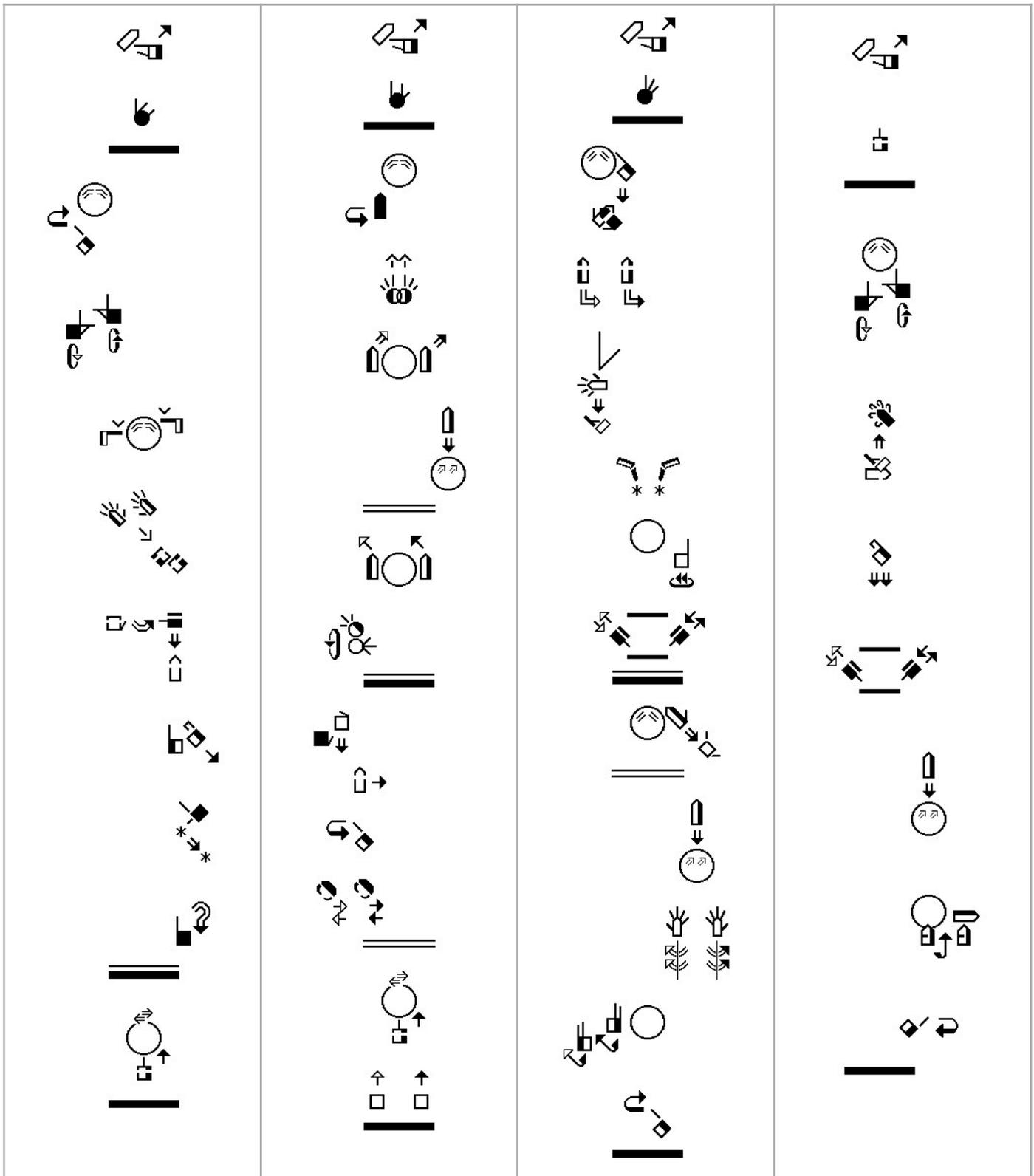
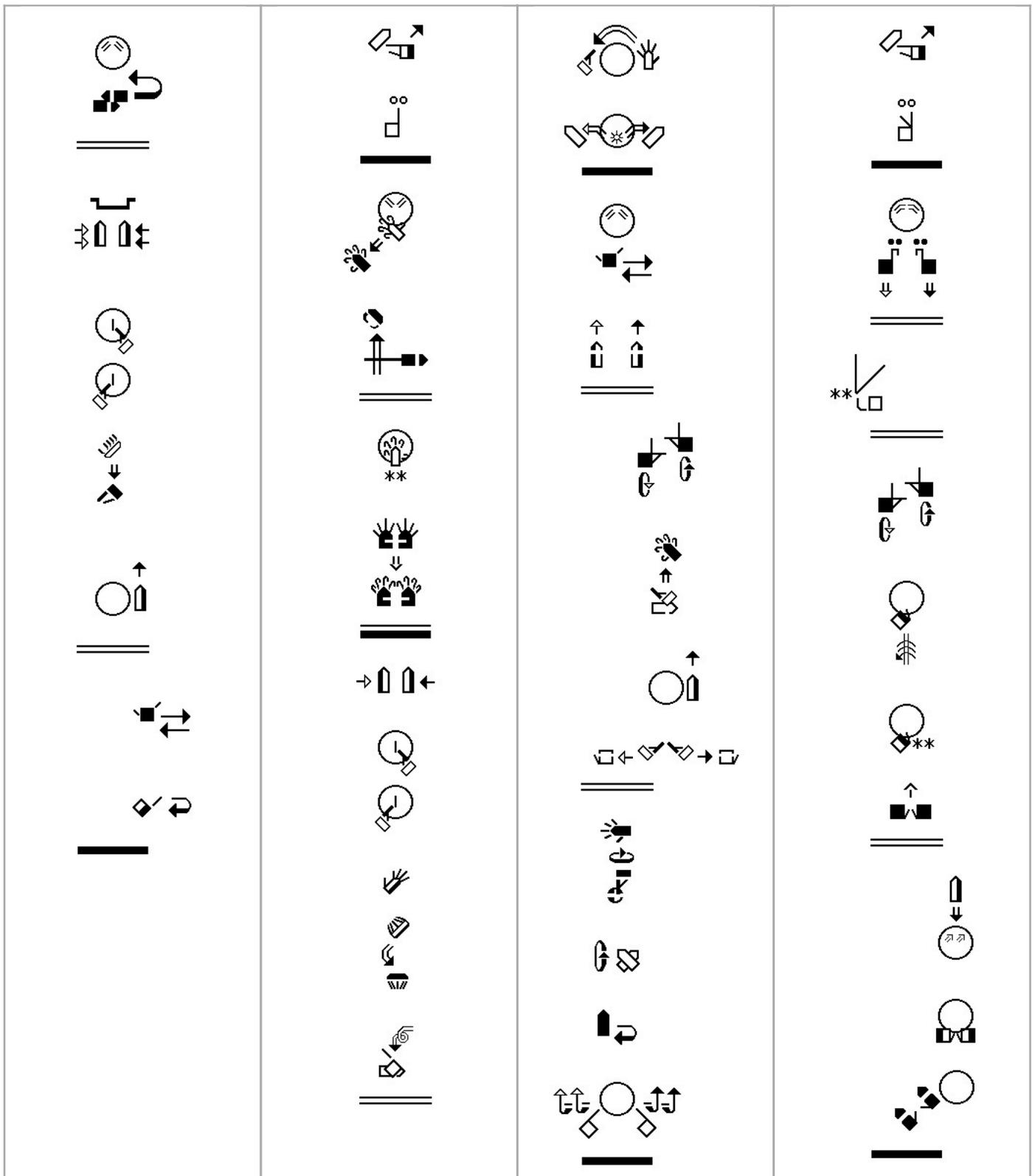


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Chapter 1. This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes" -- Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings! Verse 2. Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, NLT



