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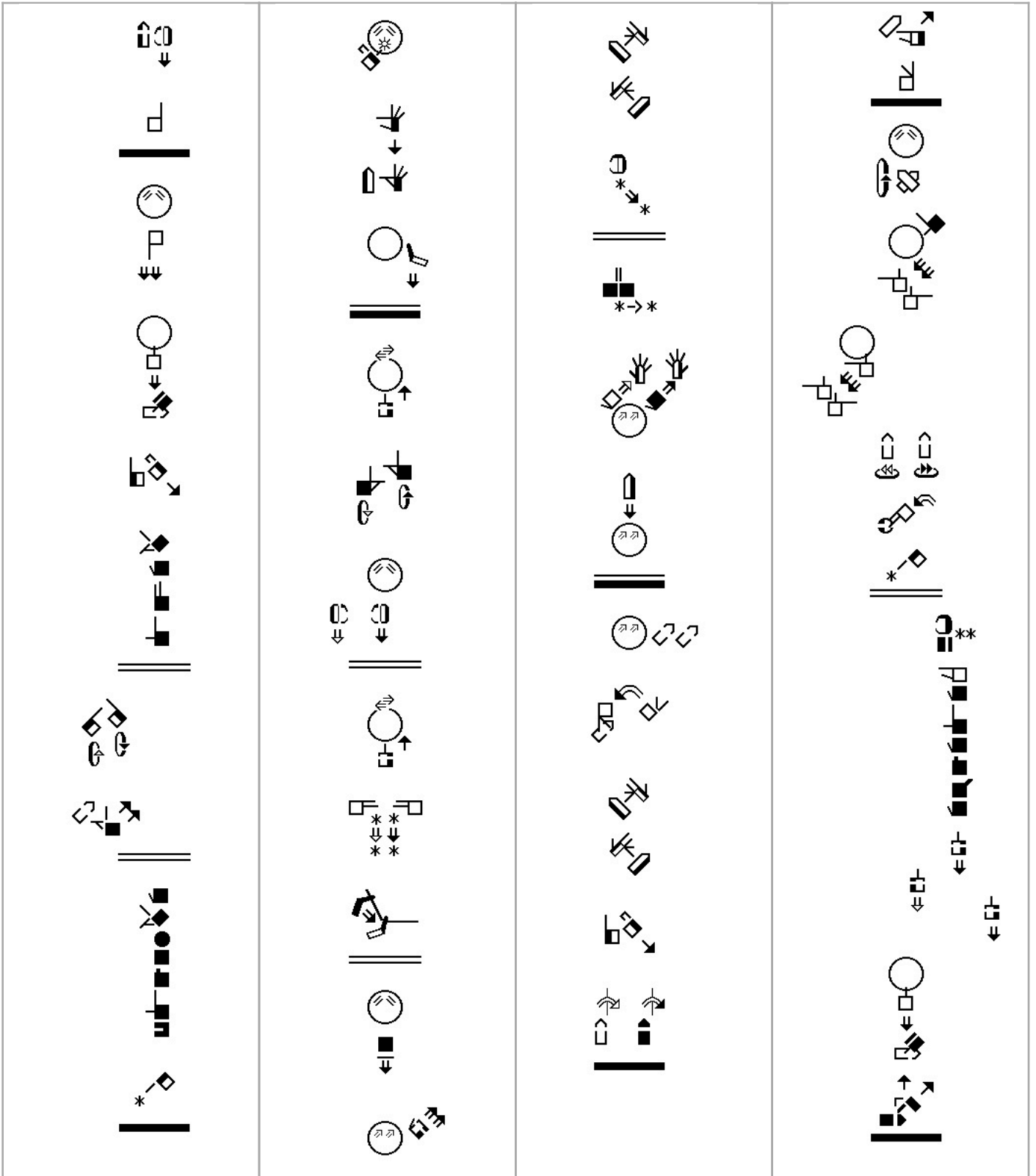
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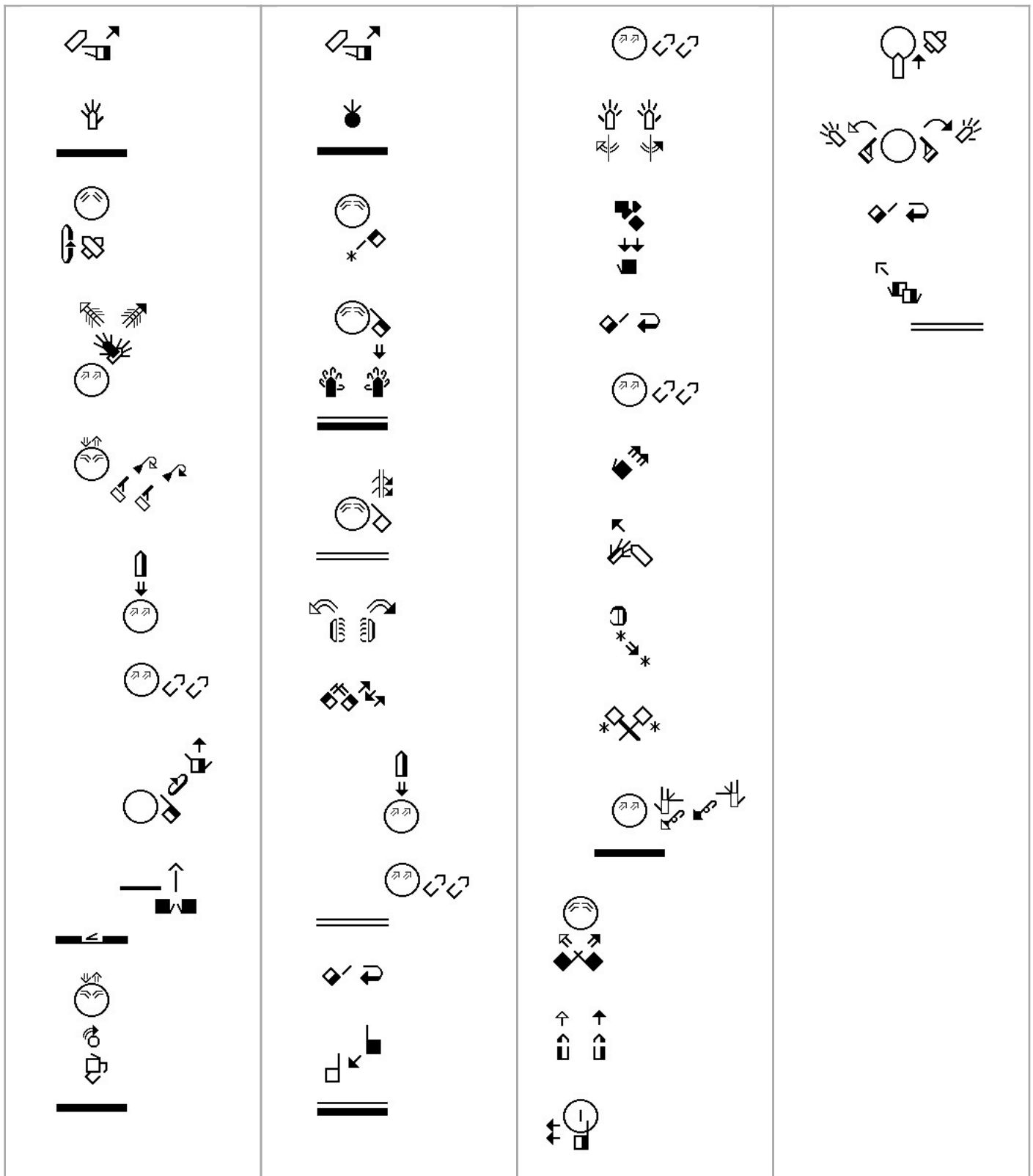
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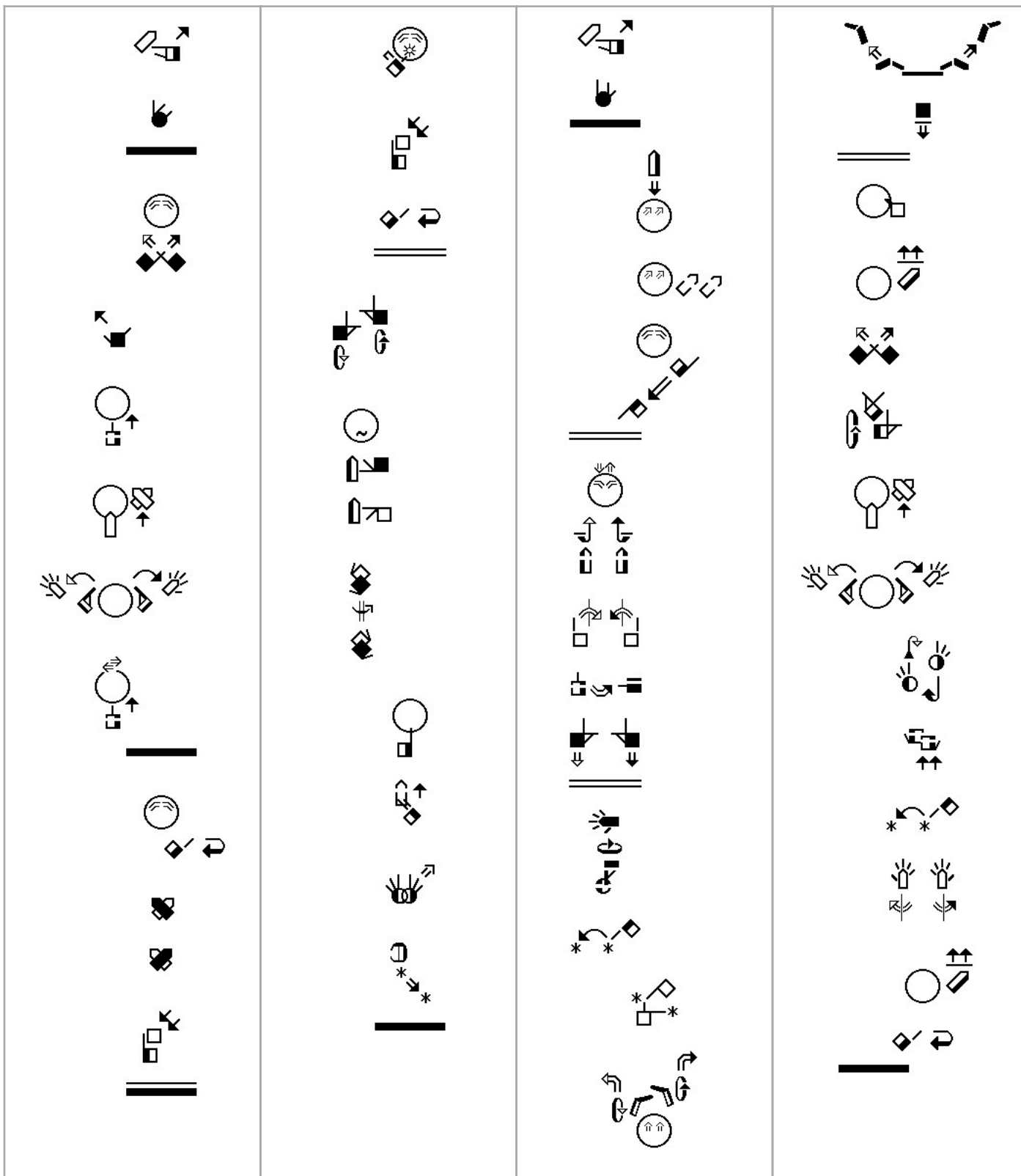
Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Verse 2. All the brothers and sisters here join me in sending this letter to the churches in Galatia.

<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs representing the prayer in Verse 3. It starts with a sign for 'God' (a hand with fingers spread), followed by 'Father' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), a thick horizontal line, a sign for 'Jesus' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'Christ' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'grace' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), and 'peace' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up). The sequence ends with a sign for 'amen' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs representing the statement in Verse 4. It starts with a sign for 'Jesus' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), followed by 'gave' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'his life' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'for our sins' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'just as God our Father planned' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'in order to rescue us' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'from this evil world' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), and 'in which we live' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up). The sequence ends with a sign for 'amen' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs representing the prayer in Verse 3. It starts with a sign for 'God' (a hand with fingers spread), followed by 'Father' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), a thick horizontal line, a sign for 'Jesus' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'Christ' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'grace' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), and 'peace' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up). The sequence ends with a sign for 'amen' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs representing the statement in Verse 4. It starts with a sign for 'Jesus' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), followed by 'gave' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'his life' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'for our sins' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'just as God our Father planned' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'in order to rescue us' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), 'from this evil world' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up), and 'in which we live' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up). The sequence ends with a sign for 'amen' (a hand with fingers spread and palm facing up).</p>
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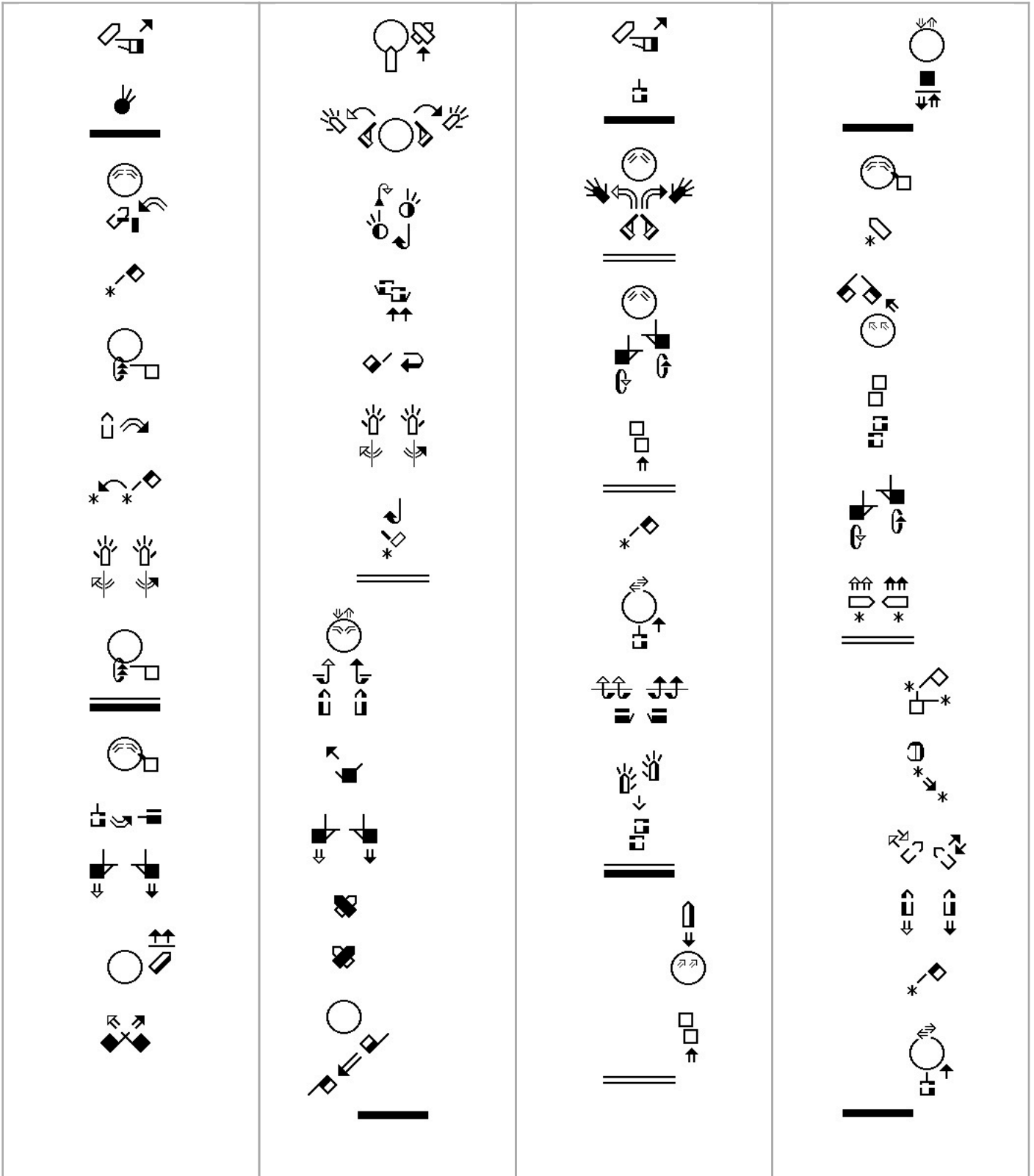
Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.  
 Verse 4. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.  
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Verse 5. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen. Verse 6. I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News NLT

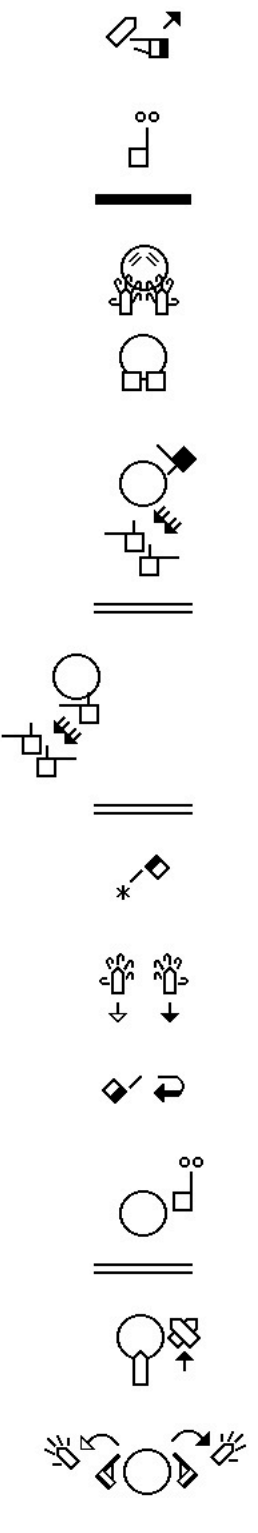
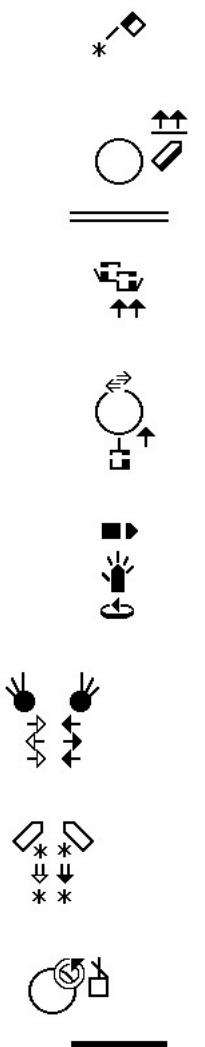
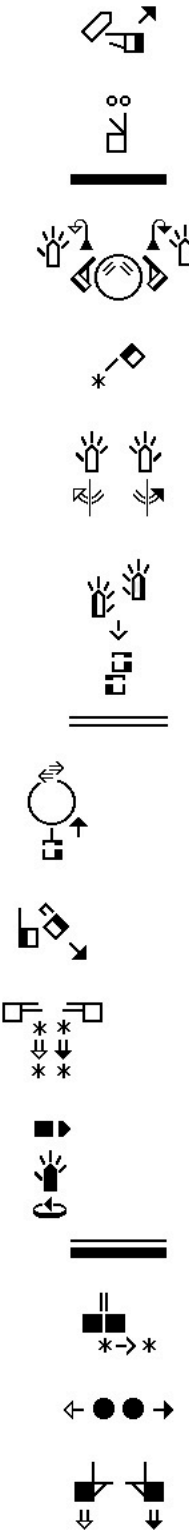
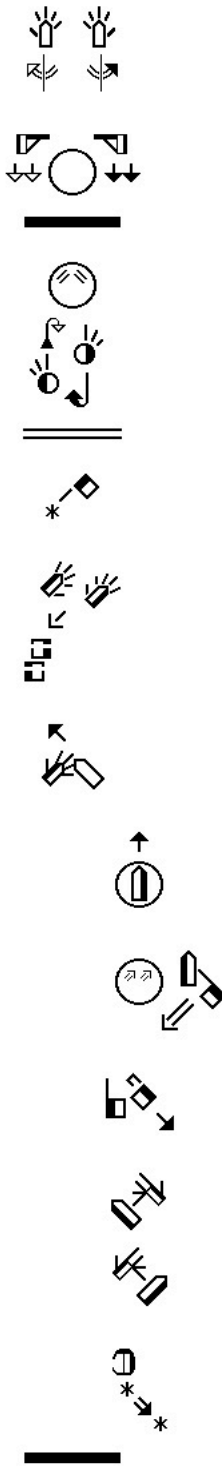


Verse 7. but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. Verse 8. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. NLT



Verse 9. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed. Verse 10. Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

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<p>Verse 11. Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. Verse 12. I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.</p>			
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7 Verse 13. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion -- how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. Verse 14. I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors. NLT

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Verse 15. But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him Verse 16. to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being. NLT



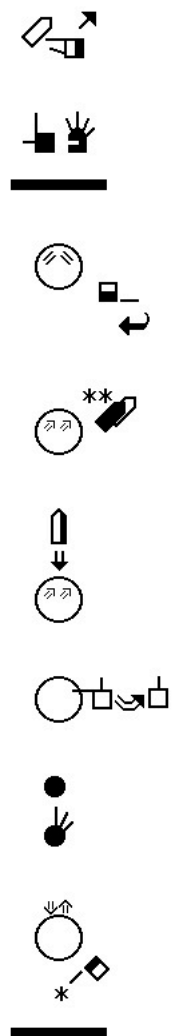
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to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. Verse 19. The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother. Verse 20. I declare before God that what I am writing to you is not a lie.

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Verse 21. After that visit I went north into the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. Verse 22. And still the Christians in the churches in Judea didn't know me personally. Verse 23. All they knew was that people were saying, "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!" NLT

 <p>The first column contains a vertical sequence of ASL icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a pen with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A hand with fingers spread above a thick horizontal line. 3. A circle with a horizontal line through it, a small square to its right, and a curved arrow below the square. 4. A circle with two diagonal lines inside, a double asterisk (**), and a pen icon to its right. 5. A vertical pen icon with a downward arrow below it, and a circle with two diagonal lines below that. 6. A circle with a square to its right, a curved arrow between them, and another square to the right of the arrow. 7. A solid black circle with a hand icon below it. 8. A circle with a hand icon above it, a pen icon to its right, and an asterisk (*) below the pen. 9. A thick horizontal line at the bottom.</p>			
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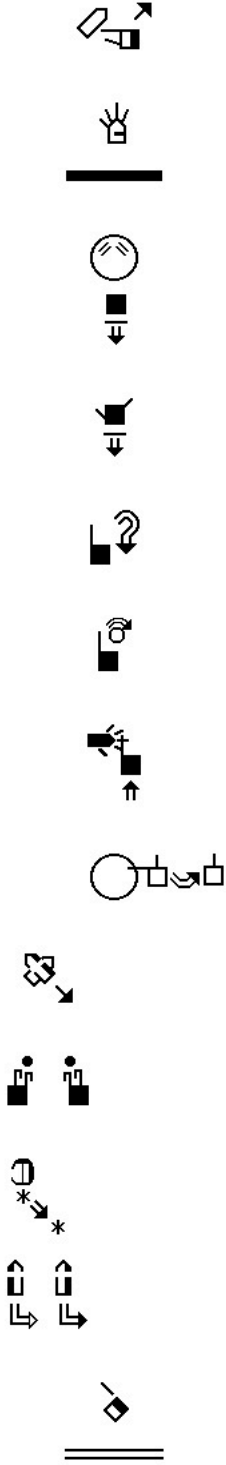
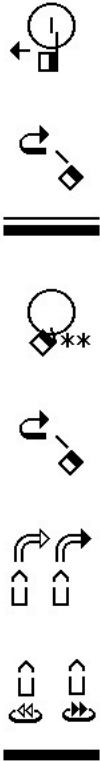
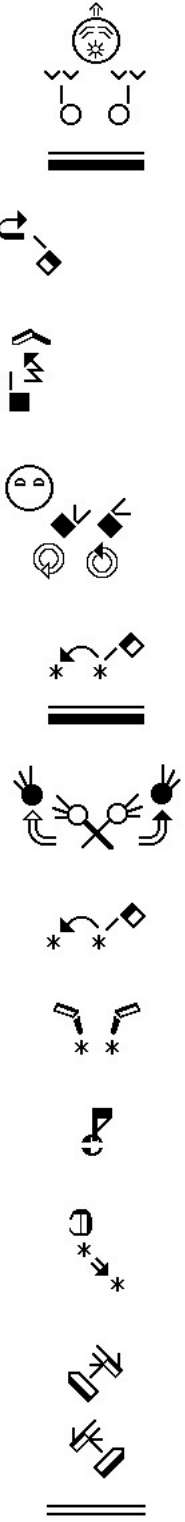
Chapter 2. Then fourteen years later I went back to Jerusalem again, this time with Barnabas; and Titus came along, too. Verse 2. I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church

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and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing. Verse 3. And they supported me and did not NLT



			
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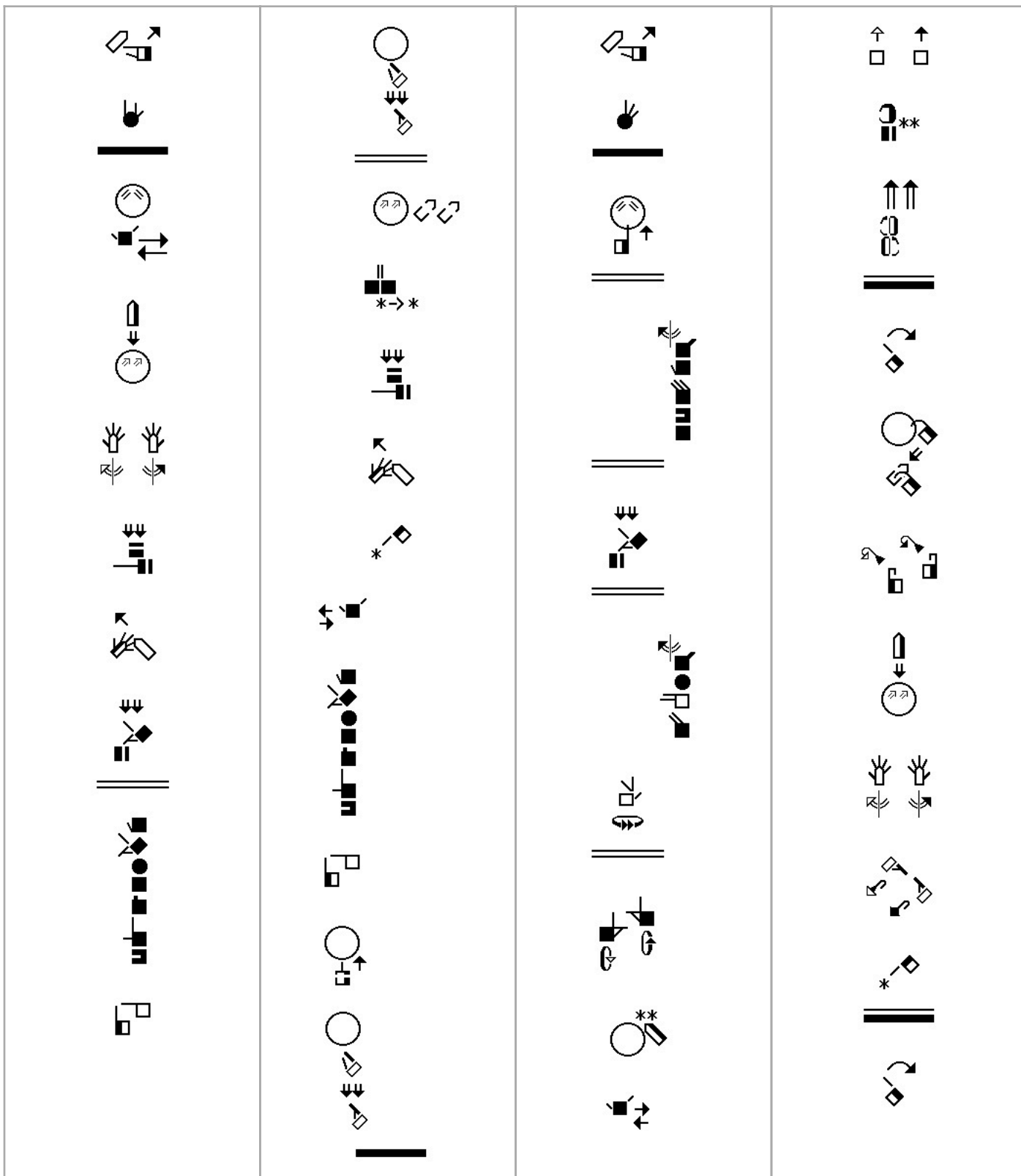
even demand that my companion Titus be circumcised, though he was a Gentile. Verse 4. Even that question came up only because of some so-called Christians there -- false ones, really -- who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. NLT

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They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations. Verse 5. But we refused to give in to them for a single moment. We wanted to preserve the truth of the gospel message for you.

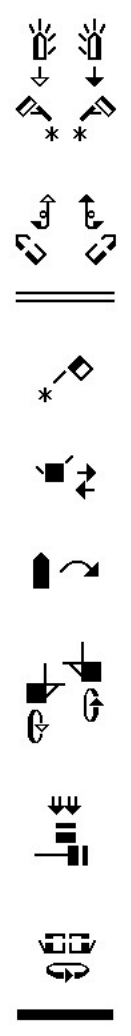
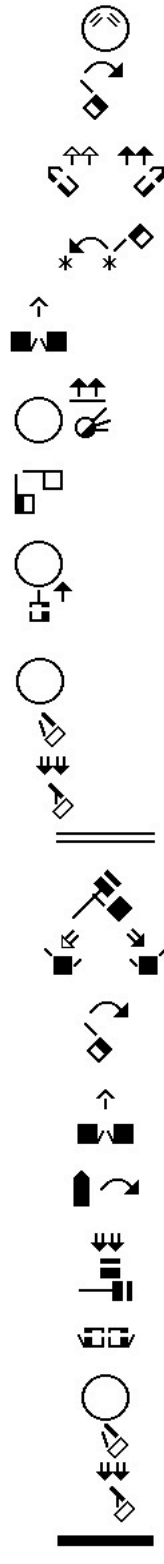
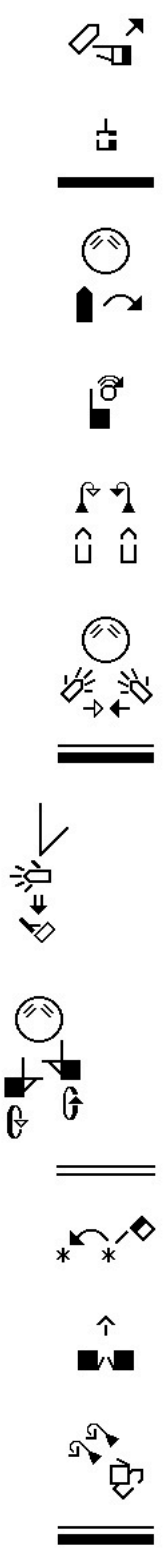
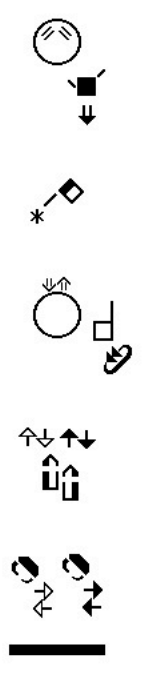
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Verse 6. And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.) Verse 7. Instead, they saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews. NLT

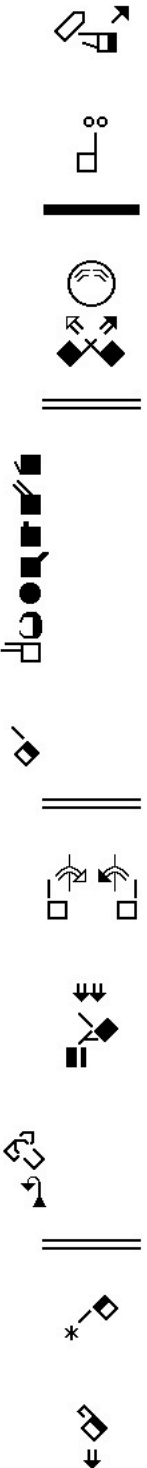
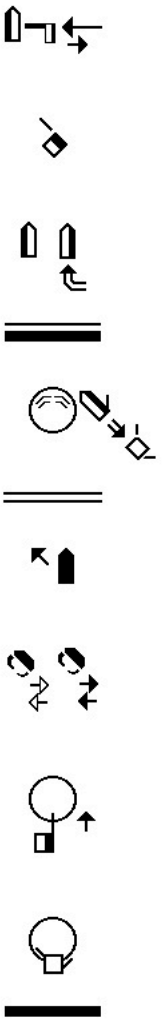
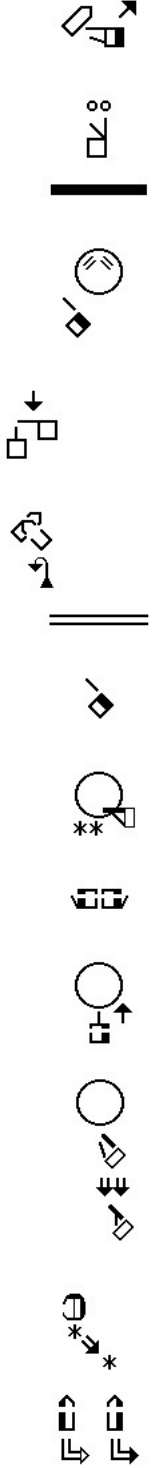
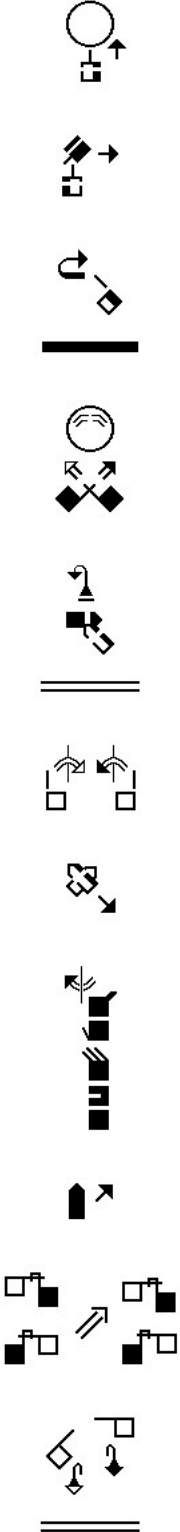
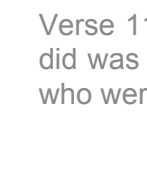
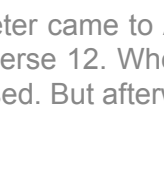
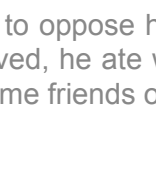
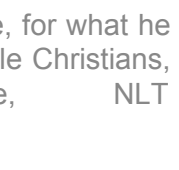


Verse 8. For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles. Verse 9. In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they


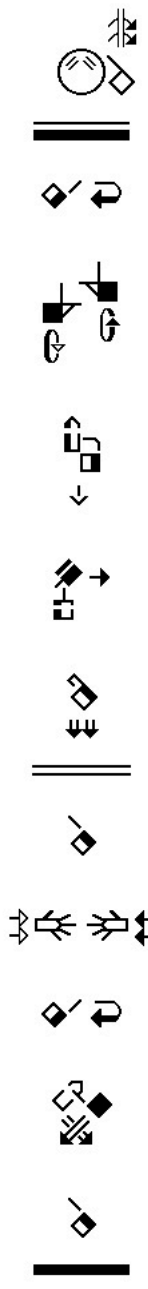
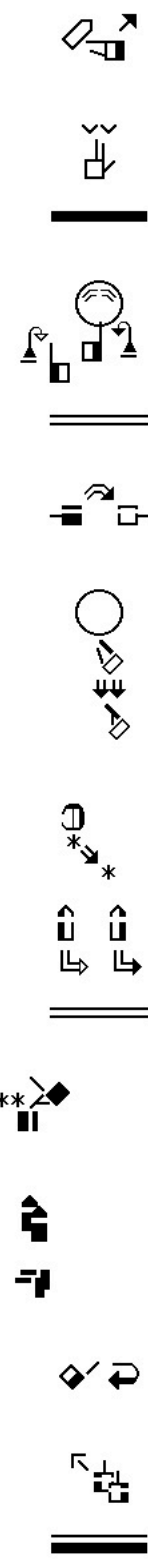
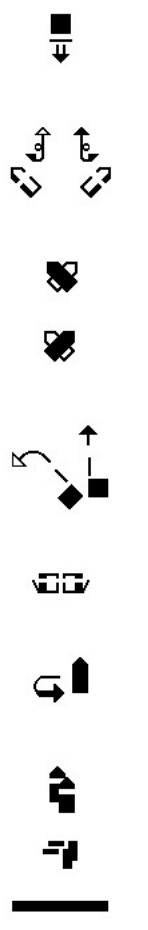
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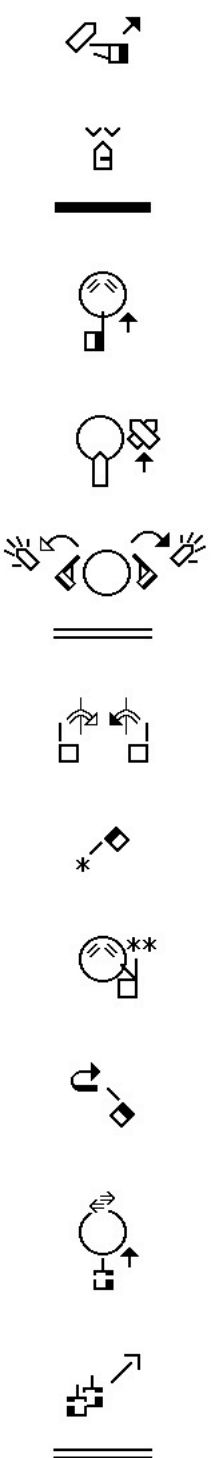

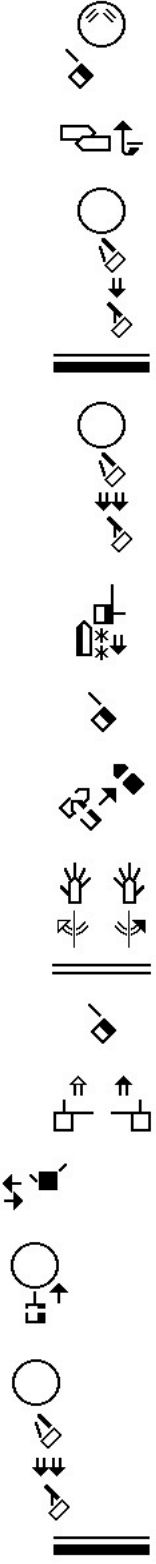
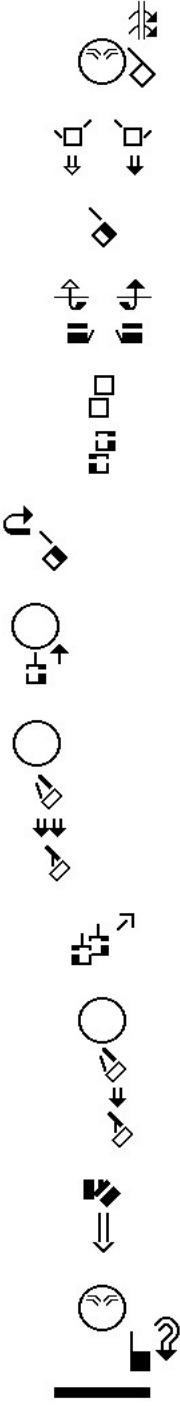
accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews. Verse 10. Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do.  
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Verse 11. But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. Verse 12. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, NLT

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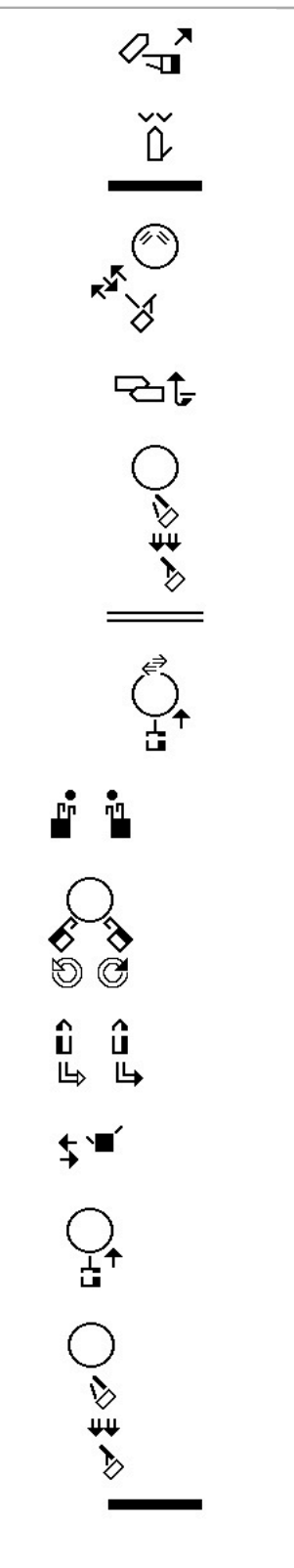
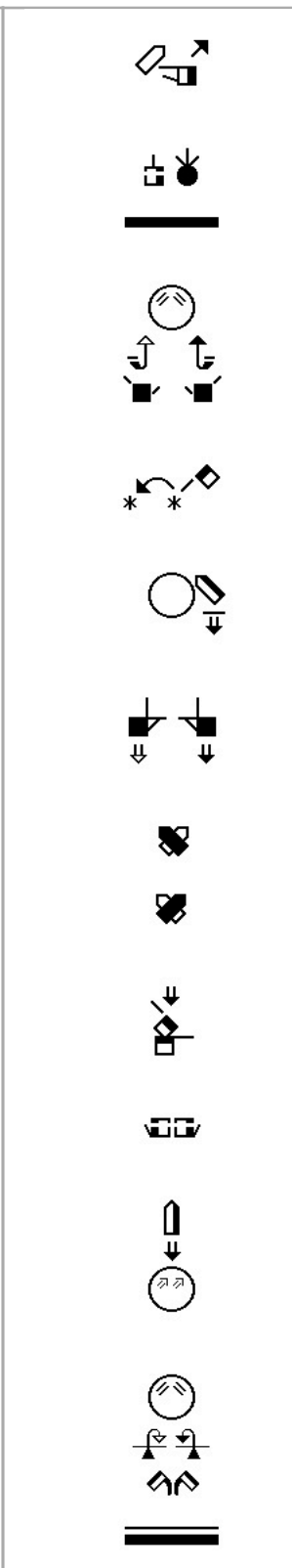
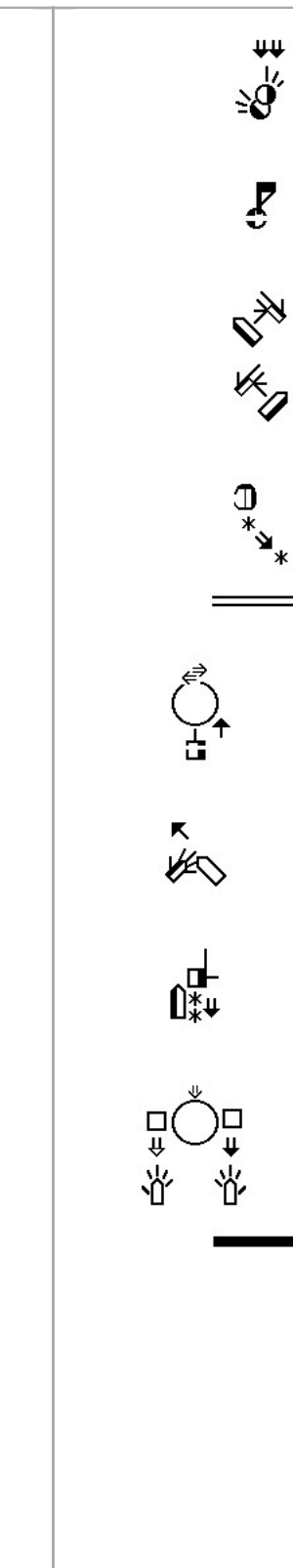
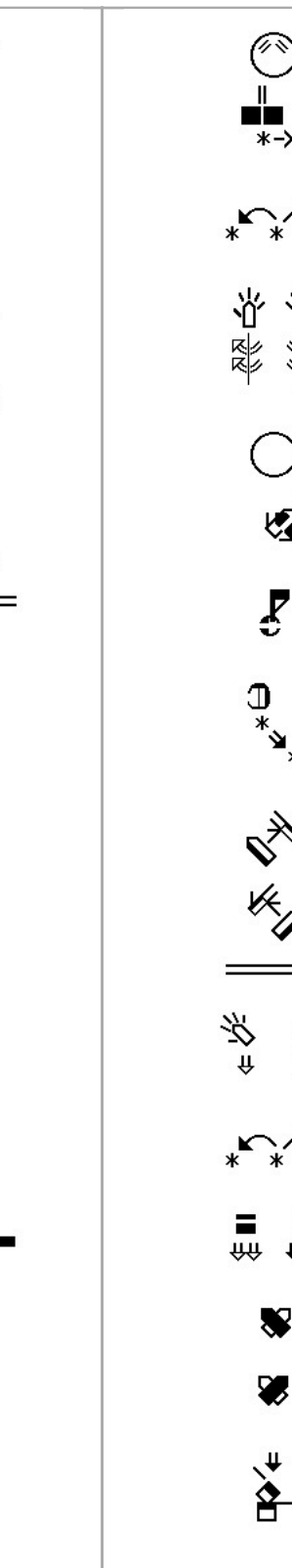
Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. Verse 13. As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

			
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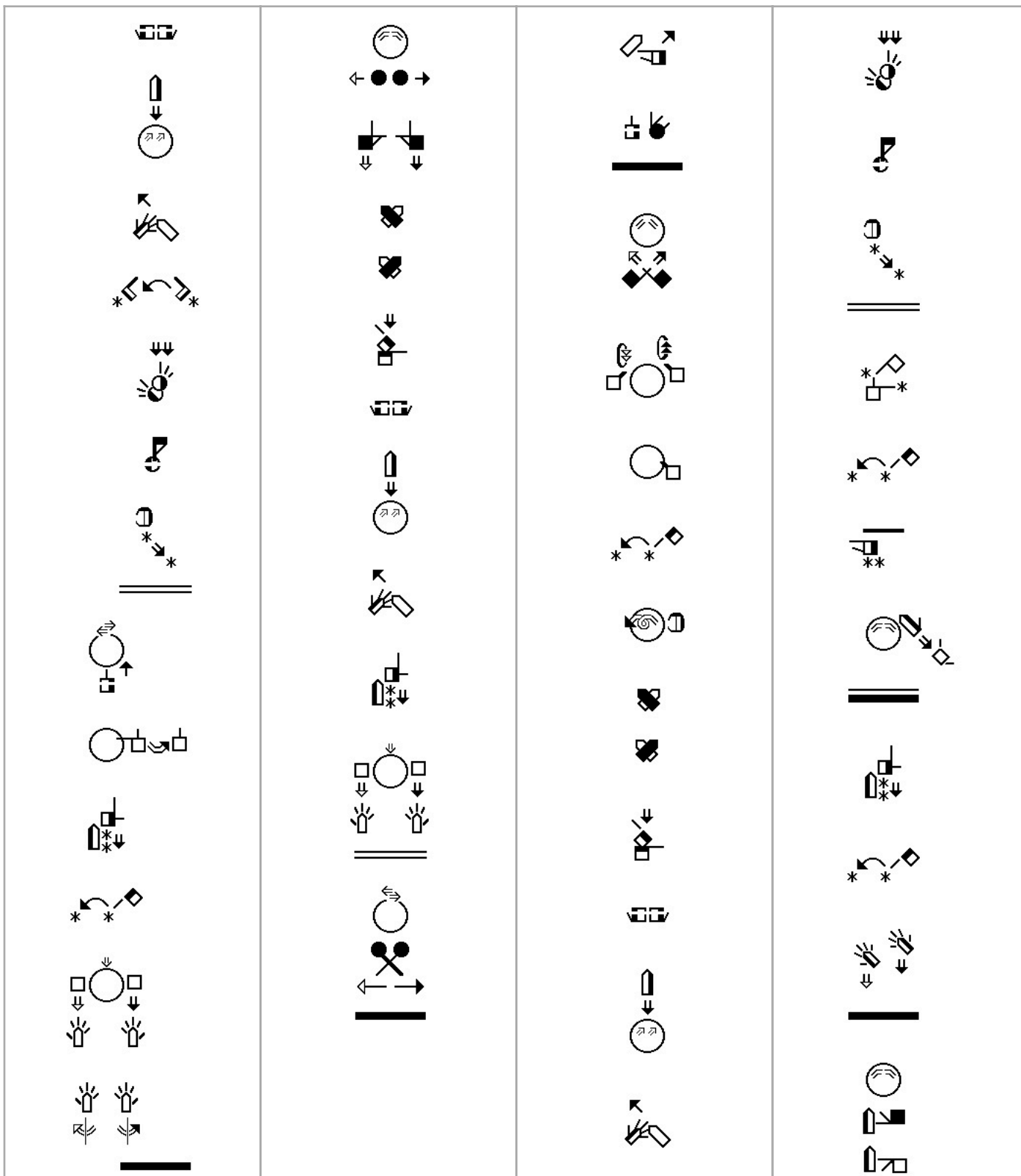
Verse 14. When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"

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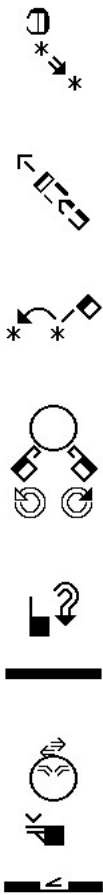
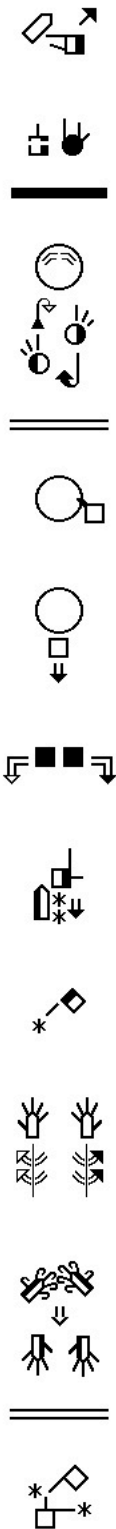
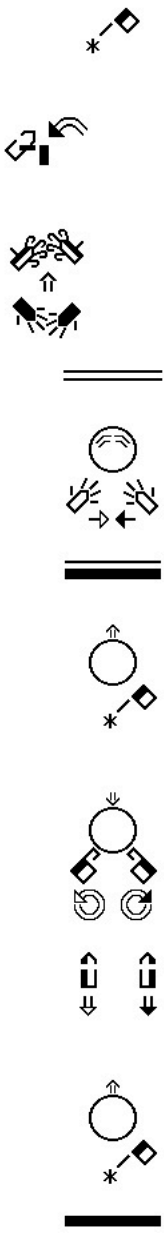
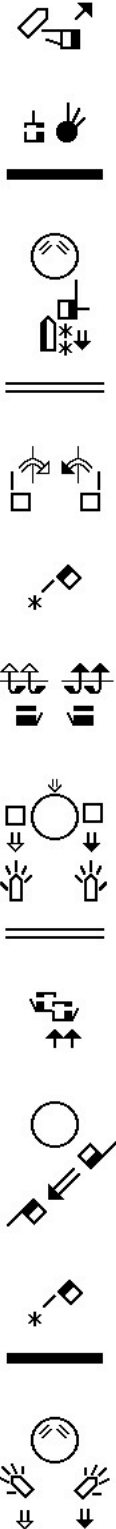
			
