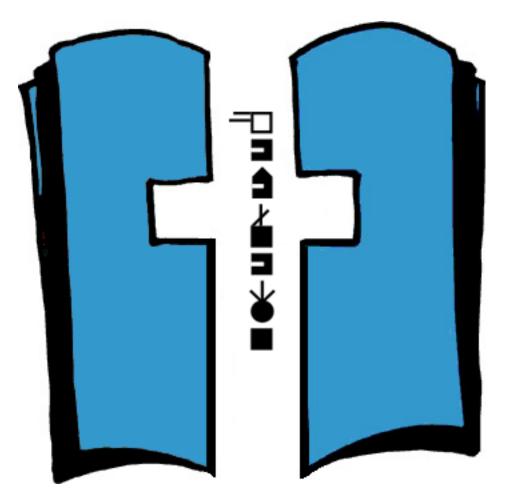
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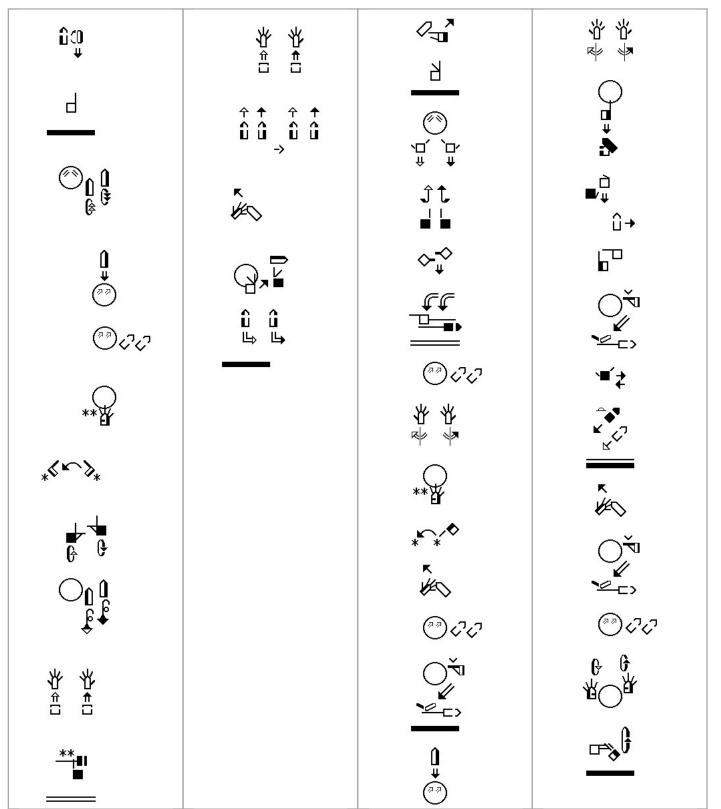
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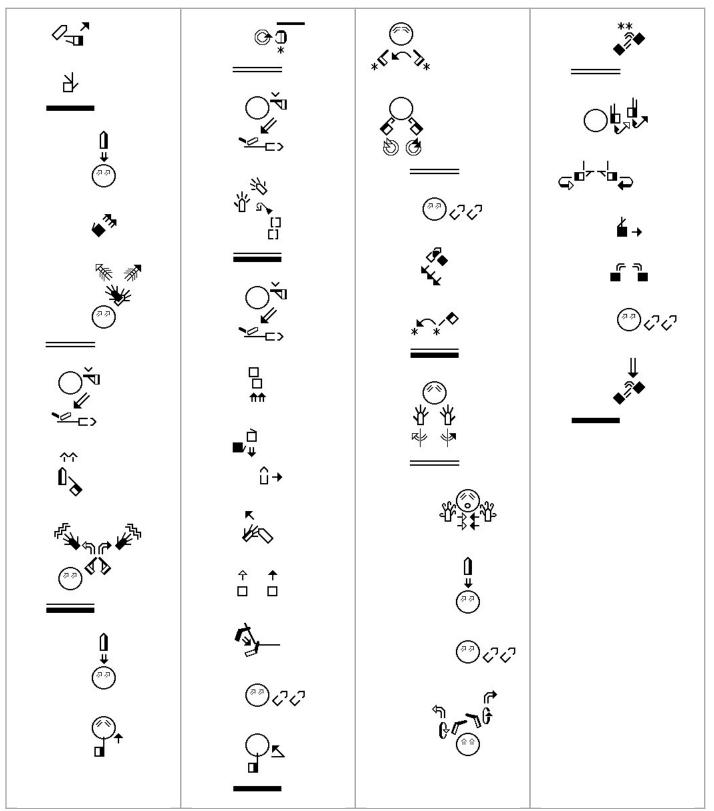
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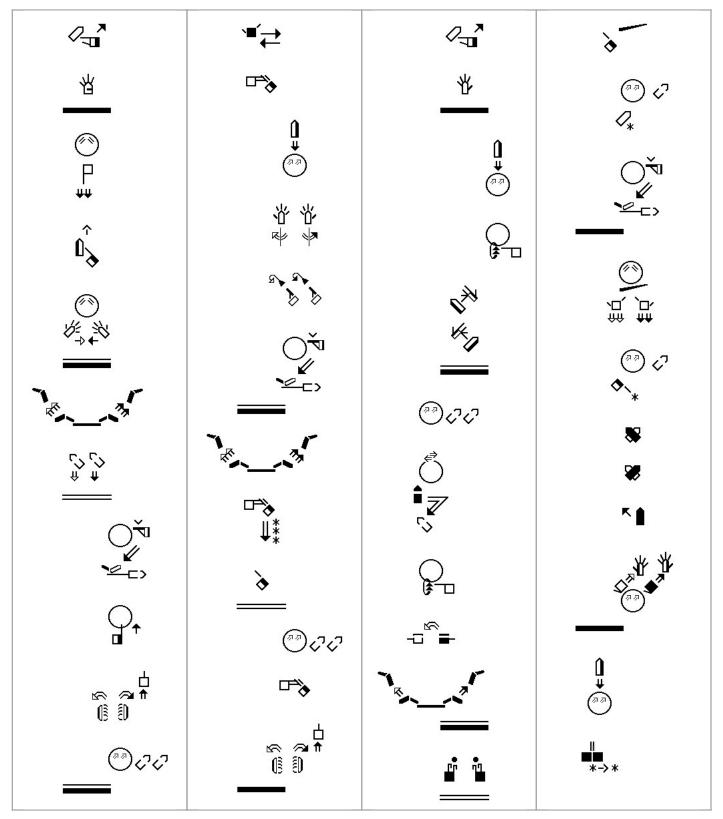


Chapter 1. Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. Verse 2. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

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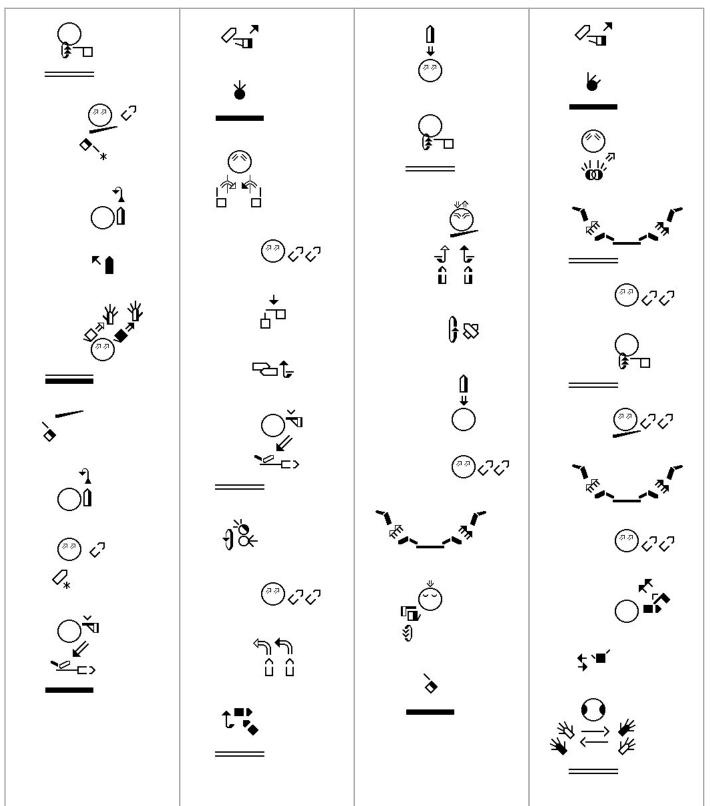


Verse 3. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

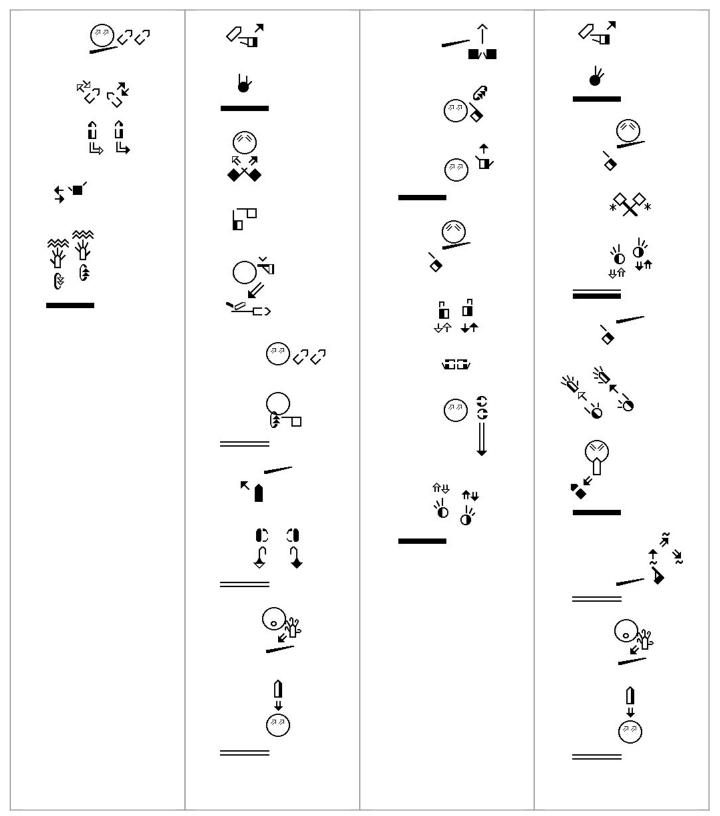


Verse 4. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names. Verse 5. For God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." God also NLT

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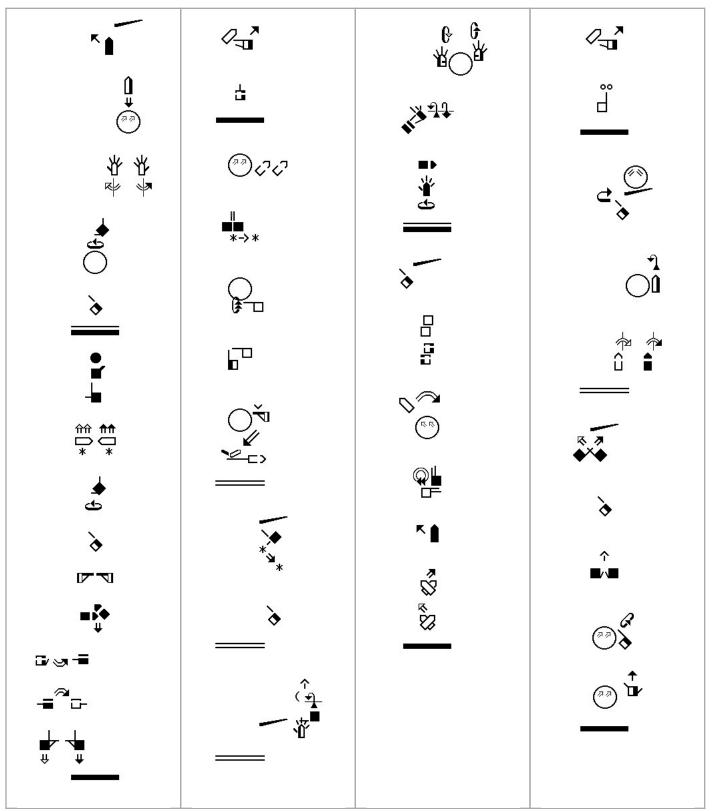


said, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son." Verse 6. And when he brought his firstborn Son into the world, God said, "Let all of God's angels worship him." Verse 7. Regarding the angels, he says, "He sends his angels like the winds, NLT

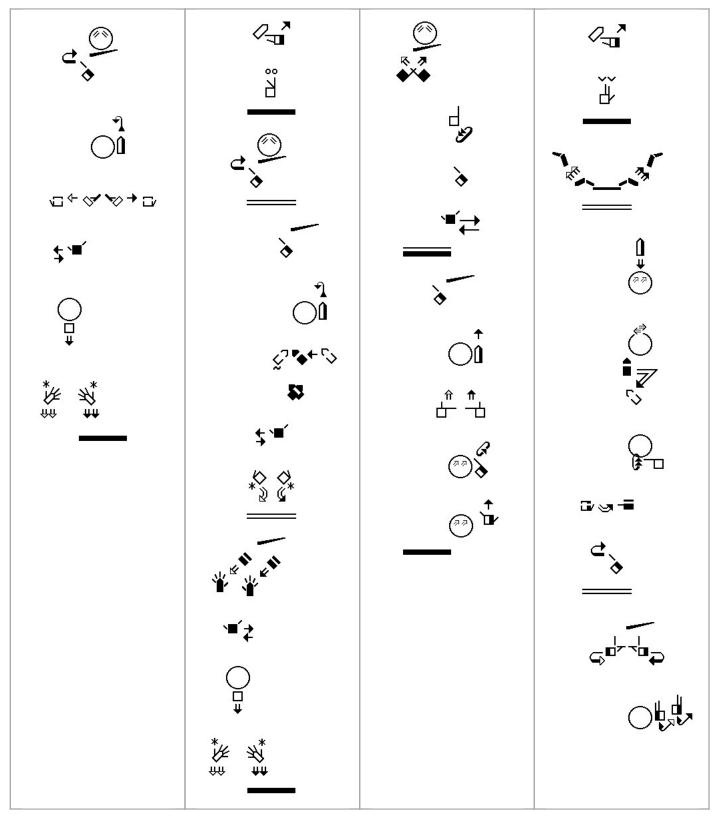


his servants like flames of fire." Verse 8. But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. Verse 9. You love justice and hate evil. Therefore, O God, NLT

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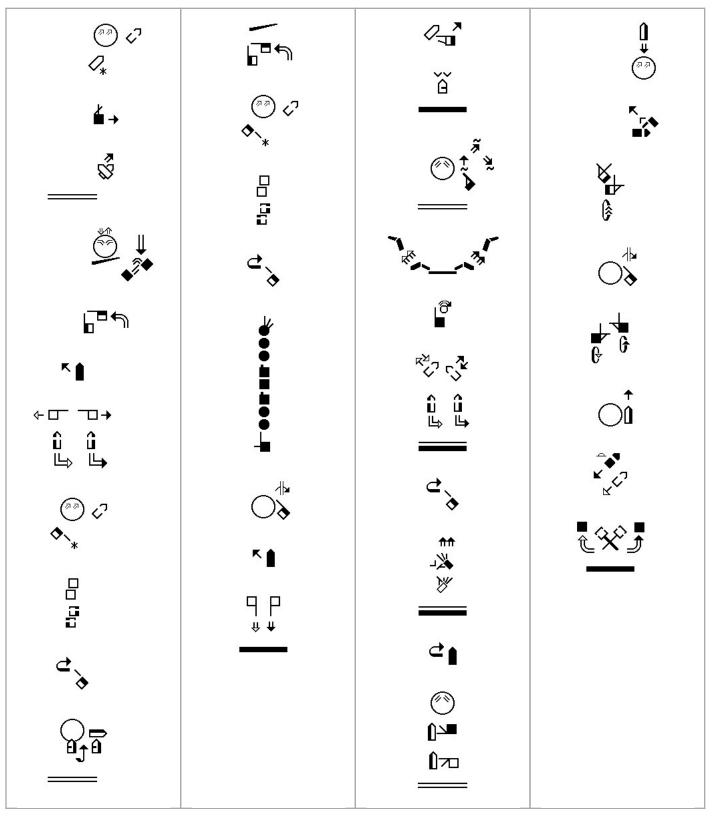


your God has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else." Verse 10. He also says to the Son, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands. Verse 11. They will perish, but you remain forever. NLT

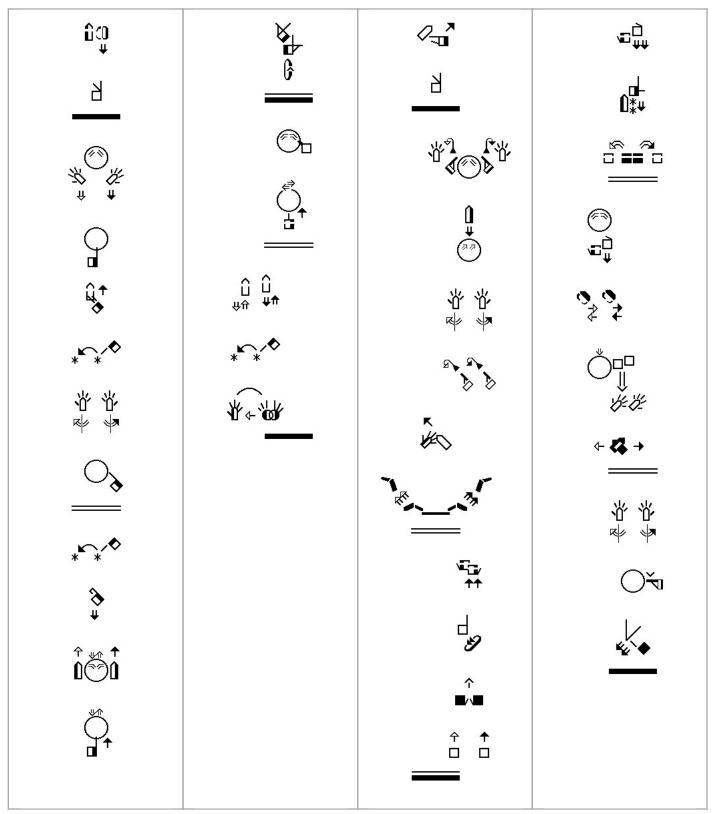


They will wear out like old clothing. Verse 12. You will fold them up like a cloak and discard them like old clothing. But you are always the same; you will live forever." Verse 13. And God never said to any of the angels, NLT

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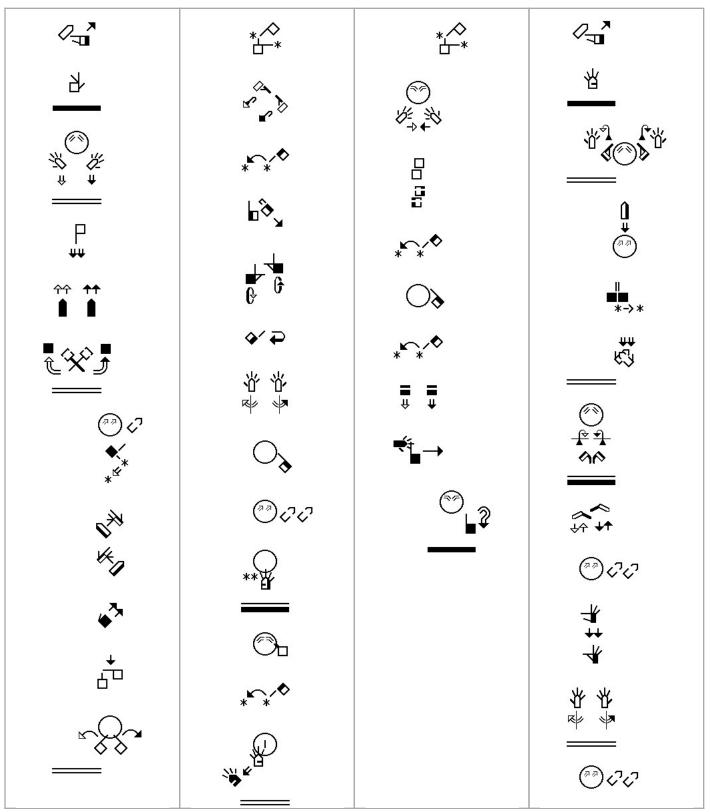


"Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet." Verse 14. Therefore, angels are only servants -- spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation. NLT

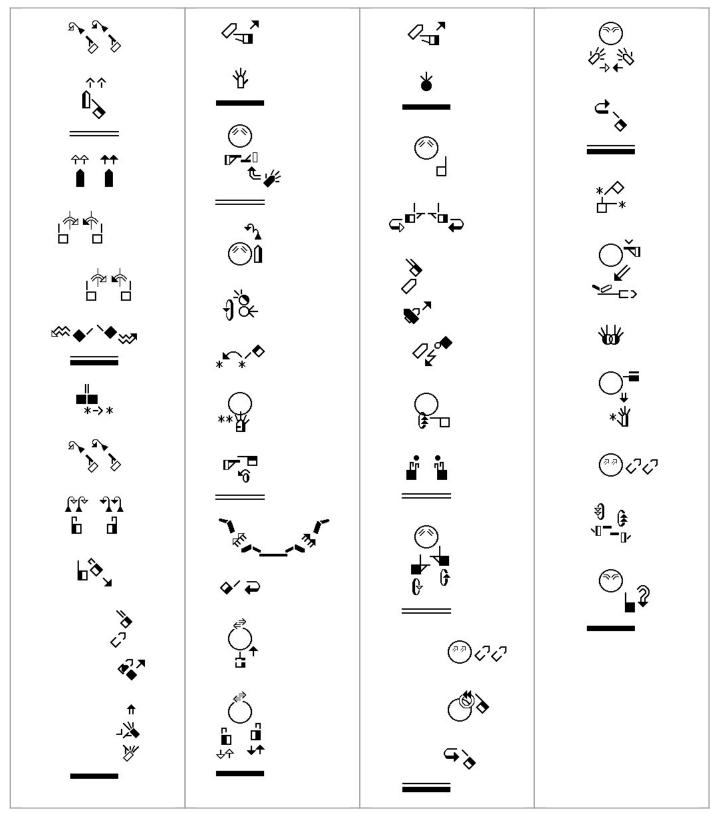


Chapter 2. So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. Verse 2. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. NLT

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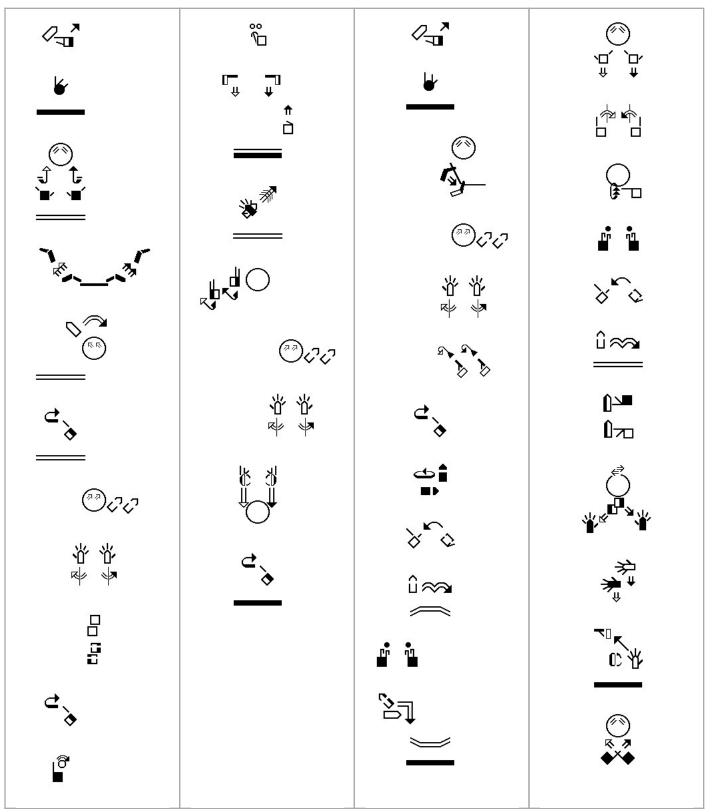


Verse 3. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? Verse 4. And God confirmed the message NLT

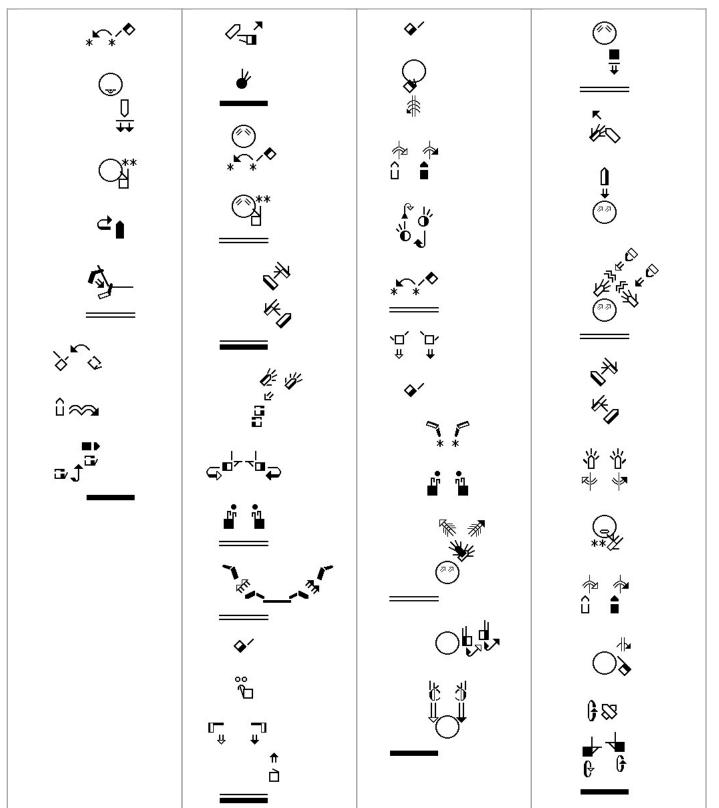


by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever
 he chose. Verse 5. And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the world we are talking about. Verse 6. For in one place the Scriptures say, "What are people that you should think of them, or a son of man that you should care for him?

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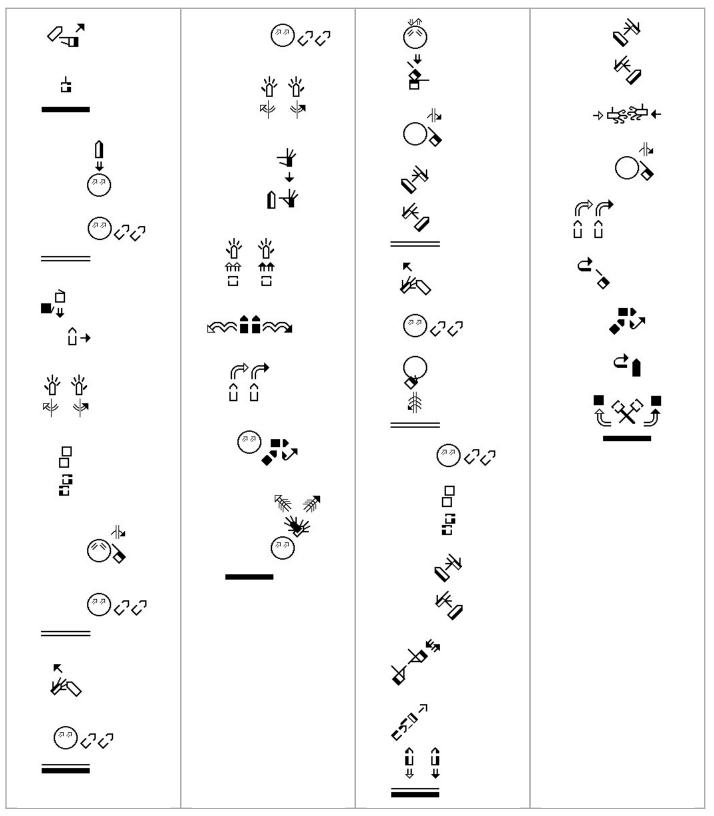


Verse 7. Yet you made them only a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. Verse 8. You gave them authority over all things." Now when it says "all things," it means nothing is left out. But NLT

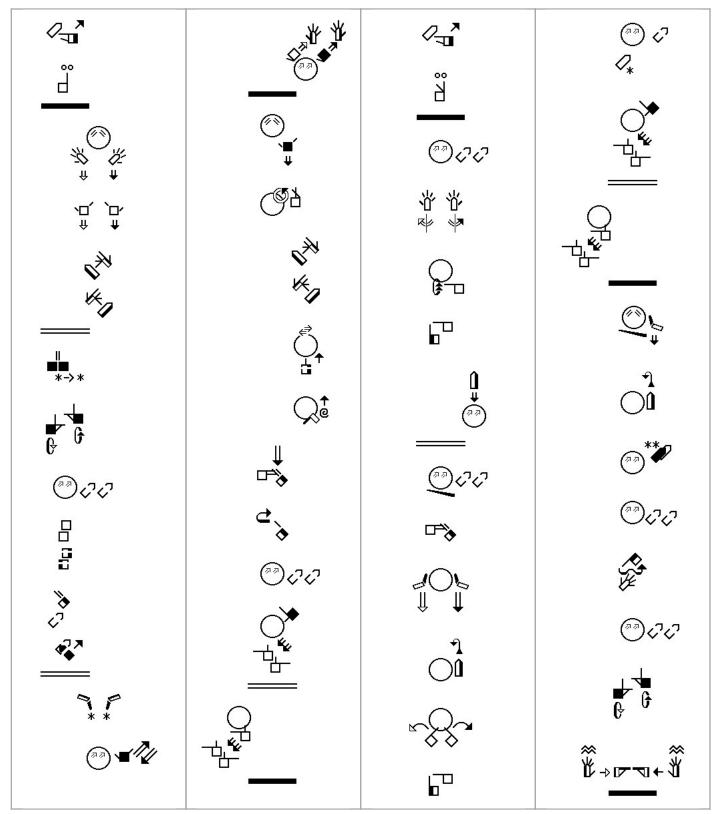


we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. Verse 9. What we do see is Jesus, who was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

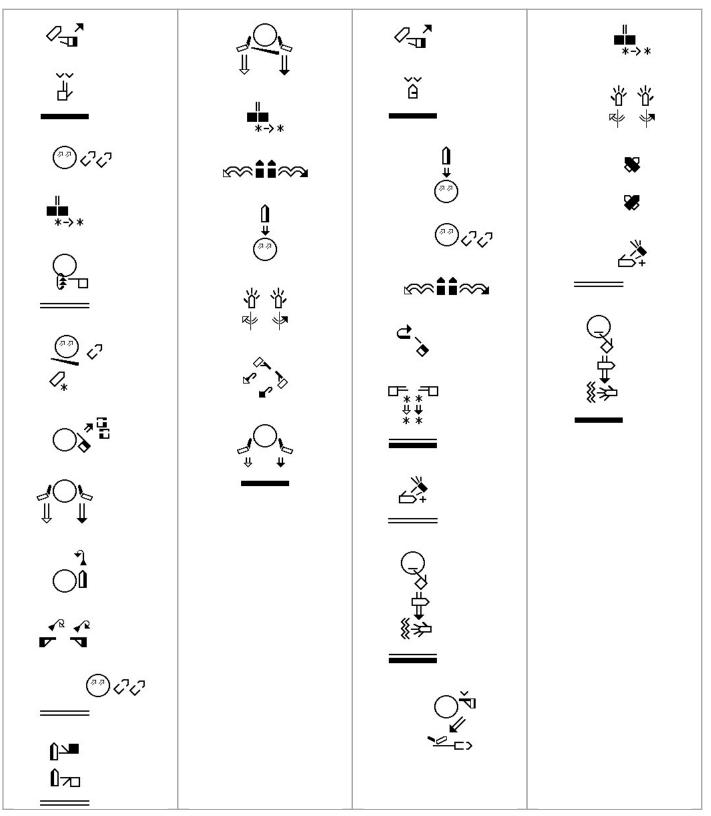
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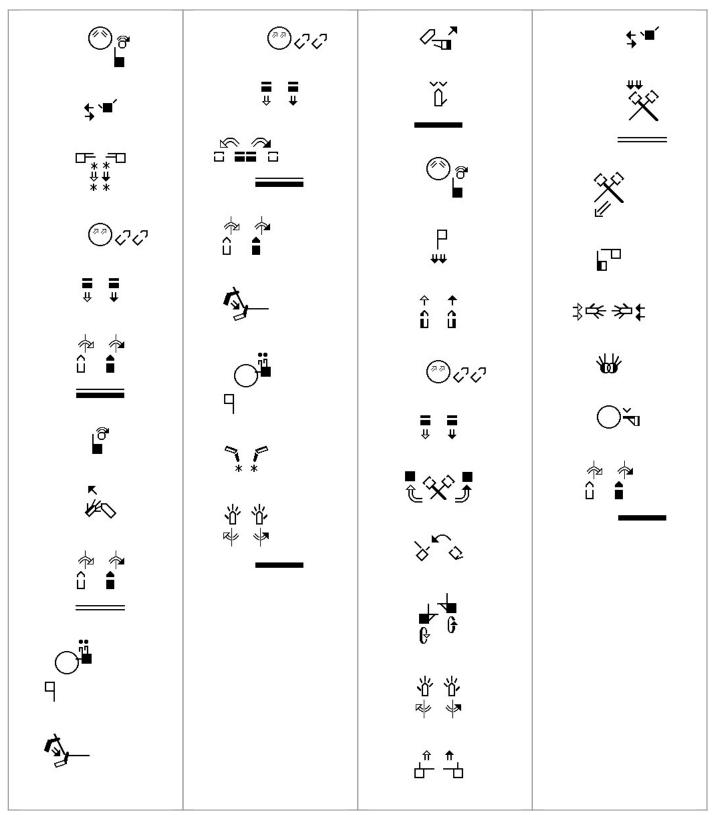
Verse 10. God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.



Verse 11. So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. Verse 12. For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people." NLT

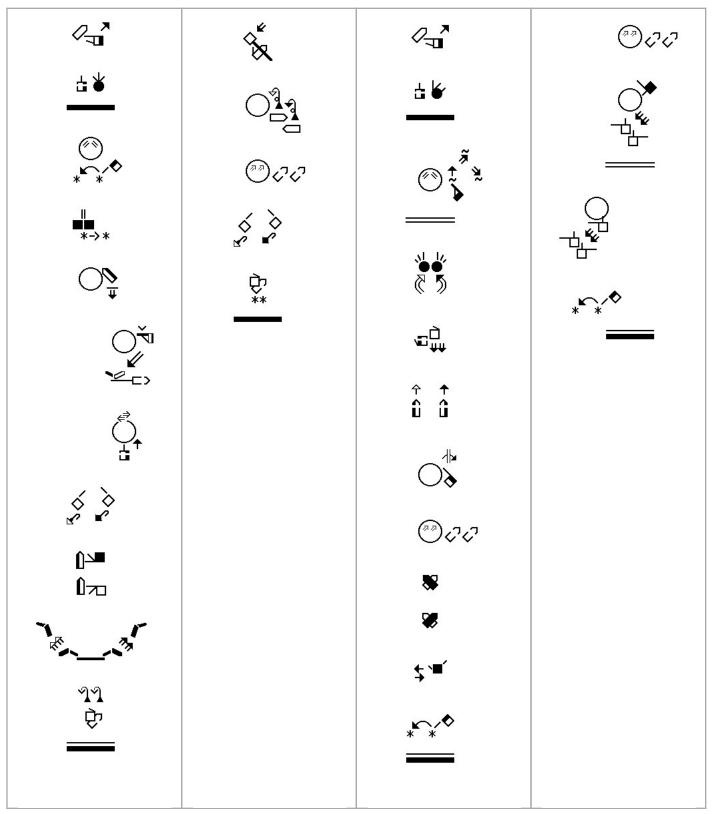


Verse 13. He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has<br/>given me." Verse 14. Because God's children are human beings -- made of flesh and<br/>blood -- the Son also became flesh and blood.16NLT

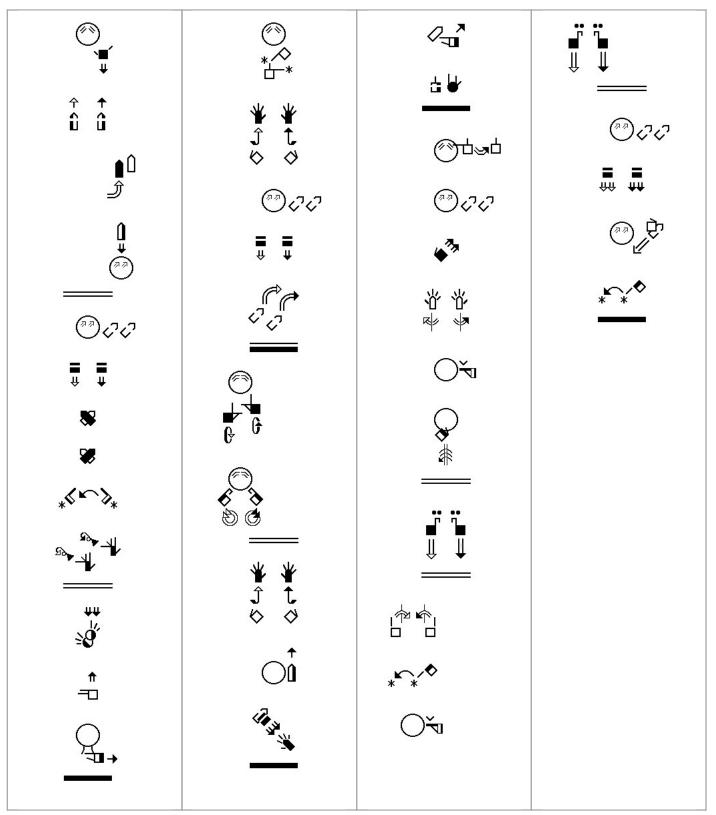


For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil who had the power of death. Verse 15. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

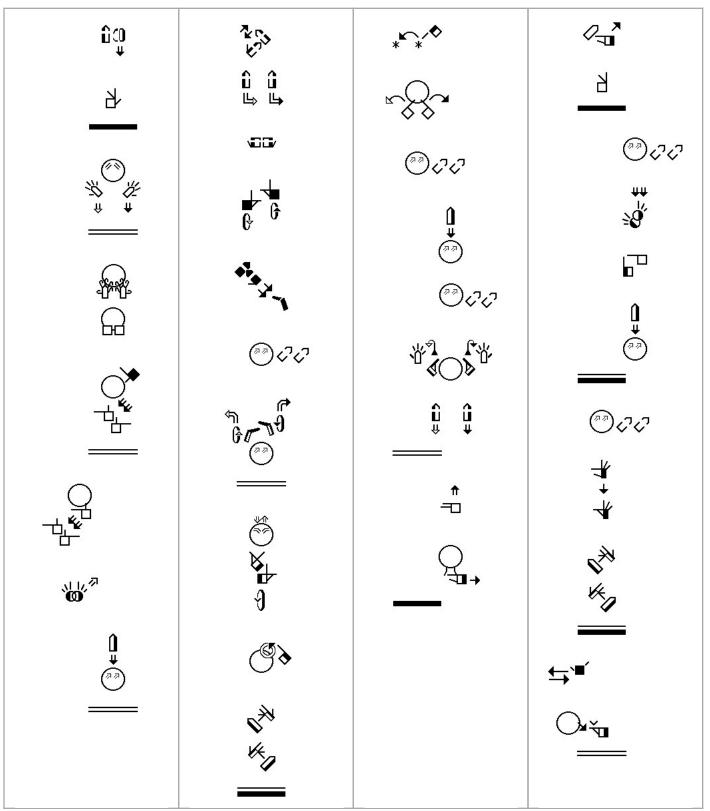
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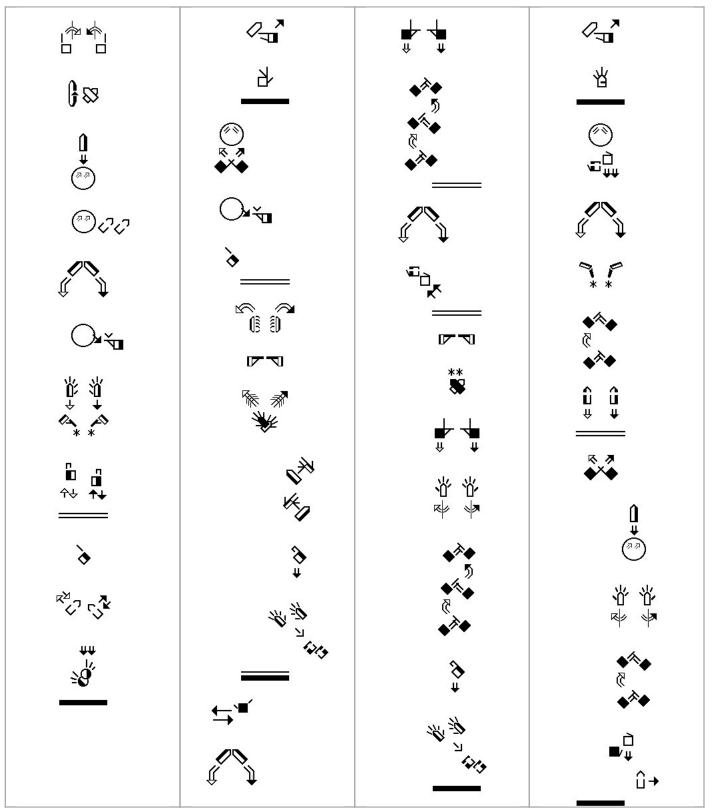
Verse 16. We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. Verse 17. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, NLT



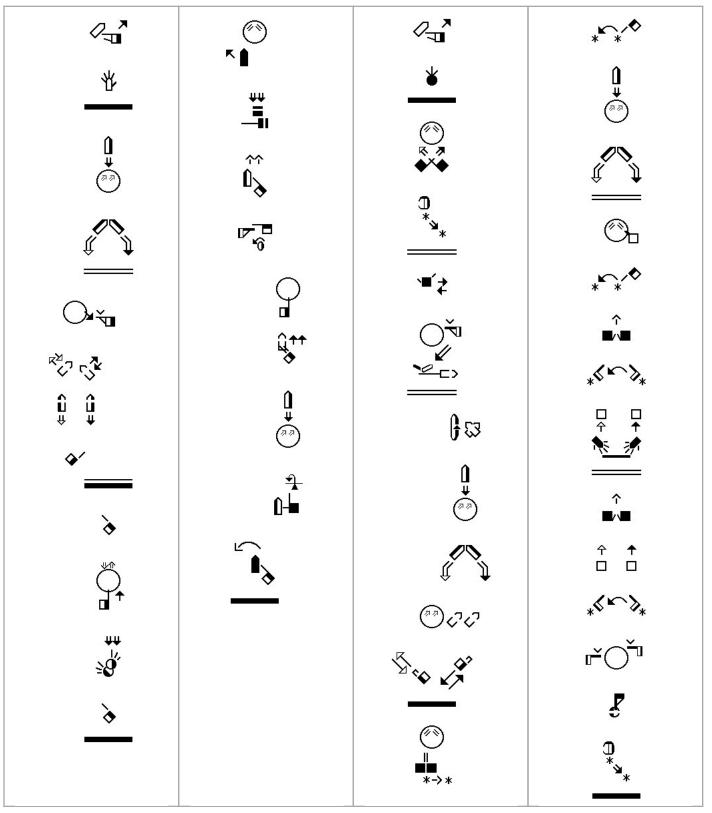
so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Verse 18. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested. NLT



Chapter 3. And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest. Verse 2. For he was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses NLT

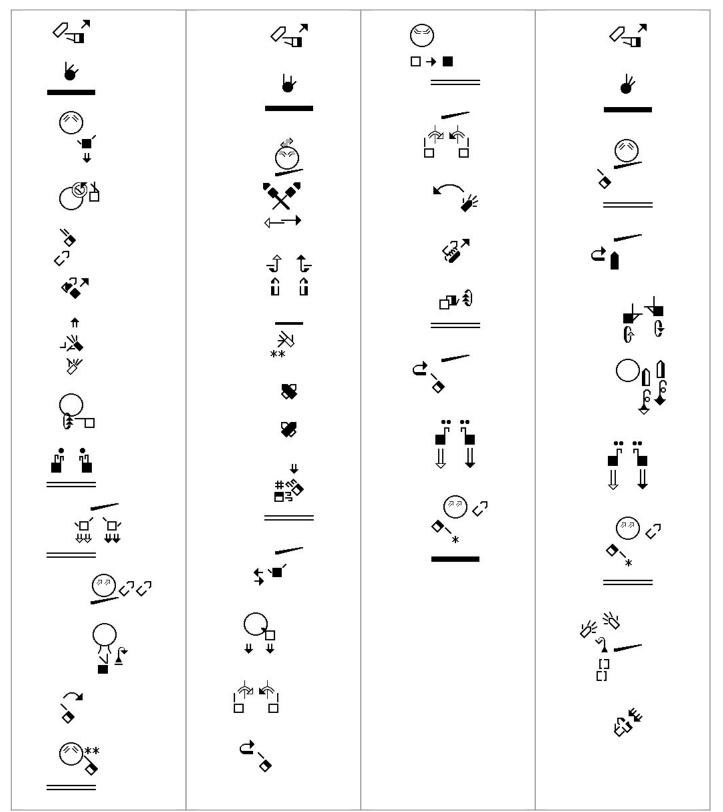


served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house. Verse 3. But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself. Verse 4. For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.



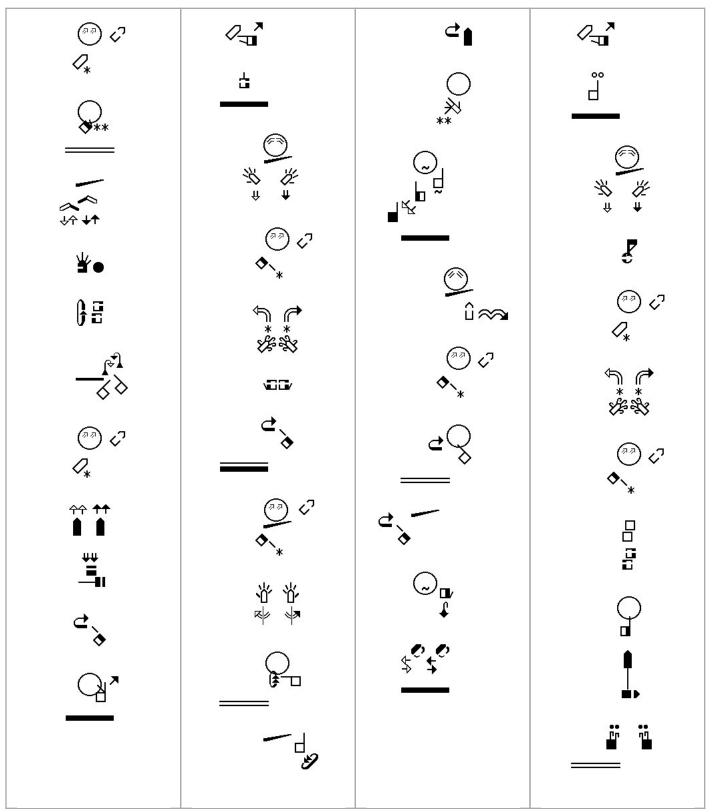
Verse 5. Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was an illustration of the truths God would reveal later. Verse 6. But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.

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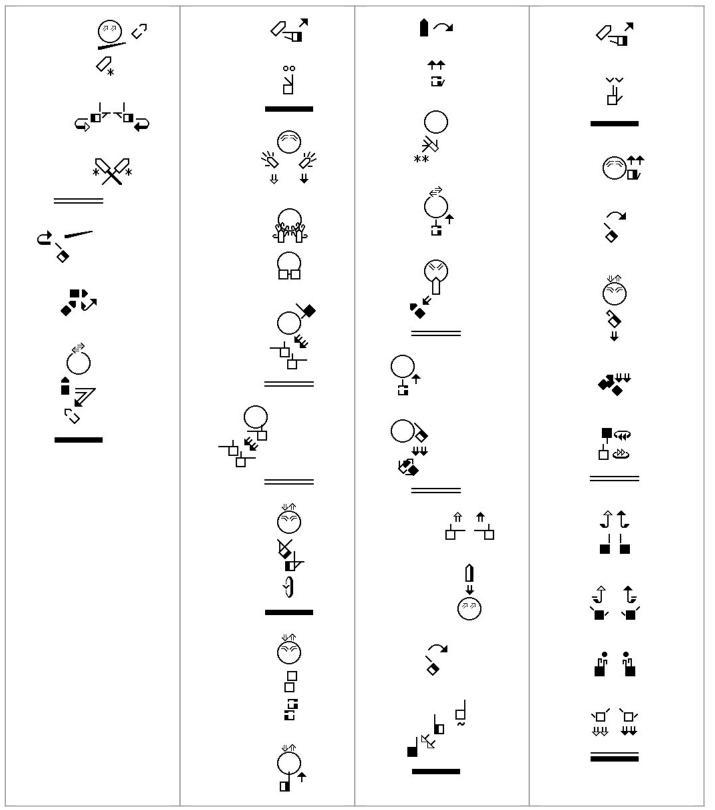


Verse 7. That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, Verse 8. don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. Verse 9. There your ancestors tested and tried

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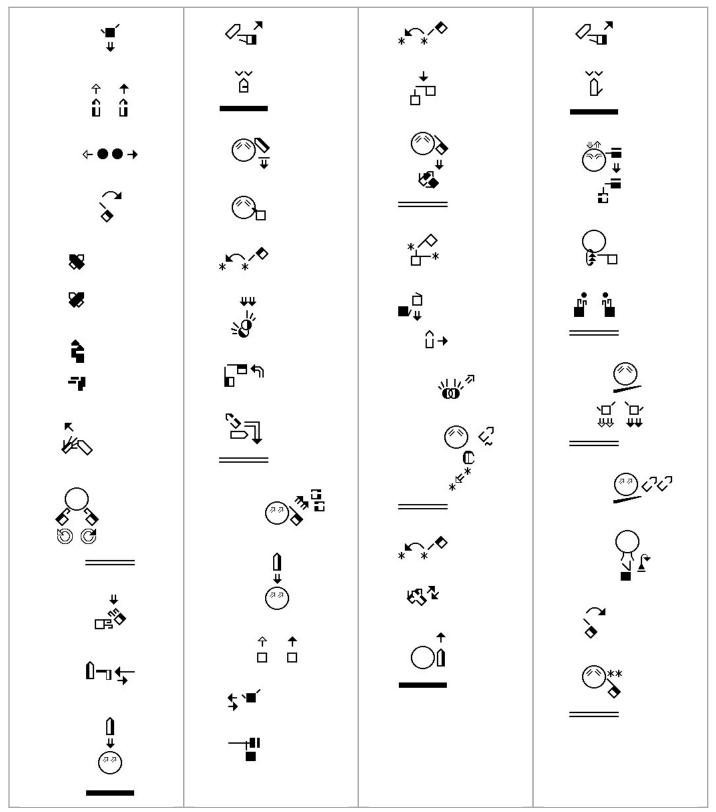


my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. Verse 10. So I was angry with them, and I said, 'Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.' Verse 11. So in my anger I took an oath: NLT



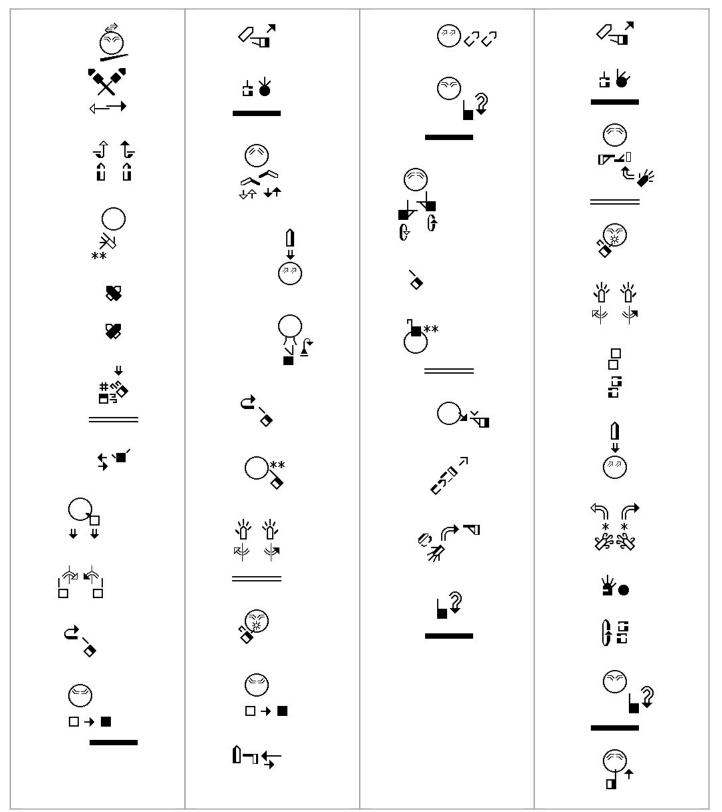
'They will never enter my place of rest.'' Verse 12. Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.Verse 13. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," NLT

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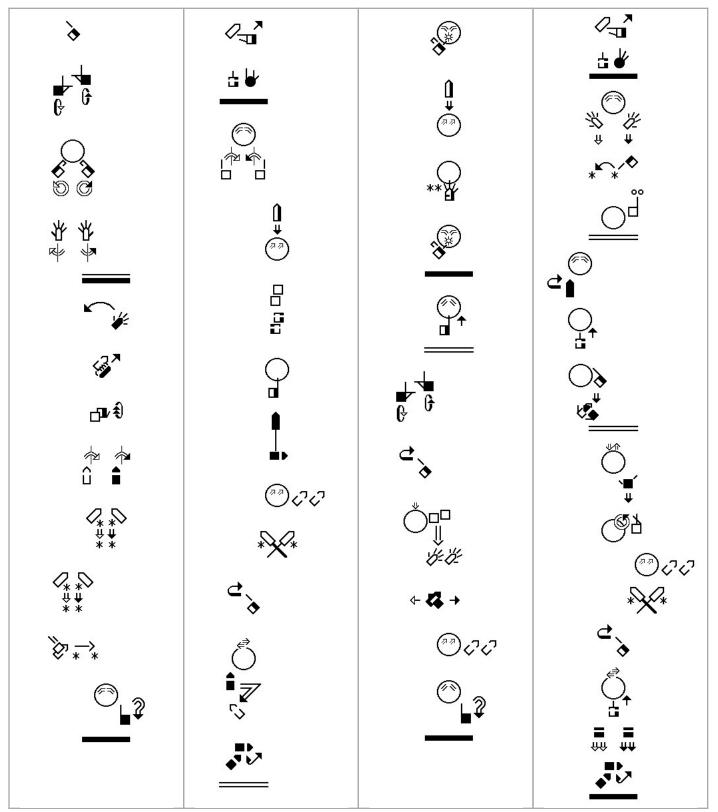
so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. Verse 14. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Verse 15. Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, NLT

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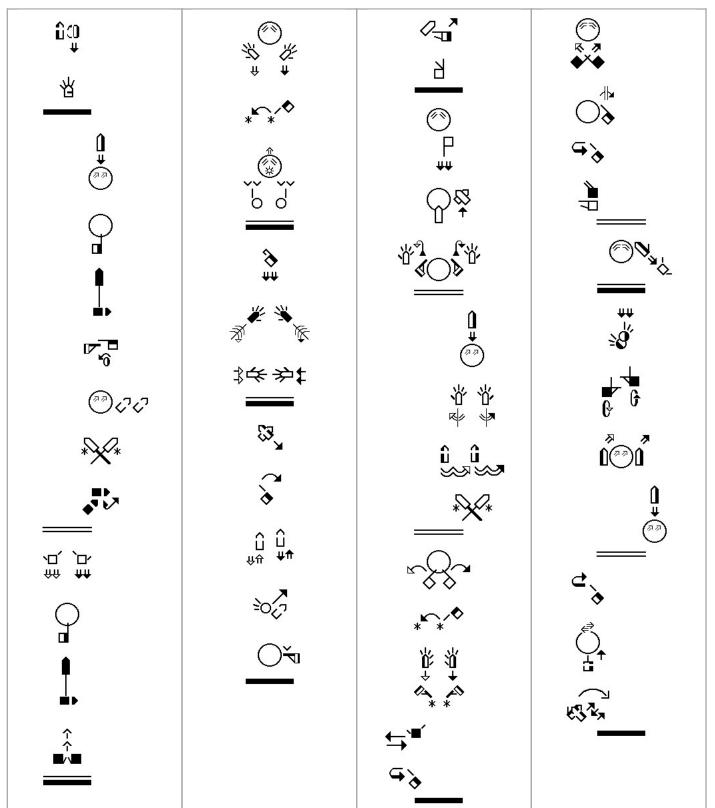
don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." Verse 16. And who was it
 who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn't it the people Moses
 led out of Egypt? Verse 17. And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't

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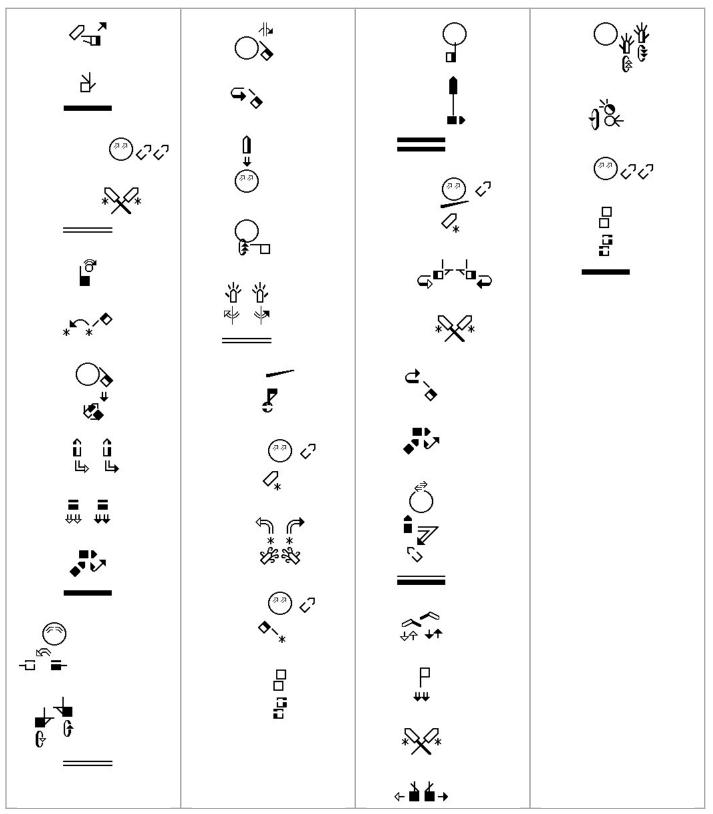


it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? Verse 18. And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? Verse 19. So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. NLT

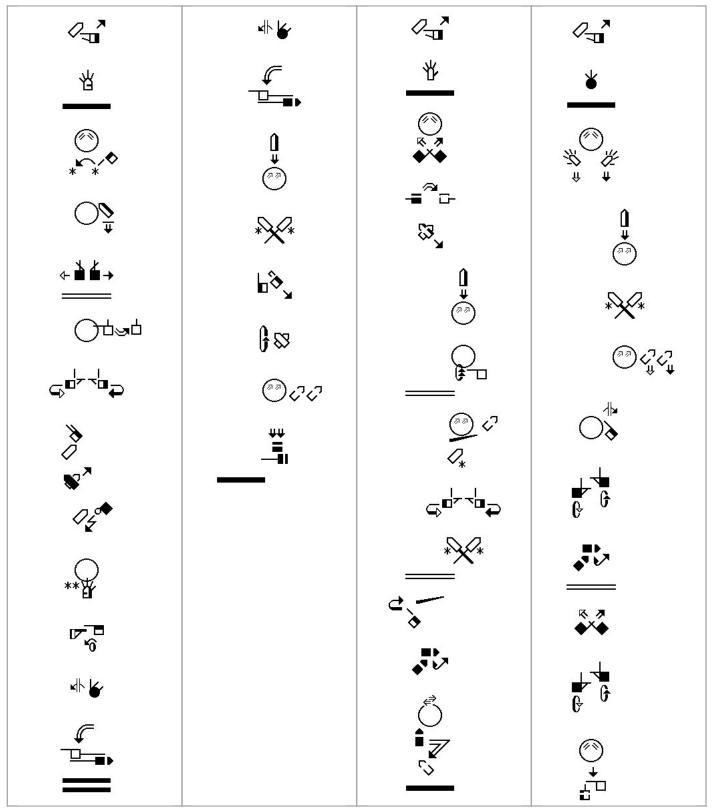
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29 Chapter 4. God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. Verse 2. For this good news -- that God has prepared this rest -- has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. NLT



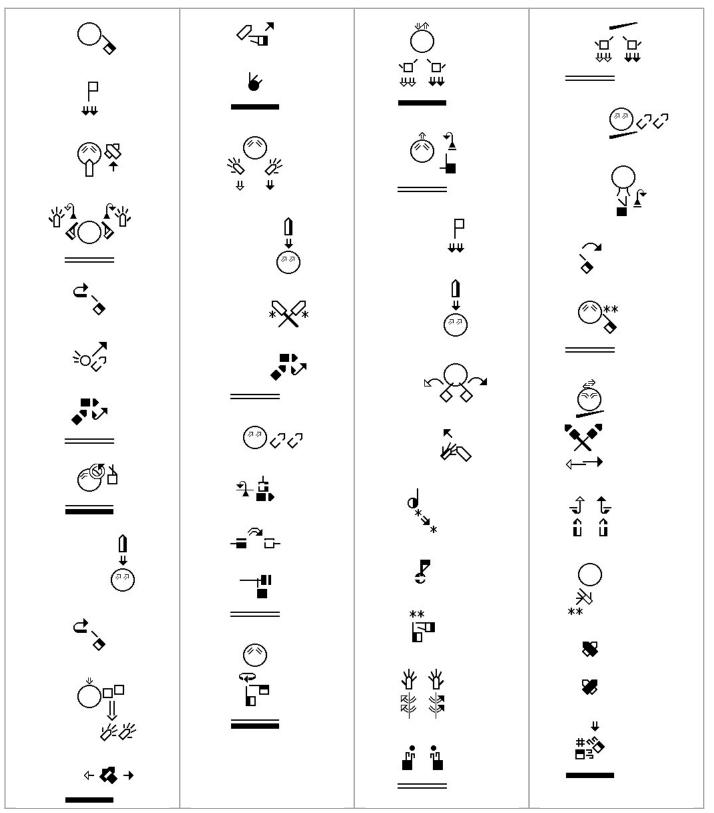
Verse 3. For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest," even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. NLT



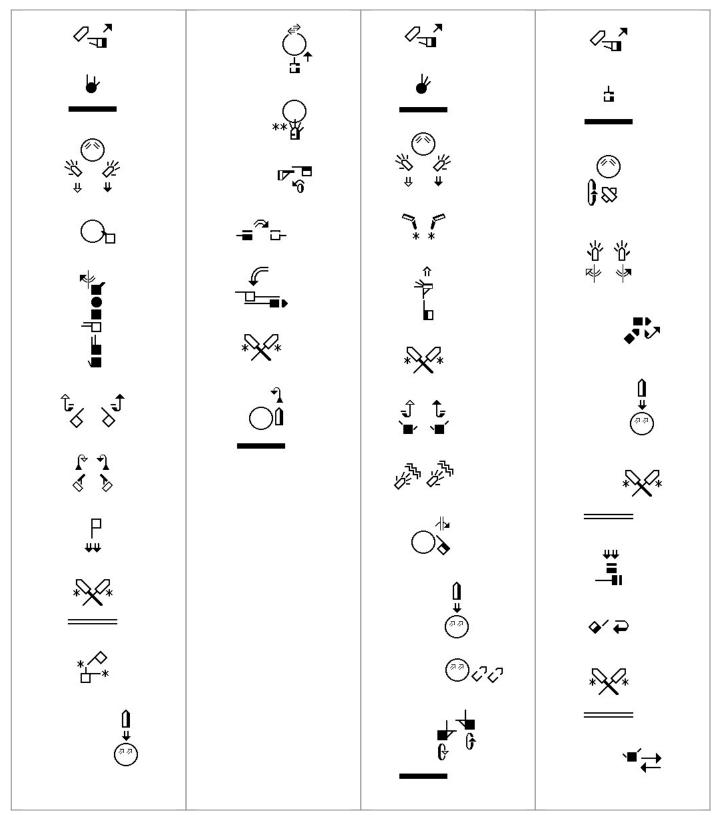
Verse 4. We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: "On the seventh day God rested from all his work." Verse 5. But in the other passage God said, "They will never enter my place of rest." Verse 6. So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first NLT

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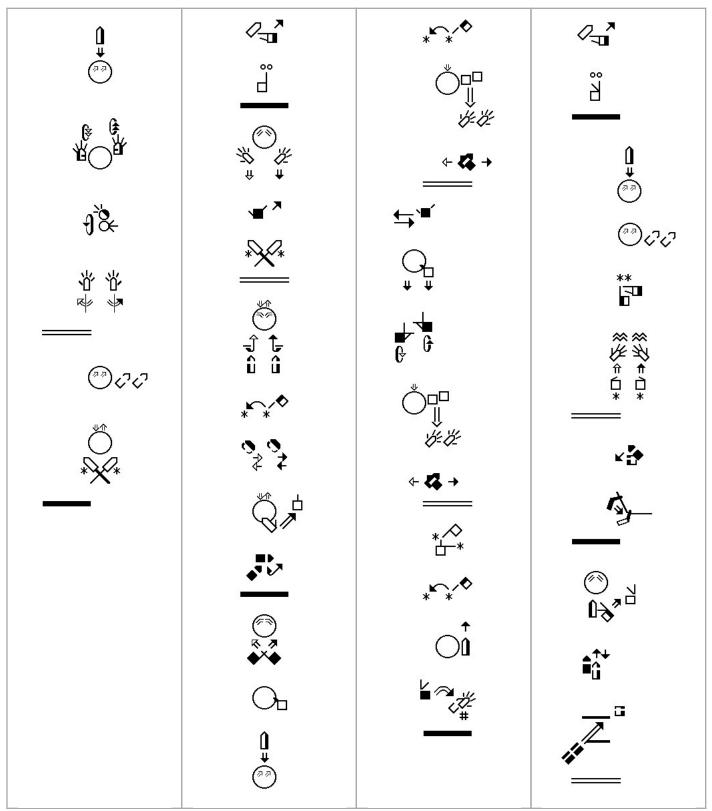


heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. Verse 7. So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: "Today when you hear his voice don't harden your hearts."

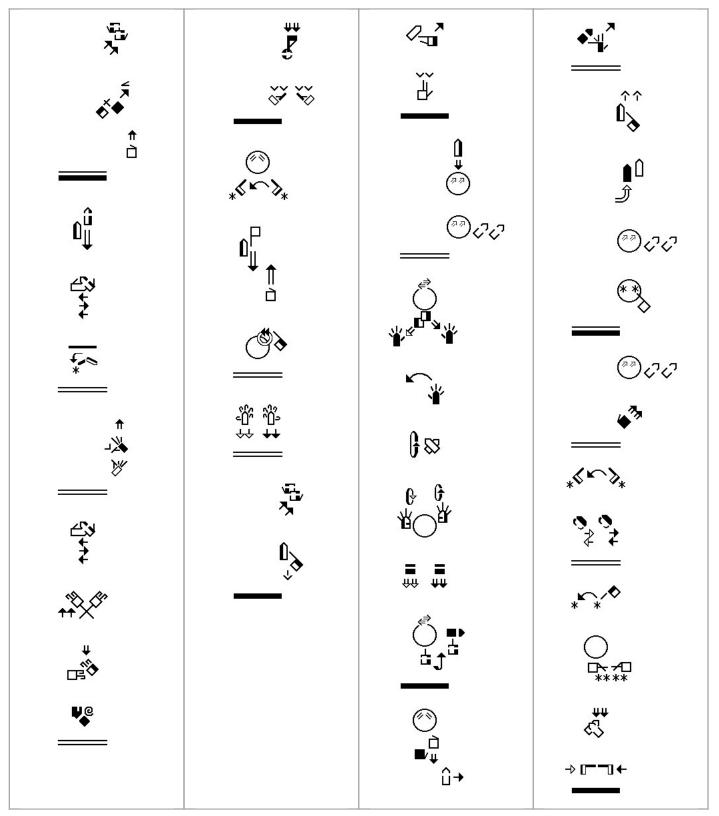


33 Verse 8. Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. Verse 9. So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. Verse 10. For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors just as

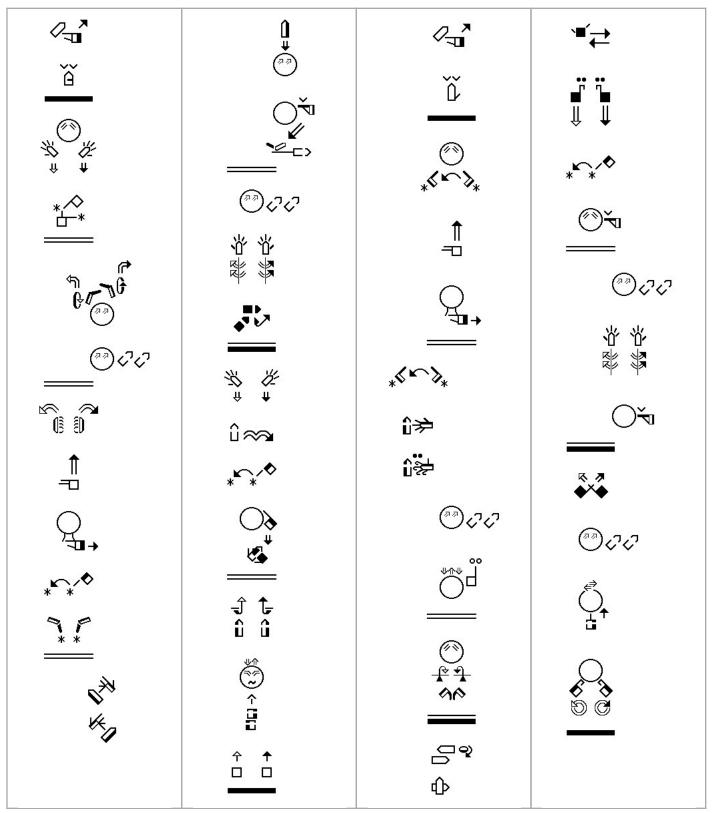
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God did after creating the world. Verse 11. So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall. Verse 12. For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, NLT

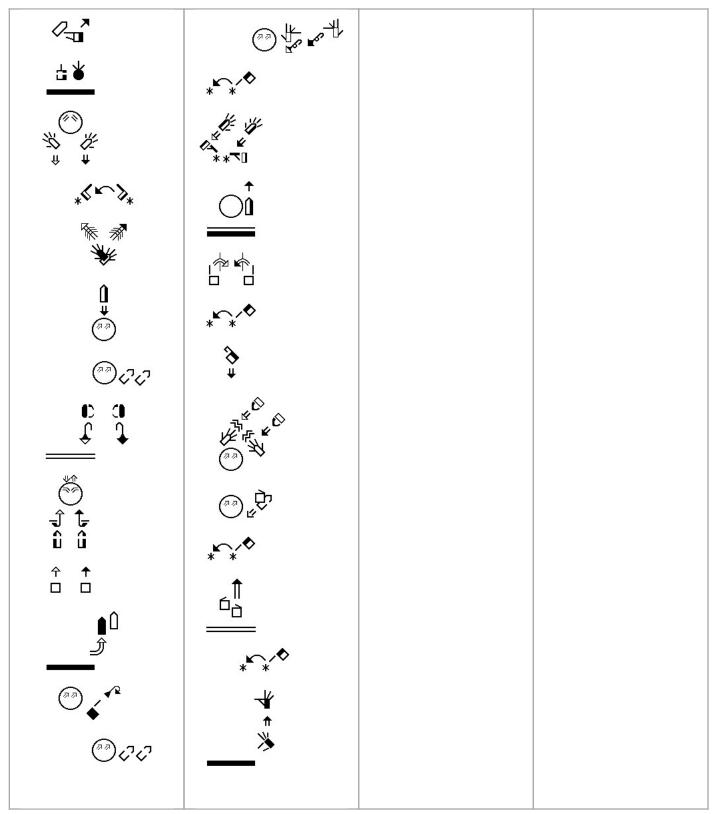


cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost
 thoughts and desires. Verse 13. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. NLT

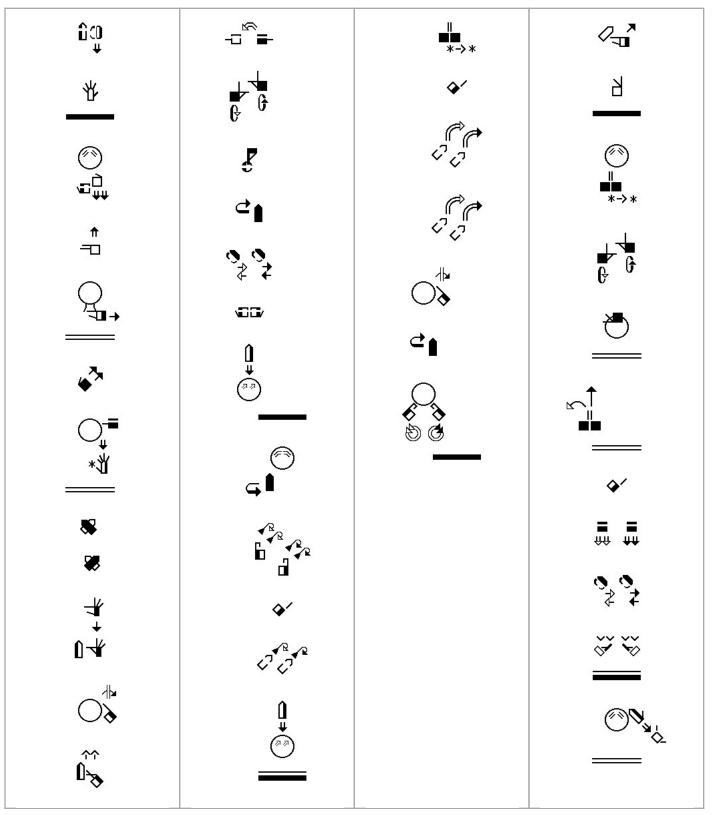


Verse 14. So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. Verse 15. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. NLT

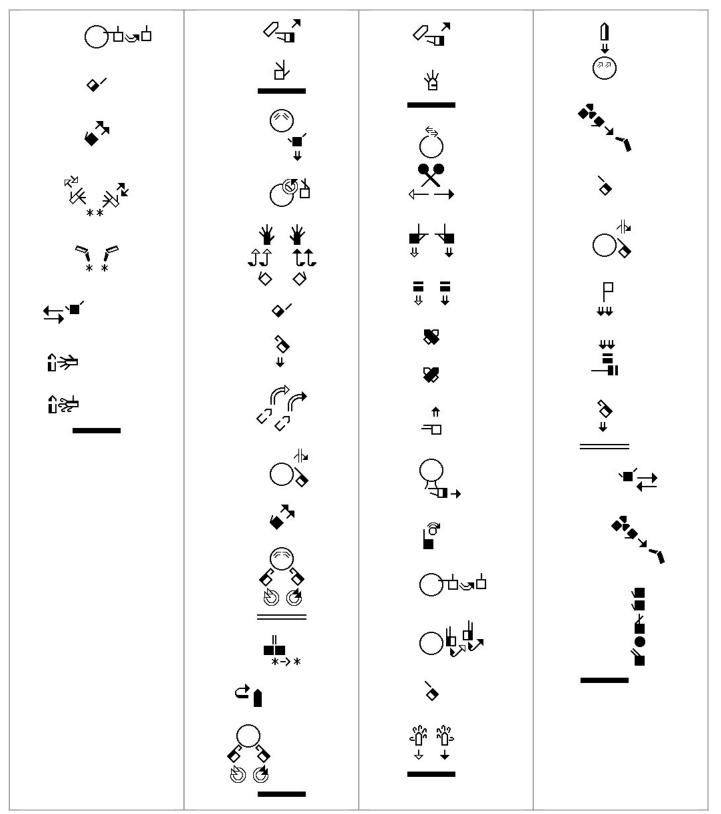
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37Verse 16. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive<br/>his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.NLT

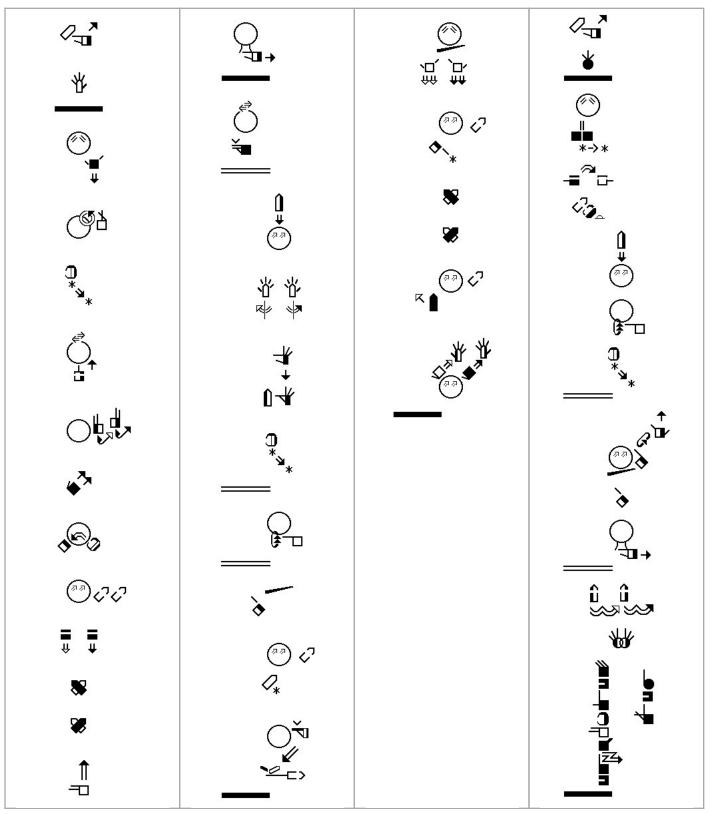


Chapter 5. Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins. Verse 2. And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people NLT



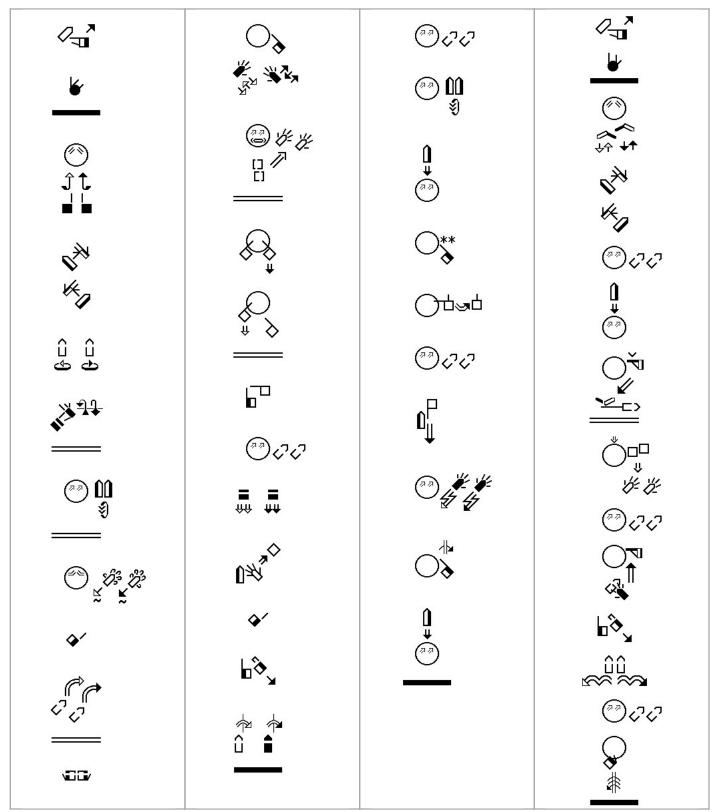
because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses. Verse 3. That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs. Verse 4. And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was.

