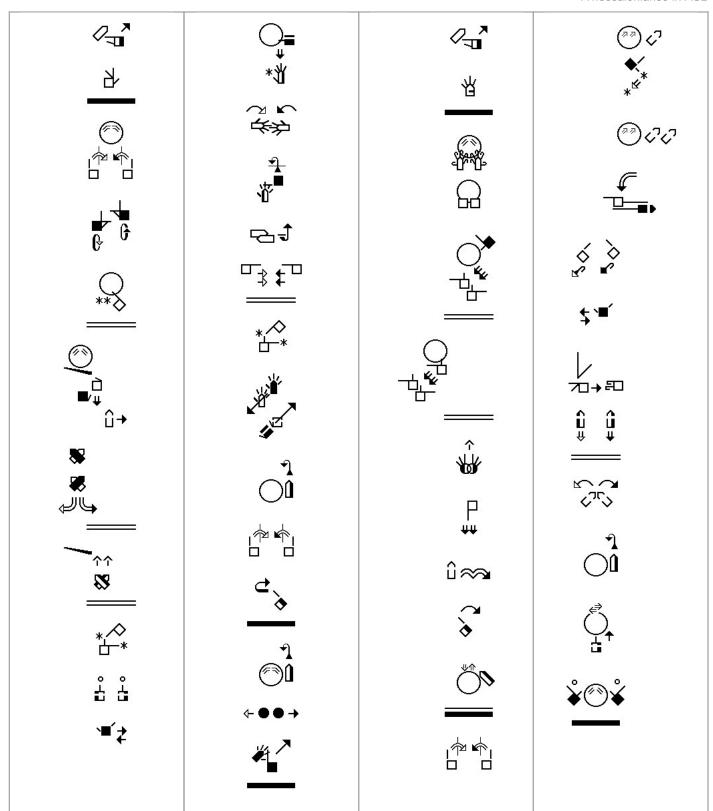
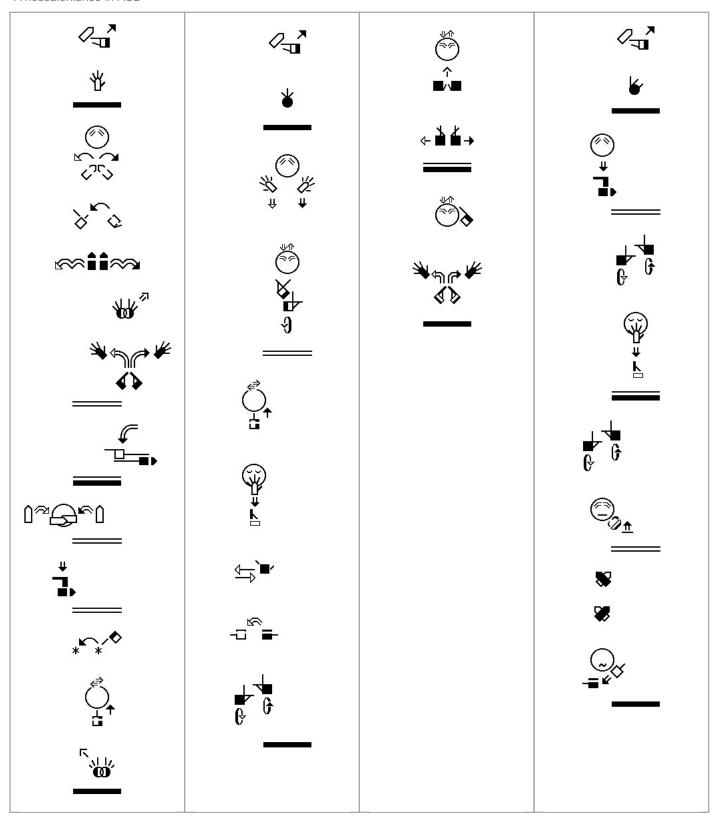


Chapter 5. Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. Verse 2. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

