
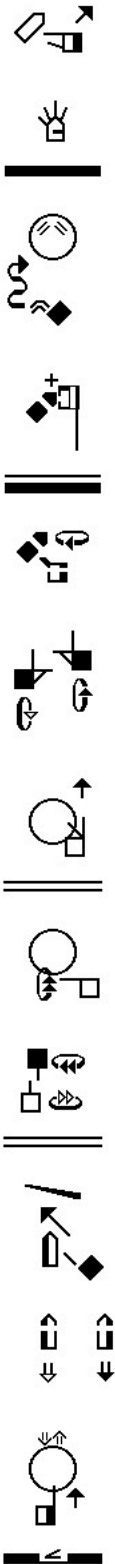

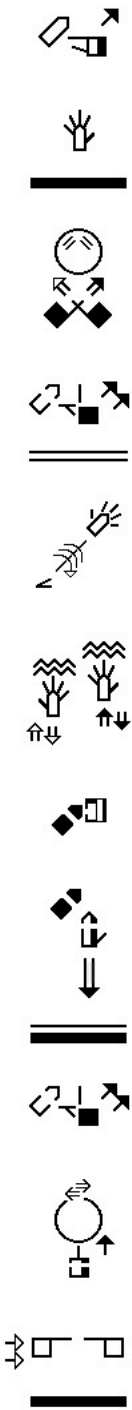


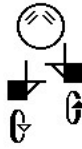

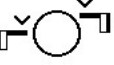



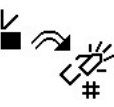
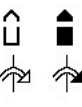

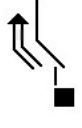

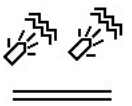



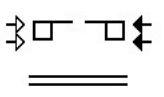












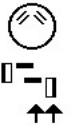






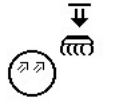











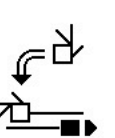






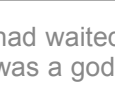



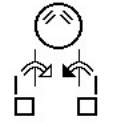


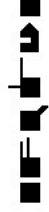



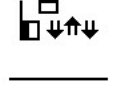









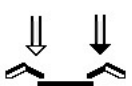












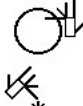

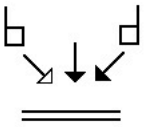

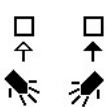




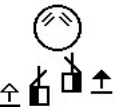


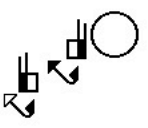


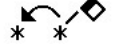

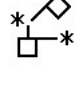
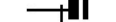

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driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. Verse 4. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, "A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live." Verse 5. But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed.

           	               	              	             
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Verse 6. The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god.
 Verse 7. Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us and treated us kindly for three days.

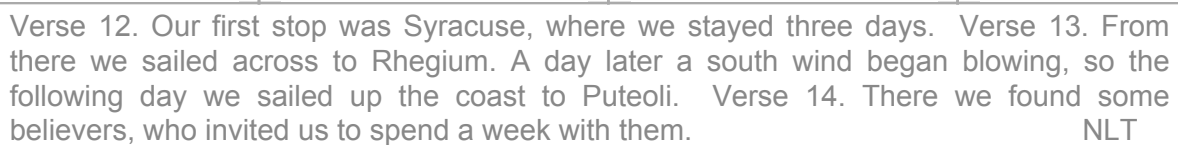
            	            	            	            
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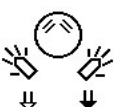






















































Verse 8. As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. Verse 9. Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. Verse 10. As a result we were showered with honors, and when the time came to sail,

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people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip. Verse 11. It was three months after the shipwreck that we set sail on another ship that had wintered at the island -- an Alexandrian ship with the twin gods as its figurehead.




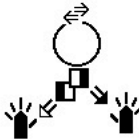

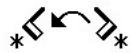




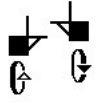
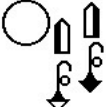





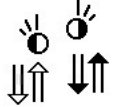






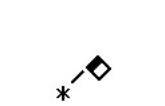
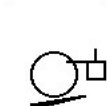

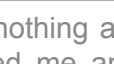













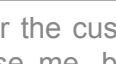



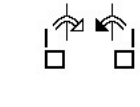



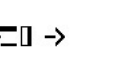


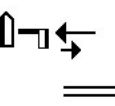





      	               	               	               
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And so we came to Rome. Verse 15. The brothers and sisters in Rome had heard we were coming, and they came to meet us at the Forum on the Appian Way. Others joined us at The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them,

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he was encouraged and thanked God. Verse 16. When we arrived in Rome, Paul was permitted to have his own private lodging, though he was guarded by a soldier. Verse 17. Three days after Paul's arrival, he called together the local Jewish leaders. He said to them, "Brothers, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Roman government,

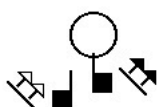
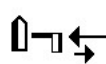



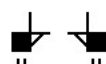




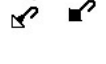



























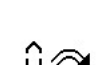
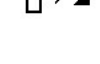



