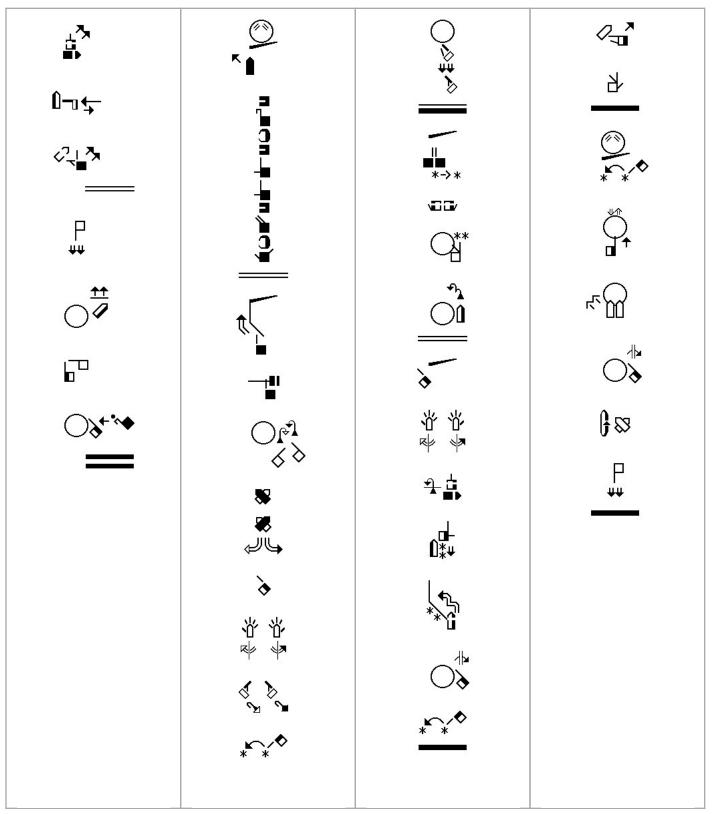
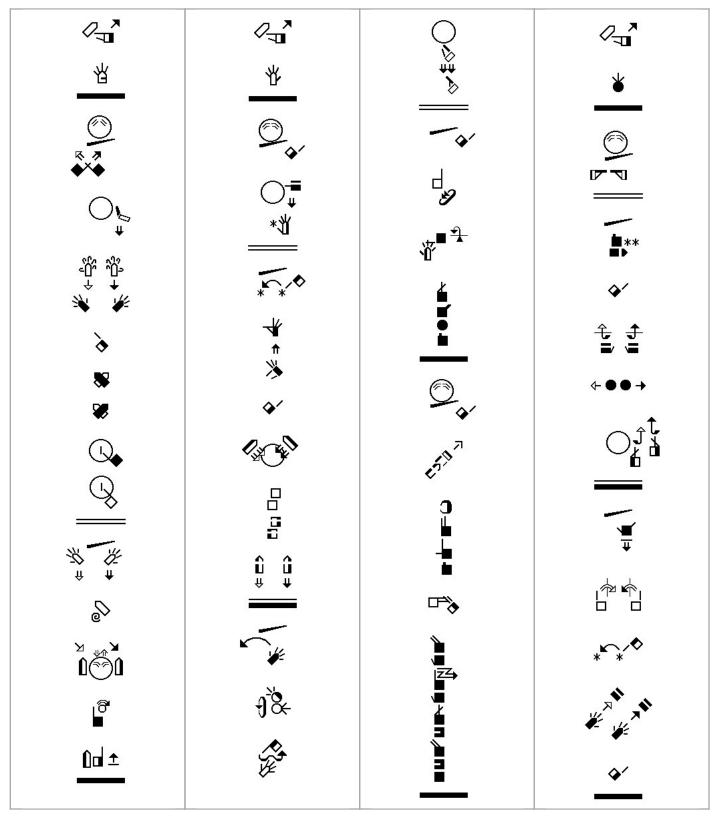


407 Chapter 24. Five days later Ananias, the high priest, arrived with some of the Jewish
407 elders and the lawyer Tertullus, to present their case against Paul to the governor. Verse
2. When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented

