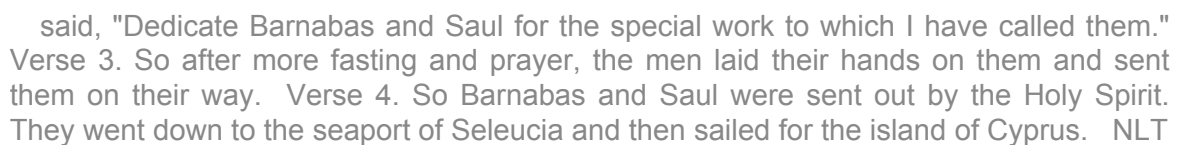
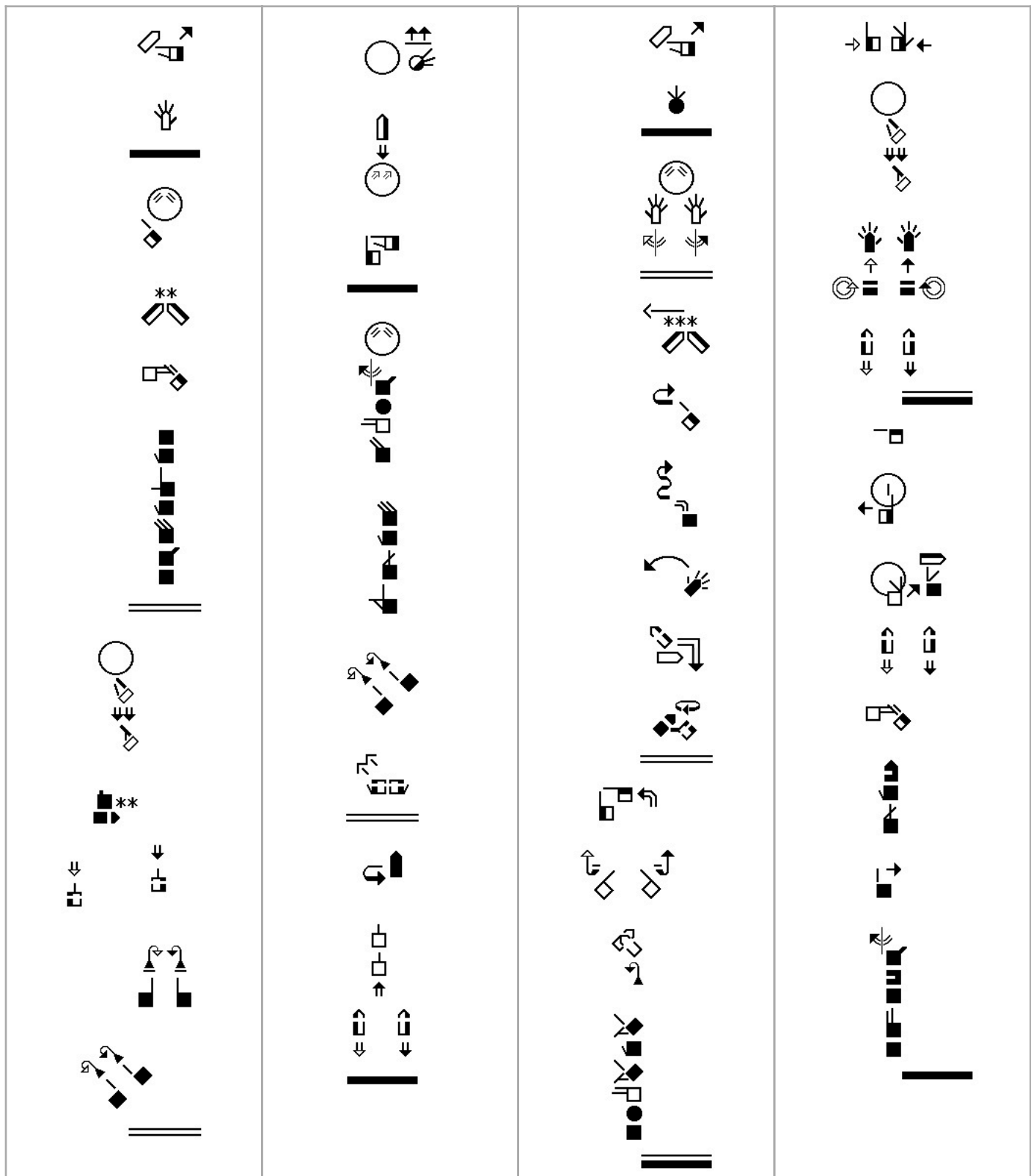


