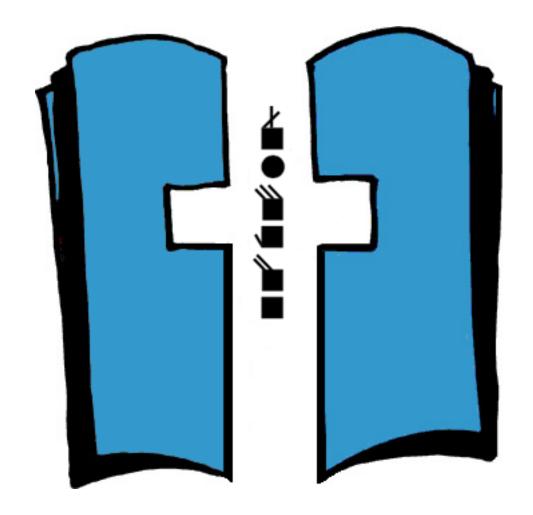
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¹ This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. 2 God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. NLT

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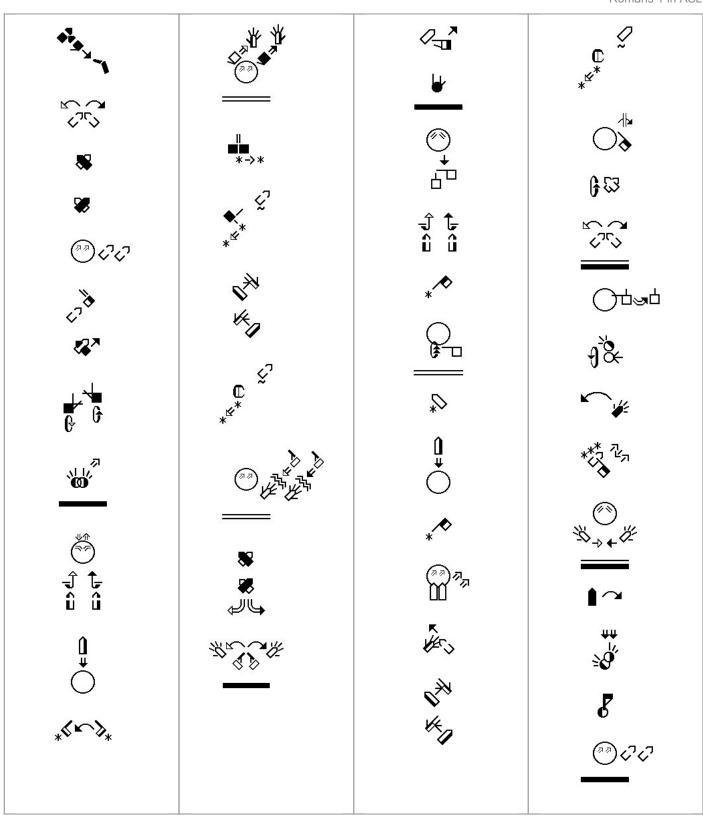
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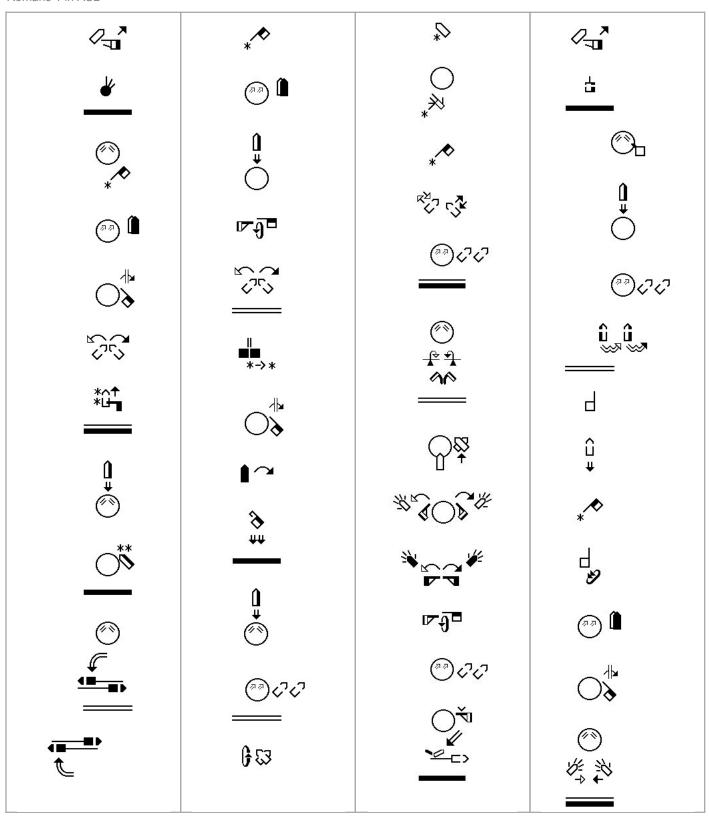
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He is Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, NLT

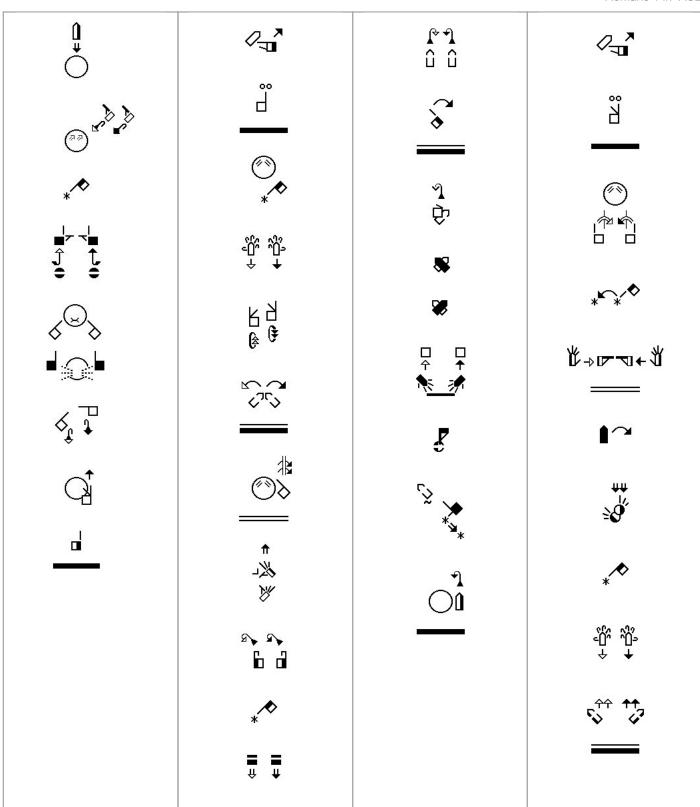
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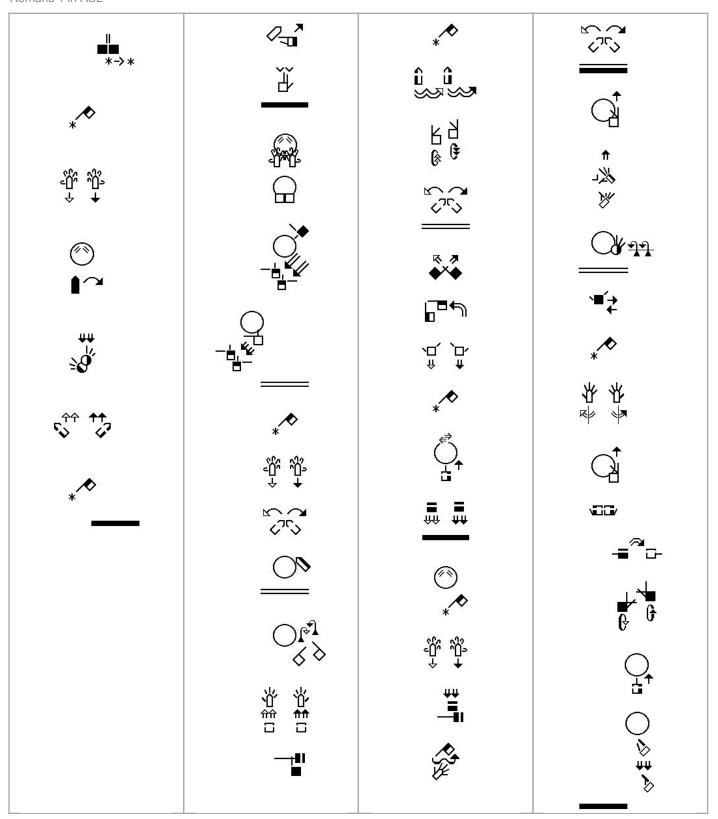
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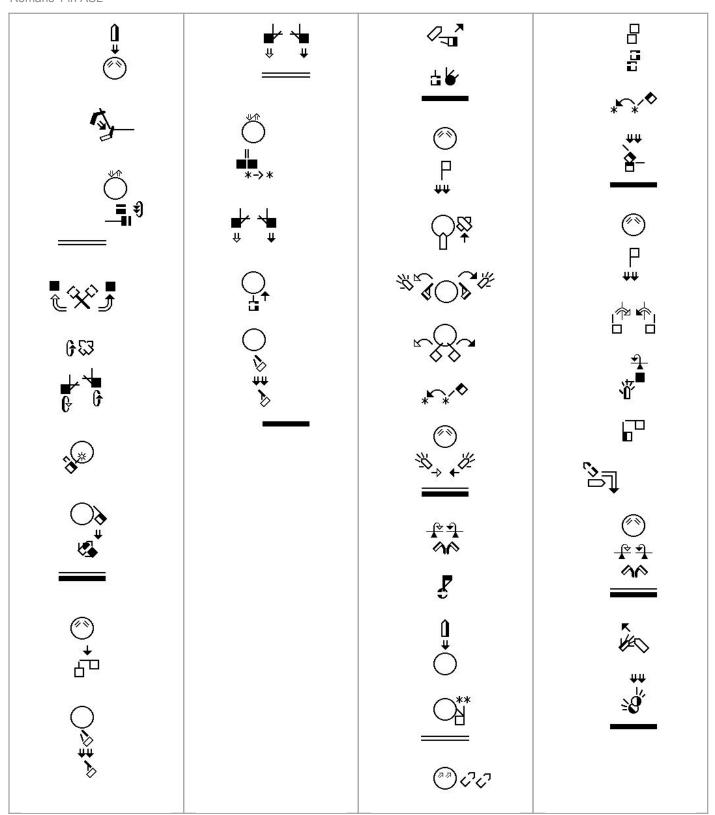
⁹ God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son. 10 One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing,

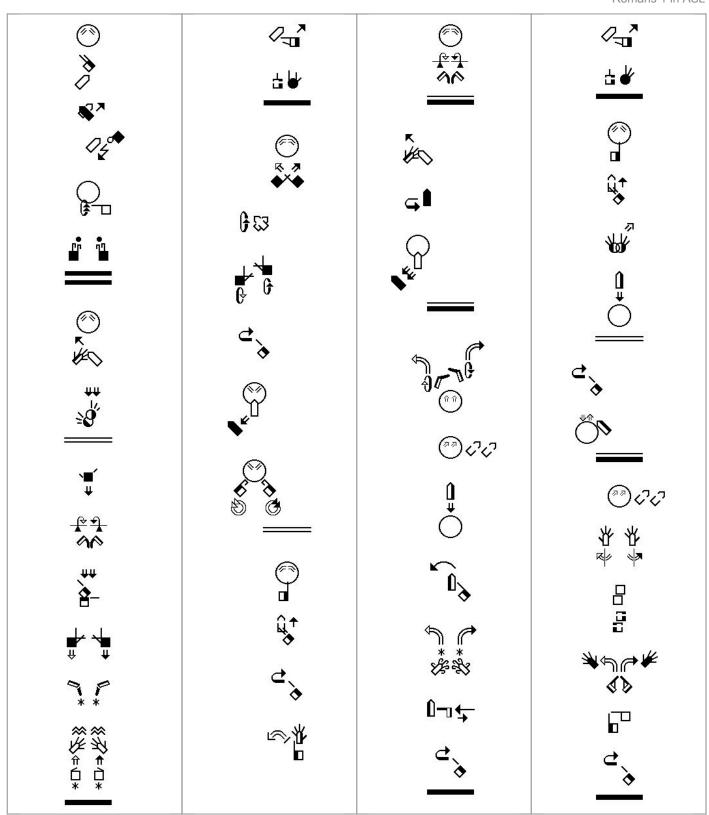


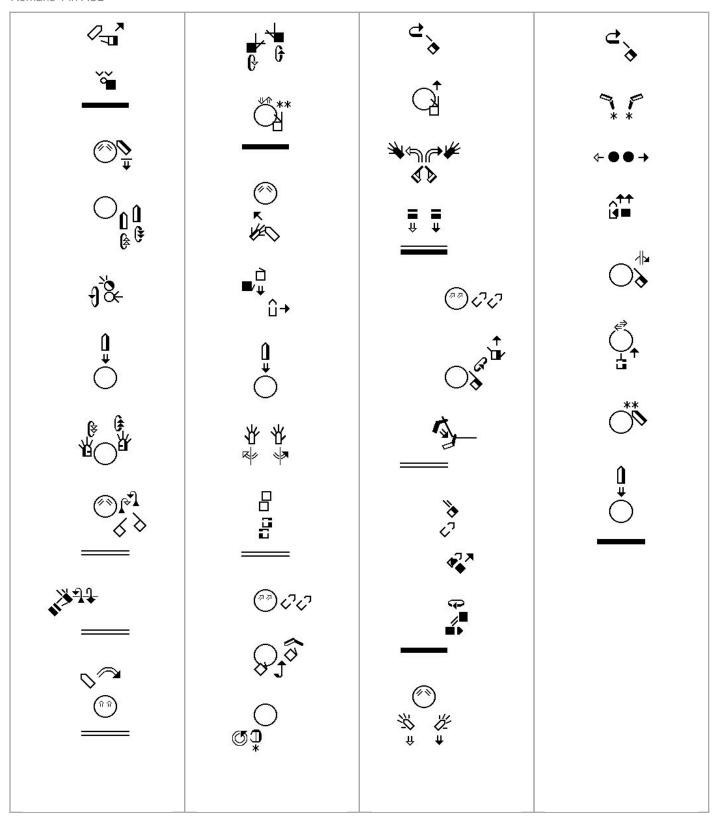


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14 For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. 15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. 16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. NLT



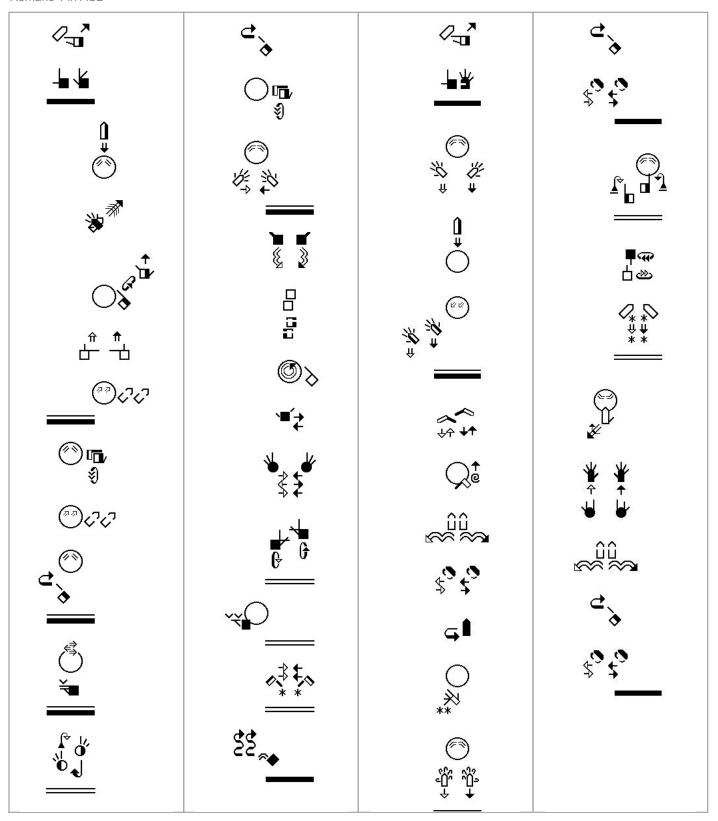




20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities -- his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. NLT

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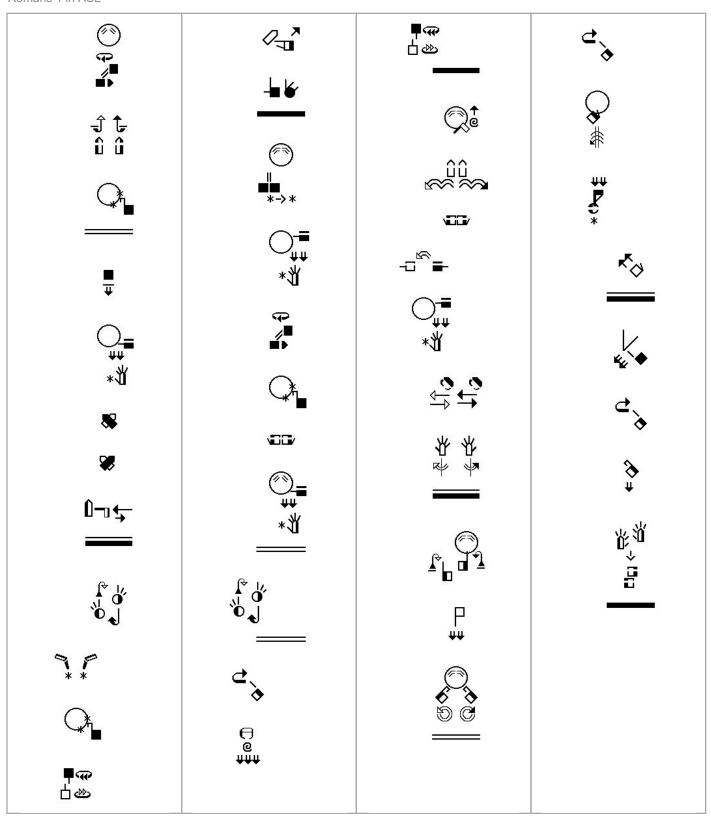
21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. NLT



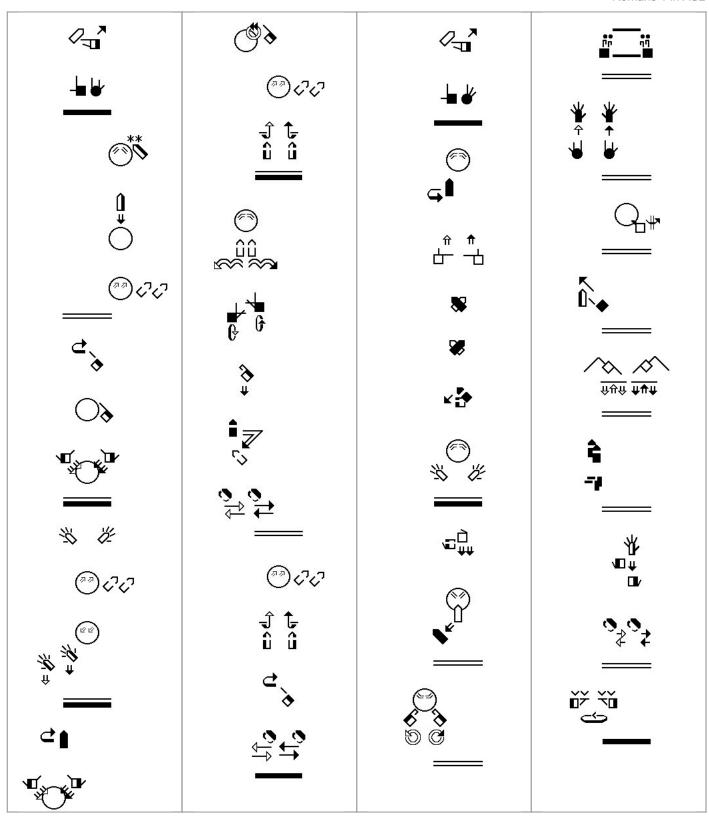
23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. NLT

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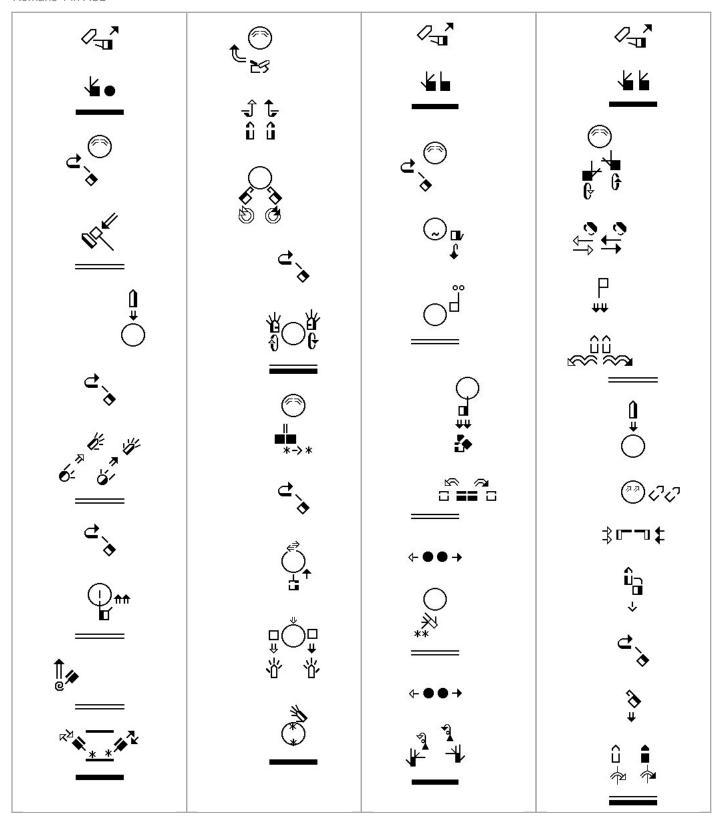
25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. 26 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. NLT



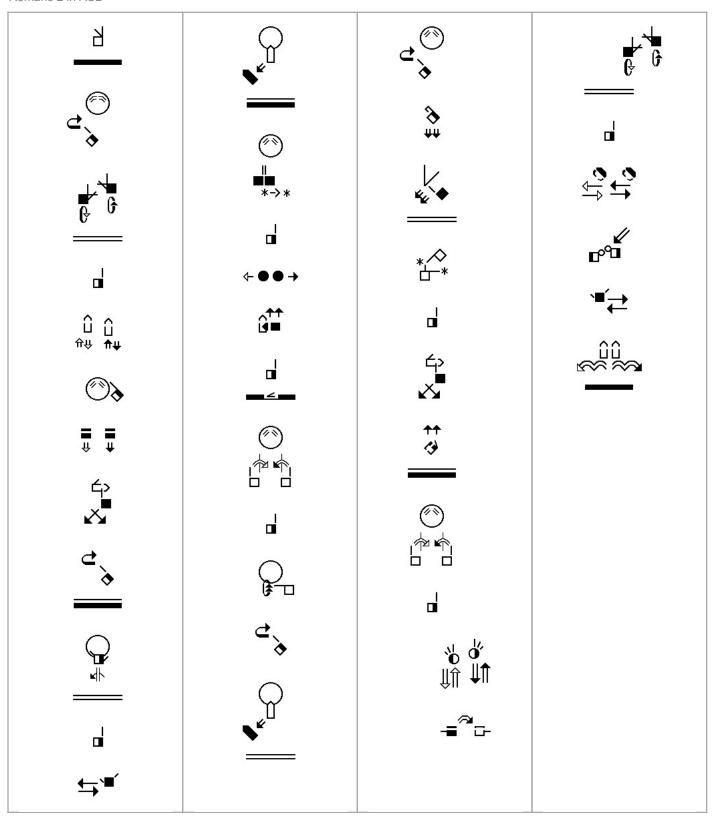
Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. 27 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. NLT



28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. NLT



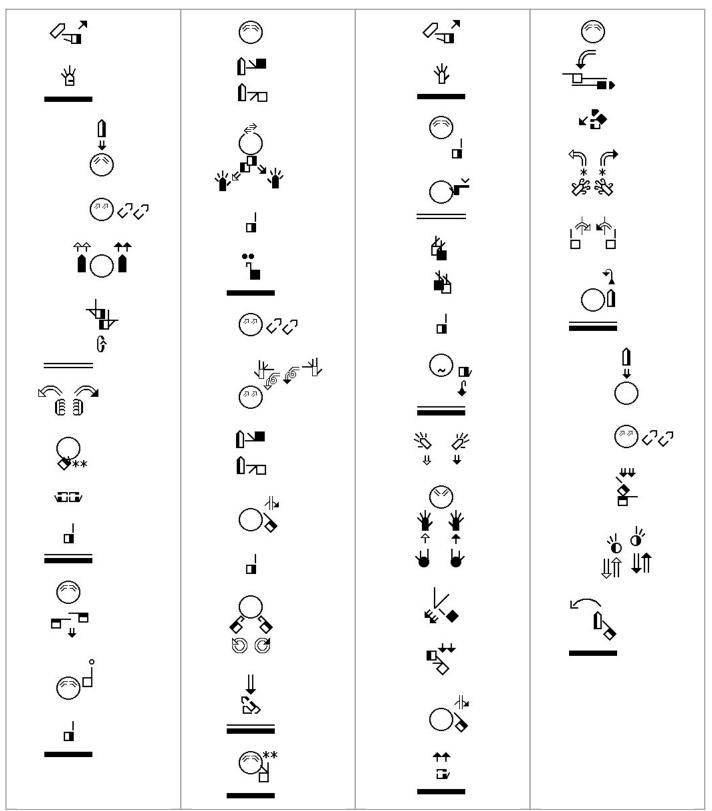
30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, NLT



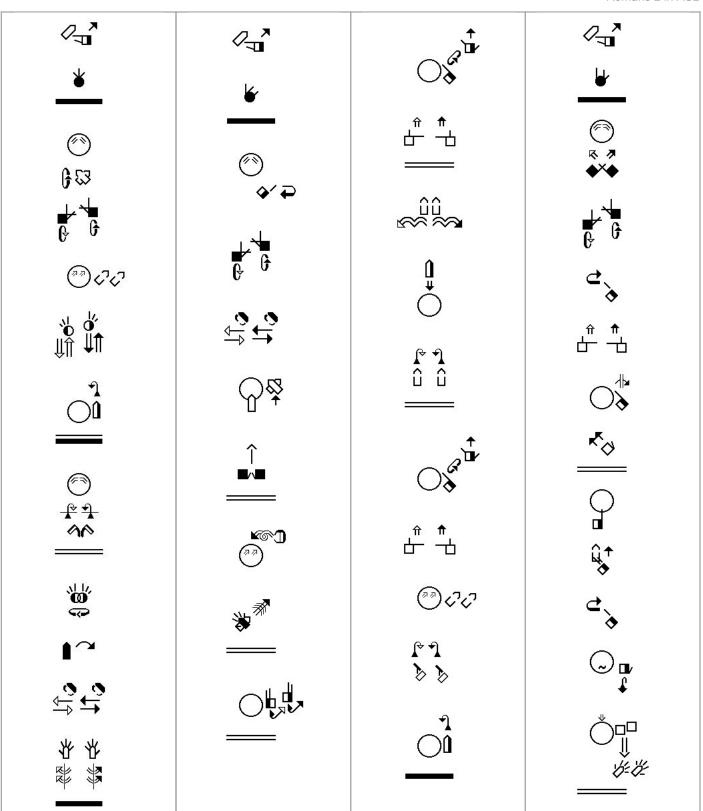
 $2\,$ You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. $\,$ NLT $\,$

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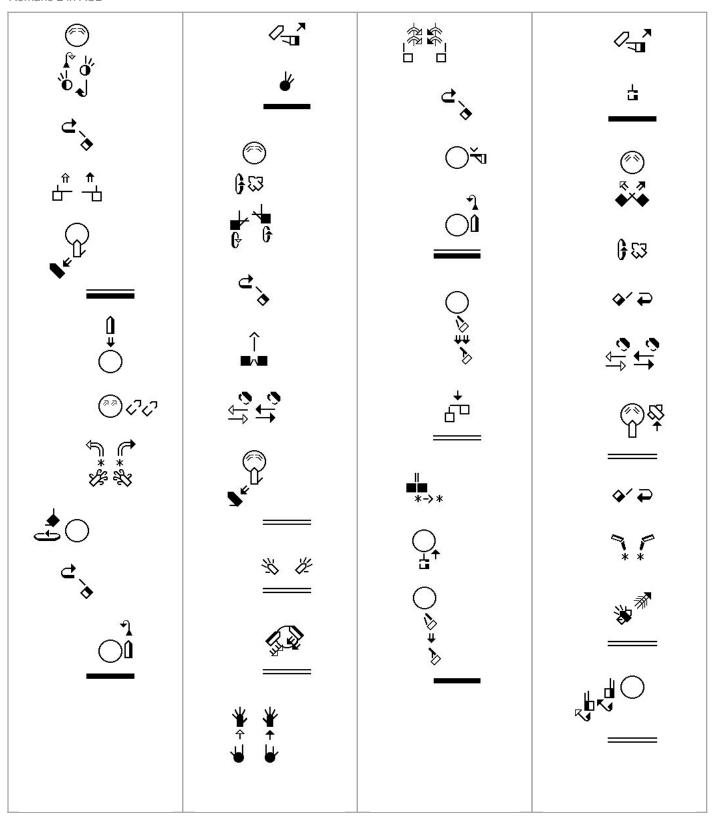
² And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. 3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? NLT



4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? 5 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. NLT

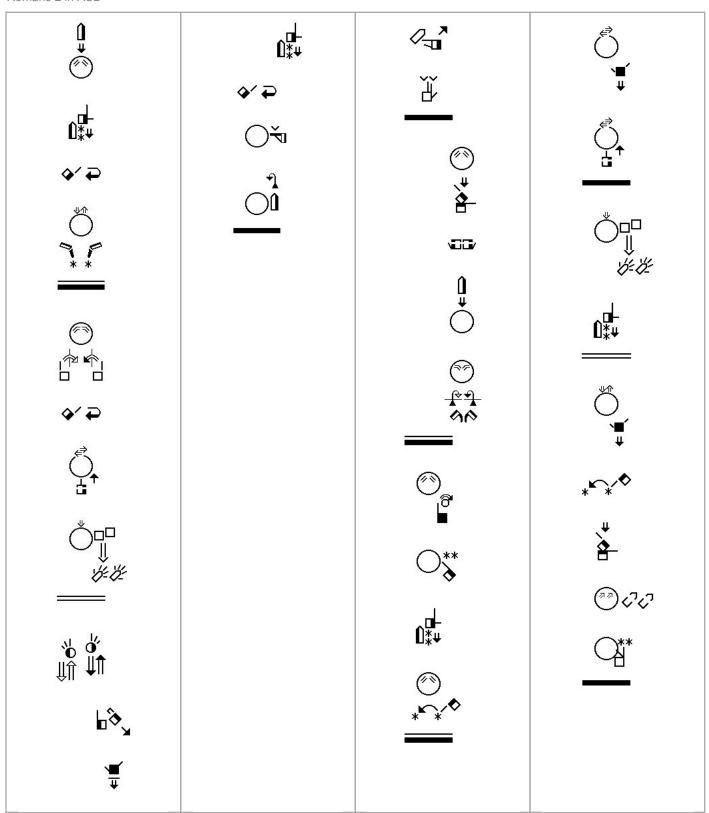


6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done. 7 He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. 8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth NLT



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and peace from God for all who do good -- for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism. 12 When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God's written law. And the Jews, NLT



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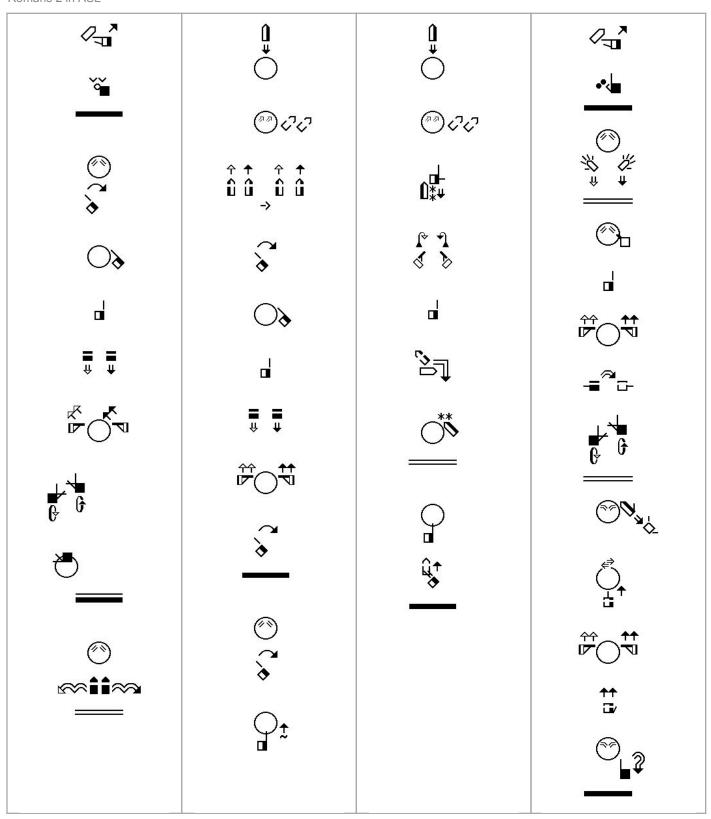
14 Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. NLT

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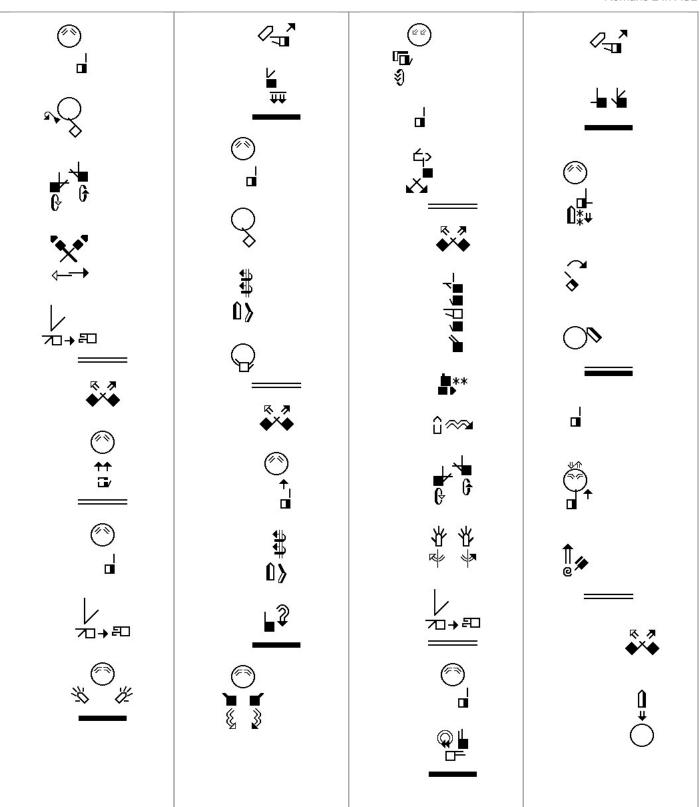
¹⁶ And this is the message I proclaim -- that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. 17 You who call yourselves Jews are relying on God's law, and you boast about your special relationship with him.

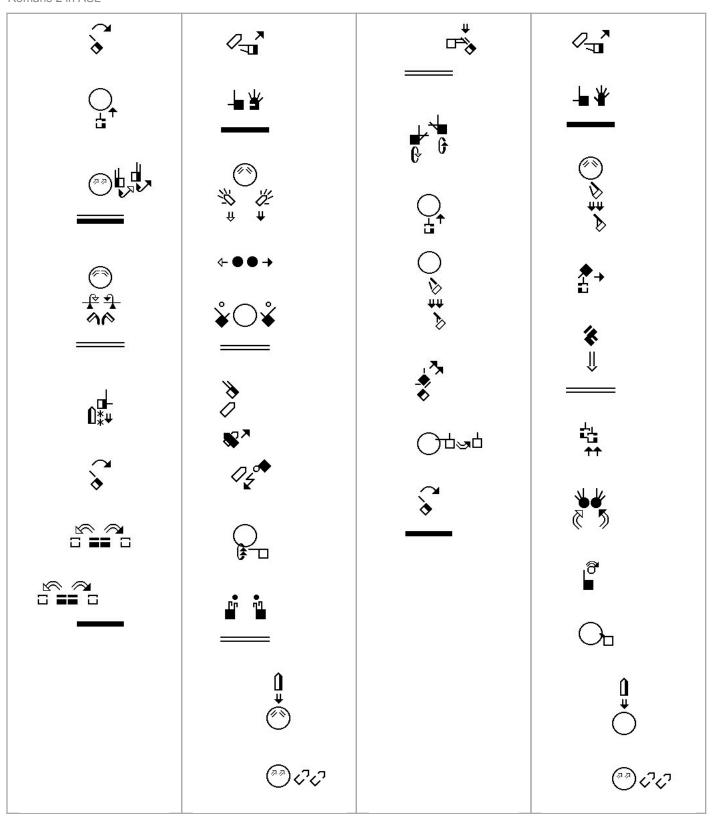
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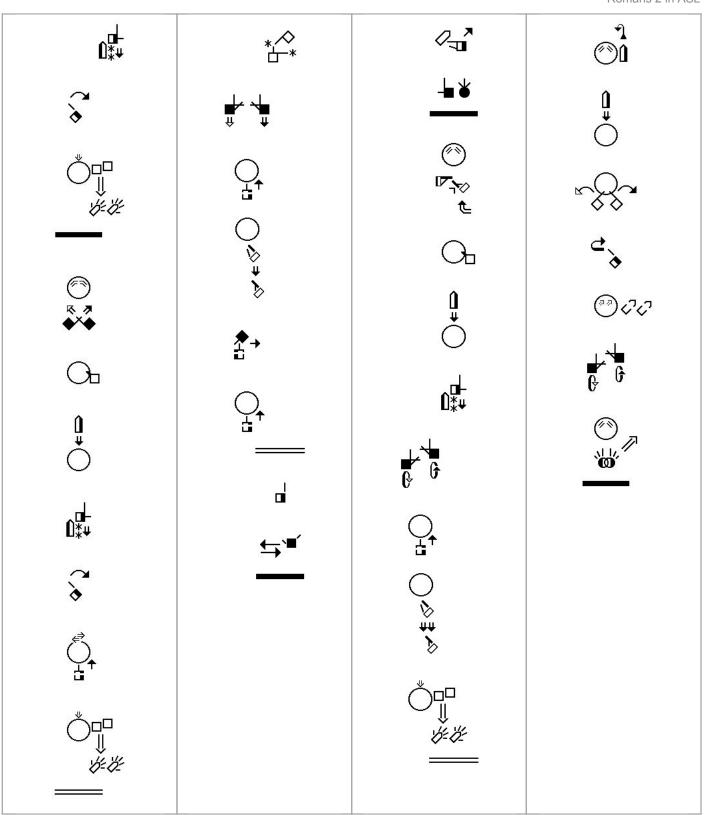
¹⁸ You know what he wants; you know what is right because you have been taught his law. 19 You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a light for people who are lost in darkness. NLT

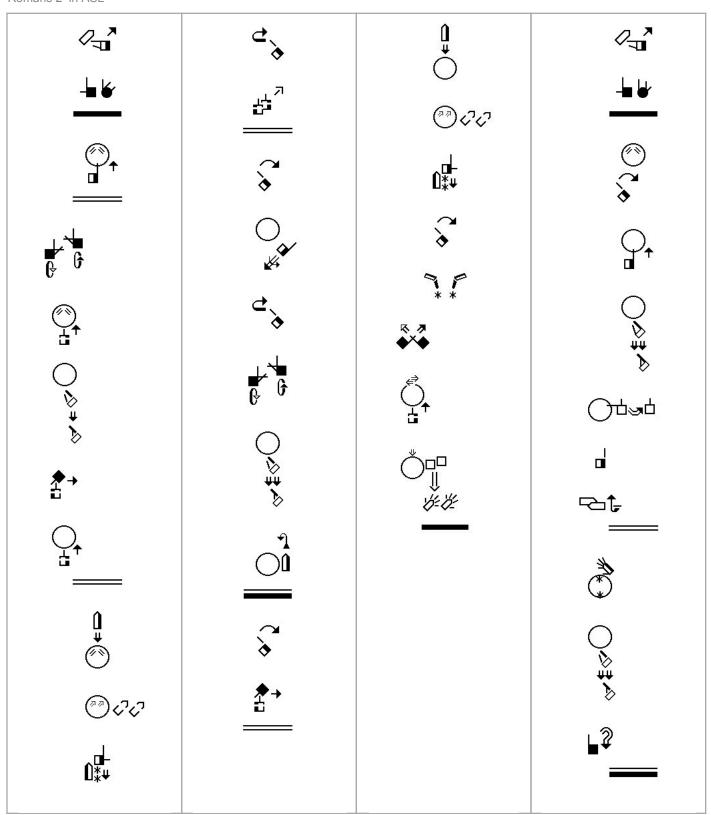


20 You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that God's law gives you complete knowledge and truth. 21 Well then, if you teach others, why don't you teach yourself? NLT

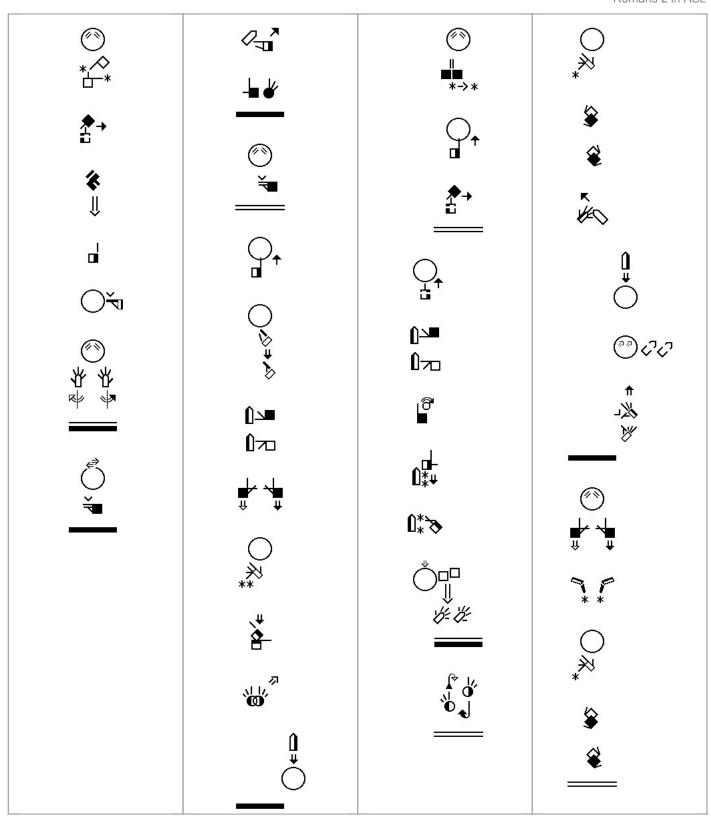








27 In fact, uncircumcised Gentiles who keep God's law will condemn you Jews who are circumcised and possess God's law but don't obey it. 28 For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents NLT



or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. 29 No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. And a person with a changed heart NLT

