

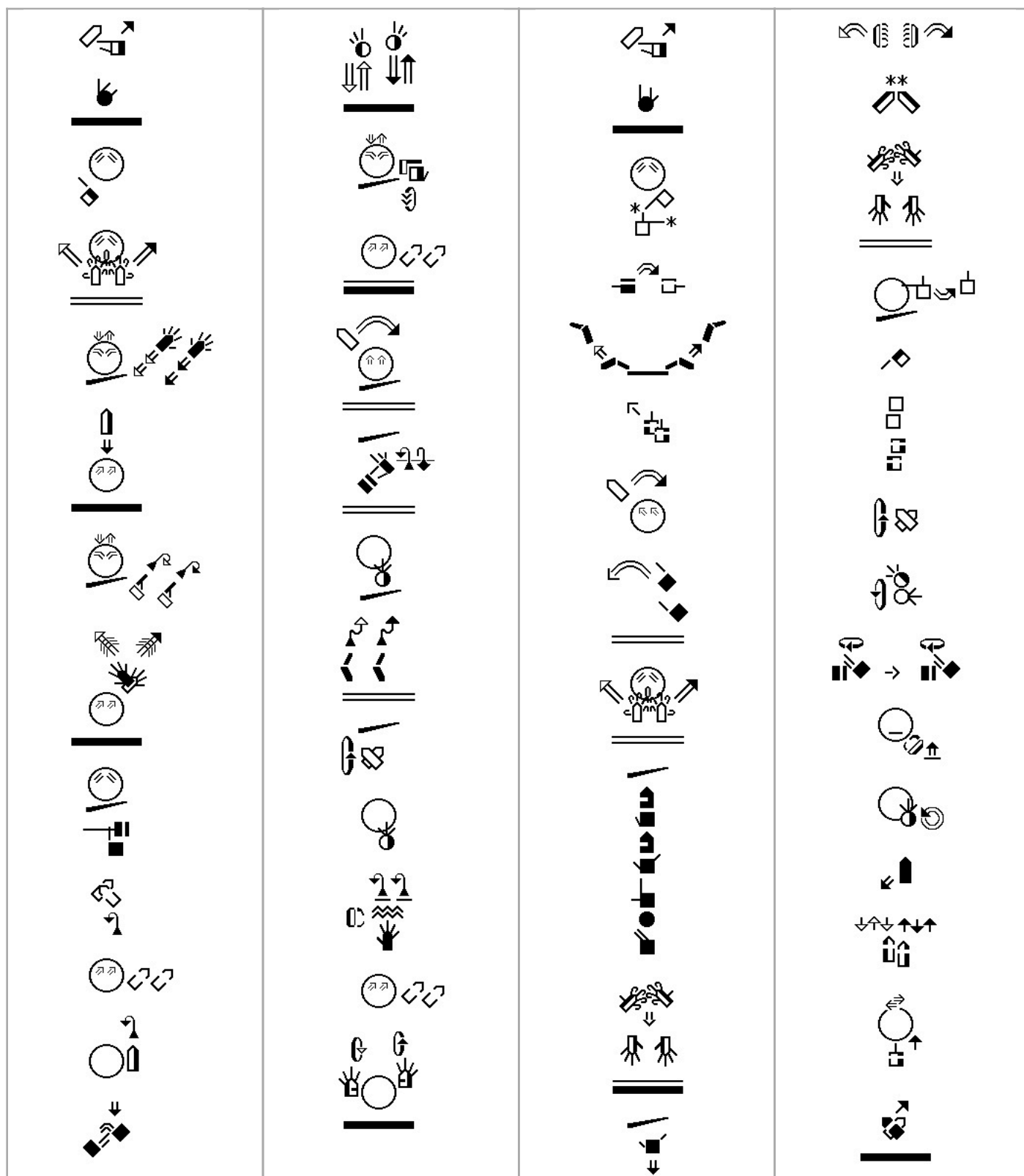
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Chapter 14. Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Verse 2. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together. NLT

Verse 3. This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. Verse 4. They have kept themselves as pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. NLT

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They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb. Verse 5. They have told no lies; they are without blame. Verse 6. And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world -- to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

