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Chapter 2. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: Verse 2. "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. NLT

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You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. Verse 3. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. Verse 4. "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me NLT

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15 or each other as you did at first! Verse 5. Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. NLT

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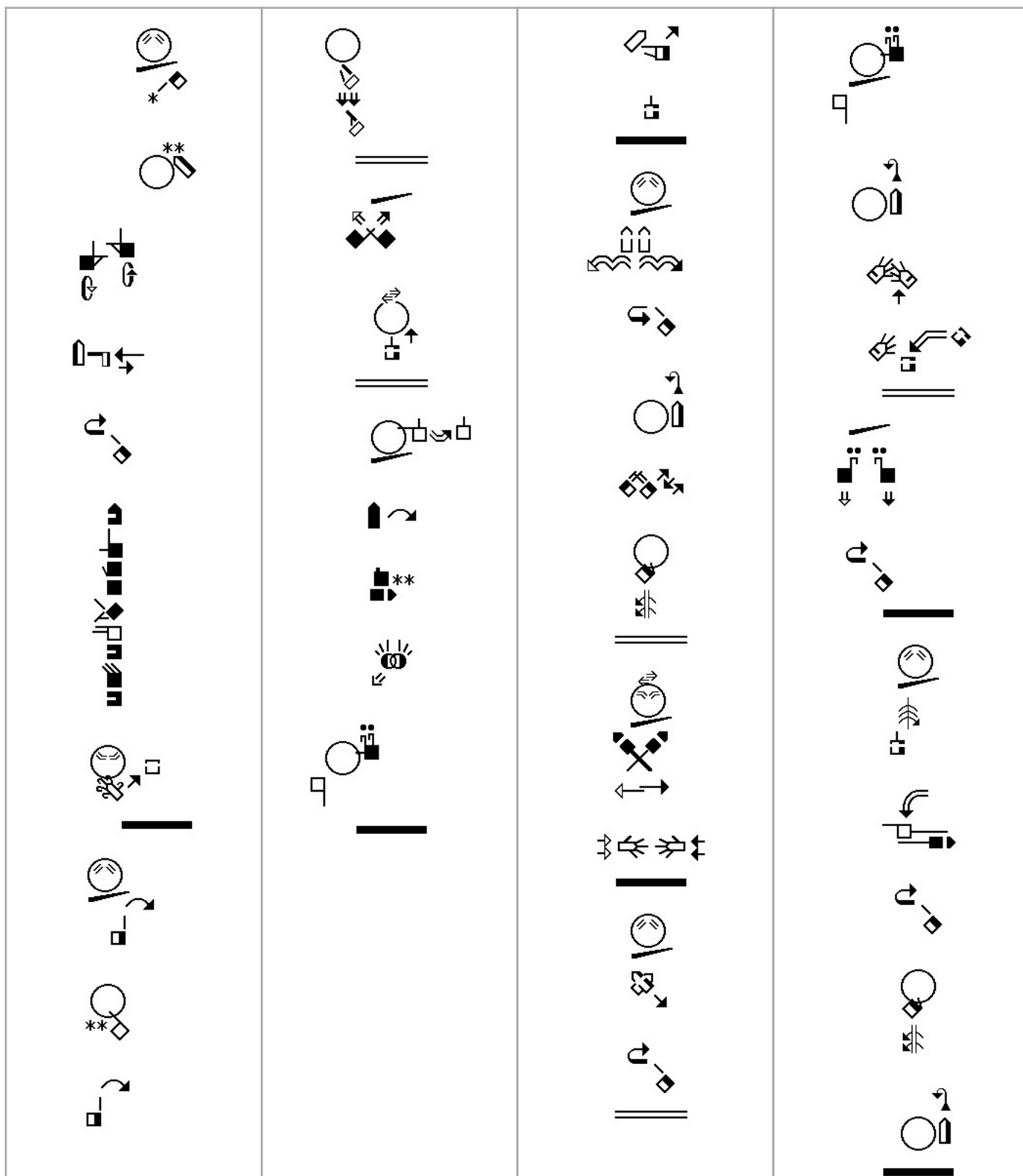
Verse 6. But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do.  
 Verse 7. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is  
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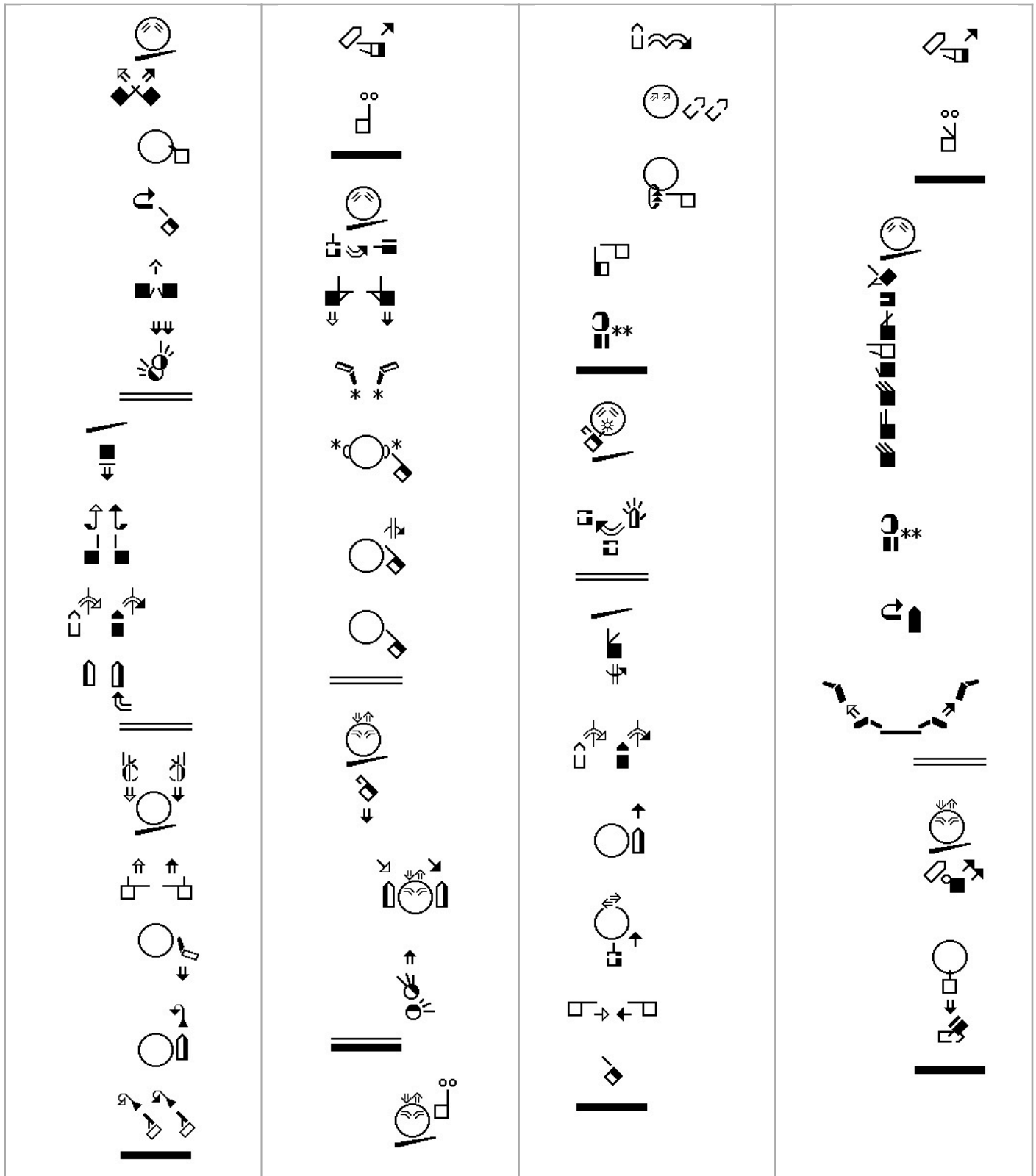
I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God. Verse 8. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive: Verse 9. "I know about your suffering and your poverty -- but you are rich!"

