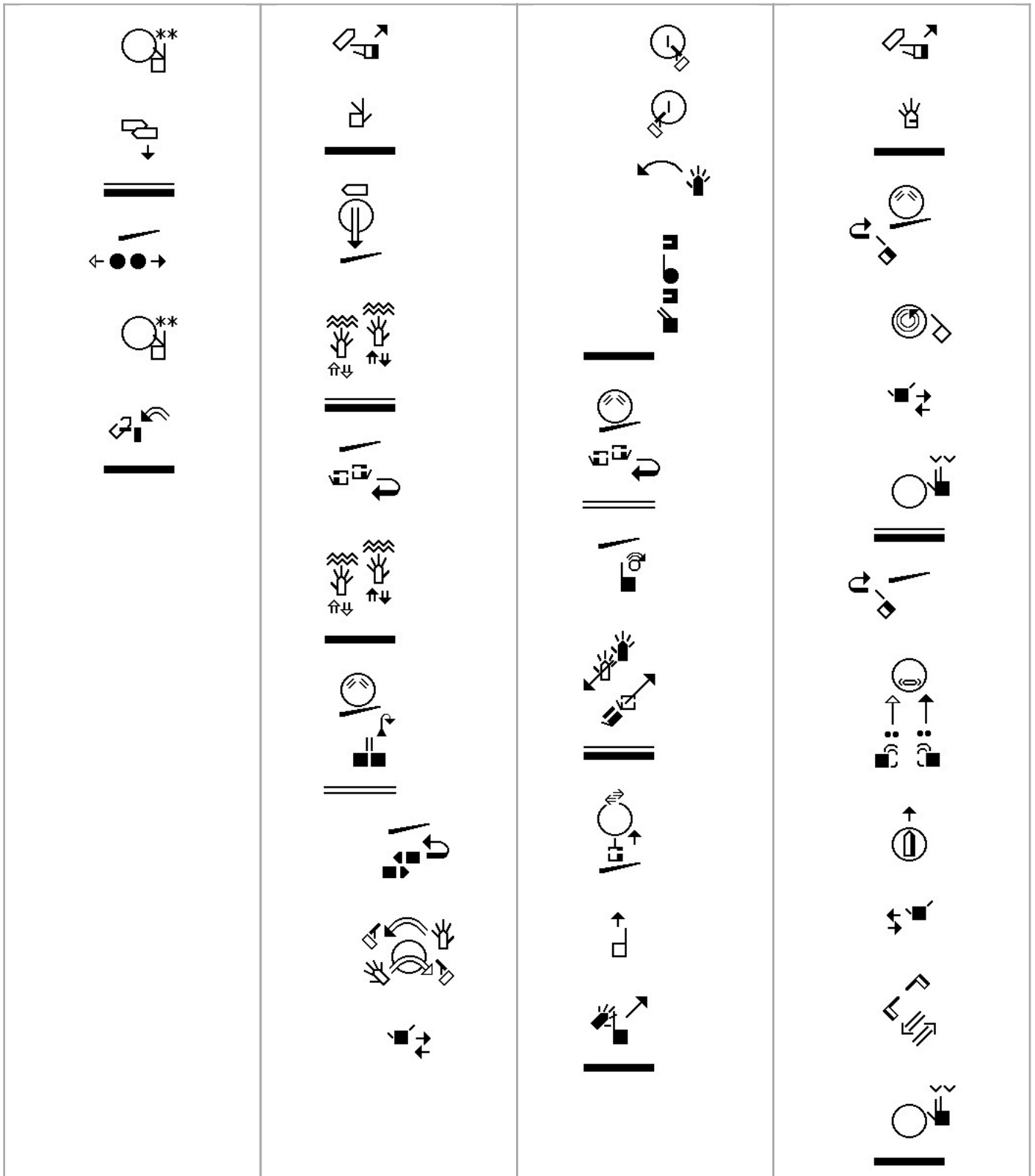
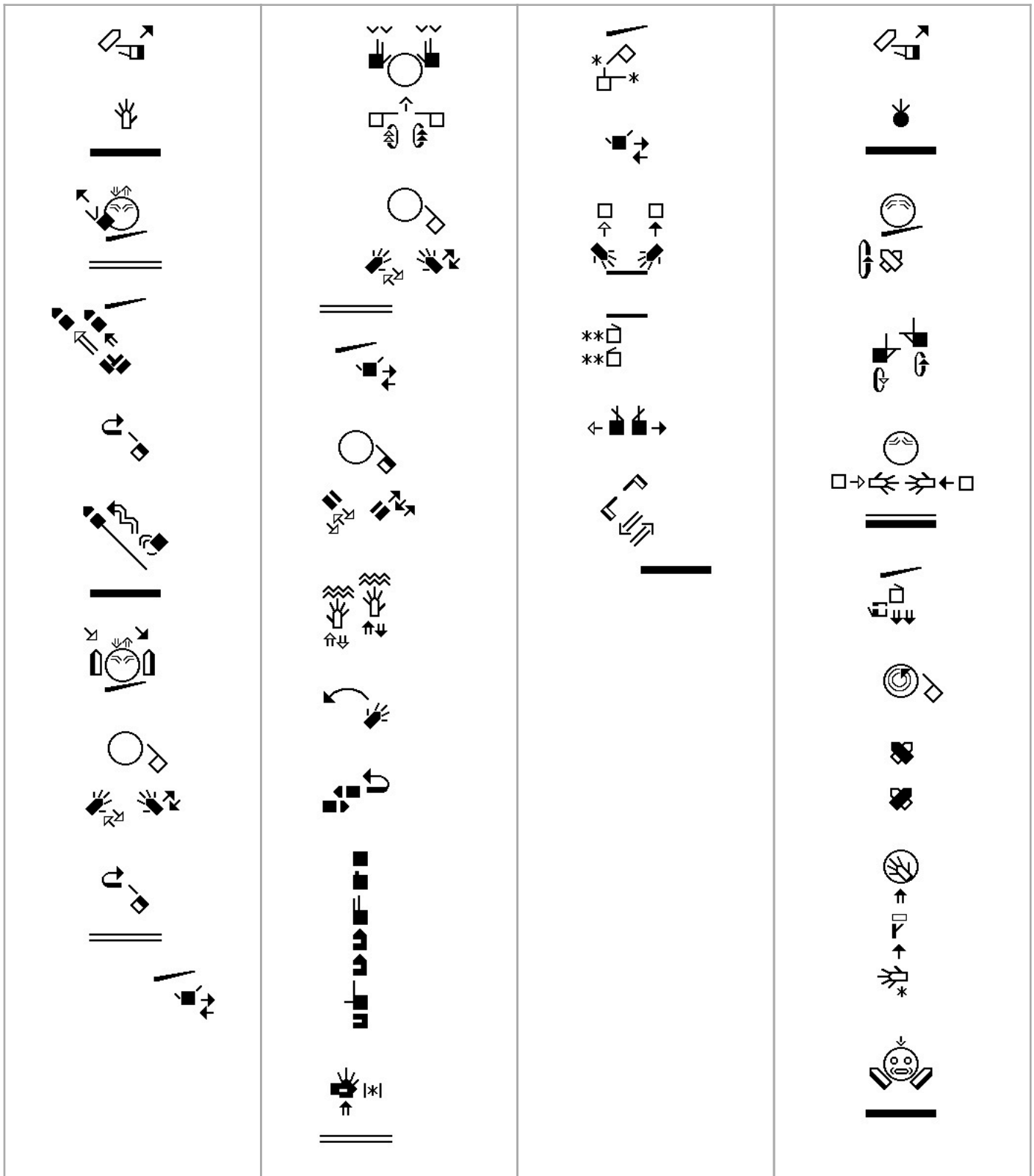


