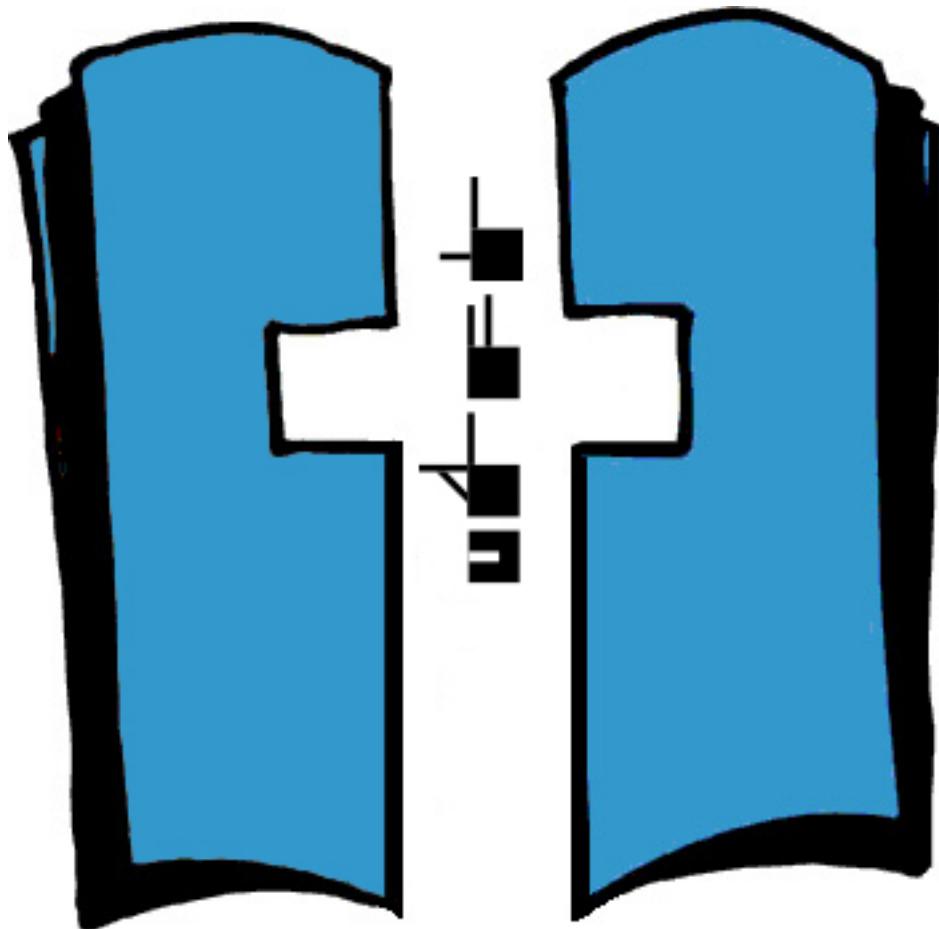


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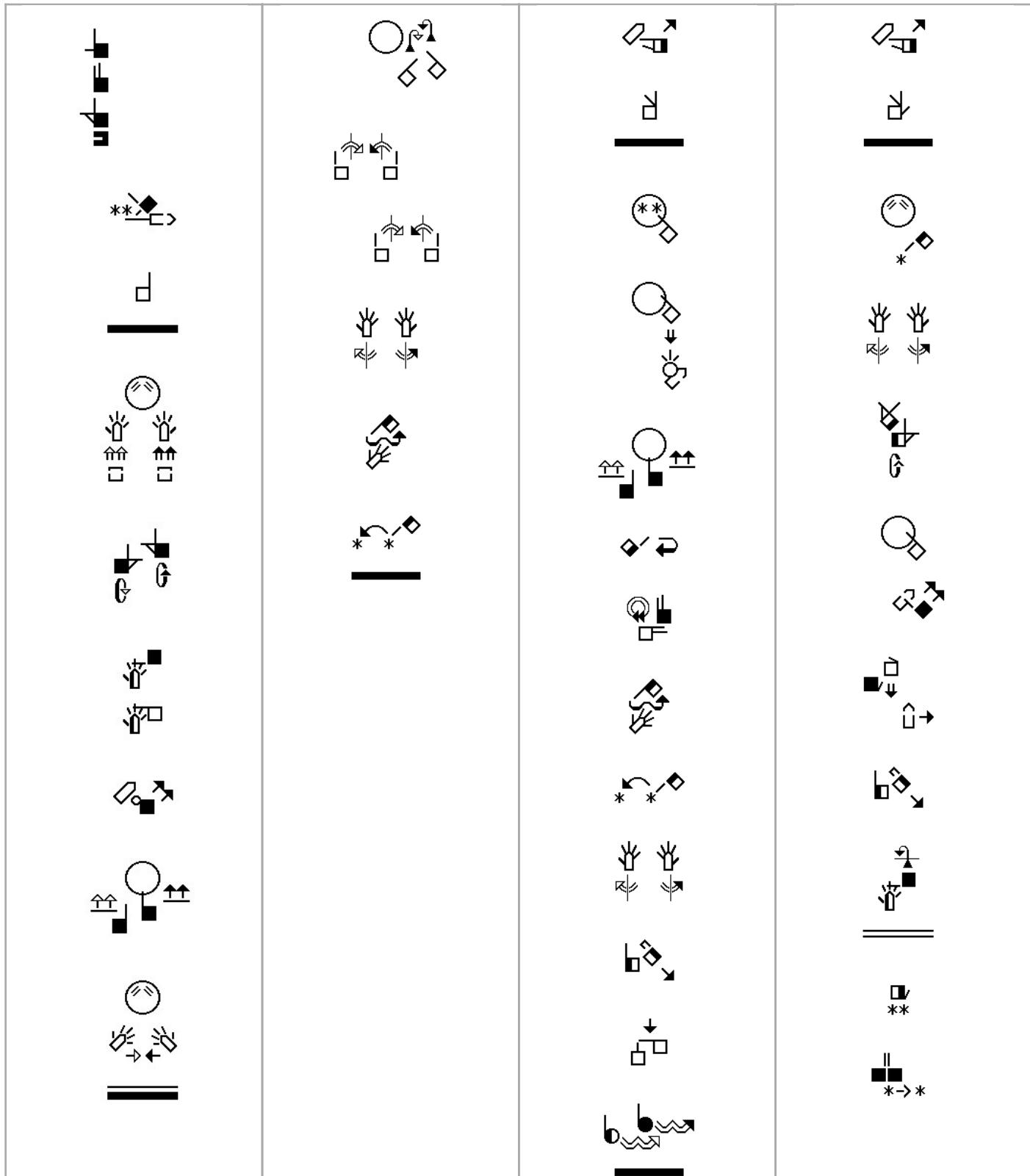


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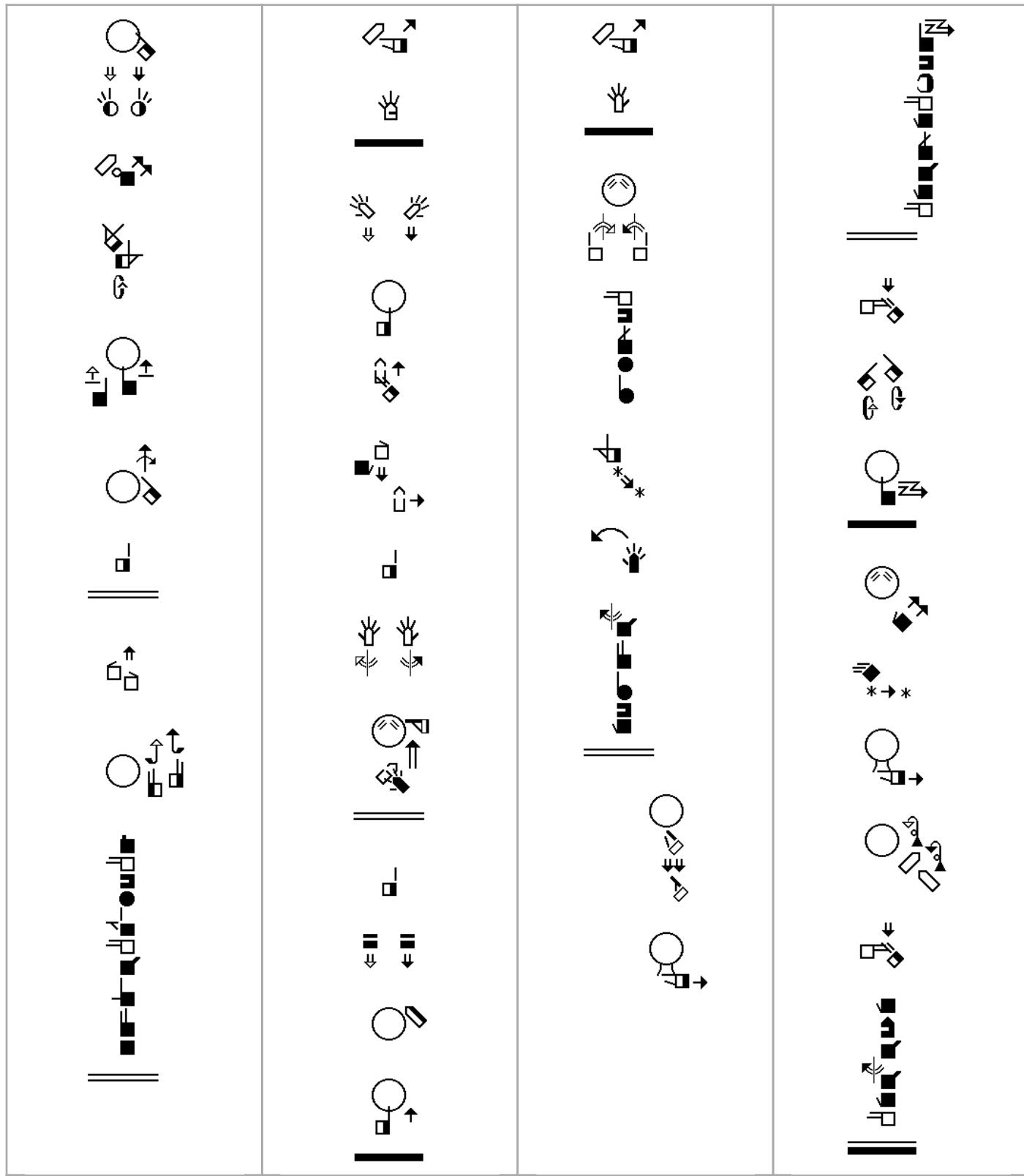


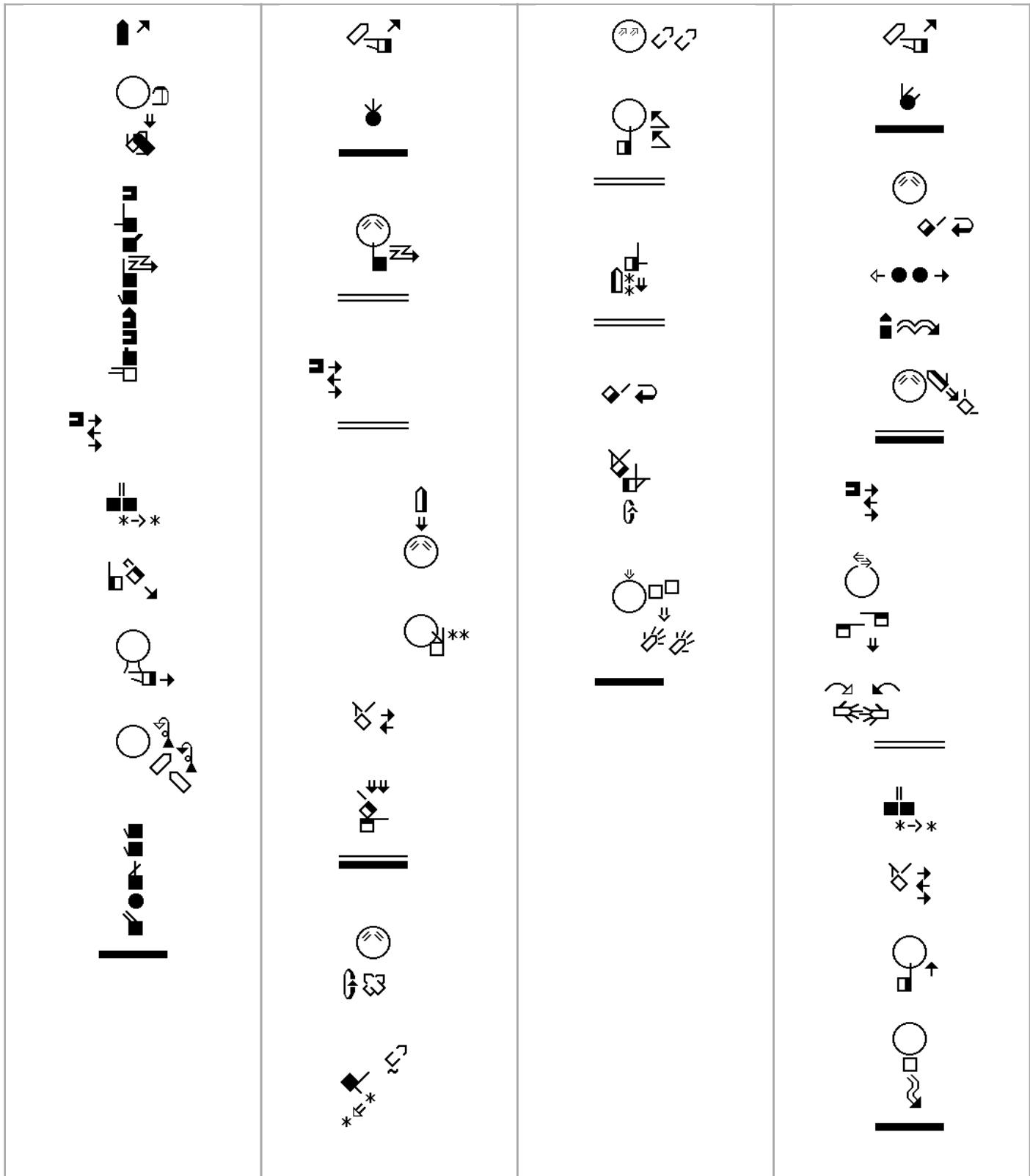




Luke 1. Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. Verse 2. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Verse 3. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also NLT

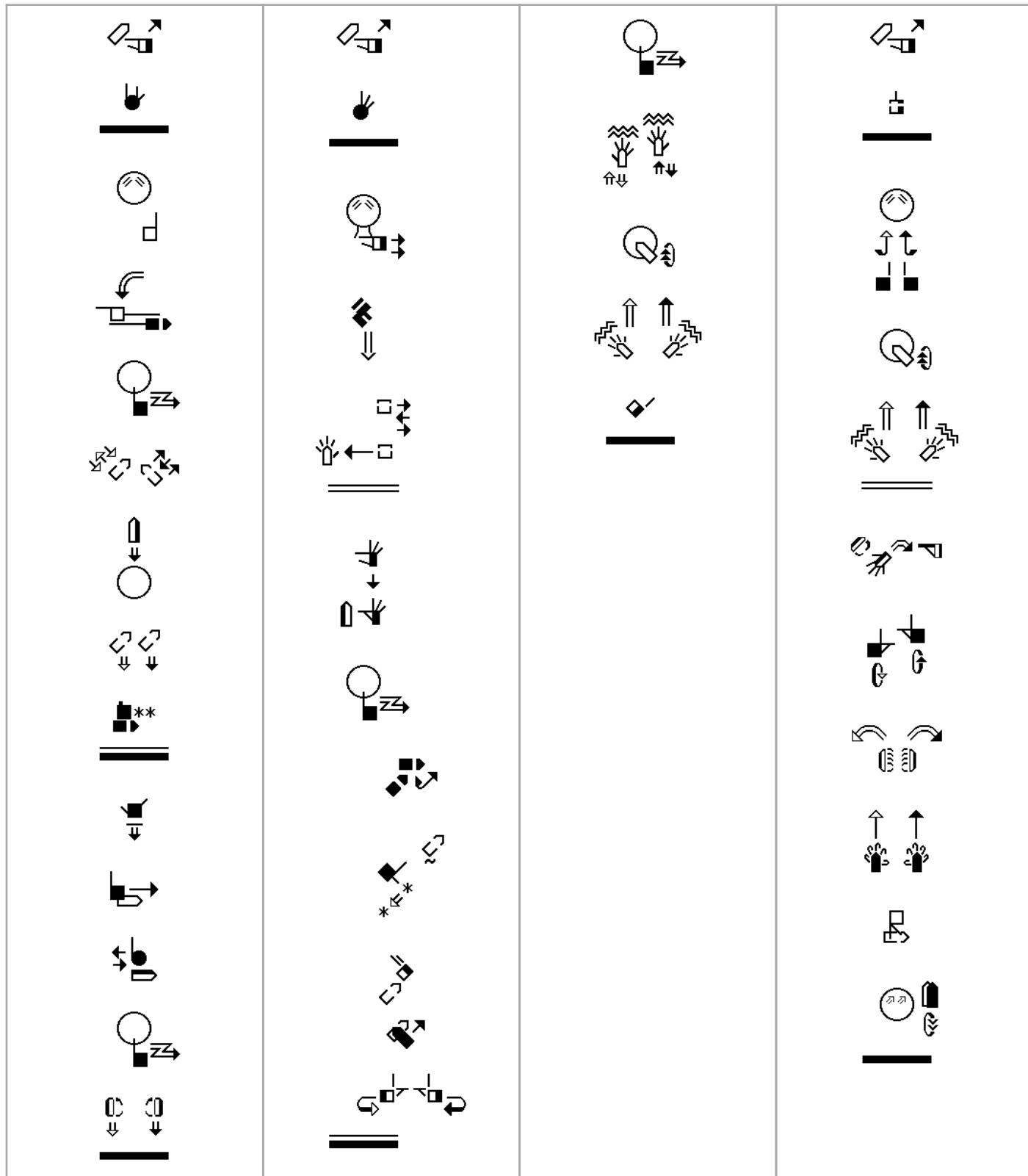
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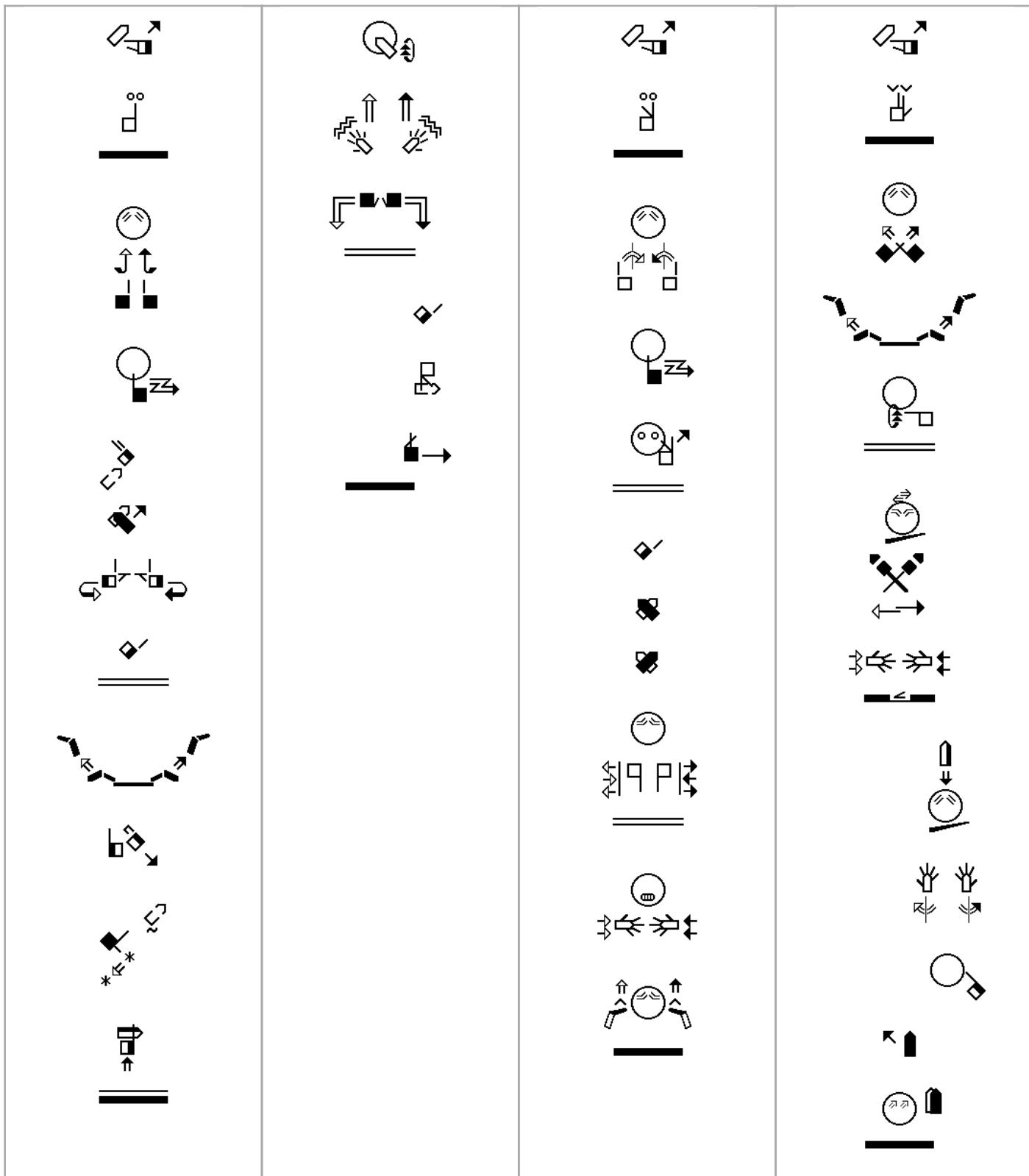




and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. Verse 6. Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. Verse 7. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. NLT