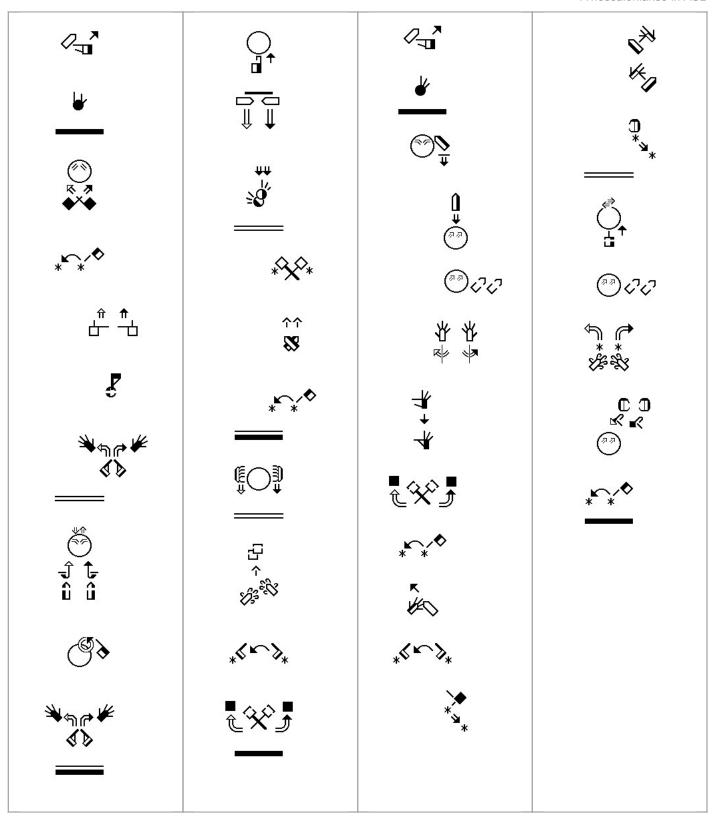


Verse 3. When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. Verse 4. But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief.

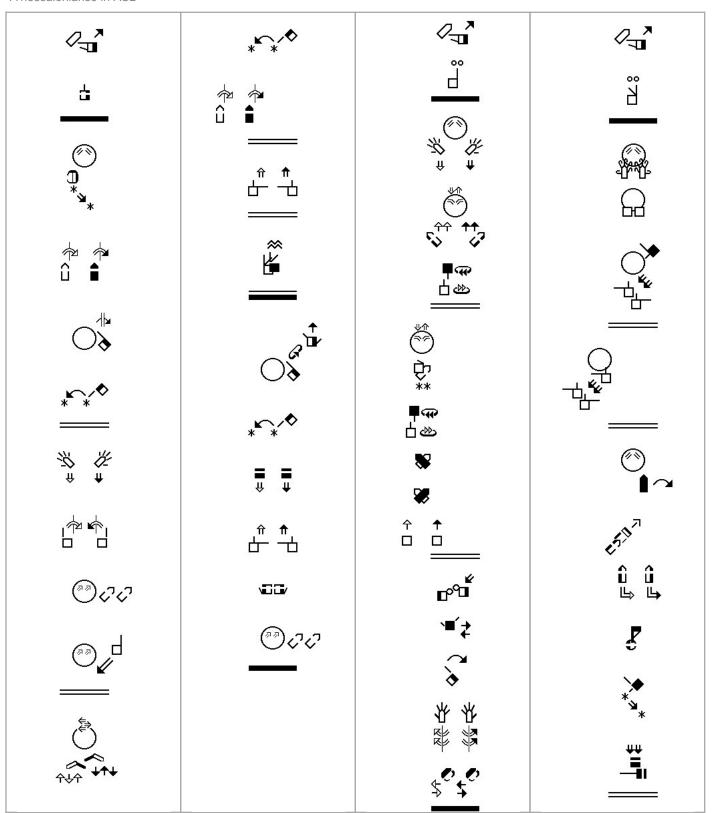
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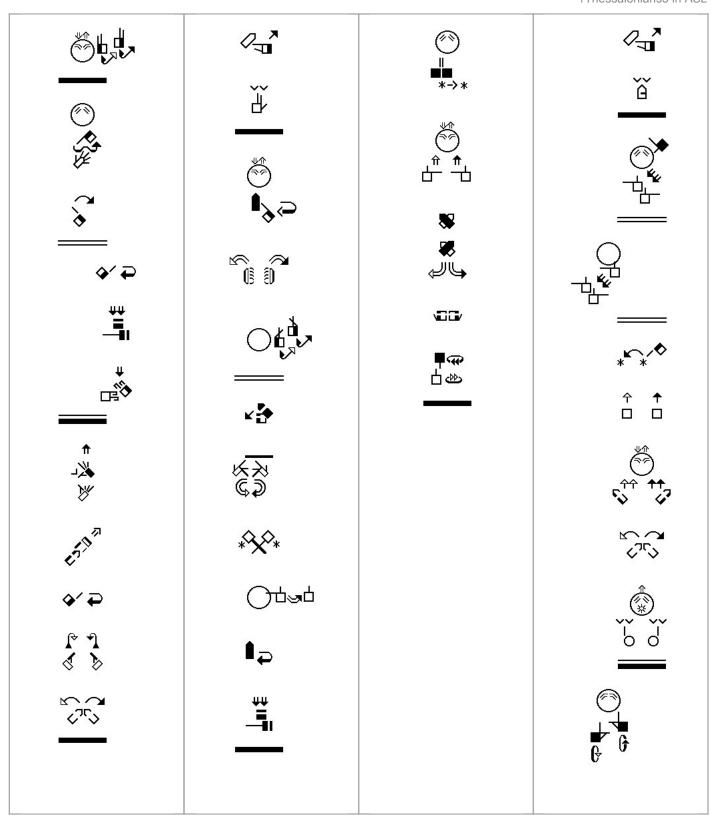
Verse 5. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. Verse 6. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. Verse 7. Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. NLT



