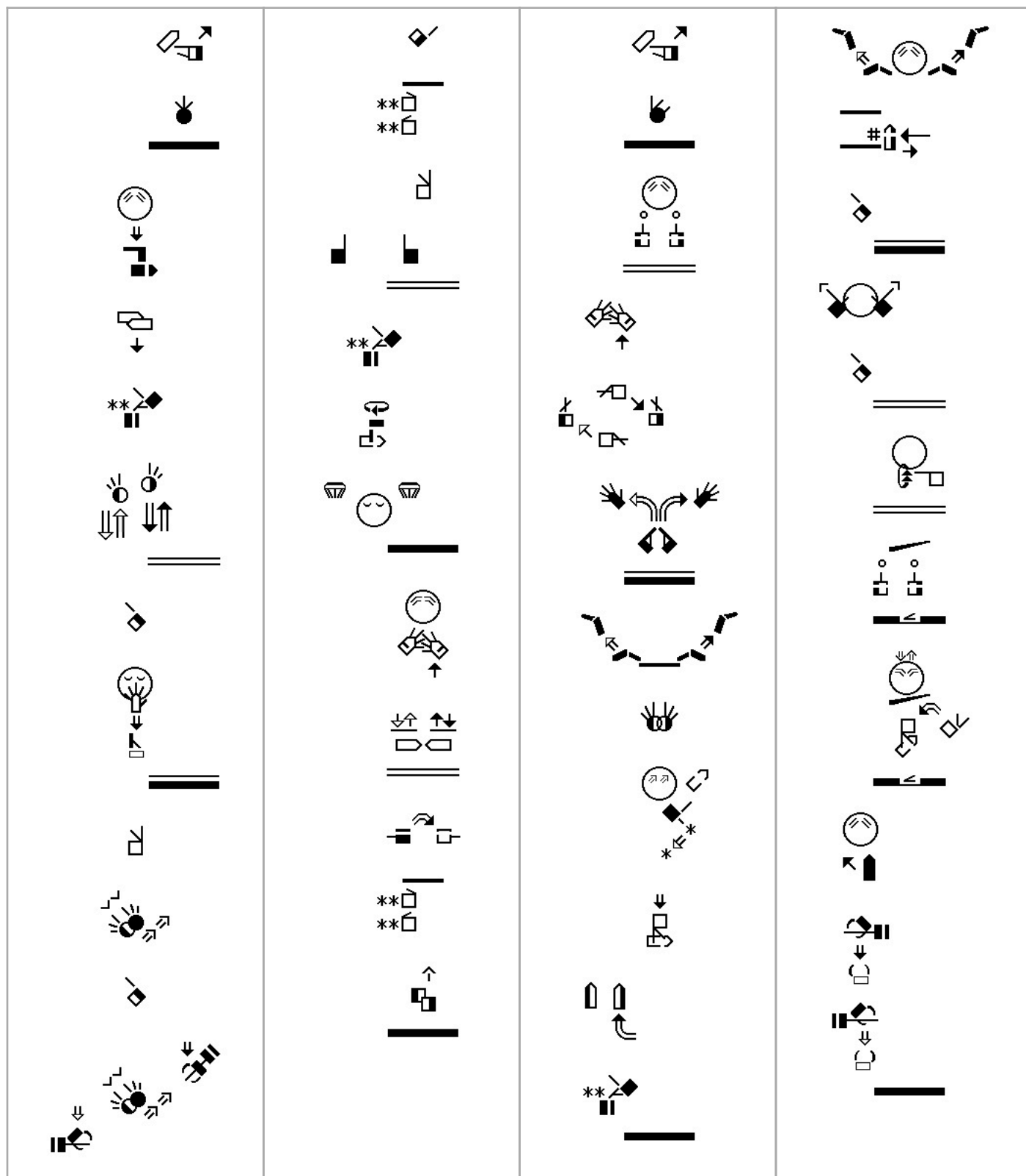
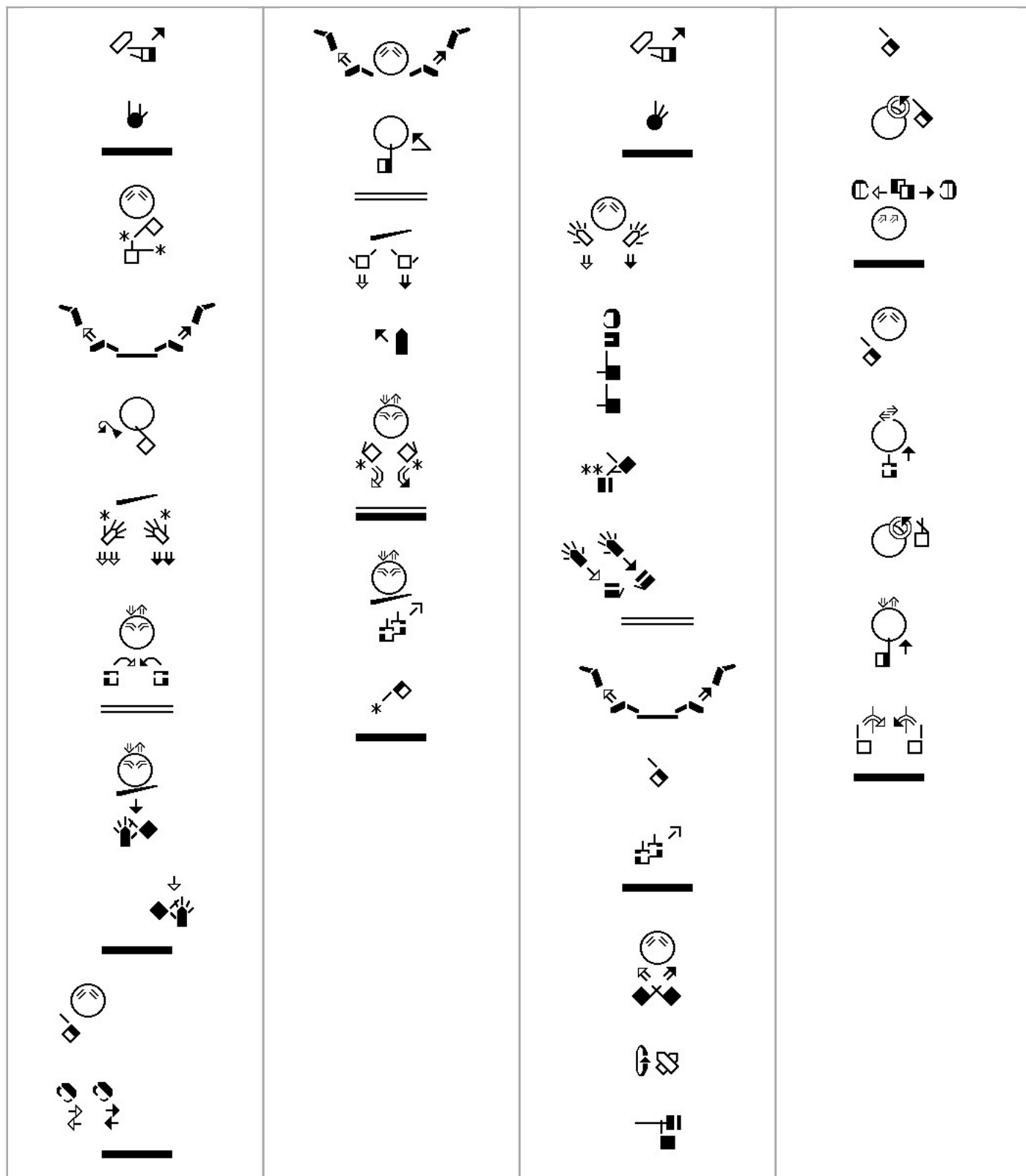