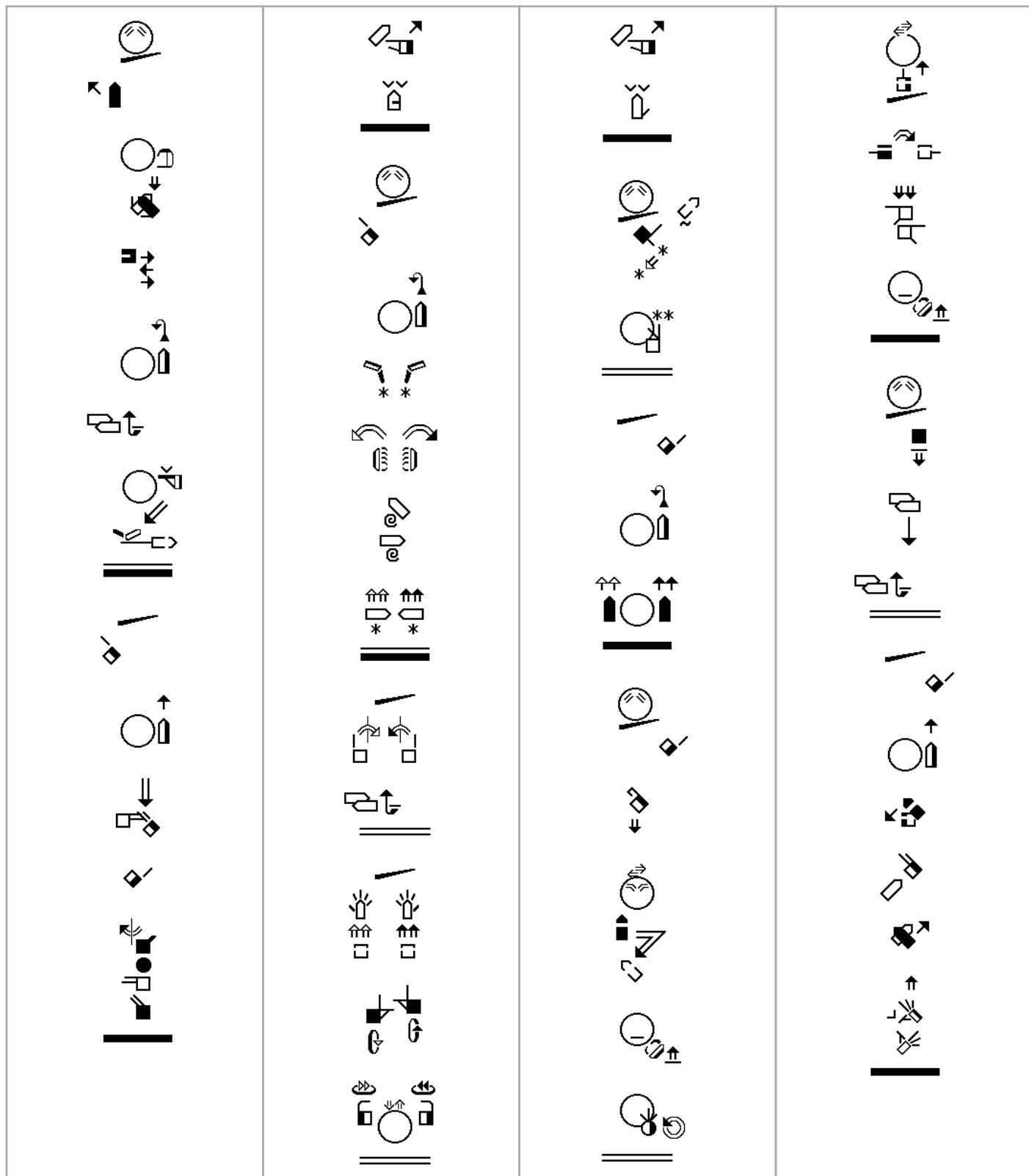
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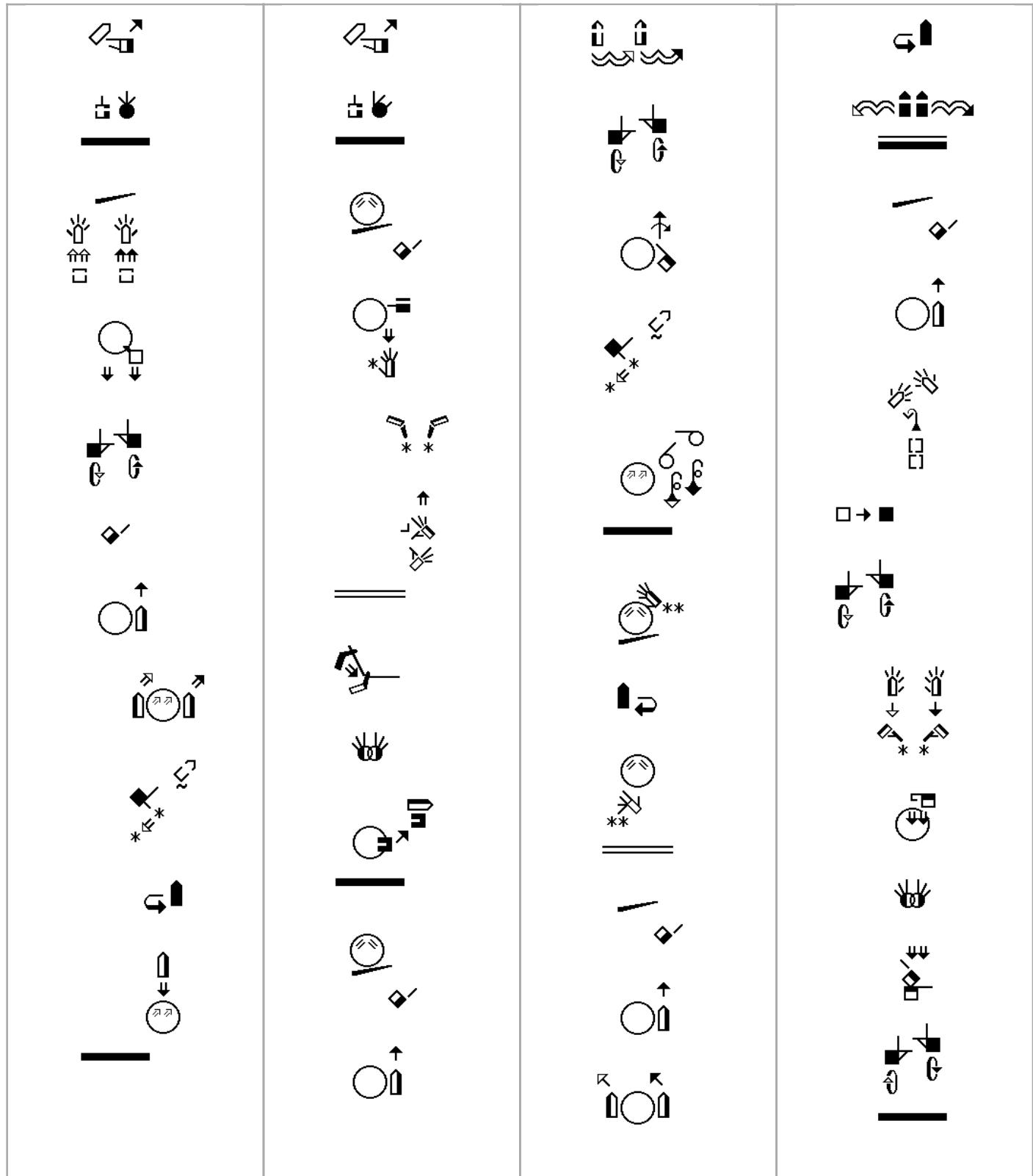




Verse 11. While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Verse 12. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. Verse 13. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer." NLT

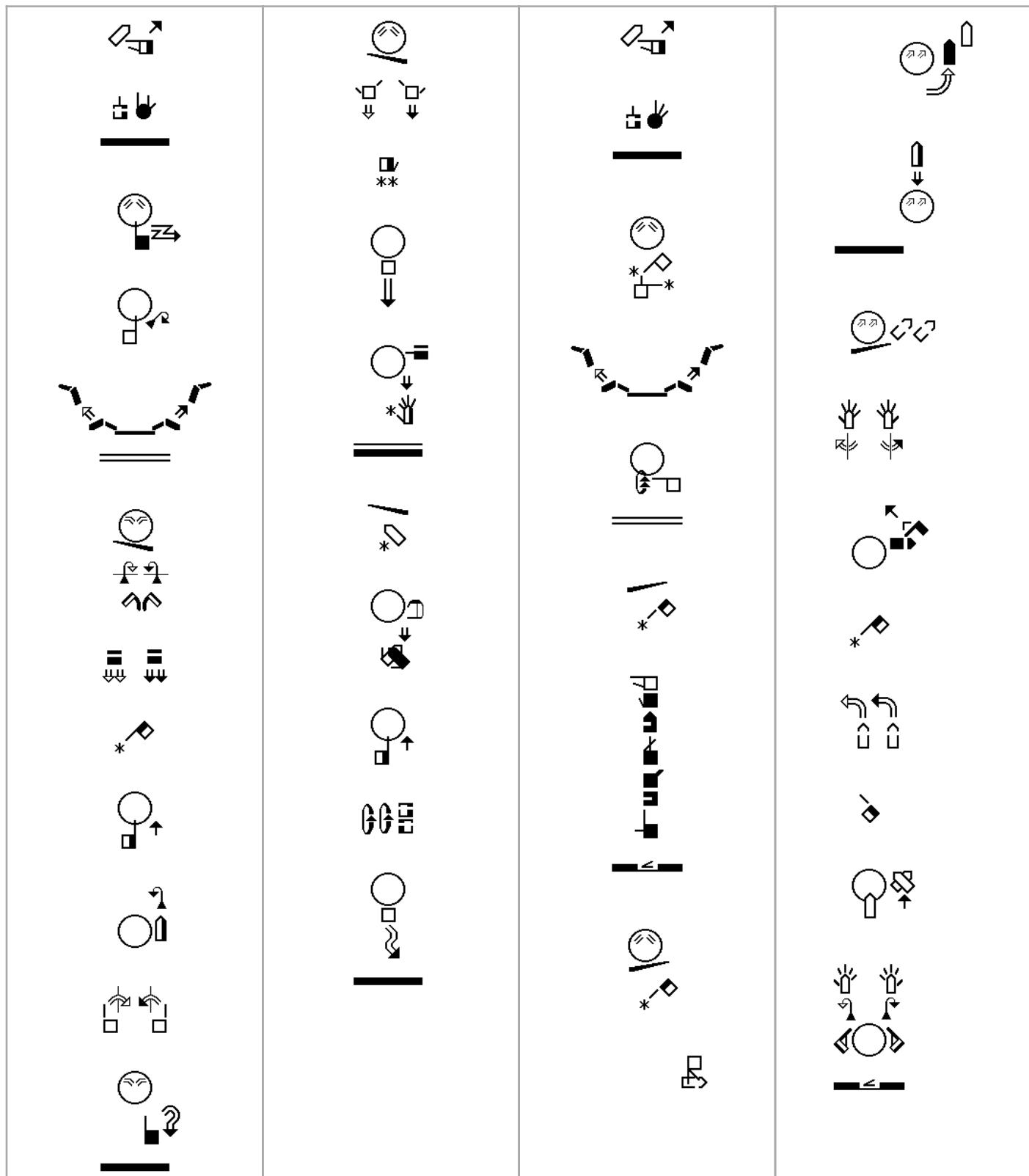
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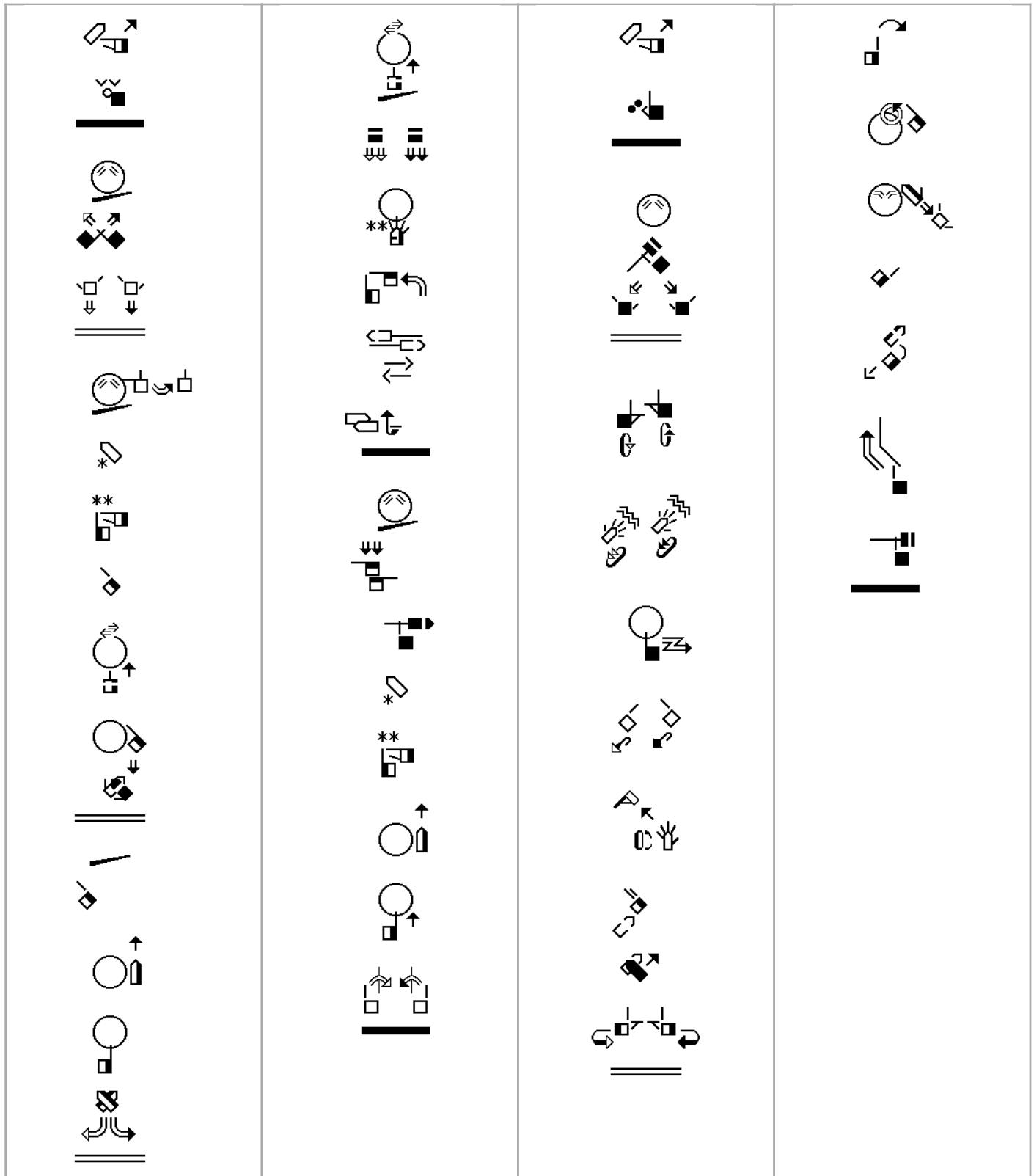




Verse 16. And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. Verse 17. He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly. NLT

