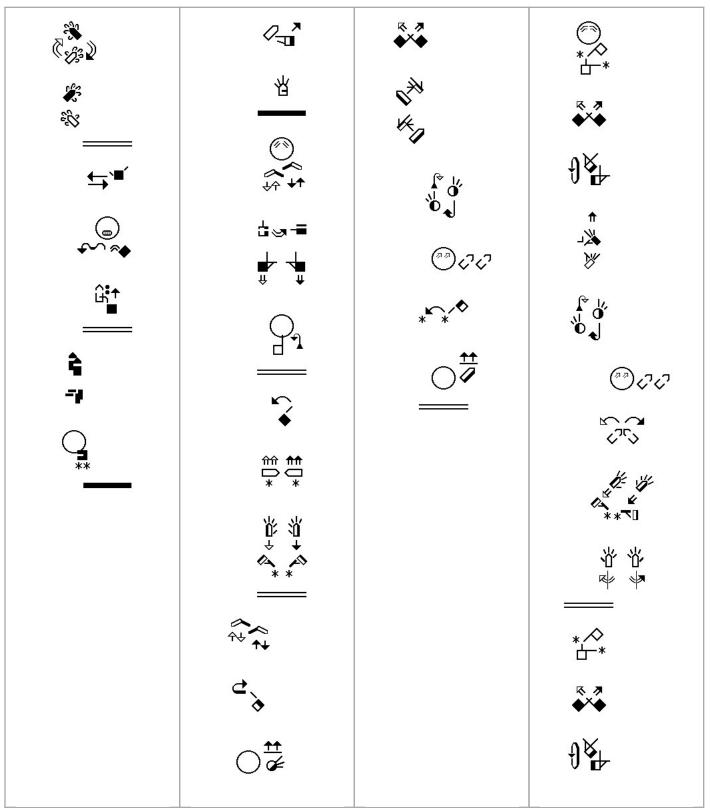
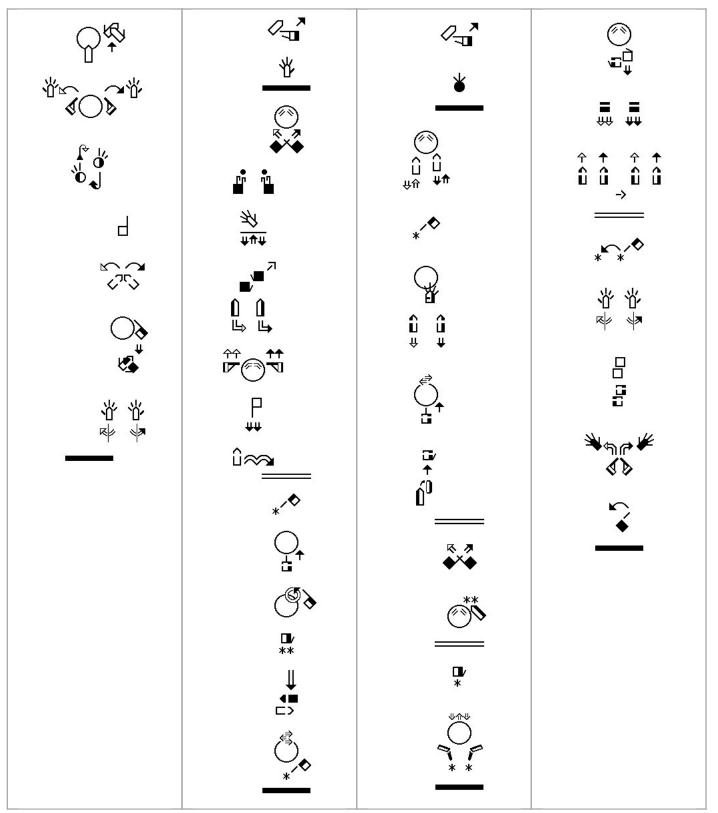