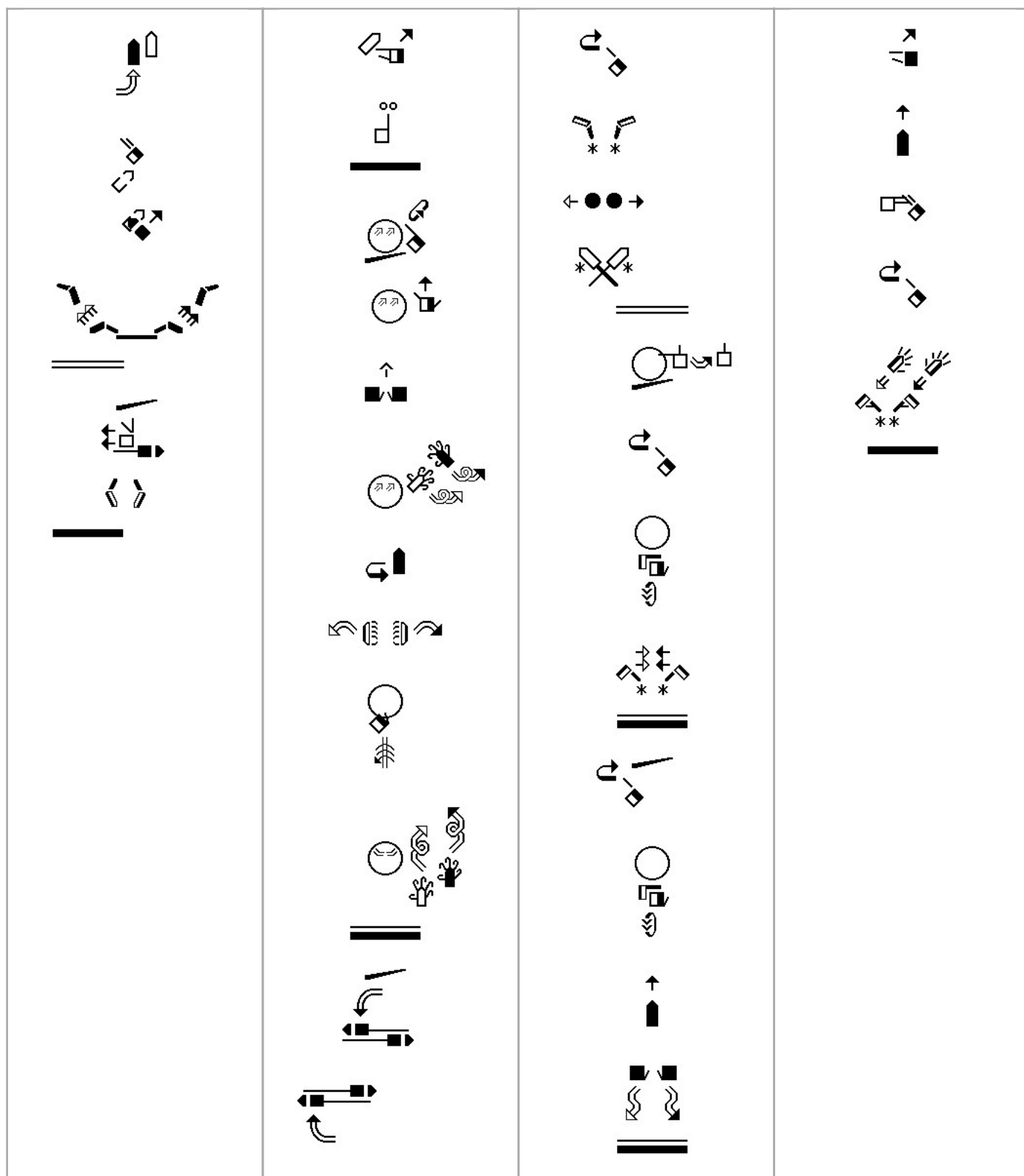


Verse 7. "Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water." Verse 8. Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, "Babylon is fallen -- that great city is fallen -- because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality."

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Verse 9. Then a third angel followed them, shouting, "Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand Verse 10. must drink the wine of God's anger. It has been poured full strength into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur NLT



135 in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. Verse 11. The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name." NLT

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for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!" Verse 14. Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Verse 15. Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud,

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"Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe." Verse 16. So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested. Verse 17. After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Verse 18. Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came

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from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment." Verse 19. So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath.

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