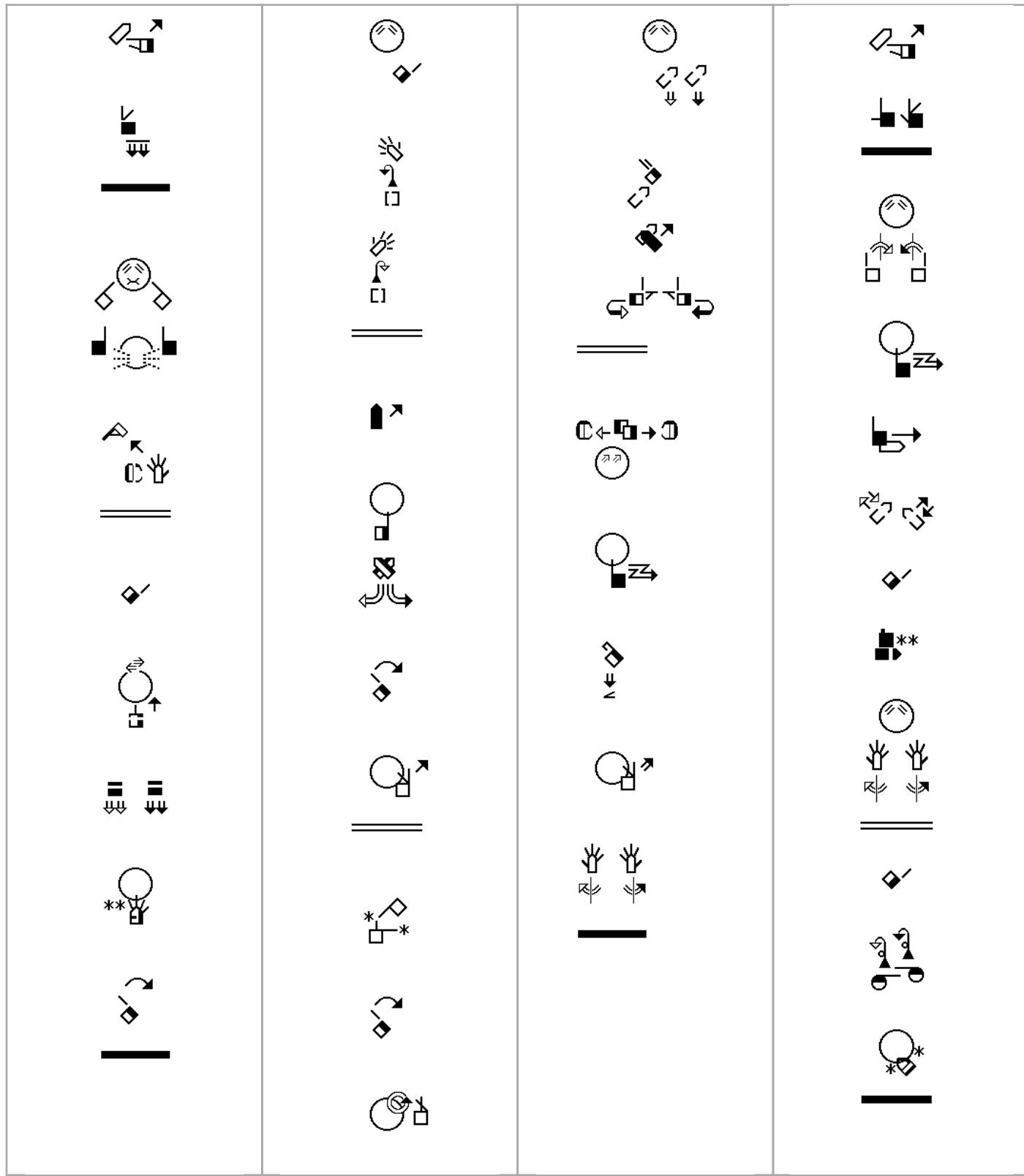
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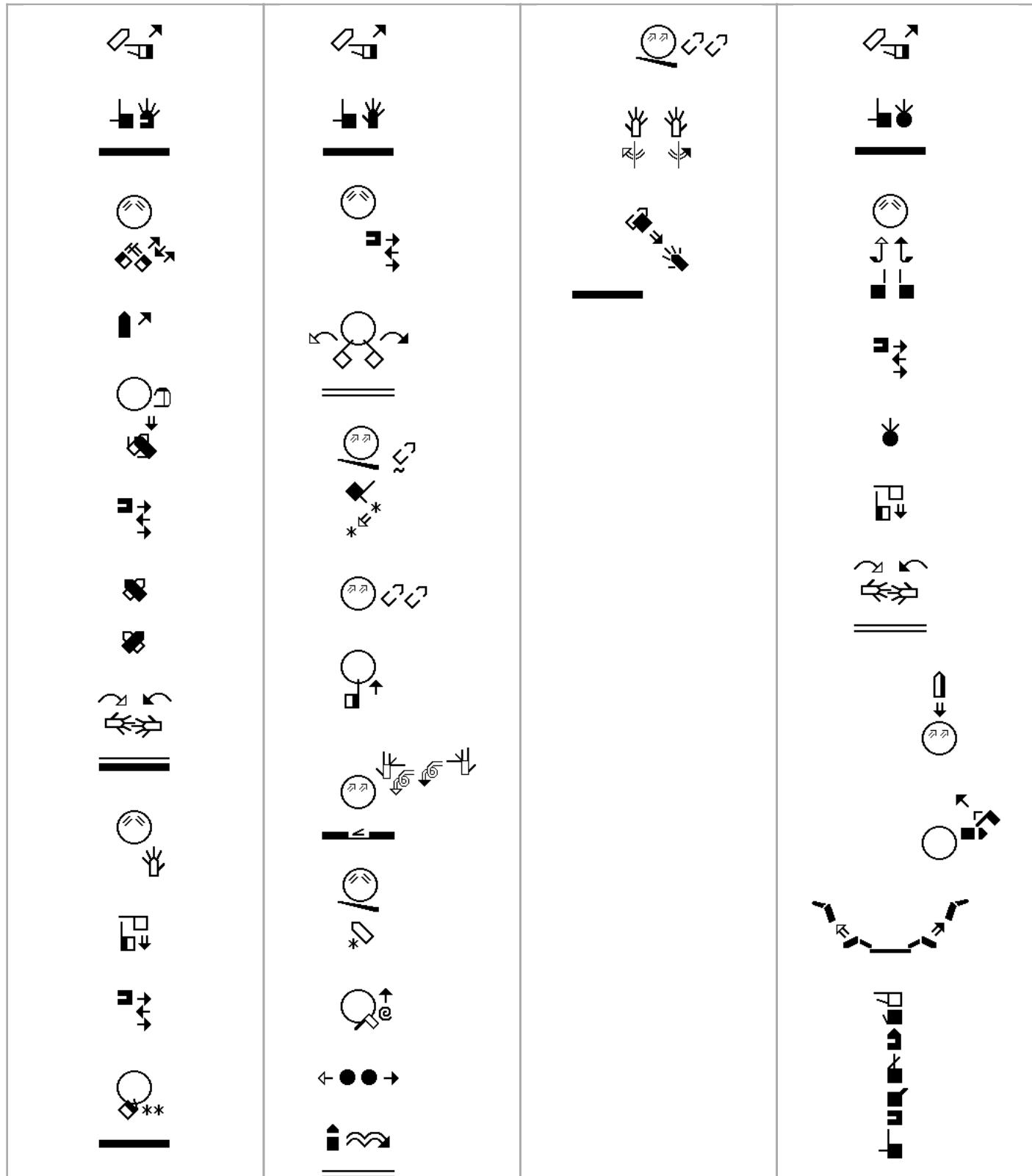




Verse 20. "But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."  
 Verse 21. Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah to come out of the sanctuary, wondering why he was taking so long. NLT

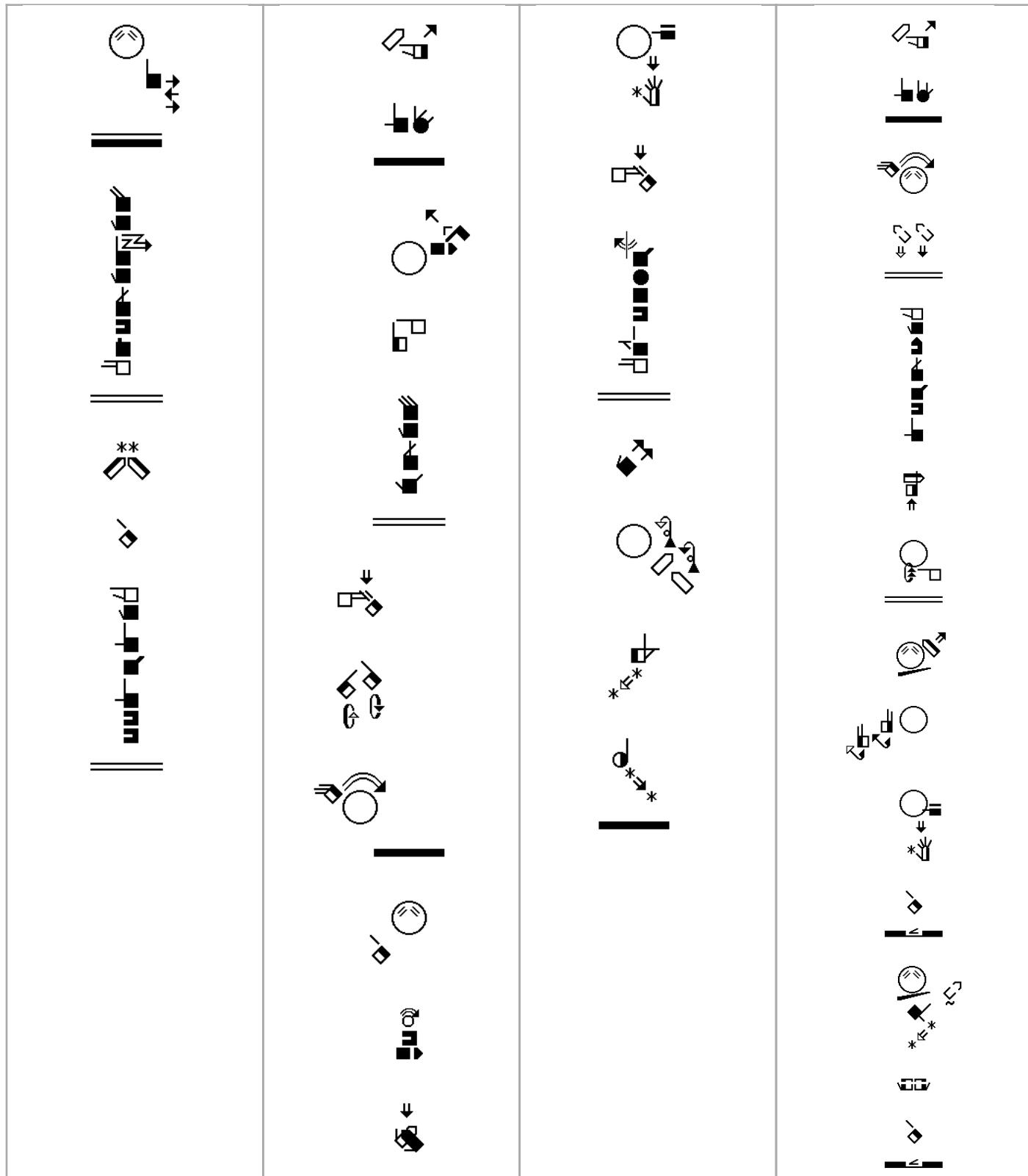
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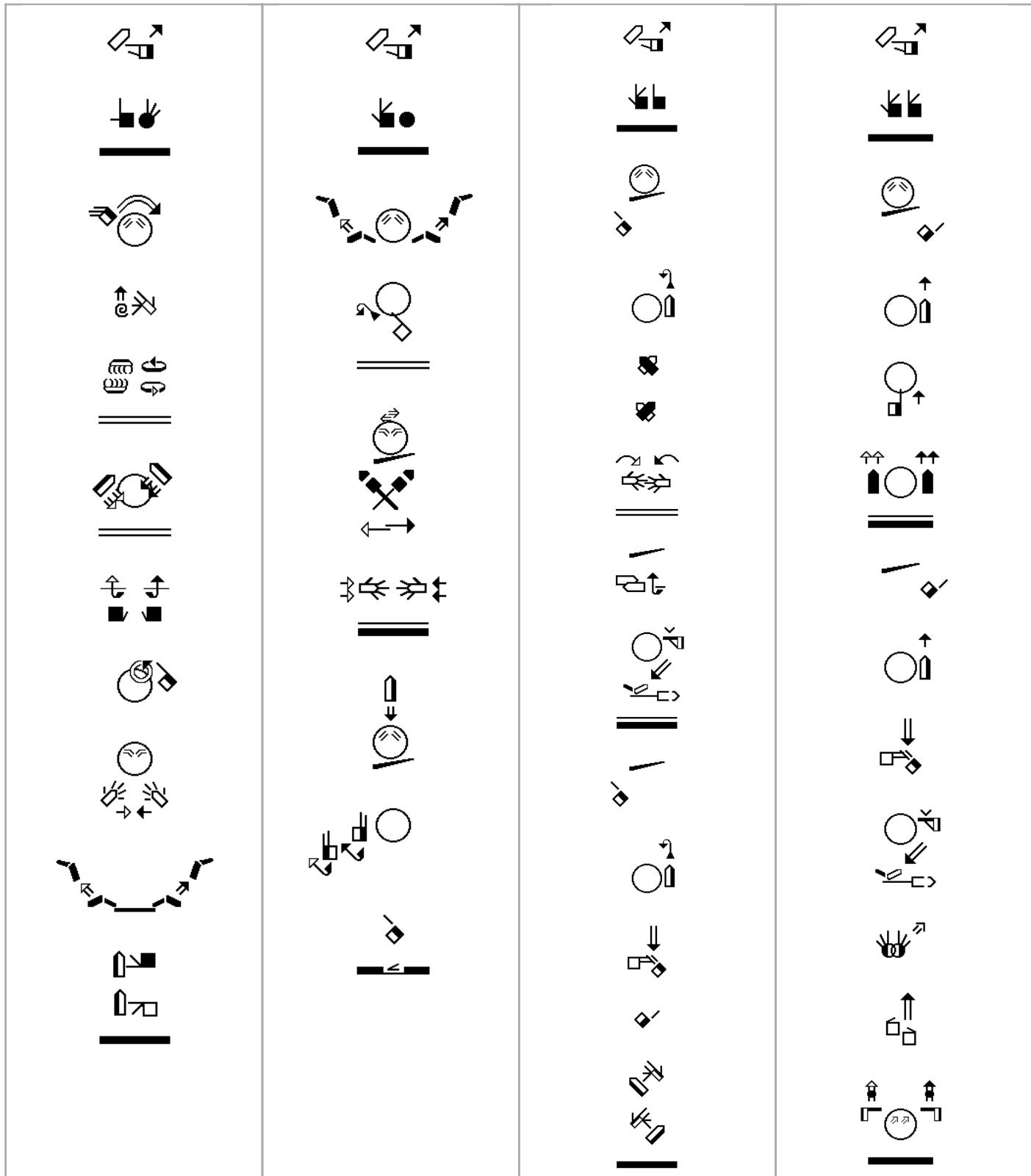
Verse 24. Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. Verse 25. "How kind the Lord is!" she exclaimed. "He has taken away my disgrace of having no children." Verse 26. In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel NLT

Luke 1:26-28



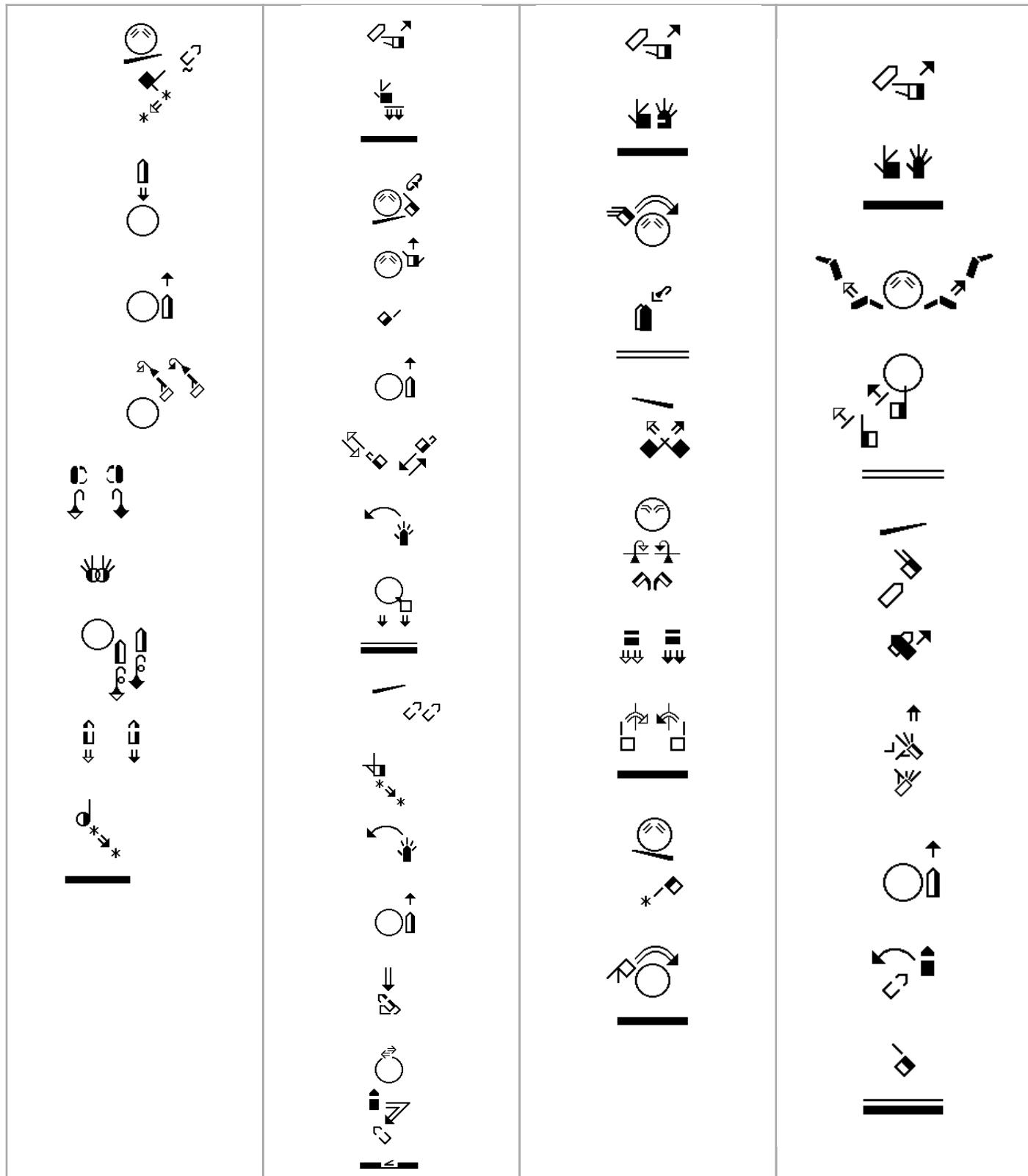
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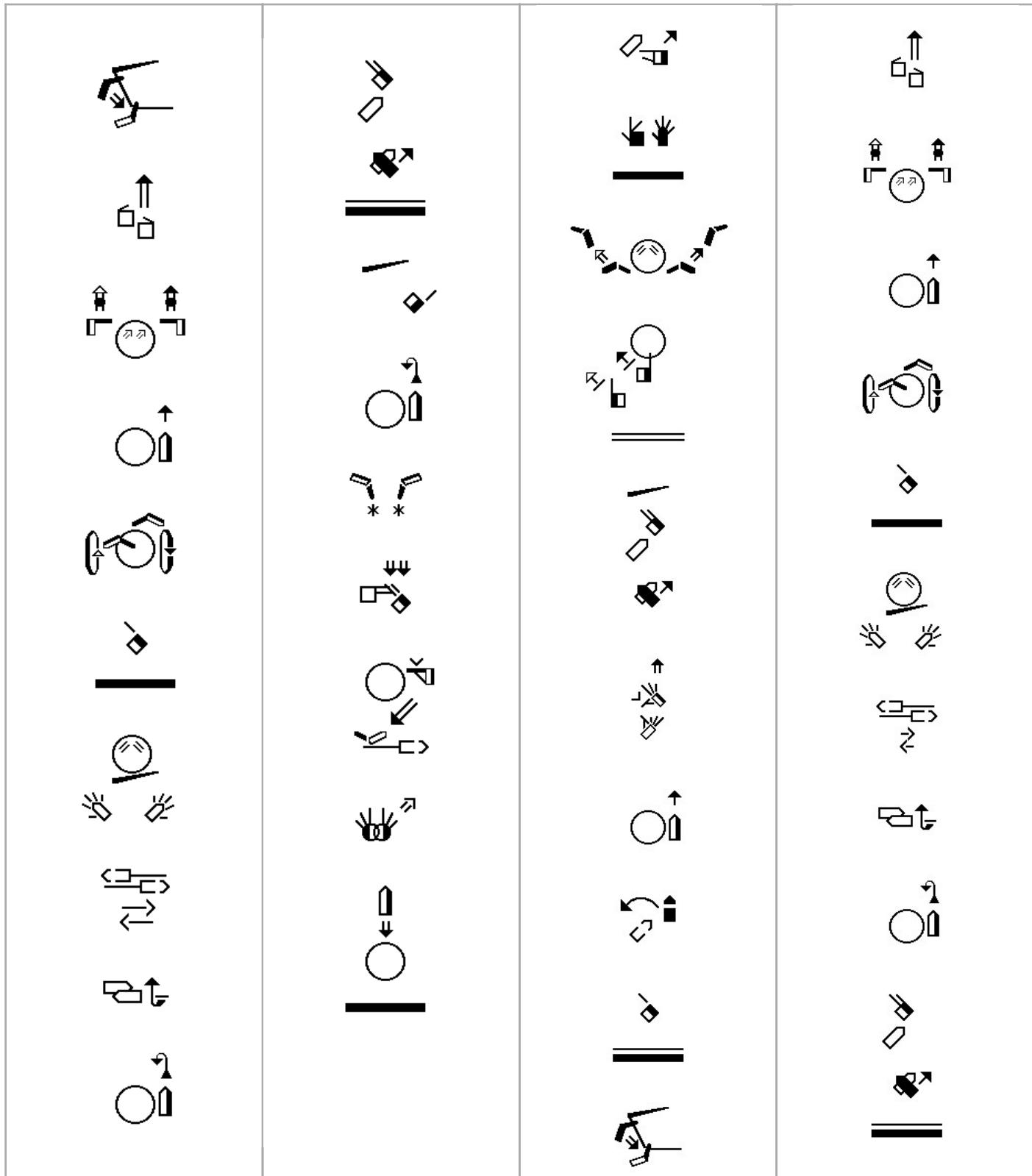
to Nazareth, a village in Galilee. Verse 27. to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Verse 28. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" NLT