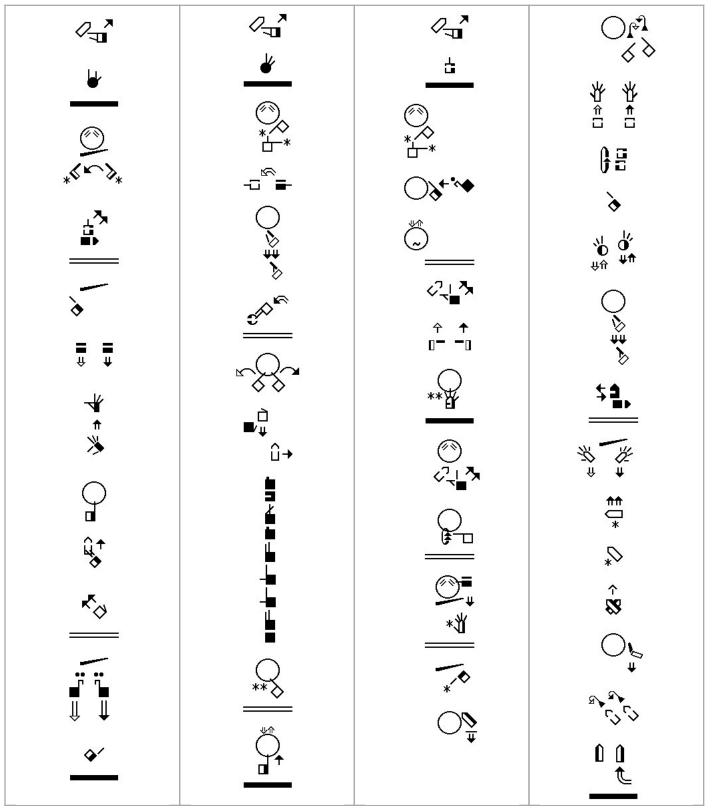


the charges against Paul in the following address to the governor: "Your Excellency, you
have provided a long period of peace for us Jews and with foresight have enacted
reforms for us. Verse 3. For all of this we are very grateful to you.408

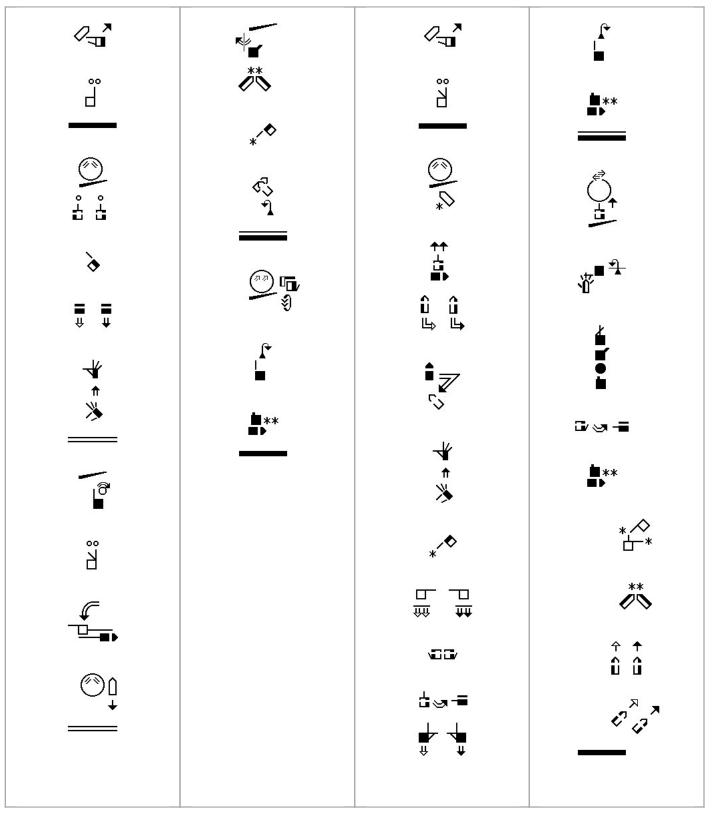


409 Verse 4. But I don't want to bore you, so please give me your attention for only a moment. Verse
5. We have found this man to be a troublemaker who is constantly stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the cult known as the Nazarenes. Verse 6. Furthermore, he was trying to desecrate the Temple when we arrested him. NLT