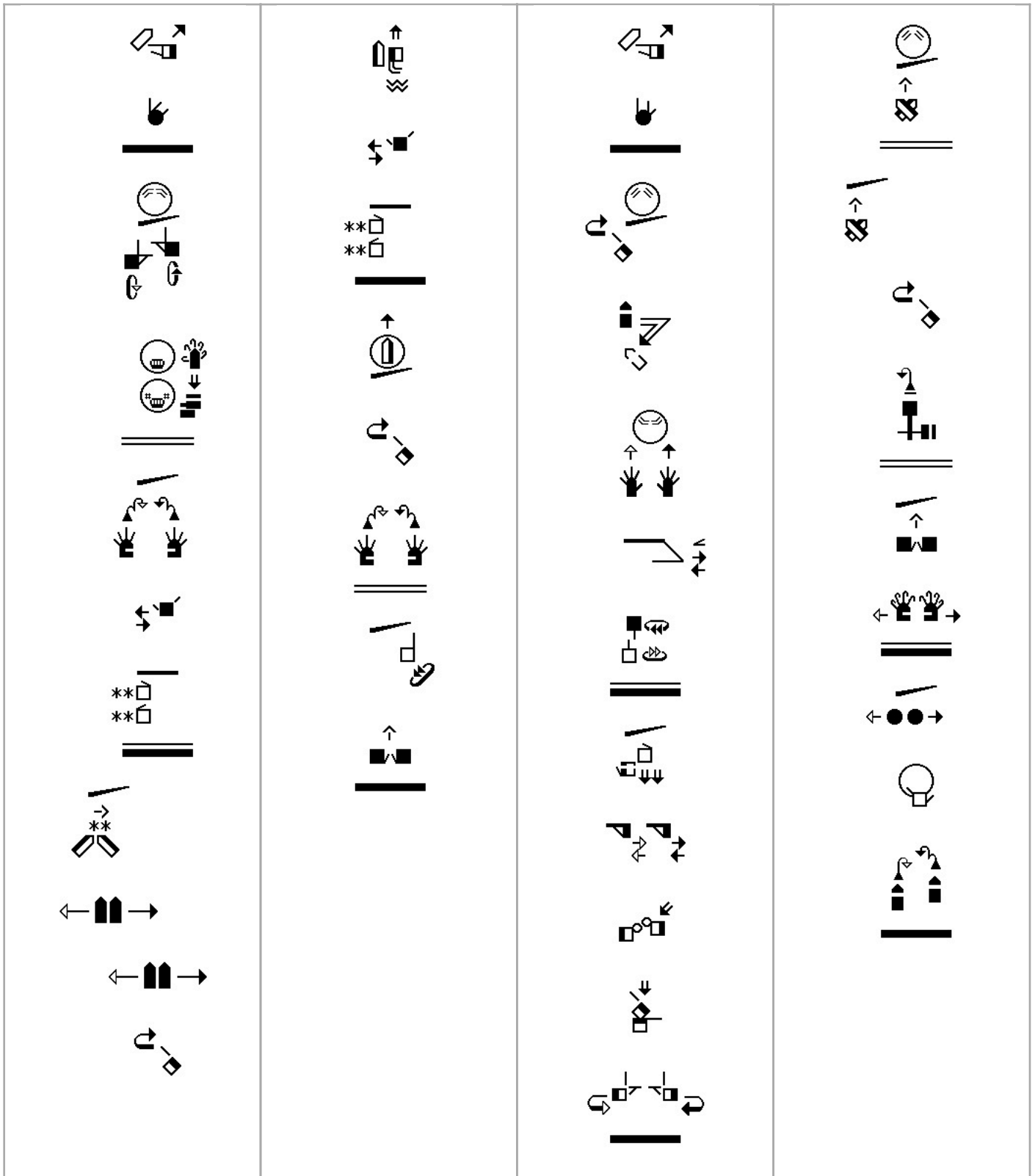
Chapter 2. Sound the alarm in Jerusalem! Raise the battle cry on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the LORD is upon us. Verse 2. It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness. Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a great and mighty army appears. Nothing NLT



