


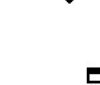




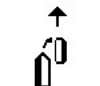

















































Chapter 6. Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. Verse 2. The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests.

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Verse 3. Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. Verse 4. Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel

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was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. Verse 5. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." NLT

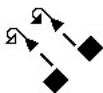


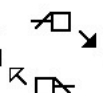
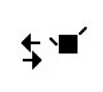

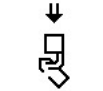


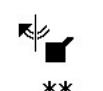


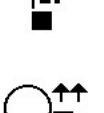


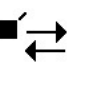



















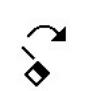




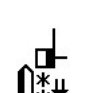

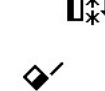

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Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human -- except to you, Your Majesty -- will be thrown into the den of lions. Verse 8. And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so

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he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. Verse 11. Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help. Verse 12. So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law

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that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human -- except to you, Your Majesty -- will be thrown into the den of lions?" "Yes," the king replied, "that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked."  
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Verse 13. Then they told the king, "That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day." Verse 14. Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. NLT

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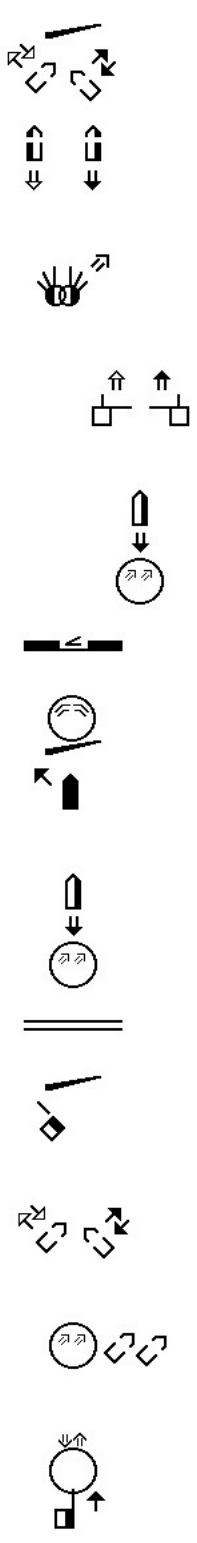
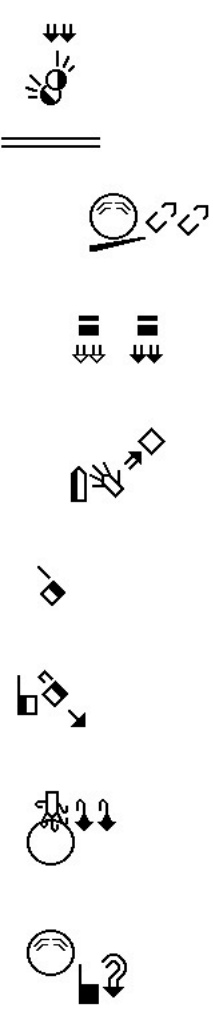
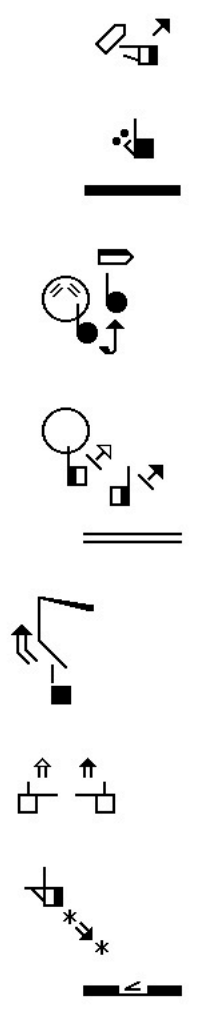
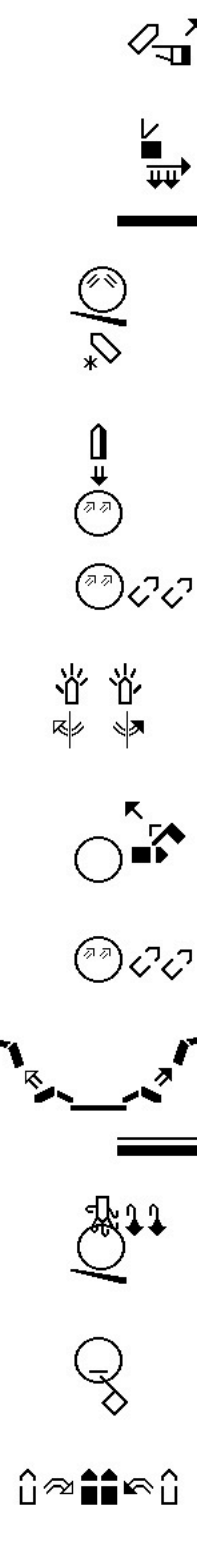
He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament. Verse 15. In the evening the men went together to the king and said, "Your Majesty, you know that according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, no law that the king signs can be changed." Verse 16. So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. NLT

