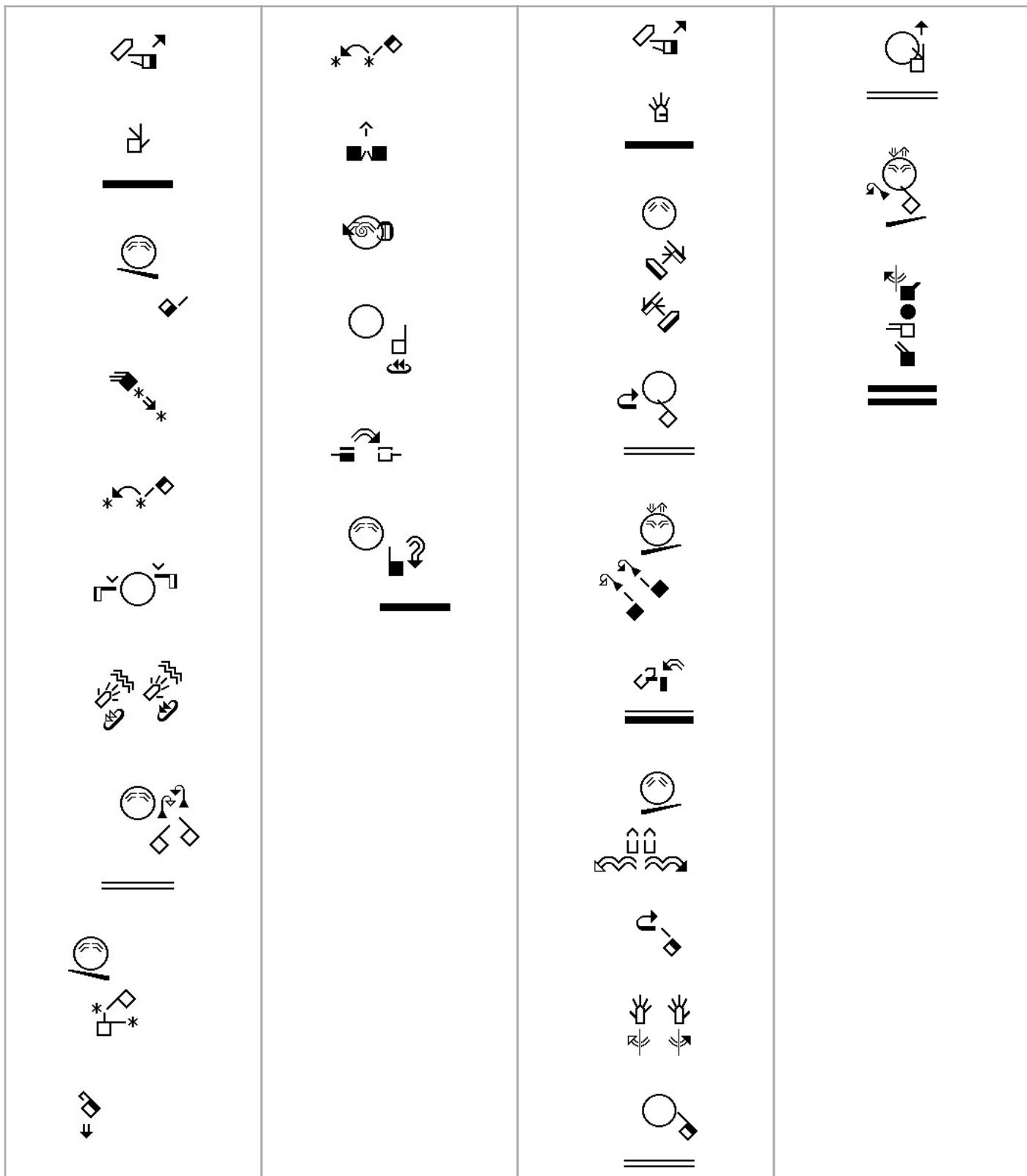
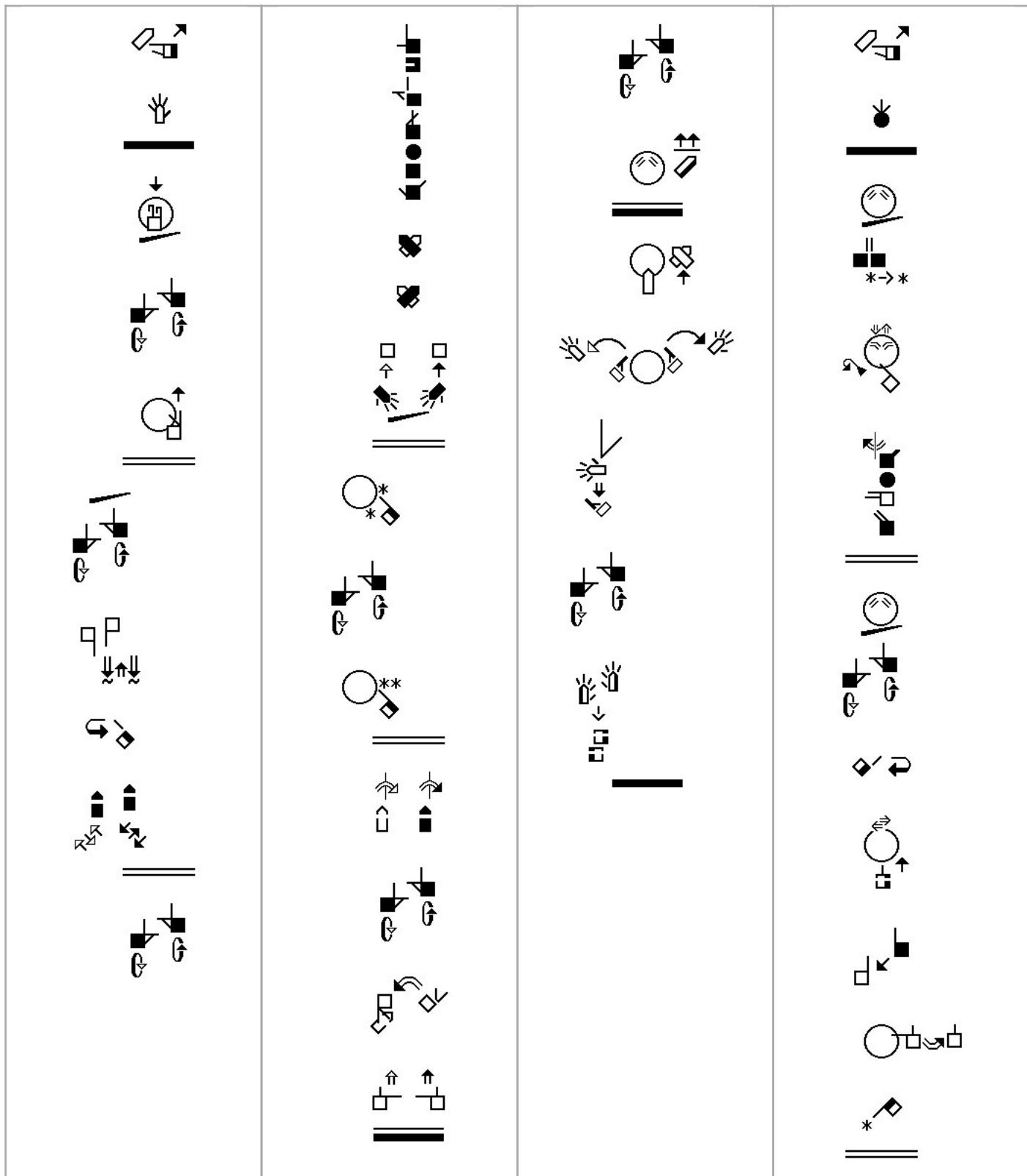


