse 4.  
 "What do you have against me, Tyre and Sidon and you cities of Philistia? Are you trying to take revenge on me? If you are, then watch out! I will strike swiftly and pay you back  
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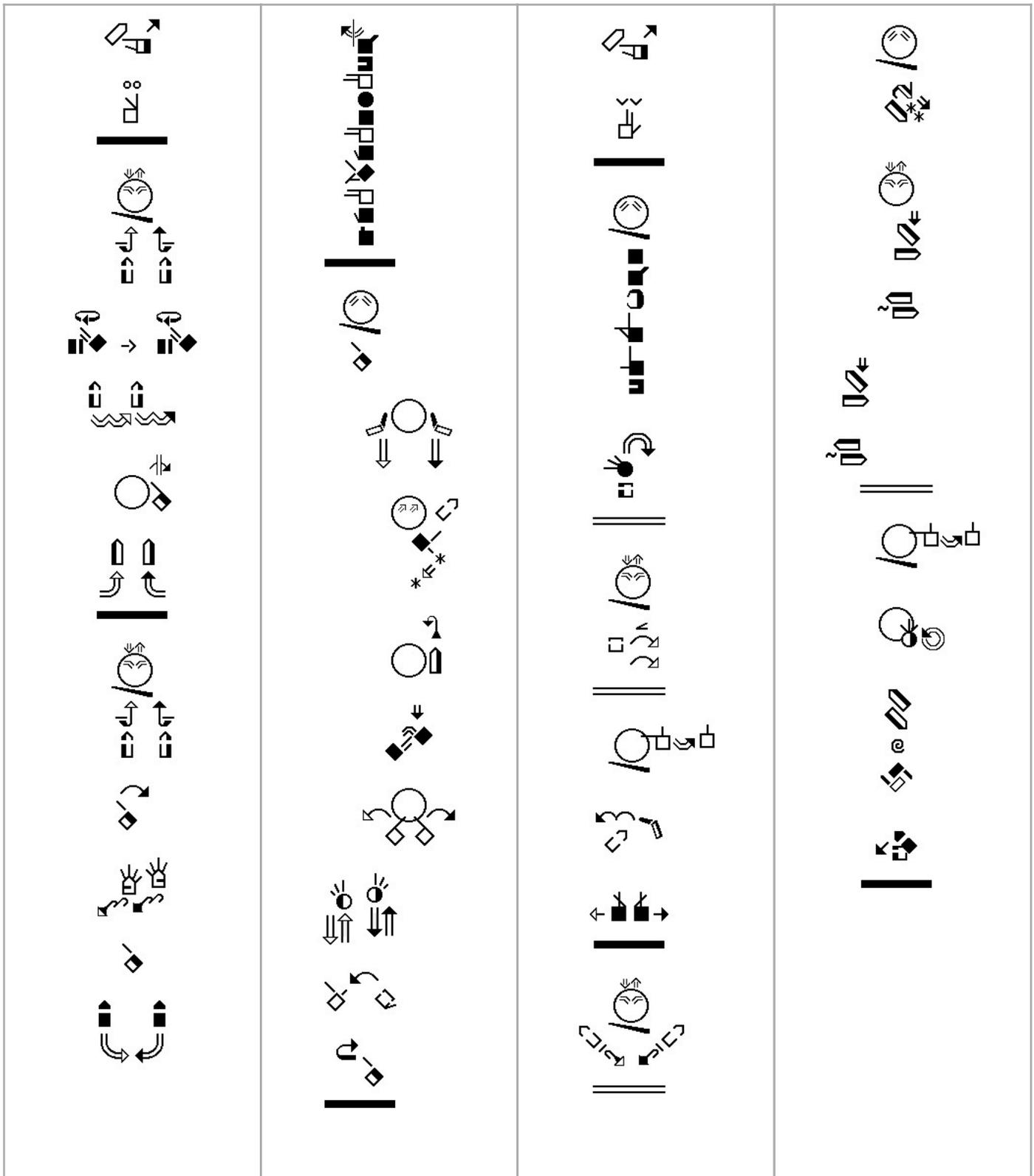


will sell them to the people of Arabia, a nation far away. I, the LORD, have spoken!" Verse 9. Say to the nations far and wide: "Get ready for war! Call out your best warriors. Let all your fighting men advance for the attack. Verse 10. Hammer your plowshares into swords