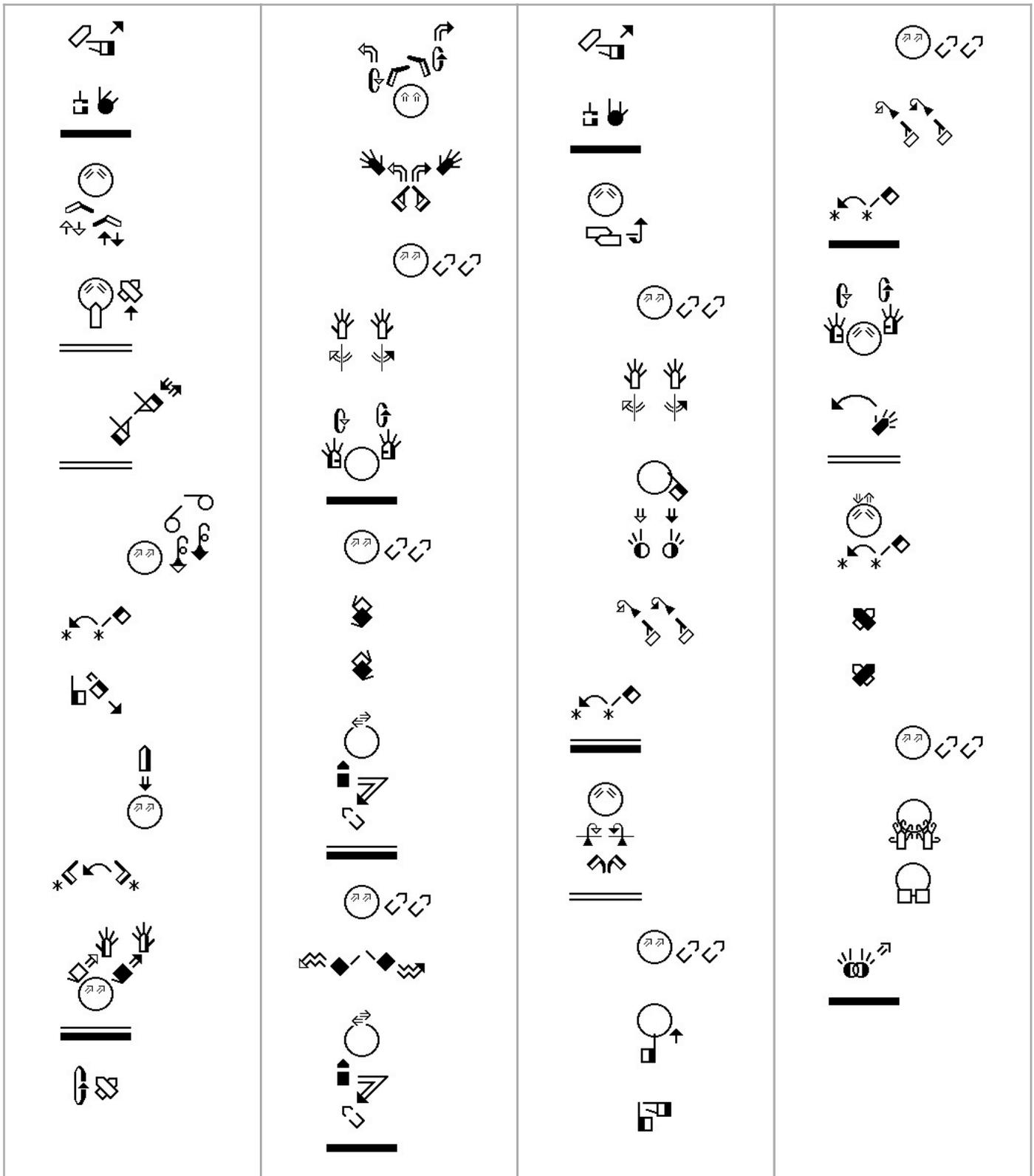
Verse 7. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Verse 8. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. Verse 9. Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. Verse 10. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. NLT



They will fade away like a little flower in the field. Verse 11. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. Verse 12. God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.

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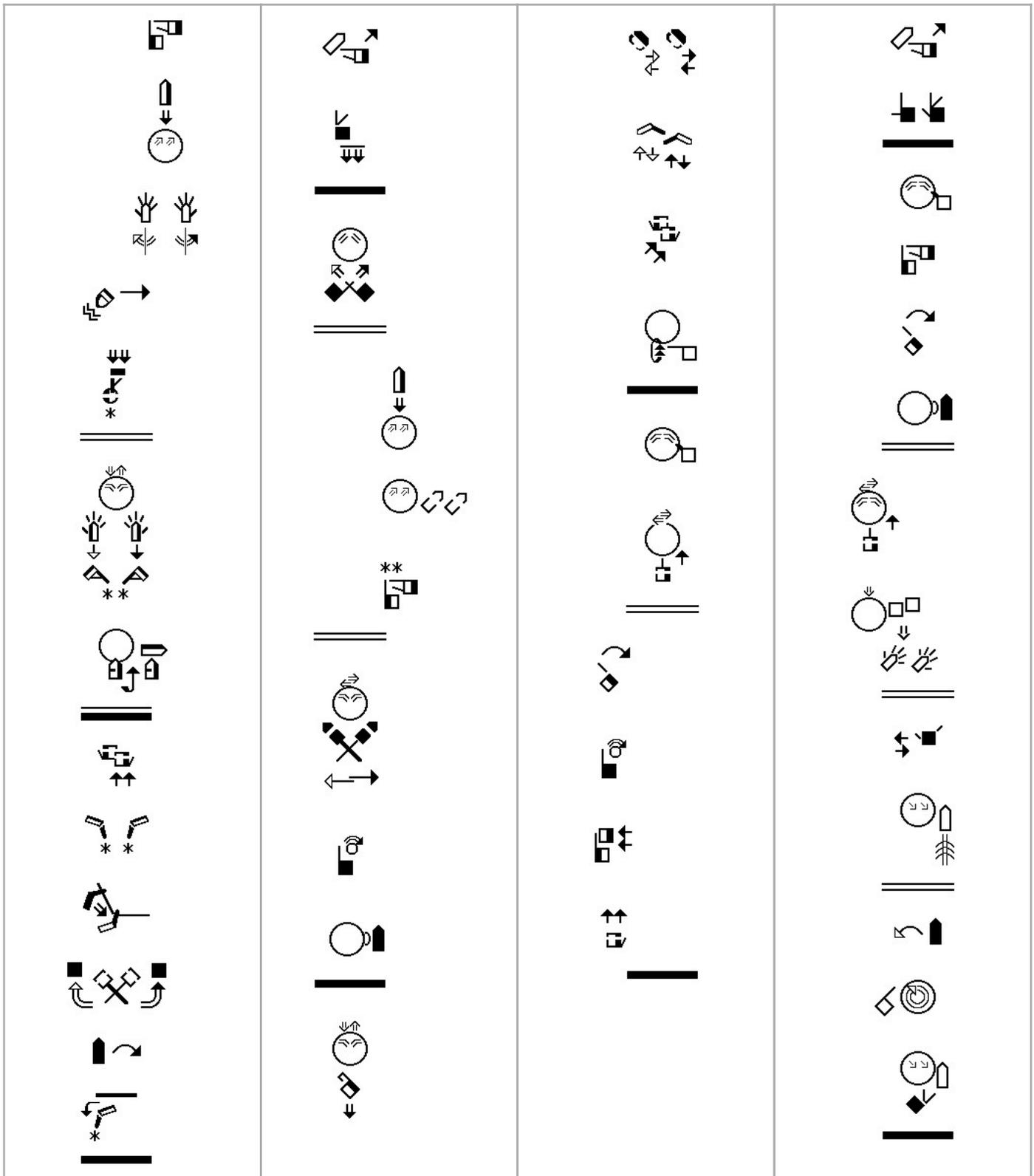
Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Verse 13. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. NLT



Verse 17. Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. Verse 18. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. NLT

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Verse 19. Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Verse 20. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. Verse 21. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, NLT



and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. Verse 22. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. Verse 23. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.