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he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.) Verse 4. Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. Verse 5. But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. NLT







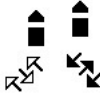



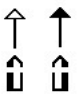
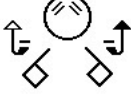




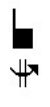












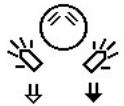



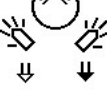





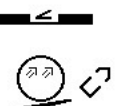
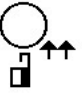
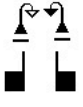








Verse 6. The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. Verse 7. Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. NLT



Verse 8. Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered. Verse 9. So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening.

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Verse 10. They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him. Verse 11. Peter finally came to his senses. "It's really true!" he said. "The Lord has sent his angel NLT






























































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and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!"  
 Verse 12. When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark,  
 where many were gathered for prayer. Verse 13. He knocked at the door in the gate,  
 and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. NLT

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Verse 14. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!" Verse 15. "You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel." Verse 16. Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed.

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Verse 17. He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said. And then he went to another place. Verse 18. At dawn there was a great commotion among the soldiers about what had happened to Peter.

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


































Verse 19. Herod Agrippa ordered a thorough search for him. When he couldn't be found, Herod interrogated the guards and sentenced them to death. Afterward Herod left Judea to stay in Caesarea for a while. Verse 20. Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon.

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Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and made a speech to them. Verse 22. The people gave him a great ovation, shouting, "It's the voice of a god, not of a man!" Verse 23. Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died. NLT

              	              	              
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Verse 24. Meanwhile, the word of God continued to spread, and there were many new believers. Verse 25. When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them. NLT