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23 Verse 15. "You and I are Jews by birth, not 'sinners' like the Gentiles. Verse 16. Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right NLT



with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law." Verse 17. But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean

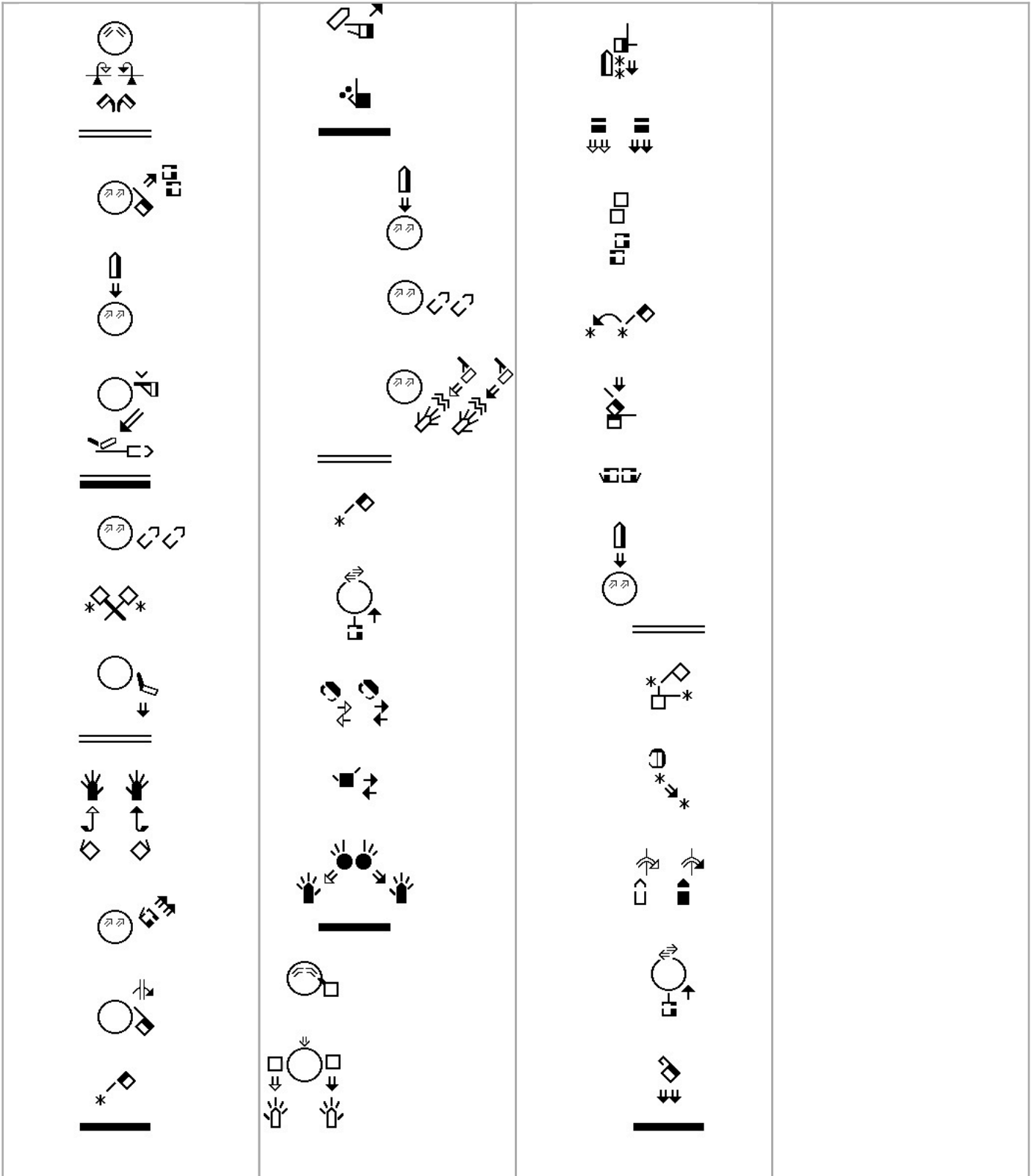
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Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Verse 18. Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. Verse 19. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So  
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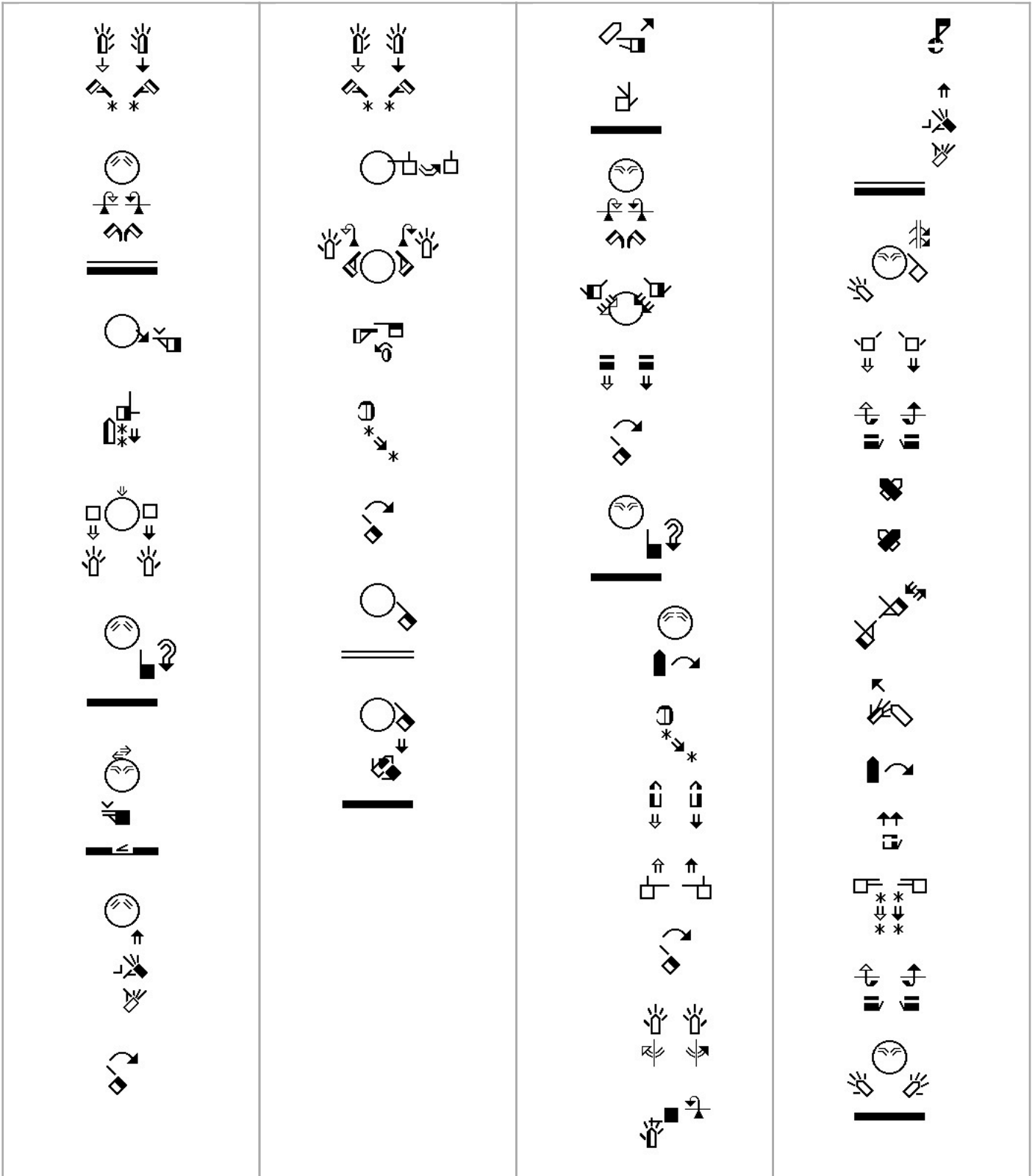
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I died to the law -- I stopped trying to meet all its requirements -- so that I might live for God. Verse 20. My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body  
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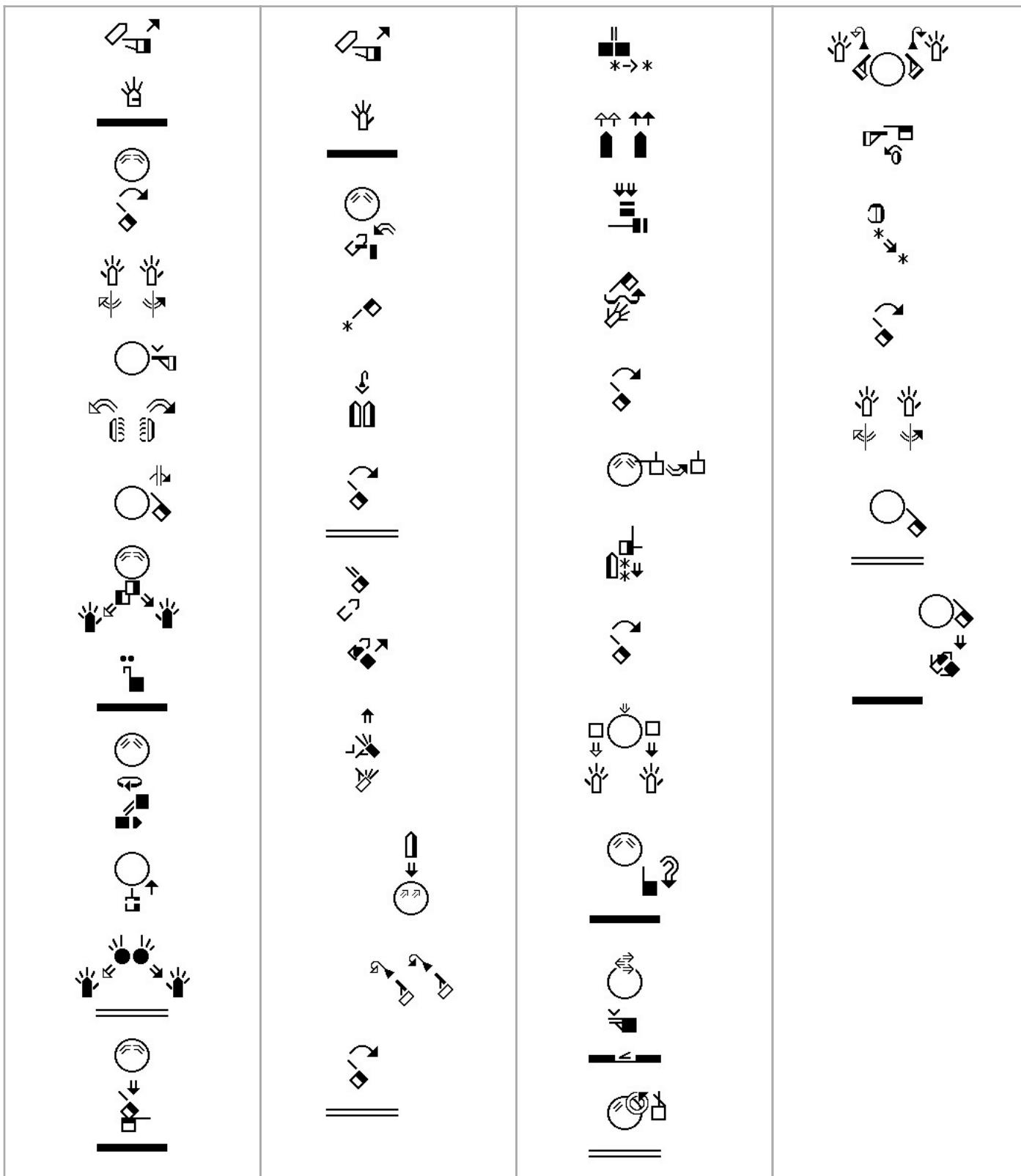


27 by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Verse 21. I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die. NLT





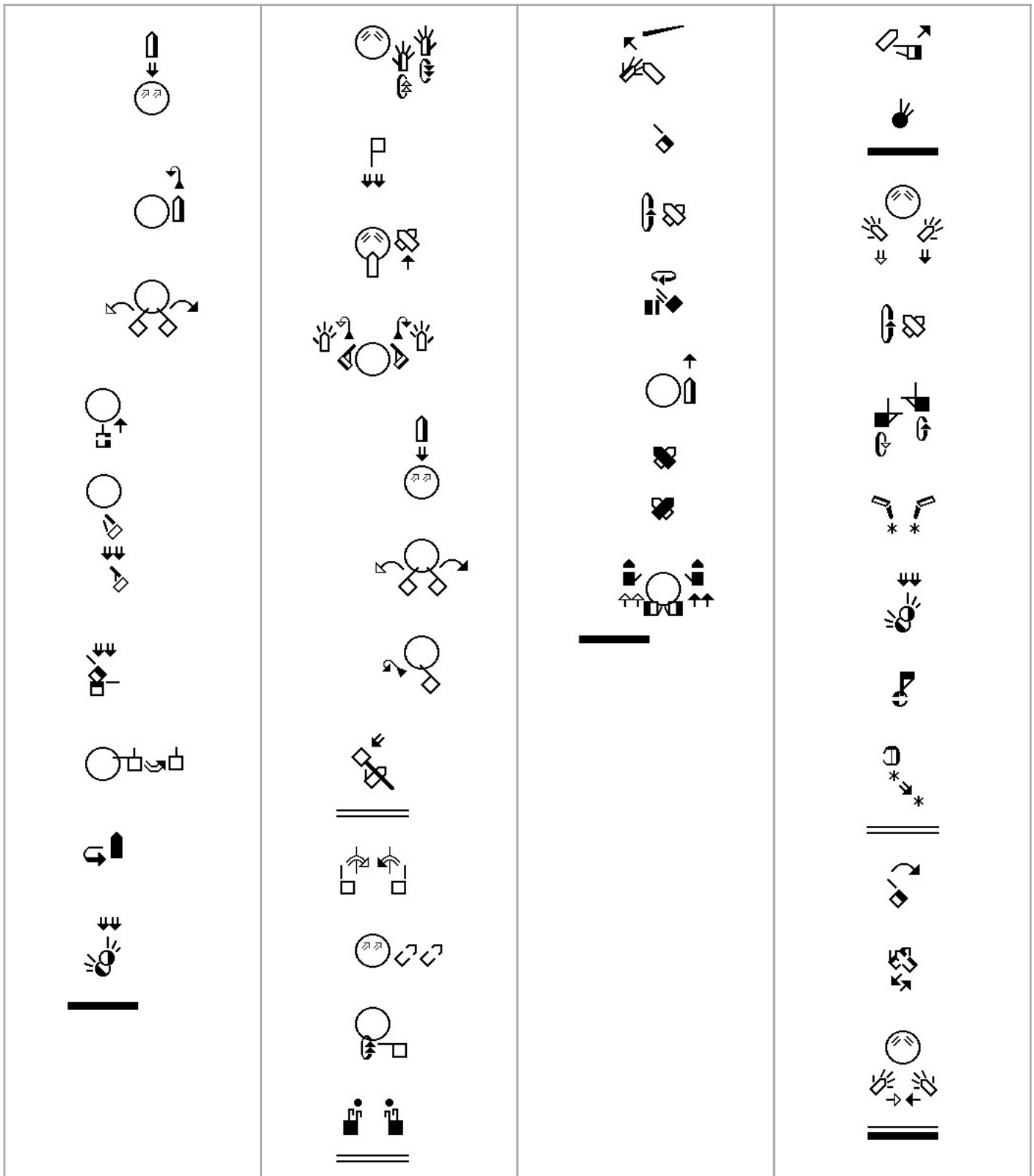
by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. Verse 3. How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? NLT



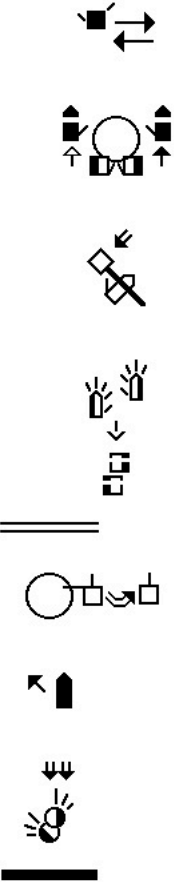

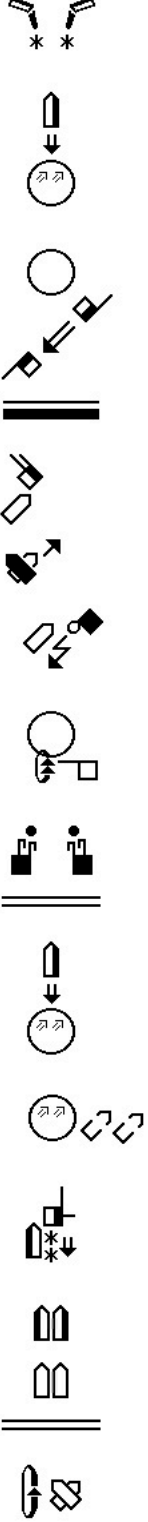
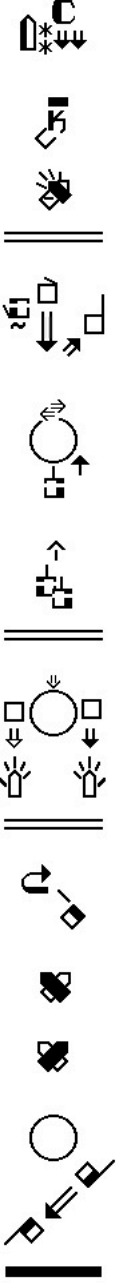
Verse 4. Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?  
 Verse 5. I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among  
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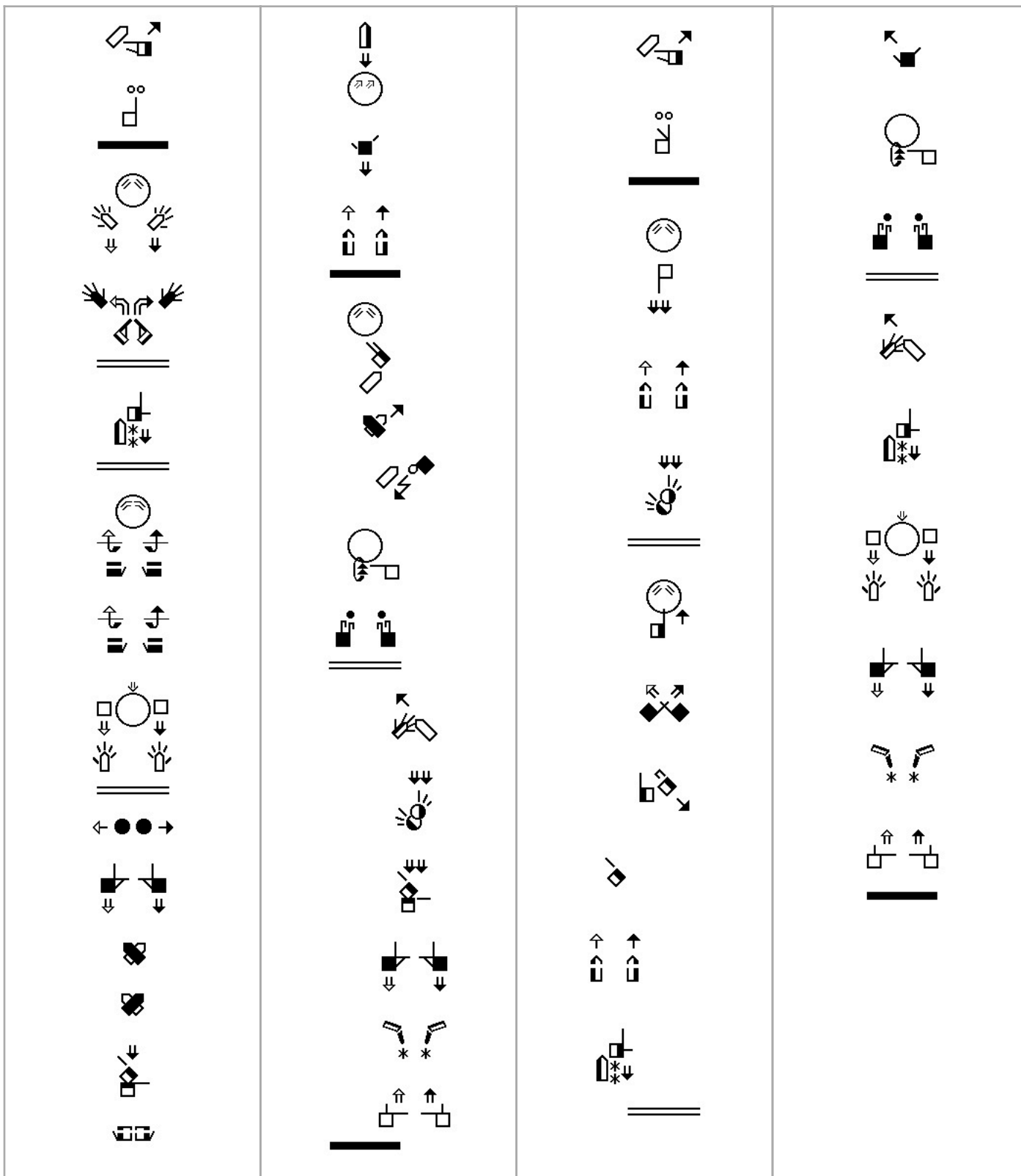




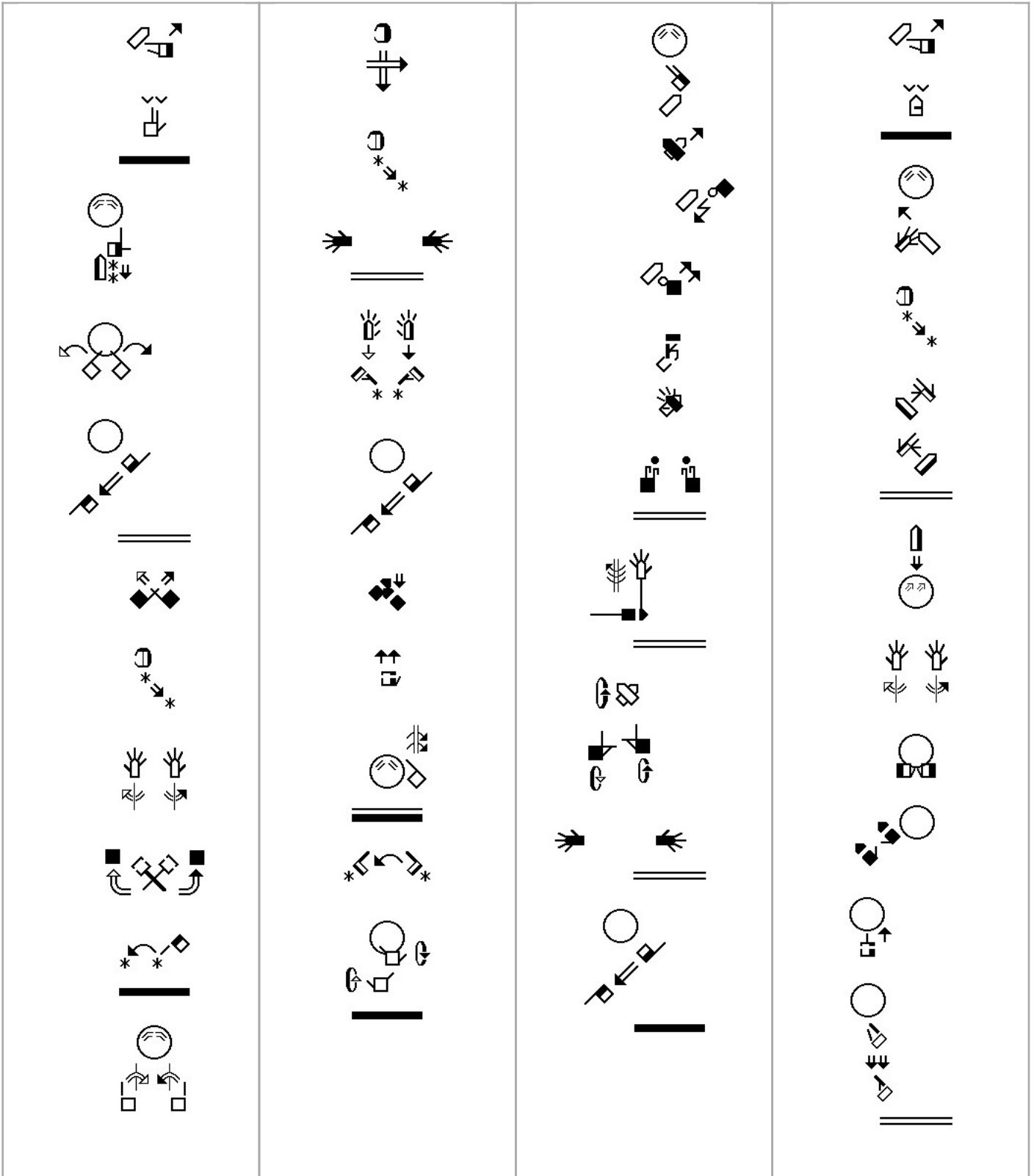
God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." Verse 9. So all who put their faith in Christ share

			
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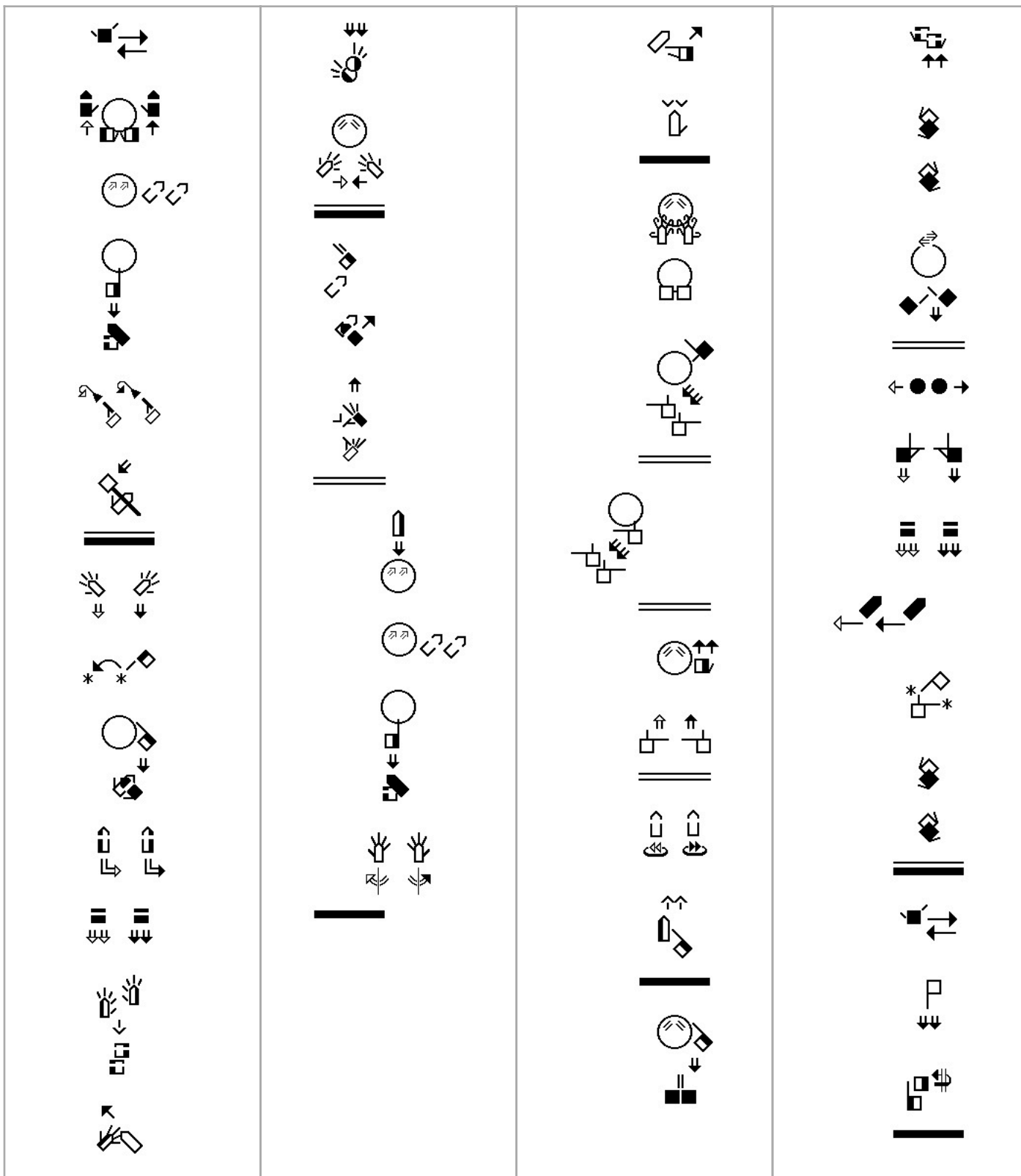
the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. Verse 10. But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." NLT



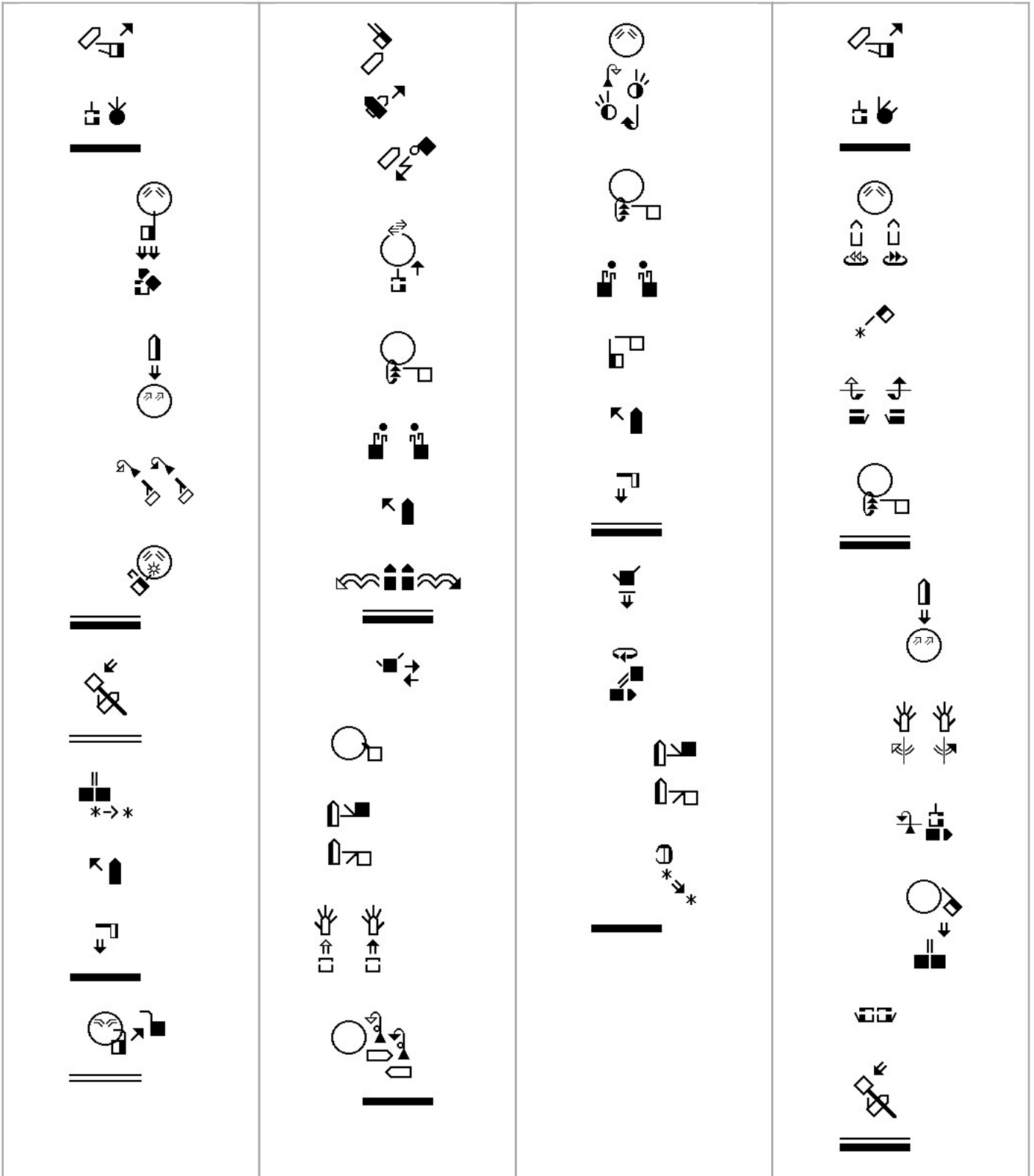
Verse 11. So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." Verse 12. This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."  
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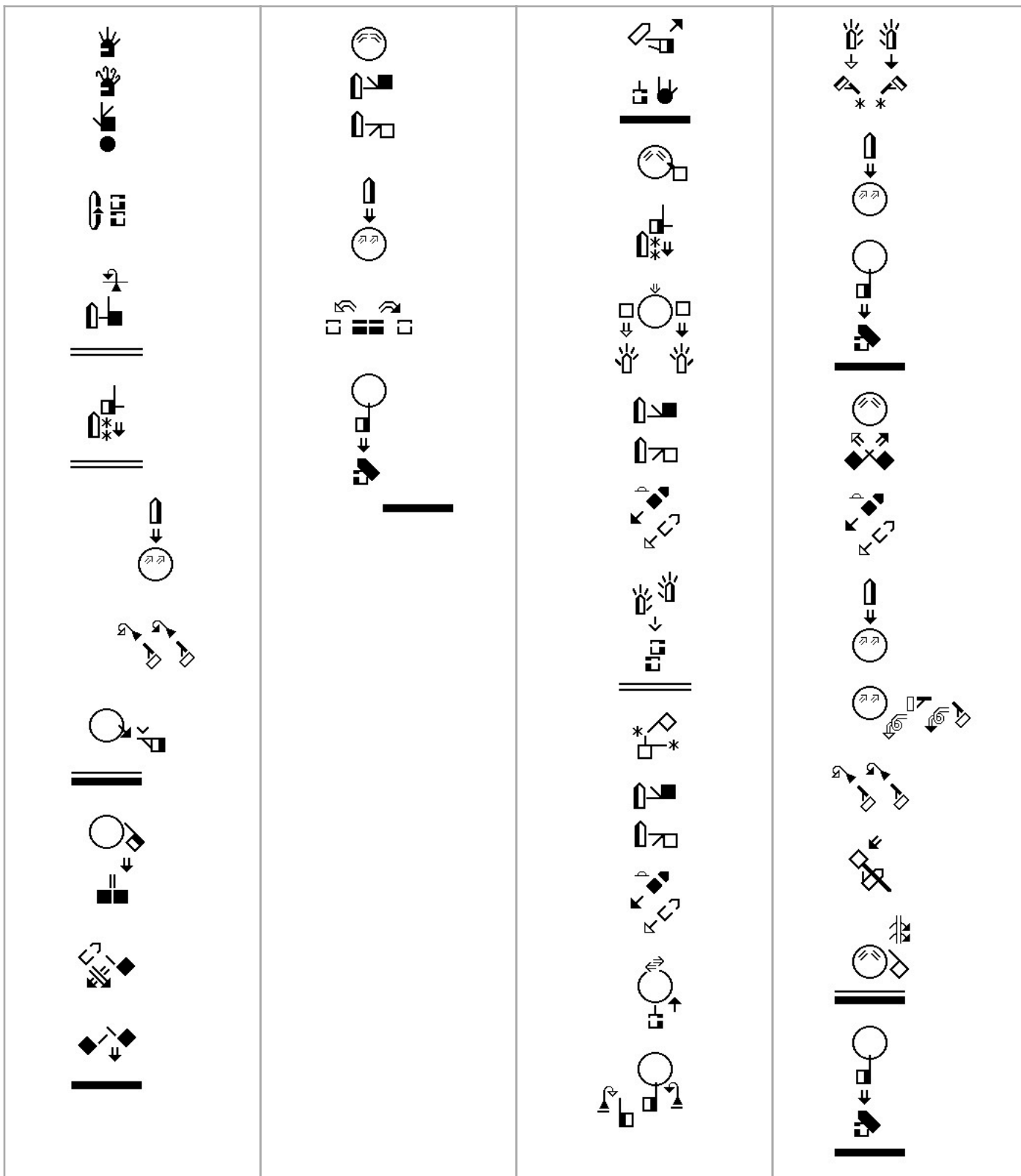
Verse 13. But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Verse 14. Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles  
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with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith. Verse 15. Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case. NLT

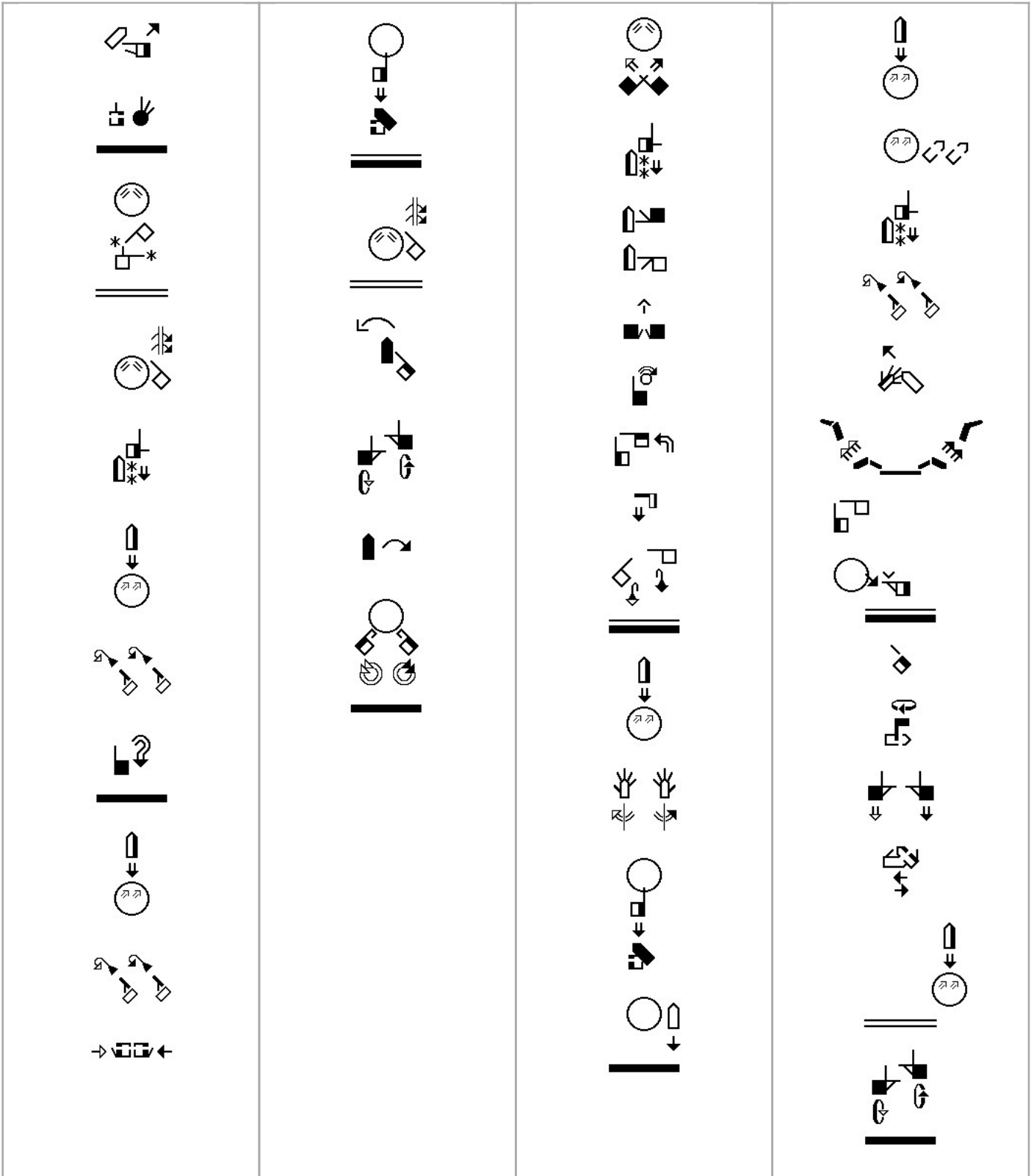


Verse 16. God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child" -- and that, of course, means Christ. Verse 17. This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham  
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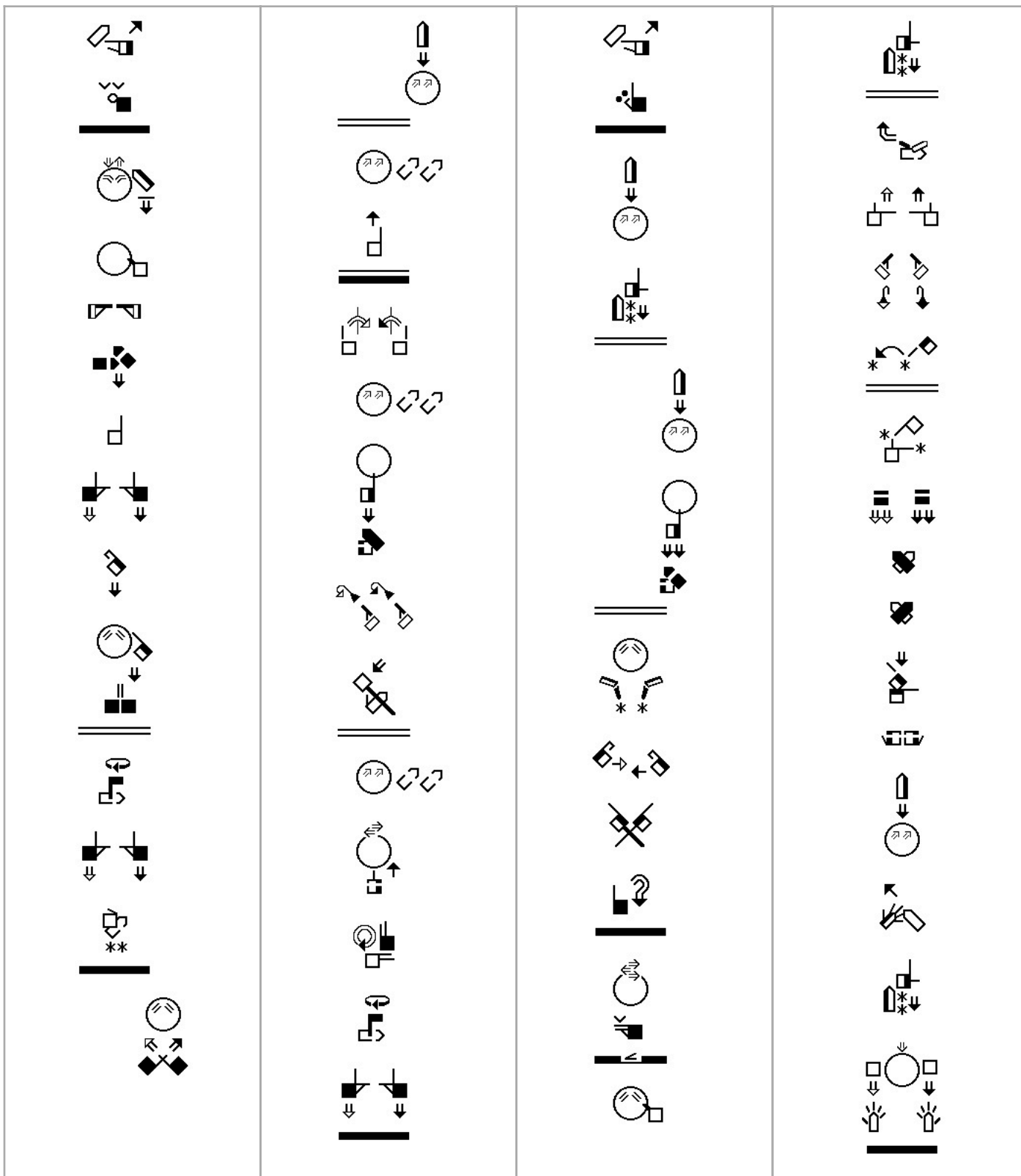
could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. Verse 18. For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.  
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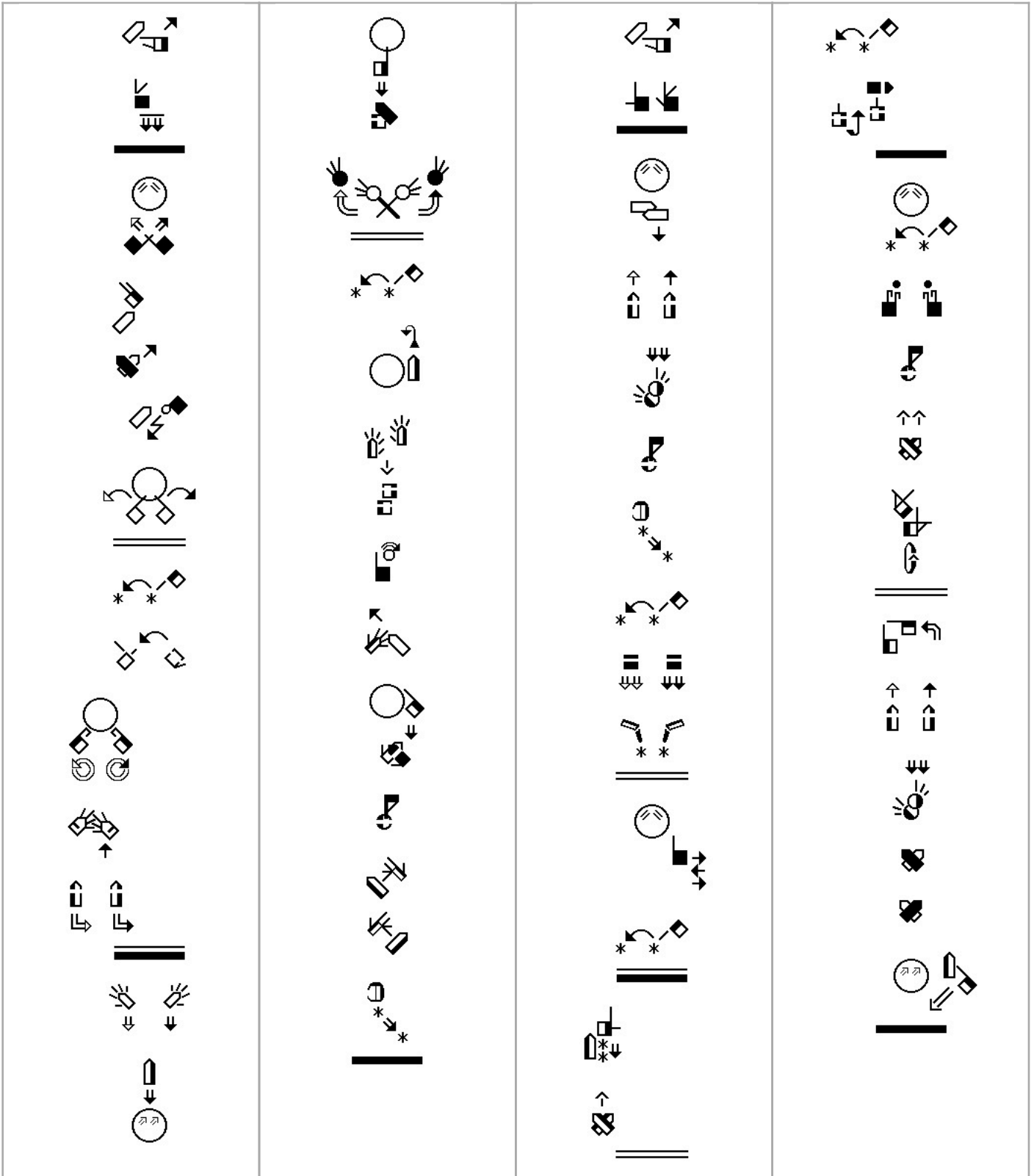


Verse 19. Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people.