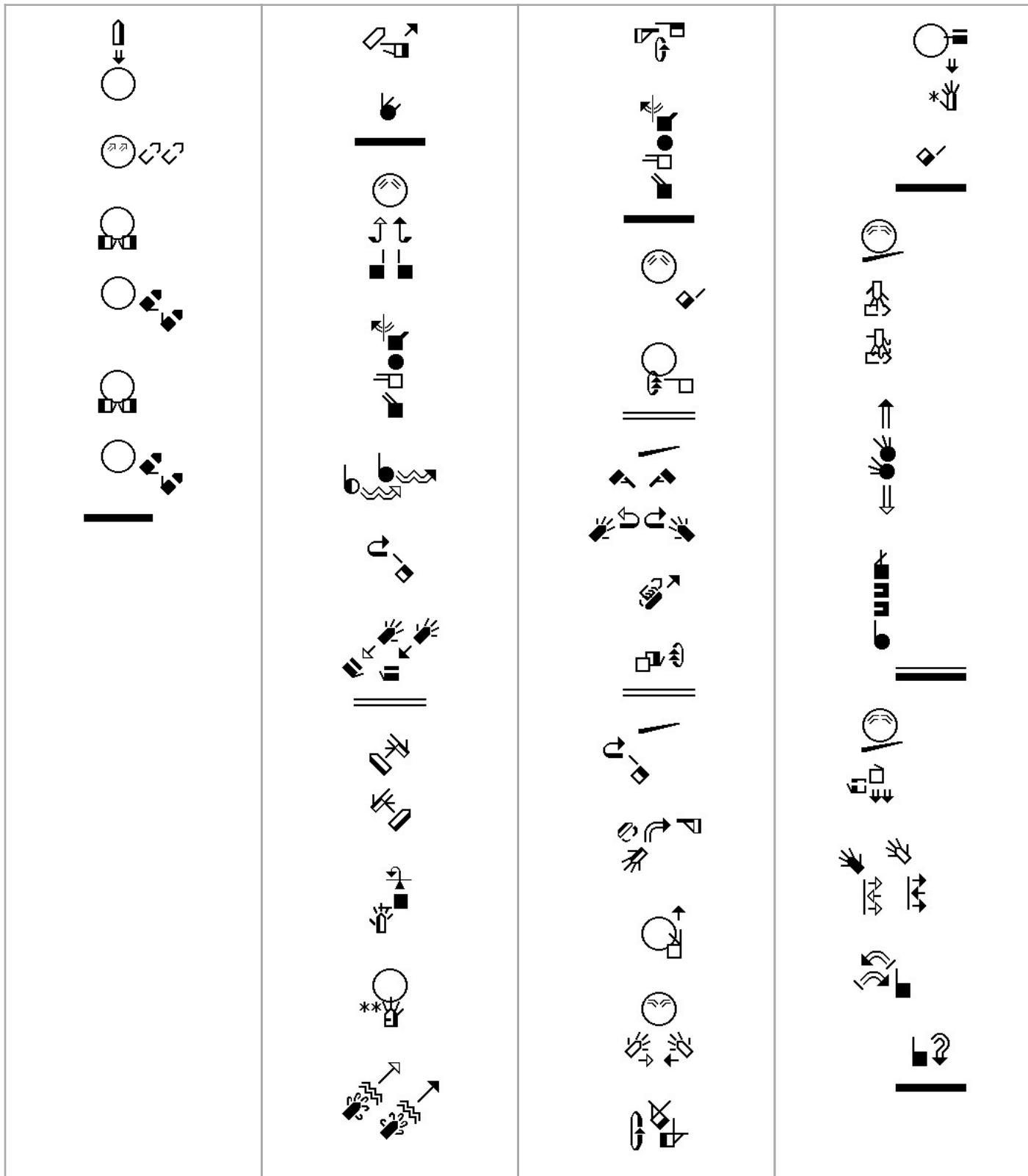
11 When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region. 2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, NLT