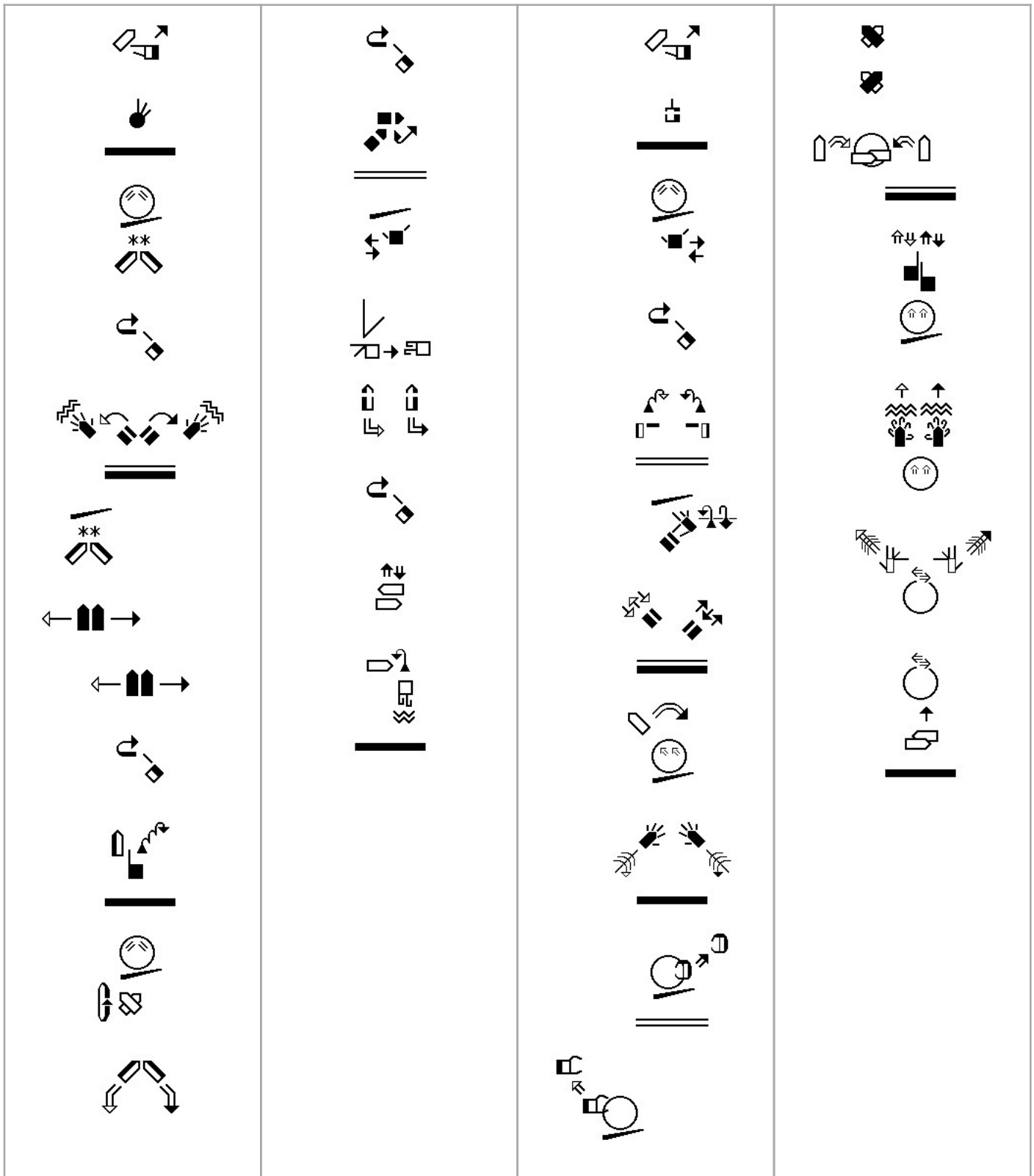
like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again. Verse 3. Fire burns in front of them, and flames follow after them. Ahead of them the land lies as beautiful as the Garden of Eden. Behind them is nothing but desolation; not one thing escapes. Verse 4. They look like horses; they charge forward like war horses. NLT



