







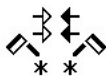












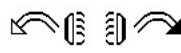

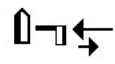












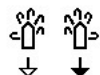

















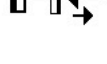







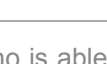


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Chapter 13. Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. Verse 2. This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear
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and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority. Verse 3. I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery -- but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. Verse 4. They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and NLT

             	            	             	                     
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they also worshiped the beast. "Who is as great as the beast?" they exclaimed. "Who is able to fight against him?" Verse 5. Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. Verse 6. And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering

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Verse 14. And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life. Verse 15. He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. NLT

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Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die. Verse 16. He required everyone -- small and great, rich and poor, free and slave -- to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. Verse 17. And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark,

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which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. Verse 18. Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666. NLT