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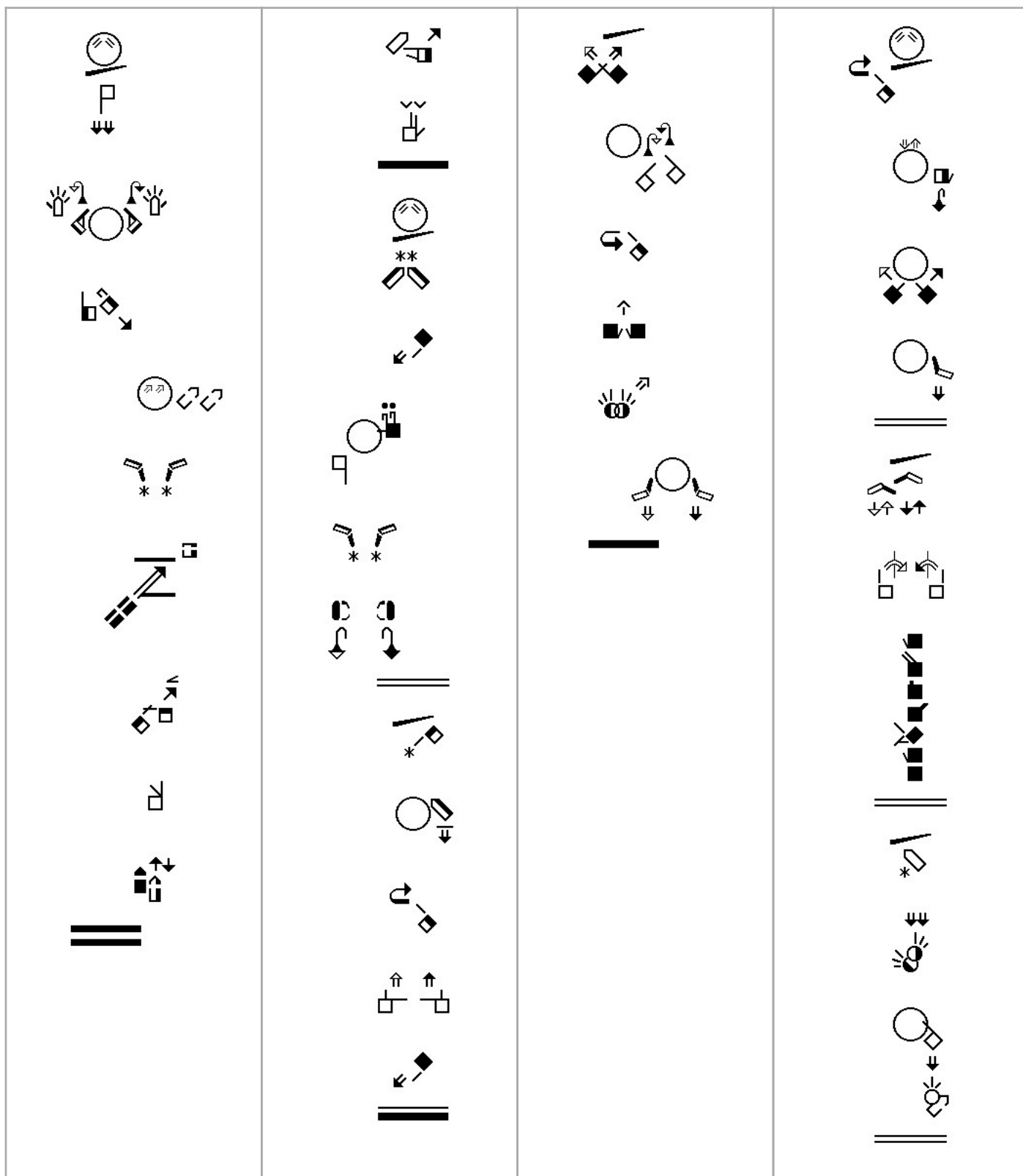


I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. Verse 10. Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days.