Verse 29. Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. Verse 30. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" Verse 31. "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus." Verse 32. "He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High." NLT

Luke 1:32-35

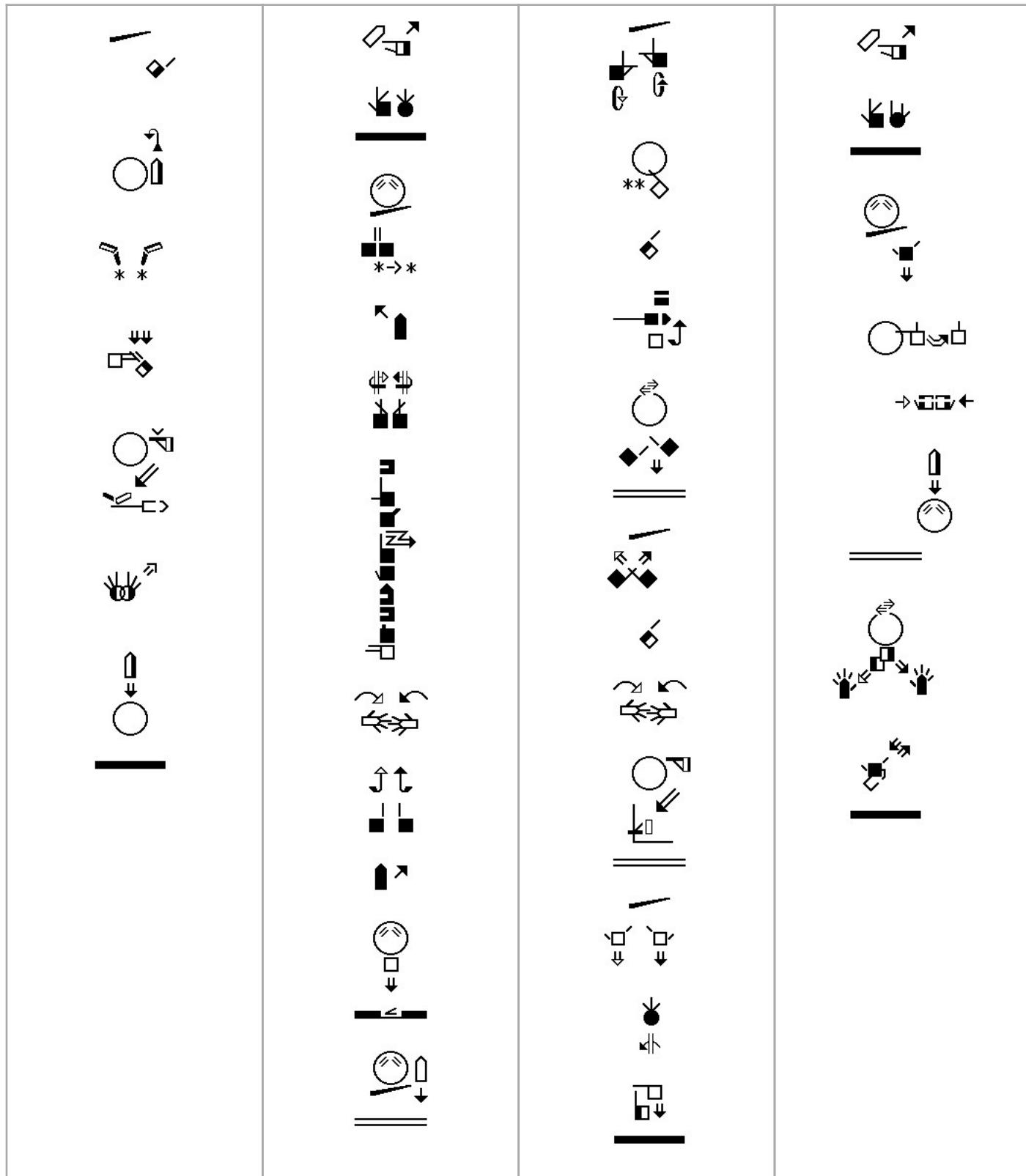




and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God." Verse 35. The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy,

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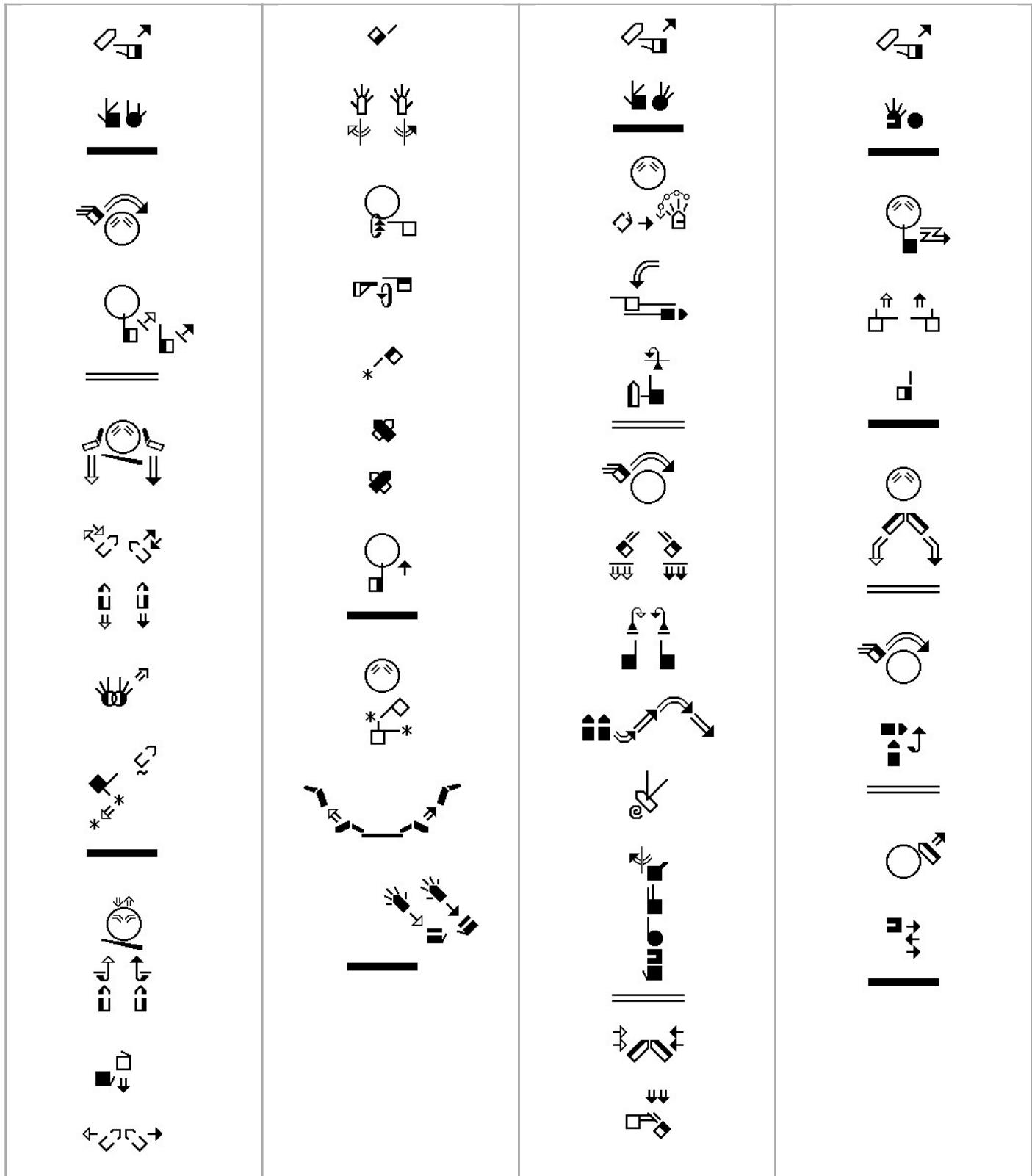
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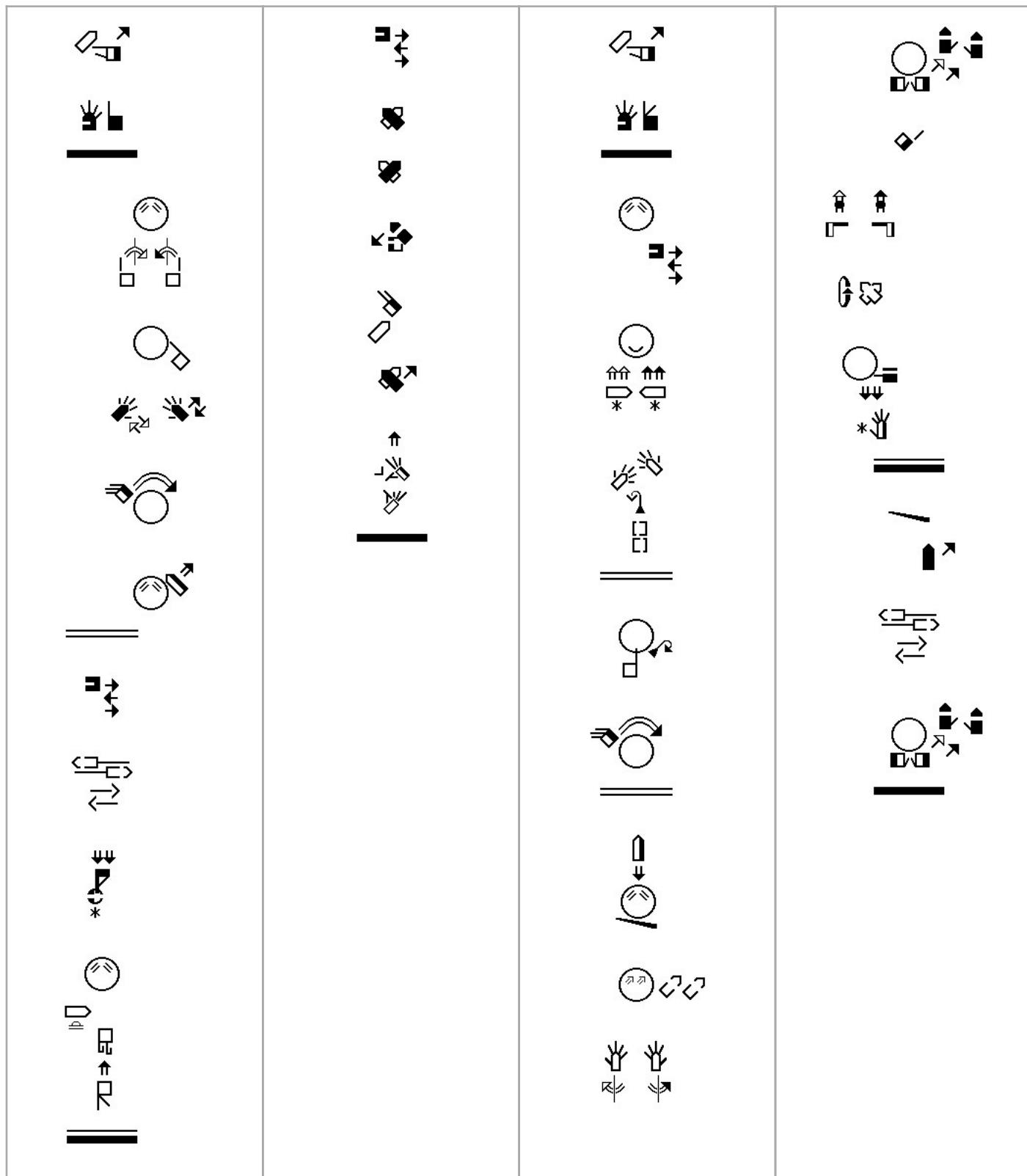
and he will be called the Son of God. Verse 36. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but now she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. Verse 37. For nothing is impossible with God."

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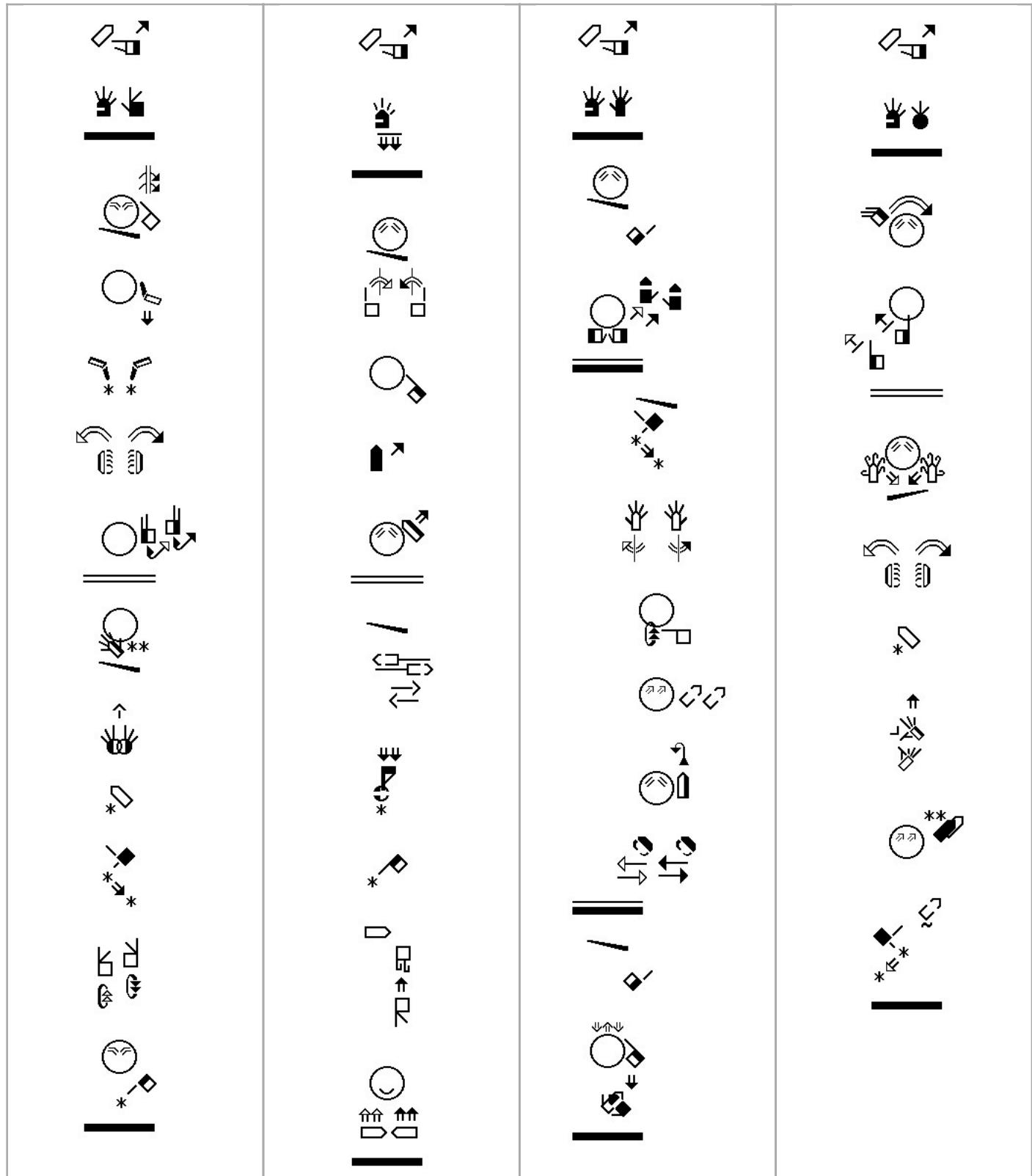


Verse 38. Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her. Verse 39. A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town of Zechariah where he lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:41-42