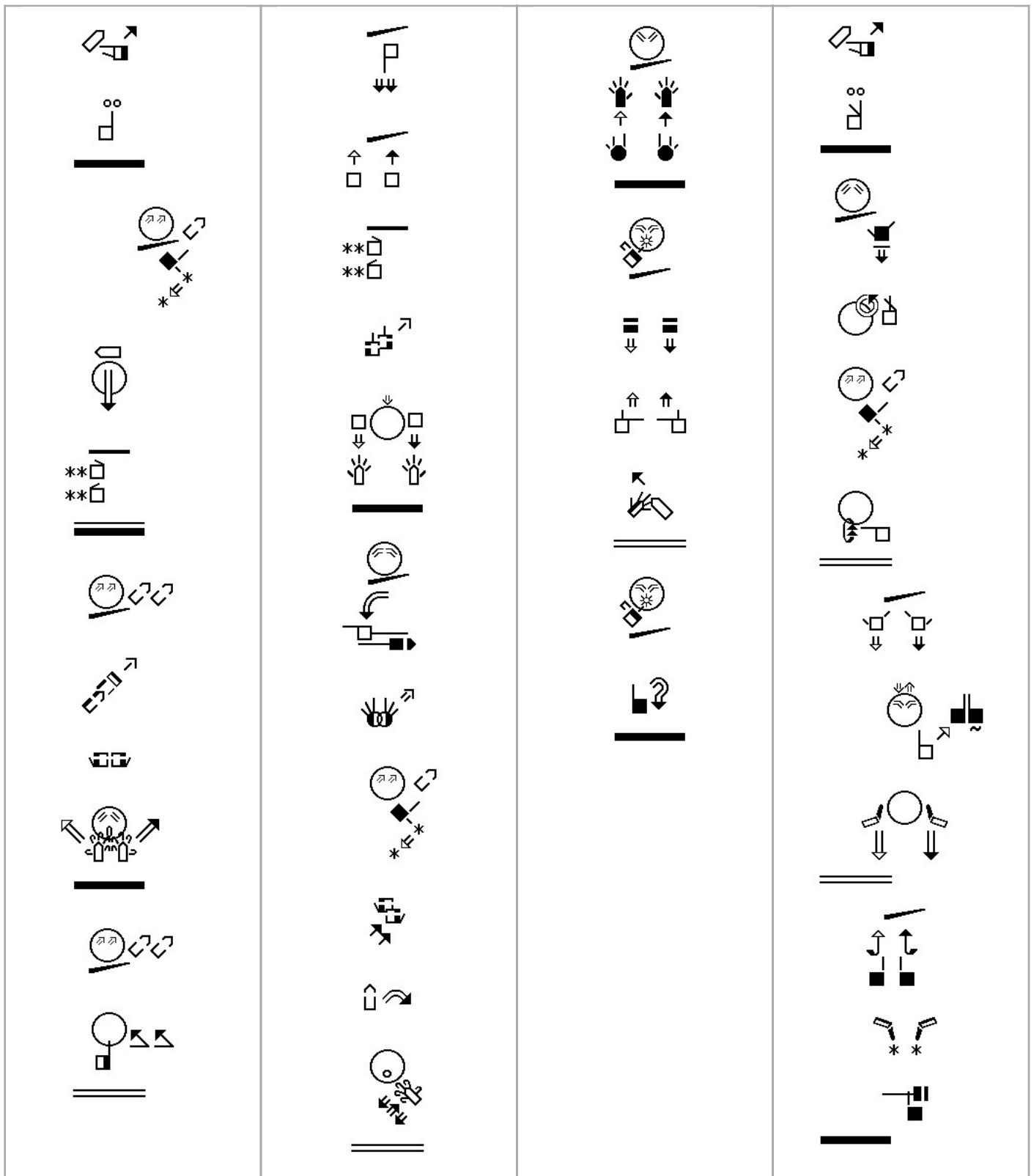
Verse 5. Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops. Listen to the noise they make -- like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble, or like a mighty army moving into battle. Verse 6. Fear grips all the people; every face grows pale with terror. NLT



Verse 7. The attackers march like warriors and scale city walls like soldiers. Straight forward they march, never breaking rank. Verse 8. They never jostle each other; each moves in exactly the right position. They break through defenses without missing a step. NLT