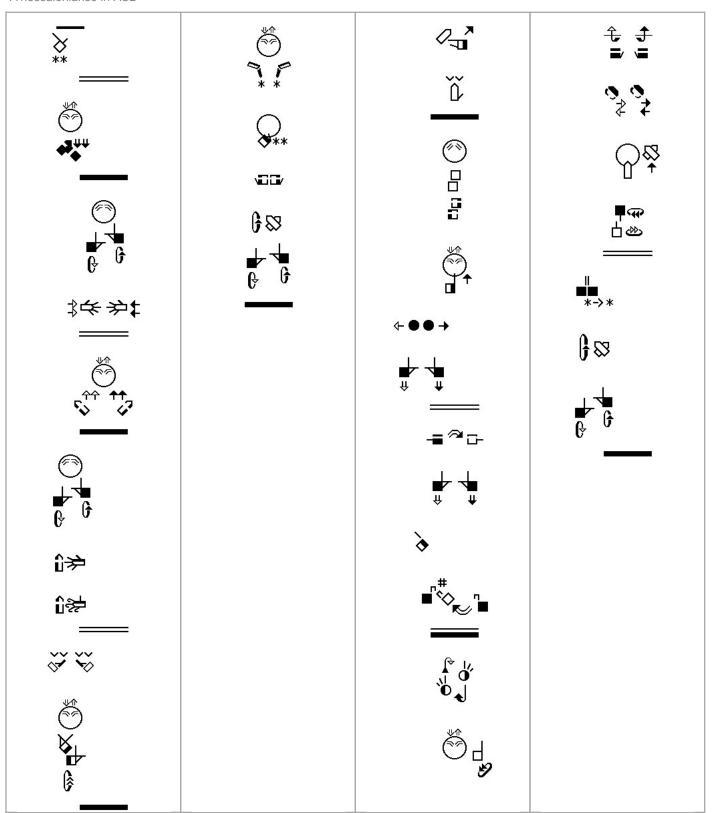
Verse 8. But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. Verse 9. For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. NLT



Verse 10. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. Verse 11. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. Verse 12. Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work.

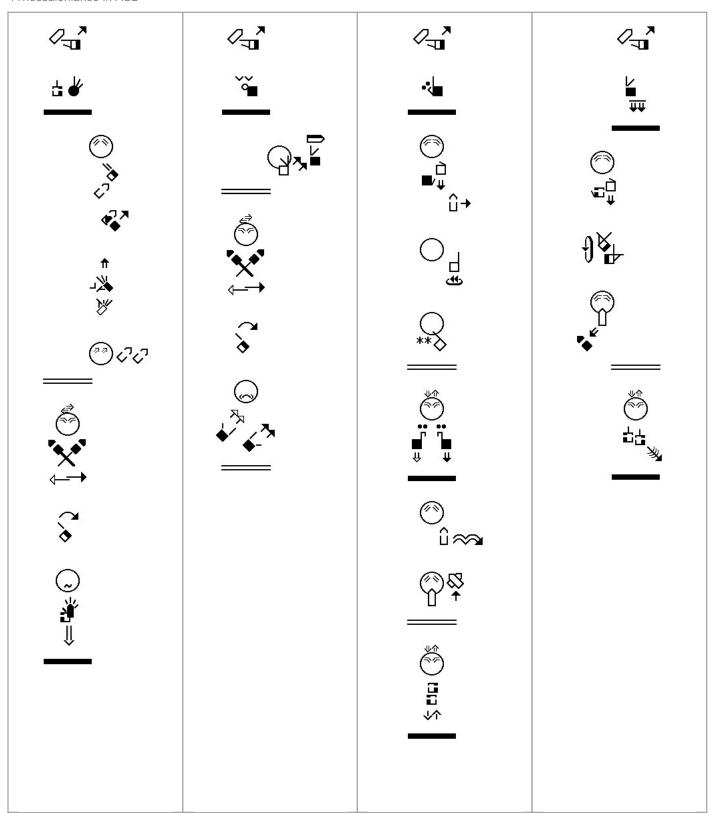


They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Verse 13. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. Verse 14. Brothers and sisters, we urge you NLT