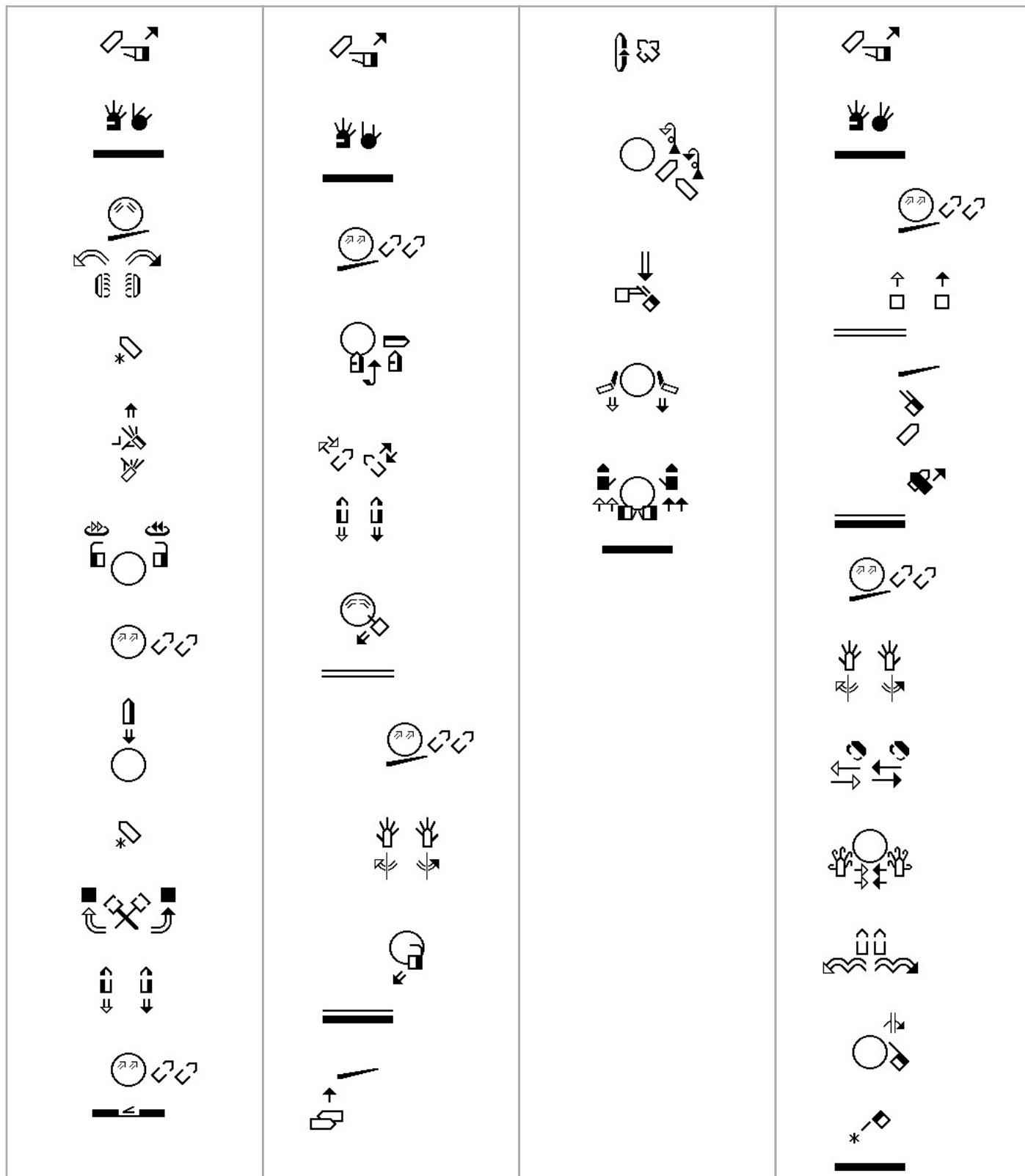


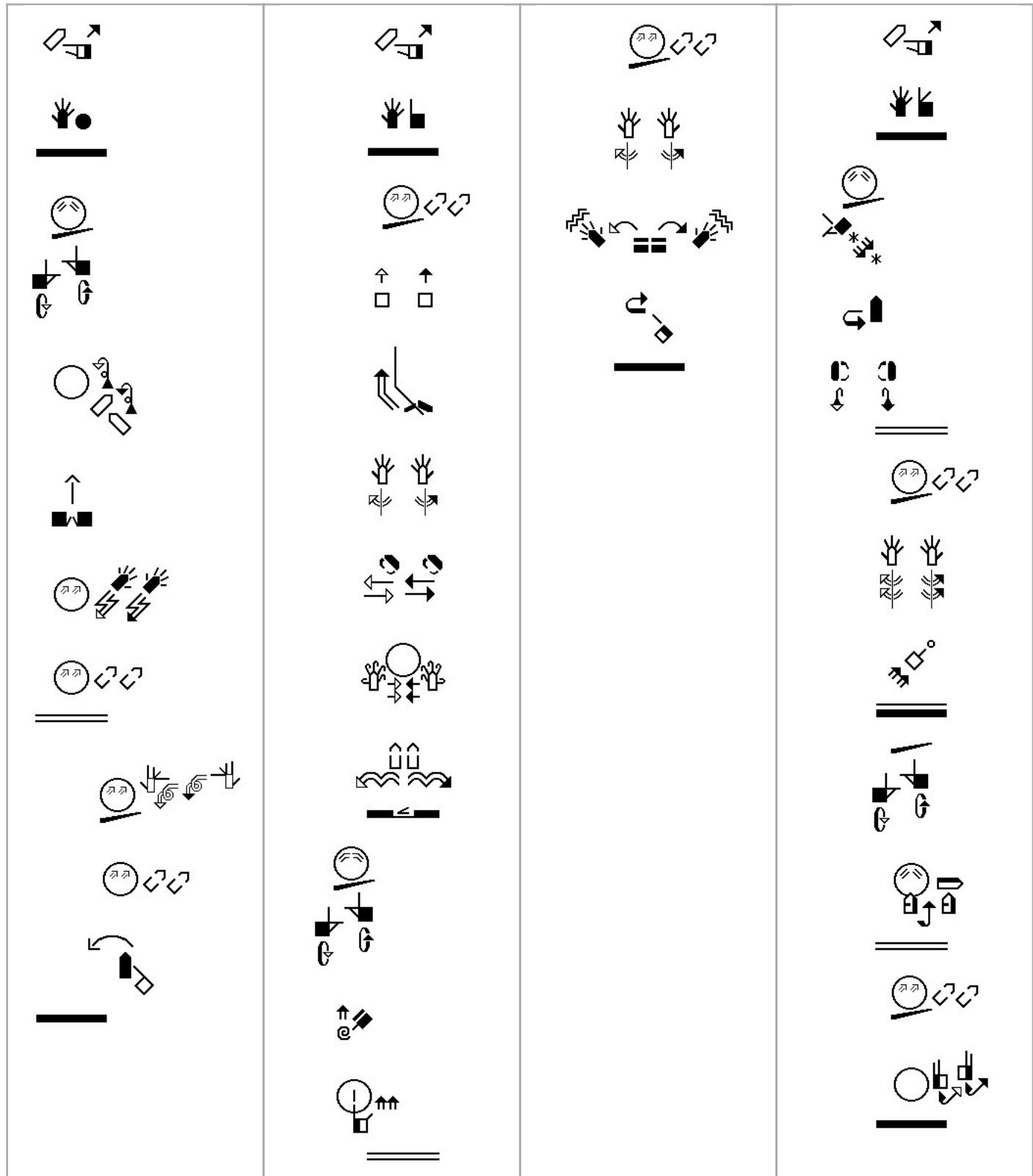
18 Verse 41. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Verse 42. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. NLT



Verse 43. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? Verse 44. When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Verse 45. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said." Verse 46. Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. NLT

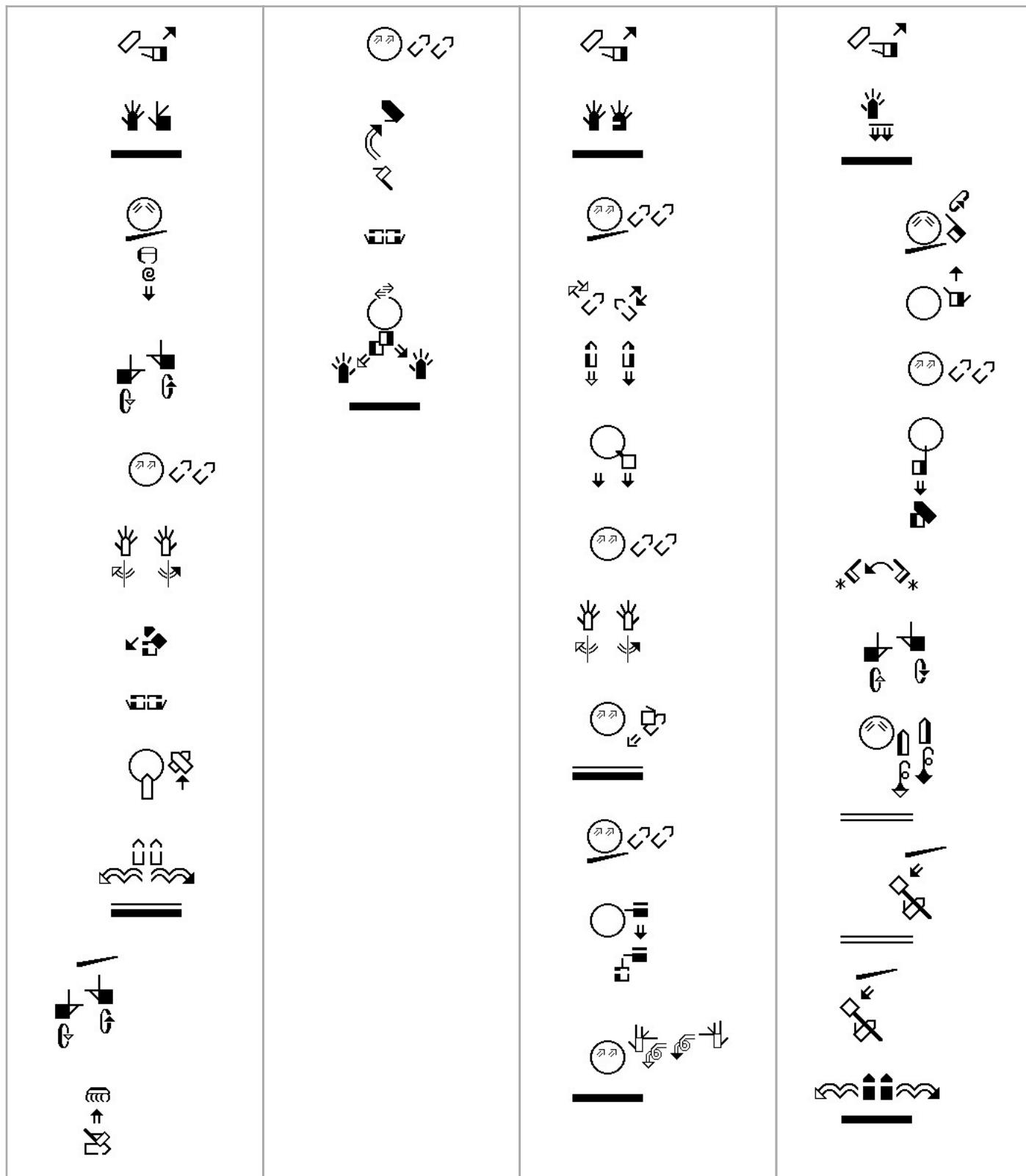
Luke 1:47-49





Verse 50. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. Verse 51. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. Verse 52. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.

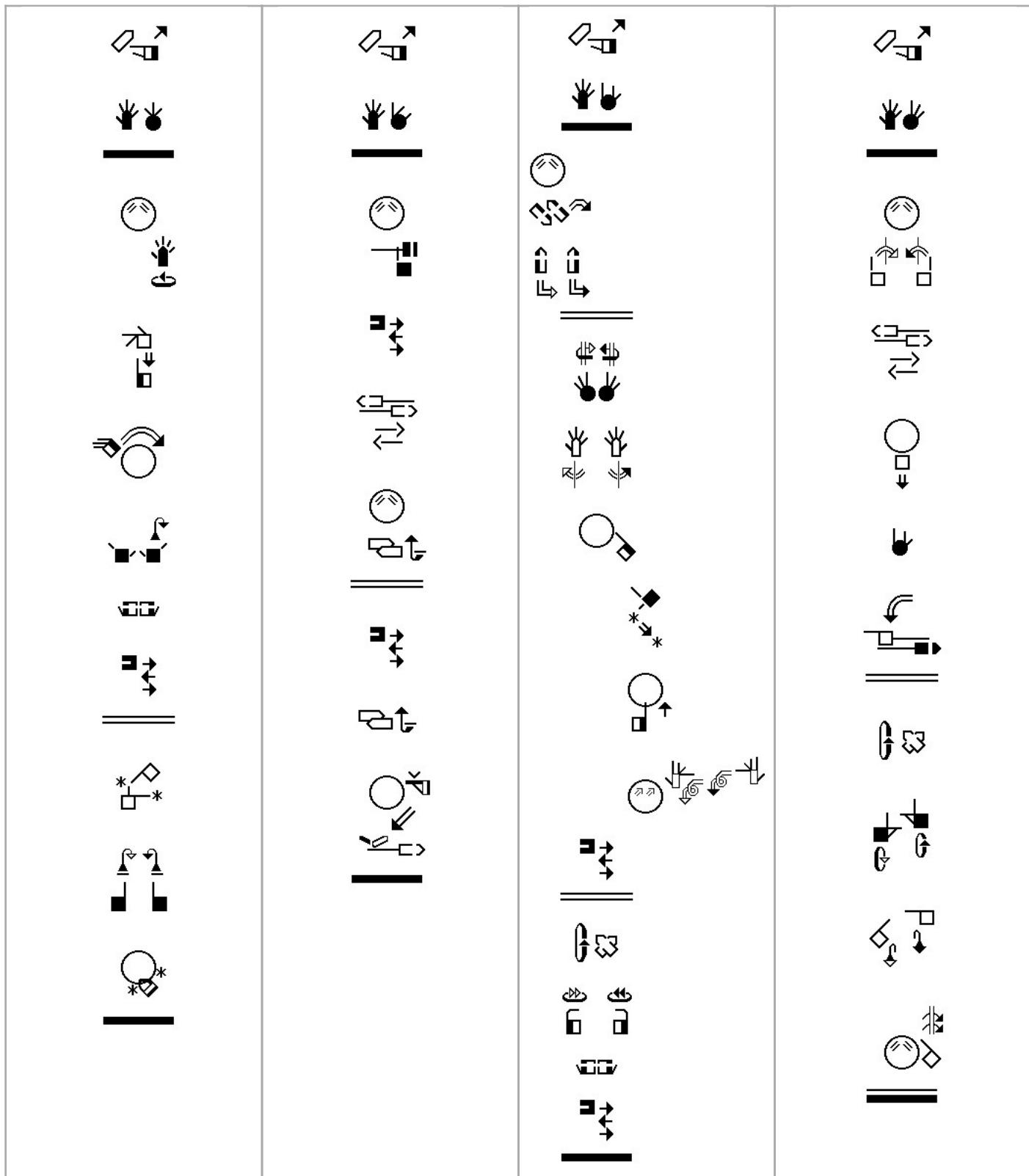
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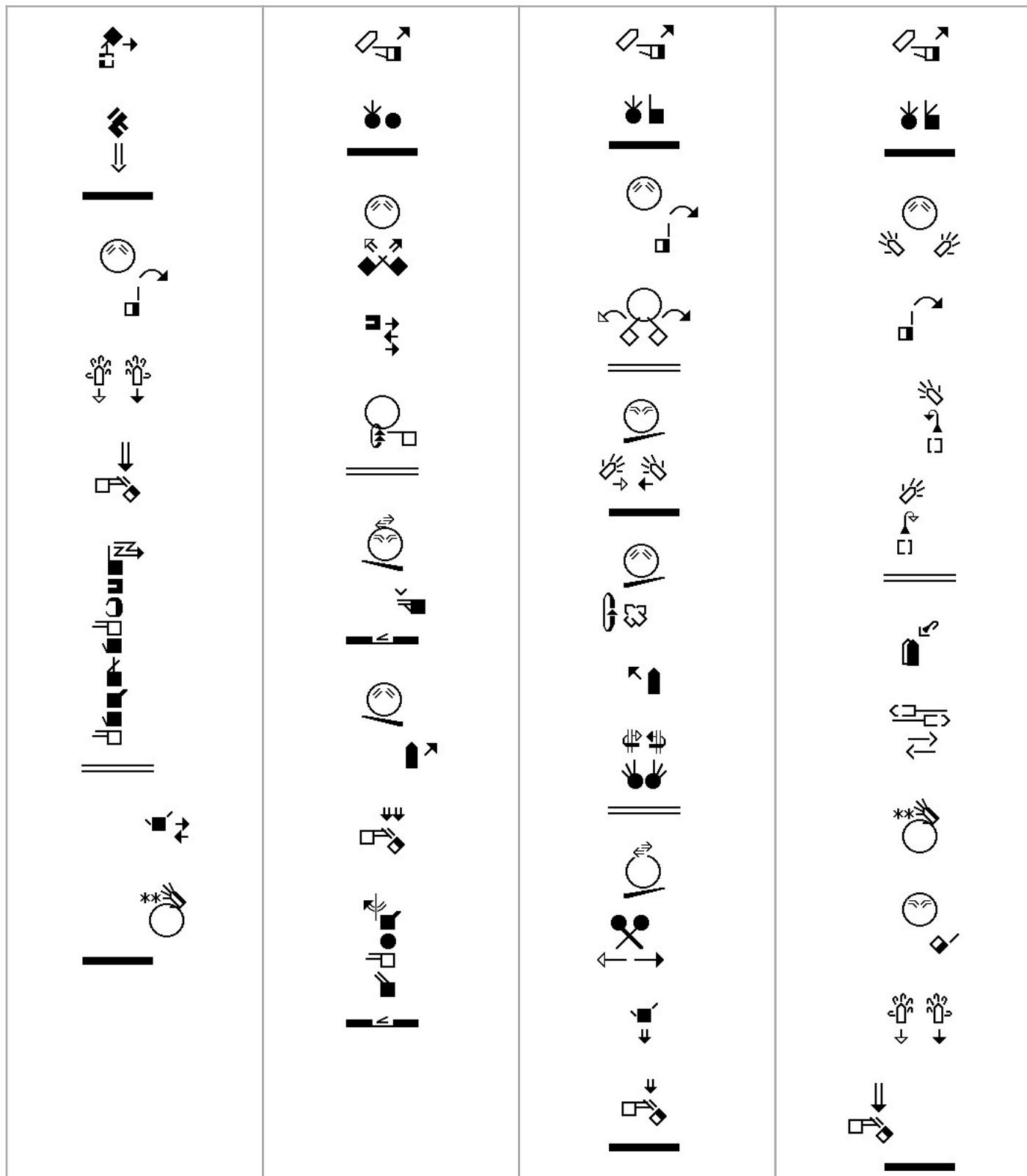
Verse 53. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. Verse 54. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. Verse 55. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."