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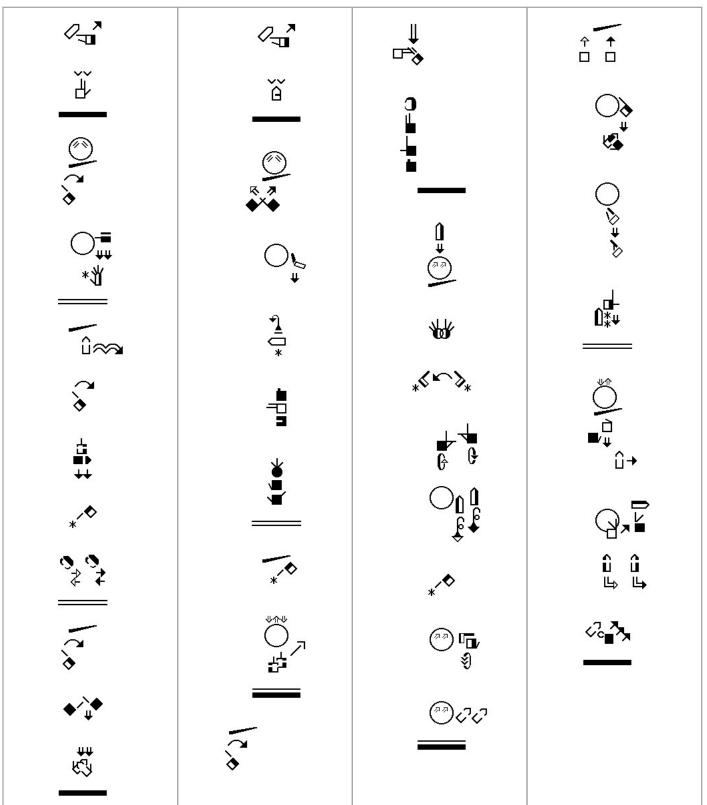


(*Note: no Acts24v07 in NLT) Verse 8. You can find out the truth of our accusations by examining him yourself." Verse 9. Then the other Jews chimed in, declaring that everything Tertullus said was true. Verse 10. The governor then motioned for Paul to speak. Paul said, "I know, sir, that you have been a judge of Jewish affairs for many years, so I gladly present my defense before you. NLT

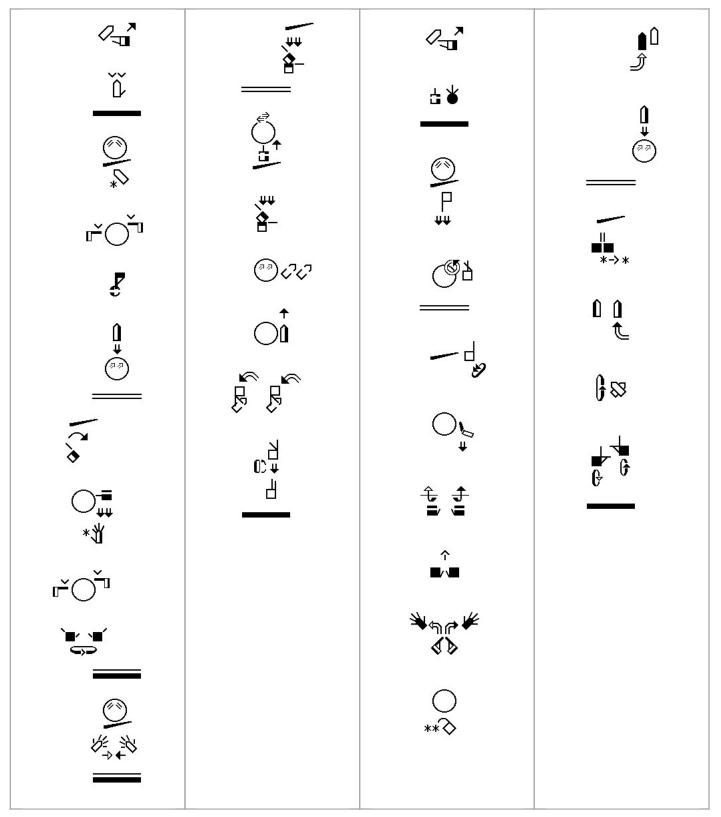


411 Verse 11. You can quickly discover that I arrived in Jerusalem no more than twelve days ago to worship at the Temple. Verse 12. My accusers never found me arguing with anyone in the Temple, nor stirring up a riot in any synagogue or on the streets of the city. NLT