Chapter 11. I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. Verse 2. For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband -- Christ. Verse 3. But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be NLT

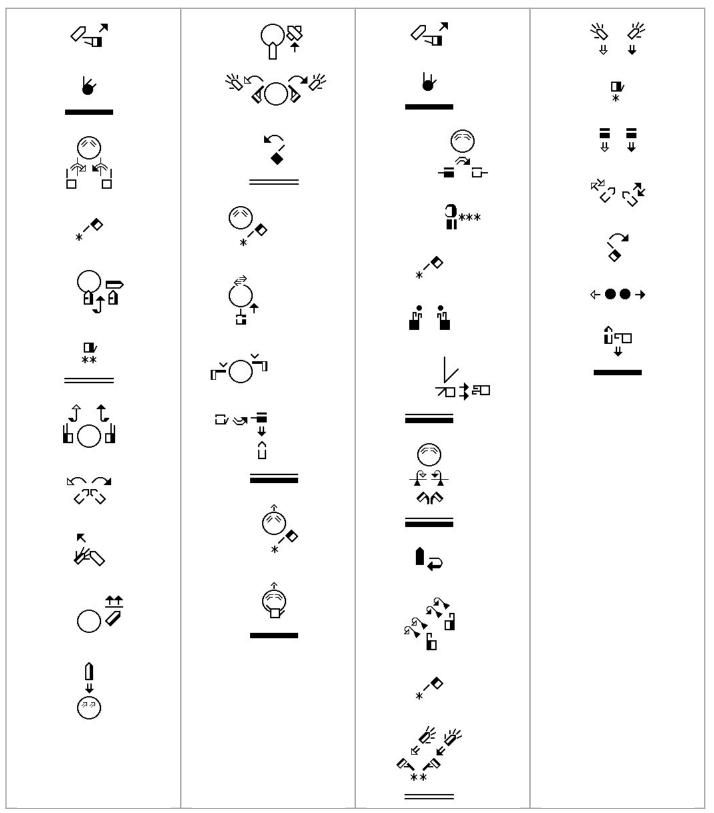
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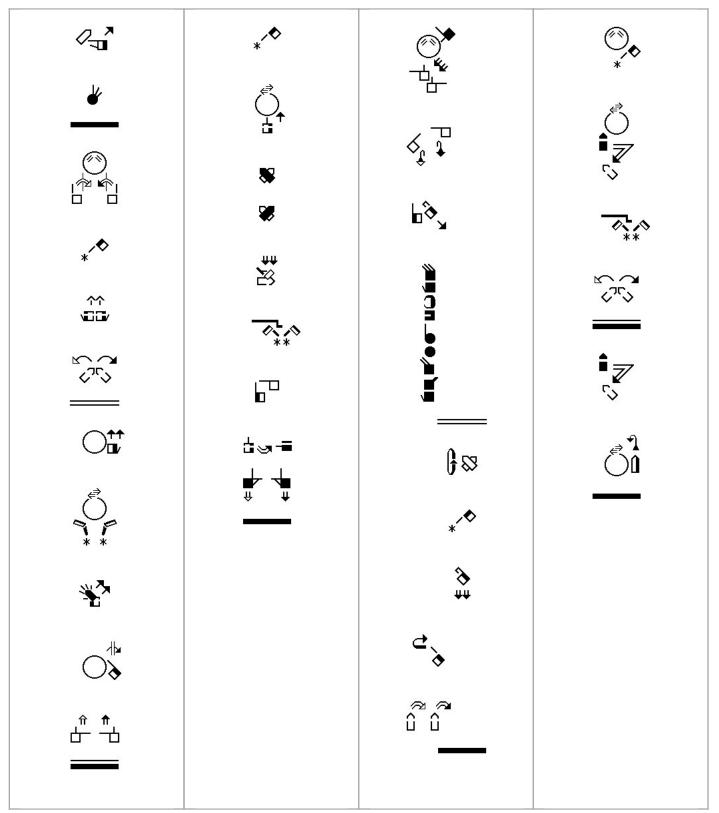
corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. Verse 4. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind NLT