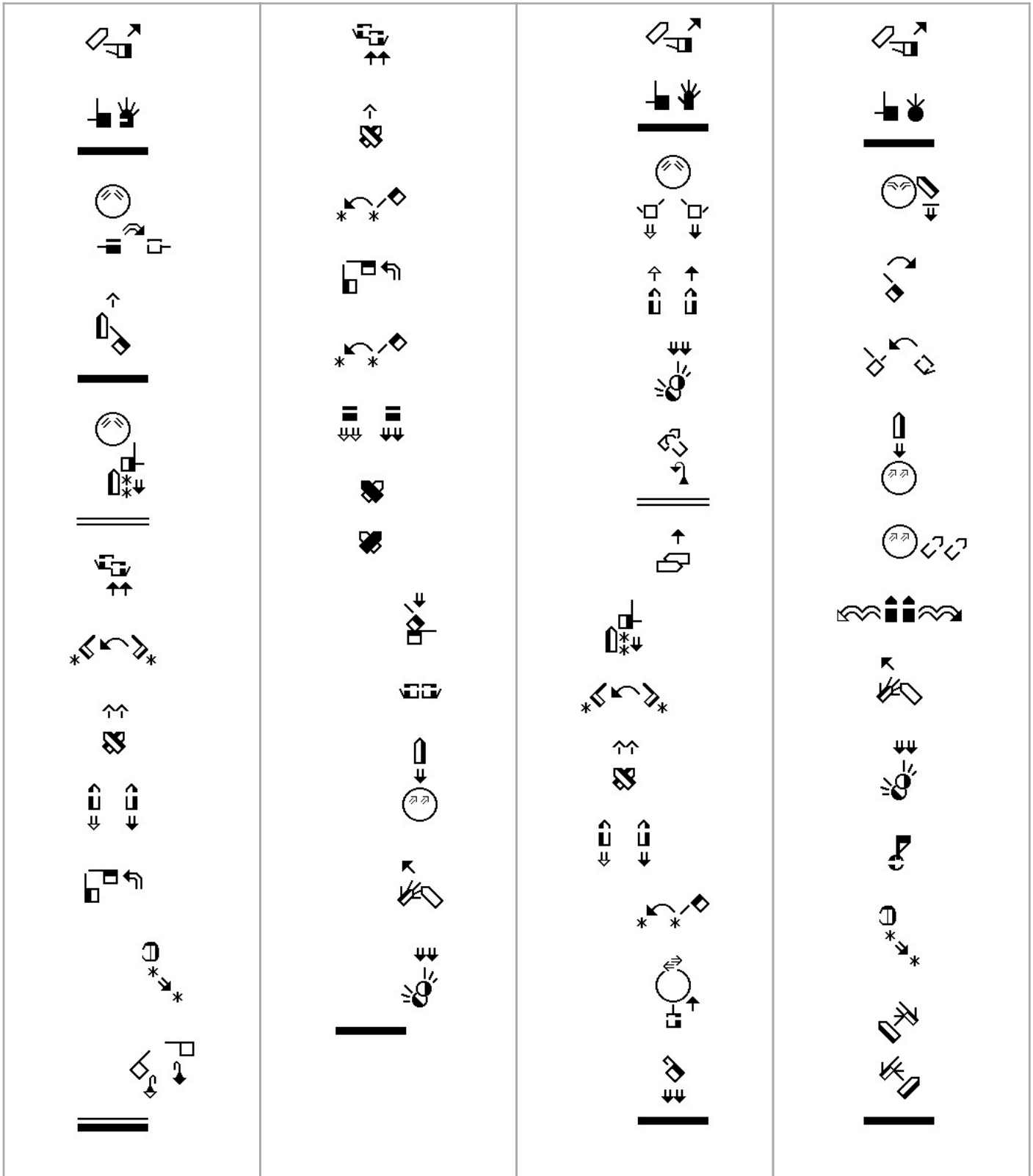
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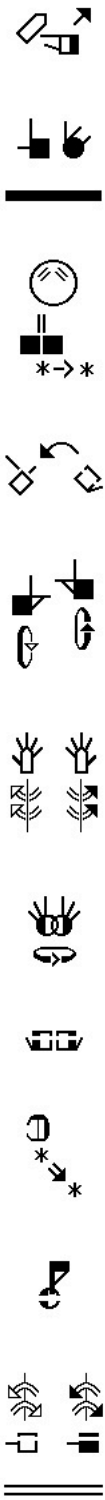
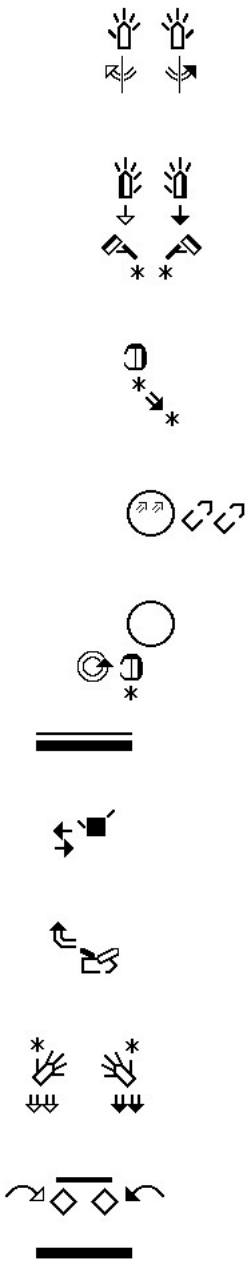
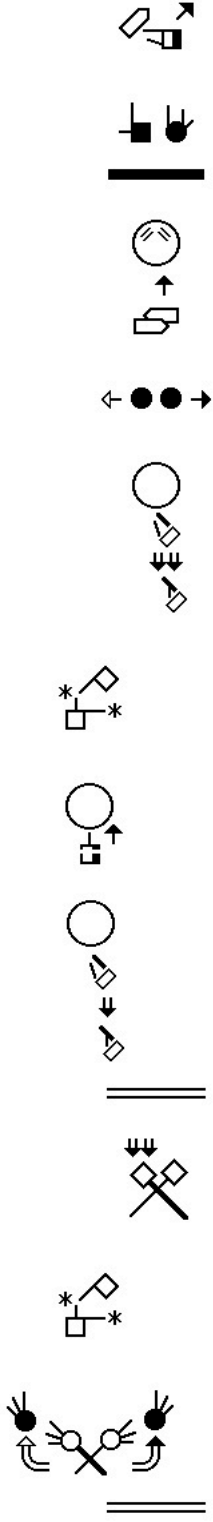
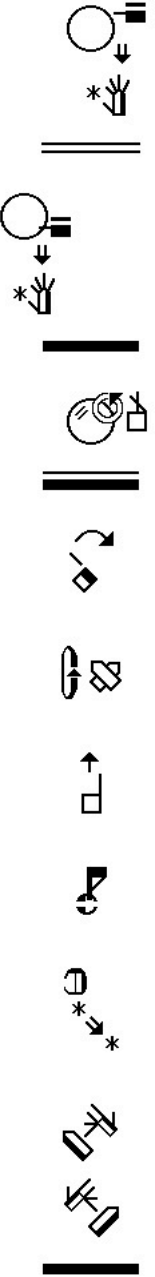




Verse 20. Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham. Verse 21. Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. NLT



Verse 22. But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Verse 23. Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. NLT



Verse 24. Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. Verse 25. And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian. Verse 26. For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. NLT

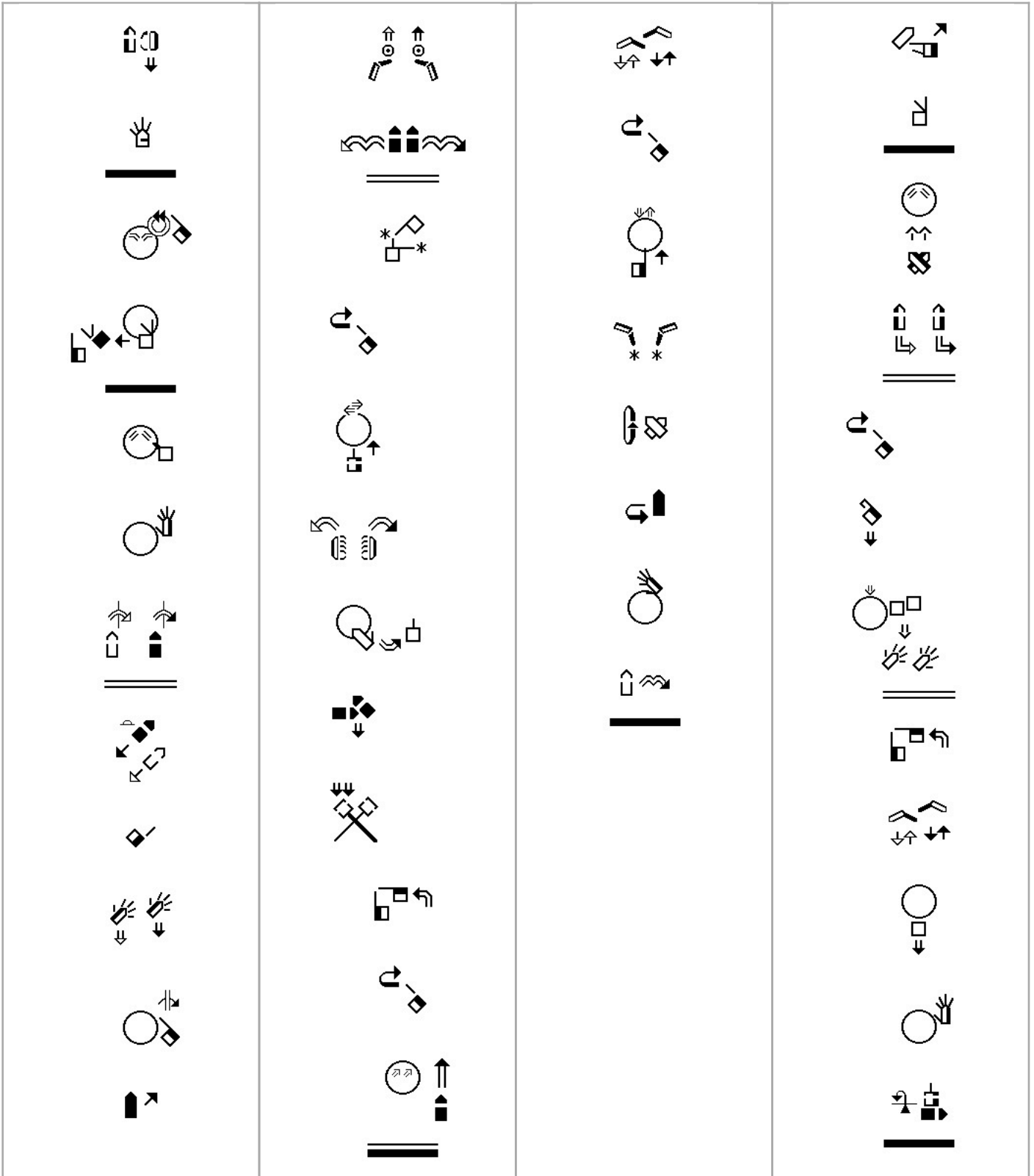
			
			

Verse 27. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. Verse 28. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. NLT

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Verse 29. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

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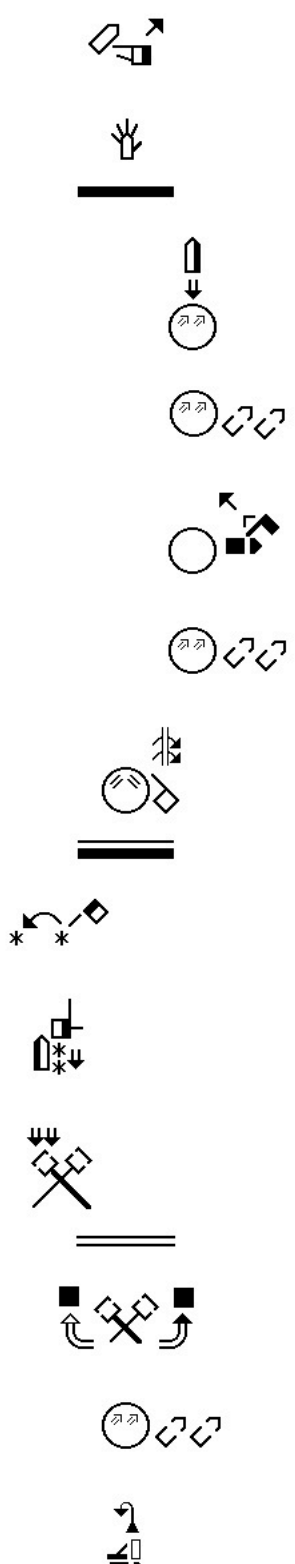
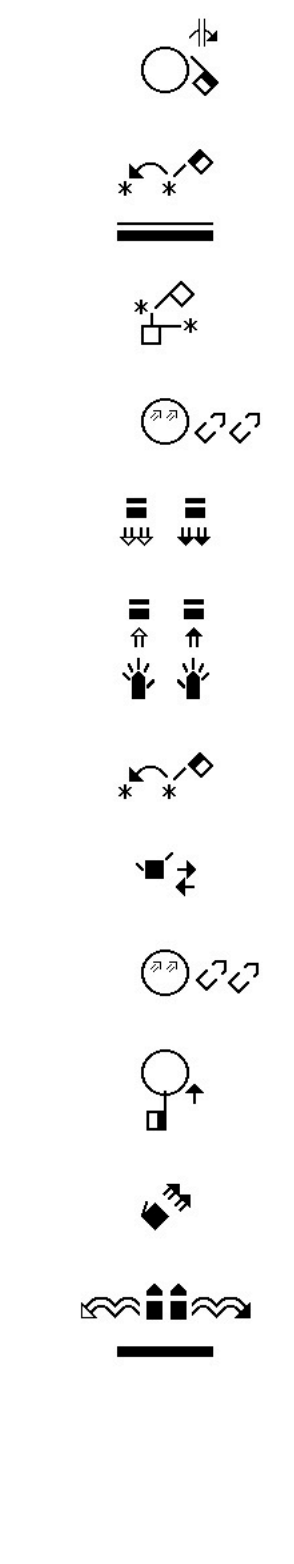
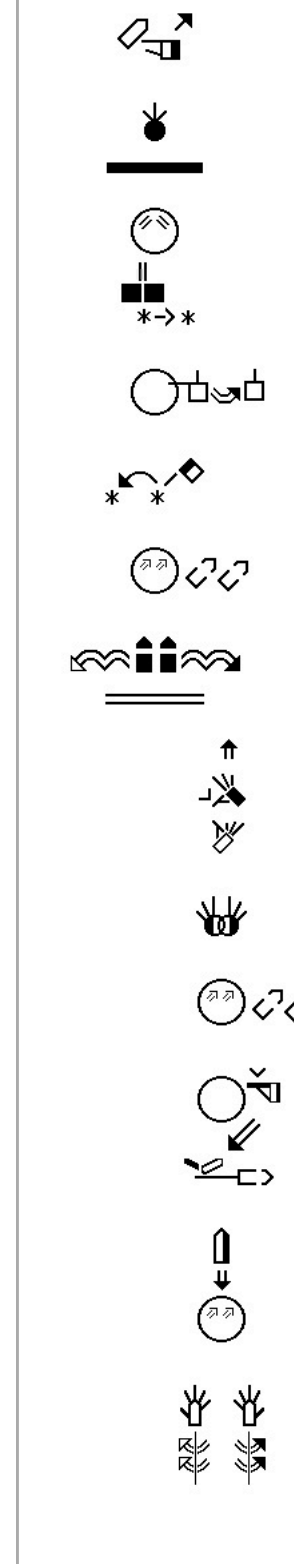
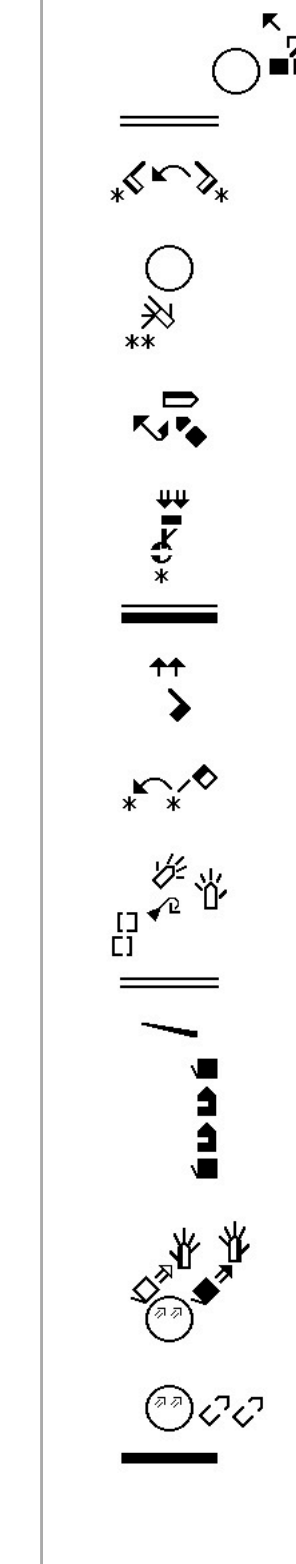


Chapter 4. Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. Verse 2. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. NLT

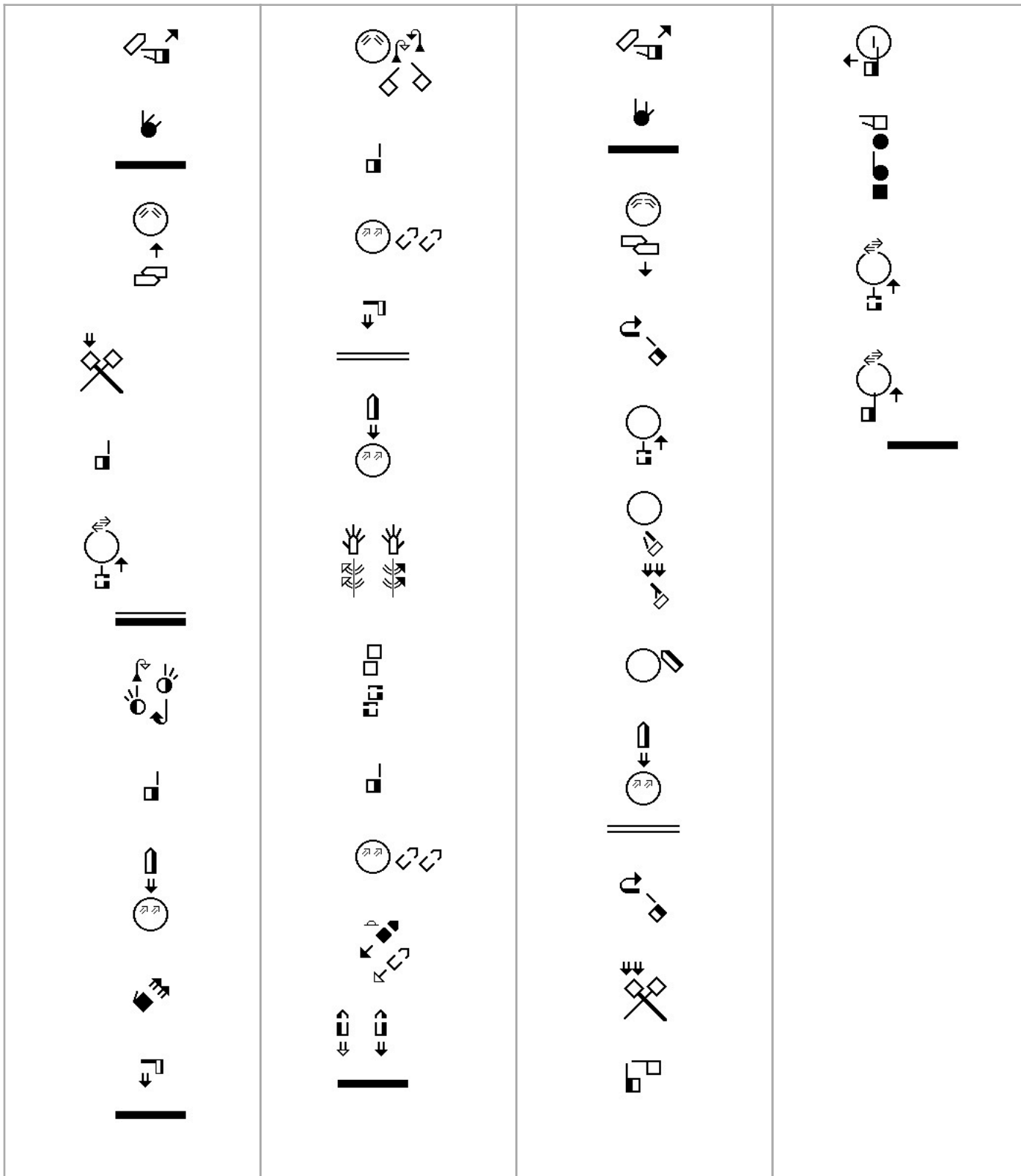
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Verse 3. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world. Verse 4. But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. NLT



			
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Verse 5. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Verse 6. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." NLT



Verse 7. Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Verse 8. Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist.

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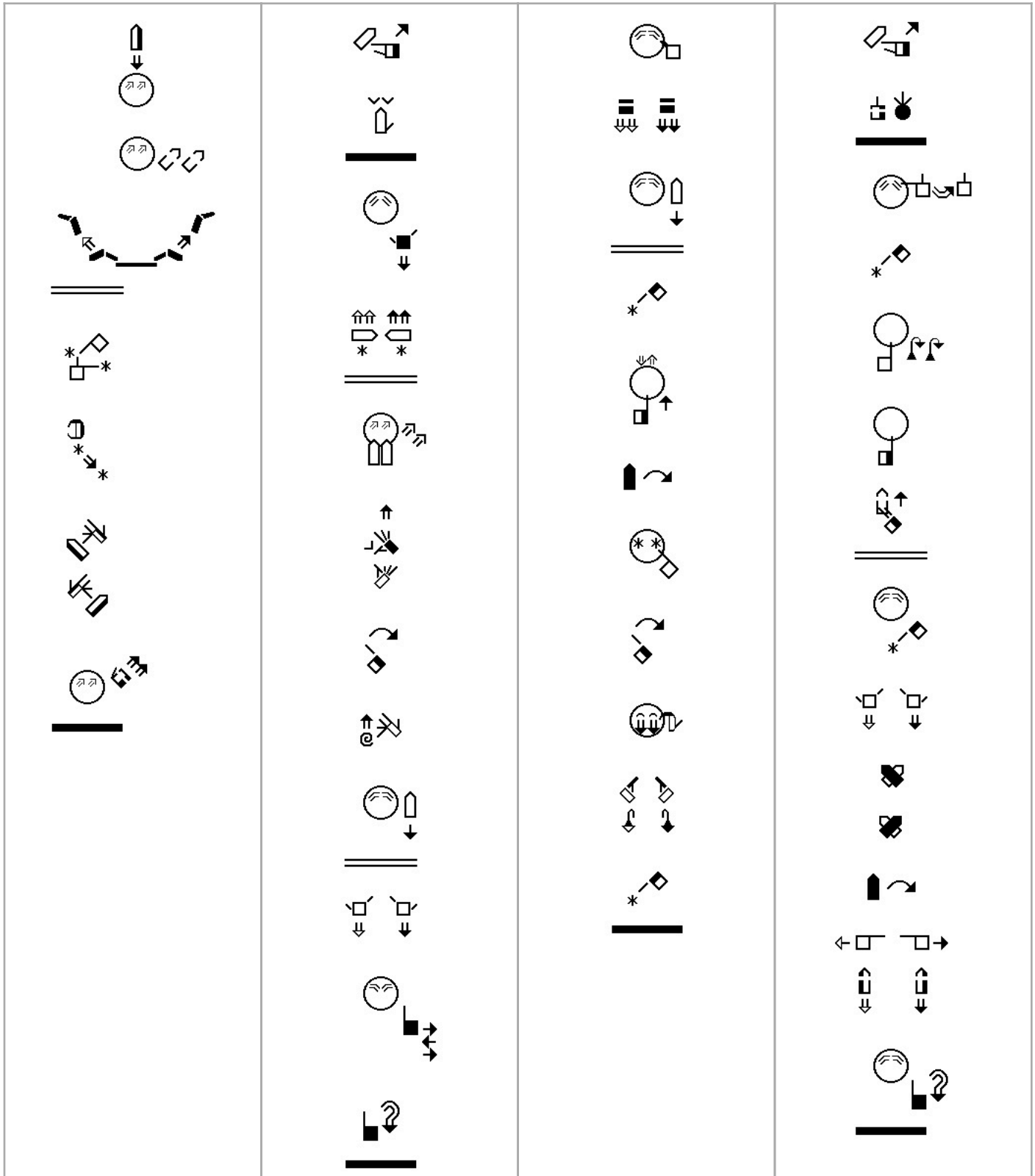


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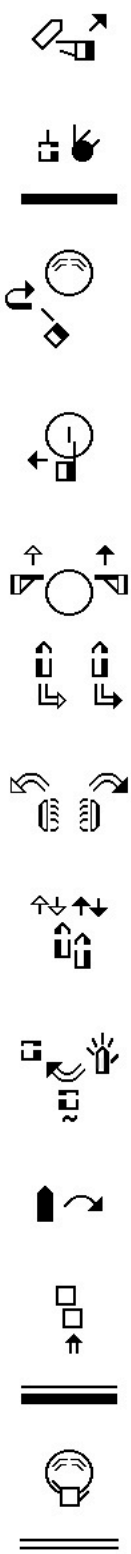

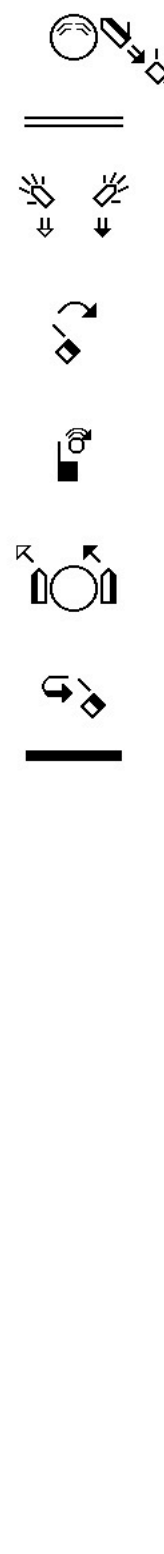
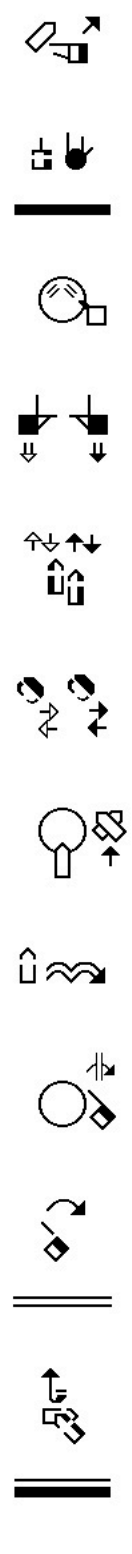
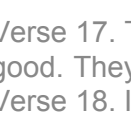
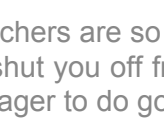
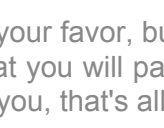
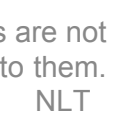
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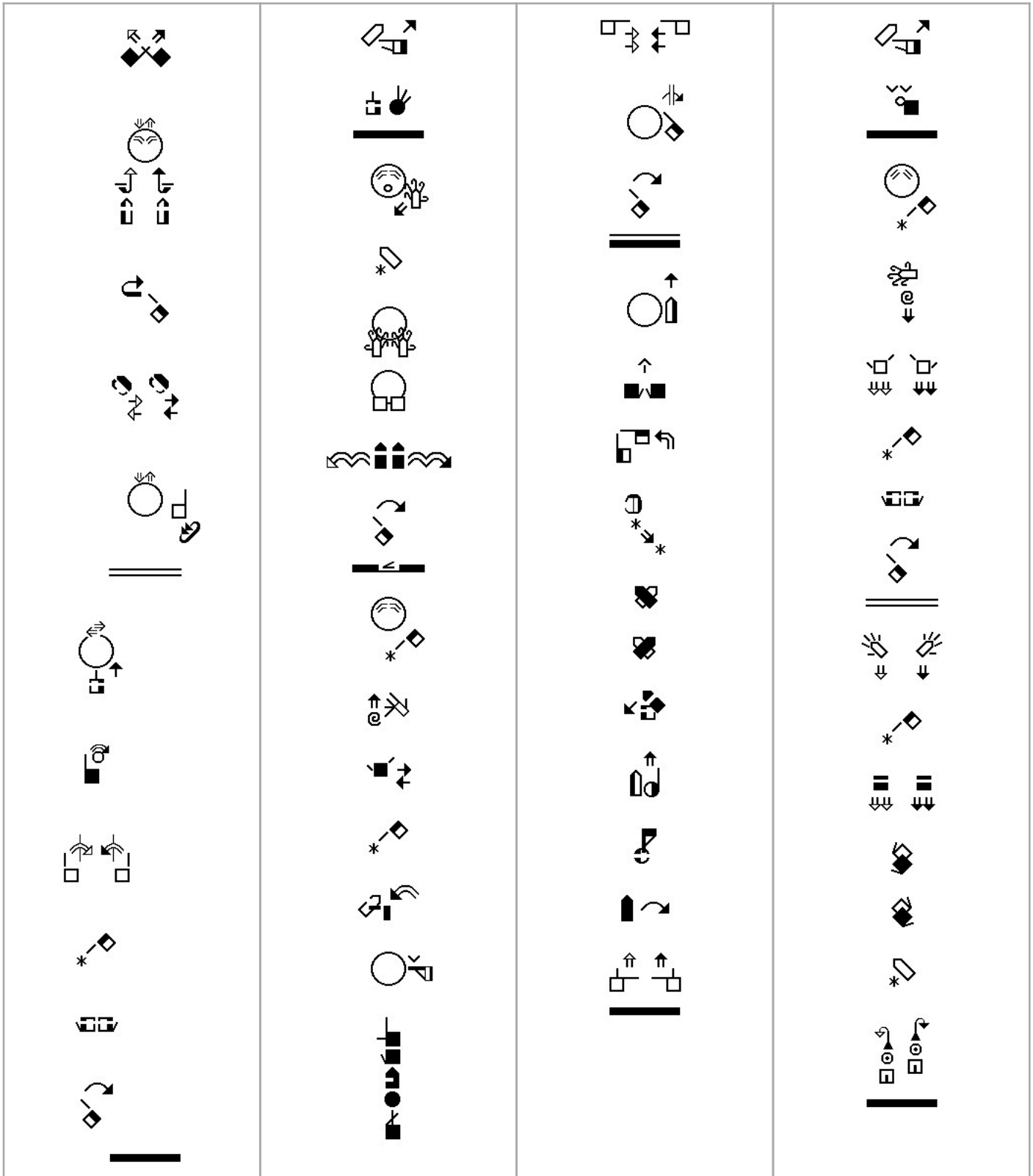
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were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself. Verse 15. Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible. Verse 16. Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?  
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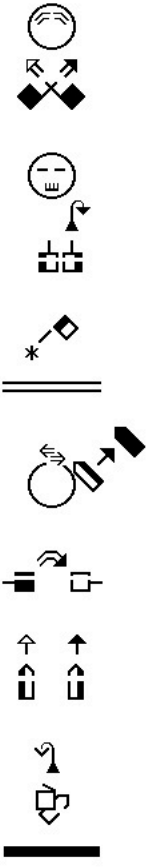

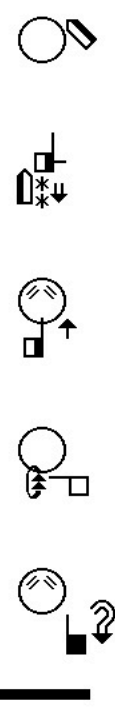
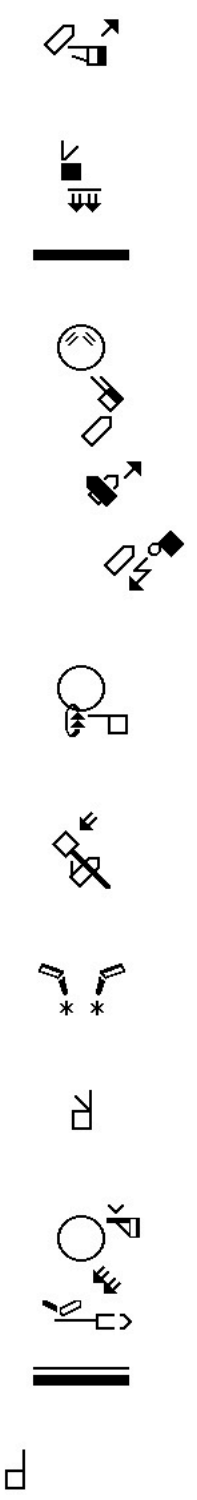
			
			

Verse 17. Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them.  
Verse 18. If someone is eager to do good things for you, that's all right; NLT

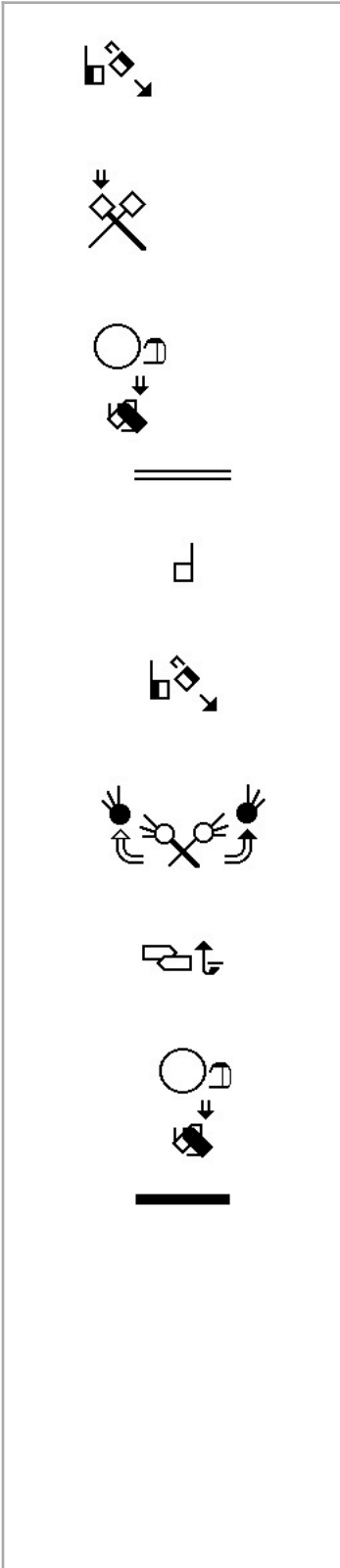
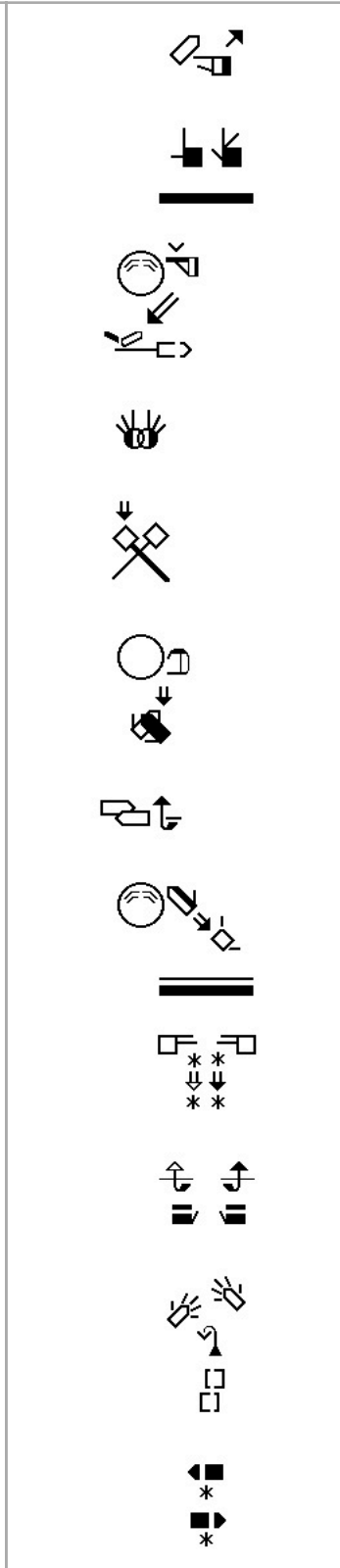
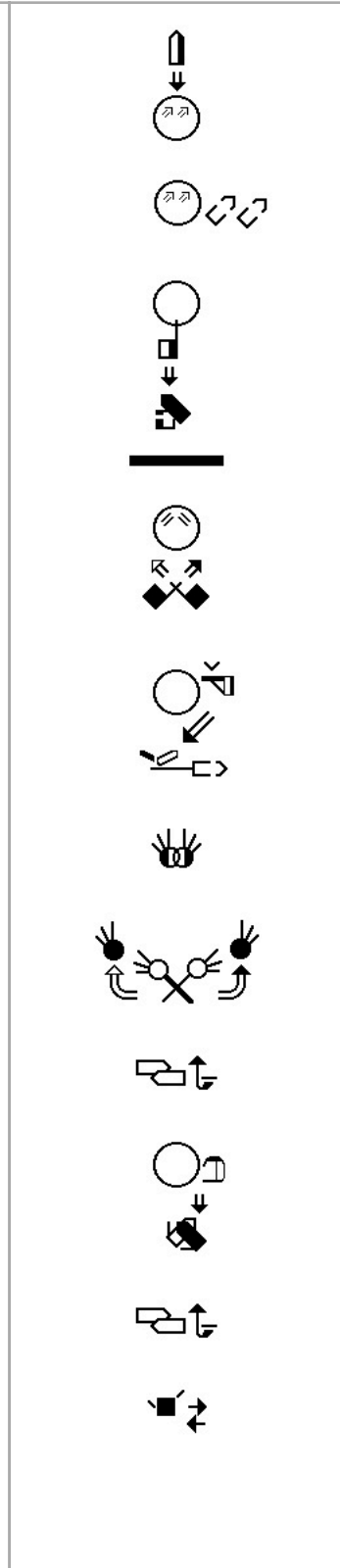
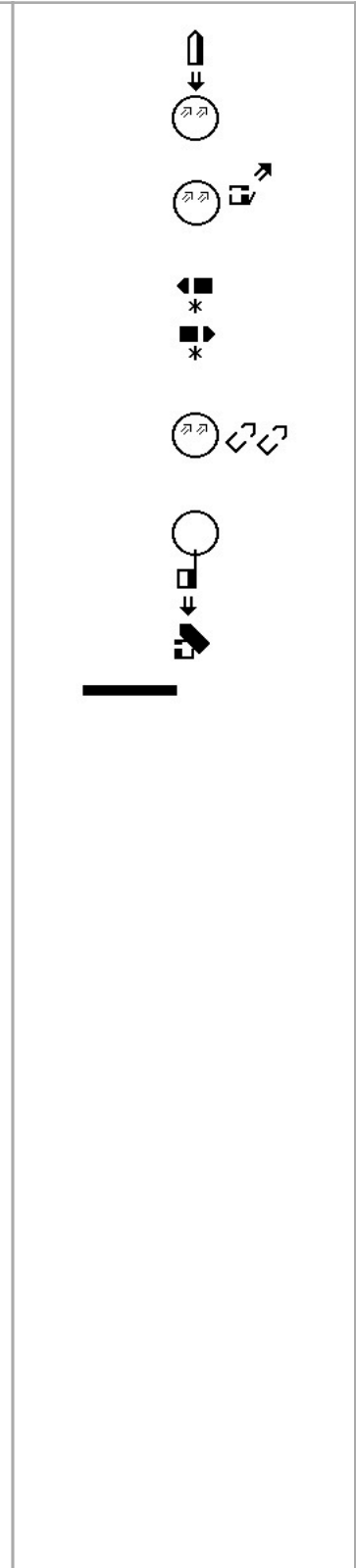


but let them do it all the time, not just when I'm with you. Verse 19. Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. Verse 20. I wish I were with you right now so I could change my tone. NLT

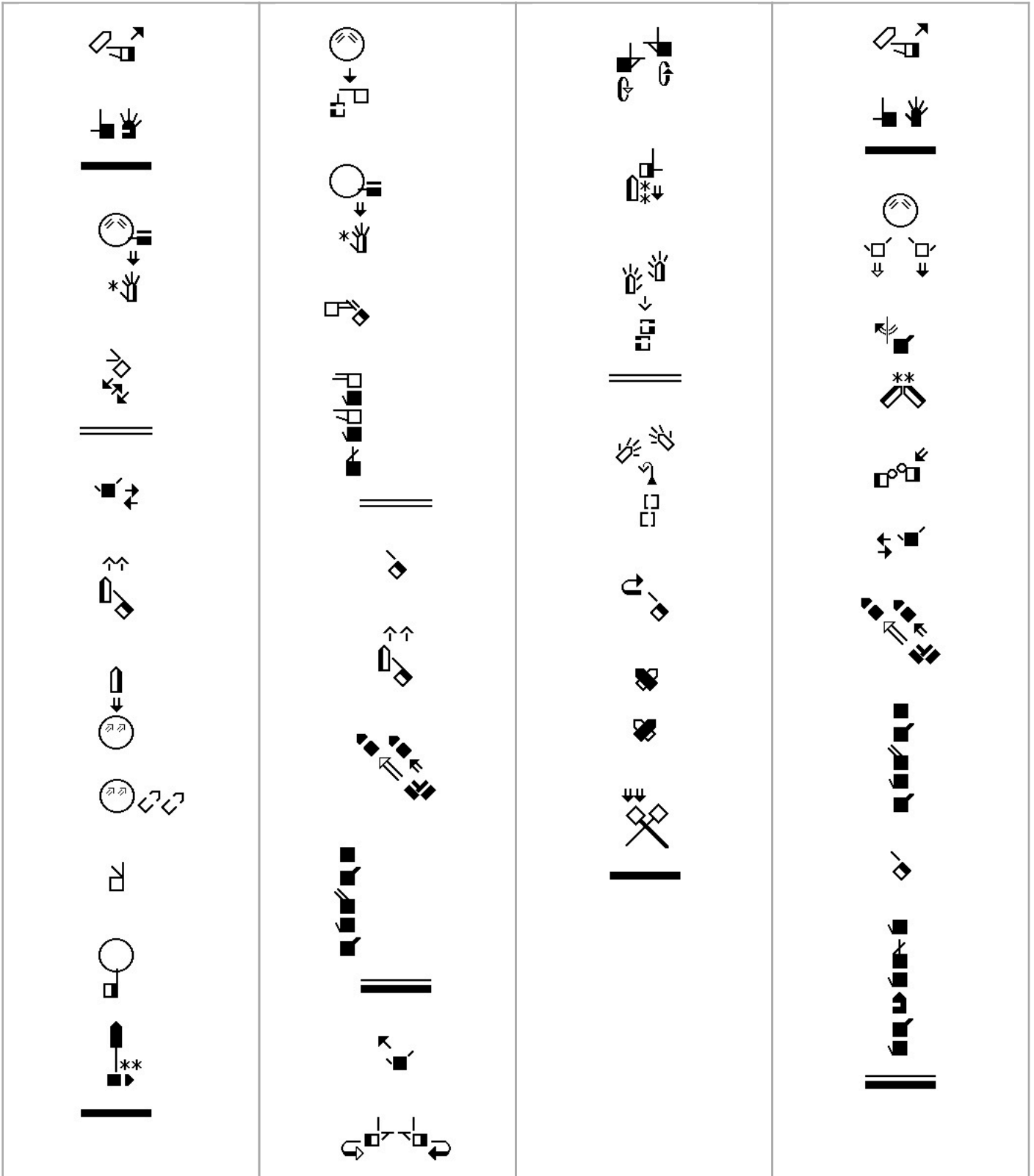


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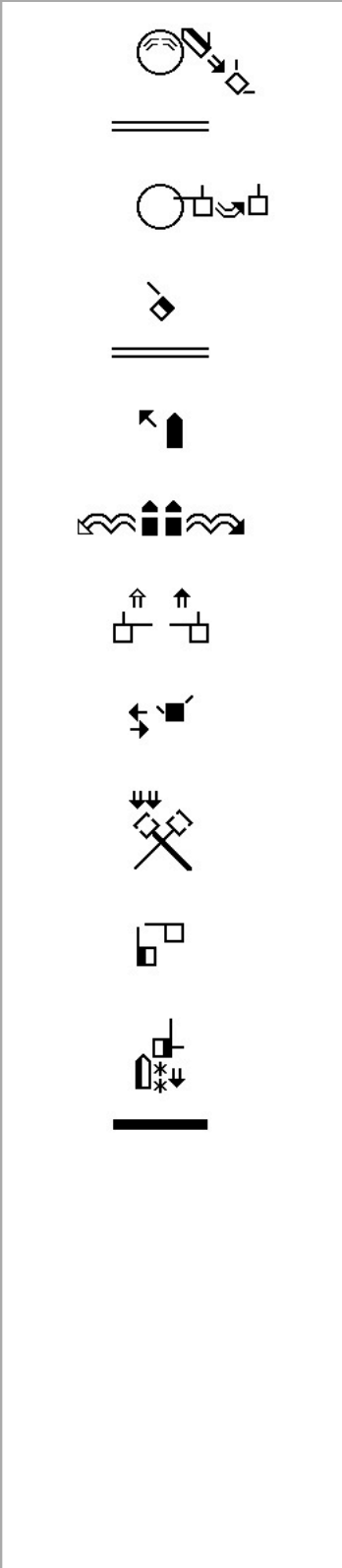
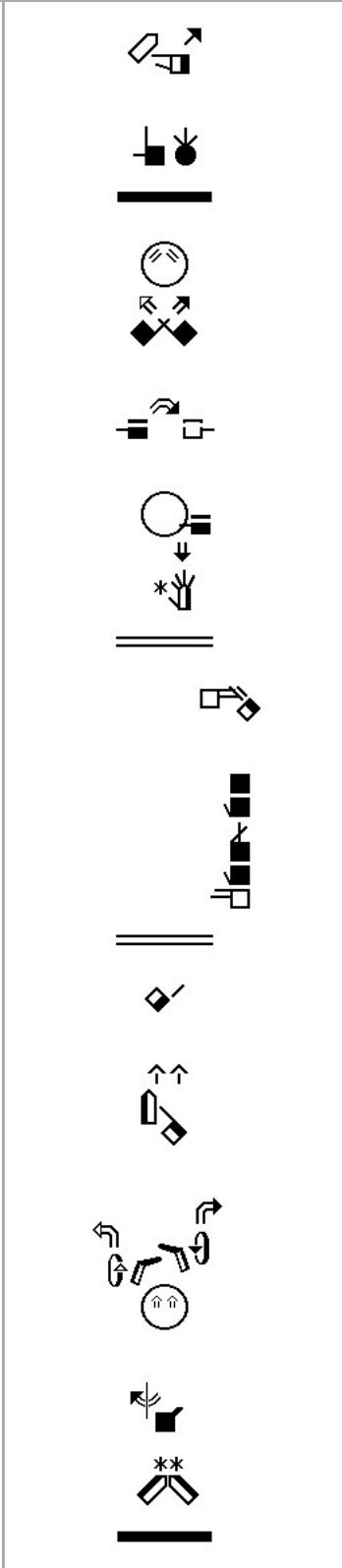
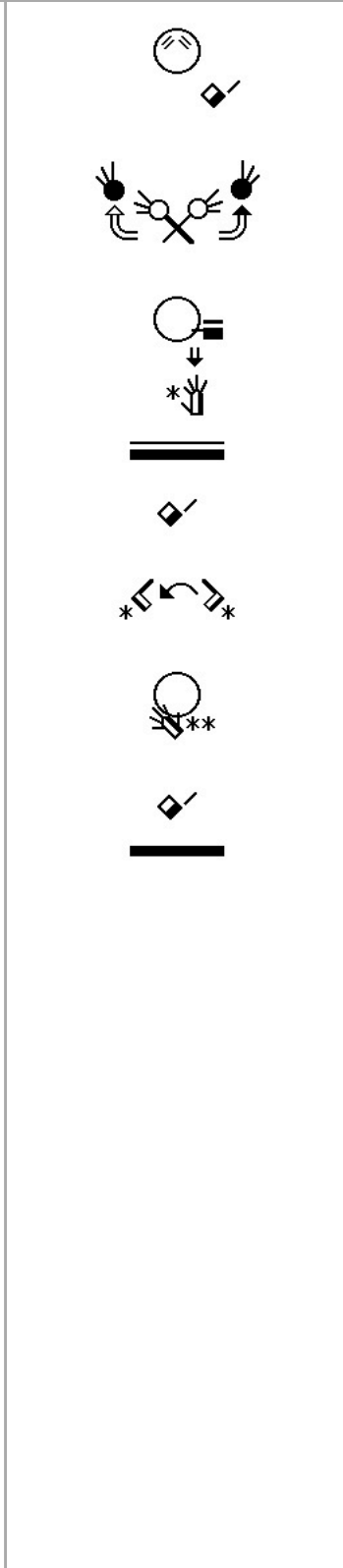
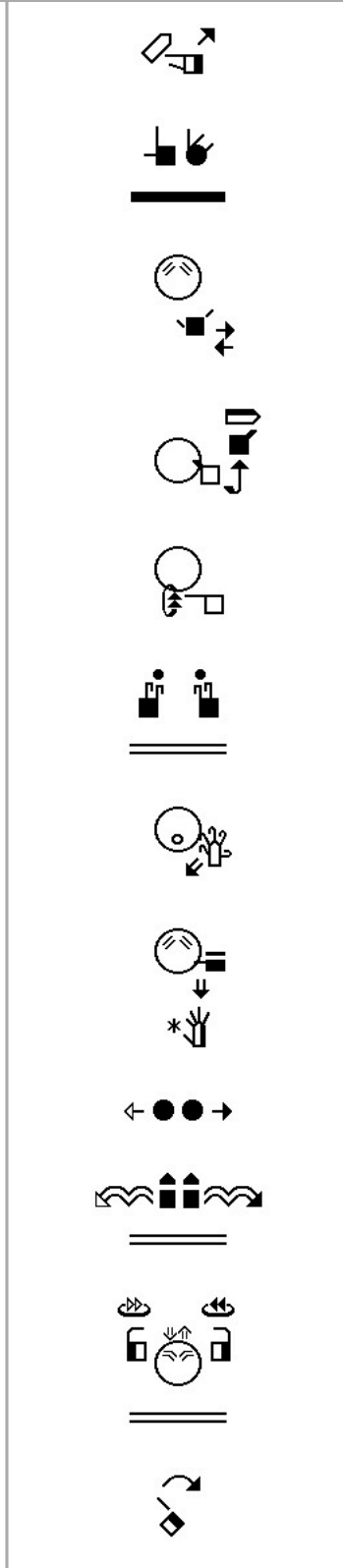
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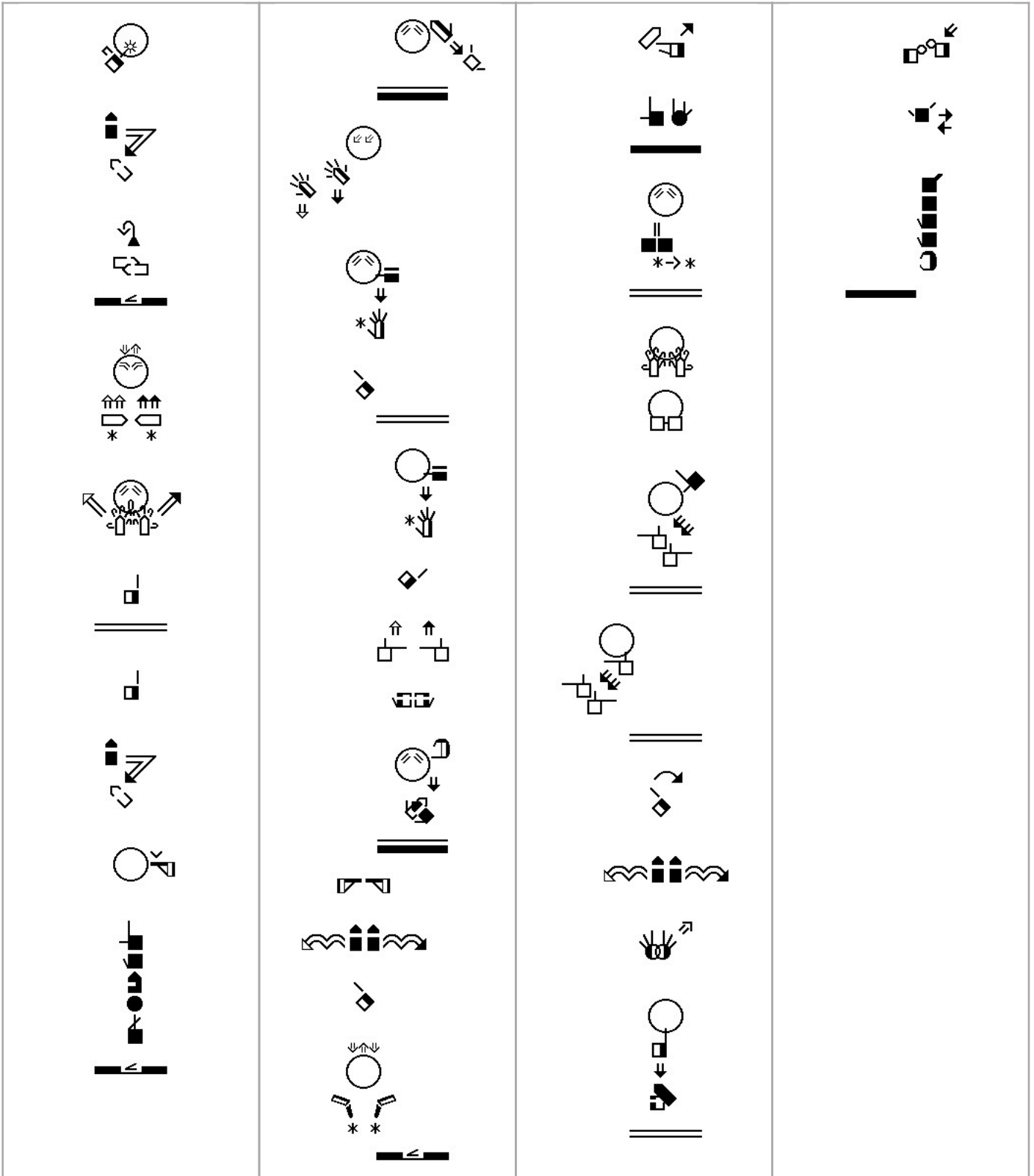
from his slave-wife and one from his freeborn wife. Verse 23. The son of the slave-wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. NLT