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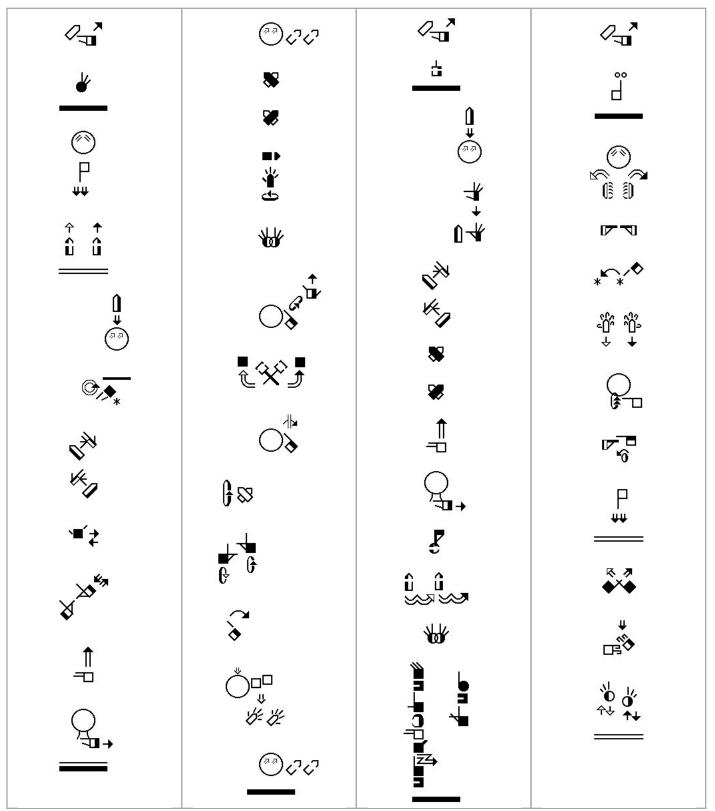
Verse 5. That is why Christ did not honor himself by assuming he could become High Priest. No, he was chosen by God, who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." Verse 6. And in another passage God said to him, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." NLT

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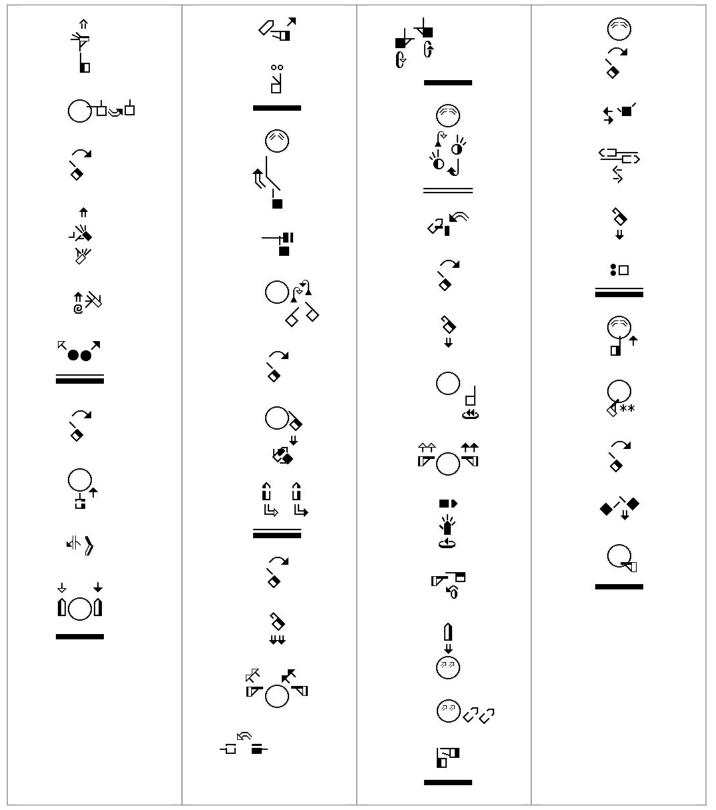


41 Verse 7. While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. Verse 8. Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.

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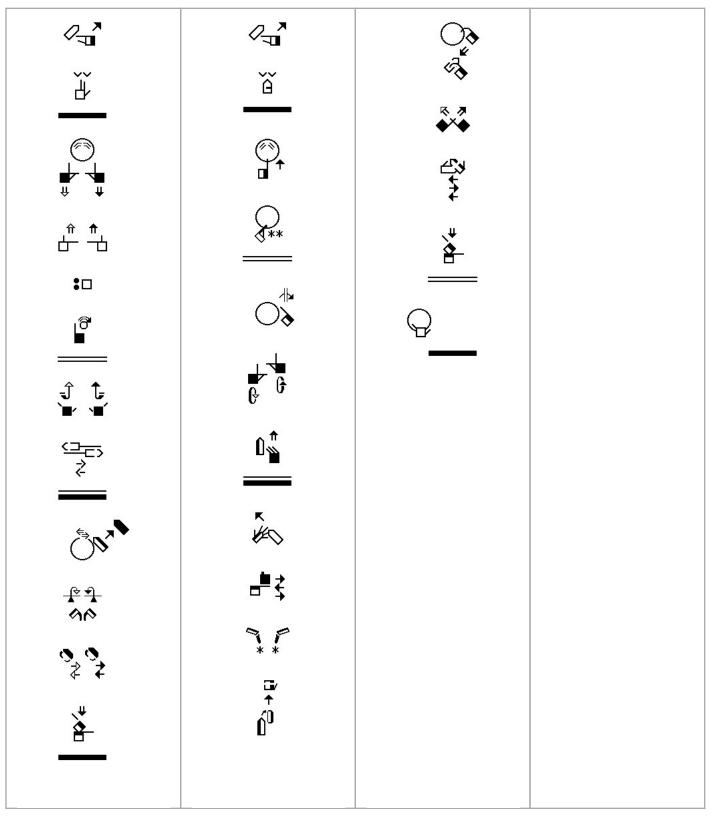


Verse 9. In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. Verse 10. And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Verse 11. There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, NLT

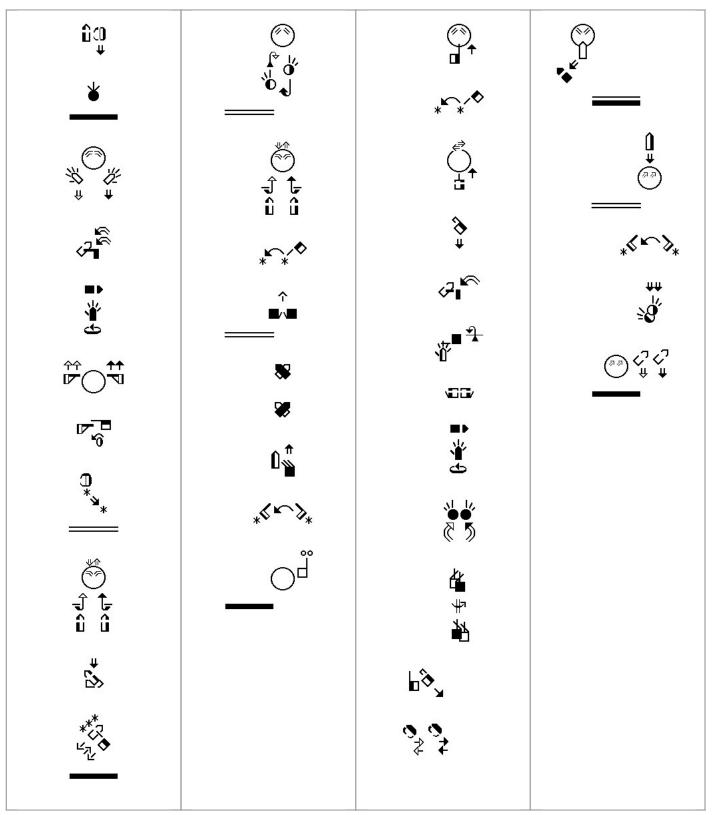


especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. Verse 12. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. NLT

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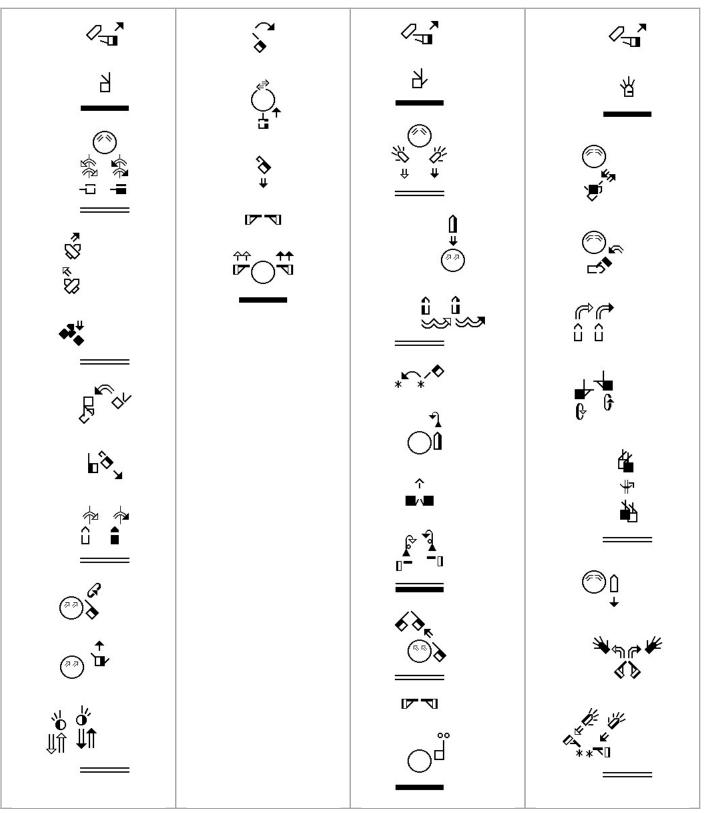


Verse 13. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Verse 14. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

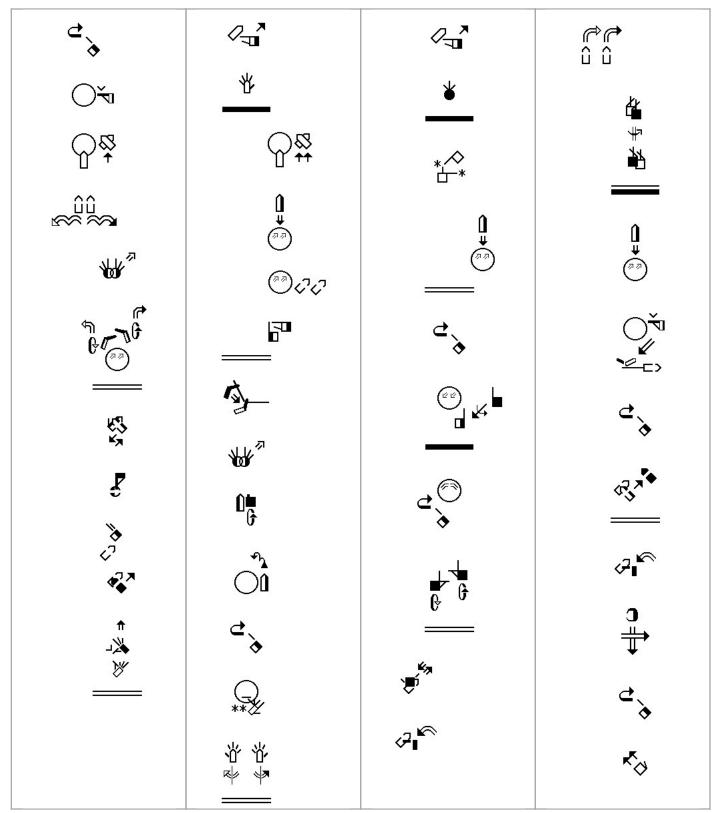


45 Chapter 6. So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again.
 Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. NLT

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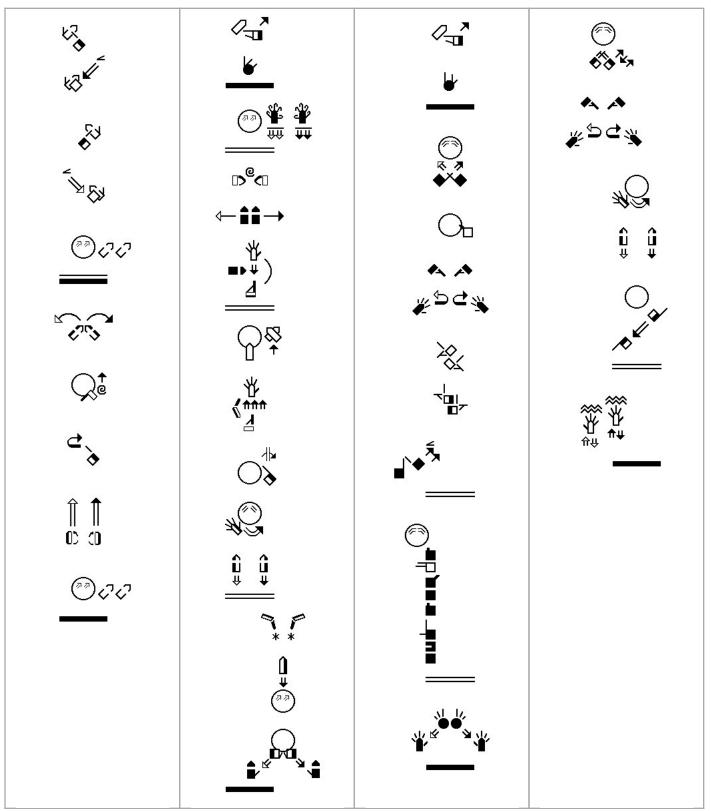


Verse 2. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. Verse 3. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding. Verse 4. For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened -- NLT

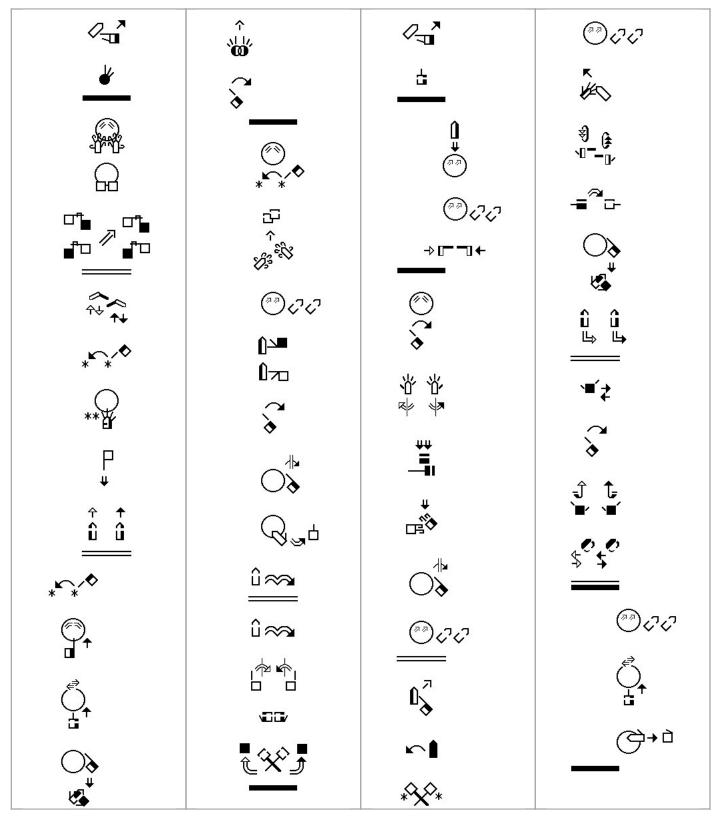


those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit,
 Verse 5. who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come -- Verse 6. and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves

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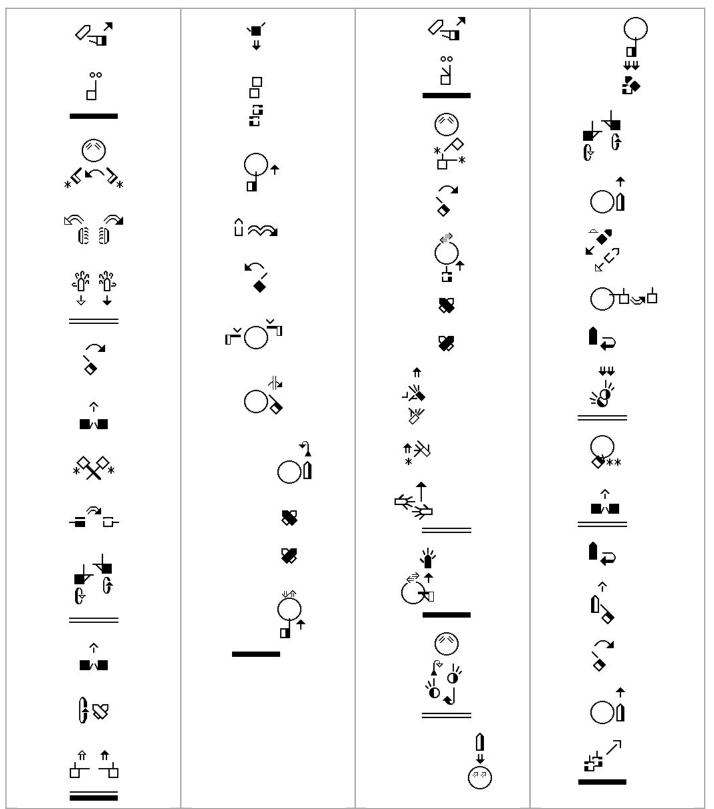


are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame. Verse 7. When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. Verse 8. But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it. NLT

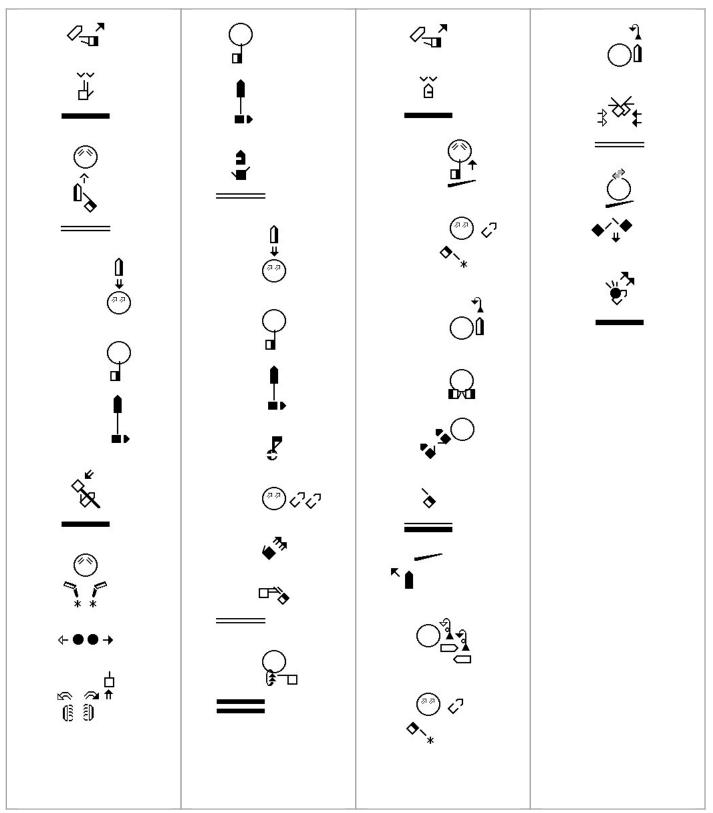


Verse 9. Dear friends, even though we are talking this way, we really don't believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation. Verse 10. For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

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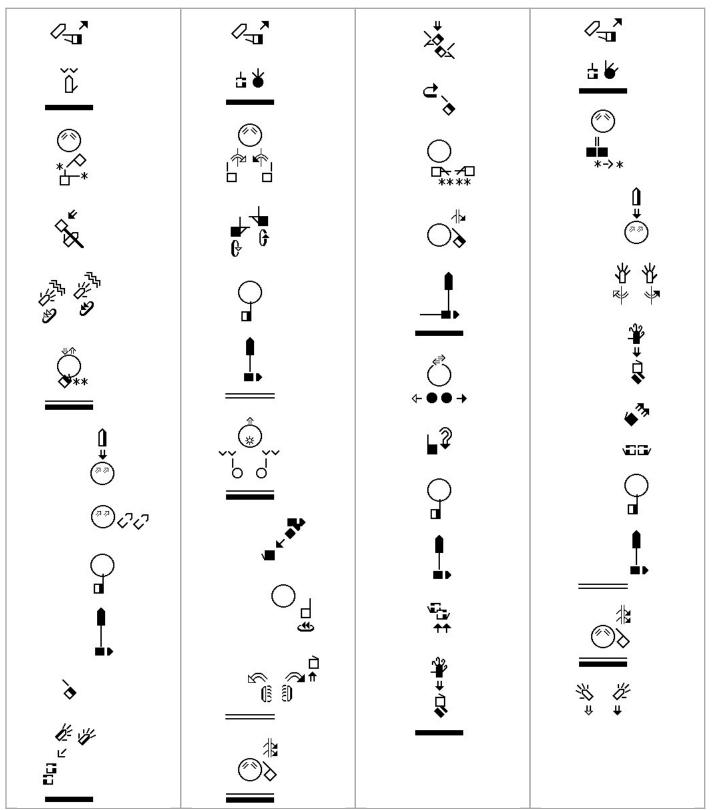


Verse 11. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Verse 12. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance. NLT

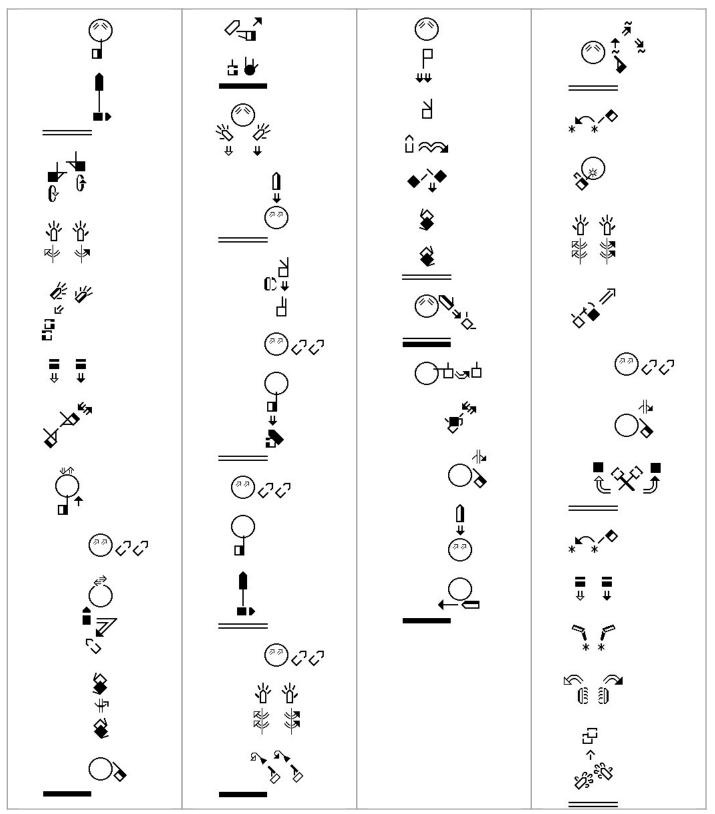


Verse 13. For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: Verse 14. "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."

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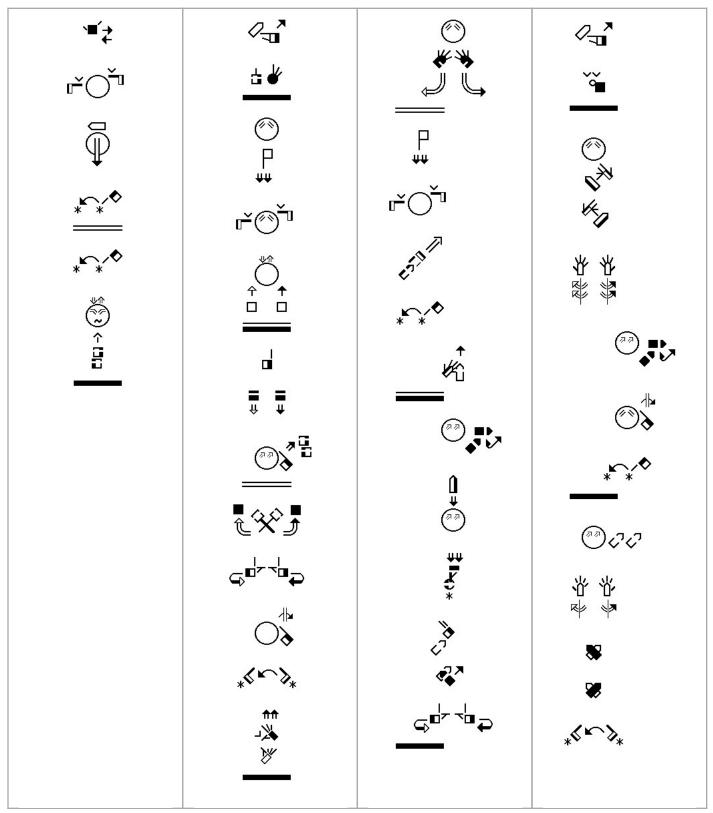


Verse 15. Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. Verse 16. Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. Verse 17. God also bound himself with an oath, so NLT



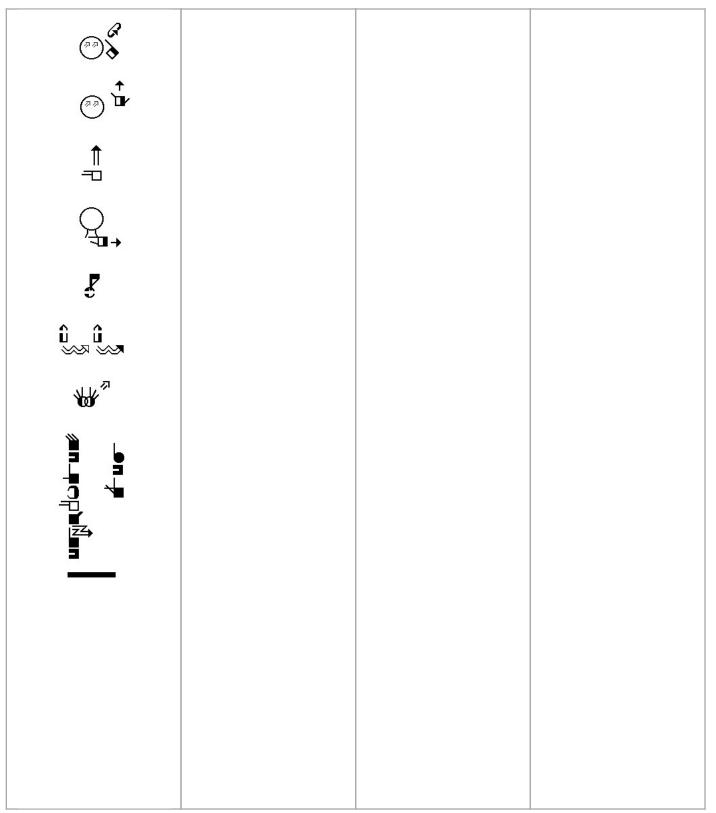
that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never
 change his mind. Verse 18. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence

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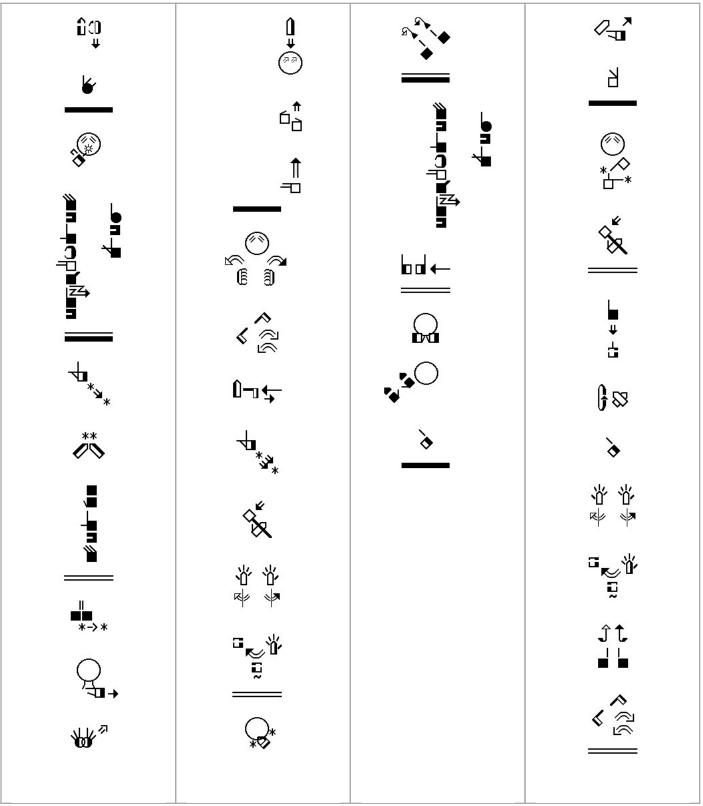


as we hold to the hope that lies before us. Verse 19. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. Verse 20. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our NLT

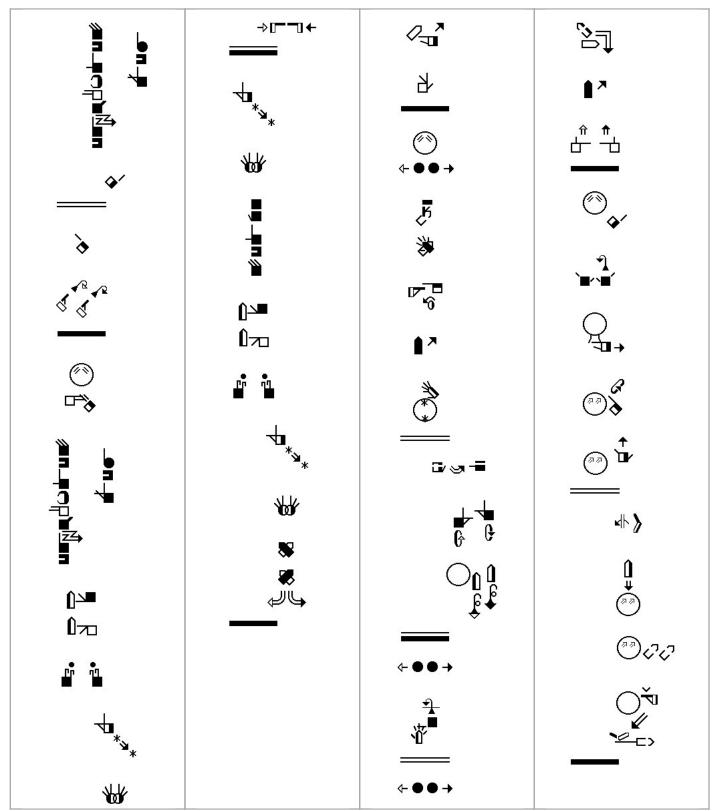
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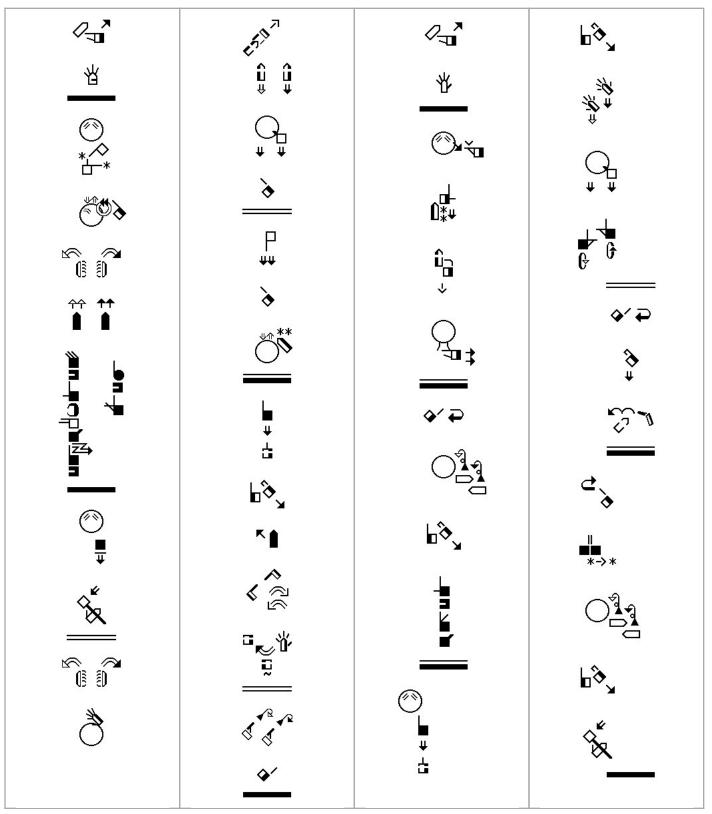
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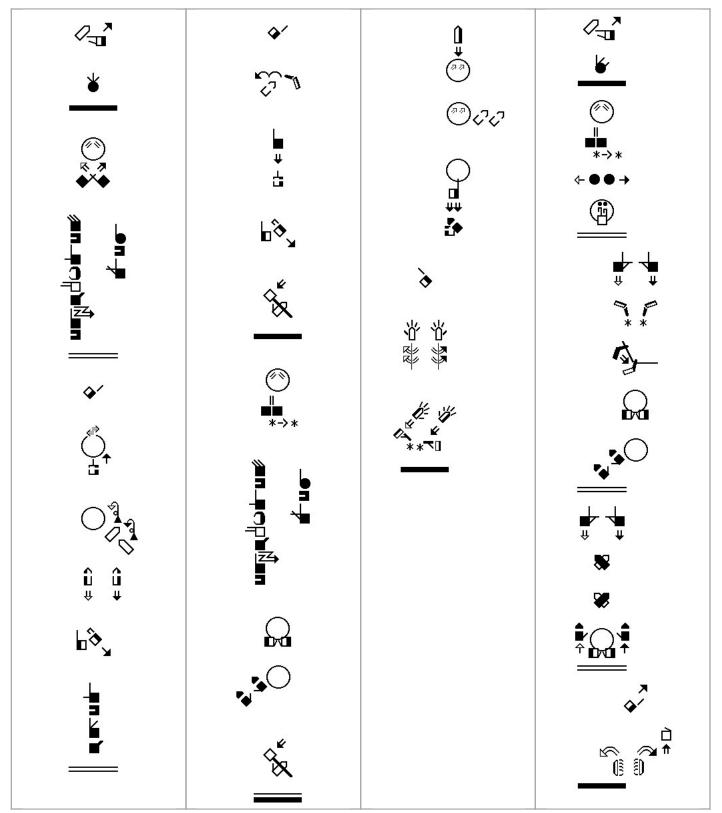
Chapter 7. This Melchizedek was king of the city of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning home after winning a great battle against the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him. Verse 2. Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle NLT



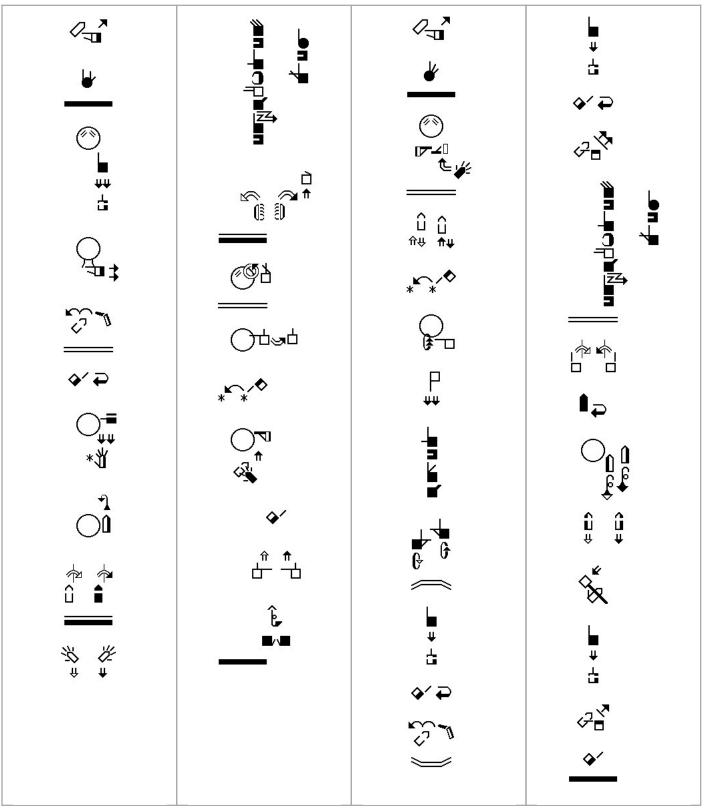
and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means "king of justice," and king of Salem means "king of peace." Verse 3. There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors -- no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God.



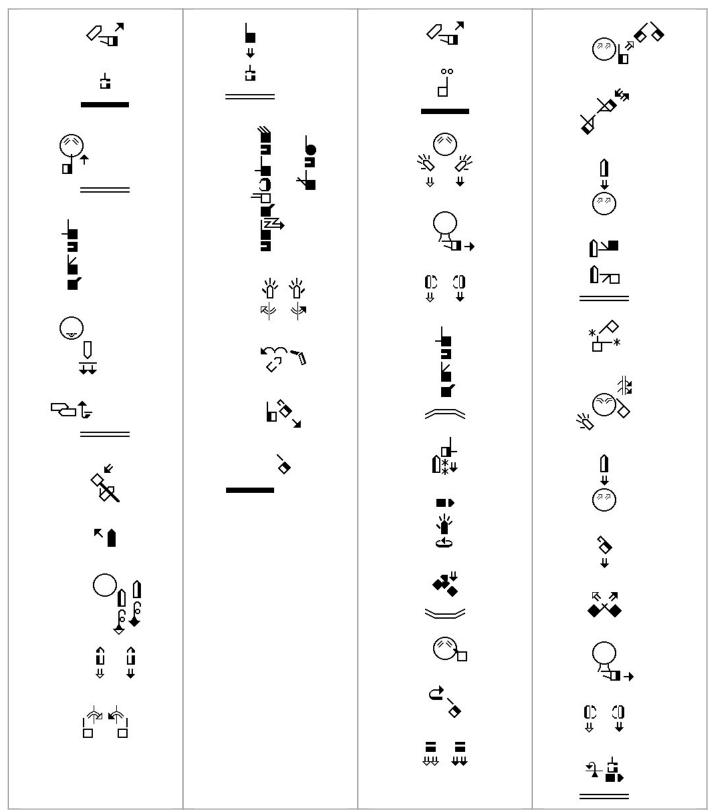
Verse 4. Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle. Verse 5. Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham.



59 Verse 6. But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God. Verse 7. And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed. NLT

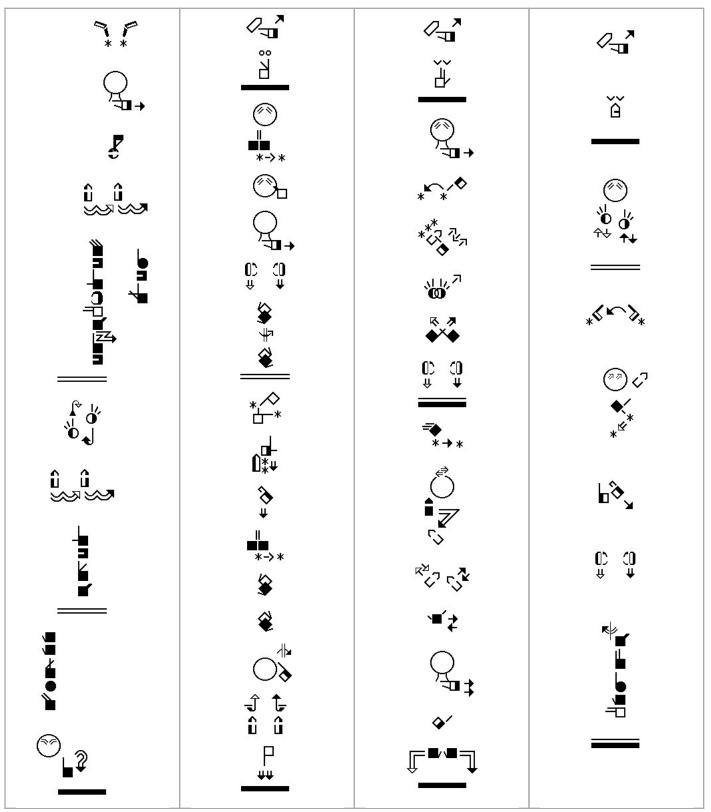


Verse 8. The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on. Verse 9. In addition, we might even say that these Levites -- the ones who collect the tithe -- paid a tithe to Melchizedek when their ancestor Abraham paid a tithe to him. NLT

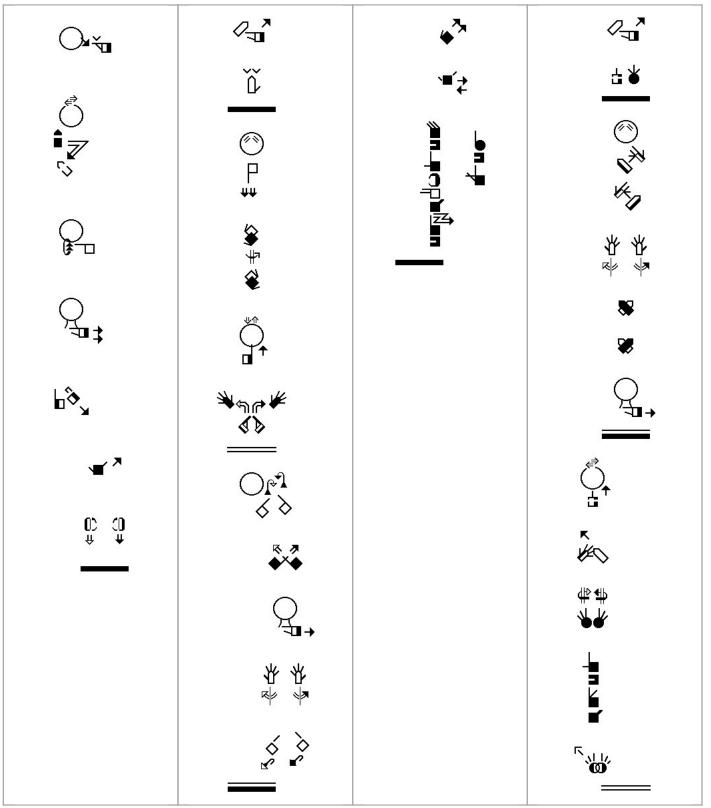


61 Verse 10. For although Levi wasn't born yet, the seed from which he came was in Abraham's body when Melchizedek collected the tithe from him. Verse 11. So if the priesthood of Levi, on which the law was based, could have achieved the perfection God intended, why did God need to establish a different priesthood, NLT

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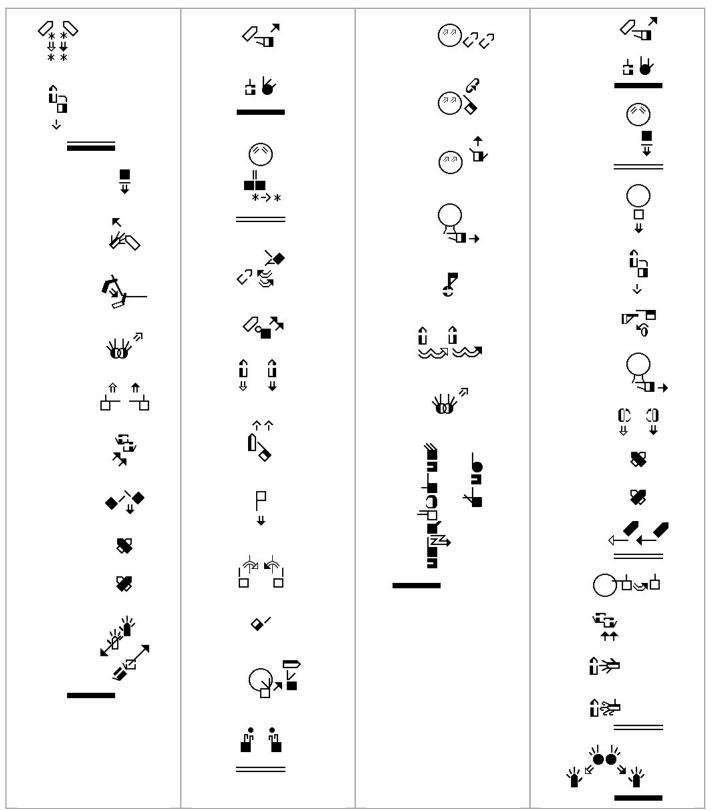


with a priest in the order of Melchizedek instead of the order of Levi and Aaron? Verse 12. And if the priesthood is changed, the law must also be changed to permit it. Verse 13. For the priest we are talking about belongs to a different tribe, whose members have never served at the altar as priests. Verse 14. What I mean is, our Lord came from the tribe of Judah, NLT

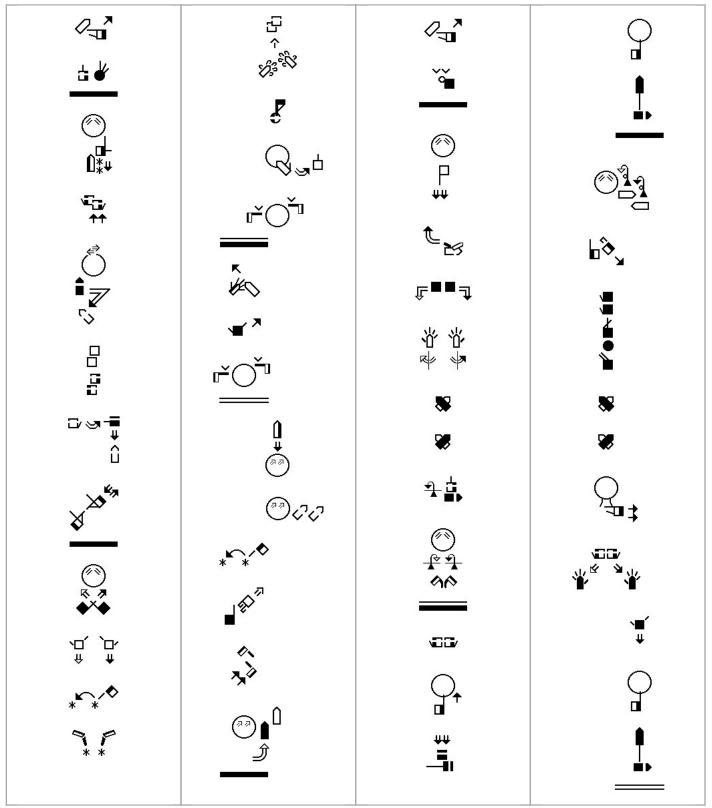


and Moses never mentioned priests coming from that tribe. Verse 15. This change has been made very clear since a different priest, who is like Melchizedek, has appeared. Verse 16. Jesus became a priest, not by meeting the physical requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi,

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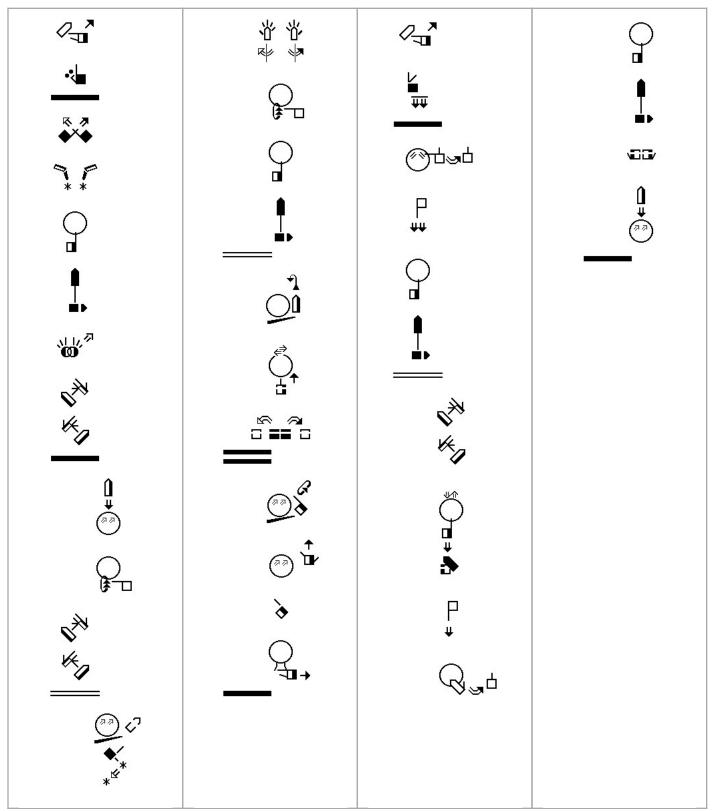


but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. Verse 17. And the psalmist pointed this out when he prophesied, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." erse 18. Yes, the old requirement about the priesthood was set aside because it was weak and useless. NLT

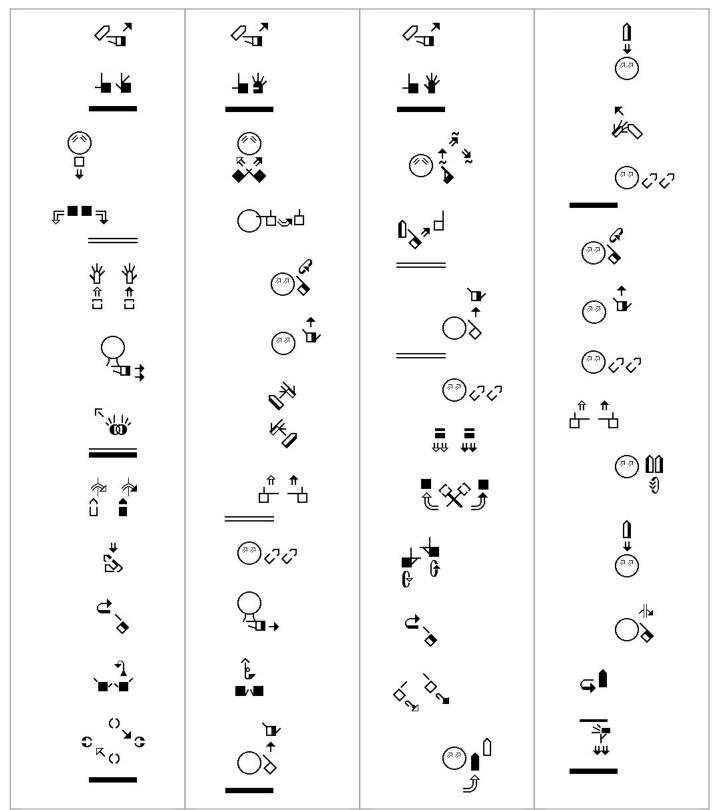


65 Verse 19. For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God. Verse 20. This new system was established with a solemn oath. Aaron's descendants became priests without such an oath, NLT

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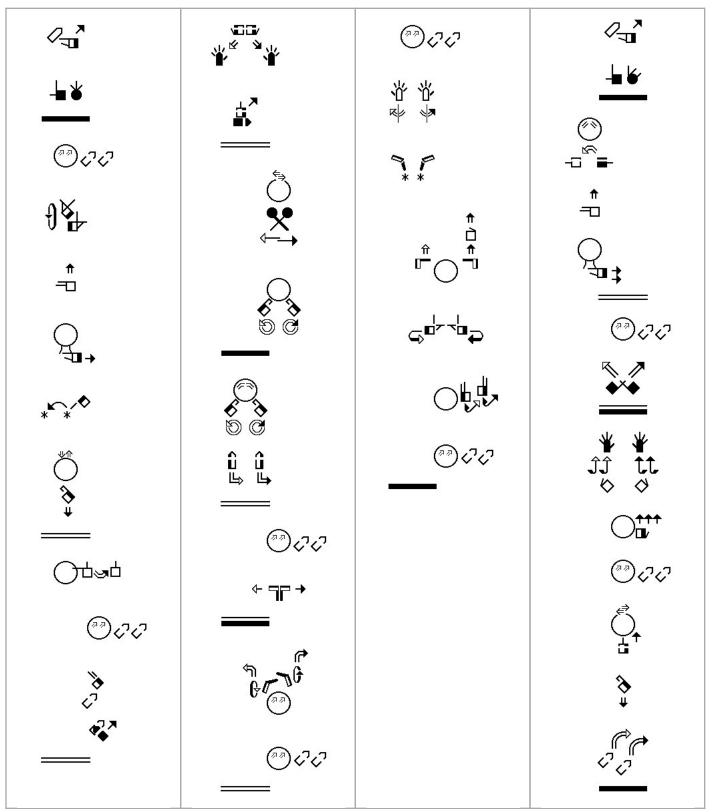


Verse 21. but there was an oath regarding Jesus. For God said to him, "The LORD has<br/>taken an oath and will not break his vow: 'You are a priest forever.'"66of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God.NLT

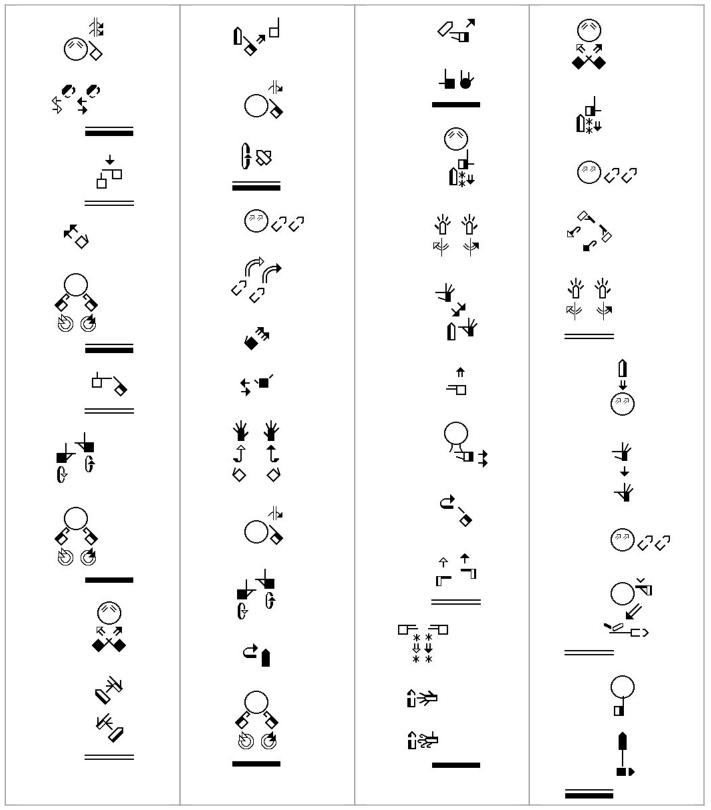


Verse 23. There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. Verse 24. But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Verse 25. Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. NLT

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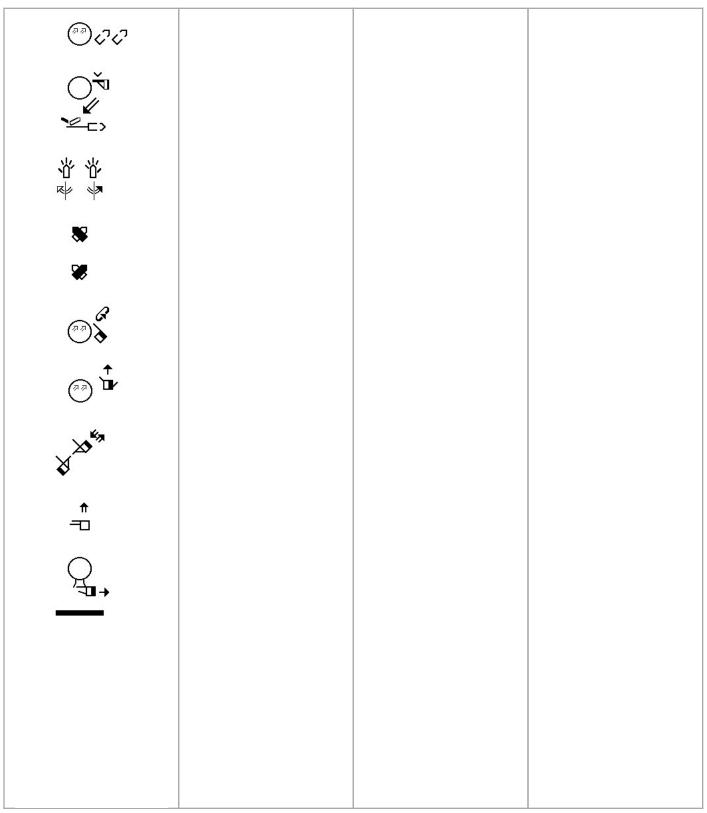


Verse 26. He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. Verse 27. Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day.

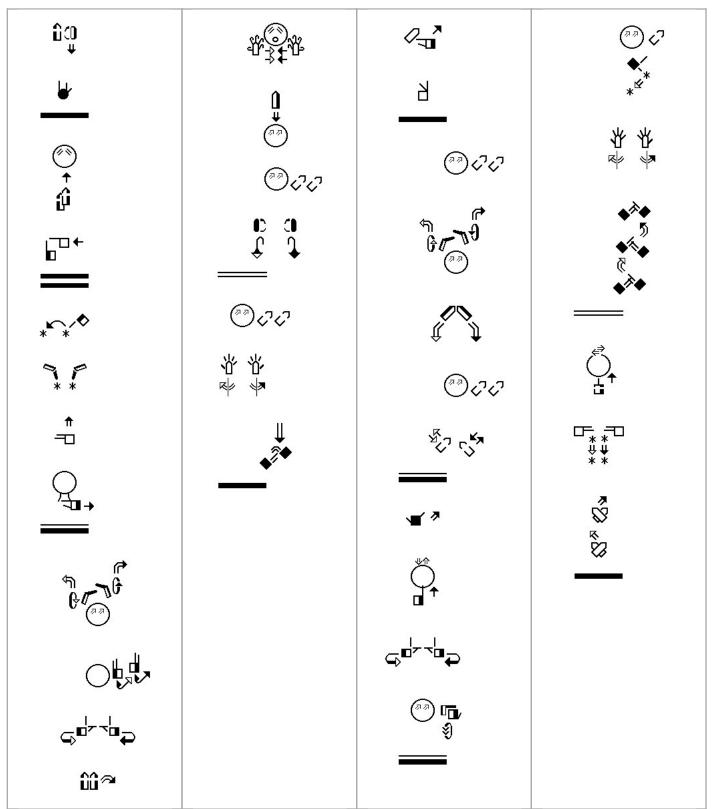


69 They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins. Verse 28. The law appointed high priests who were limited by human weakness. But after the law was given, God appointed his Son with an oath, NLT

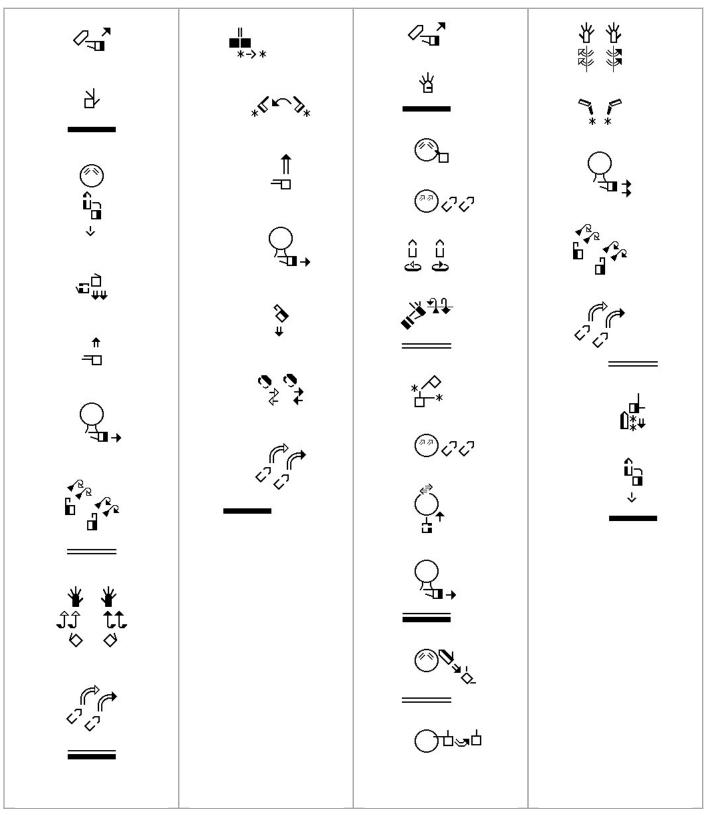
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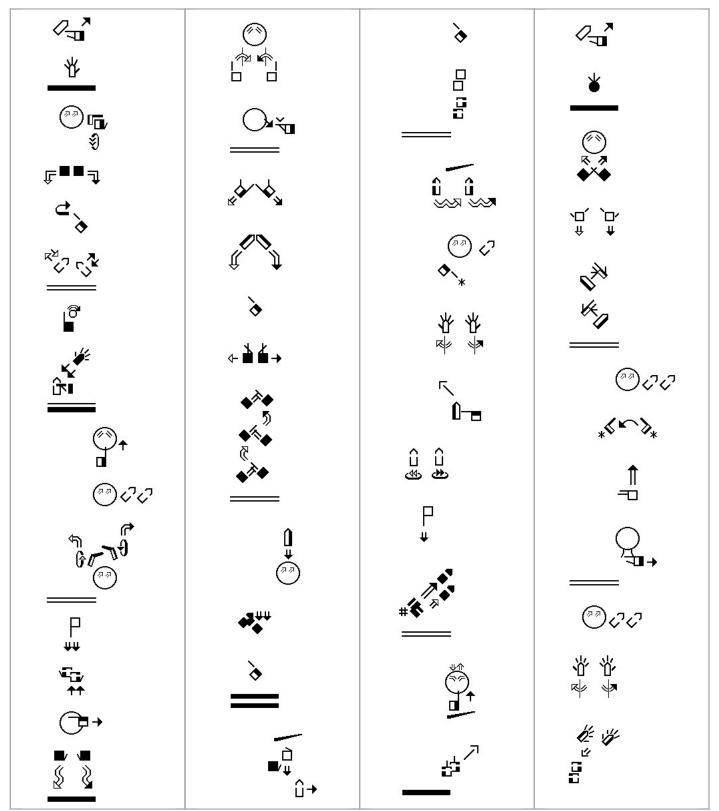
and his Son has been made the perfect High Priest forever.



Chapter 8. Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven. Verse 2. There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.

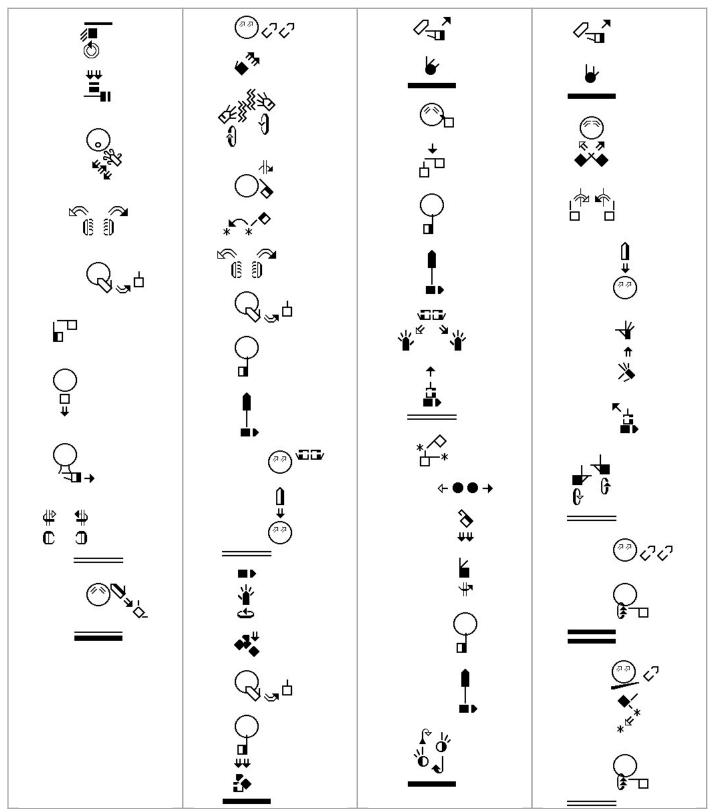


Verse 3. And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too. Verse 4. If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law. NLT

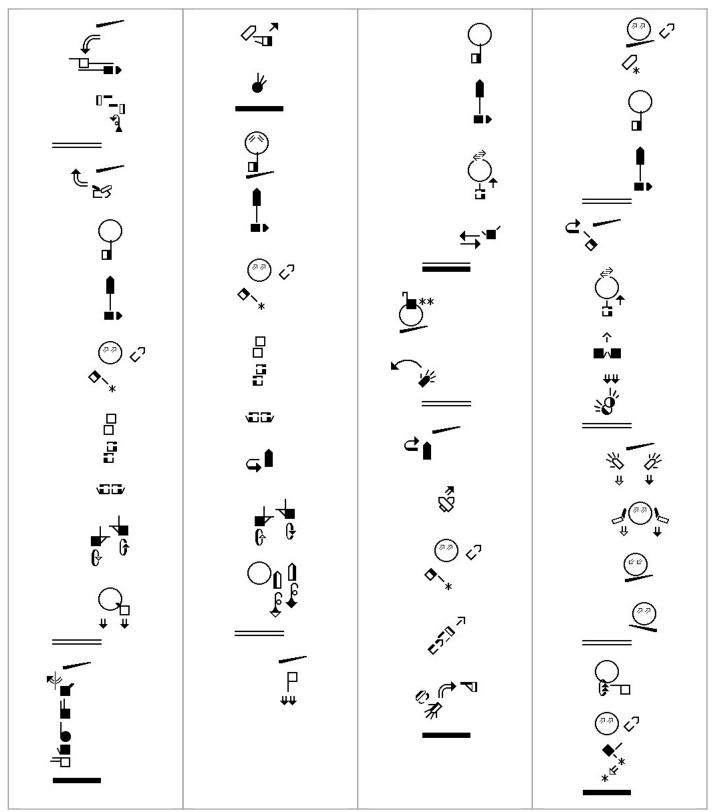


Verse 5. They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain." Verse 6. But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given NLT

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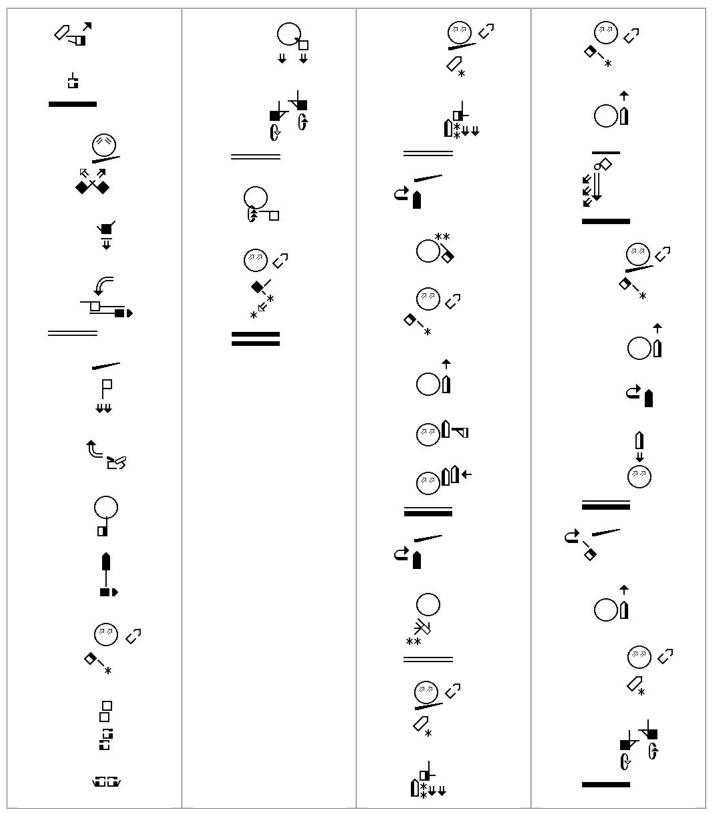


a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises. Verse 7. If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. Verse 8. But when God found fault with the people, he said: NLT

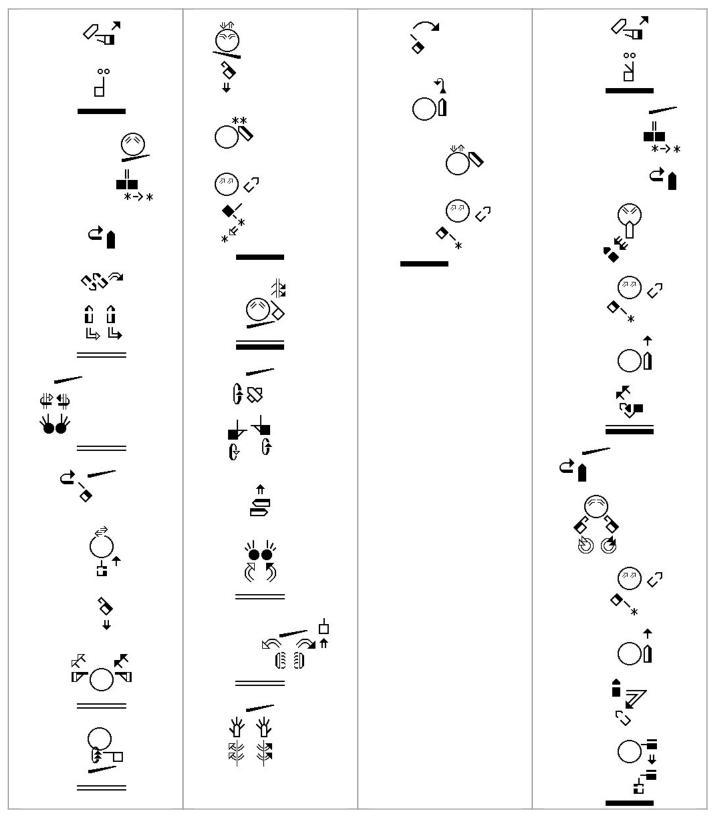


"The day is coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. Verse 9. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD. NLT

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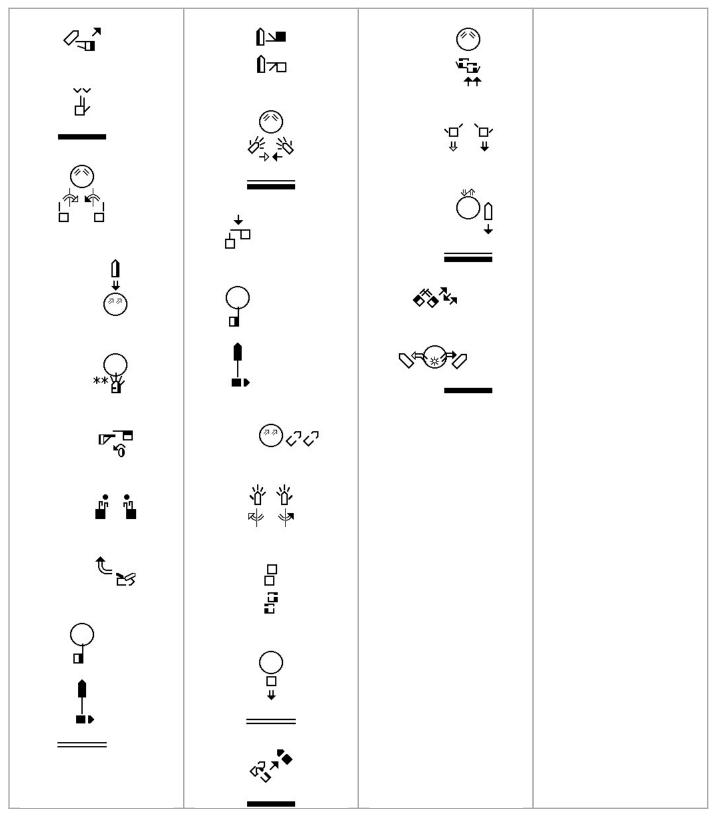


Verse 10. But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

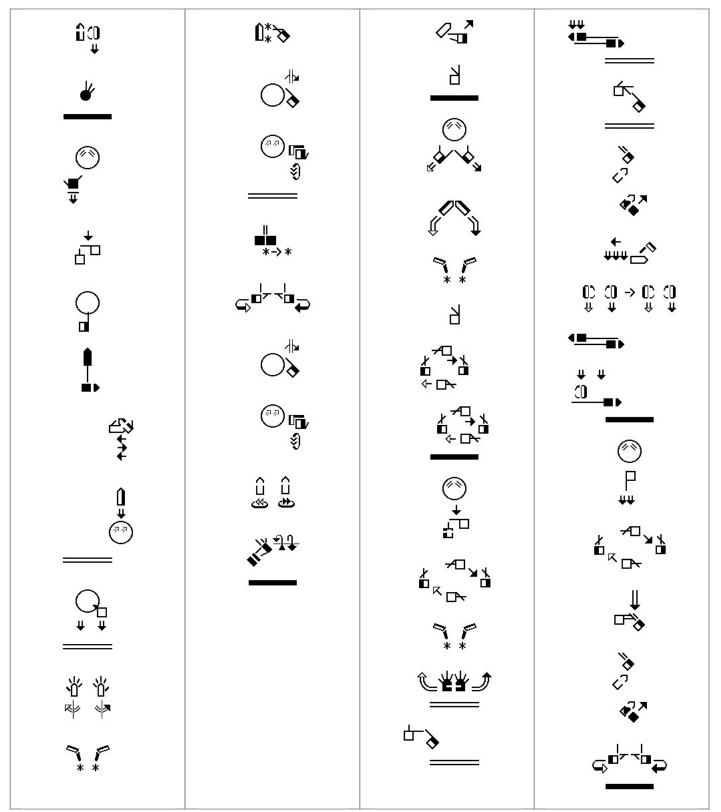


Verse 11. And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the LORD.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. Verse 12. And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

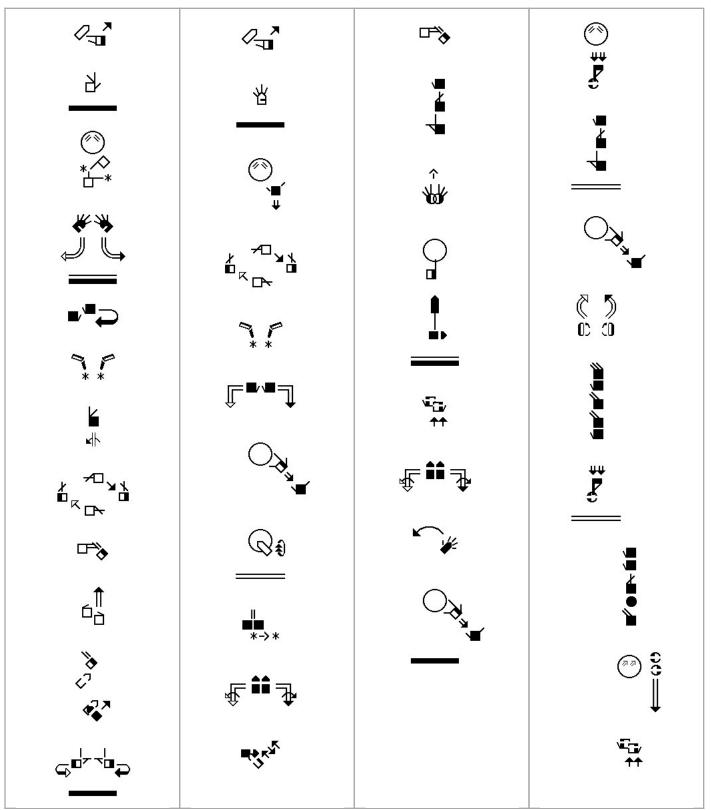
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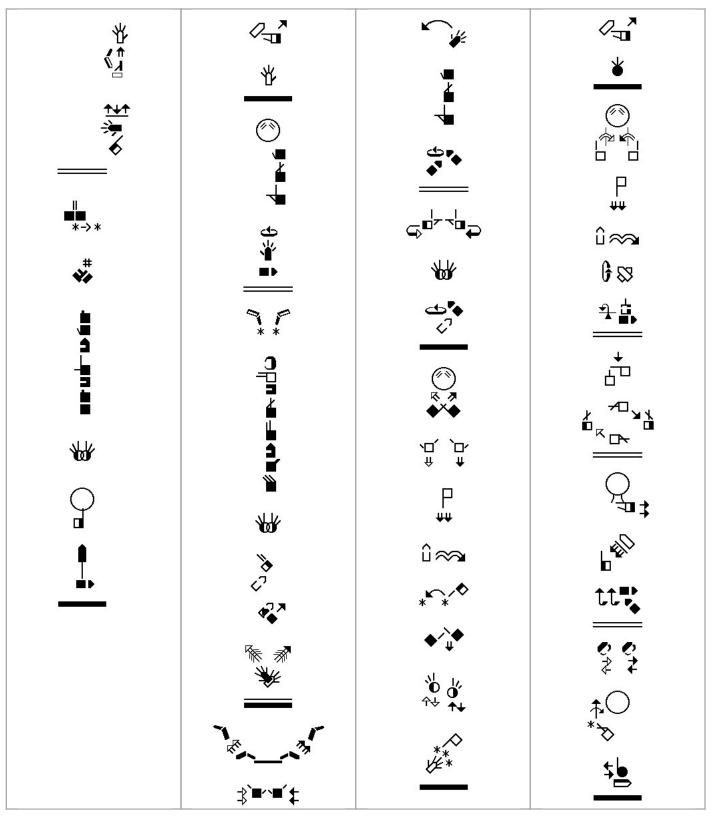
Verse 13. When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear. NLT 78



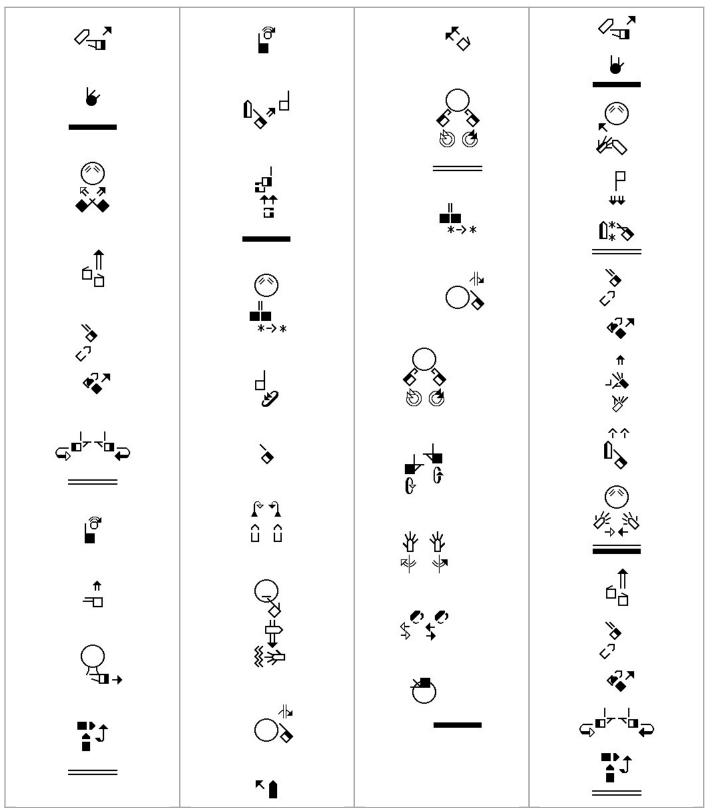
Chapter 9. That first covenant between God and Israel had regulations for worship and a place of worship here on earth. Verse 2. There were two rooms in that Tabernacle. In the first room were a lampstand, a table, and sacred loaves of bread on the table. This room was called the Holy Place.