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3. Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision? 2. Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God. NLT

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3. True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful? 4. Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, NLT

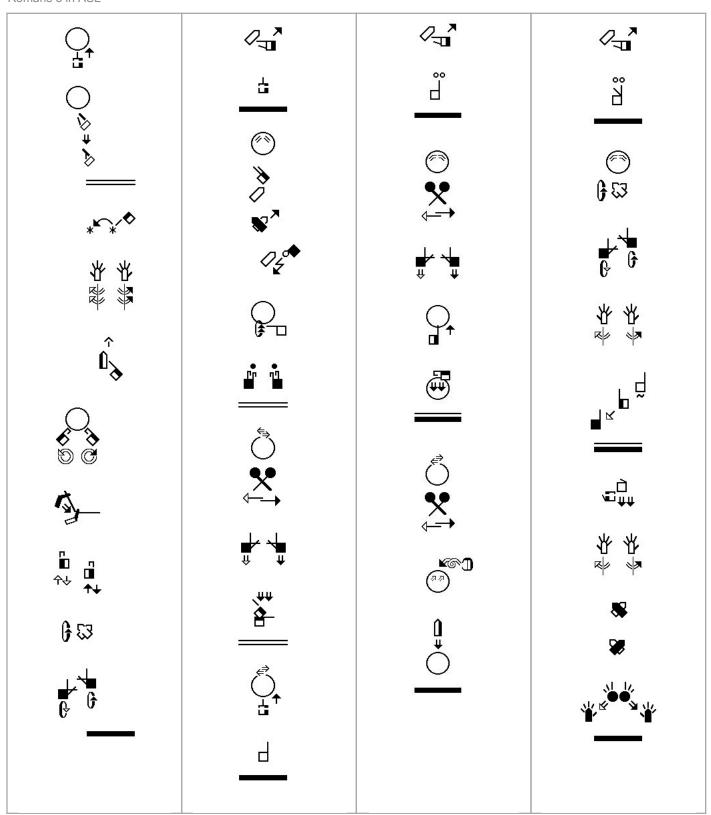
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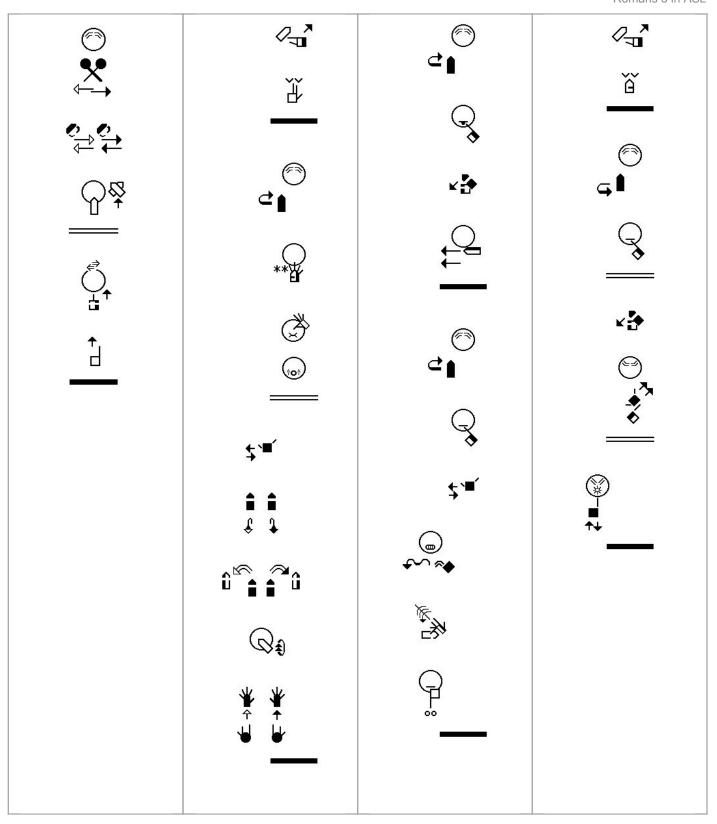
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^{6.} Of course not! If God were not entirely fair, how would he be qualified to judge the world? 7. "But," someone might still argue, "how can God condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?" NLT

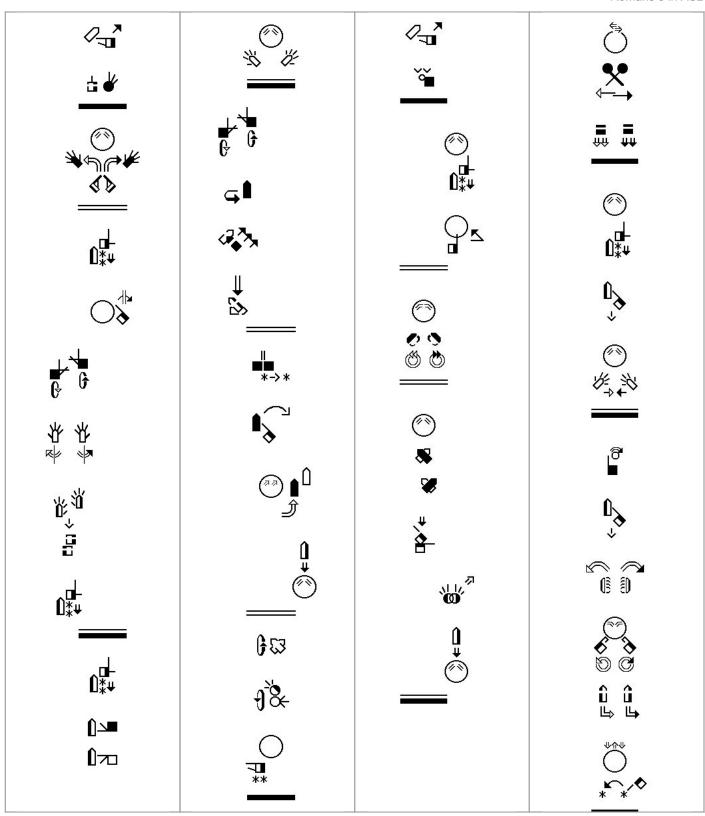
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8. And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, "The more we sin, the better it is!" Those who say such things deserve to be condemned. 9. Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews NLT

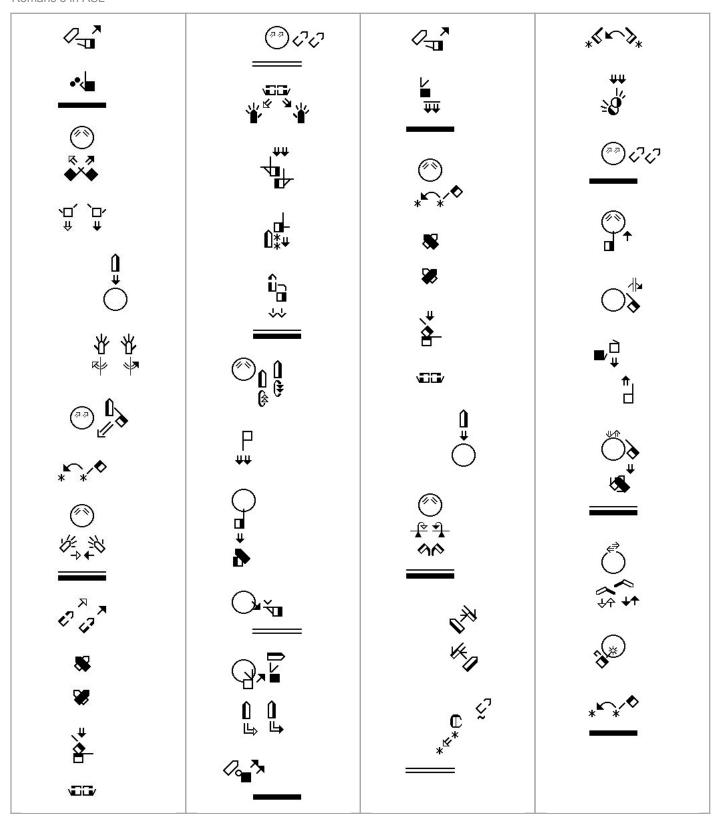




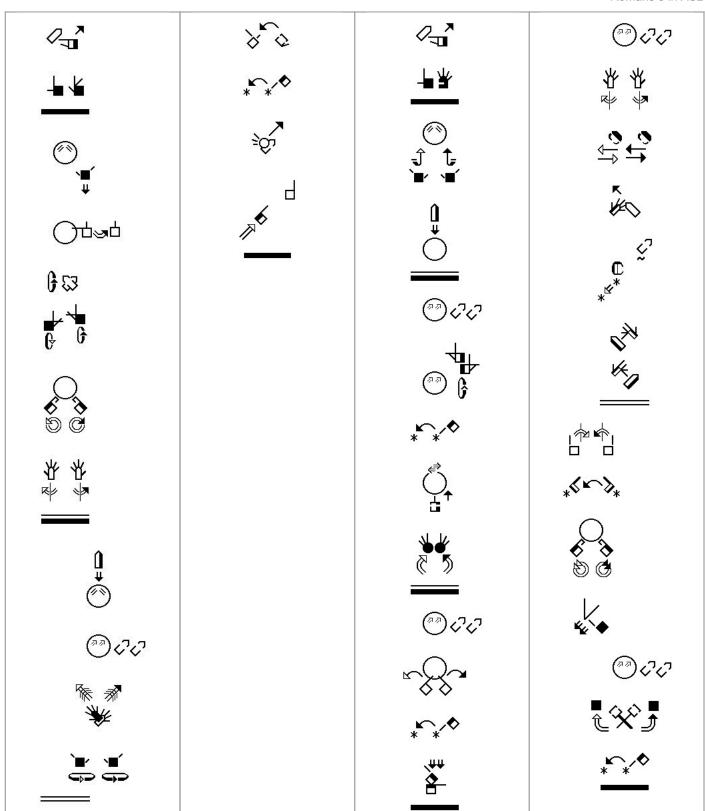
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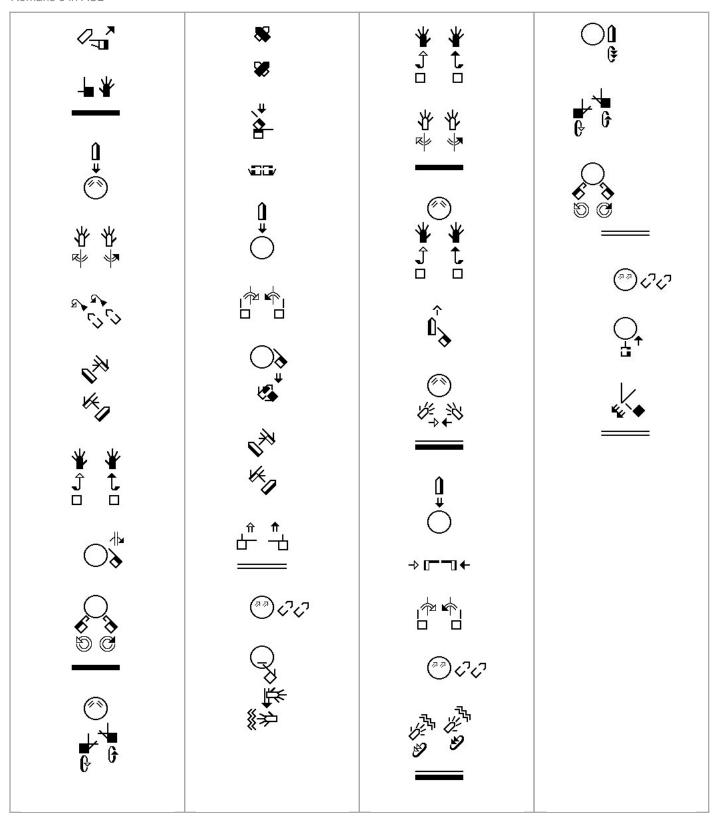
19. Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. 20. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. NLT



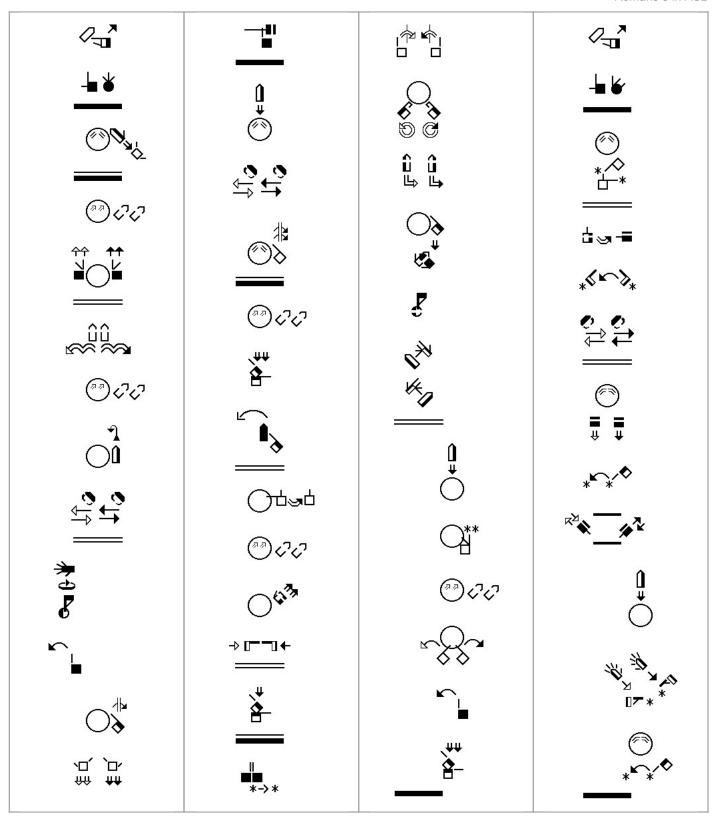
21. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. NLT



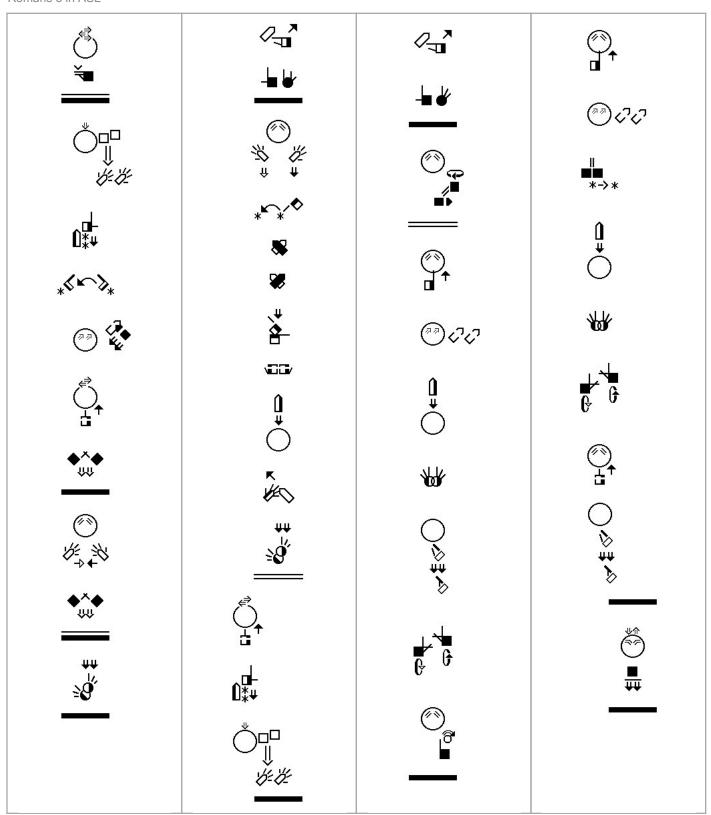
23. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. NLT

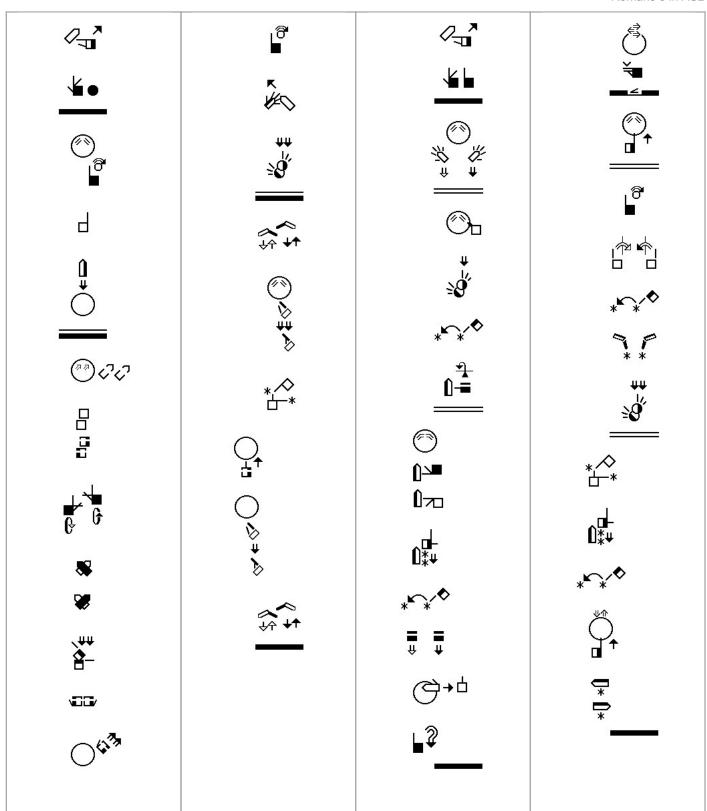


25. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, NLT

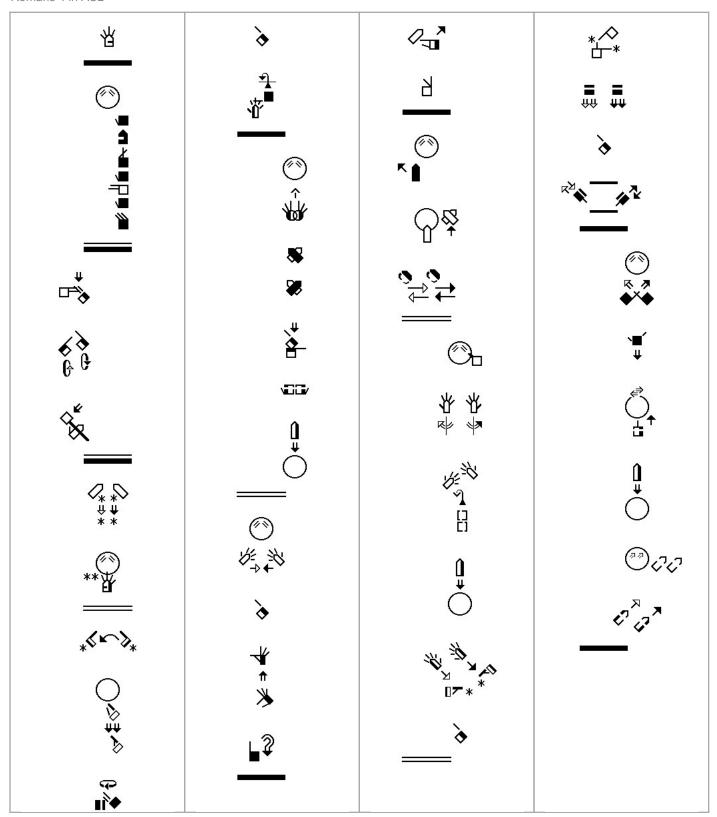


26. for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. 27. Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? NLT





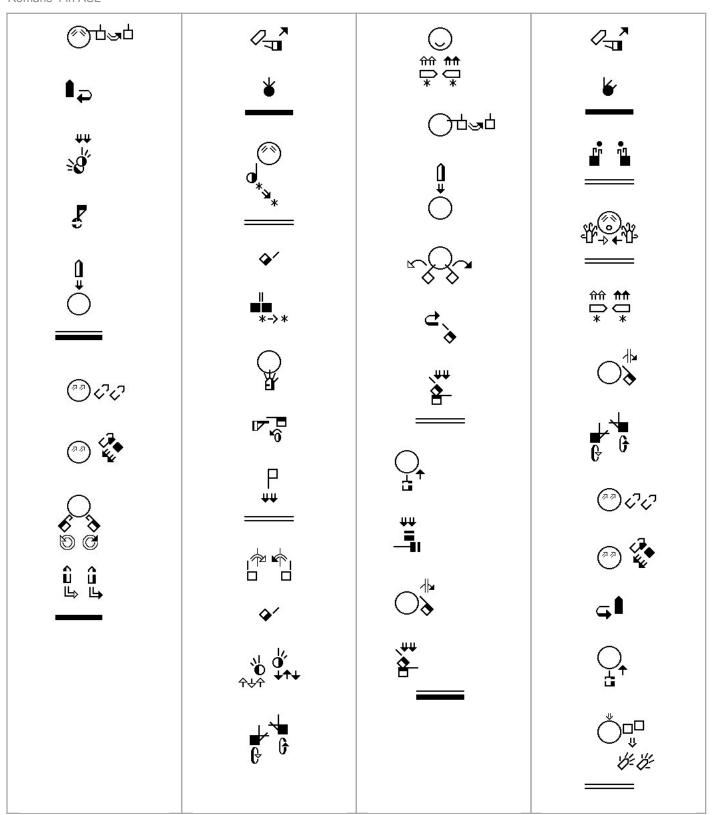
30. There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. 31. Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law. NLT

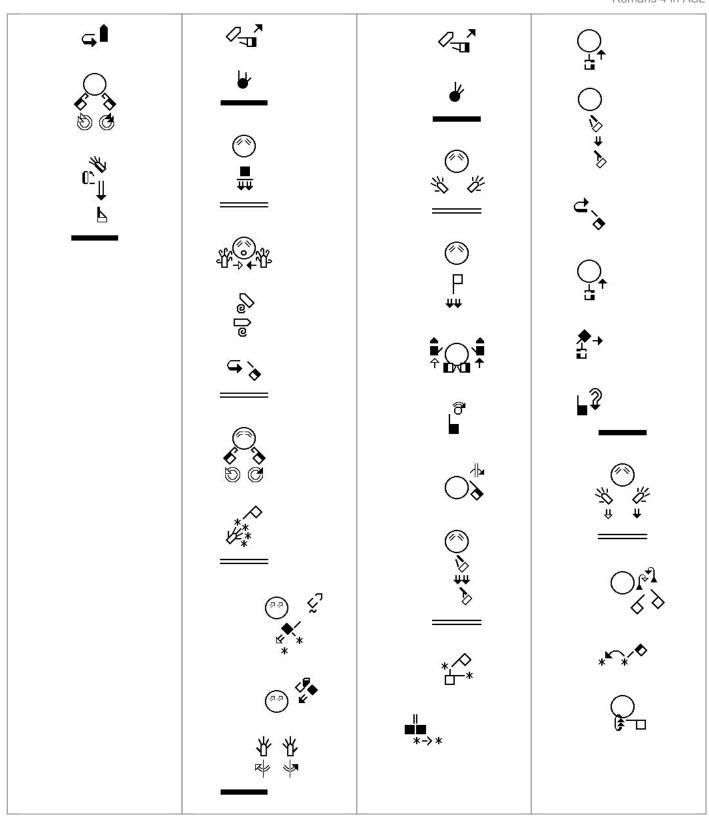


4 Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? 2. If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. NLT

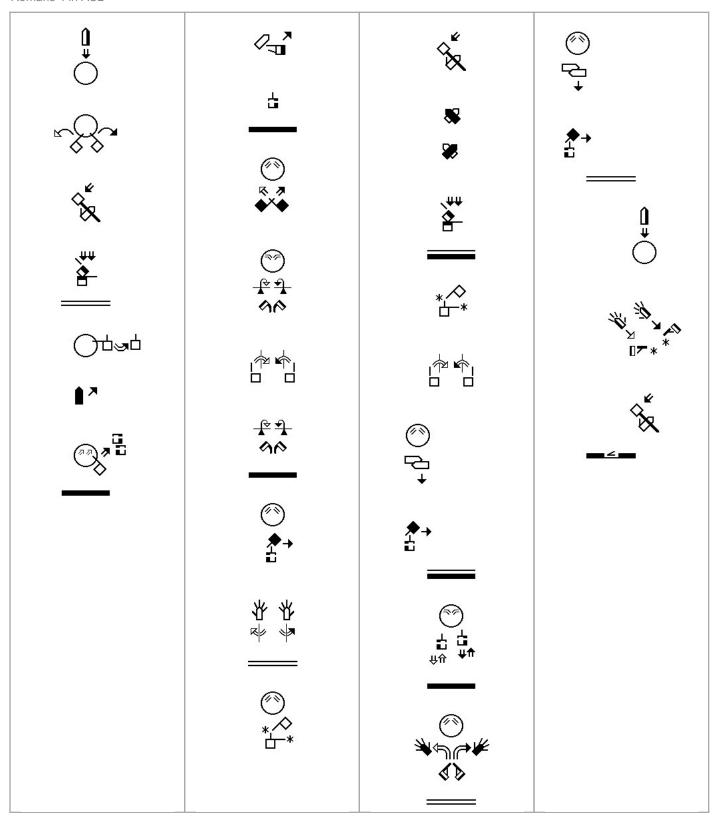
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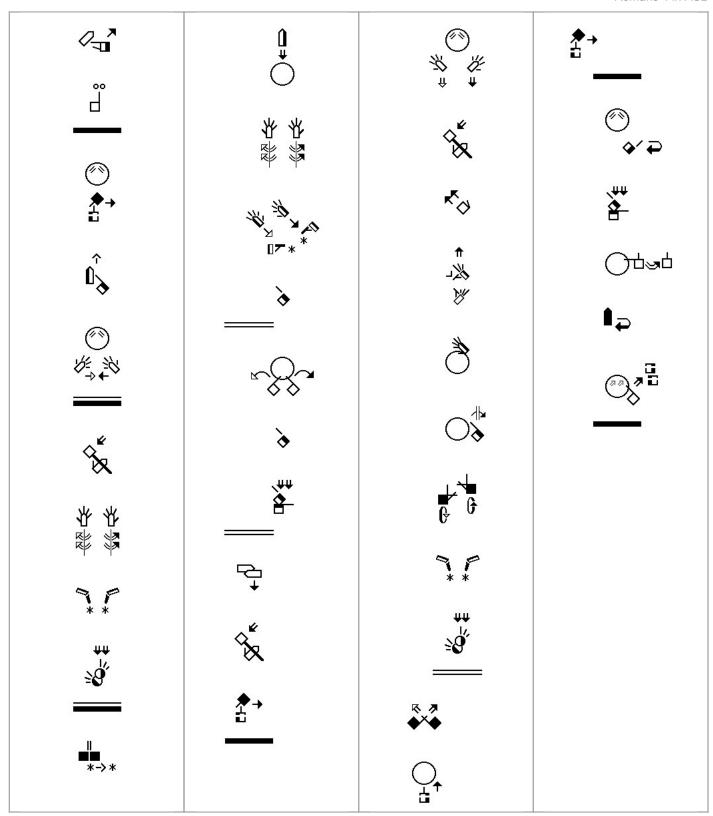
3. For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." 4. When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. 5. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, NLT



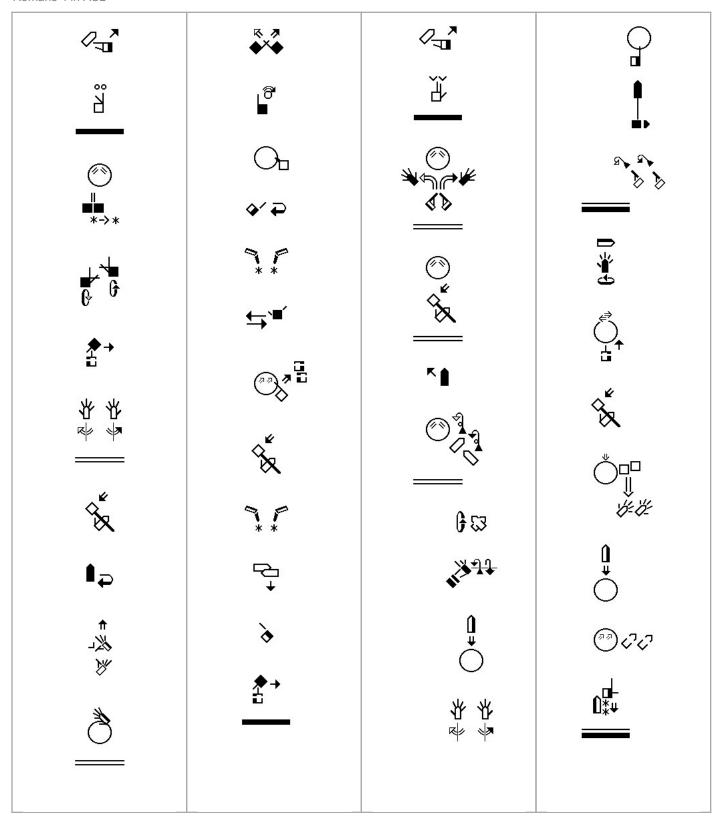


whose sins are put out of sight." 8. "Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin." 9. Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles? Well, we have been saying NLT

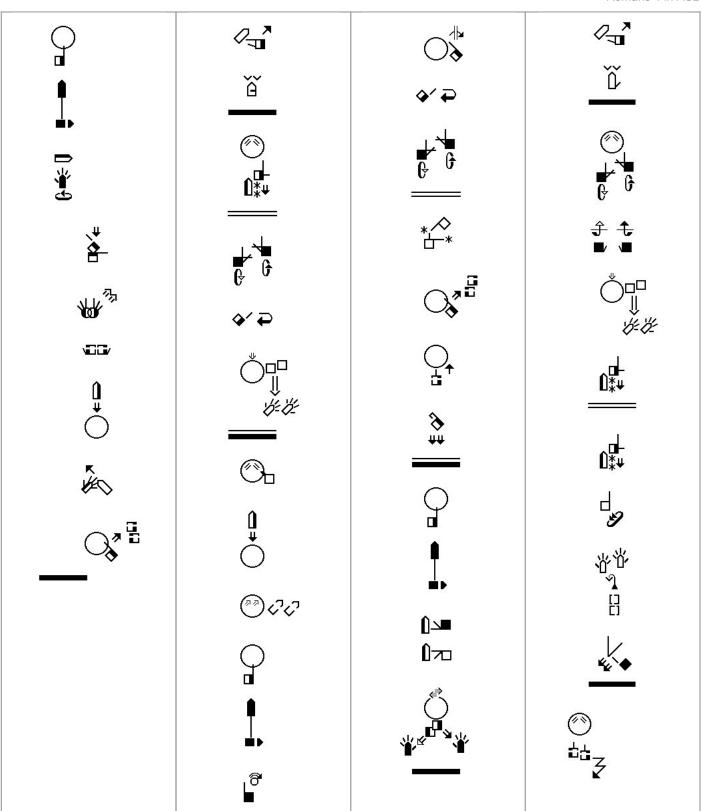


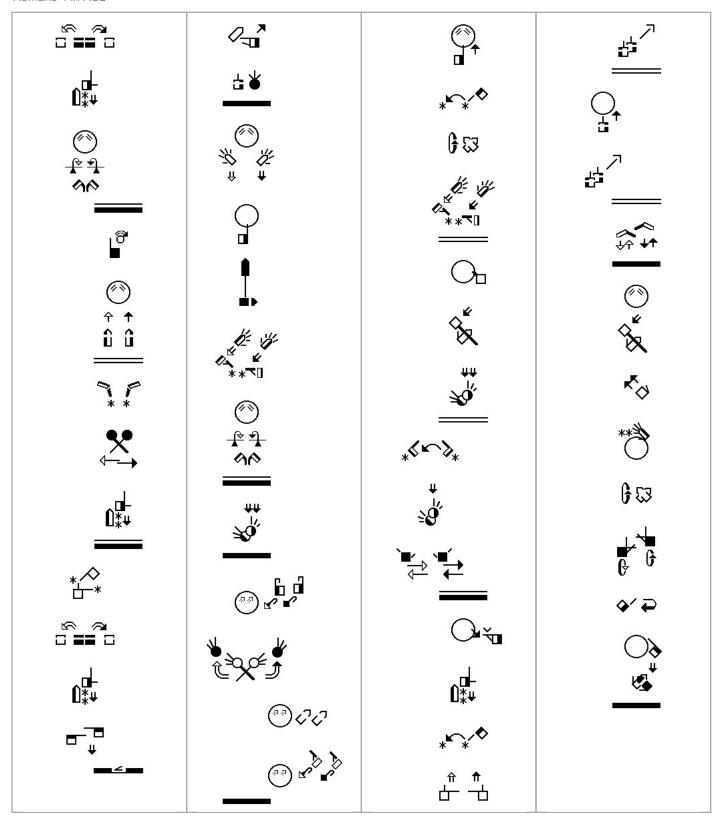


11. Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous -- even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are counted as righteous because of their faith. NLT

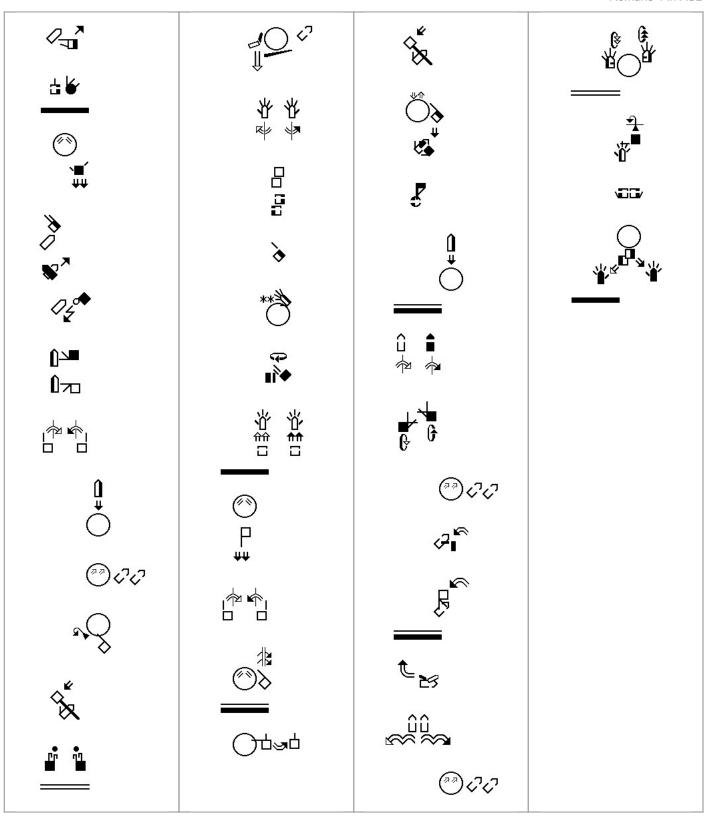


12. And Abraham is also the spiritual father of those who have been circumcised, but only if they have the same kind of faith Abraham had before he was circumcised. 13. Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, NLT

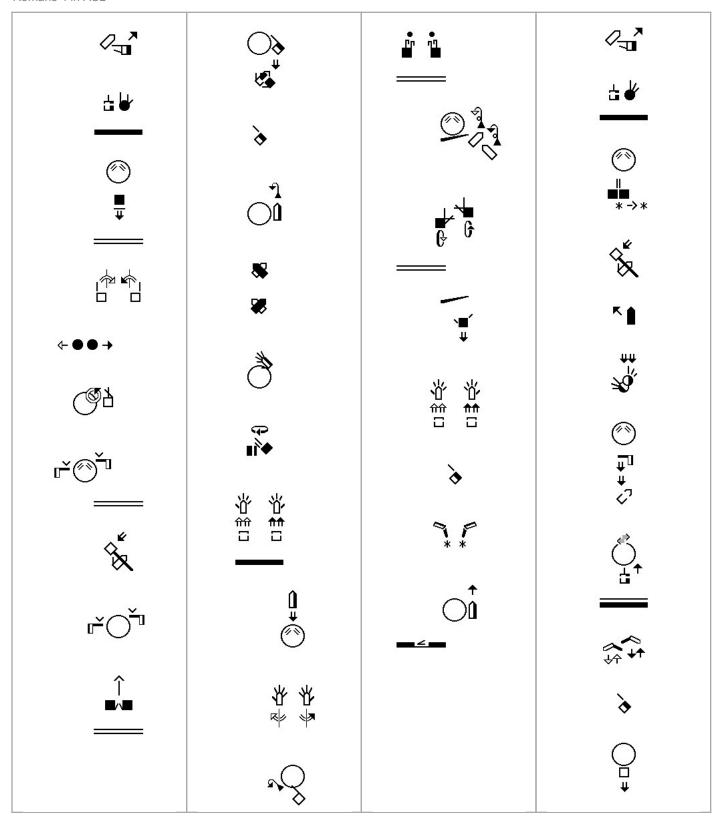




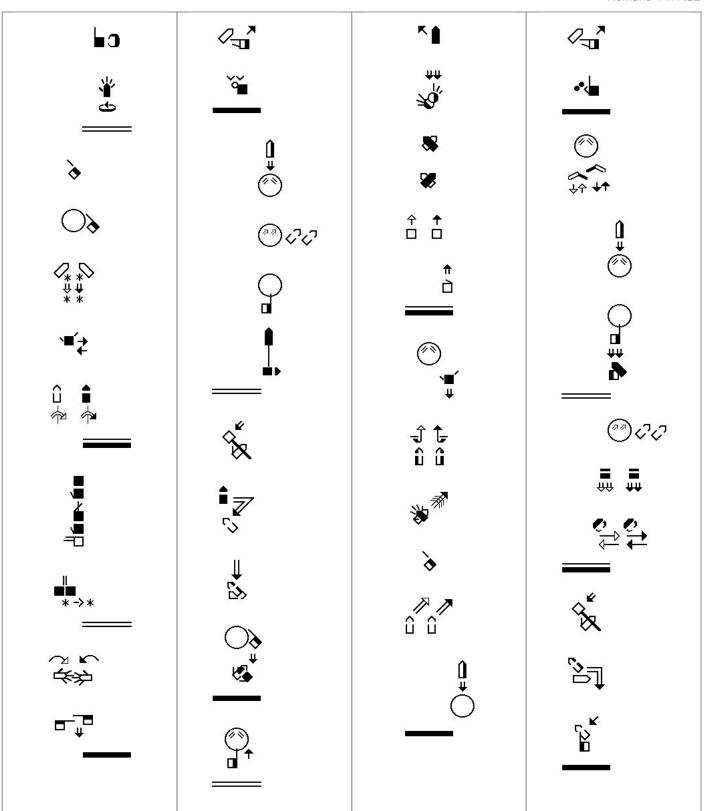
(The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!) 16. So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. NLT



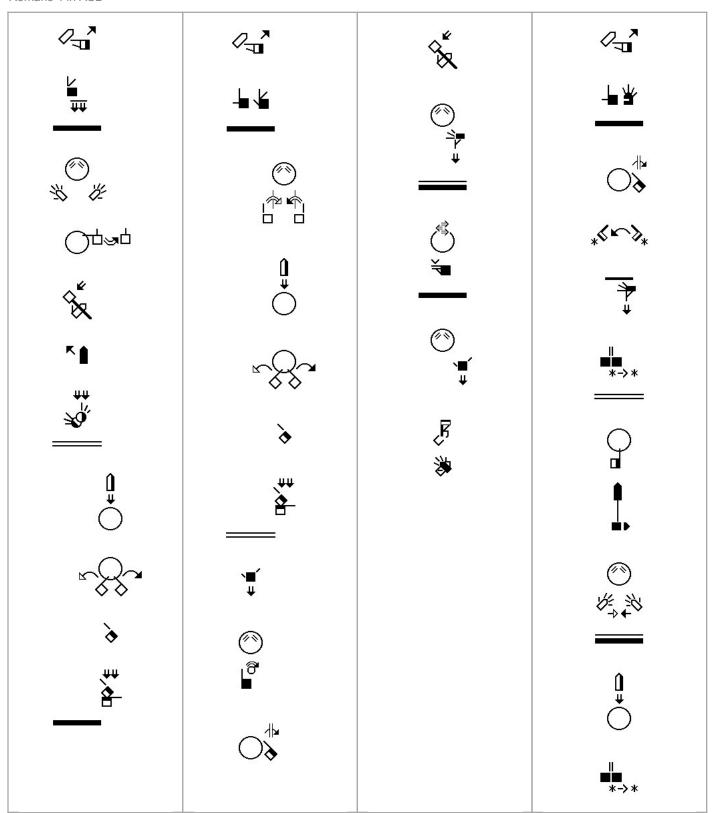
17. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.