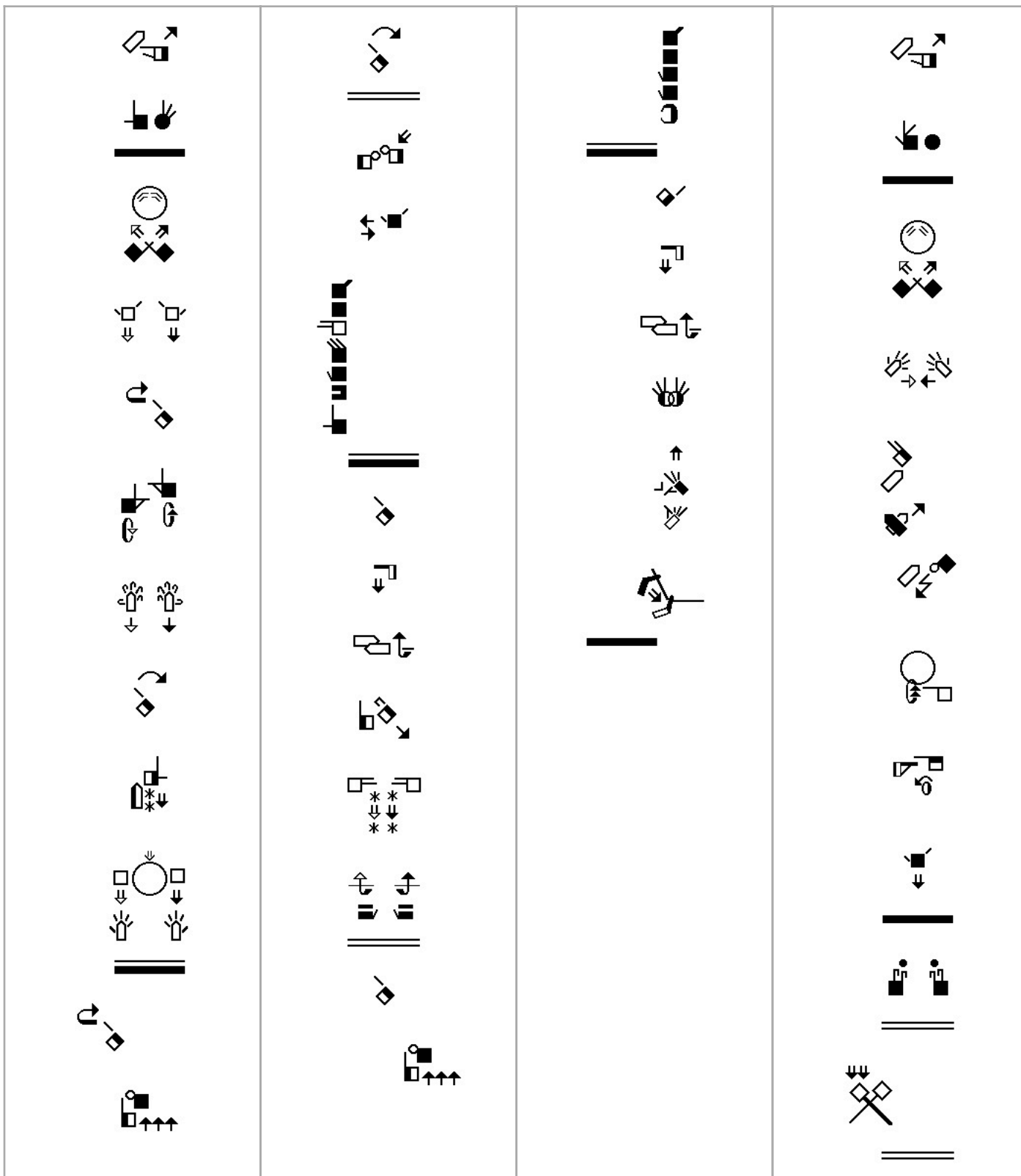
Verse 24. These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. Verse 25. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, NLT

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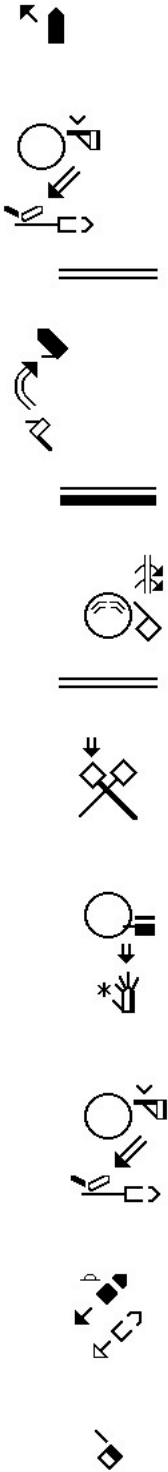
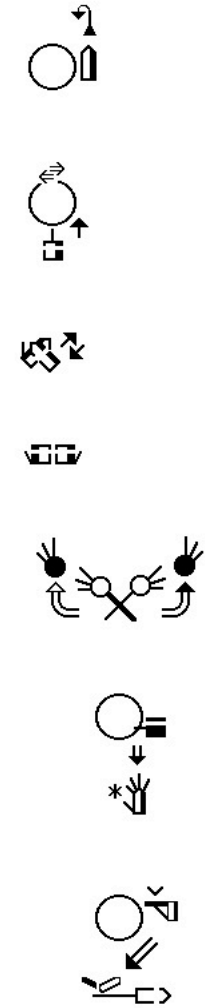
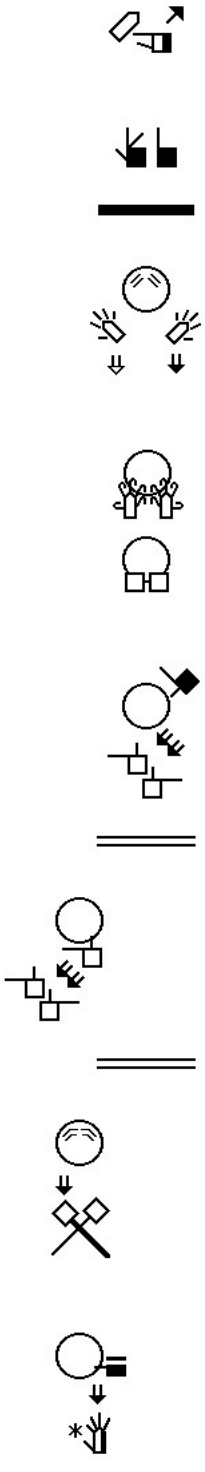
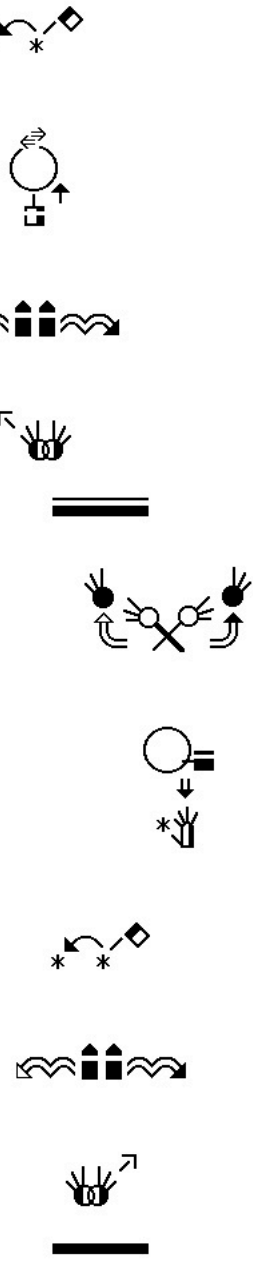
because she and her children live in slavery to the law. Verse 26. But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. Verse 27. As Isaiah said, "Rejoice, O childless woman, you



who have never given birth! Break into a joyful shout, you who have never been in labor! For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband!" Verse 28. And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac.  
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Verse 29. But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit. Verse 30. But what do the Scriptures say about that? "Get rid of the slave NLT

			
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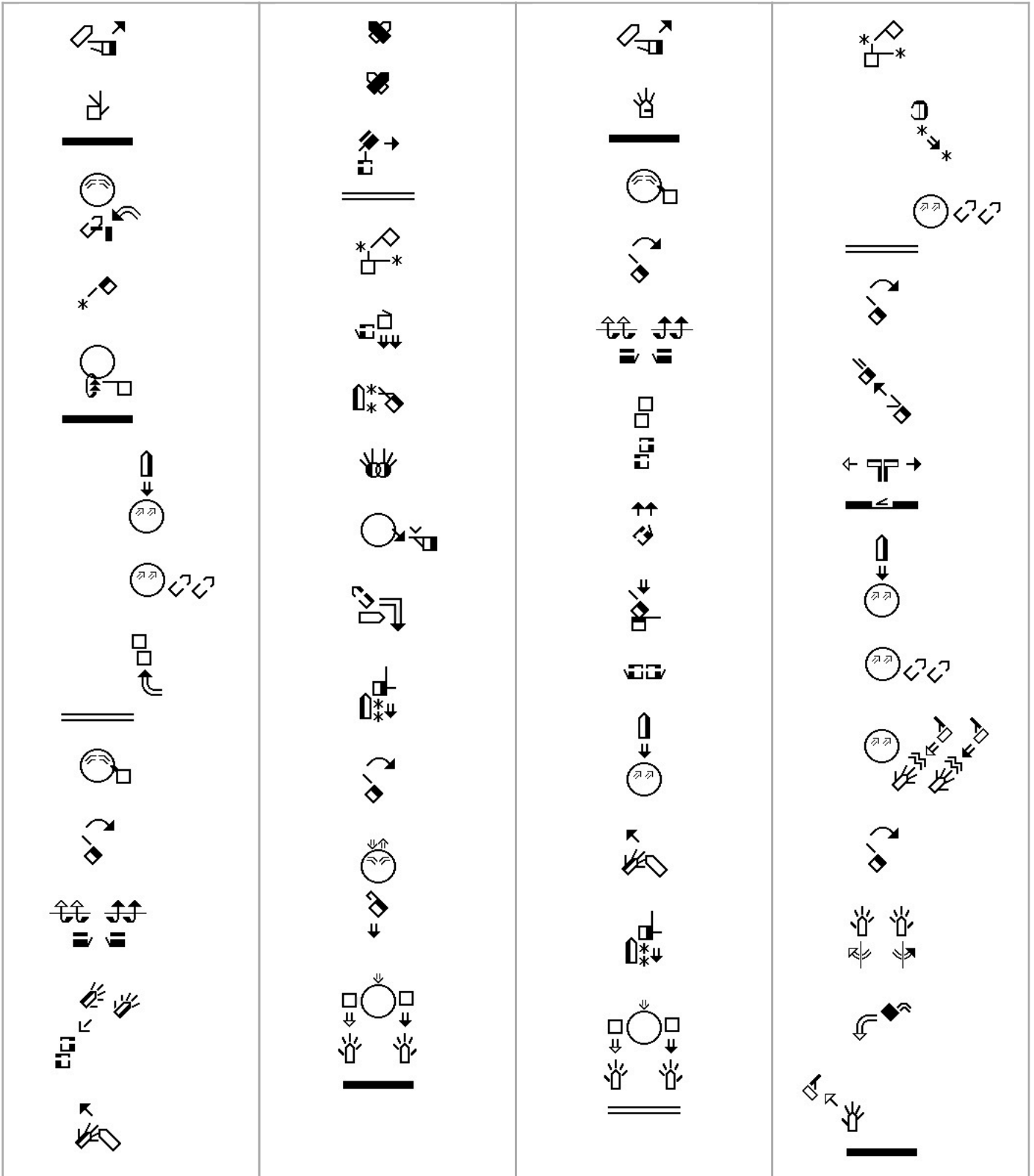
and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman's son." Verse 31. So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman. NLT

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Chapter 5. So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Verse 2. Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you.

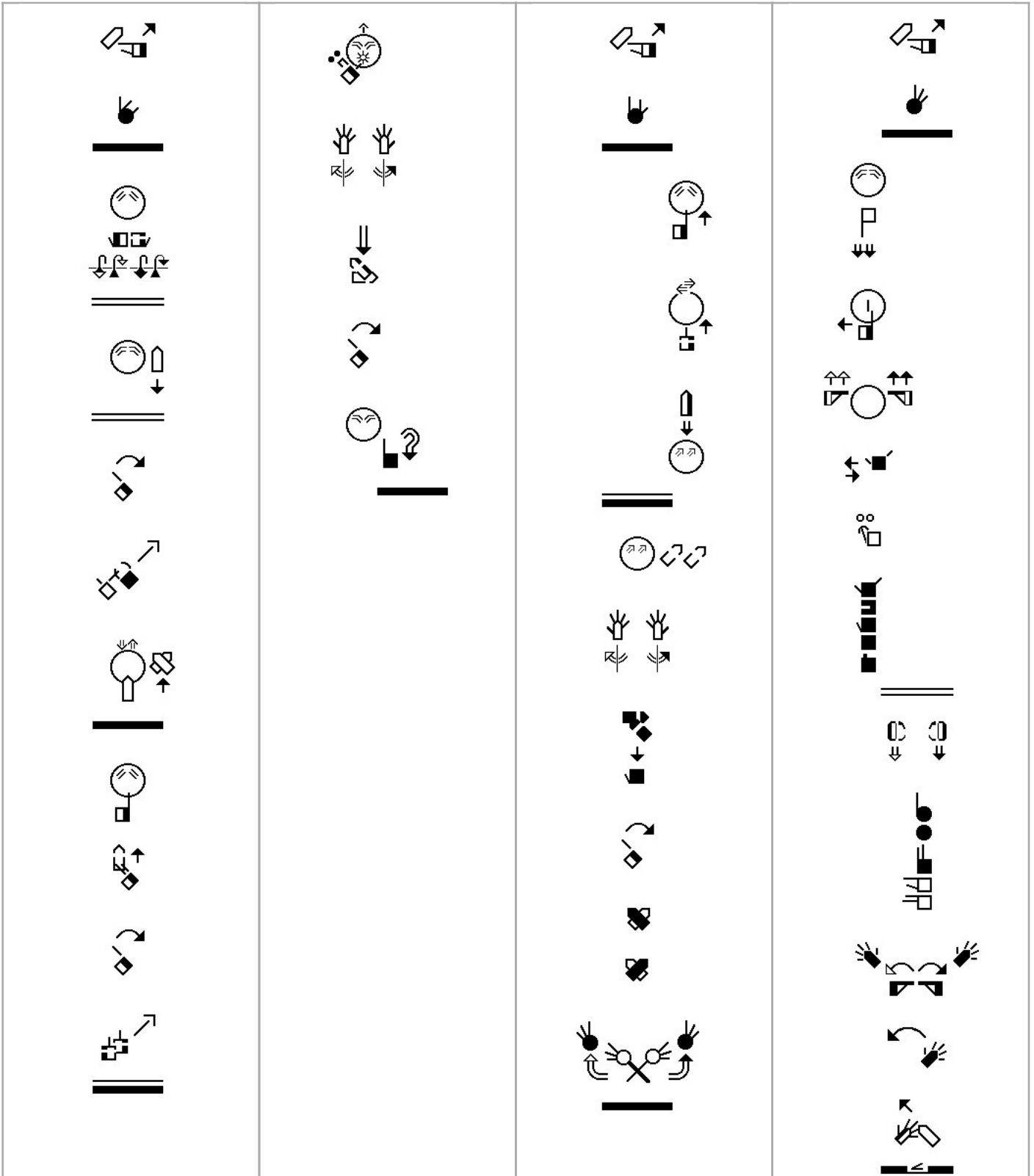
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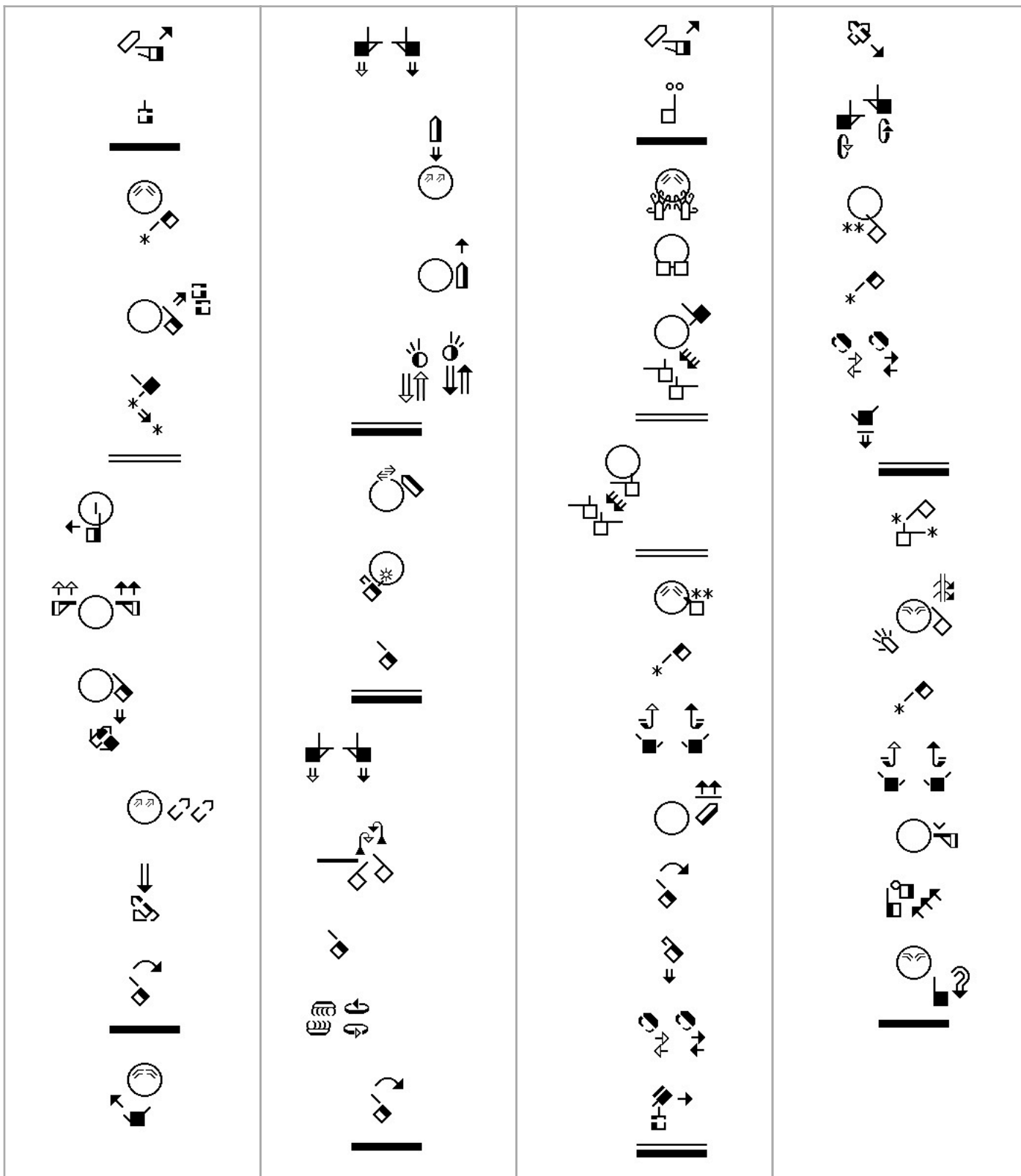


Verse 3. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. Verse 4. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. NLT

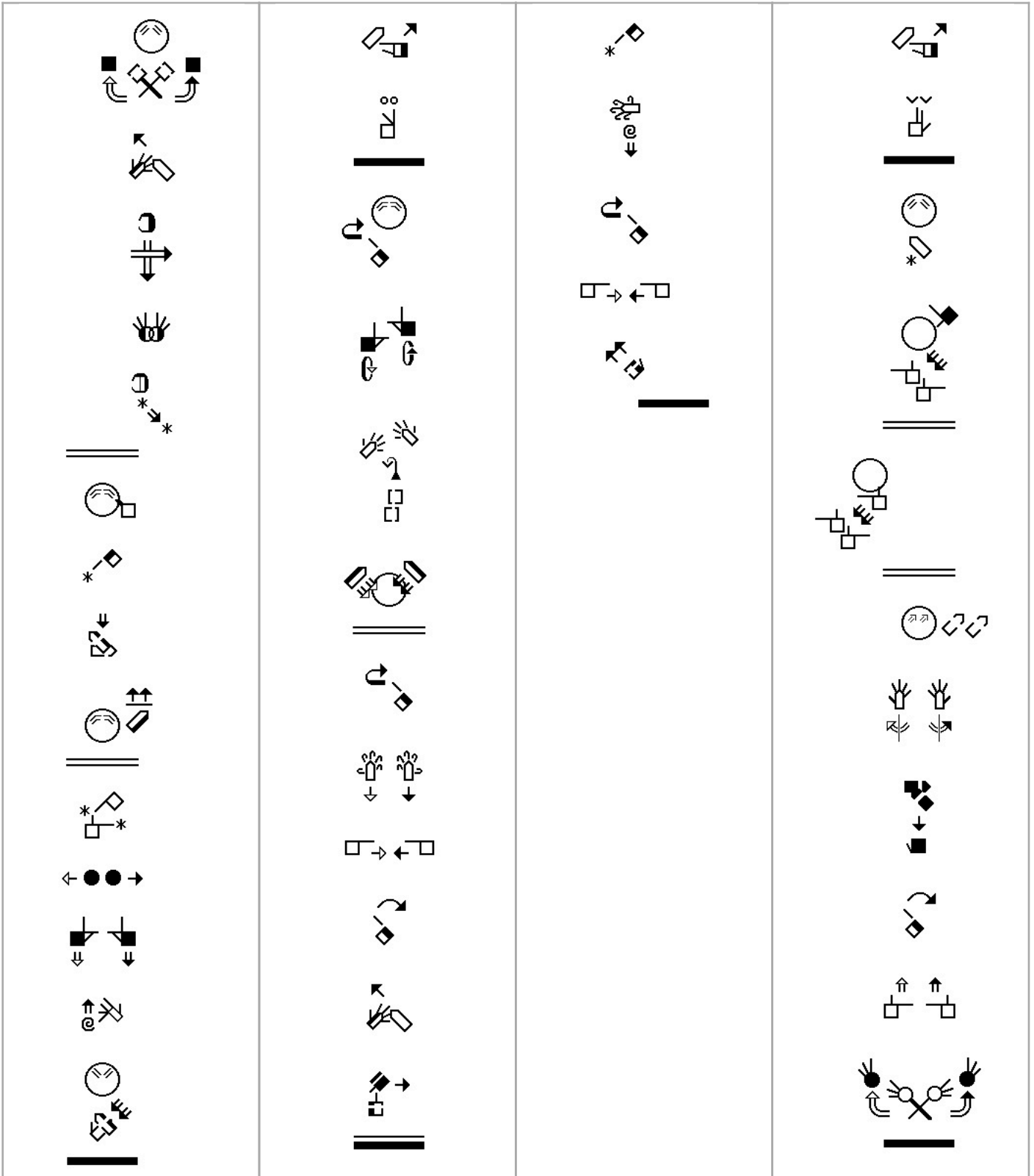

Verse 5. But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. Verse 6. For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.  
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Verse 7. You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? Verse 8. It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. Verse 9. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough!  
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Verse 10. I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you. Verse 11. Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised -- as some say I do -- why am I still being persecuted?  
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If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended. Verse 12. I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves. Verse 13. For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters.  
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But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Verse 14. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." NLT

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Verse 15. But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. Verse 16. So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.





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Verse 18. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. Verse 19. When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, Verse 20. idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, NLT

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selfish ambition, dissension, division, Verse 21. envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. NLT

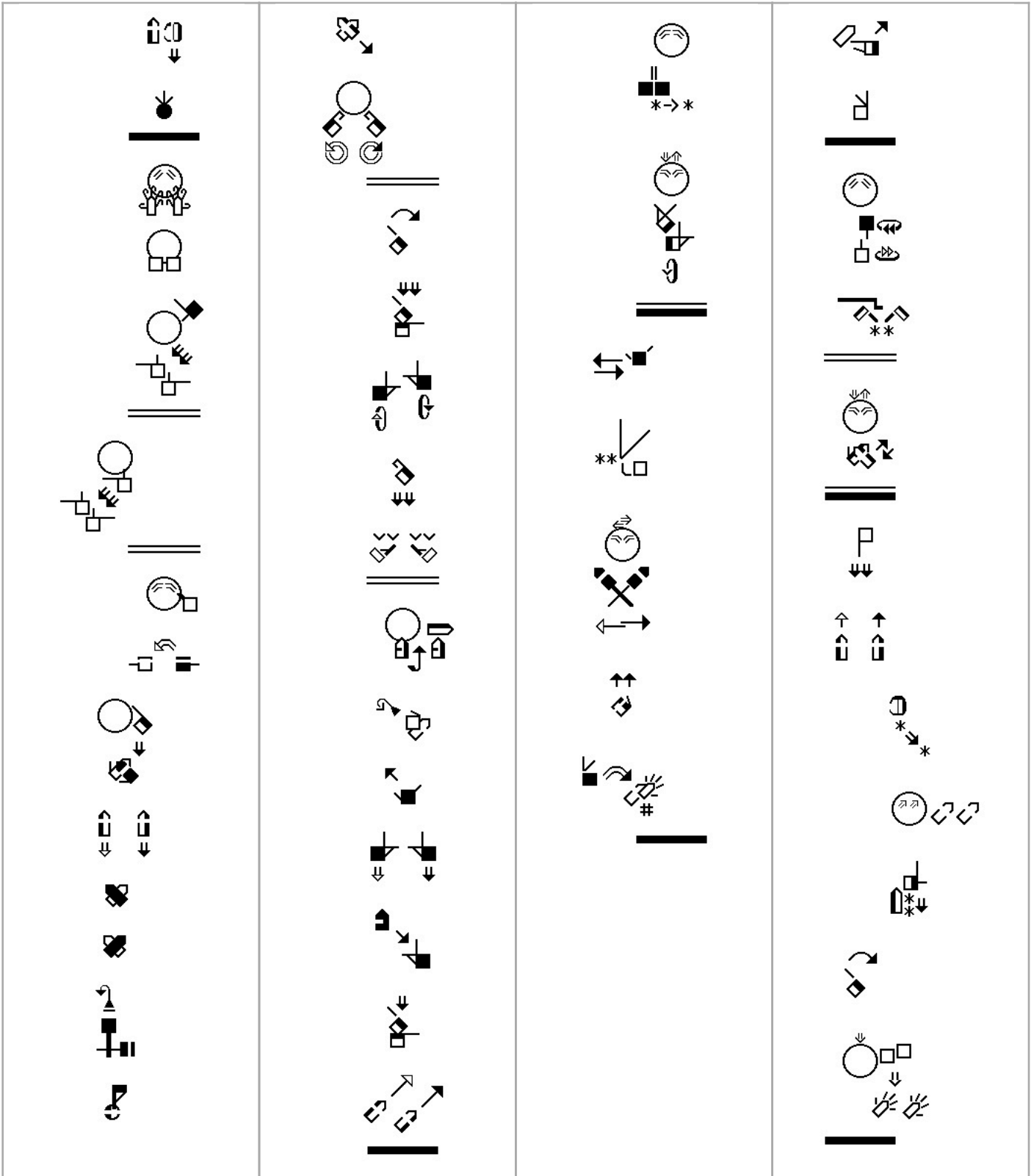
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Verse 22. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Verse 23. gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Verse 24. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature

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to his cross and crucified them there. Verse 25. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Verse 26. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. NLT



Chapter 6. Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Verse 2. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. NLT

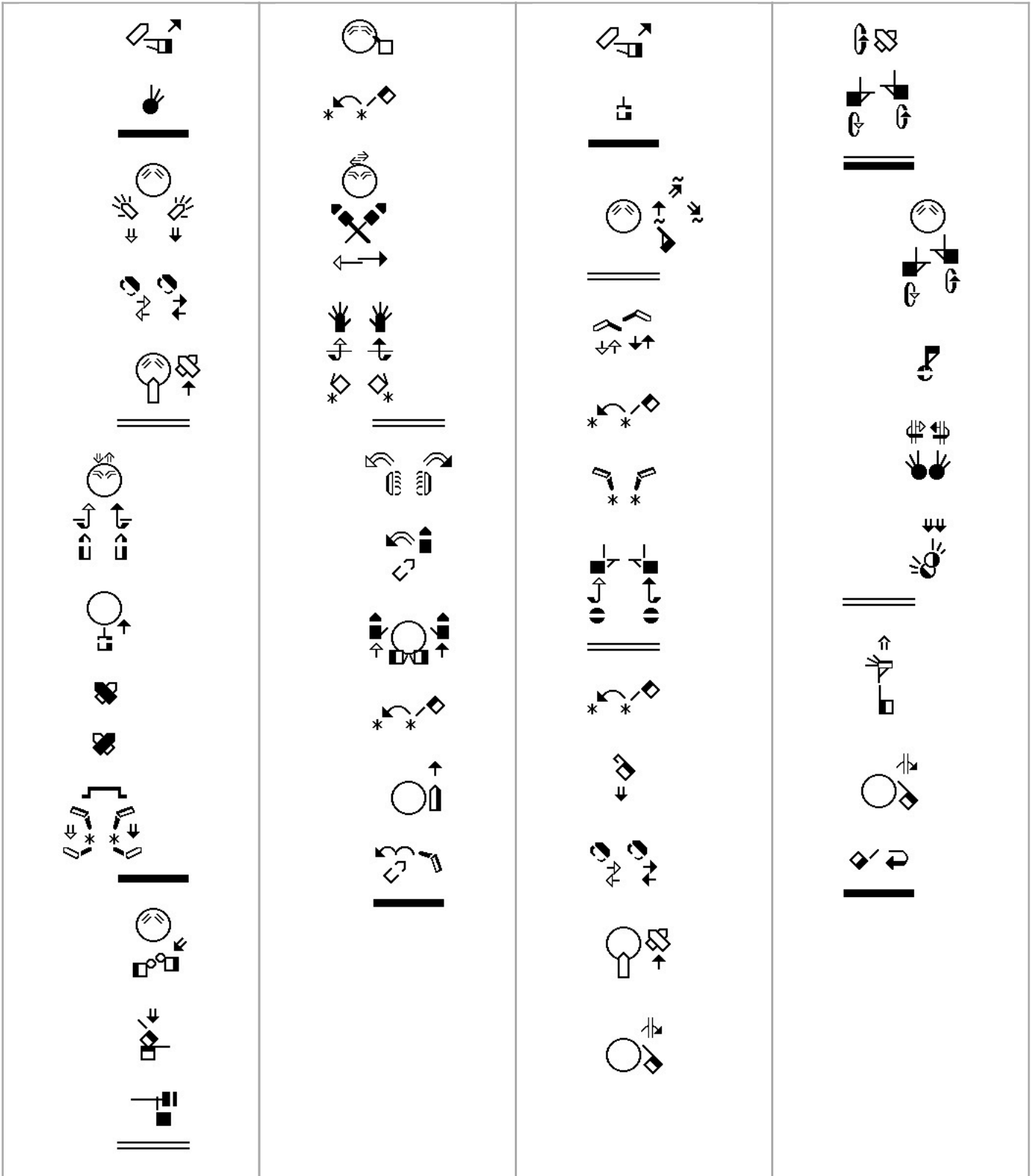




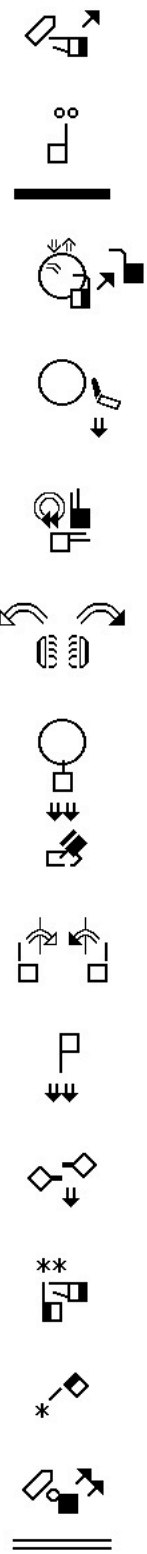


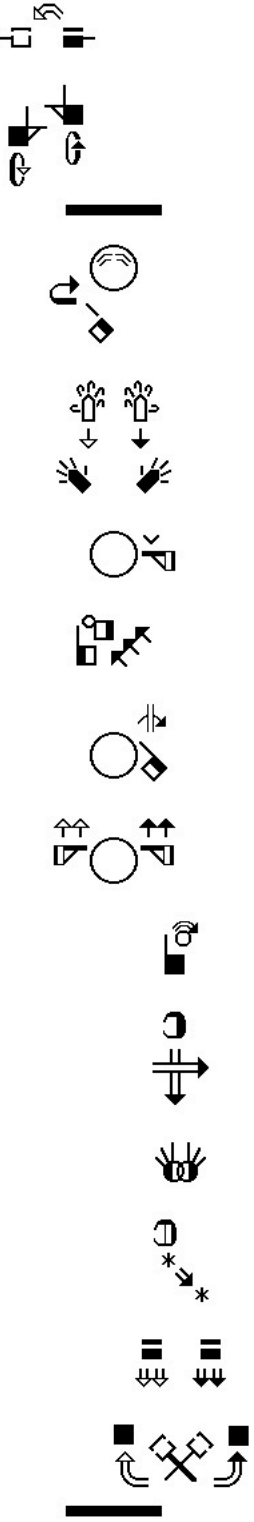
<p>The first column contains 11 ASL icons representing the text: a face with an eye, two hands moving apart, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow and a lightbulb, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, and a hand with a curved arrow.</p>	<p>The second column contains 11 ASL icons: a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, and a hand with a curved arrow.</p>	<p>The third column contains 11 ASL icons: a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, and a hand with a curved arrow.</p>	<p>The fourth column contains 11 ASL icons: a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, a hand with a curved arrow, a hand with a straight arrow, and a hand with a curved arrow.</p>
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You will always harvest what you plant. Verse 8. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.  
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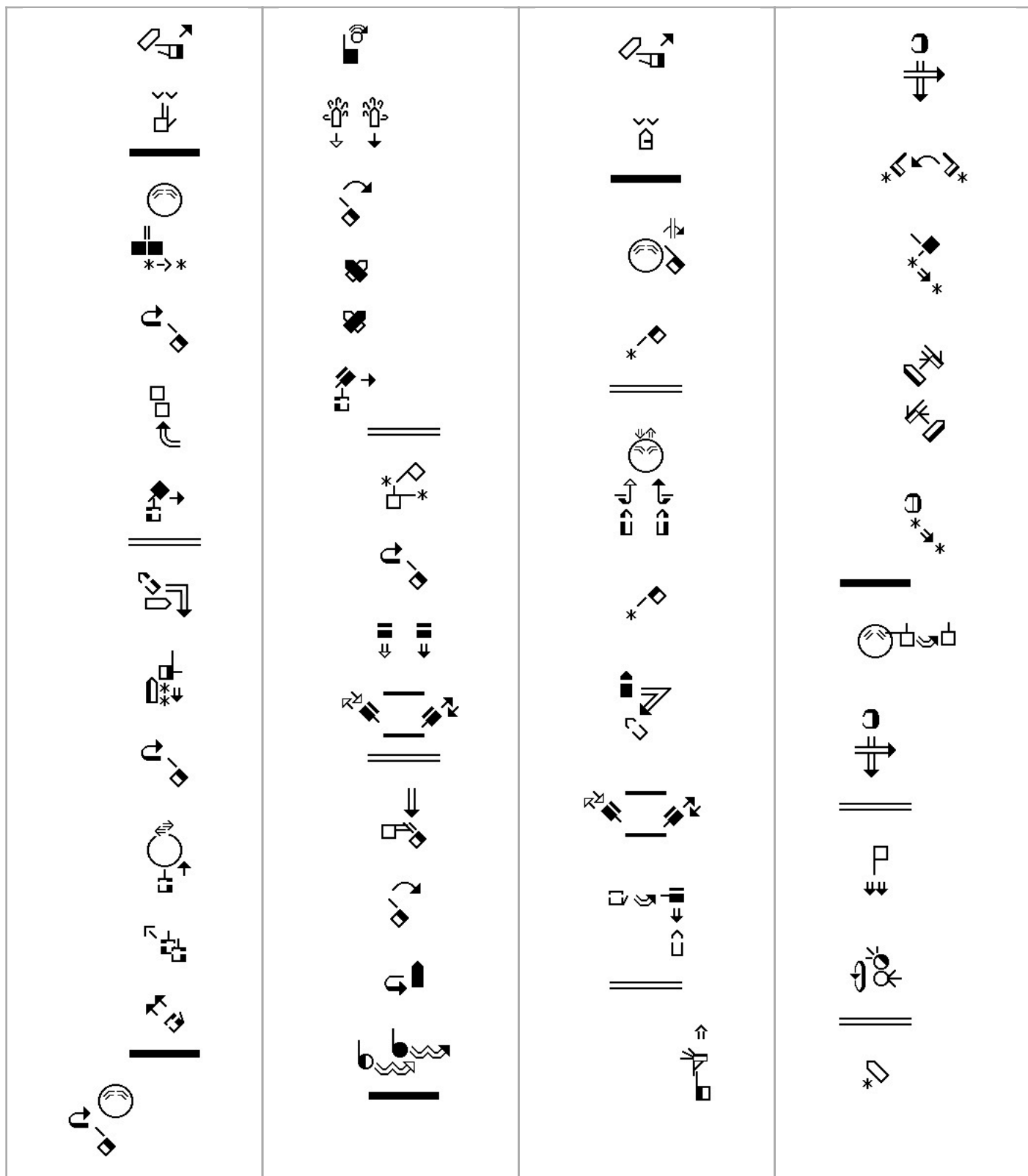


Verse 9. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Verse 10. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone -- especially to those in the family of faith. NLT

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Verse 11. NOTICE WHAT LARGE LETTERS I USE AS I WRITE THESE CLOSING WORDS IN MY OWN HANDWRITING. Verse 12. Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised want to look good to others. They don't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save.

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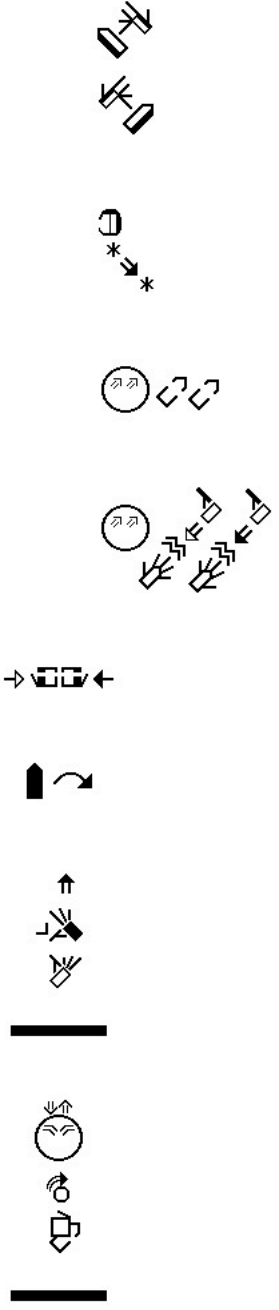
Verse 13. And even those who advocate circumcision don't keep the whole law themselves. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples. Verse 14. As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, NLT

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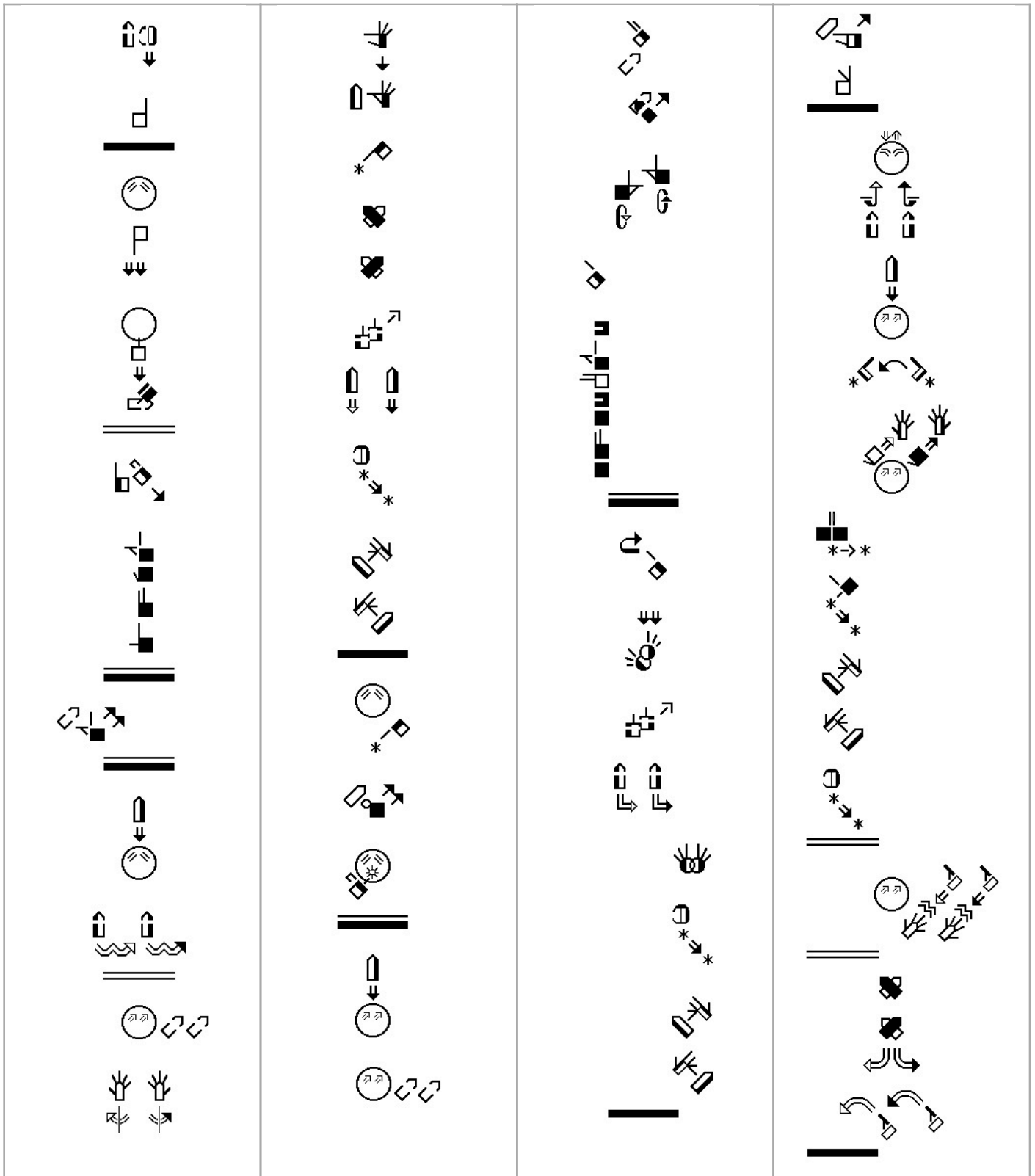
my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. Verse 15. It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. Verse 16. May God's peace and mercy be upon all who  
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live by this principle; they are the new people of God. Verse 17. From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus. Verse 18. Dear brothers and sisters, may

 <p>The first column contains a vertical sequence of ASL icons. From top to bottom: two hands holding a rectangular object; a hand with a downward-pointing arrow and two asterisks; a circle containing two hands with two arrows pointing outwards; a circle containing two hands with four arrows pointing outwards; a hand with an arrow pointing right, a square, and an arrow pointing left; a hand with a curved arrow; a hand with an arrow pointing right, a hand with an arrow pointing left, and a hand with an arrow pointing right; a thick horizontal bar; a hand with an arrow pointing right, a hand with an arrow pointing left, and a hand with an arrow pointing right; and finally another thick horizontal bar.</p>			
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the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.



Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. Verse 2. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. NLT

<p>Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.</p>	<p>Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.</p>	<p>Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.</p>	<p>Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.</p>
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3 us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Verse 5. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. NLT

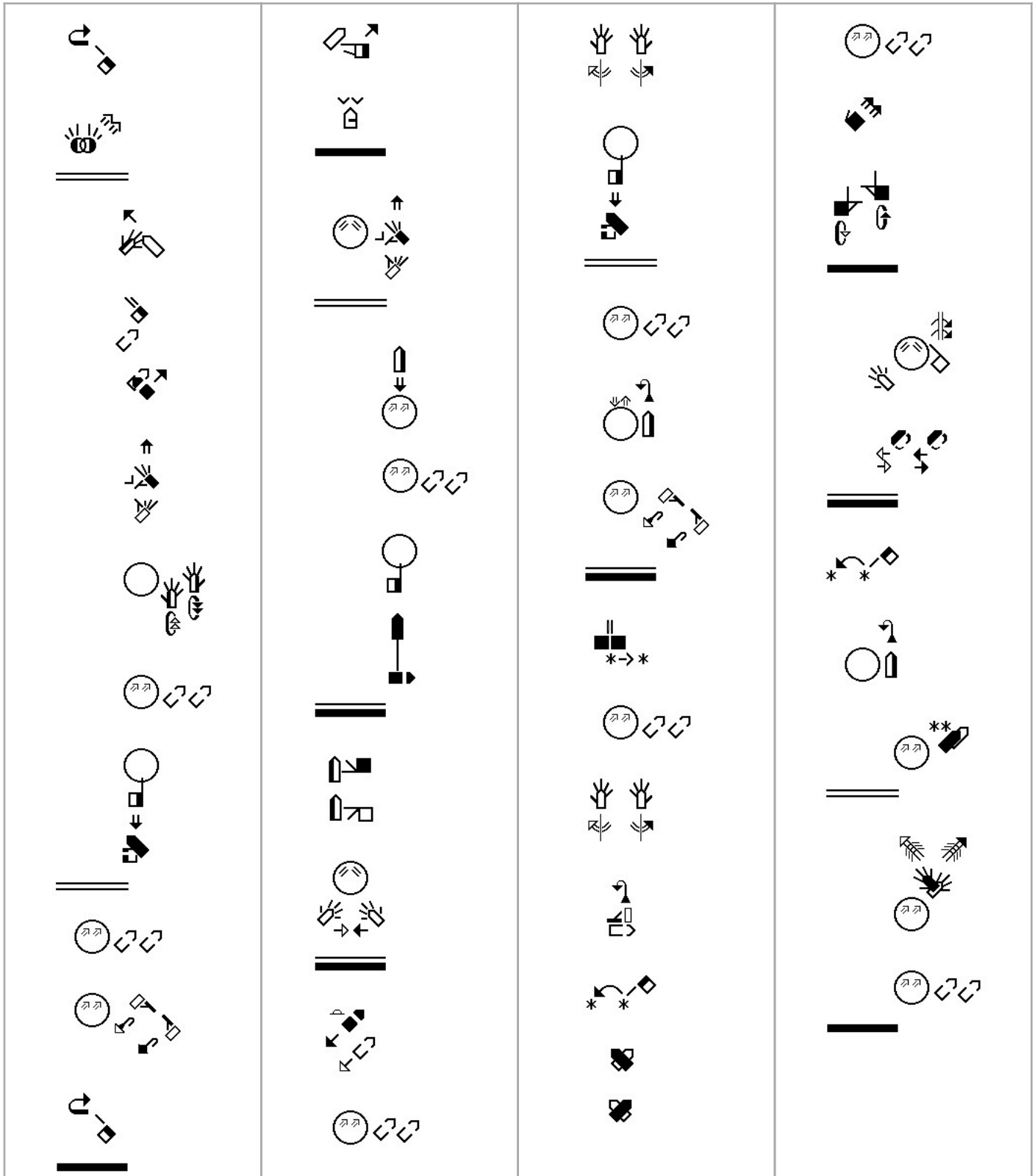


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Verse 8. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Verse 9. God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. Verse 10. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together  
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you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. Verse 14. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. NLT



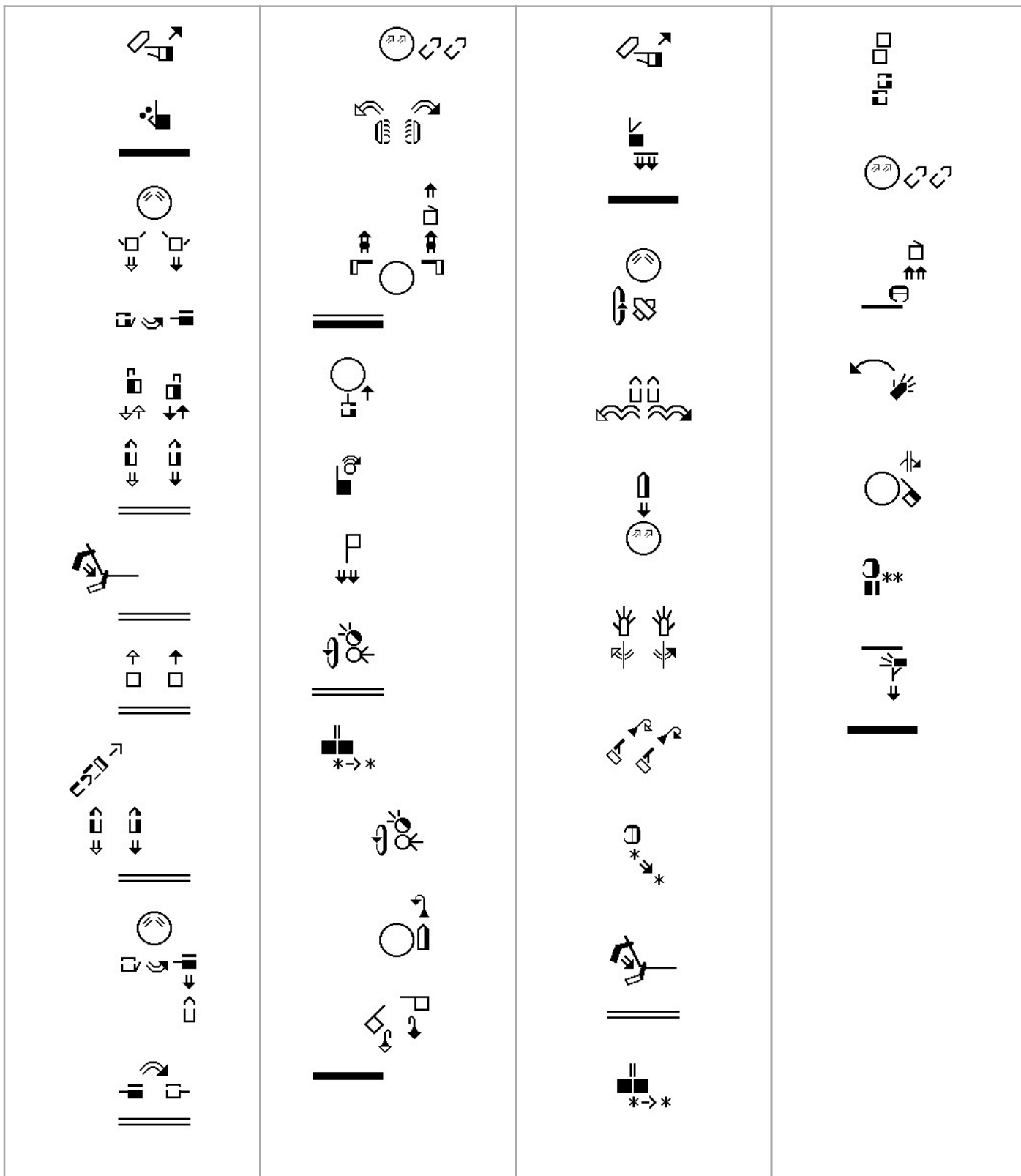
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to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. Verse 18. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called -- his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