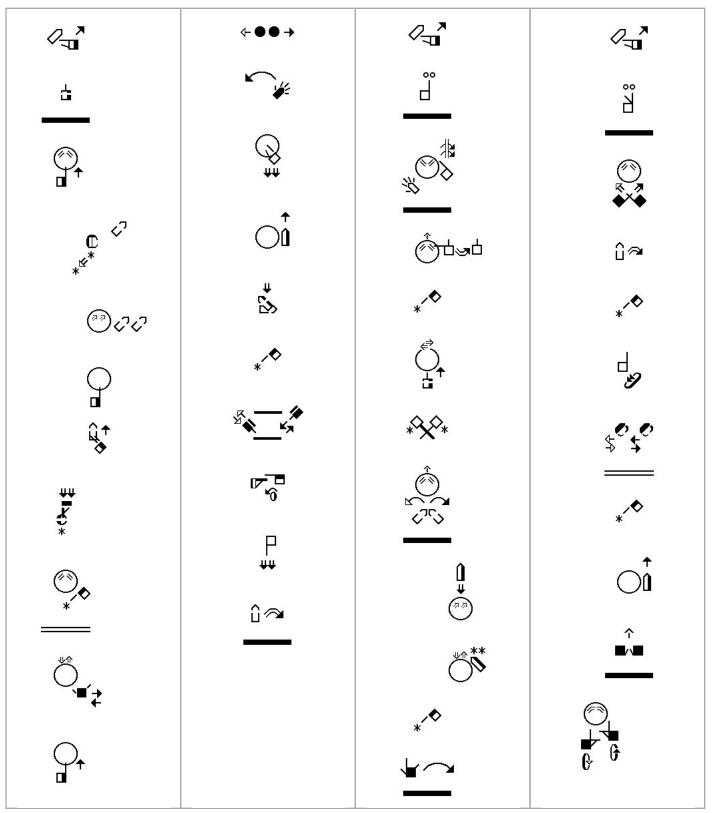
of gospel than the one you believed. Verse 5. But I don't consider myself inferior in any way to these "super apostles" who teach such things. Verse 6. I may be unskilled as a speaker, but I'm not lacking in knowledge. We have made this clear to you in every possible way.



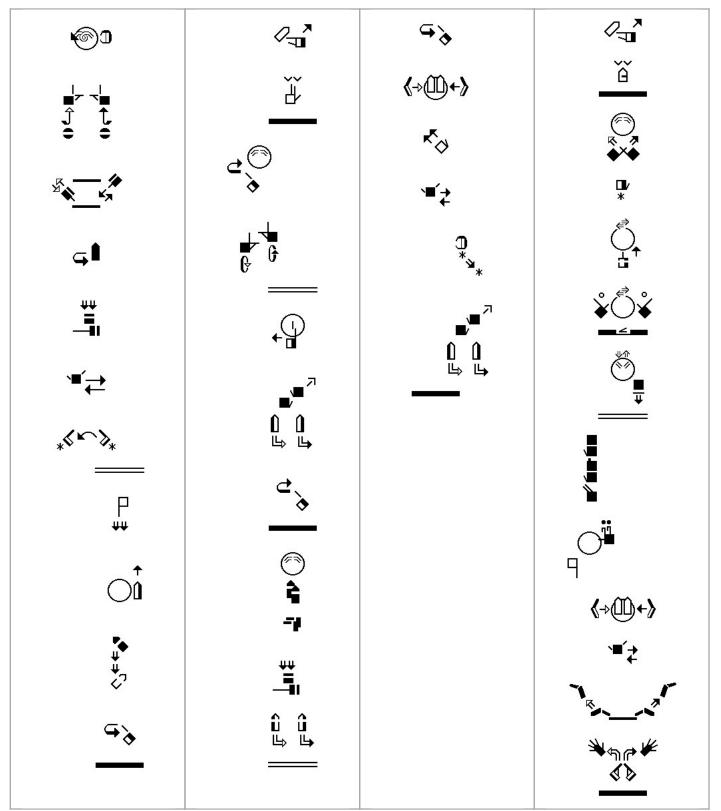
Verse 7. Was I wrong when I humbled myself and honored you by preaching God's GoodNews to you without expecting anything in return? Verse 8. I "robbed" other churches by
accepting their contributions so I could serve you at no cost.318