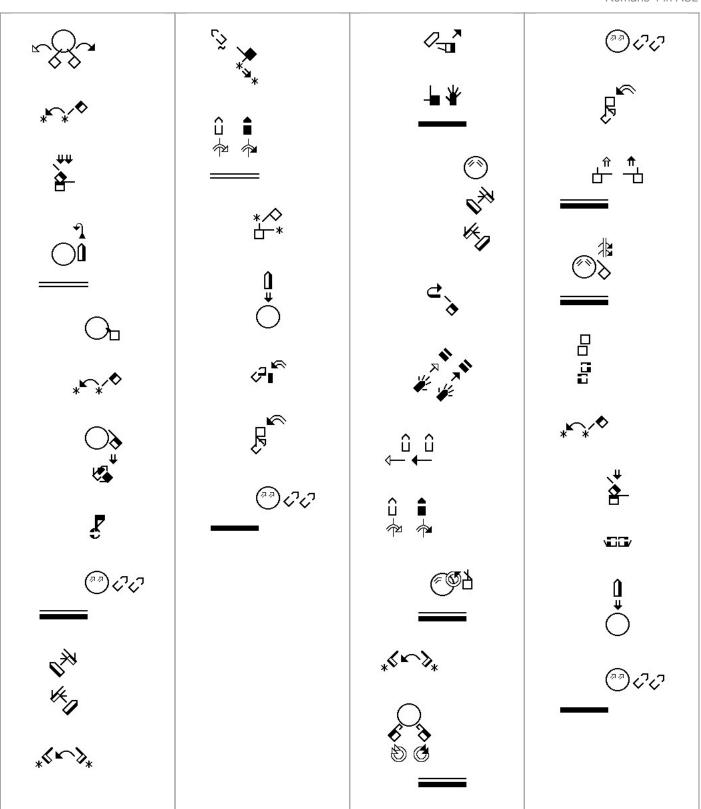
18. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping -- believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" 19. And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, NLT

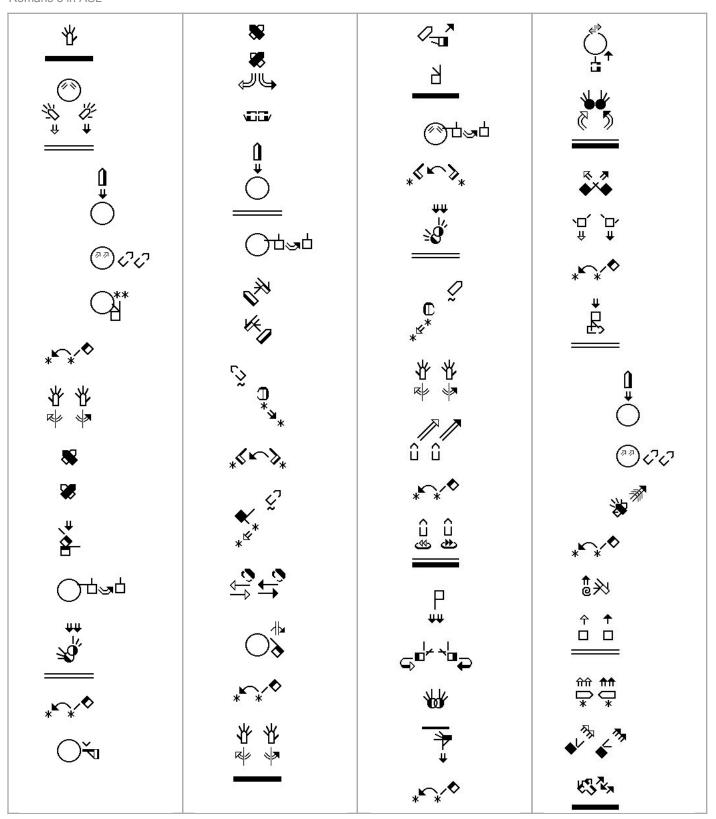


at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead -- and so was Sarah's womb. 20. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. NLT



22. And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. 23. And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded 24. for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also NLT

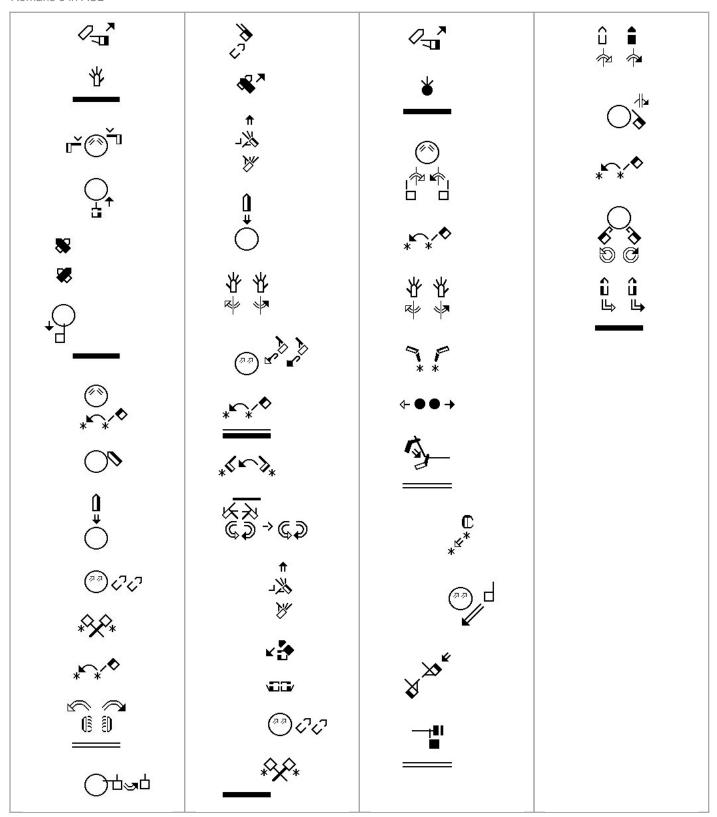




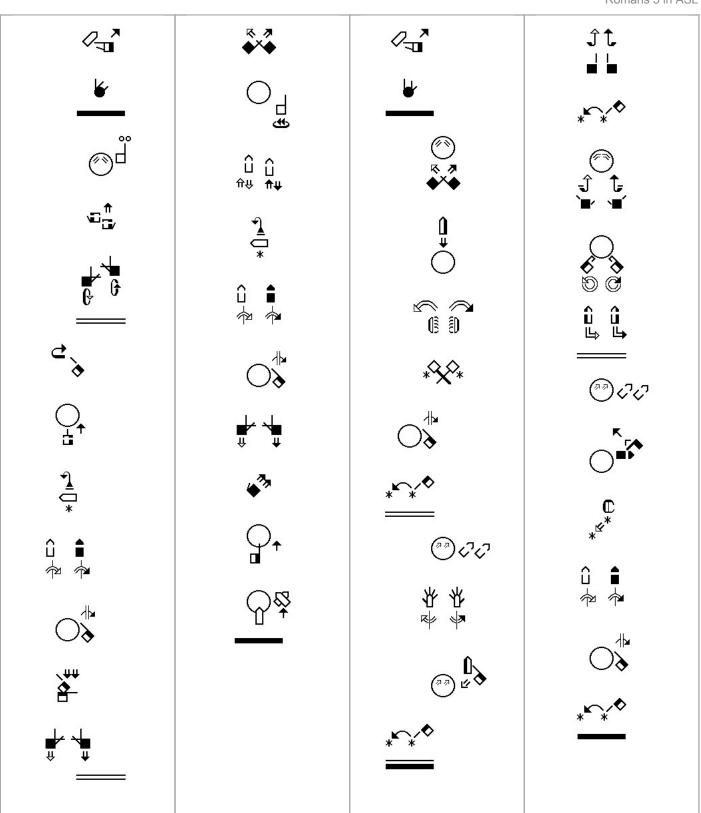
5 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. NLT

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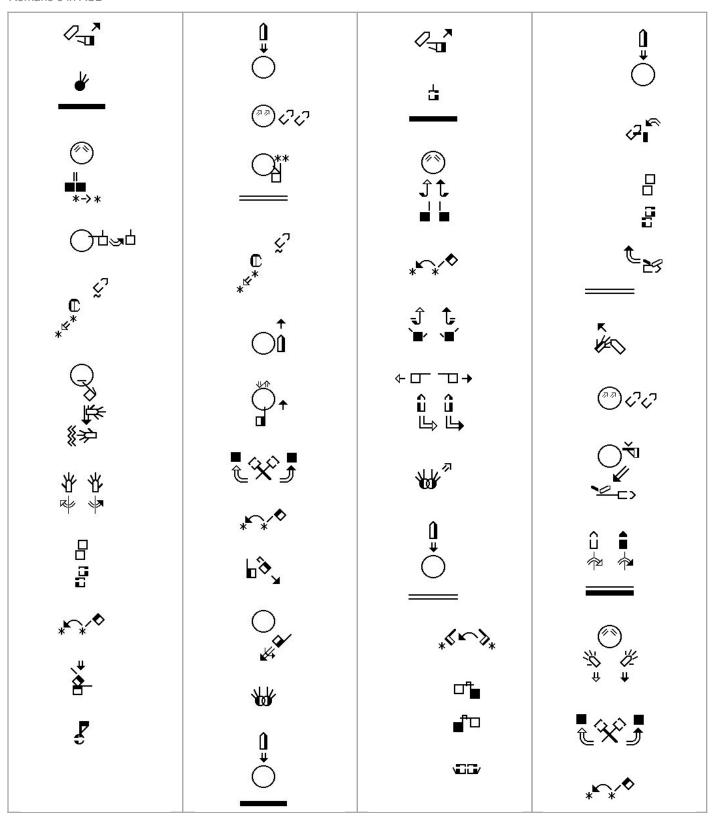
^{3.} We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.



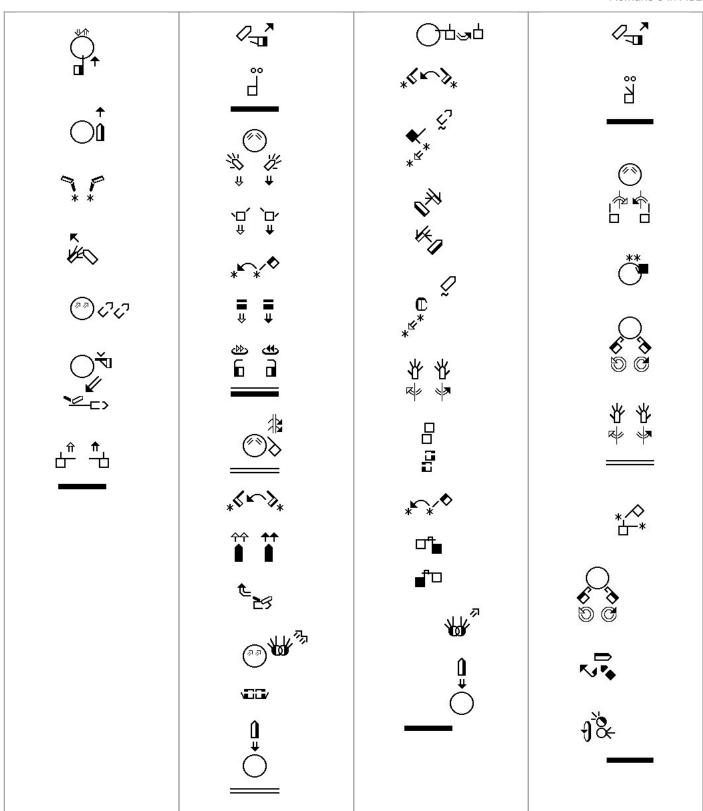
5. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. 6. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. NLT

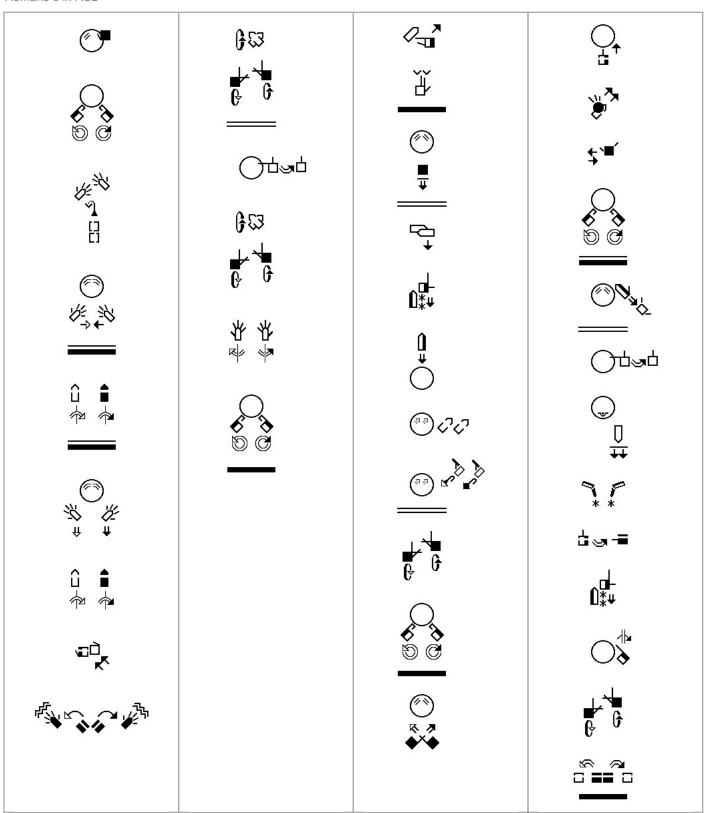


7. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. NLT

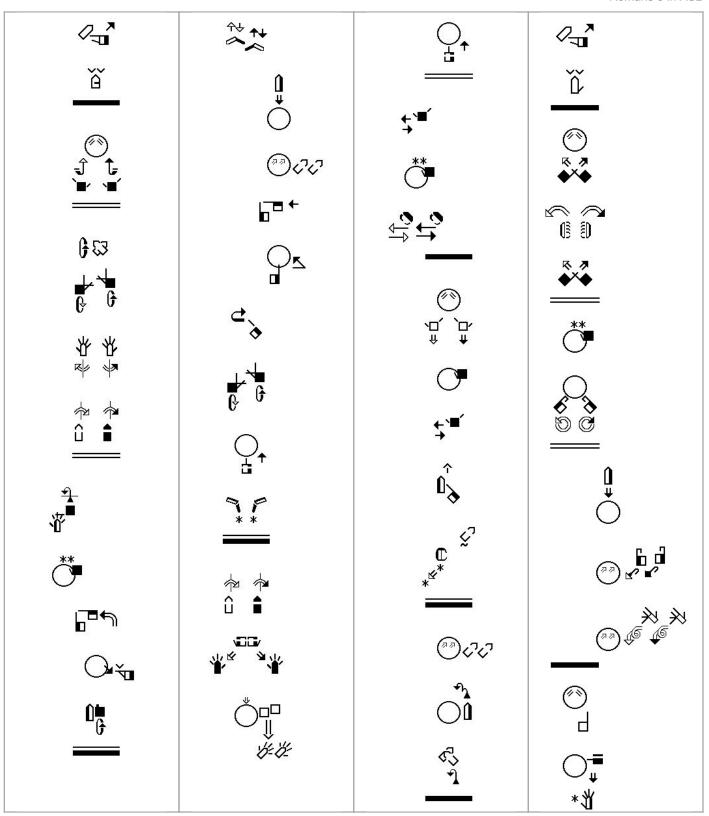


^{9.} And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we NLT

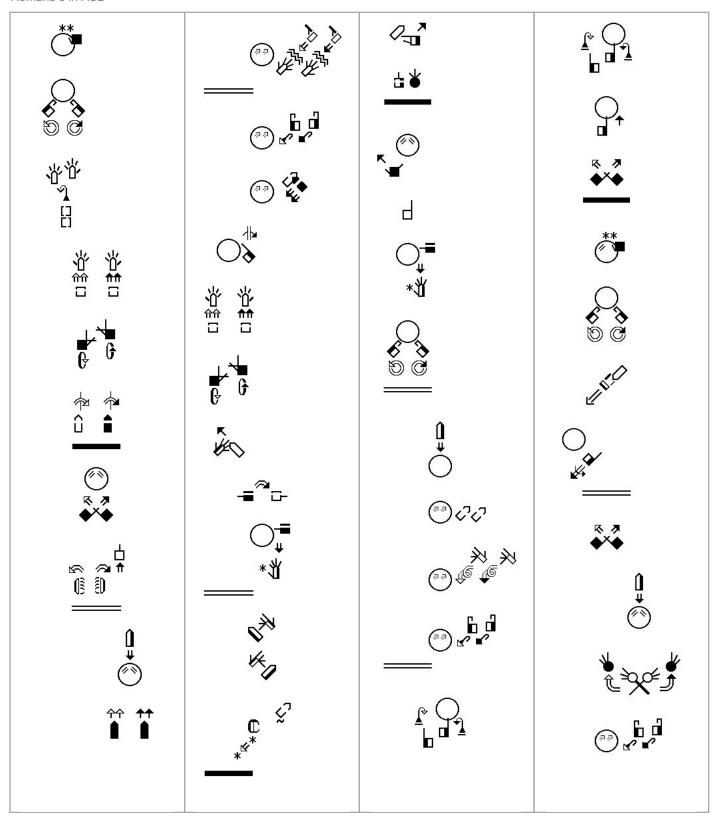




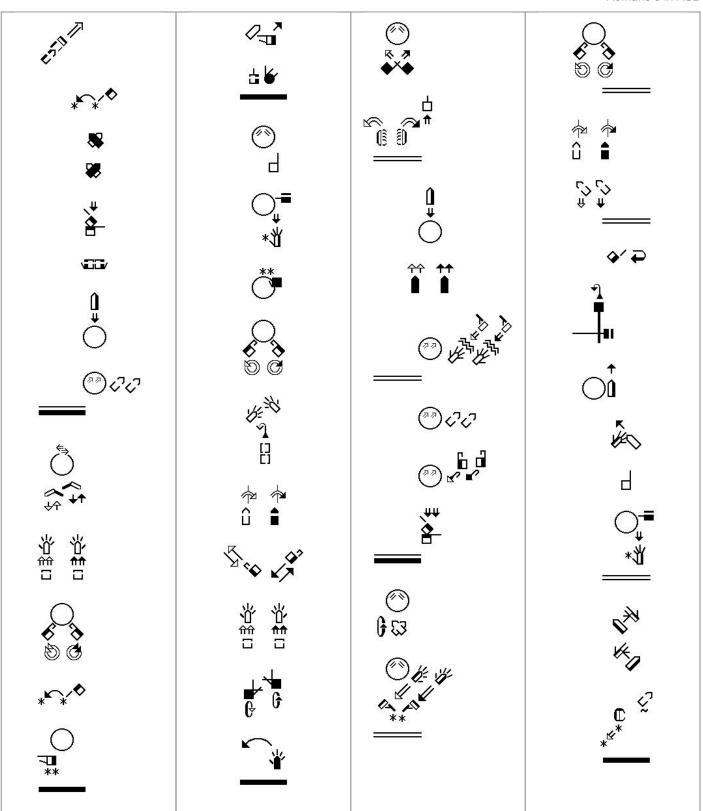
Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. NLT



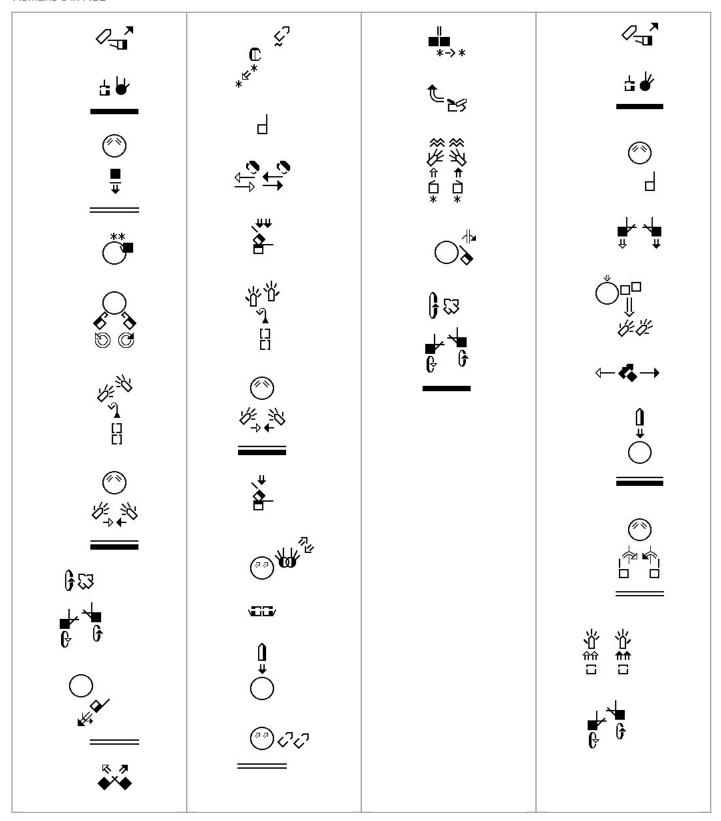
14. Still, everyone died -- from the time of Adam to the time of Moses -- even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15. But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. NLT



For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift NLT

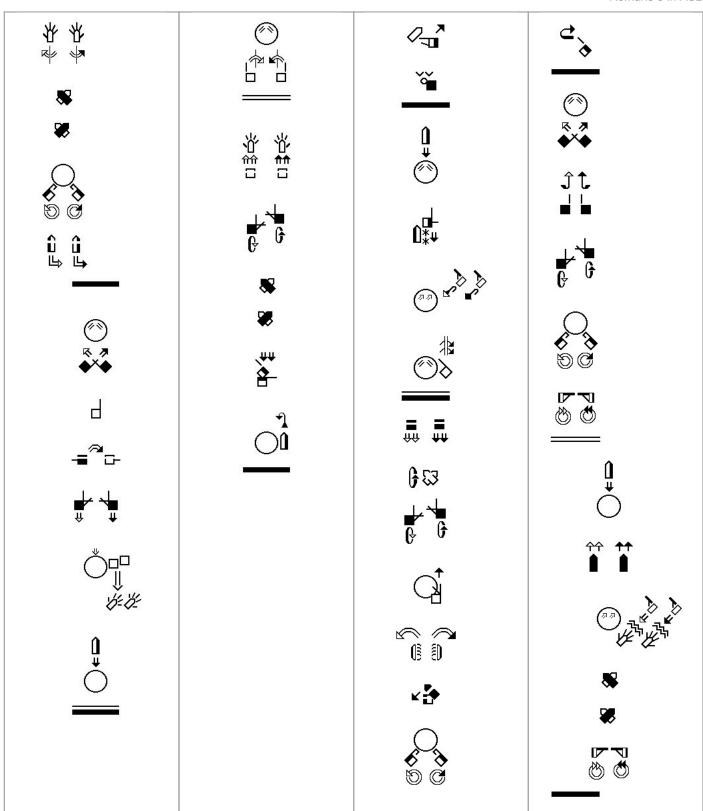


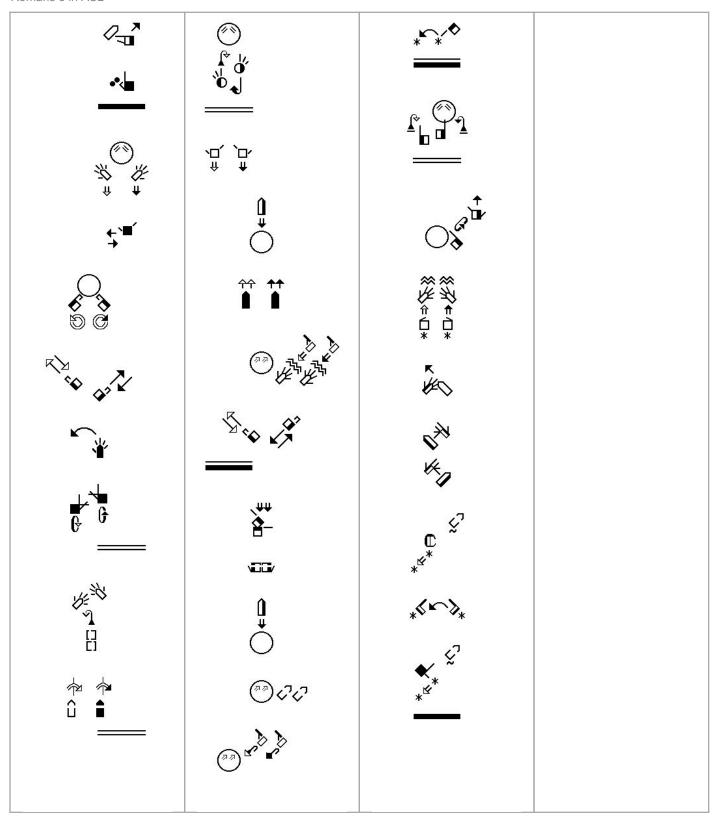
leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17. For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. NLT



18. Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19. Because one person disobeyed God, many

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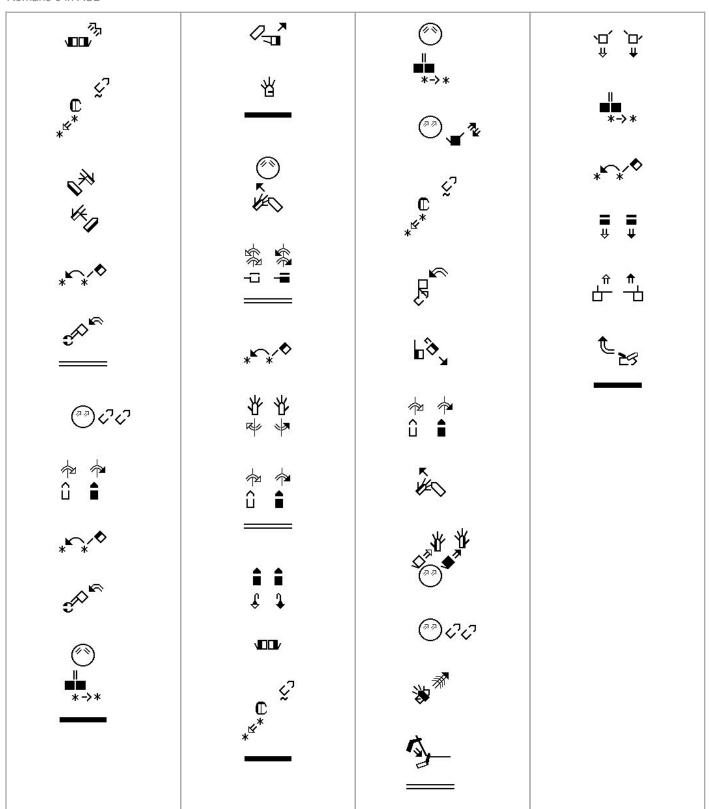


21. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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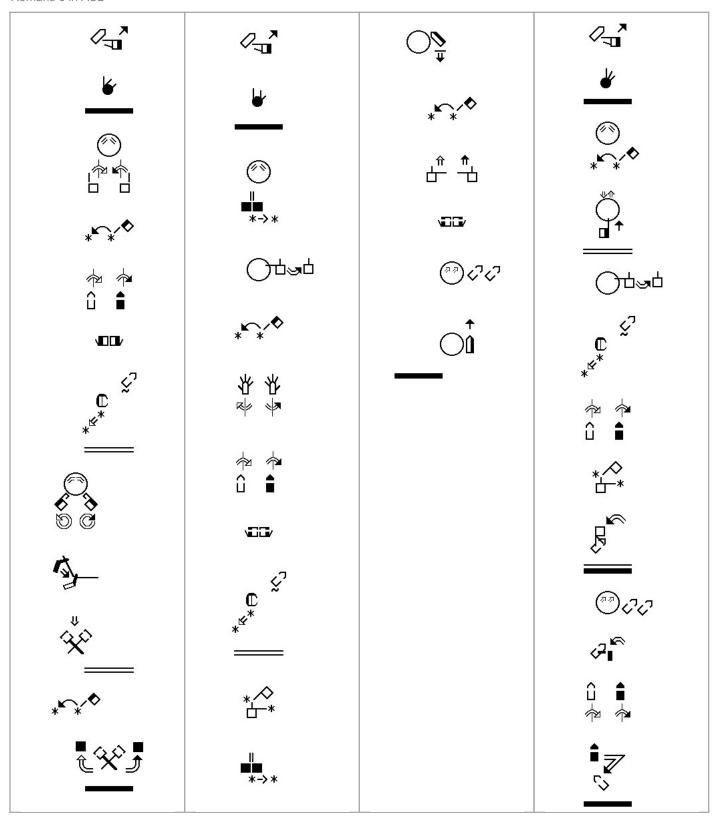
6 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2. Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3. Or have you forgotten that when we NLT



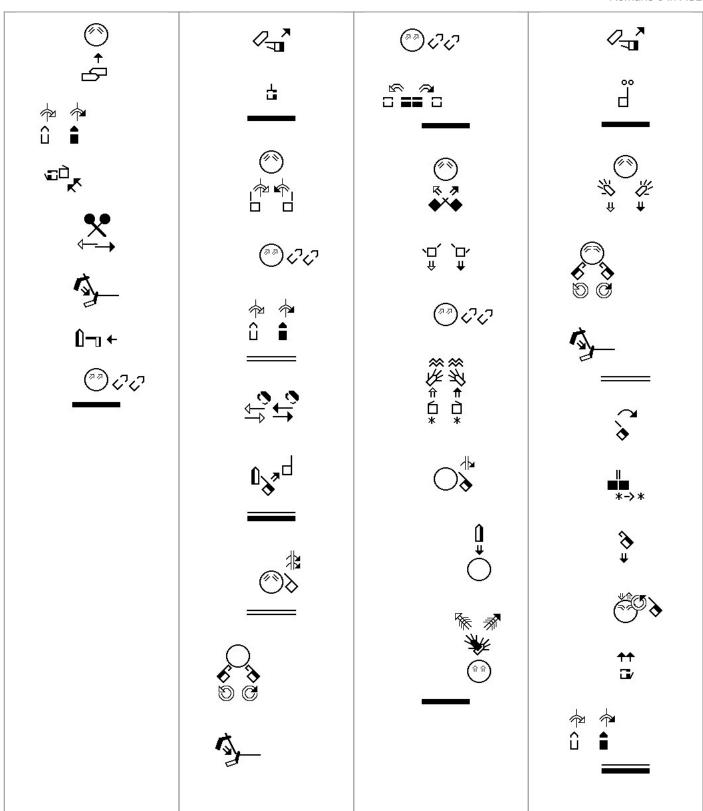
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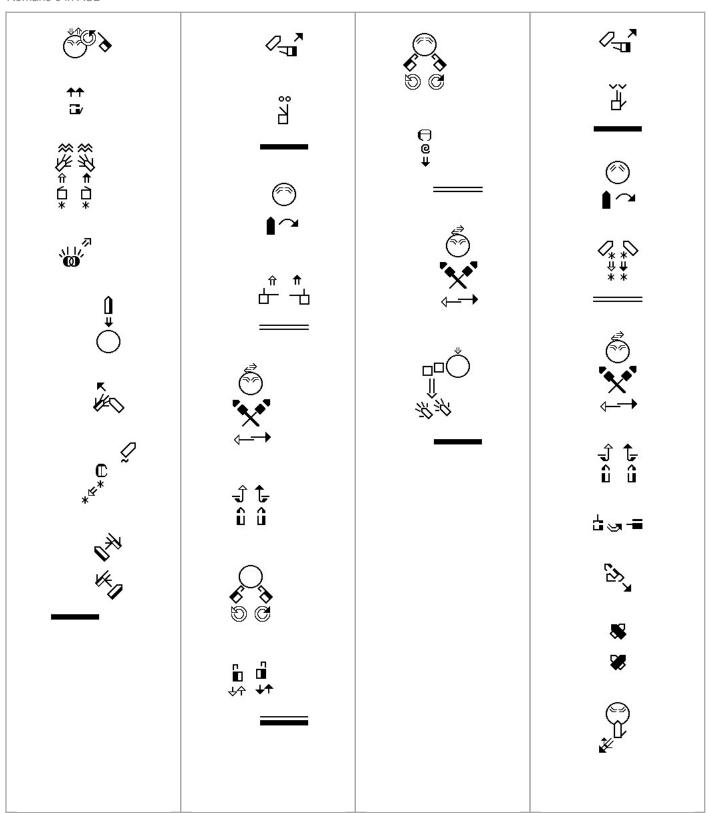
5. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. NLT

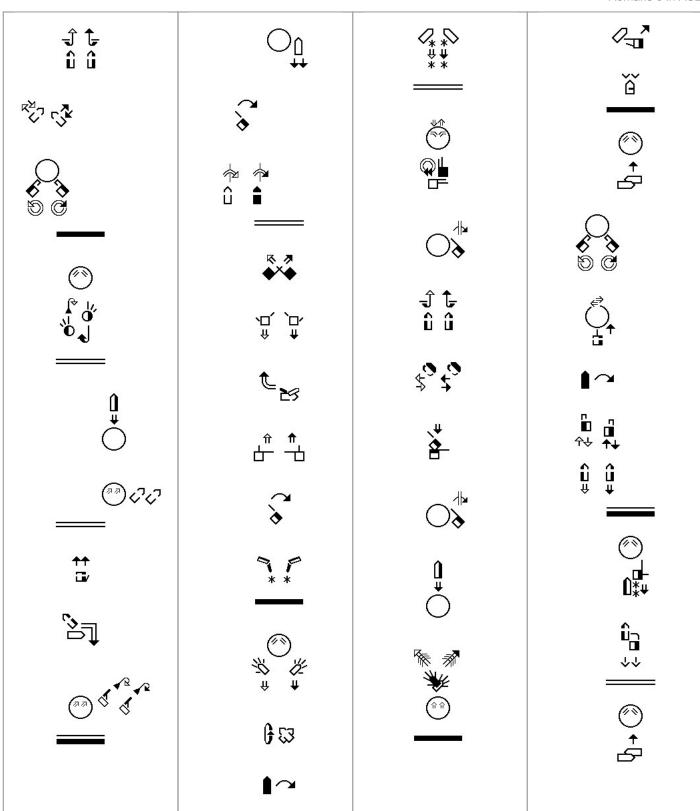


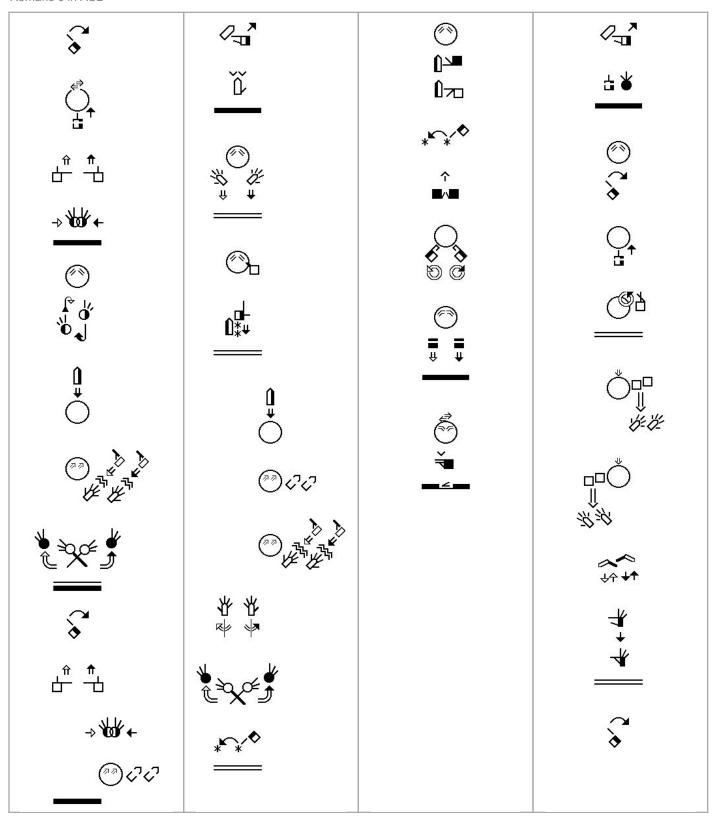
7. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. 8. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again.



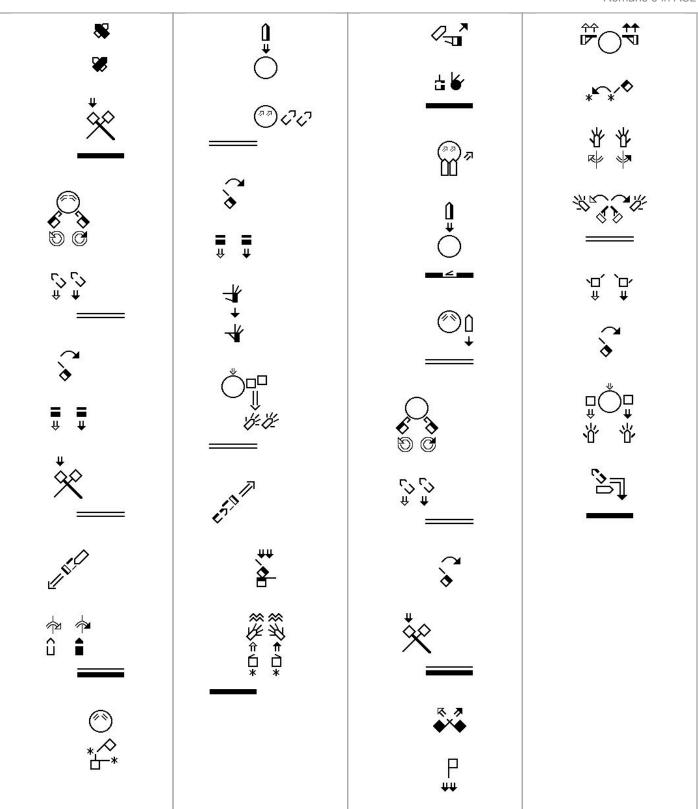
Death no longer has any power over him. 10. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin NLT

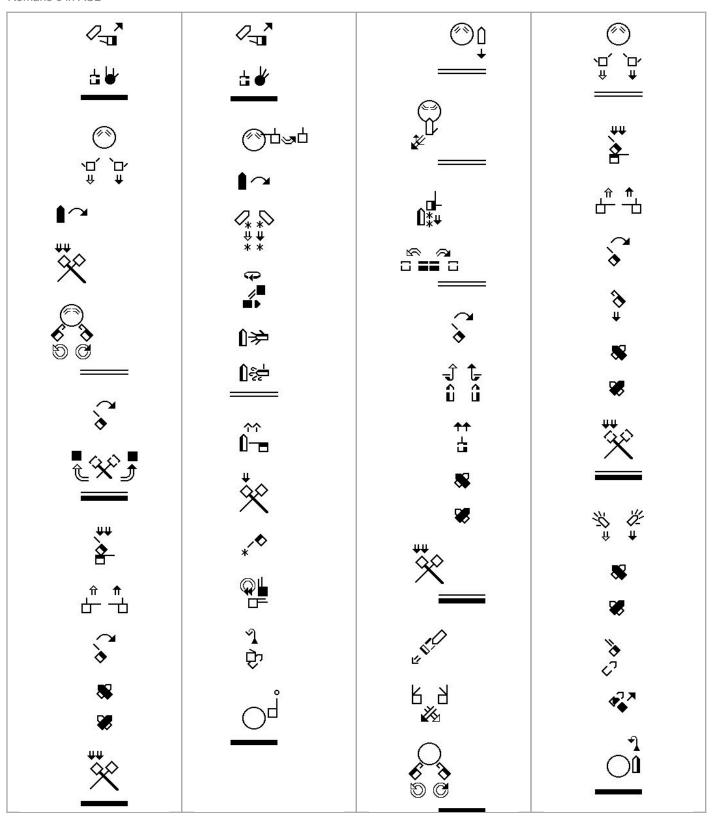






you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. 15. Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! 16. Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you NLT





18. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.
19. Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

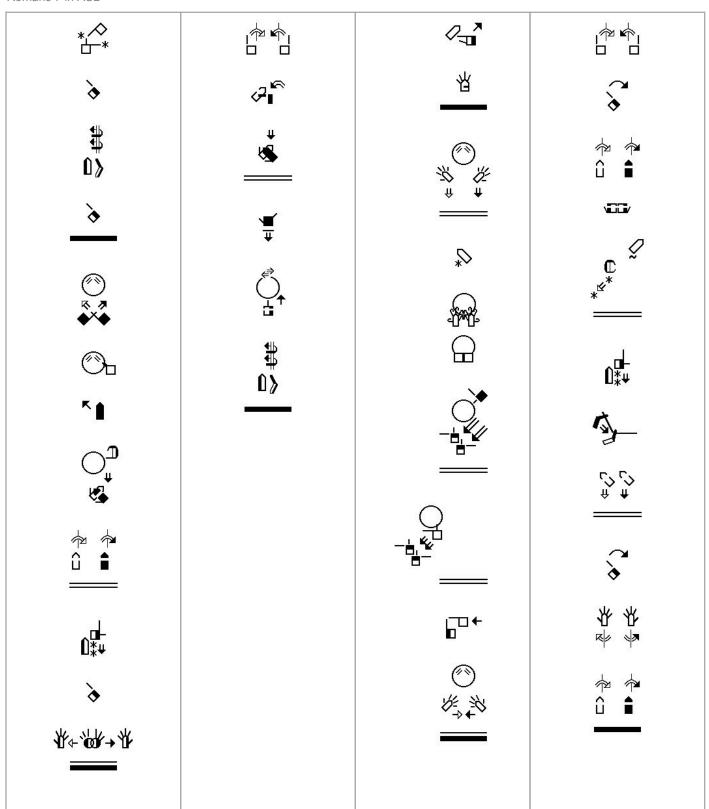
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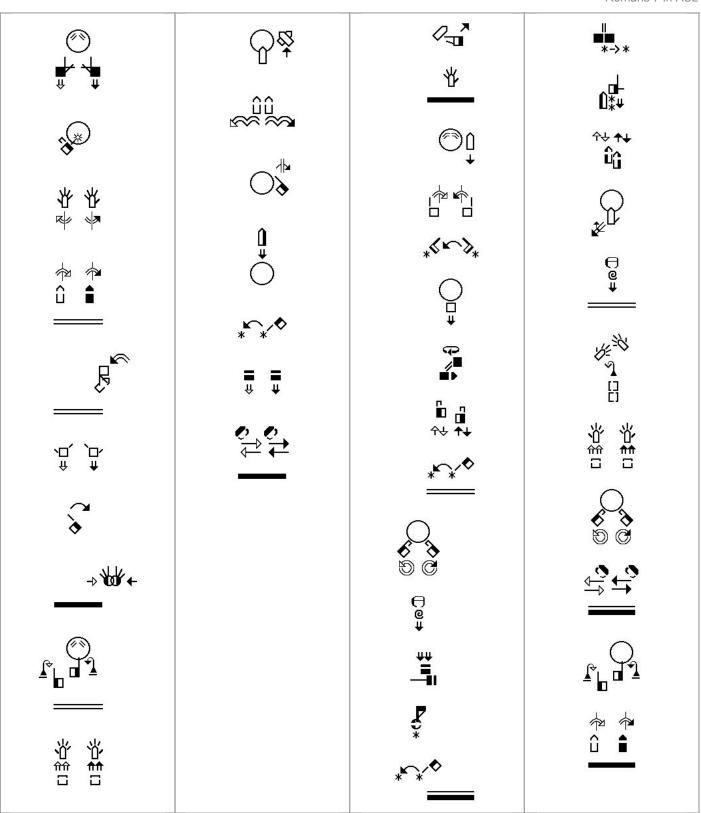
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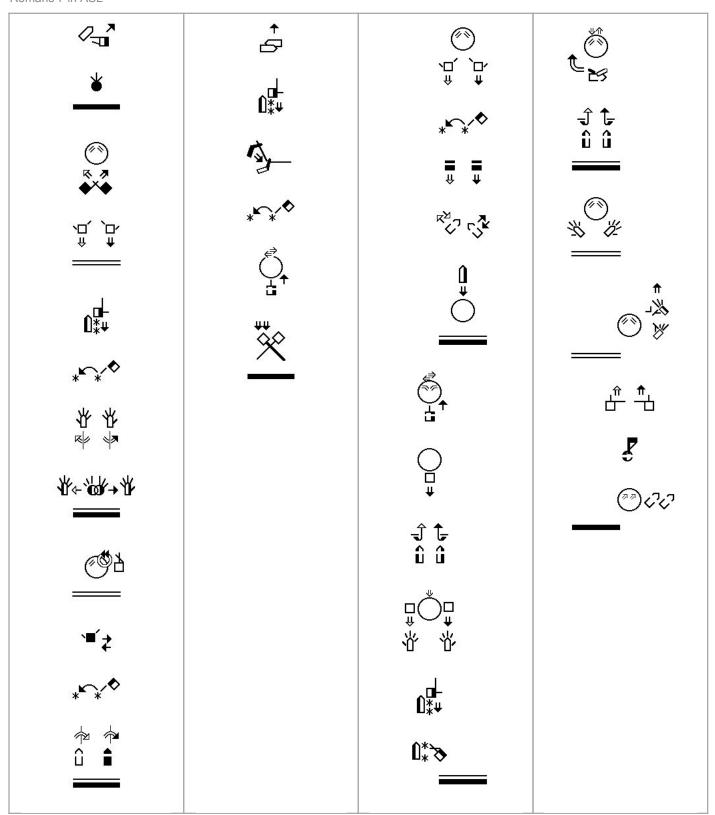
7. Now, dear brothers and sisters -- you who are familiar with the law -- don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living? 2. For example, when a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. 3. So while her husband is alive, NLT



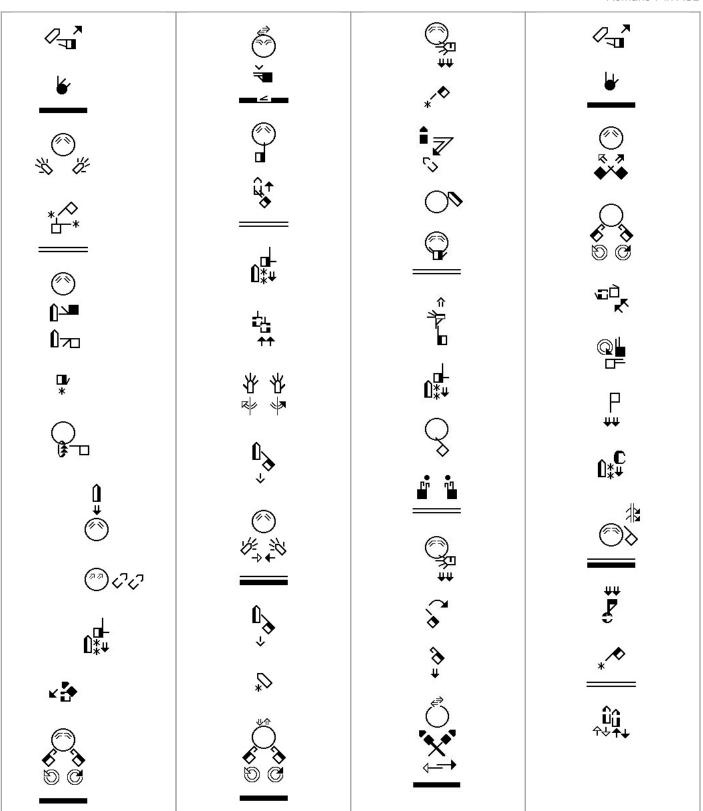


And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. 5. When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

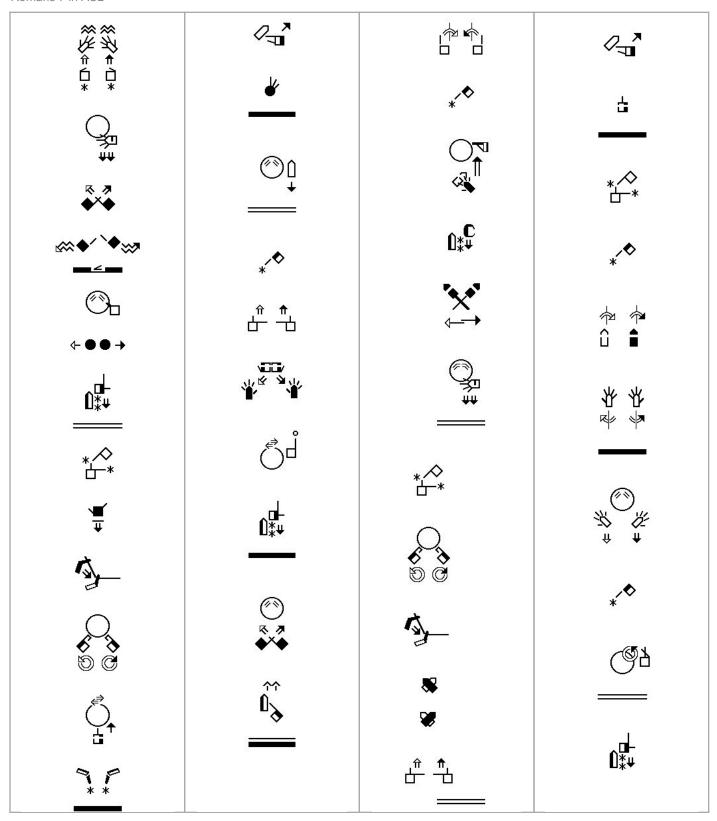
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6. But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.