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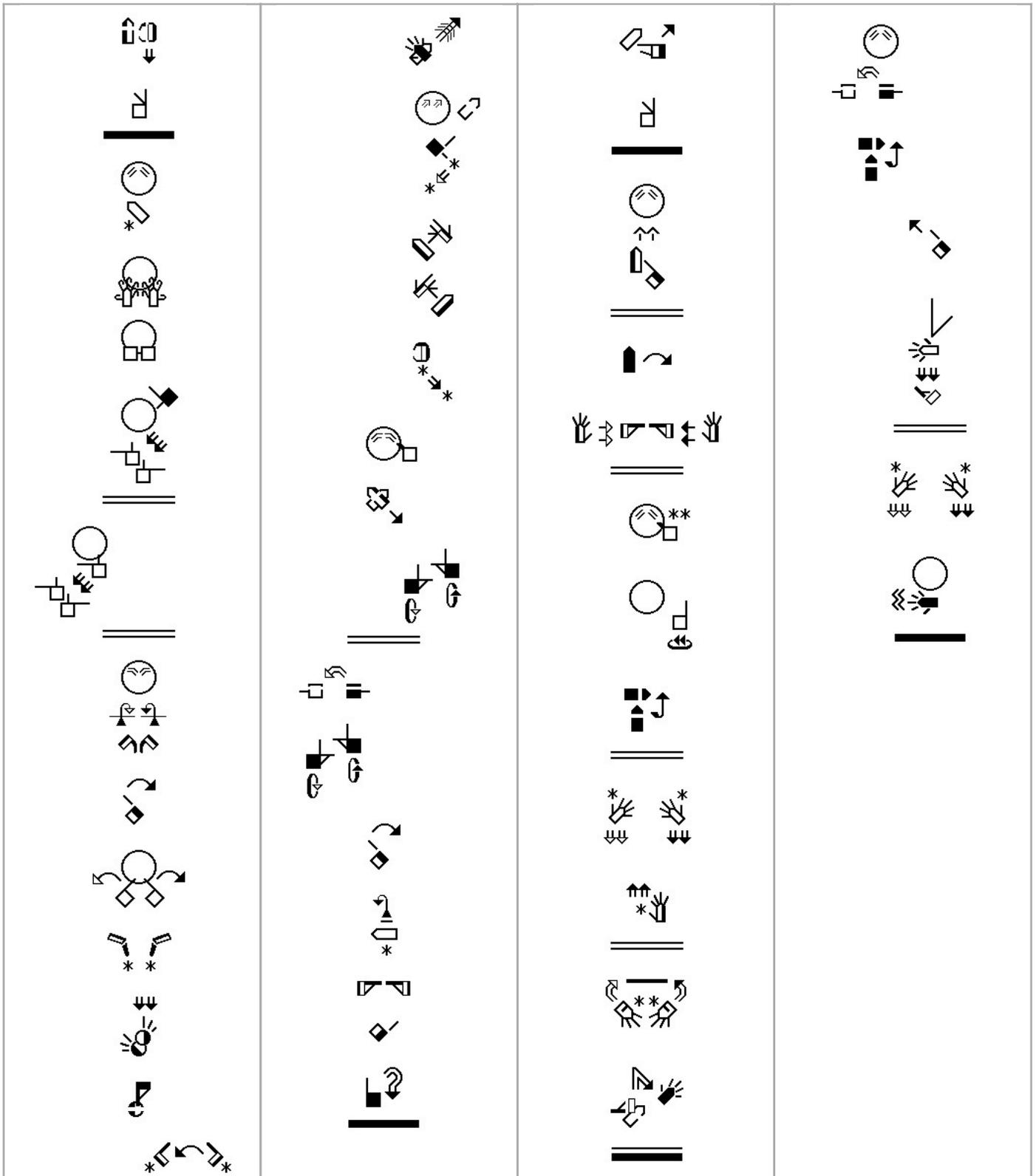
Verse 24. You see yourself, walk away and forget what you look like. Verse 25. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. Verse 26. If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue,

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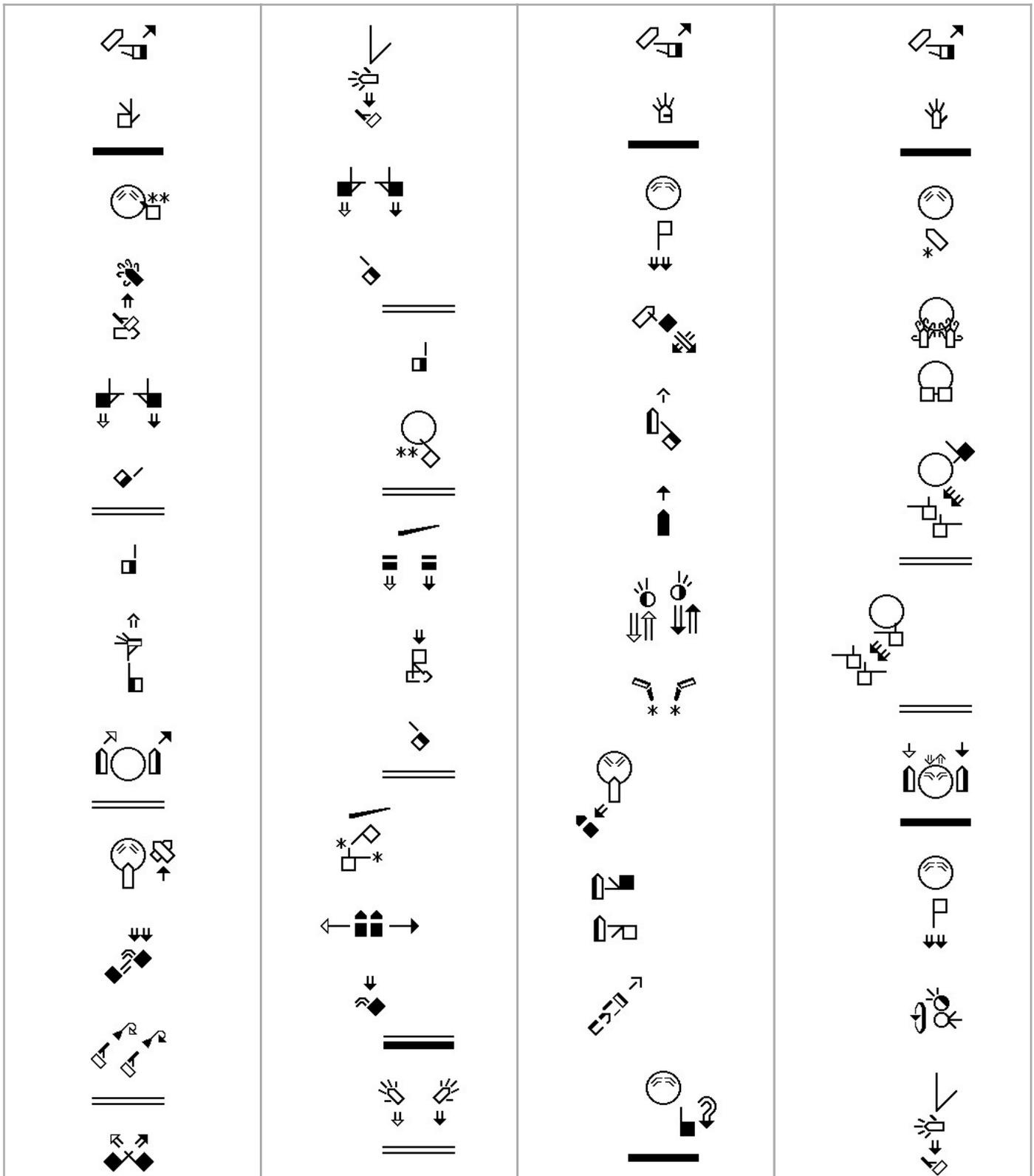
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you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Verse 27. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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Chapter 2. My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? Verse 2. For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. NLT



Verse 3. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor" -- well, Verse 4. doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? Verse 5. Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters.

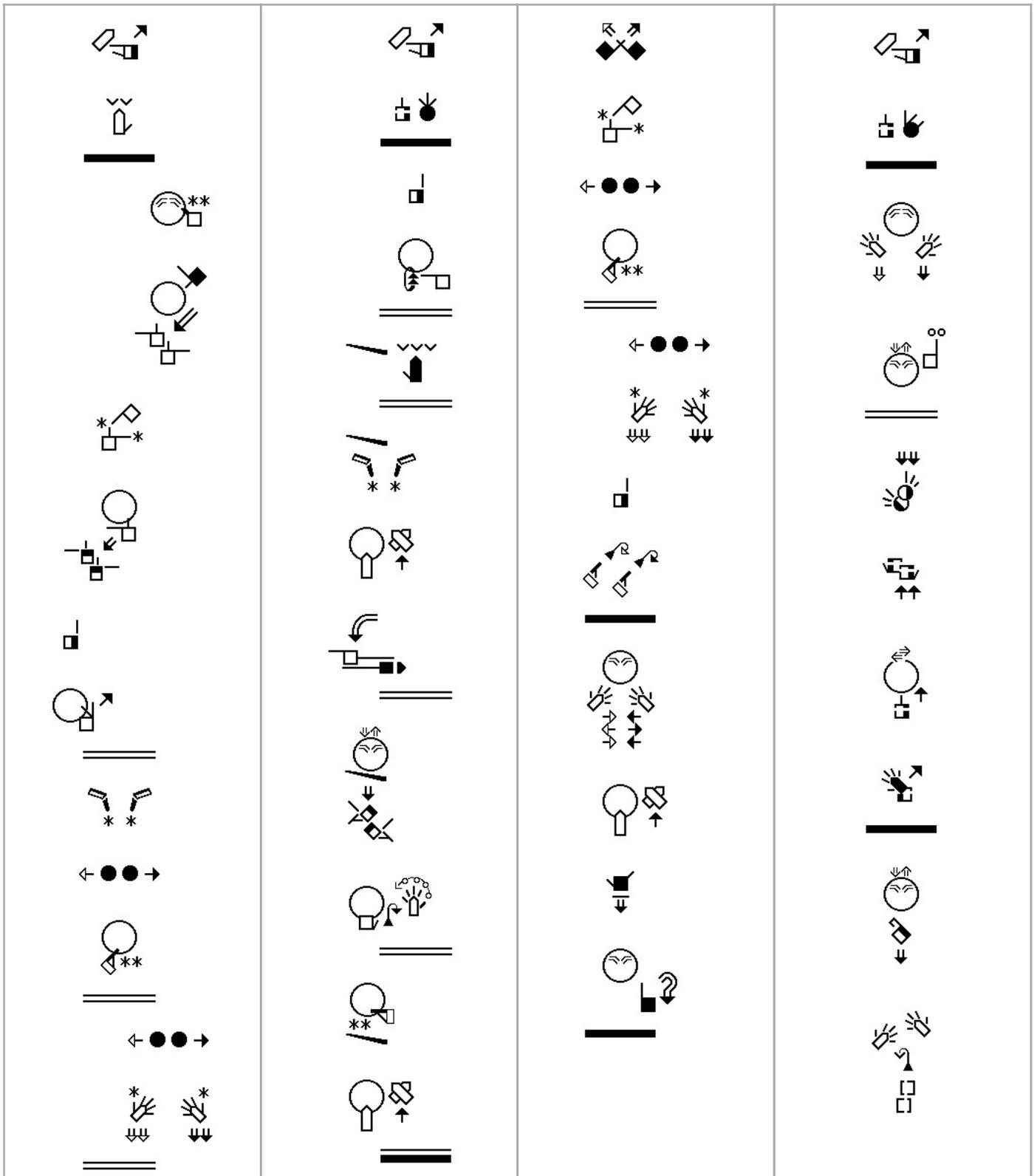
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17 you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. Verse 10. For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. Verse 11. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," NLT