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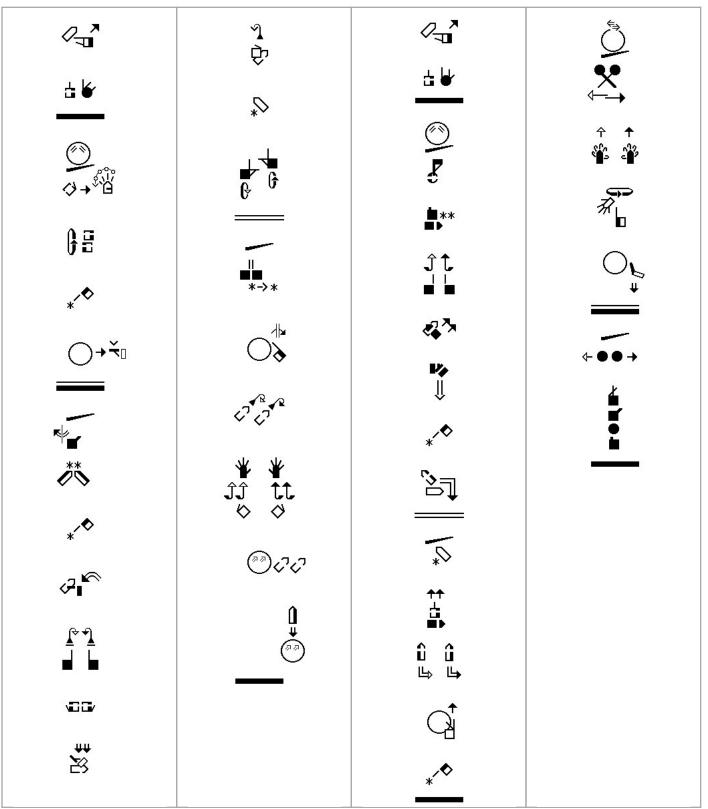


Verse 13. These men cannot prove the things they accuse me of doing. Verse 14. "But I
admit that I follow the Way, which they call a cult. I worship the God of our ancestors, and
I firmly believe the Jewish law and everything written in the prophets.412



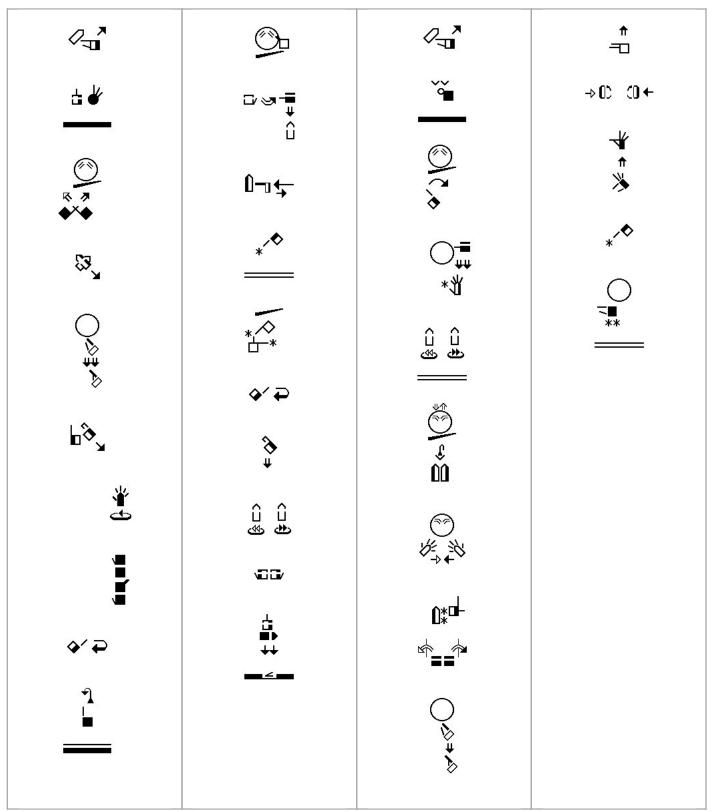
413 Verse 15. I have the same hope in God that these men have, that he will raise both the righteous and the unrighteous. Verse 16. Because of this, I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people. NLT