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Verse 56. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home. Verse 57. When it was time for Elizabeth's baby to be born, she gave birth to a son. Verse 58. And when her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very merciful to her, everyone rejoiced with her. Verse 59. When the baby was eight days old, they all came for NLT

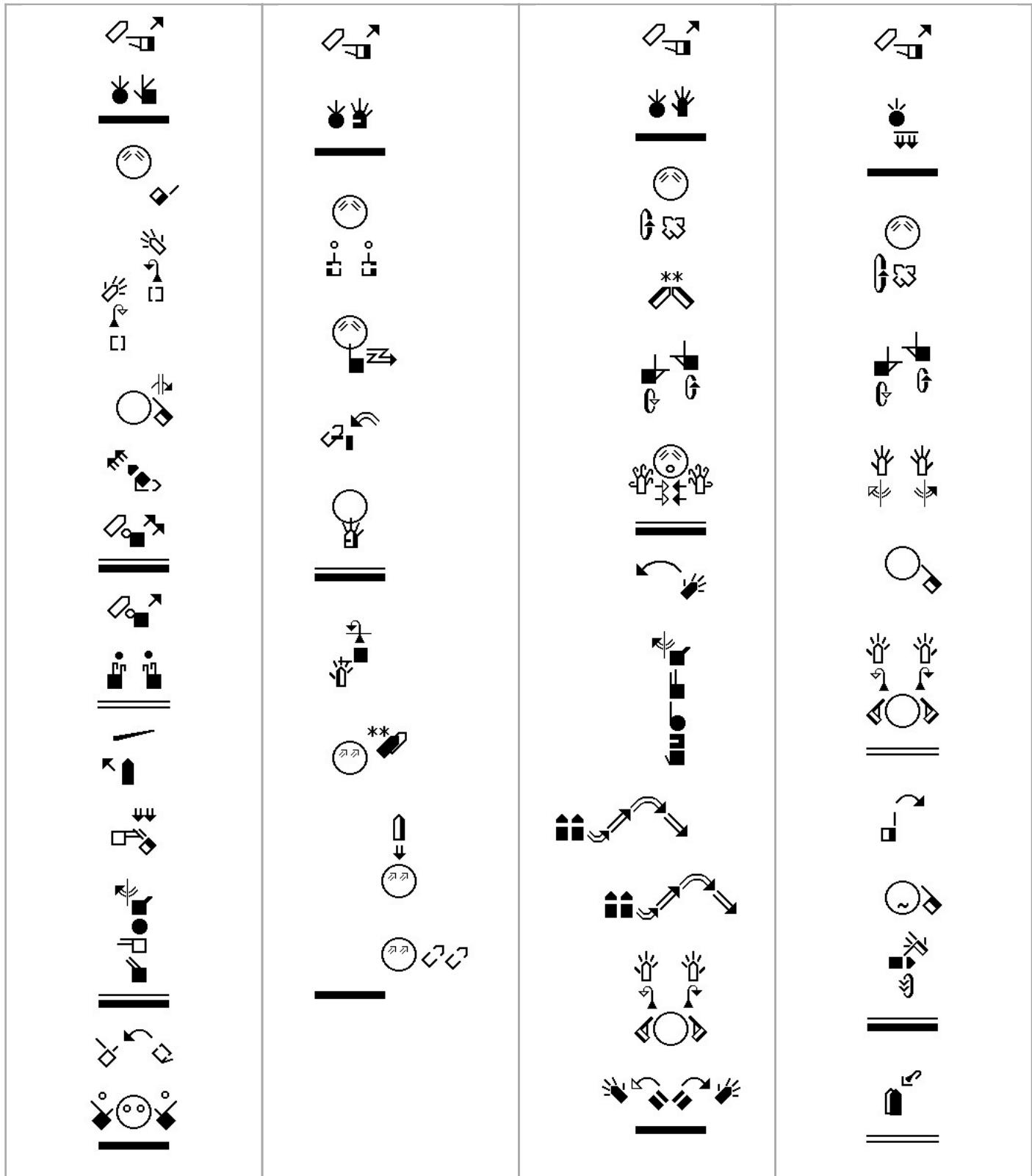
Luke 1:59-62



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the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father. Verse 60. But Elizabeth said, "No! His name is John!" Verse 61. "What?" they exclaimed. "There is no one in all your family by that name." Verse 62. So they used gestures to ask the baby's father what he wanted to name him.

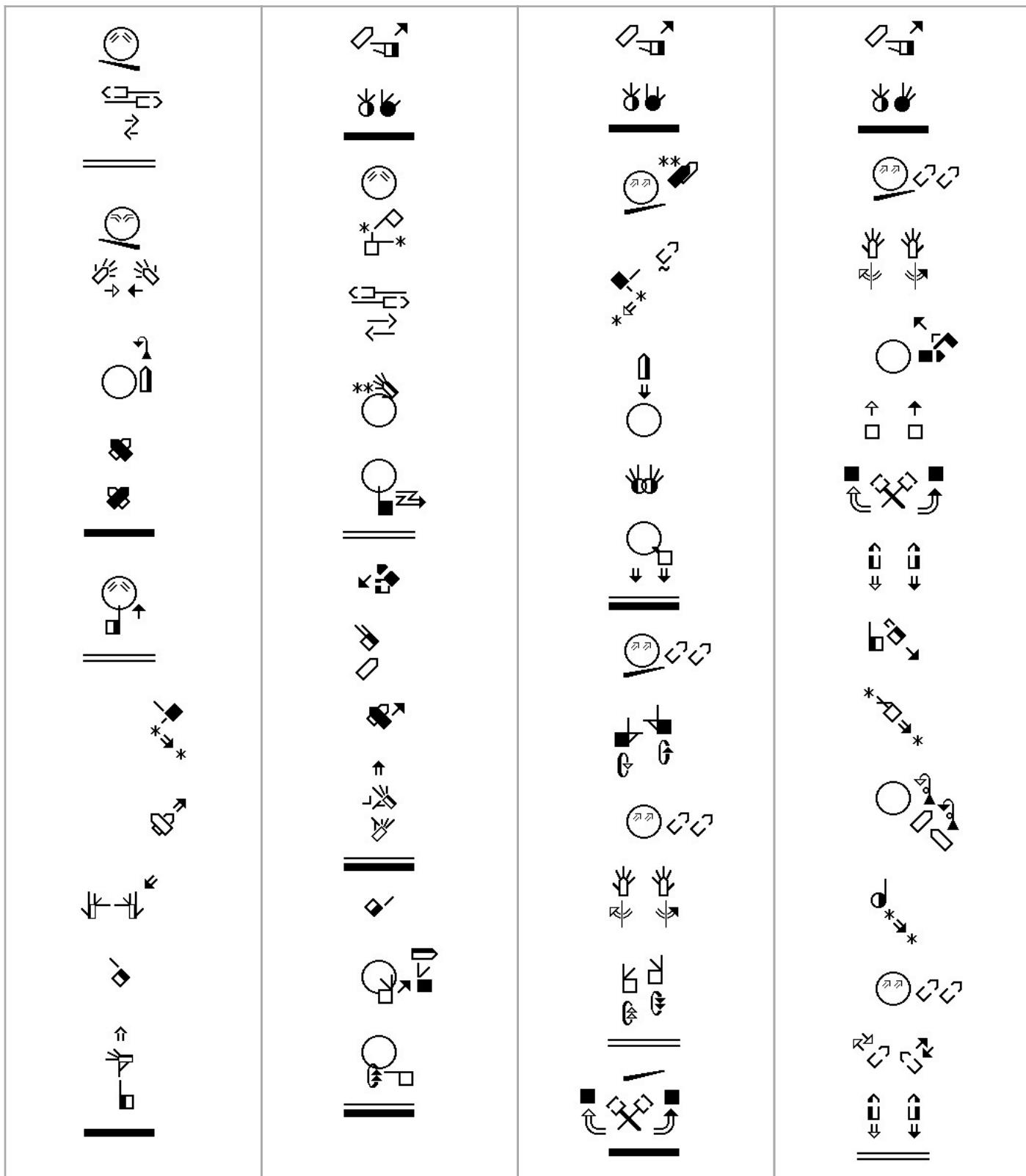
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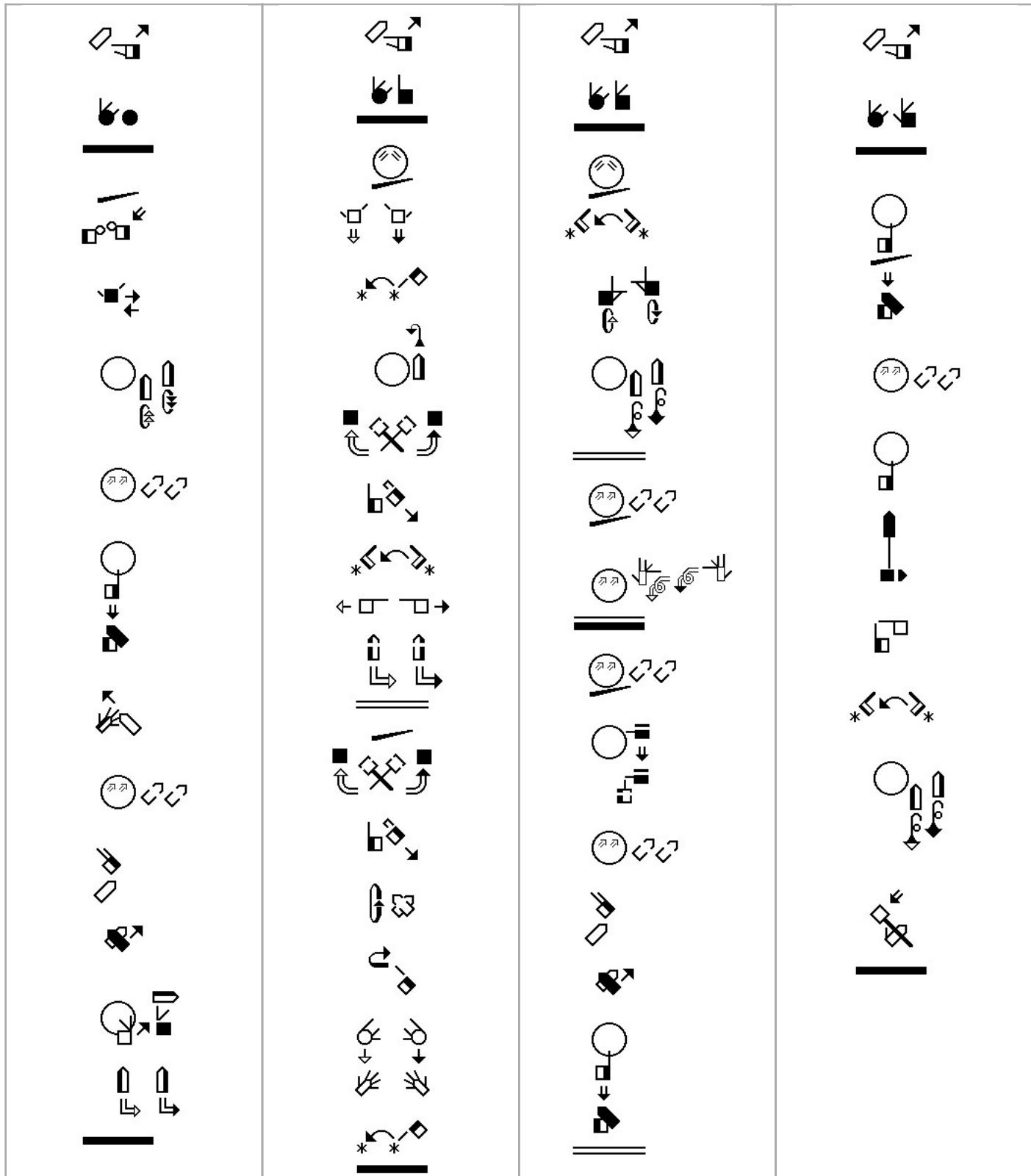


Verse 63. He motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone's surprise he wrote, "His name is John." Verse 64. Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God. Verse 65. Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills. Verse 66. Everyone who heard about it reflected on these events and asked,

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Luke 1:66-69

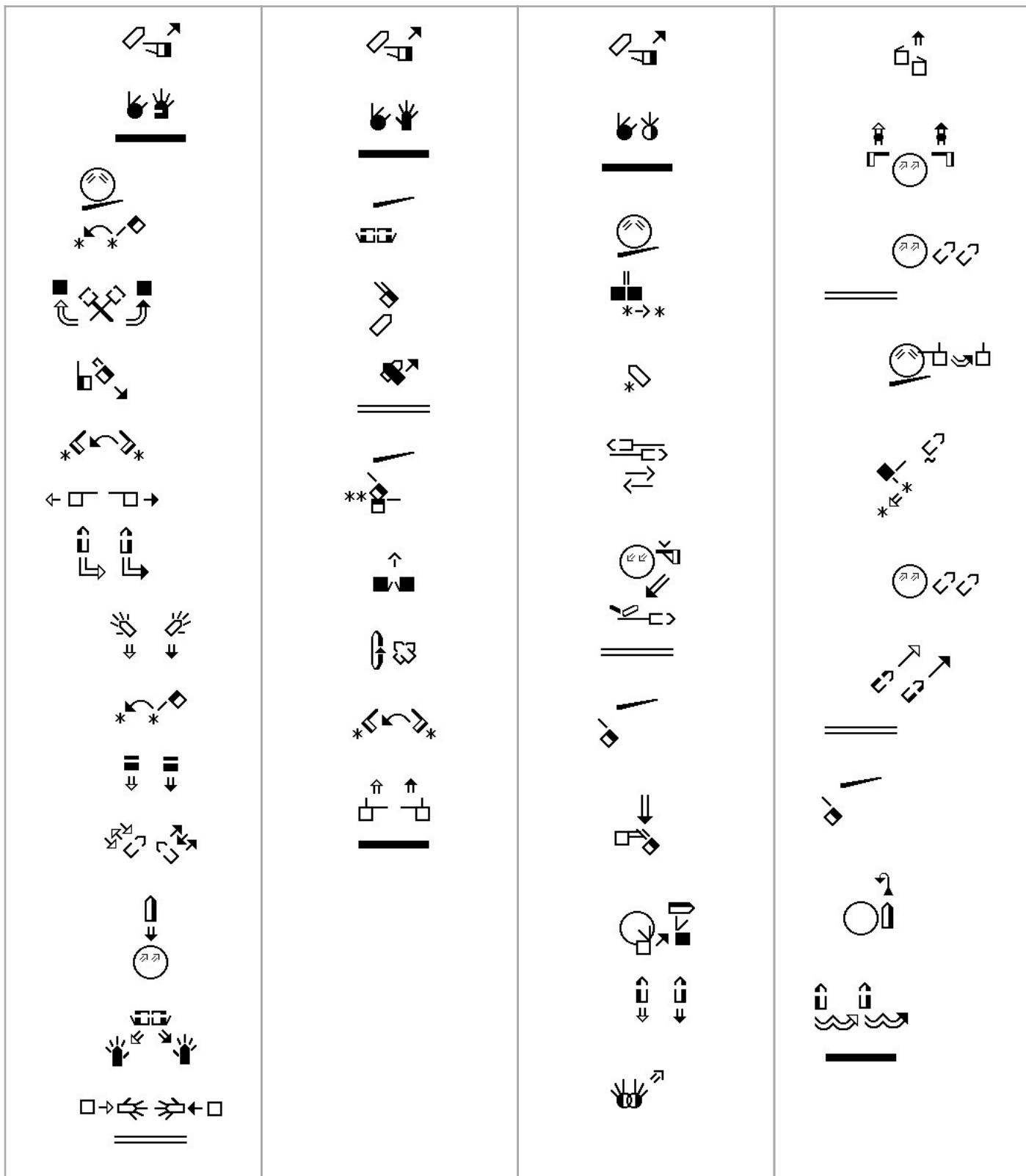




Verse 70. just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Verse 71. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. Verse 72. He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant -- Verse 73. the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham.

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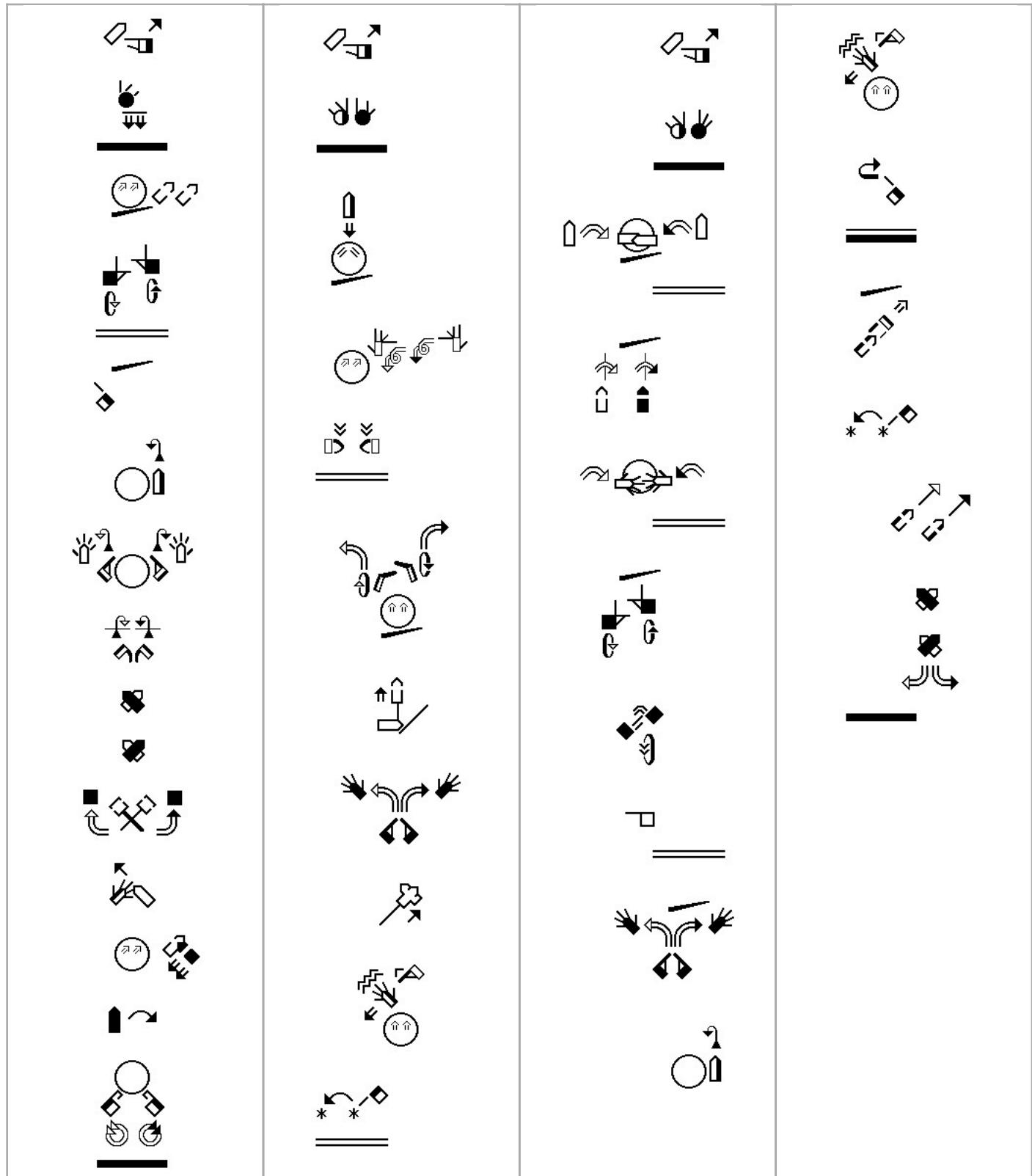
Luke 1:74-76



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Verse 74. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, Verse 75. in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. Verse 76. "And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord.