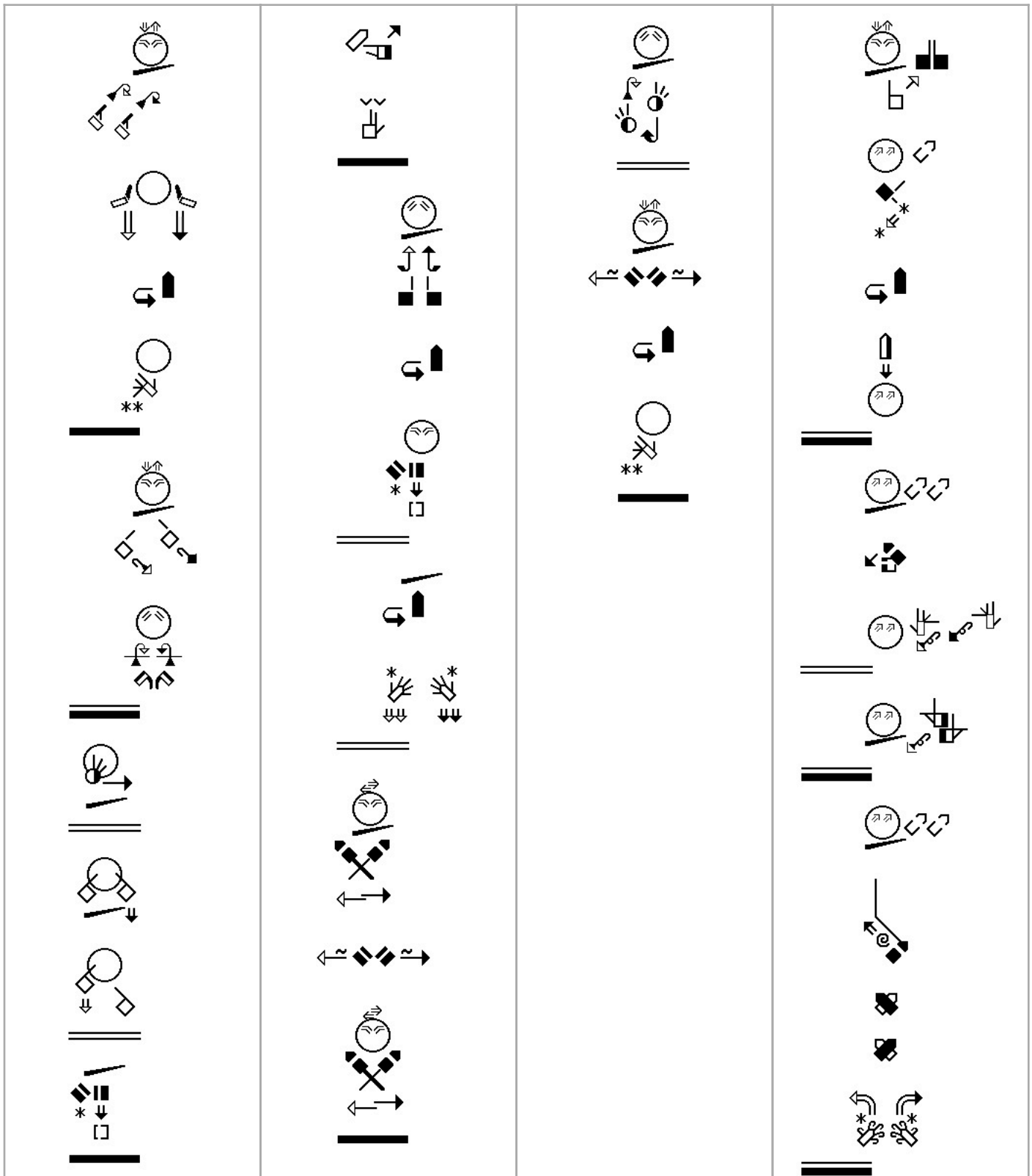


Verse 9. They swarm over the city and run along its walls. They enter all the houses, climbing like thieves through the windows. Verse 10. The earth quakes as they advance, and the heavens tremble. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars no longer shine. NLT



Verse 11. The LORD is at the head of the column. He leads them with a shout. This is his mighty army, and they follow his orders. The day of the LORD is an awesome, terrible thing. Who can possibly survive? Verse 12. That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time.

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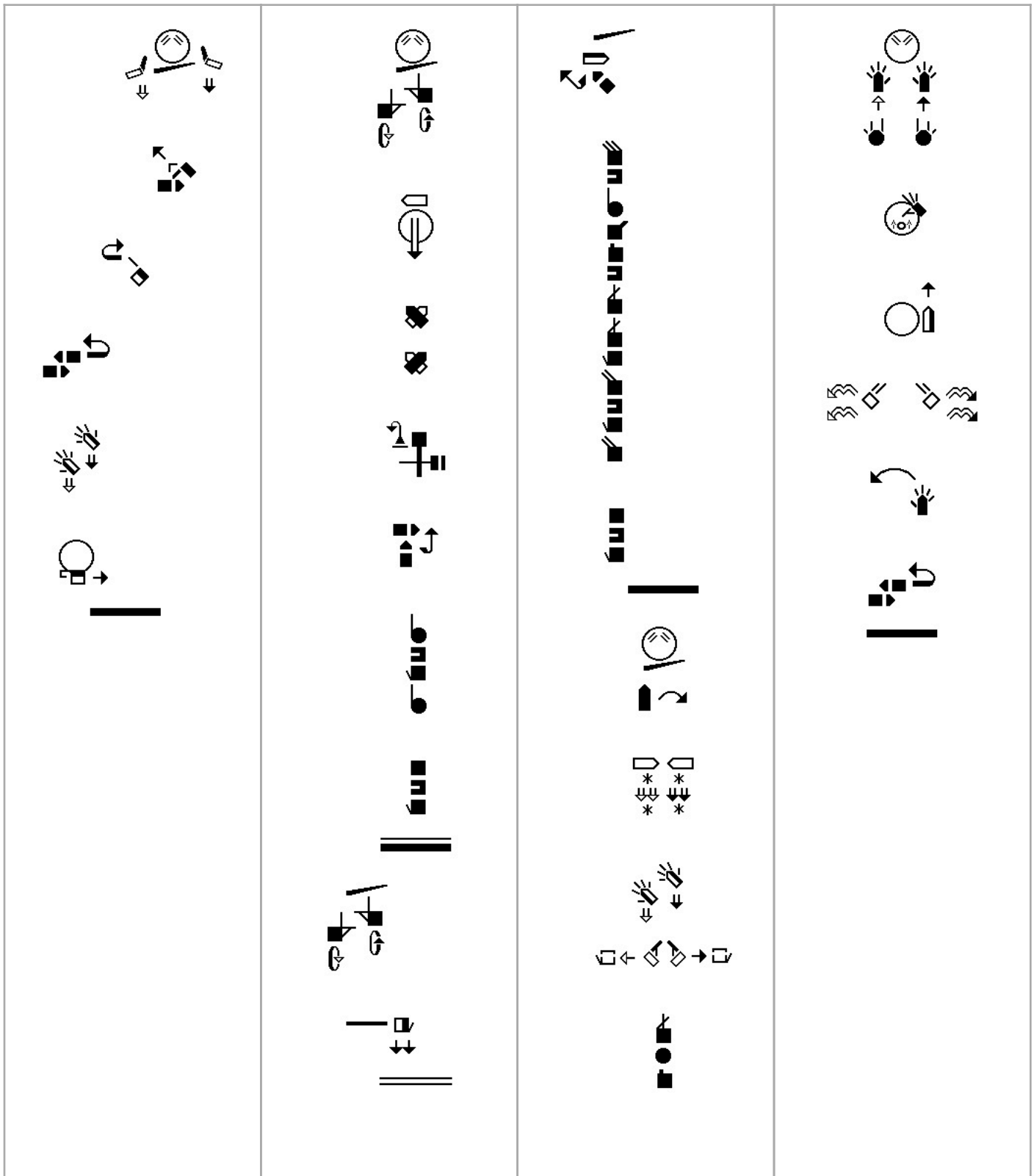
Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Verse 13. Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry

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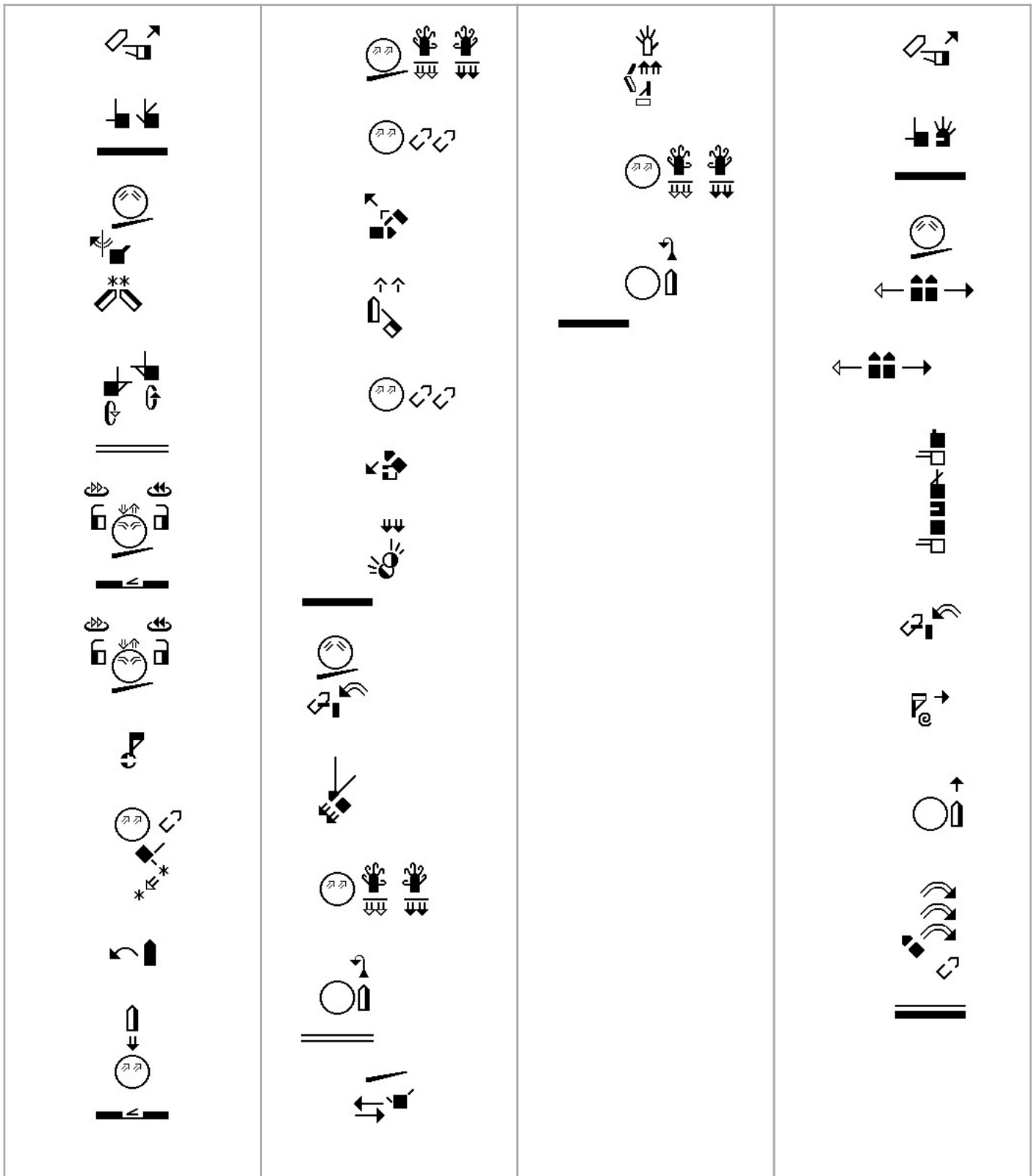
21 and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. Verse 14. Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the LORD your God as before. NLT