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also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law. Verse 12. So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. NLT

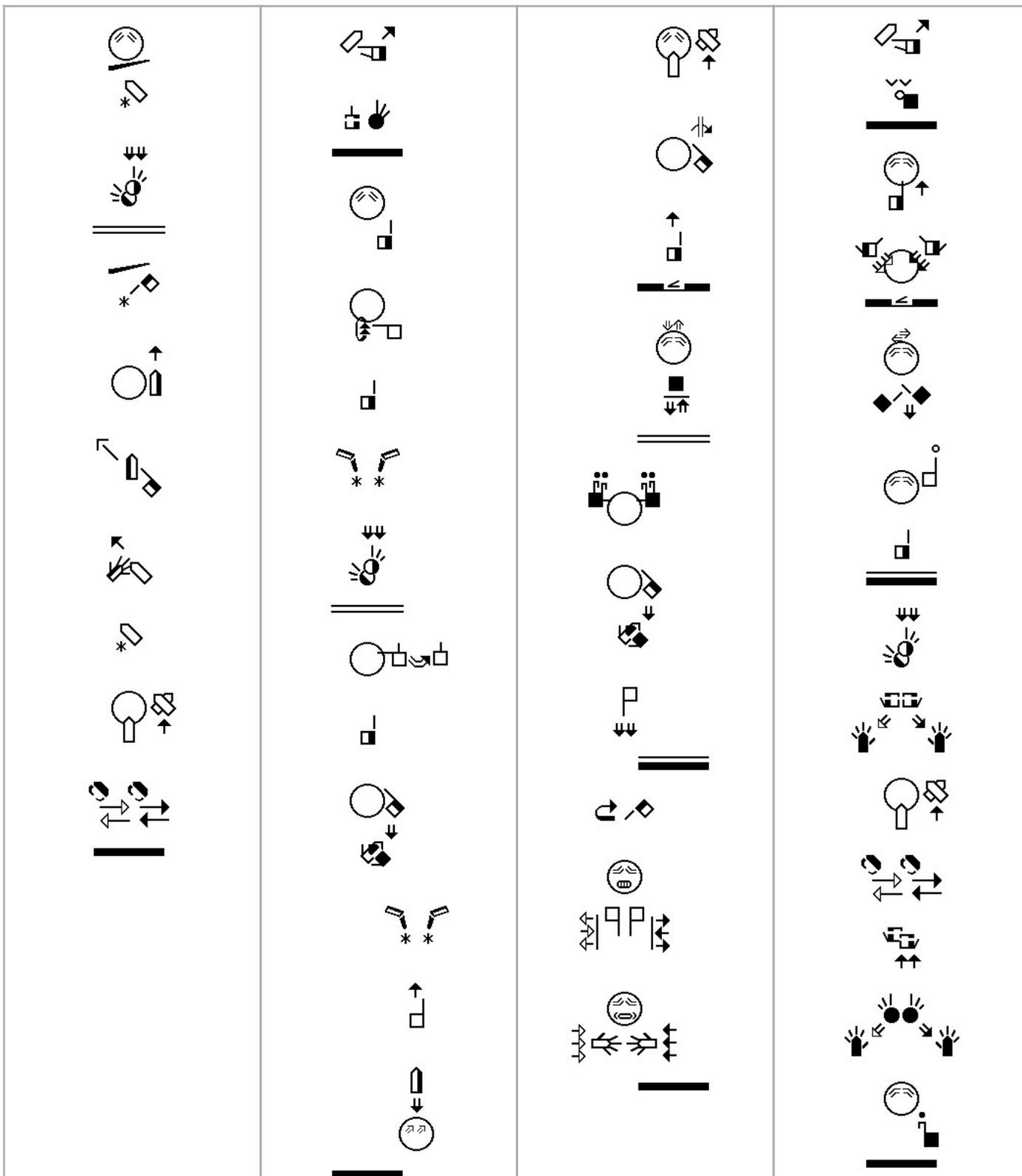


Verse 15. Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, Verse 16. and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well" -- but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? Verse 17. So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces

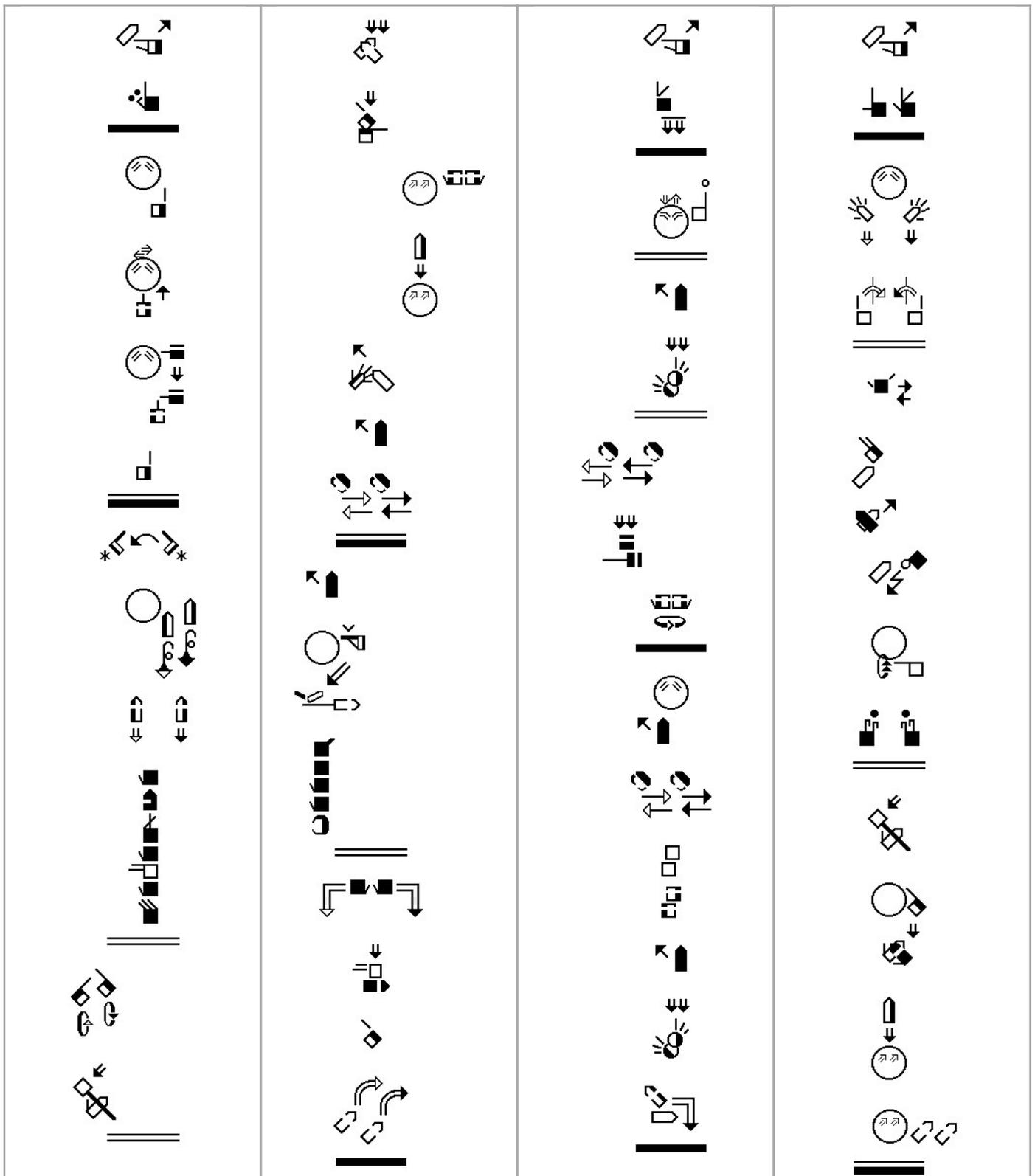
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21 good deeds, it is dead and useless. Verse 18. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds?" NLT



