



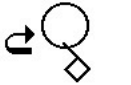



















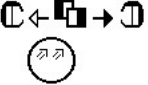







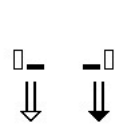

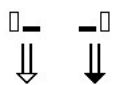







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Chapter 11. Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. Verse 2. But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. Verse 3. "You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said.

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Verse 4. Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. Verse 5. "I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me.

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Verse 6. When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of small animals, wild animals, reptiles, and birds. Verse 7. And I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.' Verse 8. "No, Lord,' I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws

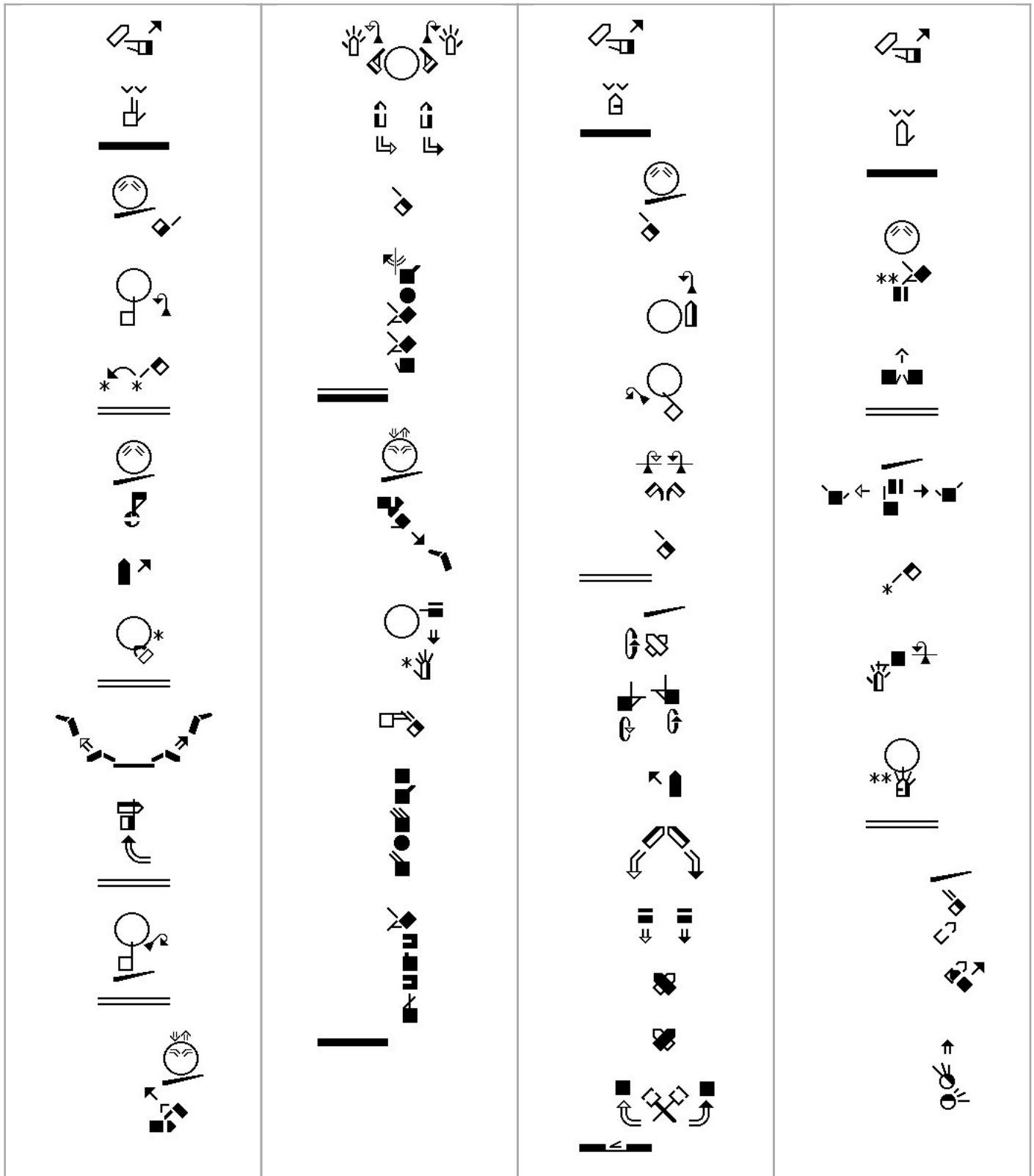
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<p>ASL signs for Verse 11: Three men from Caesarea arrive at the house. The sequence includes signs for 'three', 'men', 'from', 'Caesarea', 'arrive', 'at', 'the', 'house'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 12: The Holy Spirit tells the speaker to go with them. The sequence includes signs for 'the', 'Holy', 'Spirit', 'told', 'me', 'to', 'go', 'with', 'them'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 13: The speaker does not worry about the Gentiles. The sequence includes signs for 'I', 'do', 'not', 'worry', 'that', 'they', 'are', 'Gentiles'.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 14: Six brothers accompany the speaker. The sequence includes signs for 'these', 'six', 'brothers', 'here', 'accompanied', 'me'.</p>
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Verse 11. "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. Verse 12. The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us.