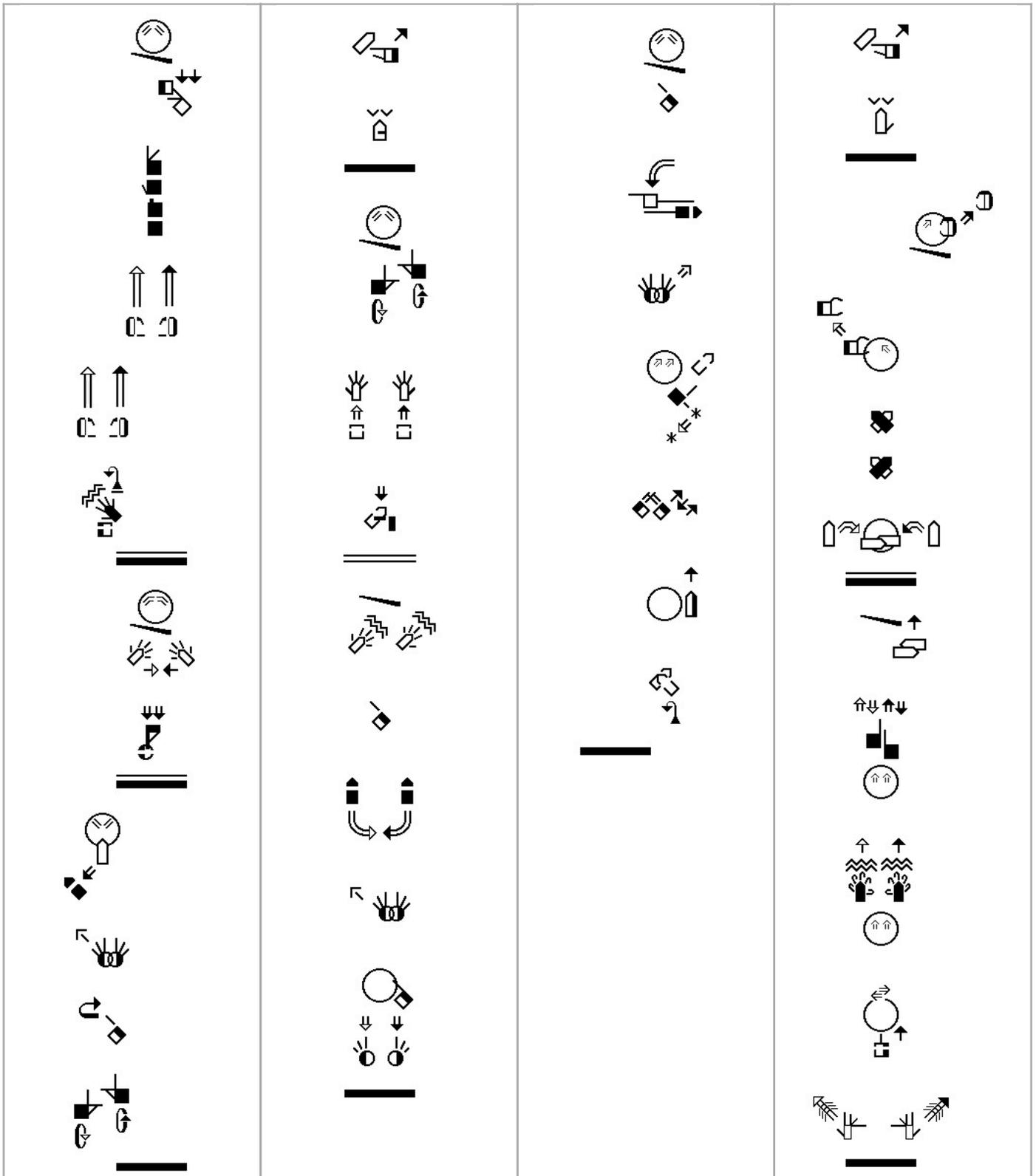
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41 and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be warriors. Verse 11. Come quickly, all you nations everywhere. Gather together in the valley." And now, O LORD, call out your warriors! NLT



Verse 12. "Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I, the LORD, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. Verse 13. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the winepress is full. NLT