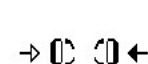


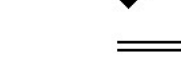

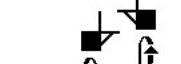



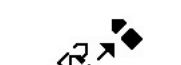










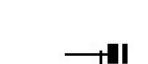











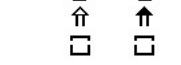

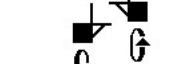
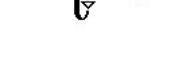
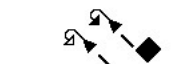
             	             	             	             
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even though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors.
 Verse 18. The Romans tried me and wanted to release me, because they found no
 cause for the death sentence. Verse 19. But when the Jewish leaders protested the
 decision, I felt

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477 it necessary to appeal to Caesar, even though I had no desire to press charges against my own people. Verse 20. I asked you to come here today so we could get acquainted and so I could explain to you that I bound with this chain because I believe that the hope of Israel -- the Messiah -- has already come." Verse 21. They replied, "We have had no letters from Judea or NLT

                   	                   	                   	                   
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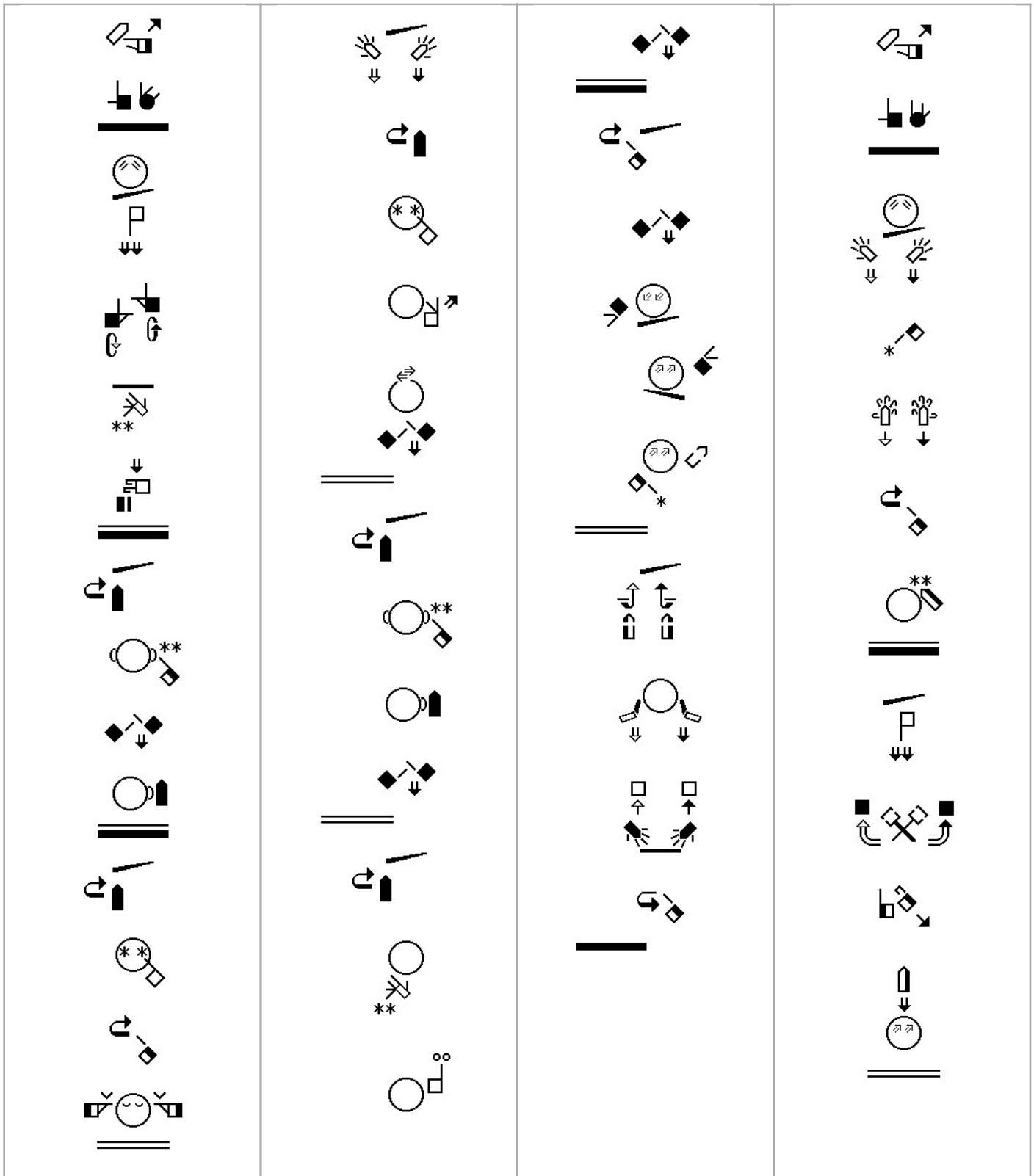
reports against you from anyone who has come here. Verse 22. But we want to hear what you believe, for the only thing we know about this movement is that it is denounced everywhere." Verse 23. So a time was set, and on that day a large number of people came to Paul's lodging.

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He explained and testified about the Kingdom of God and tried to persuade them about Jesus from the Scriptures. Using the law of Moses and the books of the prophets, he spoke to them from morning until evening. Verse 24. Some were persuaded by the things he said, but others did not believe. Verse 25. And after they had argued back and forth among themselves, they left with this final word from Paul:

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has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it." (*Note: no Acts28v29 in NLT) Verse 30. For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, Verse 31. boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him. NLT