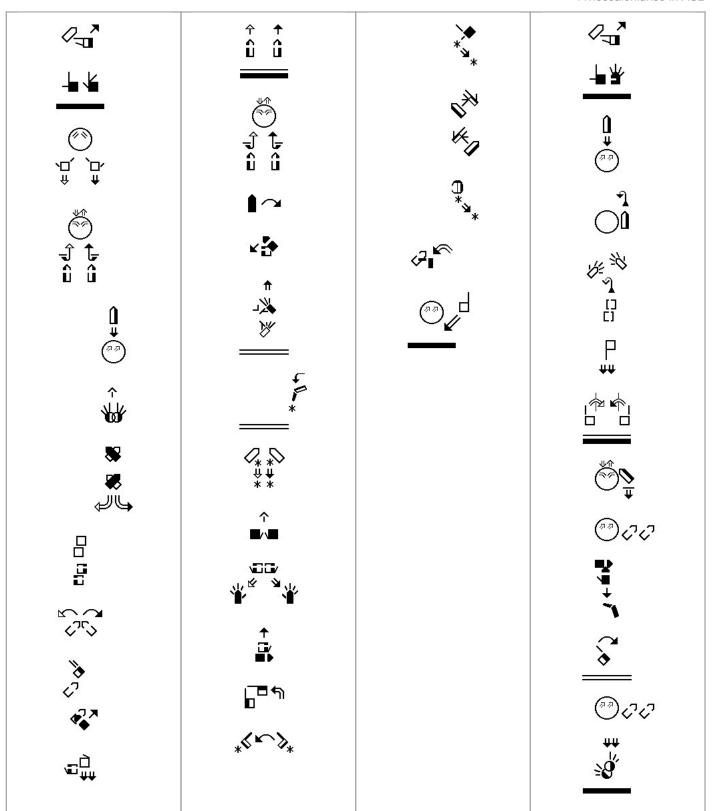
to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. Verse 15. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

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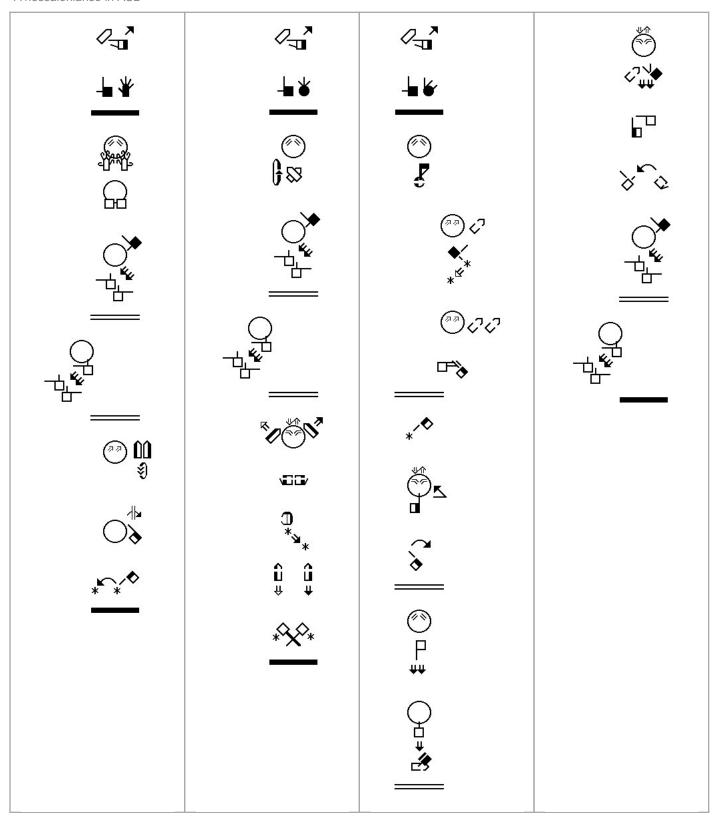


Verse 19. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Verse 20. Do not scoff at prophecies, Verse 21. but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Verse 22. Stay away from every kind of evil.

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Verse 23. Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Verse 24. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.



Verse 25. Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us. Verse 26. Greet all the brothers and sisters with Christian love. Verse 27. I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters.

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