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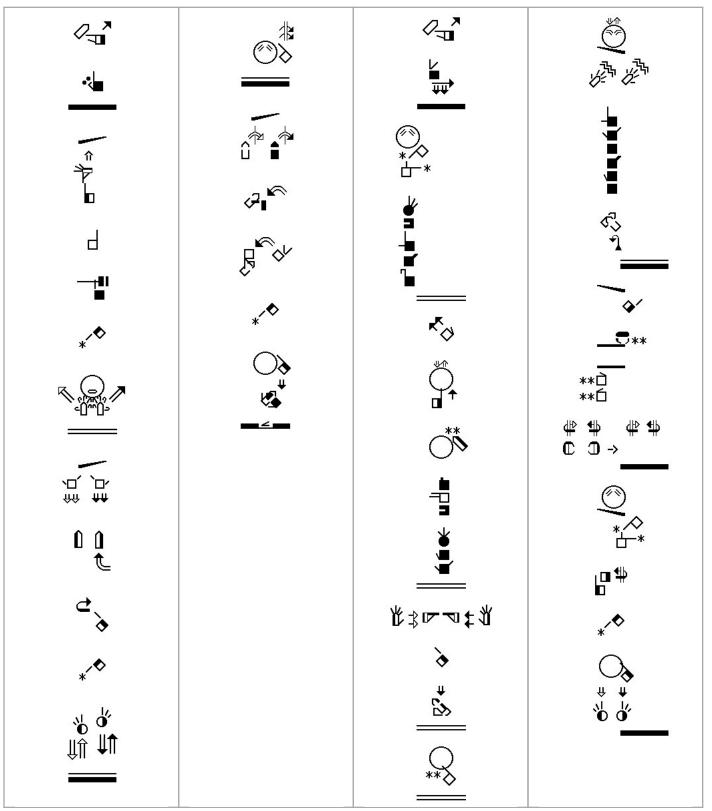


Verse 17. "After several years away, I returned to Jerusalem with money to aid my people and to offer sacrifices to God. Verse 18. My accusers saw me in the Temple as I was completing a purification ceremony. There was no crowd around me and no rioting. NLT

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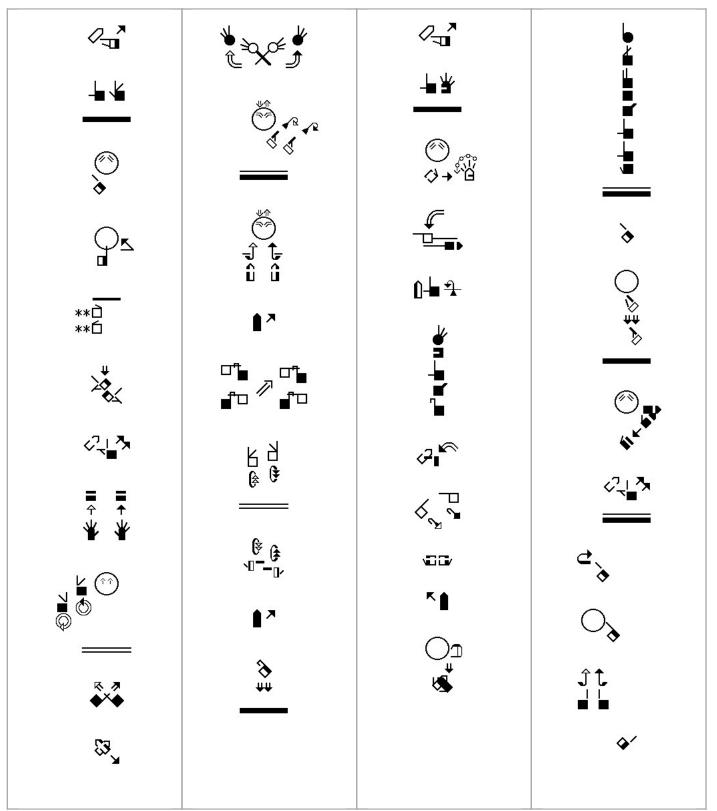
415 Verse 19. But some Jews from the province of Asia were there -- and they ought to be
415 here to bring charges if they have anything against me! Verse 20. Ask these men here what crime the Jewish high council found me guilty of, NLT



Verse 21. except for the one time I shouted out, 'I am on trial before you today because I believe in the resurrection of the dead!'" Verse 22. At that point Felix, who was quite familiar with the Way, adjourned the hearing and said, "Wait until Lysias, the garrison commander, arrives. Then I will decide the case." NLT