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Chapter 13. Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. Verse 2. One day as these men were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit





Verse 5. There, in the town of Salamis, they went to the Jewish synagogues and preached the word of God. John Mark went with them as their assistant. Verse 6. Afterward they traveled from town to town across the entire island until finally they reached Paphos, where they met a Jewish sorcerer, a false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

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


































































Verse 7. He had attached himself to the governor, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. The governor invited Barnabas and Saul to visit him, for he wanted to hear the word of God. Verse 8. But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Barnabas and Saul said. He was trying to keep the governor from believing.

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Verse 9. Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. Verse 10. Then he said, "You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord?"

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Verse 11. Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time." Instantly mist and darkness came over the man's eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him. Verse 12. When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

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Verse 13. Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. Verse 14. But Paul and Barnabas traveled inland to Antioch of Pisidia. On the Sabbath they went to the synagogue for the services.

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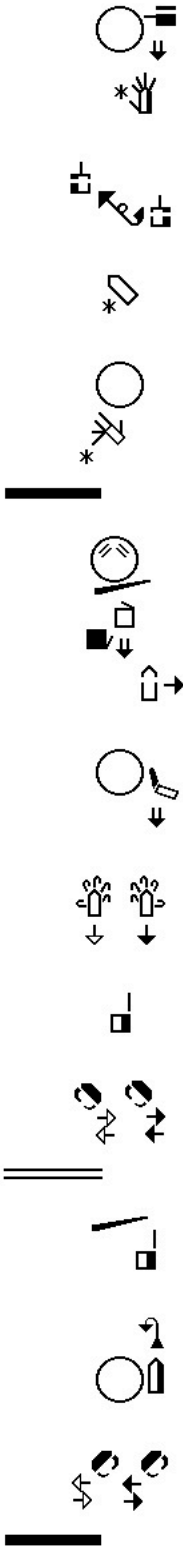
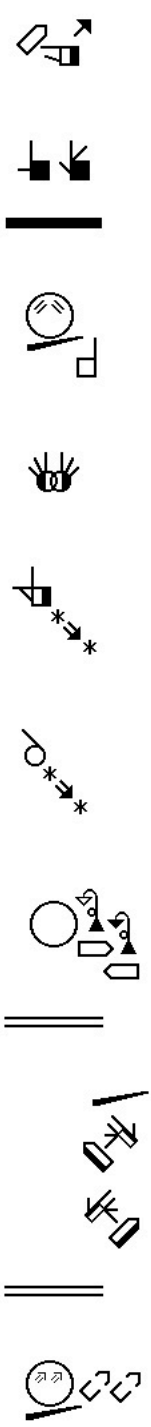
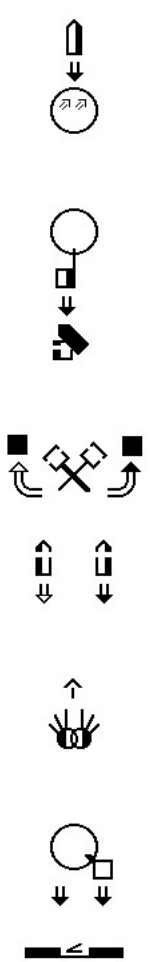
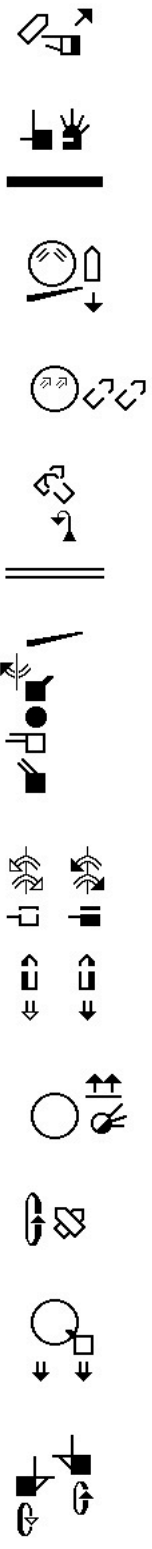
Verse 17. "The God of this nation of Israel chose our ancestors and made them multiply and grow strong during their stay in Egypt. Then with a powerful arm he led them out of their slavery. Verse 18. He put up with them through forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