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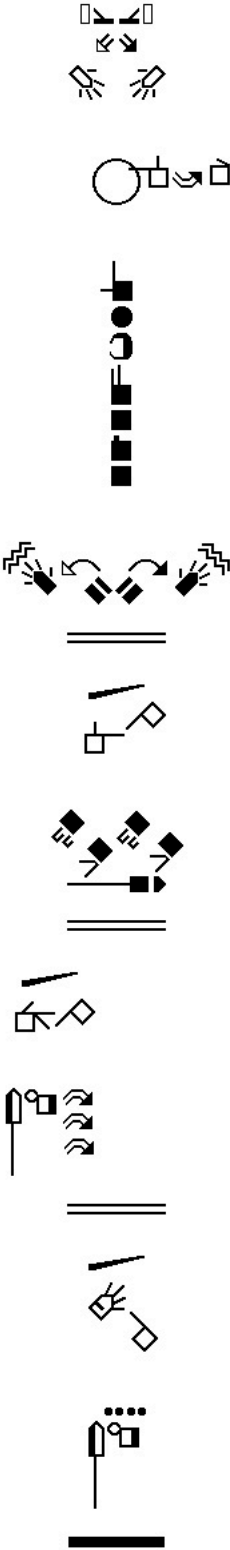
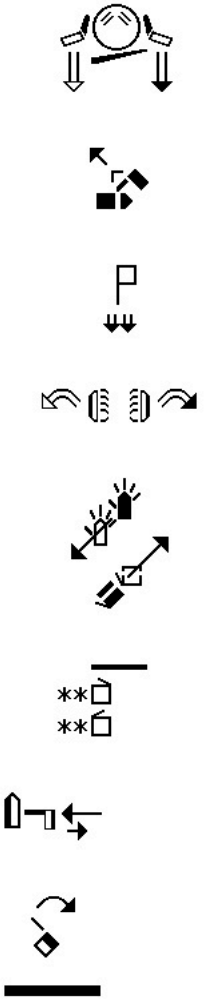
Verse 15. Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Verse 16. Gather all the people -- the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room.
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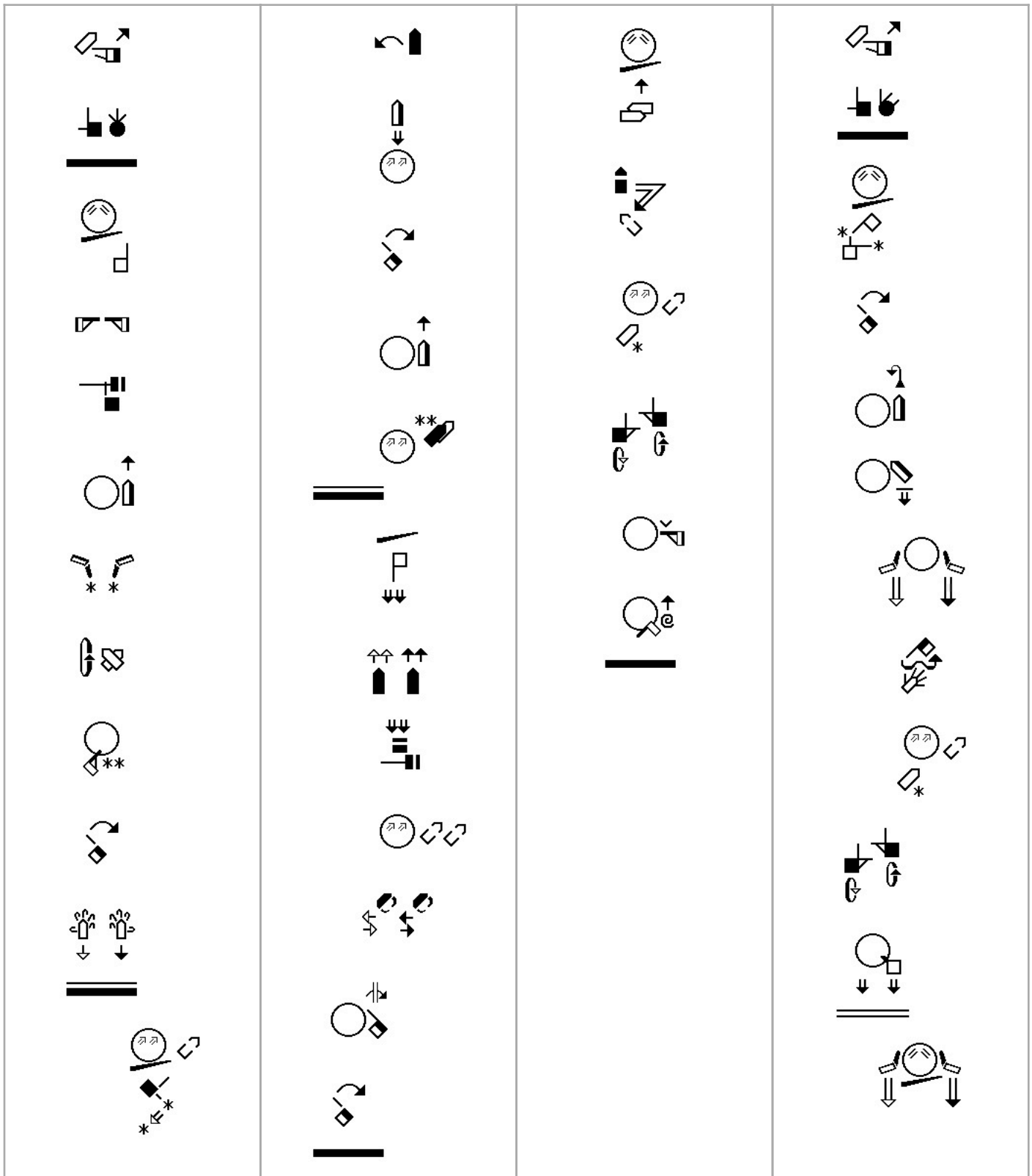
I will send them into the parched wastelands. Those in the front will be driven into the Dead Sea, and those at the rear into the Mediterranean. The stench of their rotting bodies will rise over the land." NLT