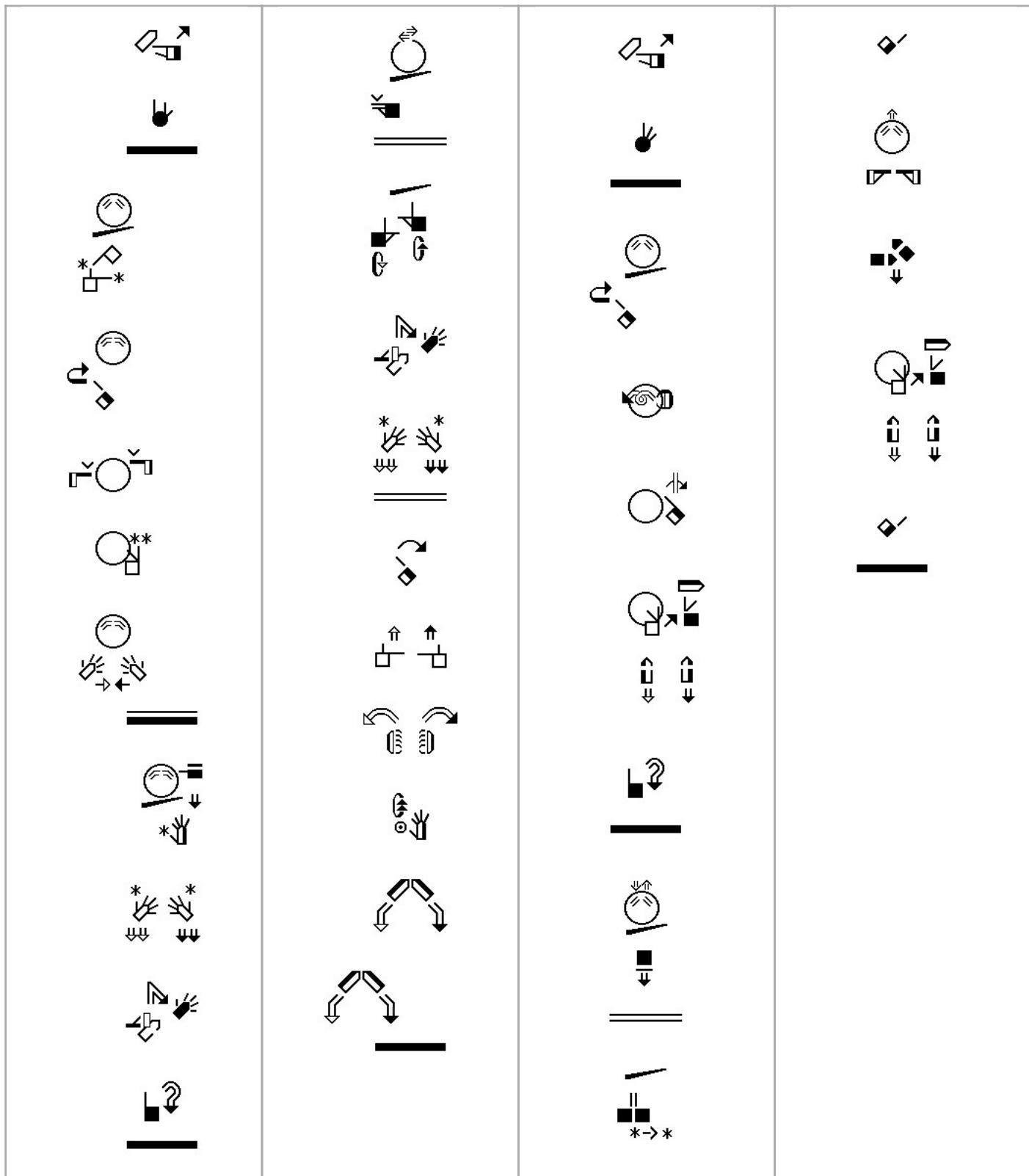


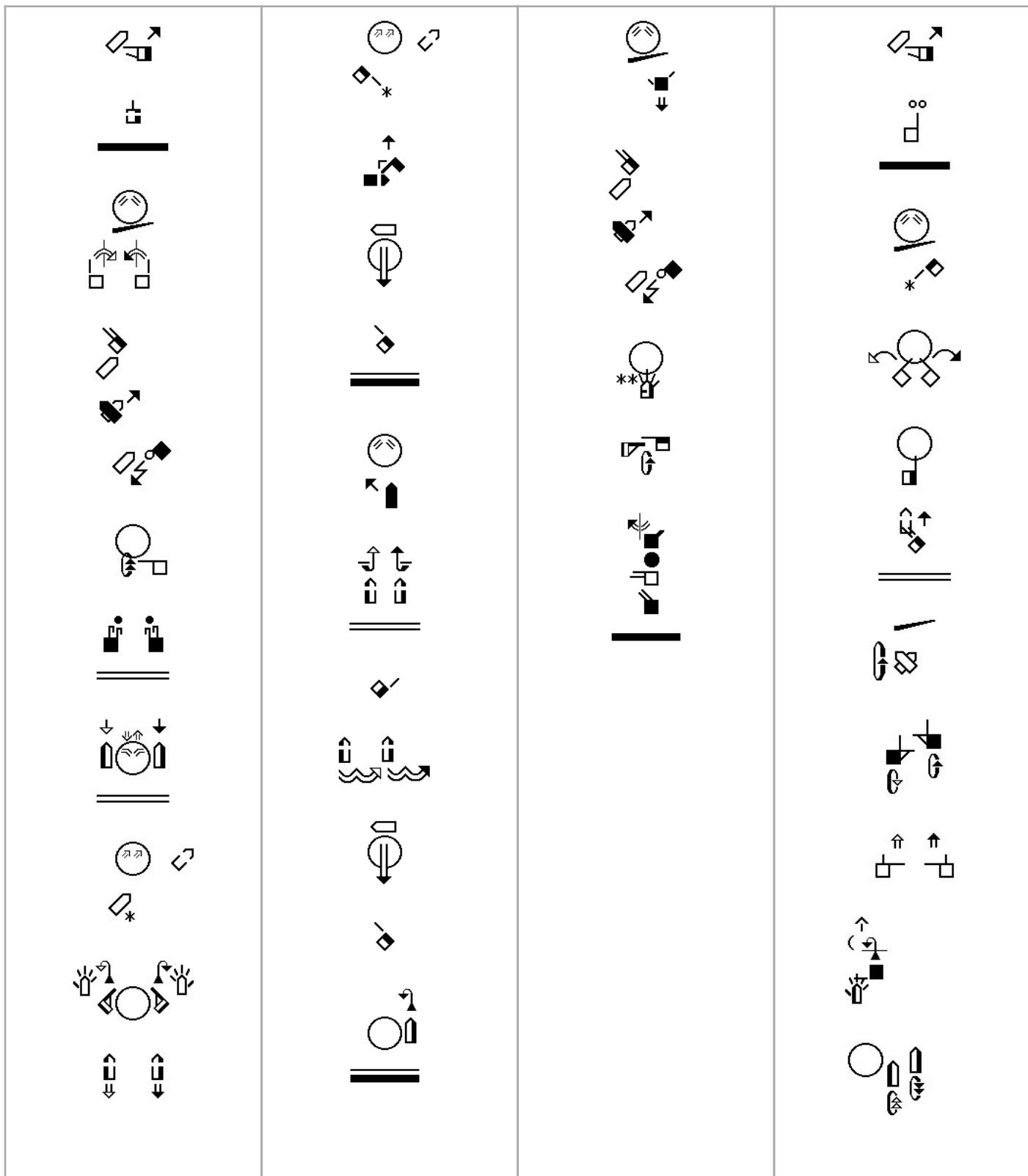
3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" 4
Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen-- NLT