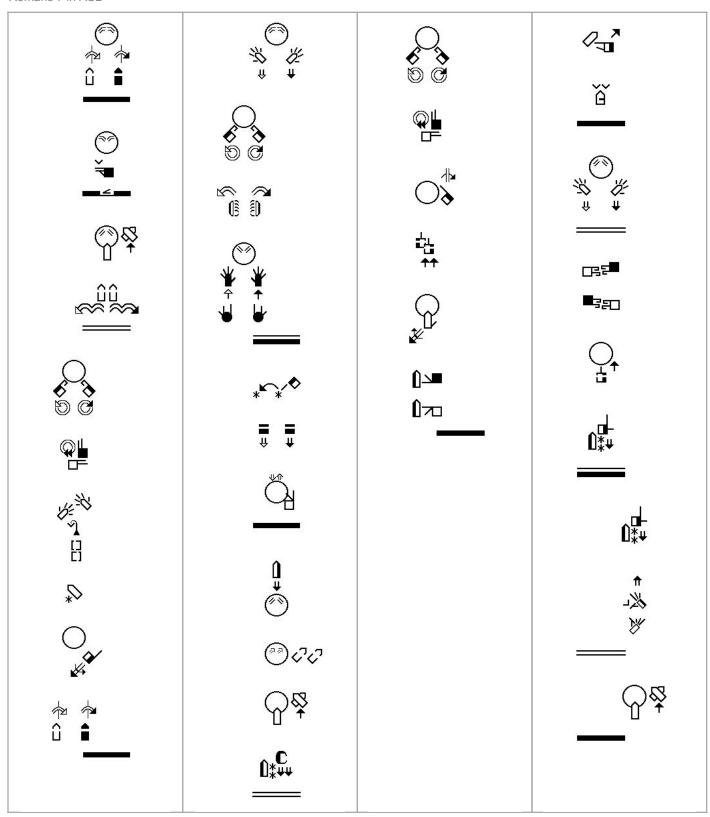
7. Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." 8. But sin used this command to NLT



arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. 9. At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, 10. and I died. So I discovered that the law's NLT

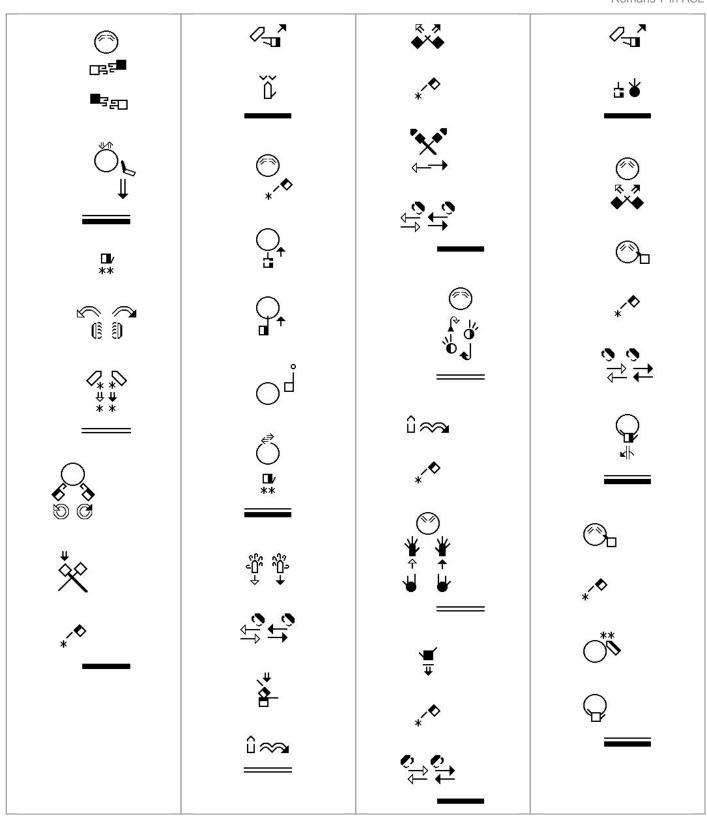
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commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. 11. Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. 12. But still the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good. 13. But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my

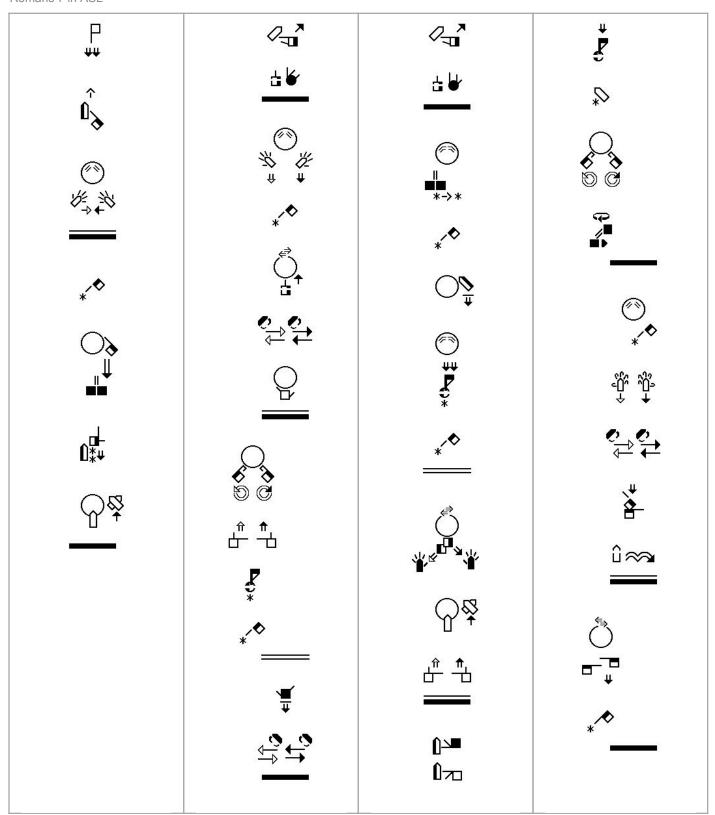


death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes. 14. So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good.

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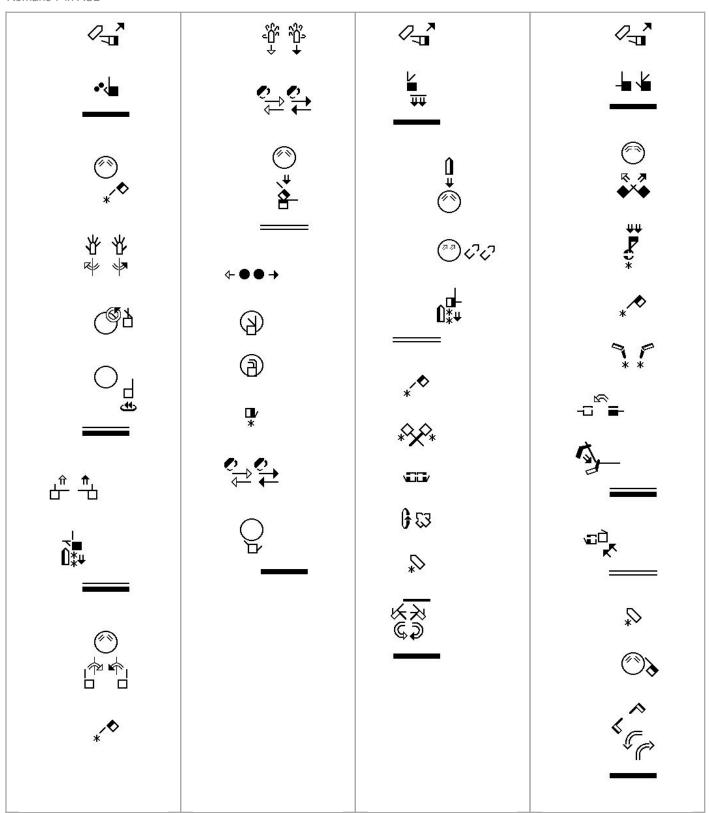


The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong,



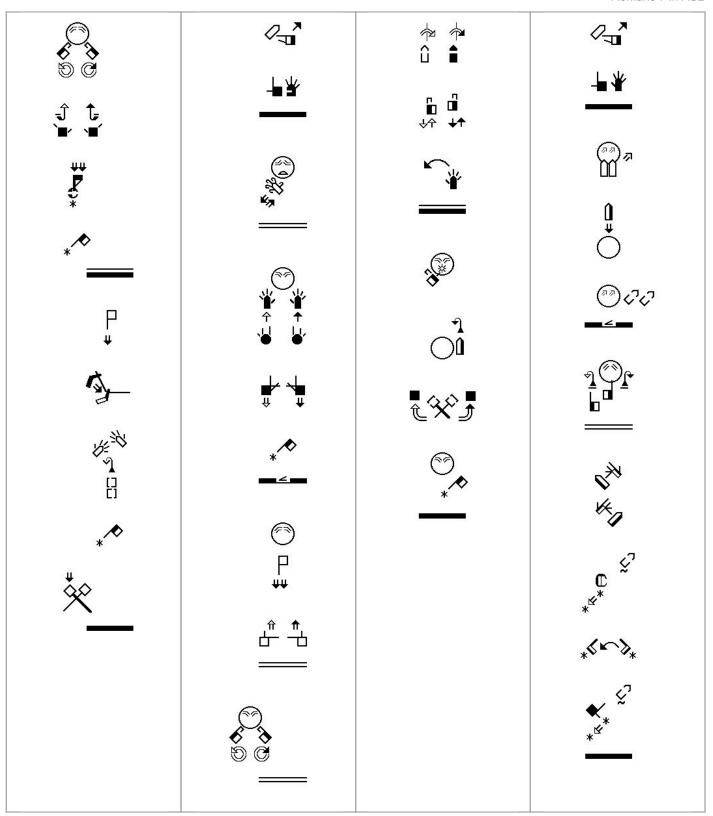
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19. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.



21. I have discovered this principle of life -- that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22. I love God's law with all my heart. 23. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind.

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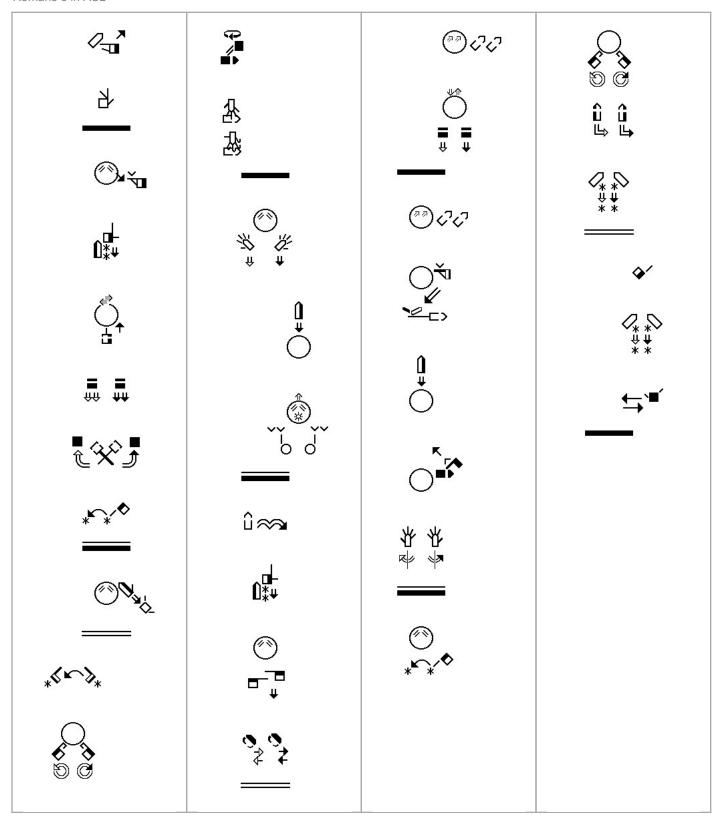


This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25. Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

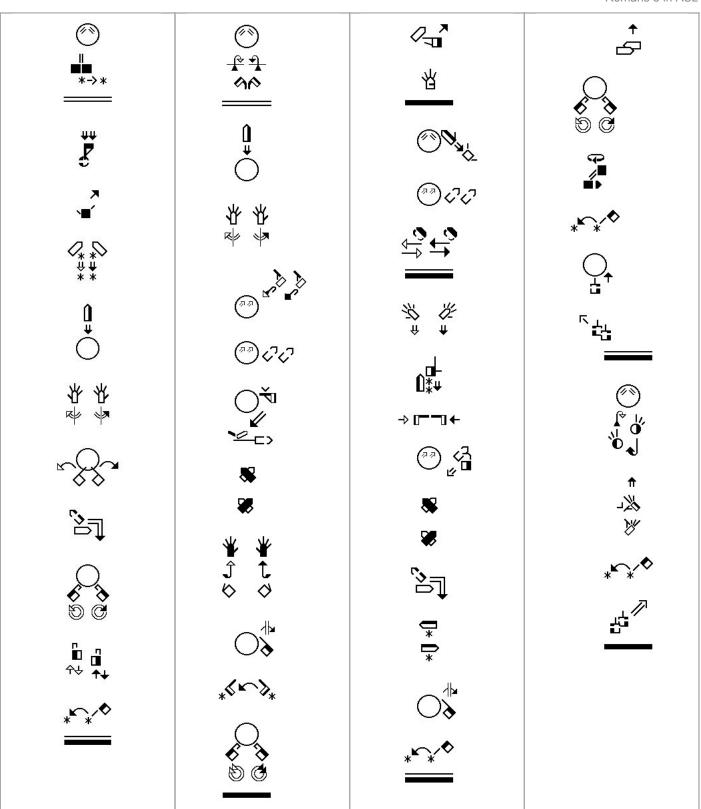
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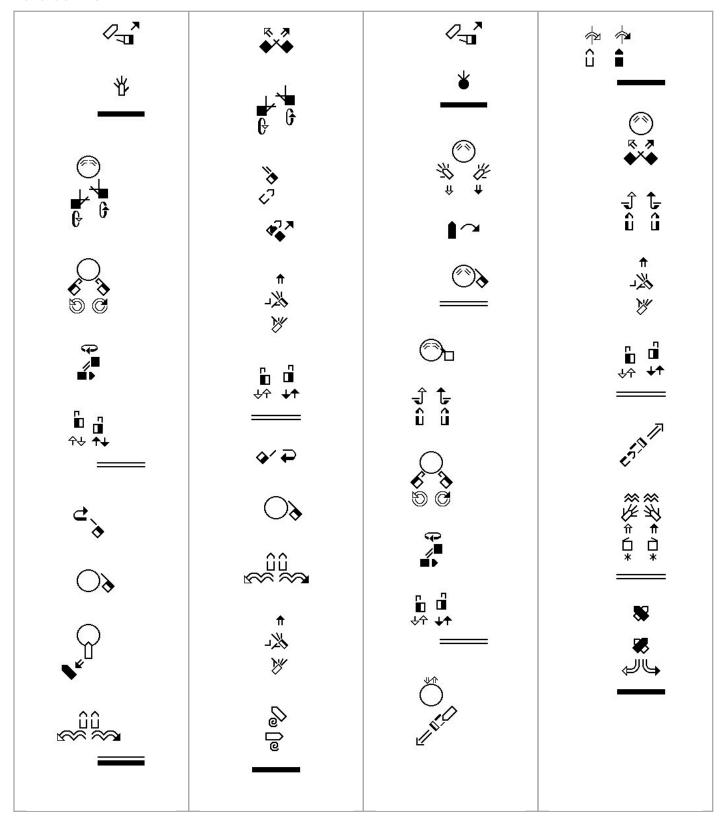
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 $8.\,$  So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit  $\,$  has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.  $\,$  NLT



^{3.} The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have.

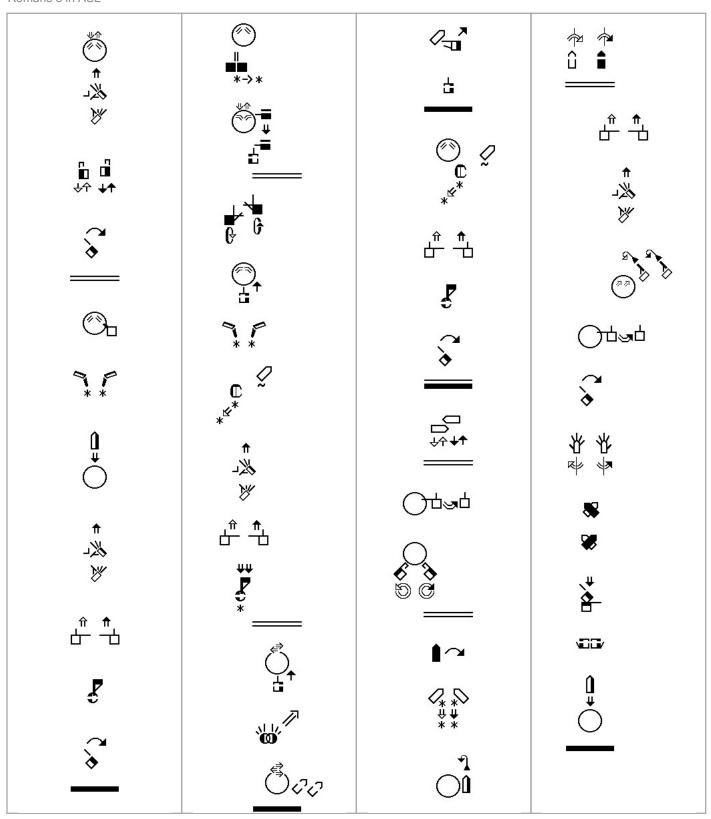




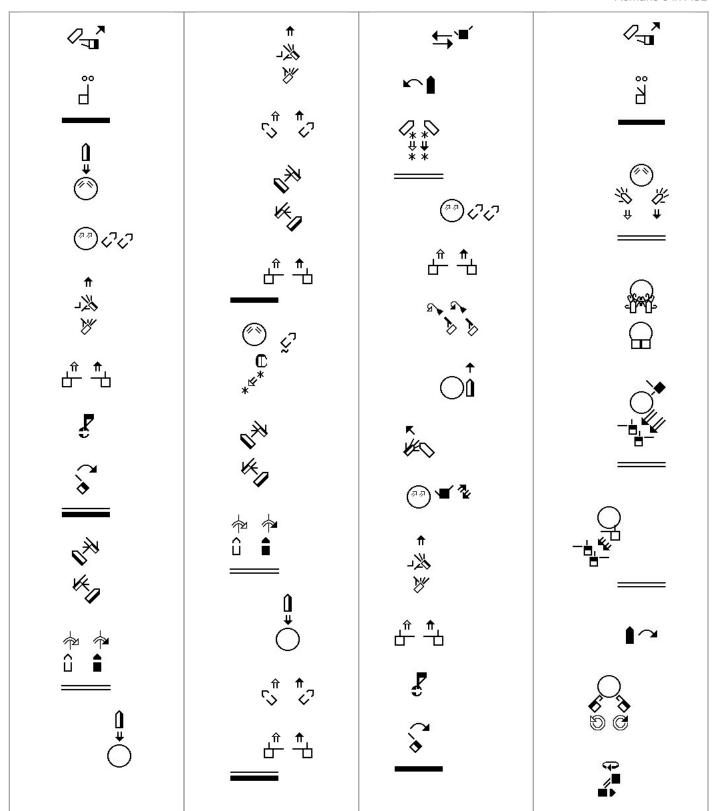
5. Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

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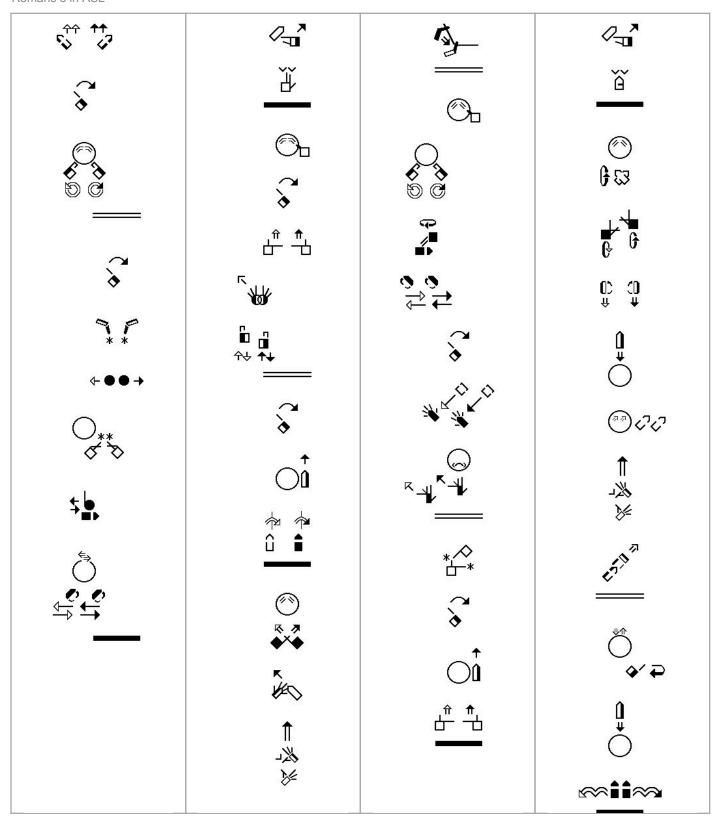
7. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. NLT



You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 10. And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.



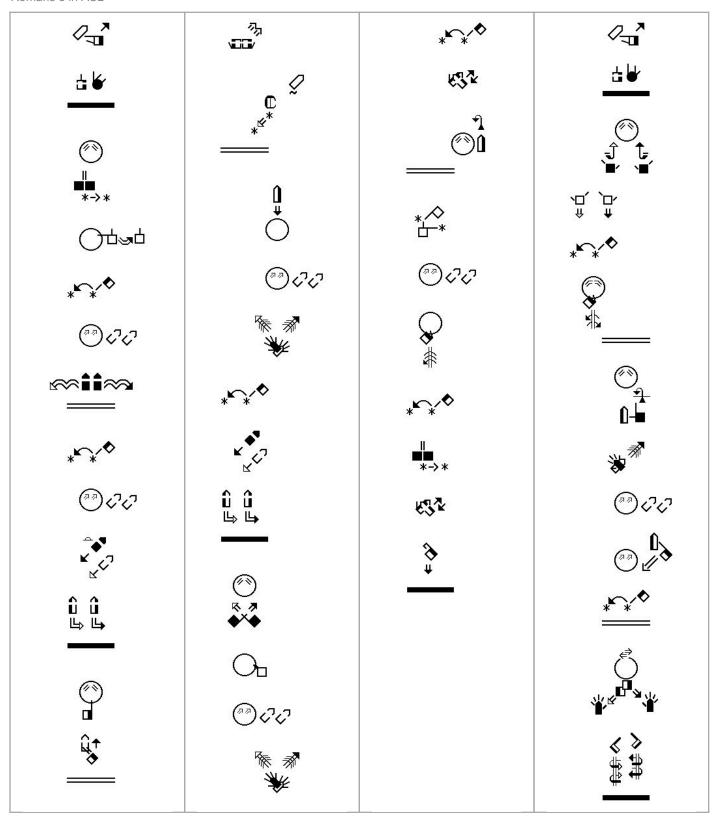
11. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. 12. Therefore, dear brothers and sisters,



you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. 14. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. NLT

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15. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16. For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

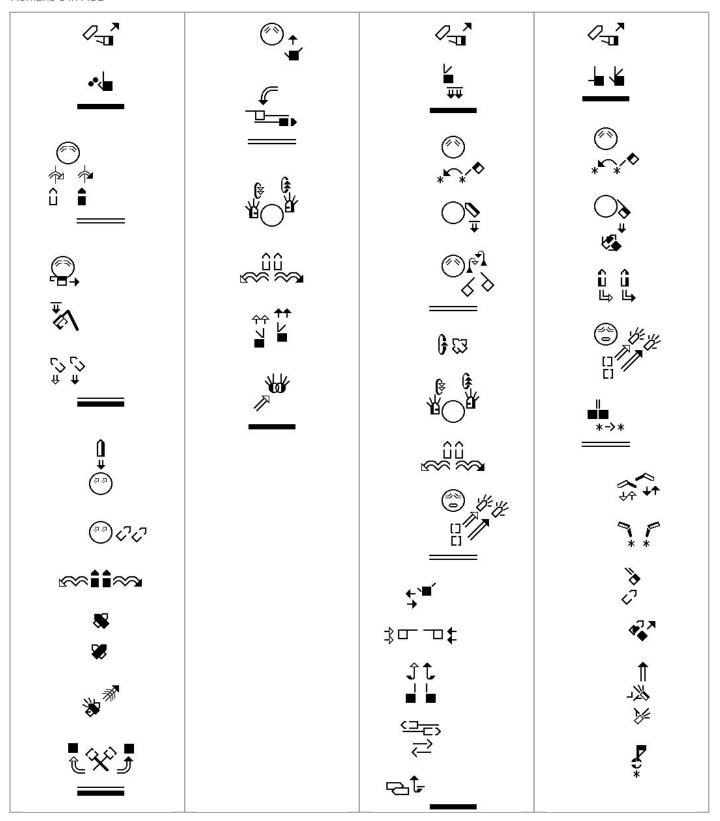


17. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. 18. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

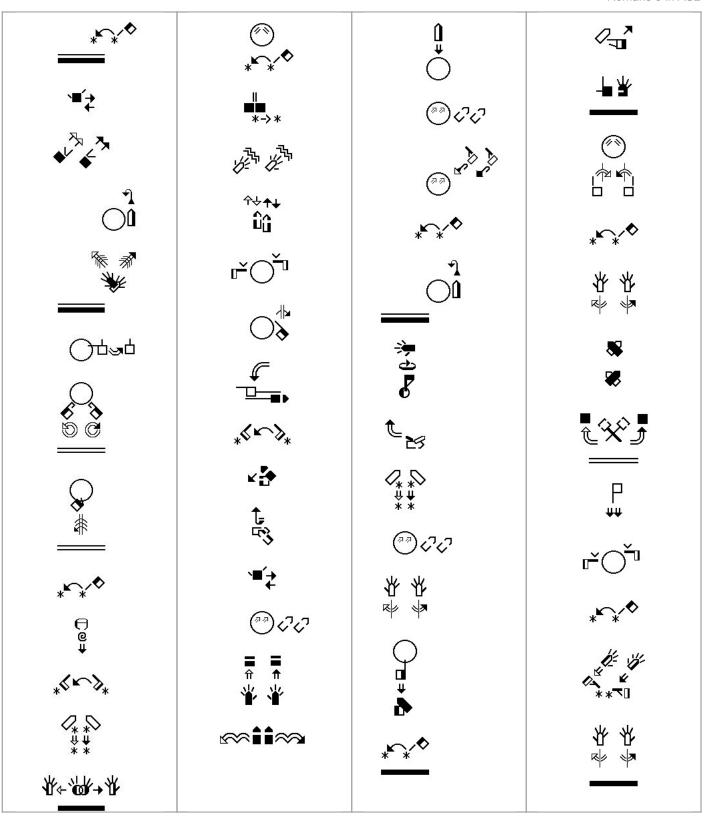
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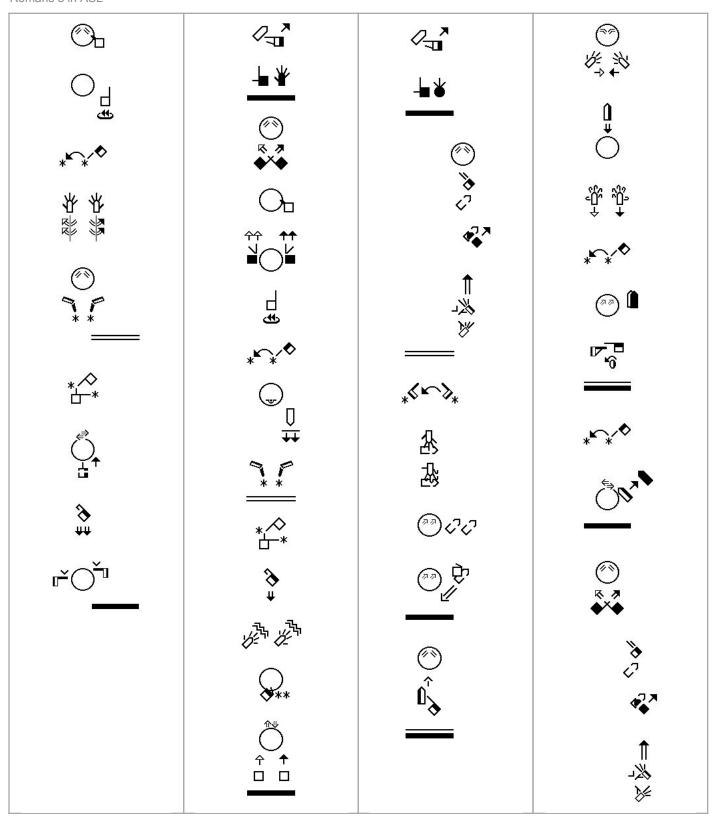
19. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, NLT



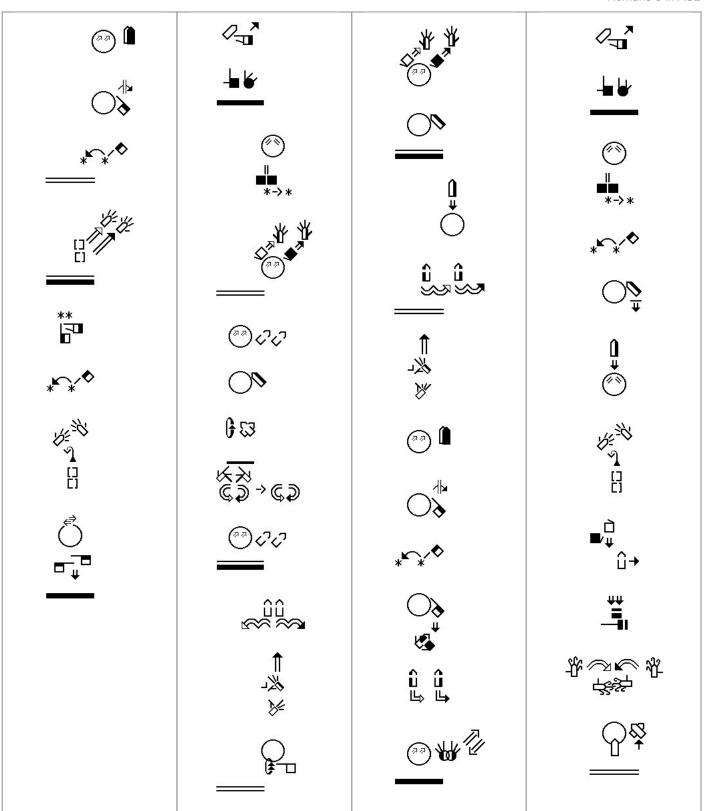
21. the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within



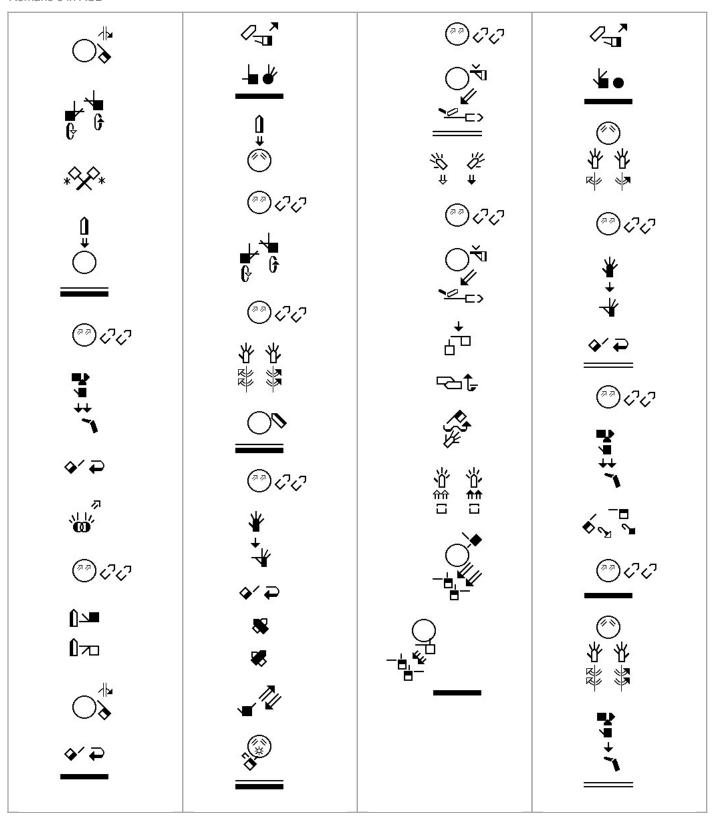
us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. 24. We were given this hope when we were saved.



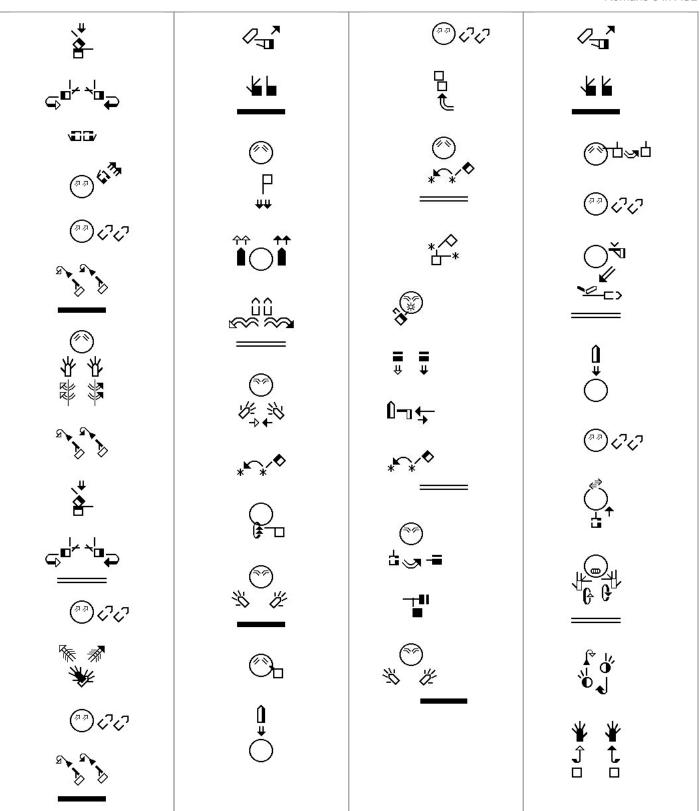
(If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) 26. And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit NLT



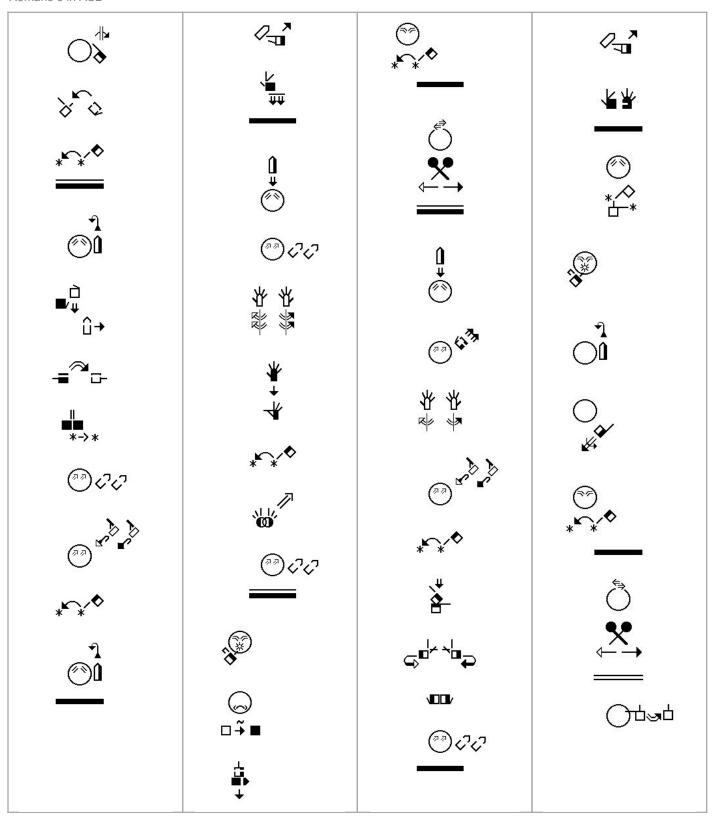
prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good NLT

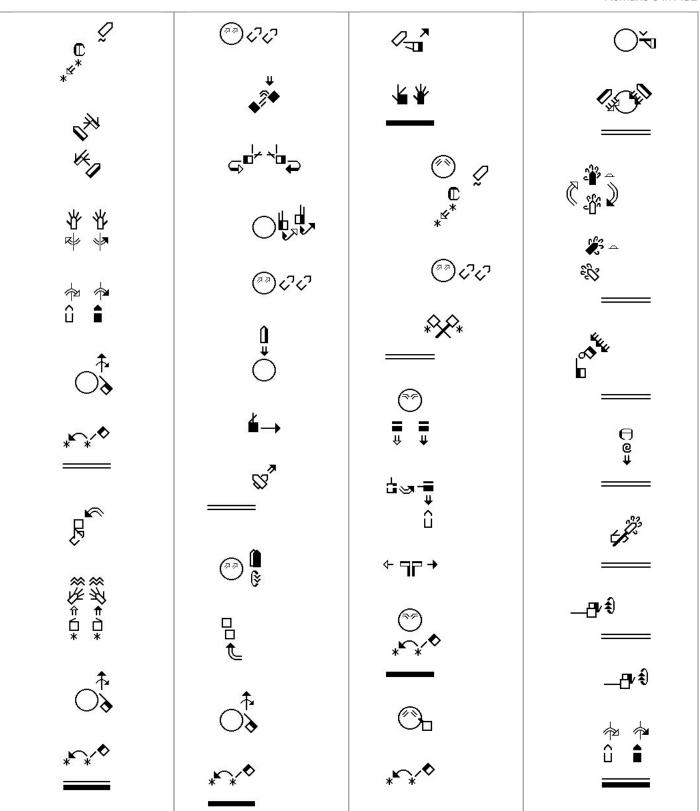


of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them,

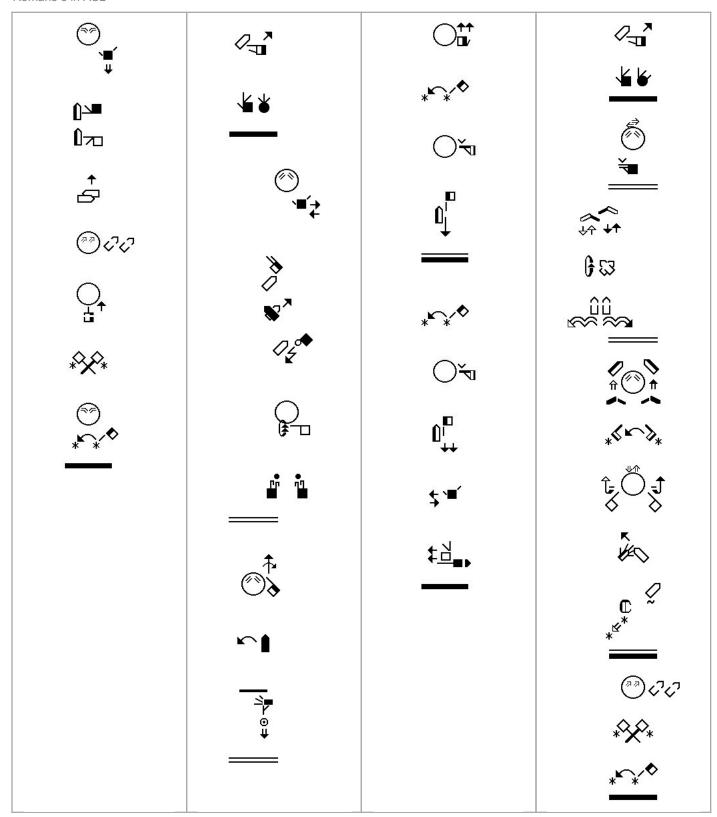


he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. 31. What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32. Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up NLT

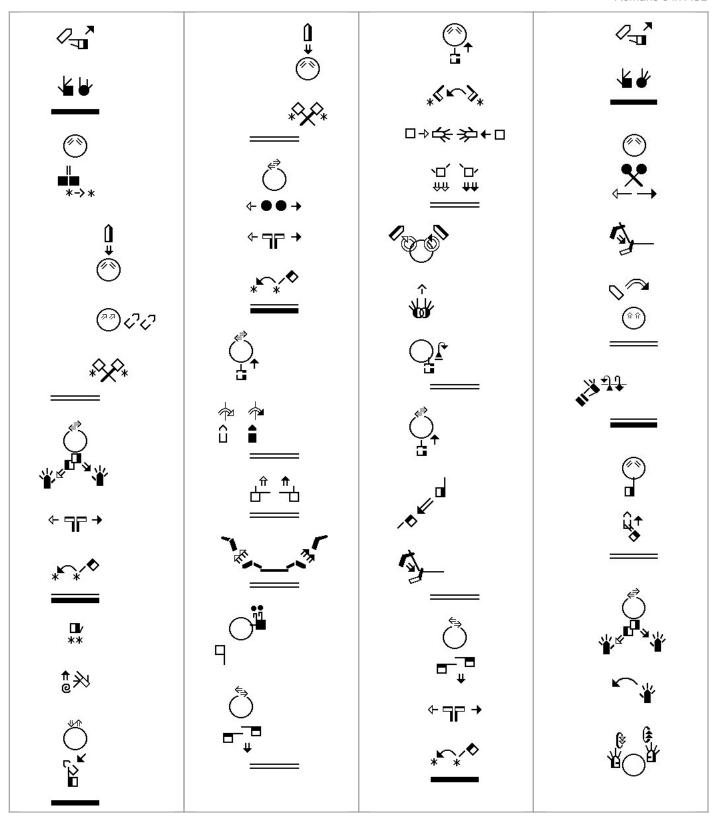




for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. 35. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?