Verse 9. And when I was with you and didn't have enough to live on, I did not become a
financial burden to anyone. For the brothers who came from Macedonia brought me all that I needed. I have never been a burden to you, and I never will be.

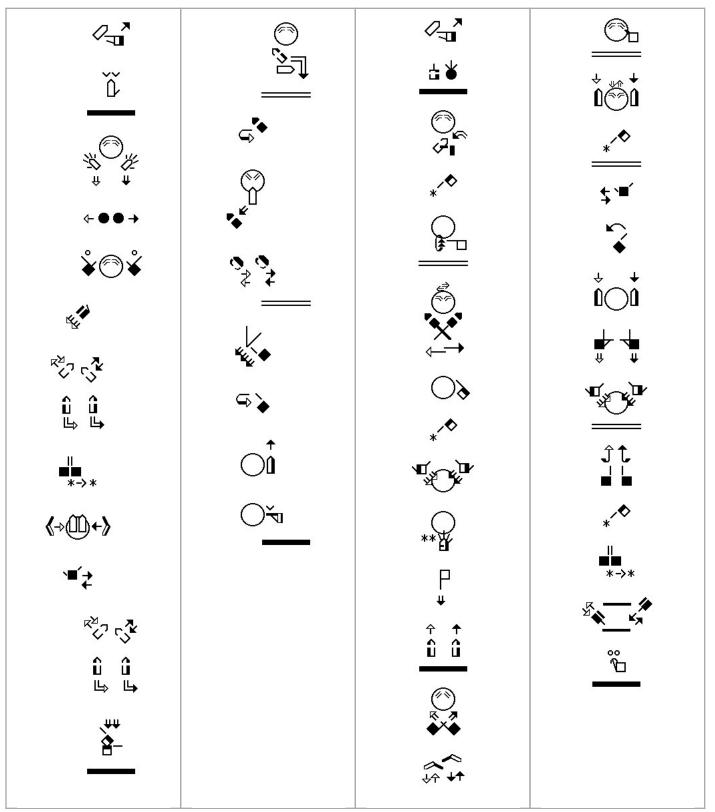


Verse 10. As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, no one in all of Greece will ever stop
me from boasting about this. Verse 11. Why? Because I don't love you? God knows that
I do. Verse 12. But I will continue doing what I have always done.320NLT