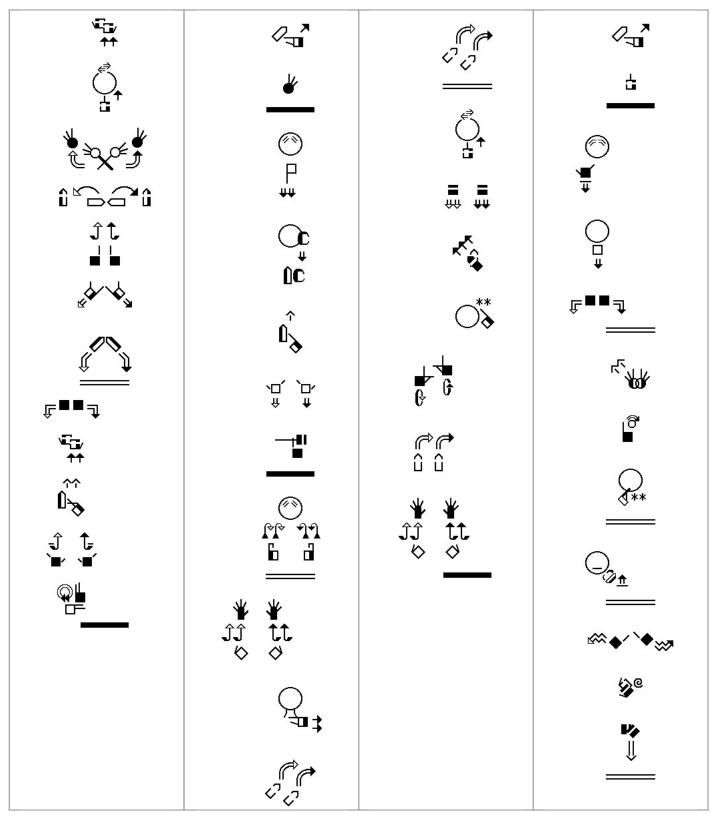
Verse 3. Then there was a curtain, and behind the curtain was the second room called the Most Holy Place. Verse 4. In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's staff that NLT



81 sprouted leaves, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Verse 5. Above the Ark were the cherubim of divine glory, whose wings stretched out over the Ark's cover, the place of atonement. But we cannot explain these things in detail now. Verse 6. When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. NLT

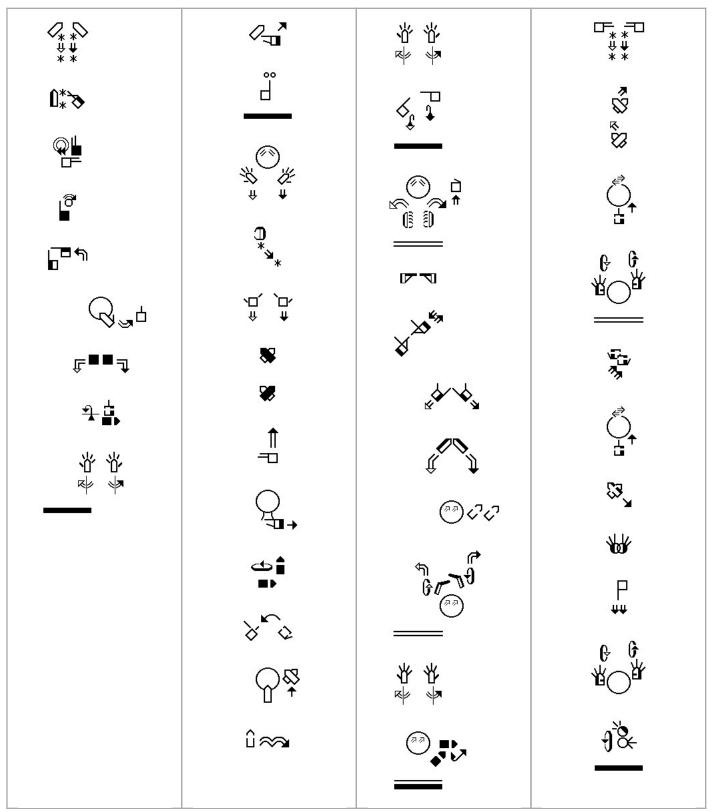


Verse 7. But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. Verse 8. By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place NLT

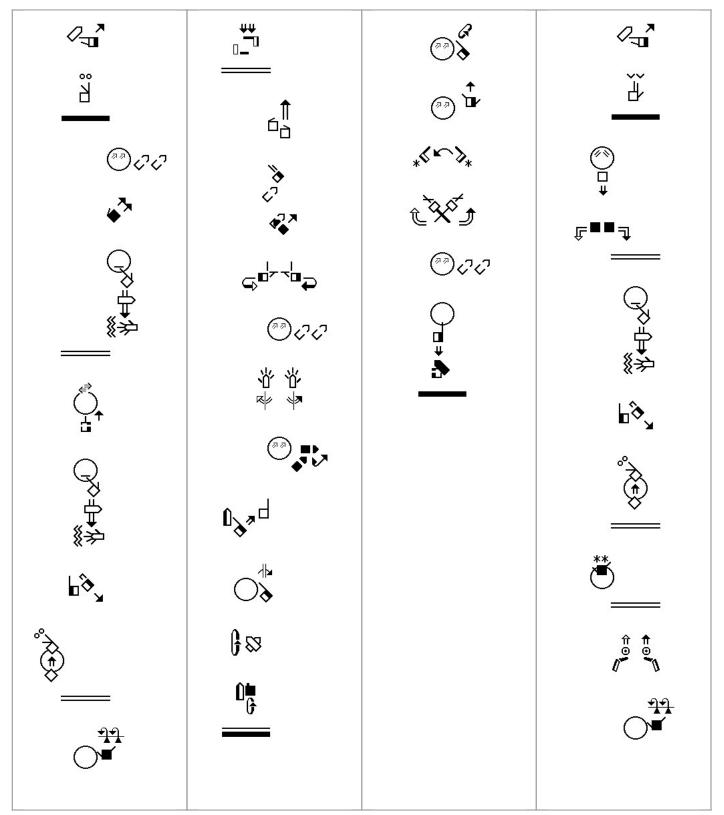


was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. Verse 9. This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. Verse 10. For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies -- NLT

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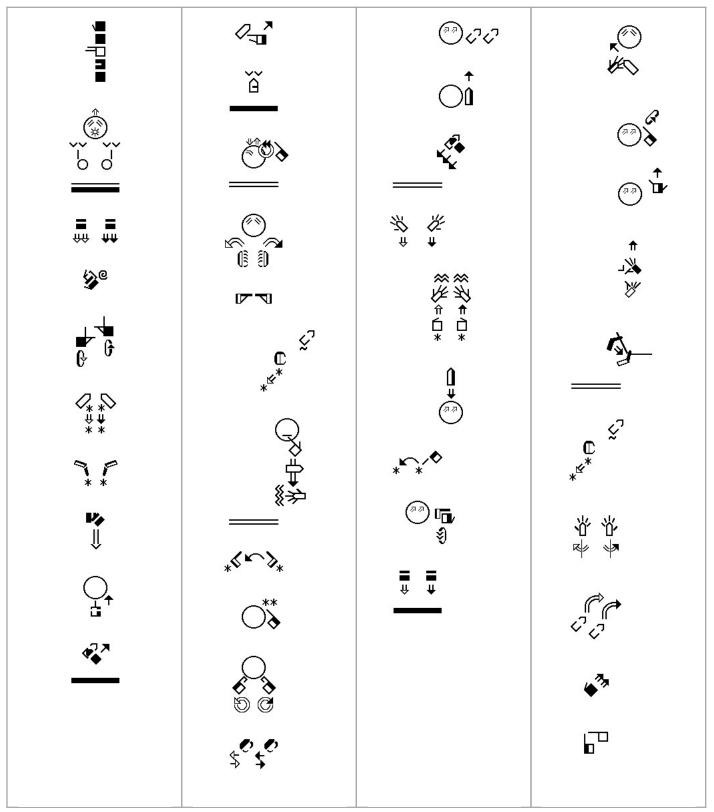


physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. Verse 11. So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.

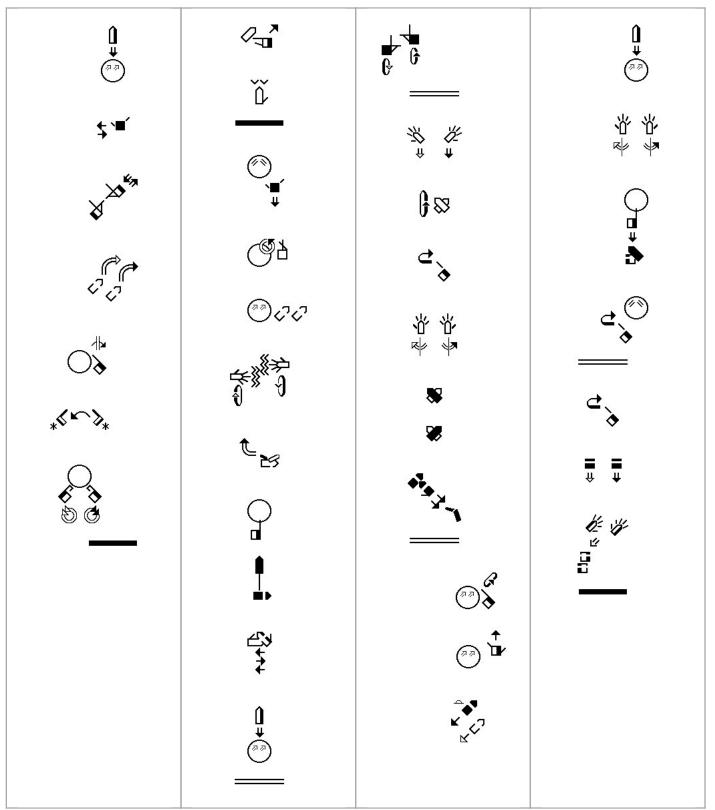


Verse 12. With his own blood -- not the blood of goats and calves -- he entered the Most
 Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Verse 13. Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow

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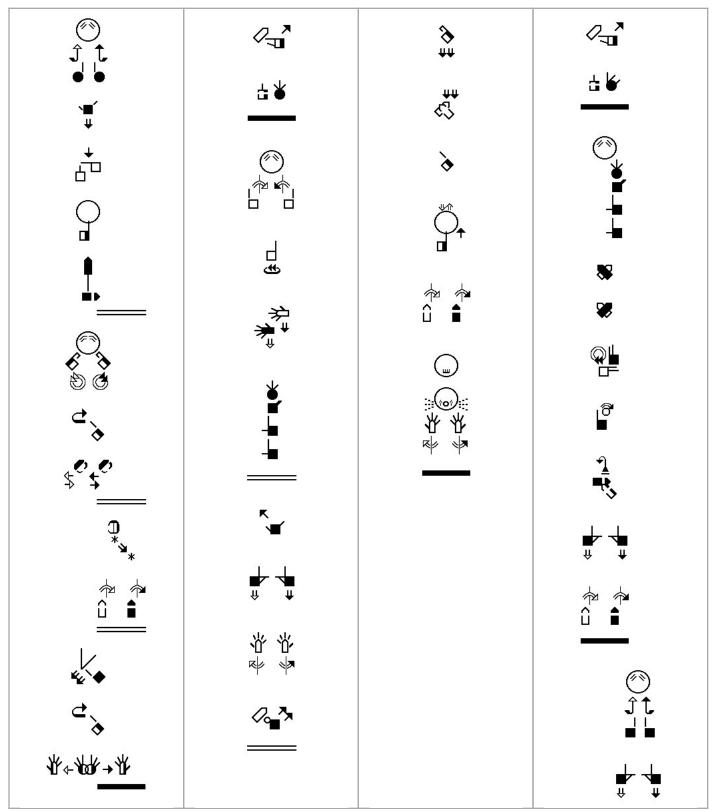


could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Verse 14. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to NLT

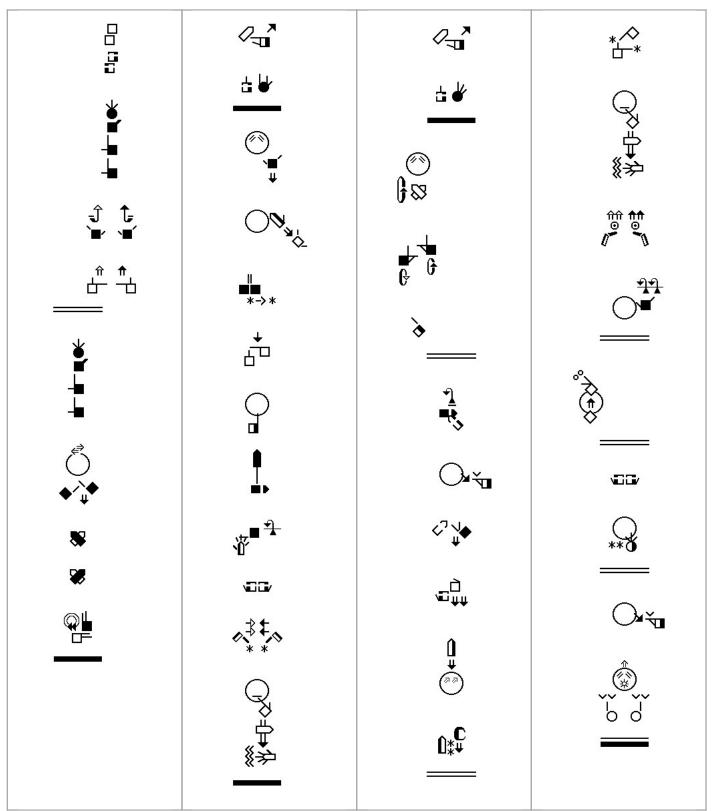


God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Verse 15. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them.

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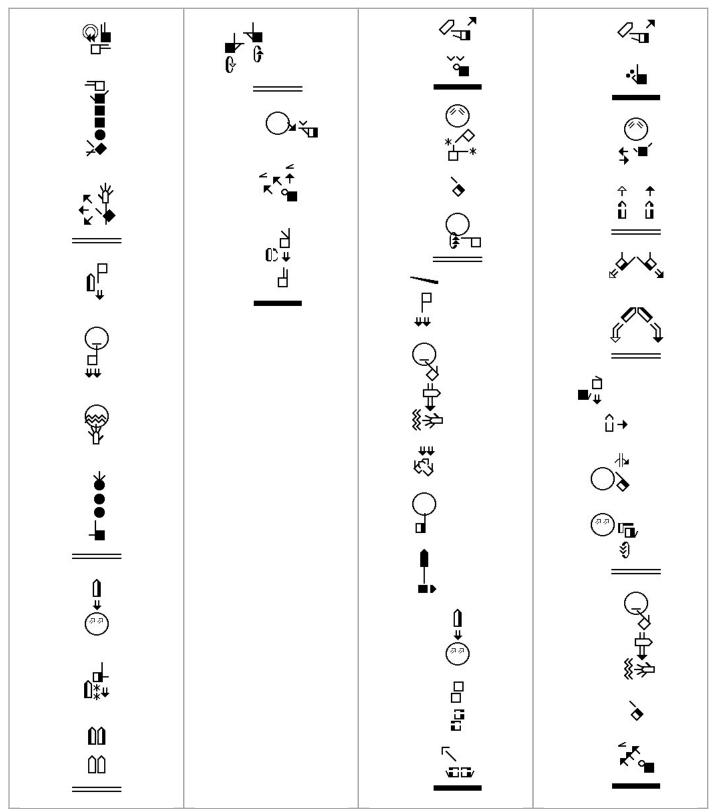
For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. Verse 16. Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. Verse 17. The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person NLT



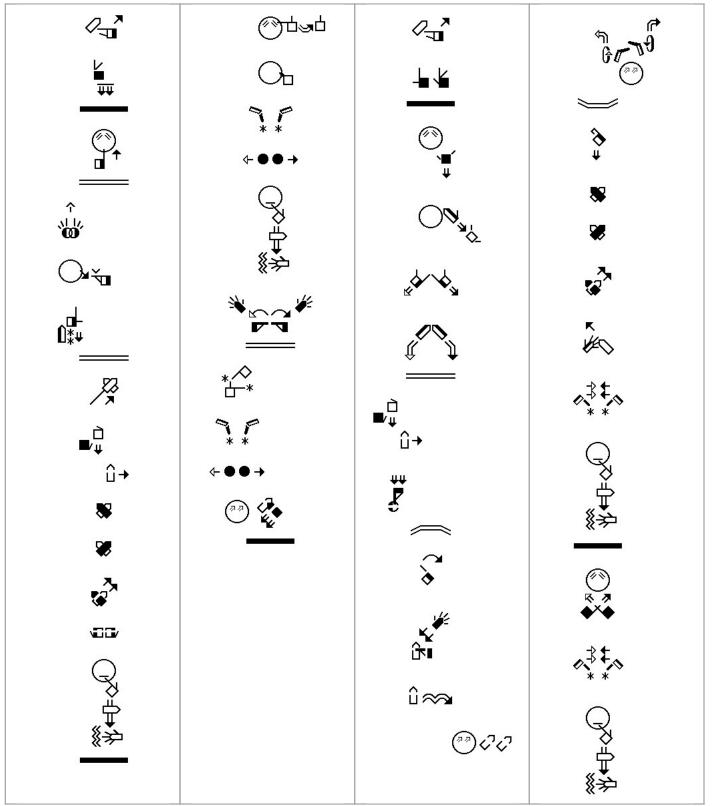
who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect. Verse 18. That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal. Verse 19. For after Moses had read each of God's commandments to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, NLT

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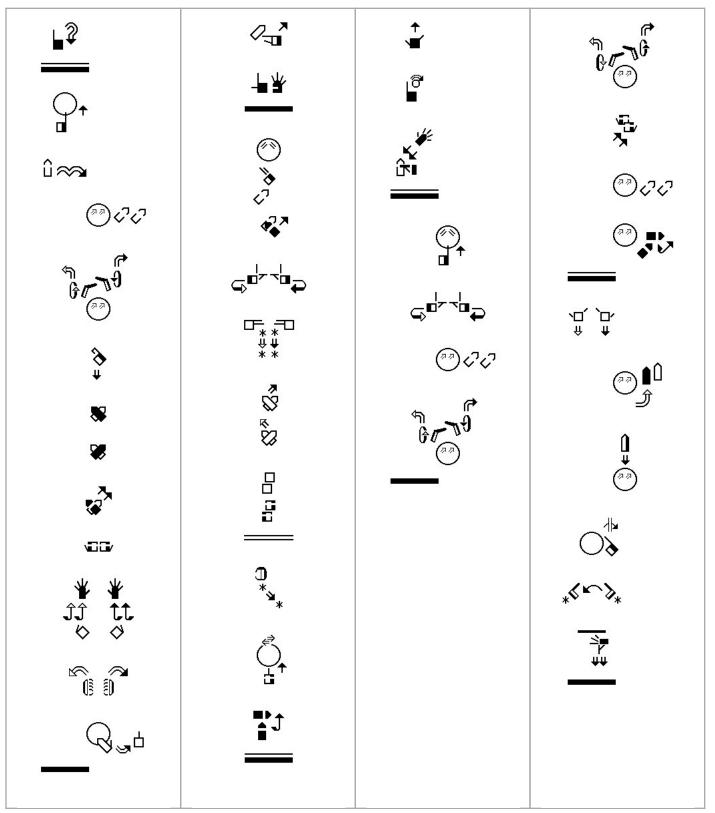


and sprinkled both the book of God's law and all the people, using hyssop branches and scarlet wool. Verse 20. Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you." Verse 21. And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship.

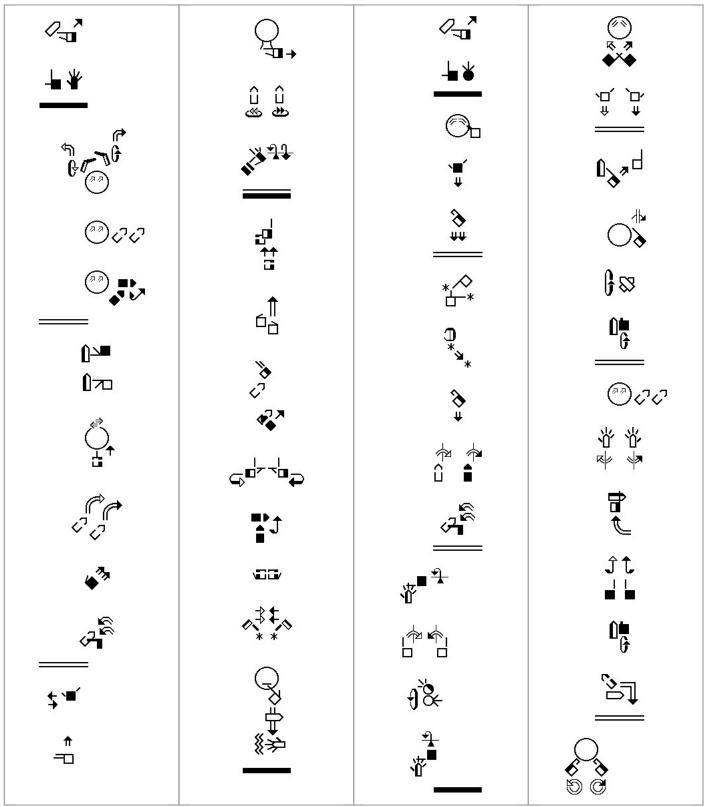


Verse 22. In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. Verse 23. That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But NLT

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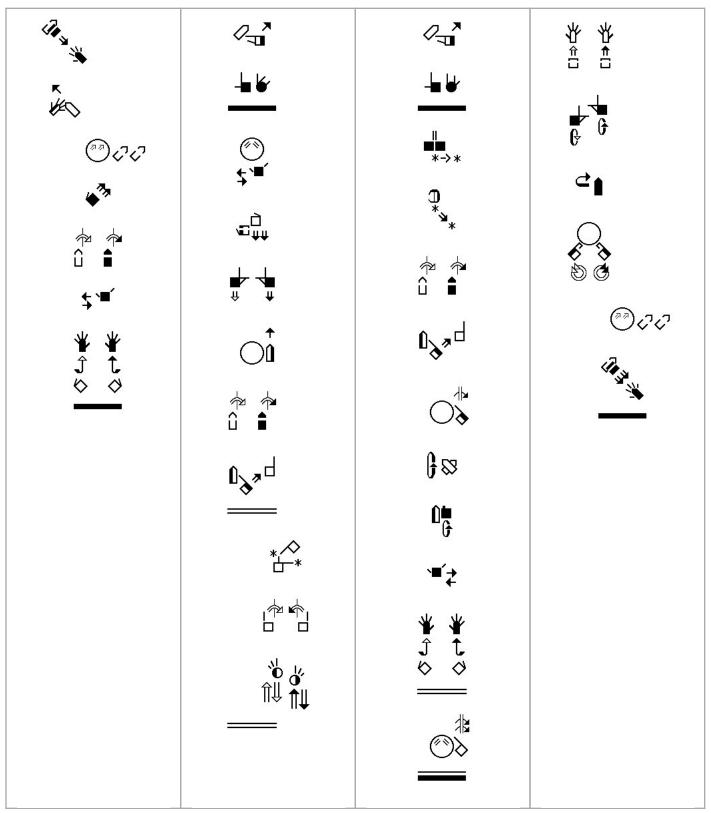


the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals. Verse 24. For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.

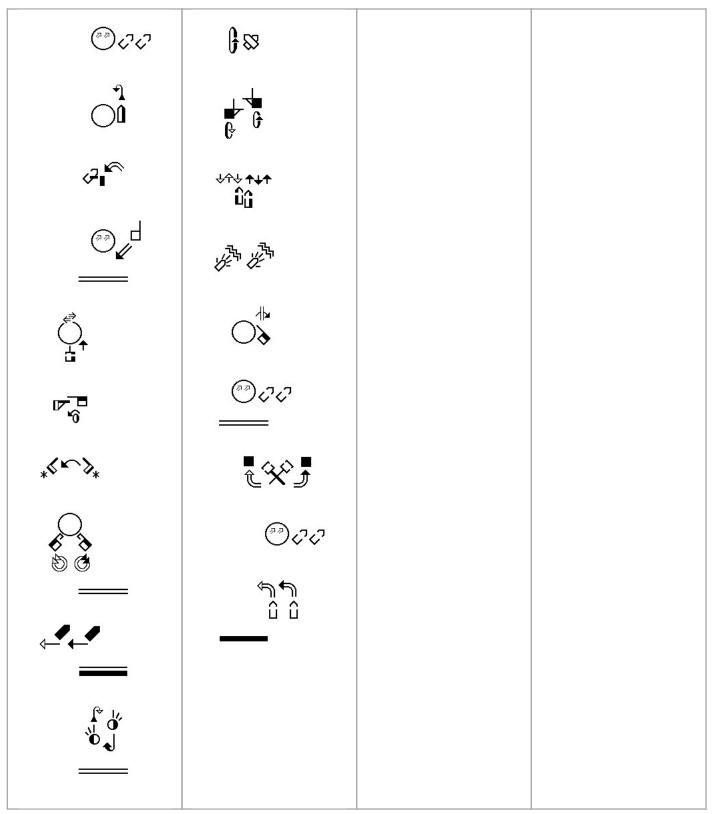


Verse 25. And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. Verse 26. If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age NLT

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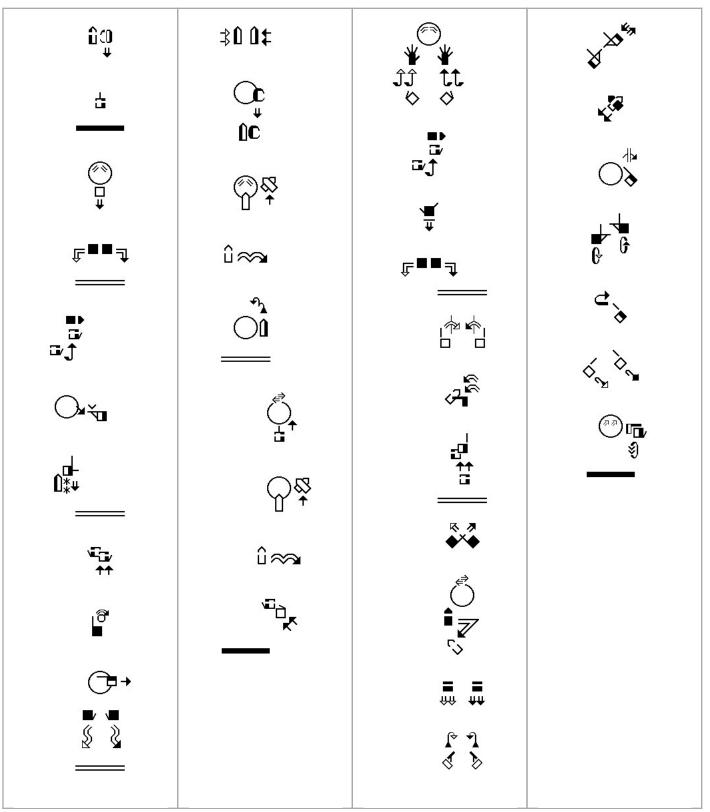


to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. Verse 27. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, Verse 28. so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. NLT

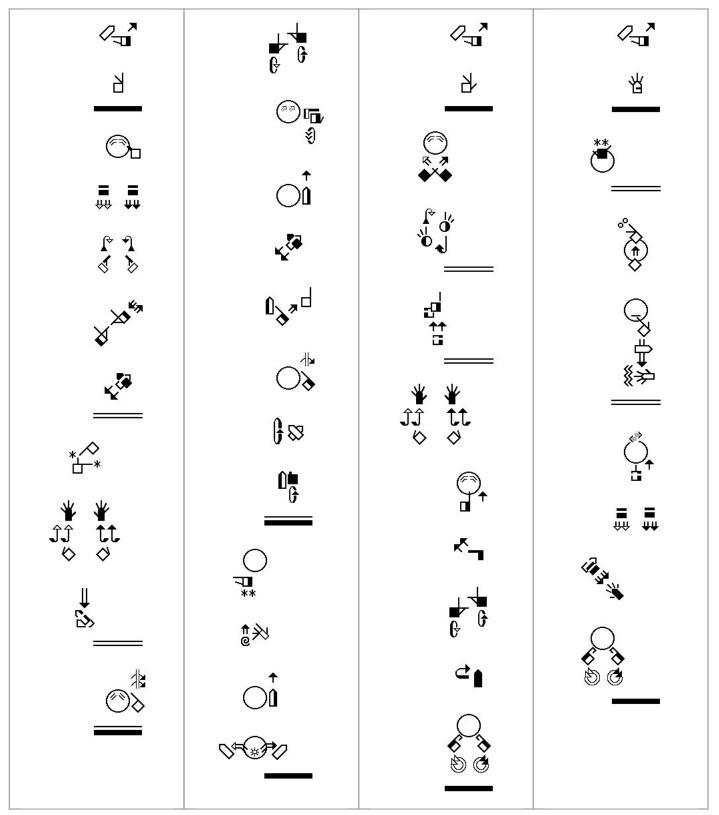


95 He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. NLT

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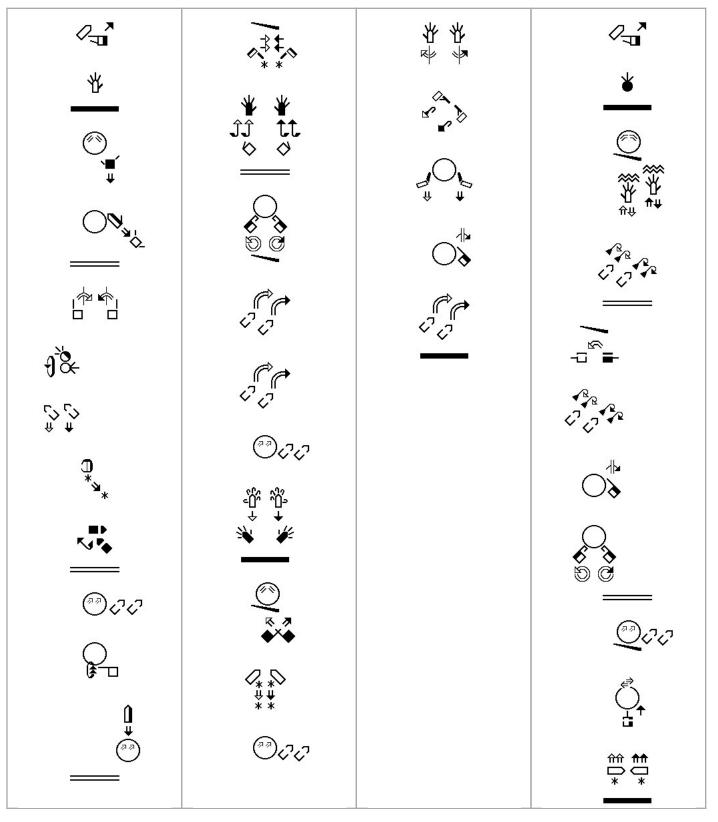


Chapter 10. The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. NLT

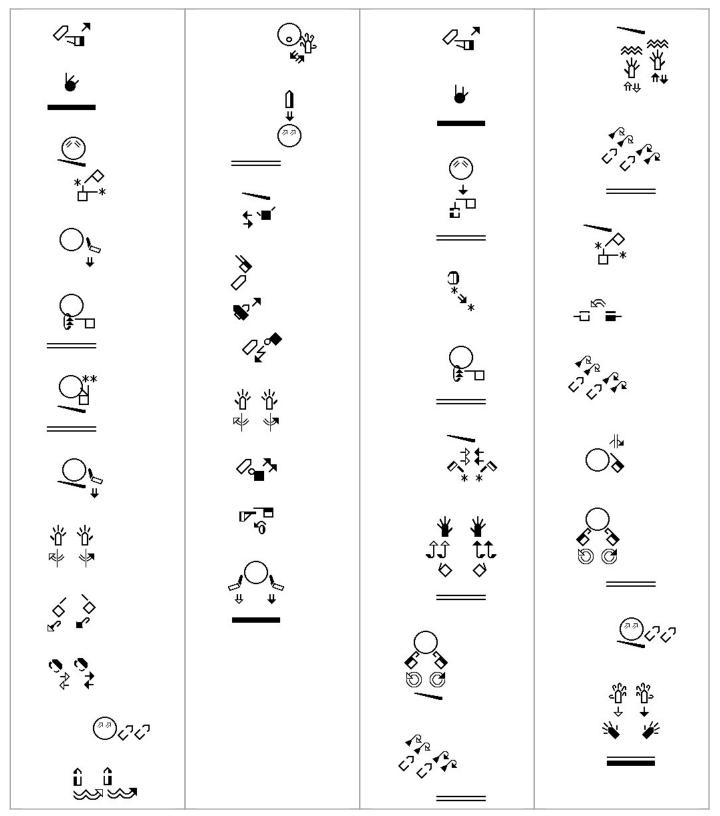


97 Verse 2. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. Verse 3. But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. Verse 4. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. NLT

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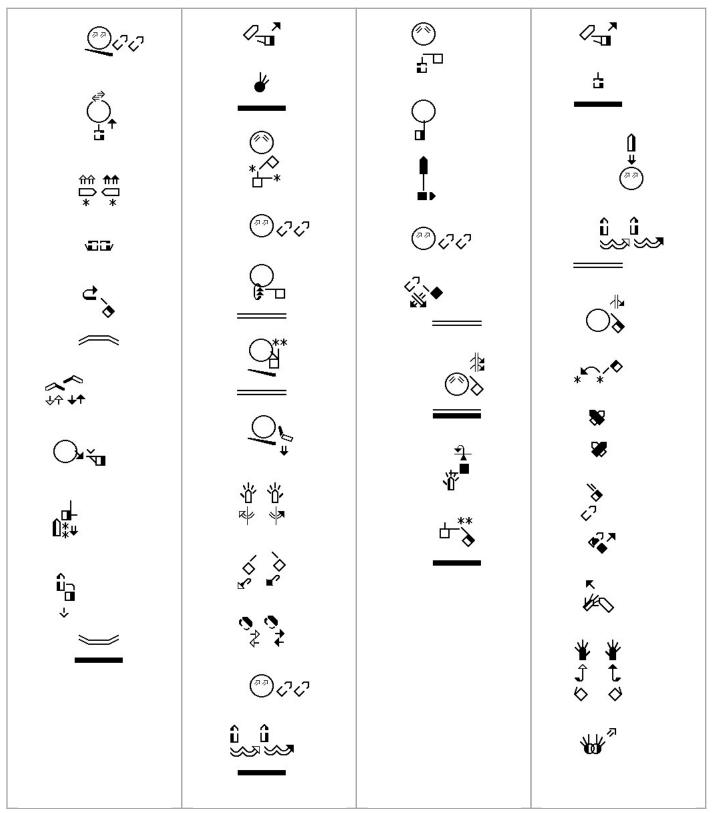


Verse 5. That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. Verse 6. You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. NLT

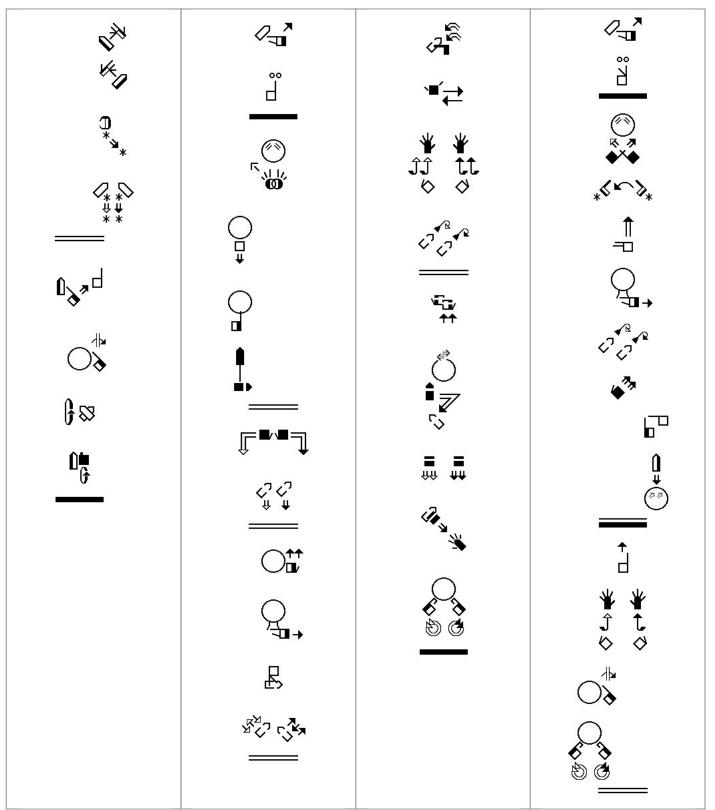


Verse 7. Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God -- as is written about me
 in the Scriptures.'" Verse 8. First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin,

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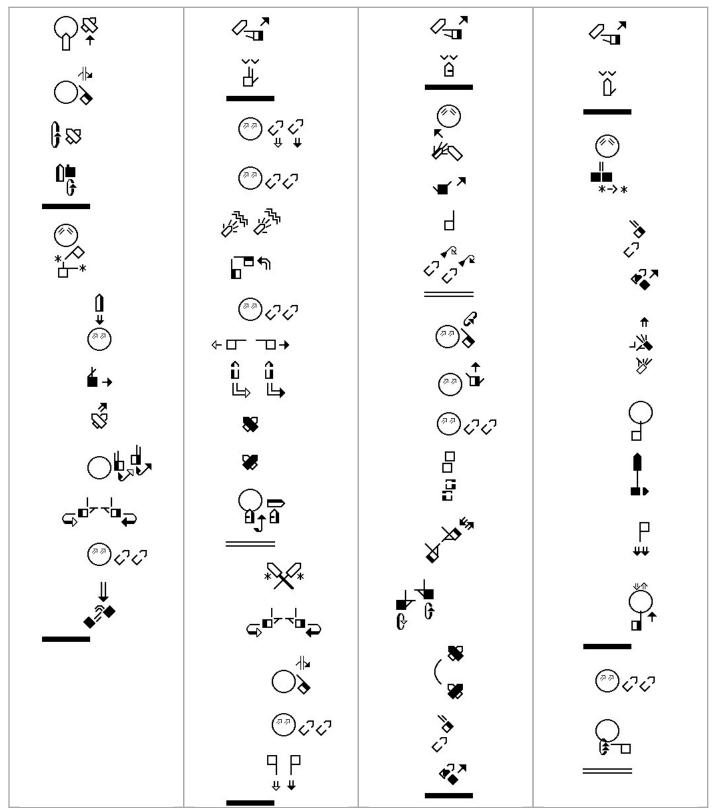


nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). Verse 9. Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. Verse 10. For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of NLT

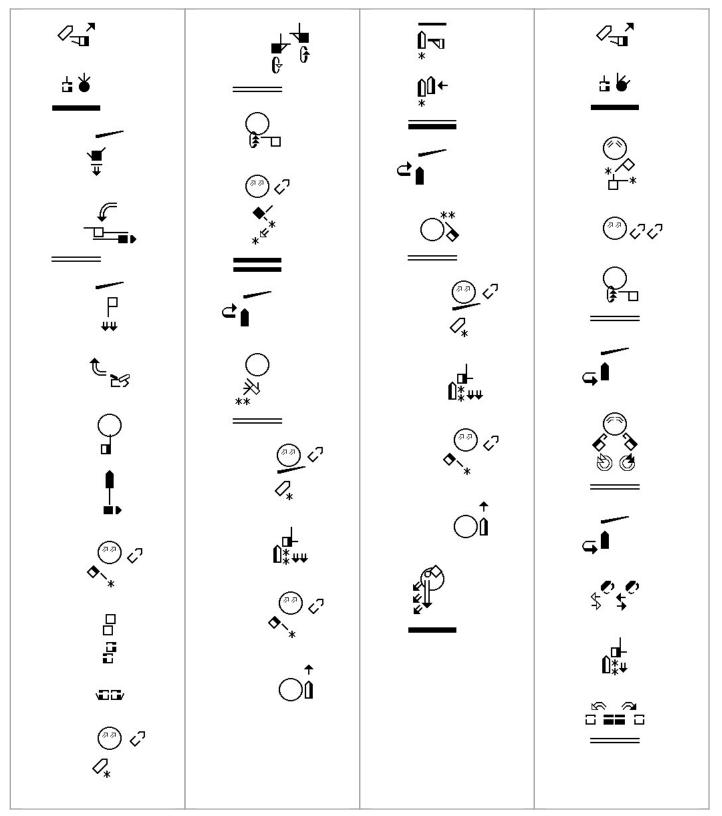


the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Verse 11. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. Verse 12. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins,

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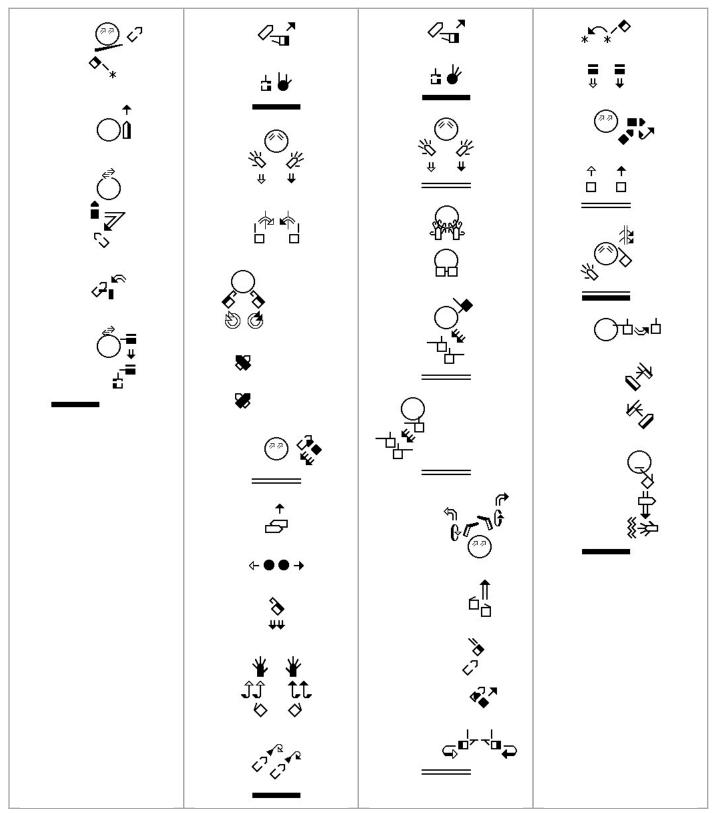


good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. Verse 13. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. Verse 14. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. Verse 15. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, NLT

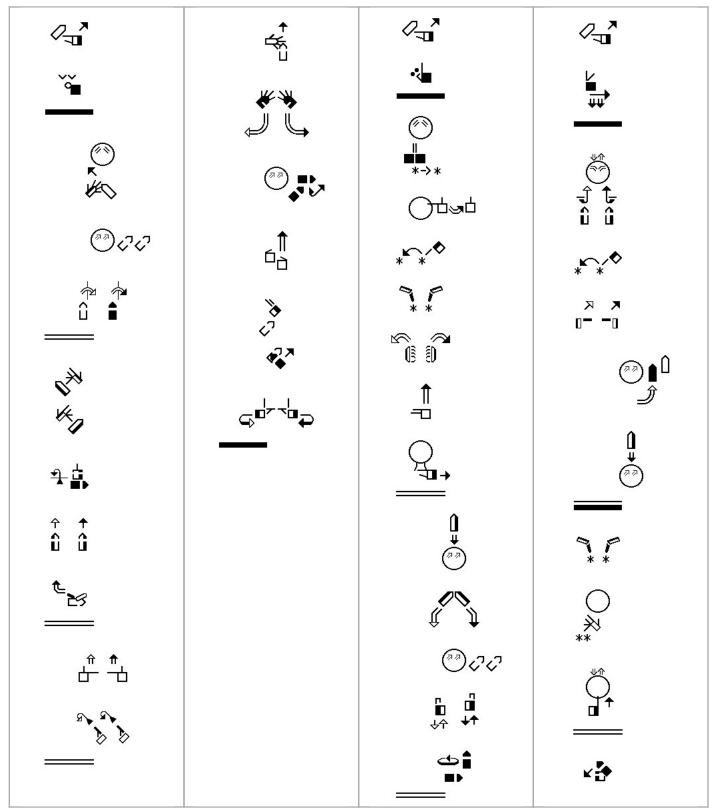


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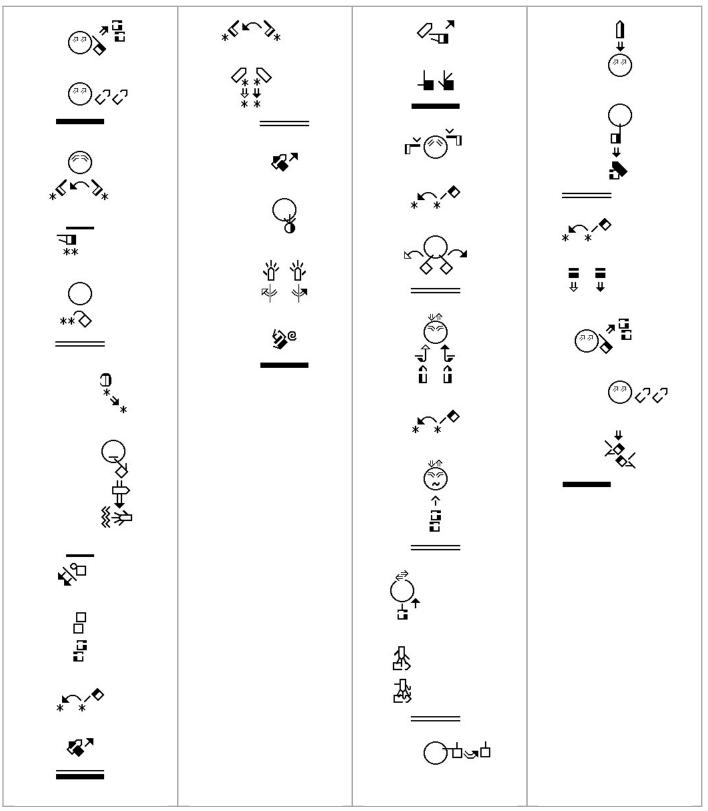


"I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." Verse 18. And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. Verse 19. And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. NLT

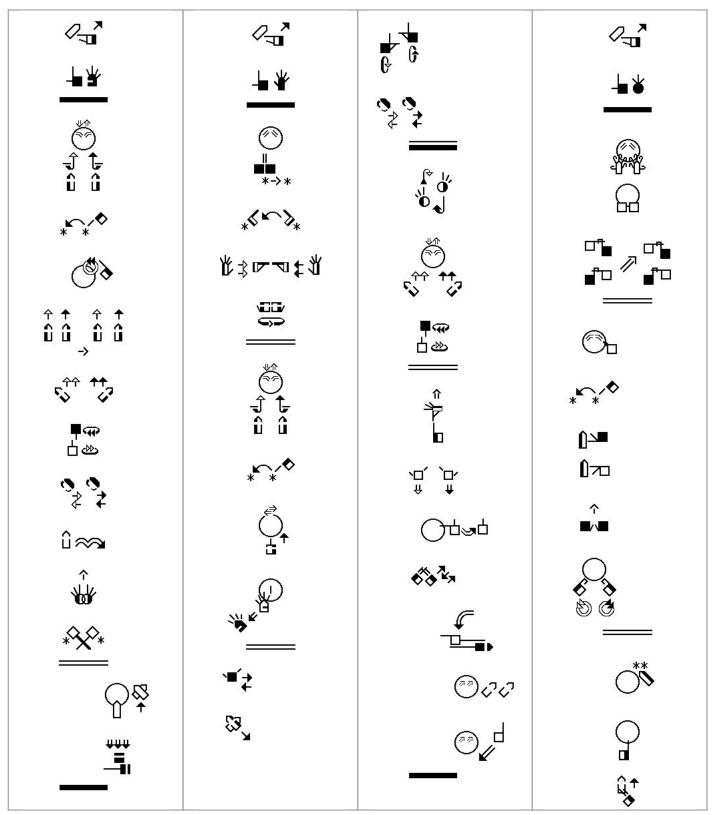


105 Verse 20. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. Verse 21. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, Verse 22. let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully NLT

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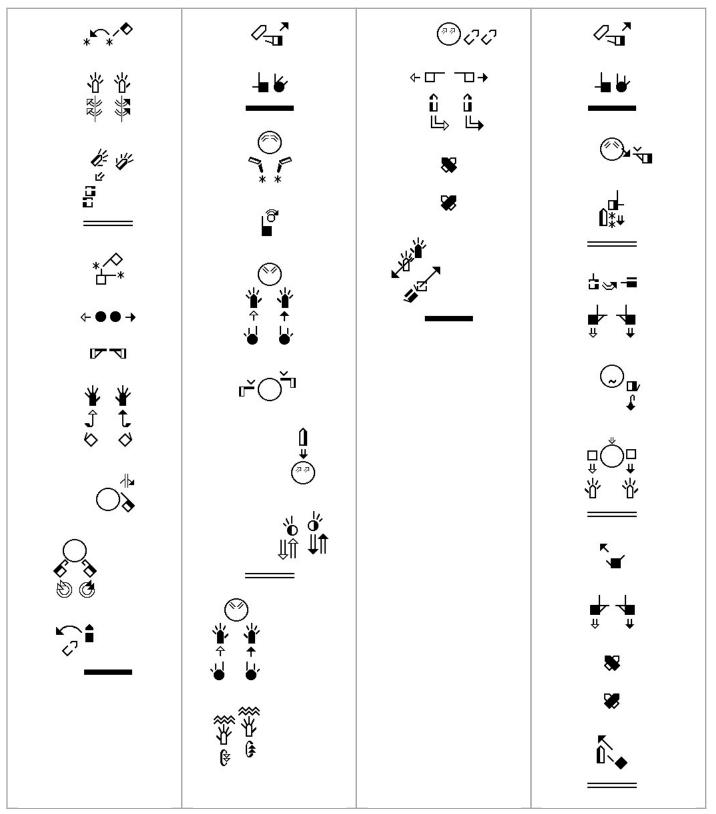


trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Verse 23. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. NLT



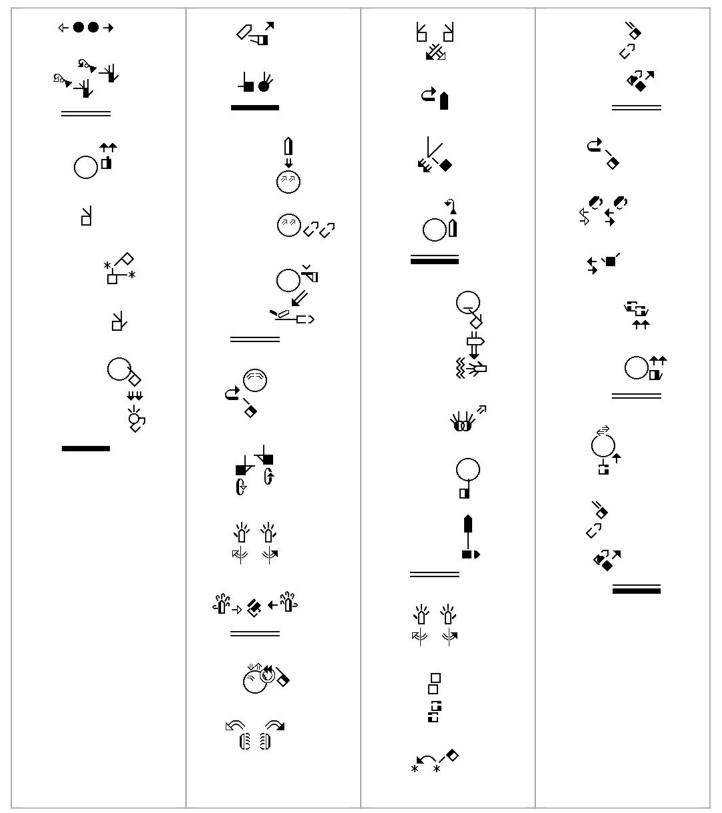
107 Verse 24. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.
 107 Verse 25. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Verse 26. Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning

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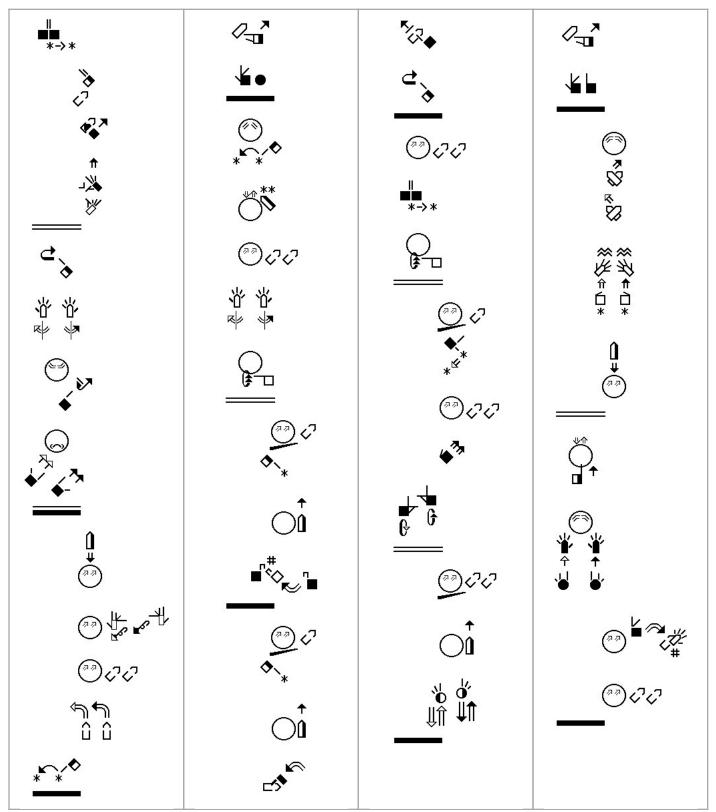
after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. Verse 27. There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. Verse 28. For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death NLT

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109 without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Verse 29. Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, NLT

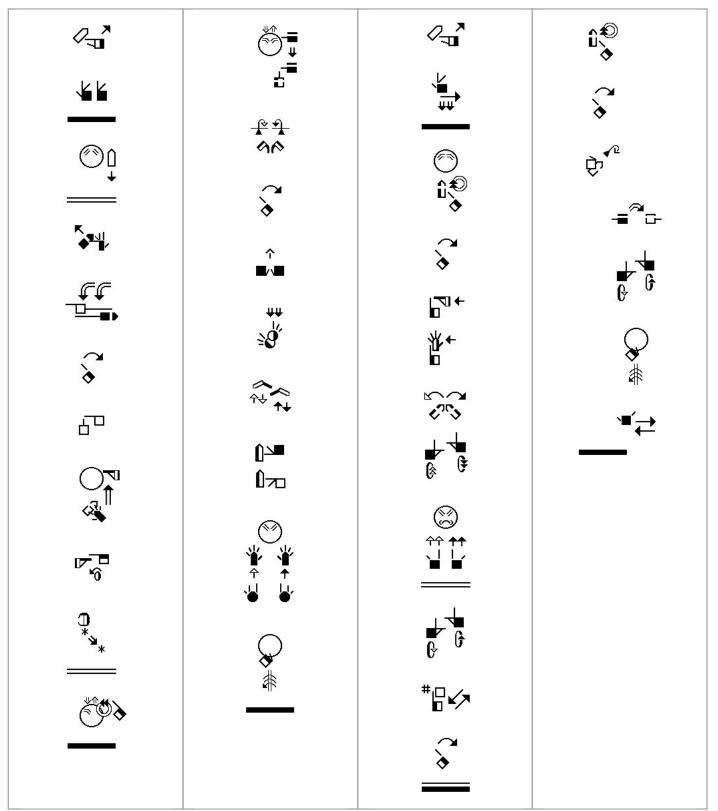
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and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us. Verse 30. For we know the one who said, "I will take revenge. I will pay them back." He also said, "The LORD will judge his own people." Verse 31. It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

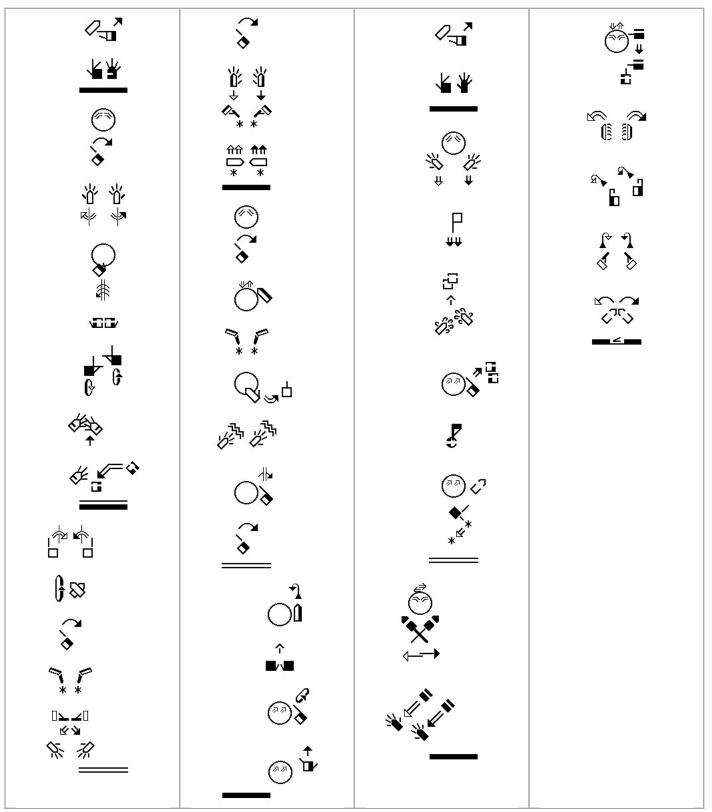
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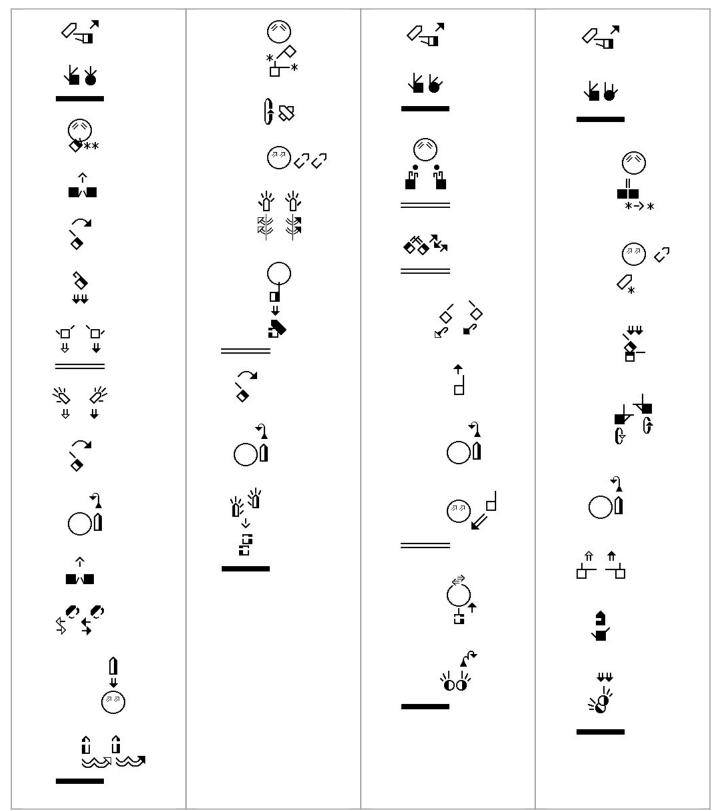
111 Verse 32. Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ.
 111 Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. Verse 33. Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. NLT

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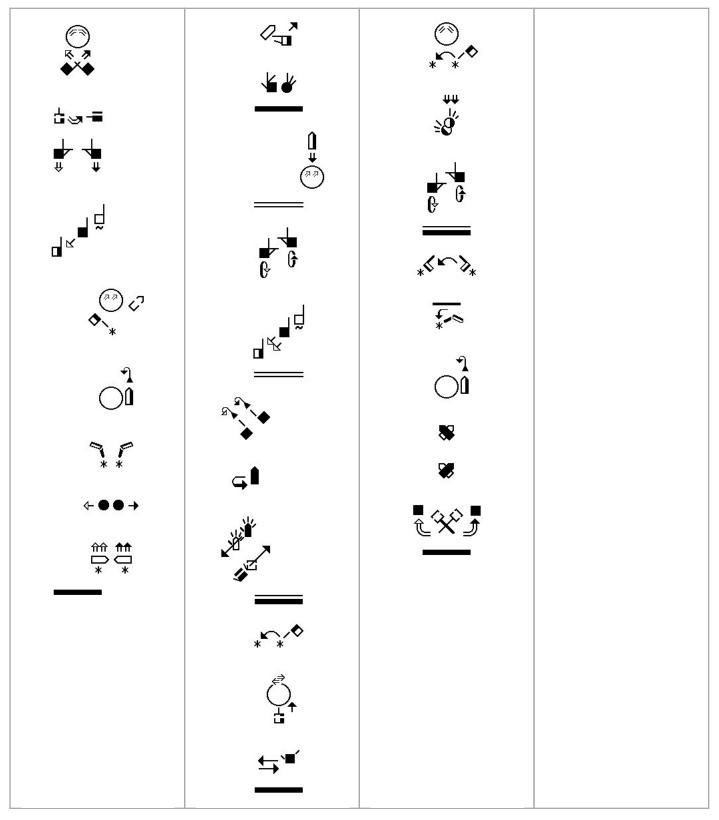
Verse 34. You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. Verse 35. So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

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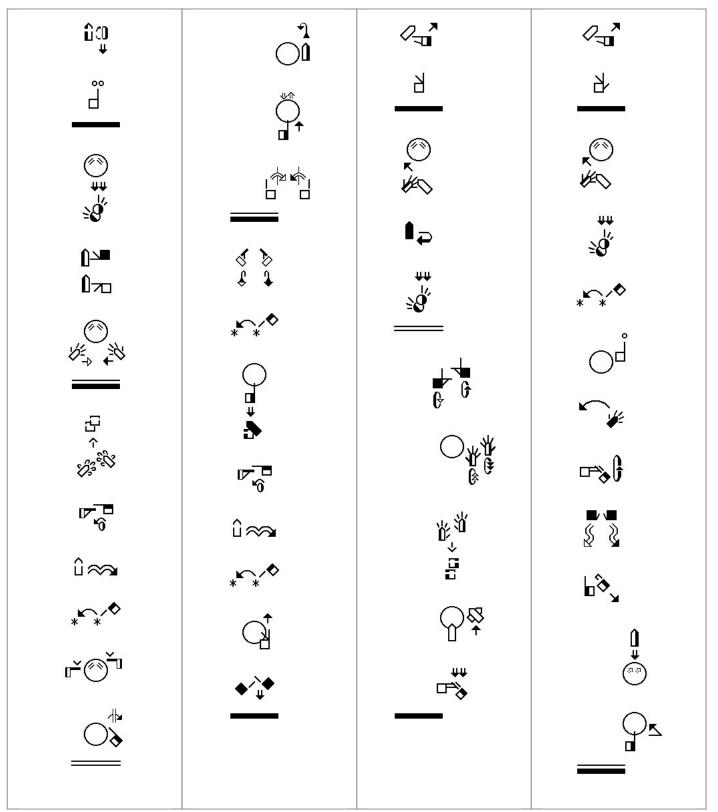


113 Verse 36. Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. Verse 37. "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. Verse 38. And my righteous ones will live by faith.

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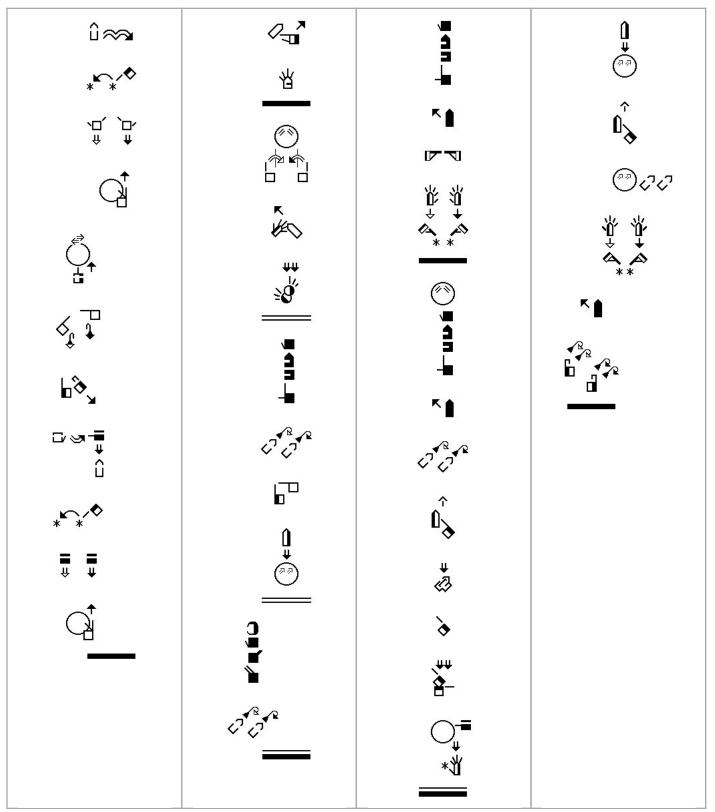


But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." Verse 39. But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved. NLT



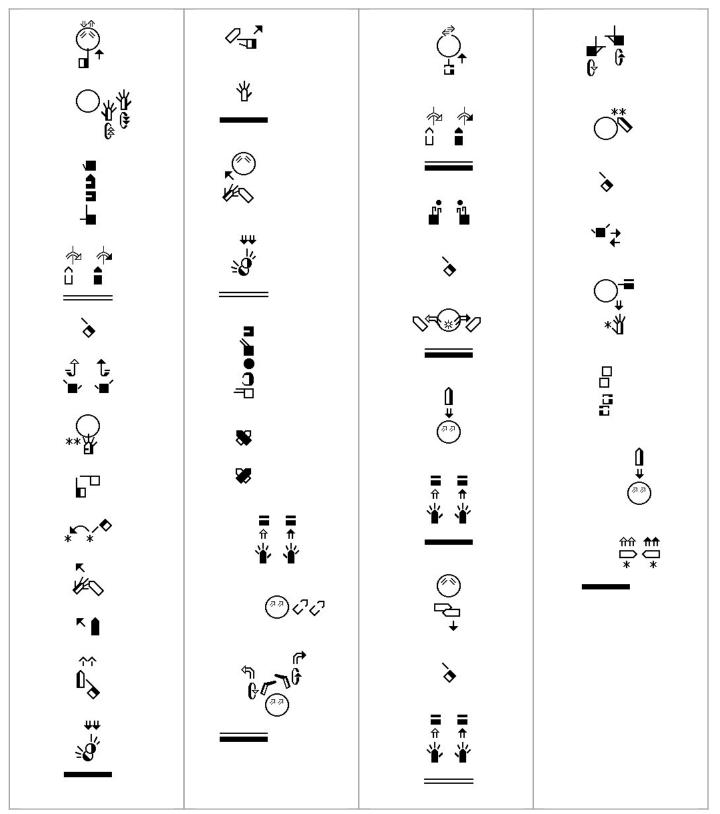
Chapter 11. Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Verse 2. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. Verse 3. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command,

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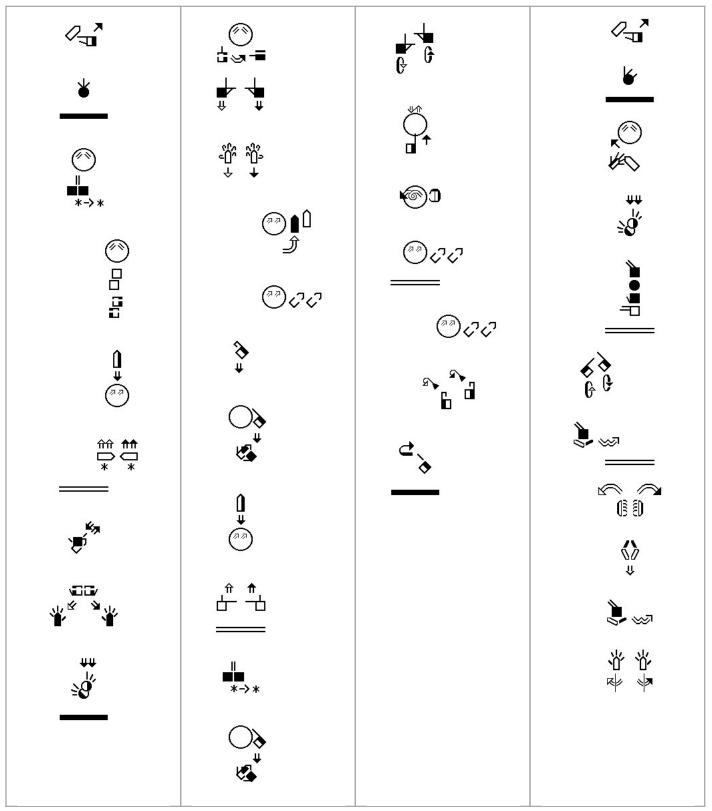
that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. Verse 4. It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. NLT

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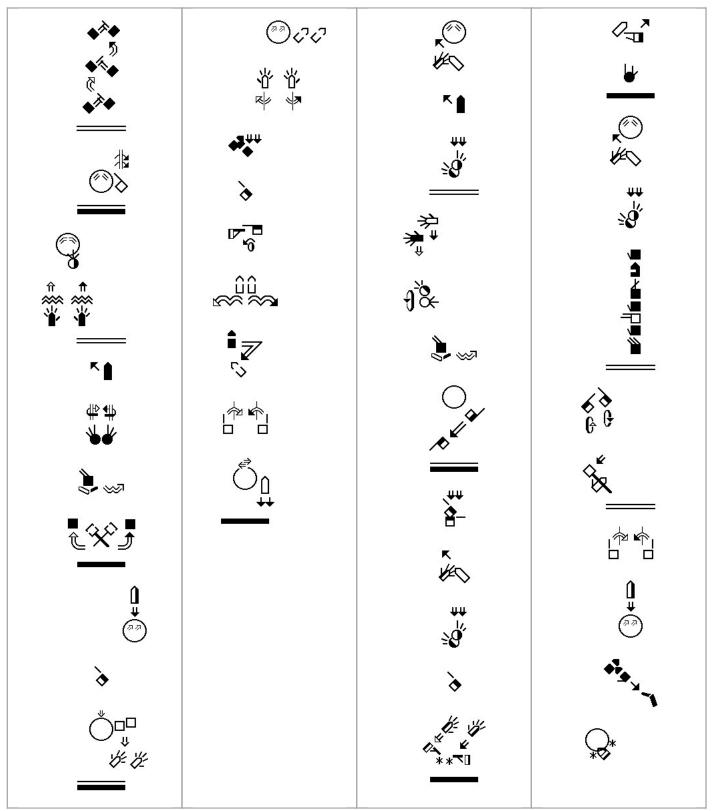


Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. Verse 5. It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying -- "he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.