"I will show you my faith by my good deeds." Verse 19. You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. Verse 20. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?
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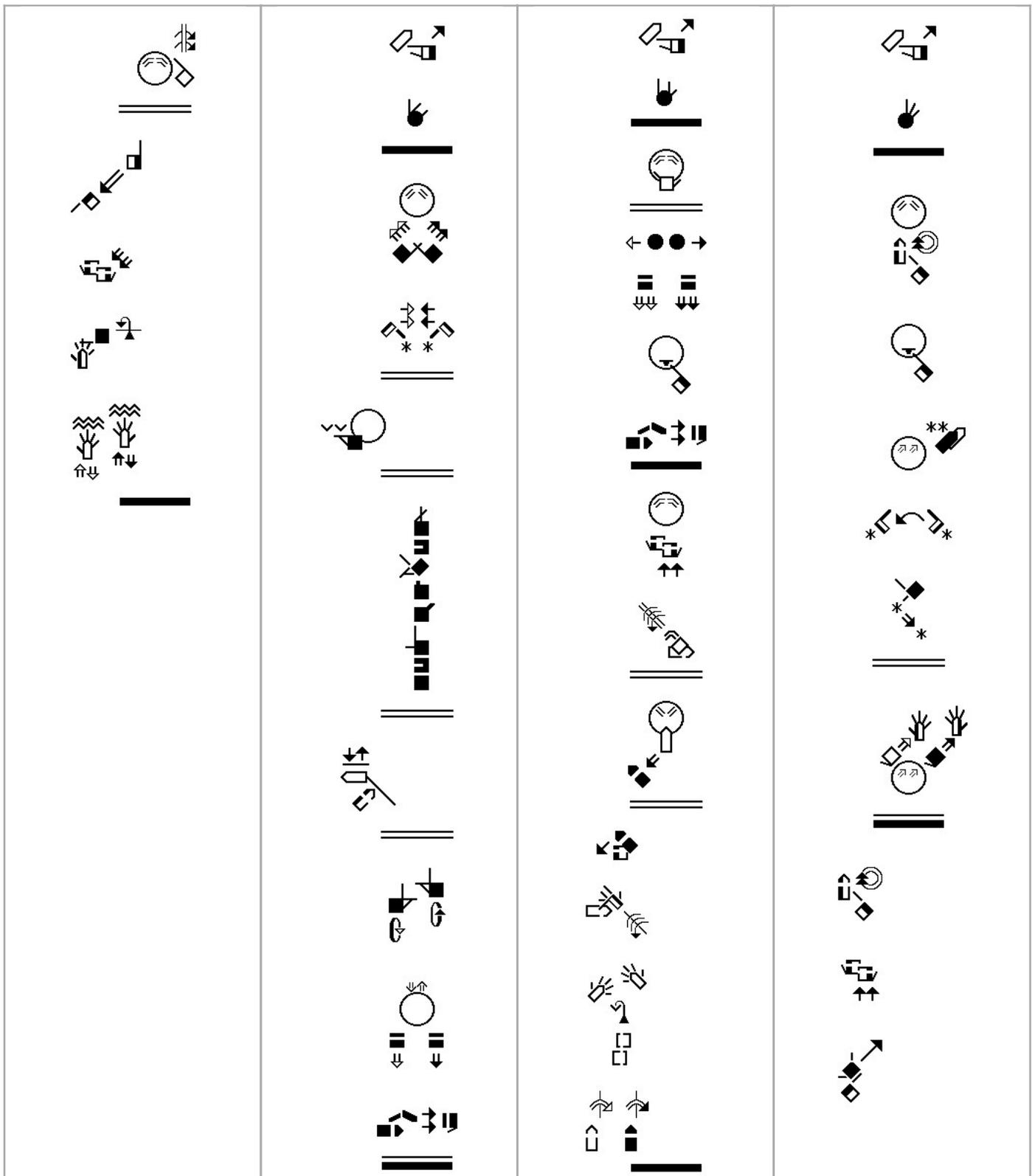


Verse 21. Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? Verse 22. You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. Verse 23. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, NLT

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Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Verse 2. Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

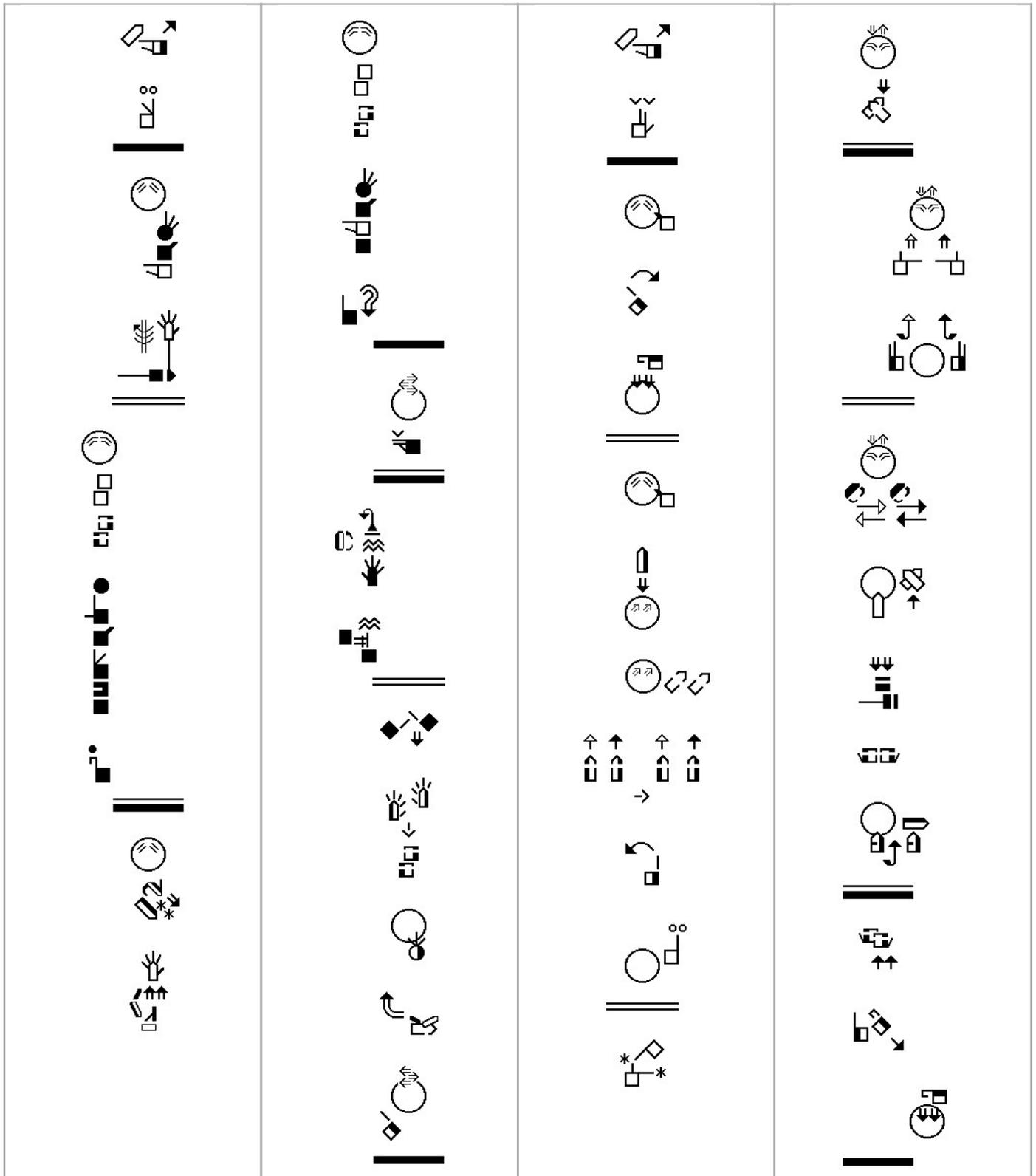
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for it is set on fire by hell itself. Verse 7. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, Verse 8. but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Verse 9. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses

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those who have been made in the image of God. Verse 10. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Verse 11. Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water?
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Verse 12. Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. Verse 13. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

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It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. Verse 18. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

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but you cant get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. Verse 3. And even when you ask, you don't get it