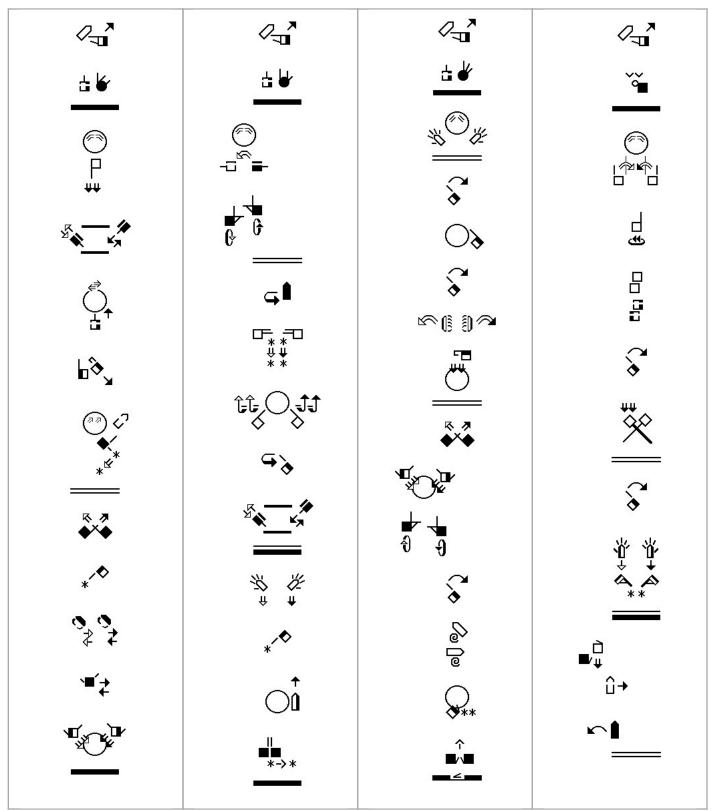


This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. Verse 13. These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. Verse 14. But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

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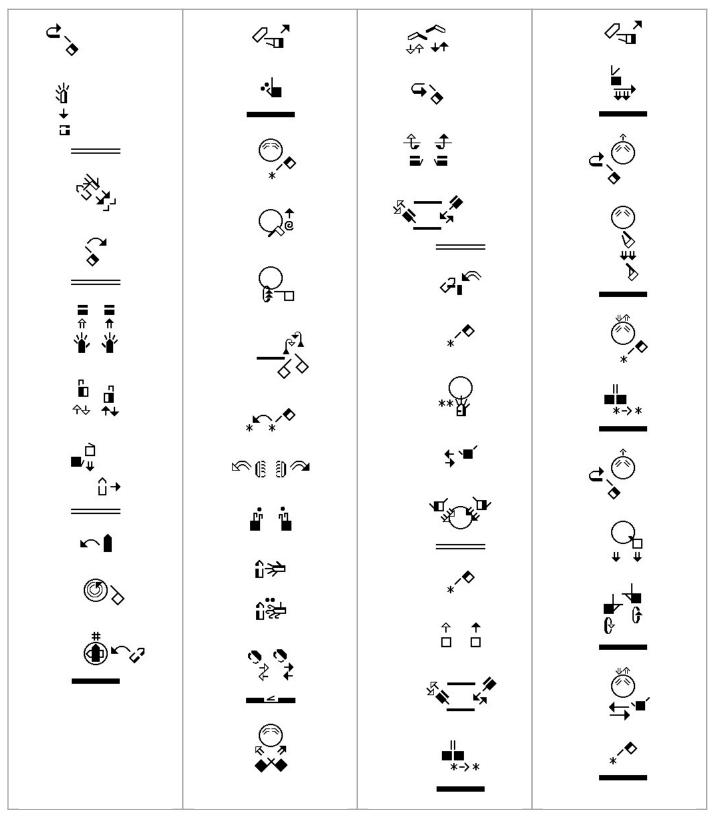


Verse 15. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve. Verse 16. Again I say, don't think that I am a fool to talk like this. But even if you do, listen to me, as you would to a foolish person, while I also boast a little. NLT