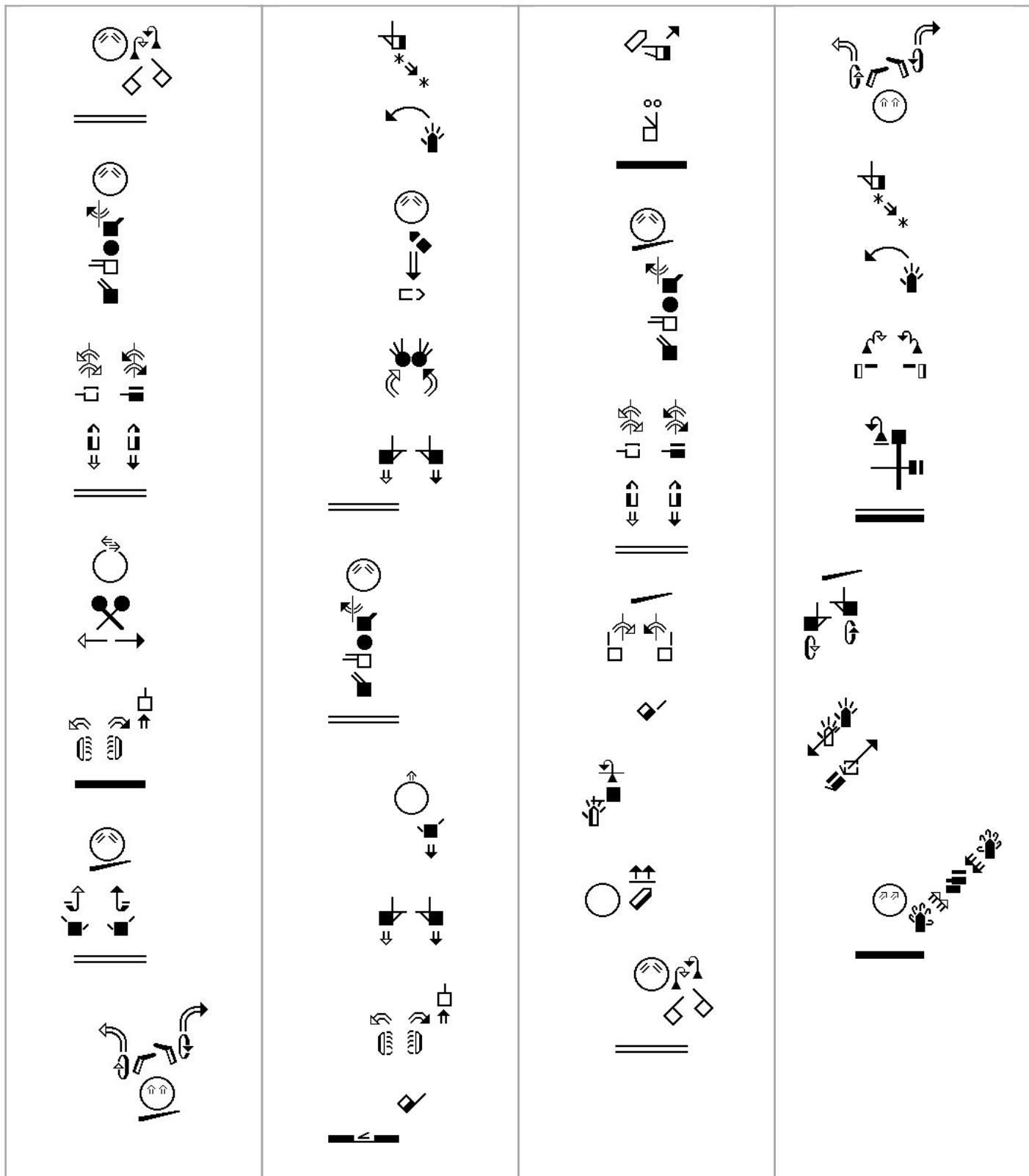


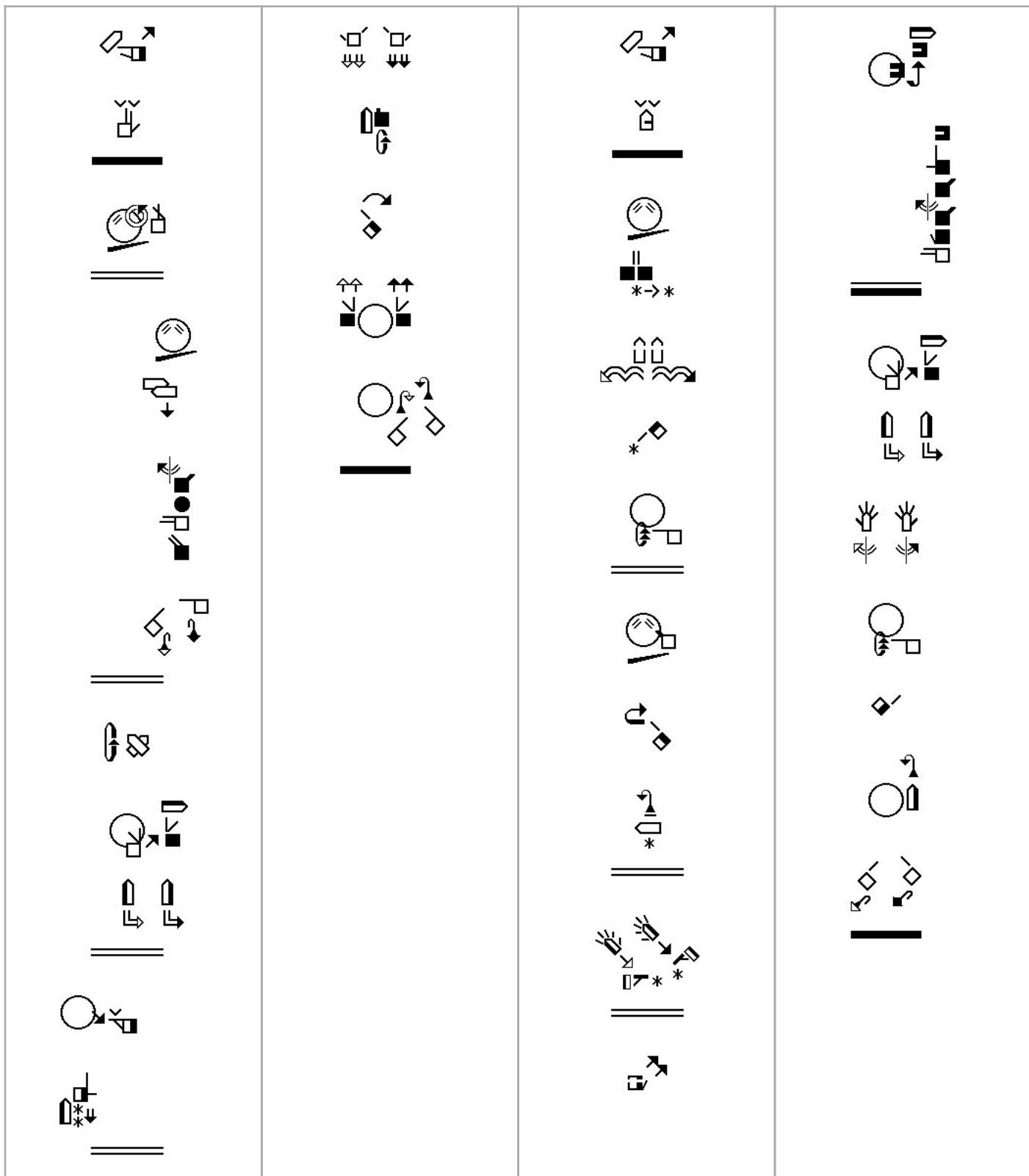
'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.'⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. 'What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind?



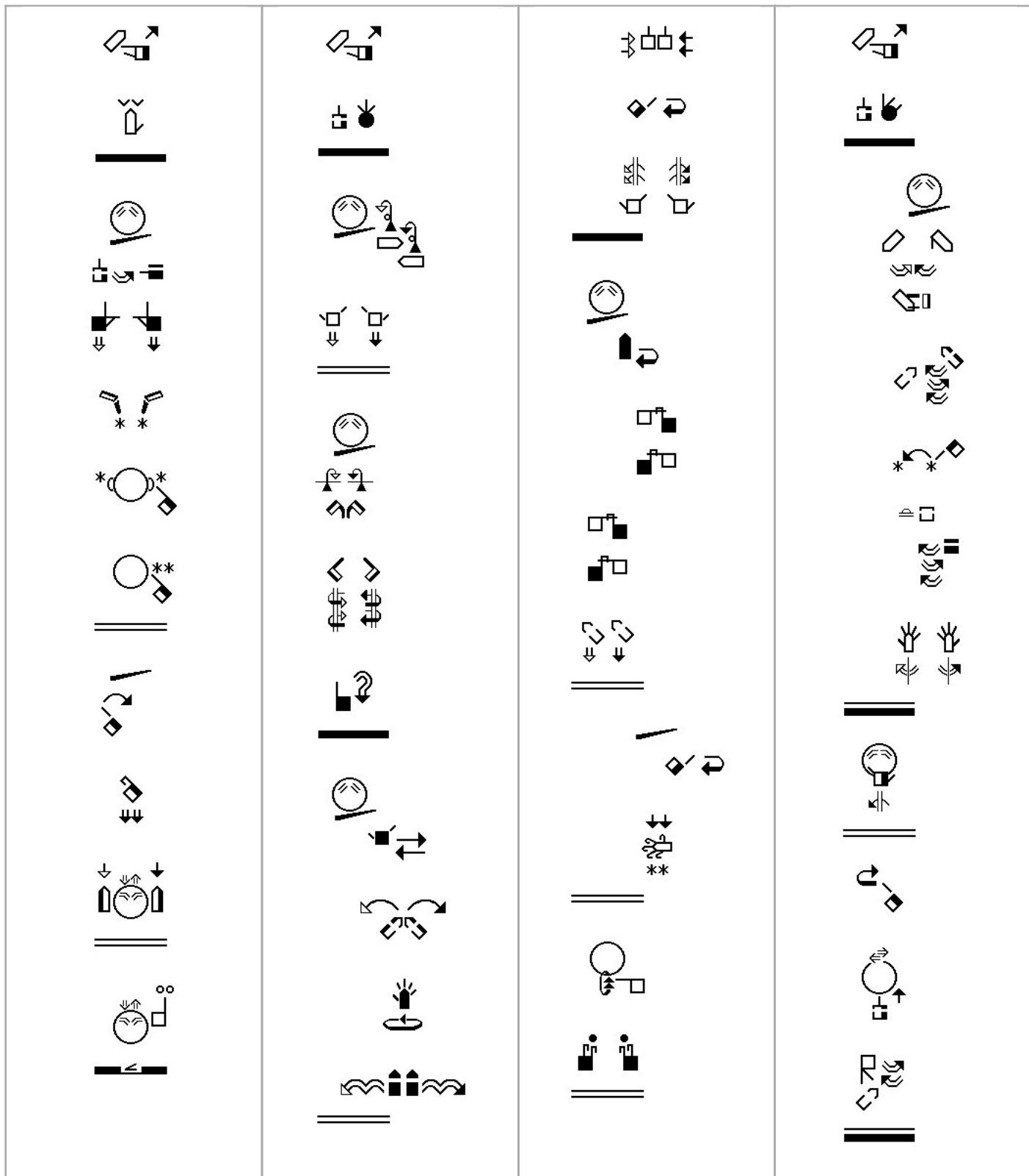


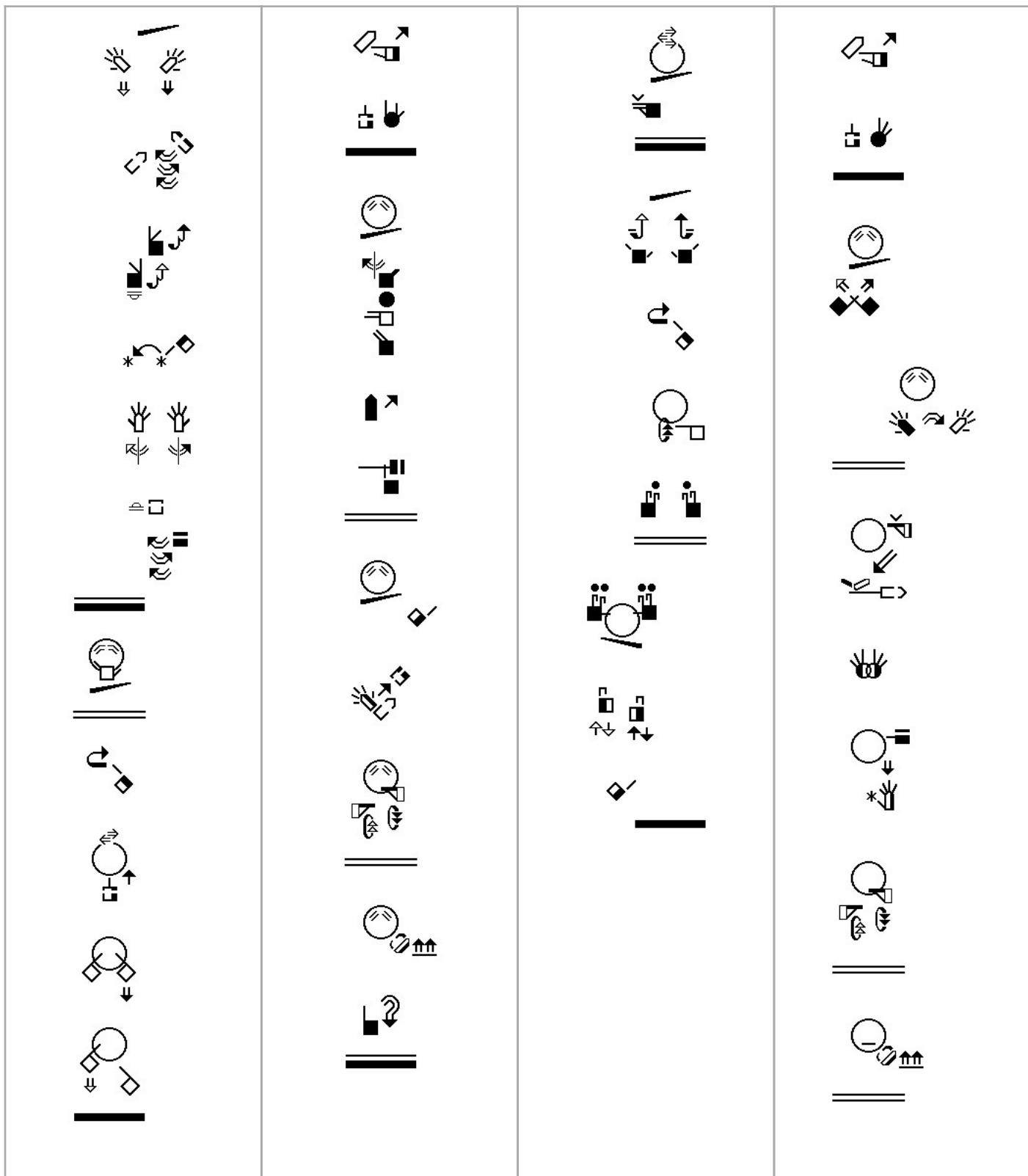
10 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.' 11 "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived,





