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Chapter 27. When the time came, we set sail for Italy. Paul and several other prisoners were placed in the custody of a Roman officer named Julius, a captain of the Imperial Regiment. Verse 2. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was also with us. NLT

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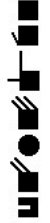









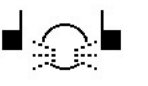

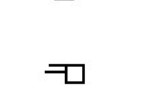




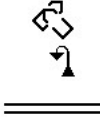



































We left on a ship whose home port was Adramyttium on the northwest coast of the province of Asia; it was scheduled to make several stops at ports along the coast of the province. Verse 3. The next day when we docked at Sidon, Julius was very kind to Paul and let him go ashore to visit with friends so they could provide for his needs. NLT

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Verse 4. Putting out to sea from there, we encountered strong headwinds that made it difficult to keep the ship on course, so we sailed north of Cyprus between the island and the mainland. Verse 5. Keeping to the open sea, we passed along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, landing at Myra, in the province of Lycia.

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Verse 6. There the commanding officer found an Egyptian ship from Alexandria that was bound for Italy, and he put us on board. Verse 7. We had several days of slow sailing, and after great difficulty we finally neared Cnidus. But the wind was against us, so we sailed across to Crete

         	             	                 	                 
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and along the sheltered coast of the island, past the cape of Salmone. Verse 8. We struggled along the coast with great difficulty and finally arrived at Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea. Verse 9. We had lost a lot of time. The weather was becoming dangerous for sea

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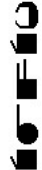









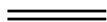


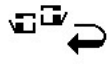



















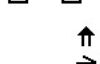

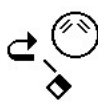
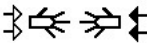
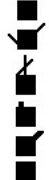
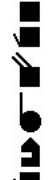






travel because it was so late in the fall, and Paul spoke to the ship's officers about it.
 Verse 10. "Men," he said, "I believe there is trouble ahead if we go on -- shipwreck, loss
 of cargo, and danger to our lives as well." Verse 11. But the officer in charge of the
 prisoners listened more to the ship's captain and the owner than to Paul. NLT

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So they pulled up anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete. Verse 14. But the weather changed abruptly and a wind of typhoon strength (called a "northeaster") caught the ship and blew it out to sea. Verse 15. They couldn't turn the ship into the wind, so they gave up and let it run before the gale.

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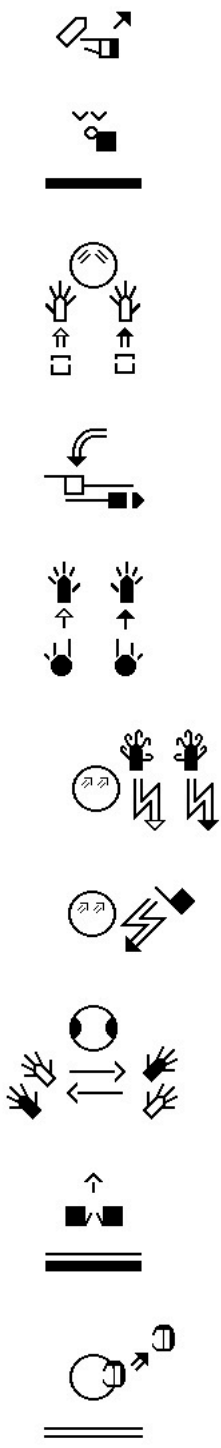
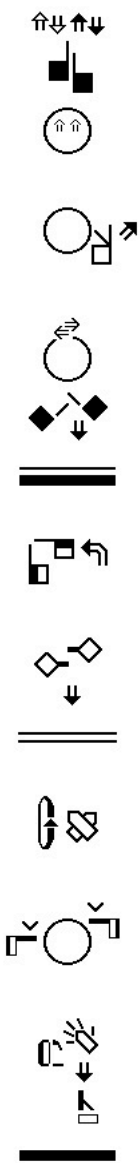
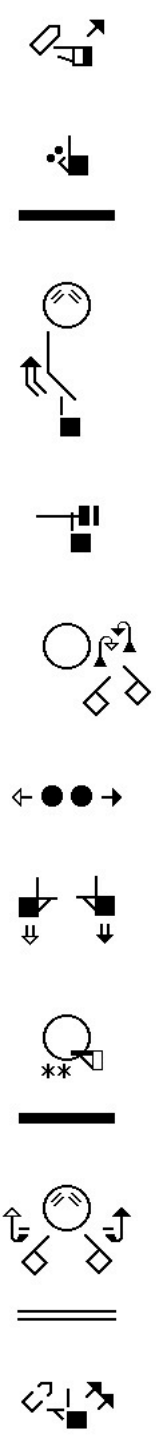
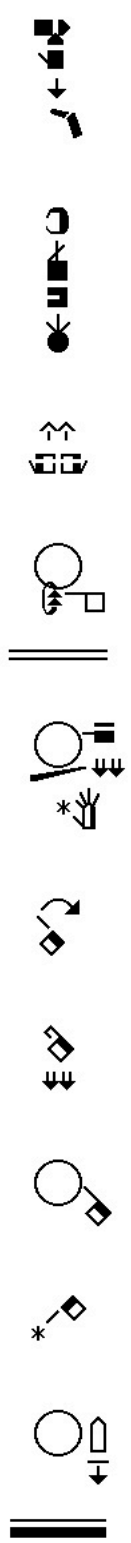
             	         	                	         