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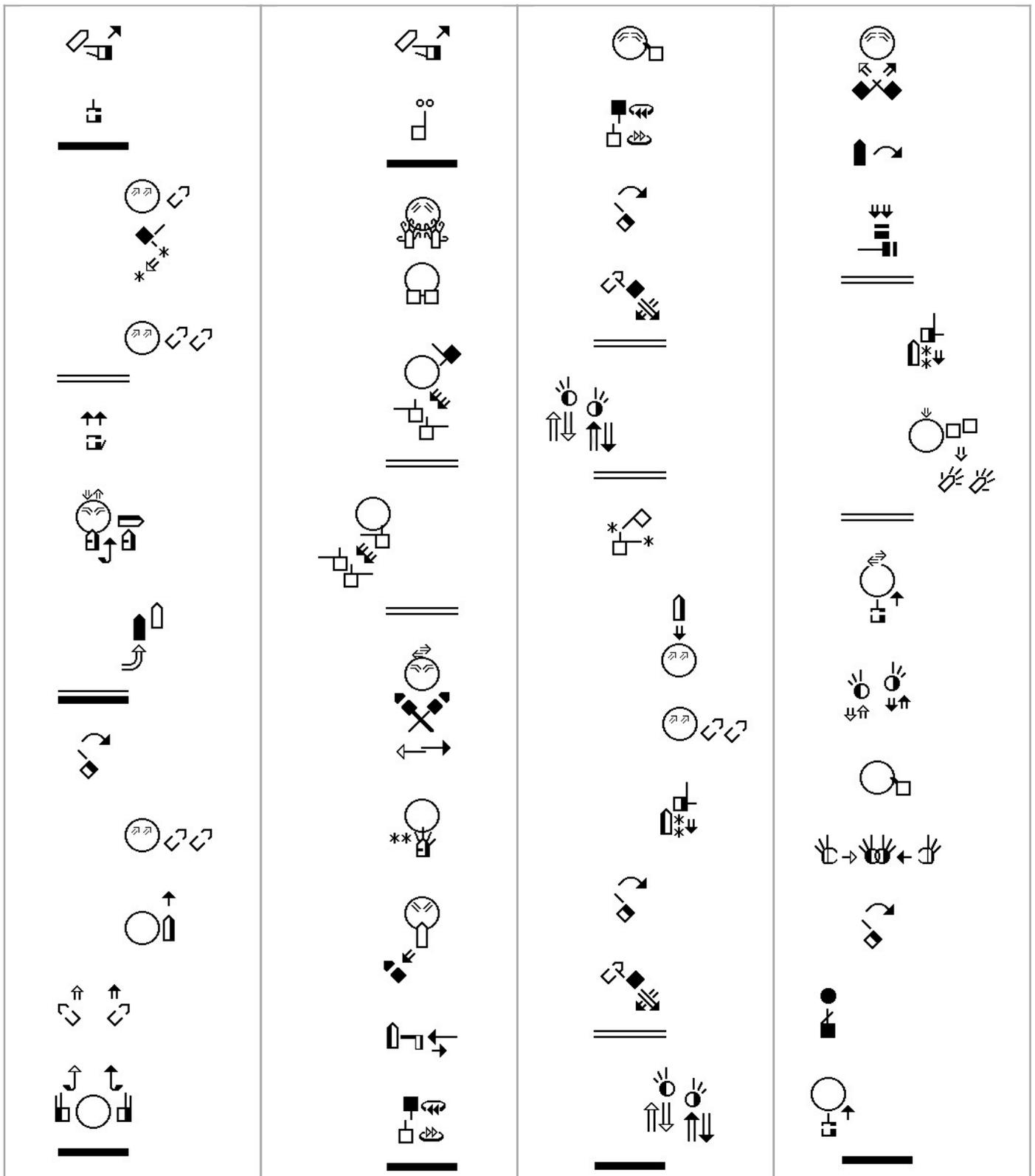
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37 because your motives are all wrong -- you want only what will give you pleasure. Verse 4. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, NLT

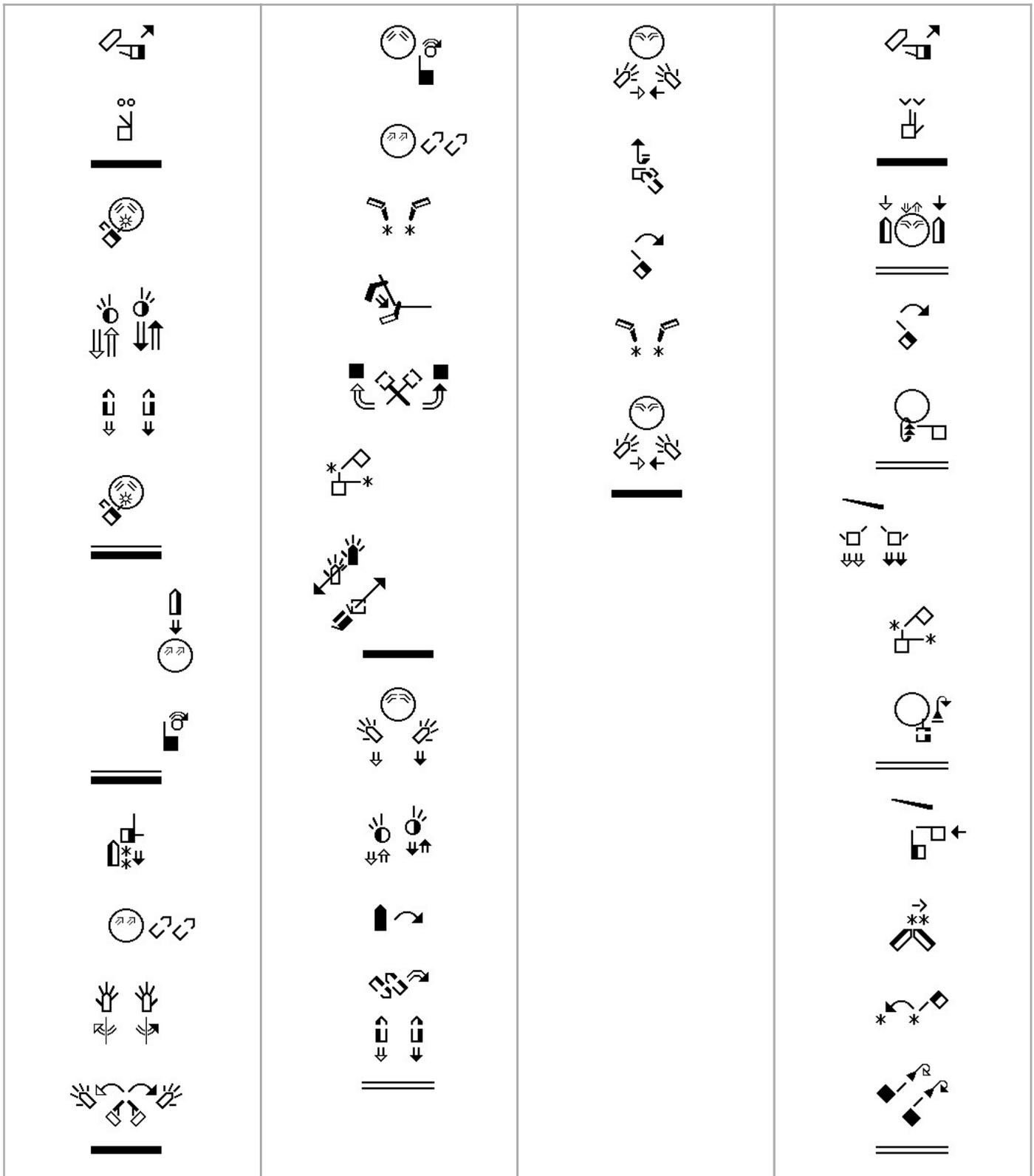
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Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Verse 9. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