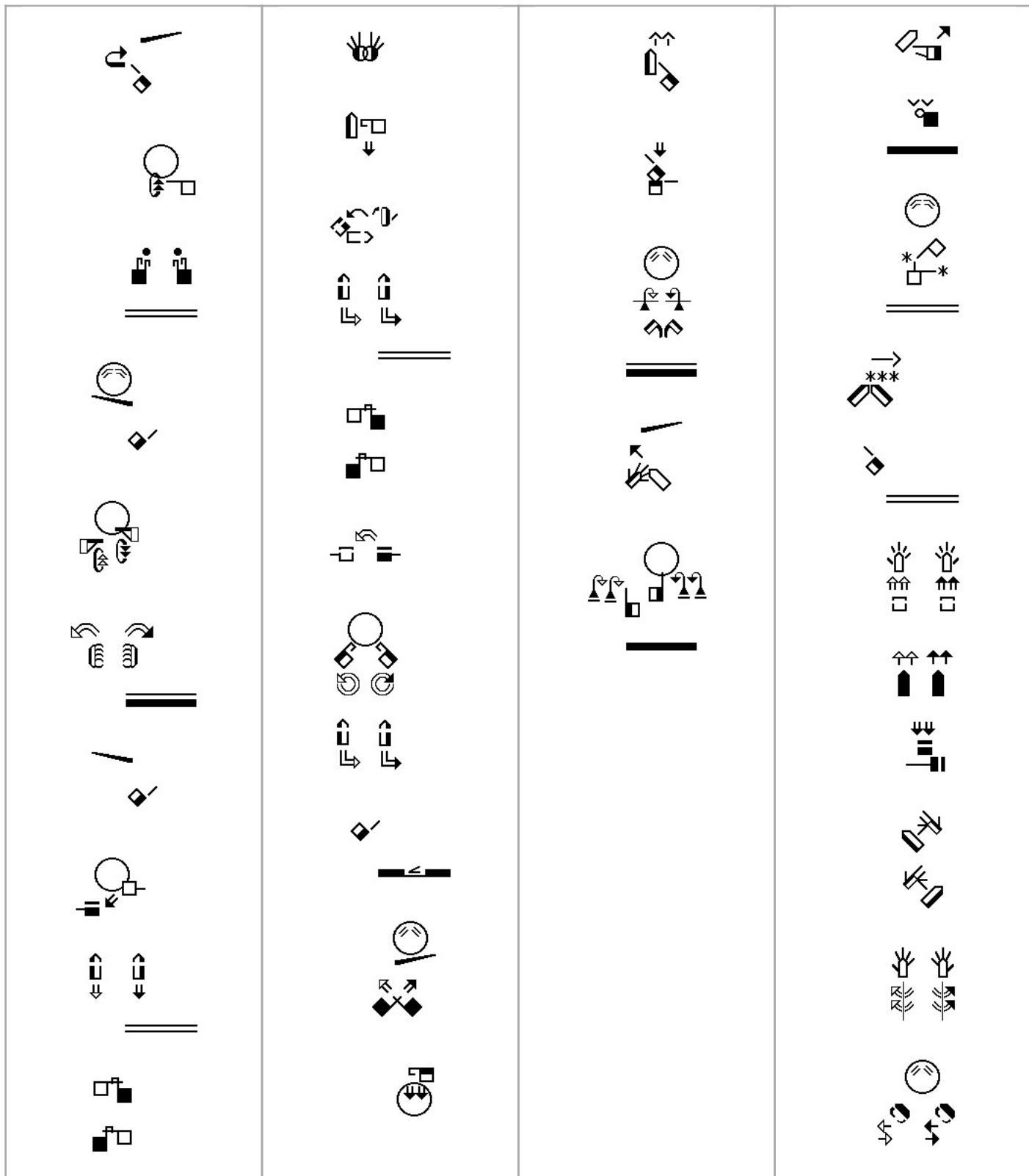
13 For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time. 14 And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come.