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Verse 16. We sailed along the sheltered side of a small island named Cauda, where with great difficulty we hoisted aboard the lifeboat being towed behind us. Verse 17. Then the sailors bound ropes around the hull of the ship to strengthen it. They were afraid of being driven across to the sandbars of Syrtis off the African coast,


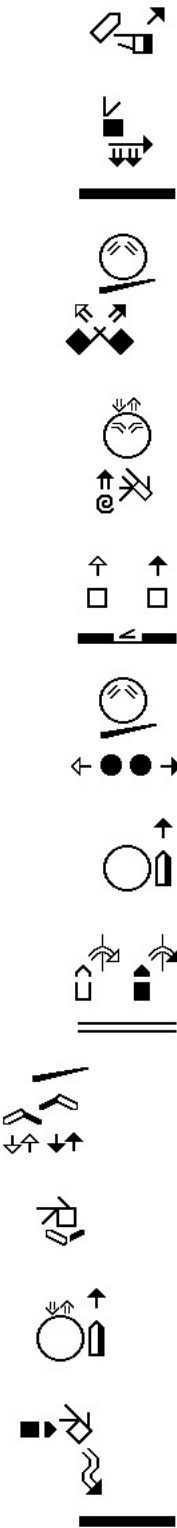
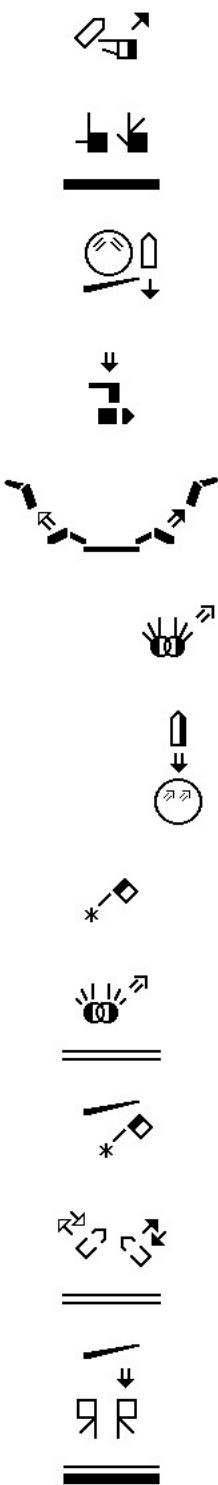
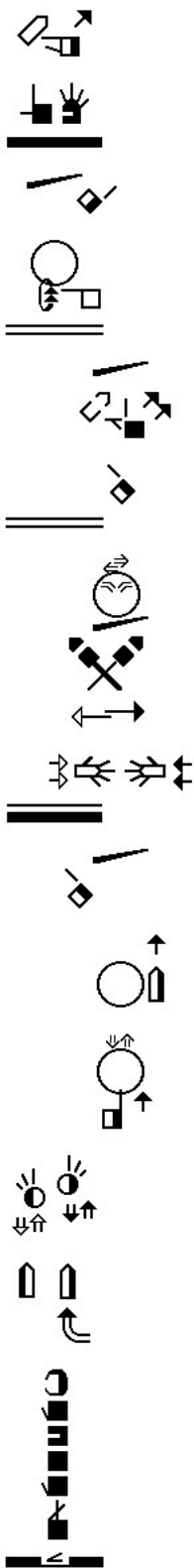
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so they lowered the sea anchor to slow the ship and were driven before the wind. Verse 18. The next day, as gale-force winds continued to batter the ship, the crew began throwing the cargo overboard. Verse 19. The following day they even took some of the ship's gear and threw it overboard.

			
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Verse 20. The terrible storm raged for many days, blotting out the sun and the stars, until at last all hope was gone. Verse 21. No one had eaten for a long time. Finally, Paul called the crew together and said, "Men, you should have listened to me in the first place
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we were being driven across the Sea of Adria, the sailors sensed land was near. Verse 28. They dropped a weighted line and found that the water was 120 feet deep. But a little later they measured again and found it was only 90 feet deep. Verse 29. At this rate they were afraid we would soon be driven against the rocks along the shore, NLT

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







































































































so they threw out four anchors from the back of the ship and prayed for daylight. Verse 30. Then the sailors tried to abandon the ship; they lowered the lifeboat as though they were going to put out anchors from the front of the ship. Verse 31. But Paul said to the commanding officer and the soldiers, "You will all die unless the sailors stay aboard."

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Verse 32. So the soldiers cut the ropes to the lifeboat and let it drift away. Verse 33. Just as day was dawning, Paul urged everyone to eat. "You have been so worried that you haven't touched food for two weeks," he said. Verse 34. "Please eat something now for your own good. For not a hair of your heads will perish."

























































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Verse 39. When morning dawned, they didn't recognize the coastline, but they saw a bay with a beach and wondered if they could get to shore by running the ship aground. Verse 40. So they cut off the anchors and left them in the sea. Then they lowered the rudders, NLT

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Verse 43. But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn't let them carry out their plan. Then he ordered all who could swim to jump overboard first and make for land. Verse 44. The others held onto planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore.

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