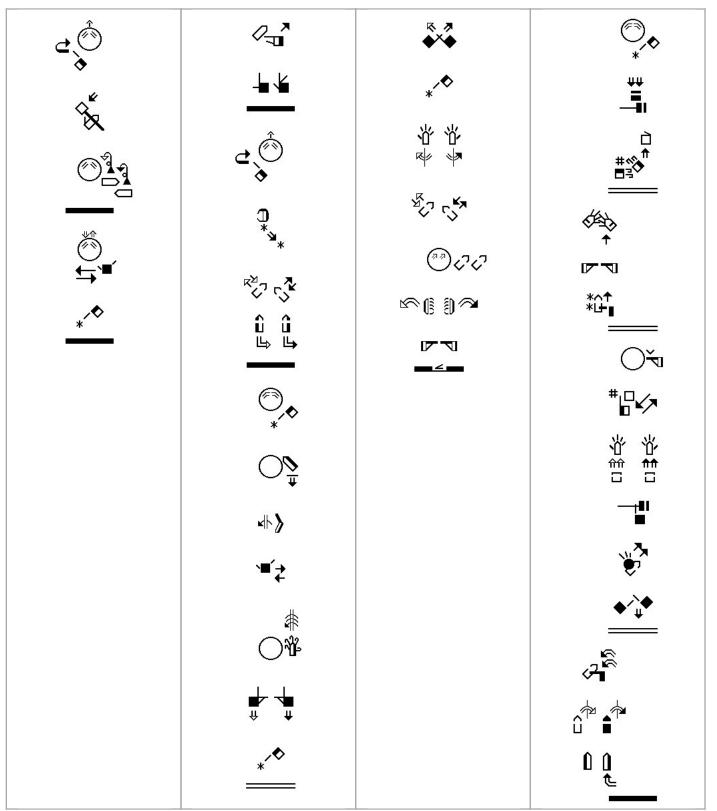


Verse 17. Such boasting is not from the Lord, but I am acting like a fool. Verse 18. And since others boast about their human achievements, I will too. Verse 19. After all, you think you are so wise, but you enjoy putting up with fools! Verse 20. You put up with it when someone enslaves you,

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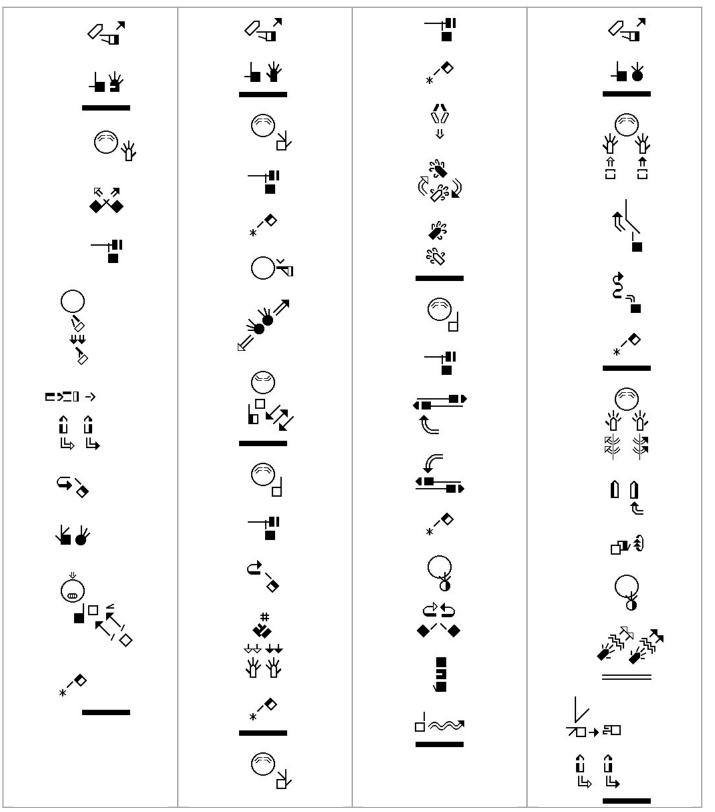


takes everything you have, takes advantage of you, takes control of everything, and slaps you in the face. Verse 21. I'm ashamed to say that we've been too "weak" to do that! But whatever they dare to boast about -- I'm talking like a fool again -- I dare to boast about it, too. Verse 22. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. NLT