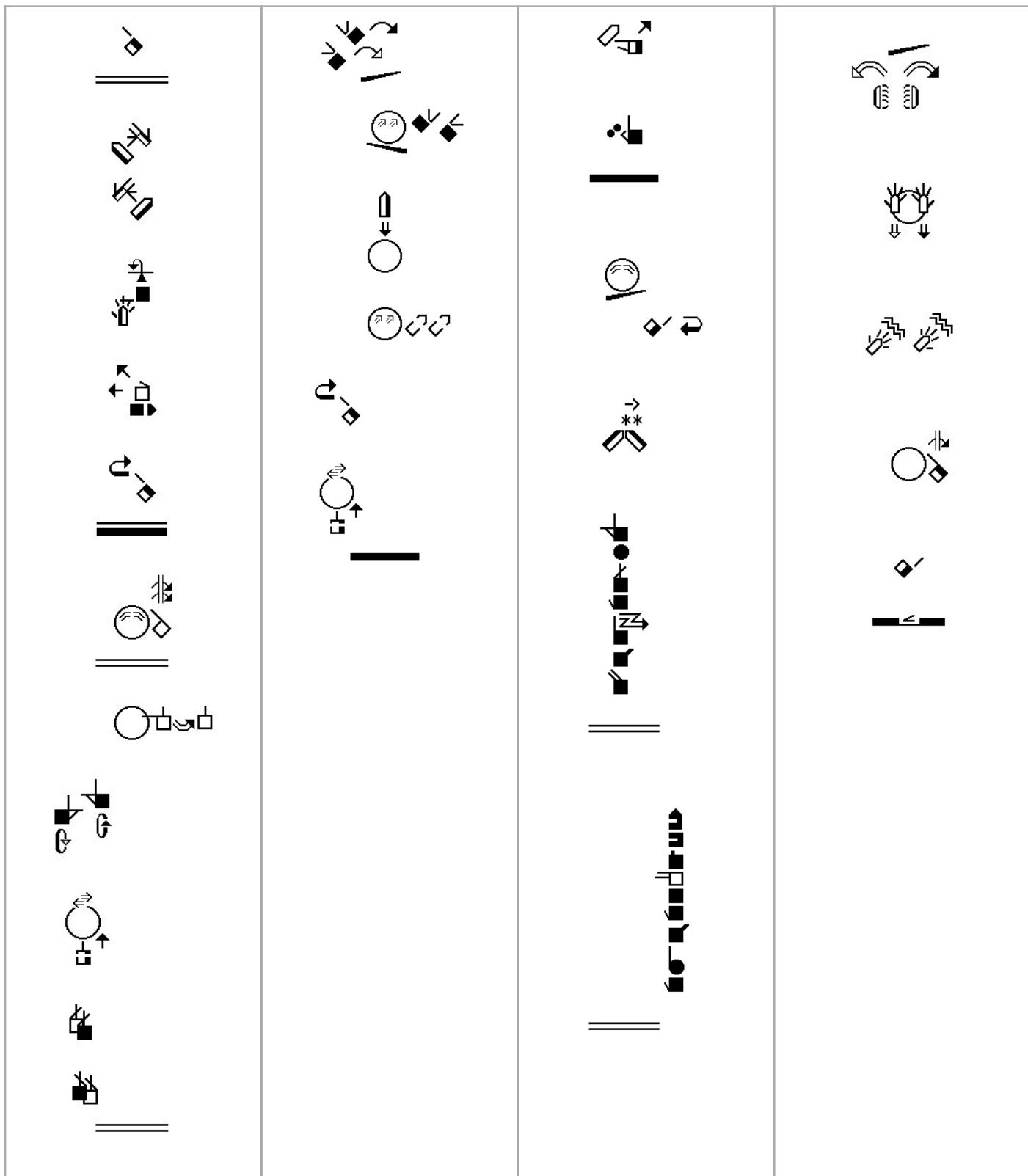




so we played funeral songs, and you didn't mourn.' 18 For John didn't spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.' 19 The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks,

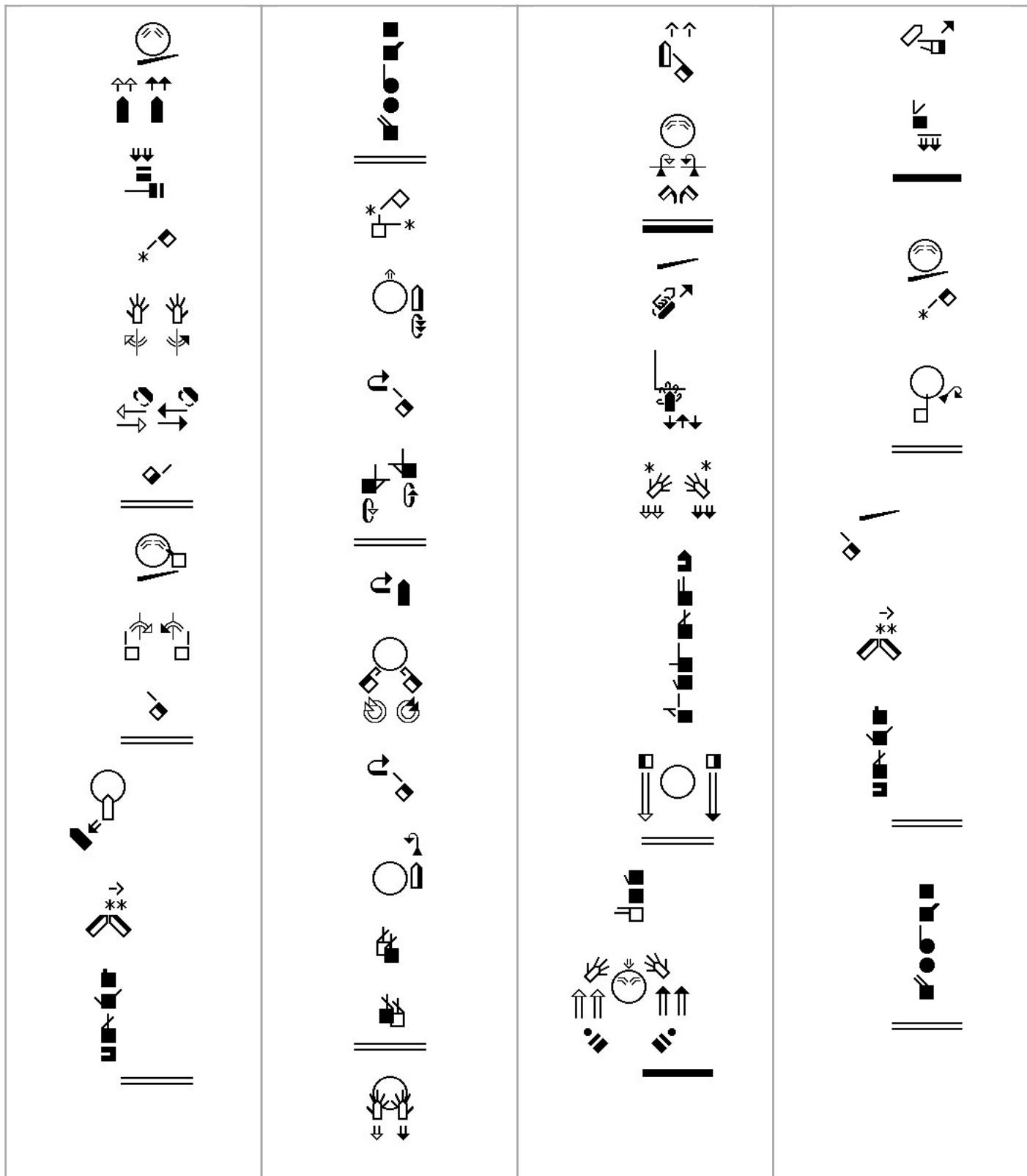
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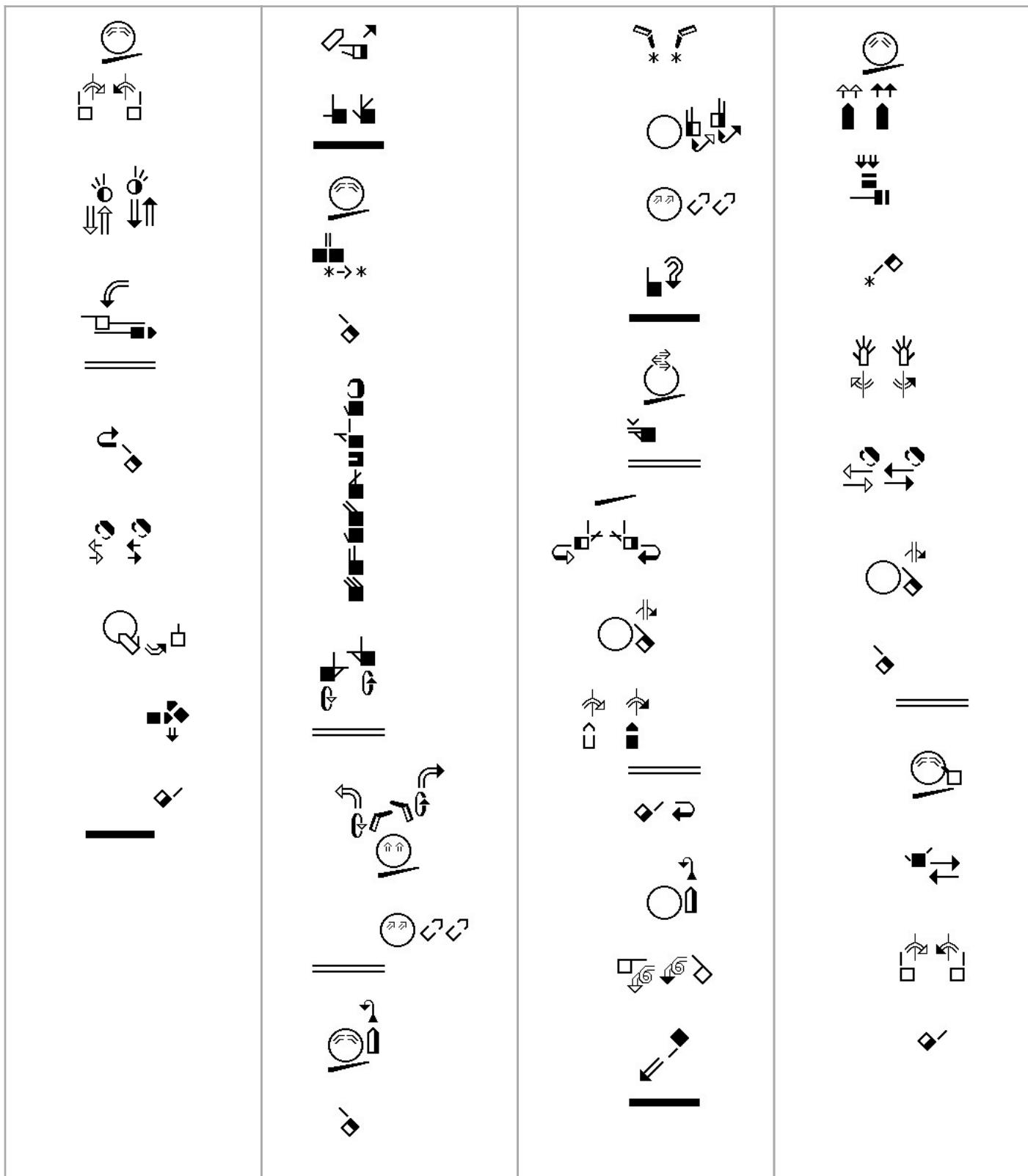




because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God. 21 "What sorrow awaits you,
Korazin and Bethsaida!