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The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." Verse 17. A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel.

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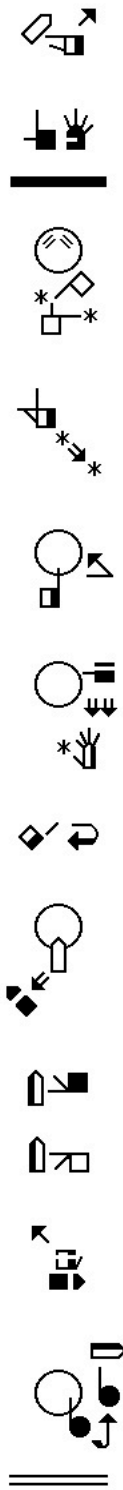
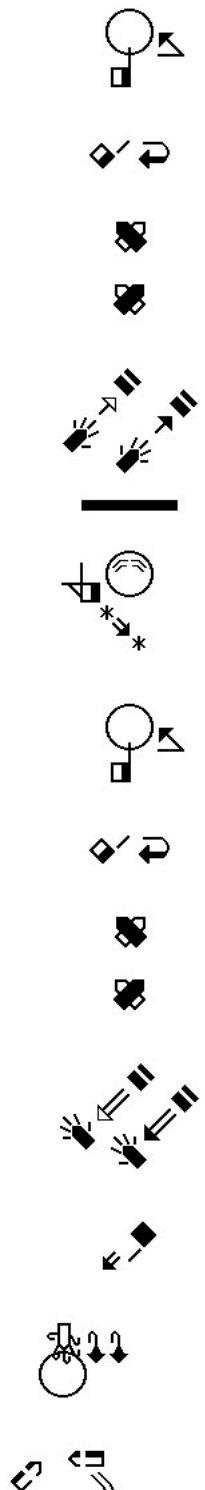
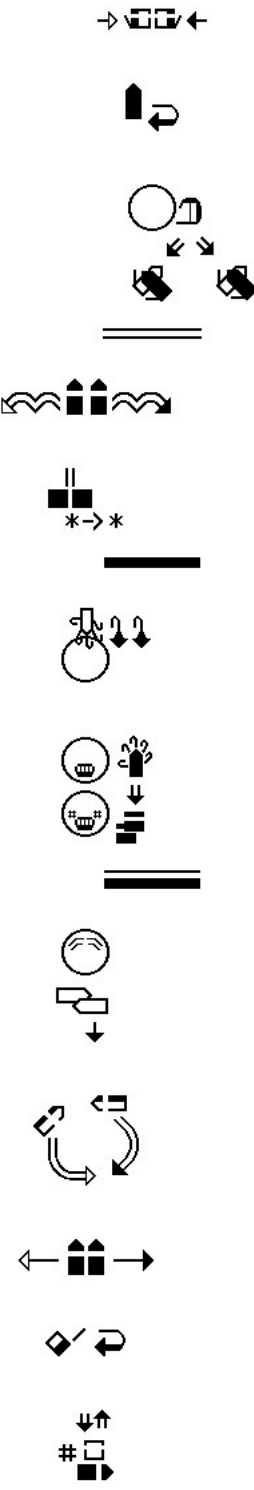
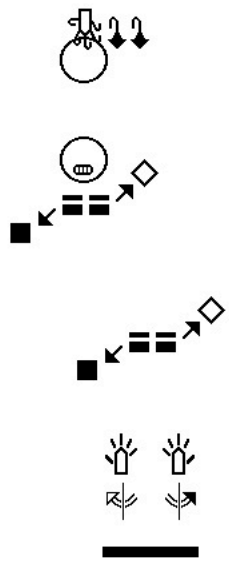
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 <p>ASL signs for 'servant of the living God' and 'Long live the king'. The sequence includes signs for 'servant' (hand over heart), 'living' (open palm up), 'God' (circle with a cross), and 'Long live the king' (king's head and crown).</p>	 <p>ASL signs for 'My God' and 'sent his angel'. The sequence includes signs for 'My' (point to self), 'God' (circle with a cross), and 'sent his angel' (angel's head and wings).</p>	 <p>ASL signs for 'shut the lions' mouths'. The sequence includes signs for 'shut' (hand over mouth), 'lions' (lion's head), and 'mouths' (mouth).</p>	 <p>ASL signs for 'servant of the living God' and 'Long live the king'. The sequence includes signs for 'servant' (hand over heart), 'living' (open palm up), 'God' (circle with a cross), and 'Long live the king' (king's head and crown).</p>
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so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." Verse 23. The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God.