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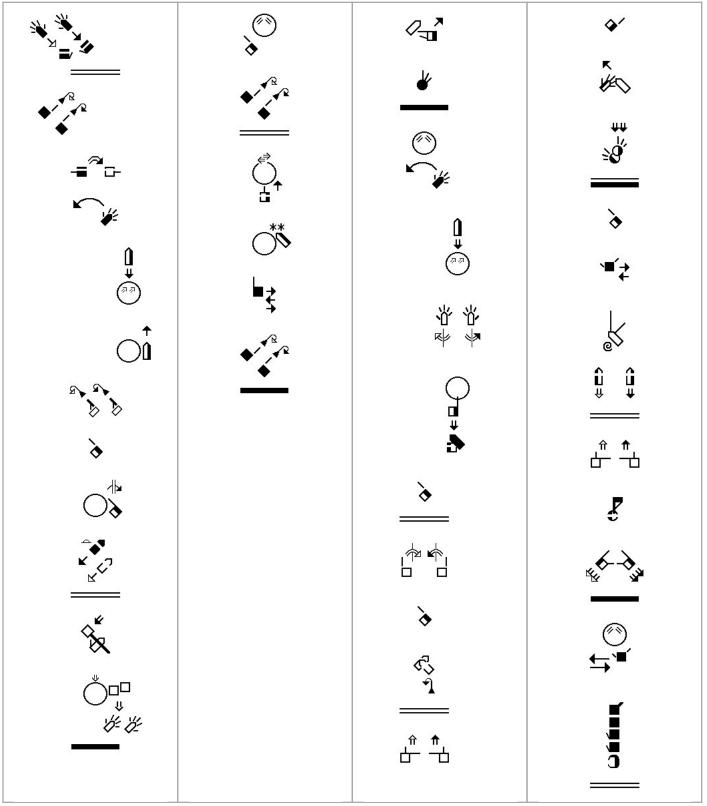


Verse 6. And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Verse 7. It was by faith that Noah NLT

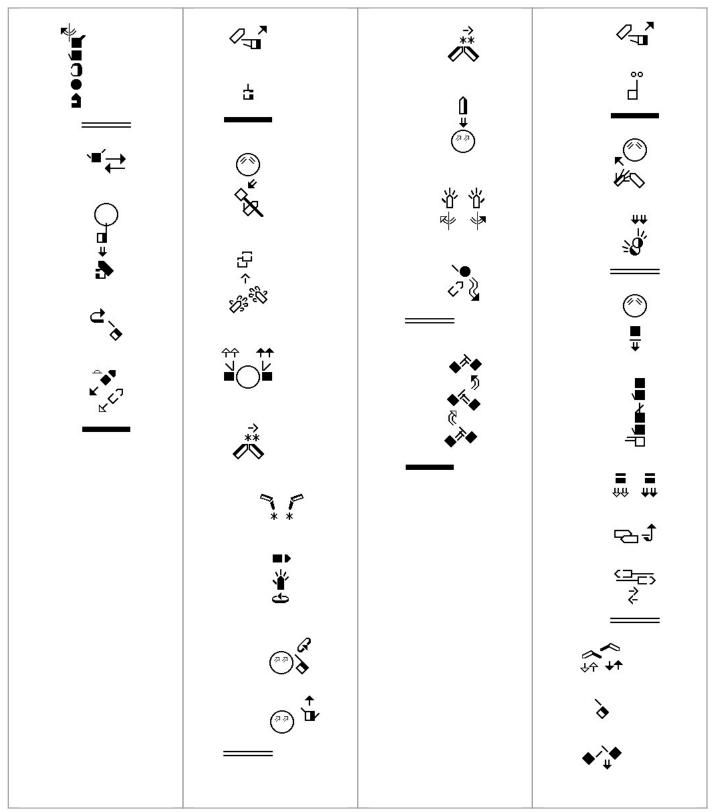


built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. Verse 8. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him

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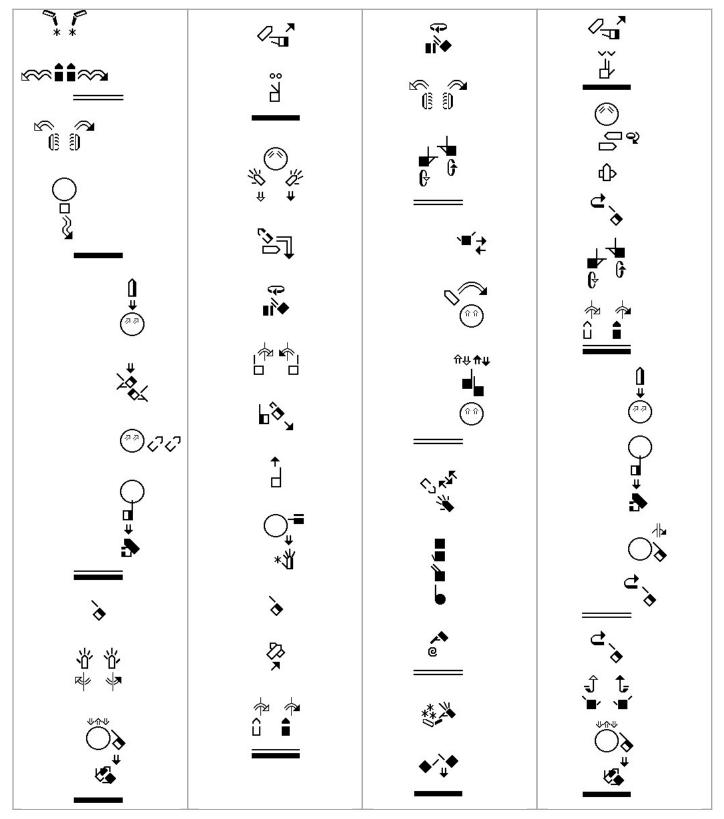


to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Verse 9. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith -- for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac NLT



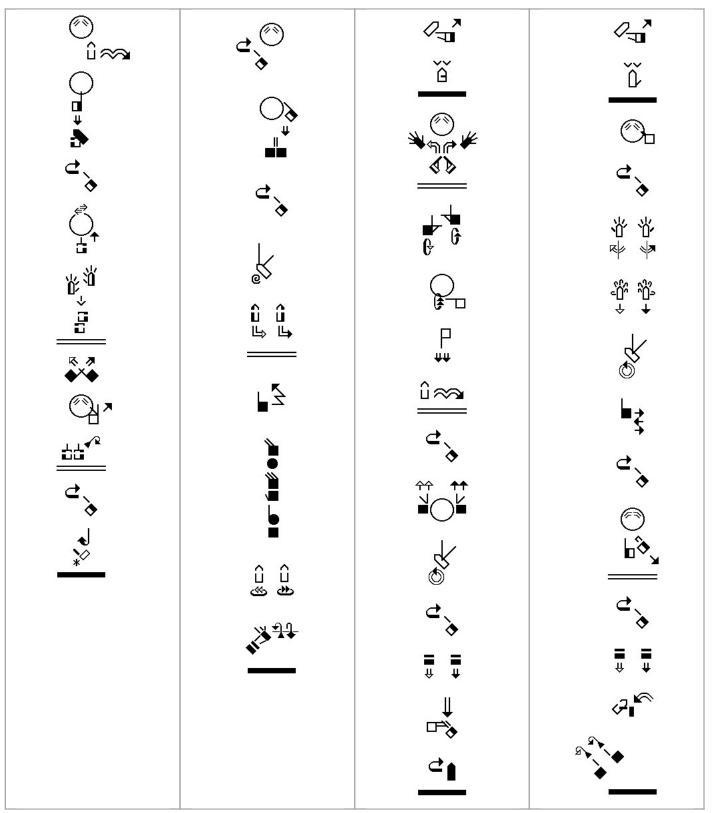
and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Verse 10. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. Verse 11. It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was NLT

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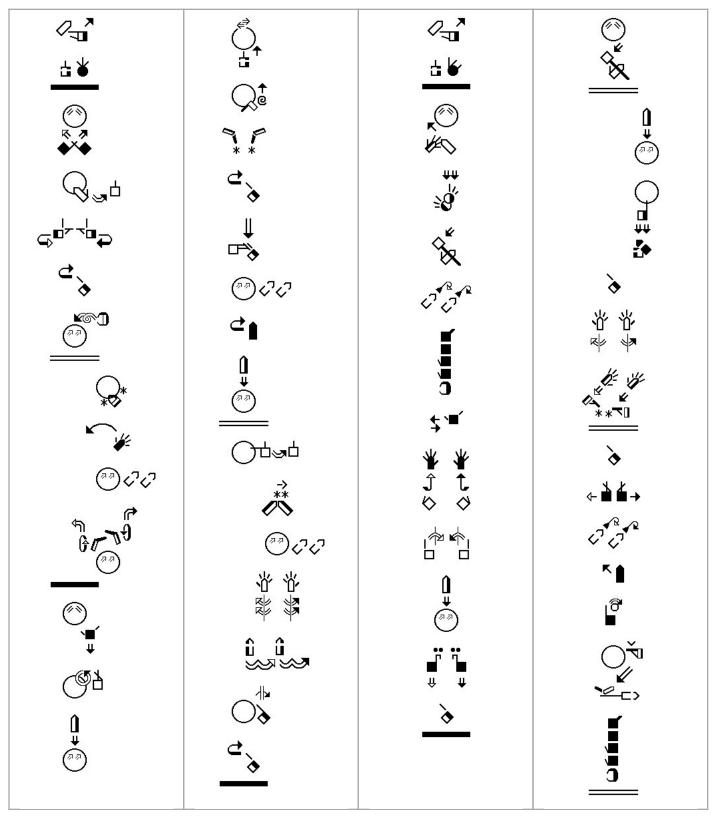


barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. Verse 12. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead -- a nation with so many people that like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them. Verse 13. All these people died still believing what God had promised them.

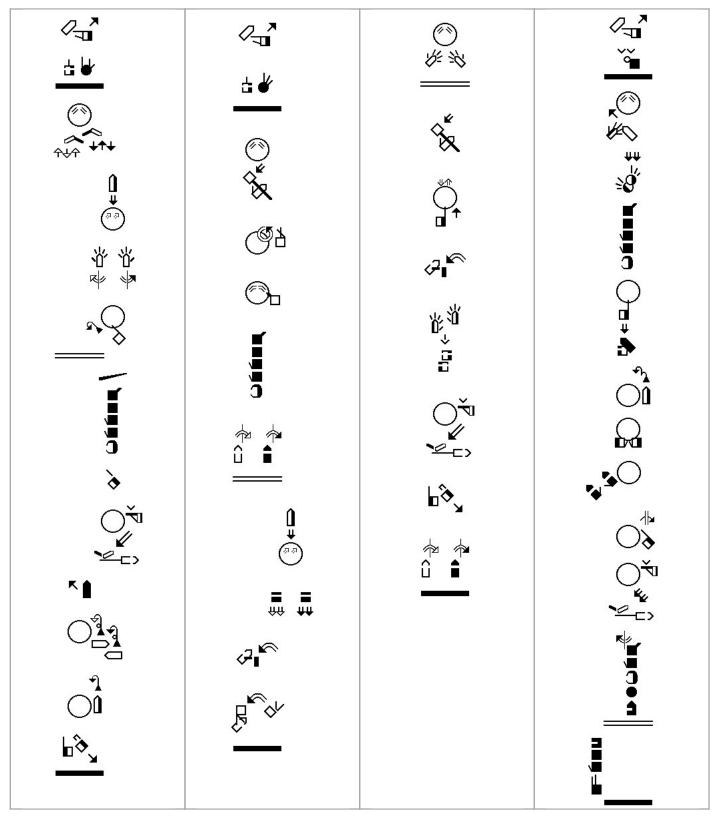
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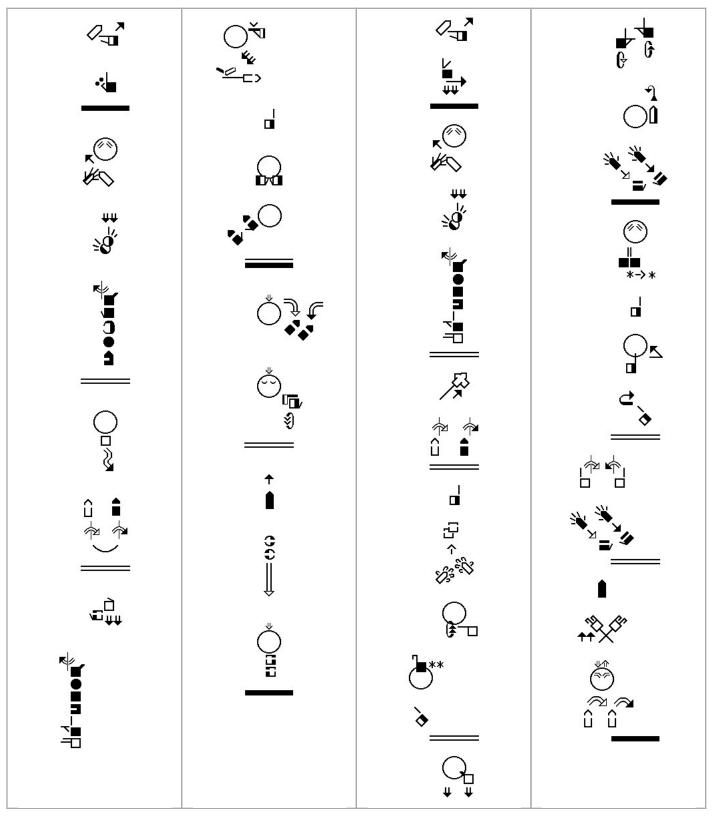
123 They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Verse 14. Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. Verse 15. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back.



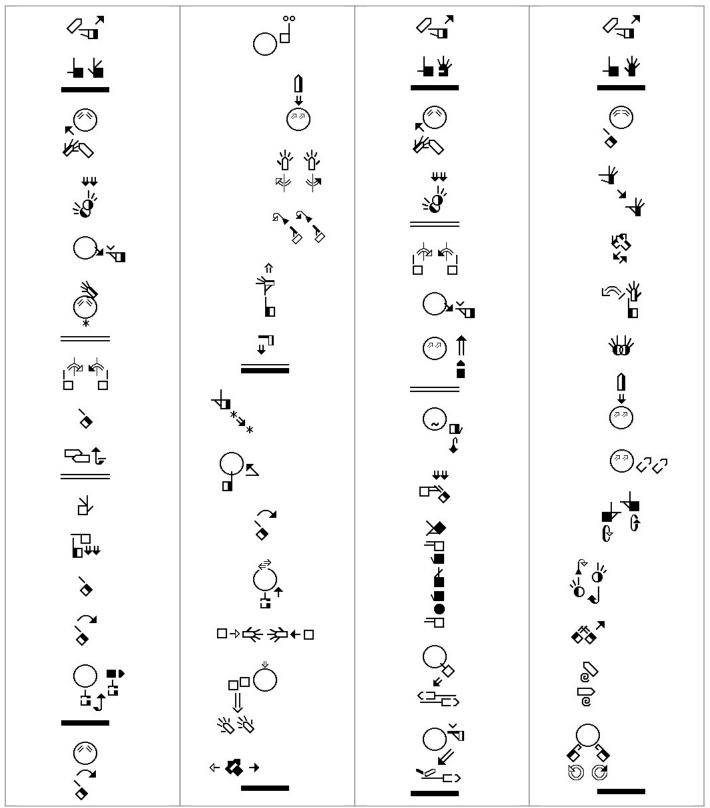
Verse 16. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Verse 17. It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, NLT



125 Verse 18. even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Verse 19. Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead. Verse 20. It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. NLT

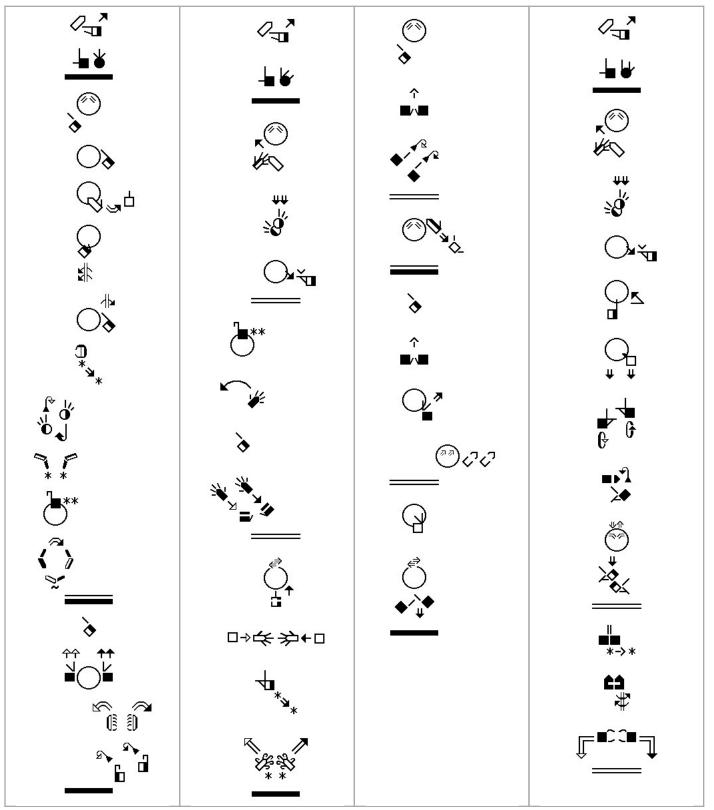


Verse 21. It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff. Verse 22. It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.



127 Verse 23. It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. Verse 24. It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Verse 25. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. NLT

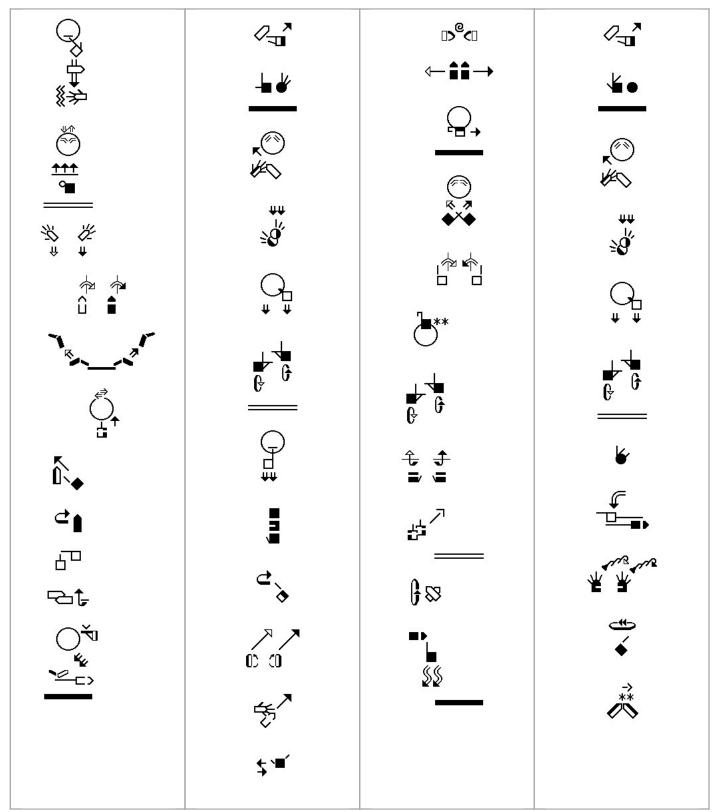
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Verse 26. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. Verse 27. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. Verse 28. It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and NLT

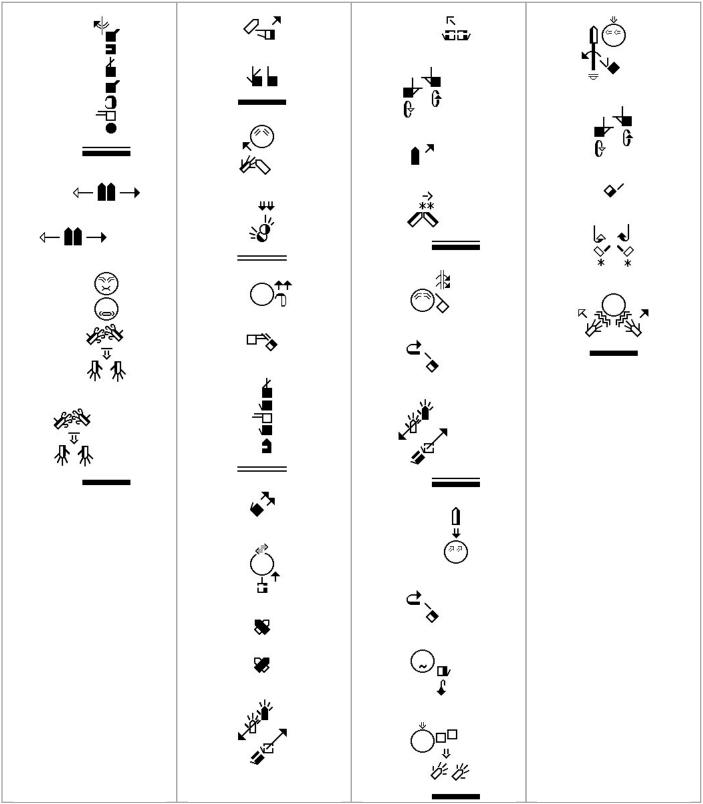
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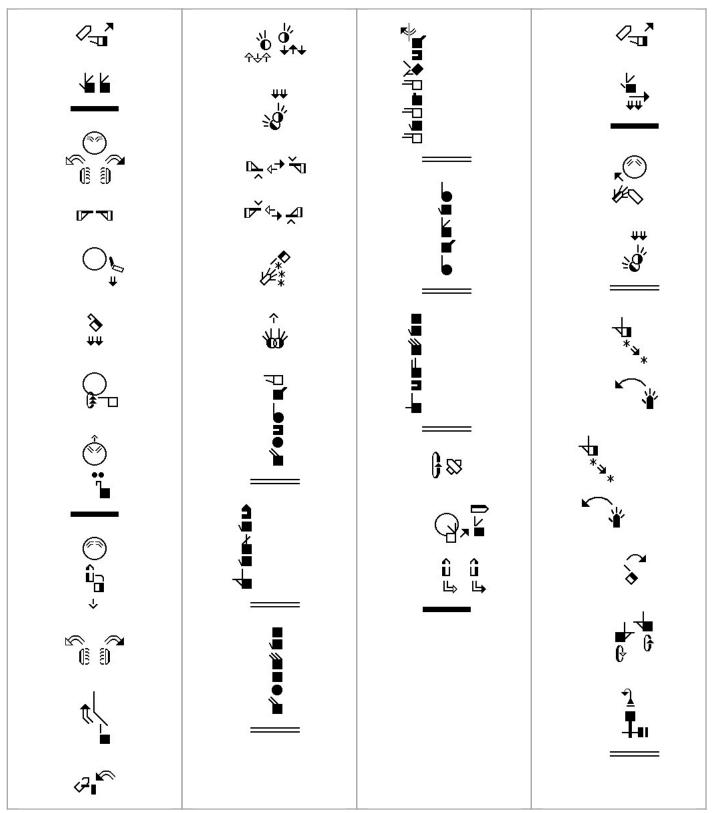


129 to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons. Verse 29. It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned. Verse 30. It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around NLT

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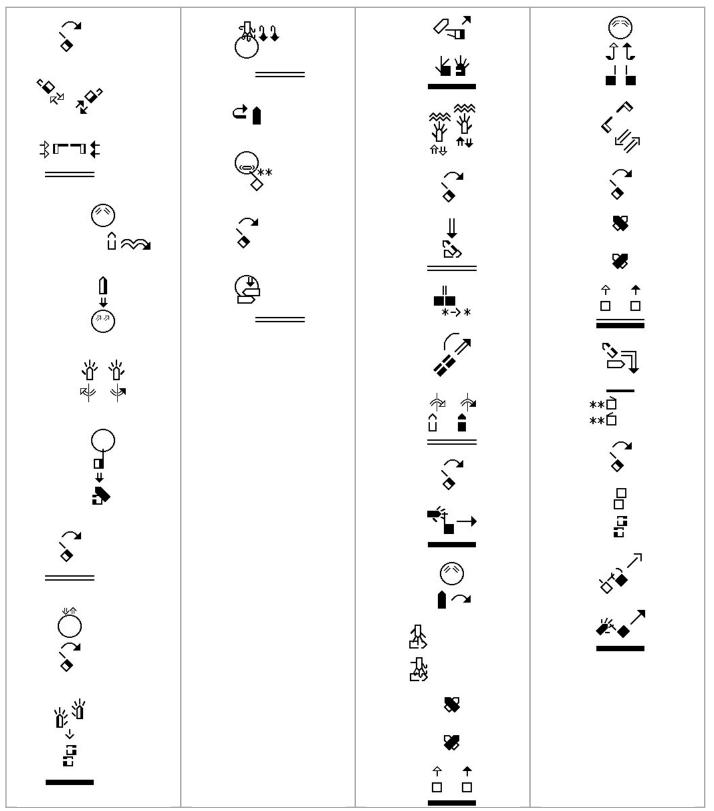


Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down. Verse 31. It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. NLT



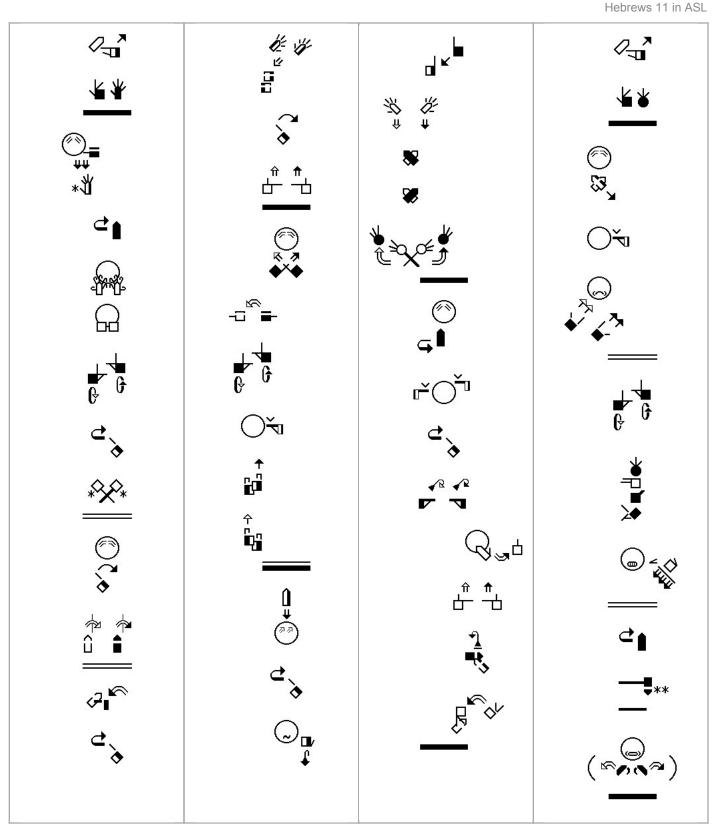
 Verse 32. How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories
 of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. Verse 33. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, NLT

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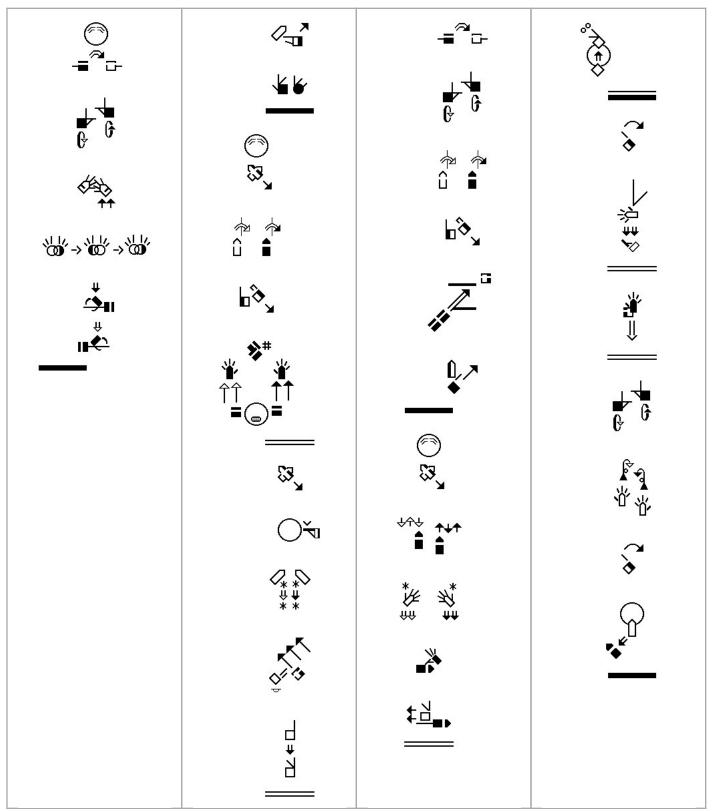
ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, Verse 34. quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.

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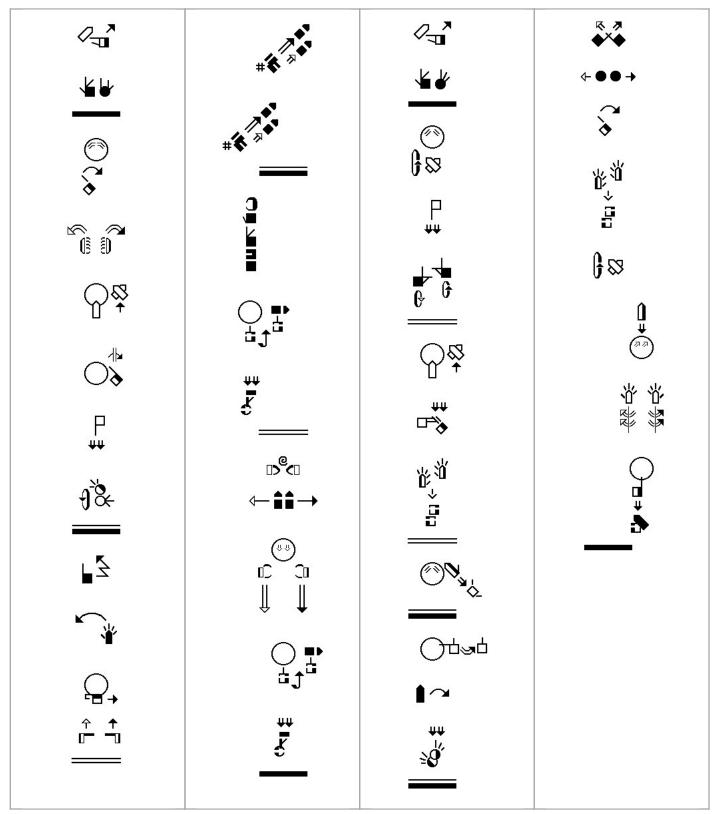


Verse 35. Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a 133 better life after the resurrection. Verse 36. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. NLT

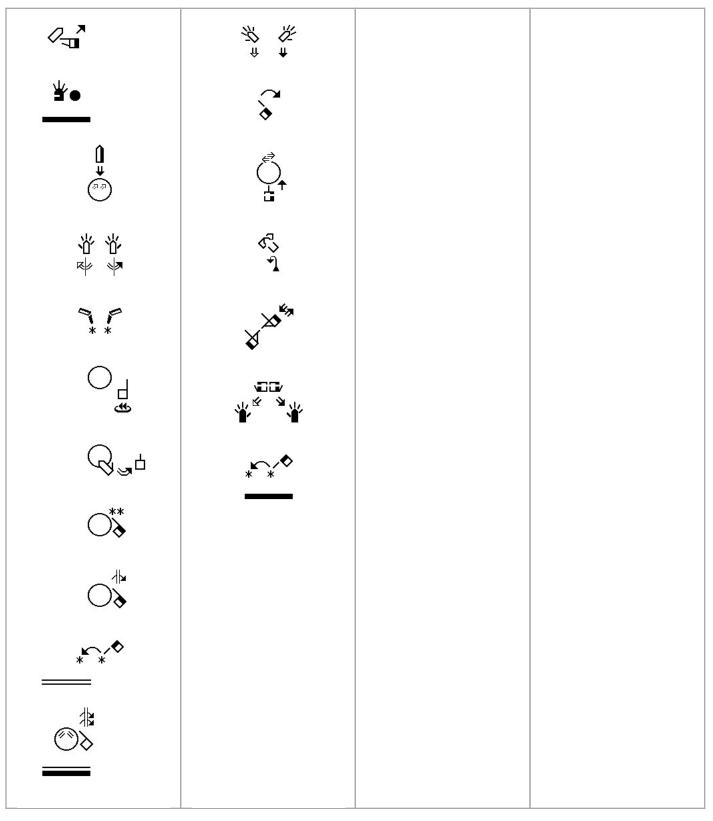
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Others were chained in prisons. Verse 37. Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. NLT

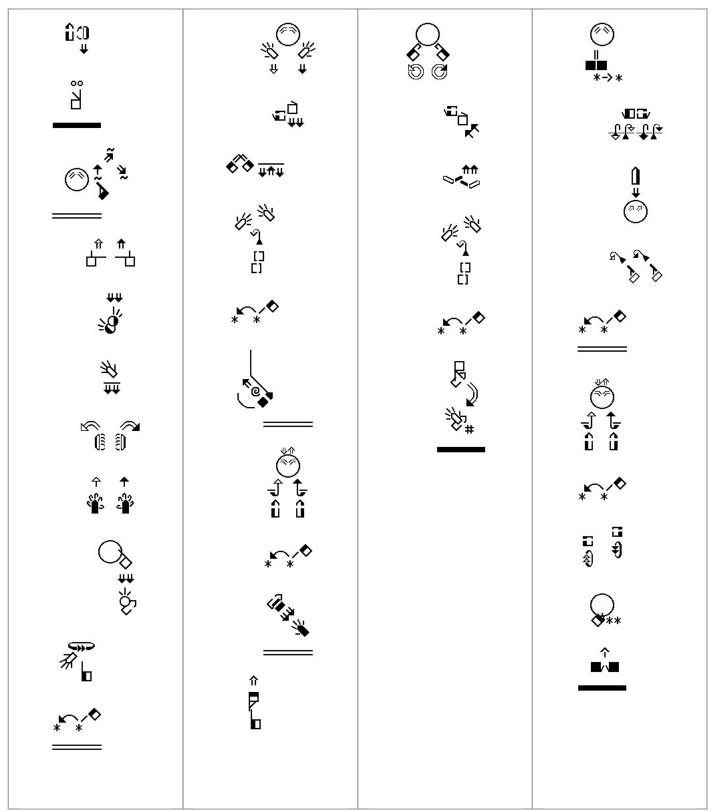


135 Verse 38. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. Verse 39. All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. NLT



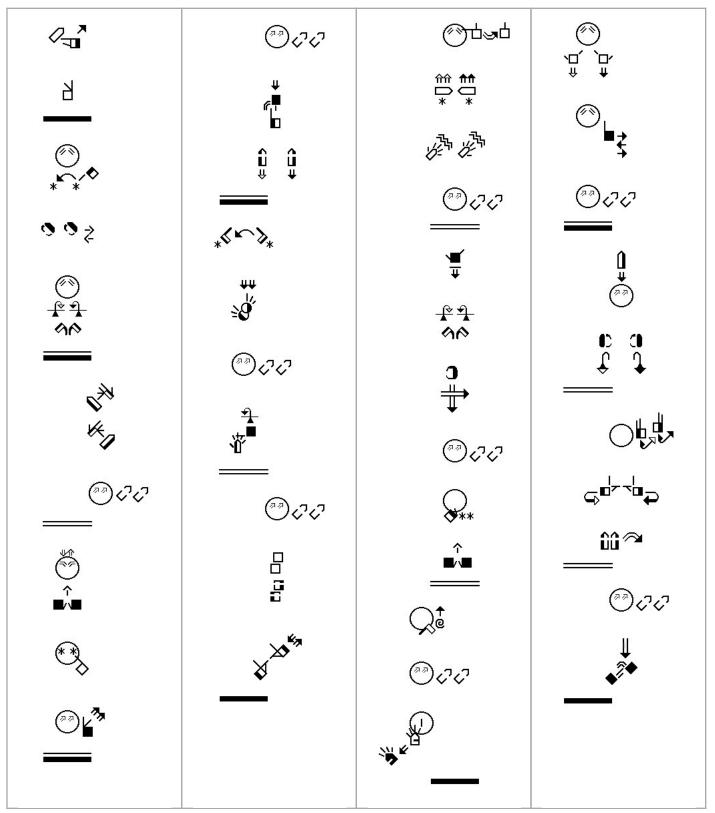
Verse 40. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us. NLT 136

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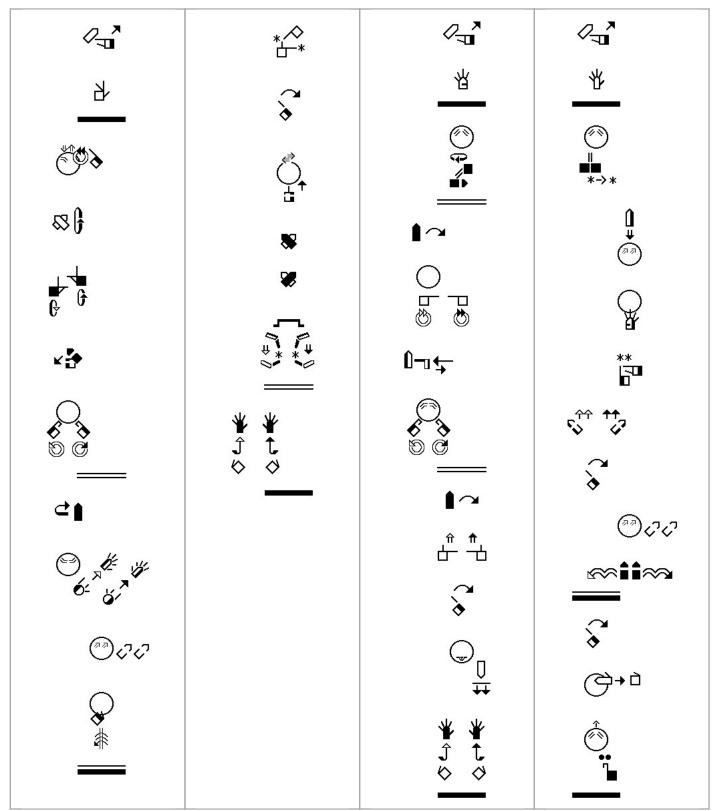
137 Chapter 12. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. NLT

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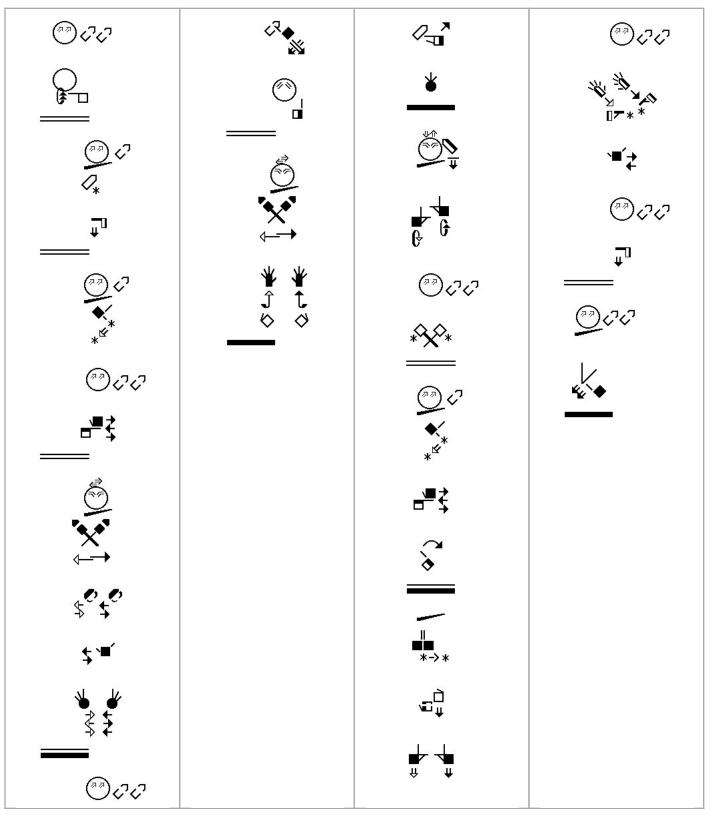
Verse 2. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. NLT

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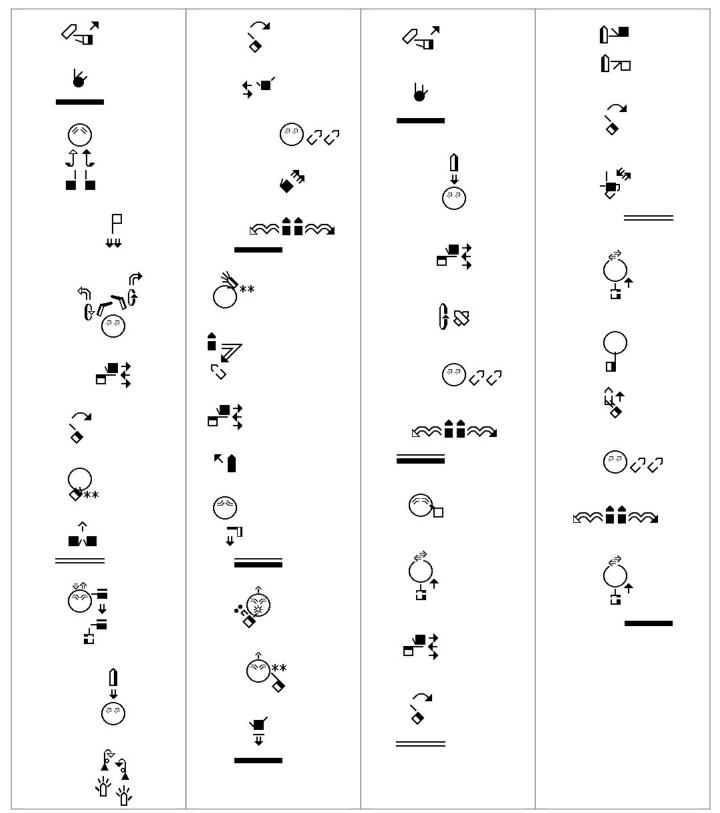


139 Verse 3. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. Verse 4. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. Verse 5. And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? NLT

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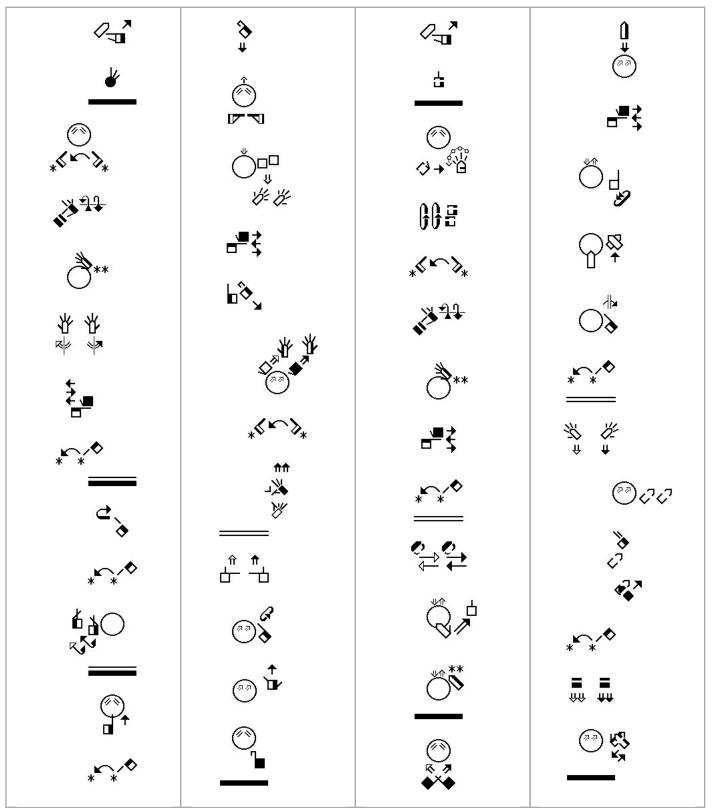


He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD'S discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. Verse 6. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

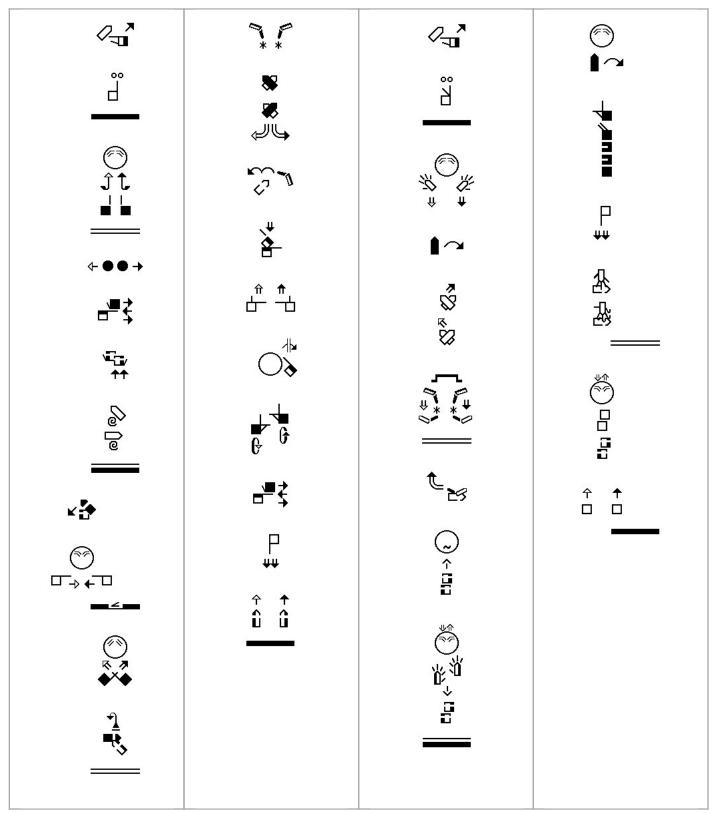


141 Verse 7. As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? Verse 8. If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

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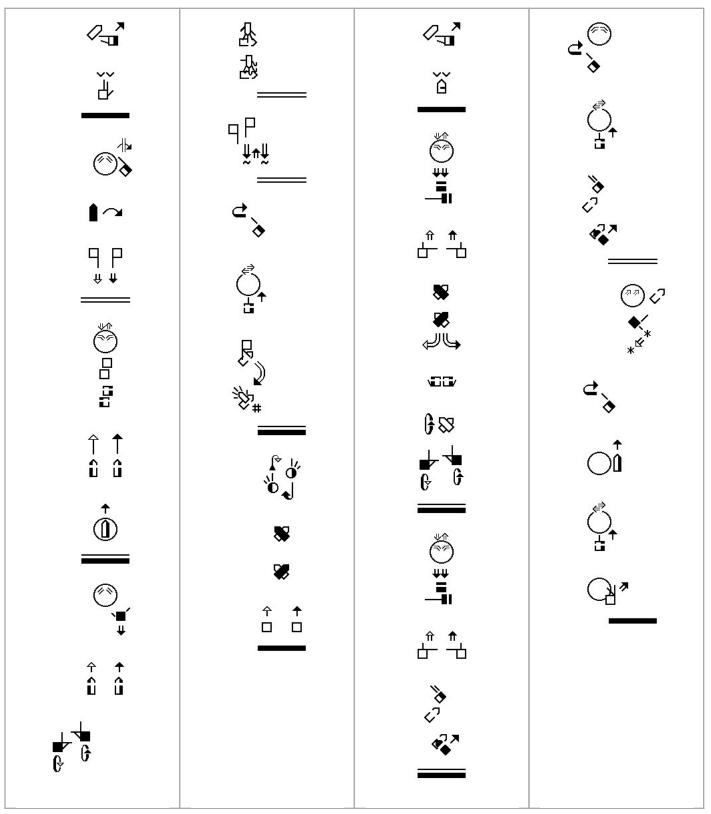


Verse 9. Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? Verse 10. For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. NLT

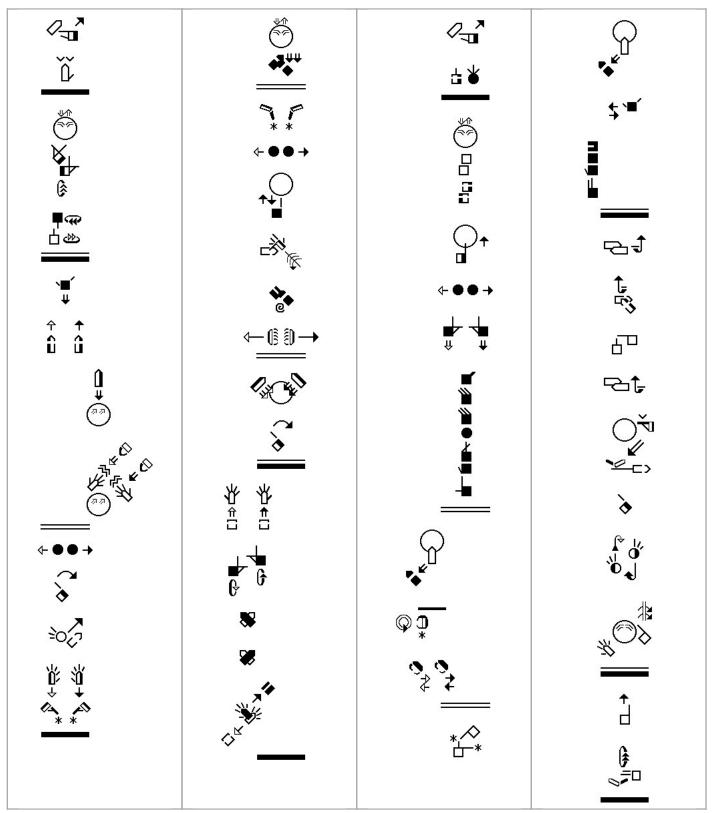


143 Verse 11. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening -- it's painful! But afterward
 143 there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. Verse
 12. So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. NLT

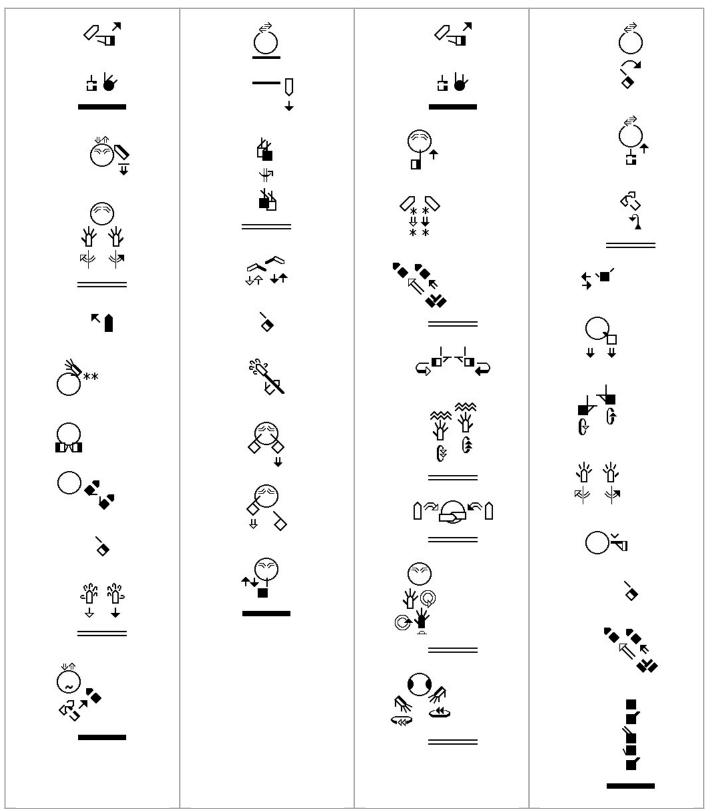
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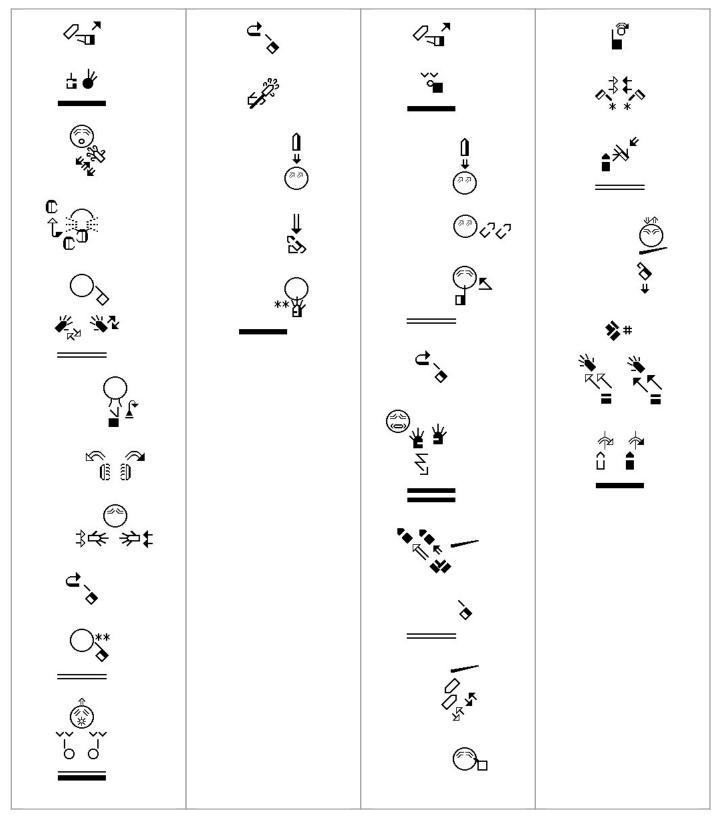
Verse 13. Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will<br/>not fall but become strong. Verse 14. Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at<br/>living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.144



145 Verse 15. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God.
 Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.
 Verse 16. Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.

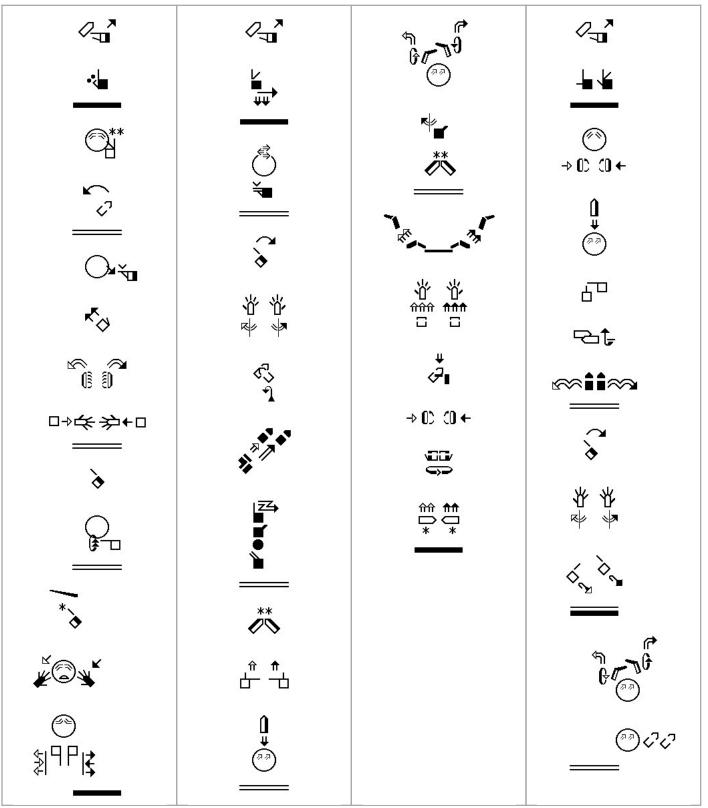


Verse 17. You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears. Verse 18. You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai.

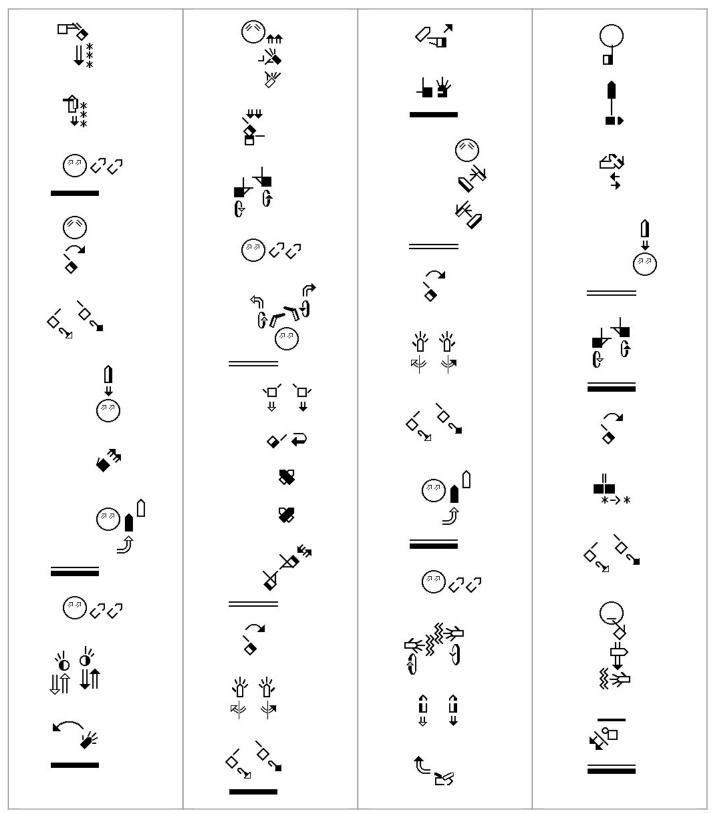


147 Verse 19. For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. Verse 20. They staggered back under God's command: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." NLT

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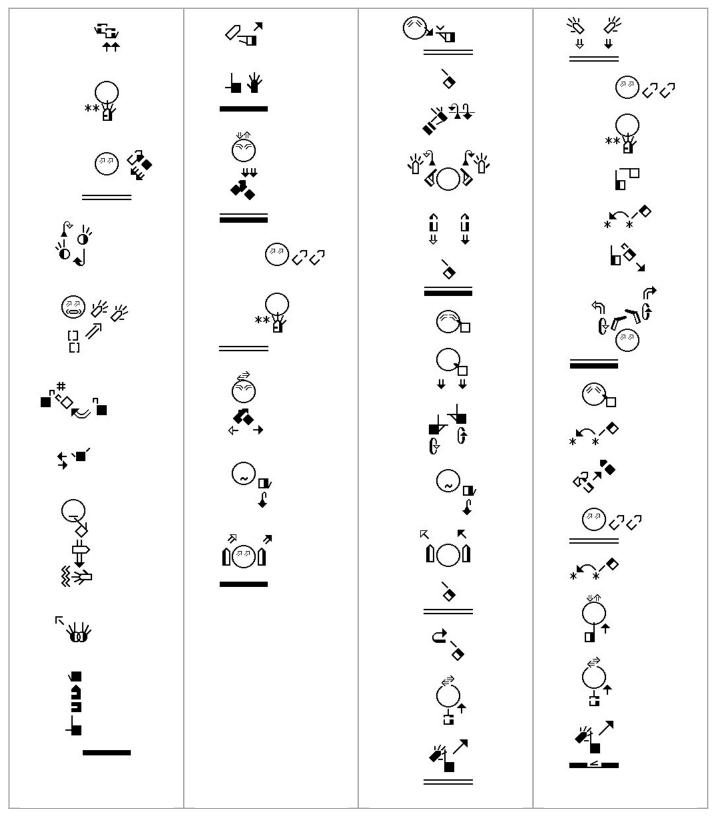


Verse 21. Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling." Verse 22. No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. Verse 23. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, NLT

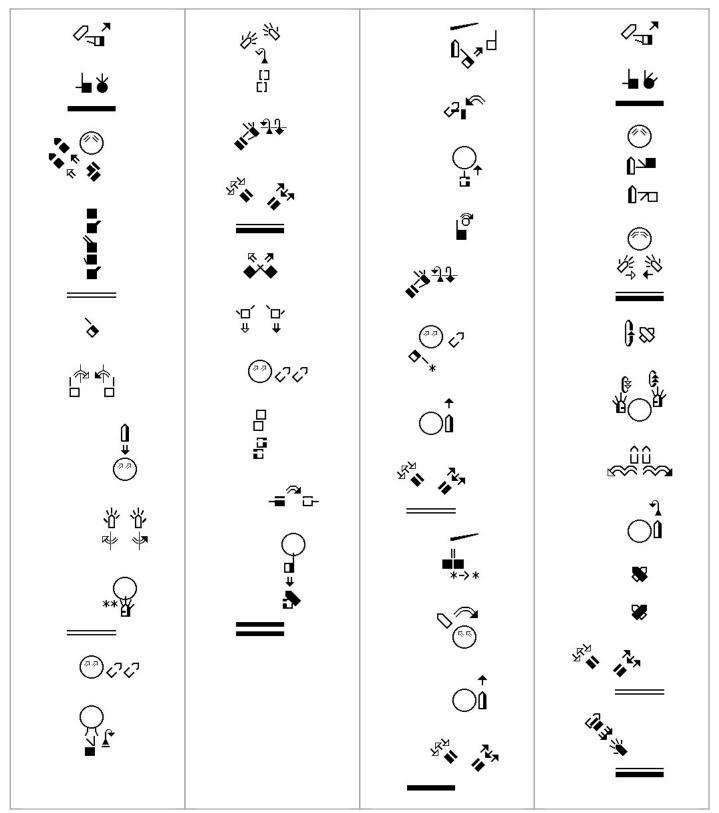


149 whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. Verse 24. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, NLT

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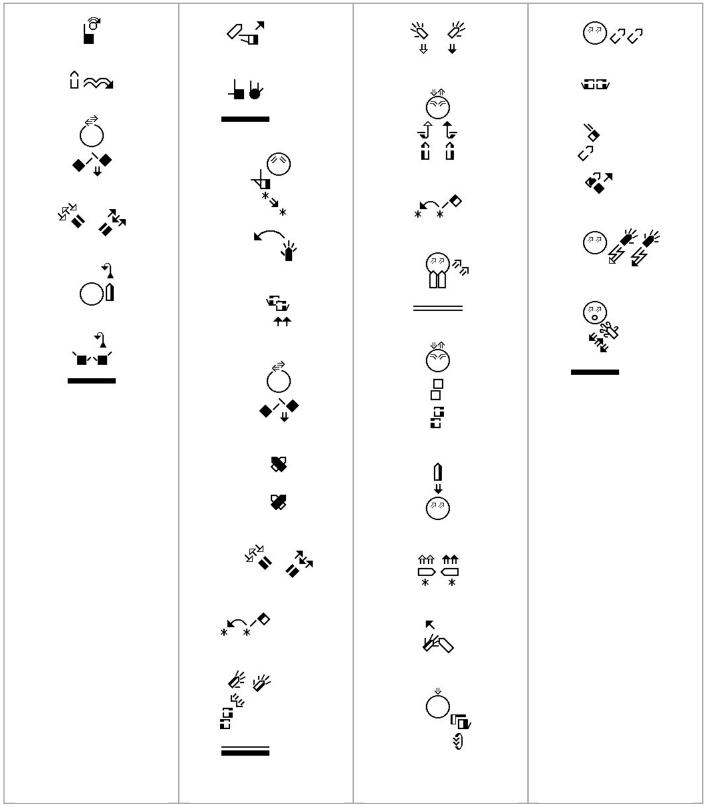


which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel. Verse 25. Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven! NLT

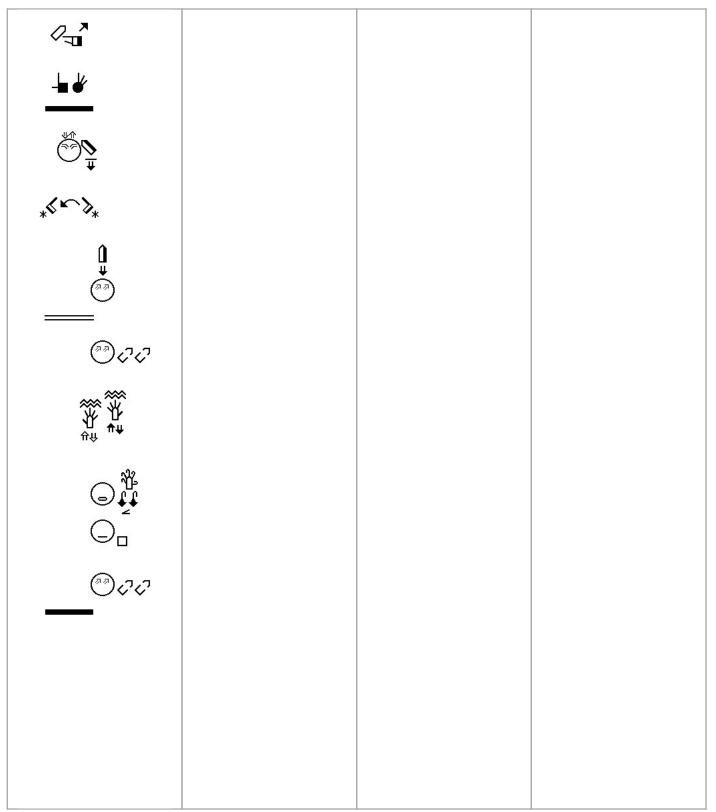


151 Verse 26. When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." Verse 27. This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, NLT

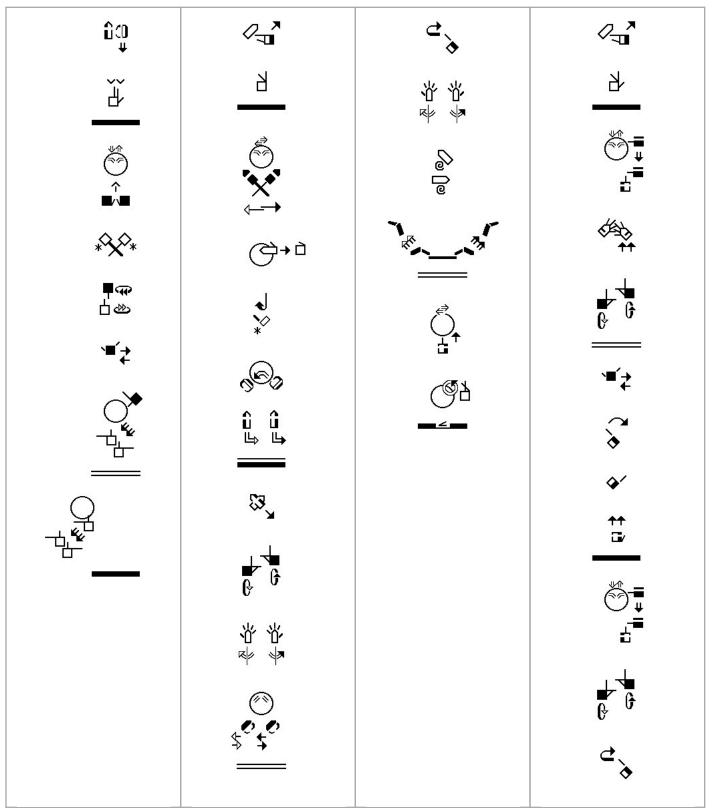
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so that only unshakable things will remain. Verse 28. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. NLT

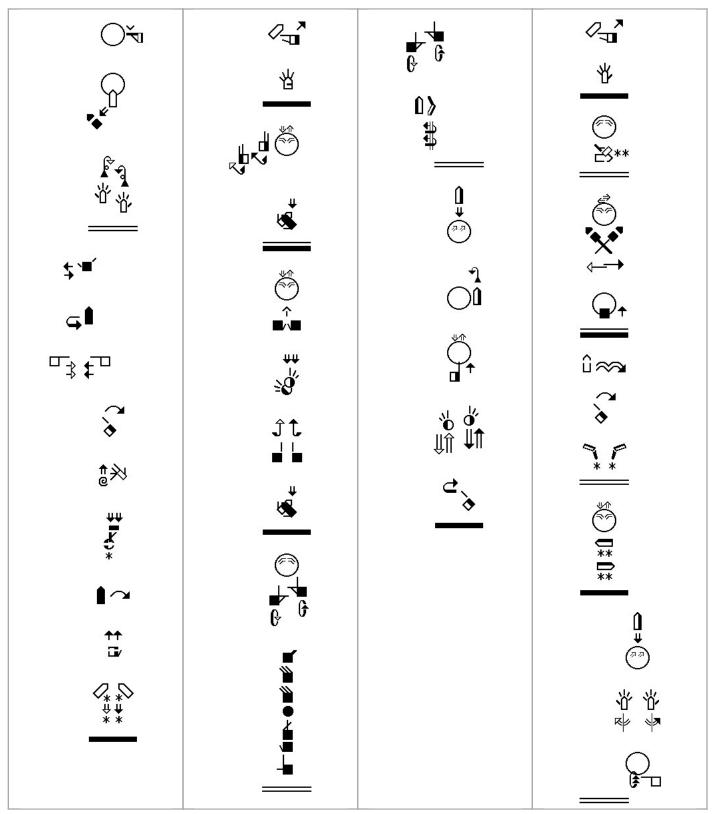


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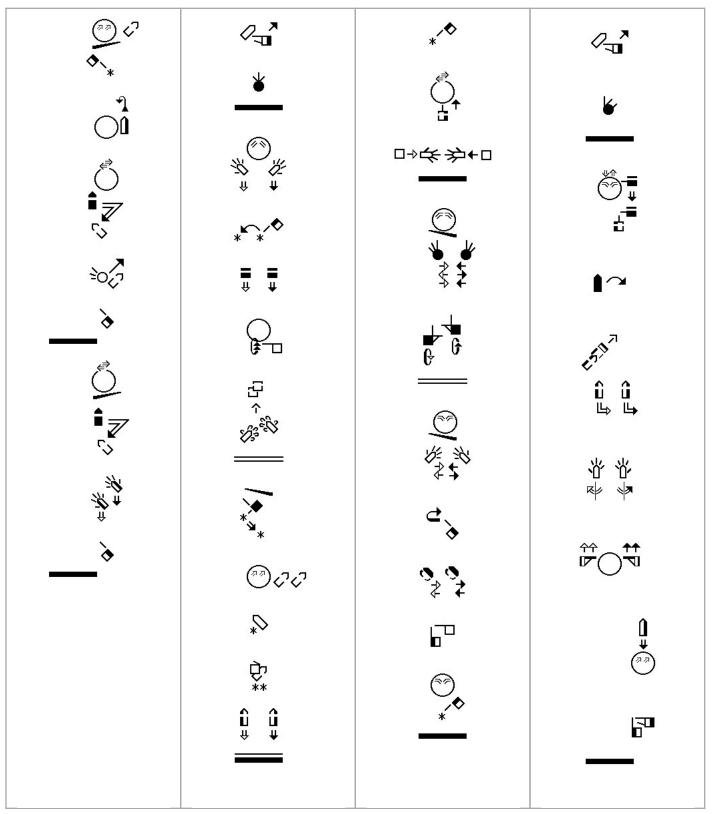
Chapter 13. Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Verse 2. Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Verse 3. Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those NLT

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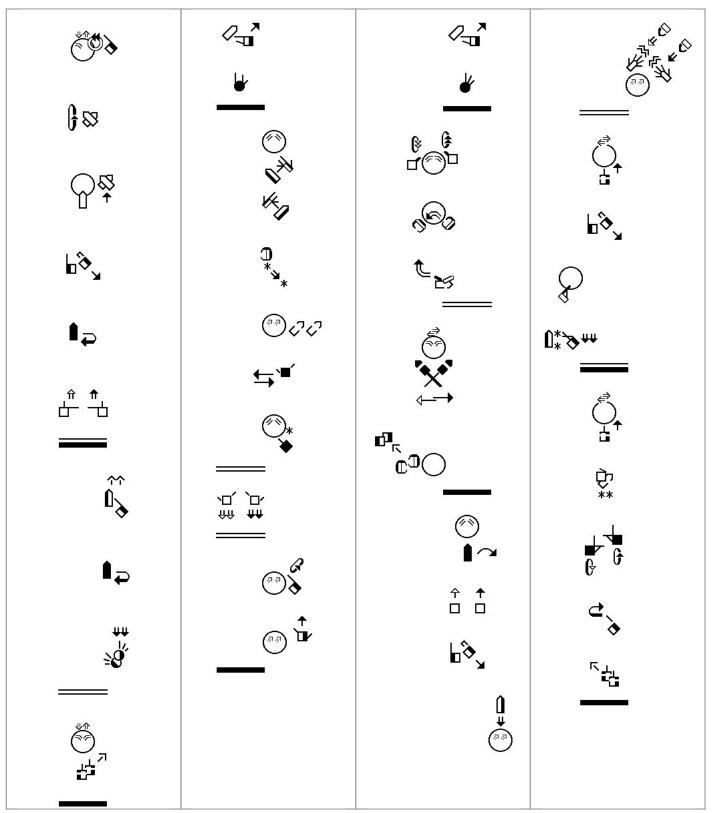


being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies. Verse 4. Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. Verse 5. Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said,

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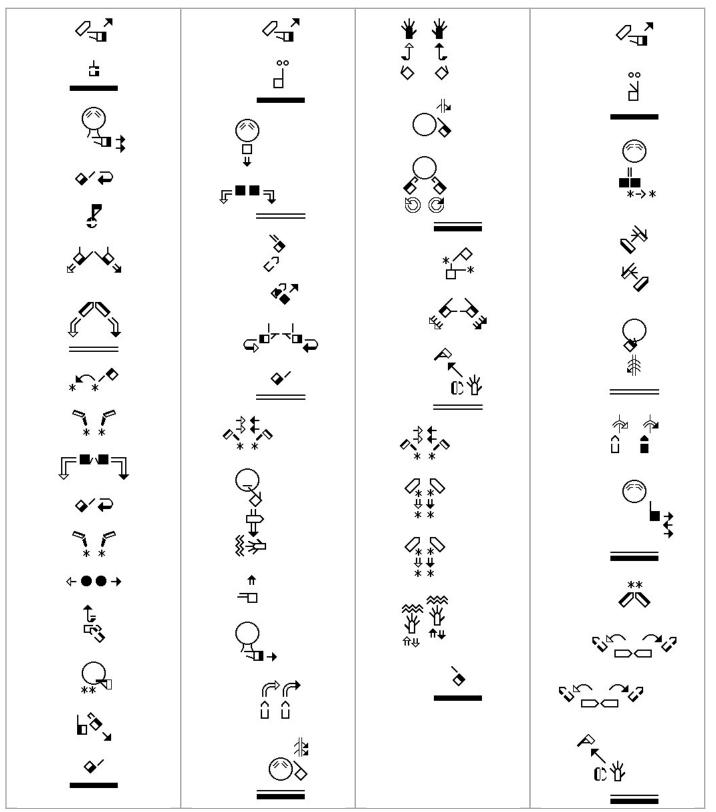


"I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." Verse 6. So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" Verse 7. Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. NLT

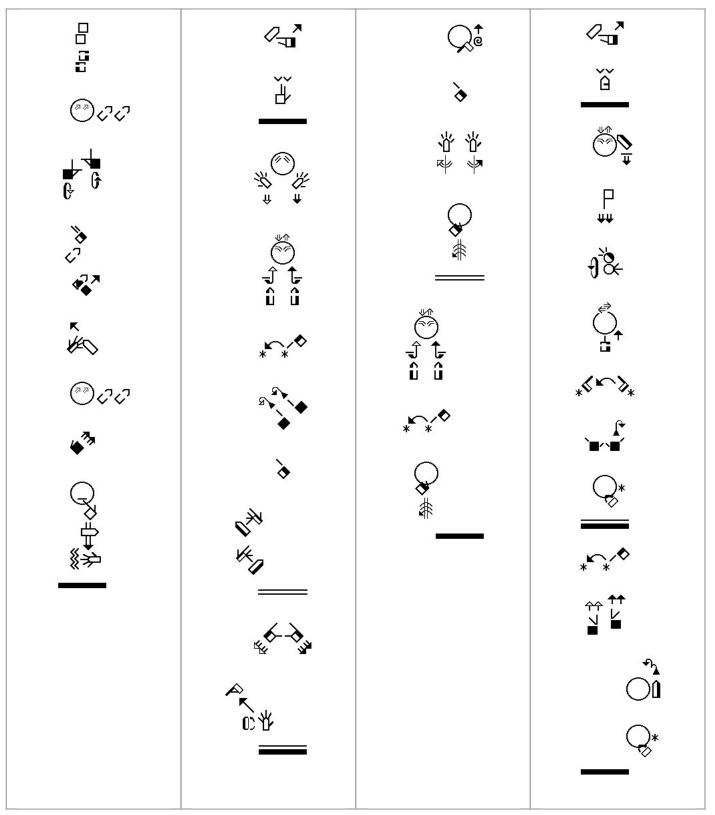


Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Verse 8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Verse 9. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace, not from rules about food, which don't help those who follow them.