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Verse 13. He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. Verse 14. He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!' Verse 15. "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit

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fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. Verse 16. Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' Verse 17. And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he

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gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"  
 Verse 18. When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God.  
 They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of  
 their sins and receiving eternal life."  
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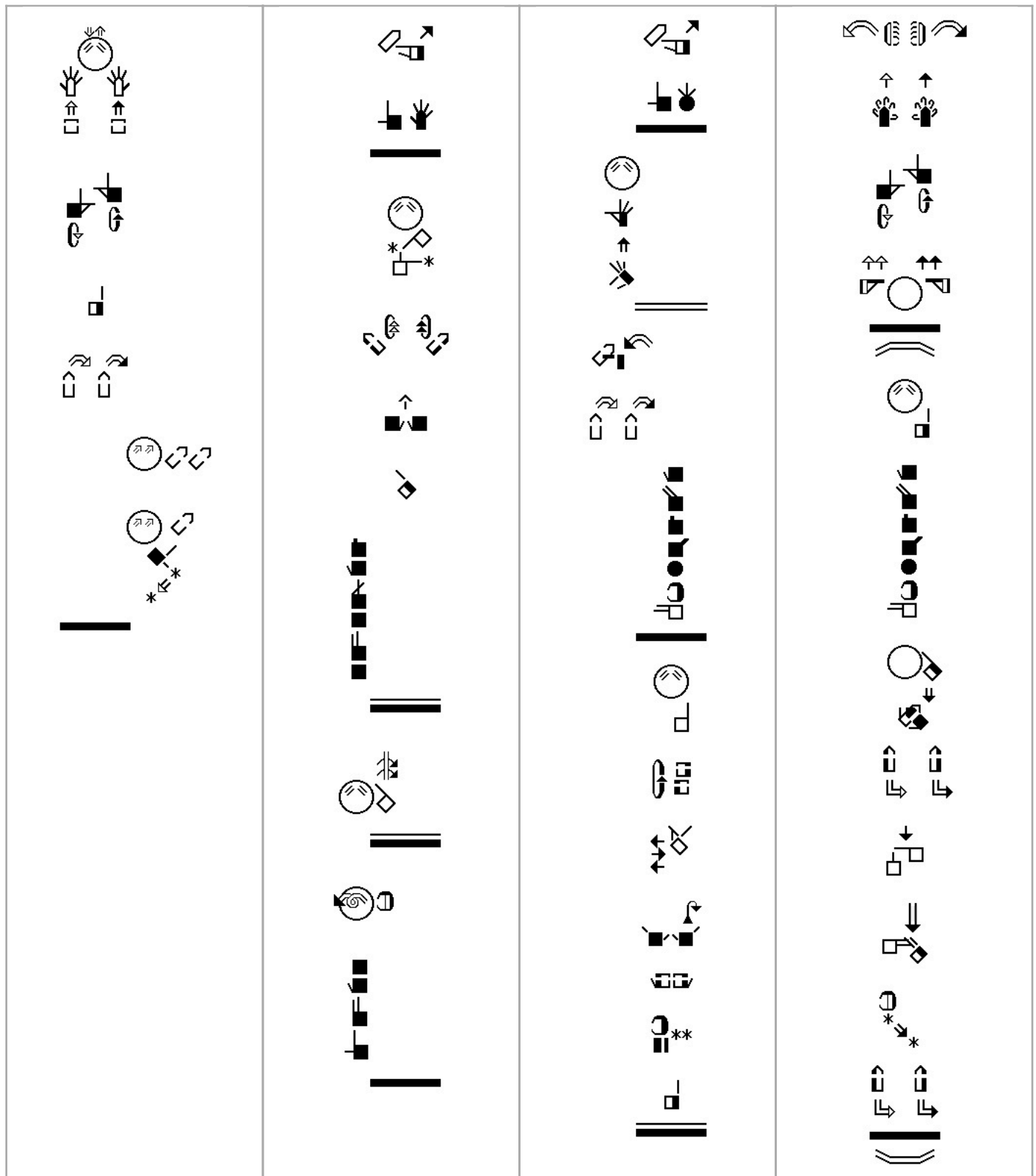
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who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. Verse 21. The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord. Verse 22. When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened,

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they sent Barnabas to Antioch. Verse 23. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Verse 24. Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. NLT



And many people were brought to the Lord. Verse 25. Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. Verse 26. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.) NLT


Verse 27. During this time some prophets traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch. Verse 28. One of them named Agabus stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.)

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Verse 29. So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. Verse 30. This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem. NLT