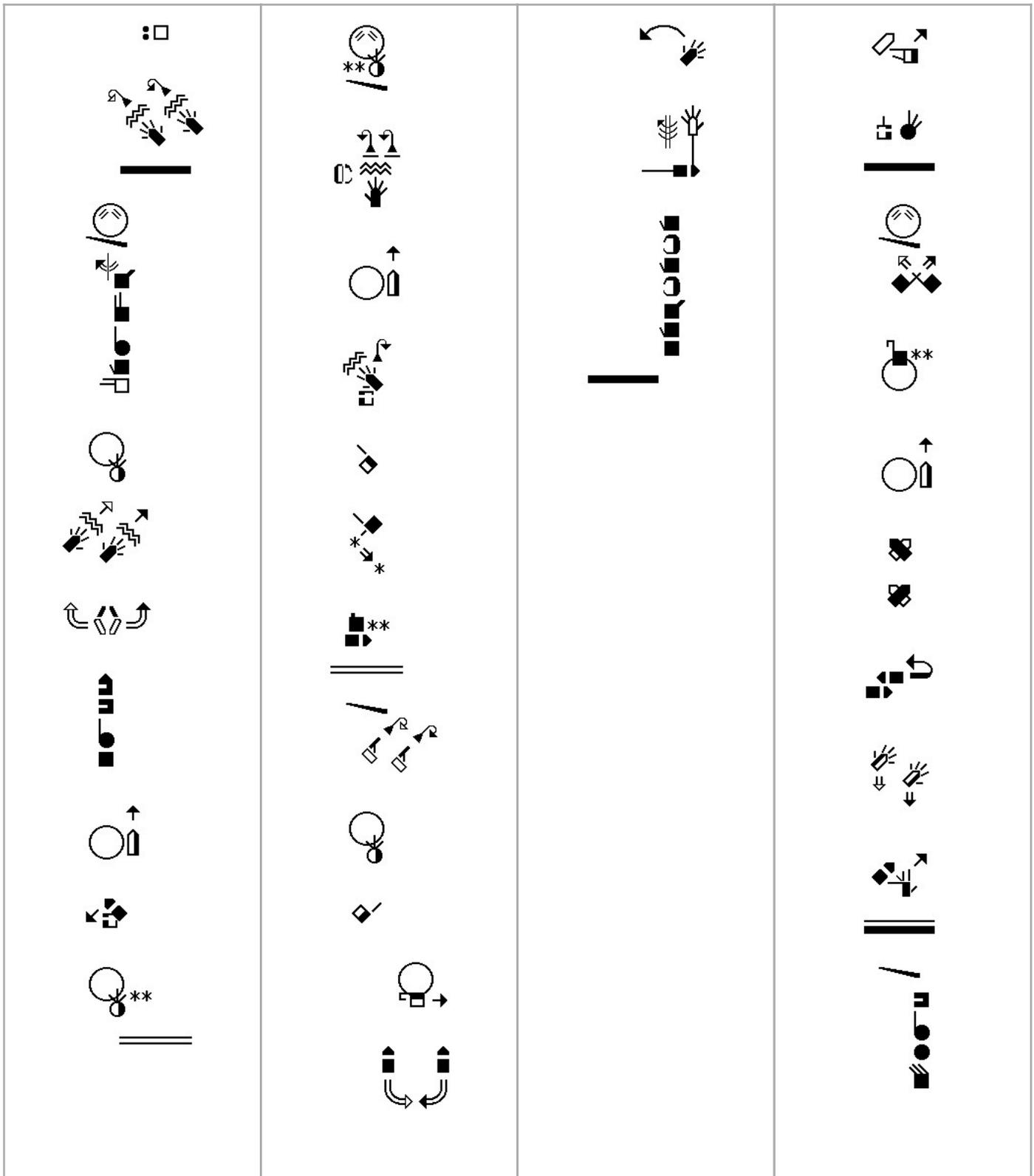
The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these people." Verse 14. Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision. There the day of the LORD will soon arrive. Verse 15. The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine. NLT

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Verse 16. The LORD'S voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel.

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will flow with milk. Water will fill the streambeds of Judah, and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD'S Temple, watering the arid valley of acacias. Verse 19. But Egypt will become a wasteland and Edom  
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Verse 21. I will pardon my people's crimes, which I have not yet pardoned; and I, the LORD, will make my home in Jerusalem with my people." NLT