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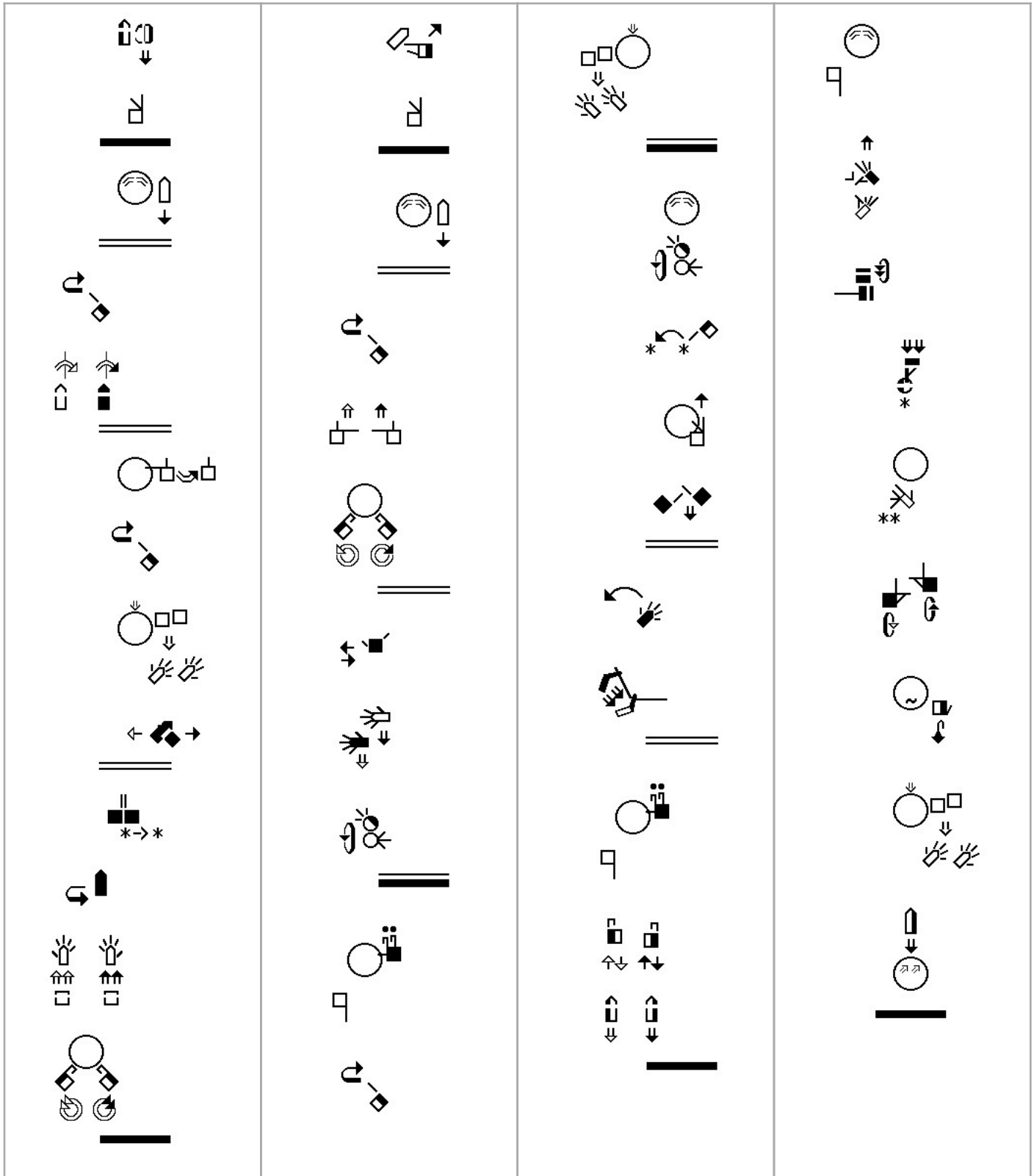


<p>11</p>	<p>Verse 19. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power Verse 20. that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. NLT</p>		



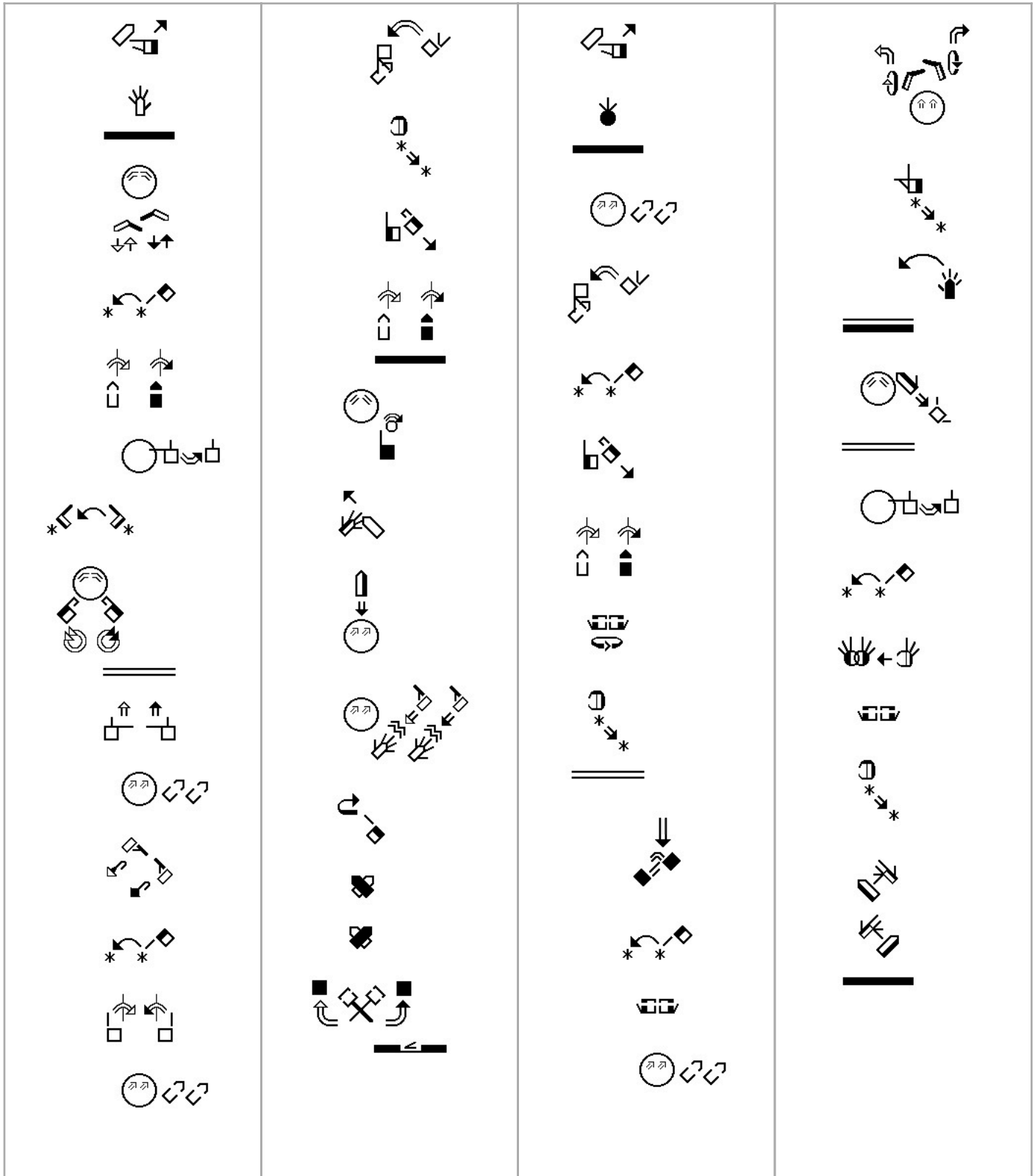
Verse 21. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else -- not only in this world but also in the world to come. Verse 22. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. NLT

<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: A sequence of hand gestures representing the verse. It starts with a sign for 'and', followed by 'church' (a circle with a cross), 'is' (a hand with fingers spread), 'his' (a hand with the thumb up), 'body' (a hand with the index finger pointing up), 'it is made full and complete by' (a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down), 'Christ' (a hand with the index finger pointing up), 'who fills all things everywhere with himself' (a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down, then a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down).</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: A sequence of hand gestures representing the verse. It starts with a sign for 'and', followed by 'church' (a circle with a cross), 'is' (a hand with fingers spread), 'his' (a hand with the thumb up), 'body' (a hand with the index finger pointing up), 'it is made full and complete by' (a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down), 'Christ' (a hand with the index finger pointing up), 'who fills all things everywhere with himself' (a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down, then a hand with the index finger pointing up, then a hand with the index finger pointing down).</p>		
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Chapter 2. Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. Verse 2. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil -- the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. NLT





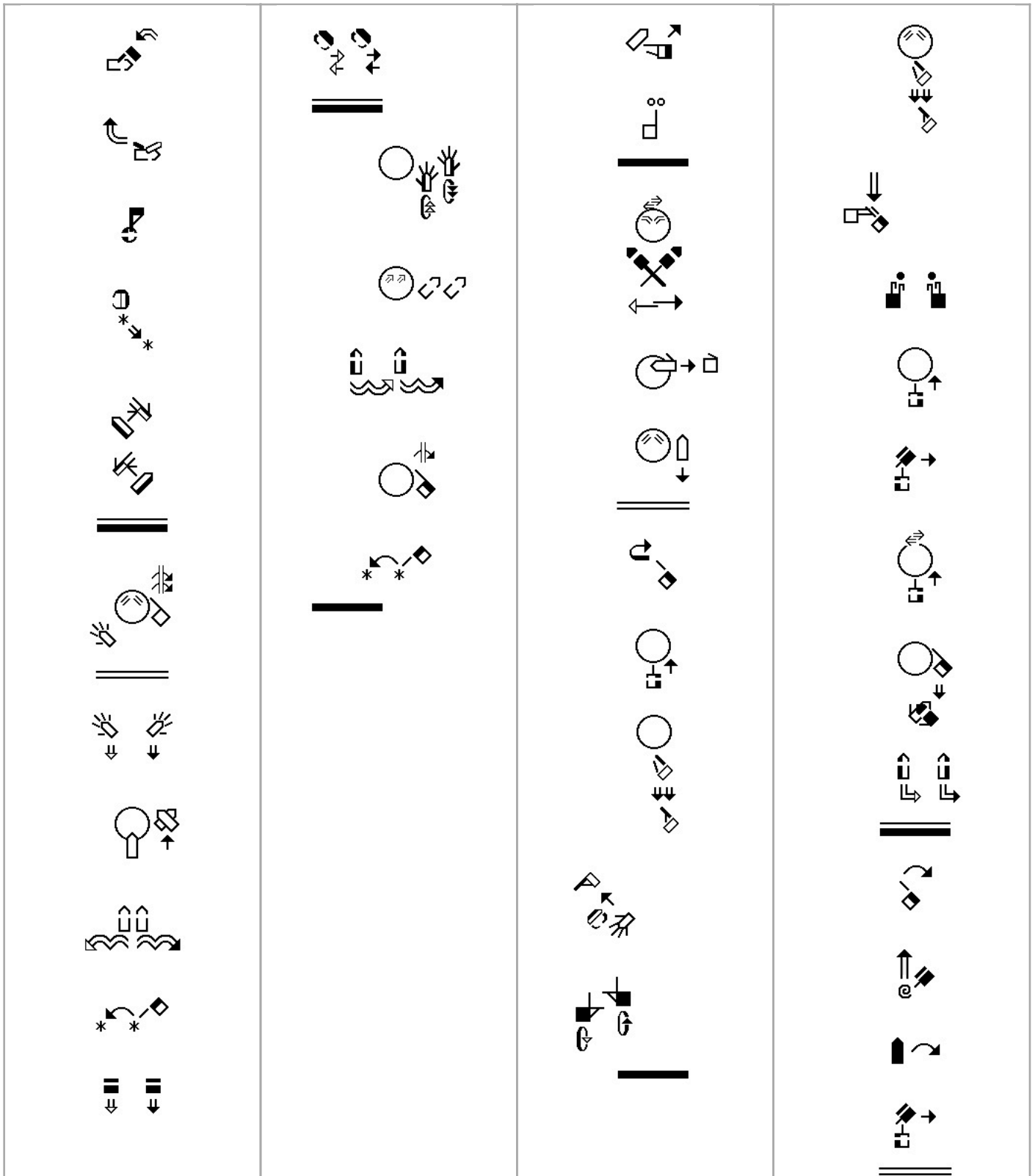
Verse 5. that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) Verse 6. For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. NLT



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And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Verse 9. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Verse 10. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us  
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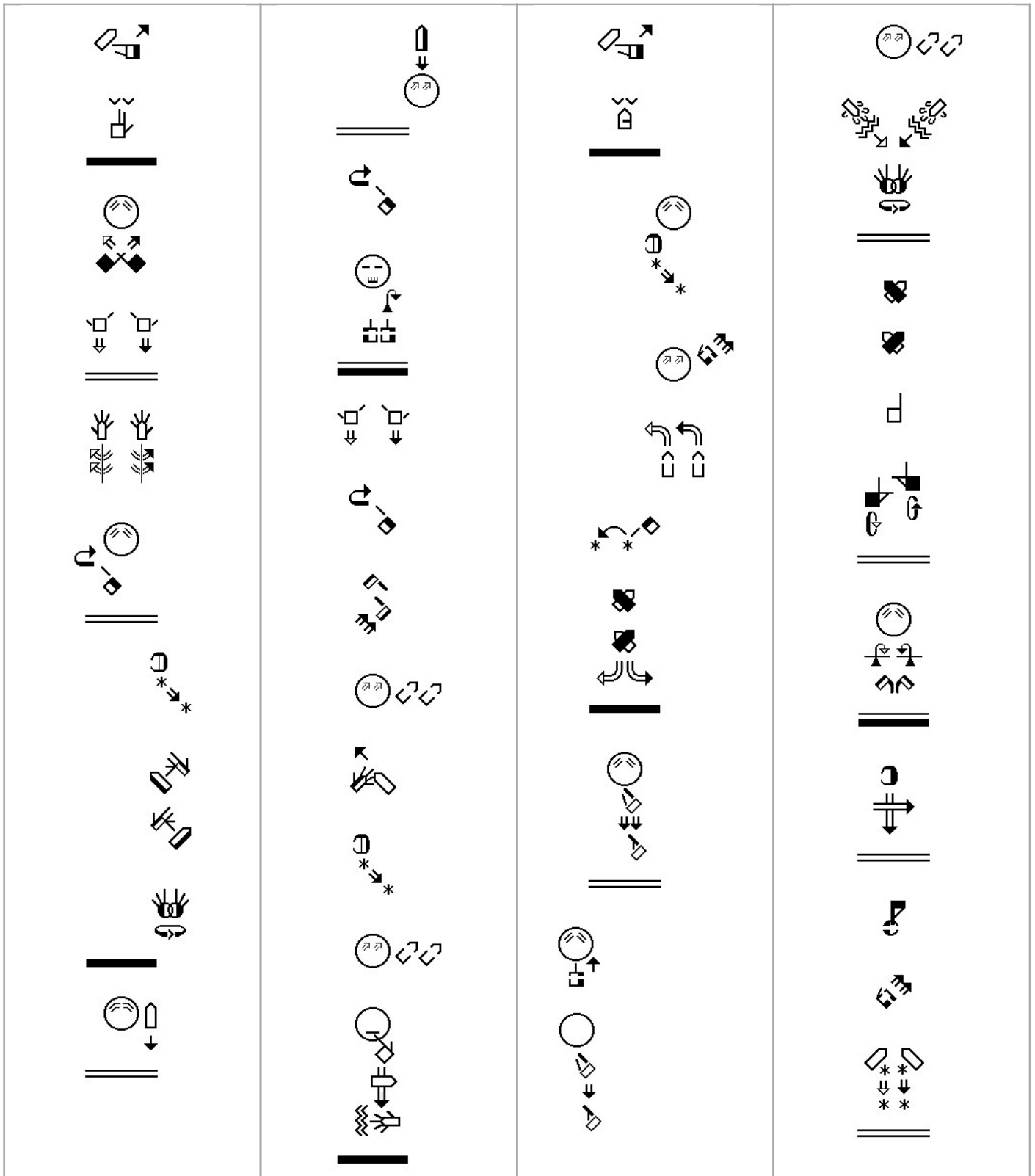




19 anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Verse 11. Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, NLT

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even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. Verse 12. In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. NLT

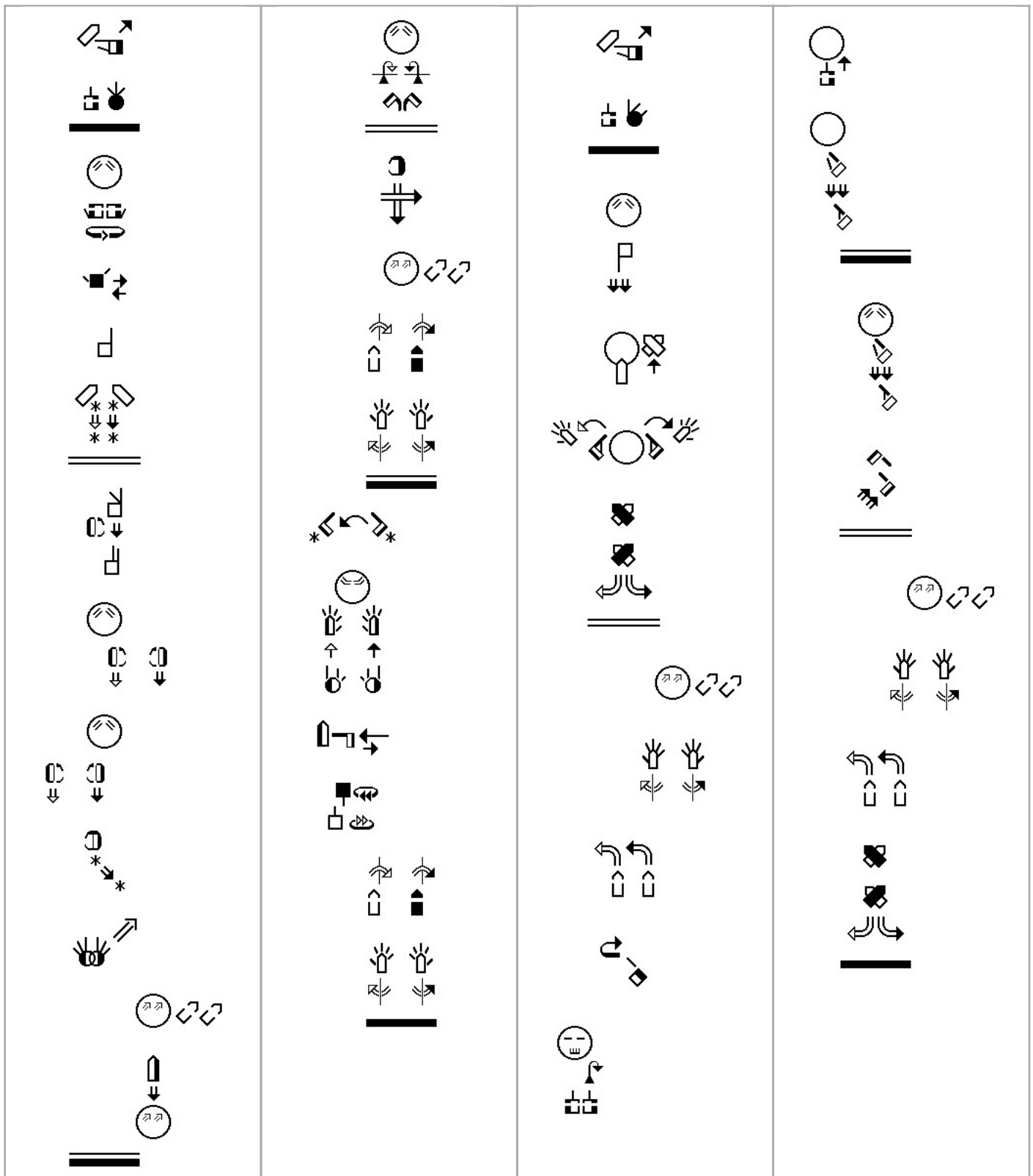


Verse 13. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. Verse 14. For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross,

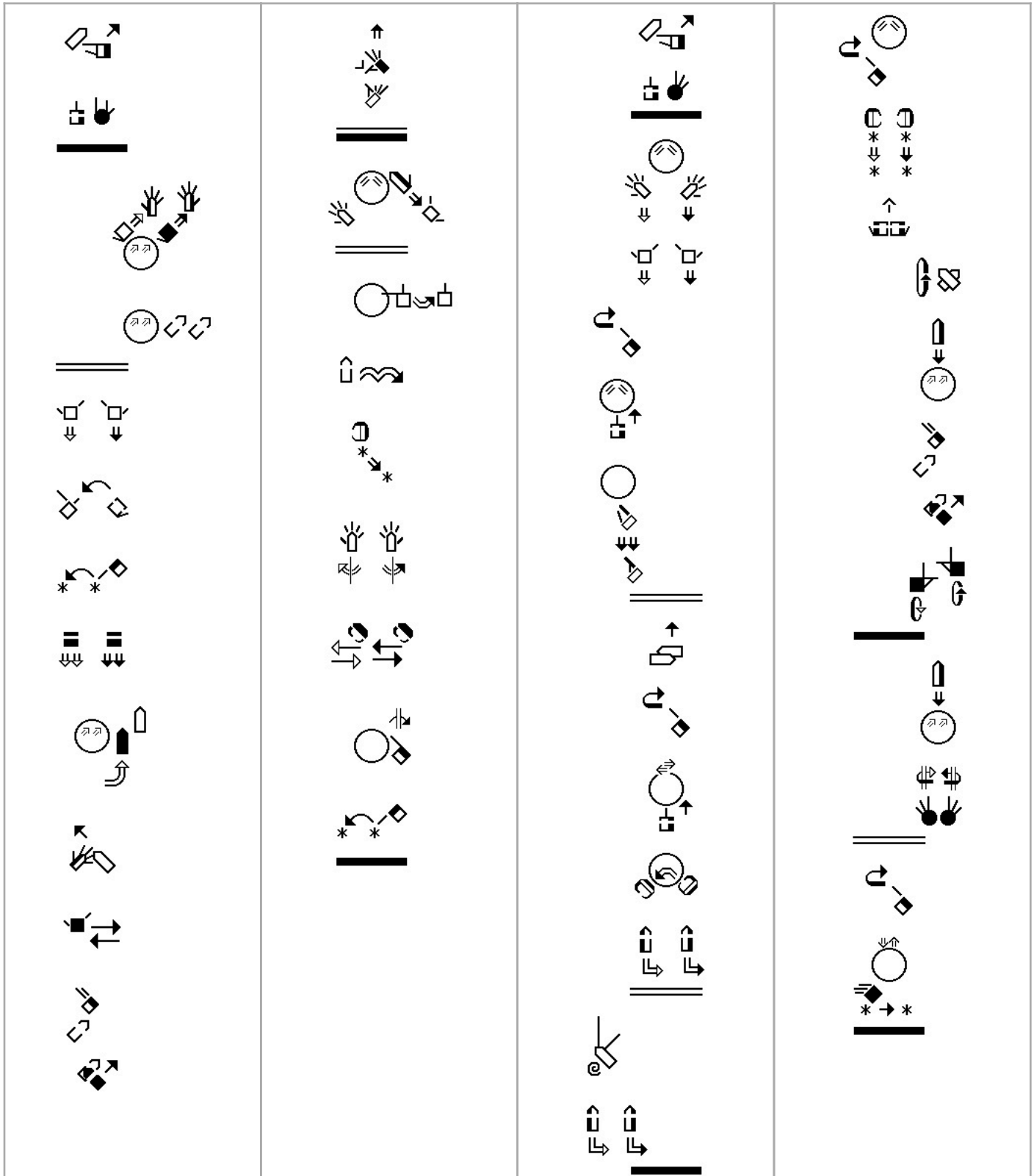
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he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Verse 15. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. NLT



Verse 16. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. Verse 17. He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. NLT



Verse 18. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. Verse 19. So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.  
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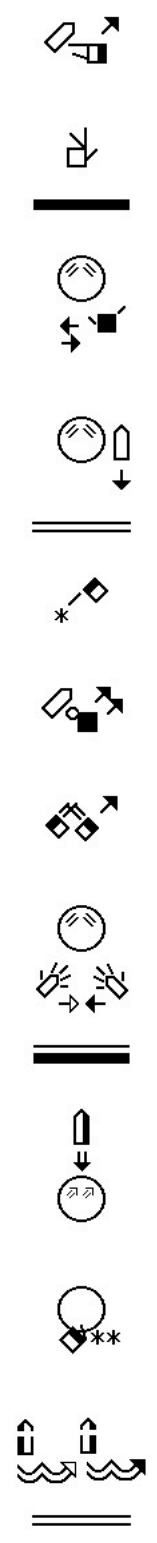
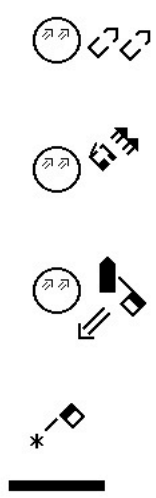
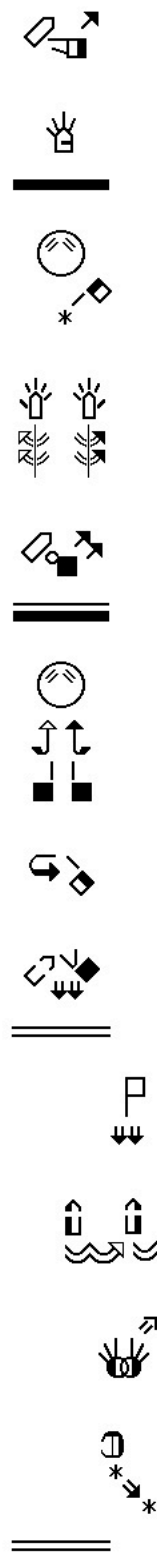
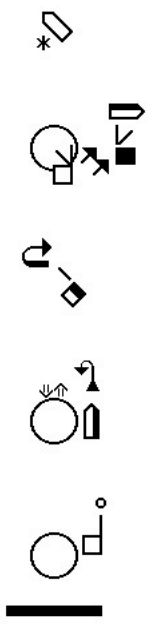
25 Verse 20. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. Verse 21. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. NLT

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Verse 22. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

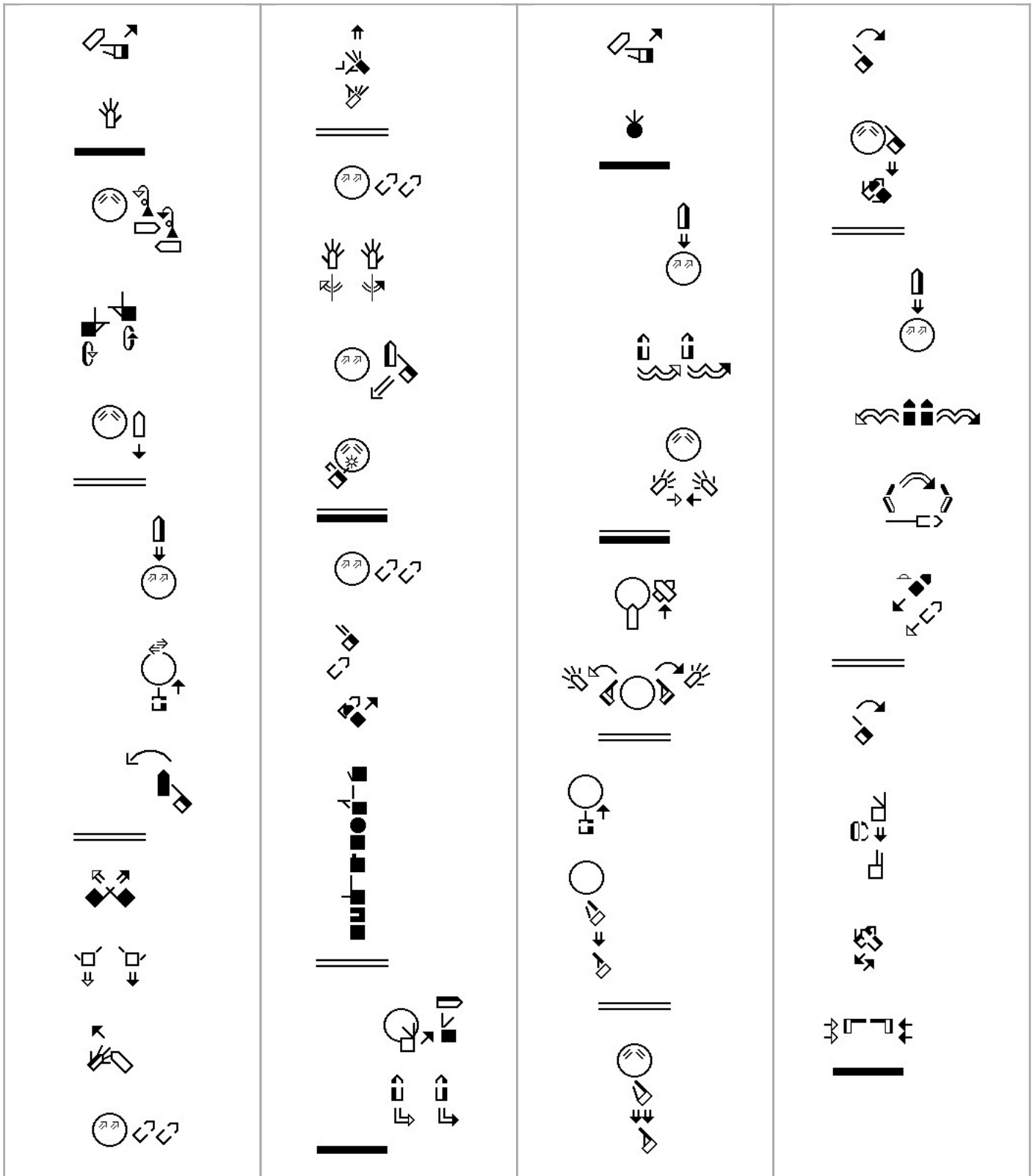


<p>ASL signs for the first part of the verse: 'When I think of all this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the benefit of you Gentiles...'</p>	<p>ASL signs for the second part of the verse: 'Verse 2. assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending his grace to you Gentiles.'</p>	<p>ASL signs for the first part of the verse: 'Chapter 3. When I think of all this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the benefit of you Gentiles...'</p>	<p>ASL signs for the second part of the verse: 'Verse 2. assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending his grace to you Gentiles.'</p>
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Verse 3. As I briefly wrote earlier, God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me. Verse 4. As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ.

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Verse 5. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. Verse 6. And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children.  
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Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. Verse 7. By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

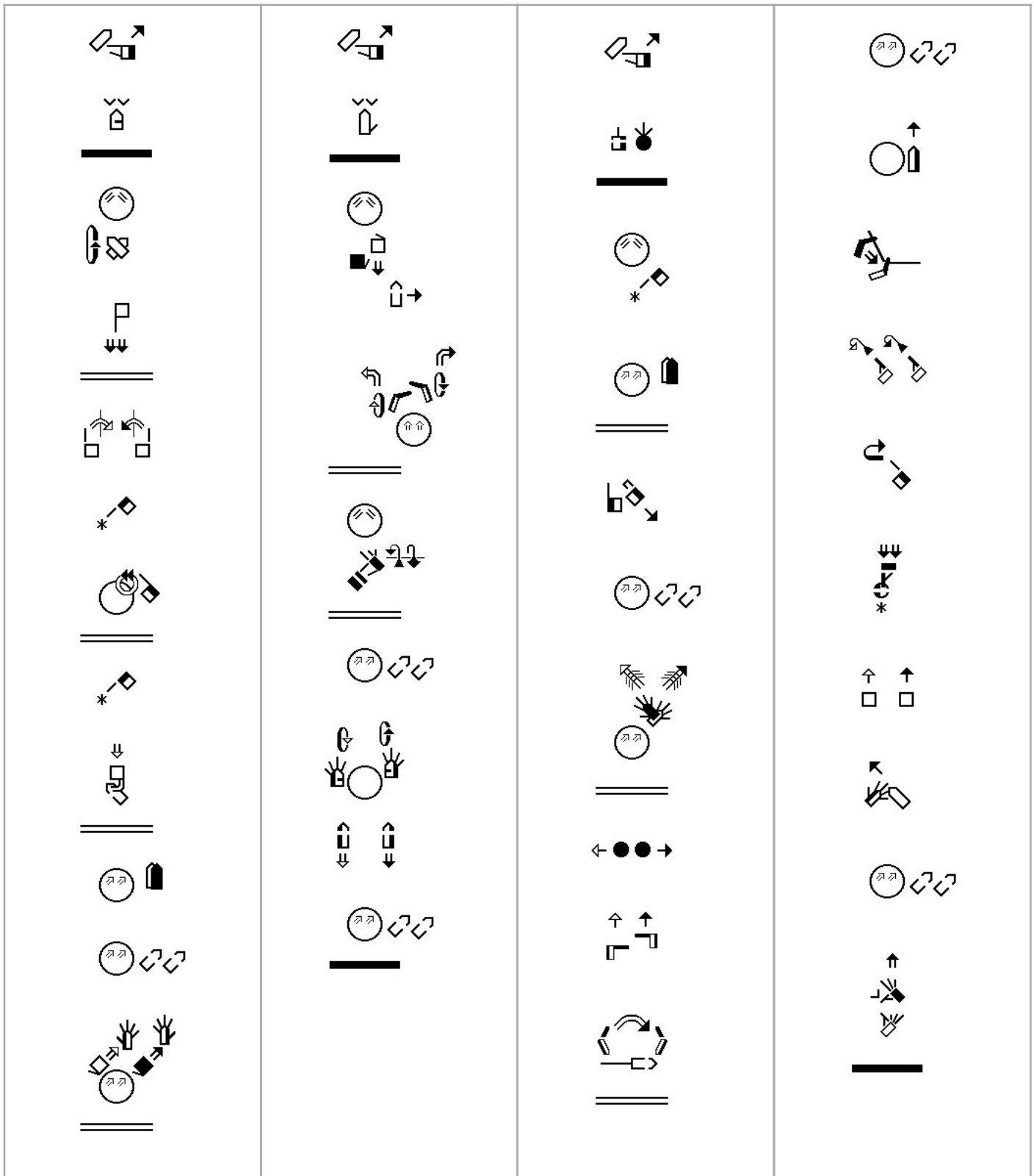
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<p>31</p>	<p>Verse 8. Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.</p>		<p>Verse 9. I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan NLT</p>

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that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. Verse 10. God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. NLT

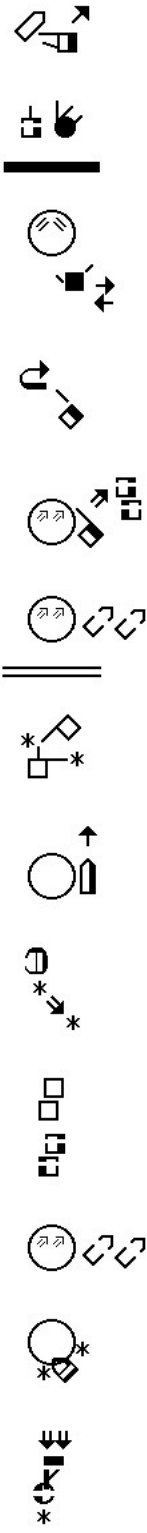
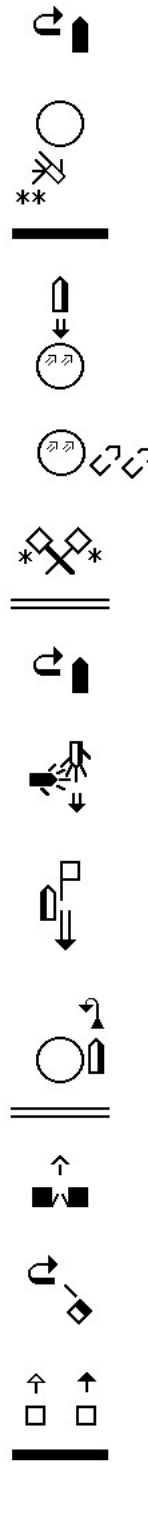

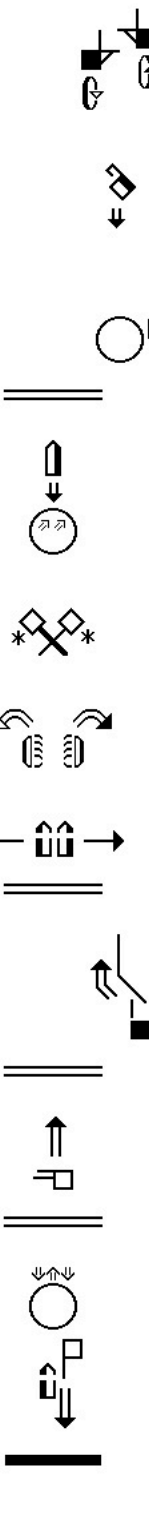
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Verse 11. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Verse 12. Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. Verse 13. So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored. NLT



Verse 14. When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, Verse 15. the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. Verse 16. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. NLT



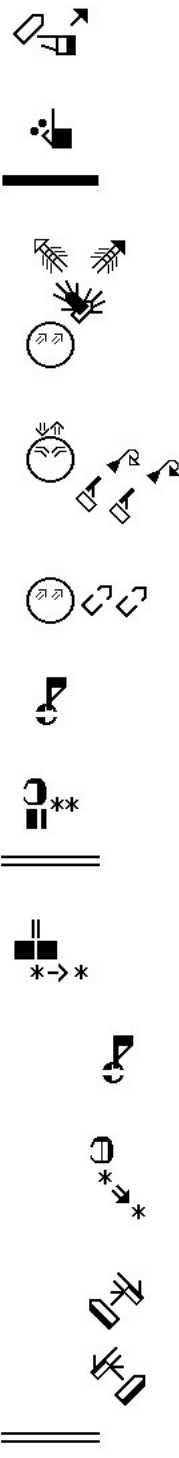
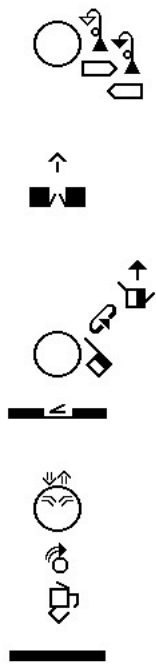
			
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Verse 17. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. Verse 18. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

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Verse 19. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Verse 20. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. NLT

 <p>A vertical list of ASL glosses for verse 21. From top to bottom: a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up and a thick horizontal bar below it; two hands with arrows pointing up; a circle with an arrow pointing up and a hand with an arrow pointing up; a circle with an arrow pointing up and a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up and two asterisks below it, with a thick horizontal bar below that; a square with an arrow pointing up, two asterisks below it, and an arrow pointing right below that; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up and two asterisks below it; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a thick horizontal bar at the bottom.</p>	 <p>A vertical list of ASL glosses for verse 21. From top to bottom: a circle with an arrow pointing up and a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up and a thick horizontal bar below it; a circle with an arrow pointing up and a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a hand with an arrow pointing up; a thick horizontal bar at the bottom.</p>		
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Verse 21. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

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Chapter 4. Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Verse 2. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

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Verse 3. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. Verse 4. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. Verse 5. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
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<p>ASL signs for Verse 6: One God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 7: However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 8: That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 9: He gave gifts to his people.</p>
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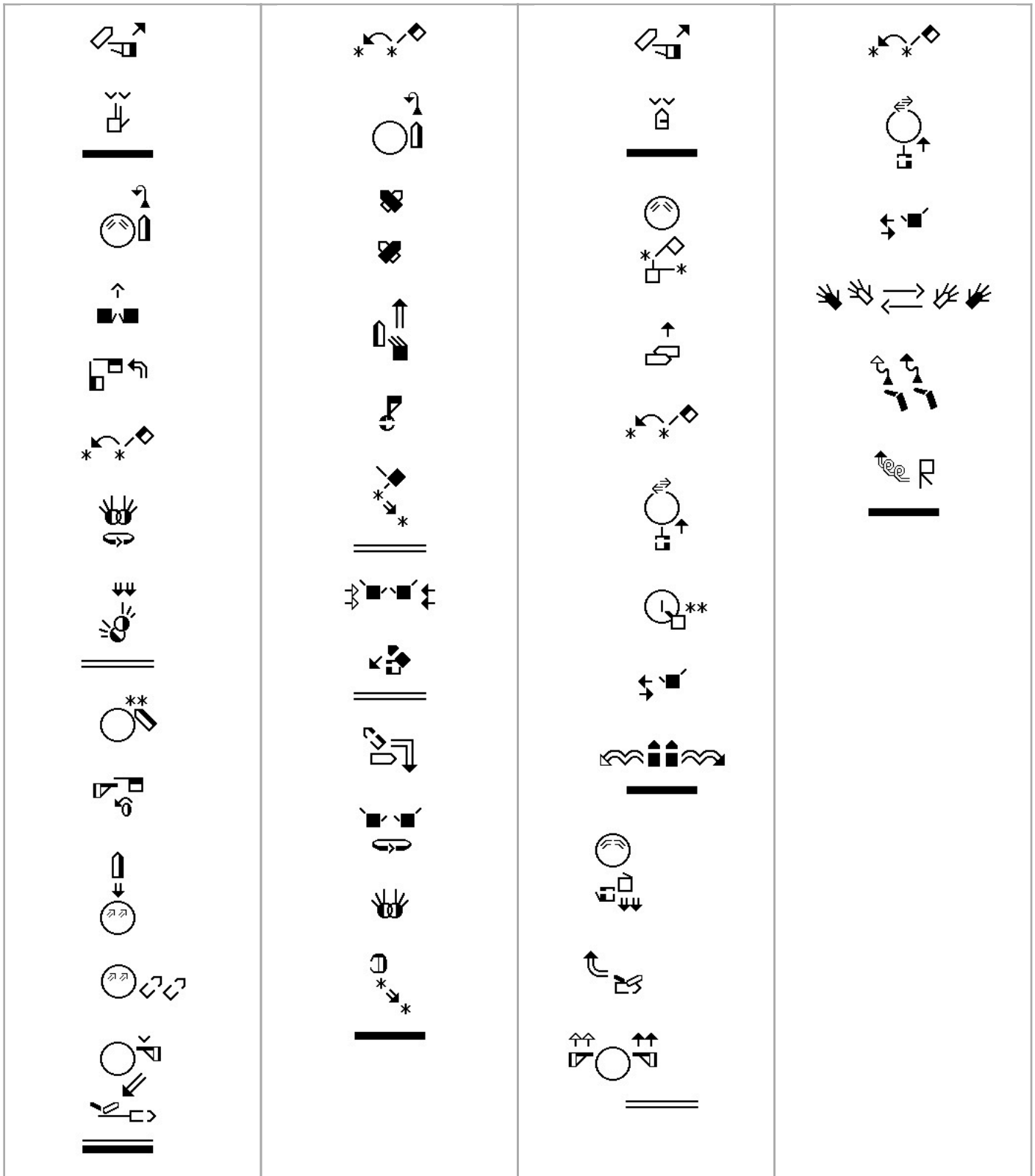
<p>ASL signs for Verse 9: Ascending (hand up), descending (hand down), Christ (hand with eye), church (two people), and other symbols.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 10: Christ (hand with eye), church (two people), and symbols representing the universe.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 11: Christ (hand with eye), church (two people), and symbols representing the universe.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 12: Christ (hand with eye), church (two people), and symbols representing the universe.</p>
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Verse 9. Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. Verse 10. And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

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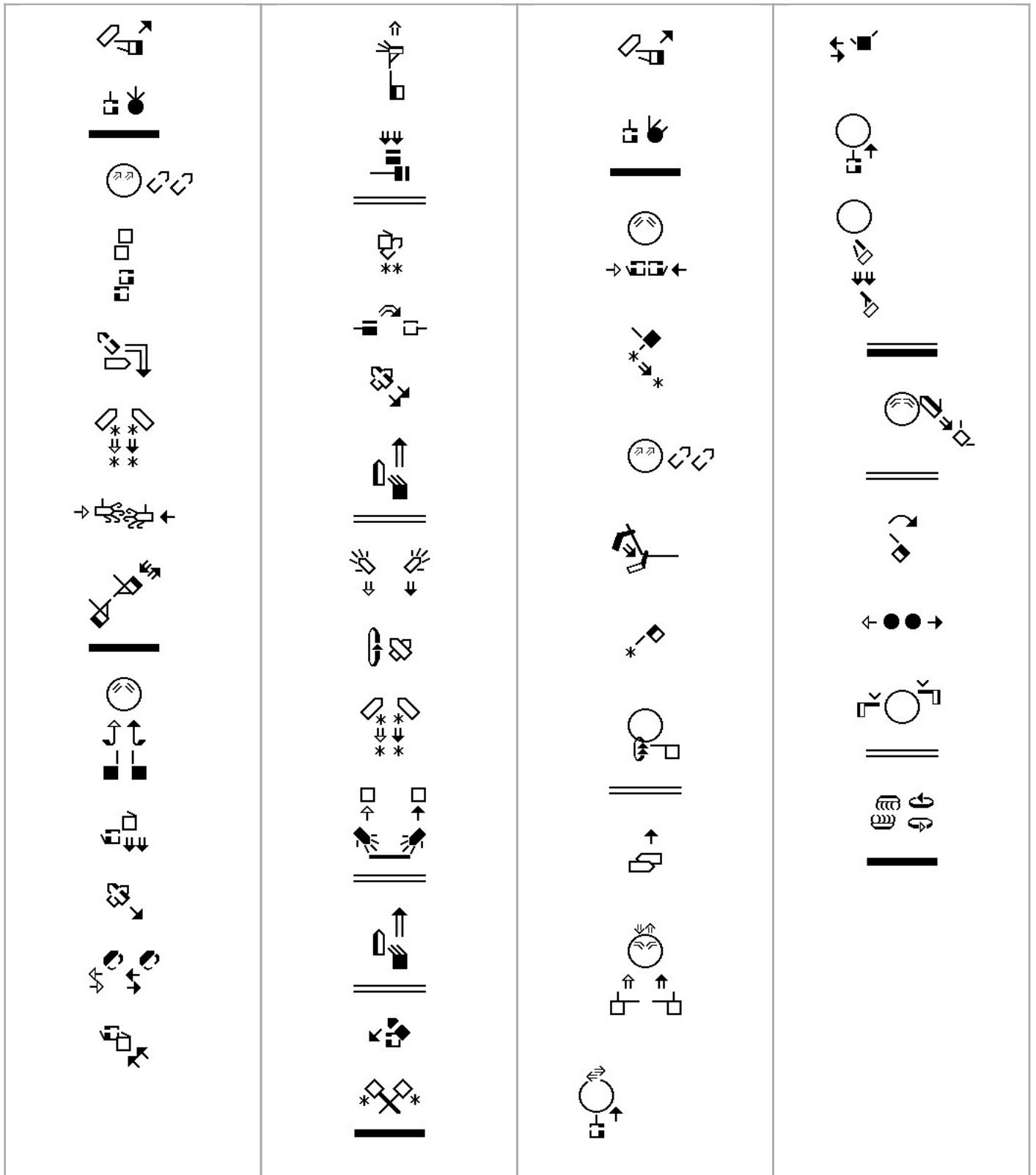




Verse 13. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Verse 14. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. NLT

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We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Verse 15. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. NLT



Verse 16. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Verse 17. With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. NLT

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Verse 18. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. Verse 19. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.  
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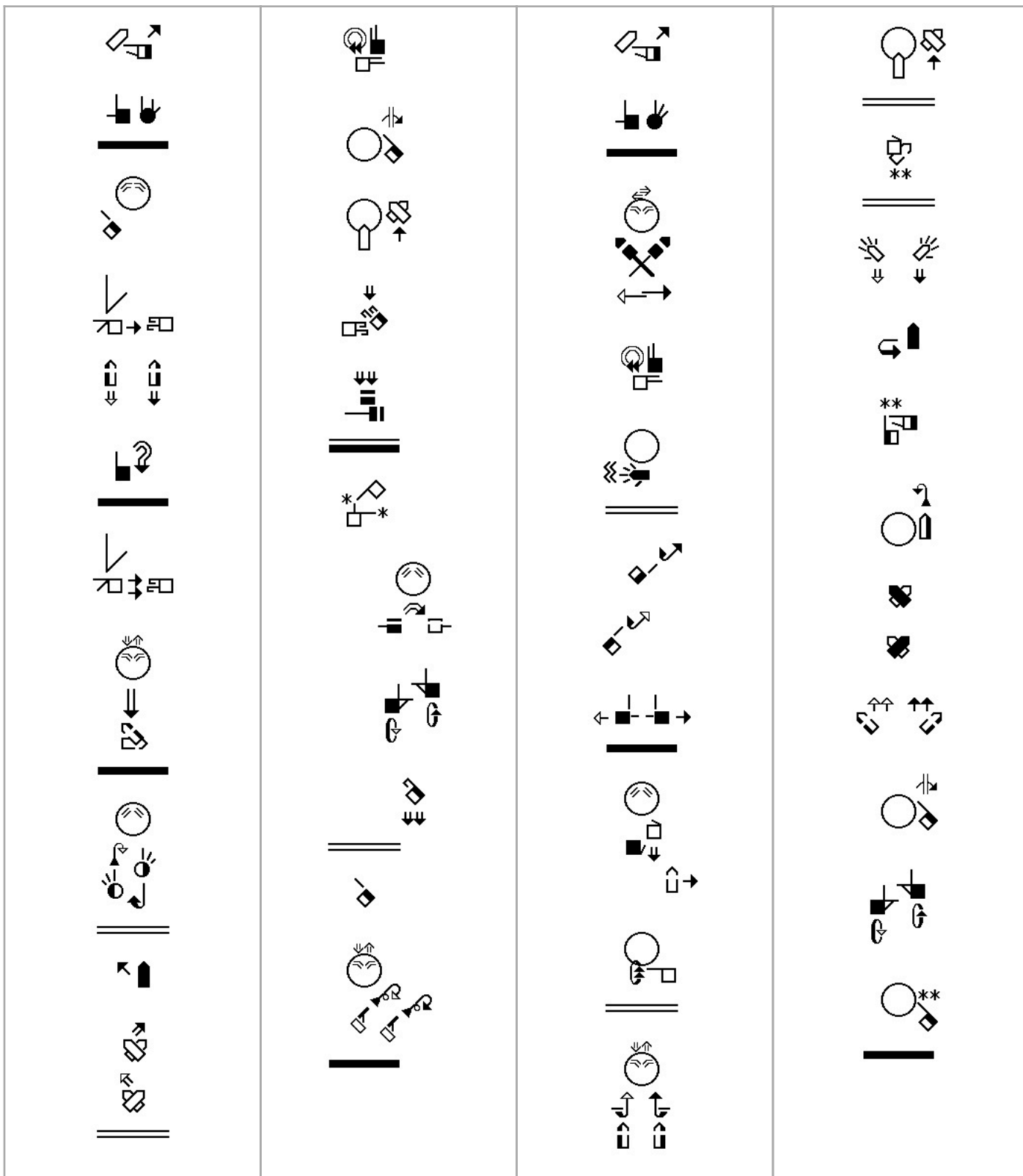
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Verse 20. But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Verse 21. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, Verse 22. throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. NLT



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49 for we are all parts of the same body. Verse 26. And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, Verse 27. for anger gives a foothold to the devil. NLT



Verse 28. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. Verse 29. Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. NLT



<p>51</p>	<p>Verse 30. And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Verse 31. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, NLT</p>		

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as well as all types of evil behavior. Verse 32. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. NLT

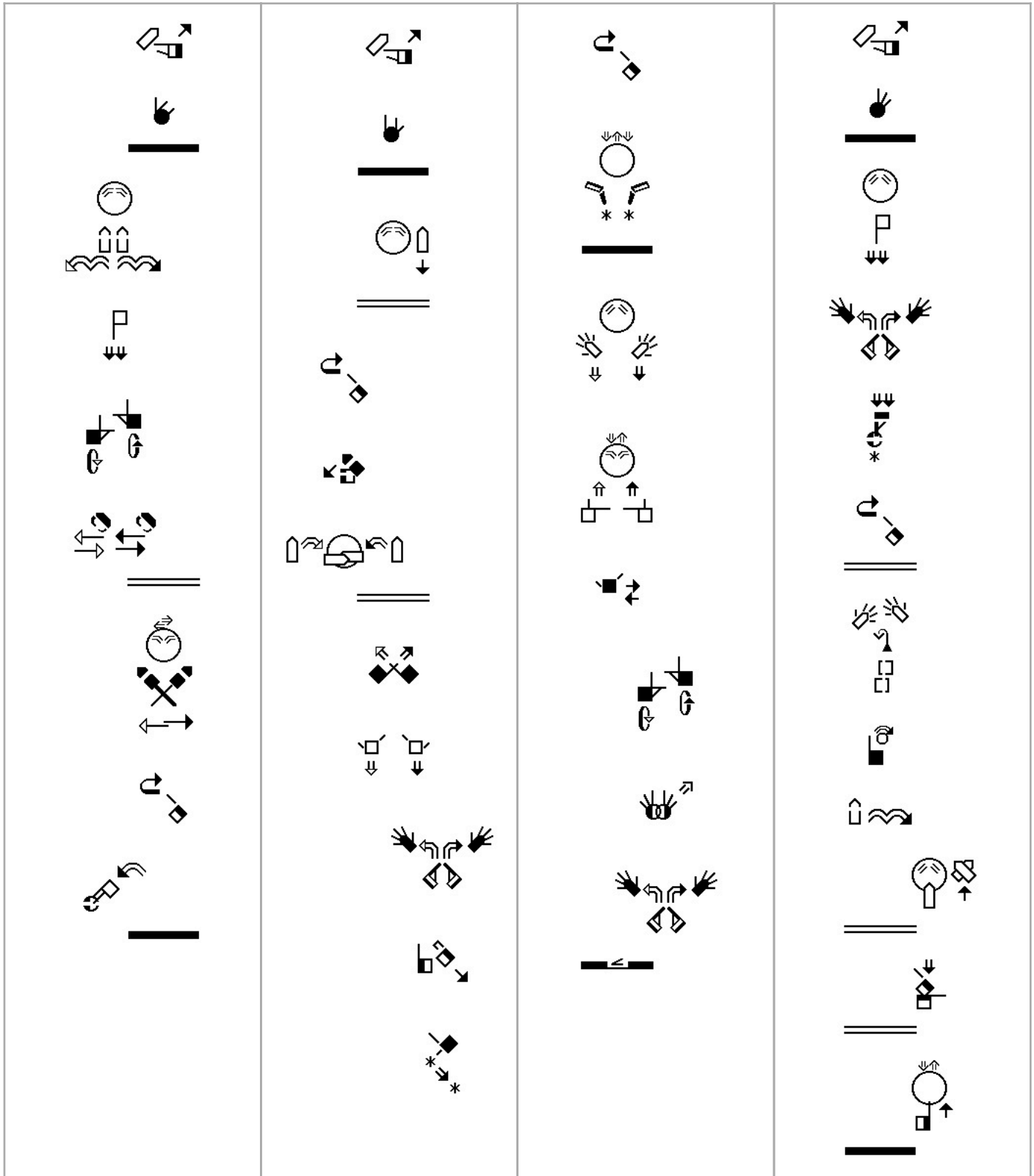
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Chapter 5. Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Verse 2. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Verse 3. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. NLT

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Such sins have no place among God's people. Verse 4. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes -- these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. Verse 5. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person NLT

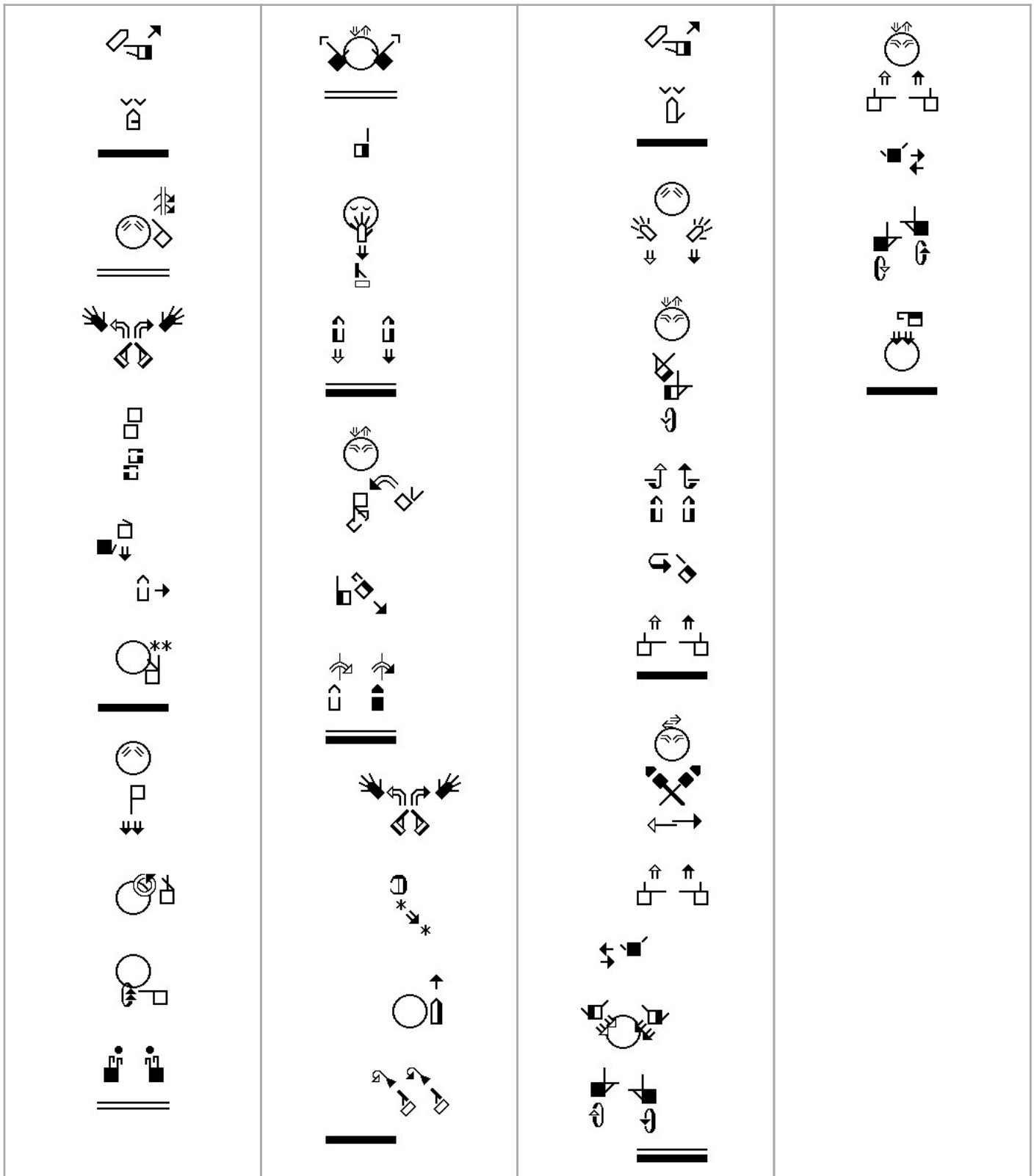




Verse 7. Don't participate in the things these people do. Verse 8. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! Verse 9. For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. NLT

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Verse 10. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Verse 11. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. Verse 12. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. Verse 13. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, NLT



Verse 14. for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Verse 15. So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.