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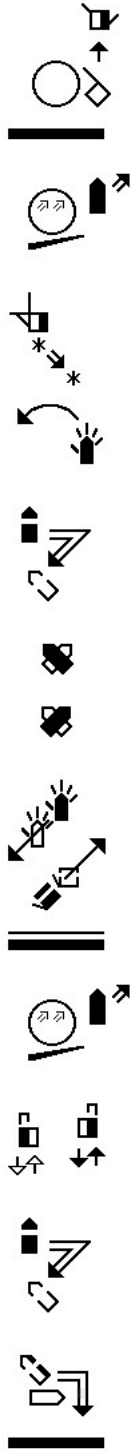
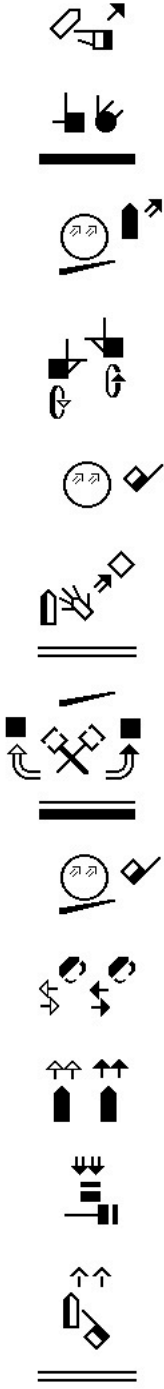
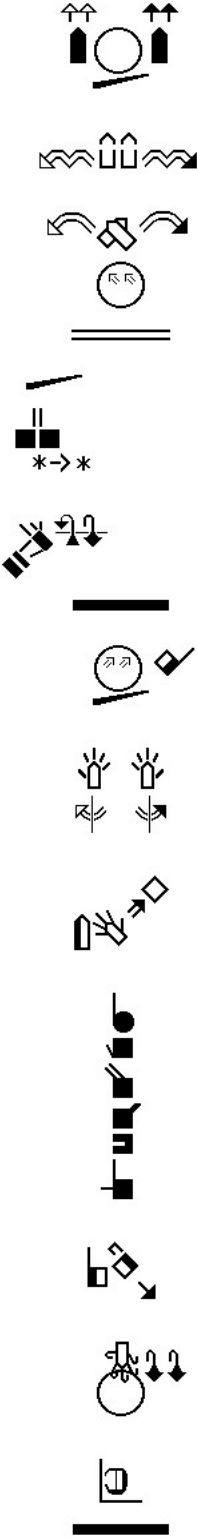
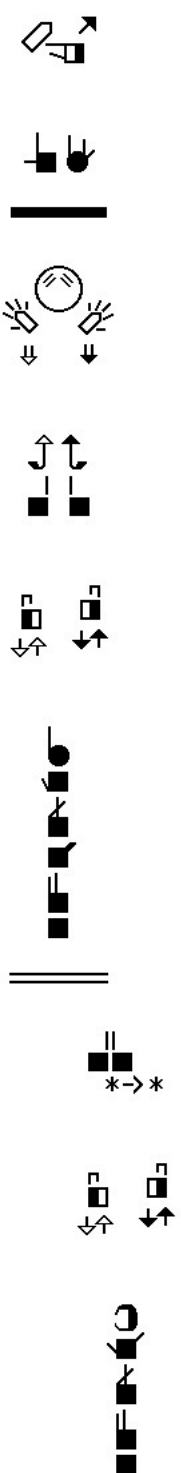
Verse 24. Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den. NLT

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Verse 25. Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you! Verse 26. "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure

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forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. Verse 27. He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Verse 28. So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus

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