36. (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") 37. No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

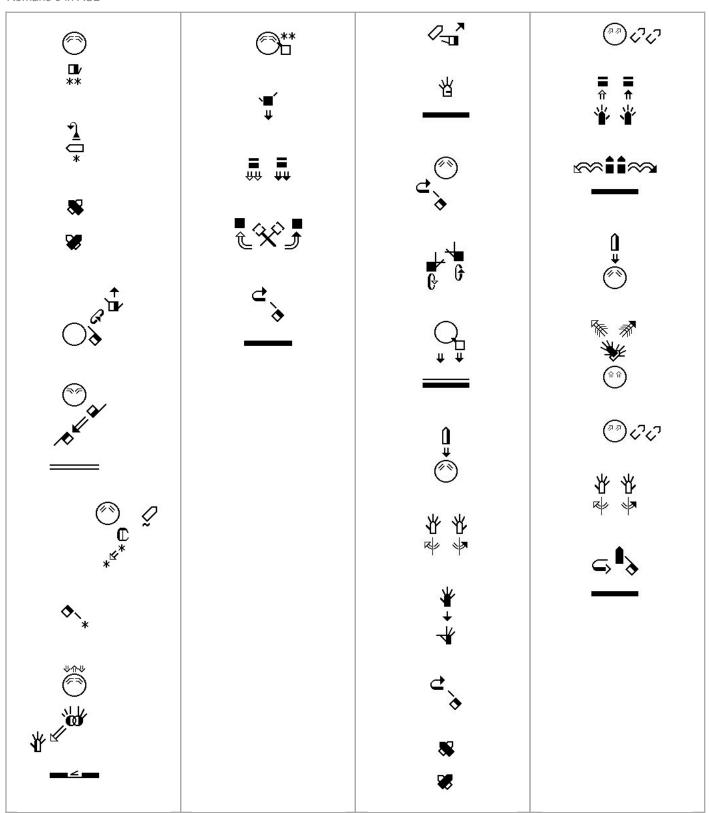


38. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow -- not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39. No power in the sky above or in the earth below -- indeed, nothing in all creation NLT

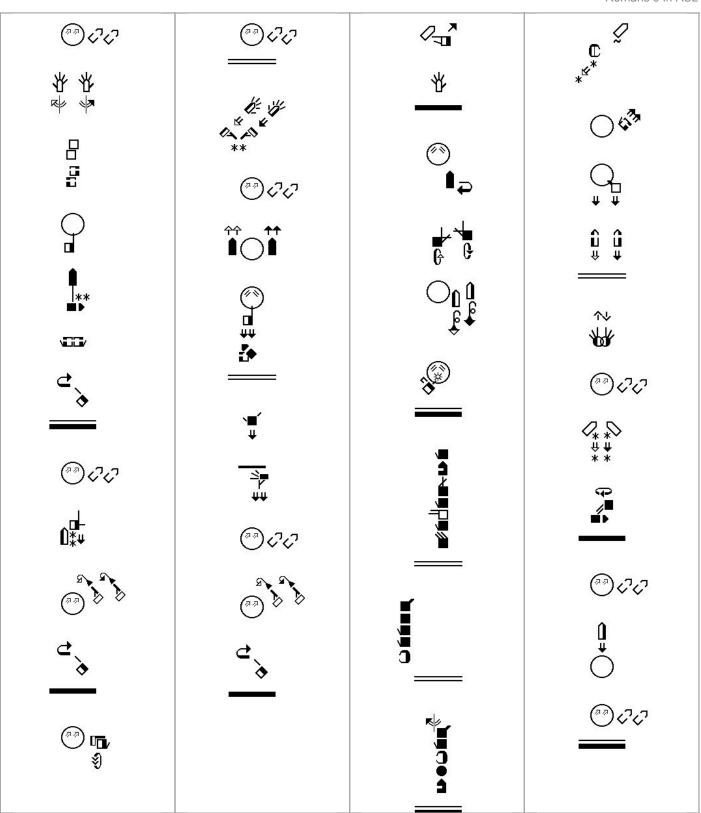
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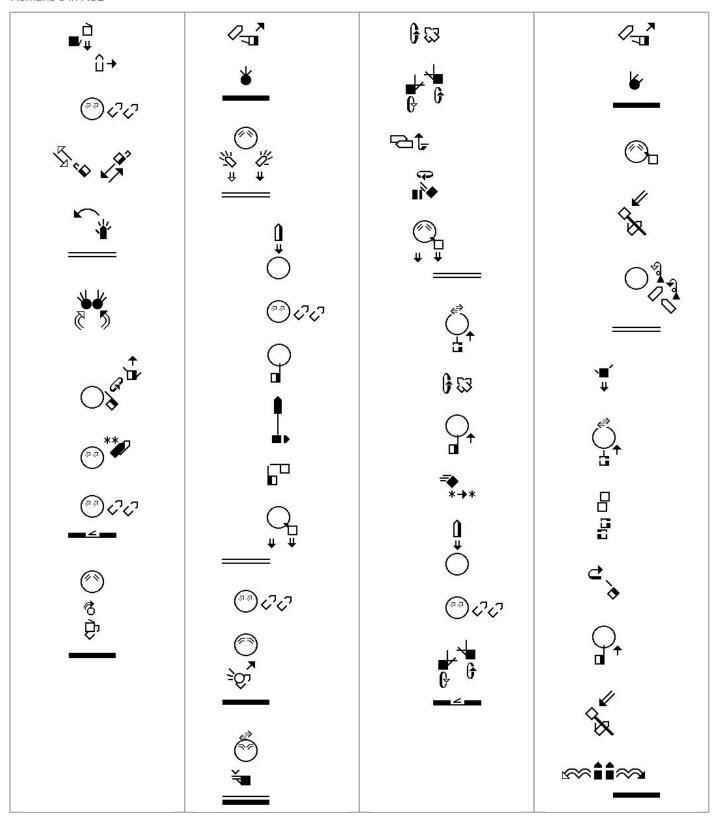
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 $9\,$  With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. 2. My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief 3. for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters.

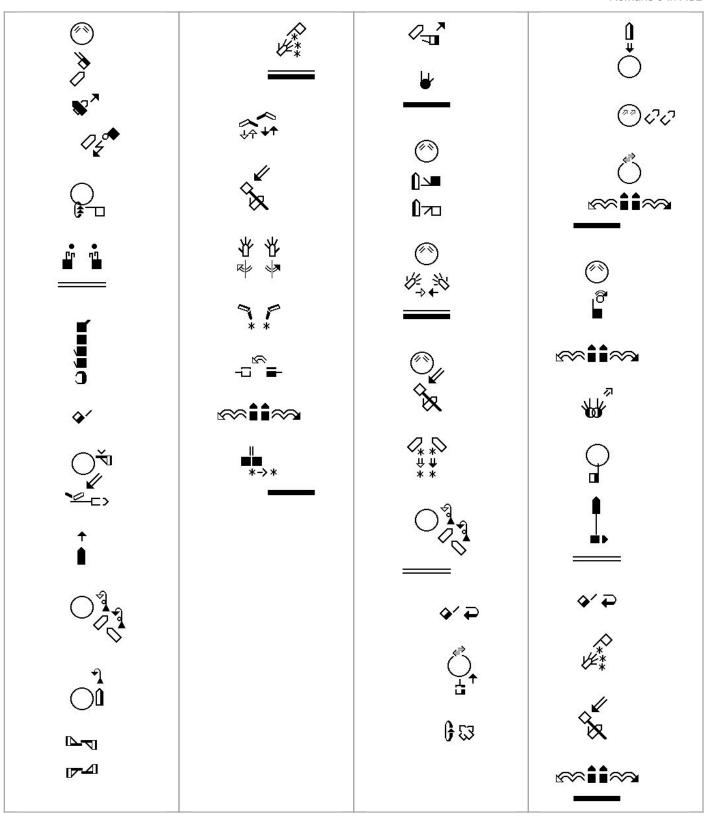


I would be willing to be forever cursed -- cut off from Christ! -- if that would save them. 4. They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God's adopted children. God revealed his glory to them. NLT





the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. 6. Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people! 7. Being descendants of Abraham doesn't make them truly Abraham's children.

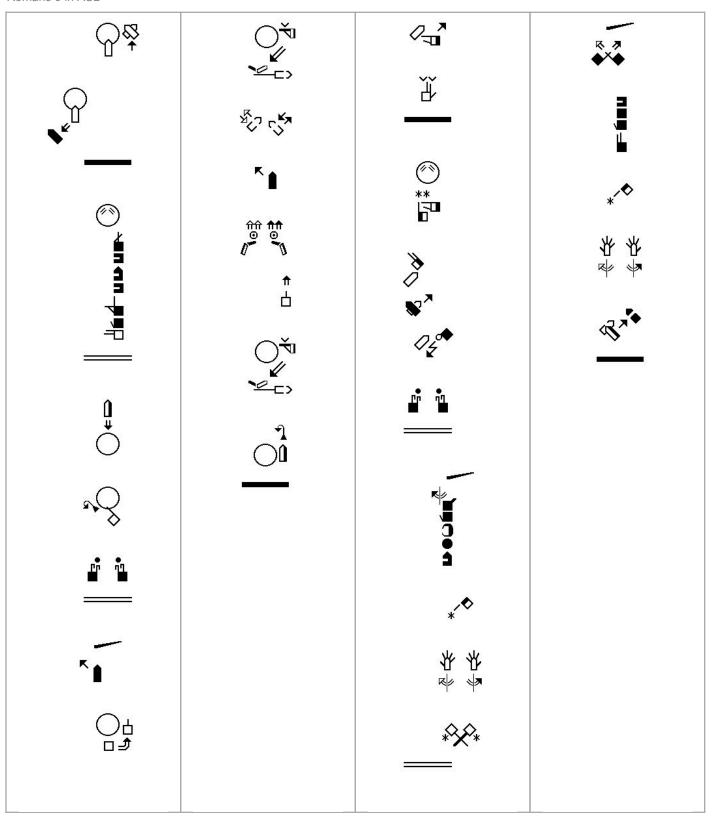


For the Scriptures say, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted," though Abraham had other children, too. 8. This means that Abraham's physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham's children.

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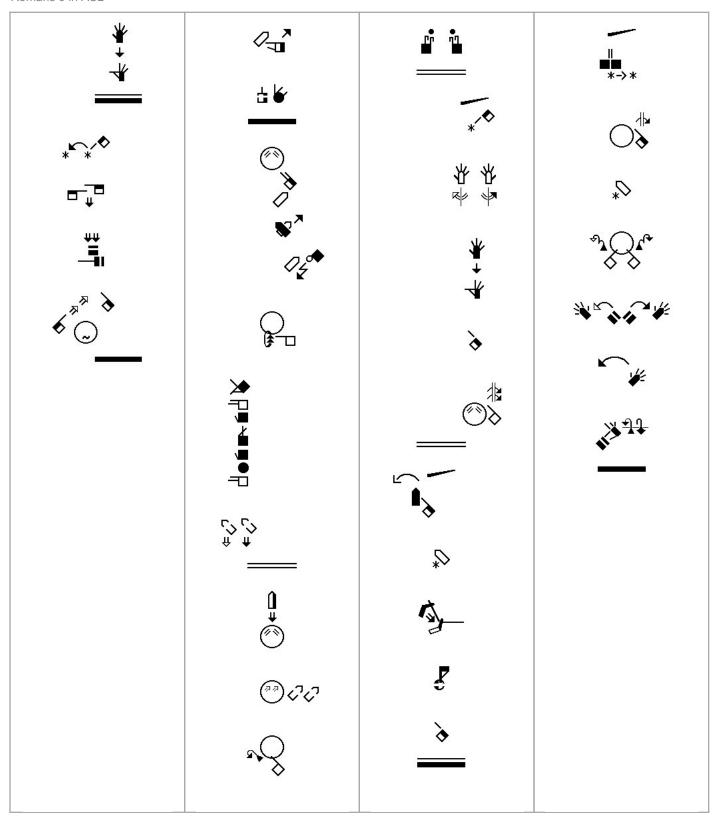
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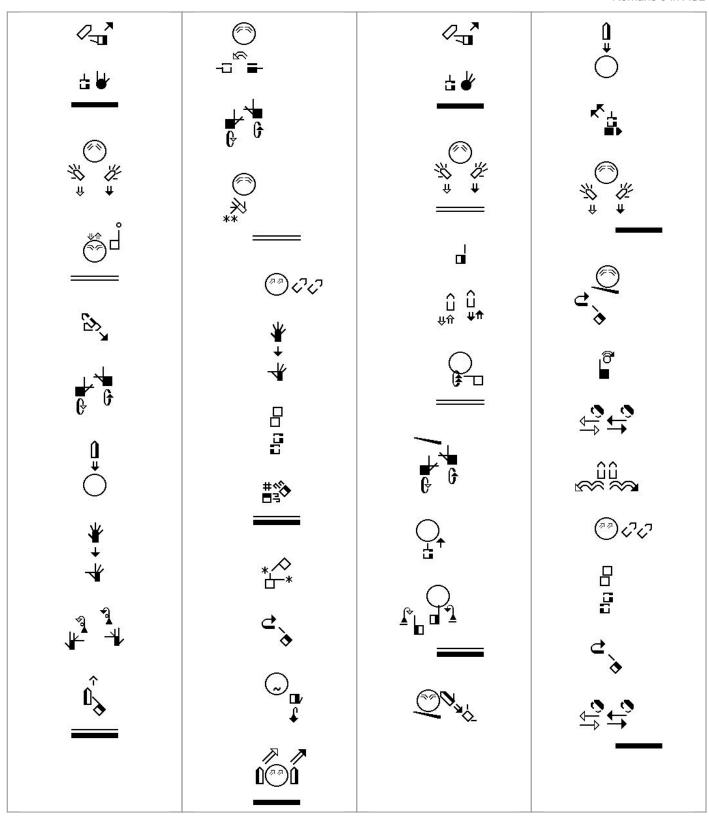
11. But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; 12. he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.)



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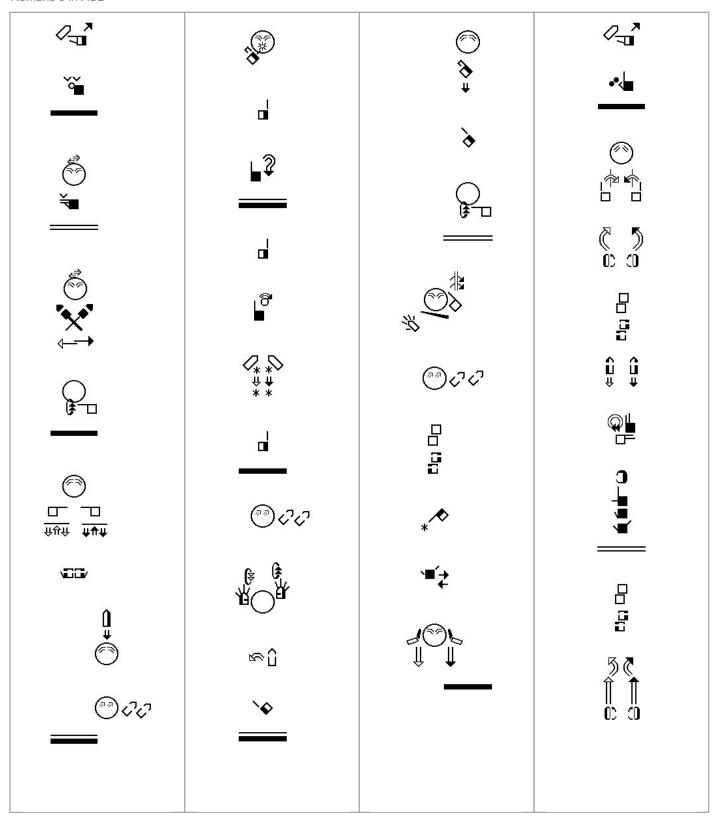
14. Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! 15. For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose." 16. So it is God who decides to show mercy. We



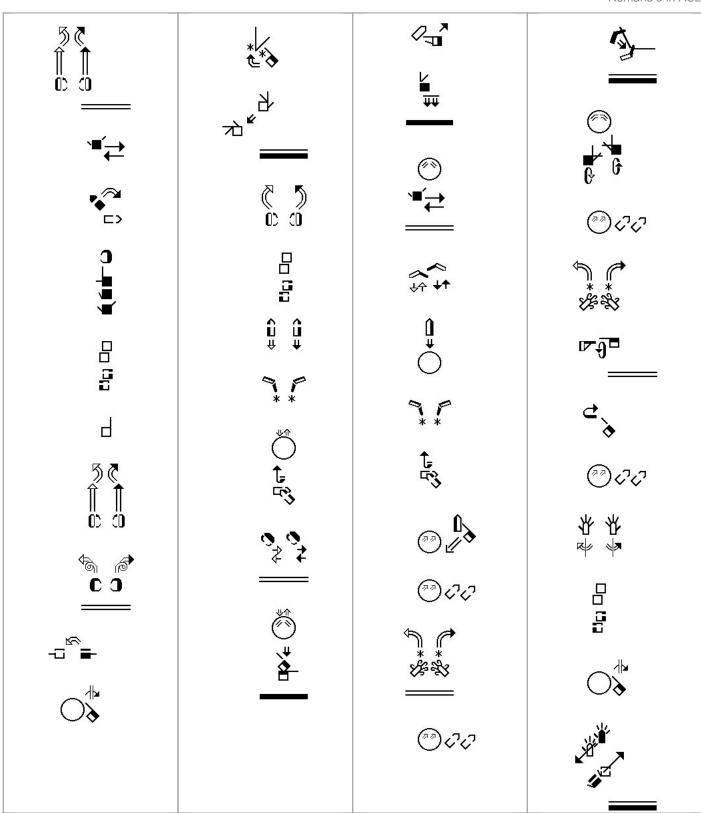


18. So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen. 19. Well then, you might say, "Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven't they simply done what he makes them do?"

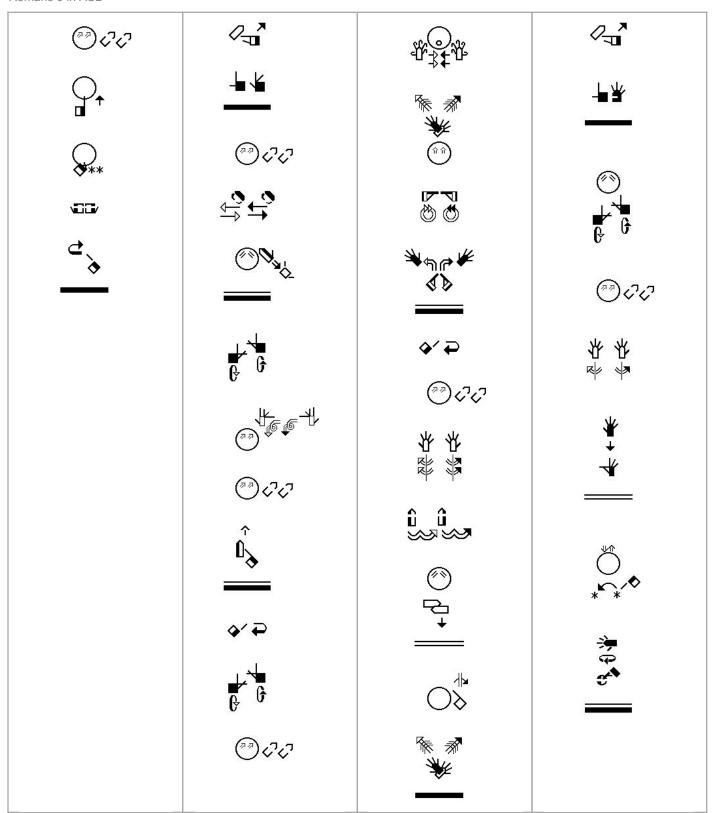
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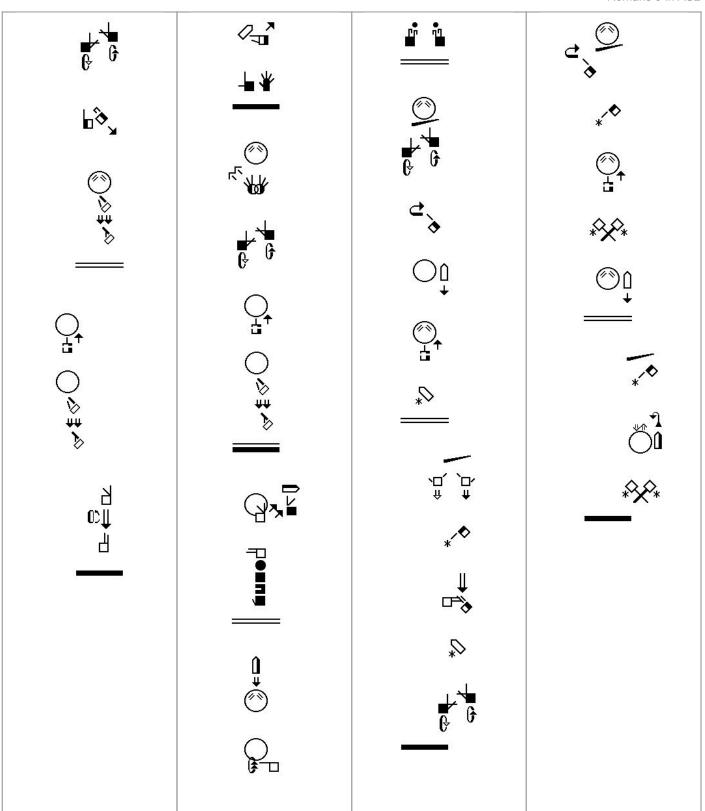
20. No, don't say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21. When a potter makes jars out of clay,



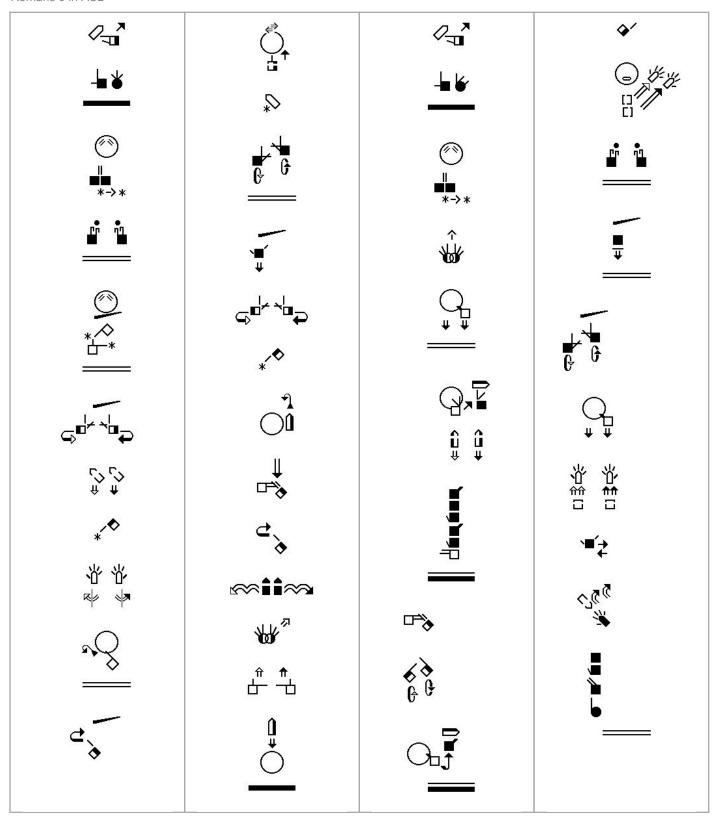
doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? 22. In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who were made for destruction.



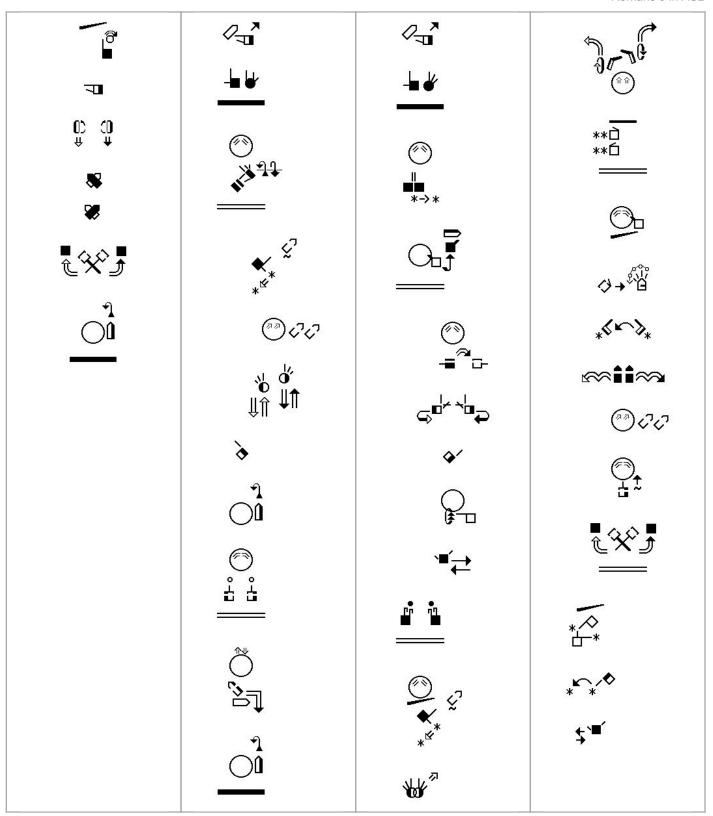
23. He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. 24. And we are among those whom he selected, NLT



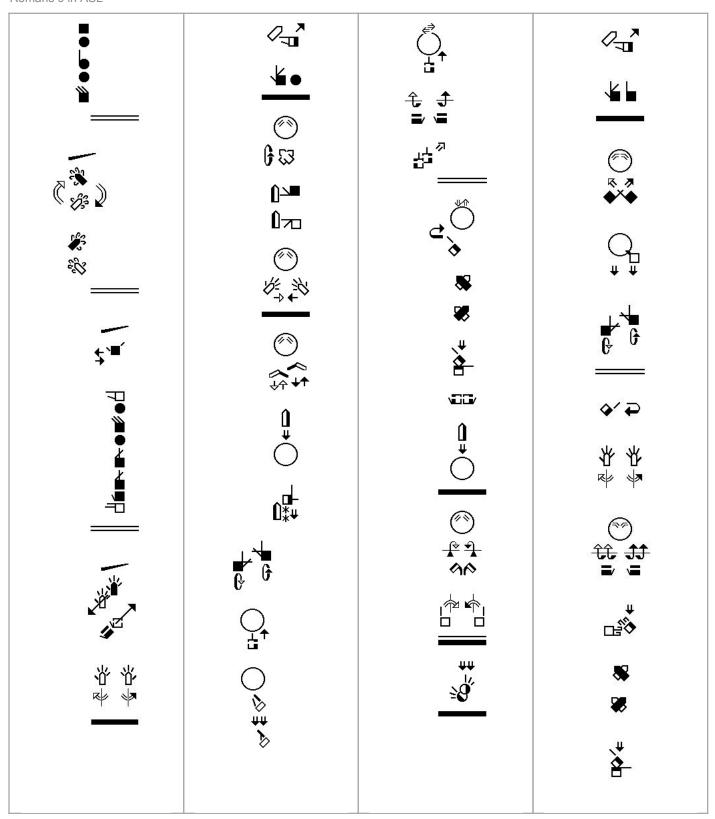
both from the Jews and from the Gentiles. 25. Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, "Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before."

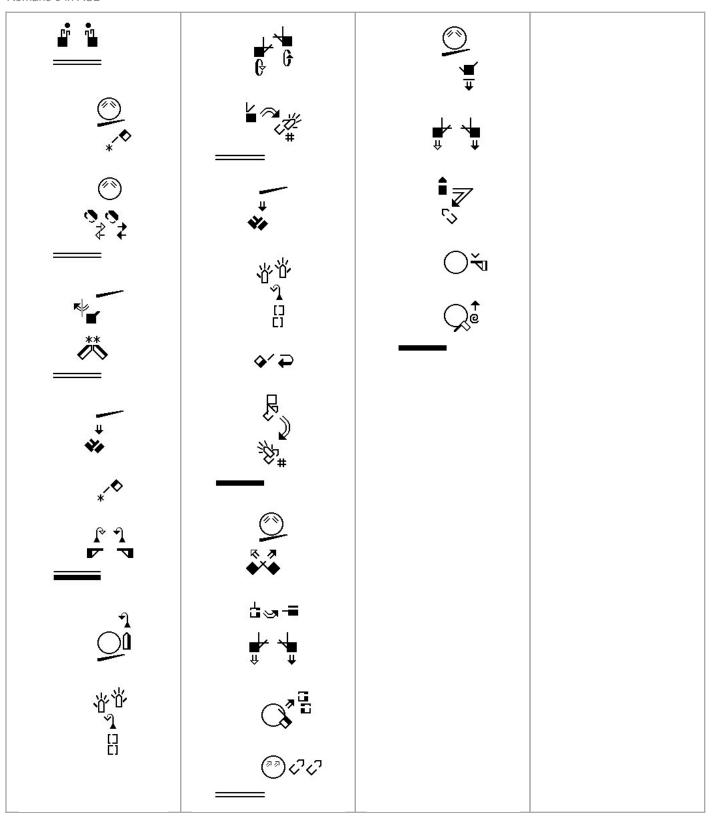


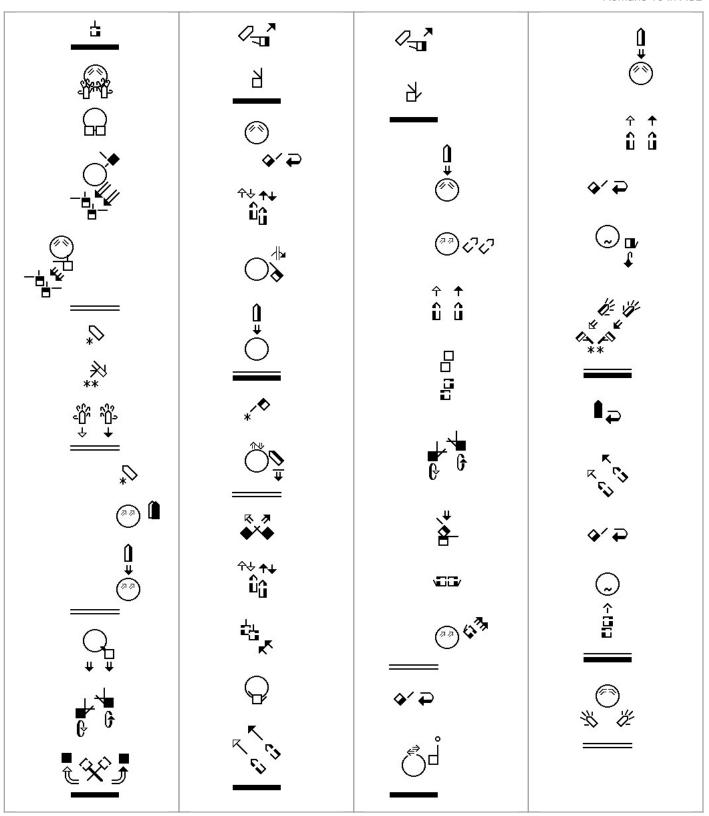
26. And, "Then, at the place where they were told, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God." 27. And concerning Israel, Isaiah the prophet cried out, "Though the people of Israel are as numerous as the sand of the seashore, NLT



only a remnant will be saved." 28. "For the LORD will carry out his sentence upon the earth quickly and with finality." 29. And Isaiah said the same thing in another place: "If the LORD of Heaven's Armies had not spared a few of our children, we would have been wiped out like NLT



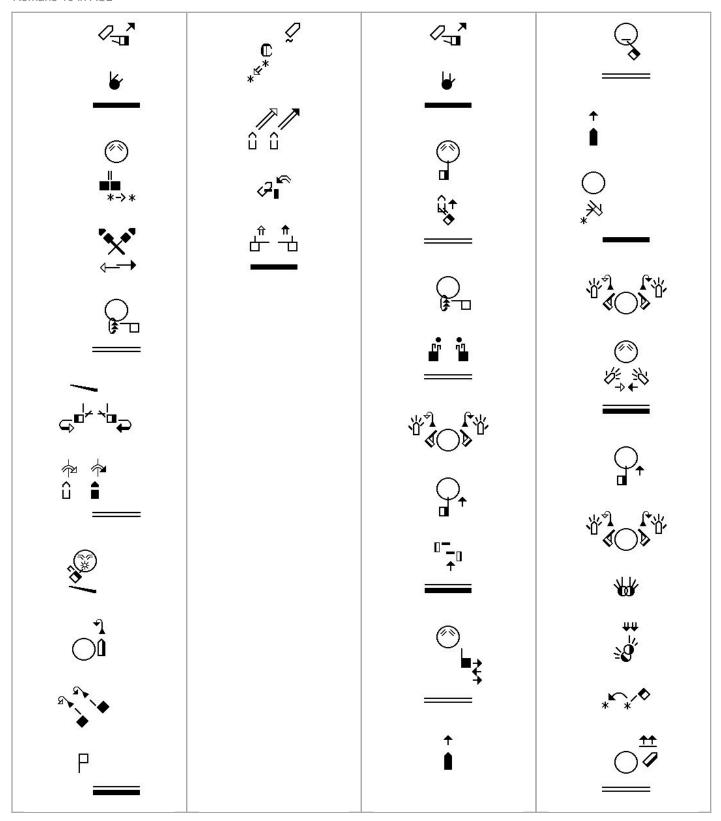




10 Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. 2. I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. 3. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God NLT

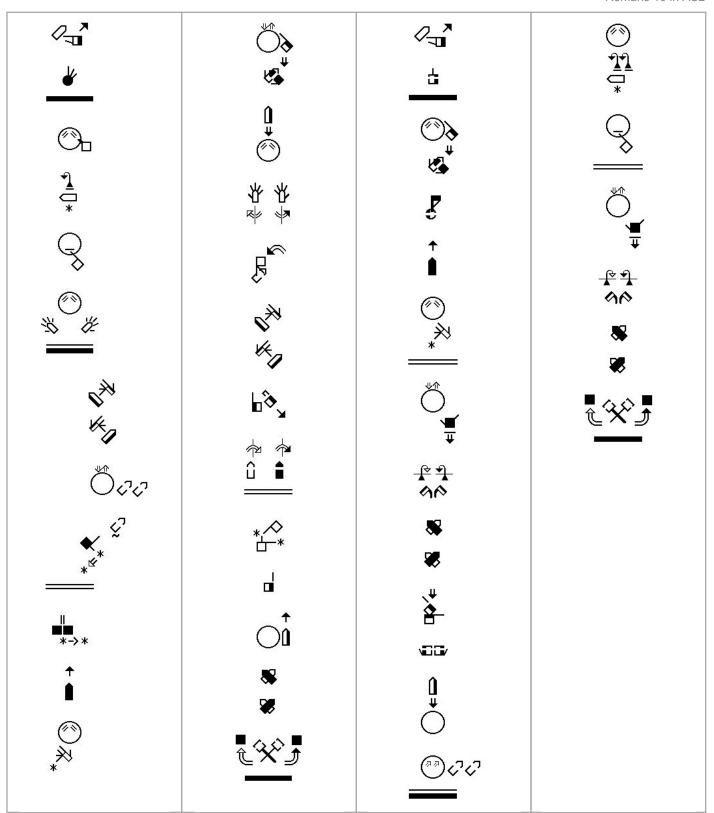
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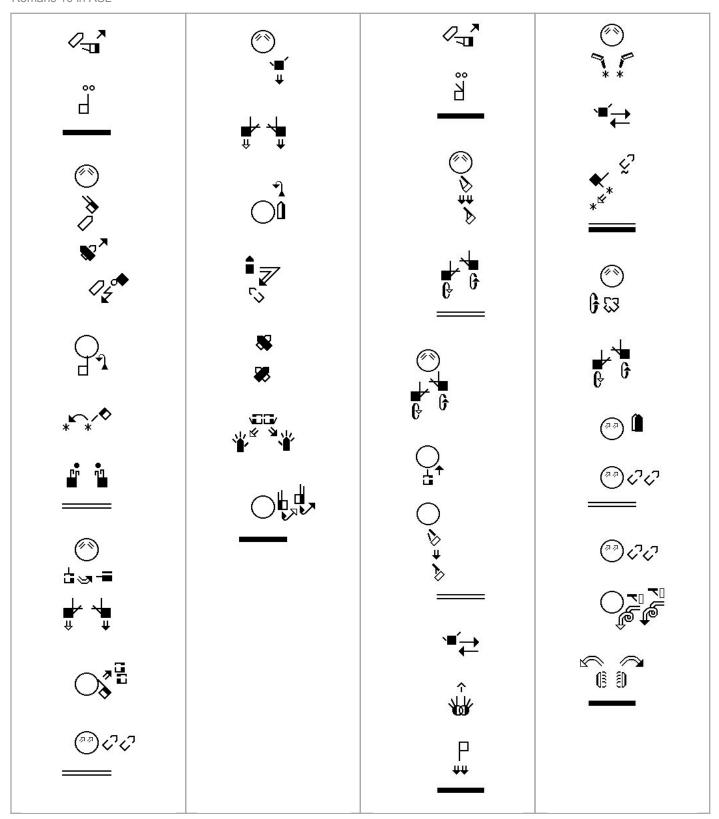


^{7.} And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead' (to bring Christ back to life again)."
8. In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach:

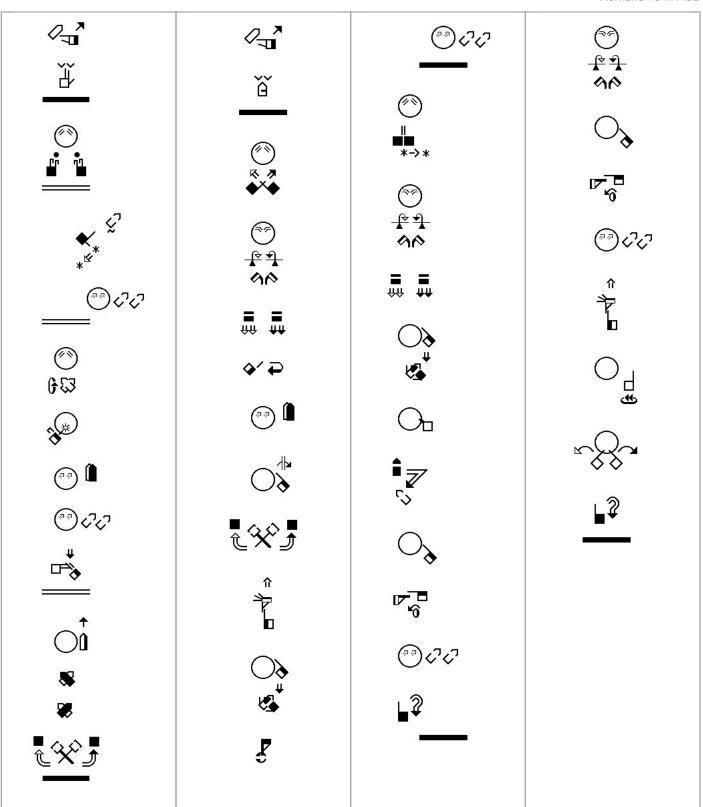
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9. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. NLT



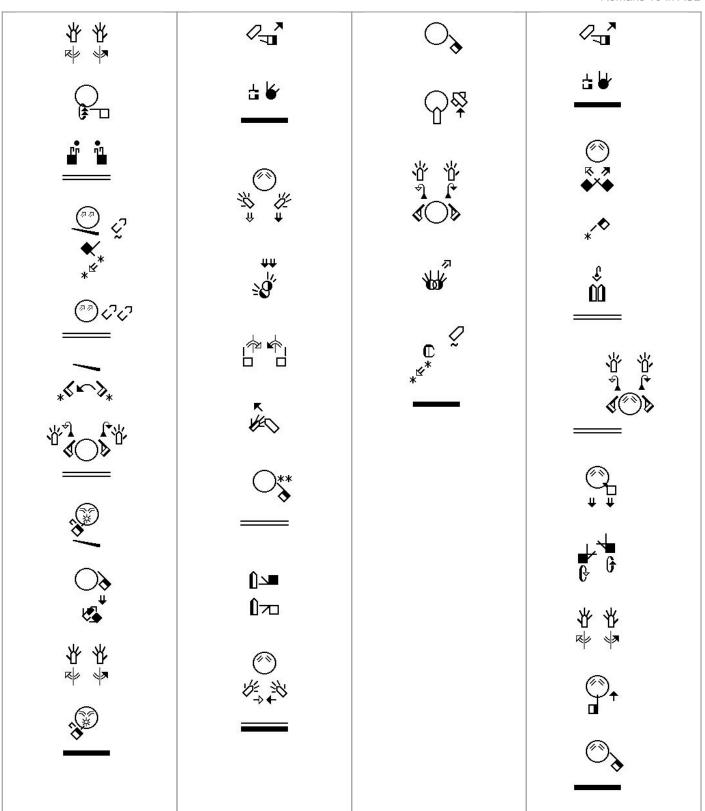
11. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." 12. Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.