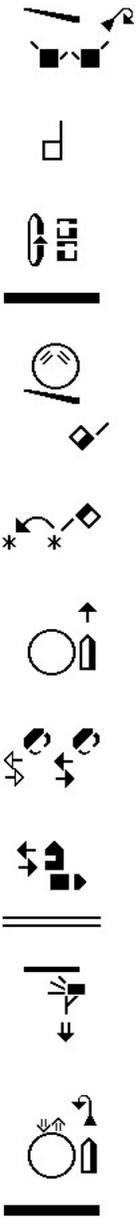
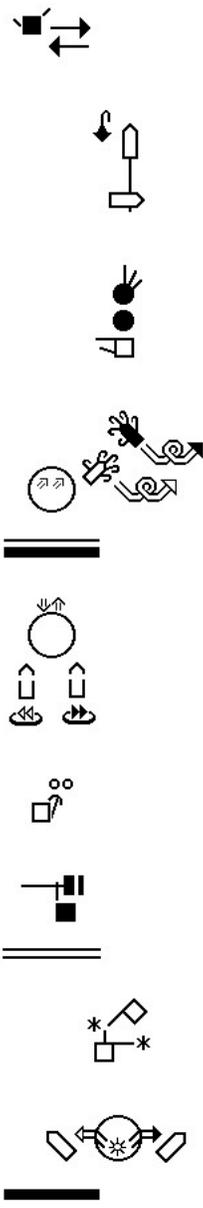
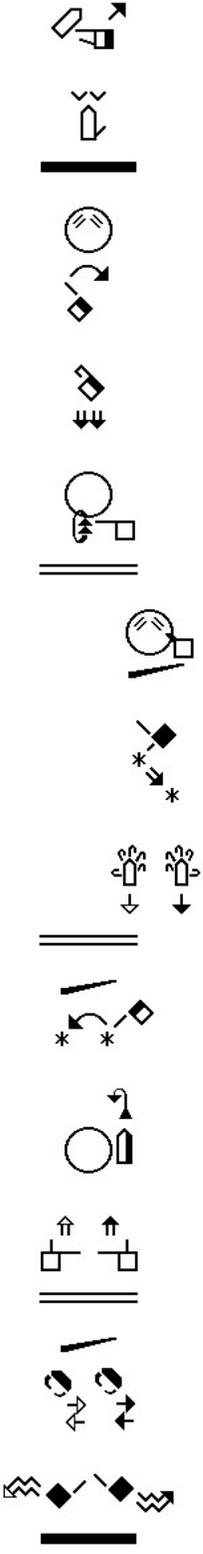
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Verse 10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. Verse 11. Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. NLT



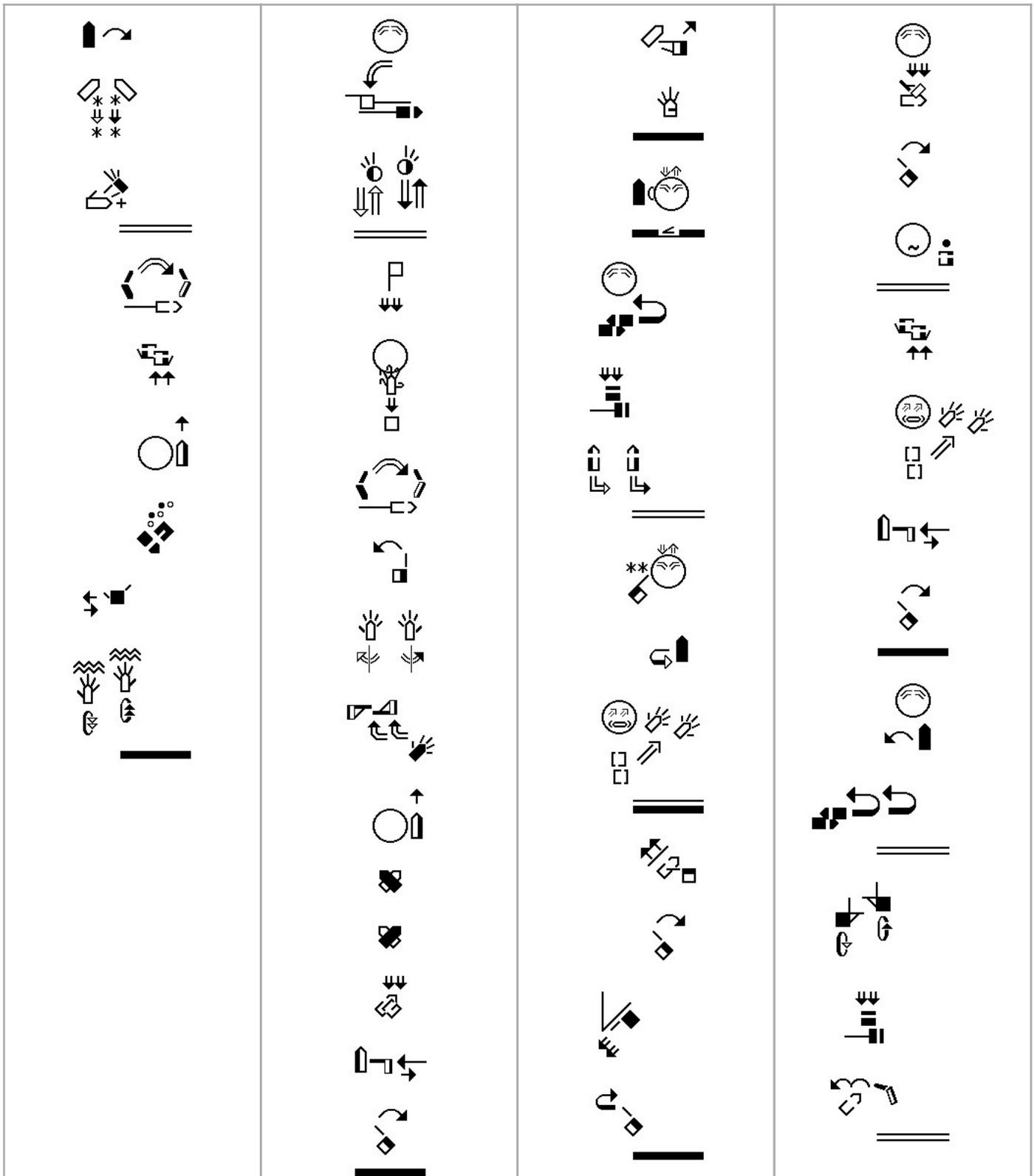
Verse 12. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? Verse 13. Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town

			
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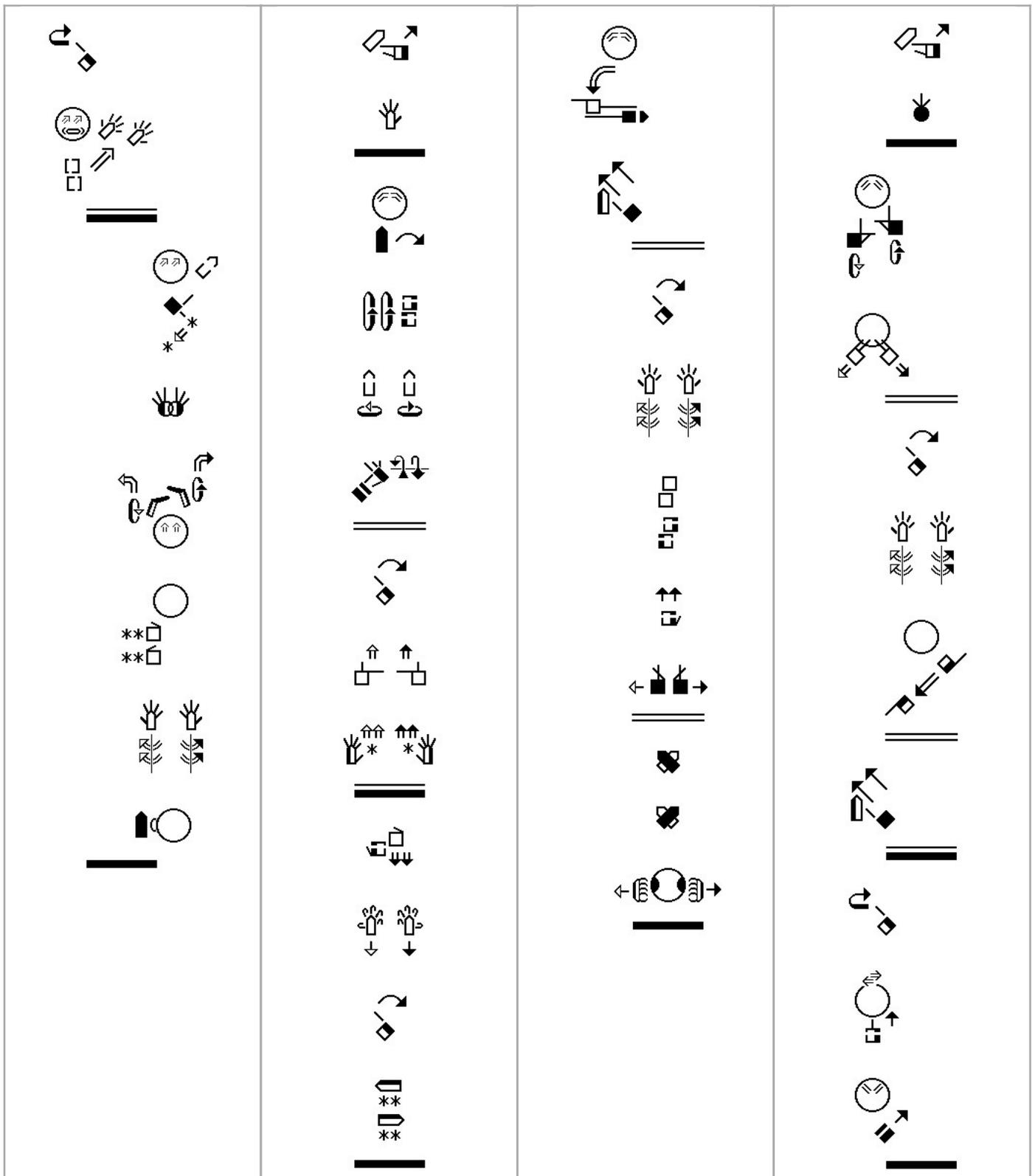
and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." Verse 14. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog -- it's here a little while, then it's gone. Verse 15. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." NLT