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Verse 21. Then the people begged for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. Verse 22. But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse,

			
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223 a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.' Verse 23. "And it is one of King David's descendants, Jesus, who is God's promised Savior of Israel! Verse 24. Before he came, John the Baptist preached that all the people of Israel NLT

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Instead, they condemned him, and in doing this they fulfilled the prophets' words that are read every Sabbath. Verse 28. They found no legal reason to execute him, but they asked Pilate to have him killed anyway. Verse 29. "When they had done all that the prophecies said about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. NLT

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Verse 30. But God raised him from the dead! Verse 31. And over a period of many days he appeared to those who had gone with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to the people of Israel. Verse 32. "And now we are here to bring you this Good News. The promise was made to our ancestors,

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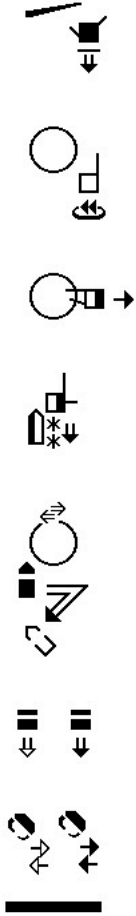

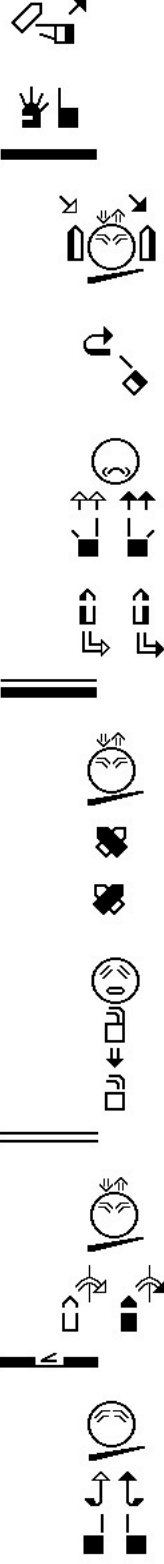
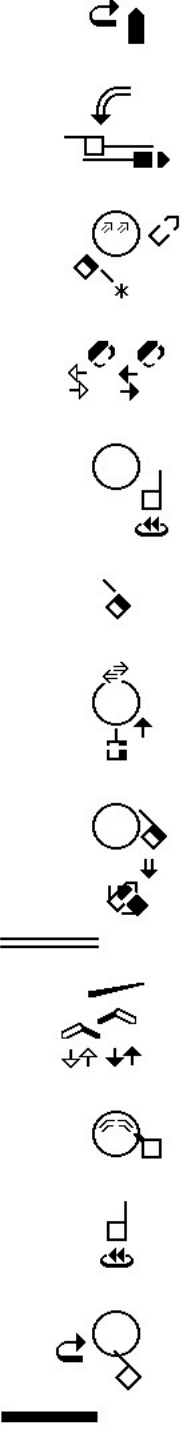
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He said, 'I will give you the sacred blessings I promised to David.' Verse 35. Another psalm explains it more fully: 'You will not allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.' Verse 36. This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his body decayed. NLT

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Verse 37. No, it was a reference to someone else -- someone whom God raised and whose body did not decay. Verse 38. "Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Verse 39. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God --

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something the law of Moses could never do. Verse 40. Be careful! Don't let the prophets' words apply to you. For they said, Verse 41. 'Look, you mockers, be amazed and die! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.'"

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Verse 42. As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue that day, the people begged them to speak about these things again next week. Verse 43. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, and the two men urged them to continue to rely on the grace of God.

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the word of God to you Jews. But since you have rejected it and judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life, we will offer it to the Gentiles. Verse 47. For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.'

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Verse 48. When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were chosen for eternal life became believers. Verse 49. So the Lord's message spread throughout that region. Verse 50. Then the Jews stirred up the influential religious women

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and the leaders of the city, and they incited a mob against Paul and Barnabas and ran them out of town. Verse 51. So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. Verse 52. And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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