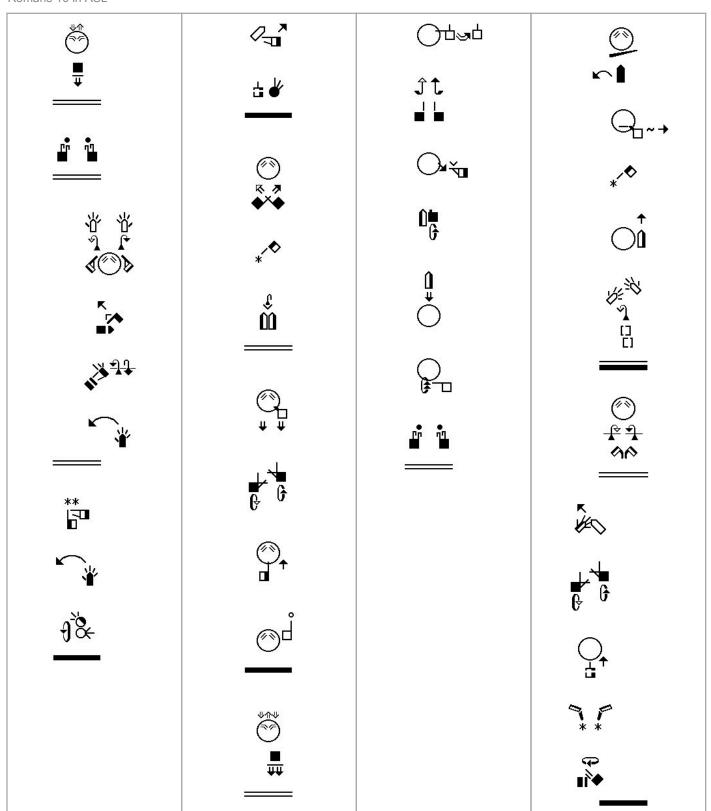
13. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." 14. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? NLT

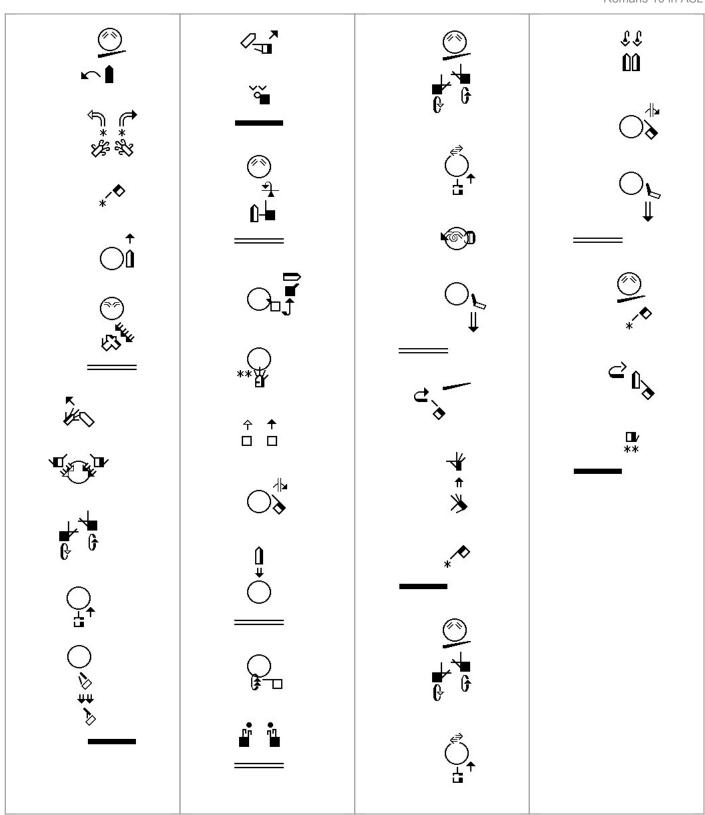
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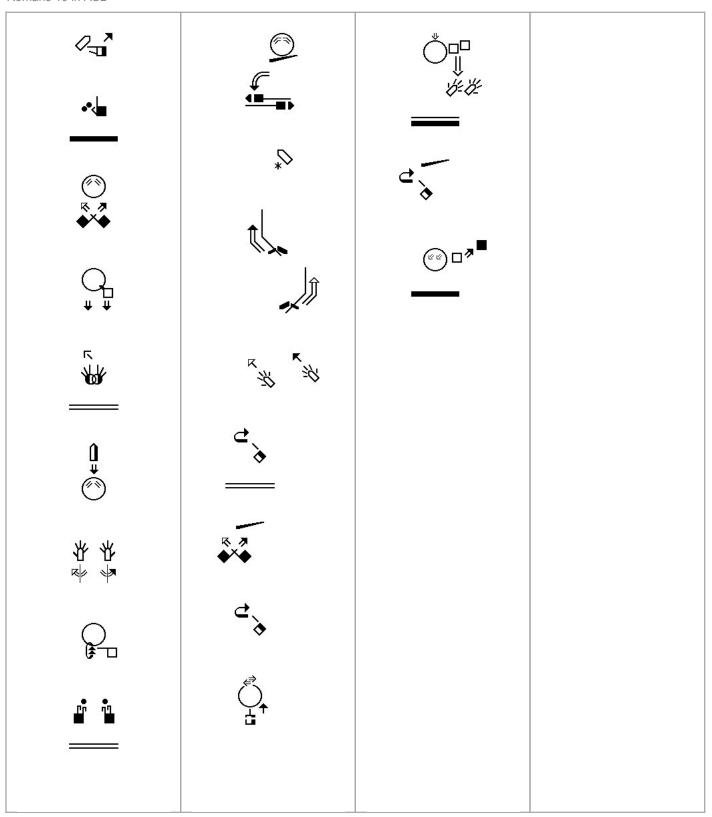
15. And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" 16. But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet NLT



said, "LORD, who has believed our message?" 17. So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. 18. But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? NLT

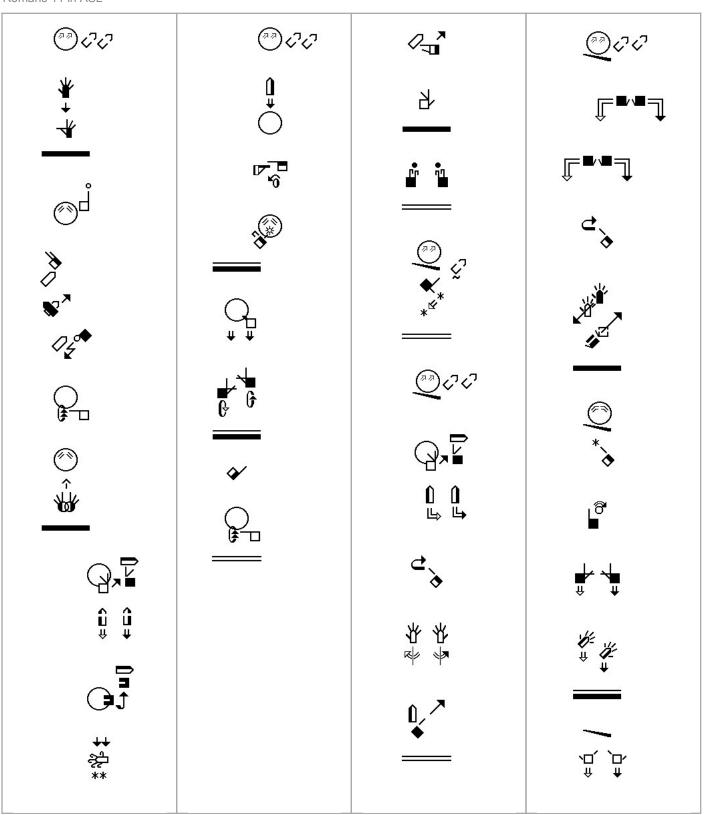


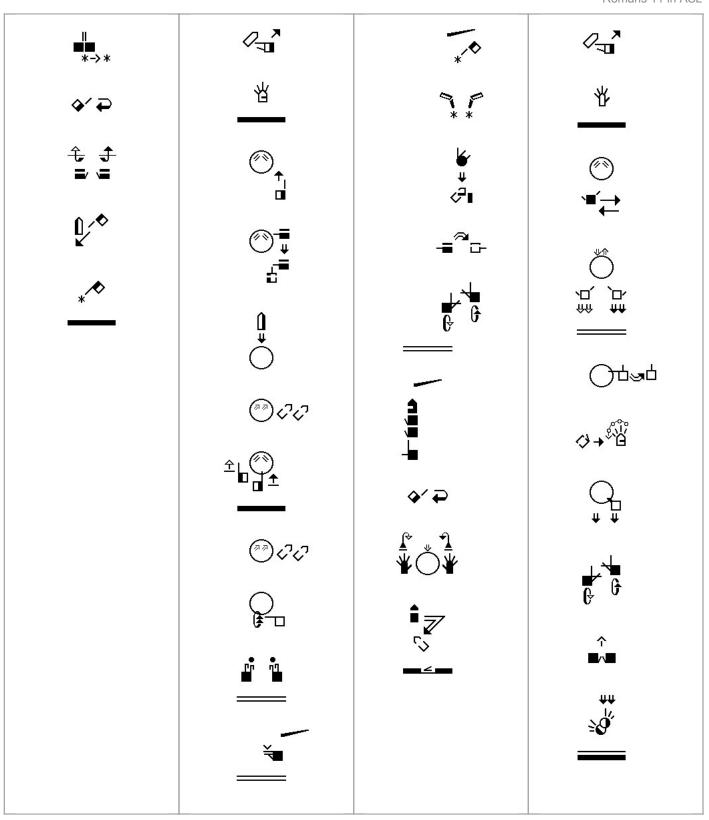


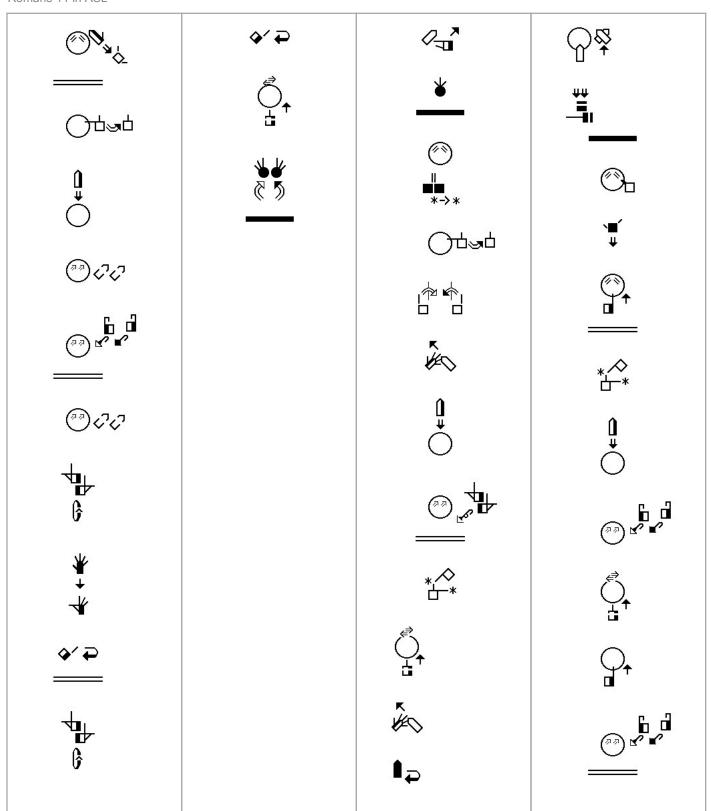


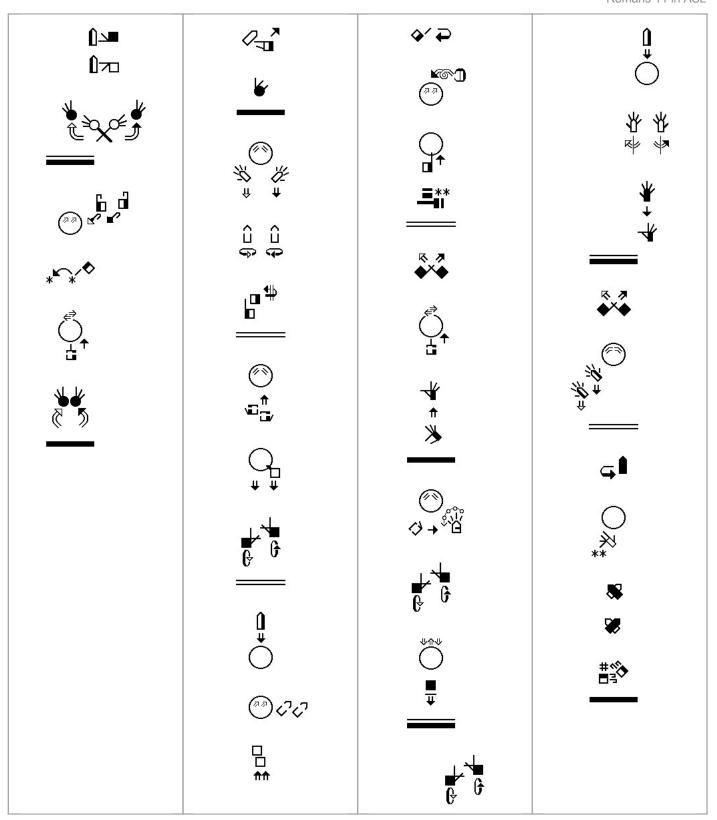
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11 I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2. No, God has not rejected his own people,

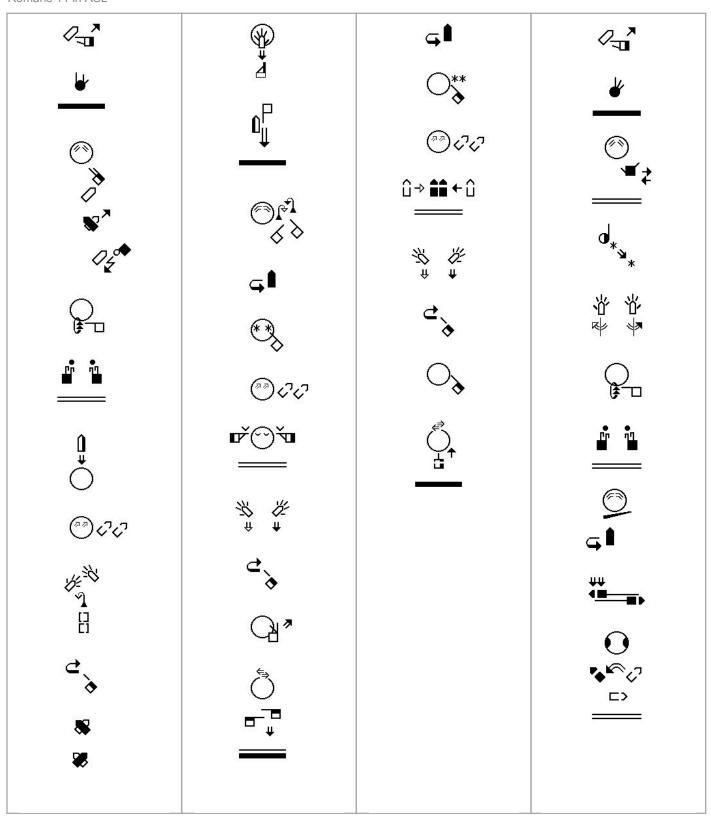




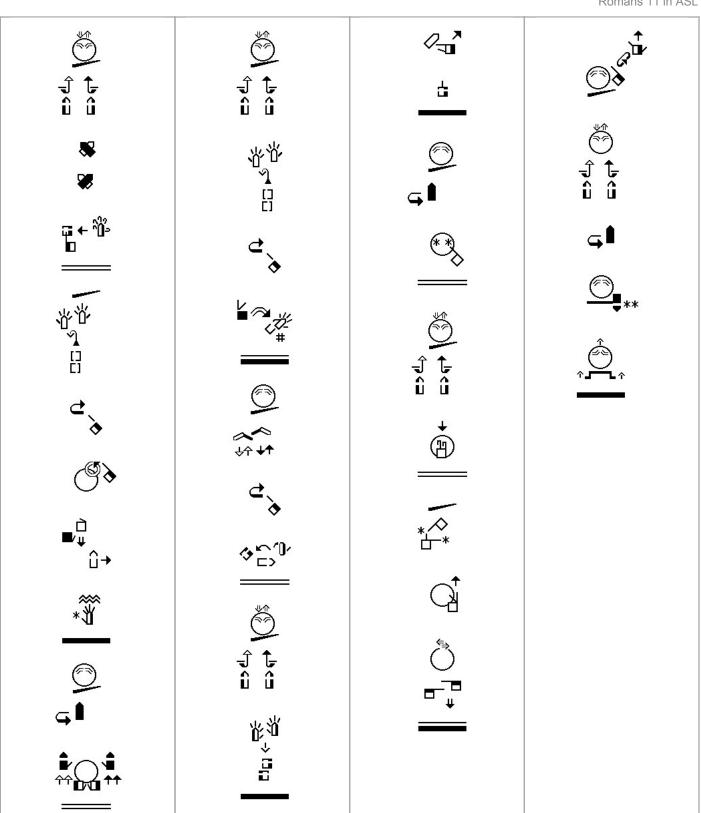


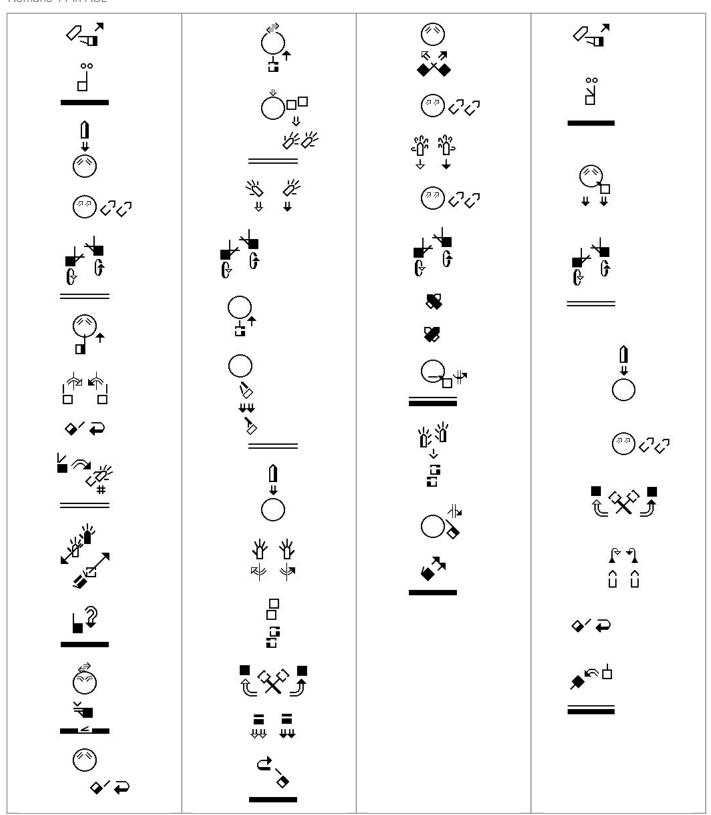


free and undeserved. 7. So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have -- the ones God has chosen -- but the hearts of the rest were hardened.

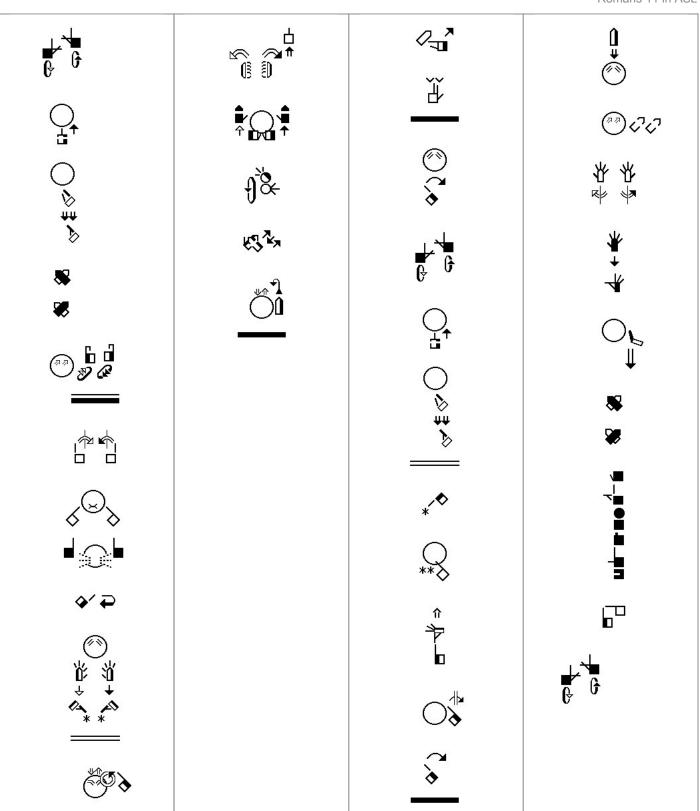


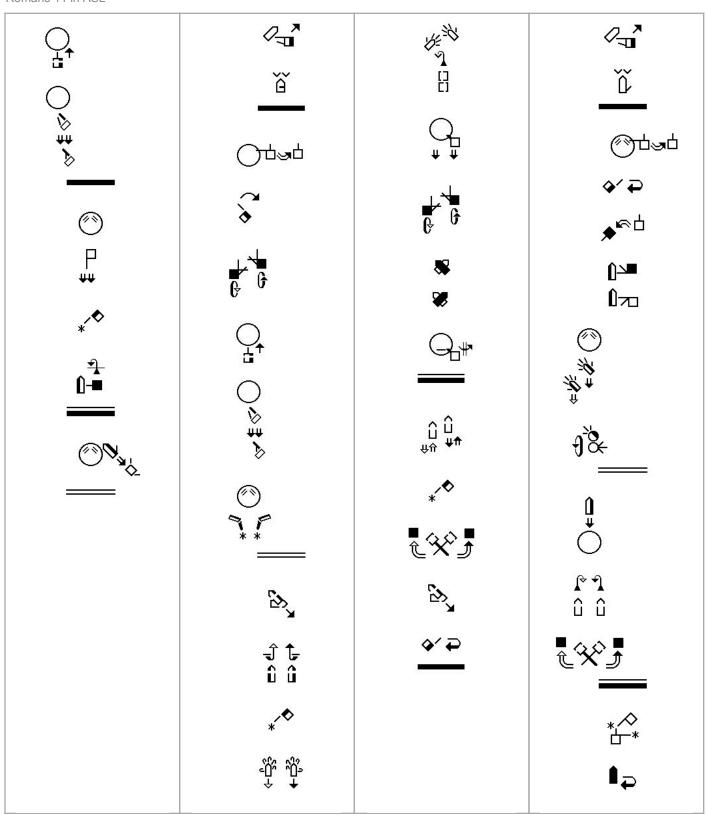
8. As the Scriptures say, "God has put them into a deep sleep. To this day he has shut their eyes so they do not see, and closed their ears so they do not hear." 9. Likewise, David said, "Let their bountiful table NLT

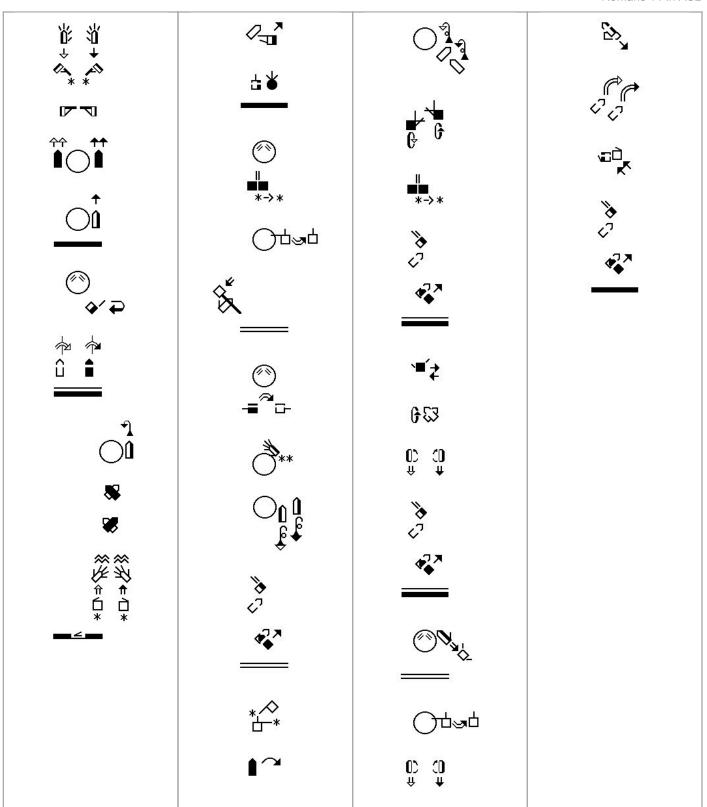


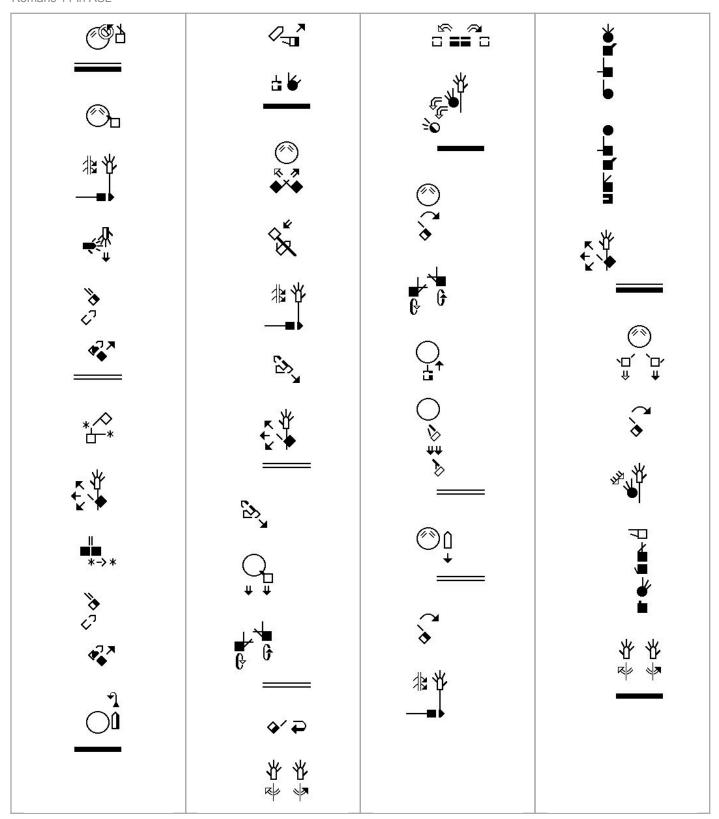


11. Did God's people stumble and fall beyond recovery? Of course not! They were disobedient, so God made salvation available to the Gentiles. But he wanted his own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves. 12. Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of Israel turned down God's offer of salvation,

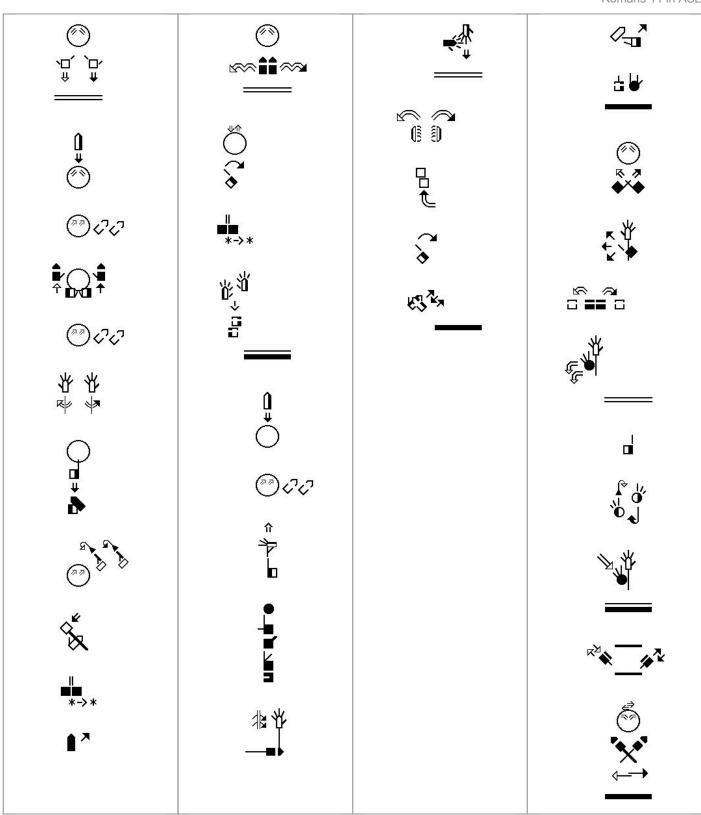






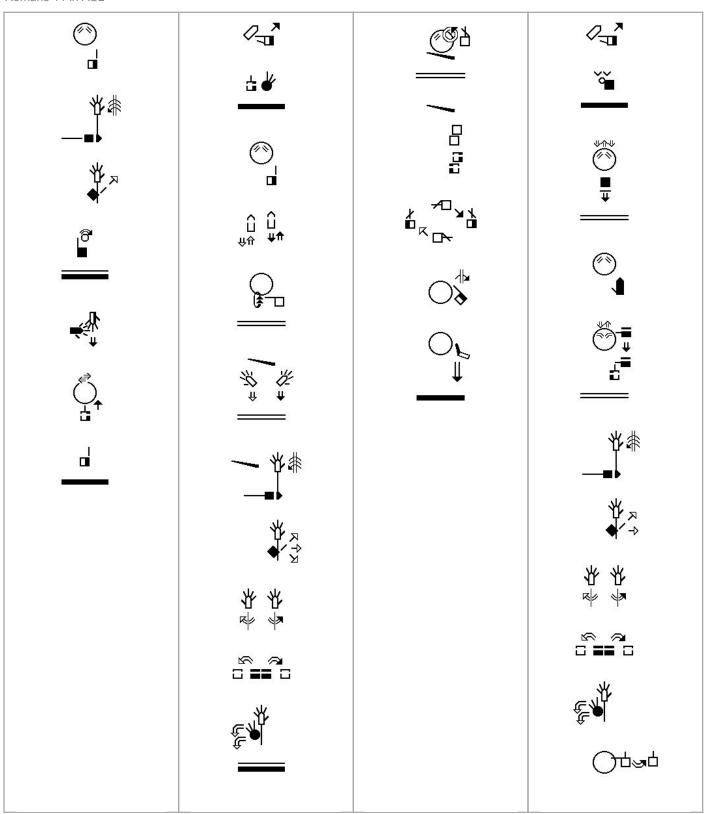


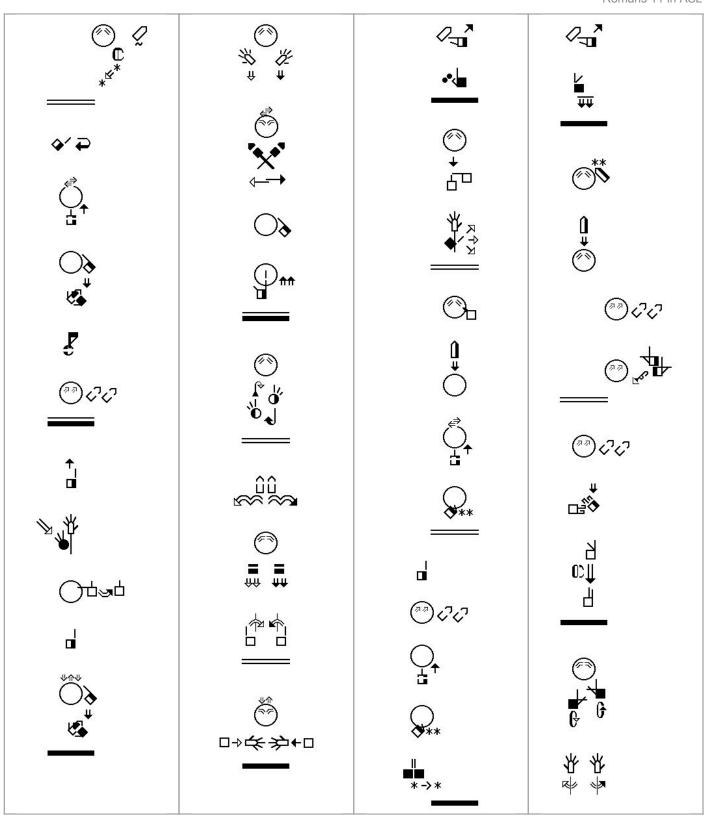
For if the roots of the tree are holy, the branches will be, too. 17. But some of these branches from Abraham's tree -- some of the people of Israel -- have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in.



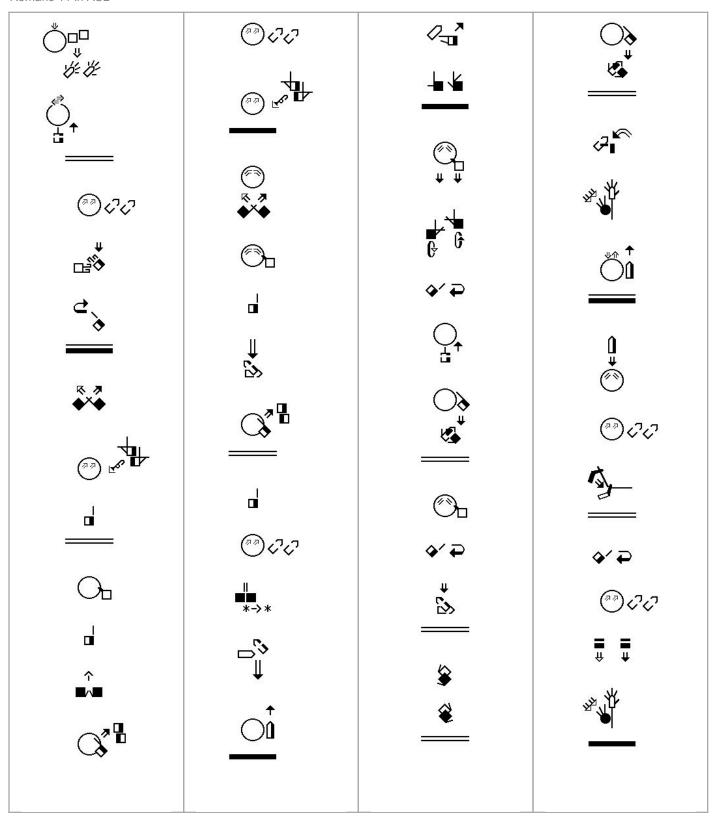
So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree. 18. But you must not brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off.

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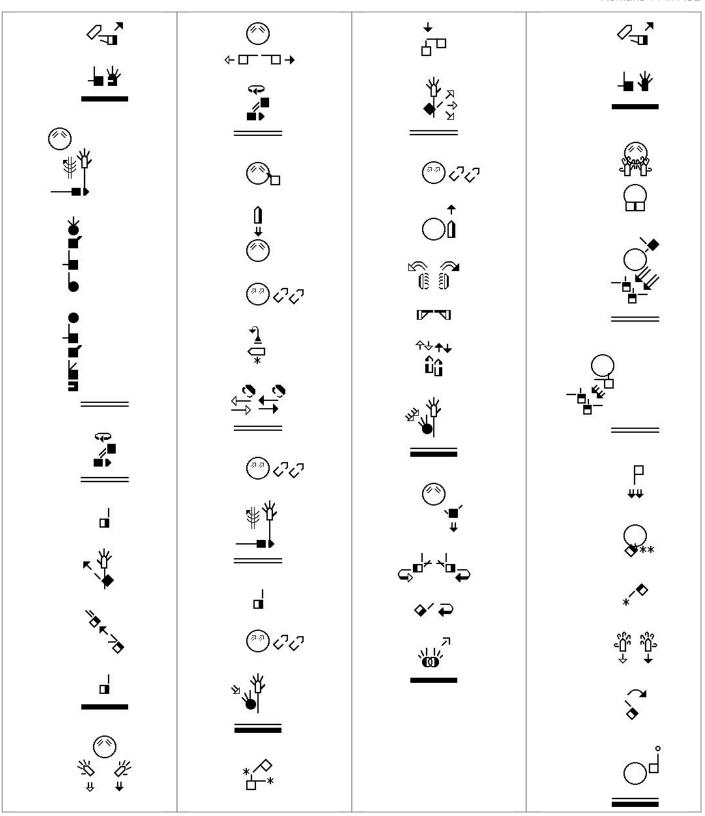




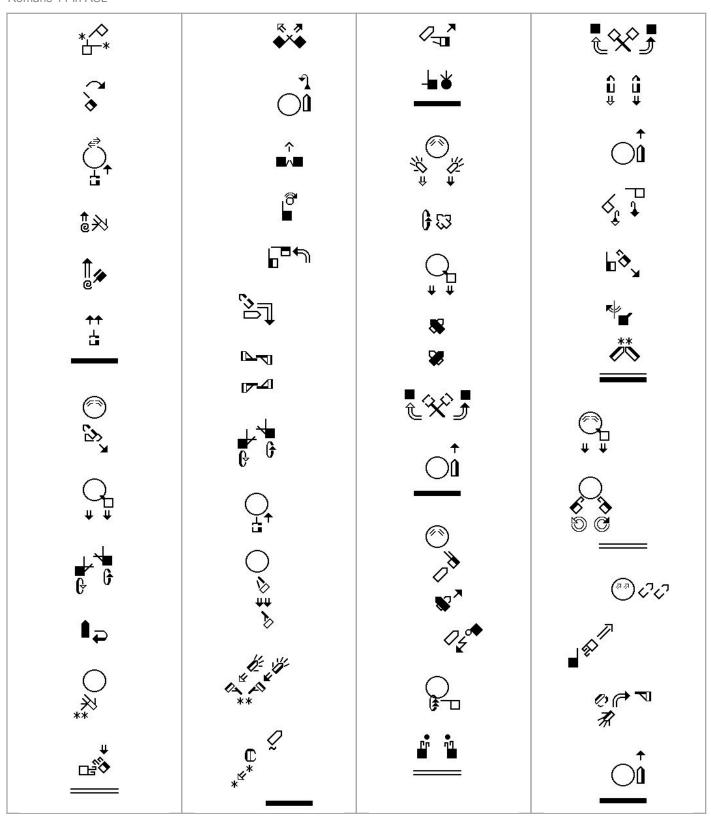
they didn't believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. So don't think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. 21. For if God did not spare the original branches, he won't spare you either. 22. Notice how God is both kind and severe.



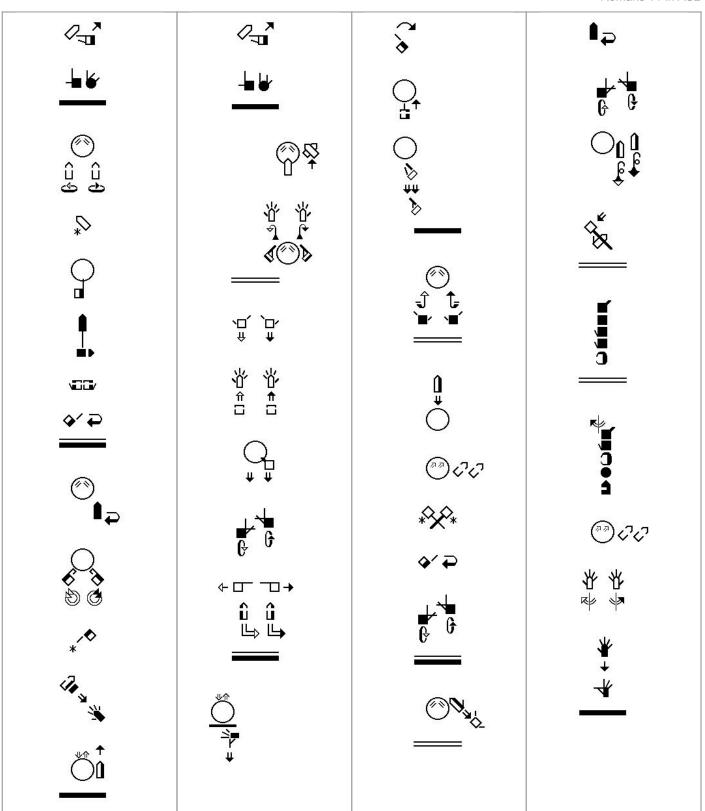
He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. 23. And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree. NLT



24. You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong. 25. I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters,



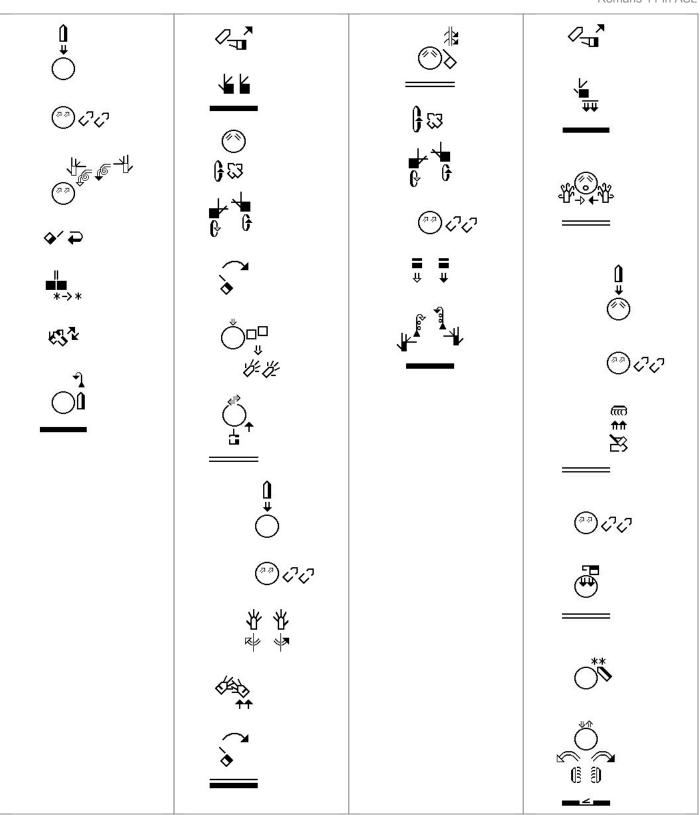
so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. 26. And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say, "The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness.