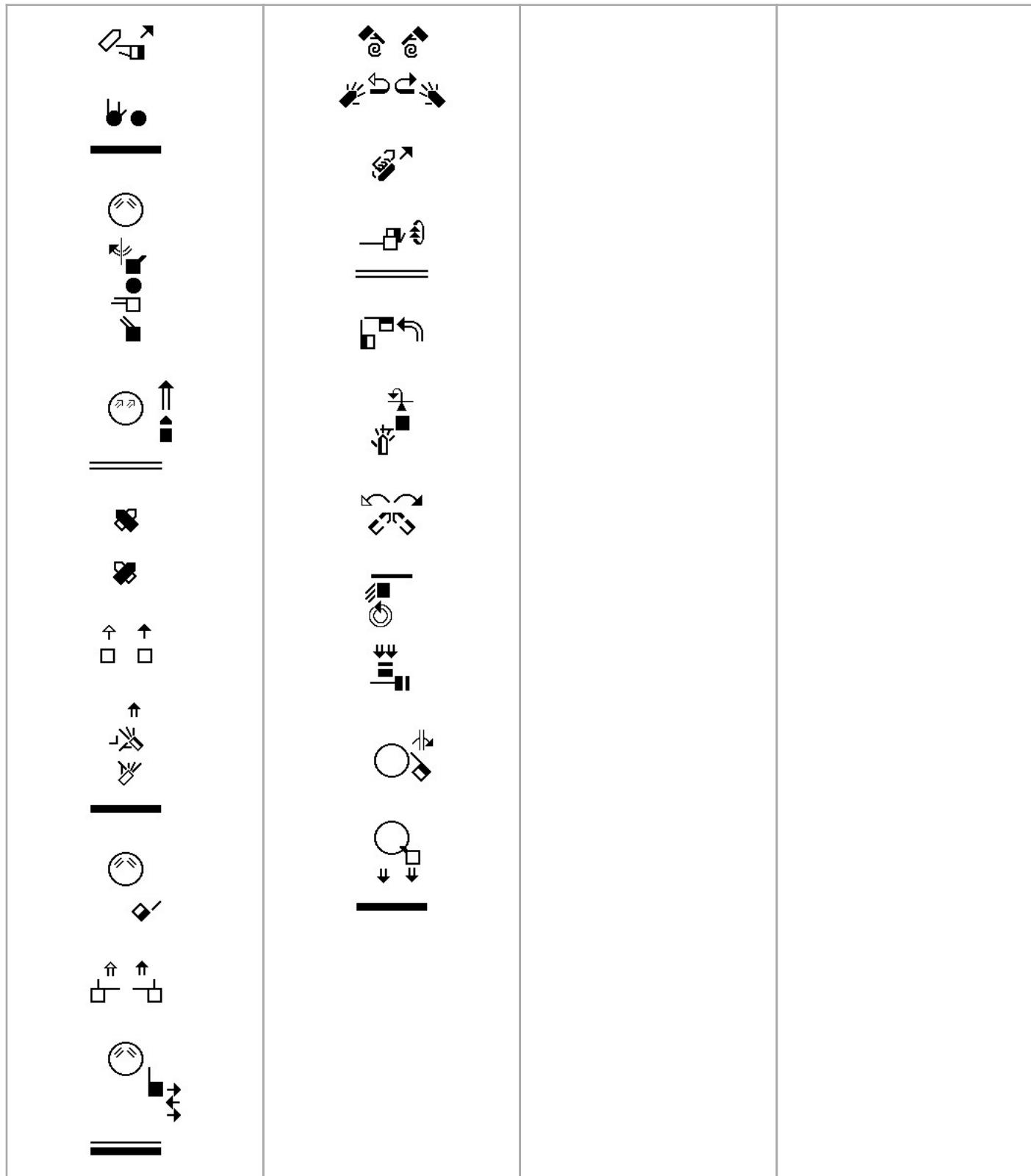
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Verse 77. You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.  
 Verse 78. Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, Verse 79. to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

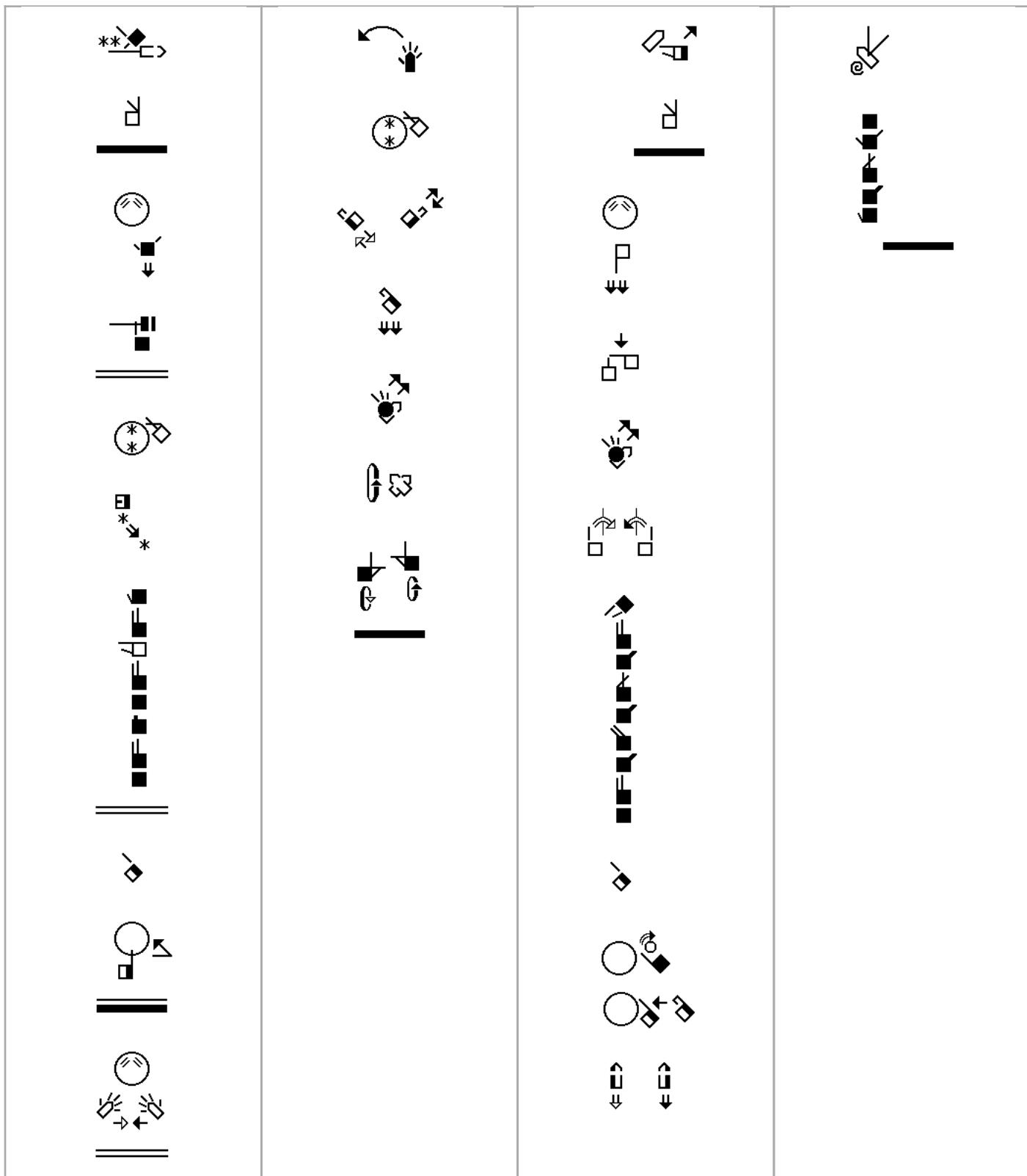
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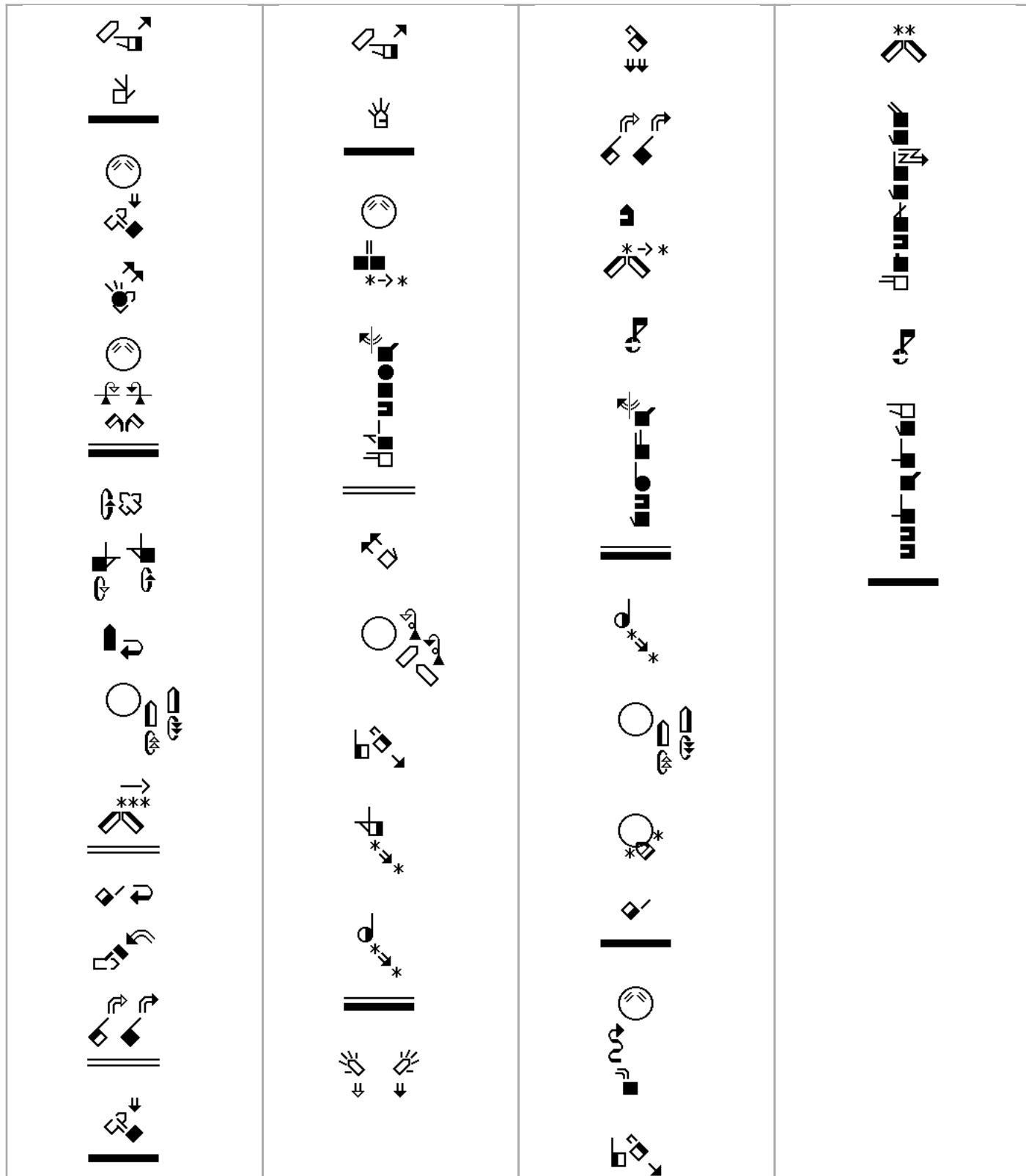
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Verse 80. John grew up and became strong in spirit. And he lived in the wilderness until  
he began his public ministry to Israel.  
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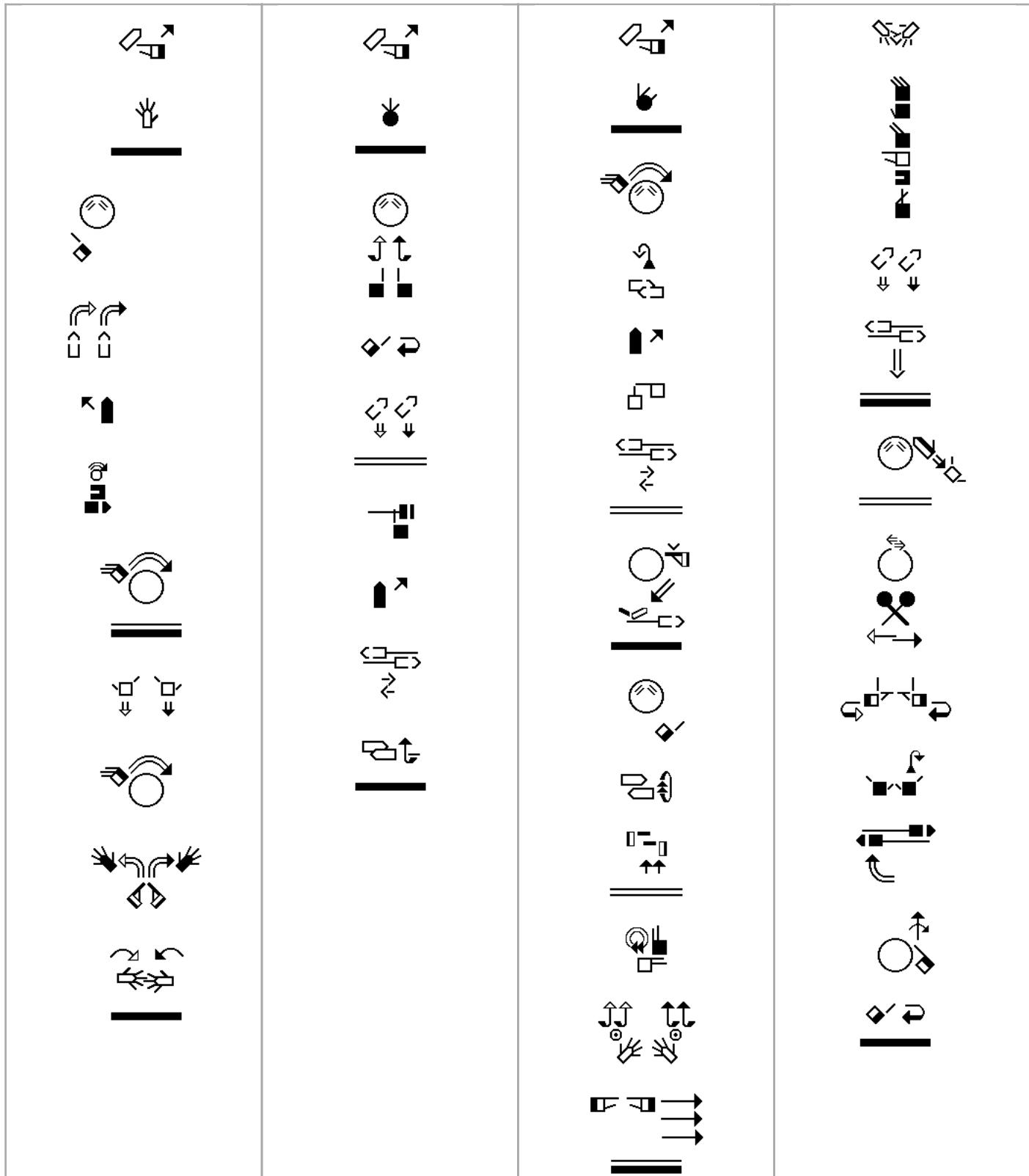
Luke 2. At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. Verse 2. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) NLT

Luke 2:3-4



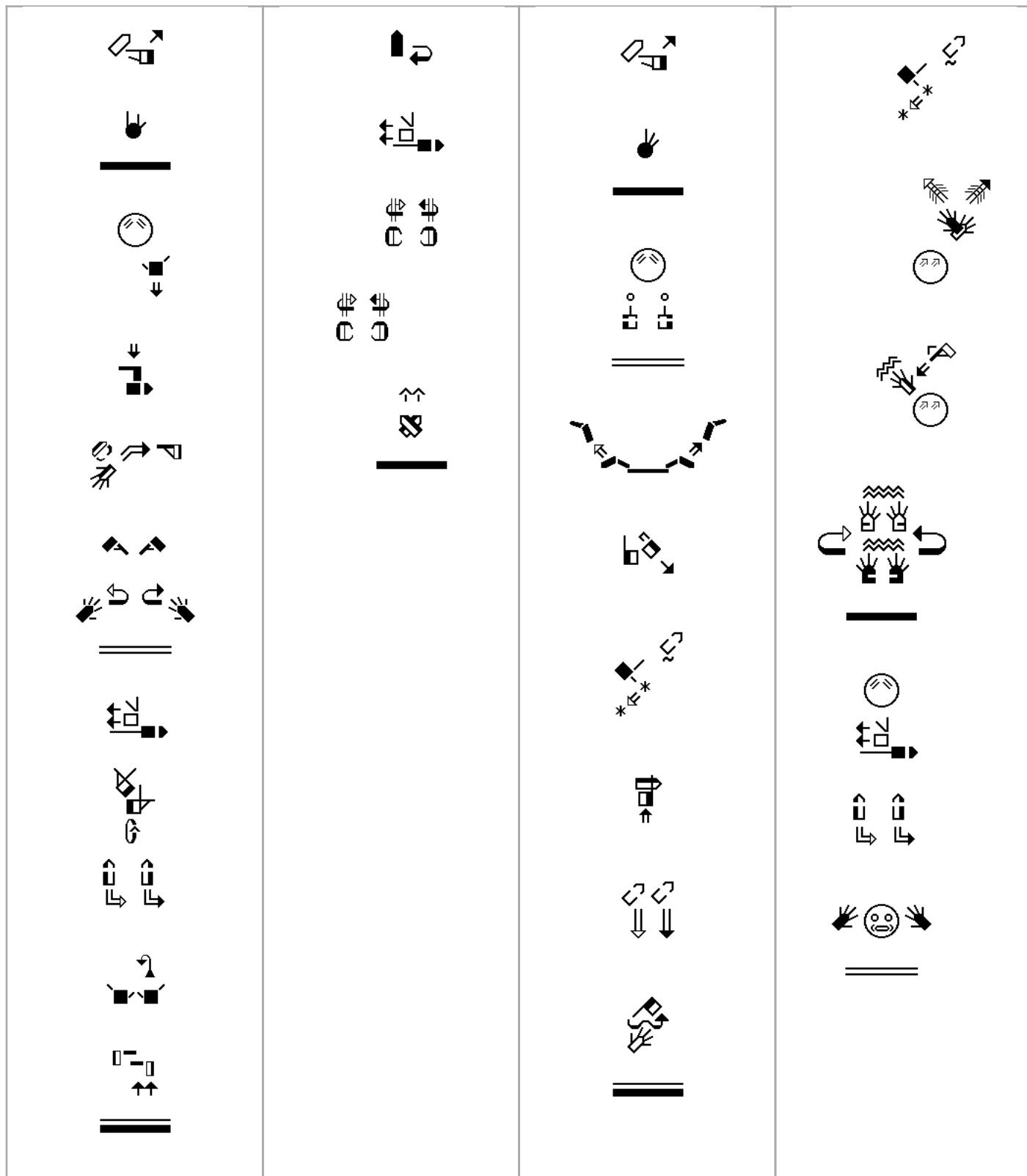
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Verse 3. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. Verse 4. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. NLT



