








































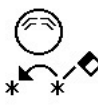




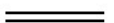



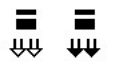






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God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Verse 6. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. NLT

           	         	                  	            
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Verse 7. We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. Verse 8. We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure,

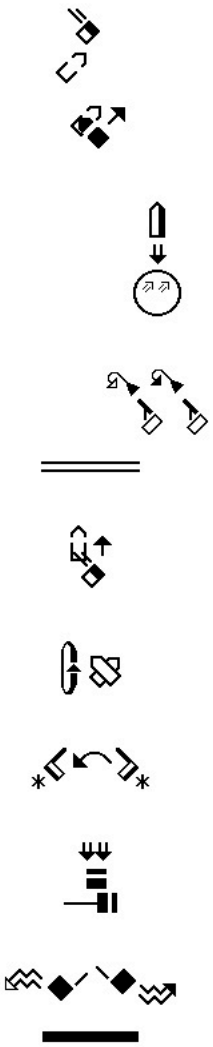
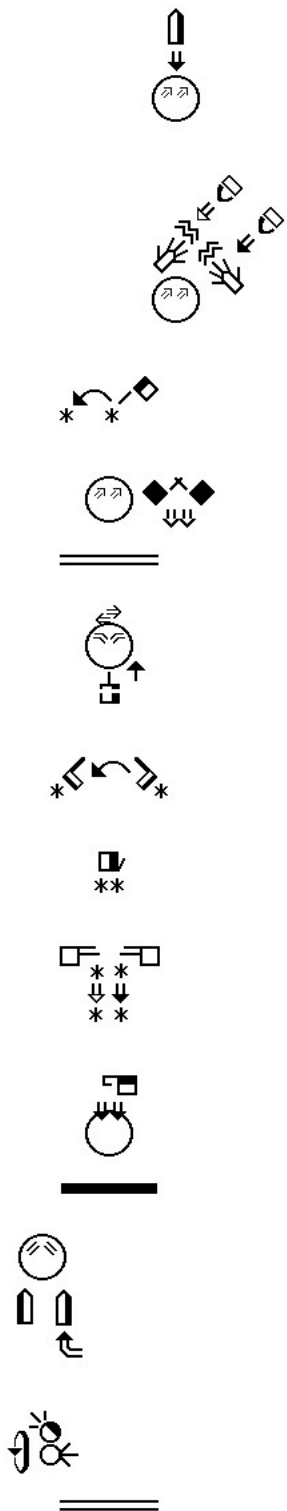
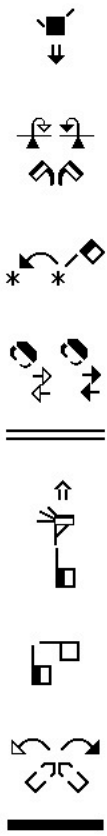
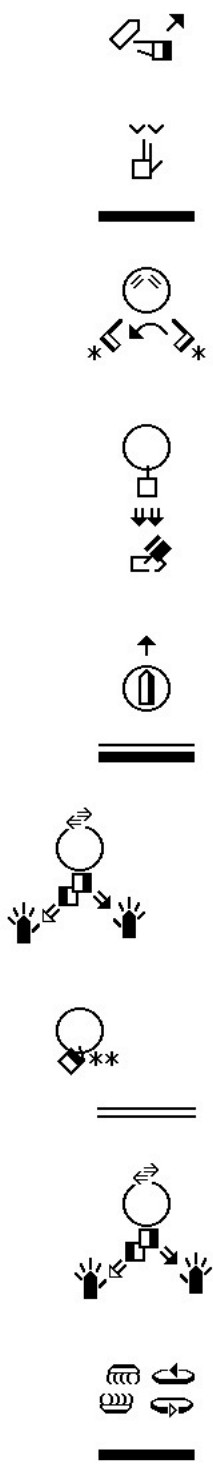
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and we thought we would never live through it. Verse 9. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. Verse 10. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again.




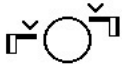



















































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with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you. Verse 13. Our letters have been straightforward, and there is nothing written between the lines and nothing you can't understand. NLT



         	               	              	             
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I hope someday you will fully understand us, Verse 14. even if you don't understand us now. Then on the day when the Lord Jesus returns, you will be proud of us in the same way we are proud of you. Verse 15. Since I was so sure of your understanding and trust, I wanted

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223 to give you a double blessing by visiting you twice -- Verse 16. first on my way to Mecedonia and again when I returned from Macedonia. Then you could send me on my way to Judea. Verse 17. You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I NLT

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make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say "Yes" when they really mean "No"? Verse 18. As surely as God is faithful, my word to you does not waver between "Yes" and "No." Verse 19. For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you,

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and as God's ultimate "Yes," he always does what he says. Verse 20. For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

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Verse 21. It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, Verse 22. and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

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Verse 23. Now I call upon God as my witness that I am telling the truth. The reason I didn't return to Corinth was to spare you from a severe rebuke. Verse 24. But that does not mean we want to dominate you by telling you how to put your faith into practice. We want to work together with you so you will be full of joy,

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