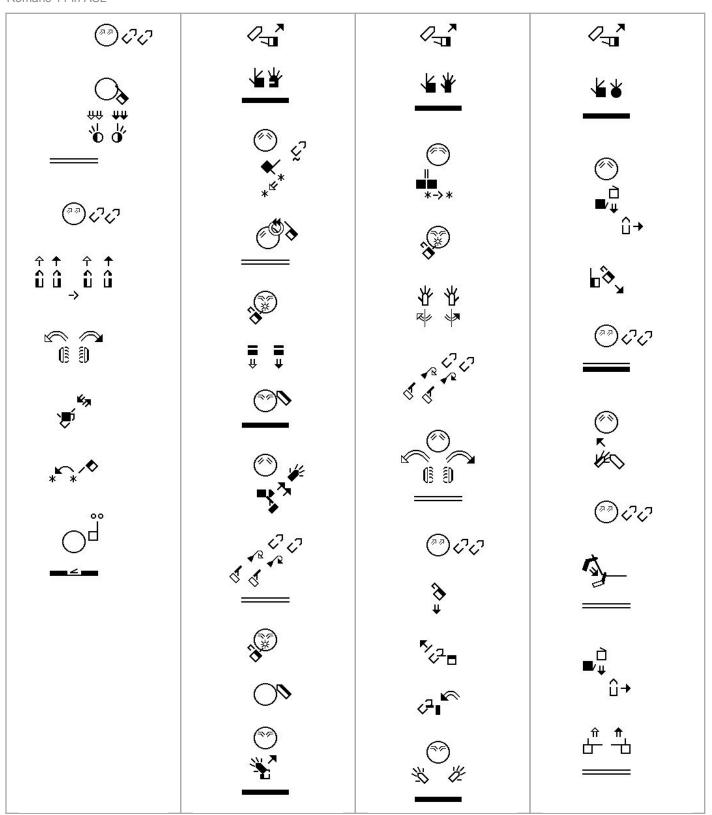
27. And this is my covenant with them, that I will take away their sins." 28. Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people he loves because he chose their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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29. For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. 30. Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against him, God was merciful to you instead. 31. Now they are the rebels, and God's mercy has come to you so that NLT

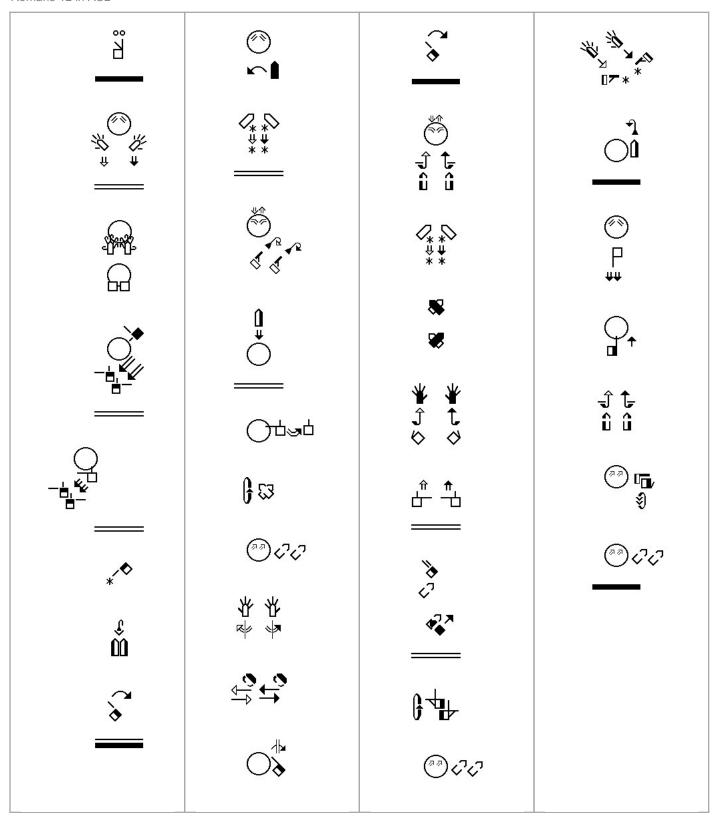


they, too, will share in God's mercy. 32. For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone. 33. Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! NLT.



How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! 34. For who can know the LORD'S thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? 35. And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? 36. For everything comes from him and exists by his power NLT

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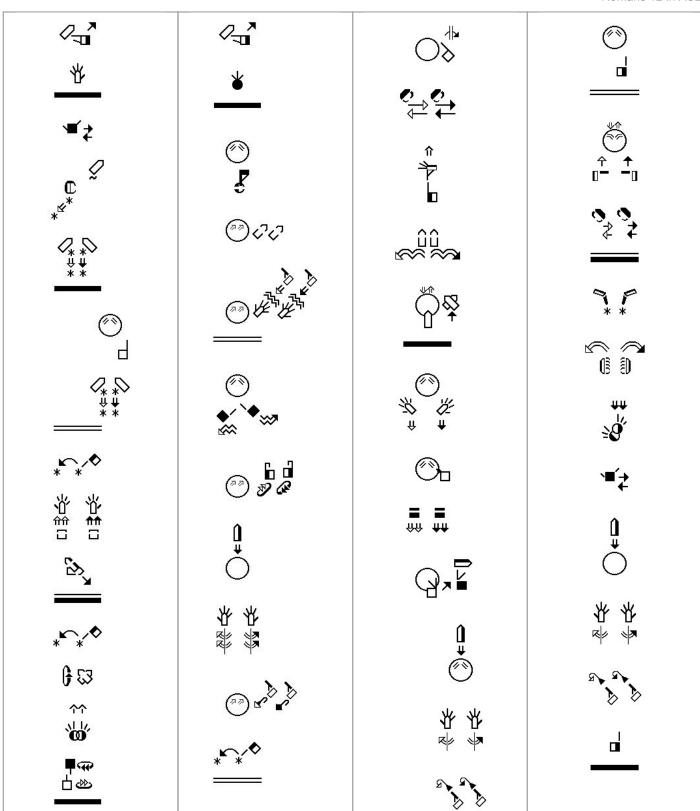
12 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice -- the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

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2. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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3. Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. 4. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,



5. so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. 6. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

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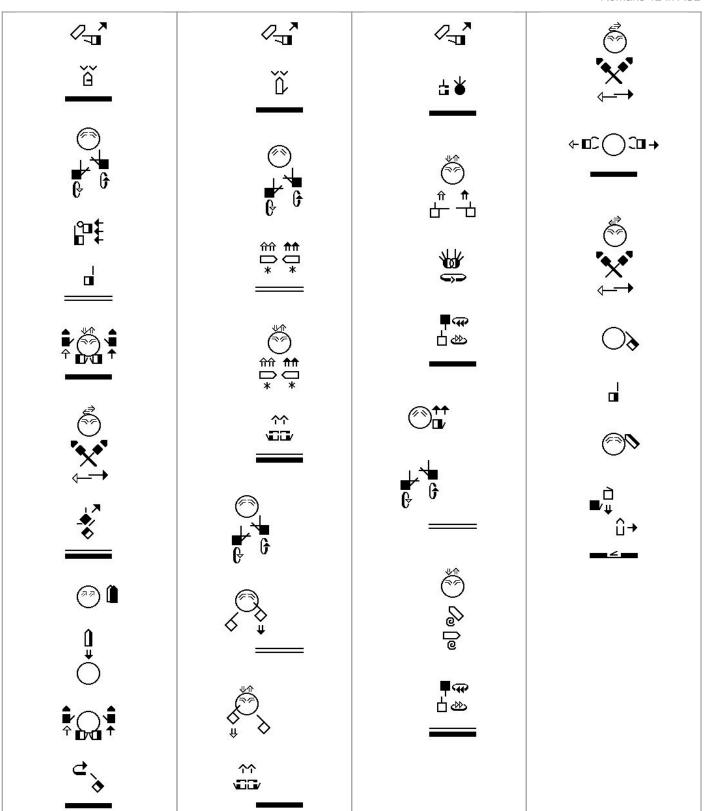
7. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take

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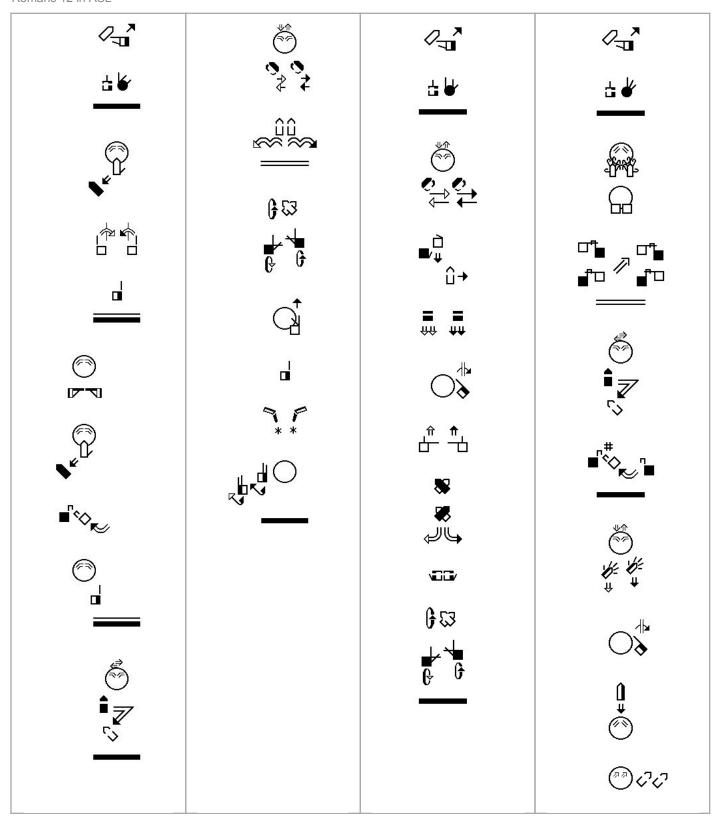
the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. 9. Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. NLT

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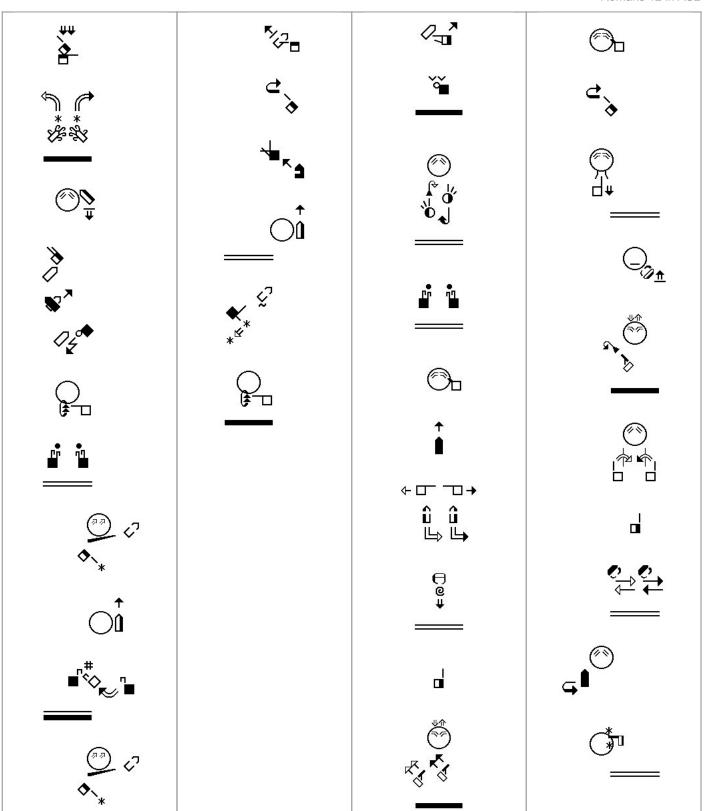
11. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.



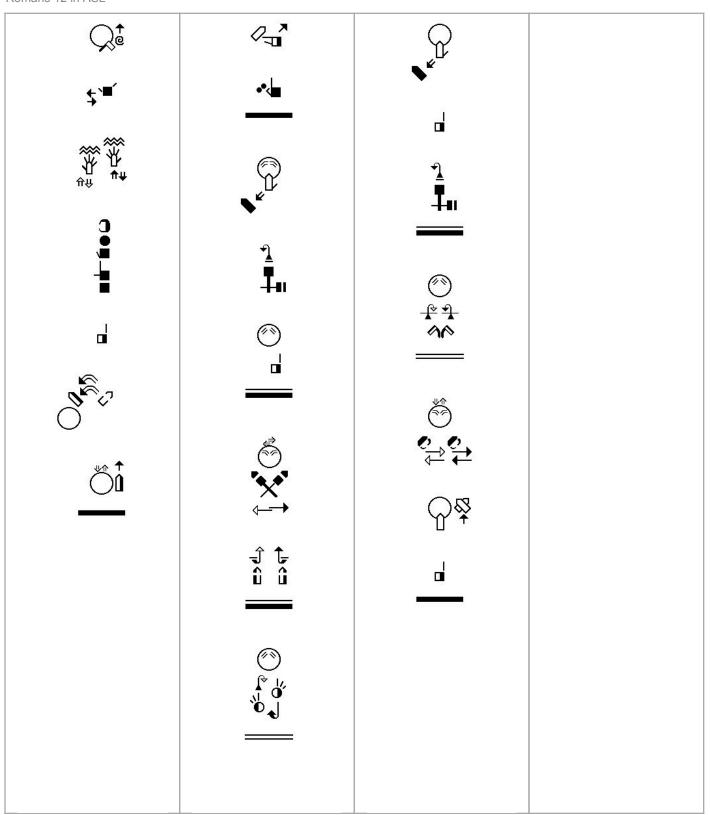
14. Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. 15. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. 16. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! NLT



17. Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. 18. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. 19. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to NLT

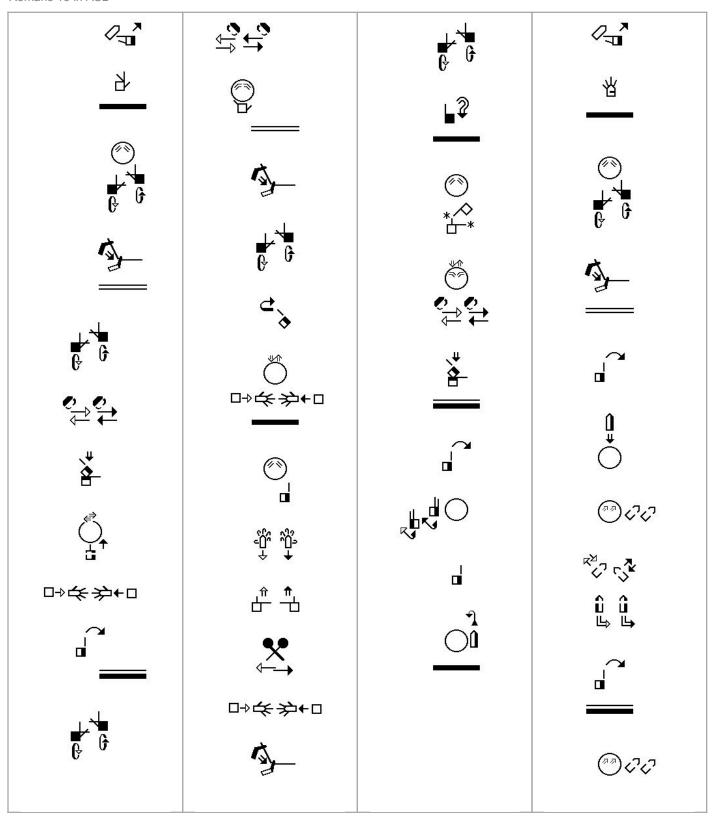


the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. 20. Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this,

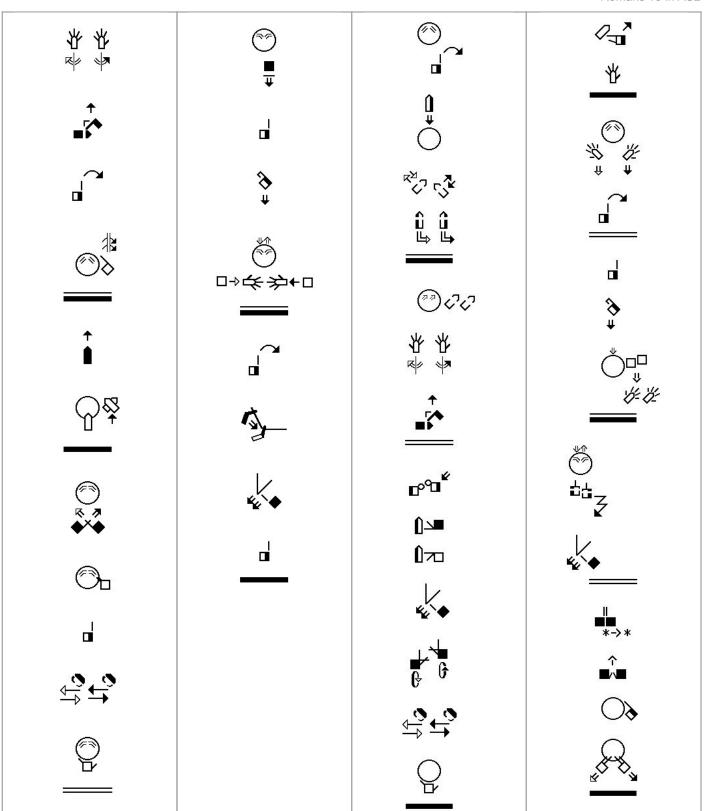


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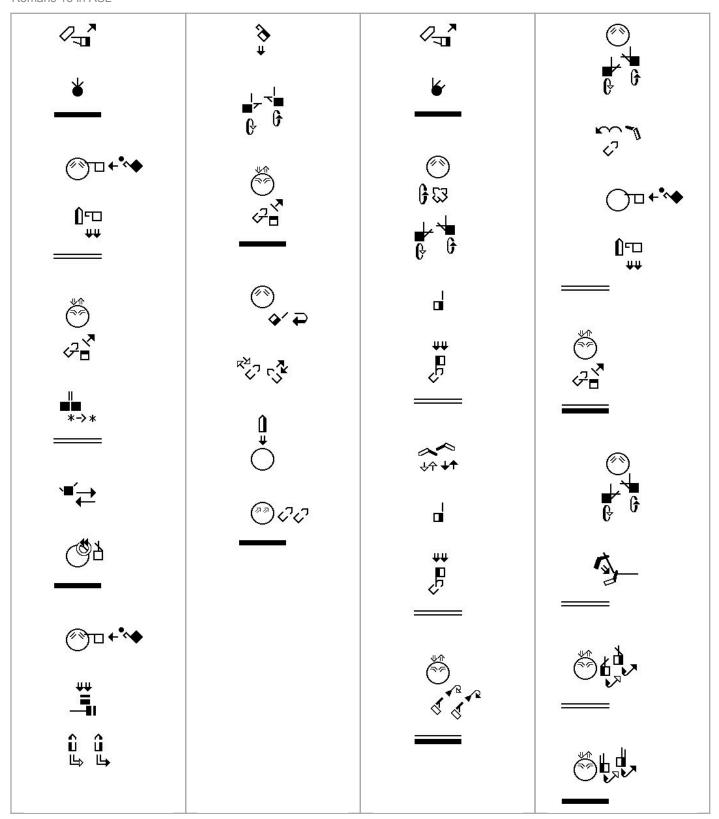
13 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. 2. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.



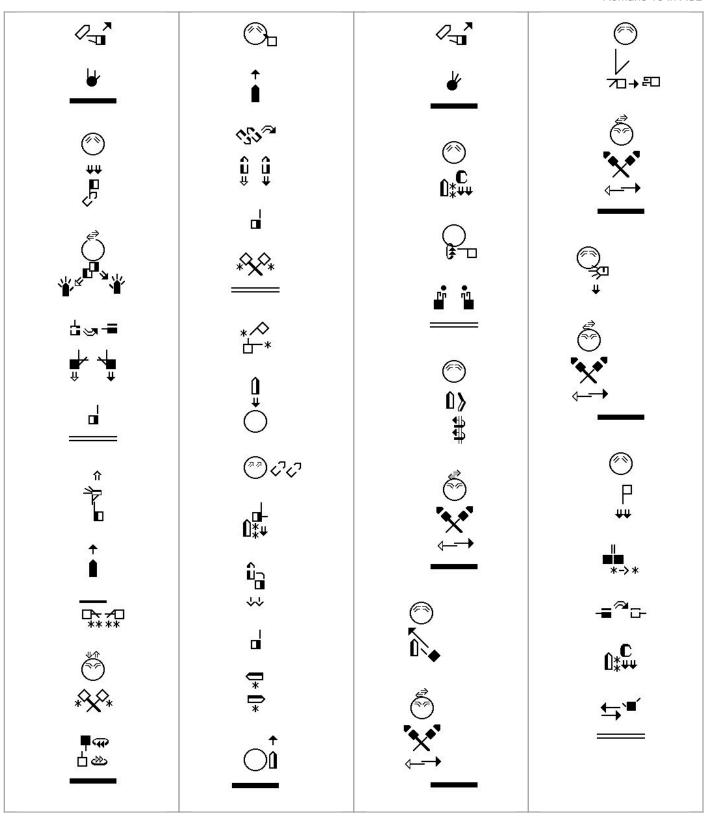
3. For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. 4. The authorities are God's servants,



sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. 5. So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

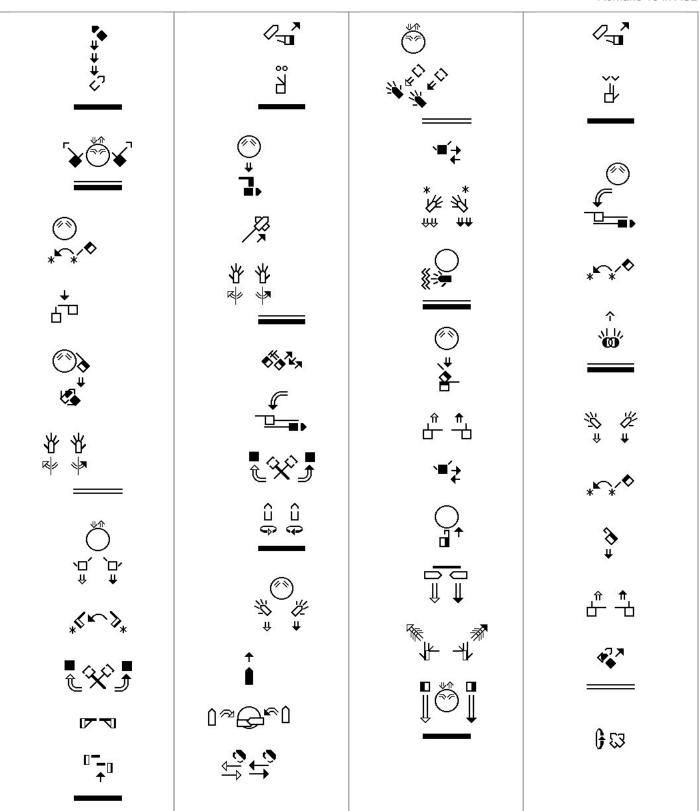


6. Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do. 7. Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

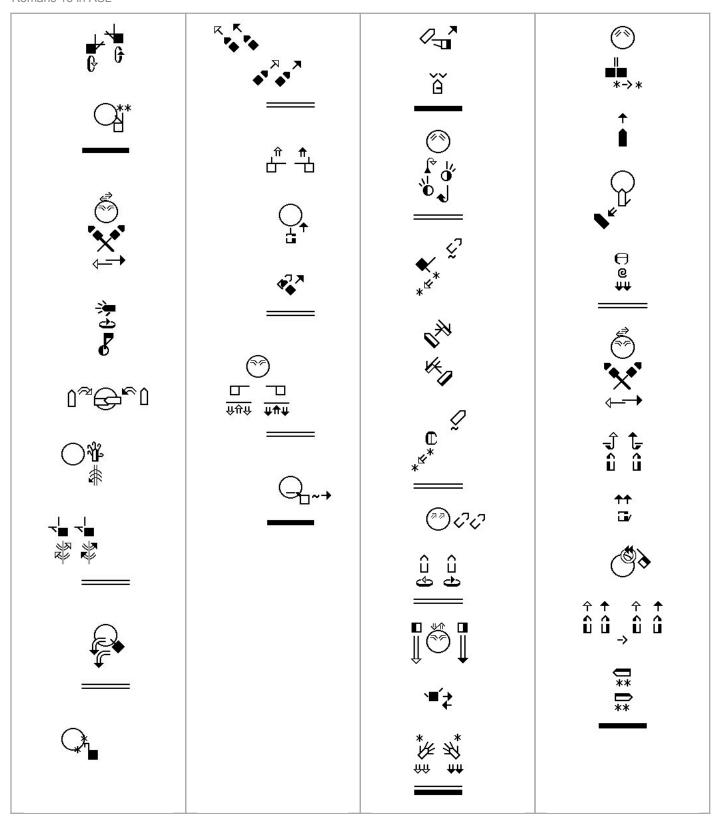


8. Owe nothing to anyone -- except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. 9. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These -- and other such commandments -- NLT

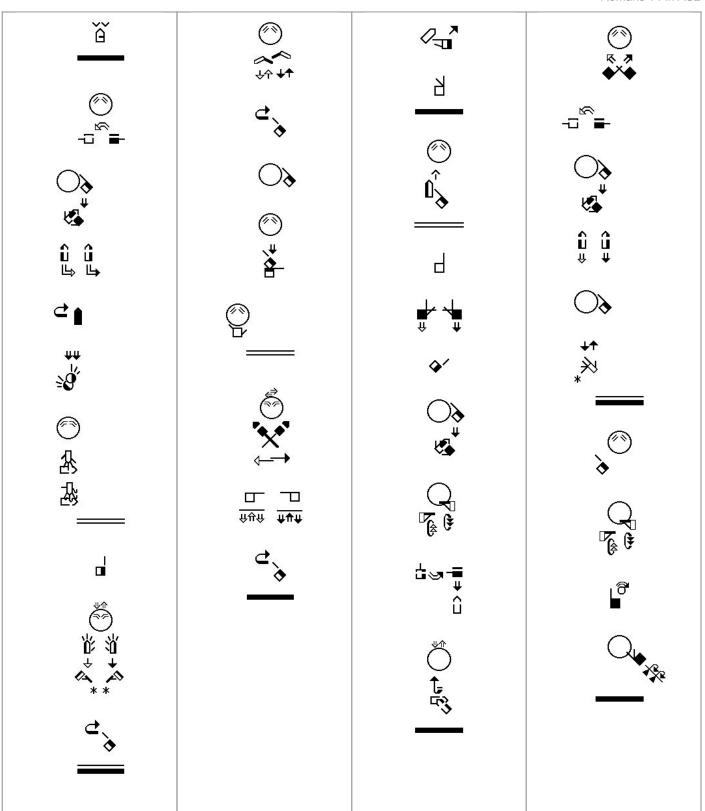
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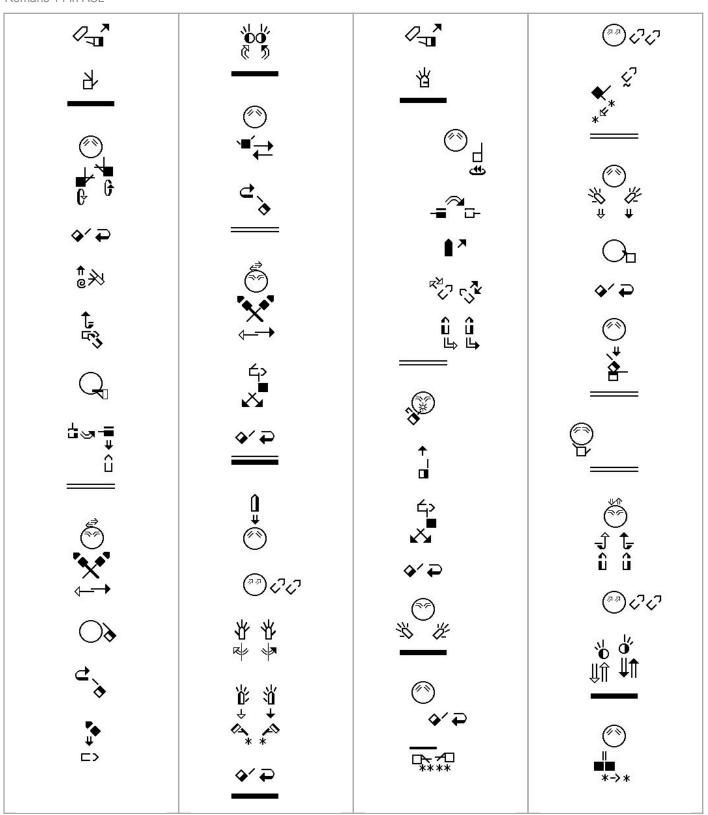
is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. 13. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all



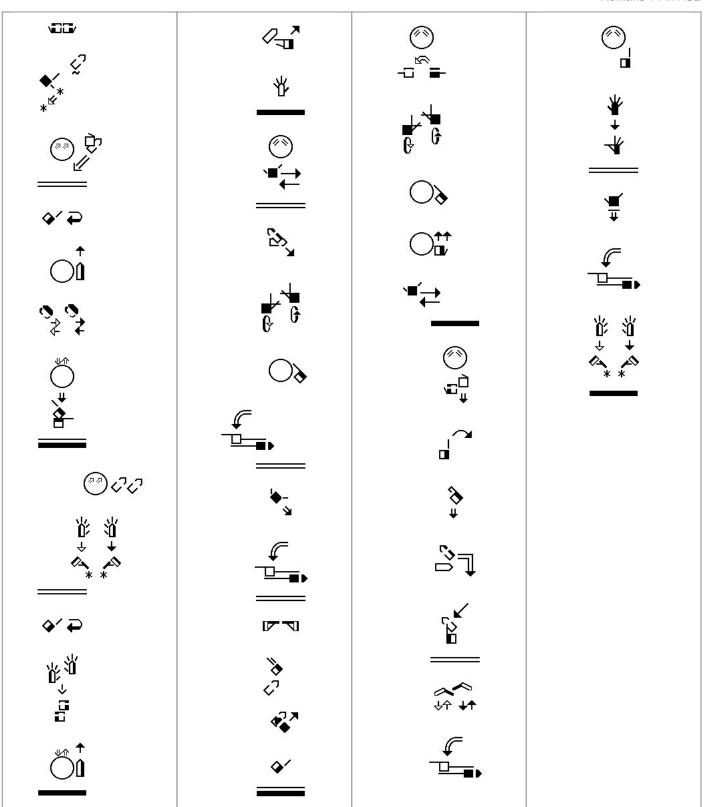
to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. 14. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires. NLT



14 Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. 2. For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables.
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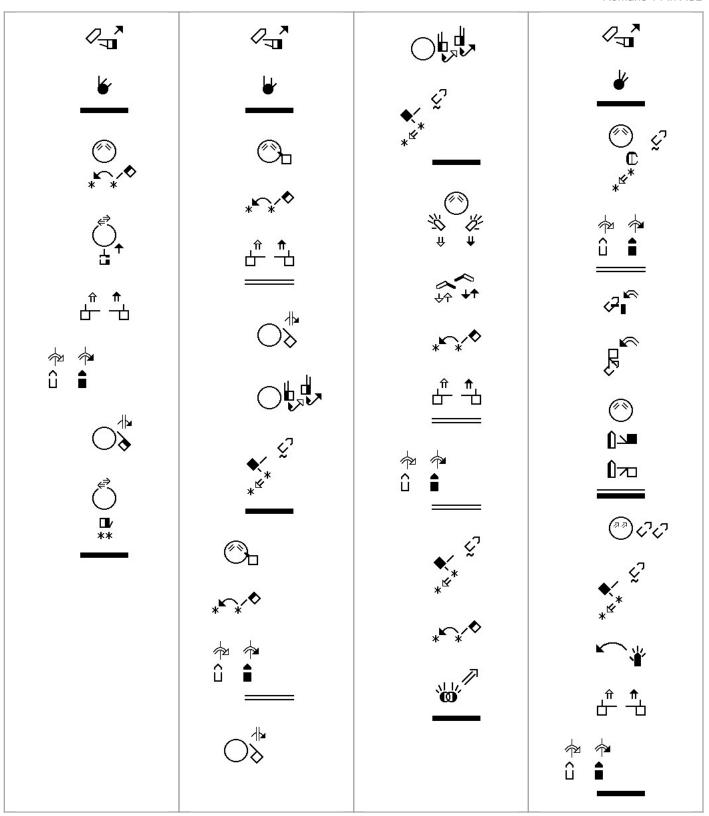


3. Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. 4. Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? They are responsible to the Lord, so let him judge whether they are right or wrong. And

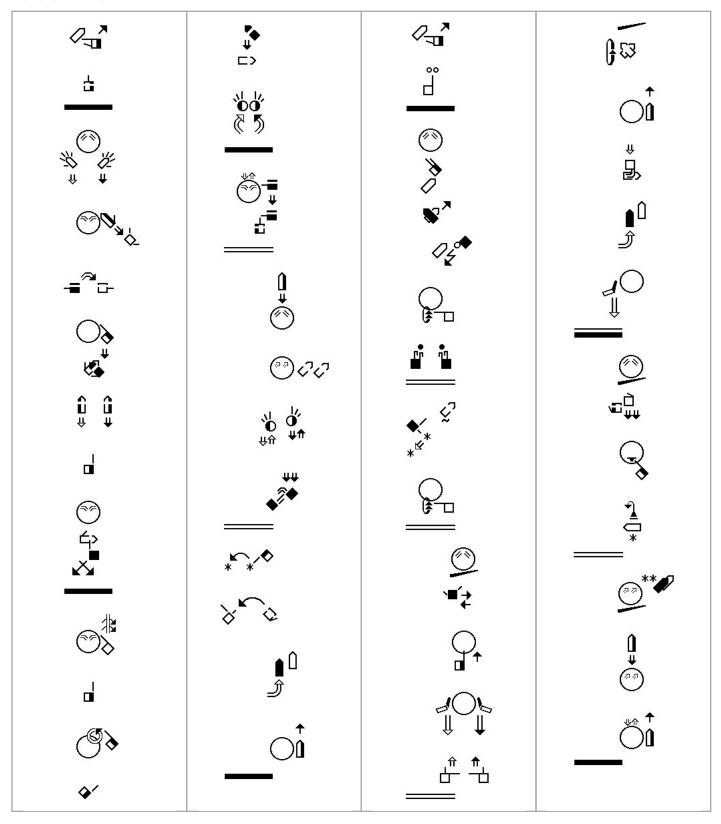


6. Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.

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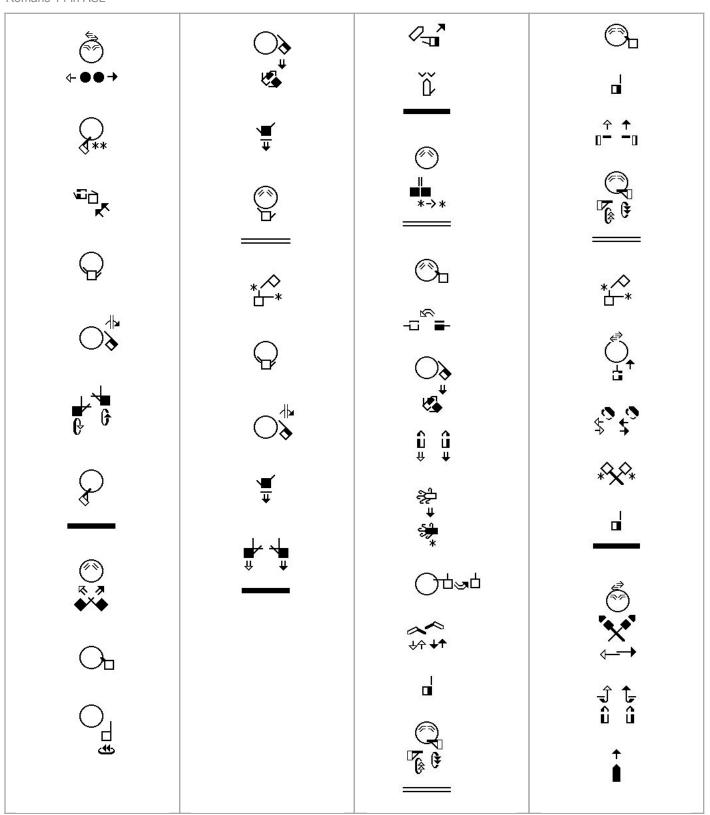
7. For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. 8. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose -- to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

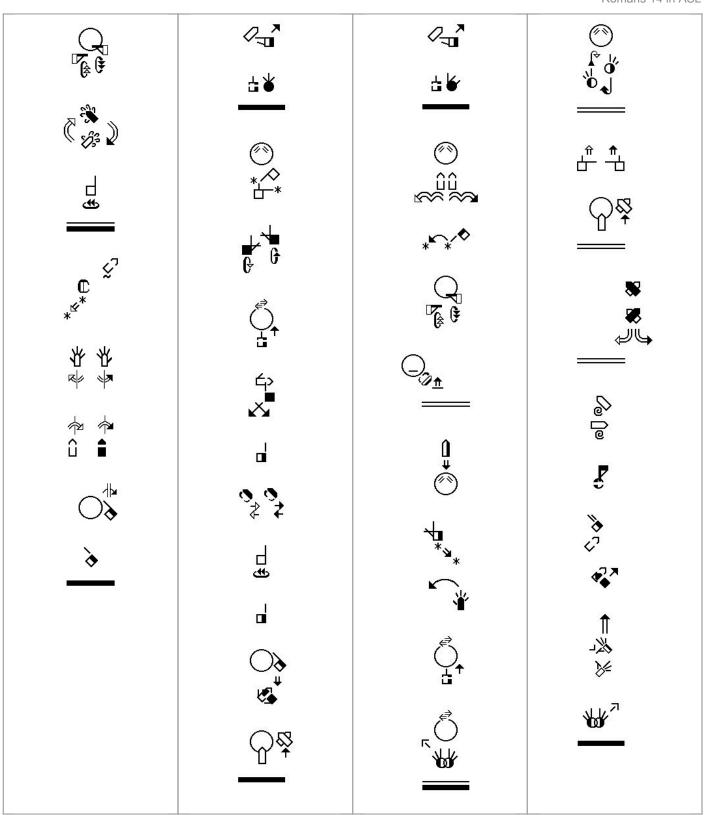


10. So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11. For the Scriptures say, "'As surely as I live,'" says the LORD, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God.""

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12. Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. 13. So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. 14. I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus NLT





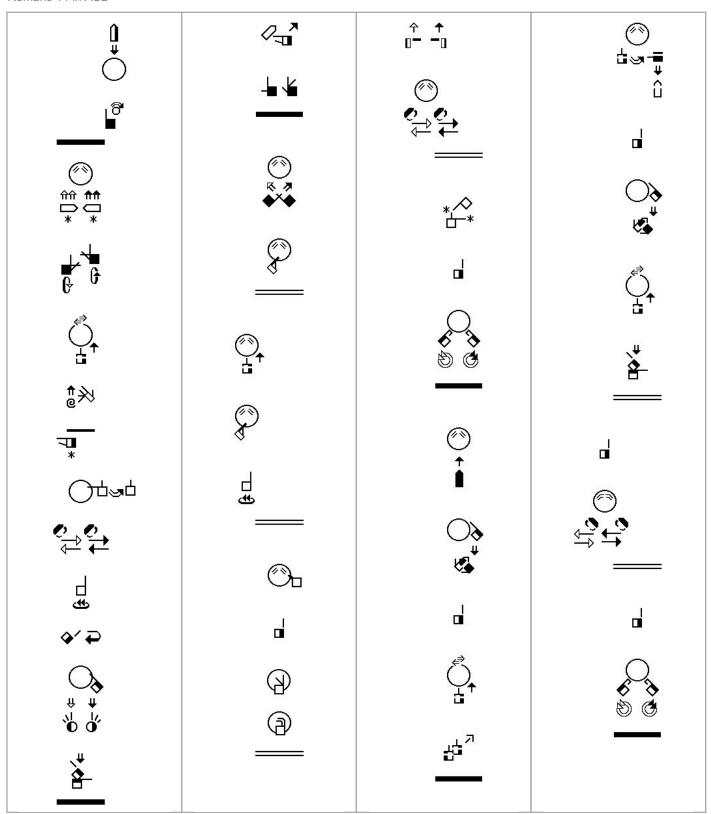
eating ruin someone for whom Christ died. 16. Then you will not be criticized for doing something you believe is good. 17. For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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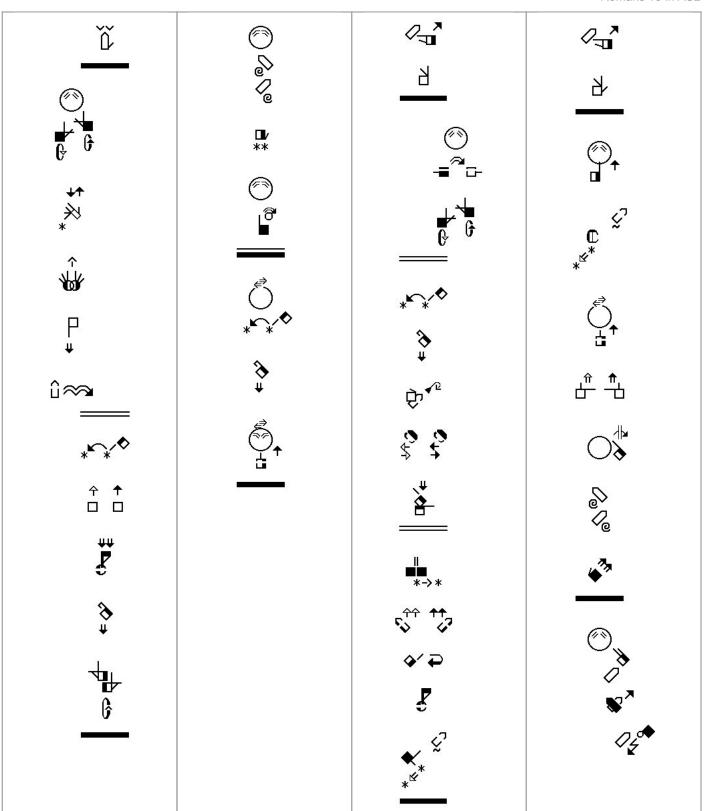
^{18.} If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too.19. So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. 20. Don't tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all

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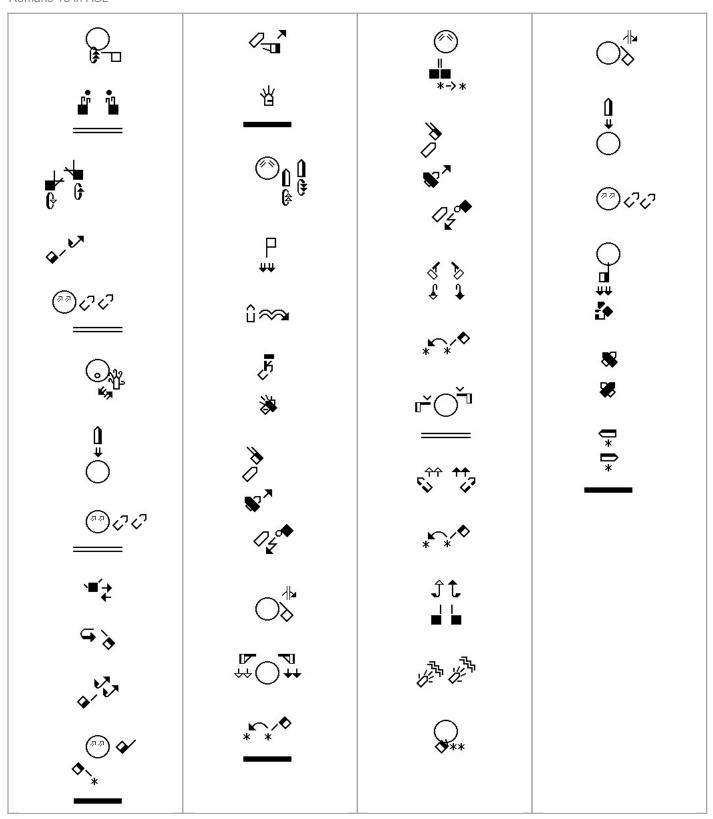
foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble. 21. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble. 22. You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself



and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right. 23. But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.