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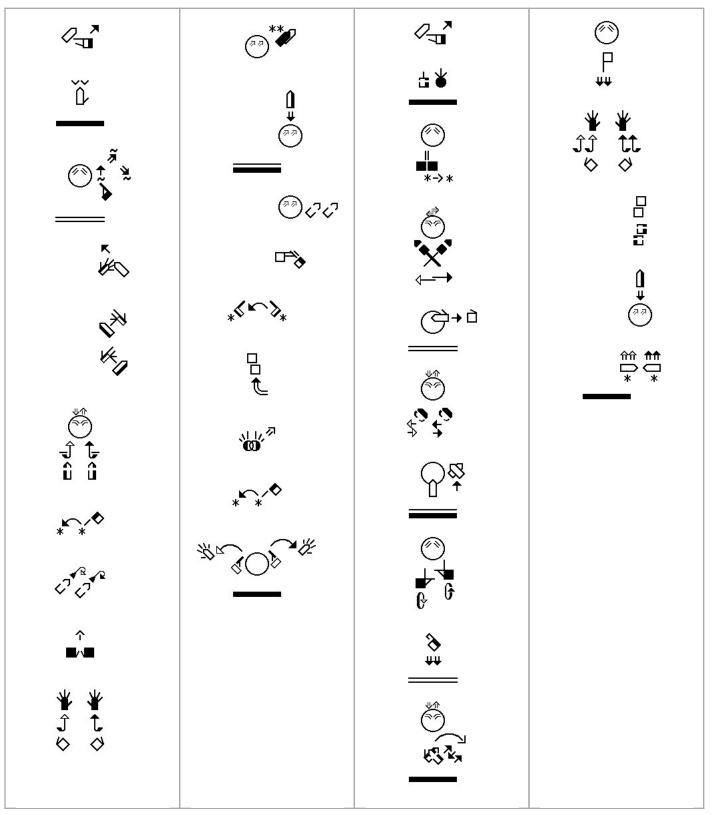


Verse 10. We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat. Verse 11. Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. Verse 12. So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates NLT



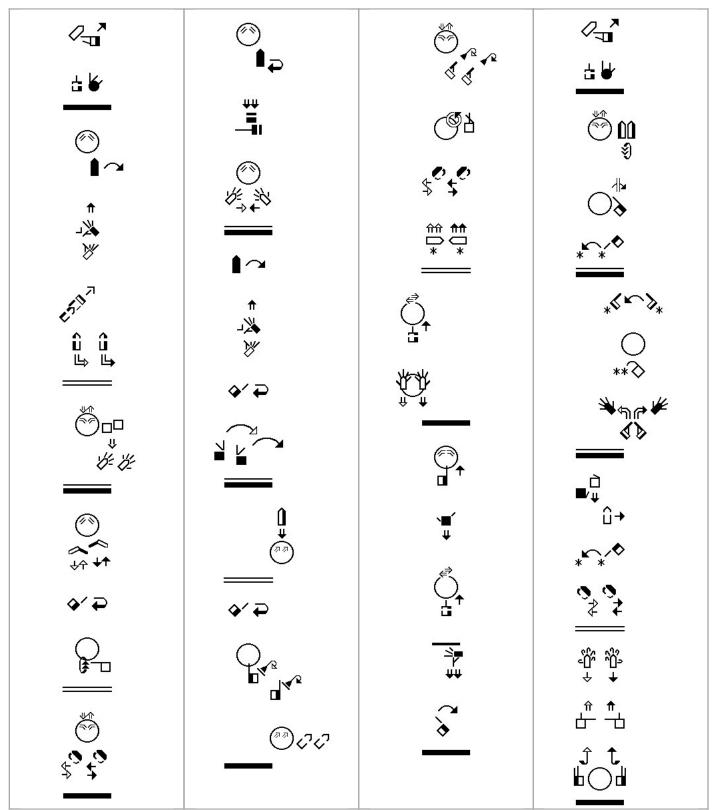
to make his people holy by means of his own blood. Verse 13. So let us go out to him,
 outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore. Verse 14. For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. NLT

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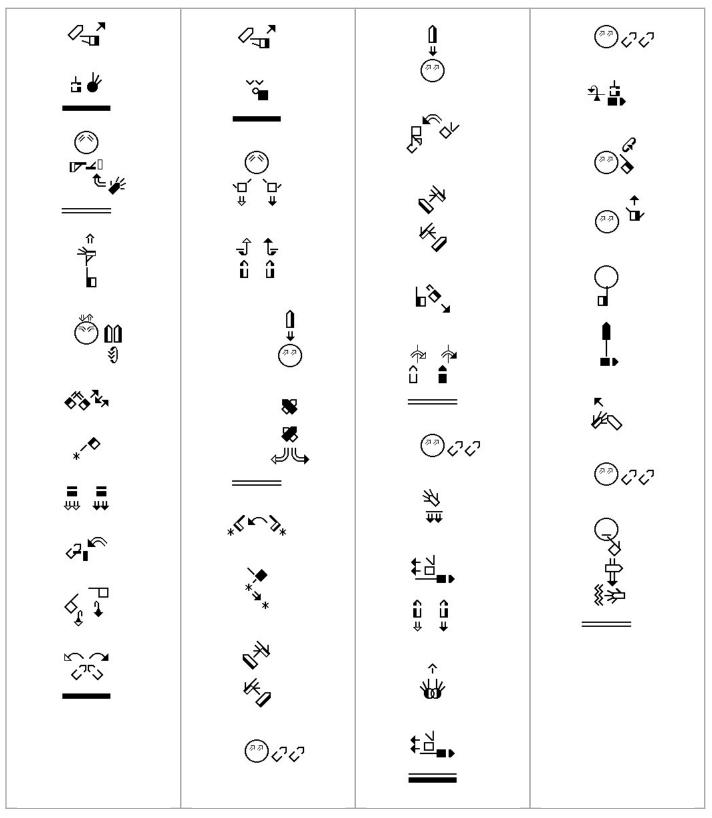
Verse 15. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God,<br/>proclaiming our allegiance to his name. Verse 16. And don't forget to do good and to<br/>share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.160

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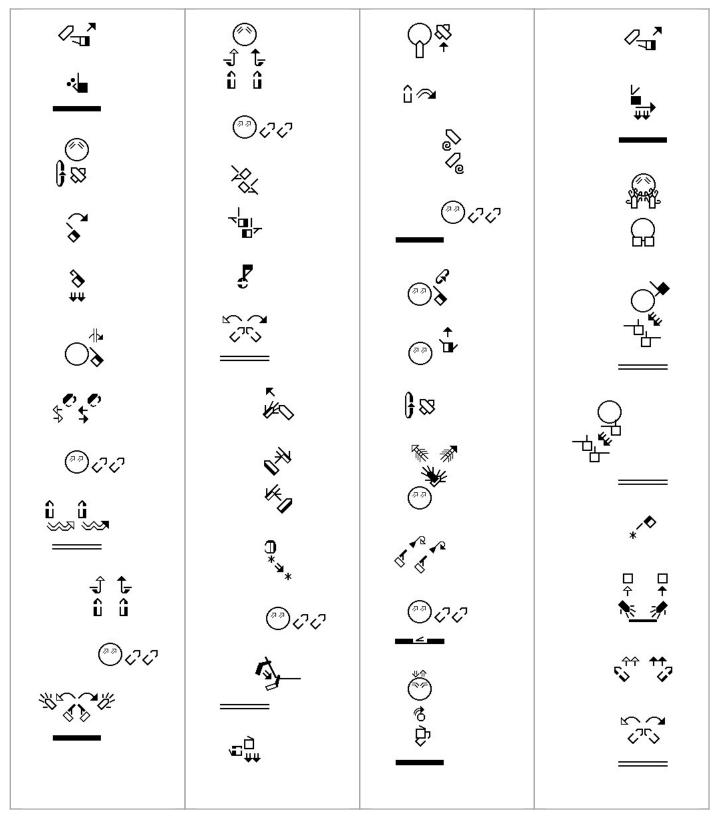


161 Verse 17. Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. Verse 18. Pray for us, for our conscience is clear and we want to live honorably in everything we do. NLT

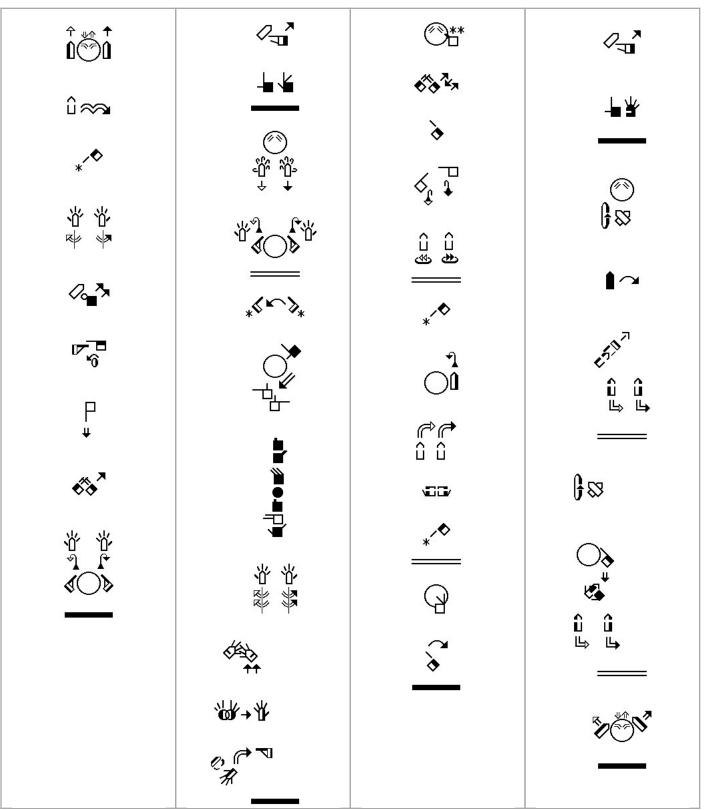
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Verse 19. And especially pray that I will be able to come back to you soon.Verse 20.Now may the God of peace -- who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great162Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood --NLT

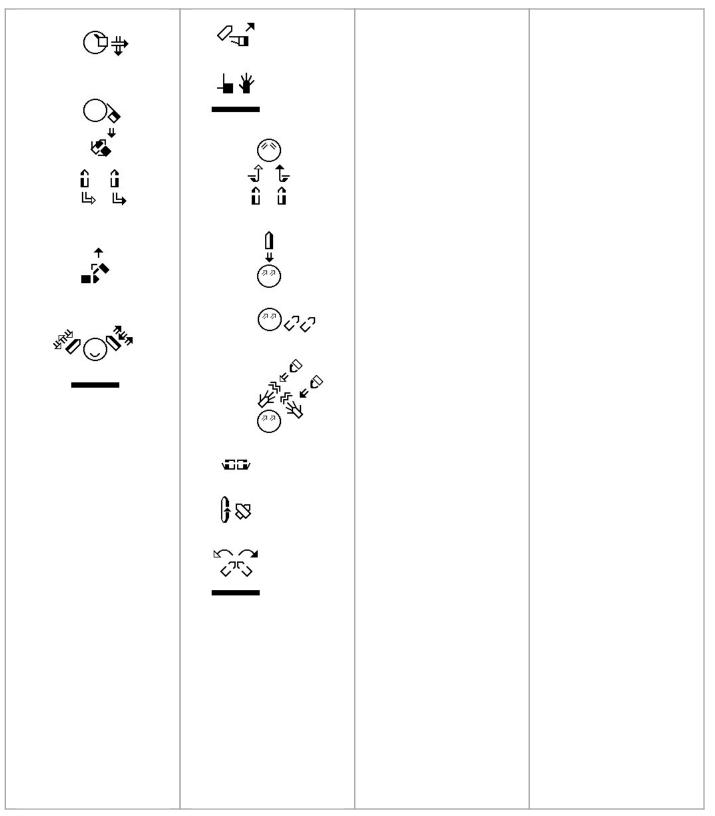


Verse 21. may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you,
 through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen. Verse 22. I urge you, dear brothers and sisters, NLT

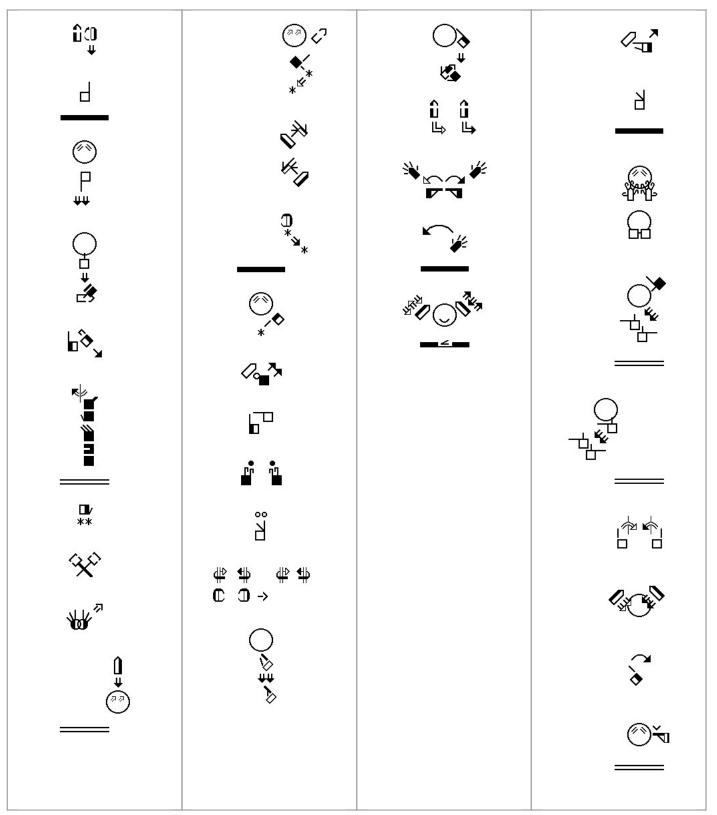


to pay attention to what I have written in this brief exhortation. Verse 23. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released from jail. If he comes here soon, I will bring him with me to see you. Verse 24. Greet all your leaders and all the believers there.

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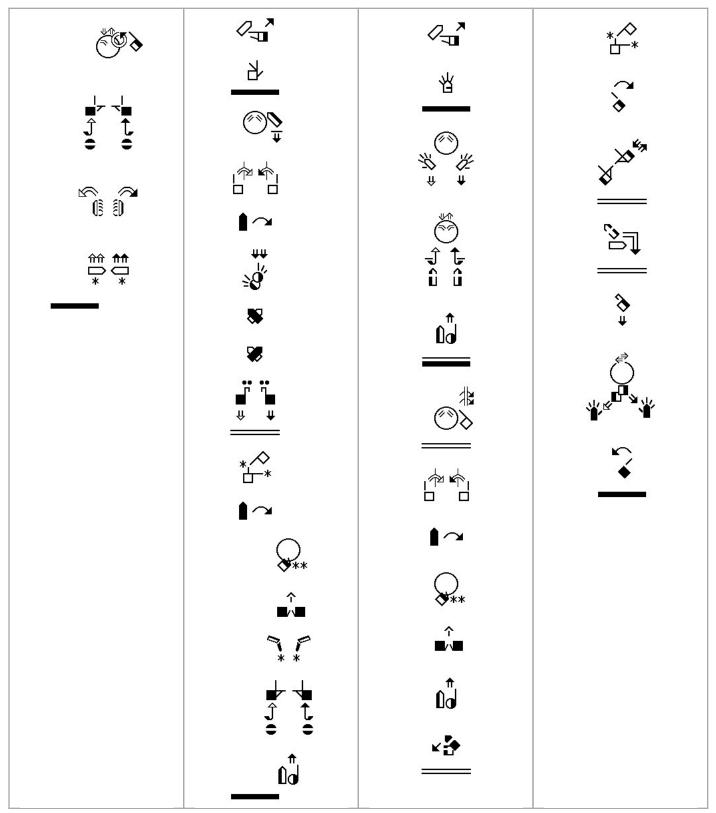


165 The believers from Italy send you their greetings. Verse 25. May God's grace be with you all. NLT



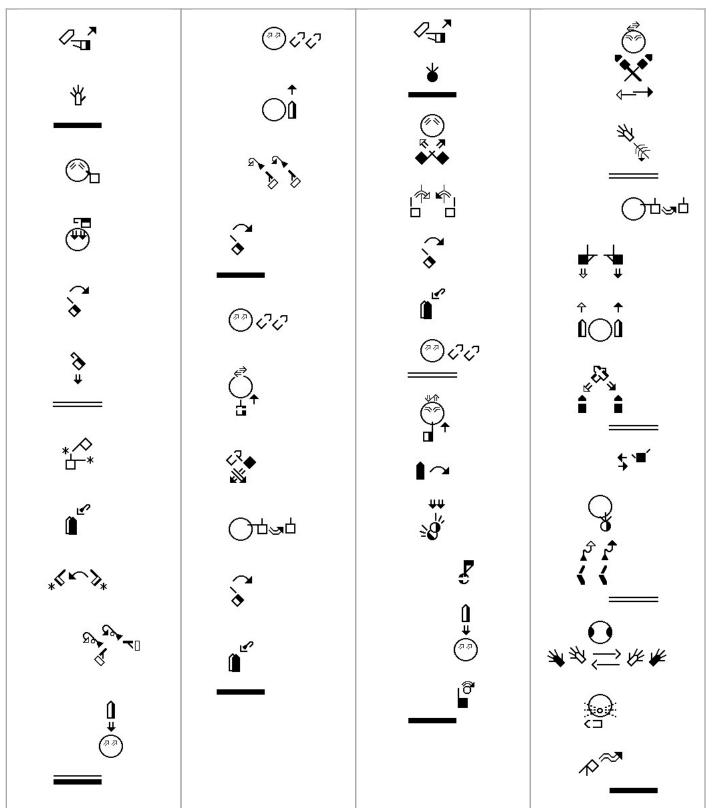
Chapter 1. This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes" -- Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings! Verse 2. Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, NLT

James 1 in ASL



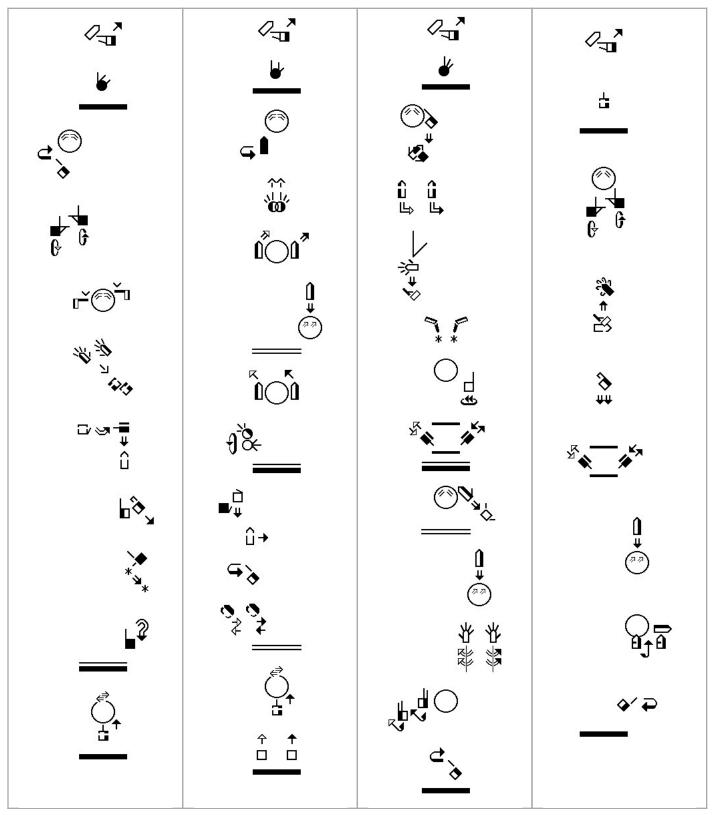
consider it an opportunity for great joy. Verse 3. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. Verse 4. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. NLT

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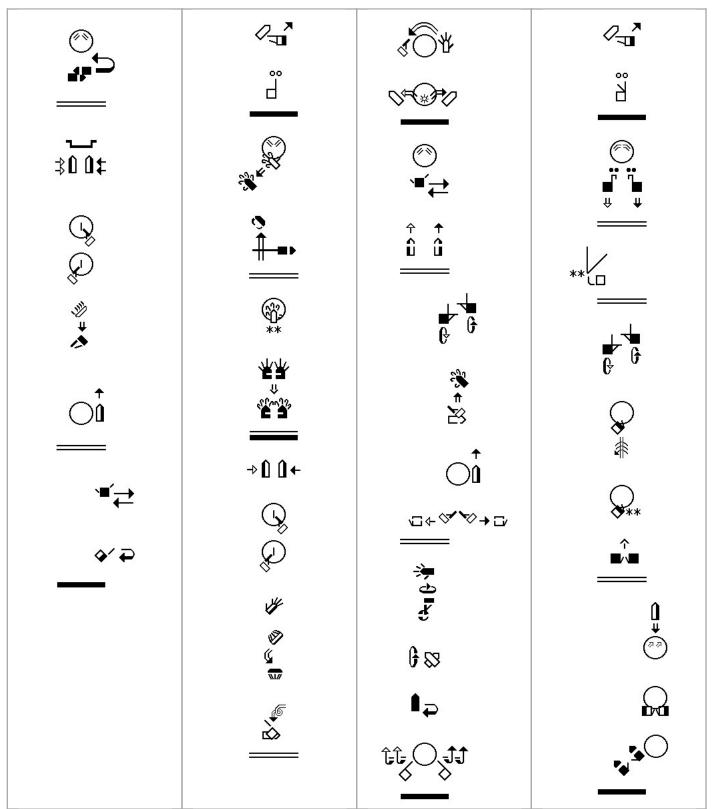
Verse 5. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. Verse 6. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

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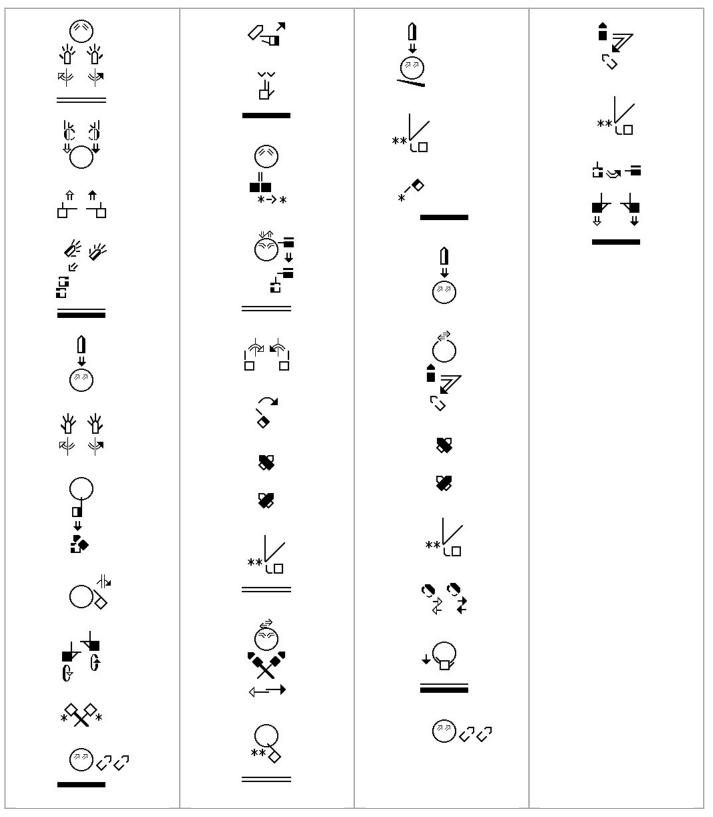


Verse 7. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Verse 8. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. Verse 9. Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. Verse 10. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. NLT

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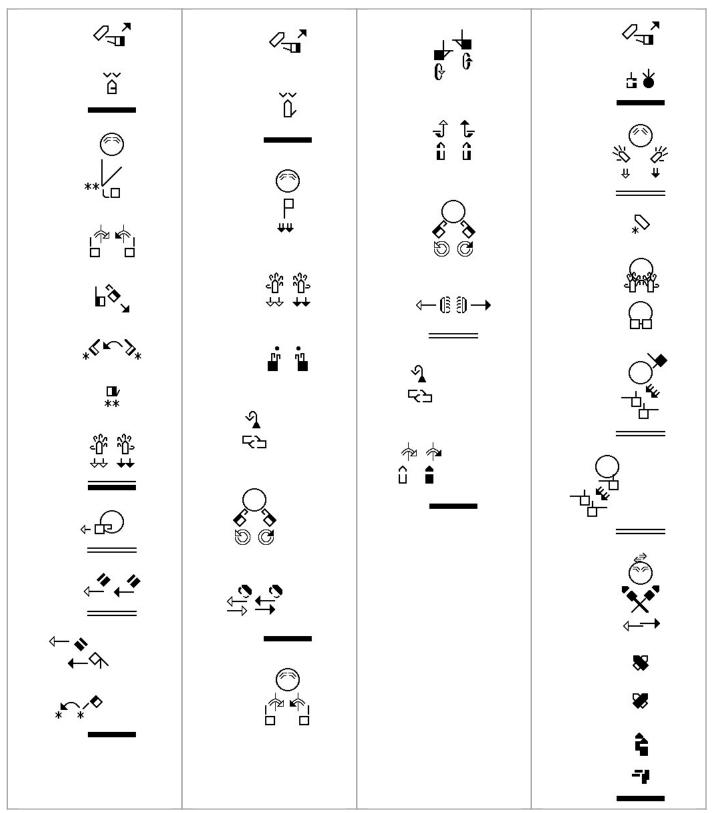


They will fade away like a little flower in the field. Verse 11. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. Verse 12. God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.

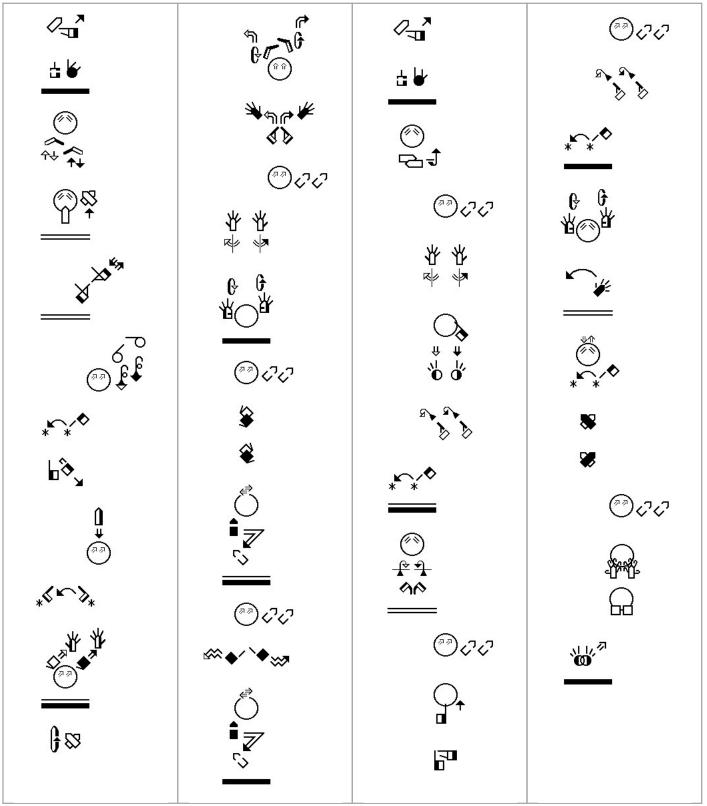


Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Verse 13. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. NLT

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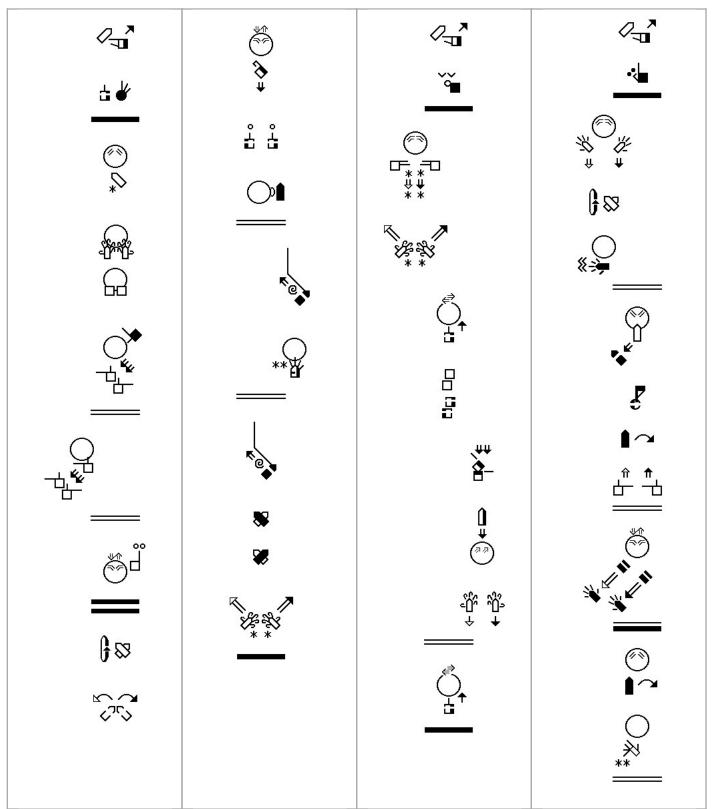


Verse 14. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.
Verse 15. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. Verse 16. So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. NLT



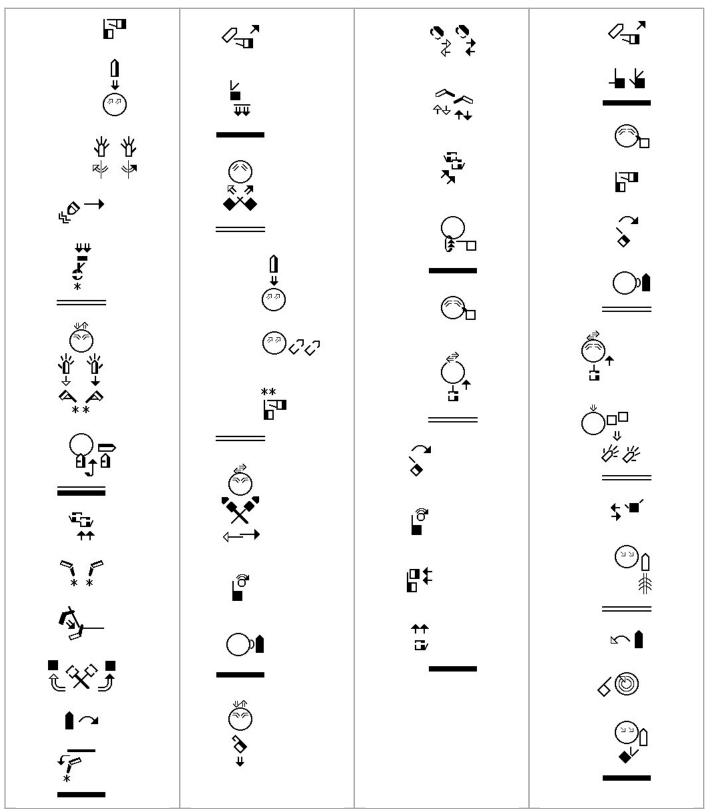
Verse 17. Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. Verse 18. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

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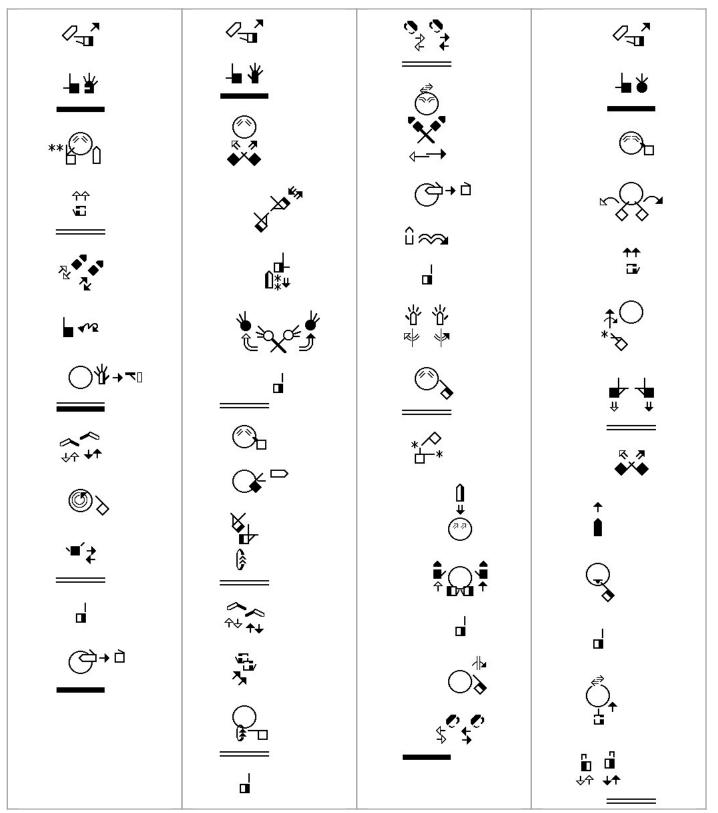


9 Verse 19. Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Verse 20. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. Verse 21. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, NLT

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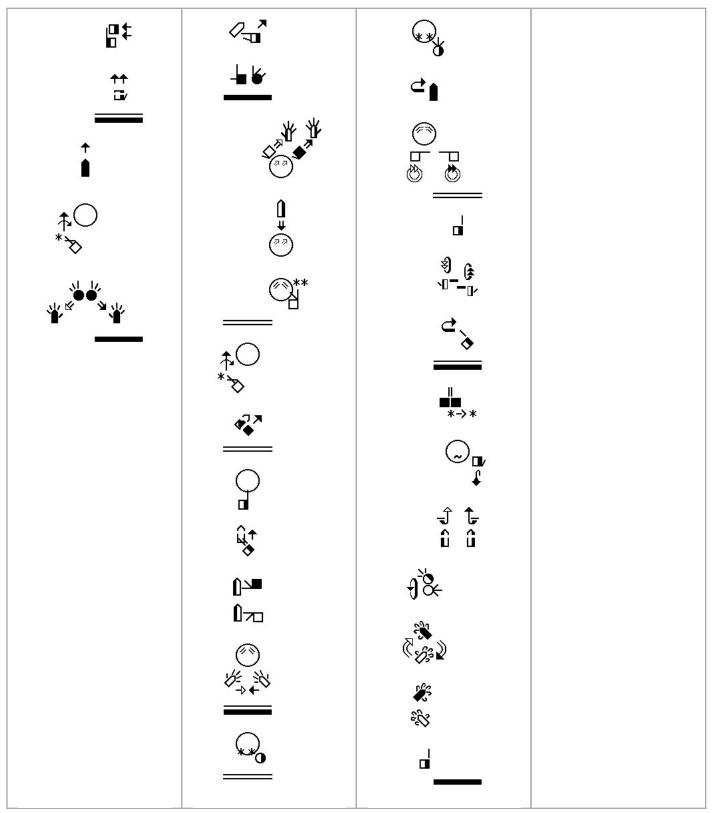


and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. Verse 22. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. Verse 23. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. NLT

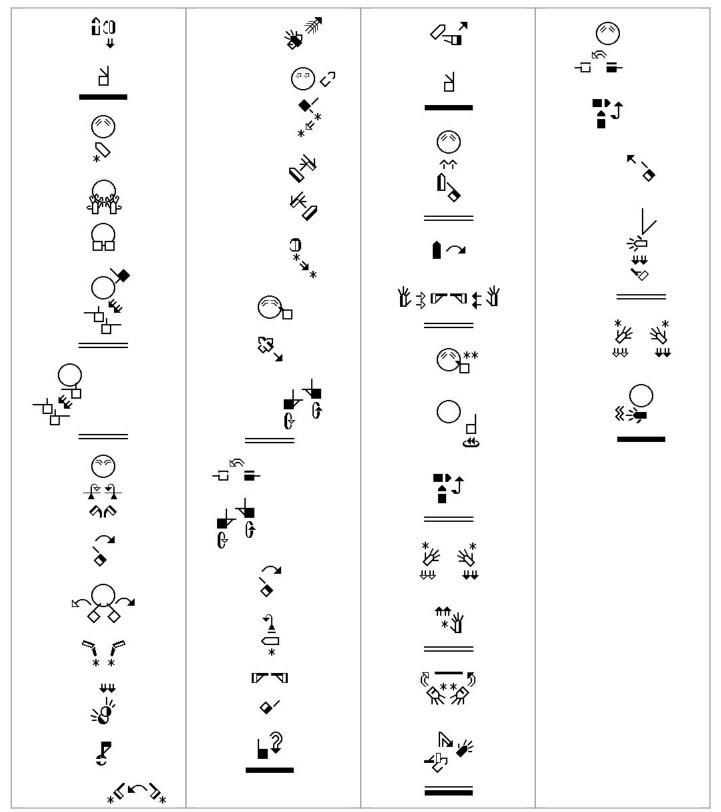


Verse 24. You see yourself, walk away and forget what you look like. Verse 25. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. Verse 26. If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, NLT

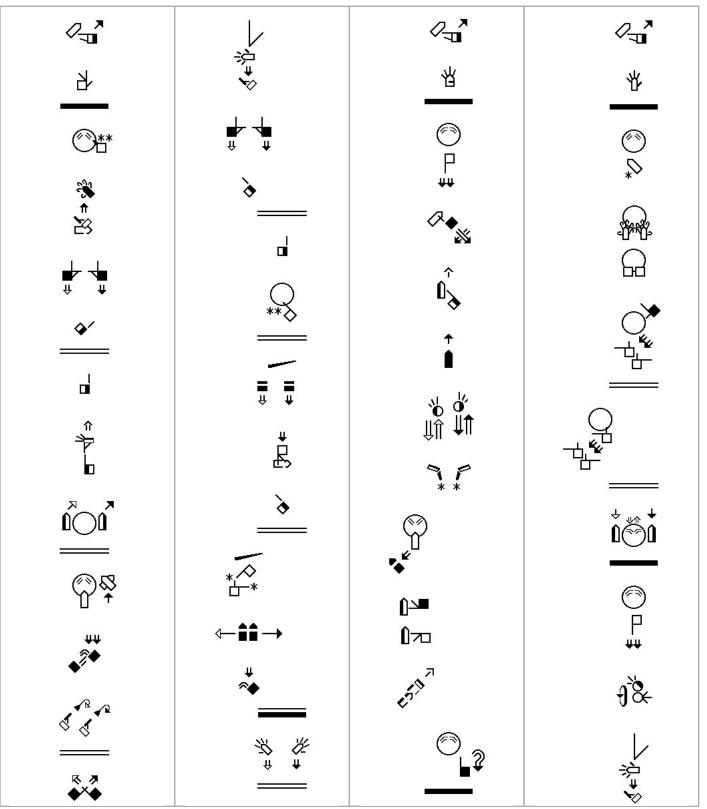
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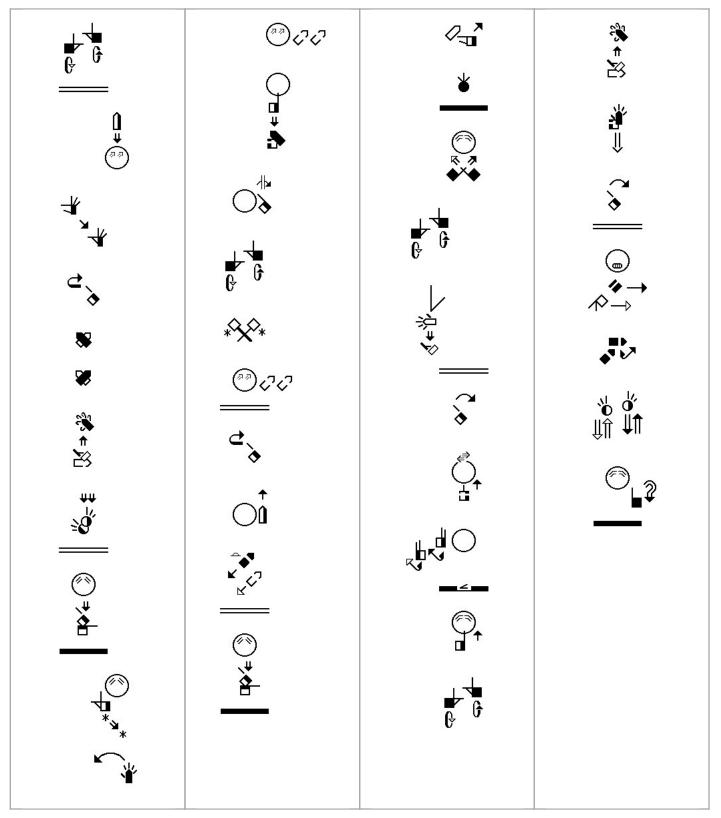
you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Verse 27. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.



Chapter 2. My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious
 Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? Verse 2. For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. NLT

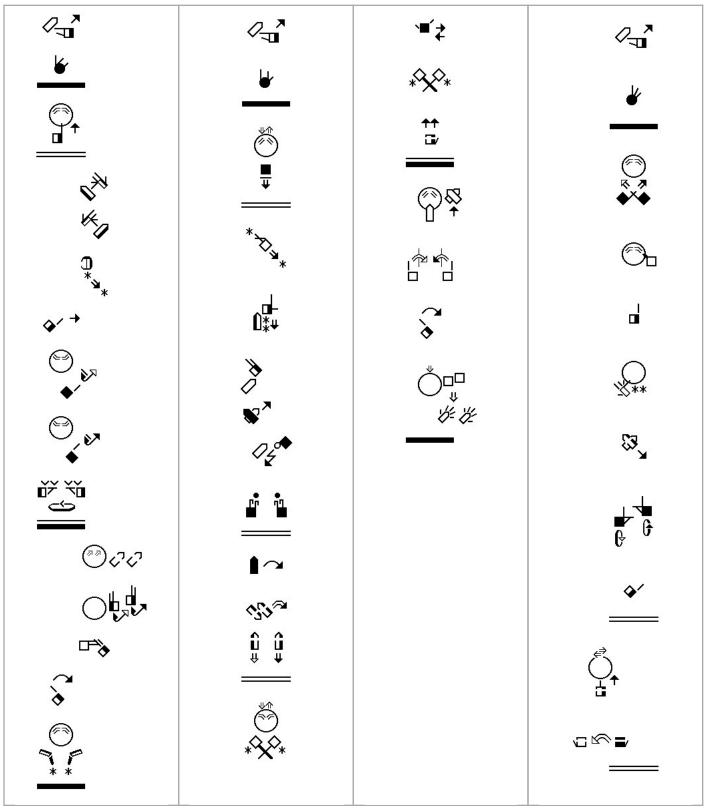


Verse 3. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor" -- well, Verse 4. doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? Verse 5. Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. NLT

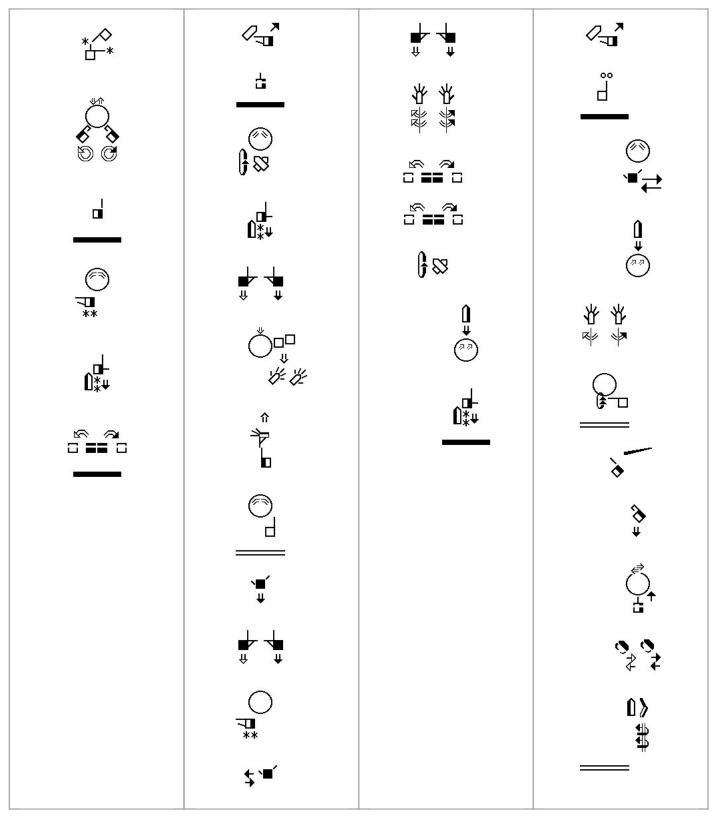


Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will
 inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? Verse 6. But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court?

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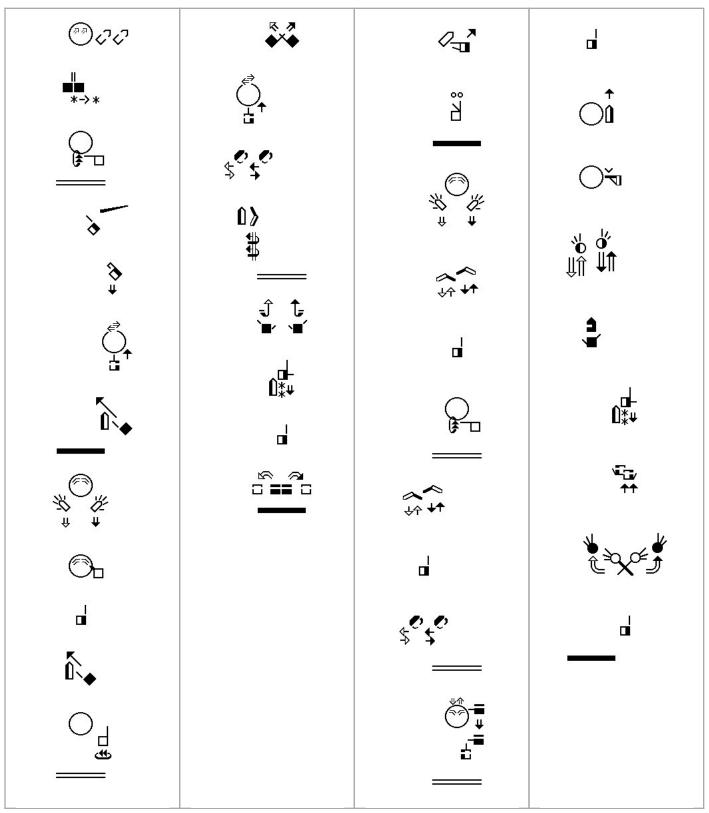


Verse 7. Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? Verse 8. Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Verse 9. But if you favor some people over others, NLT



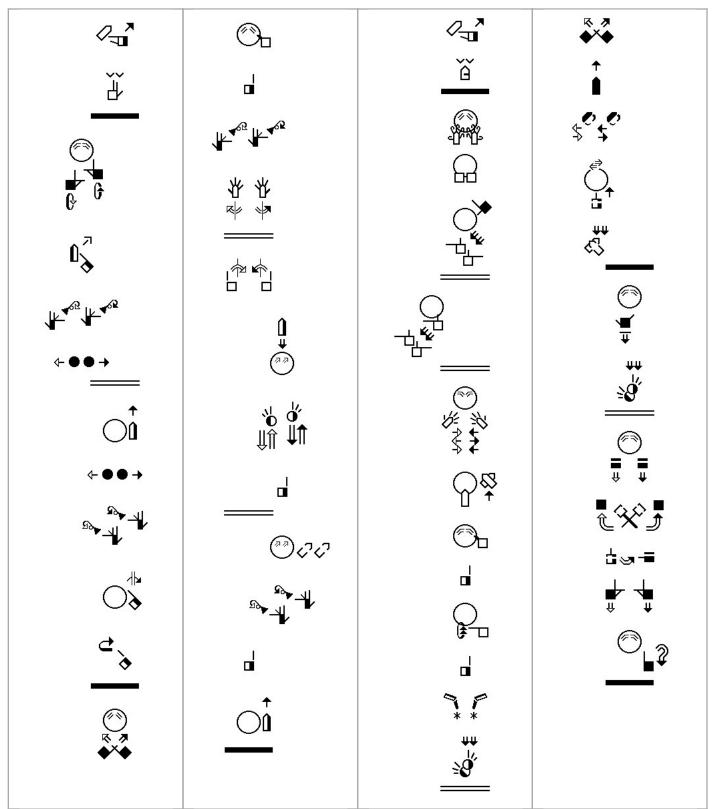
you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. Verse 10. For the person
 who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. Verse 11. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," NLT

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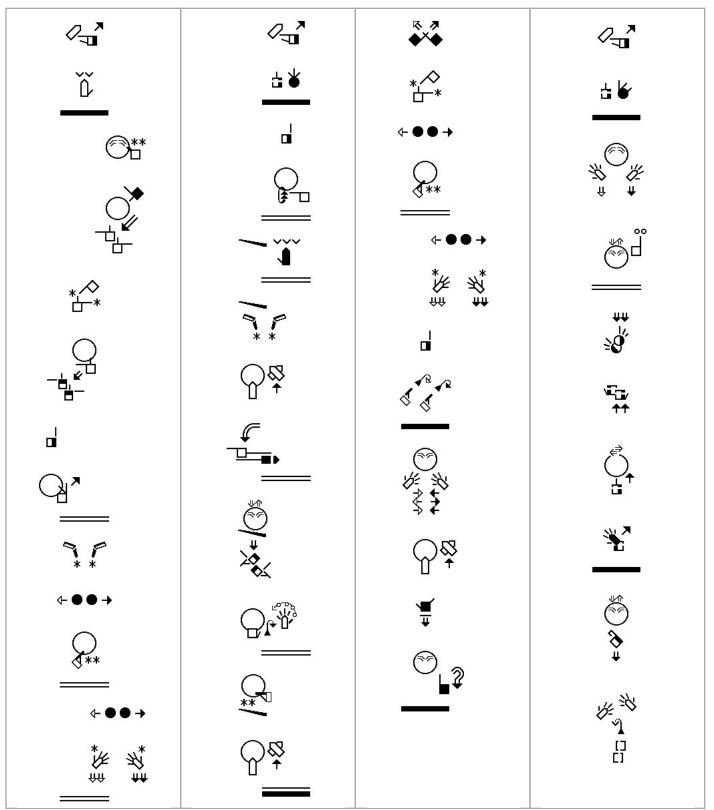
also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit<br/>adultery, you have still broken the law. Verse 12. So whatever you say or whatever you<br/>do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free.18

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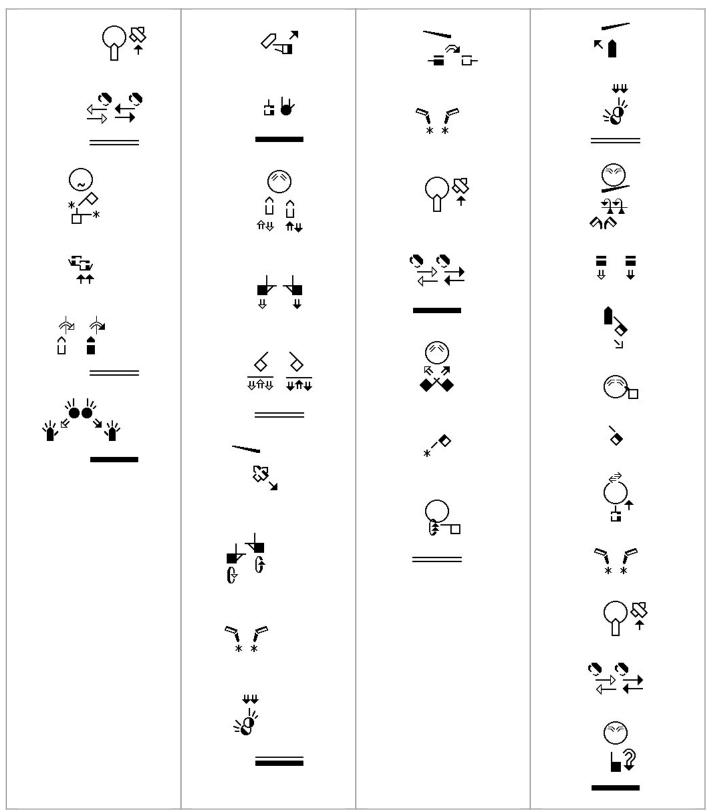
19 Verse 13. There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you. Verse 14. What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? NLT

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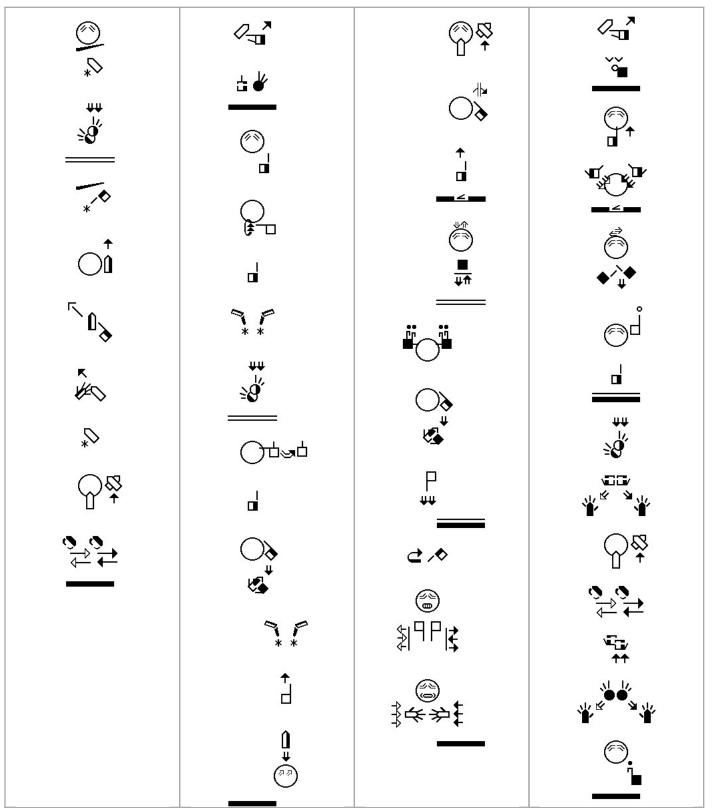


Verse 15. Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, Verse 16. and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well" -- but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? Verse 17. So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces NLT

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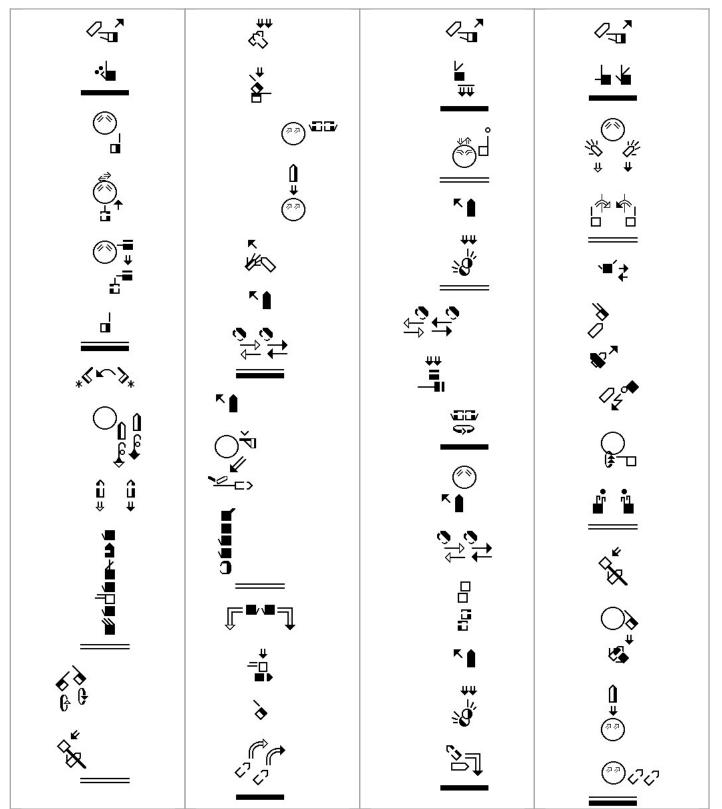


good deeds, it is dead and useless. Verse 18. Now someone may argue, "Some people
 have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? NLT

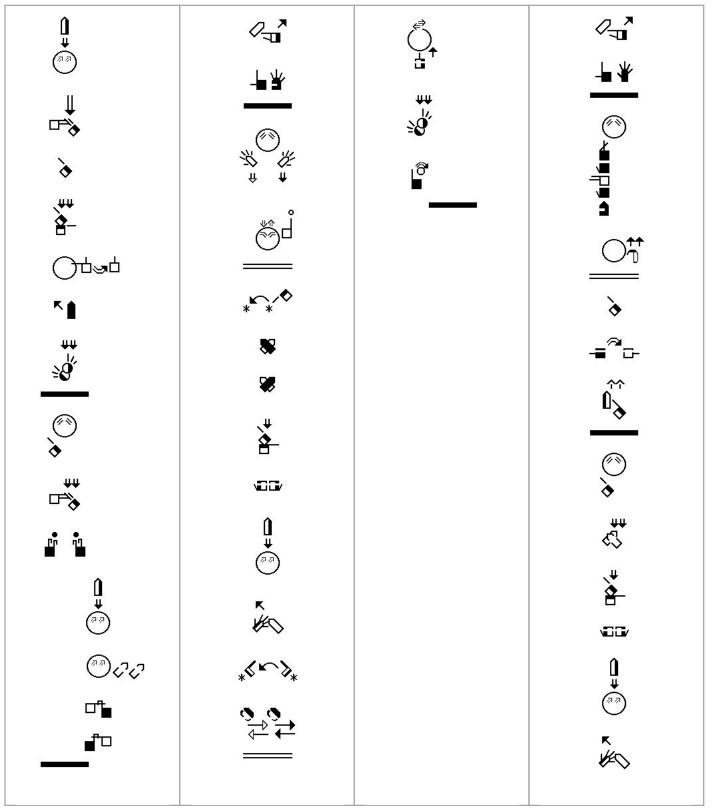


I will show you my faith by my good deeds." Verse 19. You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. Verse 20. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? NLT

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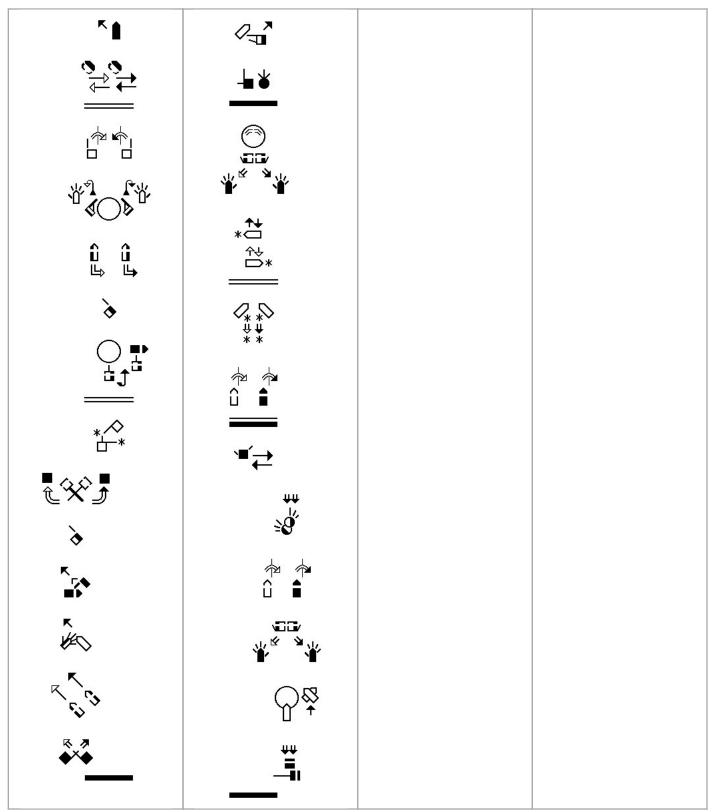


Verse 21. Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? Verse 22. You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. Verse 23. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, NLT

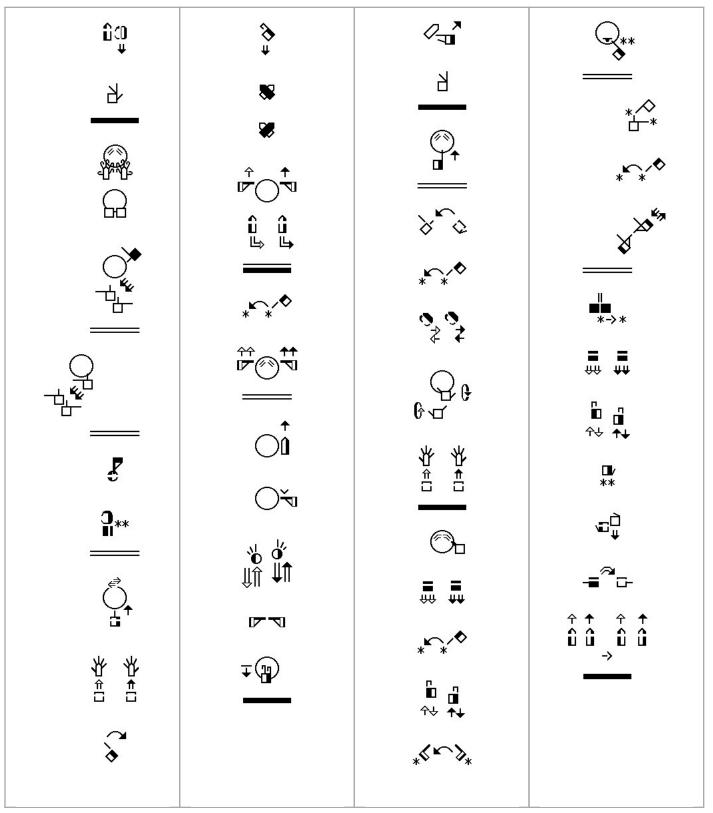


and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. Verse 24. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Verse 25. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by NLT

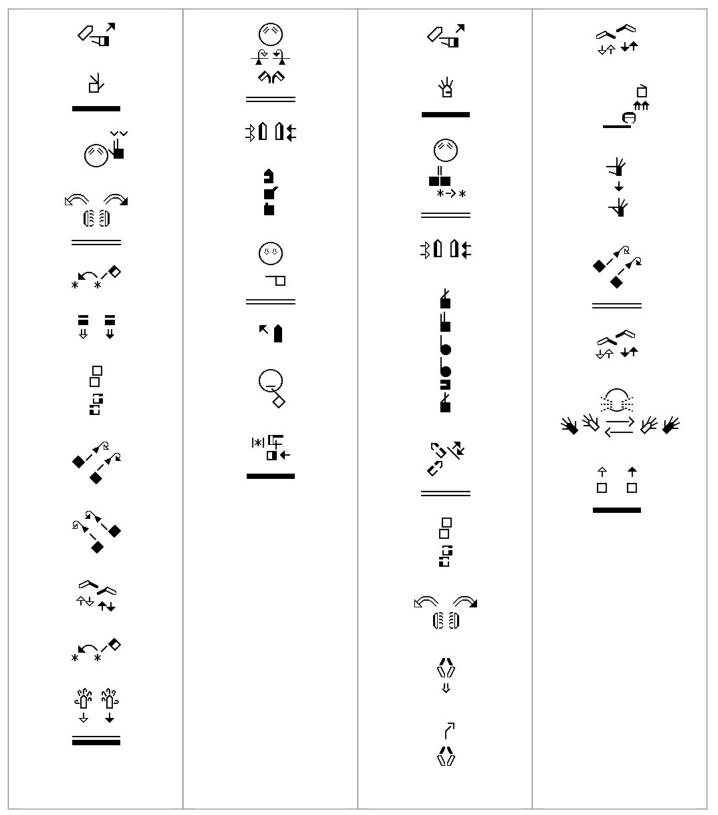
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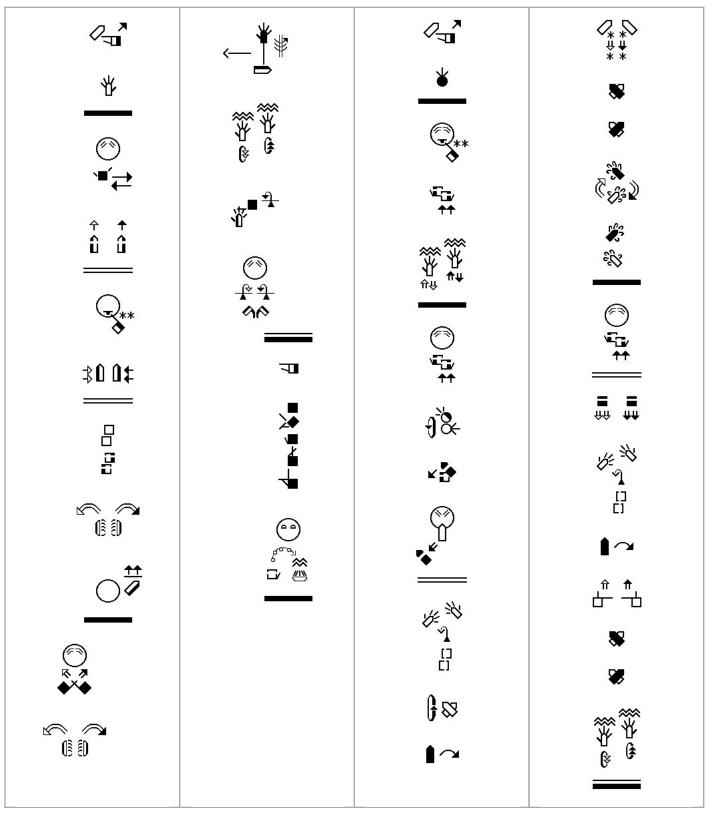
her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different
 road. Verse 26. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.



Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Verse 2. Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

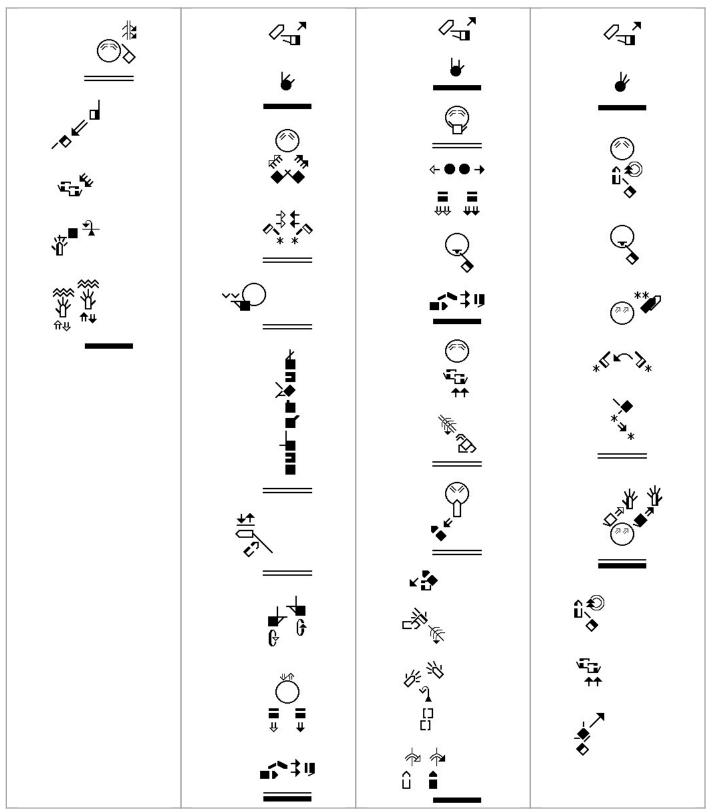


Verse 3. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. Verse 4. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

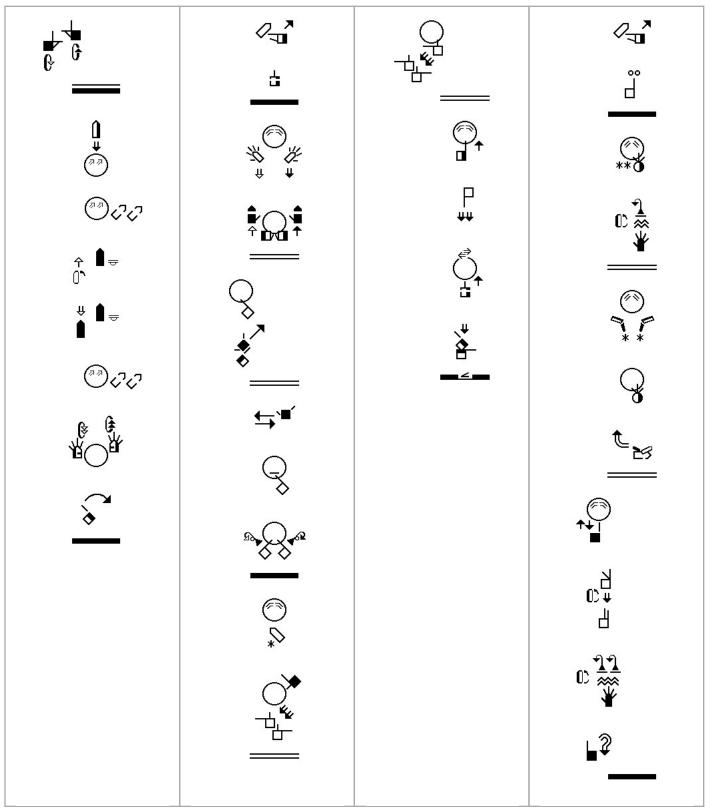


Verse 5. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. Verse 6. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, NLT

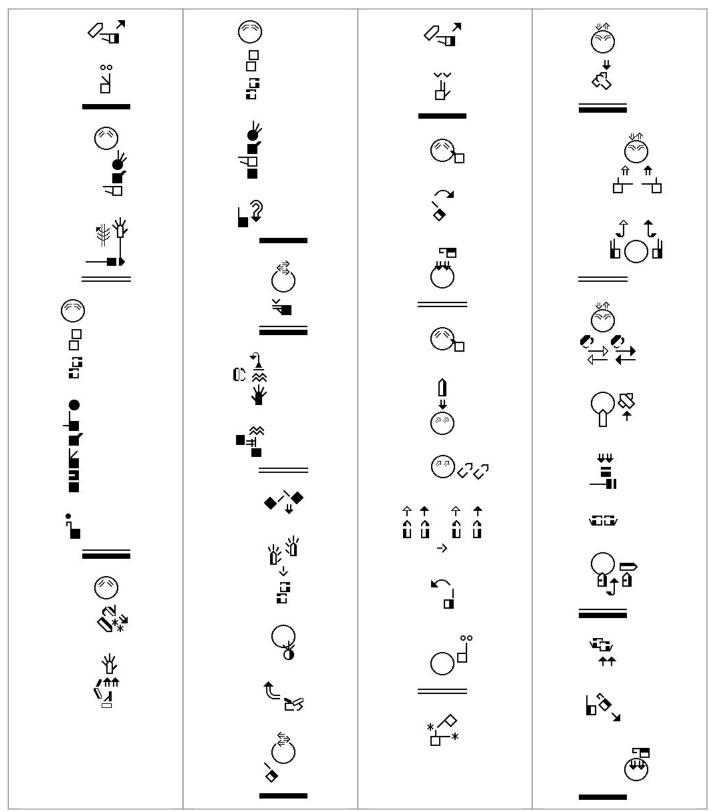
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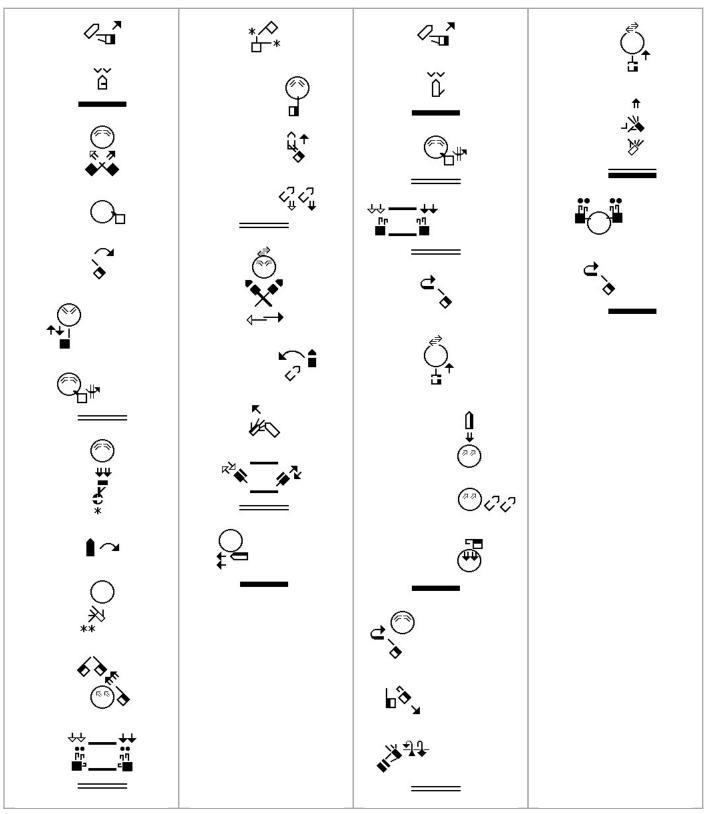
for it is set on fire by hell itself. Verse 7. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, Verse 8. but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Verse 9. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses



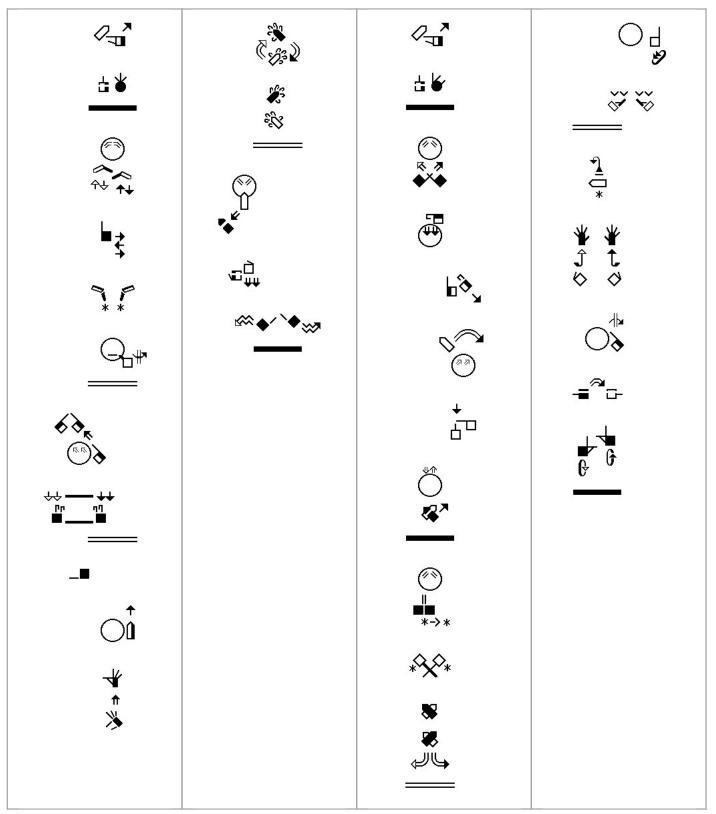
those who have been made in the image of God. Verse 10. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Verse 11. Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? NLT



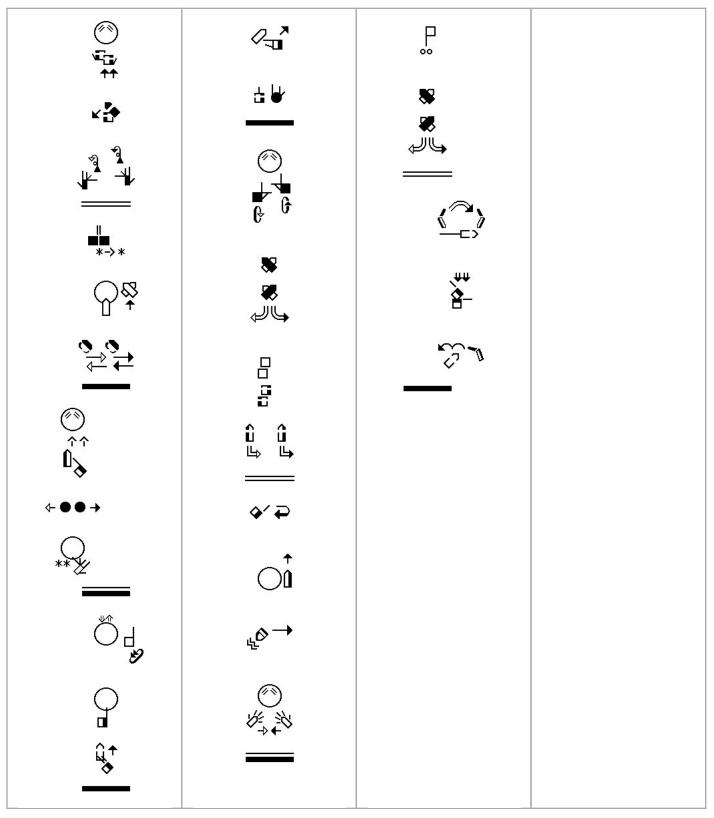
Verse 12. Does a fig tree product olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. Verse 13. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.



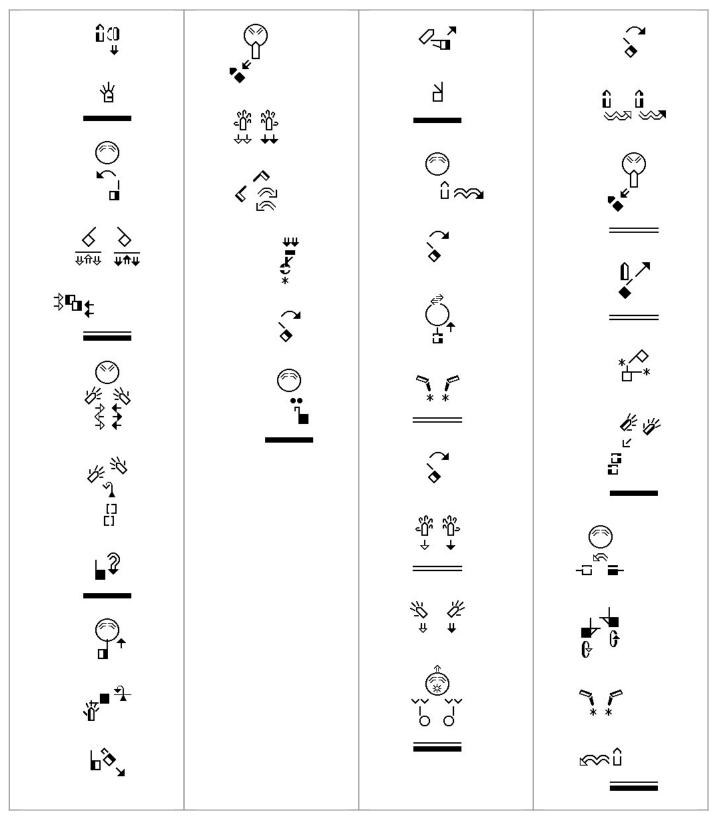
Verse 14. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. Verse 15. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.



Verse 16. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder
 and evil of every kind. Verse 17. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.