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45 Chapter 5. Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Verse 2. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Verse 3. Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on NLT

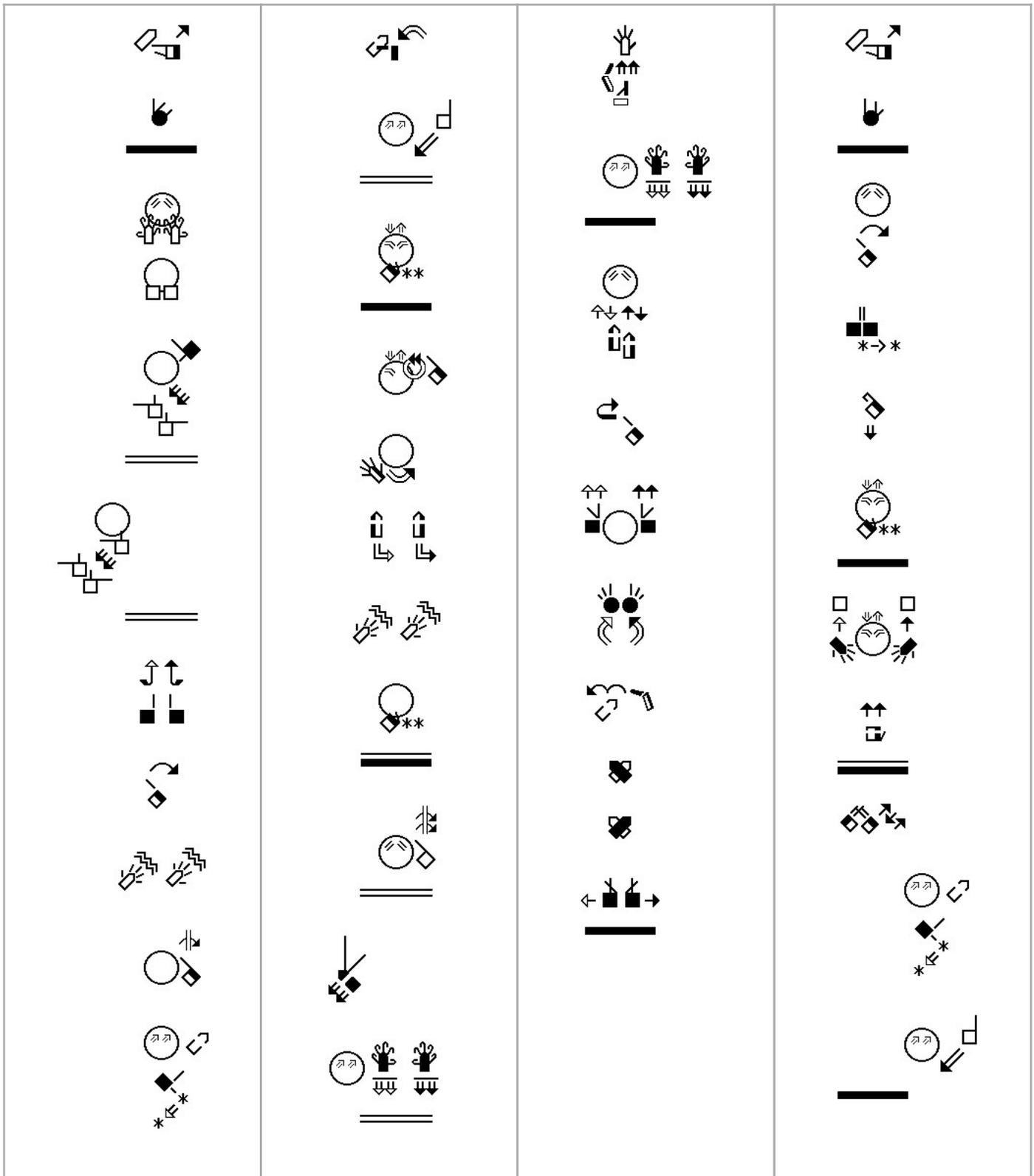


will eat away your flesh like fire. This treasure you have accumulated will stand as evidence against you on the day of judgment. Verse 4. For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The wages you held back cry out against you. The cries of those who harvest your fields NLT



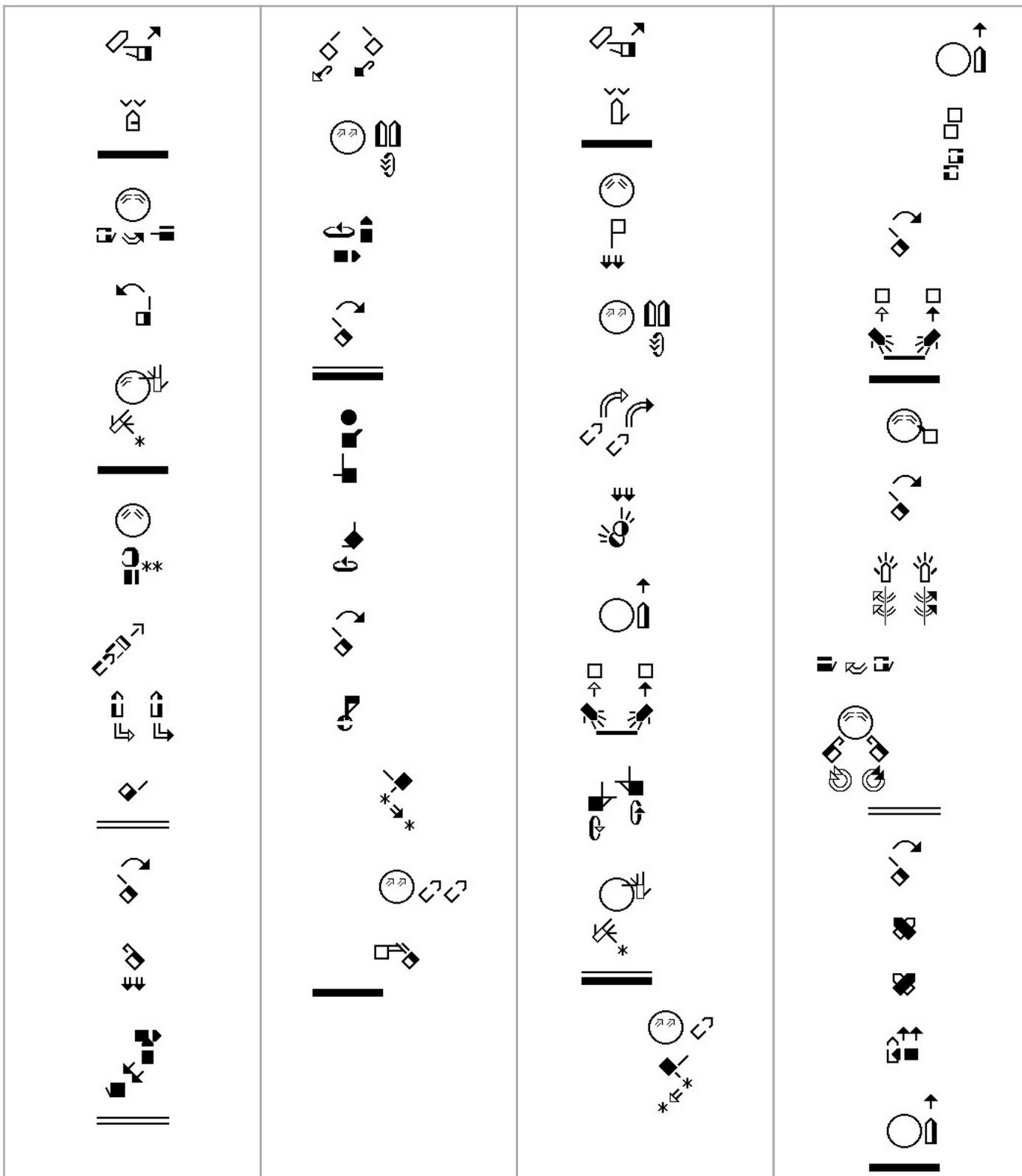
have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Verse 5. You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. Verse 6. You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.

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Verse 7. Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. Verse 8. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

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Verse 14. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Verse 15. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. NLT

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prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Verse 18. Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. Verse 19. My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back,

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