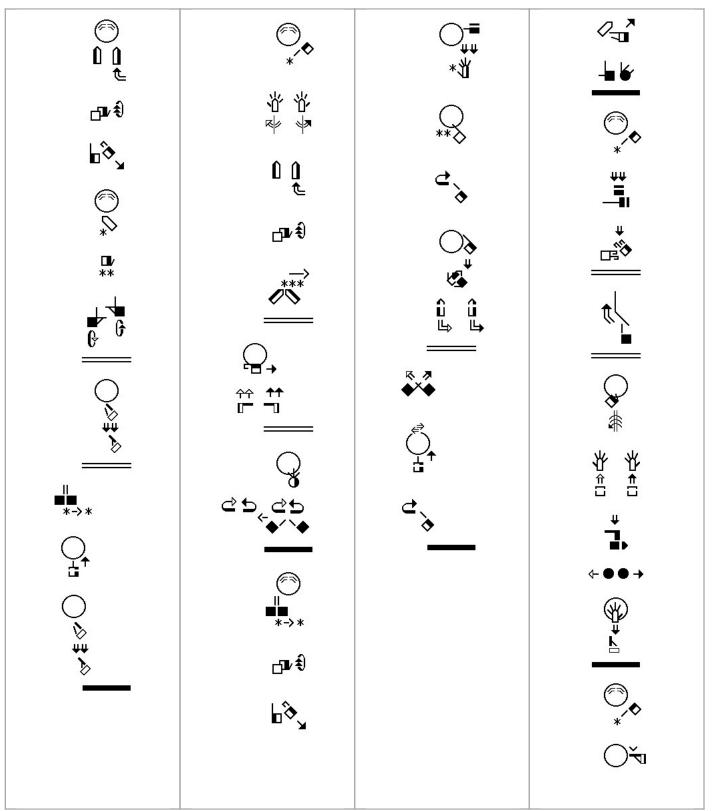
Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Verse 23. Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again.

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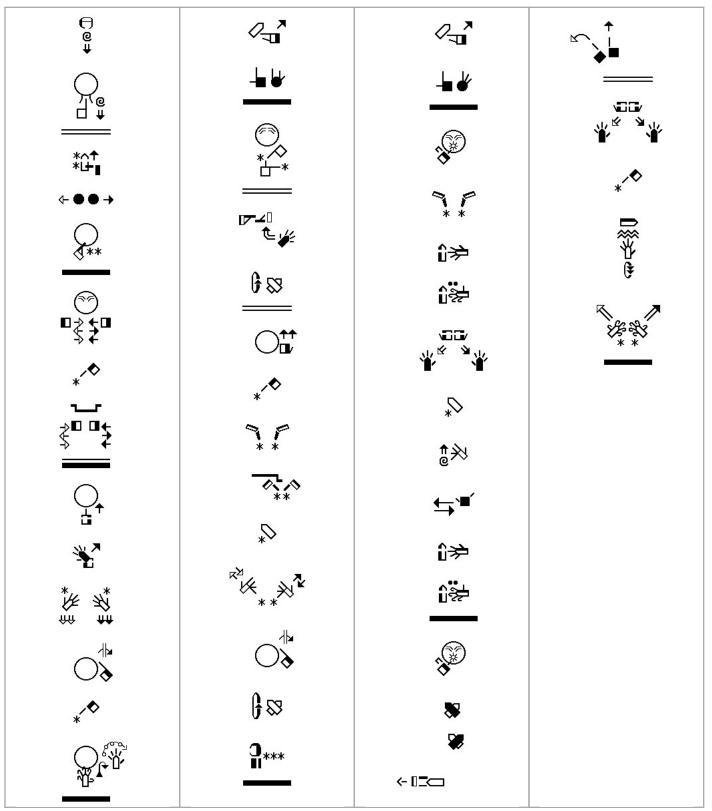
Verse 24. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Verse 25. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. Verse 26. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. NLT