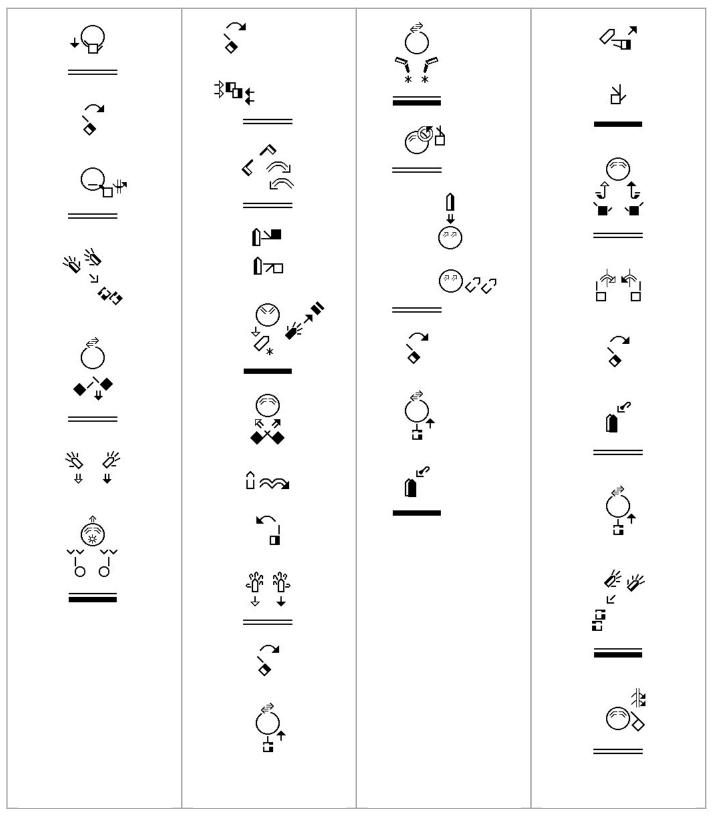


It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. Verse 18. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. NLT

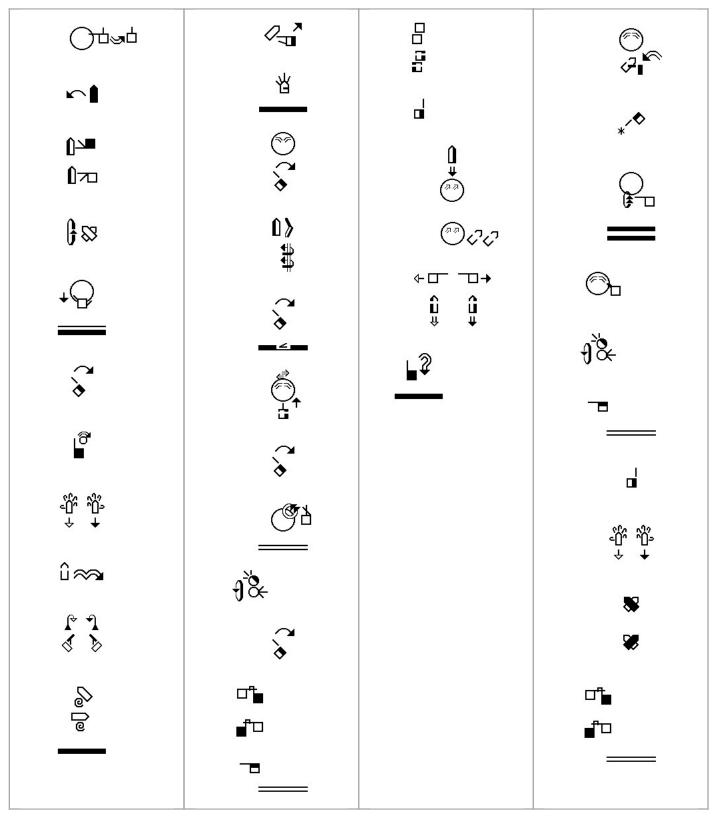


Chapter 4. What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the
 evil desires at war within you? Verse 2. You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have,

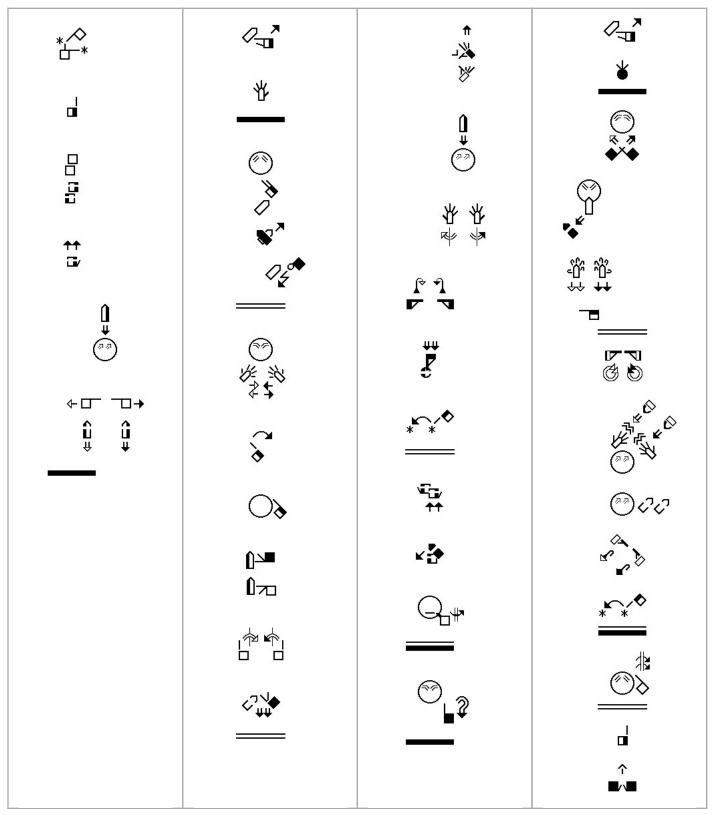
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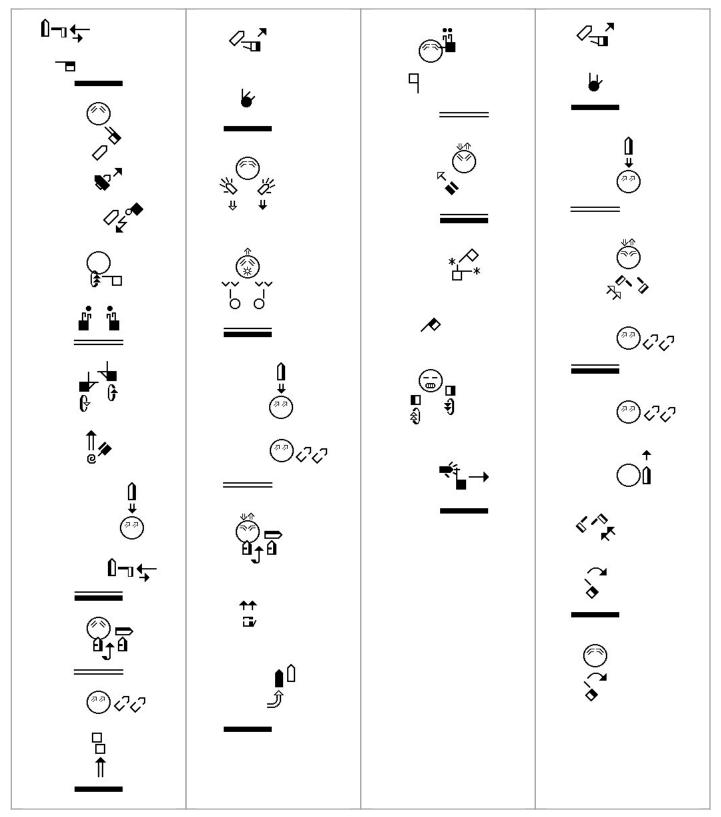
but you cant get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. Verse 3. And even when you ask, you don't get it NLT



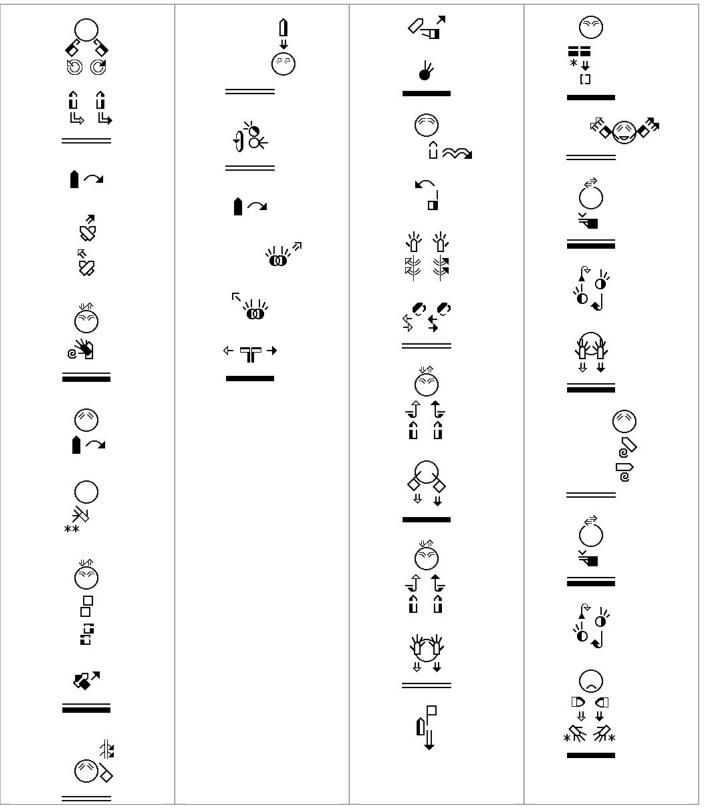
because your motives are all wrong -- you want only what will give you pleasure. Verse
 4. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world,



you make yourself an enemy of God. Verse 5. What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy? Verse 6. But he gives us even more grace to NLT

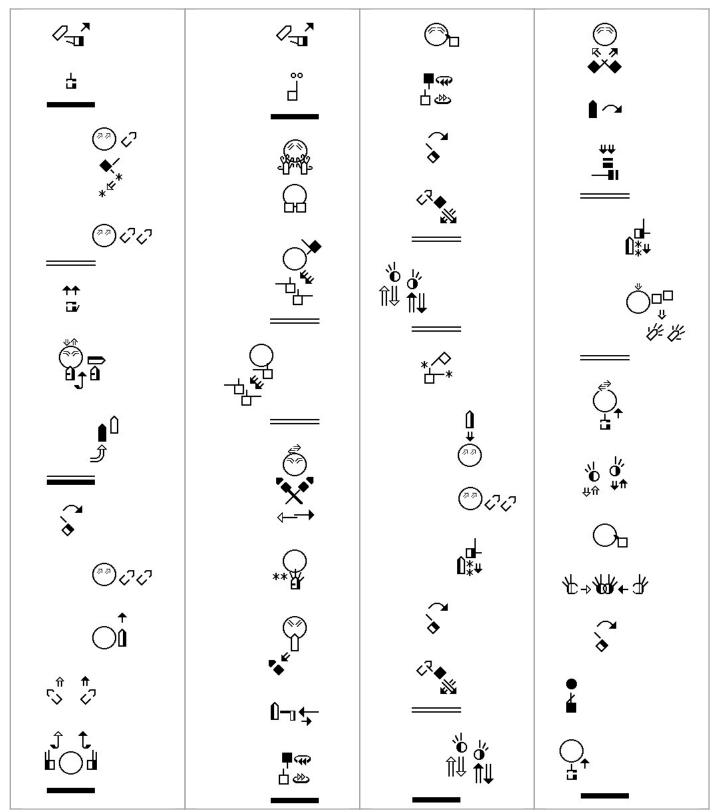


stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but
 favors the humble." Verse 7. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Verse 8. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. NLT

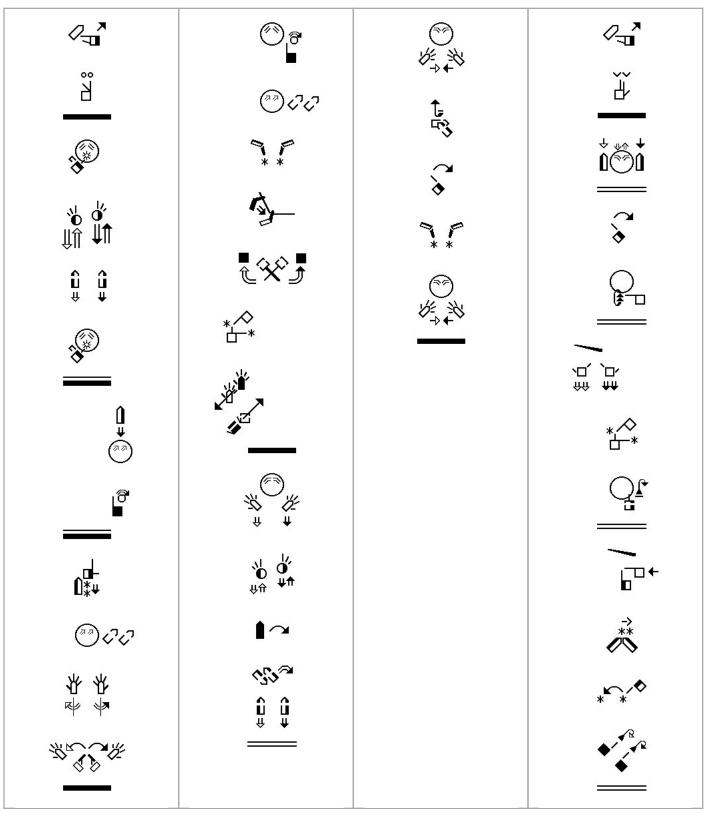


Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Verse 9. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

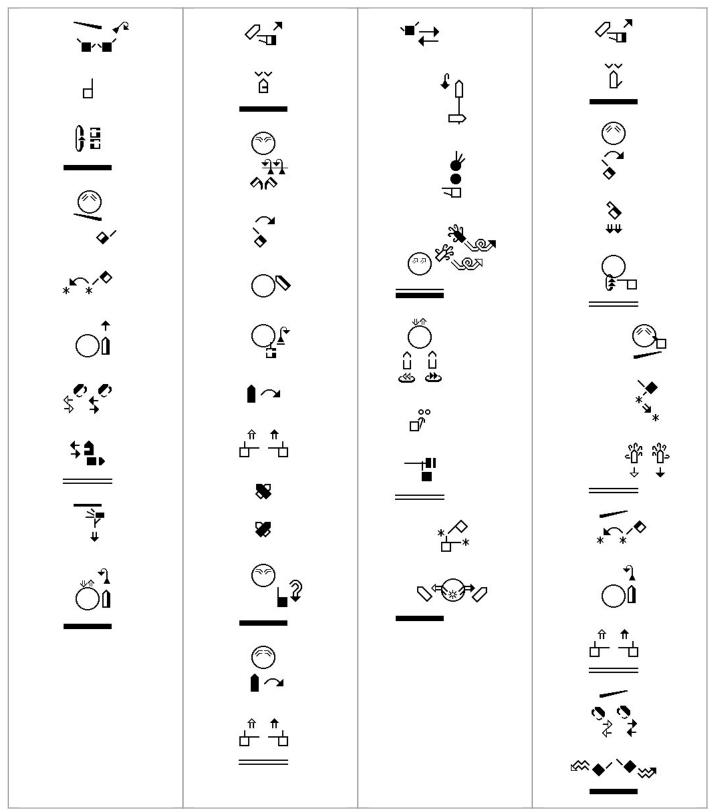
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41 Verse 10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. Verse 11.
 41 Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

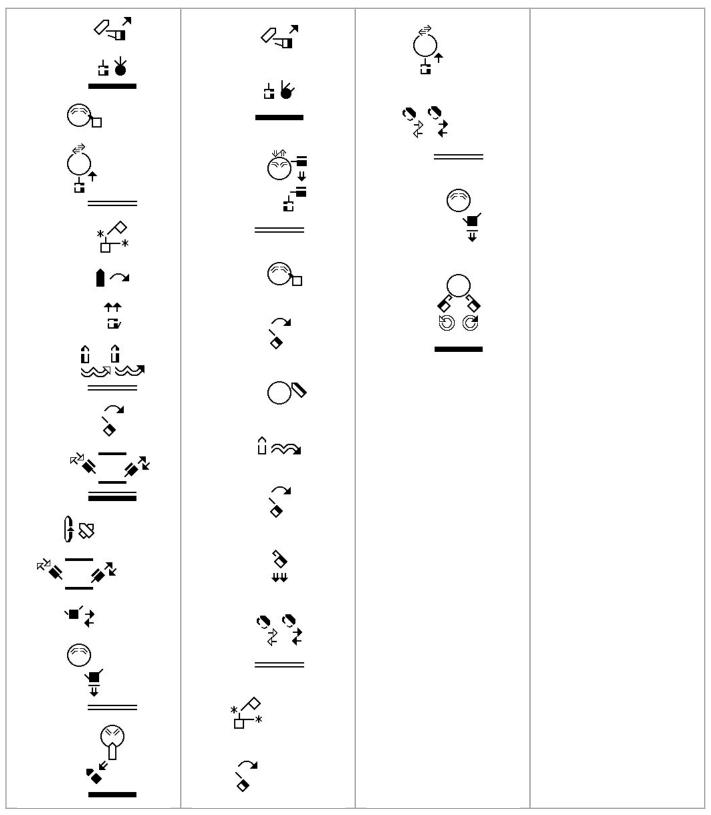


Verse 12. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? Verse 13. Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town NLT



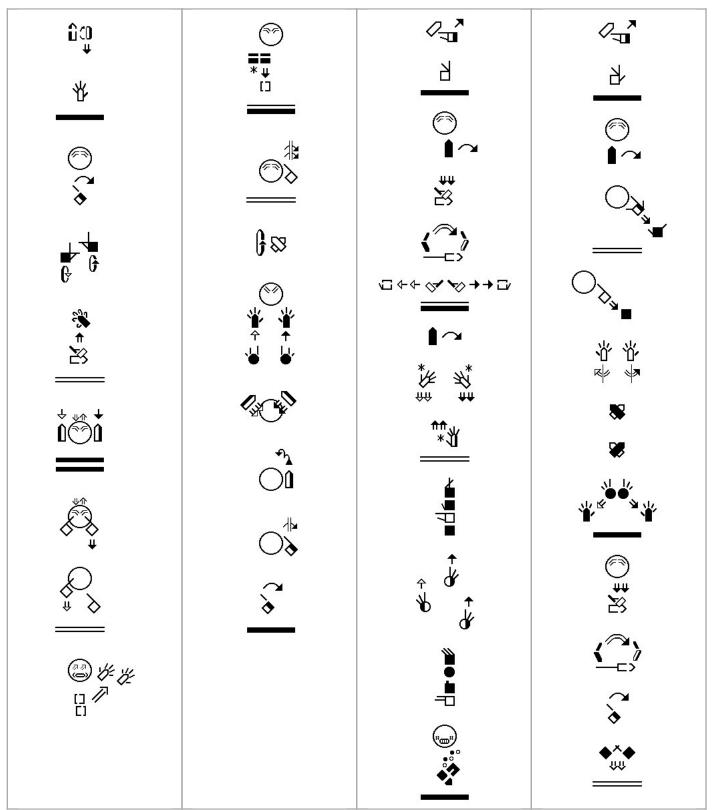
and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." Verse 14. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog -- it's here a little while, then it's gone. Verse 15. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

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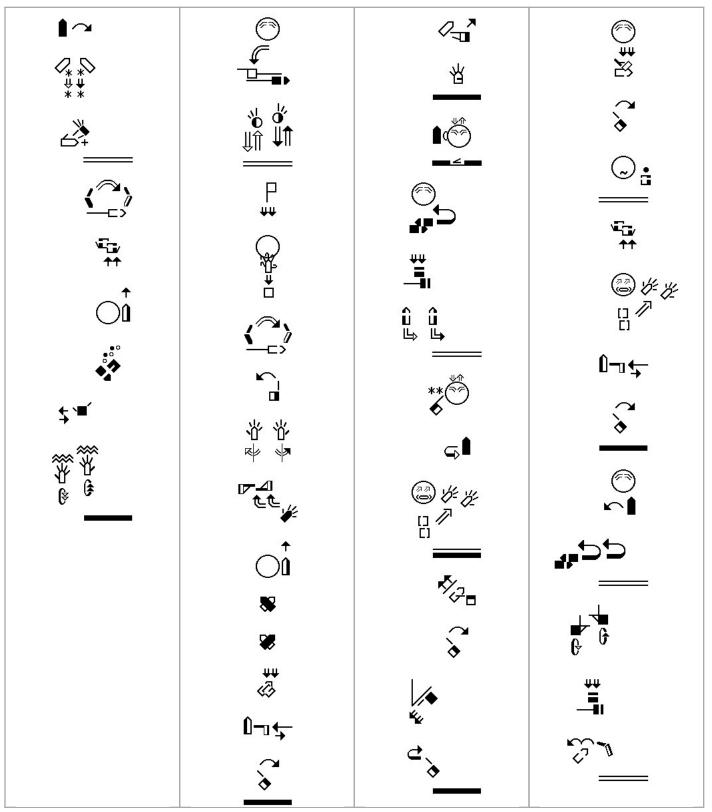


Verse 16. Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil. Verse 17. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it. NLT

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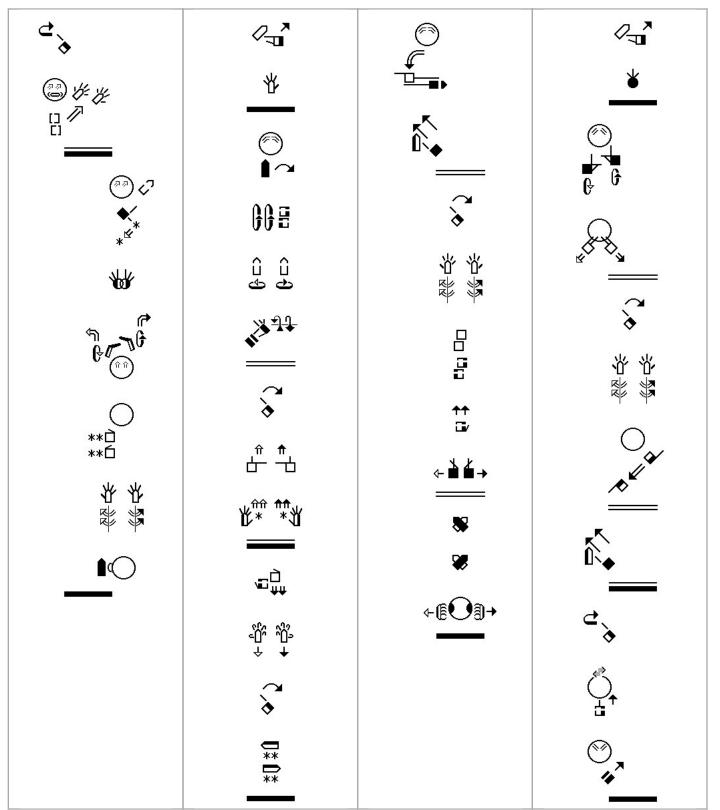


Chapter 5. Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Verse 2. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Verse 3. Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on NLT



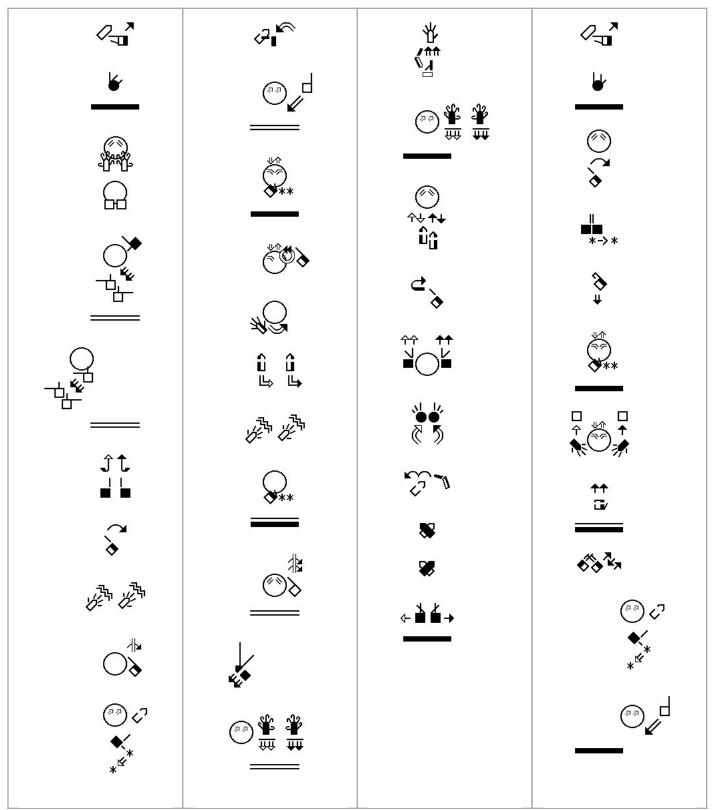
will eat away your flesh like fire. This treasure you have accumulated will stand as evidence against you on the day of judgment. Verse 4. For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The wages you held back cry out against you. The cries of those who harvest your fields NLT

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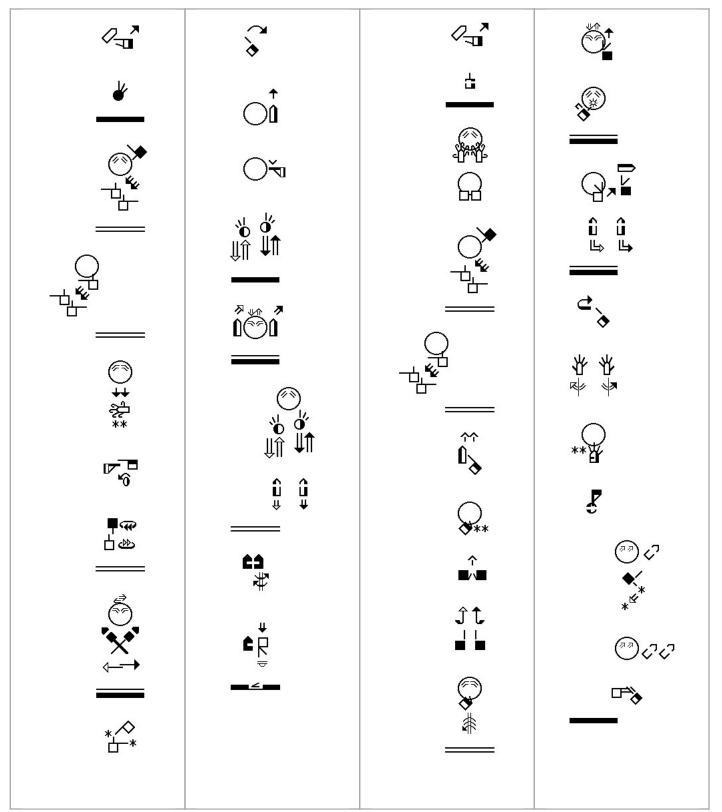
47 have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Verse 5. You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. Verse 6. You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.

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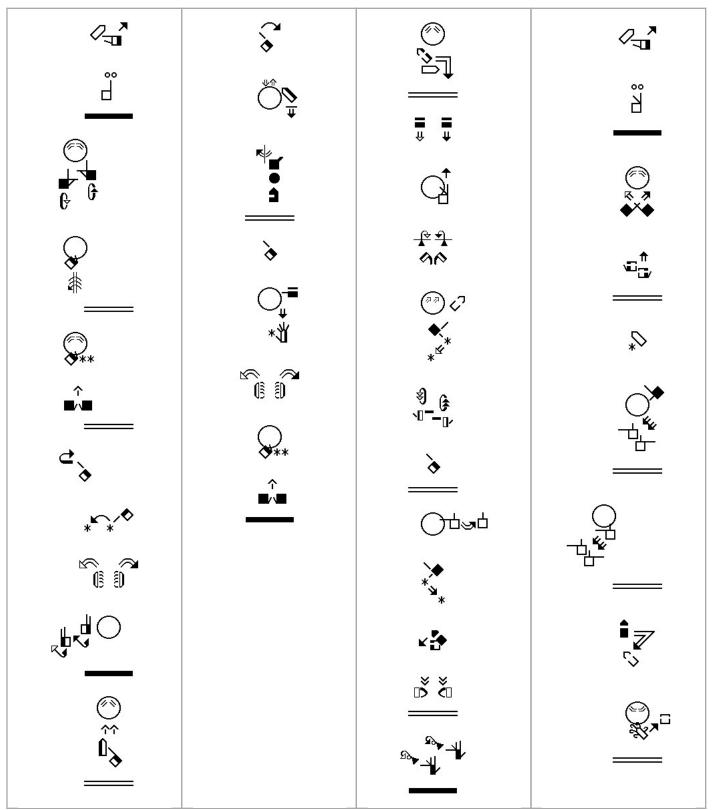
Verse 7. Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. Verse 8. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. NLT

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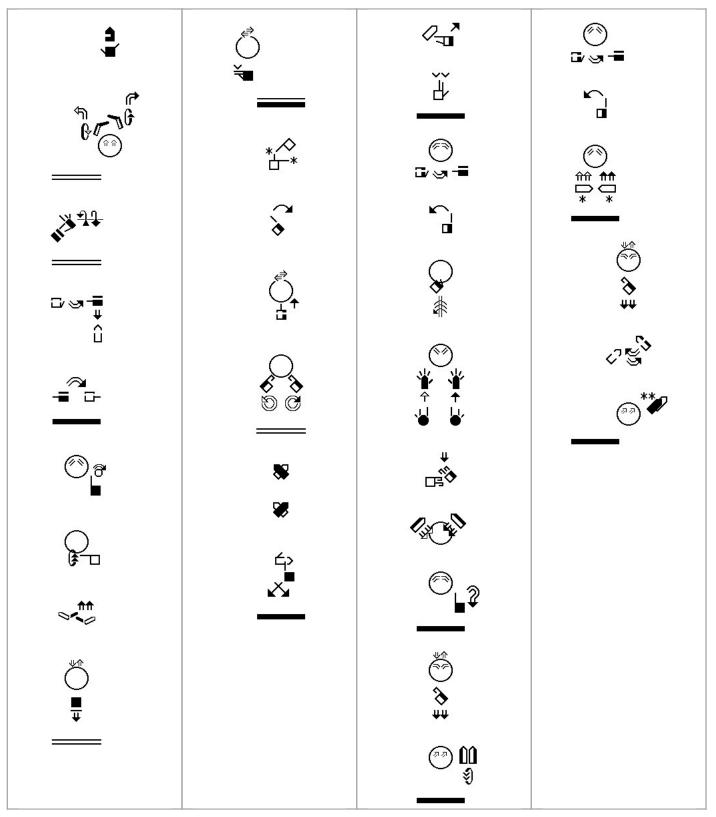


49 Verse 9. Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look -- the Judge is standing at the door! Verse 10. For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

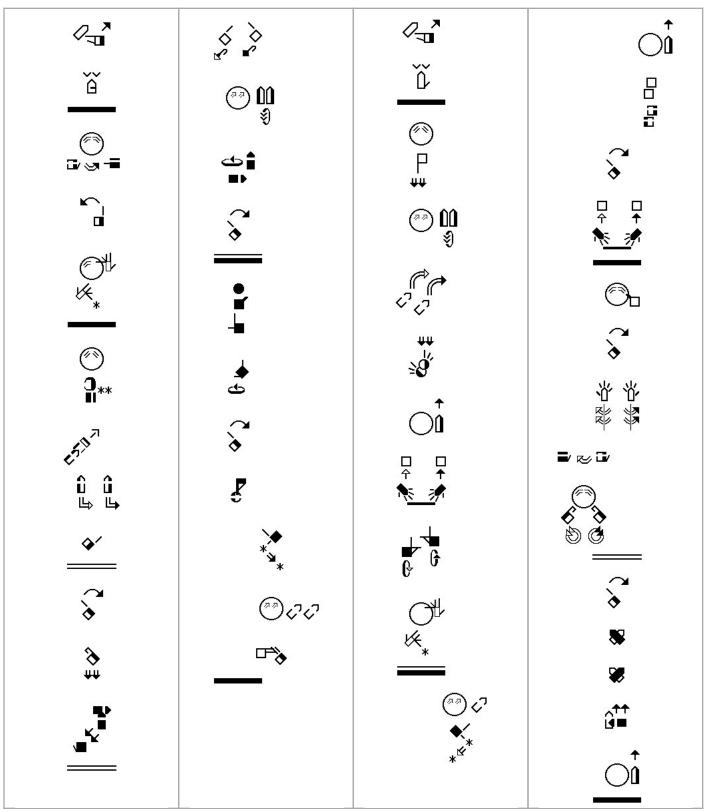
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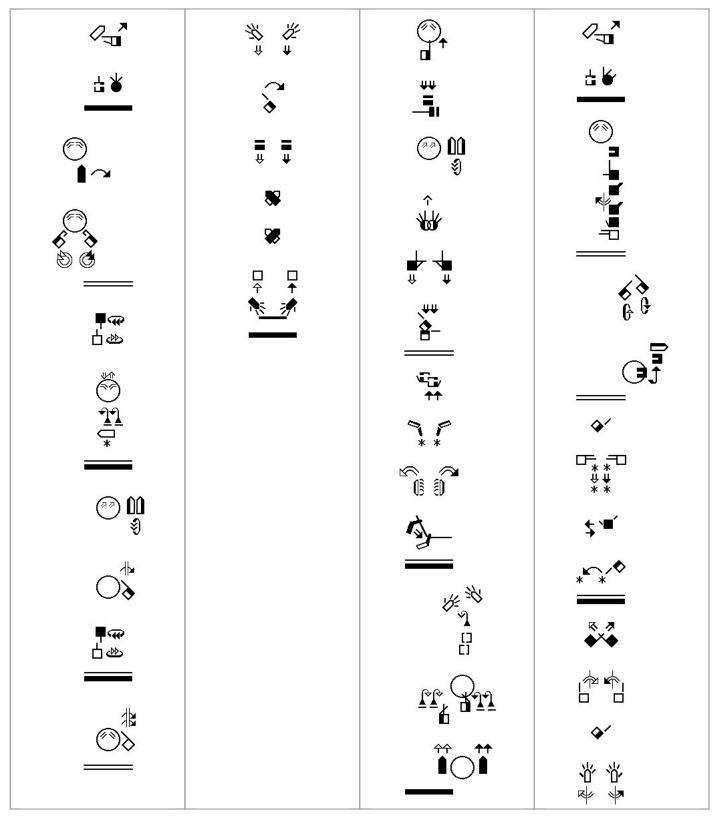
Verse 11. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy. Verse 12. But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, NLT



by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin
 and be condemned. Verse 13. Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises.

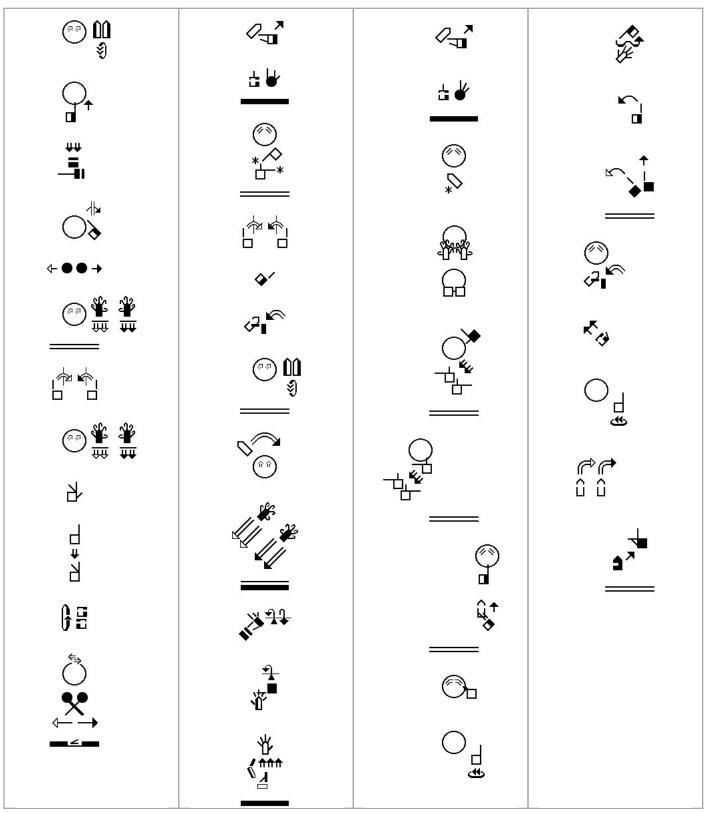


Verse 14. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Verse 15. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.



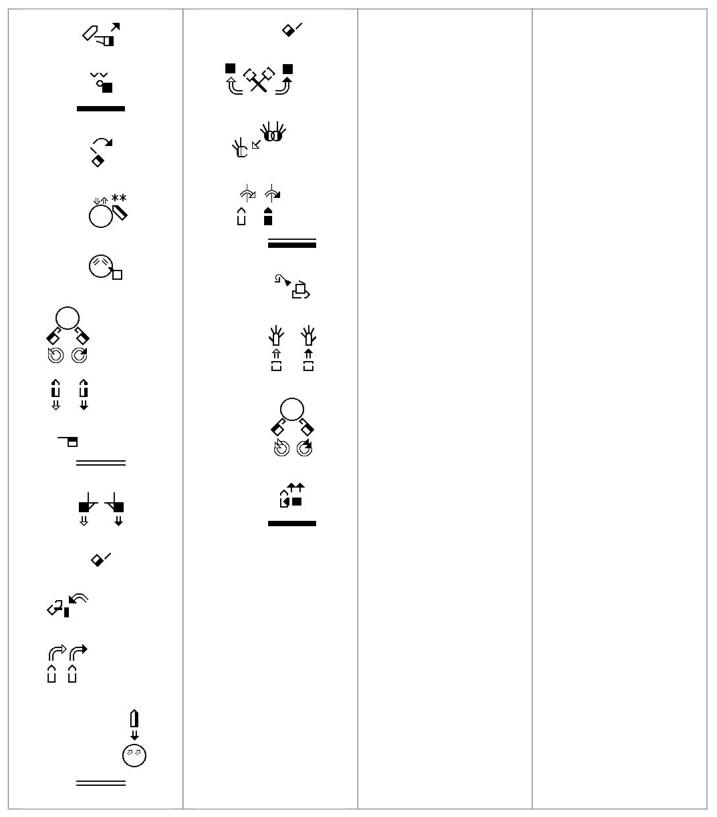
Verse 16. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be
 healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Verse 17. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he

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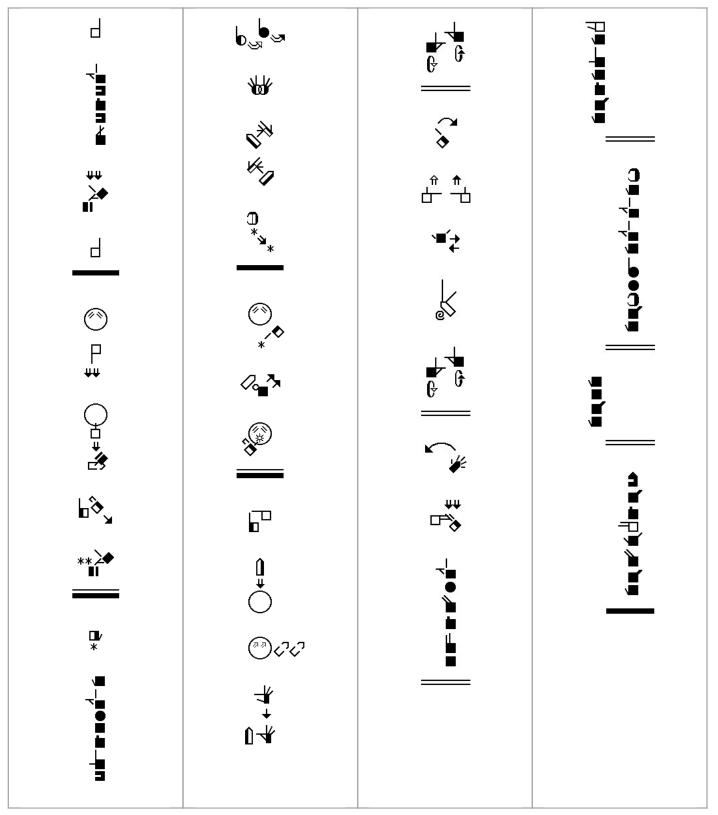


prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Verse 18. Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. Verse 19. My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, NLT

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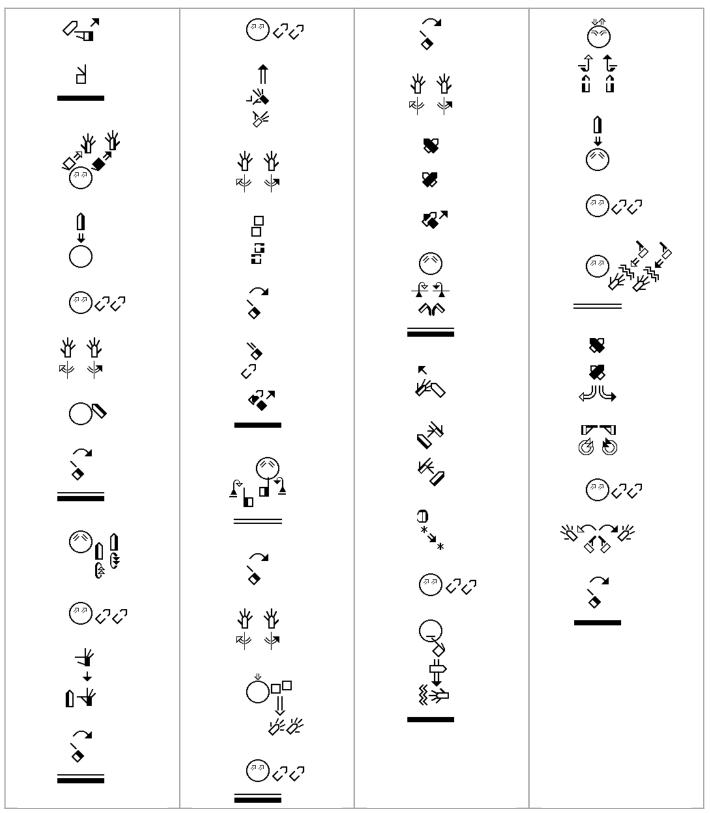


<sup>55</sup> Verse 20. you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins. NLT

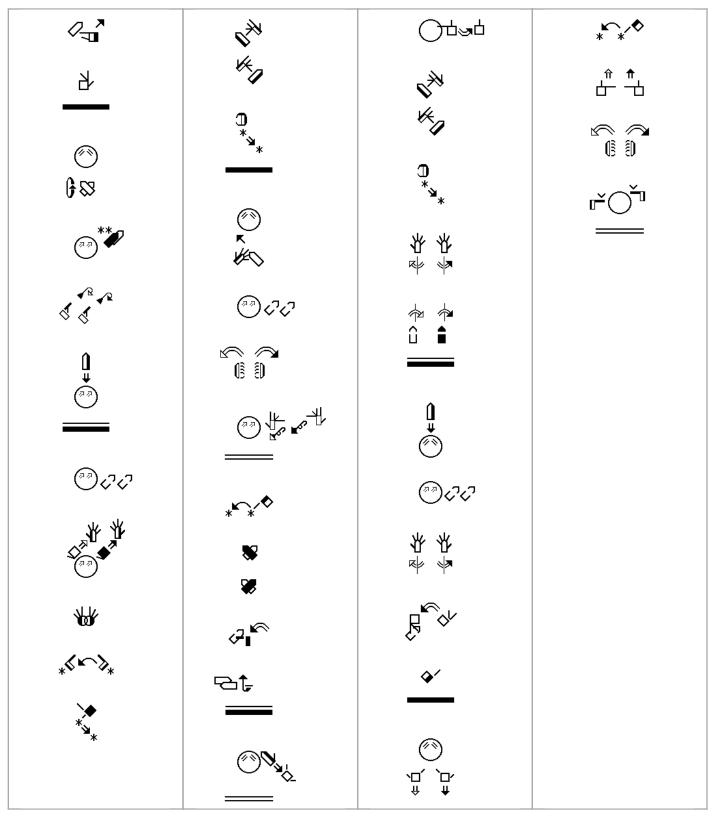


**1 Peter 1.** This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

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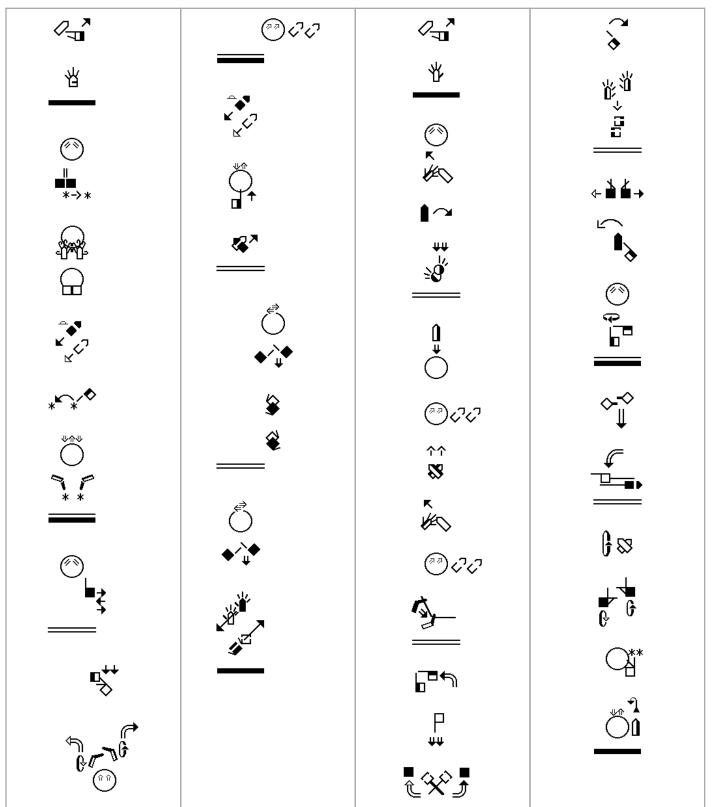


Verse 2. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. NLT



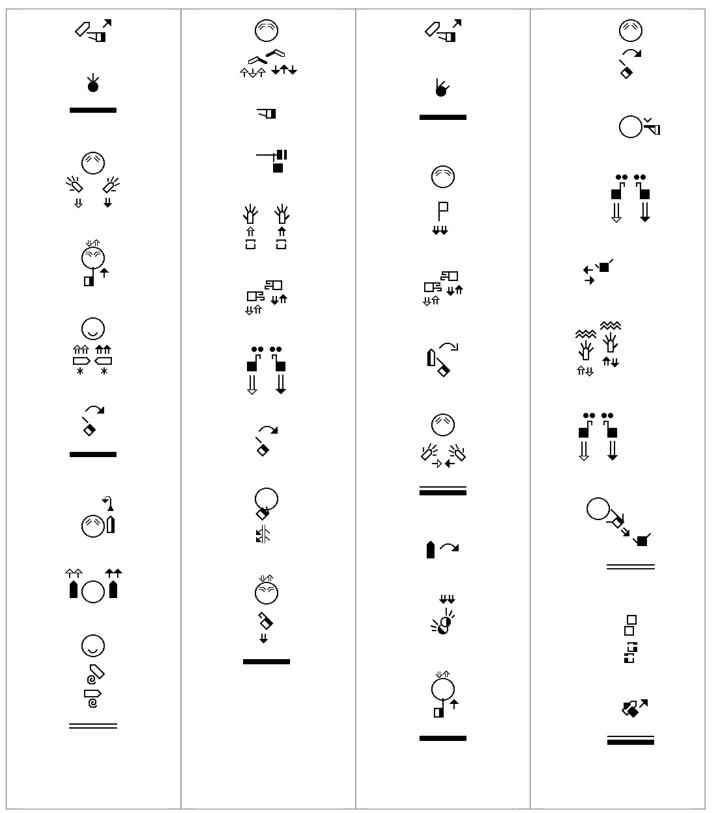
Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, NLT

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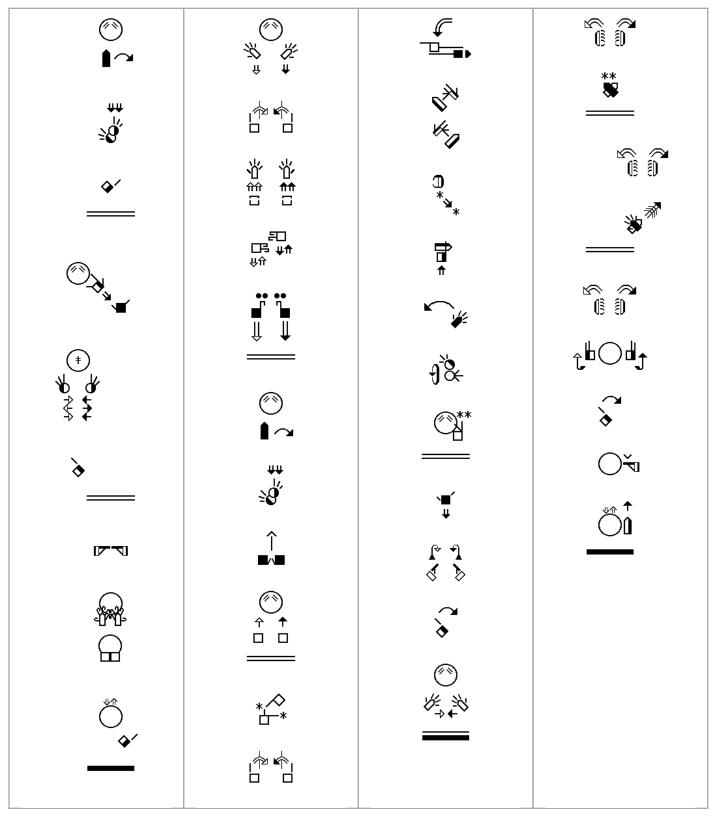
Verse 4. and we have a priceless inheritance -- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. Verse 5. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

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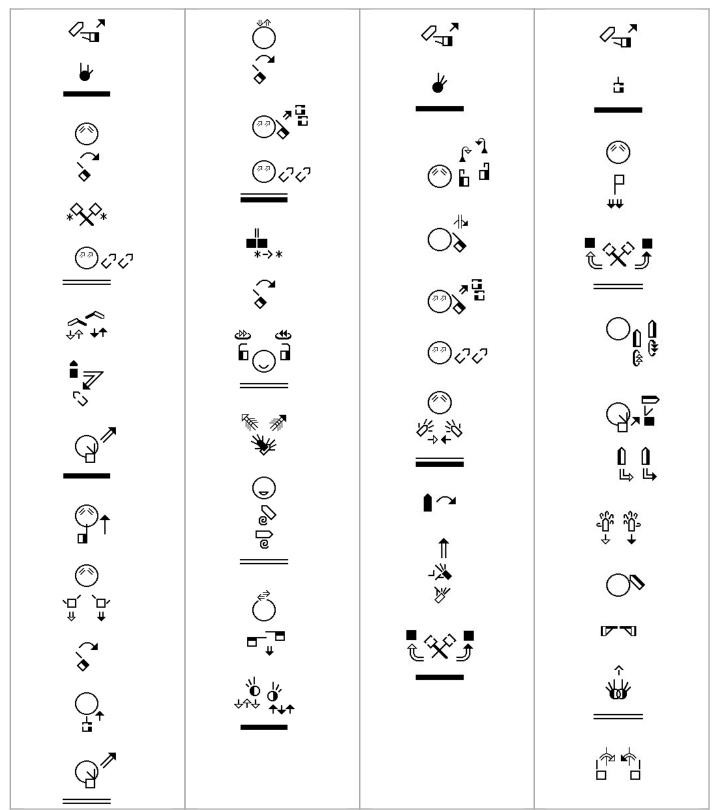


Verse 6. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. Verse 7. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold -- NLT

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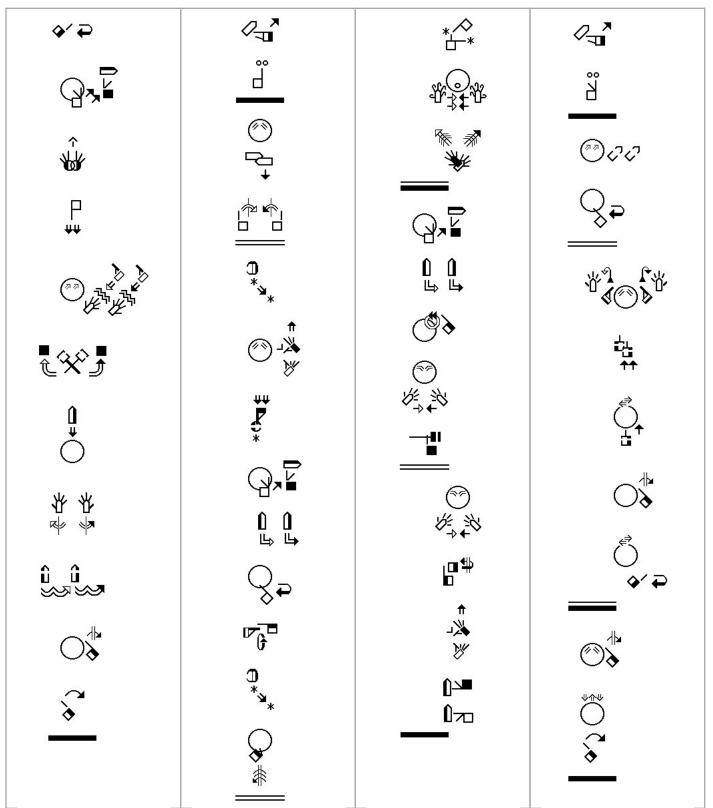


though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. NLT

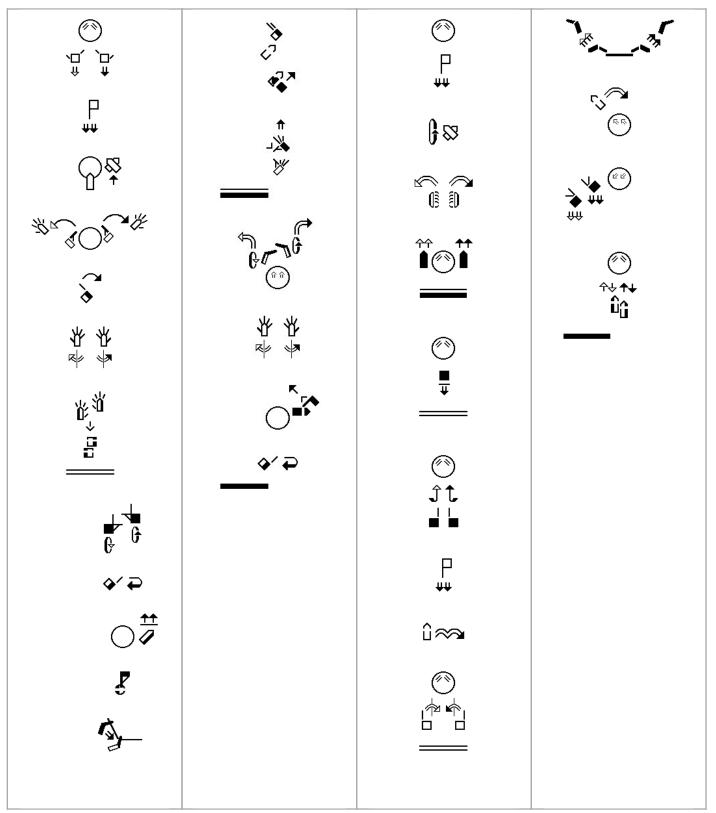


Verse 8. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Verse 9. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. Verse 10. This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when NLT

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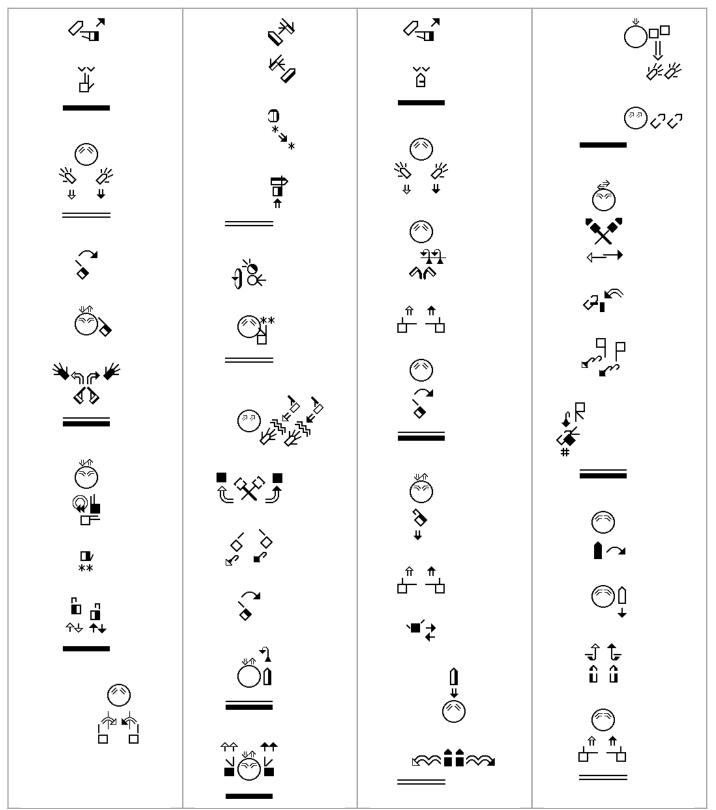


they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. Verse 11. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. Verse 12. They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. NLT



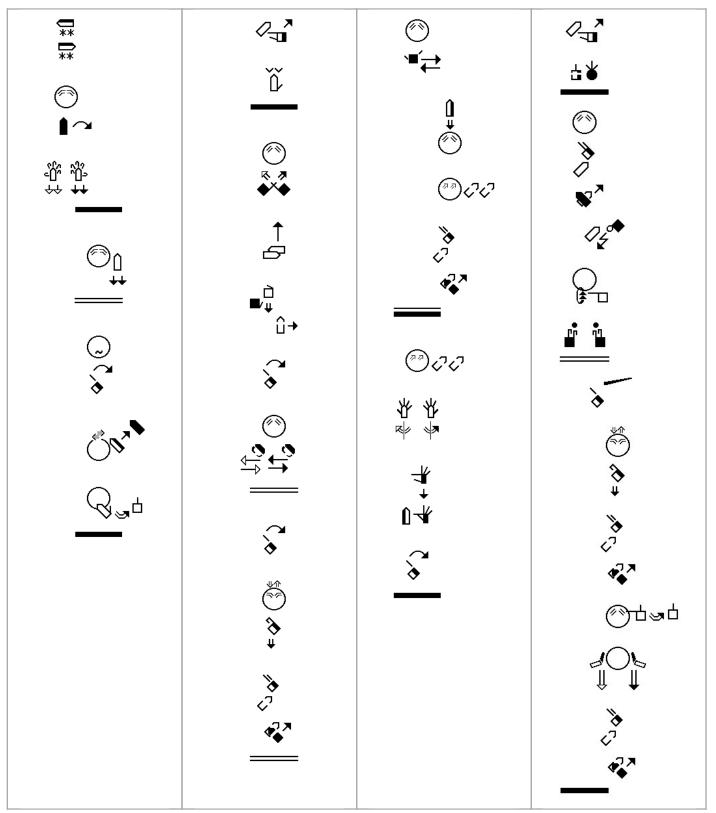
And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen. NLT

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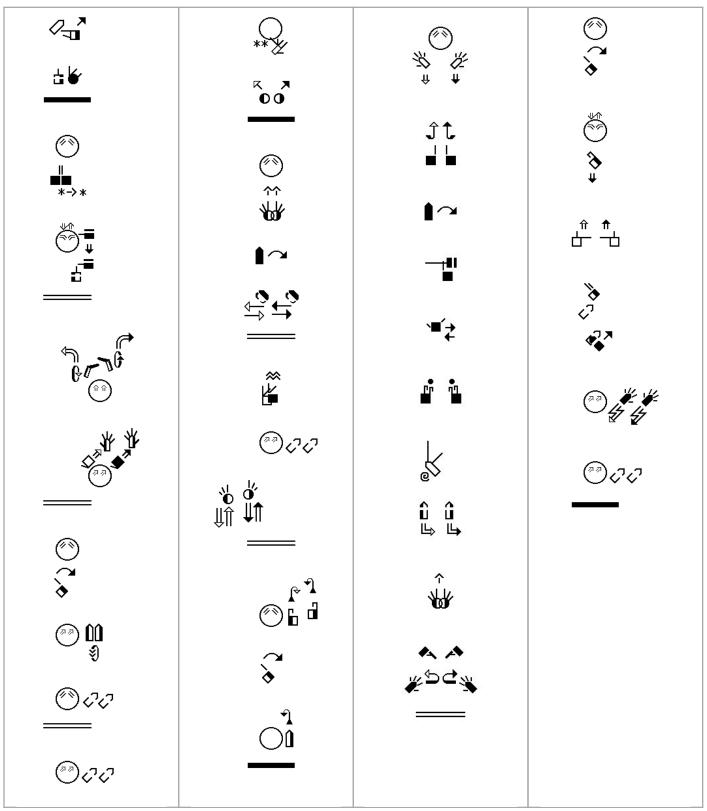
Verse 13. So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. Verse 14. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living NLT

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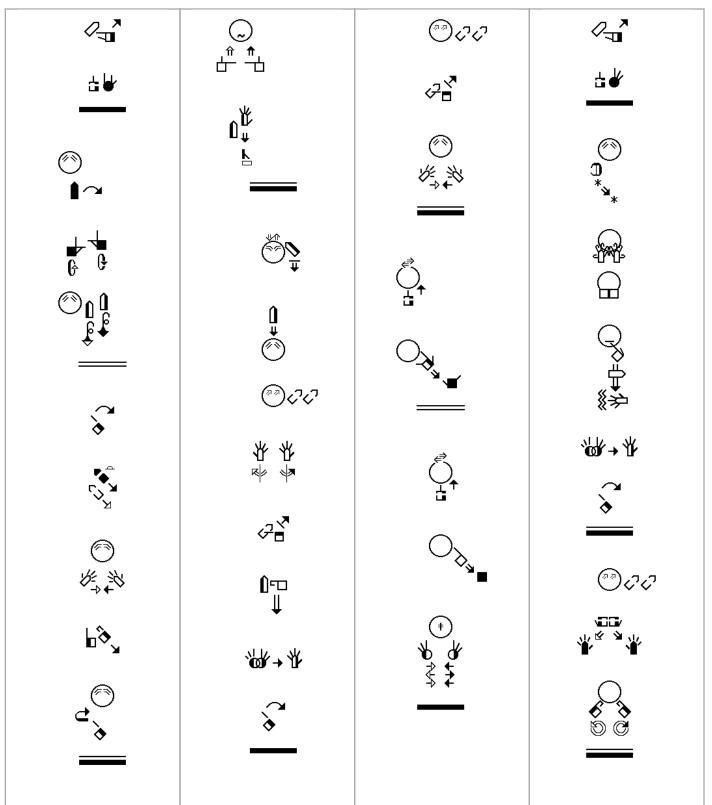
to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. Verse 15. But now you
 must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. Verse 16. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."





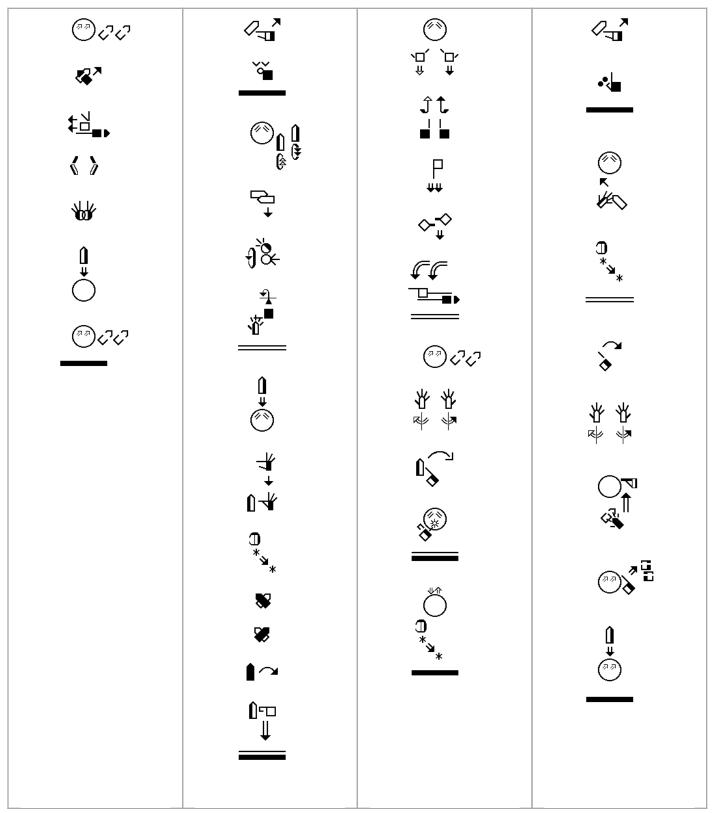
Verse 17. And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as "foreigners in the land." NLT

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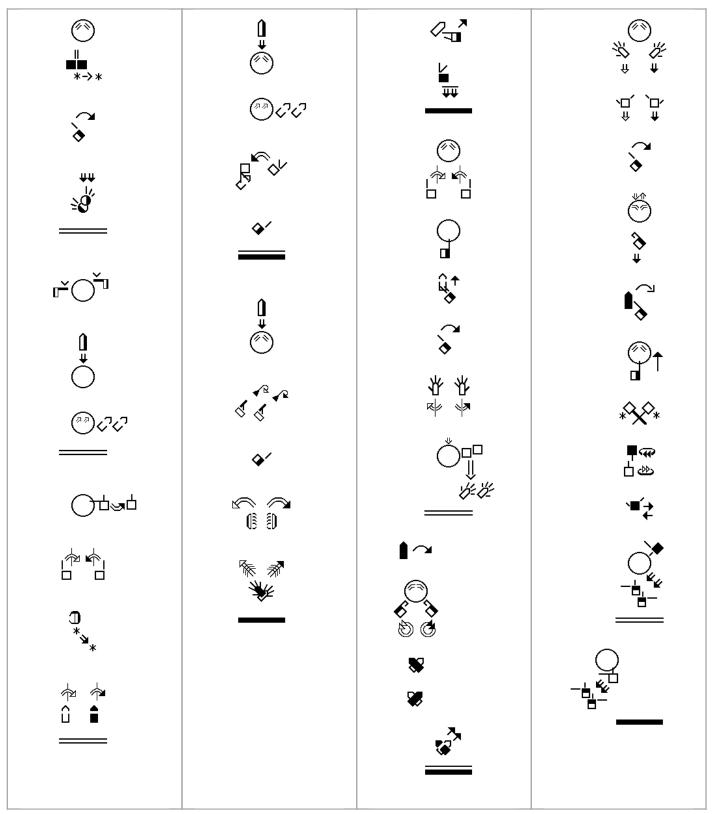


Verse 18. For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. Verse 19. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, NLT

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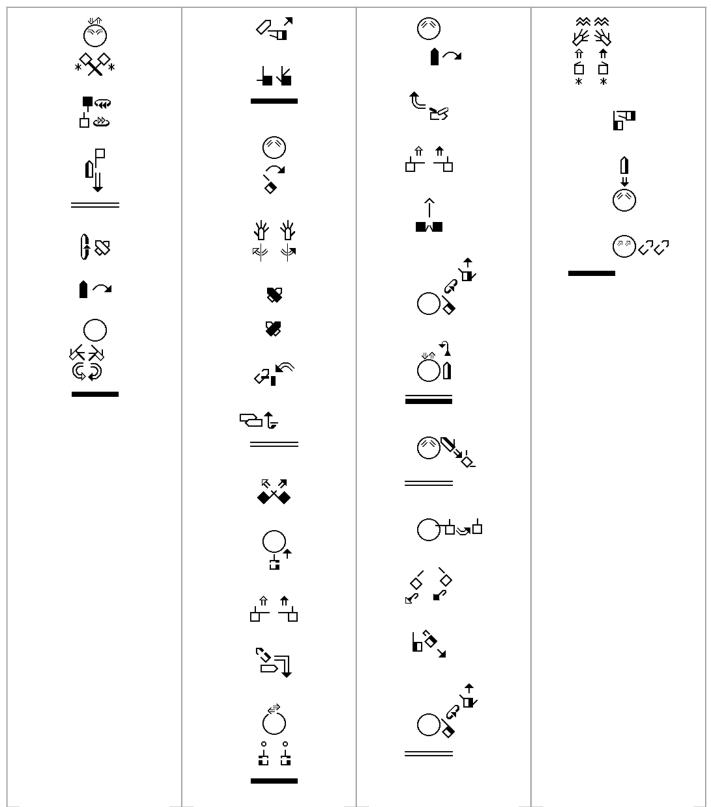


spotless Lamb of God. Verse 20. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. Verse 21. Through Christ you have come to trust in God. NLT

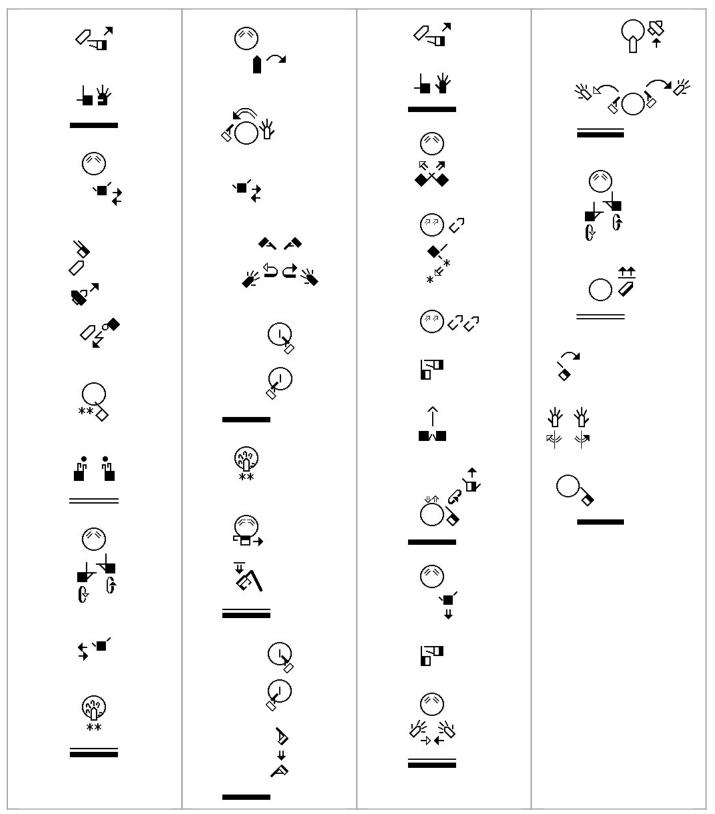


And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Verse 22. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.
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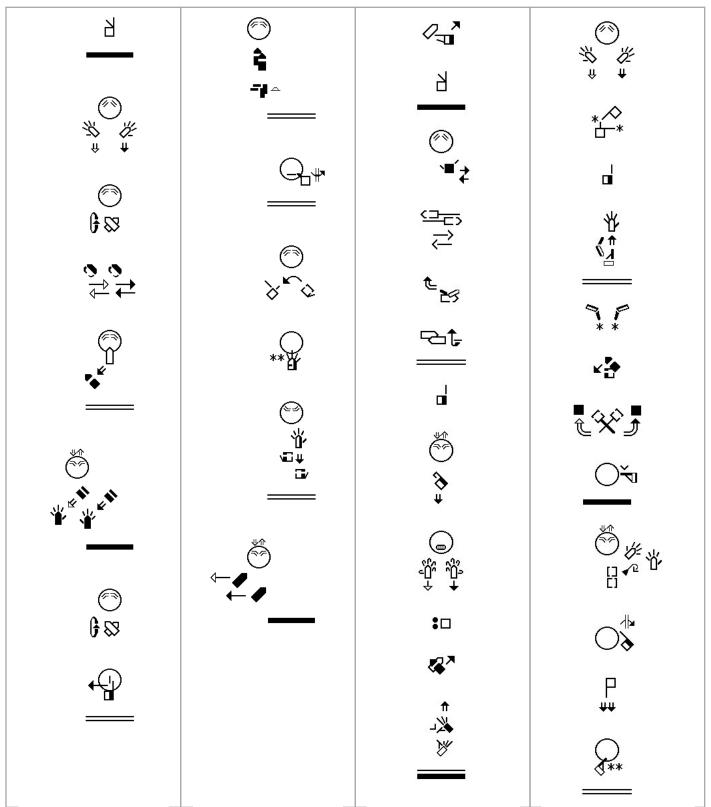


Love each other deeply with all your heart. Verse 23. For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.