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Verse 16. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Verse 17. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Verse 18. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, NLT

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Verse 19. singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. Verse 20. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. NLT



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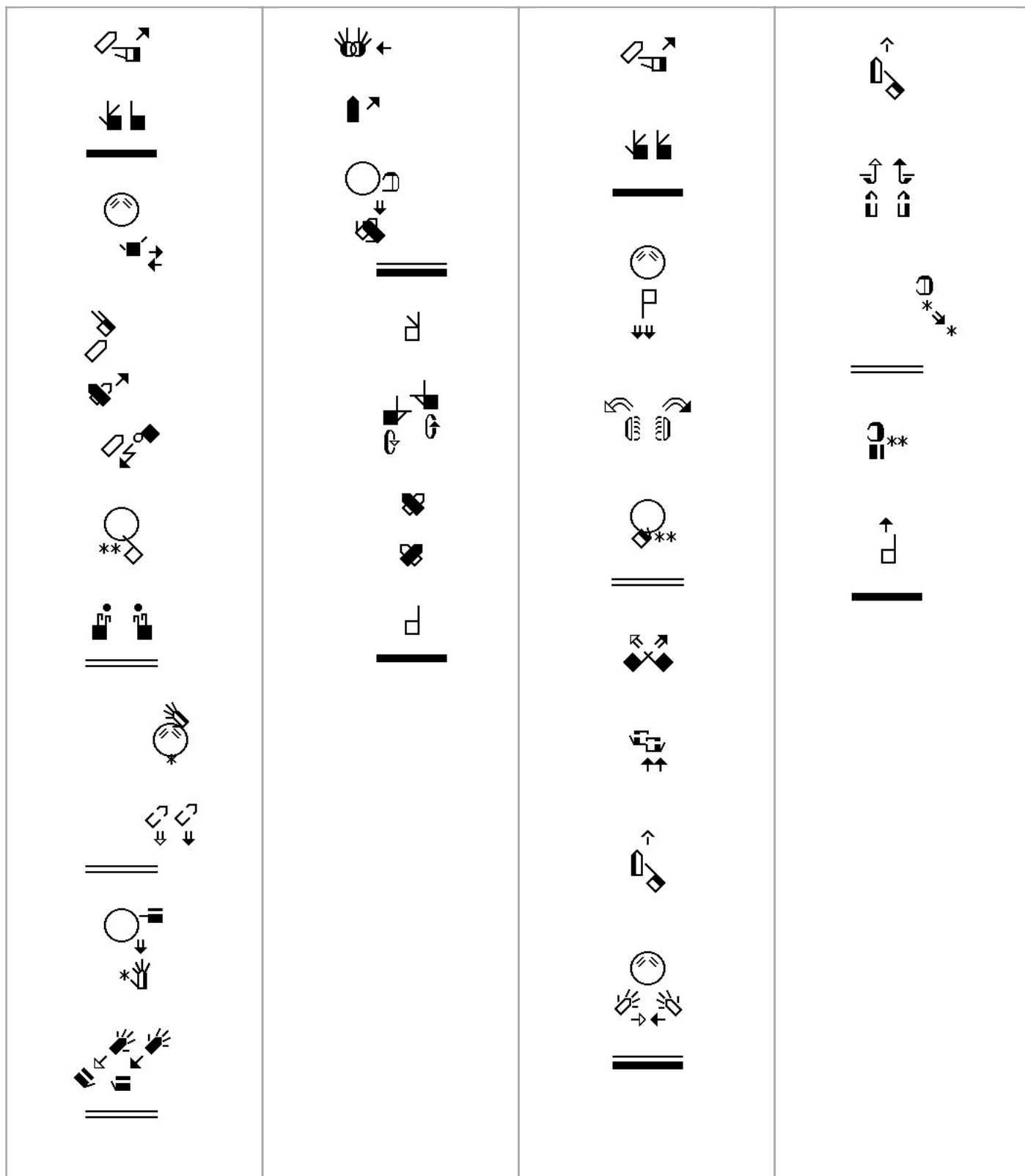
Verse 24. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. Verse 25. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave his life for her  
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Verse 26. to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. Verse 27. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. Verse 28. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. NLT

<p>ASL signs for Verse 29: A man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. The signs include a man's face, a woman's face, a heart, a diamond, and various hand movements.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 30: No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. The signs include a man's face, a woman's face, a heart, a diamond, and various hand movements.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 31: And we are members of his body. The signs include a man's face, a woman's face, a heart, a diamond, and various hand movements.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 32: The church is his body, which he saves with water through the word. The signs include a man's face, a woman's face, a heart, a diamond, and various hand movements.</p>
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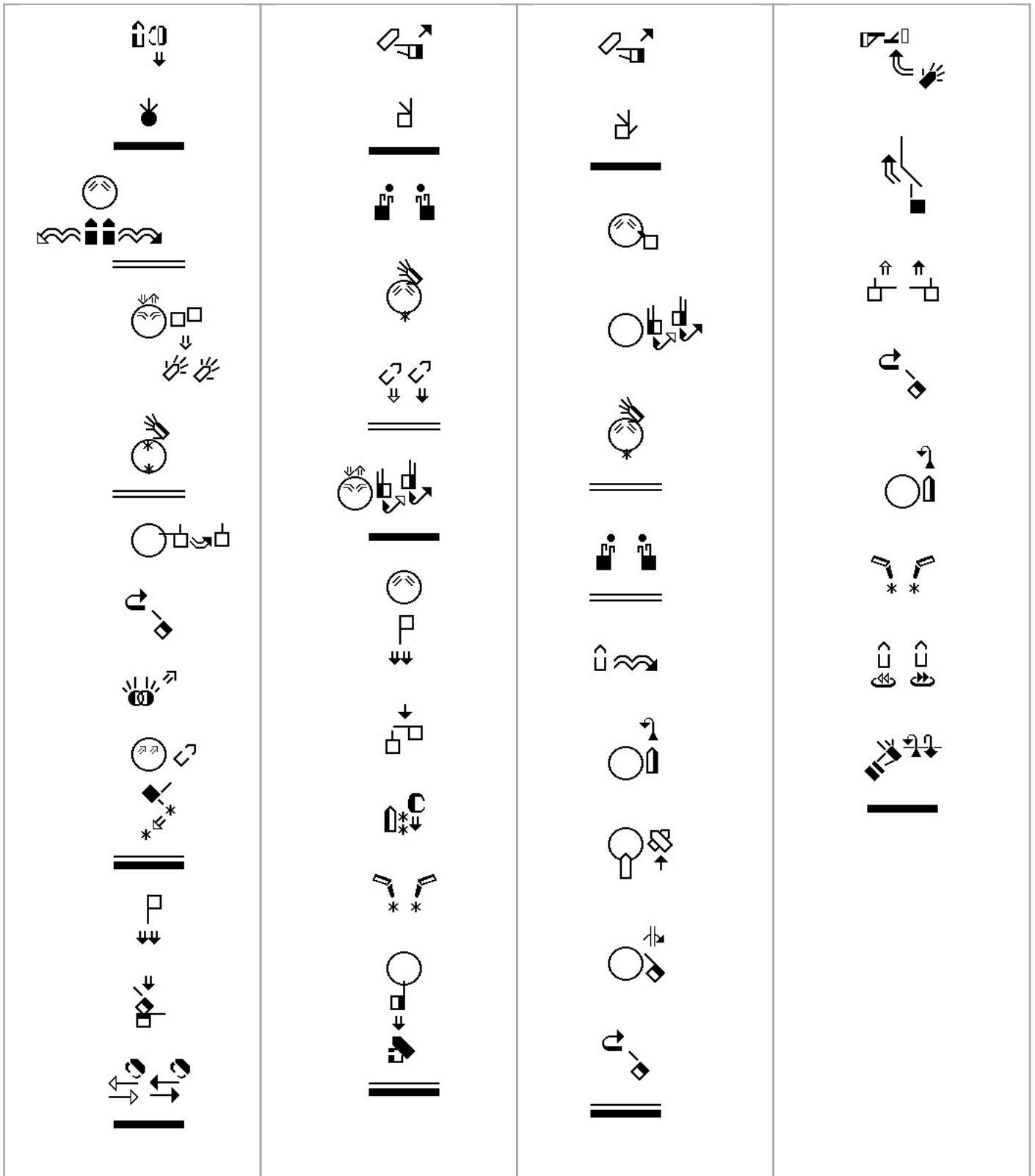
65 Verse 31. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Verse 32. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. NLT

<p>A vertical sequence of 12 ASL signs. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving right. 2. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A face with eyes closed and mouth open. 5. Two hands, palms facing each other, moving towards each other. 6. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 7. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 8. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 9. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 10. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 11. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 12. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 12 ASL signs. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 2. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 3. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 4. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 5. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 6. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 7. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 8. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 9. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 10. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 11. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up. 12. A hand with index finger pointing, palm left, moving up.</p>		
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Verse 33. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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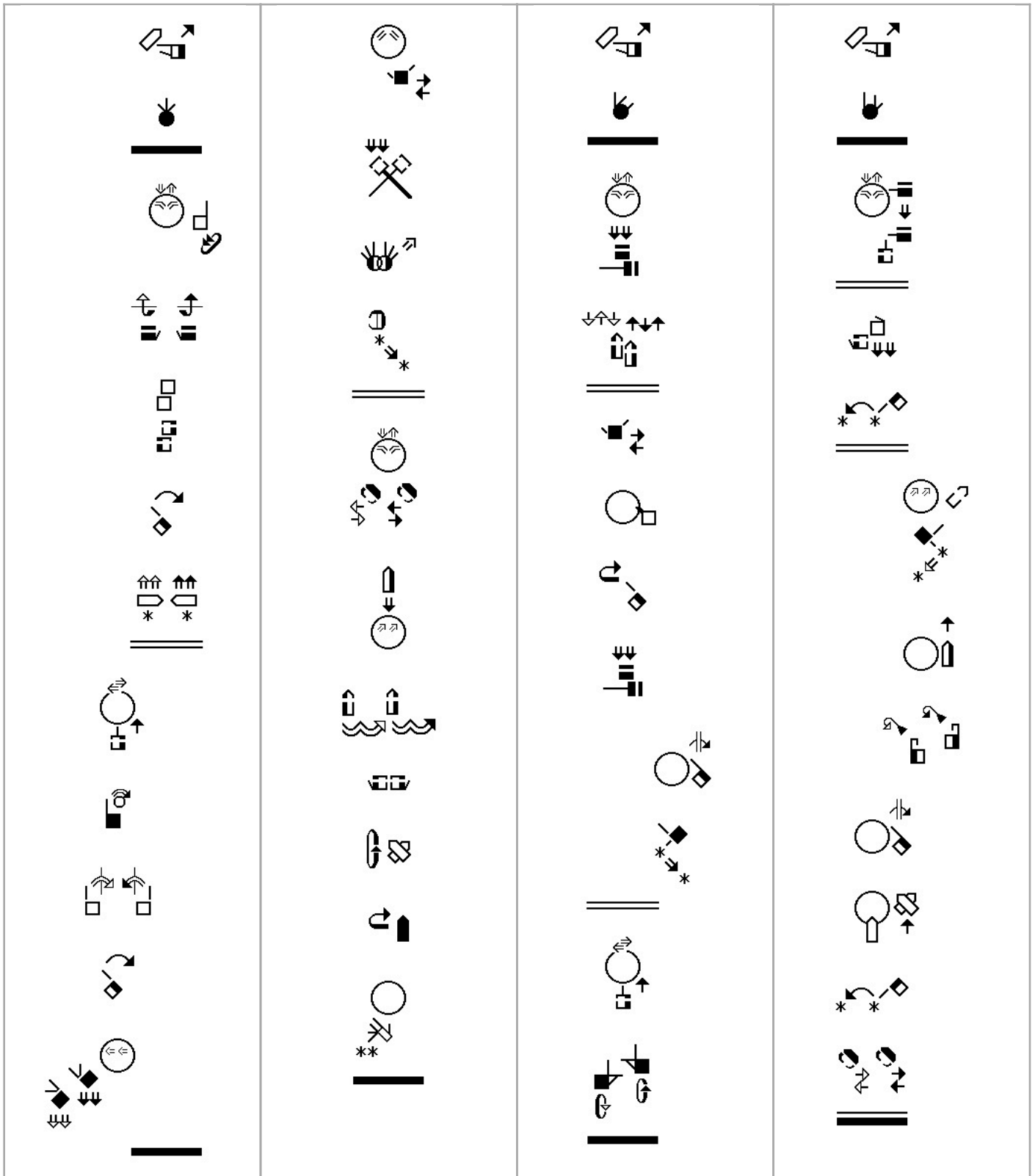


Chapter 6. Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Verse 2. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: Verse 3. If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth". NLT

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Verse 4. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. Verse 5. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

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Verse 6. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Verse 7. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Verse 8. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do,

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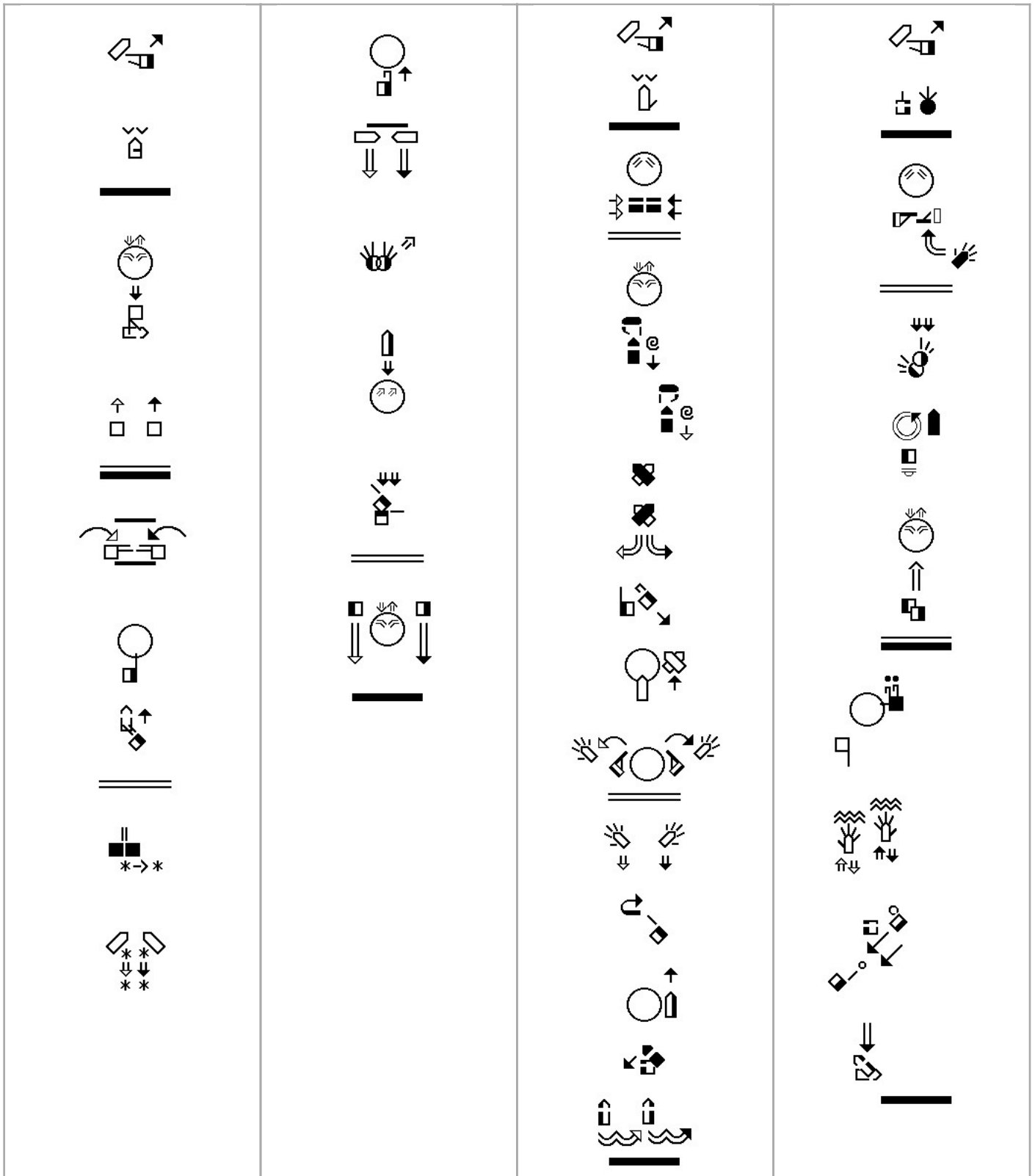
whether we are slaves or free. Verse 9. Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites. Verse 10. A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. NLT

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71 Verse 11. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Verse 12. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in NLT

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this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Verse 13. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. NLT



Verse 14. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. Verse 15. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. Verse 16. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. NLT

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Verse 17. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Verse 18. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Verse 19. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words  
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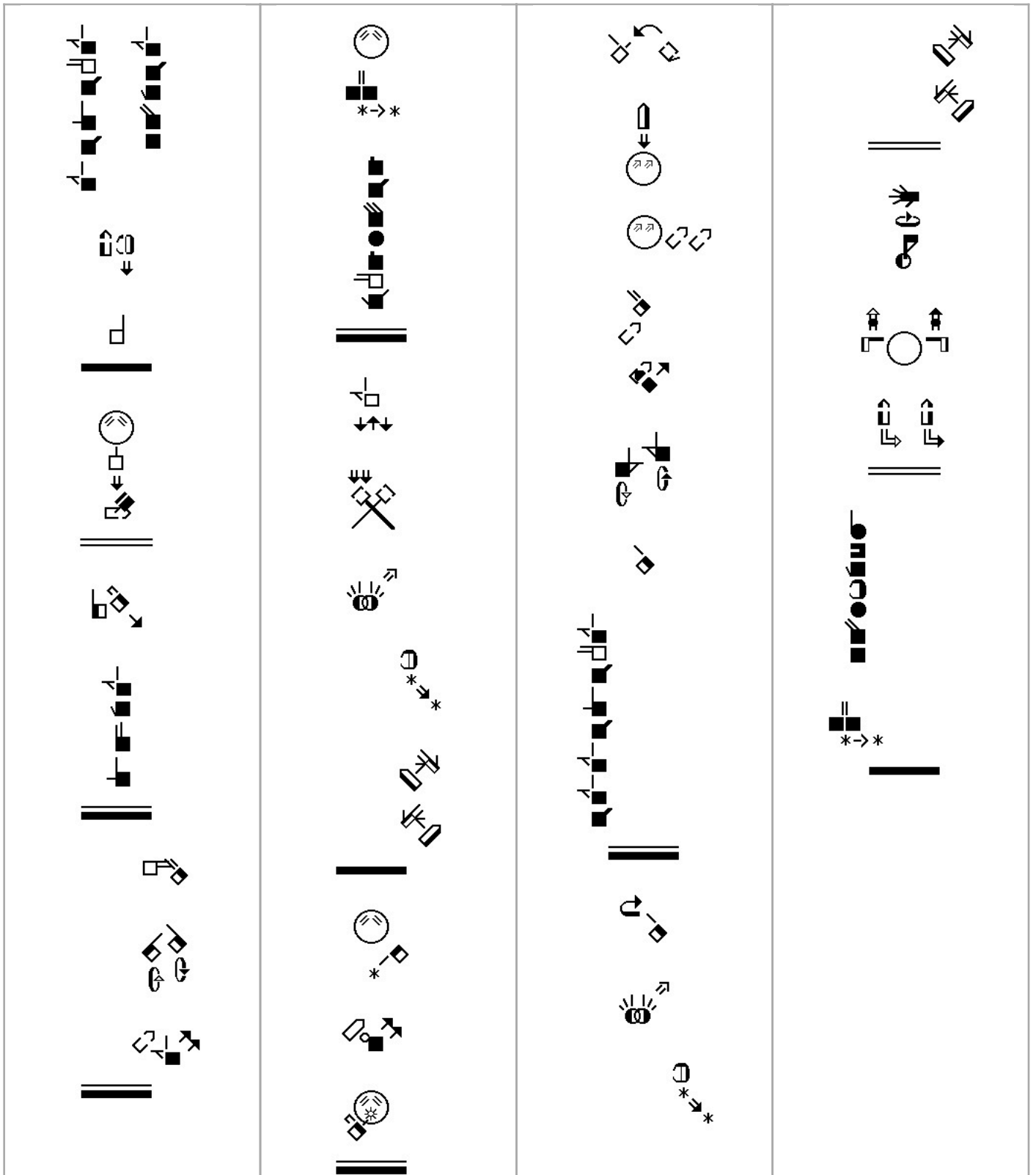
75 so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. Verse 20. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should. NLT

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Verse 21. To bring you up to date, Tychicus will give you a full report about what I am doing and how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper in the Lord's work. Verse 22. I have sent him to you for this very purpose -- to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you.

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<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 24: May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 24: May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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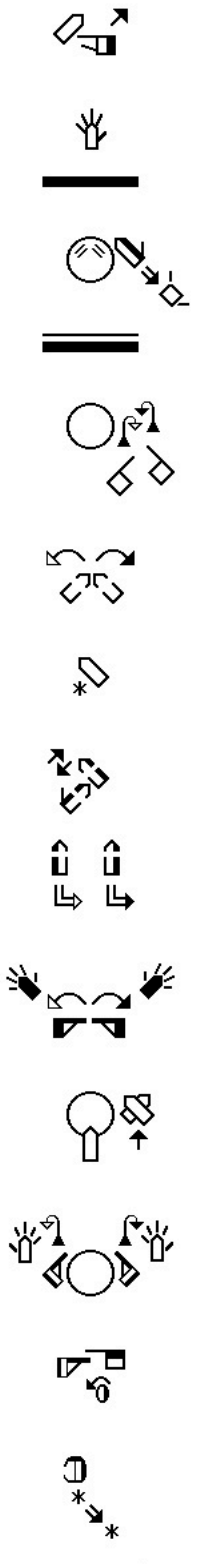
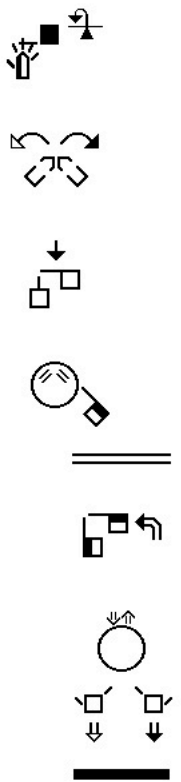
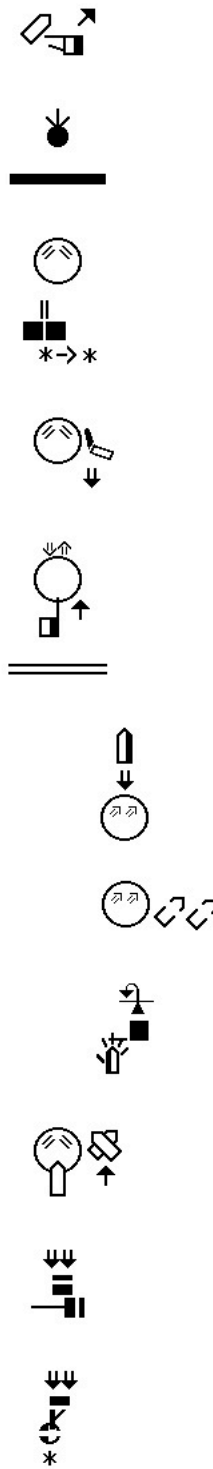
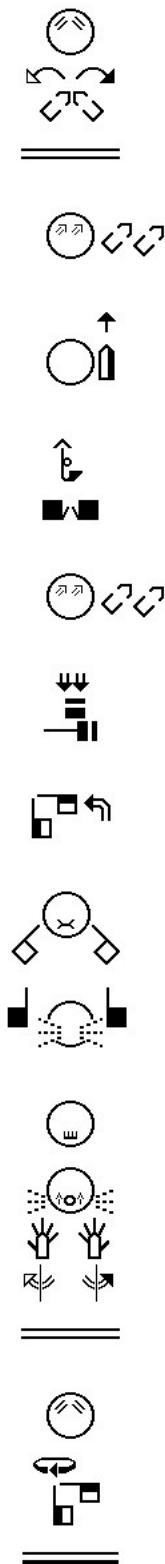


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Philippians Chapter One. This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the elders and deacons. NLT

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Verse 2. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.  
 Verse 3. Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Verse 4. Whenever I pray, I  
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Verse 5. for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. Verse 6. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished NLT

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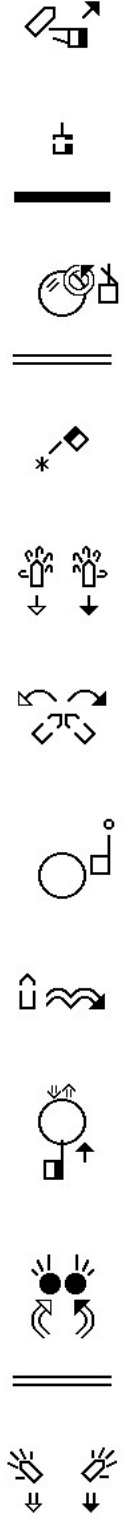
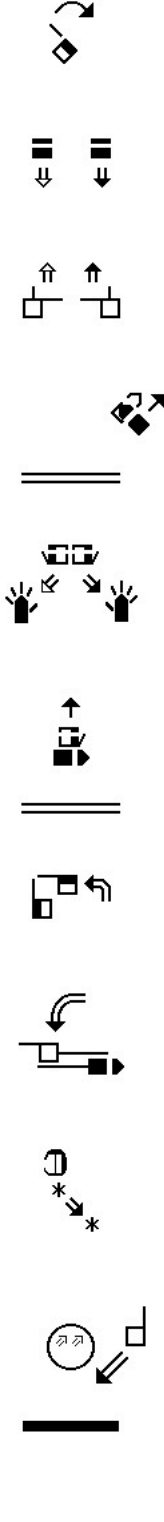
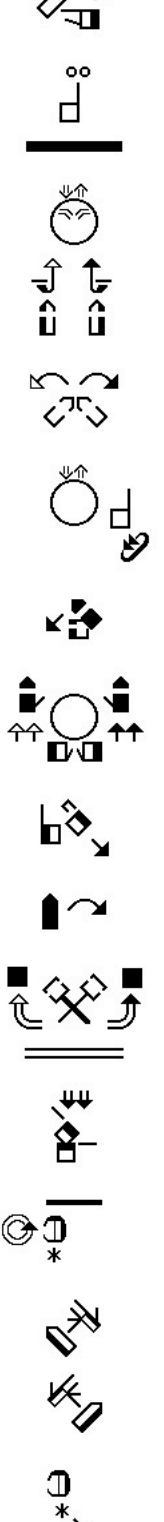
on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Verse 7. So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God,

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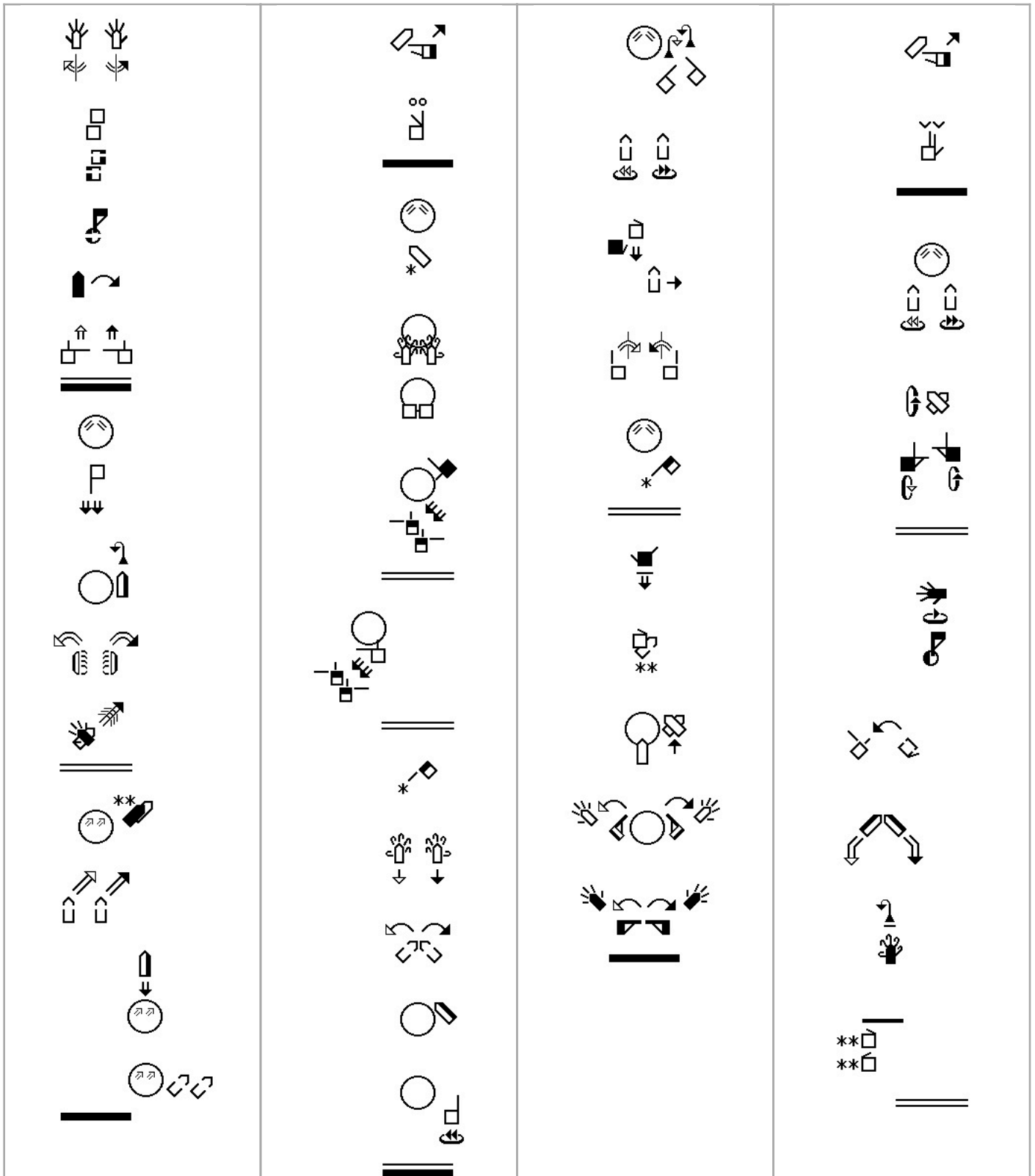
5 both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.  
 Verse 8. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of  
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 <p>A vertical column of ASL signs. From top to bottom: a square with two vertical lines and an arrow pointing right; a diamond with a curved arrow; a circle with a vertical line and an arrow; an upward arrow above a square; an upward arrow above a vertical line; a circle with two asterisks and a vertical line; a double horizontal line; a circle with an upward arrow and a vertical line; a thick horizontal line.</p>	 <p>A vertical column of ASL signs. From top to bottom: a diamond with an upward arrow; a square with a vertical line; a thick horizontal line; a circle with a diamond and an arrow; a double horizontal line; a diamond with an asterisk; two hands with arrows pointing down; a diamond with a curved arrow; a circle with a vertical line; an upward arrow above a wavy line; a circle with an upward arrow; two hands with arrows pointing down; a double horizontal line; two hands with arrows pointing down.</p>	 <p>A vertical column of ASL signs. From top to bottom: a diamond with a curved arrow; two squares with arrows pointing down; two squares with upward arrows; a diamond with an upward arrow; a double horizontal line; two hands with arrows pointing down; an upward arrow above a square; a double horizontal line; a square with a curved arrow; a square with a curved arrow; a circle with an asterisk and an arrow; a circle with a diamond and an arrow; a thick horizontal line.</p>	 <p>A vertical column of ASL signs. From top to bottom: a diamond with an upward arrow; a square with a vertical line; a circle with an upward arrow; two squares with upward arrows; a diamond with a curved arrow; a circle with a vertical line; a diamond with a curved arrow; a circle with an upward arrow; a square with an upward arrow; a square with a curved arrow; a square with a curved arrow; a square with a curved arrow; a circle with an upward arrow; a square with a vertical line; a circle with an asterisk; a diamond with a curved arrow; a diamond with a curved arrow; a circle with an asterisk and an arrow.</p>
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and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. Verse 10. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. Verse 11. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation -- the righteous character

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produced in your life by Jesus Christ -- for this will bring much glory and praise to God. Verse 12. And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. Verse 13. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard,


knows that I am in chains because of Christ. Verse 14. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear. Verse 15. It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry.

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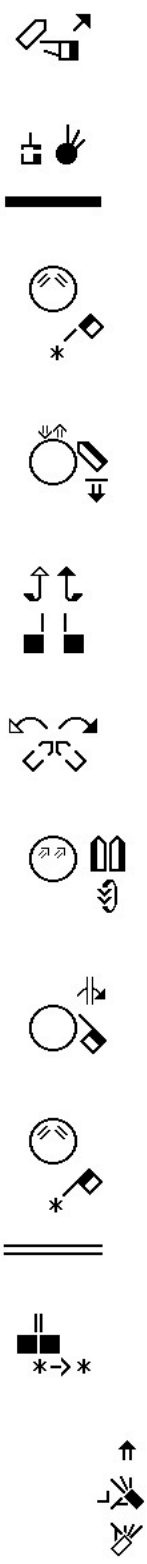
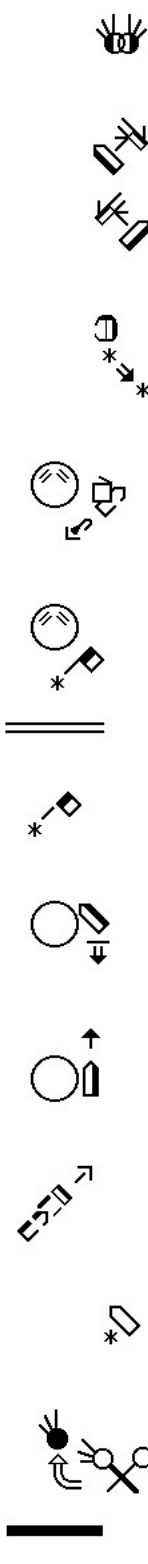
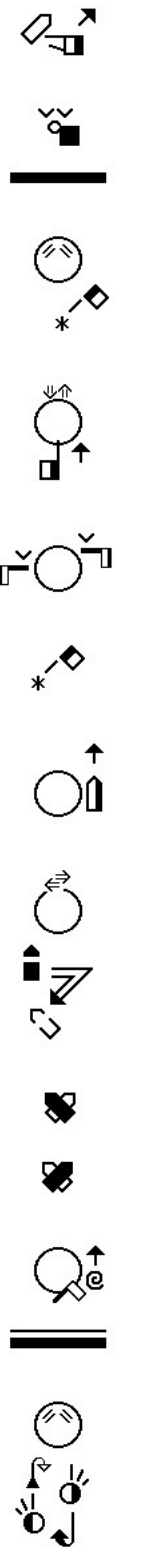
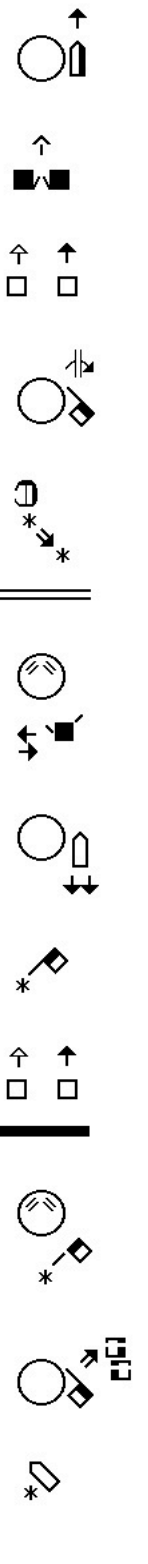
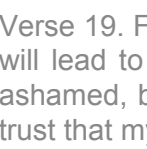
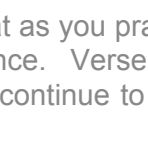
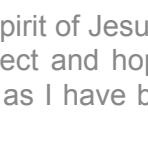
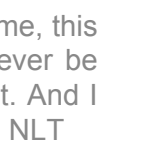
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But others preach about Christ with pure motives. Verse 16. They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. Verse 17. Those others do not have pure NLT

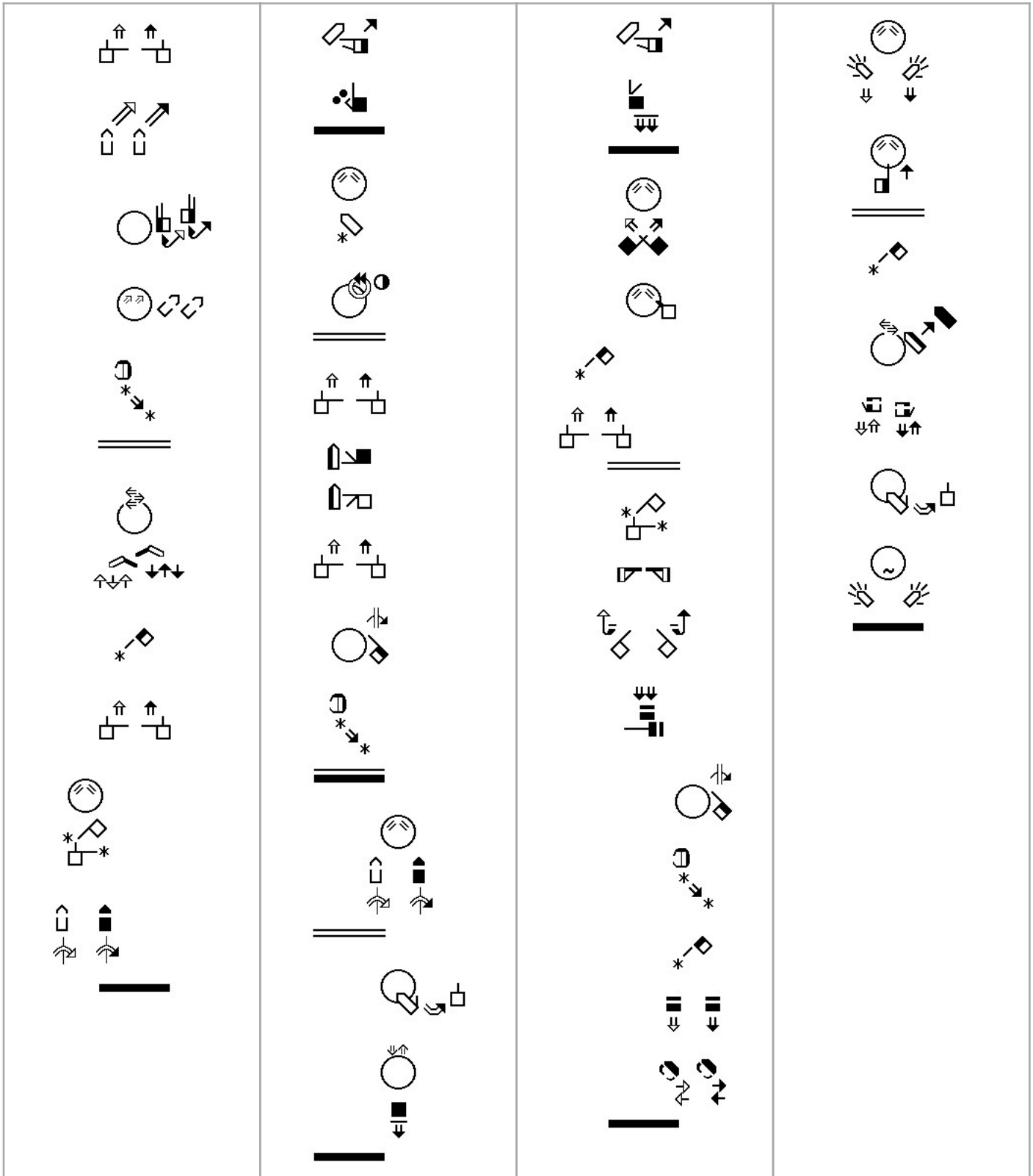
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motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. Verse 18. But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.

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Verse 19. For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance. Verse 20. For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my



life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. Verse 21. For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. Verse 22. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better.