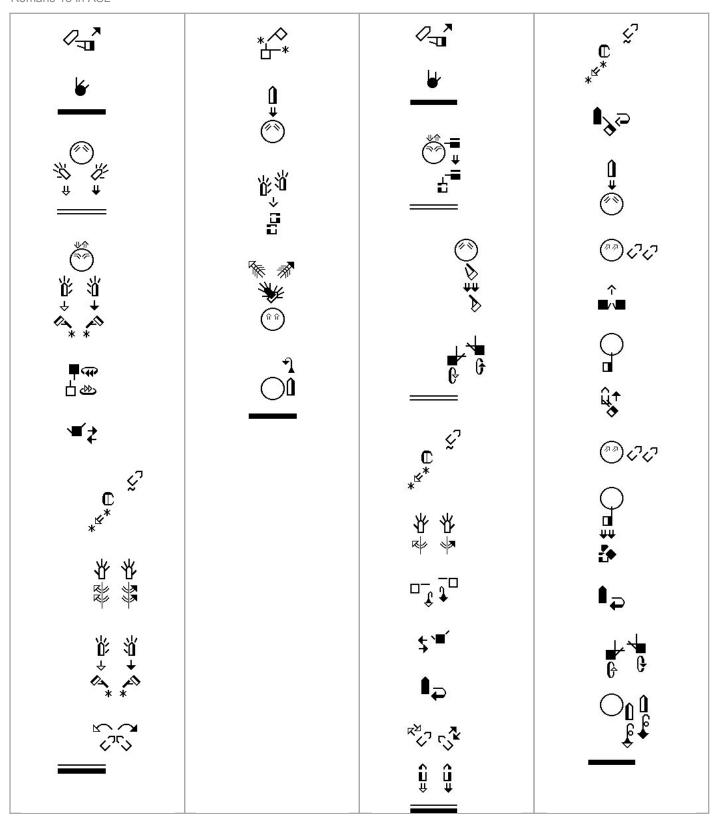
15 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. 2. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. 3. For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures NLT



say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me." 4. Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

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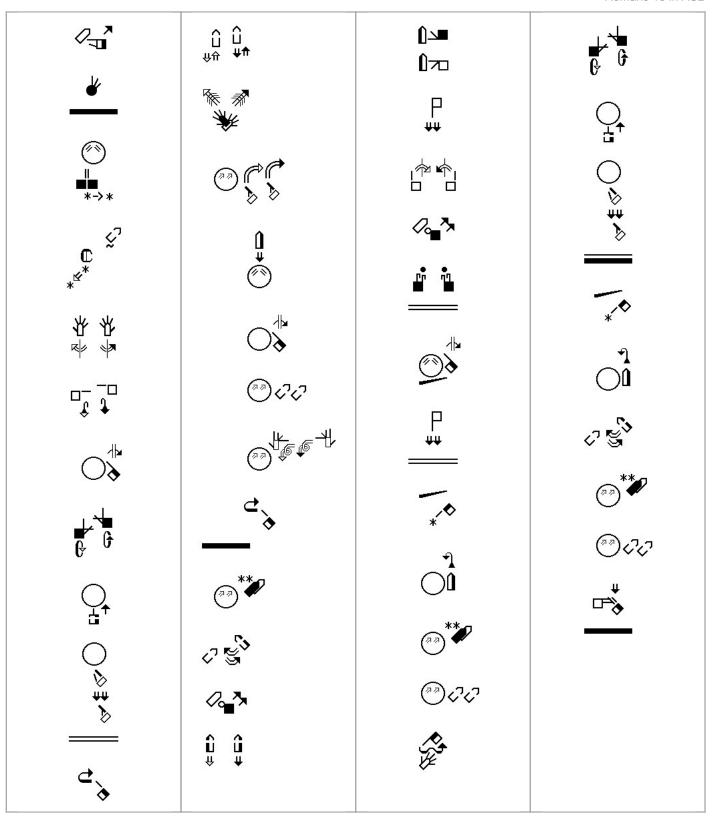
5. May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



7. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

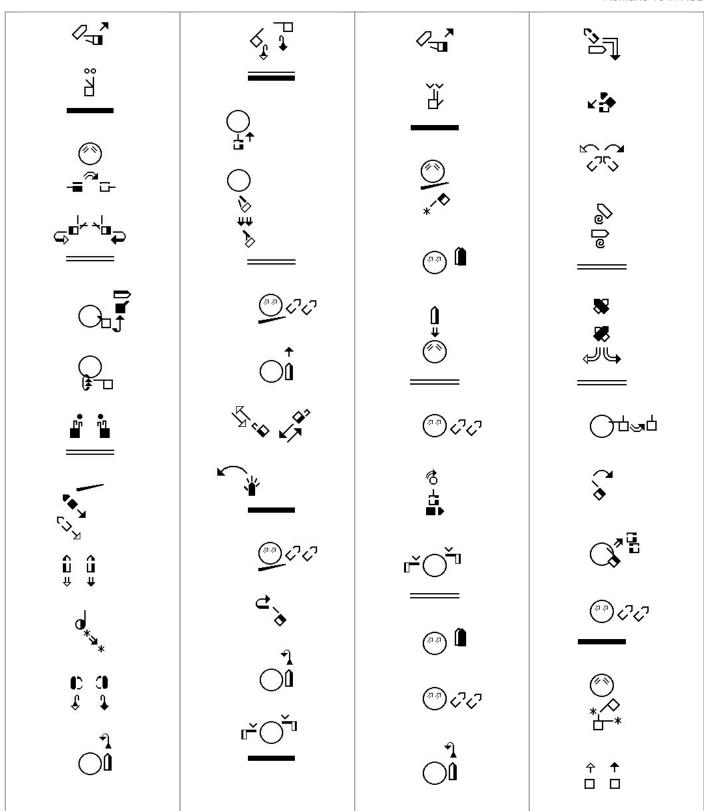
8. Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.

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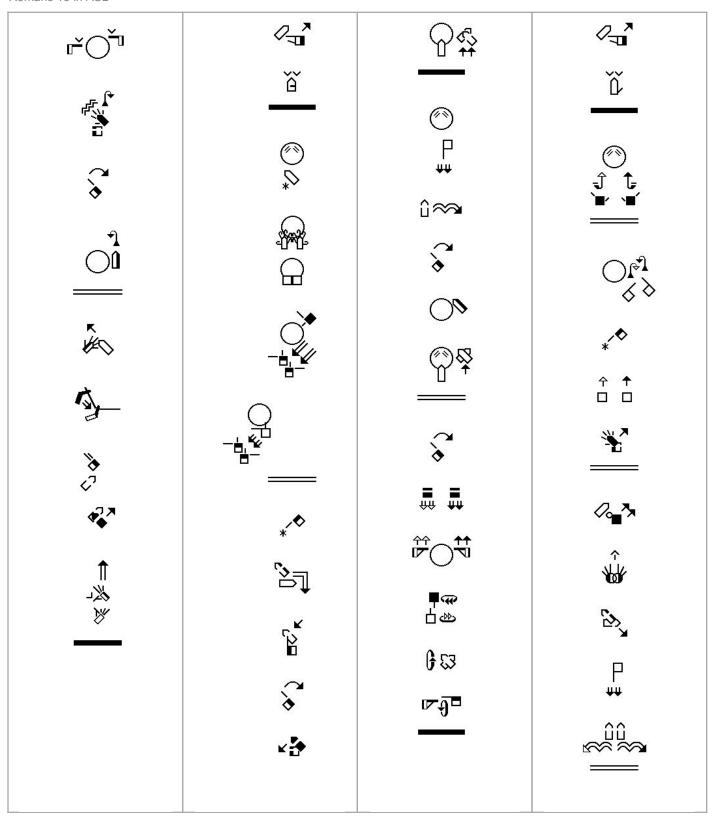


9. He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote: "For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing praises to your name."

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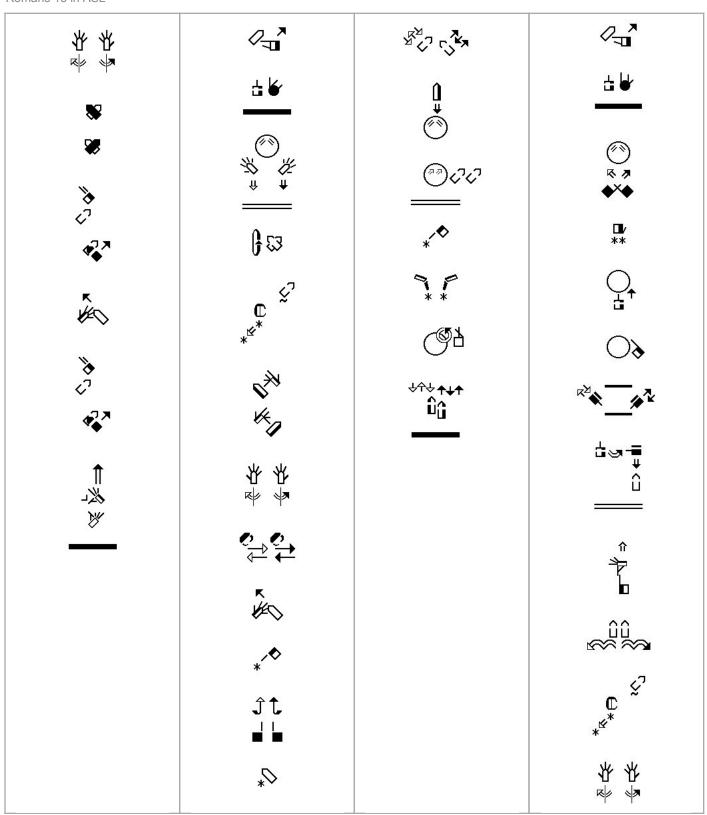


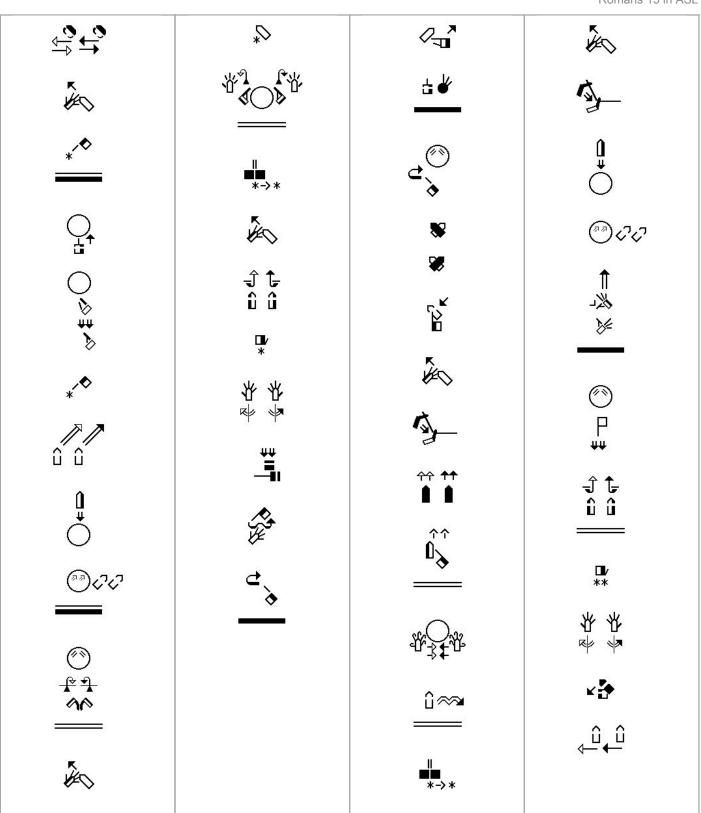
12. And in another place Isaiah said, "The heir to David's throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles. They will place their hope on him." 13. I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then NLT

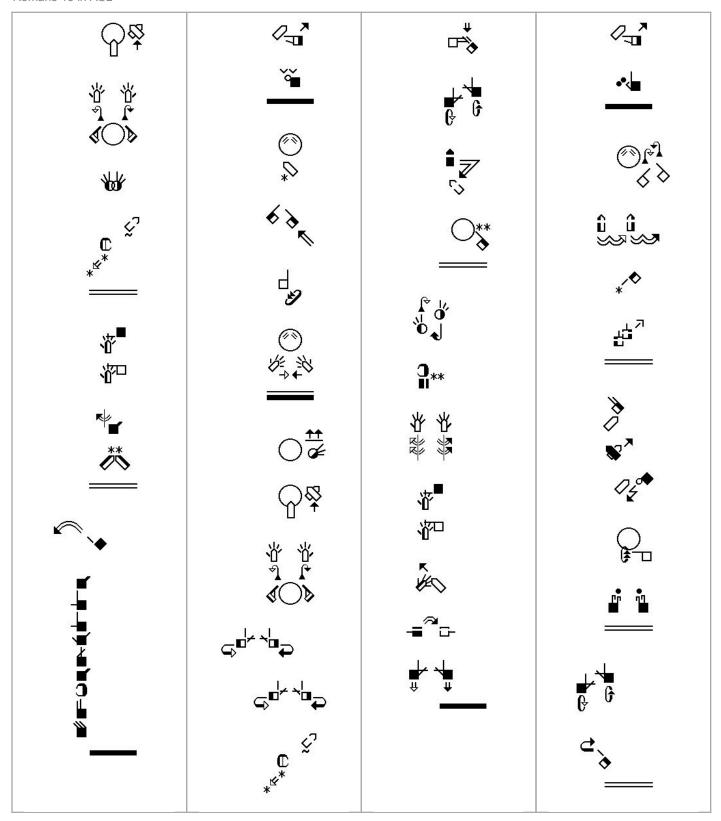


you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. 14. I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them. 15. Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points,

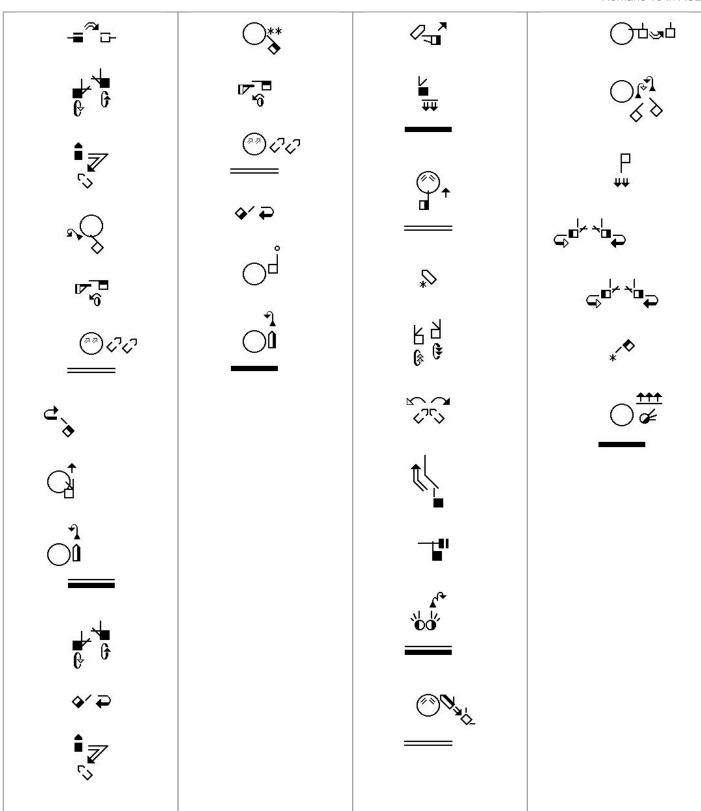
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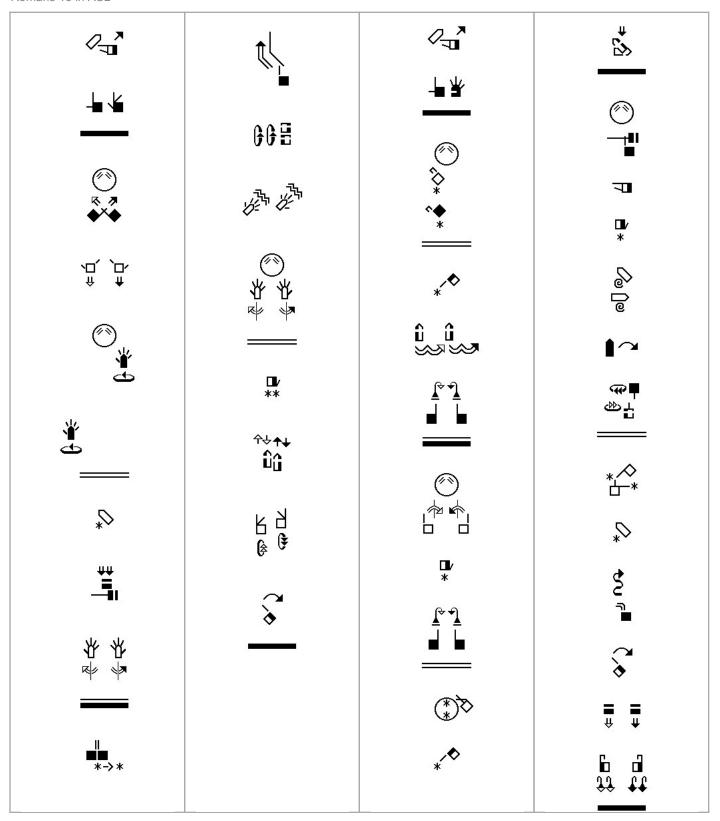






the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum. 20. My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. 21. I have been following the plan spoken of in the Scriptures, where it says, "Those NLT

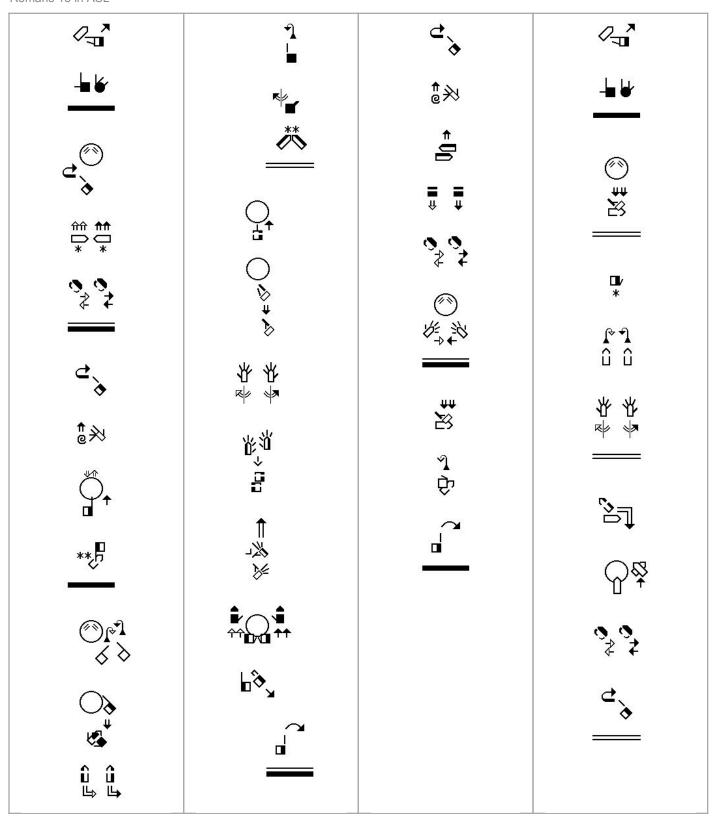




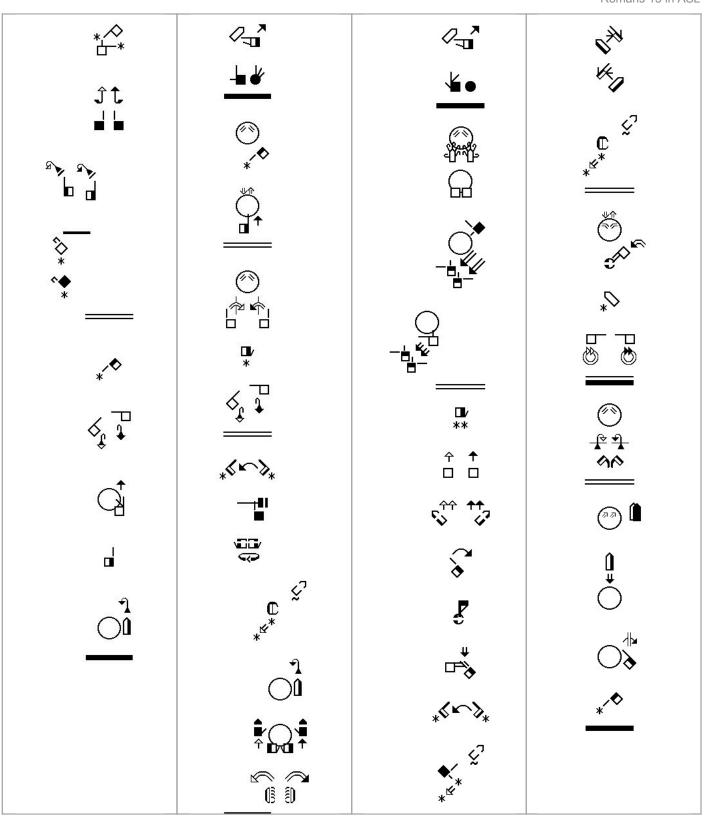
23. But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, I am eager to visit you. 24. I am planning to go to Spain, and when I do, I will stop off in Rome. And after I have enjoyed your fellowship for a little while, you can provide for my journey.

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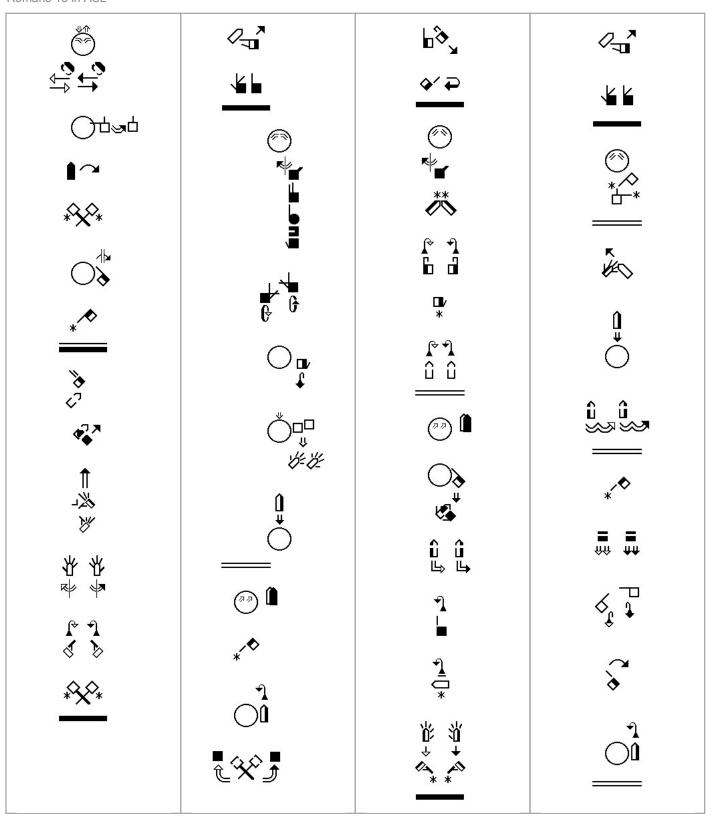
25. But before I come, I must go to Jerusalem to take a gift to the believers there. 26. For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem.



27. They were glad to do this because they feel they owe a real debt to them. Since the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem, they feel the least they can do in return is to help them financially. 28. As soon as I have delivered this money and completed this good deed of theirs,



I will come to see you on my way to Spain. 29. And I am sure that when I come, Christ will richly bless our time together. 30. Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me.

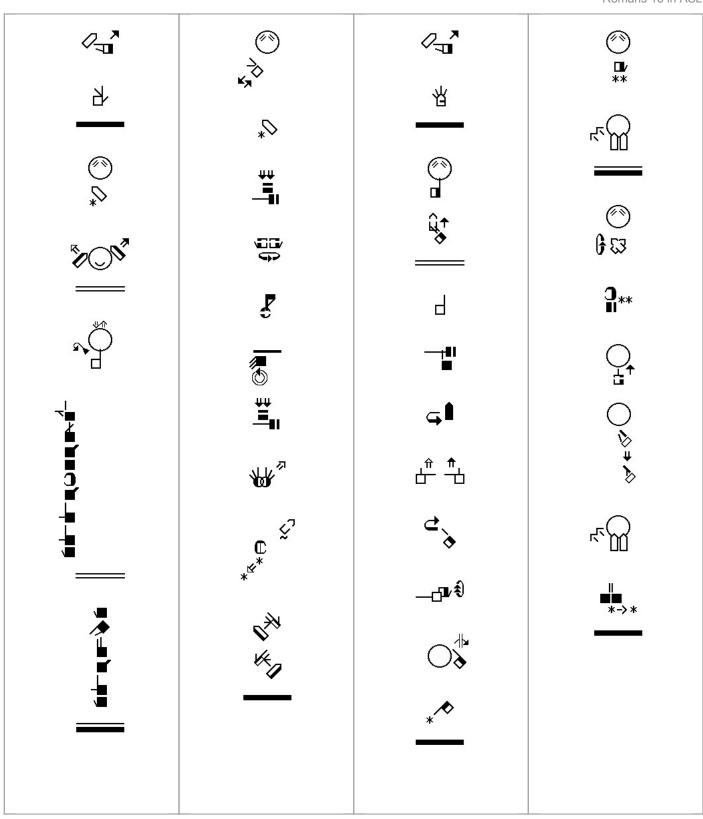


Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit. 31. Pray that I will be rescued from those in Judea who refuse to obey God. Pray also that the believers there will be willing to accept the donation I am taking to Jerusalem. 32. Then, by the will of God, I will be able to come to you

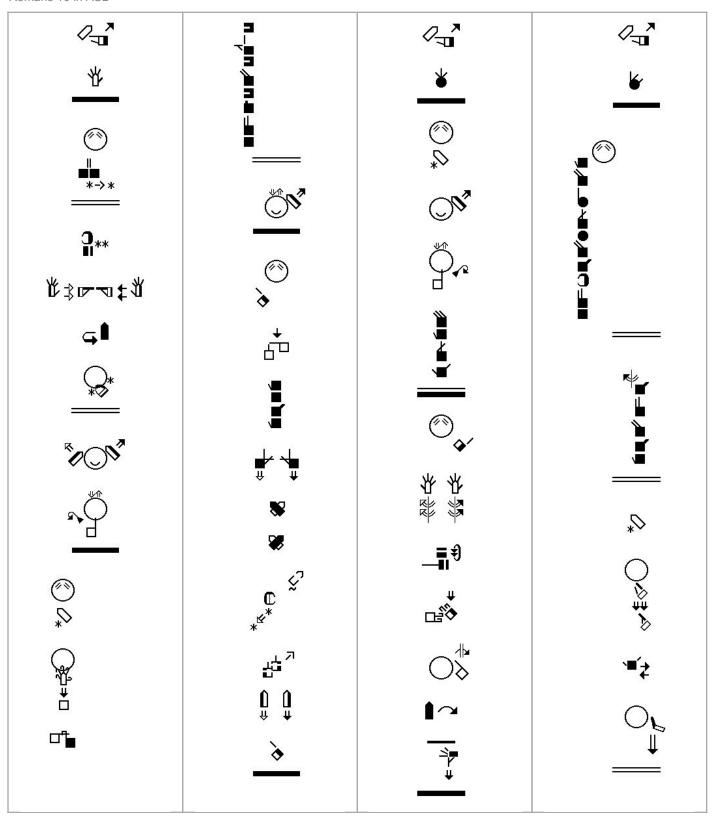
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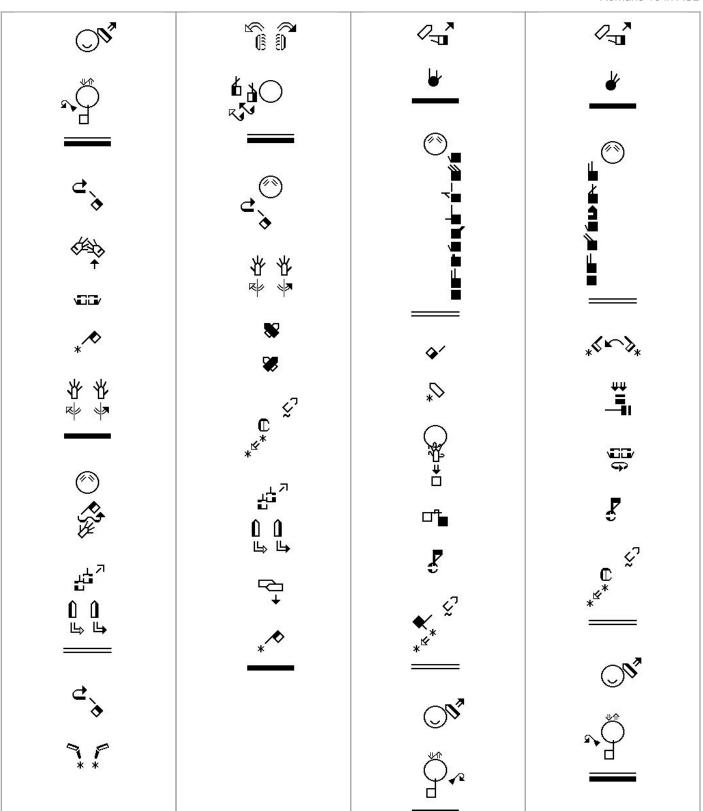
16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea. 2. Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me. NLT

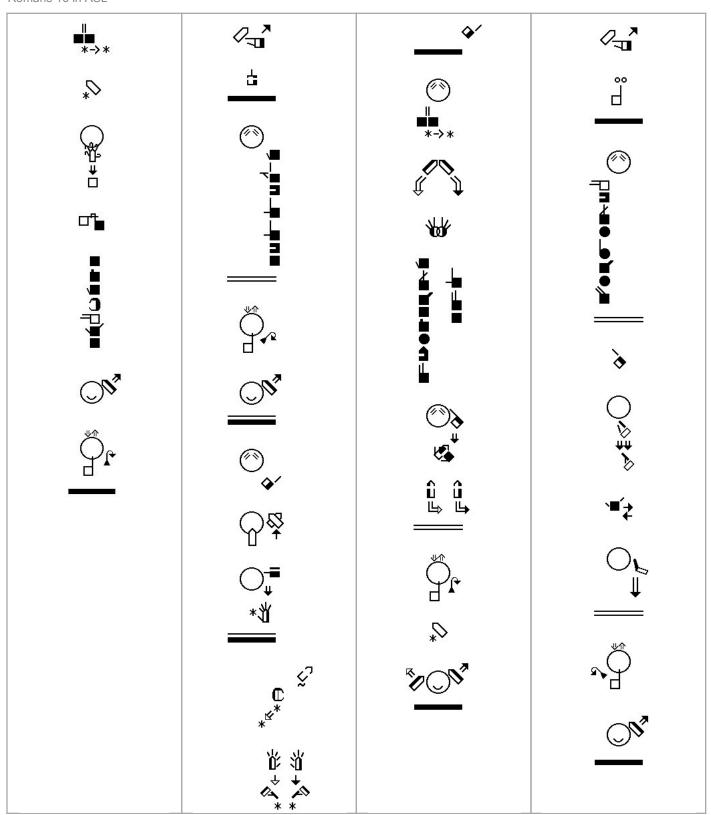


3. Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus. 4. In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches. NLT

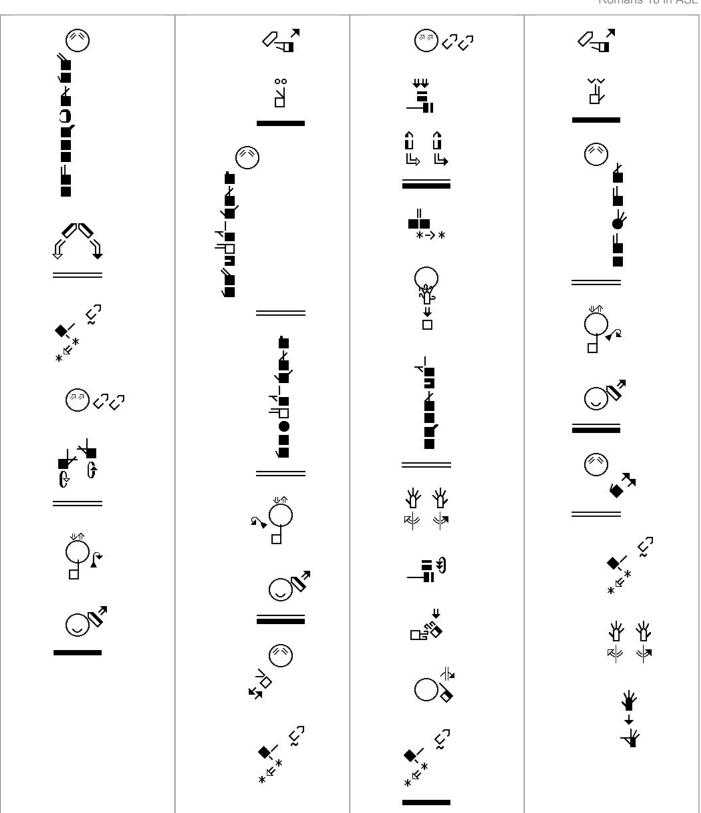


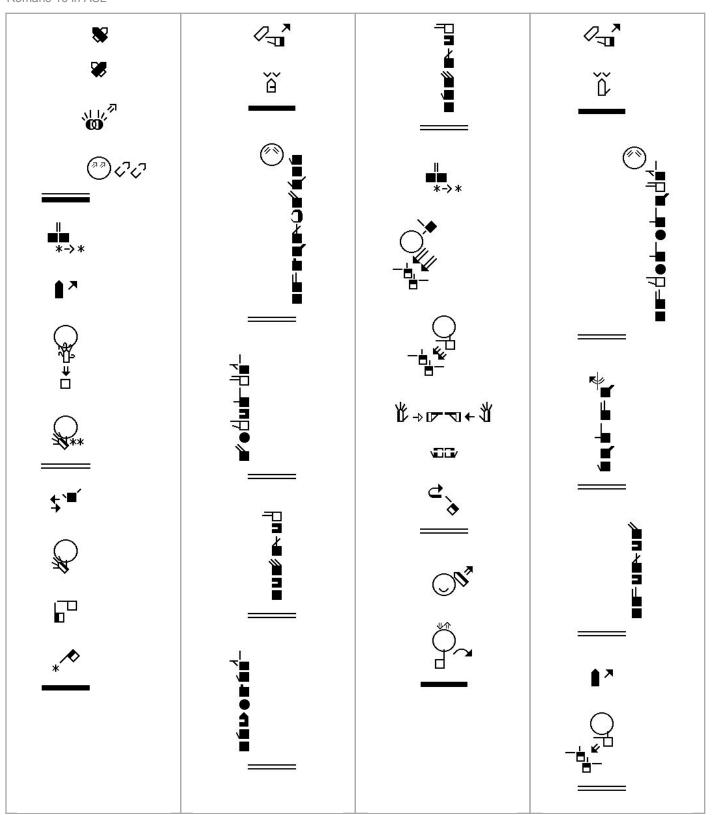
5. Also give my greetings to the church that meets in their home. Greet my dear friend Epenetus. He was the first person from the province of Asia to become a follower of Christ. 6. Give my greetings to Mary, who has worked so hard for your benefit. 7. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews,





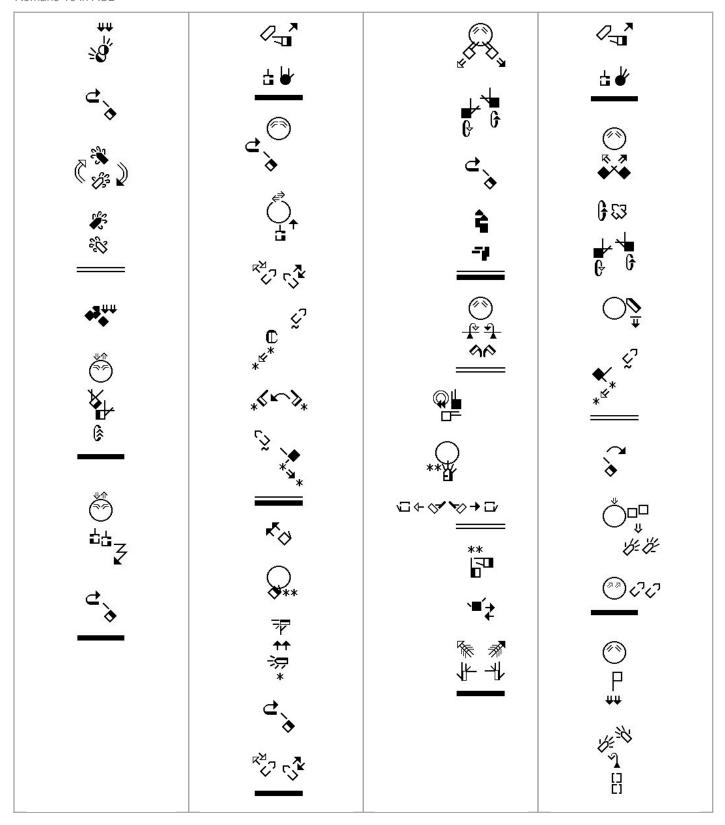
and my dear friend Stachys. 10. Greet Apelles, a good man whom Christ approves. And give my greetings to the believers from the household of Aristobulus. 11. Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew.



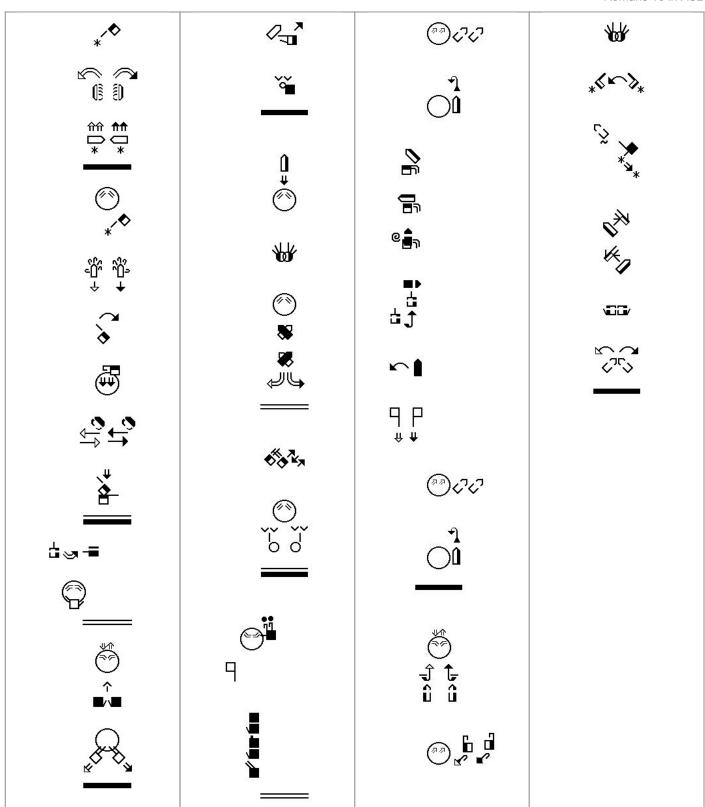


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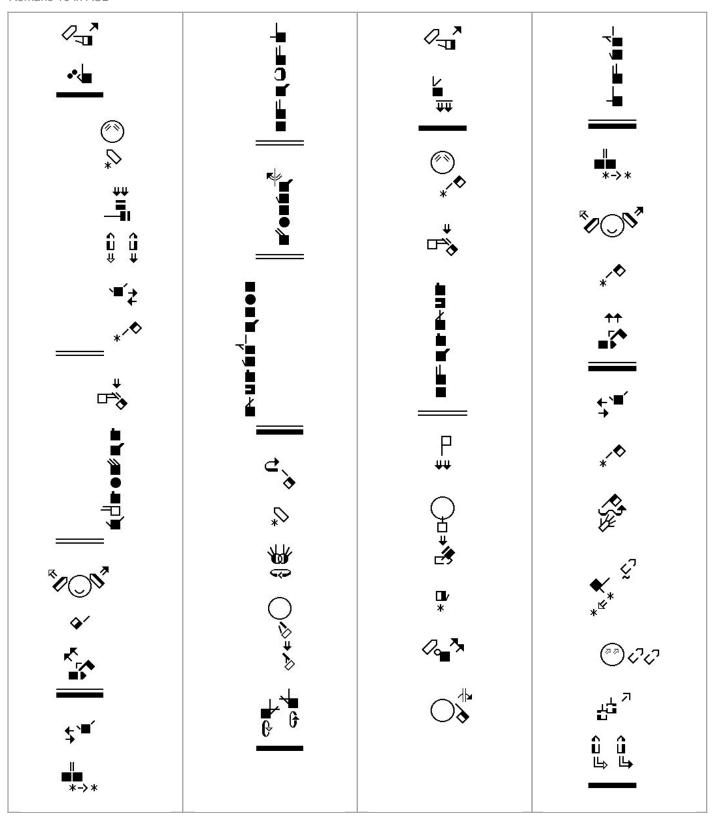
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and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. 18. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. 19. But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes



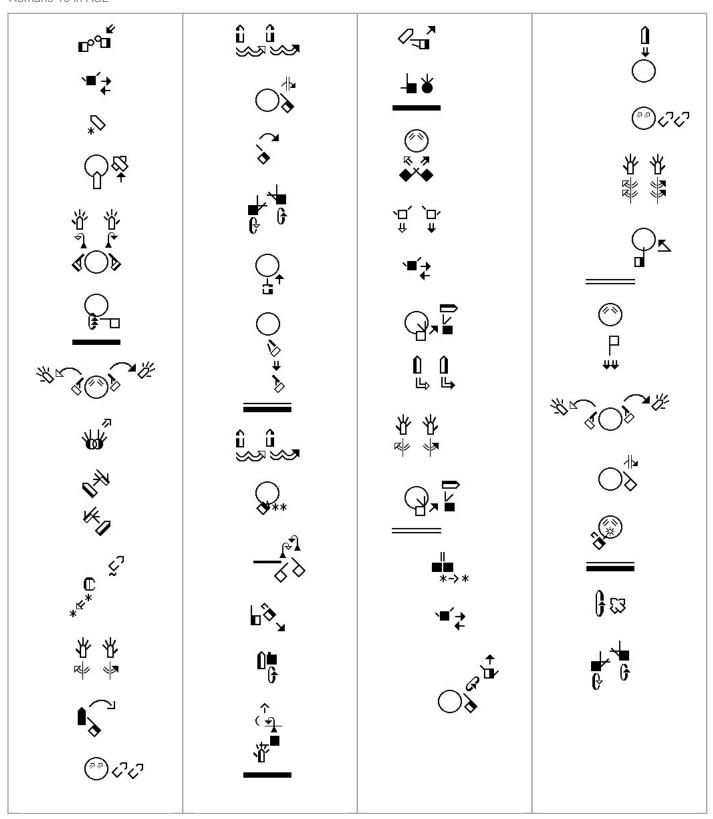
me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong. 20. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. NLT



21. Timothy, my fellow worker, sends you his greetings, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my fellow Jews. 22. I, Tertius, the one writing this letter for Paul, send my greetings, too, as one of the Lord's followers.

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23. Gaius says hello to you. He is my host and also serves as host to the whole church. Erastus, the city treasurer, sends you his greetings, and so does our brother Quartus. (*no NLT verse 24) 25. Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, NLT



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