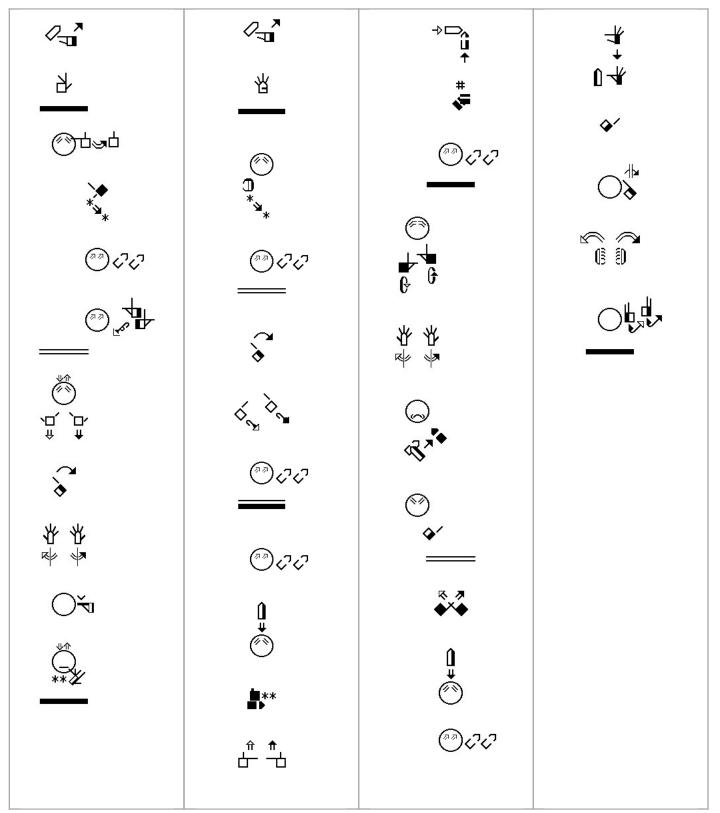
Verse 24. As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. Verse 25. But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

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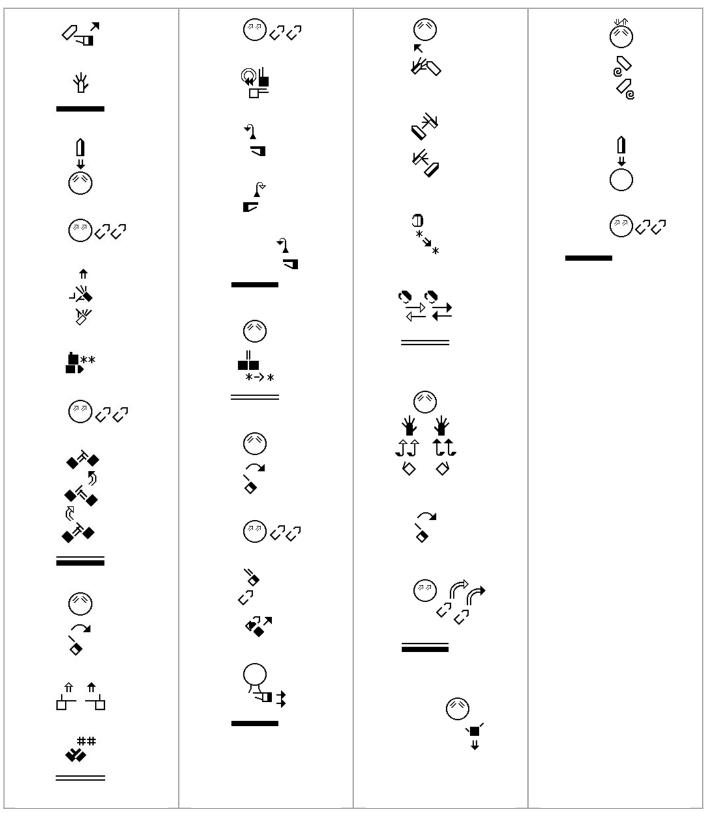


2. So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Verse 2. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, NLT

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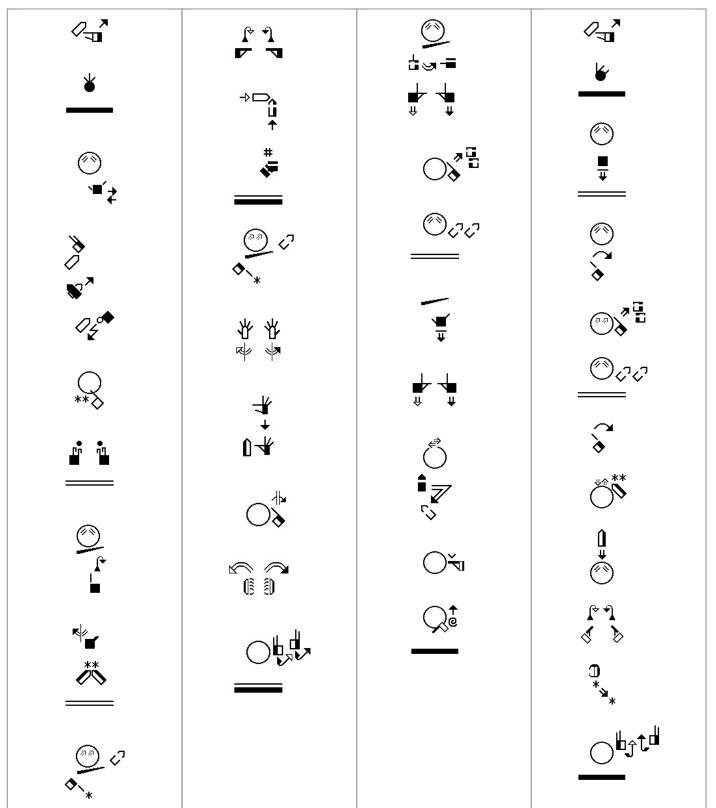


Verse 3. now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. Verse 4. You are coming
 to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. NLT



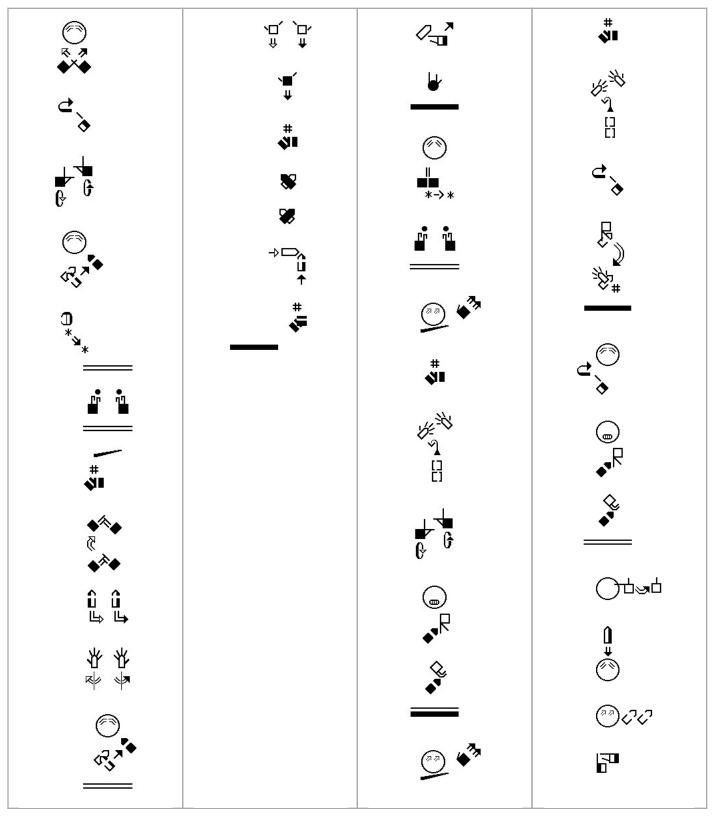
Verse 5. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

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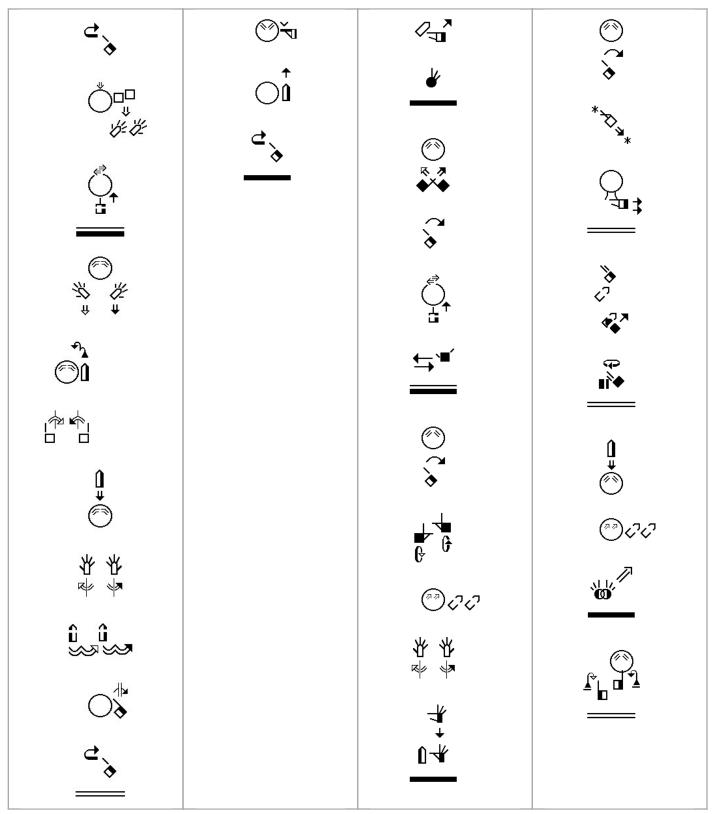
Verse 6. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Verse 7. Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. NLT

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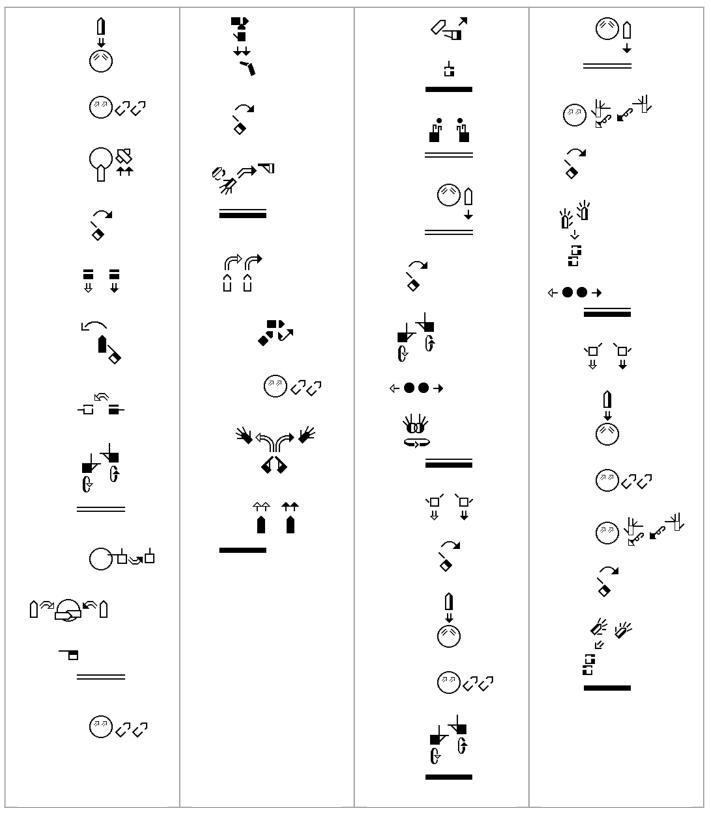
But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." Verse 8. And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because NLT

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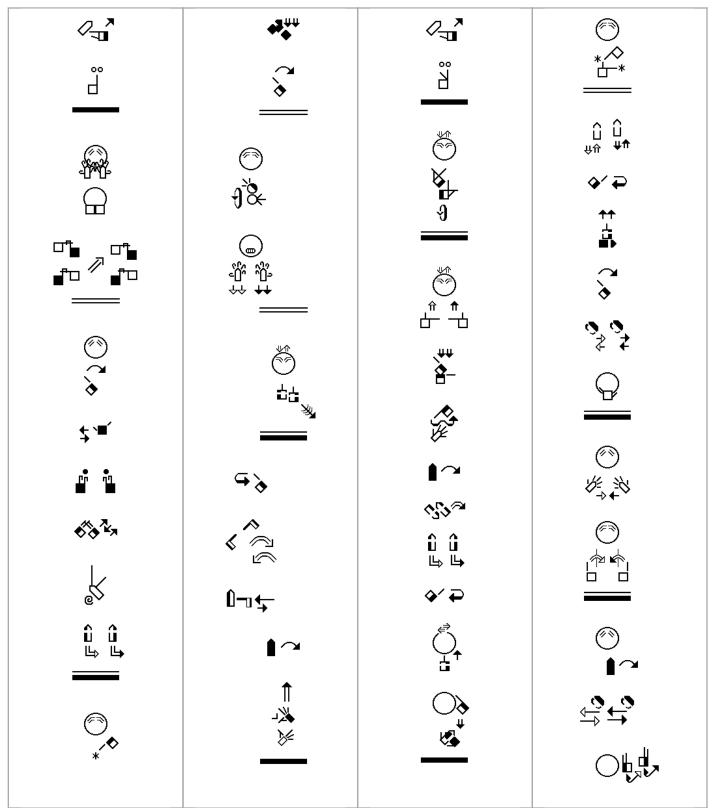
they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.
 23 Verse 9. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result,





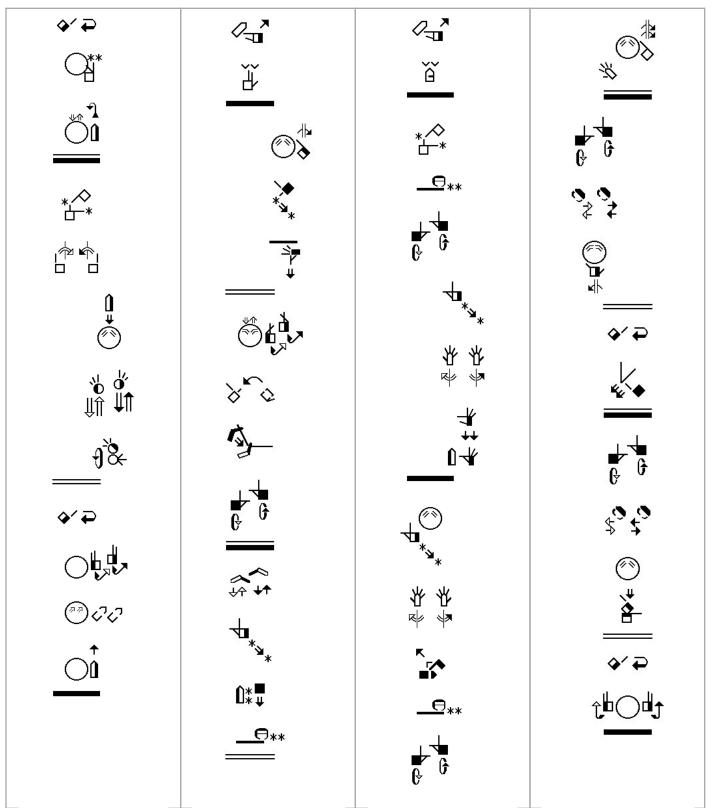
you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Verse 10. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." NLT

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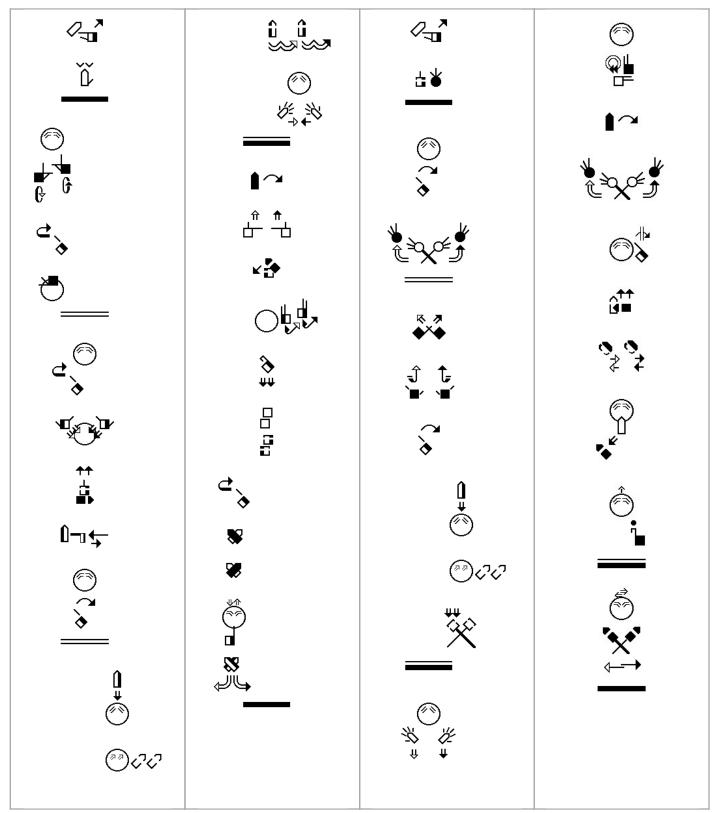
Verse 11. Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Verse 12. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, NLT

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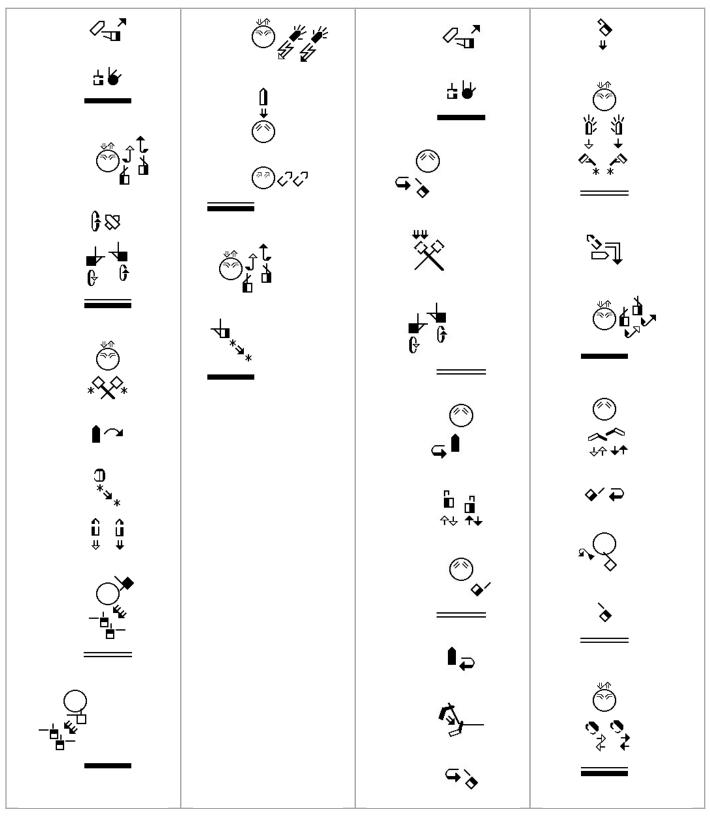
and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. Verse 13. For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority -- whether the king as head of state, Verse 14. or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

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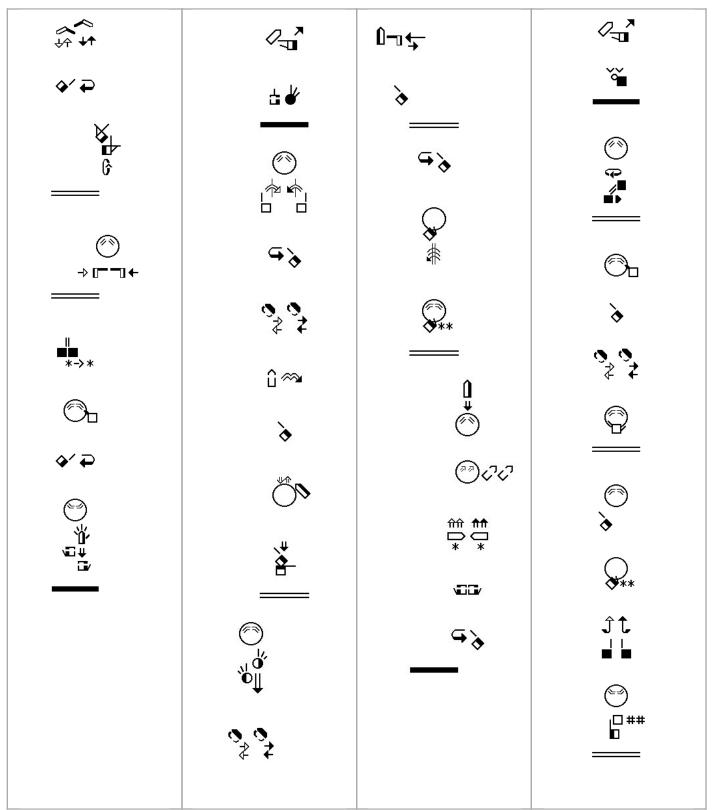


Verse 15. It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people
 who make foolish accusations against you. Verse 16. For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. NLT

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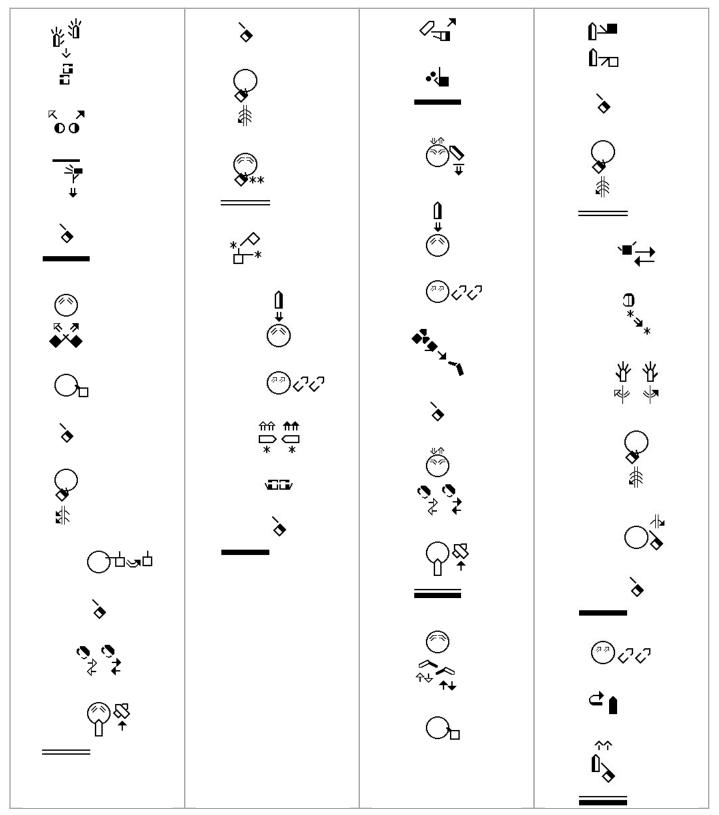


Verse 17. Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king. Verse 18. You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you -- NLT



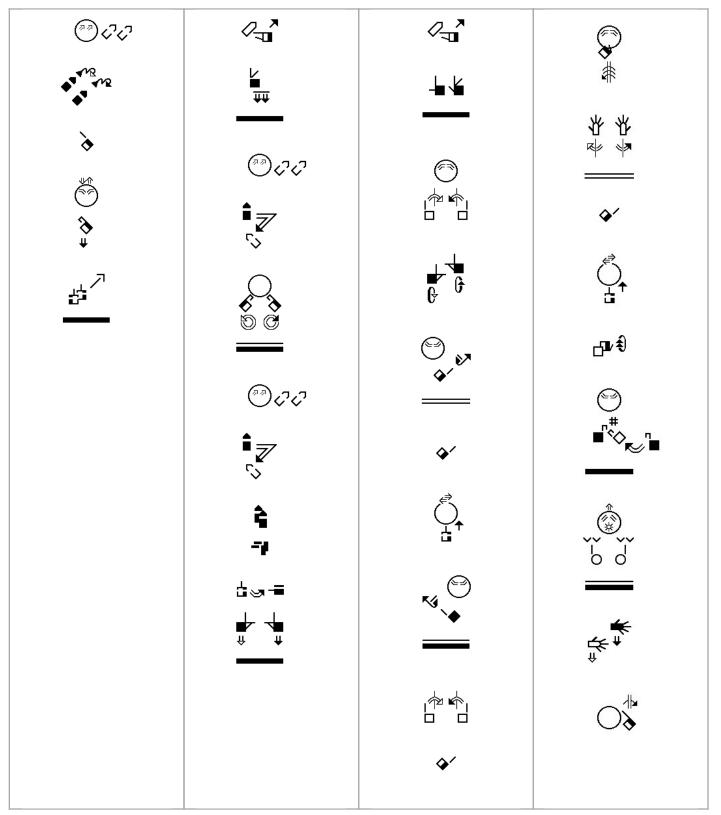
not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. Verse 19. For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. Verse 20. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong.

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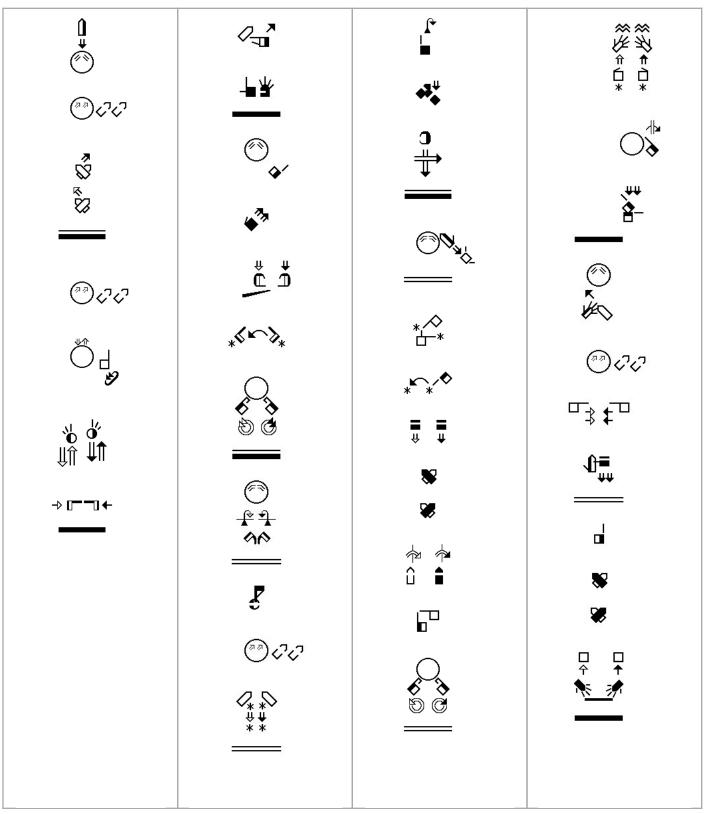


But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. Verse 21. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, NLT

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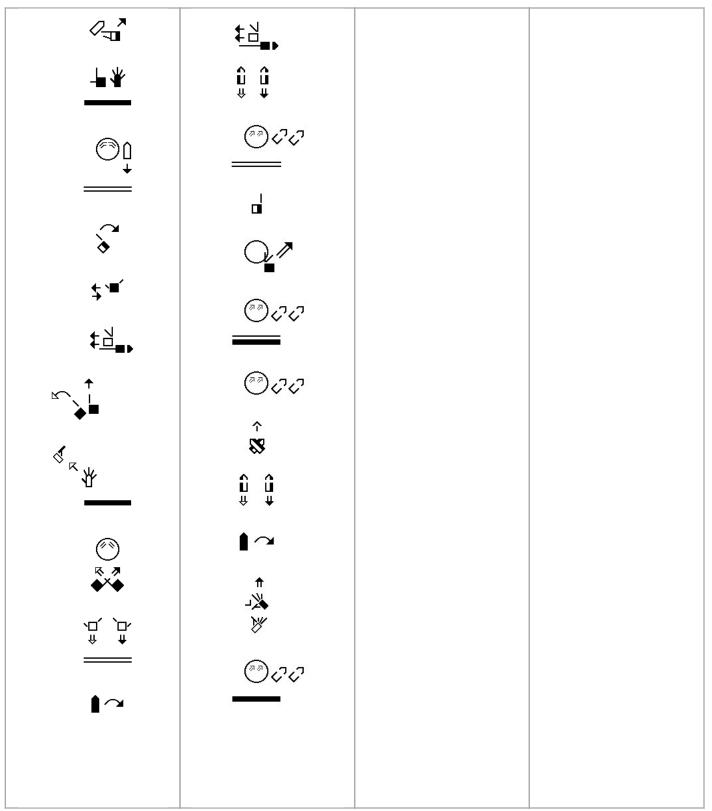


and you must follow in his steps. Verse 22. He never sinned, nor ever deceived
 anyone. Verse 23. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the



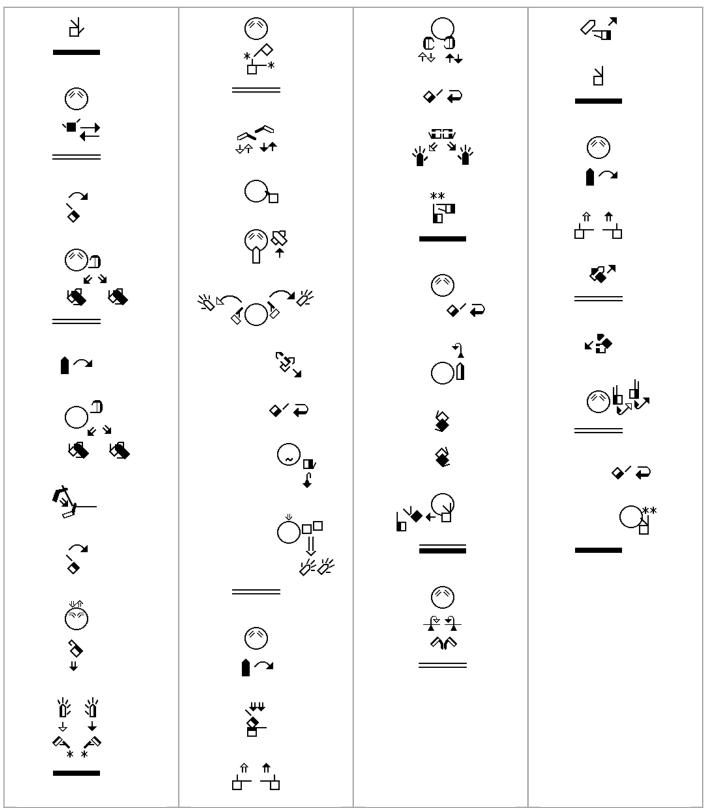
hands of God, who always judges fairly. Verse 24. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

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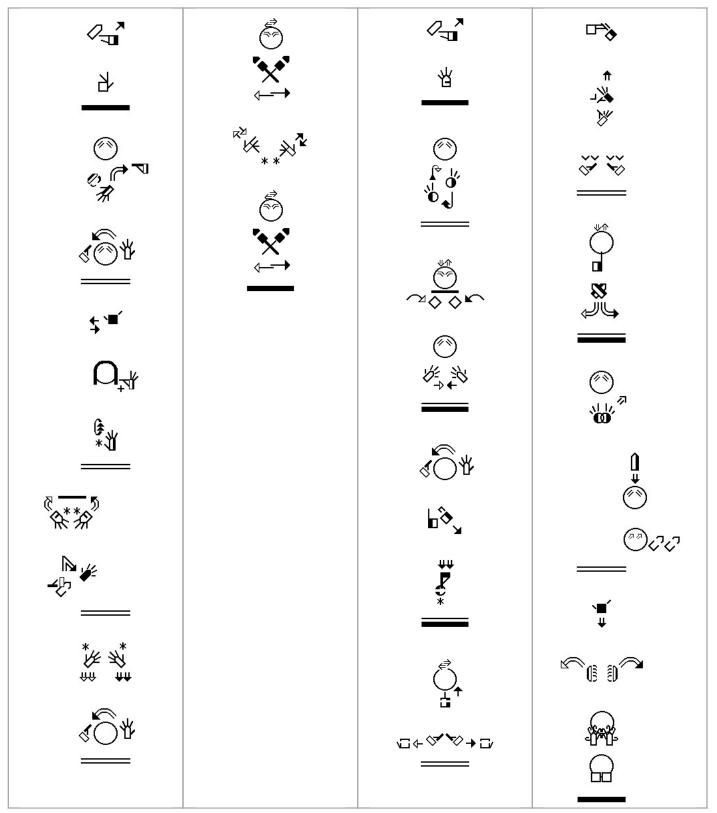
33Verse 25. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to<br/>your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.NLT



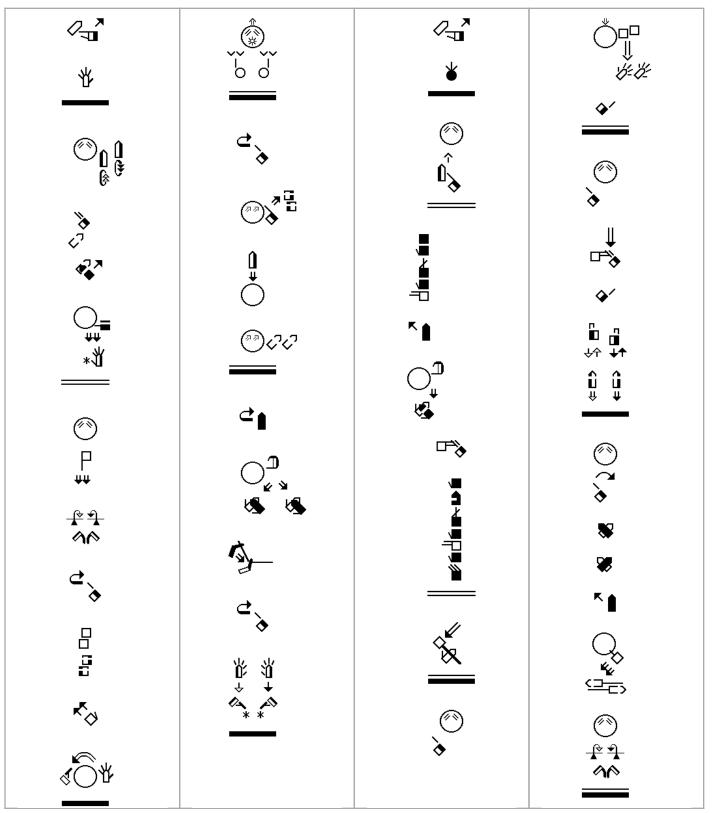


**3.** In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over Verse 2. by observing your pure and reverent lives. NLT

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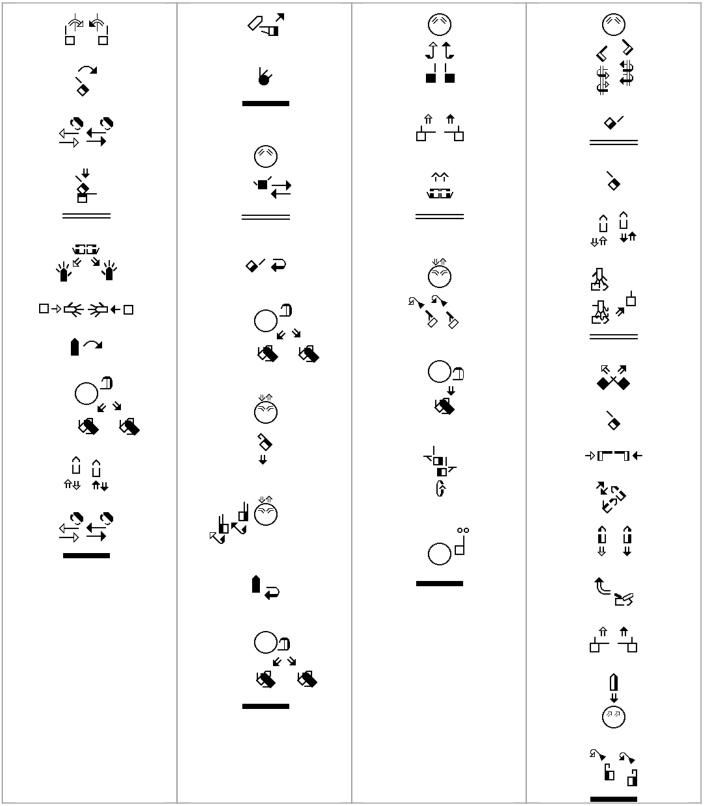


Verse 3. Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. Verse 4. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

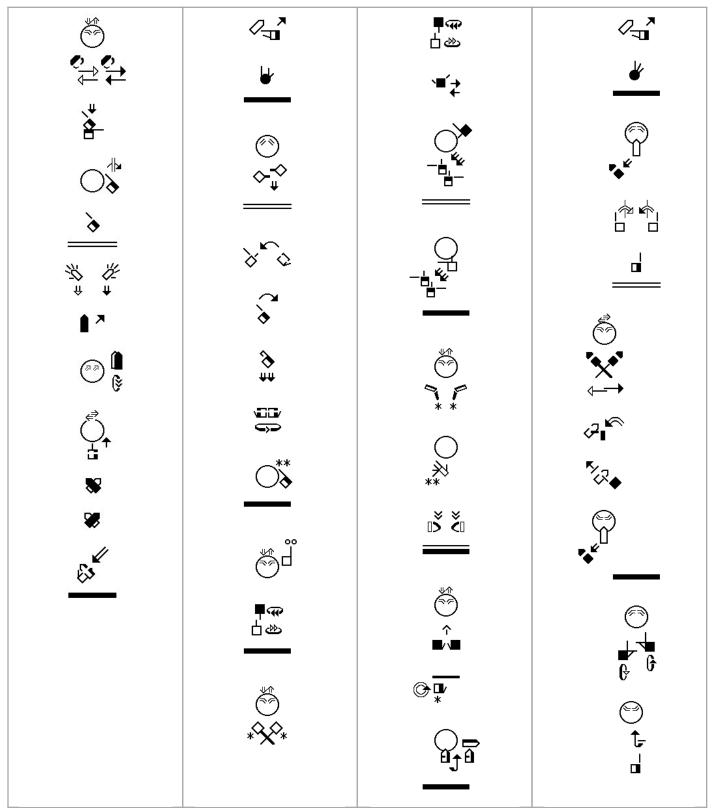


Verse 5. This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They trusted God and accepted the authority of their husbands. Verse 6. For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters NLT

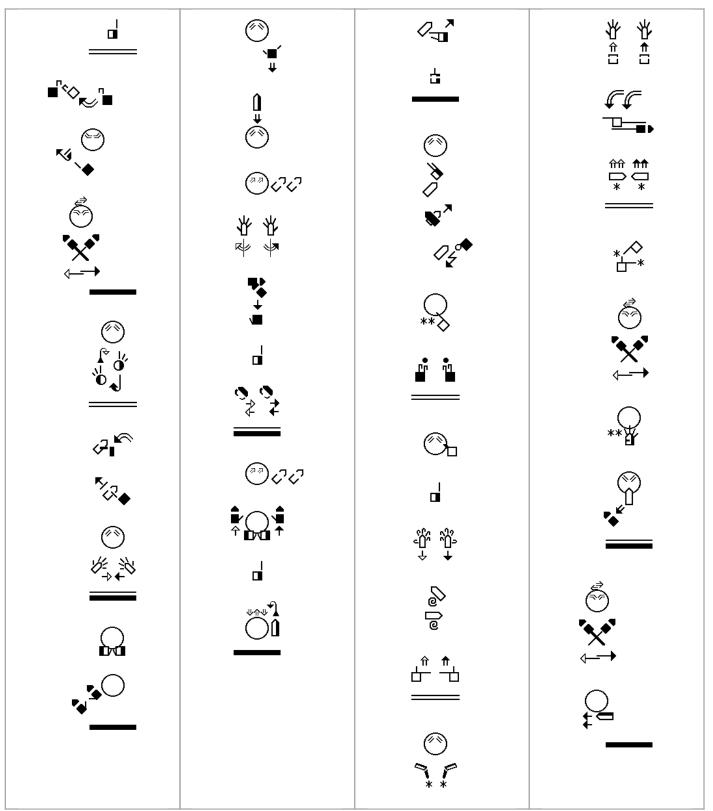
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when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do. Verse 7. In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life.

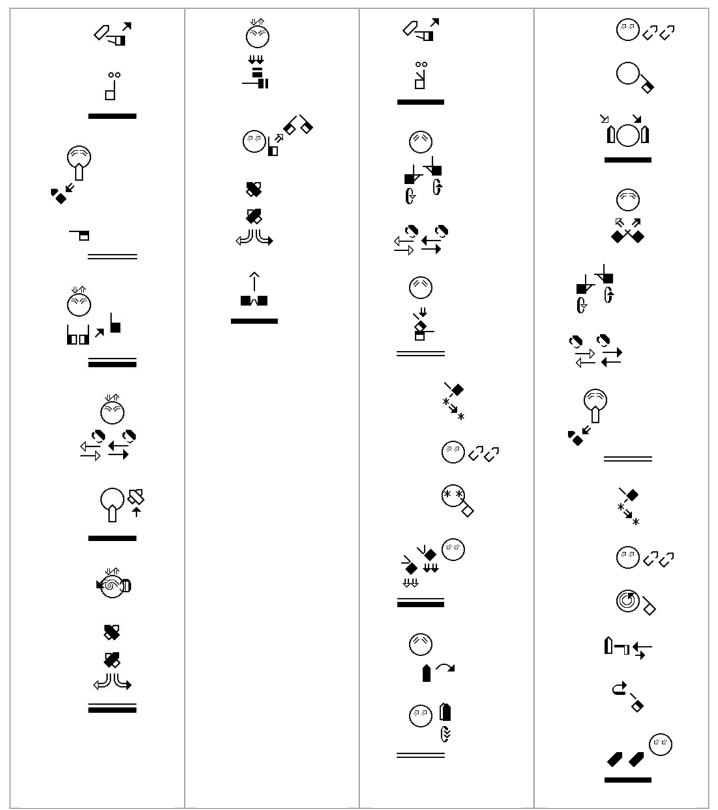


Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. Verse 8. Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Verse 9. Don't repay evil for evil. NLT



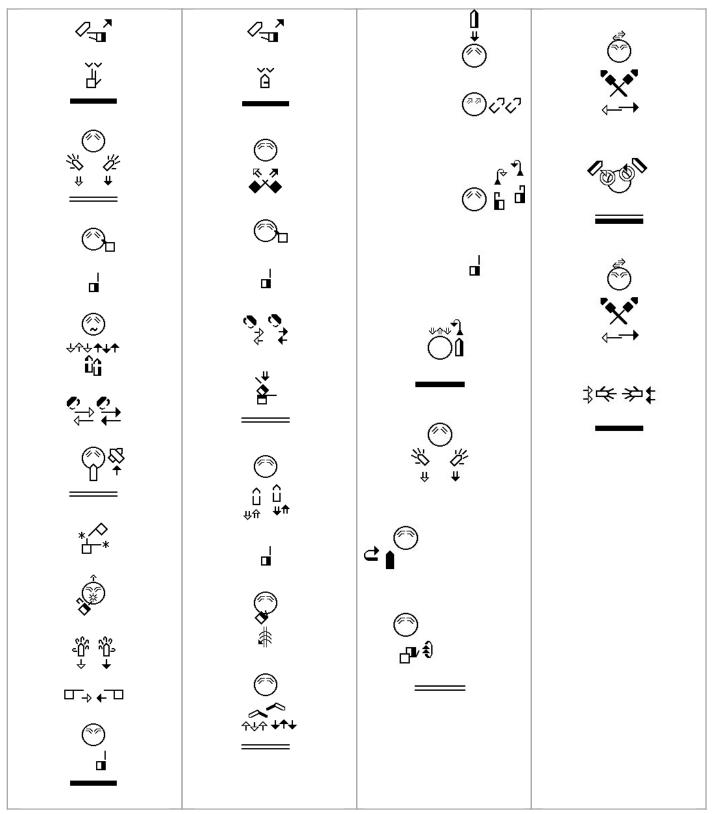
39 Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. Verse 10. For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. NLT

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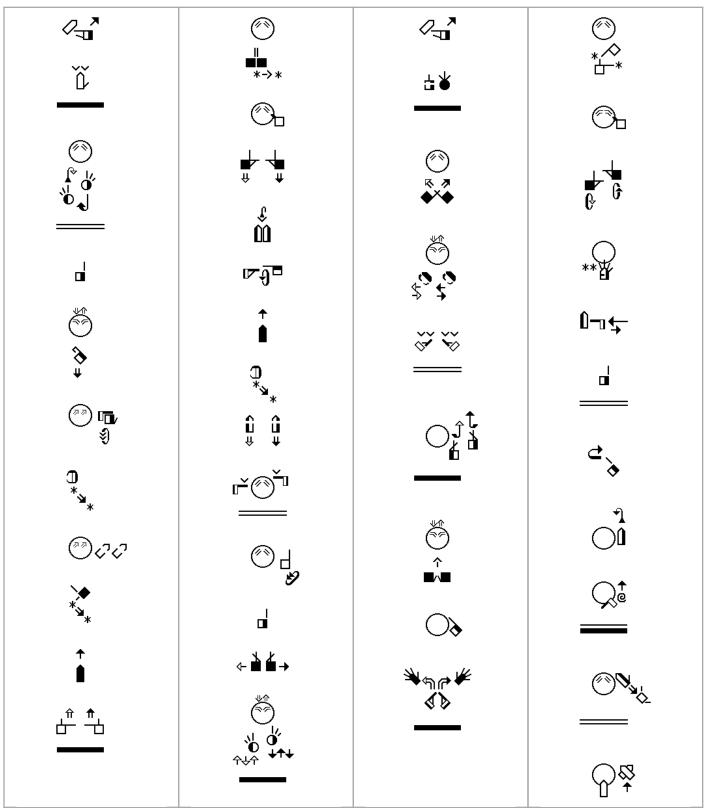
Verse 11. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. Verse 12. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil." NLT

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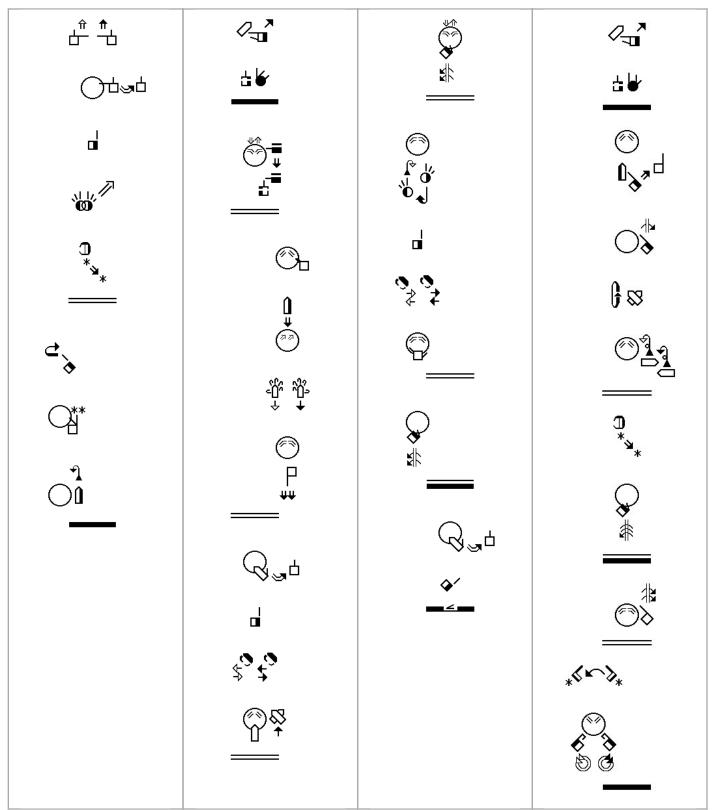


41 Verse 13. Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? Verse 14. But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. NLT

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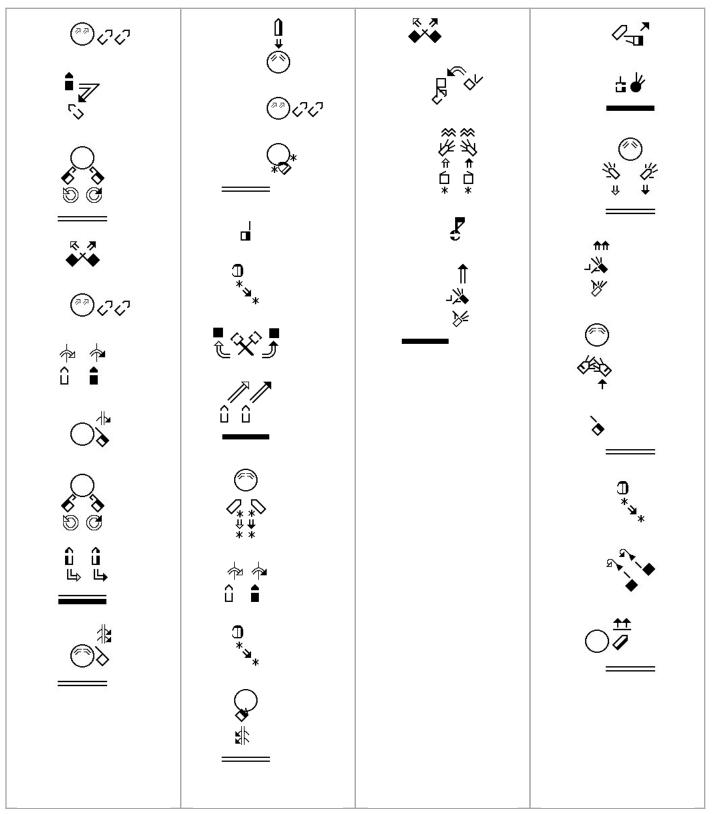


Verse 15. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. Verse 16. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good NLT



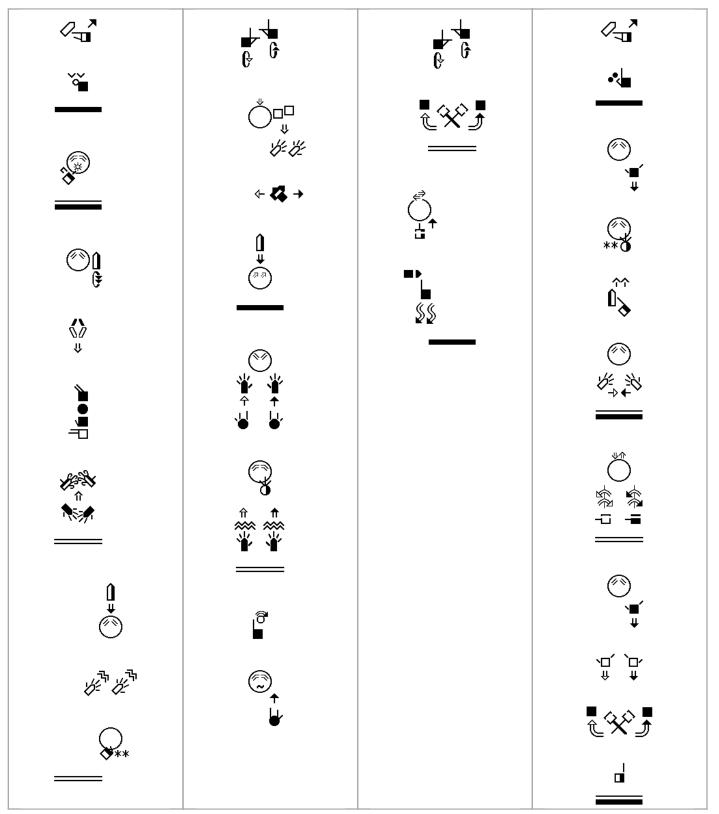
43 life you live because you belong to Christ. Verse 17. Remember, it is better to suffer for
 43 doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! Verse 18. Christ suffered for our sins once for all time.

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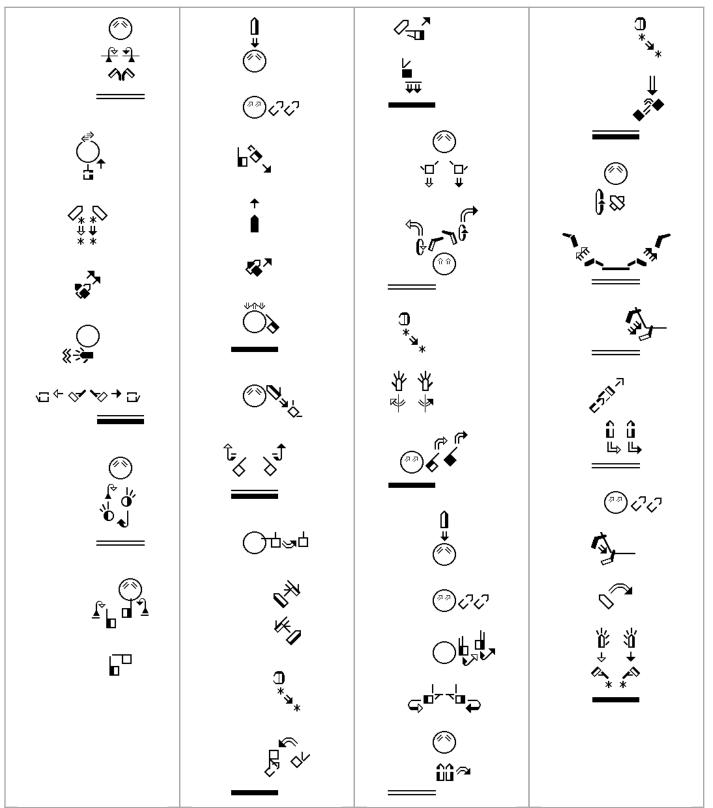
He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. Verse 19. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison -- NLT

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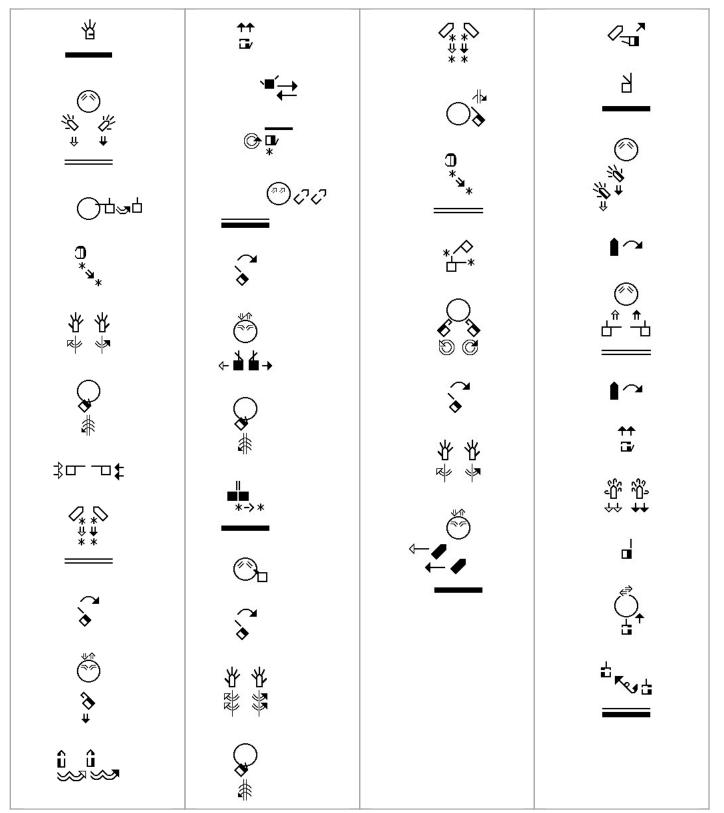


 45 Verse 20. those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was
 45 building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. Verse 21. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you,

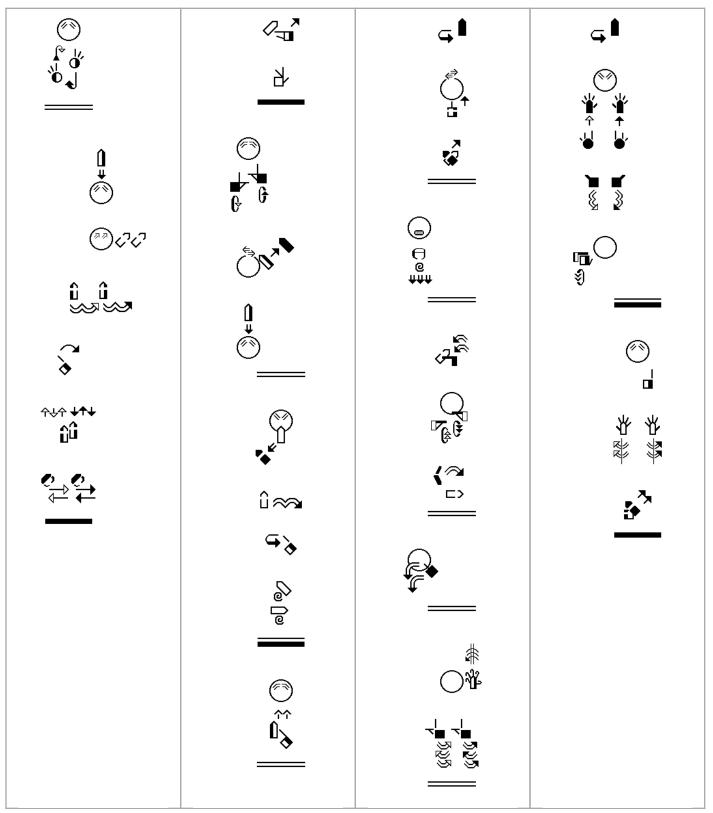




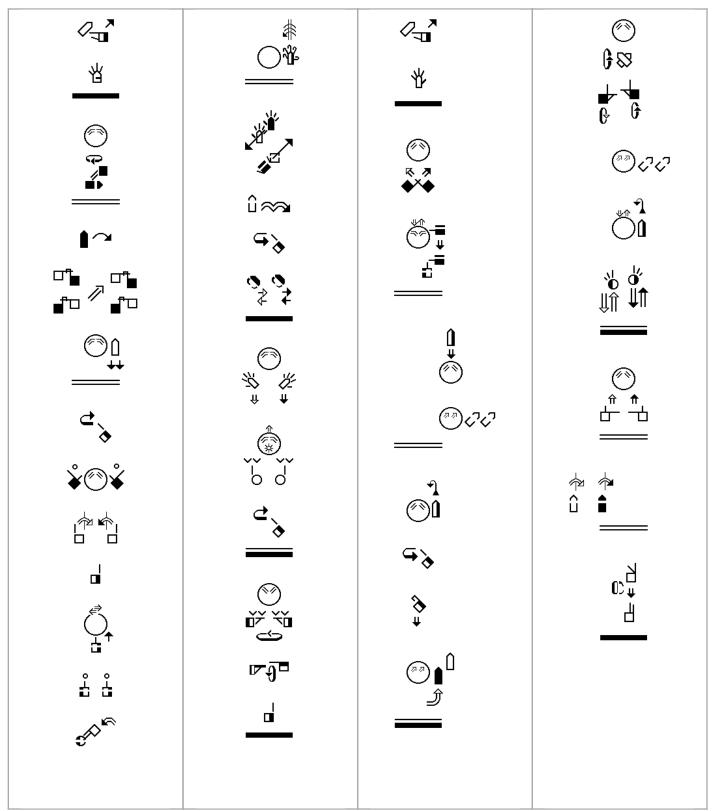
not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Verse 22. Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority. NLT



4. So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. Verse 2. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires,

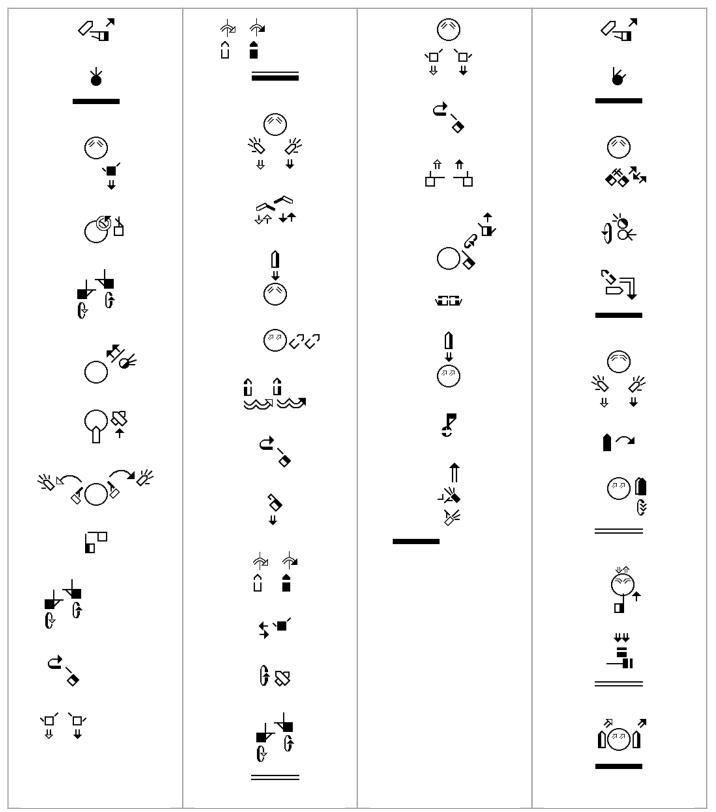


but you will be anxious to do the will of God. Verse 3. You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy -- their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. NLT



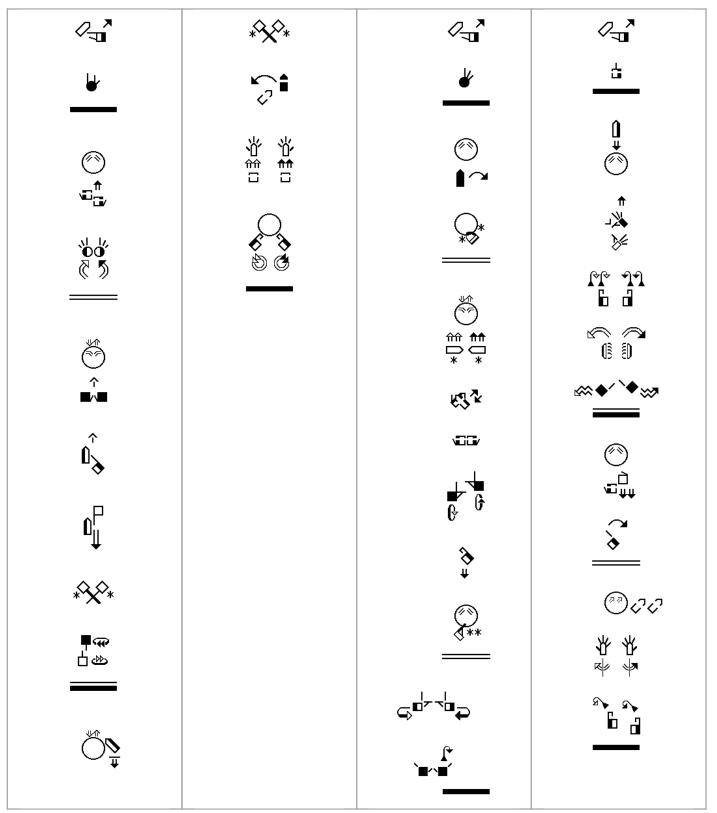
Verse 4. Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. Verse 5. But remember that they will have to face God, who will judge everyone, both the living and the dead. NLT

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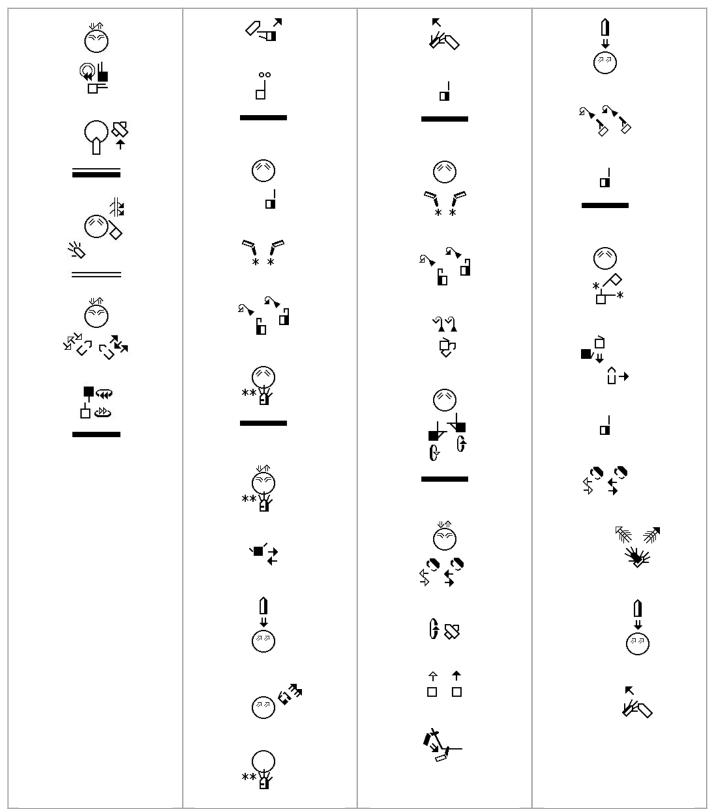


Verse 6. That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead -- so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit. Verse 7. The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

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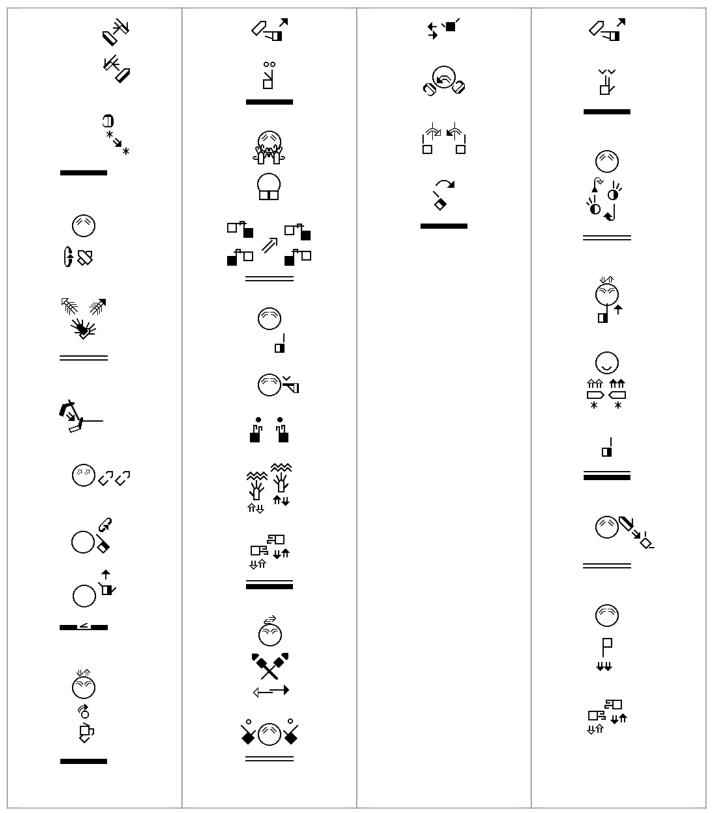


Verse 8. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Verse 9. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. Verse 10. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.

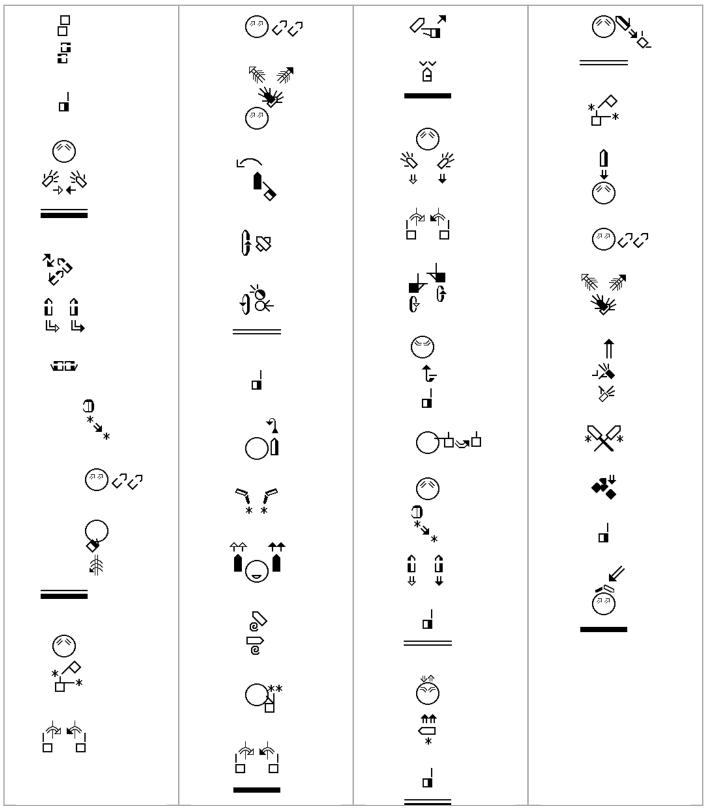


Use them well to serve one another. Verse 11. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through NLT

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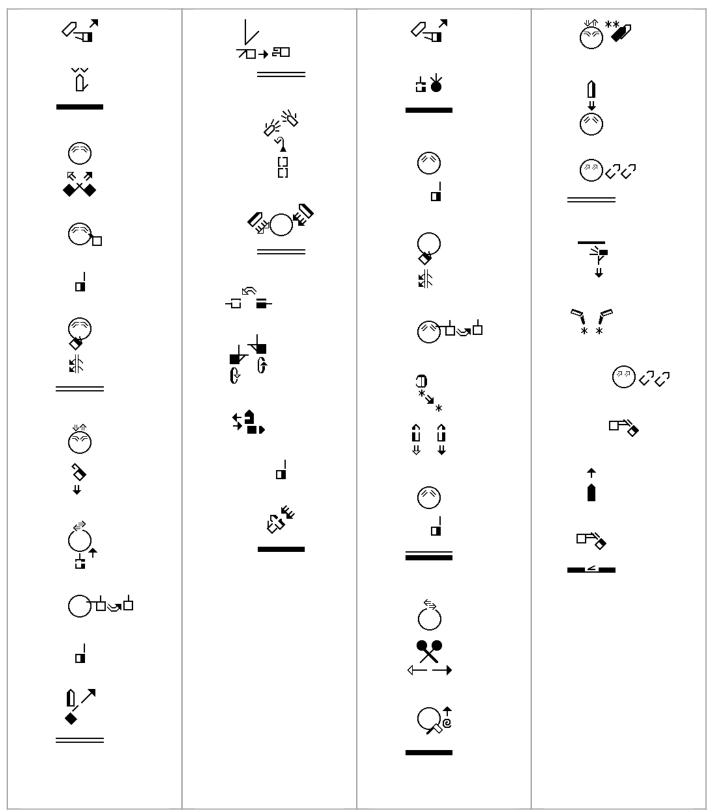


Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. Verse 12. Dear
 friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Verse 13. Instead, be very glad -- for these trials NLT

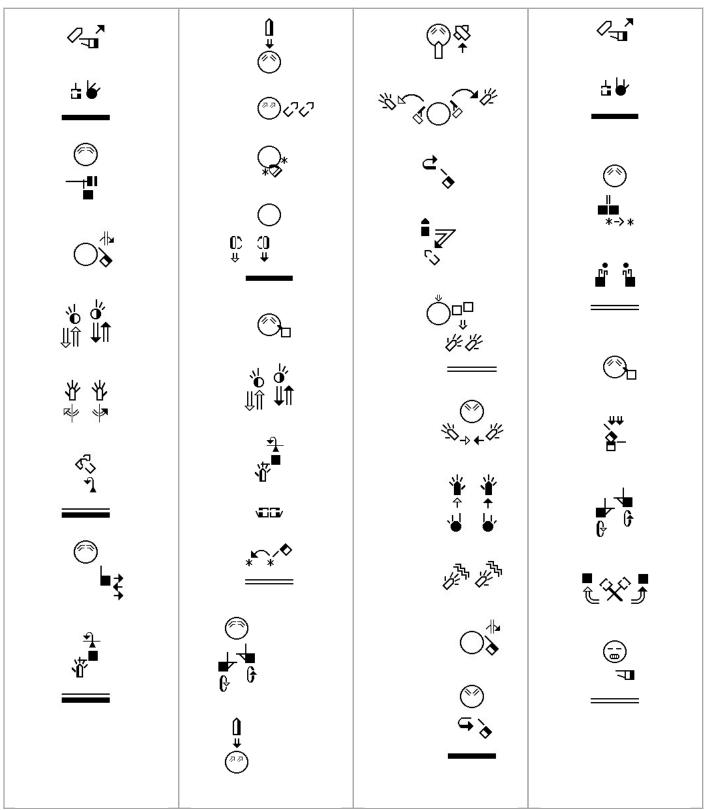


make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. Verse 14. So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. NLT

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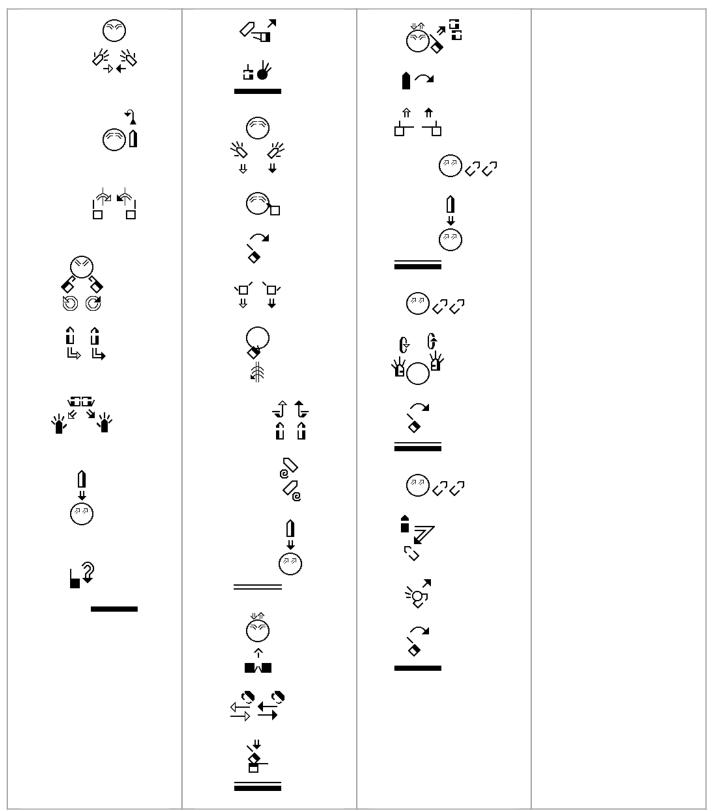


Verse 15. If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or
 prying into other people's affairs. Verse 16. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

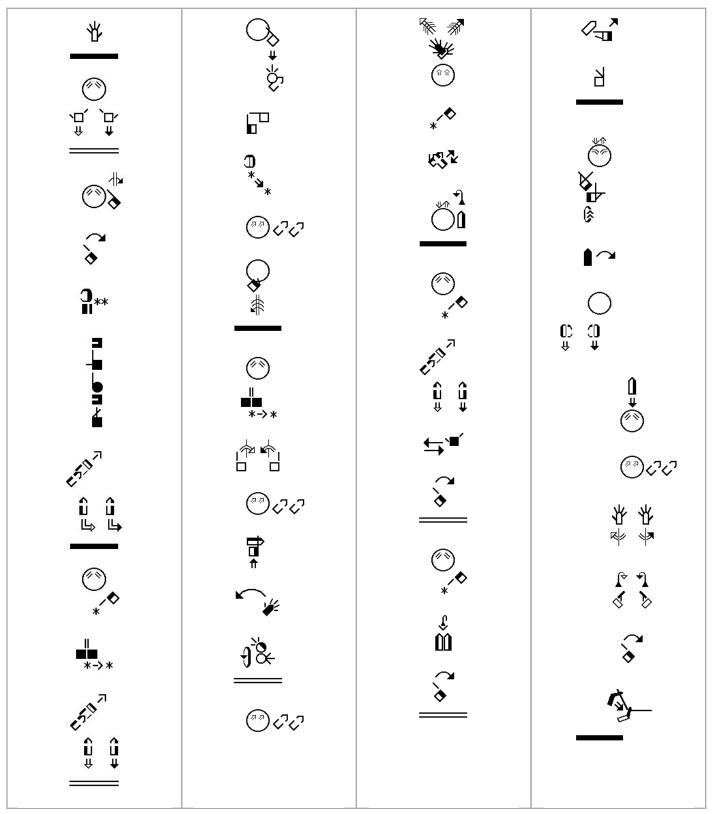


Verse 17. For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News? Verse 18. And also, "If the righteous are barely saved, NLT

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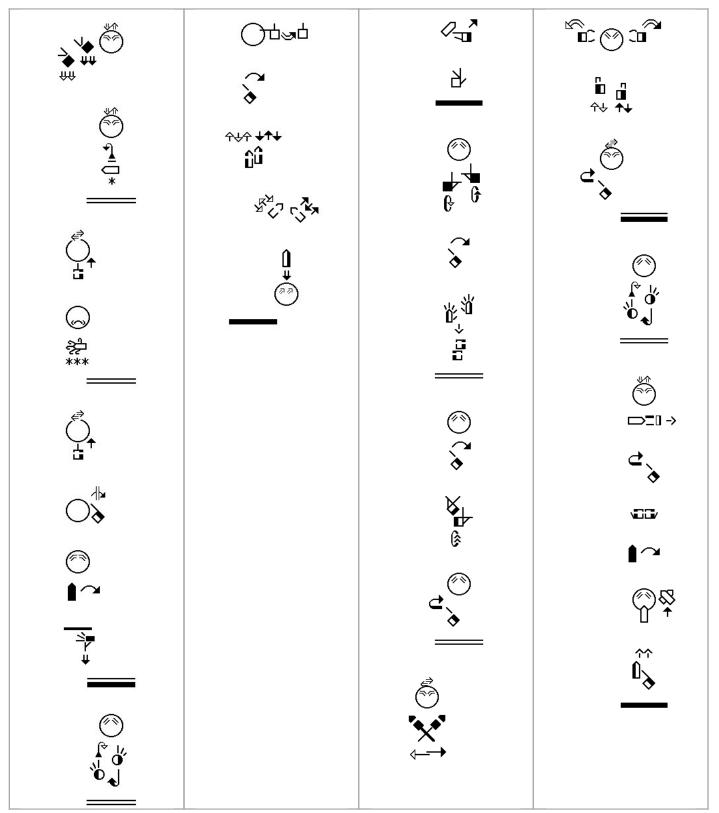


what will happen to godless sinners?" Verse 19. So if you are suffering in a manner that
 pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

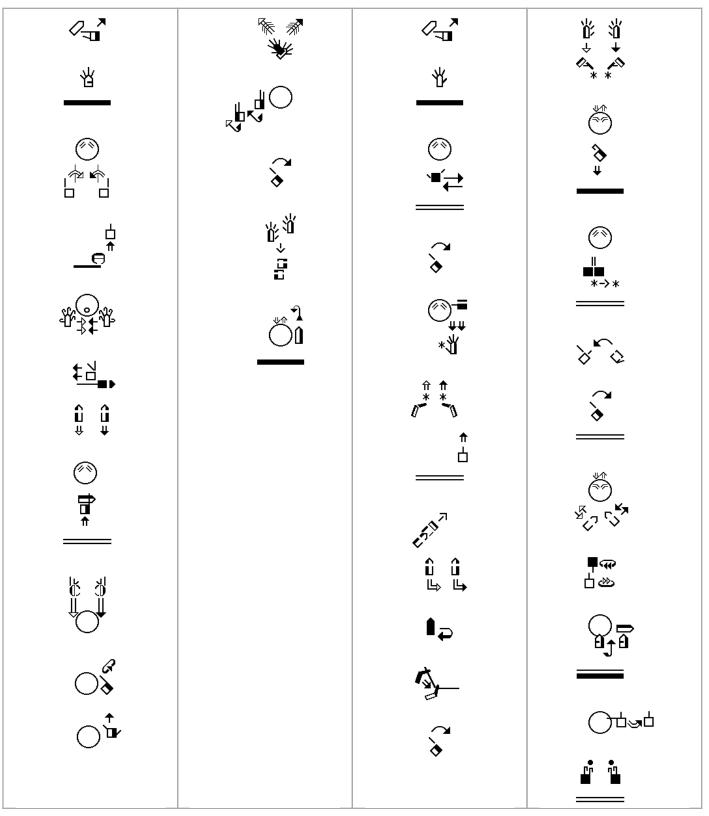


**5.** And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: Verse 2. Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.