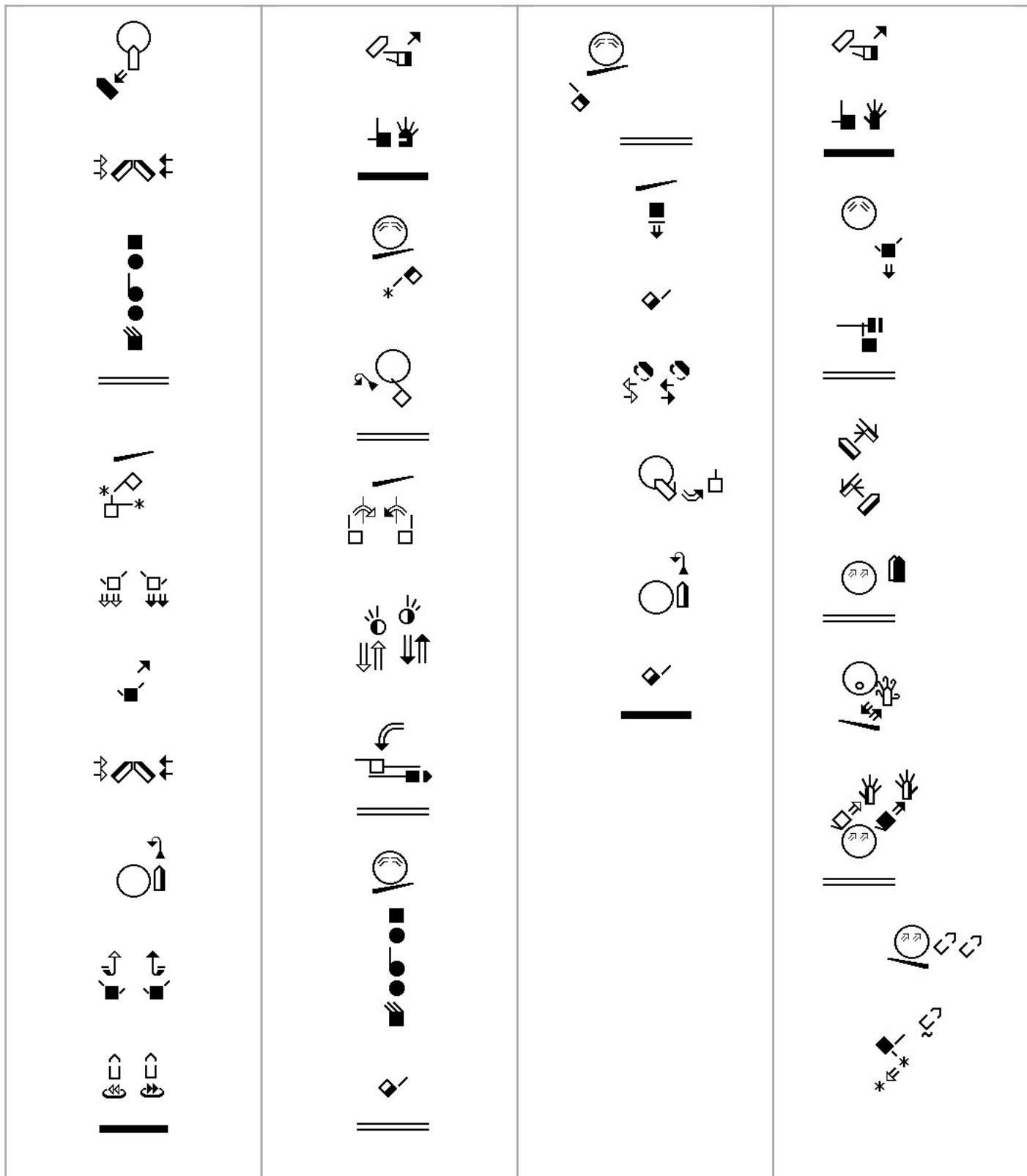
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will be better off on judgment day than you. 23 "And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done