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so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. Verse 26. And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me. Verse 27. Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven,

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15 conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Verse 28. Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they

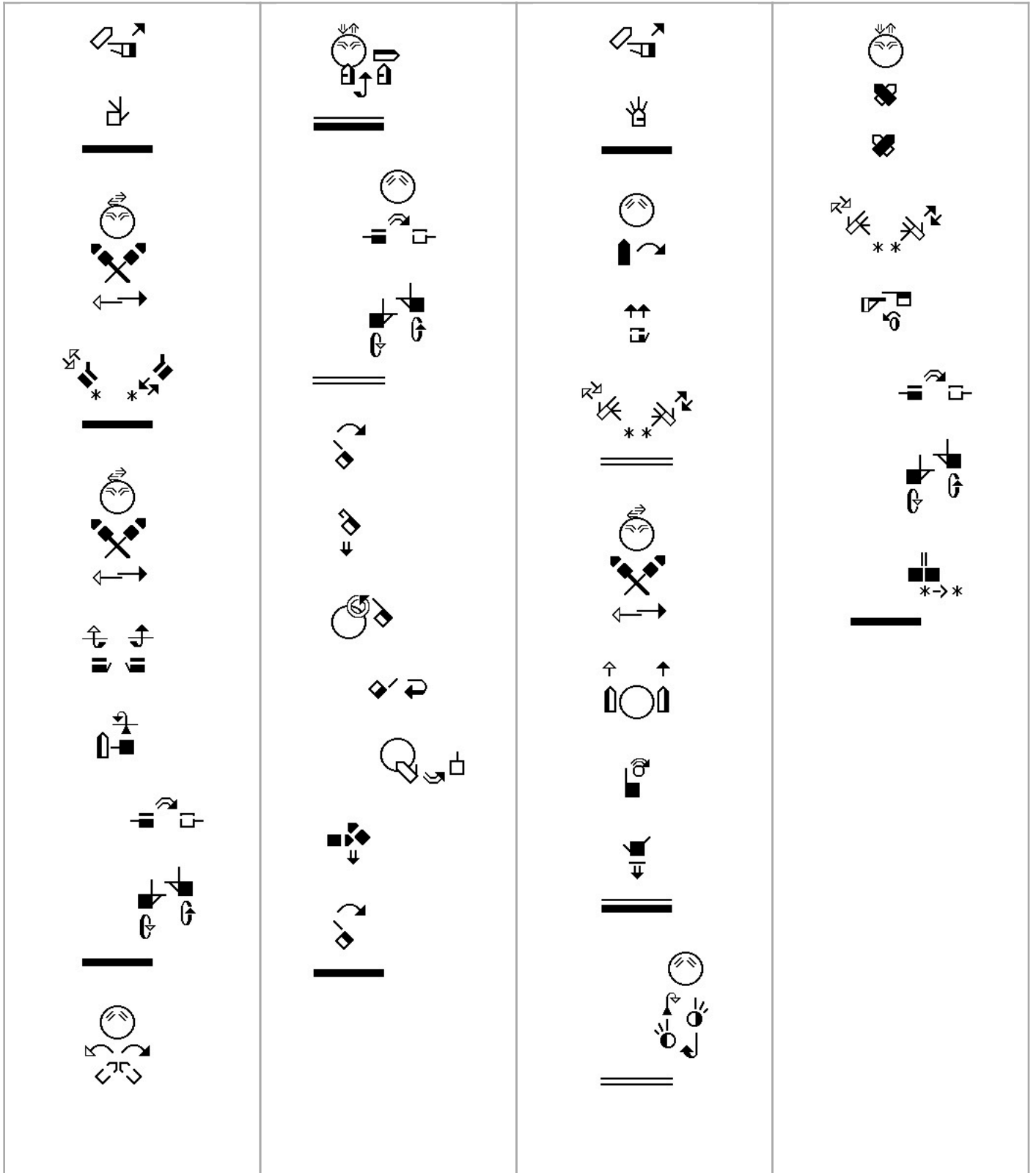
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are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. Verse 29. For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. Verse 30. We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past,

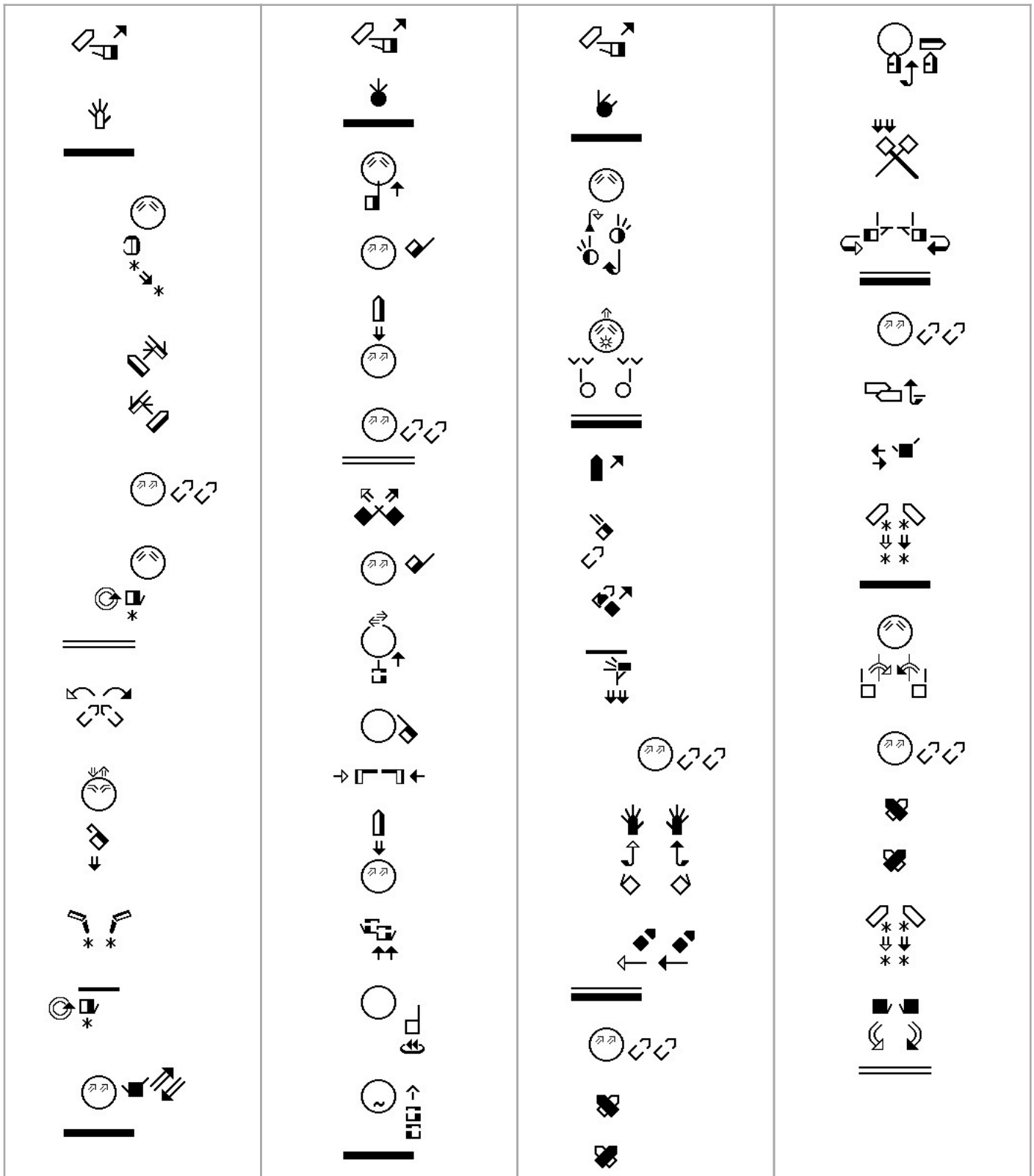
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Chapter 2. Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Verse 2. Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. NLT



19 Verse 3. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Verse 4. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. NLT



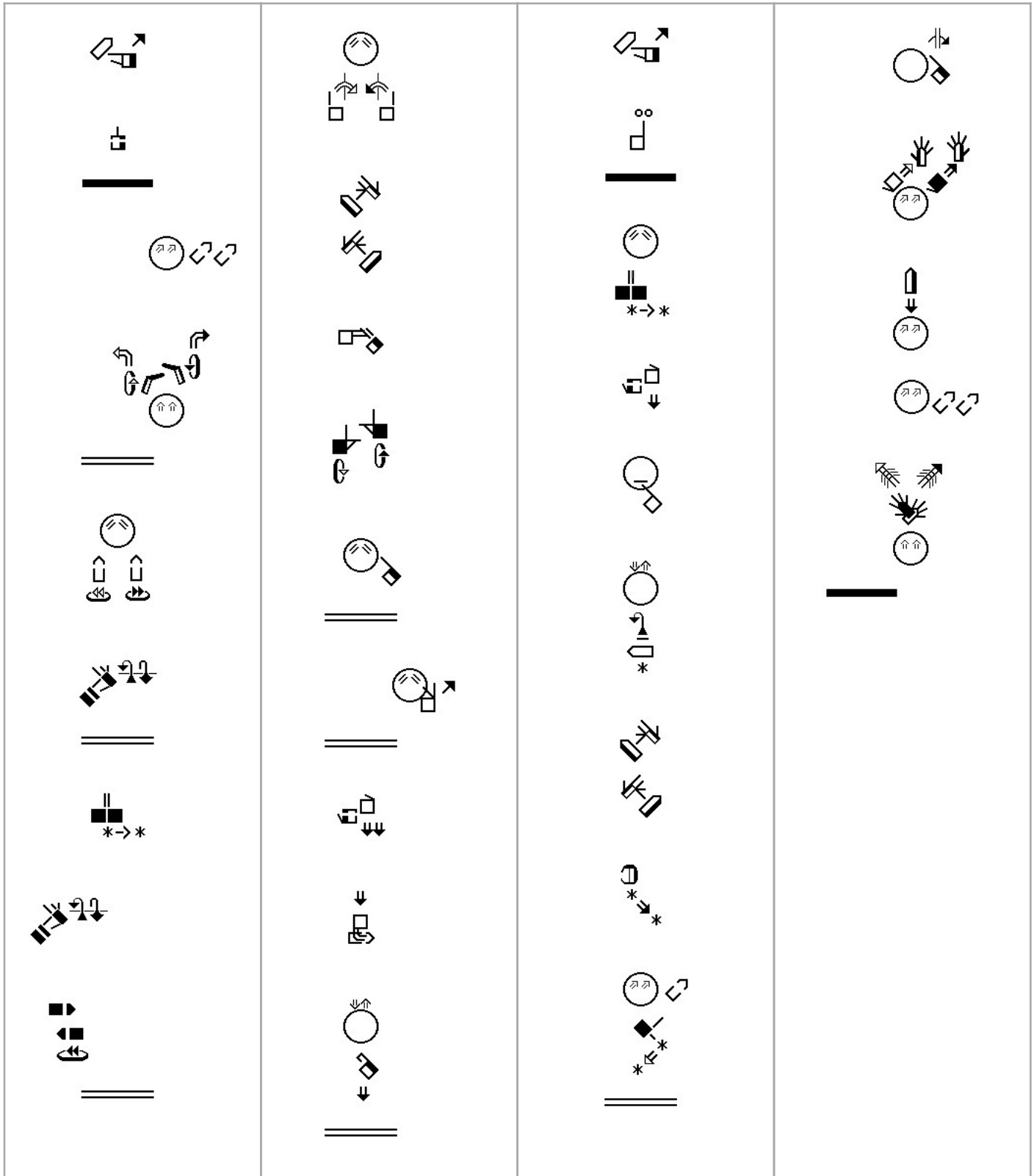
Verse 5. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Verse 6. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Verse 7. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,

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21 Verse 8. he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Verse 9. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, NLT



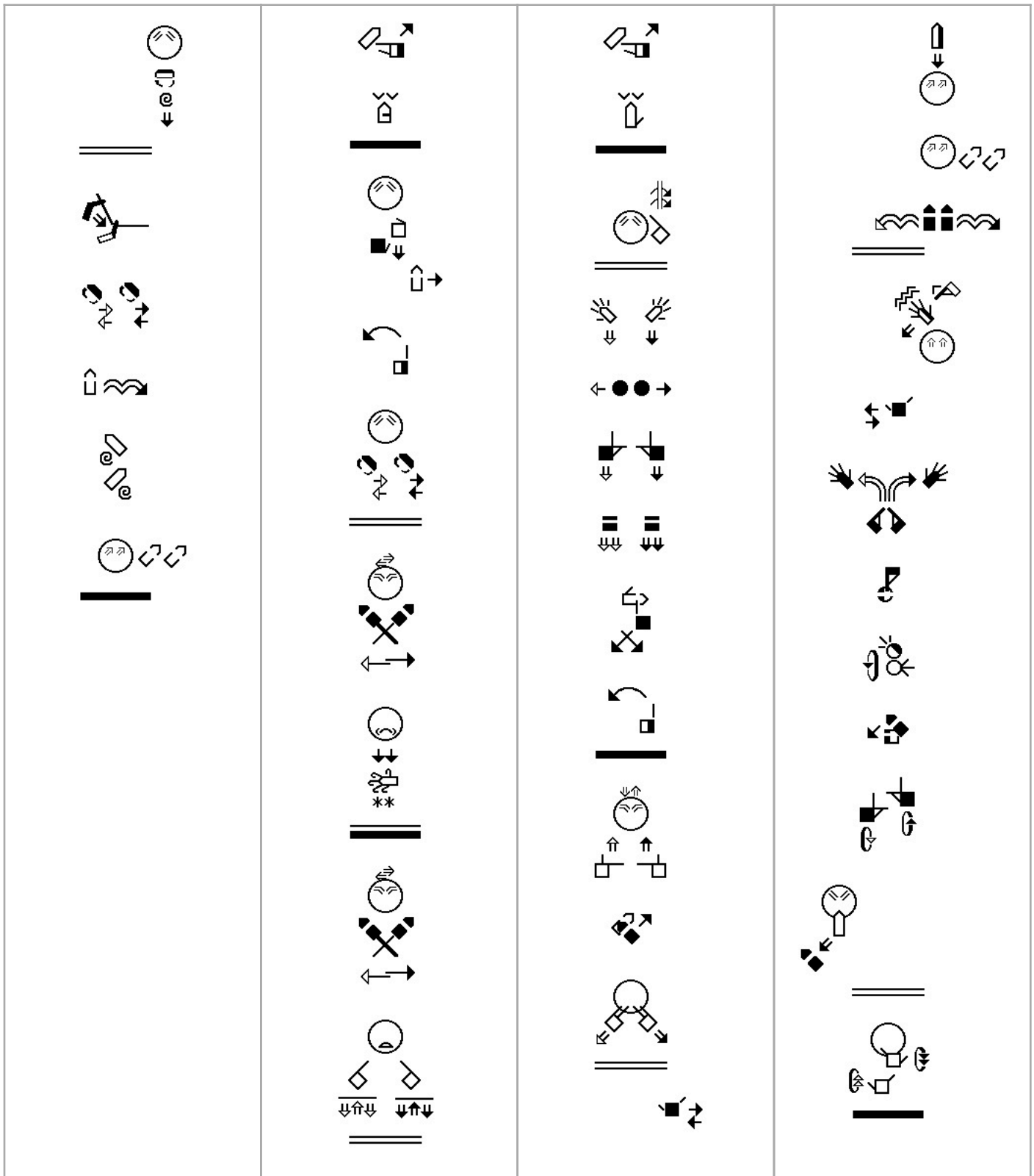


Verse 10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Verse 11. and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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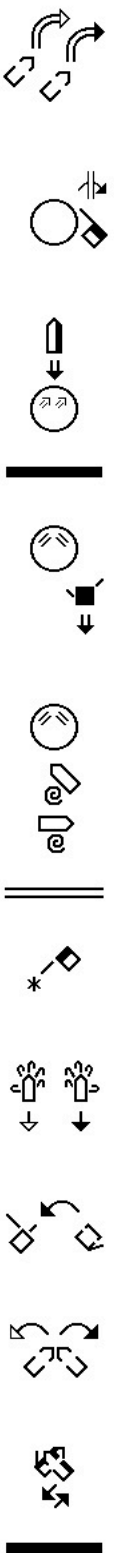
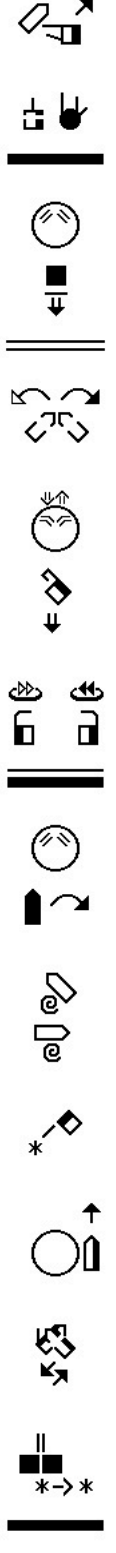
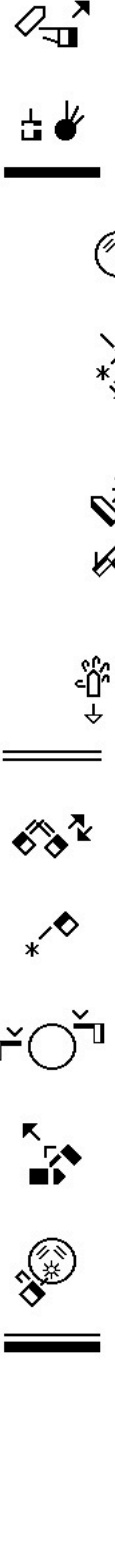
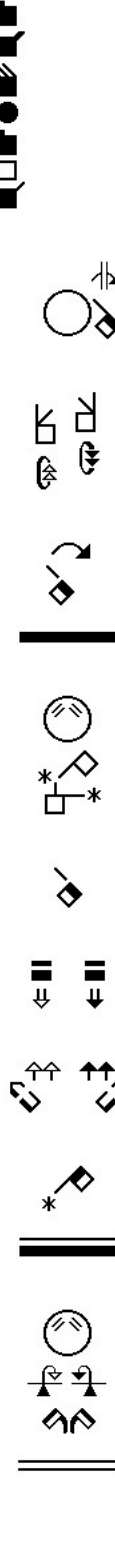
Verse 12. Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. Verse 13. For God is working in you, giving you



the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Verse 14. Do everything without complaining and arguing, Verse 15. so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

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Verse 16. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. Verse 17. But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service  
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 <p>ASL signs for Philippians 2:17-18: offering, joy, share, rejoice, I, will, share, your, joy.</p>	 <p>ASL signs for Philippians 2:19-20: I, hope, to, send, Timothy, to, you, soon, for, a, visit, then, he, can, cheer, me, up.</p>	 <p>ASL signs for Philippians 2:21-22: I, am, an, offering, to, God, and, I, want, all, of, you, to, share, that, joy.</p>	 <p>ASL signs for Philippians 2:23-24: Yes, you, should, rejoice, and, I, will, share, your, joy.</p>
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is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Verse 18. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy. Verse 19. If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up



<p>ASL signs for Verse 22: Timothy's service. The signs include: a hand pointing up and right, a hand pointing down and right, a thick horizontal line, a circle with two eyes, two hands pointing towards each other, a vertical sequence of signs (hand, square, circle, hand, square), two hands with fingers spread, a hand pointing down, a hand pointing up and right, a thick horizontal line, two hands pointing towards each other, a circle with two eyes and a hand pointing down, a thick horizontal line, a circle with two eyes, and a hand pointing down and right.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: Timothy's character. The signs include: a circle with two eyes and a hand pointing down, a hand pointing down and right, a hand pointing down, a circle with a hand pointing to it, a circle with a hand pointing to it, a hand pointing down and right, a thick horizontal line, a hand pointing down and right, two hands with fingers spread, two hands pointing towards each other, a hand pointing down and right, a thick horizontal line, a circle with a hand pointing to it, a circle with a hand pointing to it, a hand pointing down and right, a hand pointing down and right, and a thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 24: Timothy's relationship. The signs include: a hand pointing up and right, a hand pointing down and right, a thick horizontal line, a circle with two eyes, two hands pointing towards each other, a thick horizontal line, two hands pointing towards each other, a hand pointing down and right with an asterisk, a circle with a hand pointing to it, a circle with a hand pointing to it, two hands pointing towards each other, a circle with two eyes and a hand pointing down with an asterisk, two hands pointing up, and a thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 25: Timothy's future. The signs include: a hand pointing down and right with an asterisk, a circle with a hand pointing to it, two hands pointing towards each other, a hand pointing down and right, a hand pointing down and right, and a thick horizontal line.</p>
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Verse 22. But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News. Verse 23. I hope to send him to you just as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me here.

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Verse 24. And I have confidence from the Lord that I myself will come to see you soon.  
 Verse 25. Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need.  
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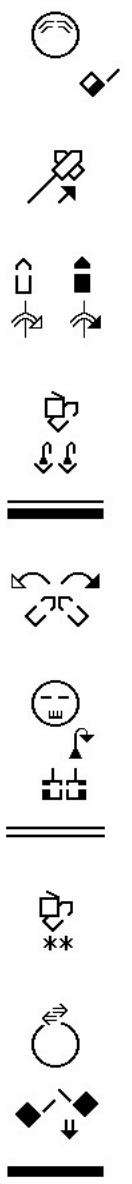


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Verse 26. I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. Verse 27. And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him -- and also on me, so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

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<p>31</p>	<p>Verse 28. So I am all the more anxious to send him back to you, for I know you will be glad to see him, and then I will not be so worried about you. Verse 29. Welcome him with Christian love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. NLT</p>		

			
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Verse 30. For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn't do from far away.

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33 Chapter 3. Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith. Verse 2. Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, NLT

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those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. Verse 3. For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort,

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<p>35</p>	<p>Verse 4. though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! Verse 5. I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin --</p>		
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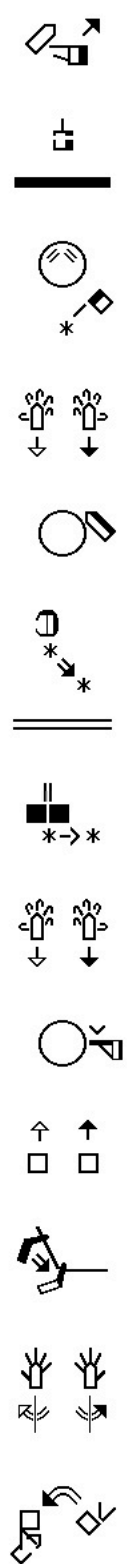

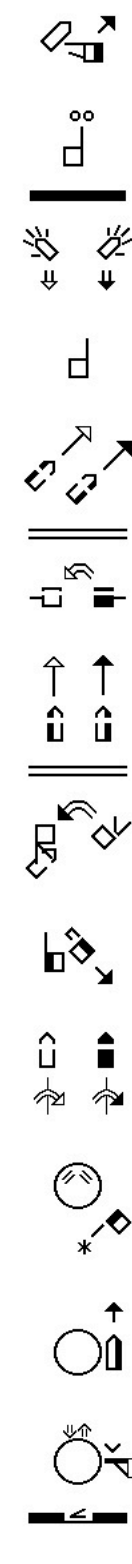
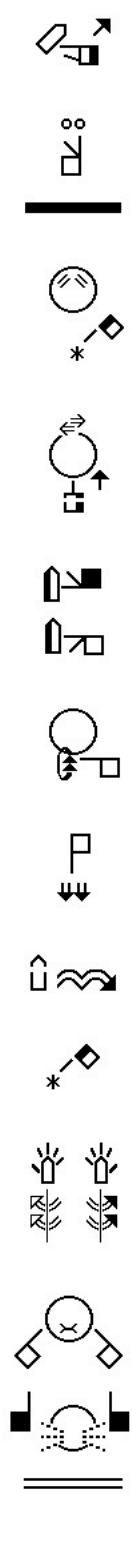


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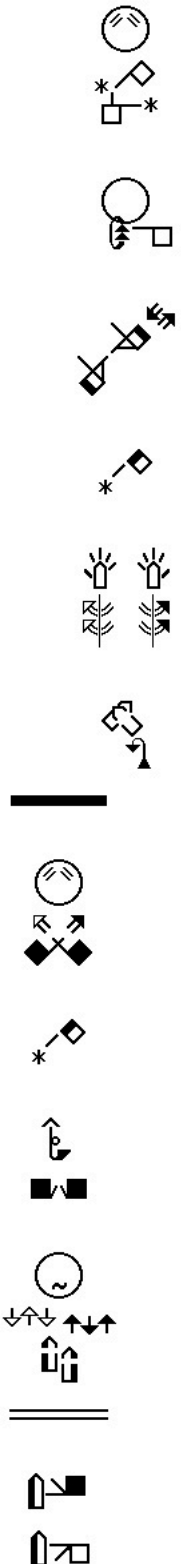
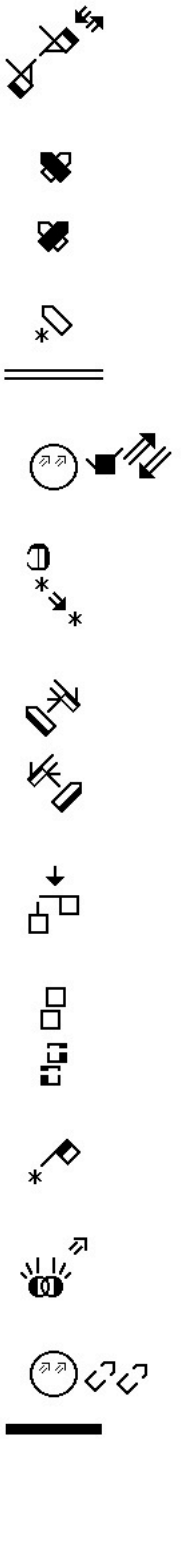
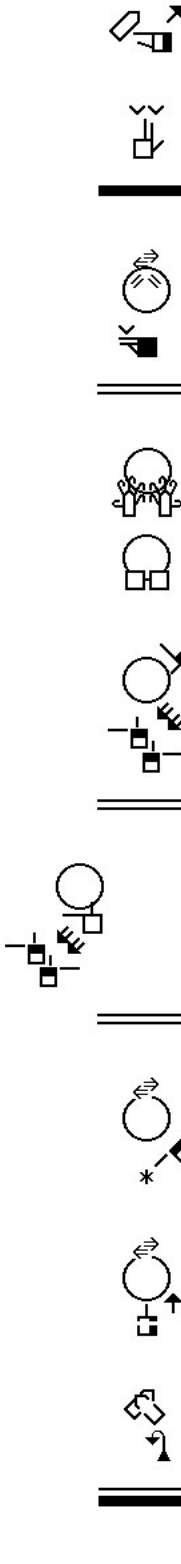
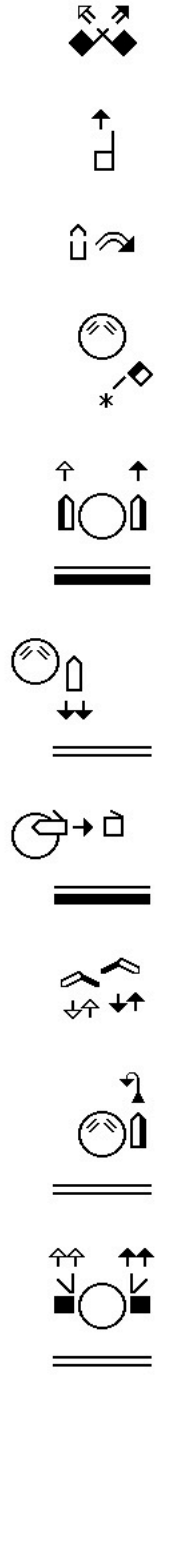
37 Verse 7. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Verse 8. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have NLT



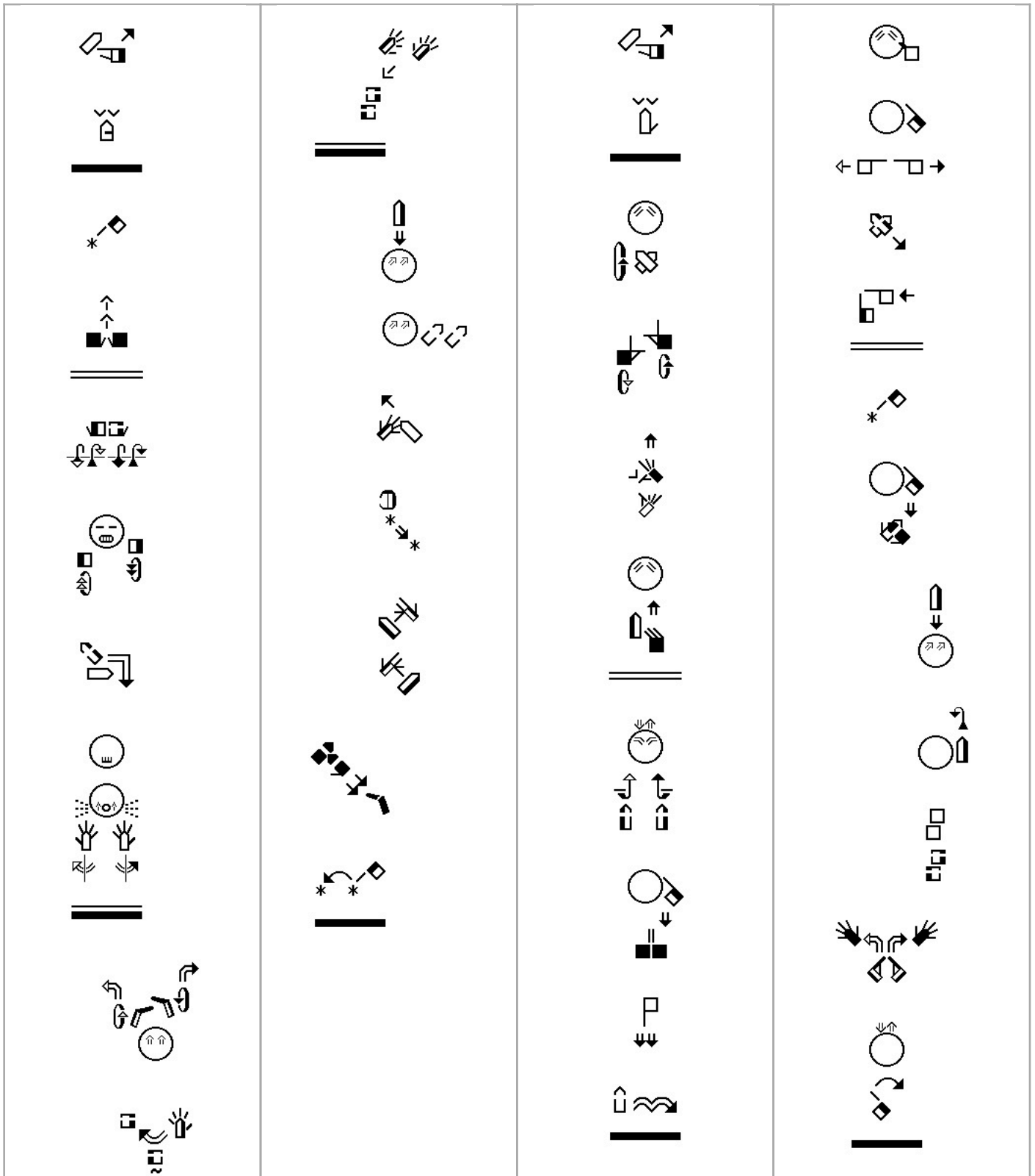

discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ Verse 9. and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. NLT

			
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Verse 10. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, Verse 11. so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! Verse 12. I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things  
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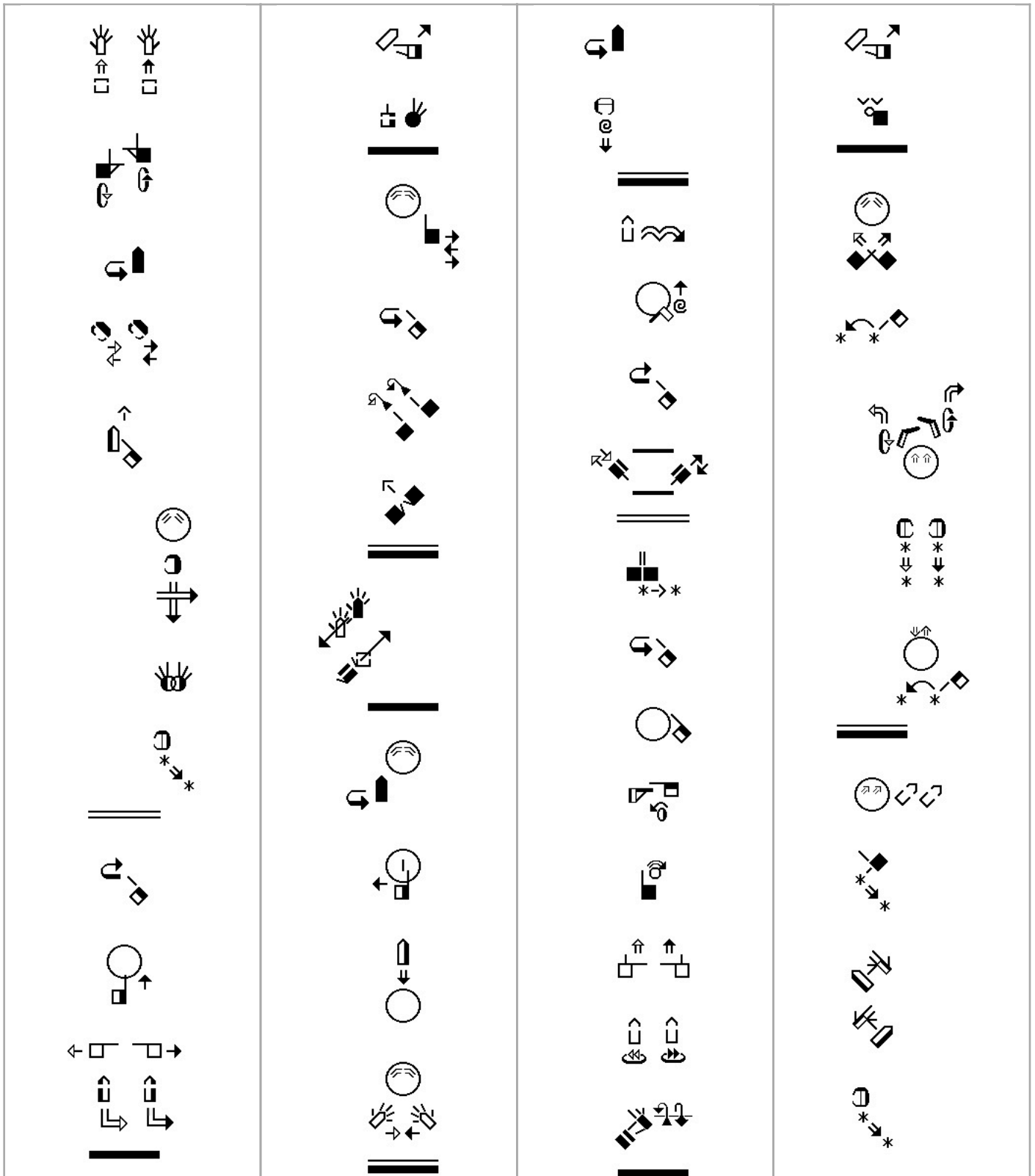
or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. Verse 13. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,



Verse 14. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Verse 15. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

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many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. Verse 19. They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. Verse 20. But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ

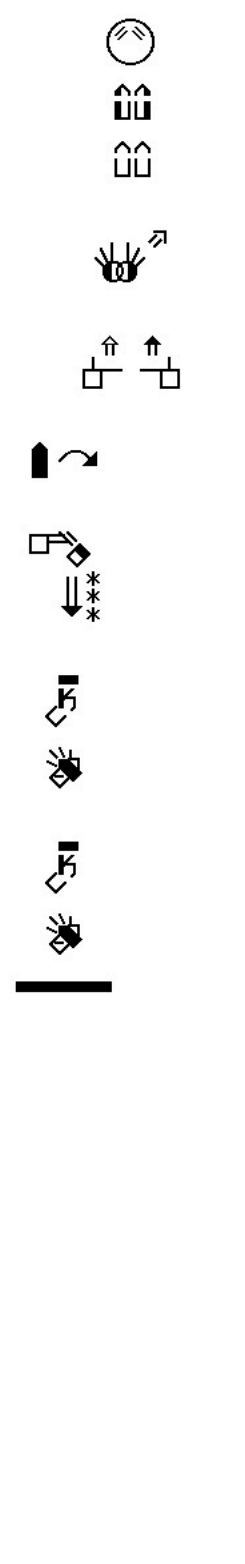
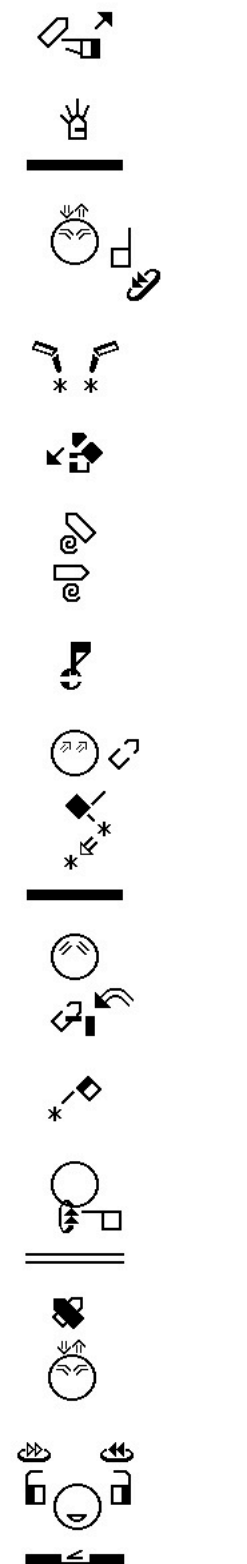
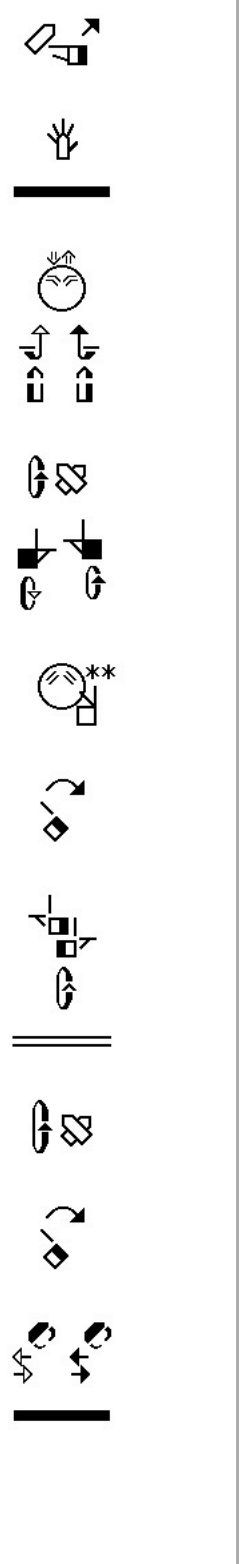



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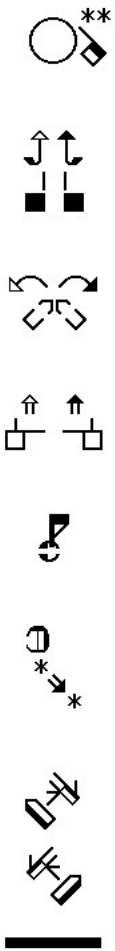
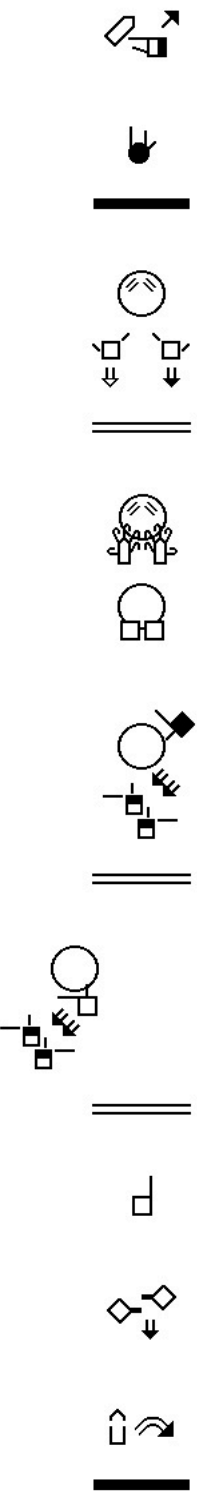
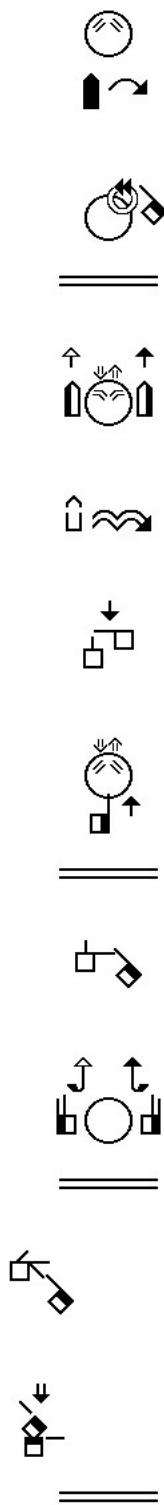

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because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. Verse 3. And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, NLT

 A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with a smiley face, followed by two signs for 'I', then a sign for 'write', and two signs for 'book'. Below this is a sign for 'life', followed by signs for 'and', 'you', and 'names'. Then there are signs for 'are', 'written', 'in', 'the', 'book', 'of', 'life'. This is followed by a sign for 'verse 4', a sign for 'I', and a sign for 'joy'. The sequence ends with a sign for 'in', a sign for 'the', and a sign for 'Lord'.	 A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with a sign for 'I', followed by a sign for 'joy', and a sign for 'in'. Then there is a sign for 'the', a sign for 'Lord', and a sign for 'I'. This is followed by a sign for 'rejoice', a sign for 'again', and a sign for 'rejoice'. Then there is a sign for 'let', a sign for 'everyone', and a sign for 'see'. This is followed by signs for 'that', 'you', 'are', 'considerate', and 'in'. The sequence ends with signs for 'all', 'you', 'do', and a sign for 'remember'.	 A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with a sign for 'I', followed by a sign for 'joy', and a sign for 'in'. Then there is a sign for 'the', a sign for 'Lord', and a sign for 'I'. This is followed by a sign for 'rejoice', a sign for 'again', and a sign for 'rejoice'. Then there is a sign for 'let', a sign for 'everyone', and a sign for 'see'. This is followed by signs for 'that', 'you', 'are', 'considerate', and 'in'. The sequence ends with signs for 'all', 'you', 'do', and a sign for 'remember'.	 A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with a sign for 'I', followed by a sign for 'joy', and a sign for 'in'. Then there is a sign for 'the', a sign for 'Lord', and a sign for 'I'. This is followed by a sign for 'rejoice', a sign for 'again', and a sign for 'rejoice'. Then there is a sign for 'let', a sign for 'everyone', and a sign for 'see'. This is followed by signs for 'that', 'you', 'are', 'considerate', and 'in'. The sequence ends with signs for 'all', 'you', 'do', and a sign for 'remember'.
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47 whose names are written in the Book of Life. Verse 4. Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again -- rejoice! Verse 5. Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. NLT


Verse 6. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Verse 7. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts NL

			
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49 and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Verse 8. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. NLT

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Verse 9. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me -- everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Verse 10. How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I NLT

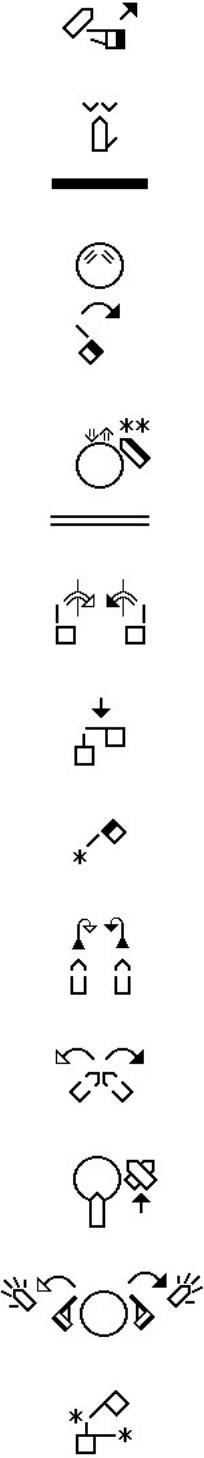

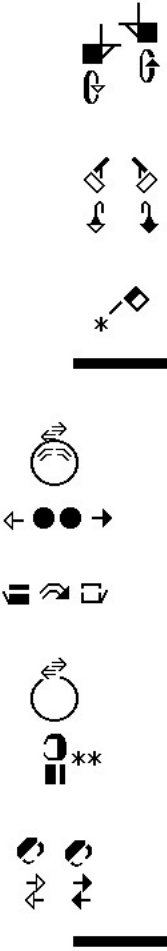
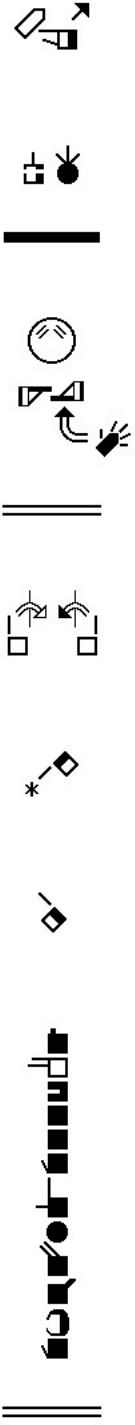
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51 know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. Verse 11. Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. Verse 12. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. NLT

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I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. Verse 13. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Verse 14. Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

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Verse 15. As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Verse 16. Even when I was in Thessalonica NLT



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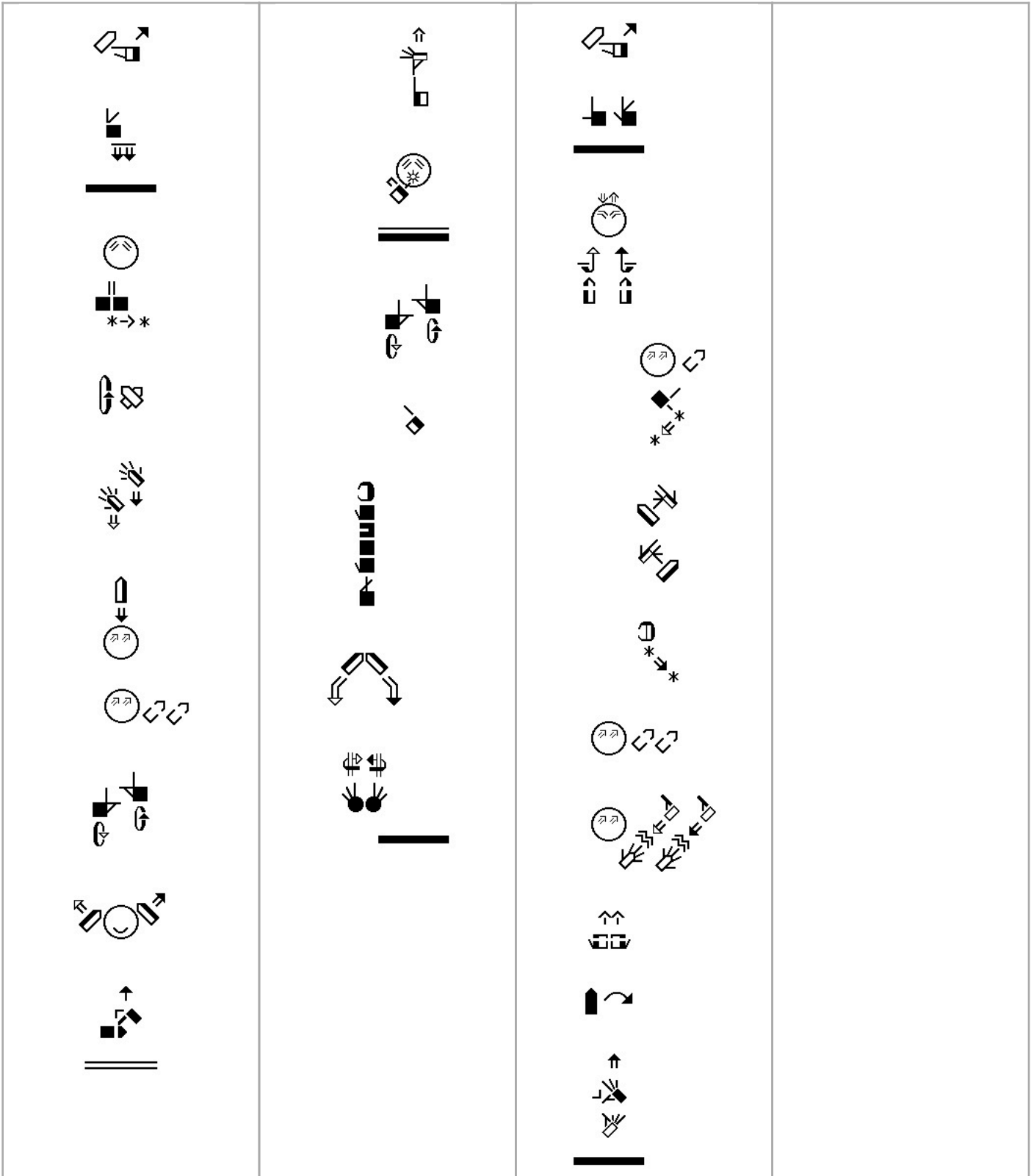
you sent help more than once. Verse 17. I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. Verse 18. At the moment I have all I need -- and more!

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I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. Verse 19. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. NLT

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Verse 20. Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen. Verse 21. Give my greetings to each of God's holy people -- all who belong to Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you their greetings.