Verse 23. Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the LORD your God! For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring. Verse 24. The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain, NLT

			
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29 and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil. Verse 25. The LORD says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you. NLT

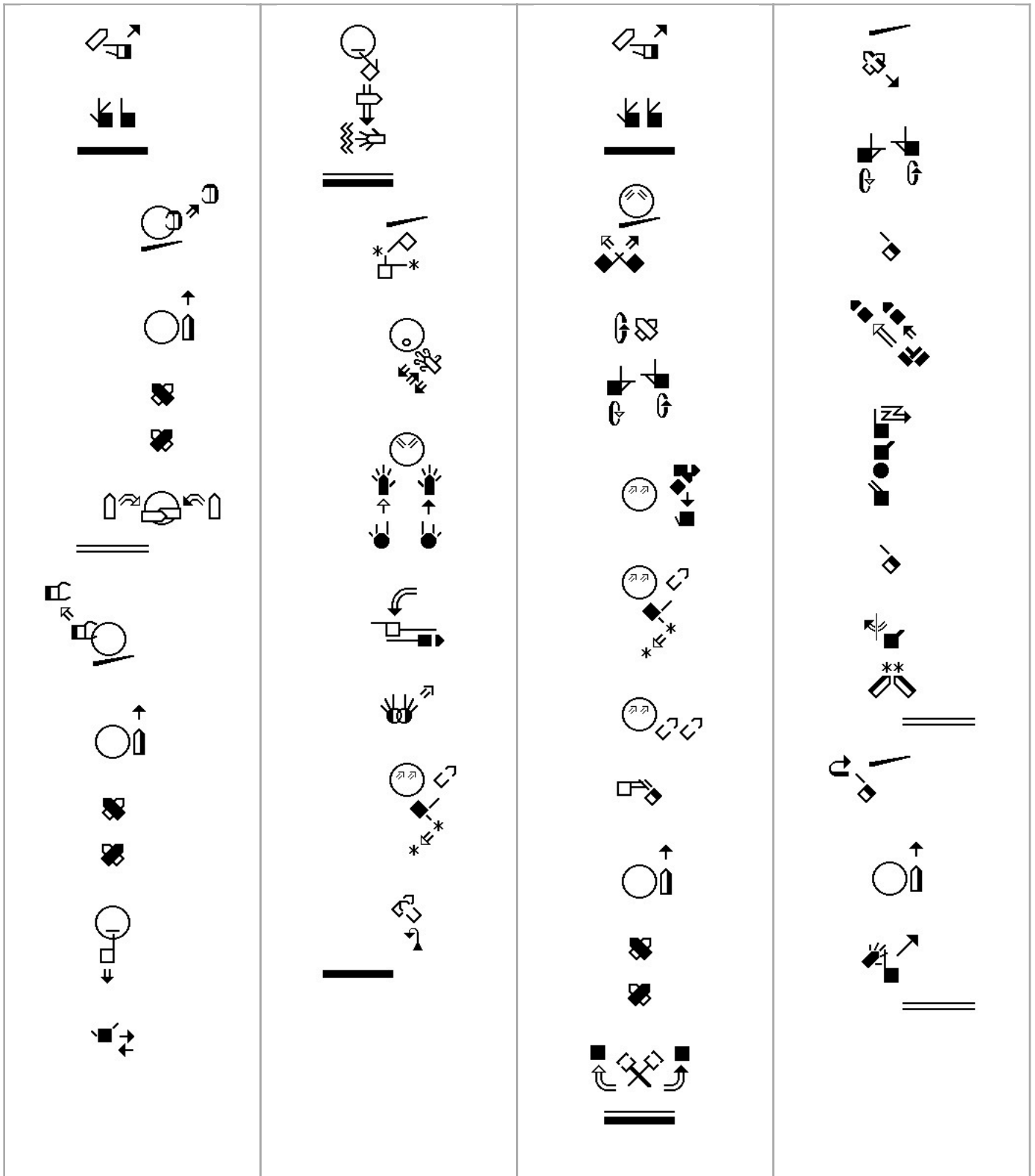


Verse 26. Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the LORD your God, who does these miracles for you. Never again will my people be disgraced. Verse 27. Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am

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31 the LORD your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced. Verse 28. "Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. NLT



Verse 31. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. Verse 32. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, NLT

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just as the LORD has said. These will be among the survivors whom the LORD has called.

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