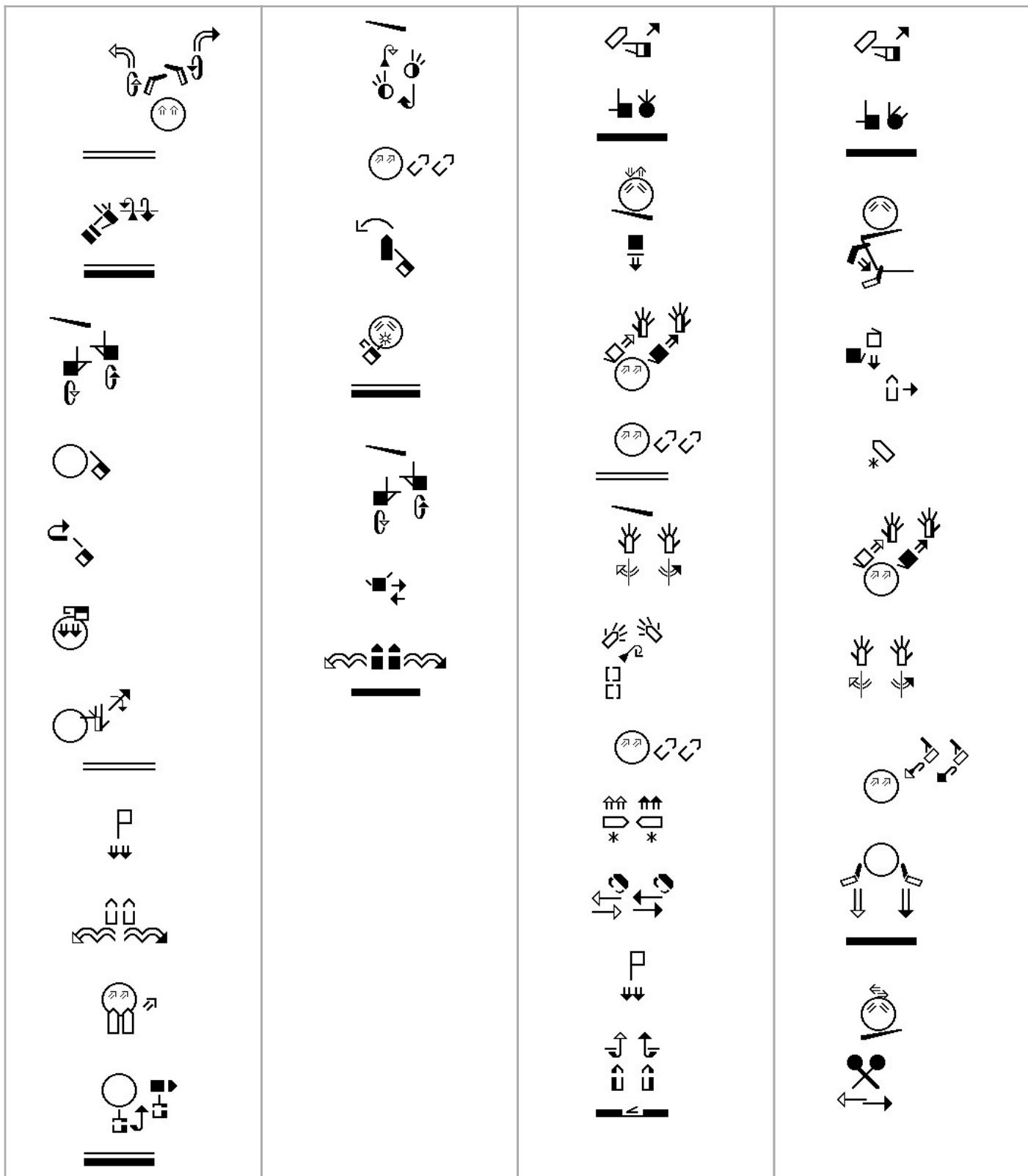
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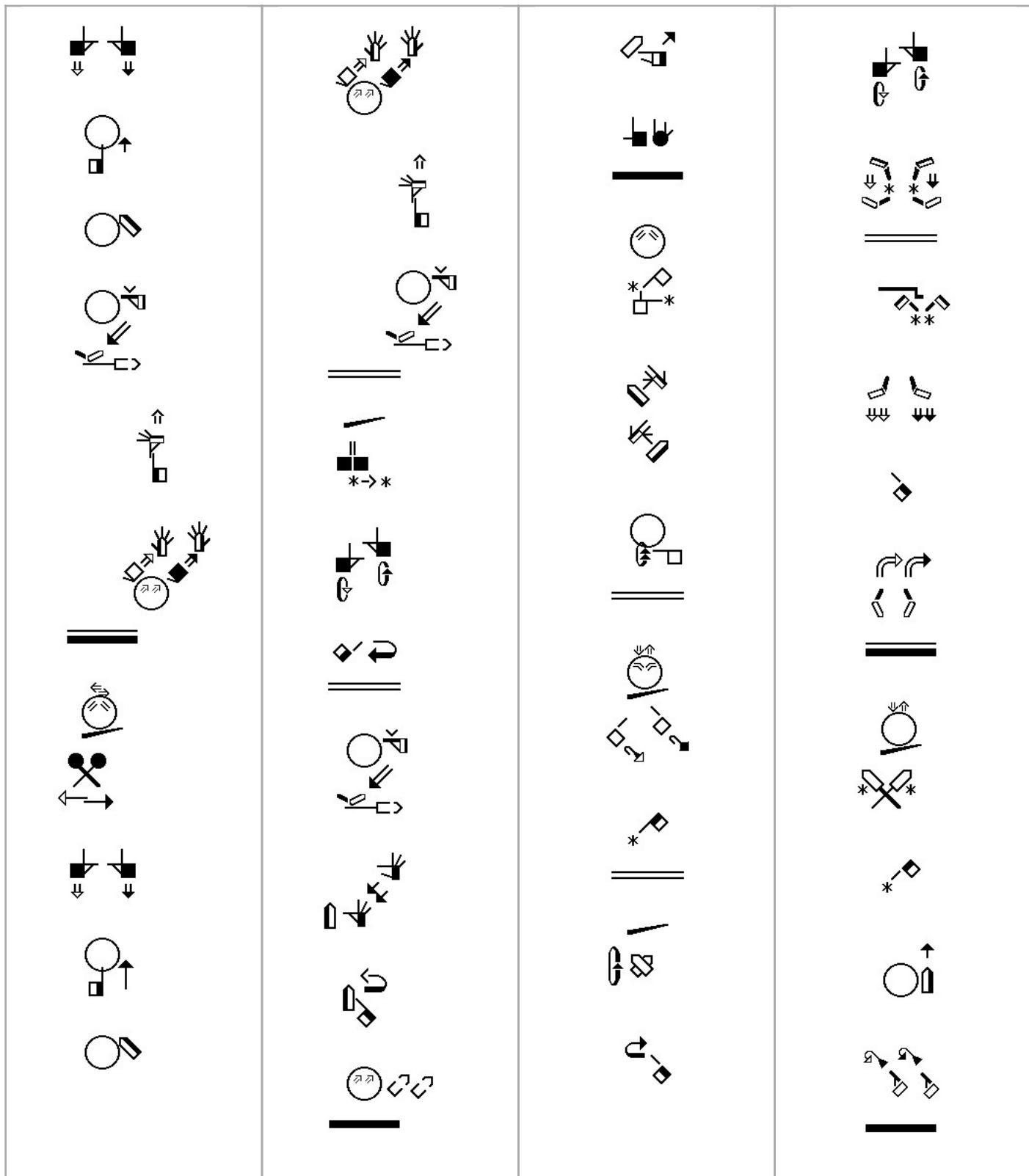
187 in wicked Sodom, it would still be here today. 24 I tell you, even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you." 25 At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord

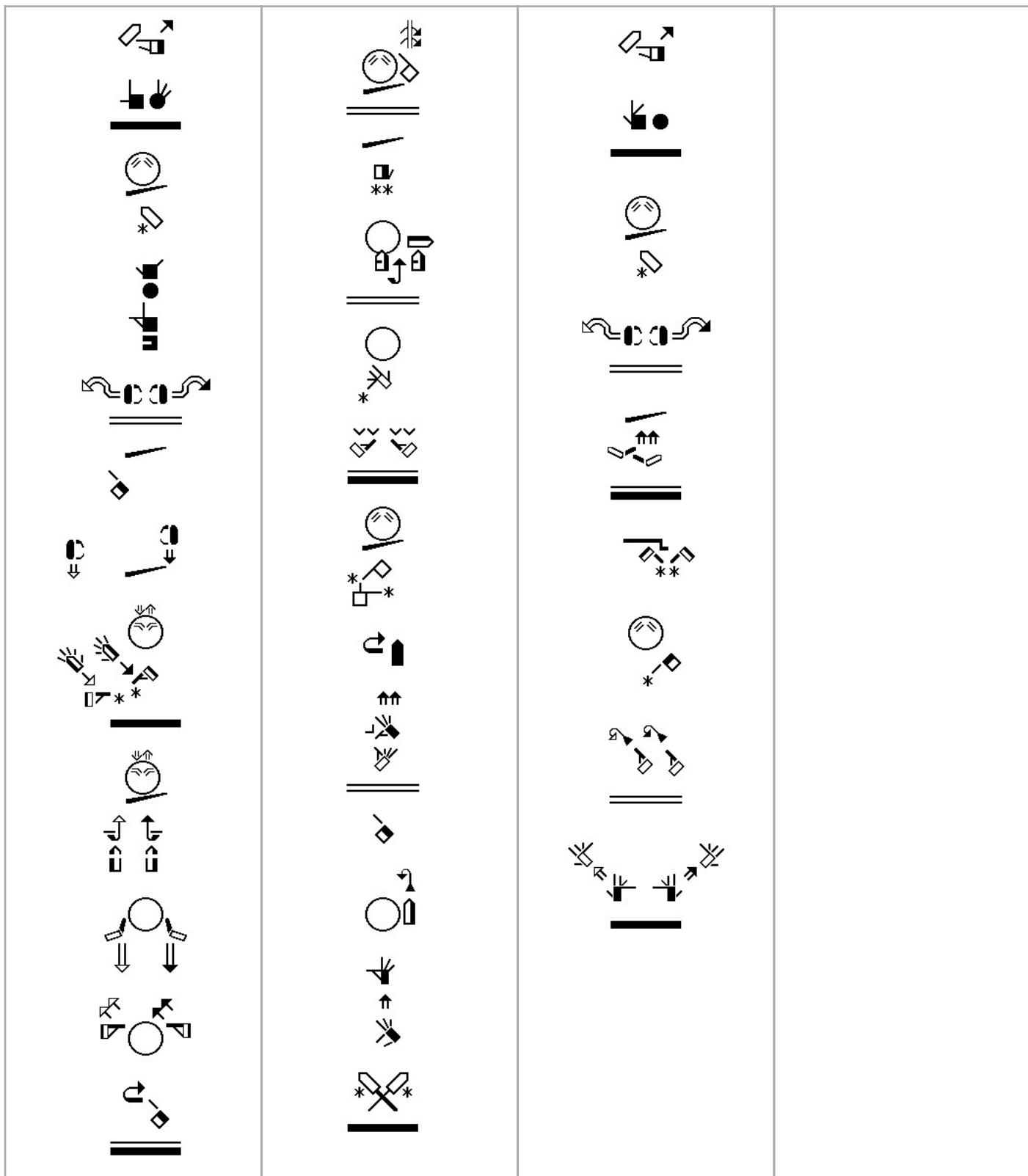
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of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. 26 Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! 27 "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No





29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle and heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

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