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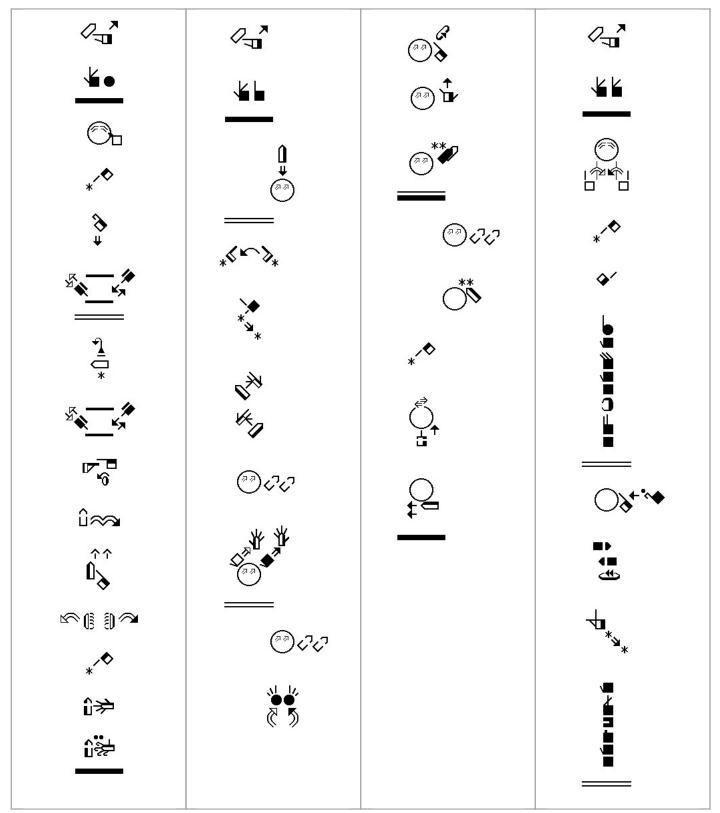


I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. Verse 27. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I

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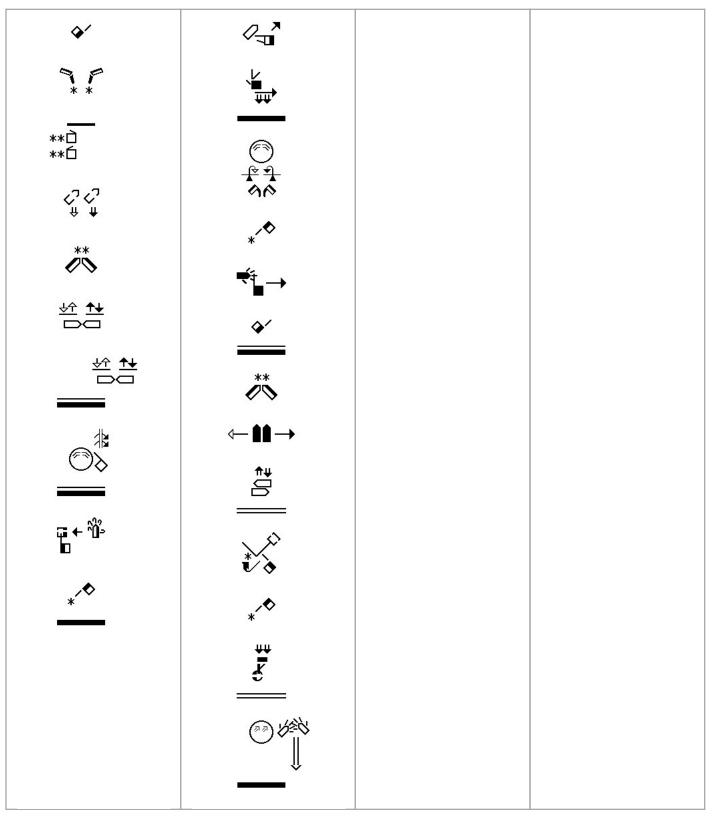


have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. Verse 28. Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches. Verse 29. Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger? NLT



Verse 30. If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am.
Verse 31. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, who is worthy of eternal praise, knows I am not lying. Verse 32. When I was in Damascus, the governor under King Aretas

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kept guards at the city gates to catch me. Verse 33. I had to be lowered in a basket through a window in the city wall to escape from him. NLT 330