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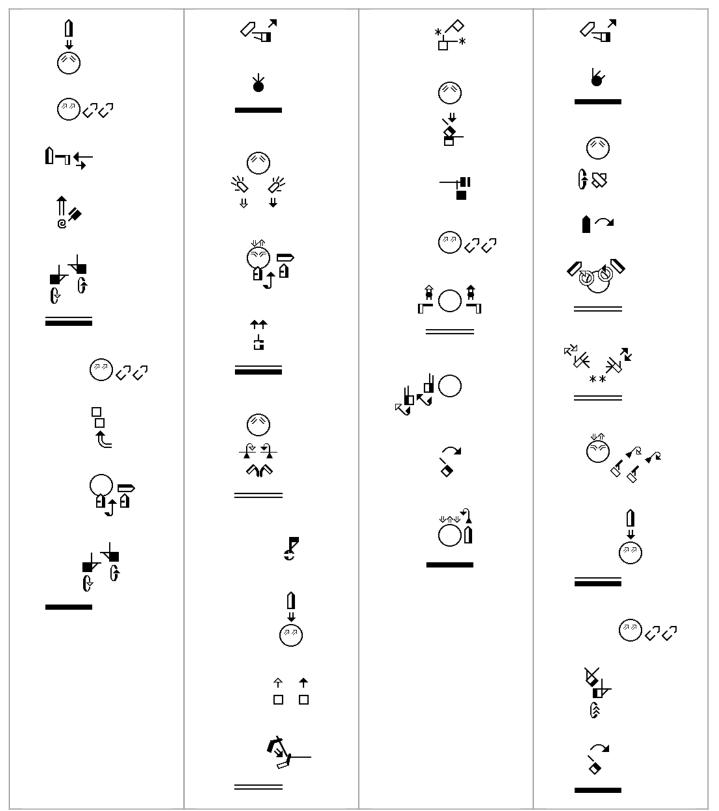


Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly -- not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Verse 3. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. NLT

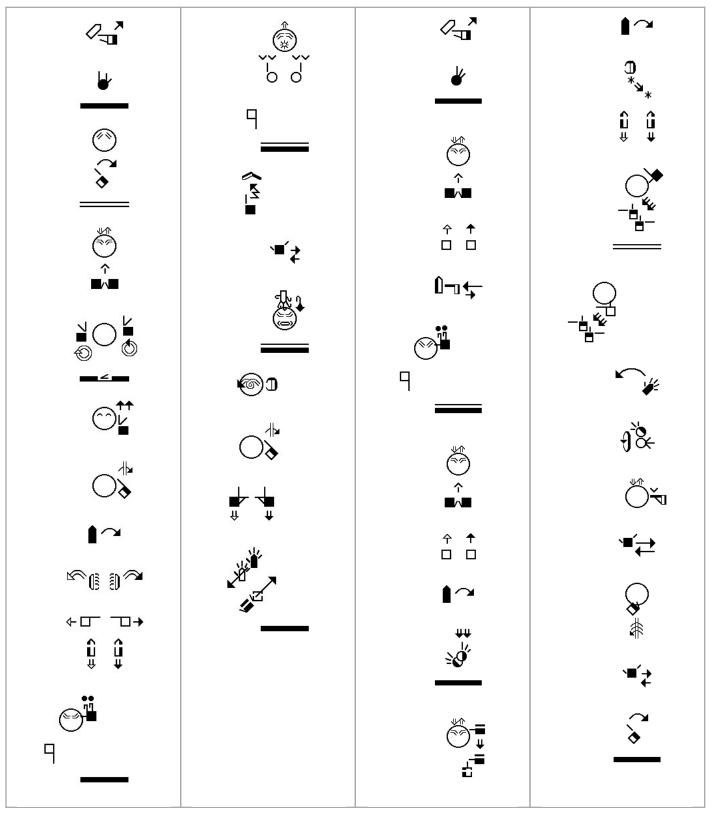


Verse 4. And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of neverending glory and honor. Verse 5. In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for NLT

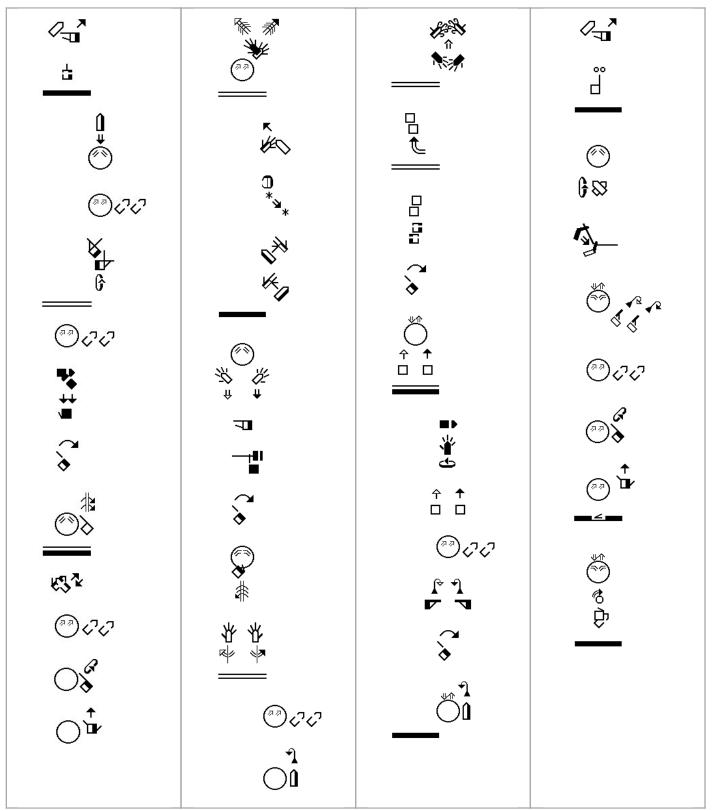
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"God opposes the proud but favors the humble." Verse 6. So humble yourselves underthe mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Verse 7. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

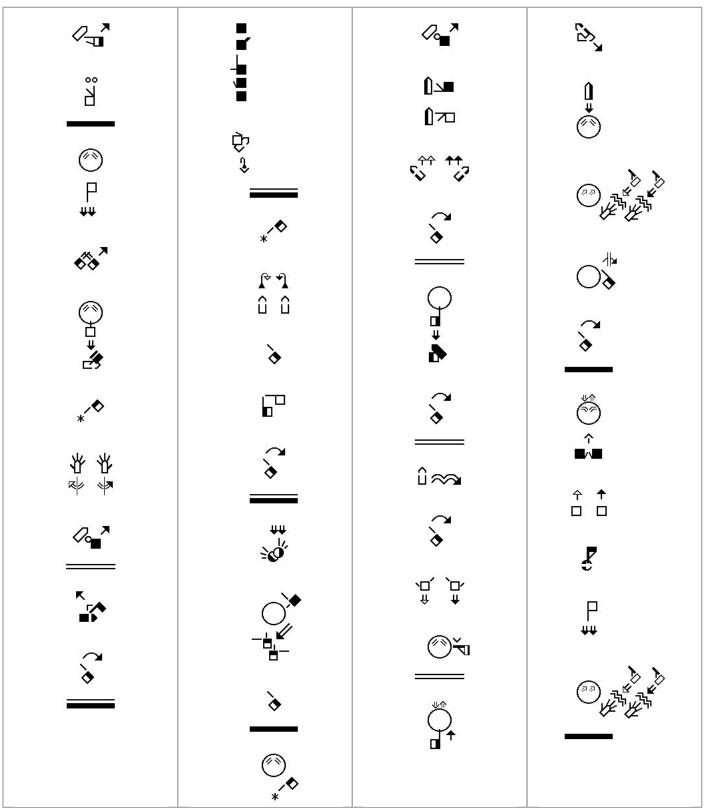


Verse 8. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Verse 9. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. NLT



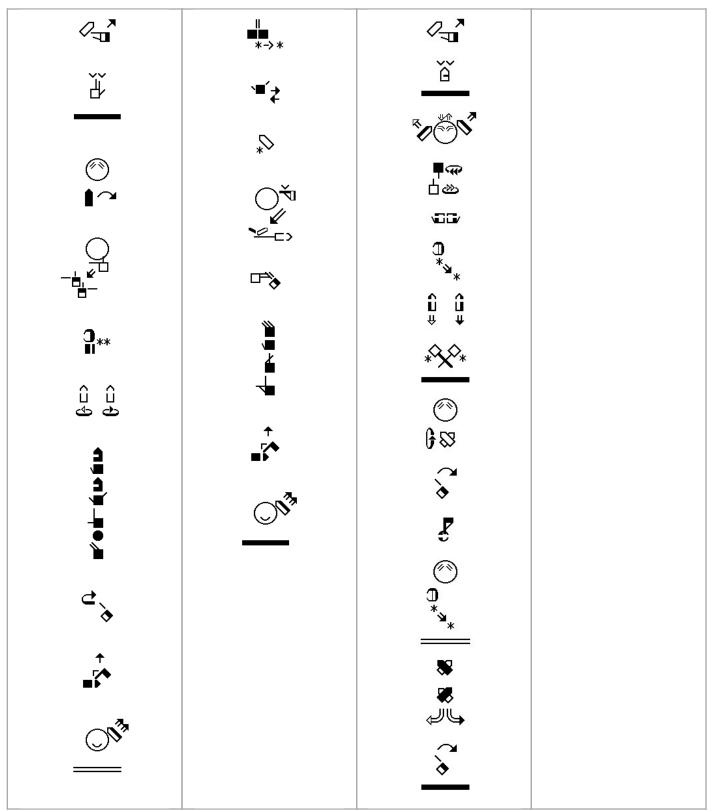
Verse 10. In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. Verse 11. All power to him forever! Amen.

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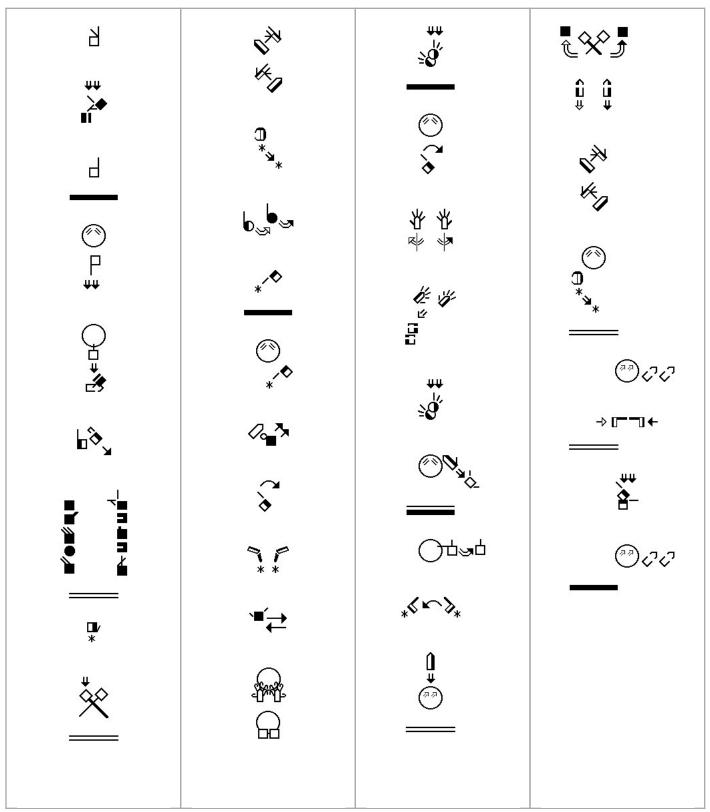


Verse 12. I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

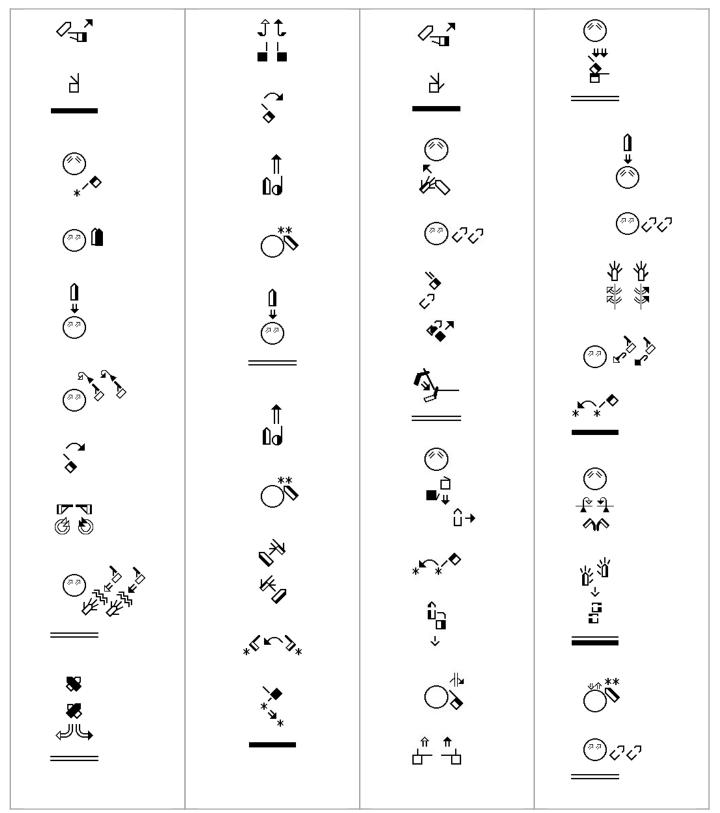
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65 Verse 13. Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son
 65 Mark. Verse 14. Greet each other with Christian love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.



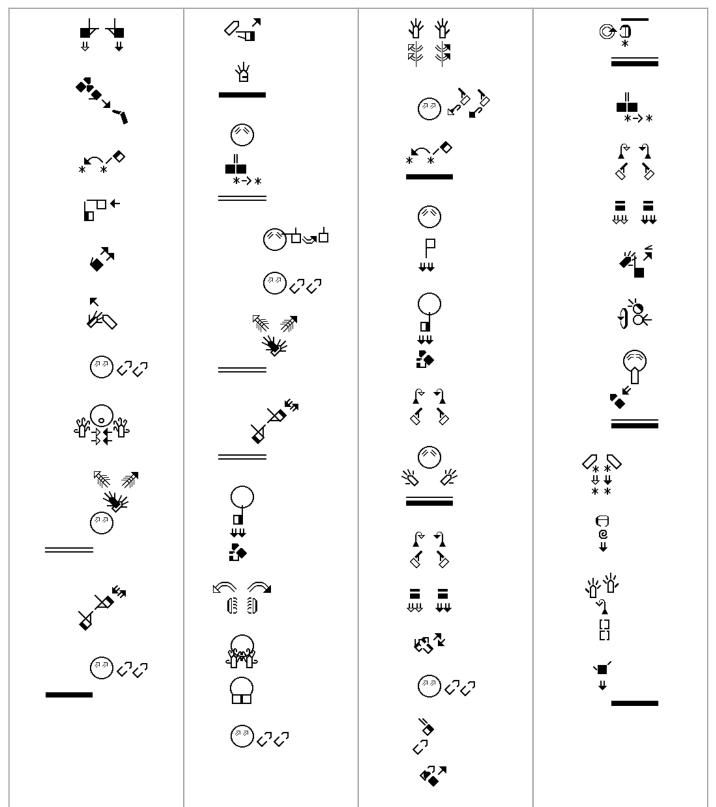
**2 Peter 1.** This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. NLT



Verse 2. May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. Verse 3. By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him,

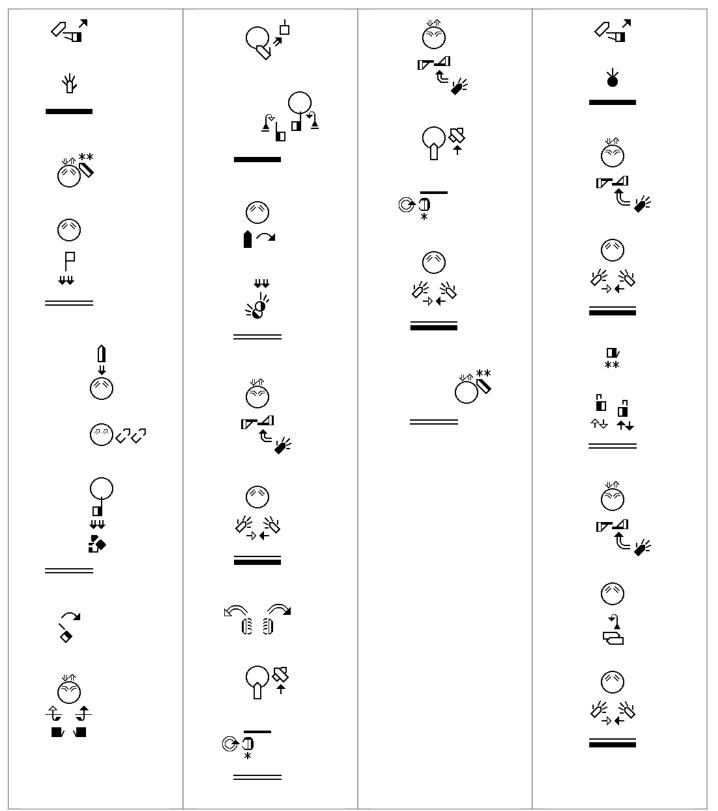
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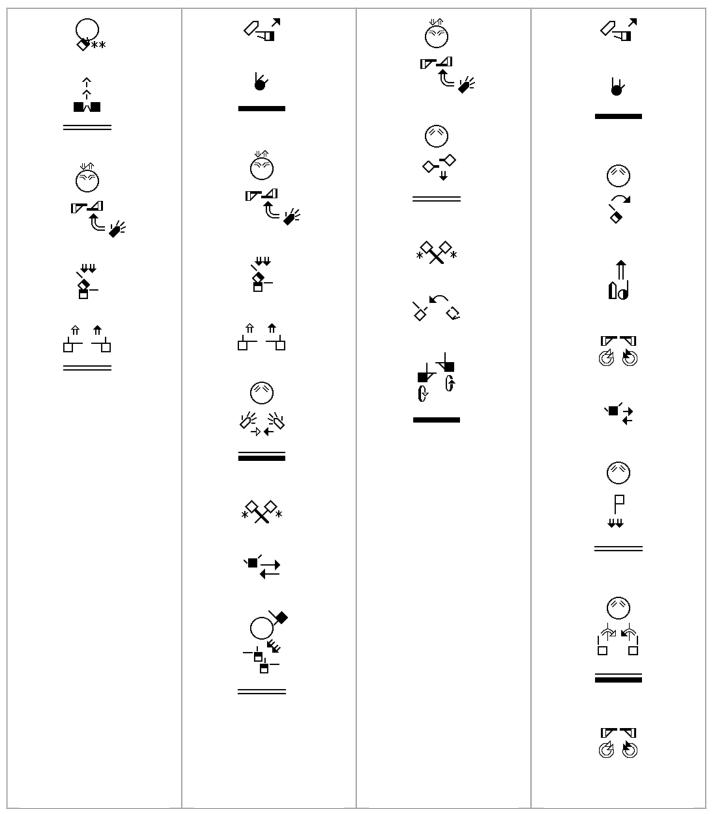


the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. Verse 4. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. NLT

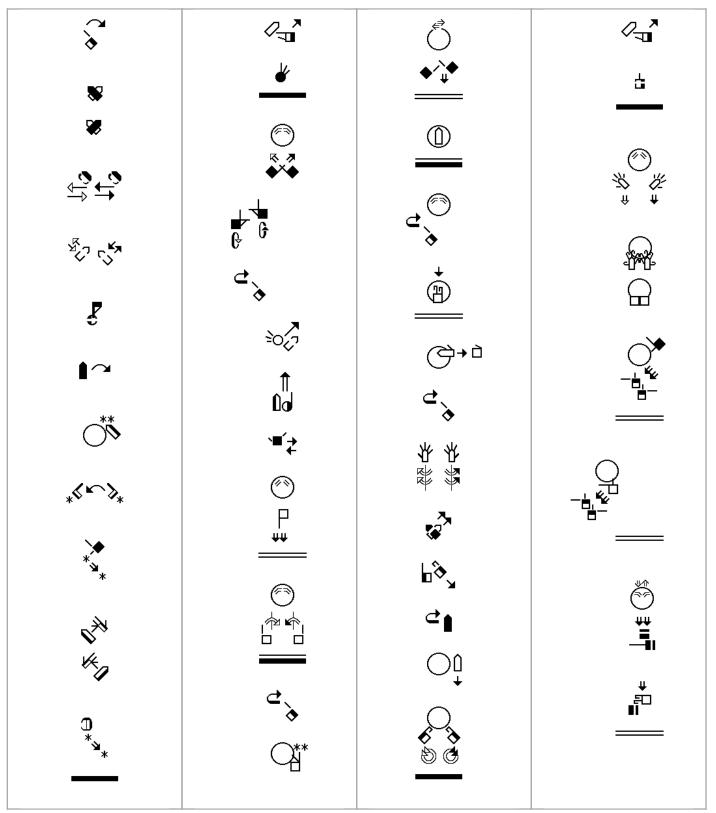
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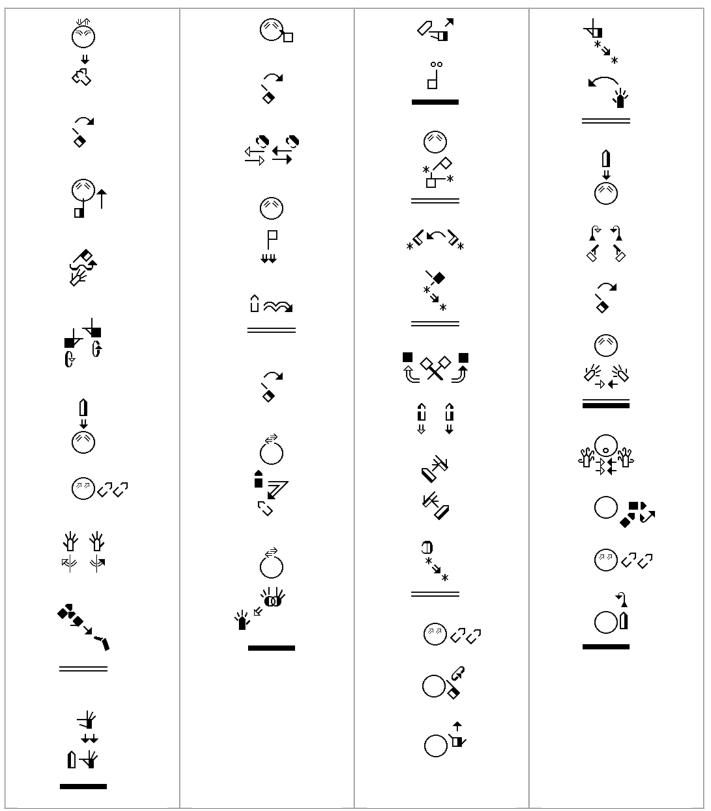
69 Verse 5. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement
 69 your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, Verse 6. and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with NLT



patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, Verse 7. and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. Verse 8. The more you grow like this, the more NLT

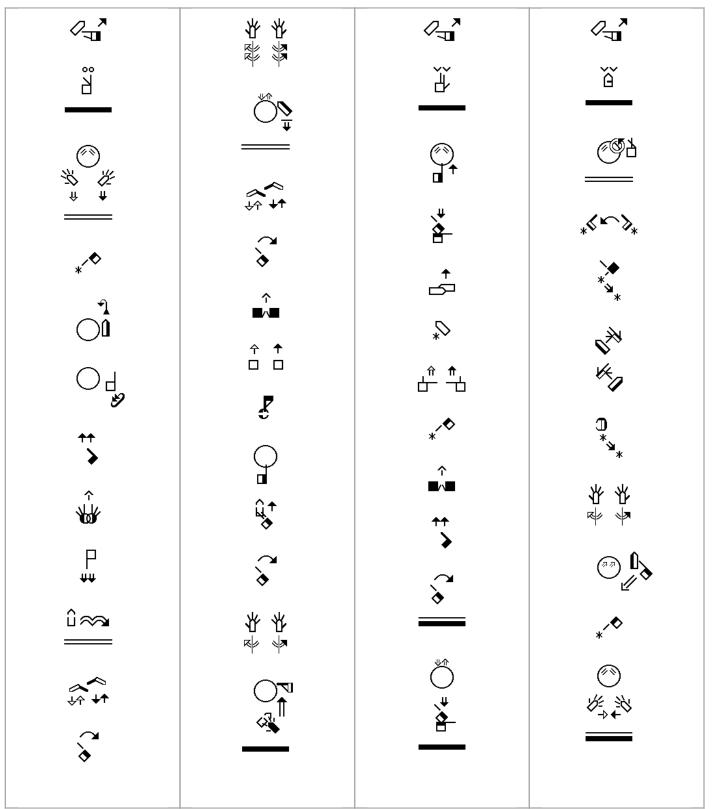


productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 9.
 But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. Verse 10. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard



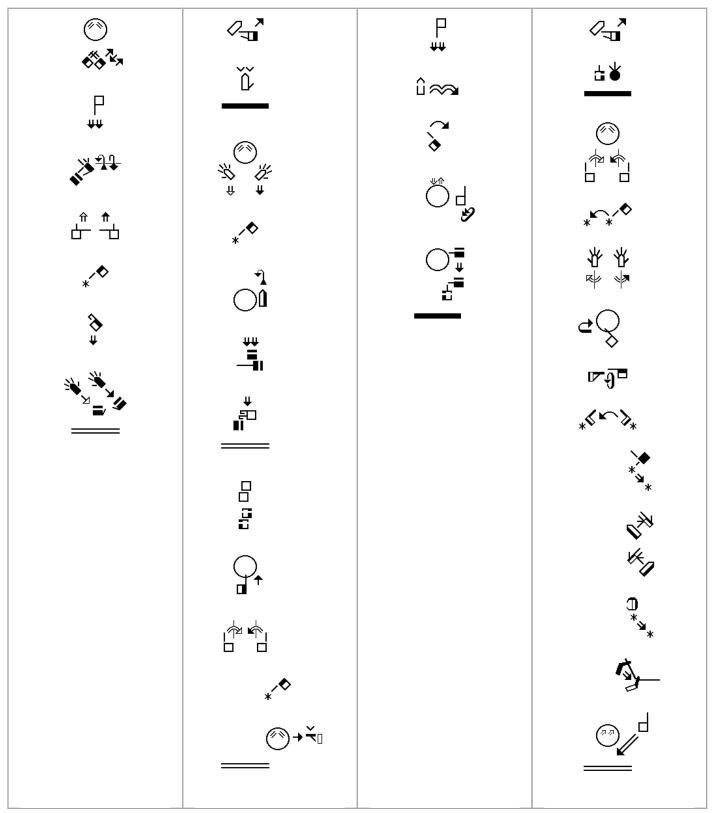
to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Verse 11. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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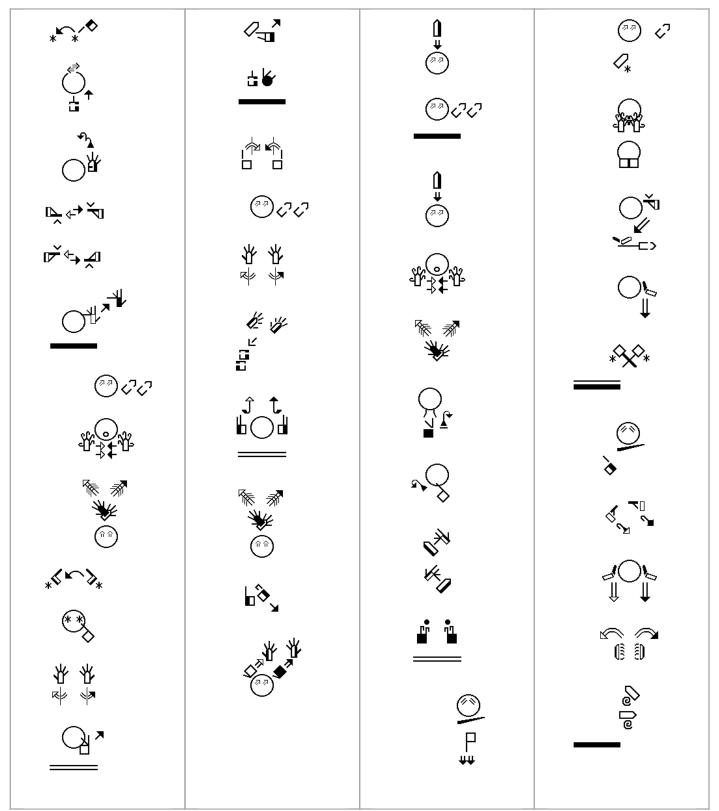


Verse 12. Therefore, I will always remind you about these things -- even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. Verse 13. And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live. Verse 14. For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me

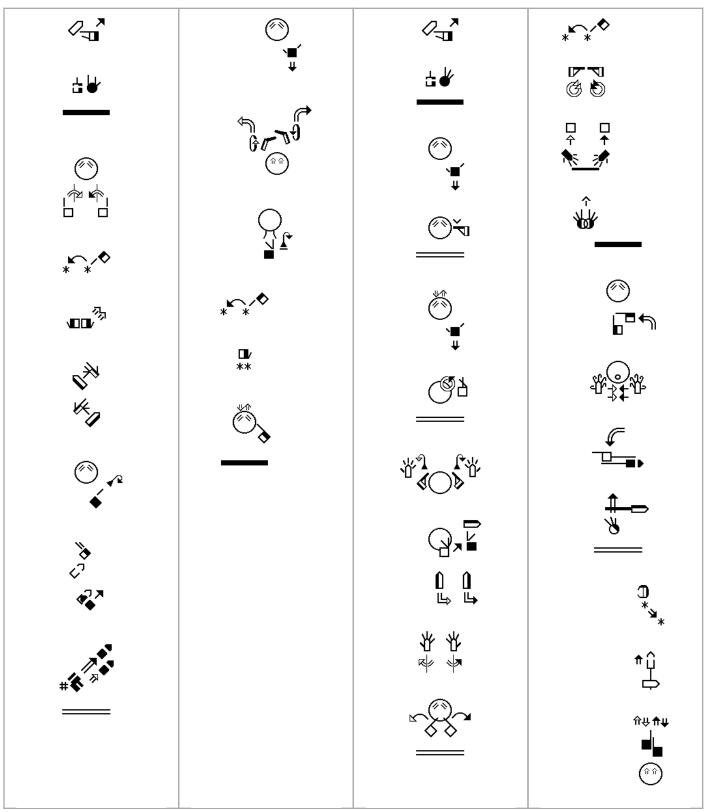
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that I must soon leave this earthly life, Verse 15. so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone. Verse 16. For we NLT 74

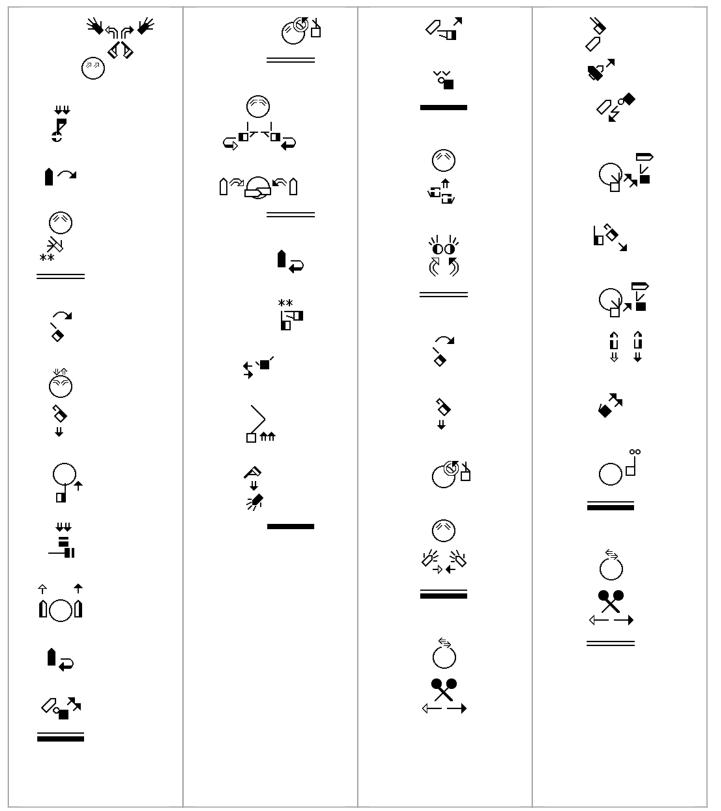


were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes Verse 17. when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." NLT



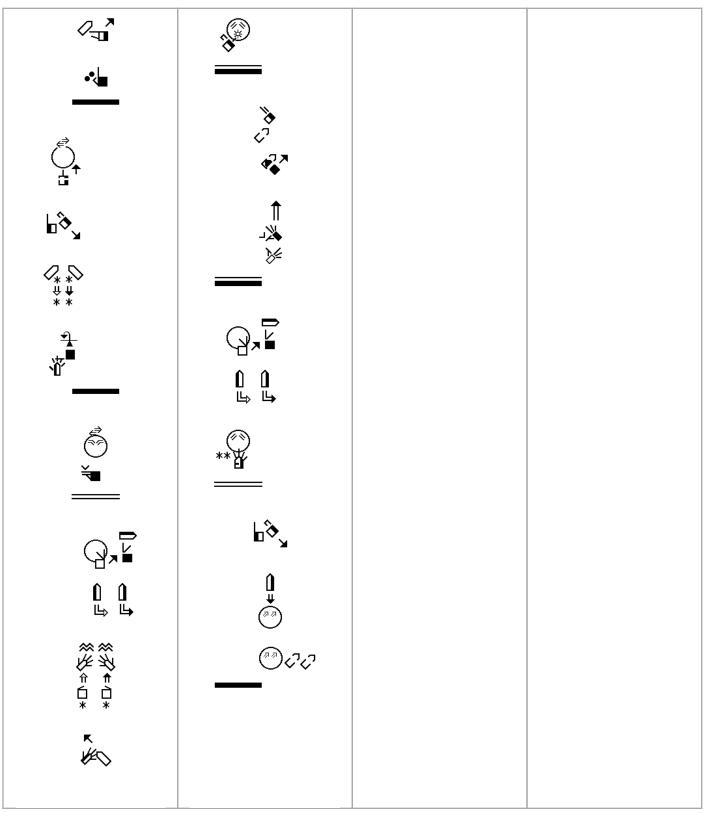
Verse 18. We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. Verse 19. Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence r6 in the message proclaimed by the prophets. NLT

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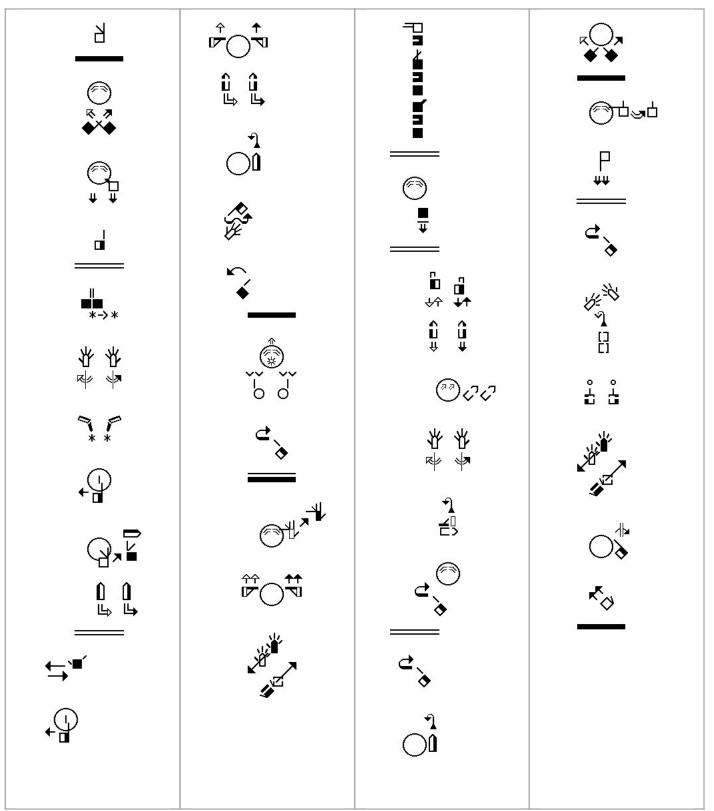


You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining
 in a dark place -- until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts.
 Verse 20. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,

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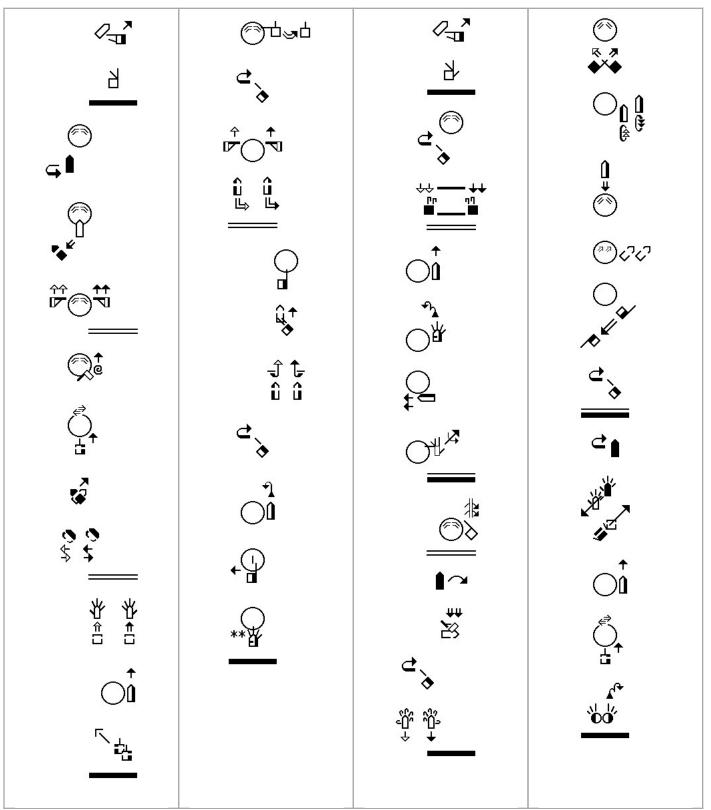


Verse 21. or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. NLT 78



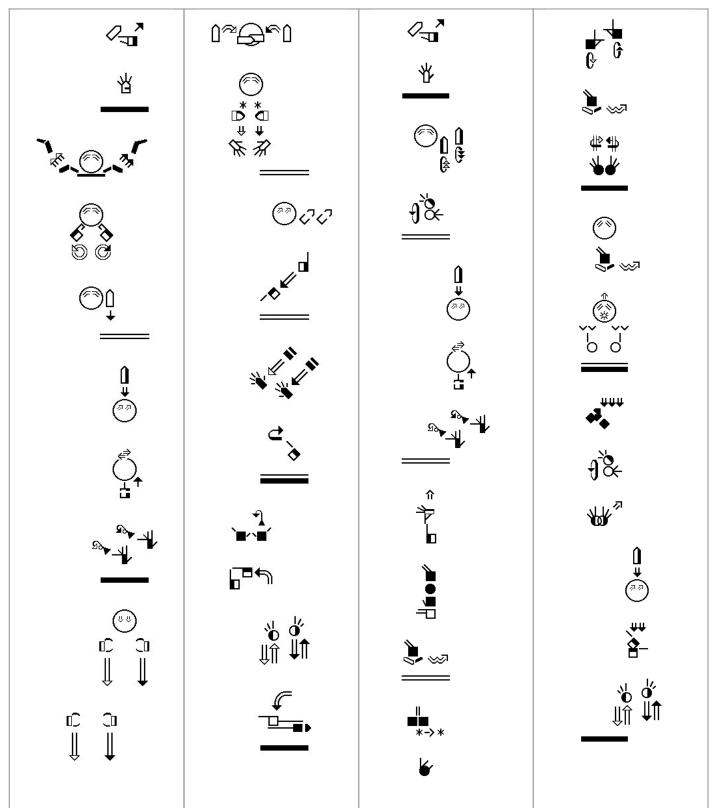
79 2. But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. NLT

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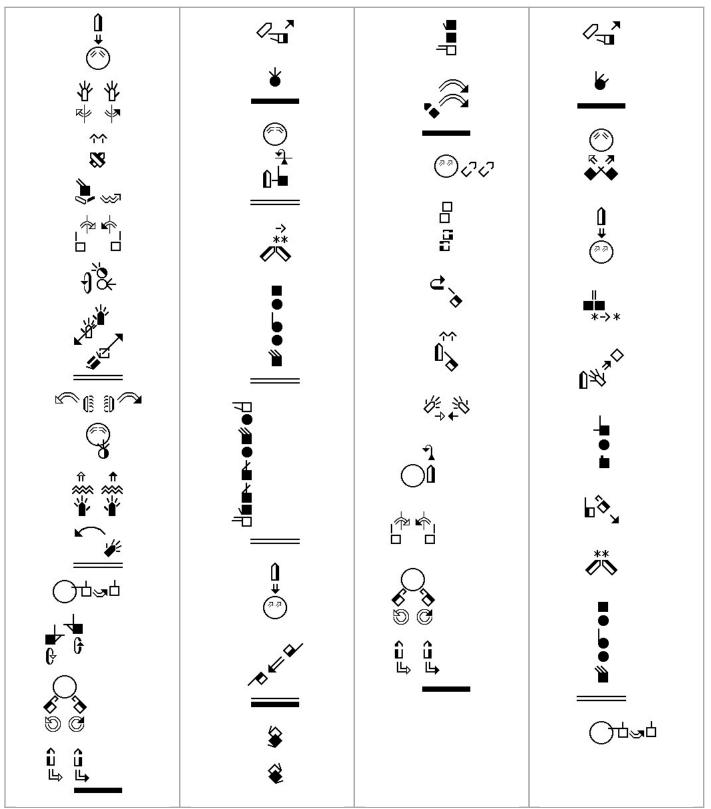
Verse 2. Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. Verse 3. In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

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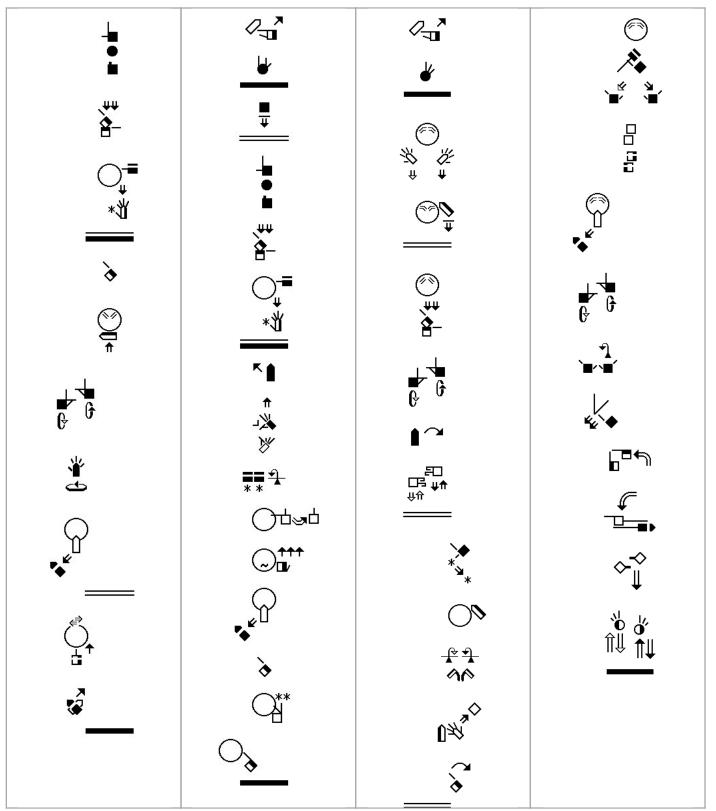


Verse 4. For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment. Verse 5. And God did not spare the ancient world -- except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God's righteous judgment.

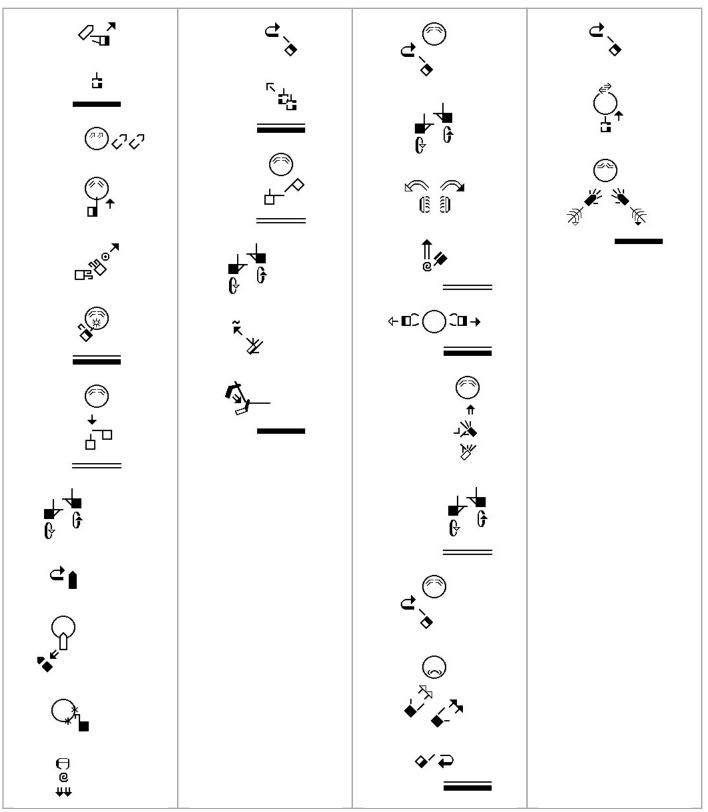
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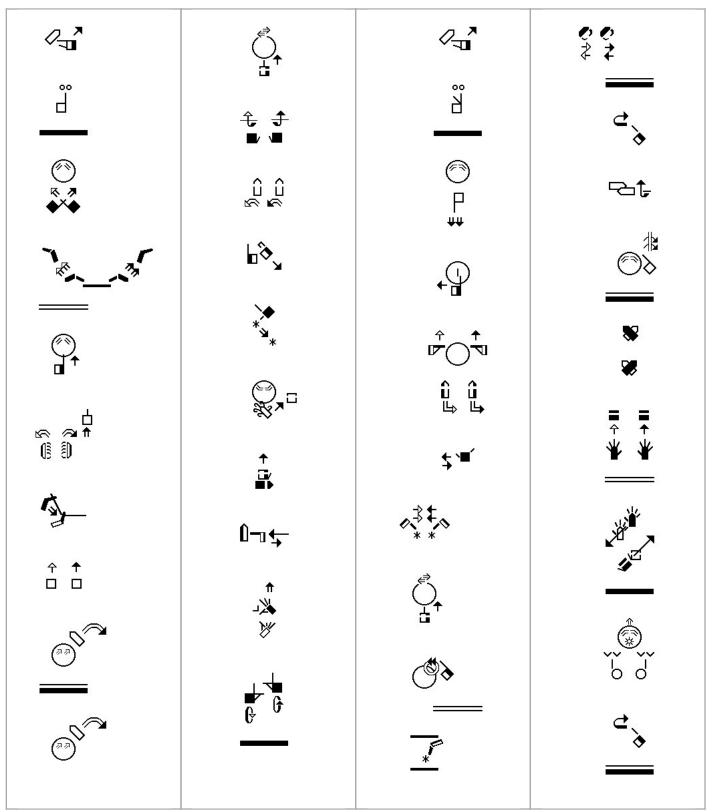
So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood. Verse 6. Later, God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and turned them into heaps of ashes. He made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people. Verse 7. But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who



83 Verse 8. Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he saw and heard day after day. Verse 9. So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment. NLT

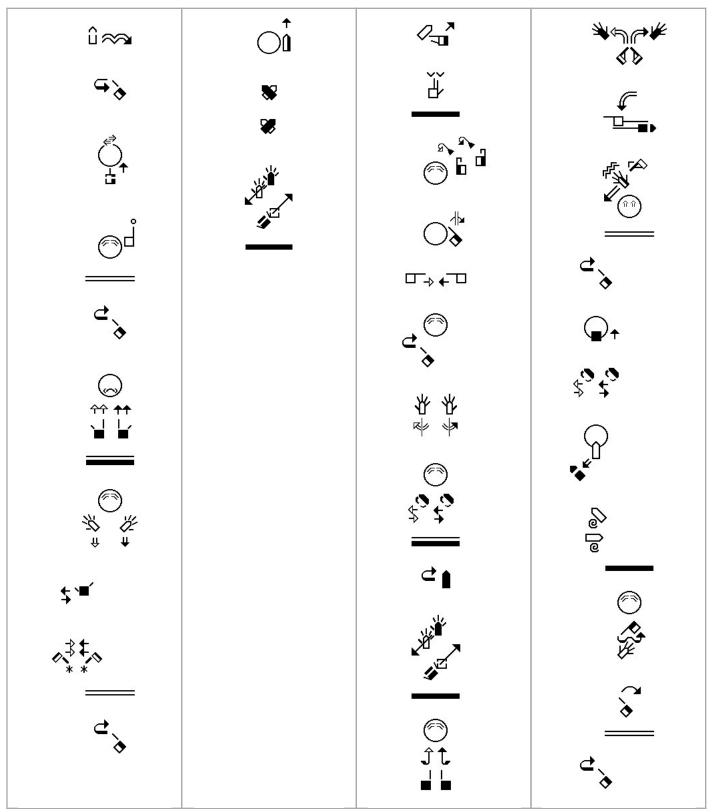


Verse 10. He is especially hard on those who follow their own twisted sexual desire, and who despise authority. These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at supernatural beings without so much as trembling.



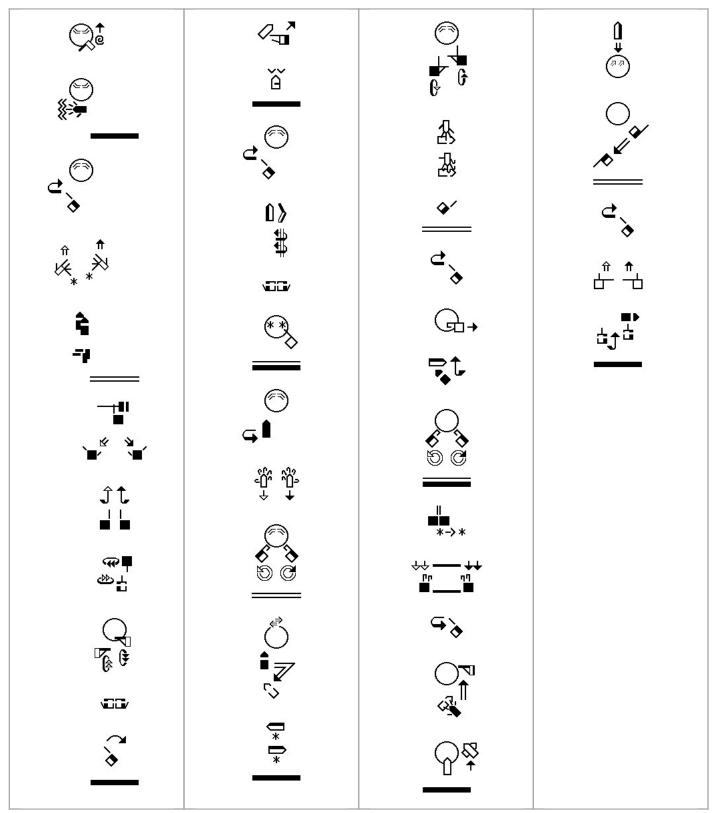
Verse 11. But the angels, who are far greater in power and strength, do not dare to bring from the Lord a charge of blasphemy against those supernatural beings. Verse 12. These false teachers are like unthinking animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed. They

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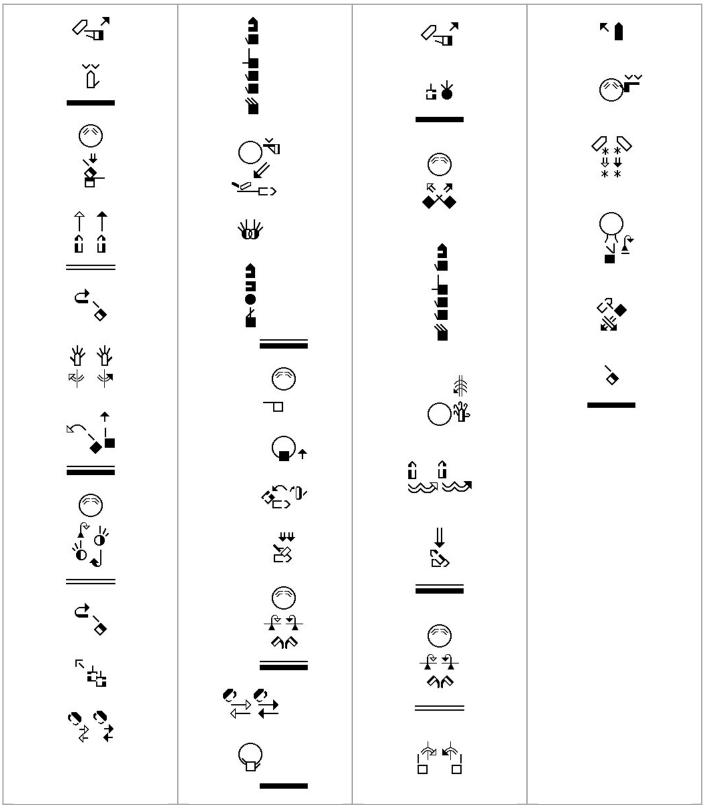


scoff at things they do not understand, and like animals, they will be destroyed. Verse 13. Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. NLT

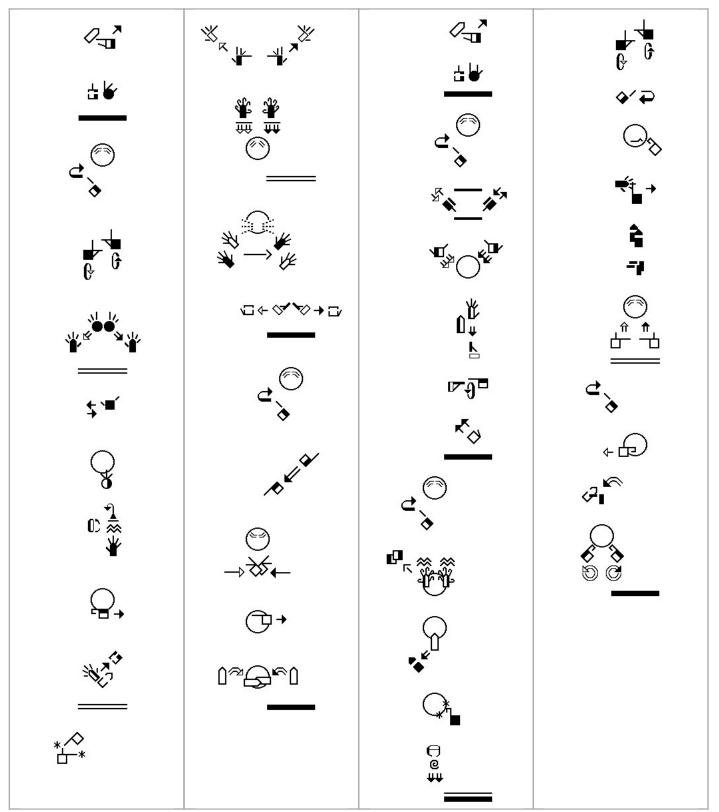
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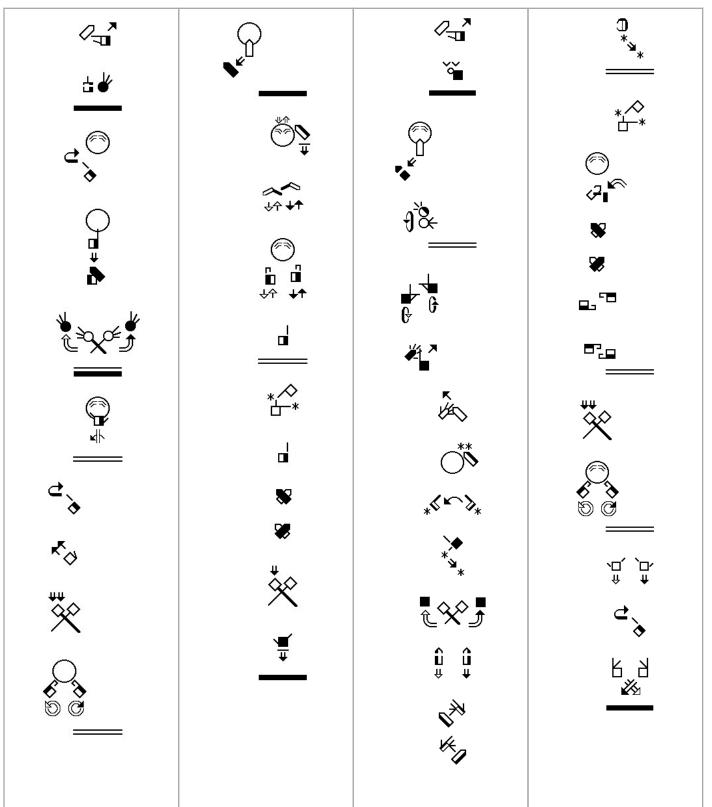
87 They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. Verse 14.
 87 They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse. NLT



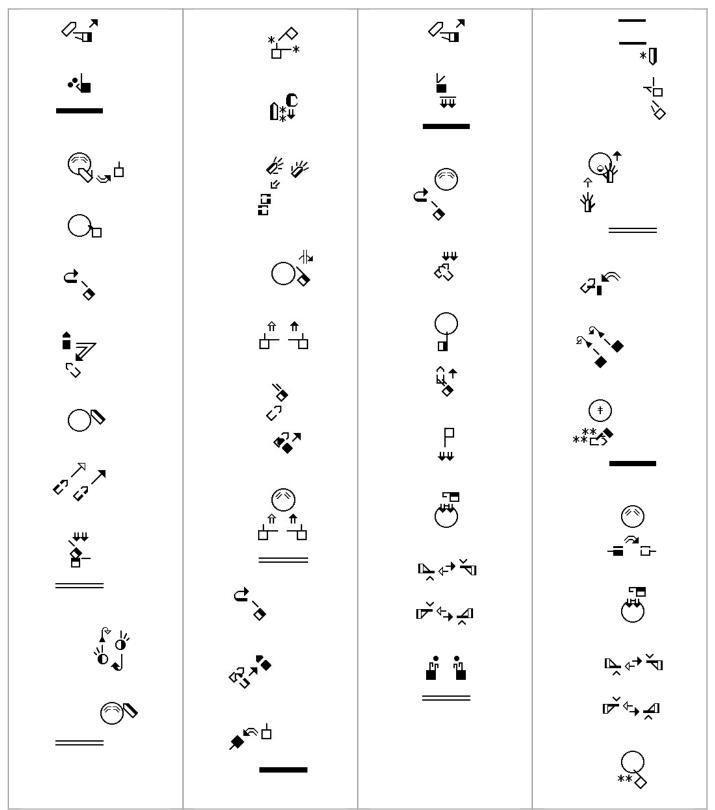
Verse 15. They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong. Verse 16. But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice. NLT



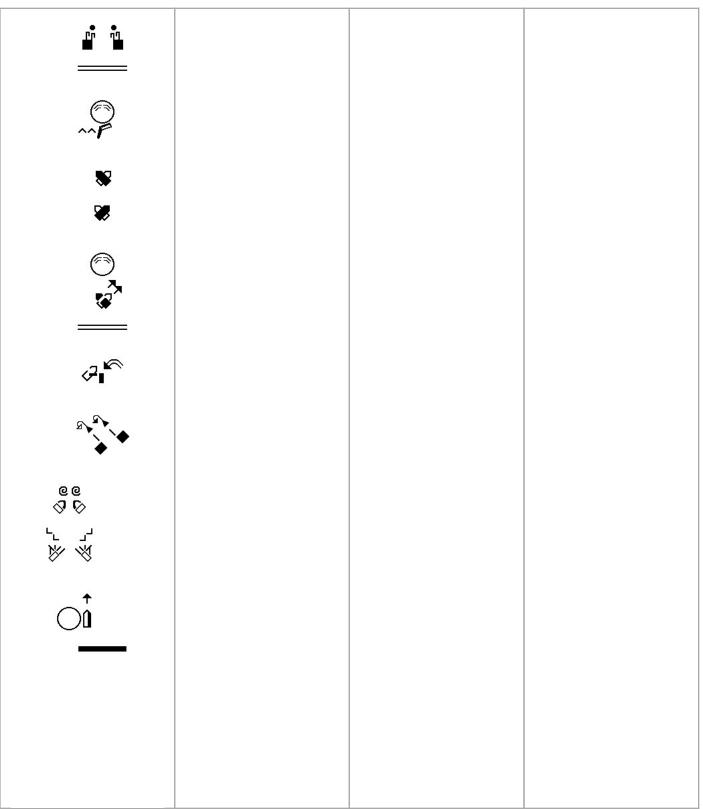
Verse 17. These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness. Verse 18. They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception. NLT

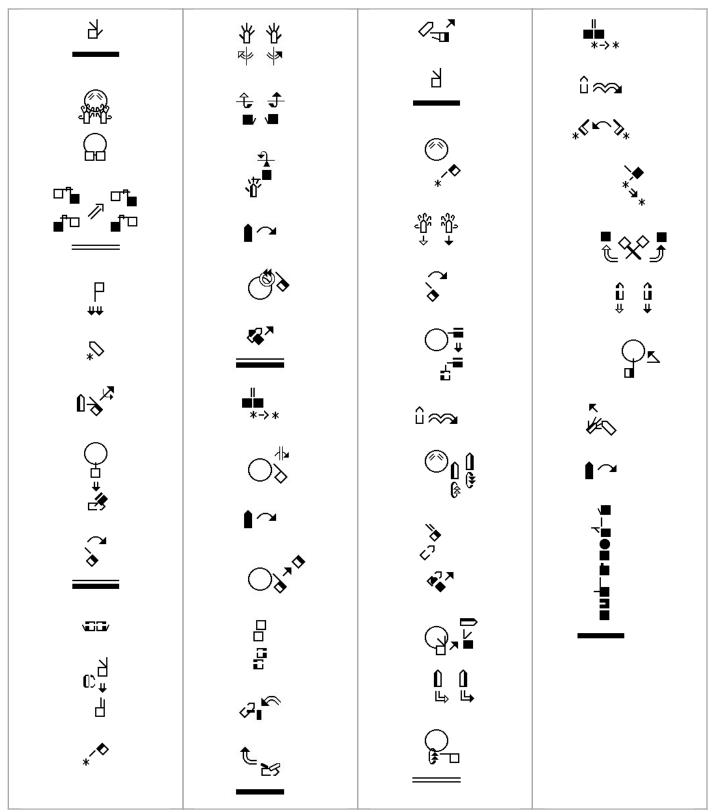


Verse 19. They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. Verse 20. And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. NLT

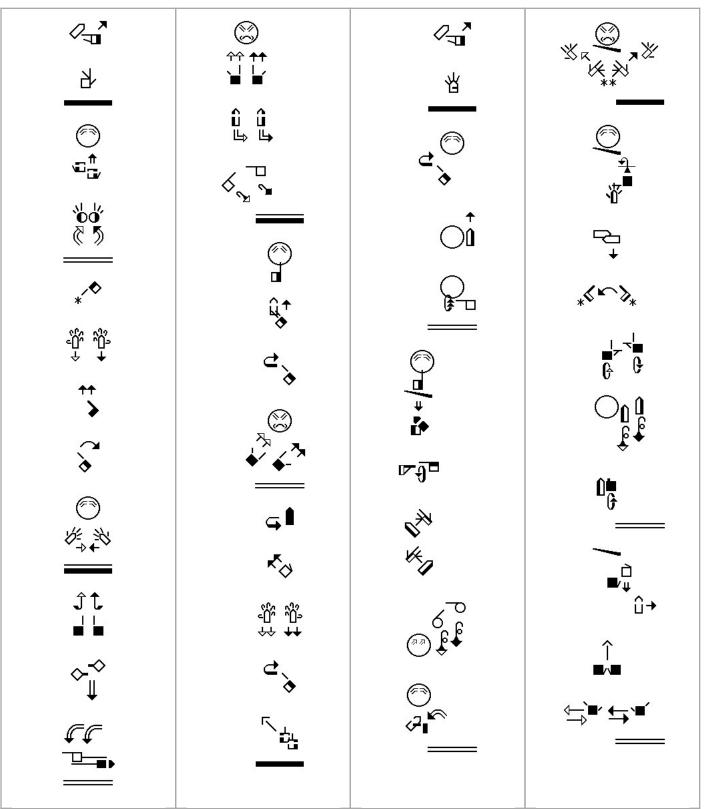


91 Verse 21. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. Verse 22. They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, NLT

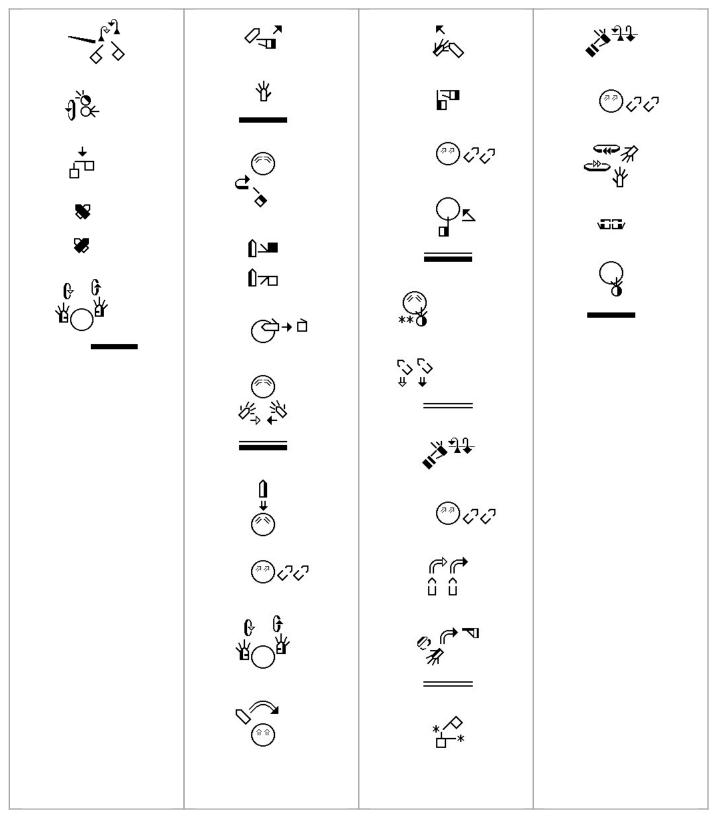




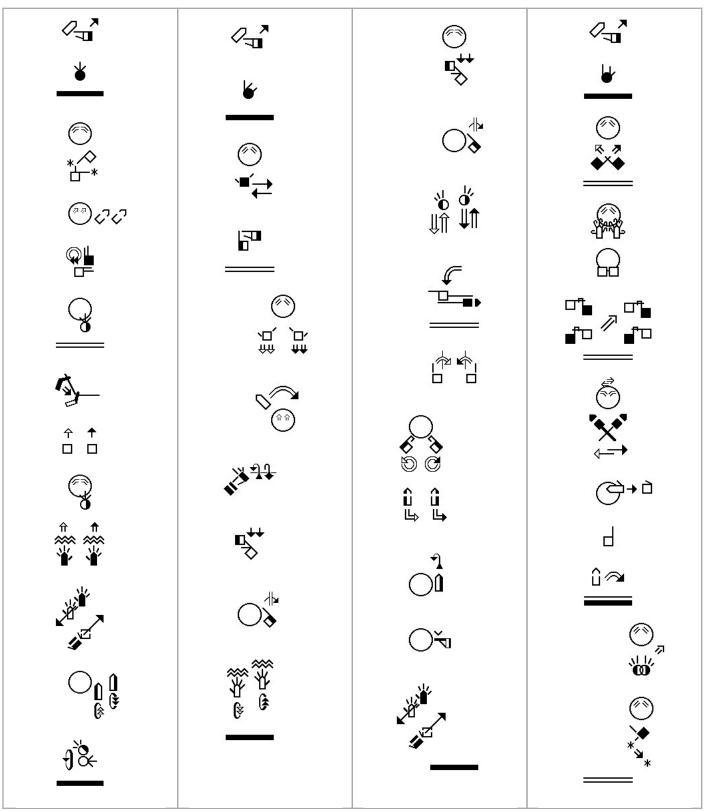
3. This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. Verse 2. I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.



Verse 3. Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. Verse 4. They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same NLT

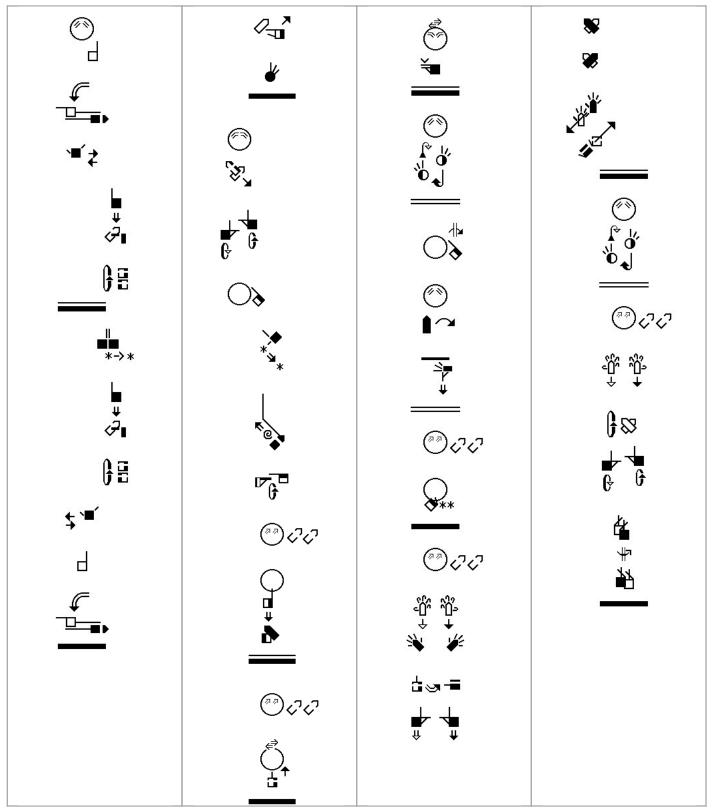


since the world was first created." Verse 5. They deliberately forget that God made the
 heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.

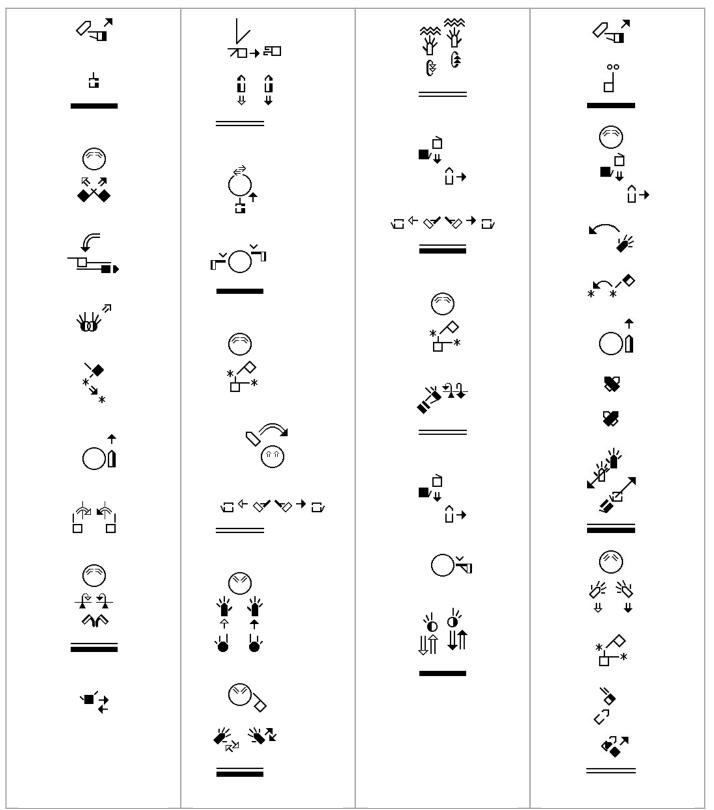


Verse 6. Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. Verse 7. And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. Verse 8. But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: NLT

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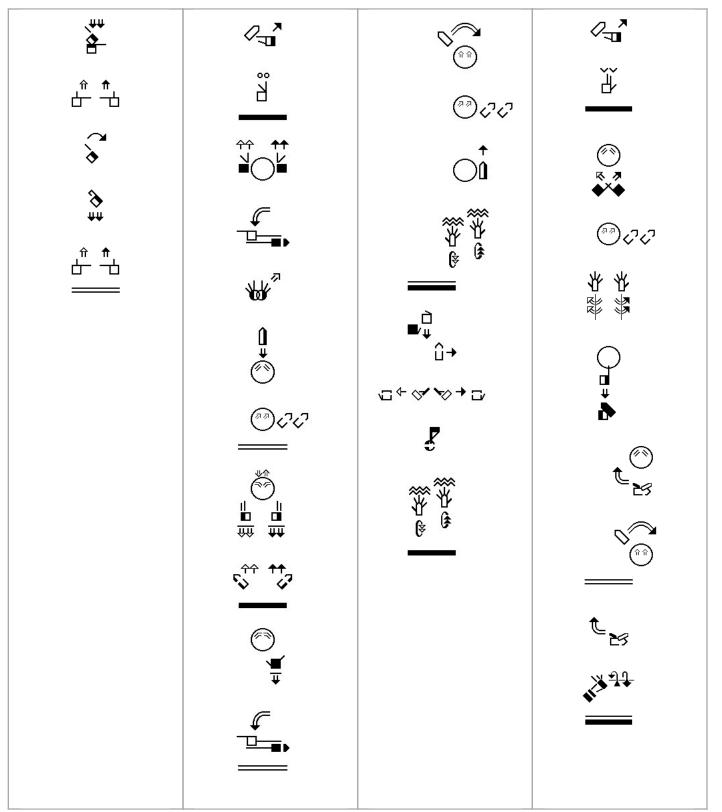


A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. Verse 9. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.



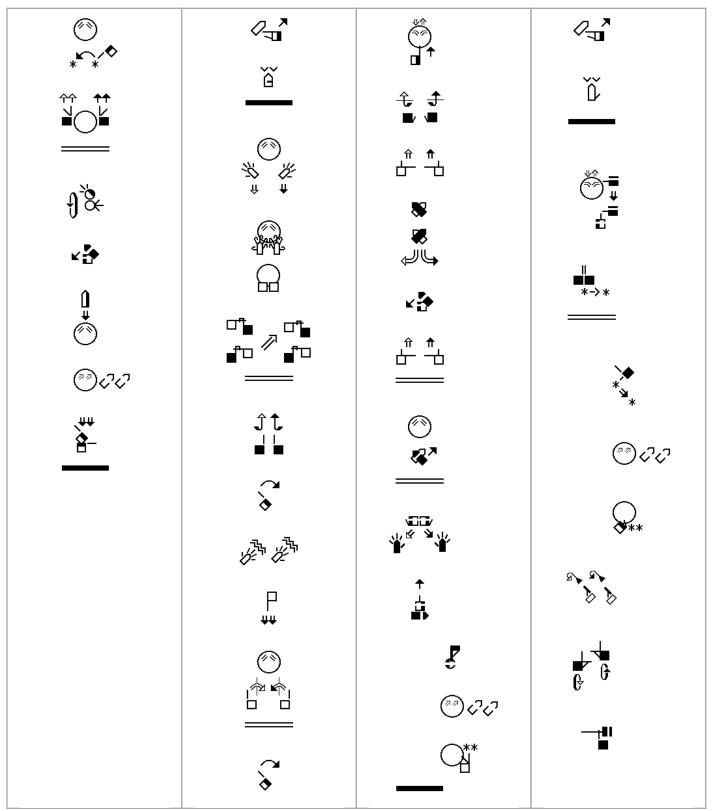
Verse 10. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. Verse 11. Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy NLT

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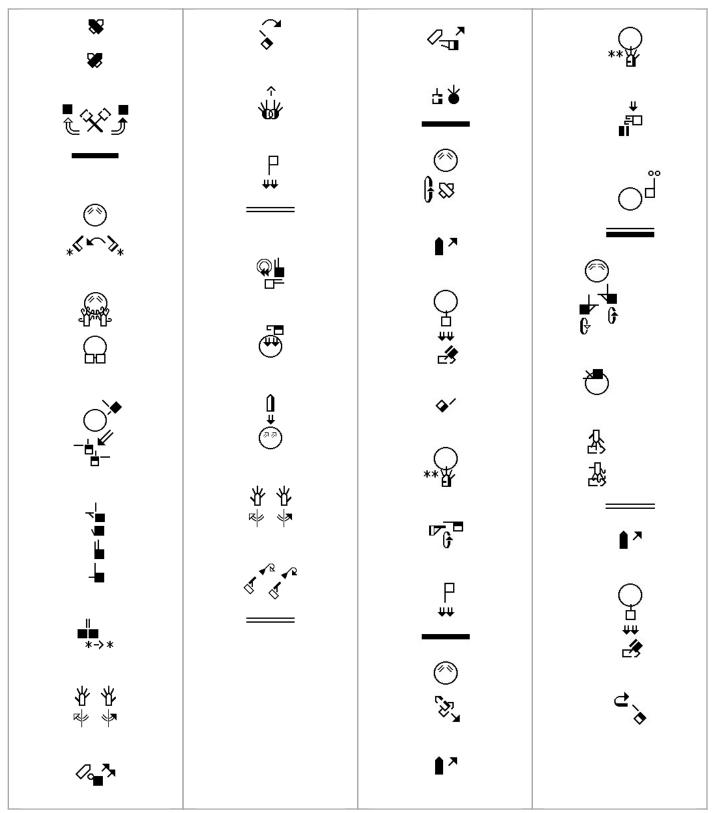
and godly lives you should live, Verse 12. looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. Verse 13. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised,

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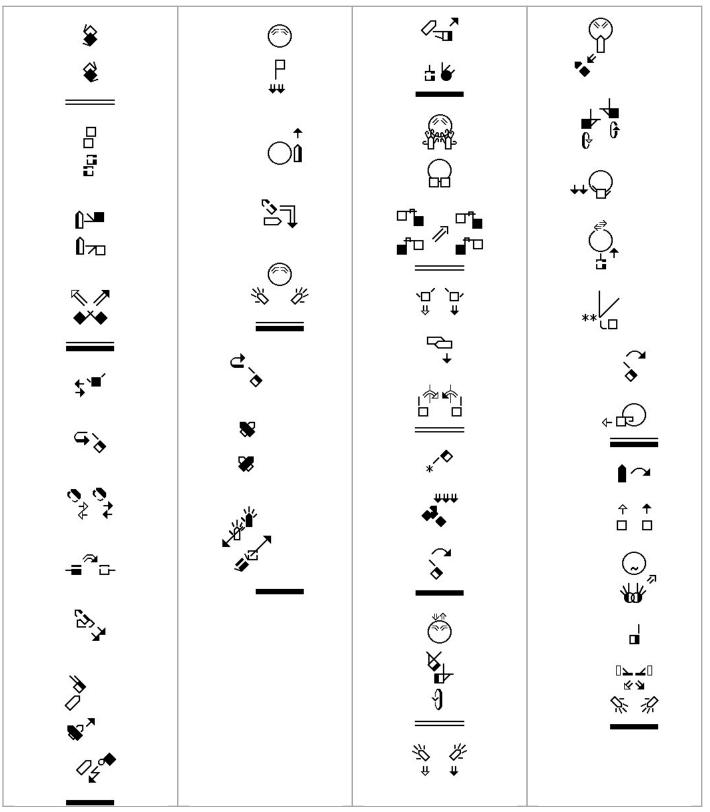


a world filled with God's righteousness. Verse 14. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight. Verse 15. And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time NLT

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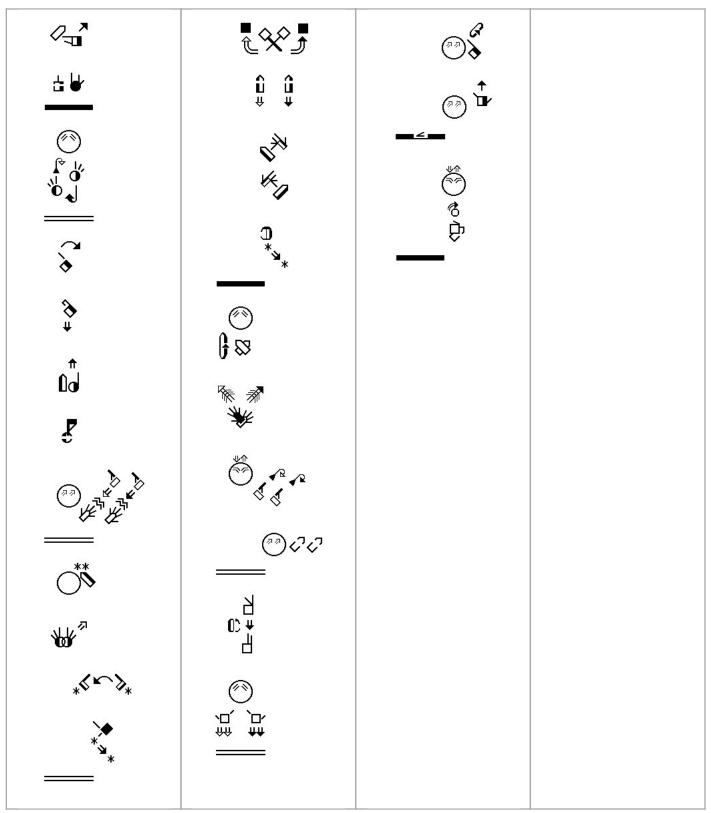


to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom101God gave him --Verse 16. speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his<br/>comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstableNLT



have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction. Verse 17. I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. NLT

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103Verse 18. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior<br/>Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.NLT