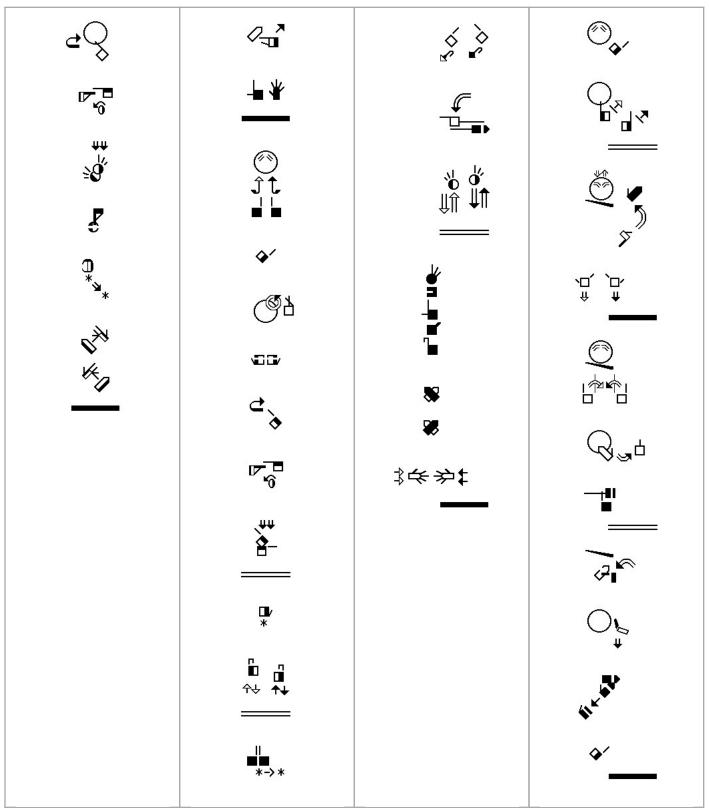
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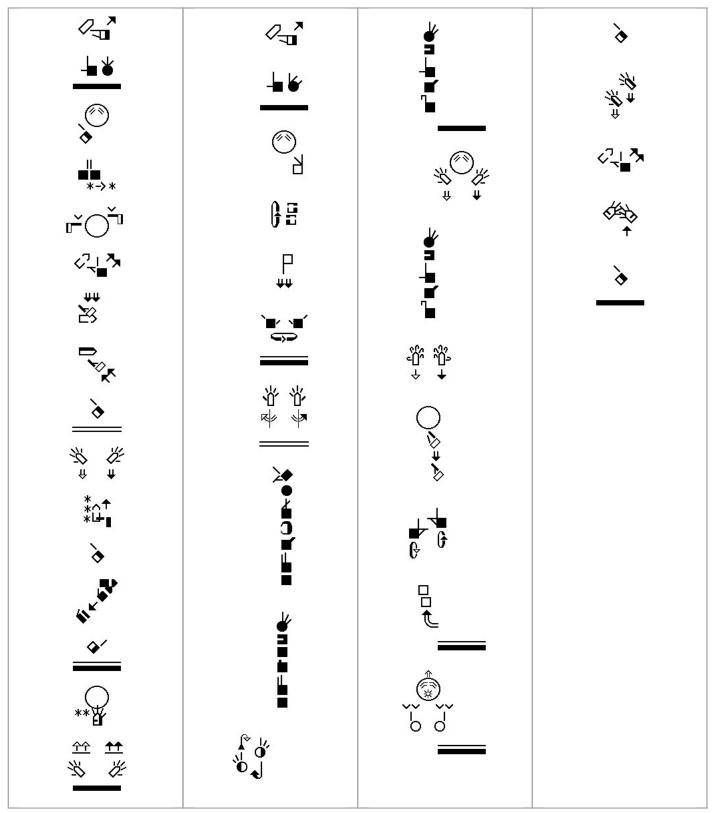


417 Verse 23. He ordered an officer to keep Paul in custody but to give him some freedom and allow his friends to visit him and take care of his needs. Verse 24. A few days later Felix came back with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he NLT

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told them about faith in Christ Jesus. Verse 25. As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. "Go away for now," he replied. "When it is more convenient, I'll call for you again." NLT



419 Verse 26. He also hoped that Paul would bribe him, so he sent for him quite often and talked with him. Verse 27. After two years went by in this way, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And because Felix wanted to gain favor with the Jewish people, he left Paul in prison. NLT