Verse 22. And all the rest of God's people send you greetings, too, especially those in Caesar's household. Verse 23. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
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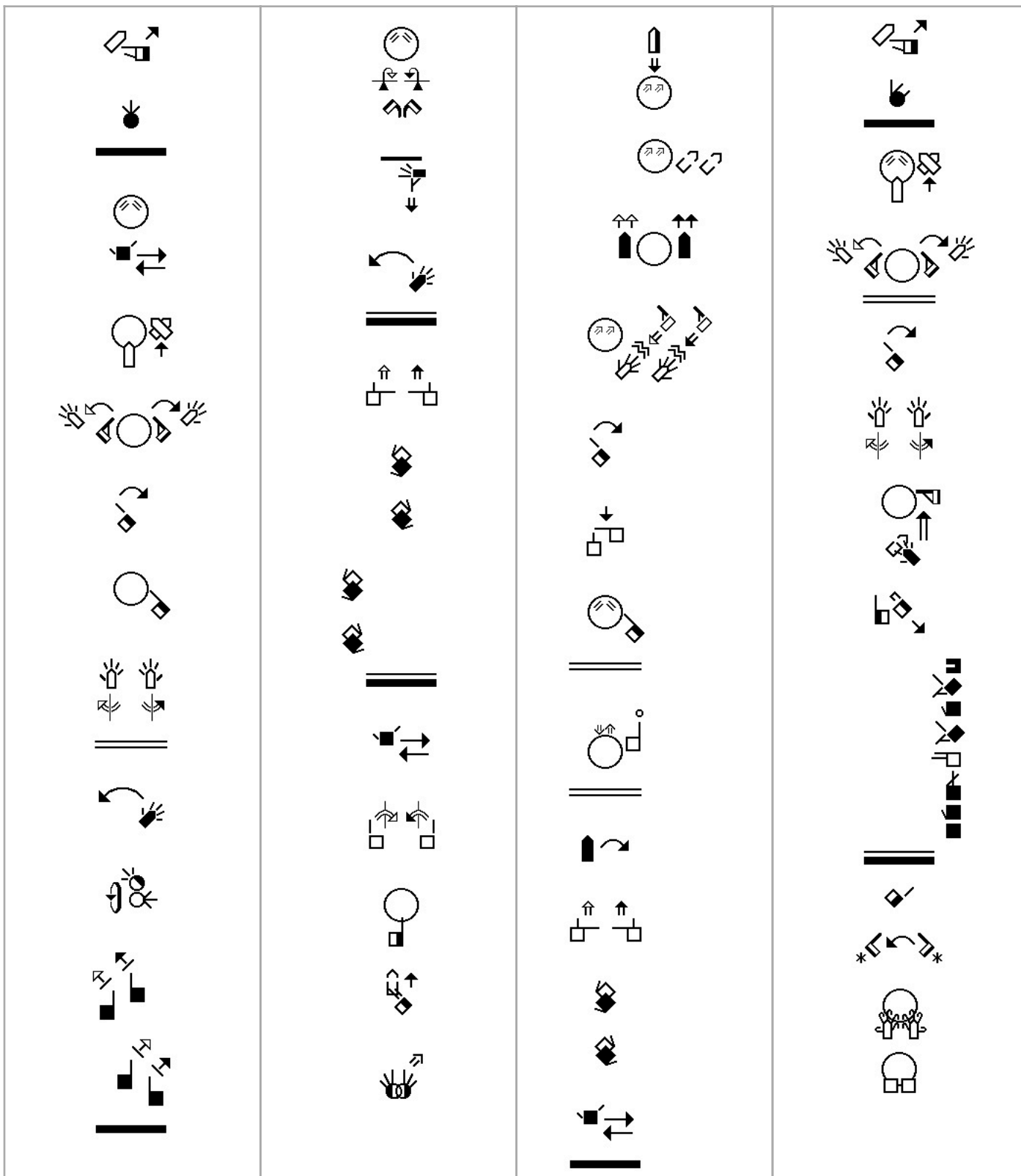
Colossians Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. Verse 2. We are writing to God's holy people in the city  
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of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace. Verse 3. We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Verse 6. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. Verse 7. You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved NLT





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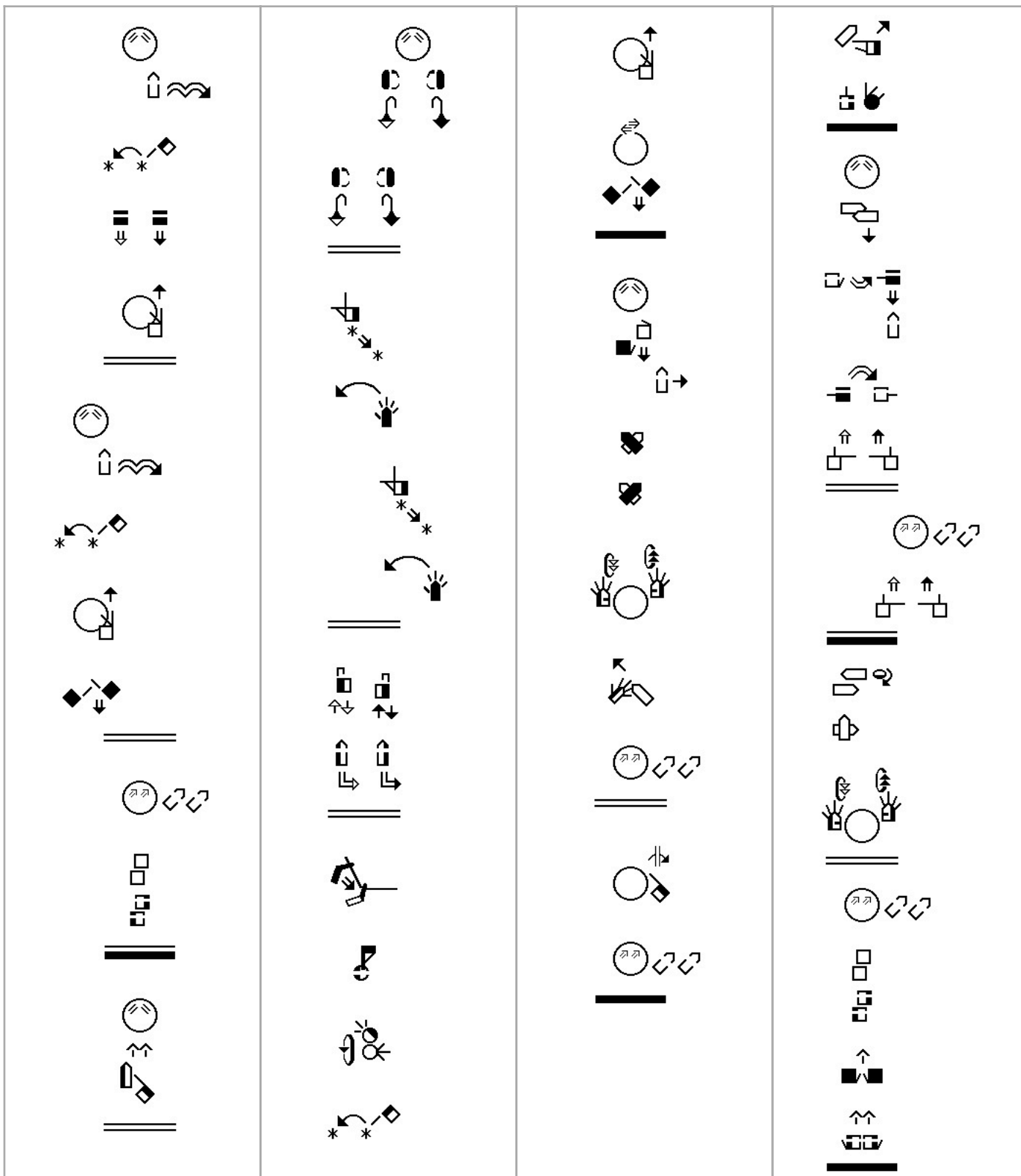
to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Verse 10. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. NLT



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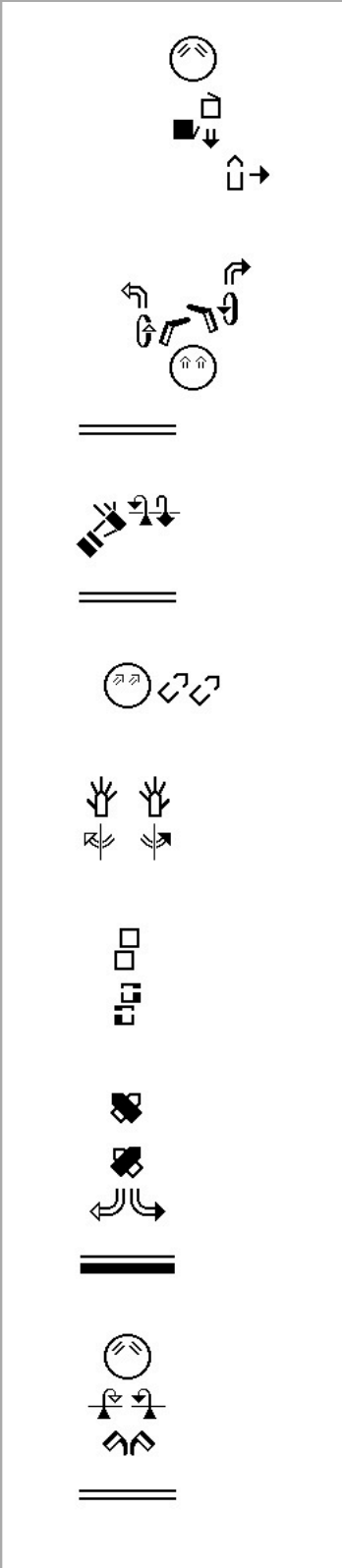
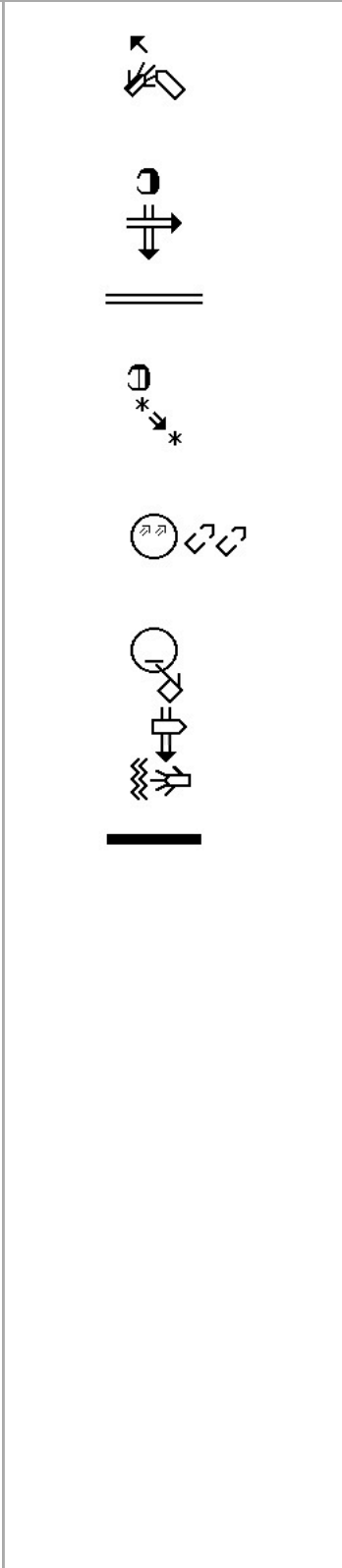
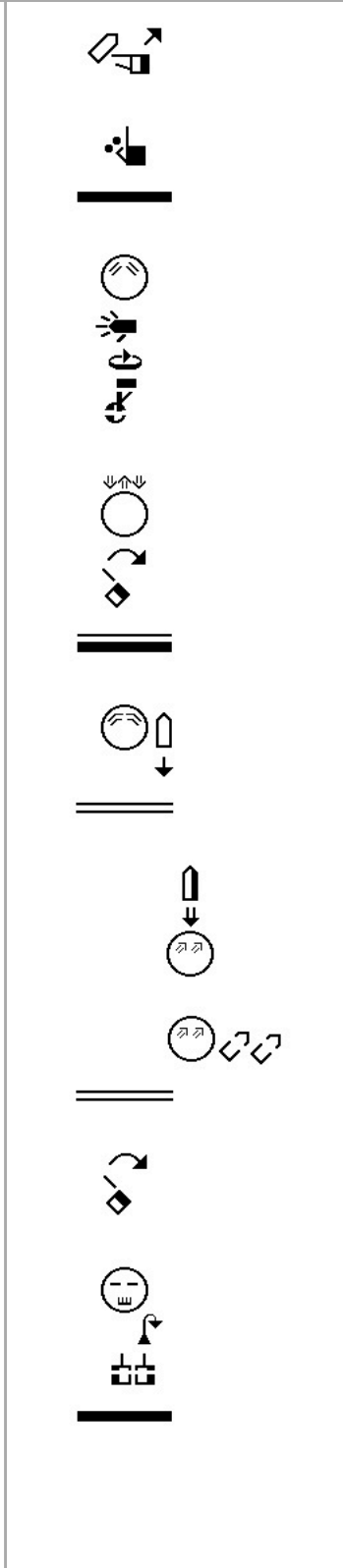
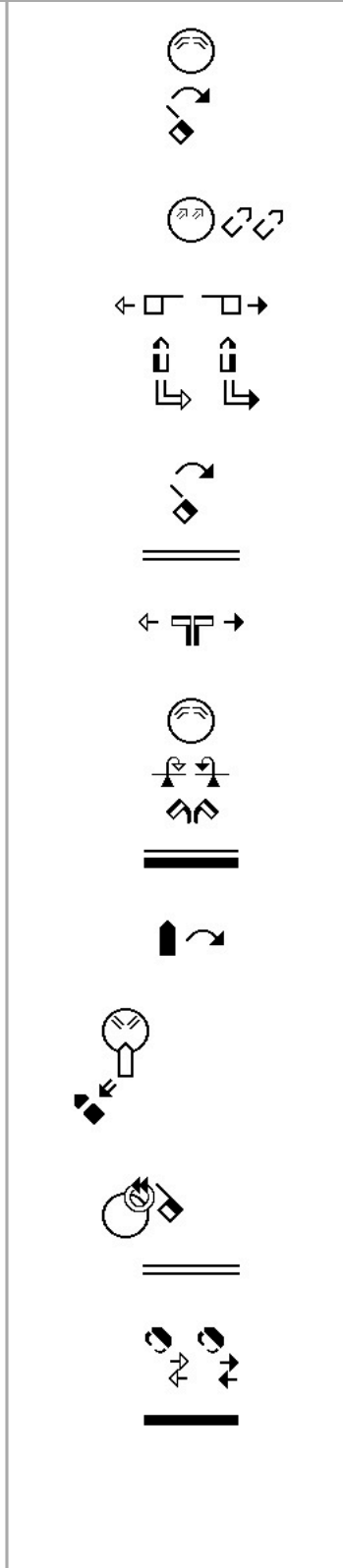
that belongs to his people, who live in the light. Verse 13. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, Verse 14. who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. NLT





He made the things we can see and the things we can't see -- such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. Verse 17. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. NLT

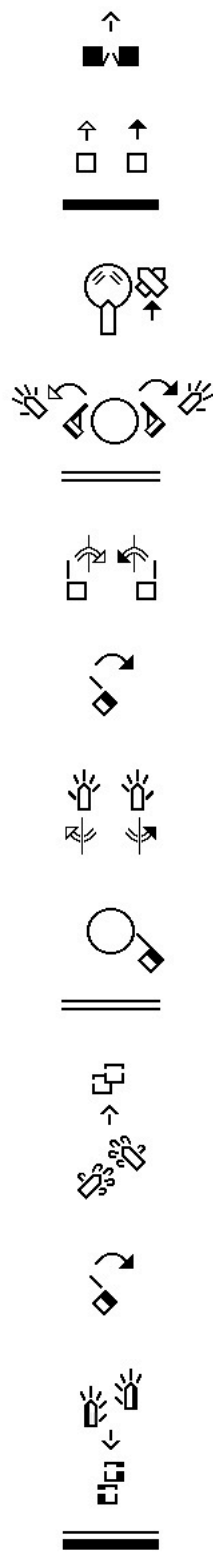
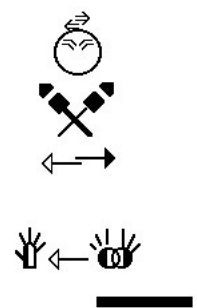
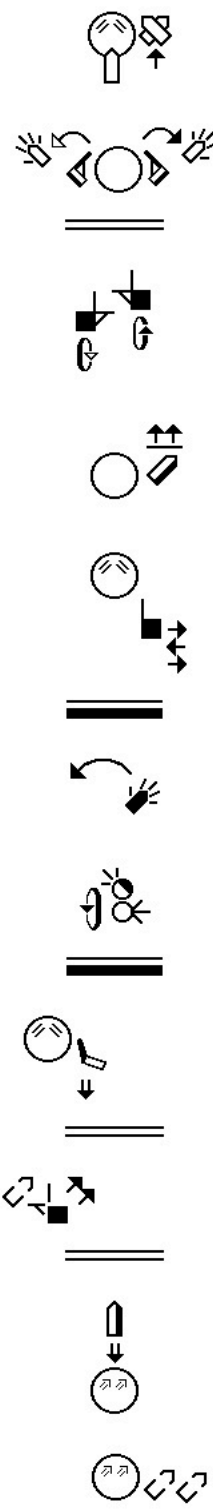
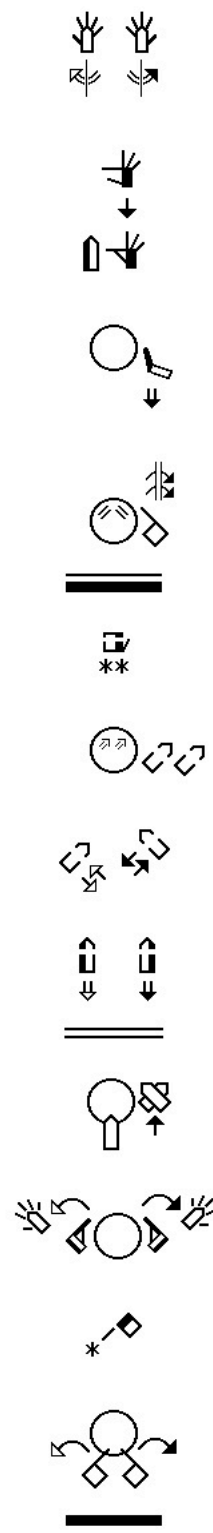


			
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He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Verse 21. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. NLT

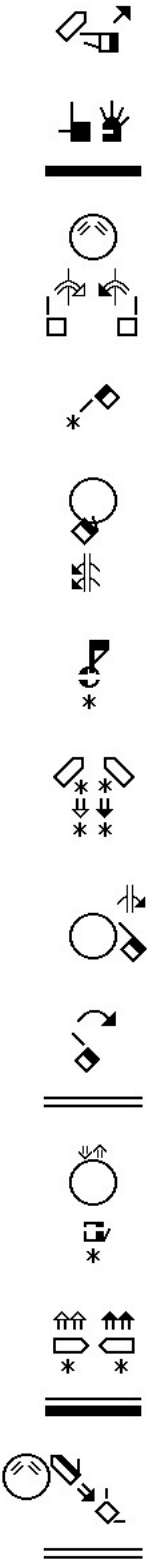
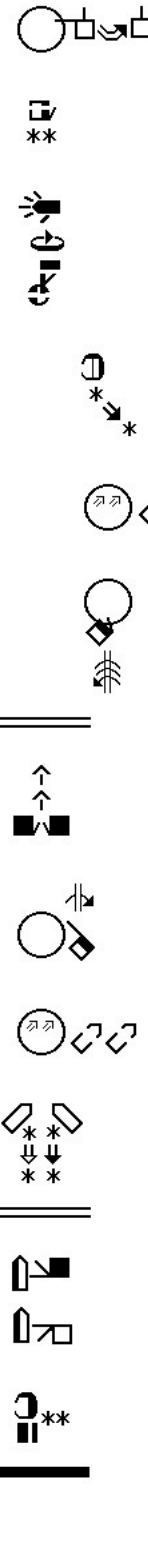
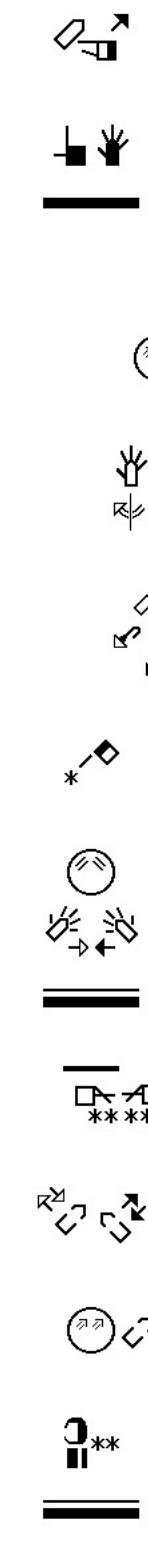

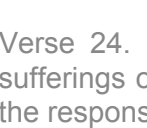
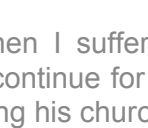
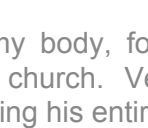
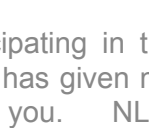


<p>13</p>	<p>Verse 22. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Verse 23. But you must continue to believe this truth and NLT</p>		

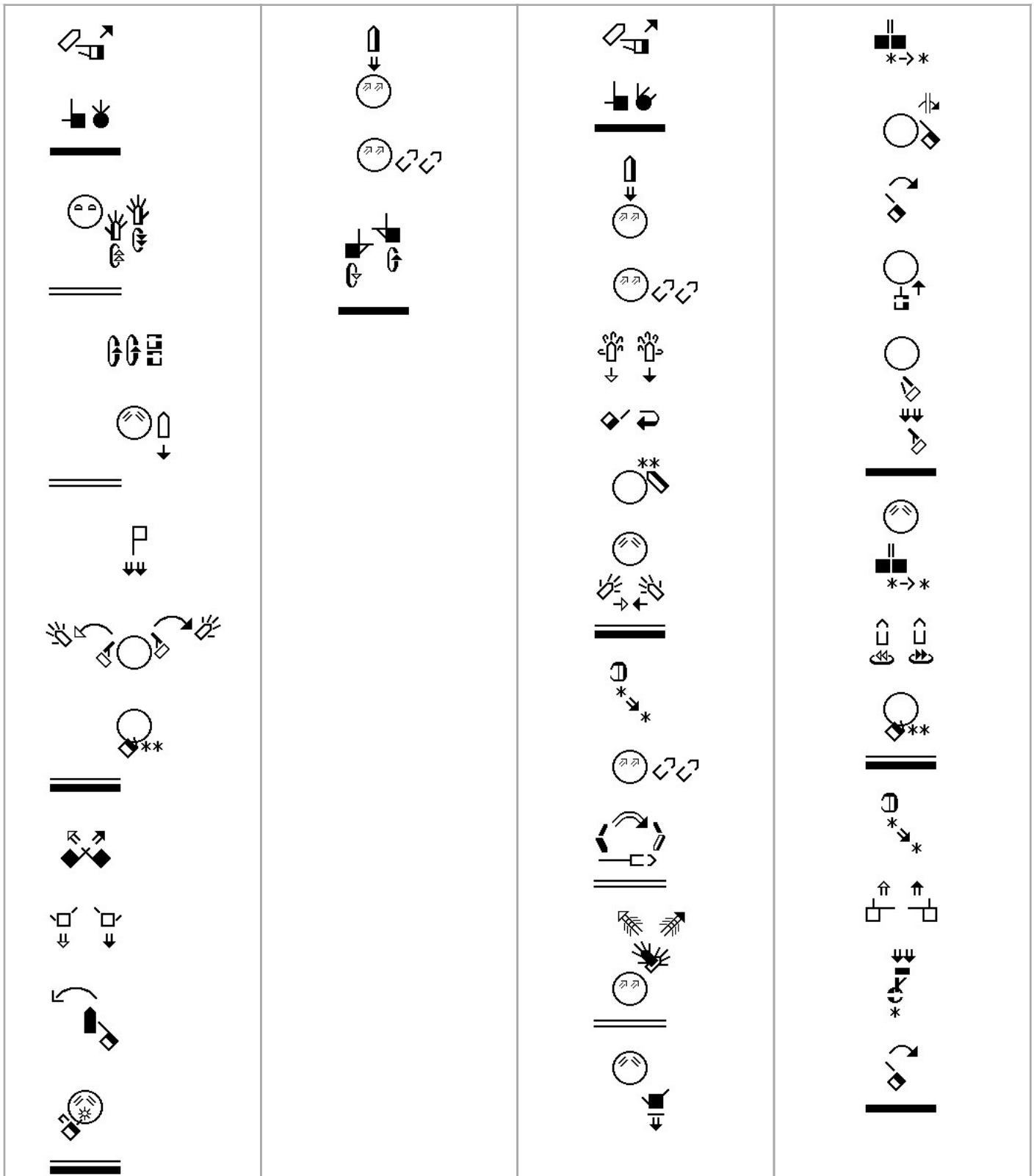
			
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stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

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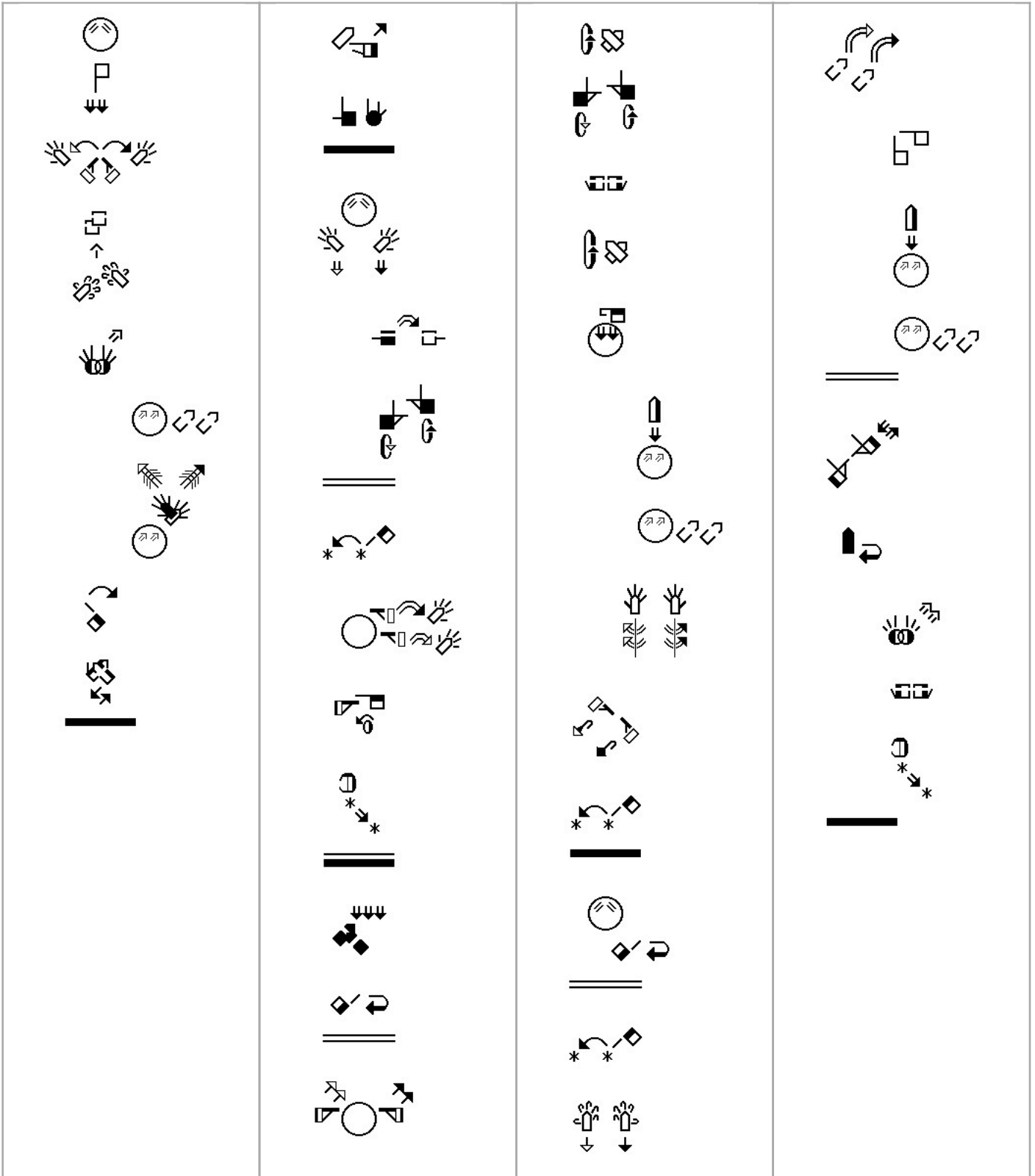
			
			

Verse 24. I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. Verse 25. God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. NLT



Verse 26. This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. Verse 27. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you.

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17 This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. Verse 28. So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. NLT

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Verse 29. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

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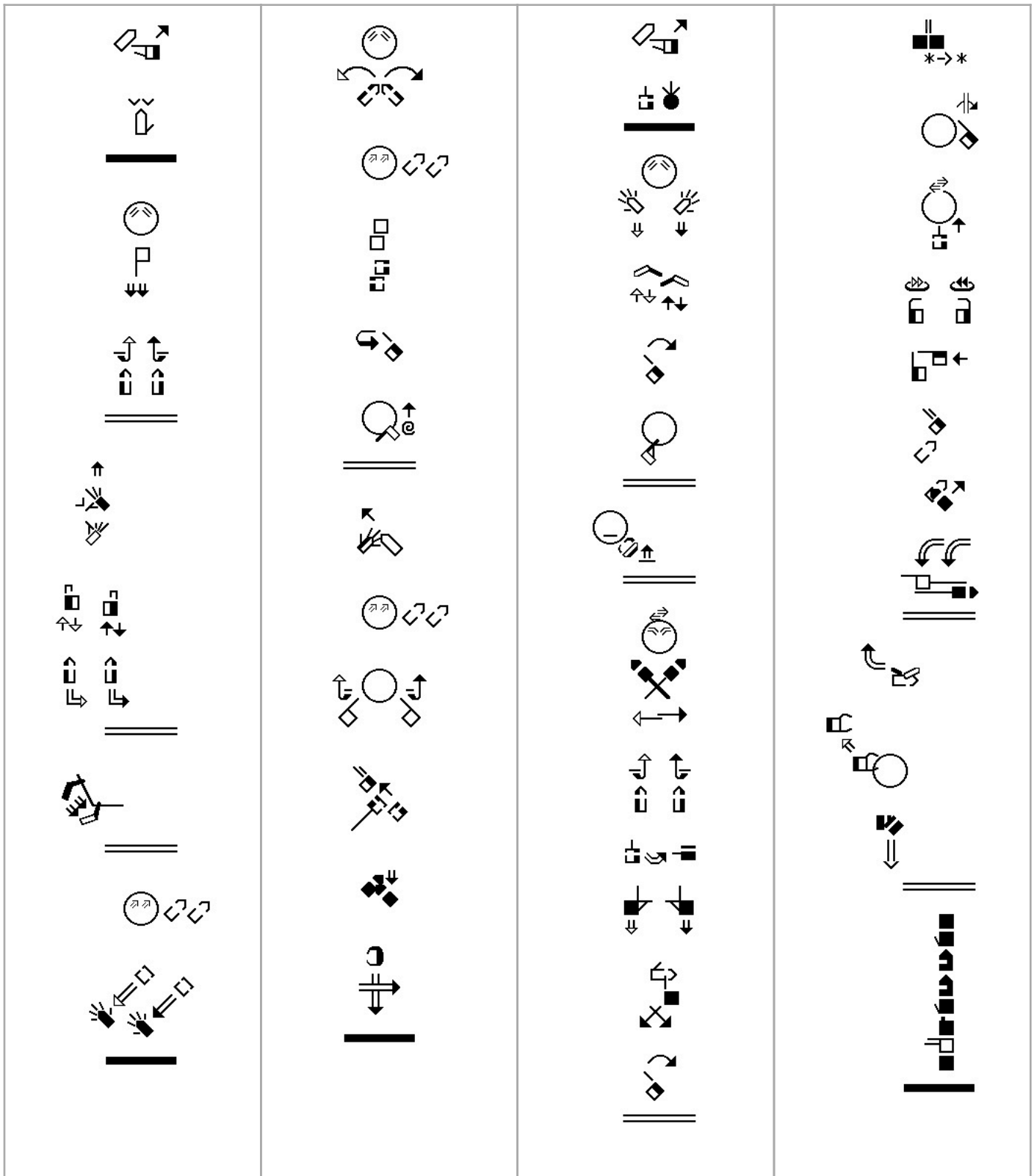


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procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision -- the cutting away of your sinful nature. Verse 12. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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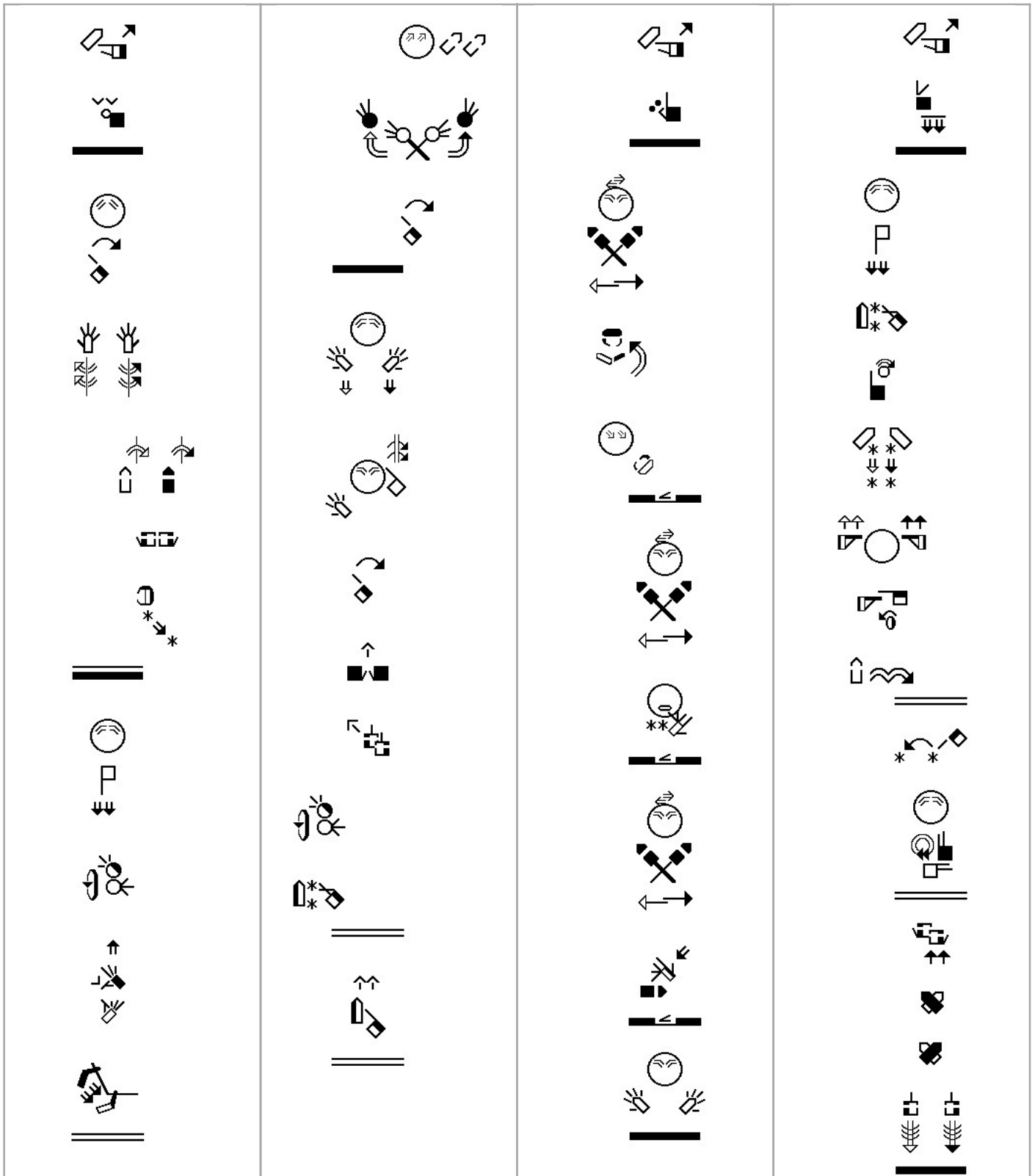
Verse 15. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. Verse 16. So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.

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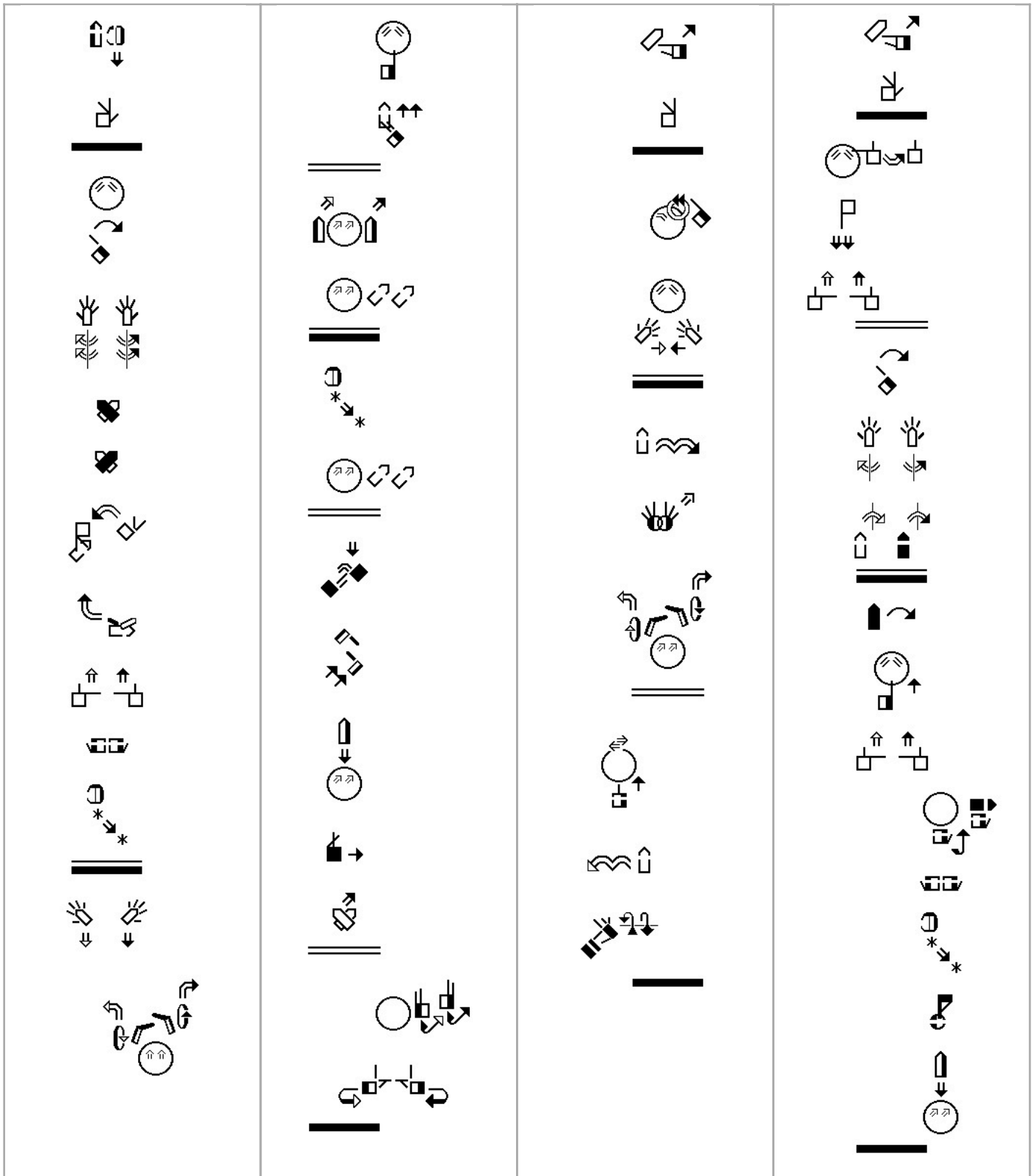






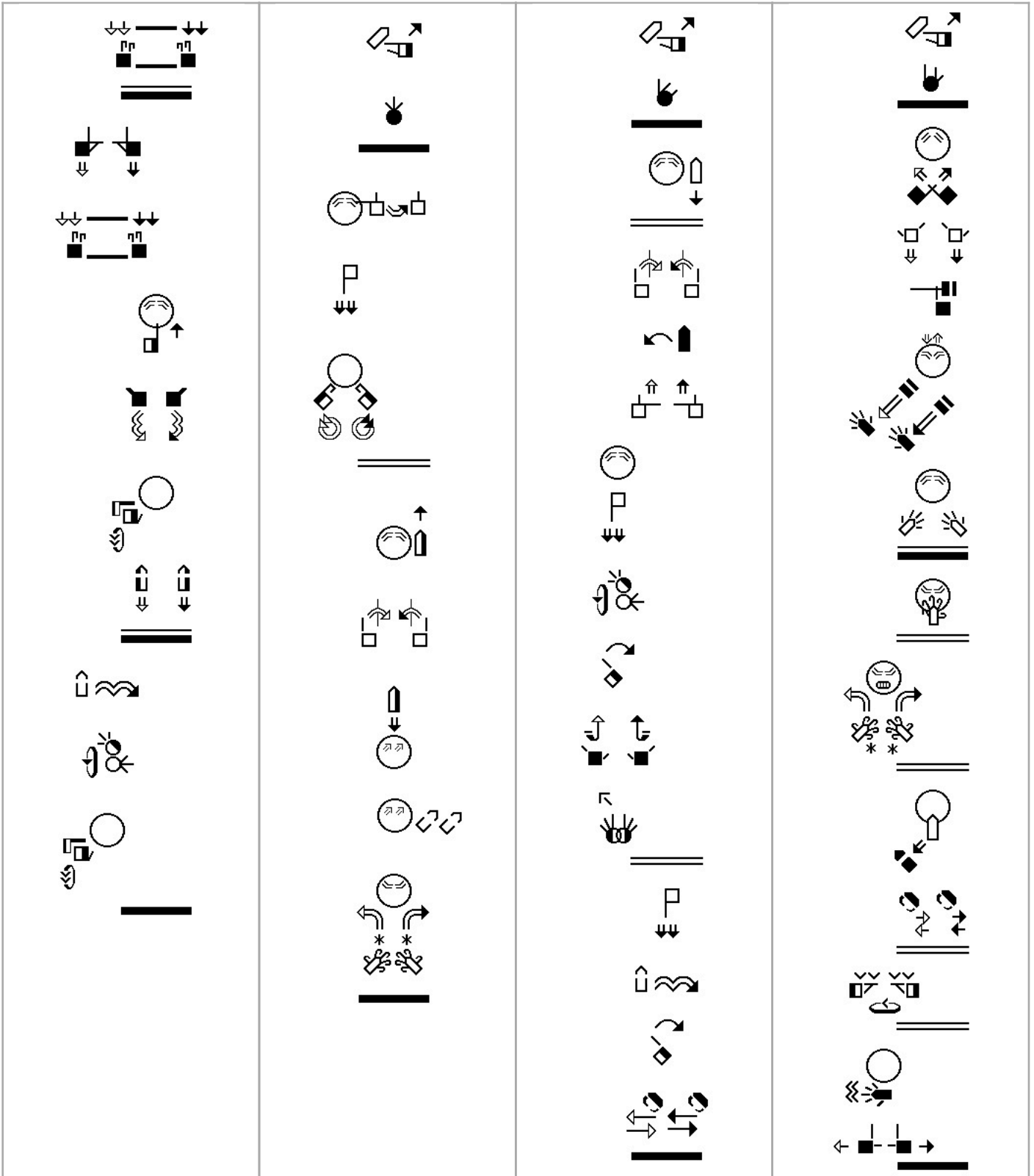
Verse 20. You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, Verse 21. "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!?" Verse 22. Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them.



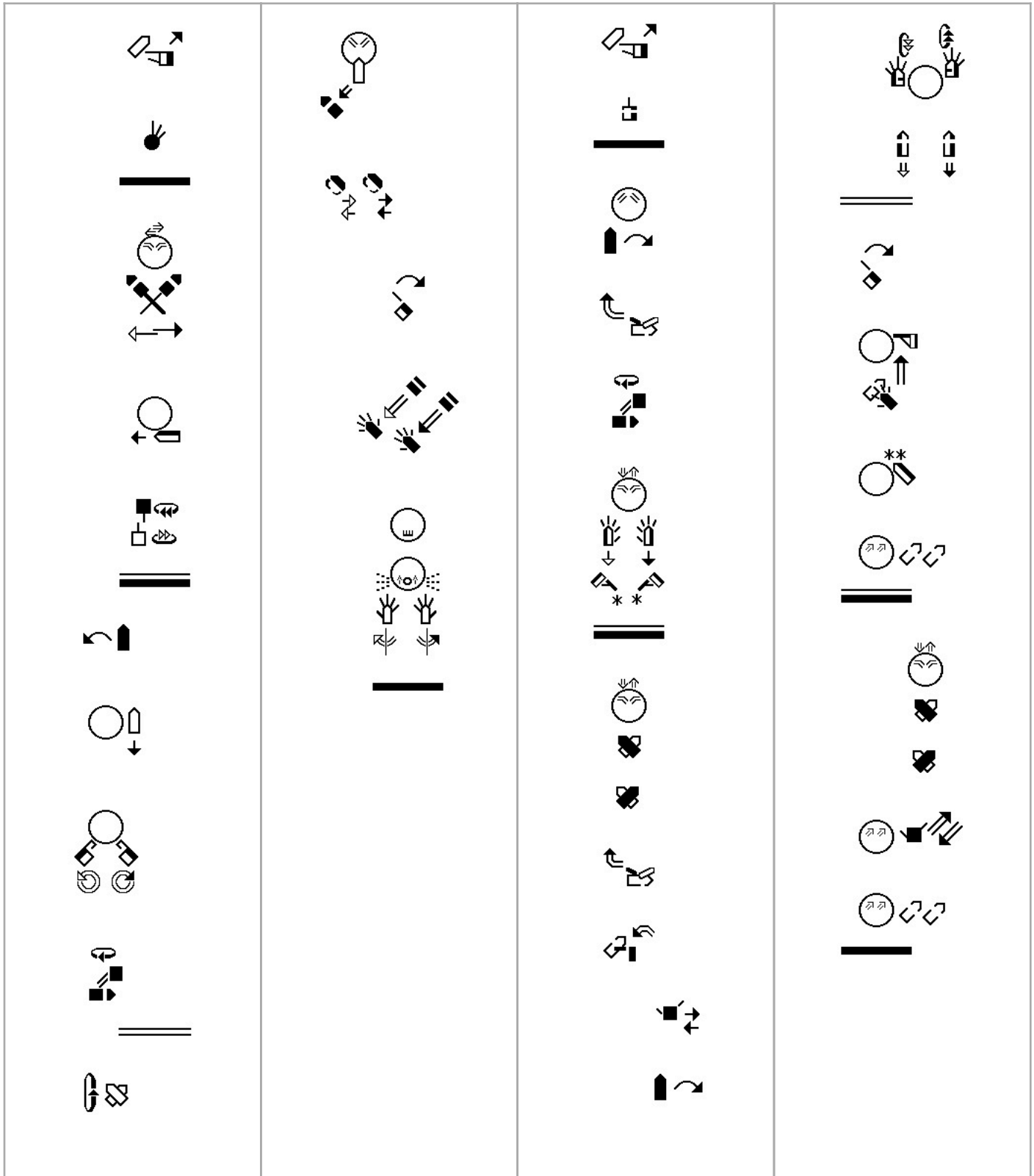


Chapter 3. Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Verse 2. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. Verse 3. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. NLT



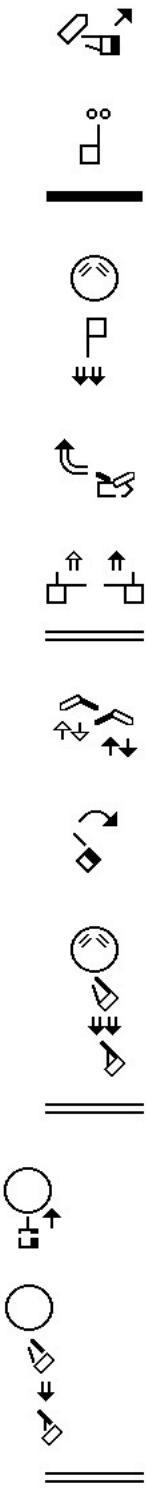
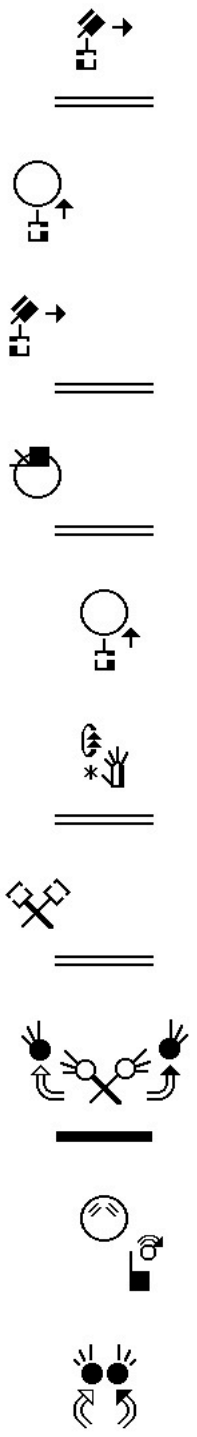
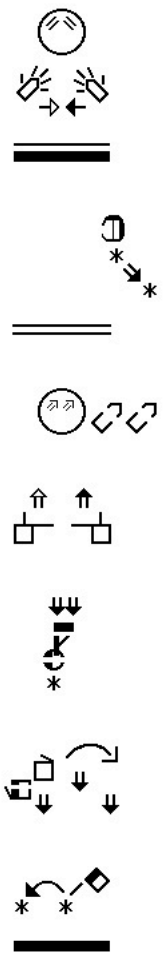
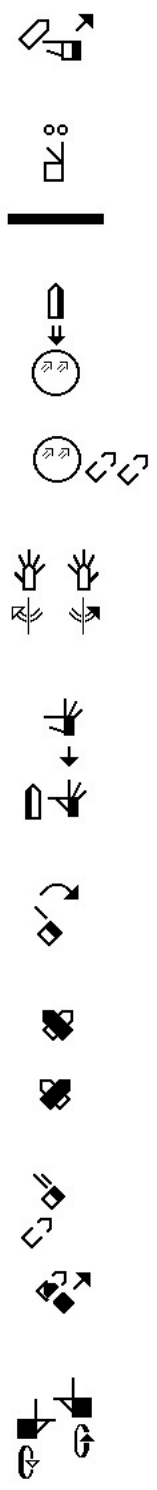


be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world. Verse 6. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. Verse 7. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. Verse 8. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. NLT

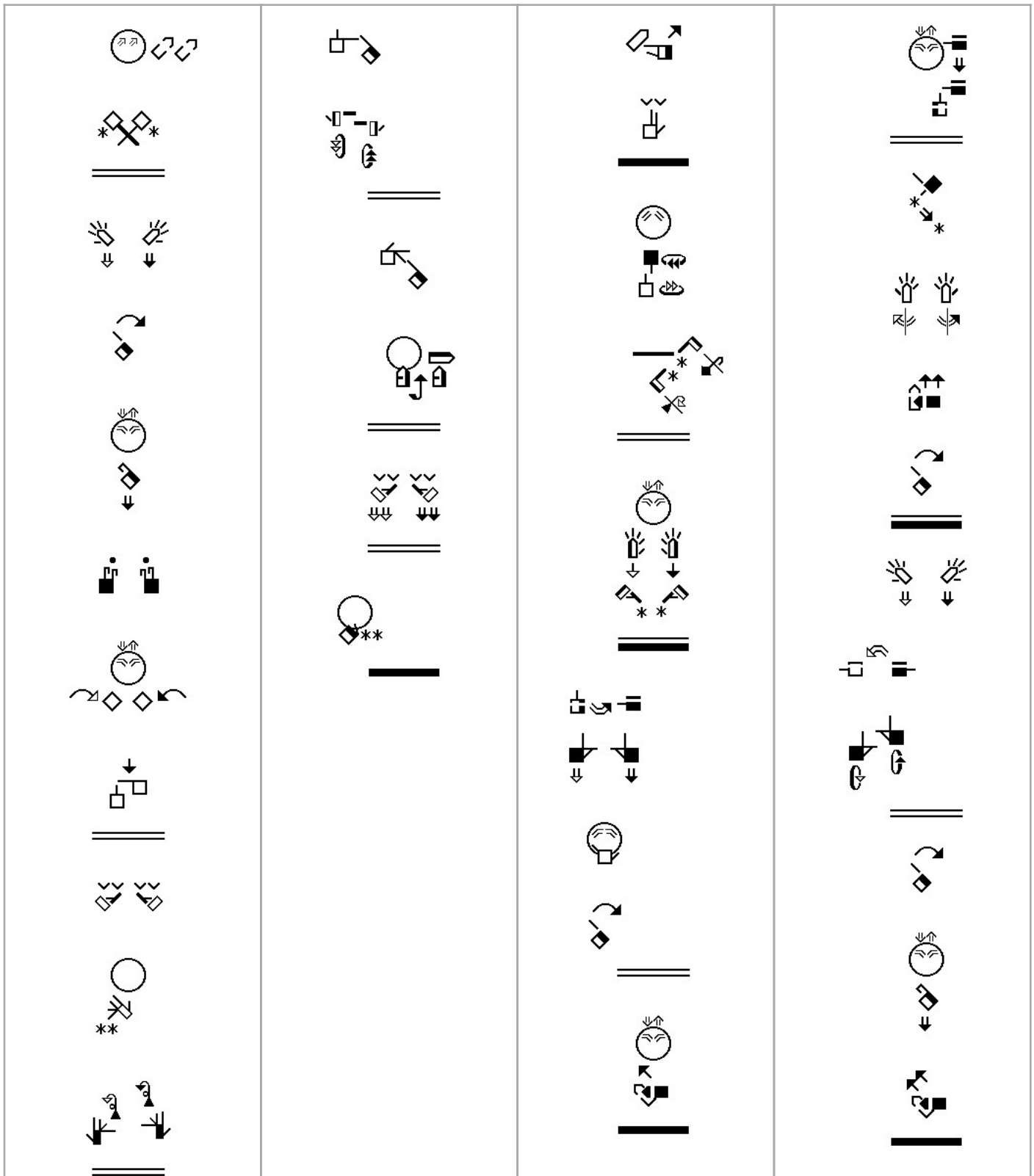


Verse 9. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Verse 10. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

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Verse 11. In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. Verse 12. Since God chose you to be the holy people



he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Verse 13. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. NLT





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Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. Verse 17. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. NLT

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Verse 18. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.  
 Verse 19. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Verse 20. Children,  
 always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Verse 21. Fathers, do not aggravate  
 your children, or they will become discouraged.  
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Verse 22. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Verse 23. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you

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41 were working for the Lord rather than for people. Verse 24. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Verse 25. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. NLT

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give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Verse 4. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Verse 5. Live wisely among those who are not believers, NLT



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45 and make the most of every opportunity. Verse 6. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. Verse 7. Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. NLT



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47 and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here. Verse 10. Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed NLT

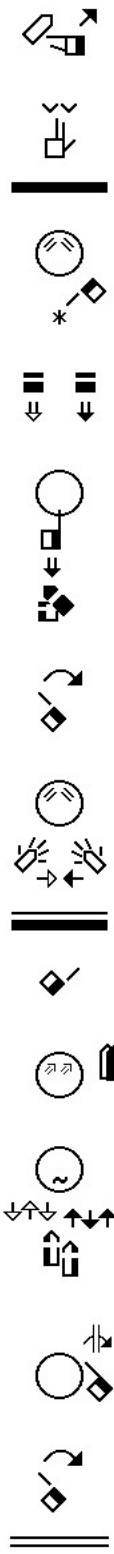
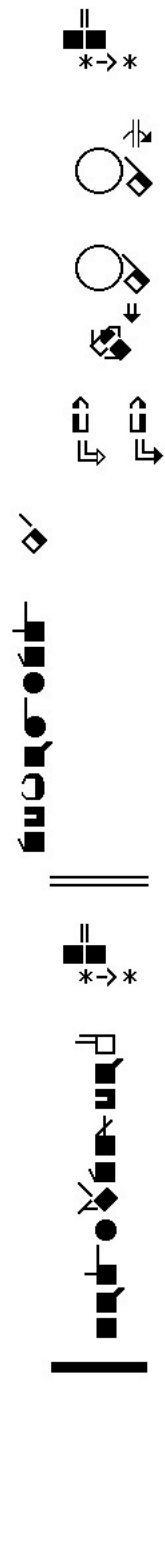
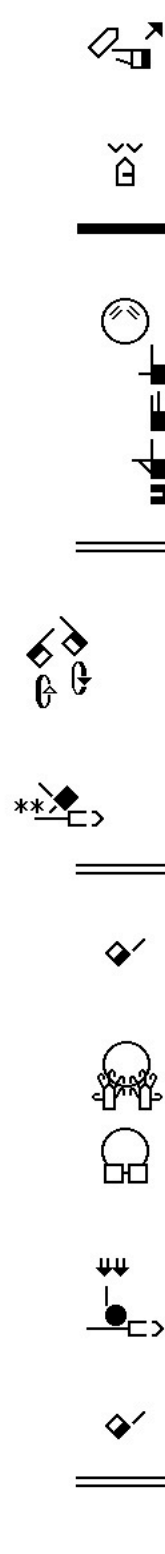
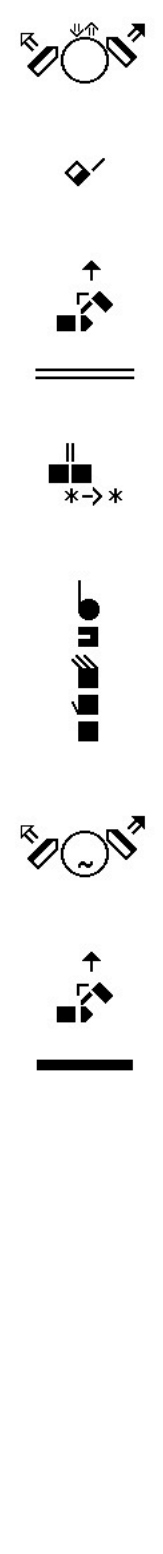
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before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. Verse 11. Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!

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49 Verse 12. Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. NLT

			
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