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But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life. Verse 11. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death. Verse 12. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. NLT



This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword: Verse 13. "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness,



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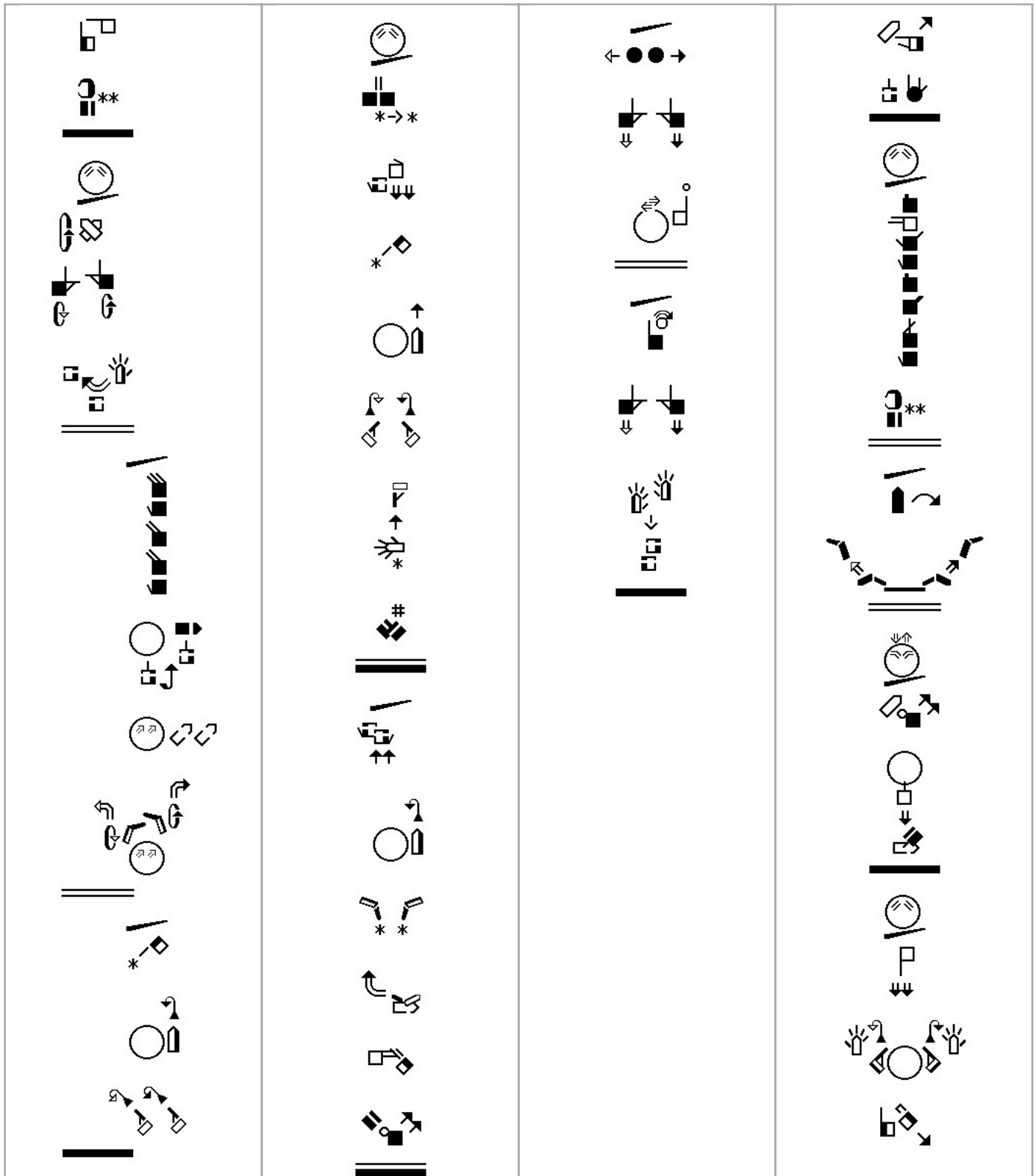
was martyred among you there in Satan's city. Verse 14. "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.

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Verse 15. In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. Verse 16. Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Verse 17. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying

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23 to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it. Verse 18. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from NLT

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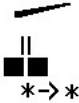



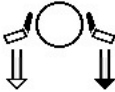






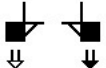

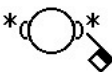













Verse 23. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. Verse 24. "But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching

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('deeper truths,' as they call them -- depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you Verse 25. except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. Verse 26. To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them



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and I will also give them the morning star! Verse 29. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

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