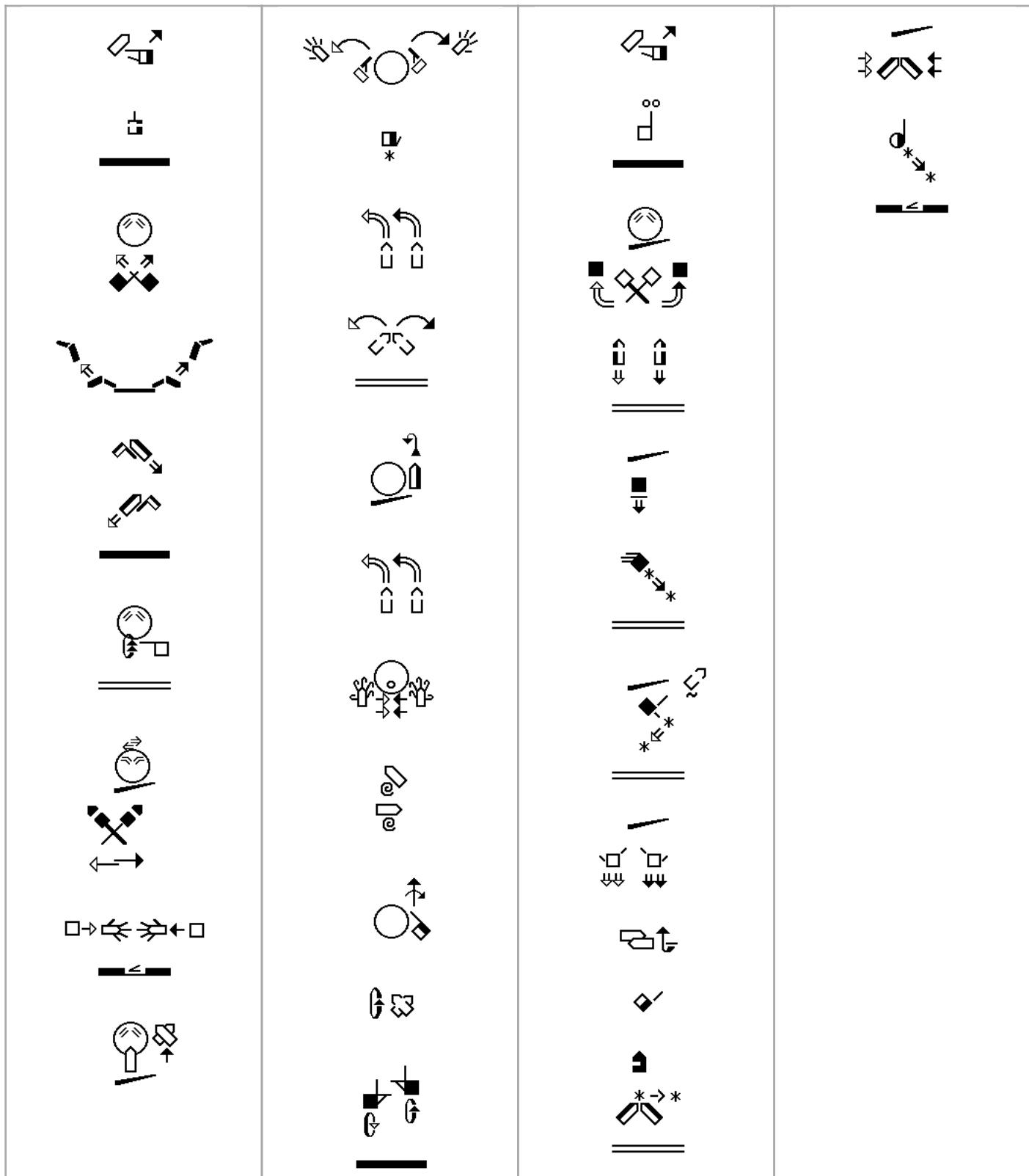
Verse 5. He took with him Mary, his fiancee, who was now obviously pregnant. Verse 6. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Verse 7. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. NLT

Luke 2:8-9



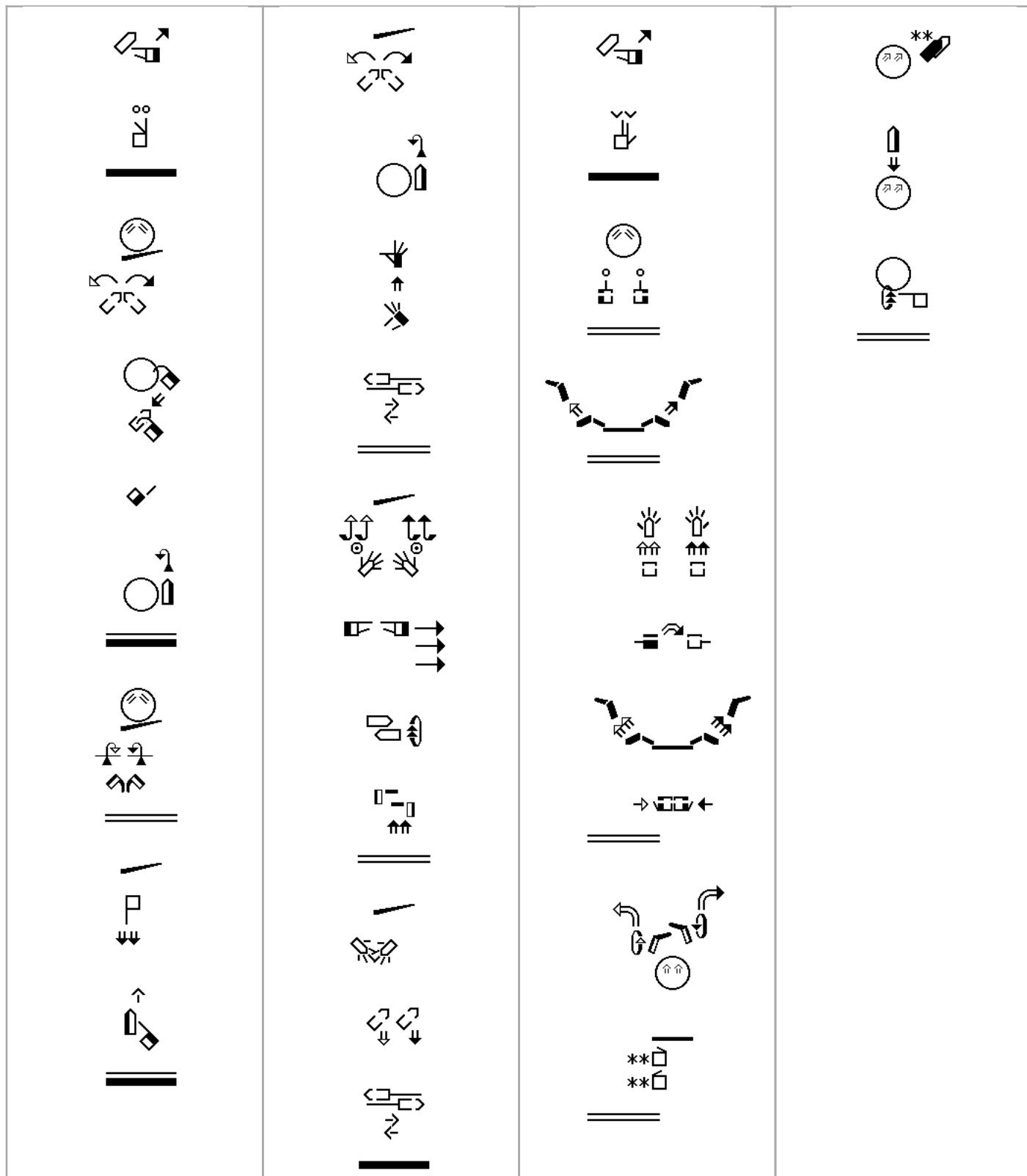
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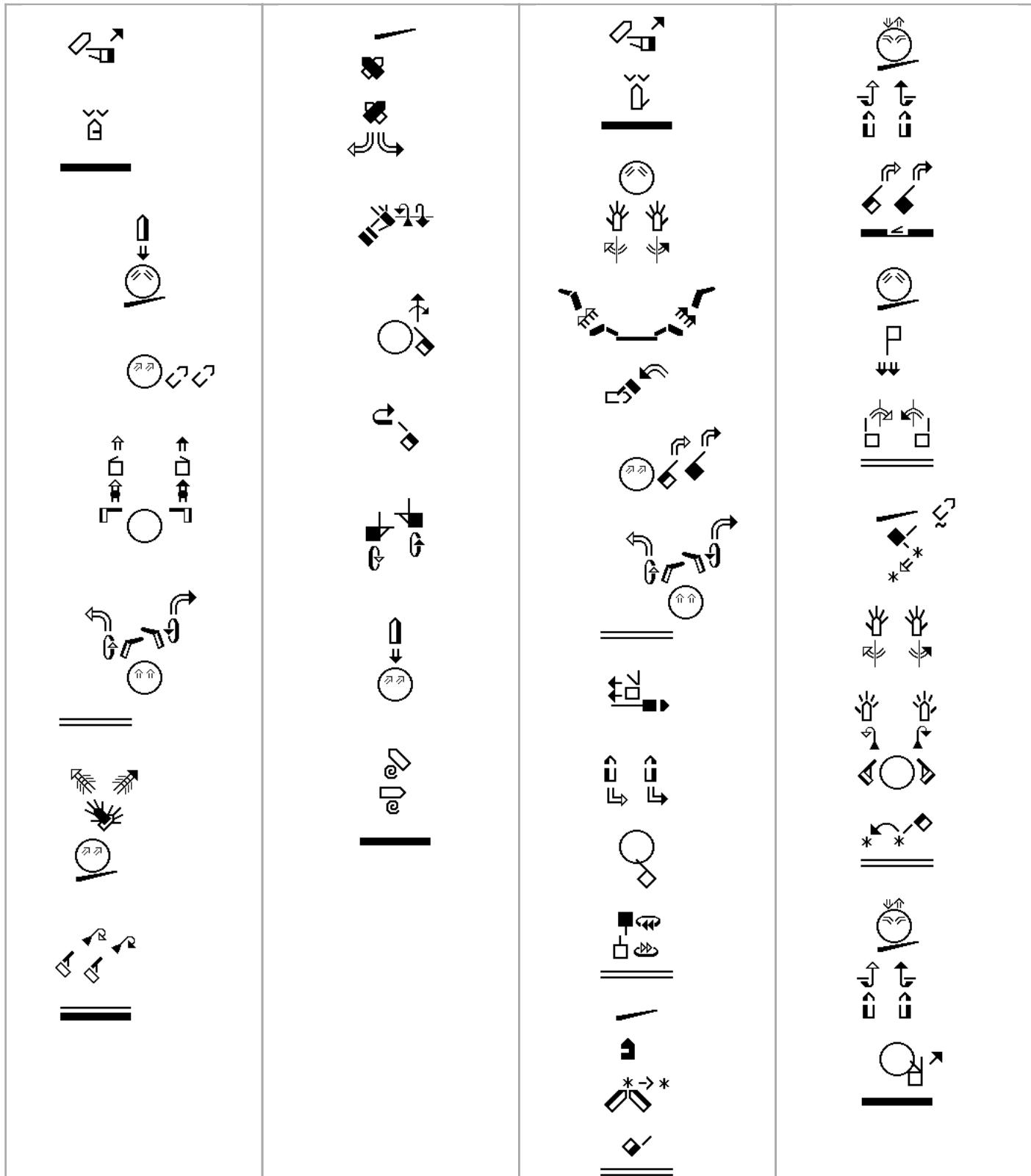
Verse 8. That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Verse 9. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, NLT



Verse 10. but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." Verse 11. The Savior -- yes, the Messiah, the Lord -- has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! NLT

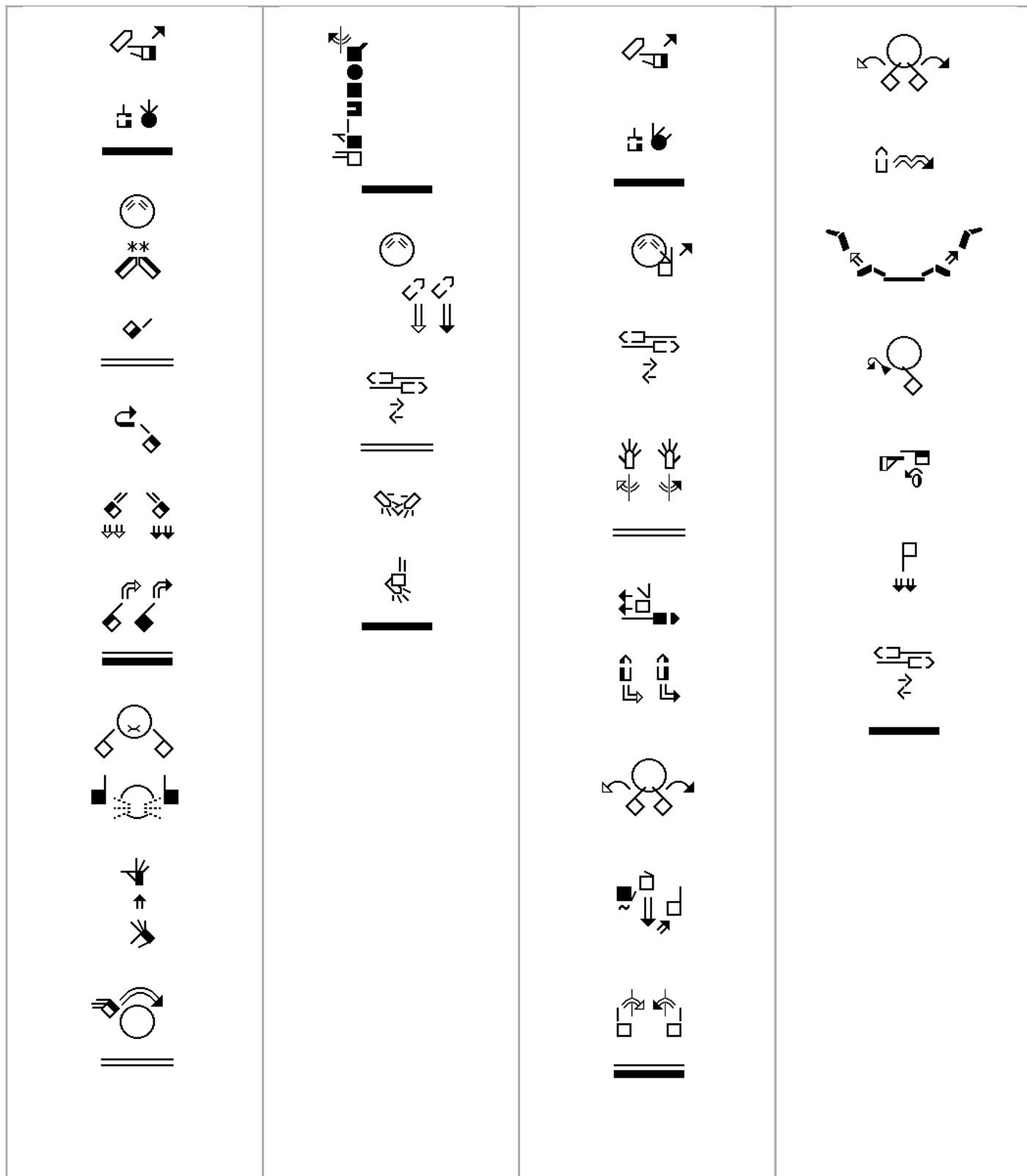
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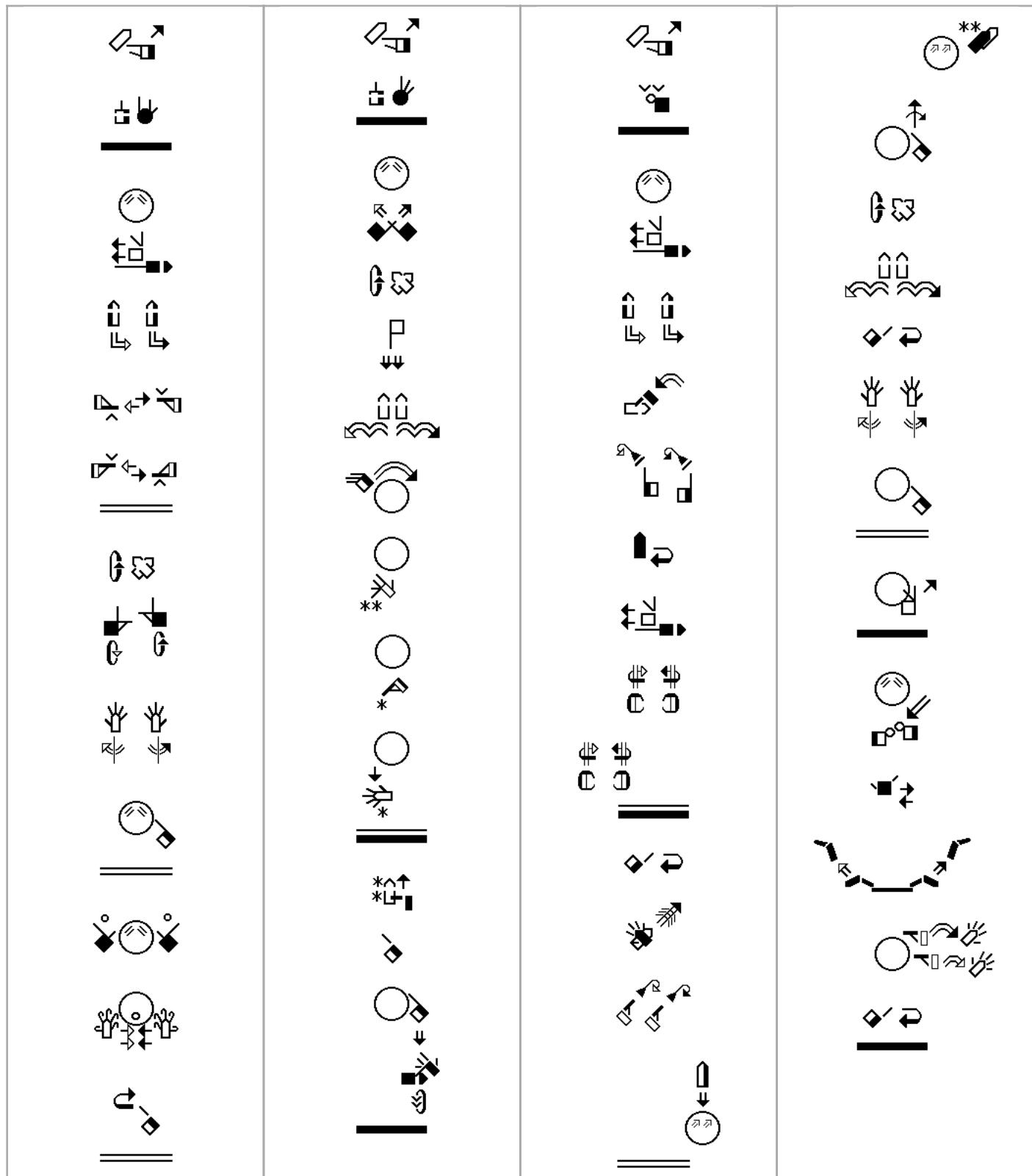




Verse 14. "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Verse 15. When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." NLT

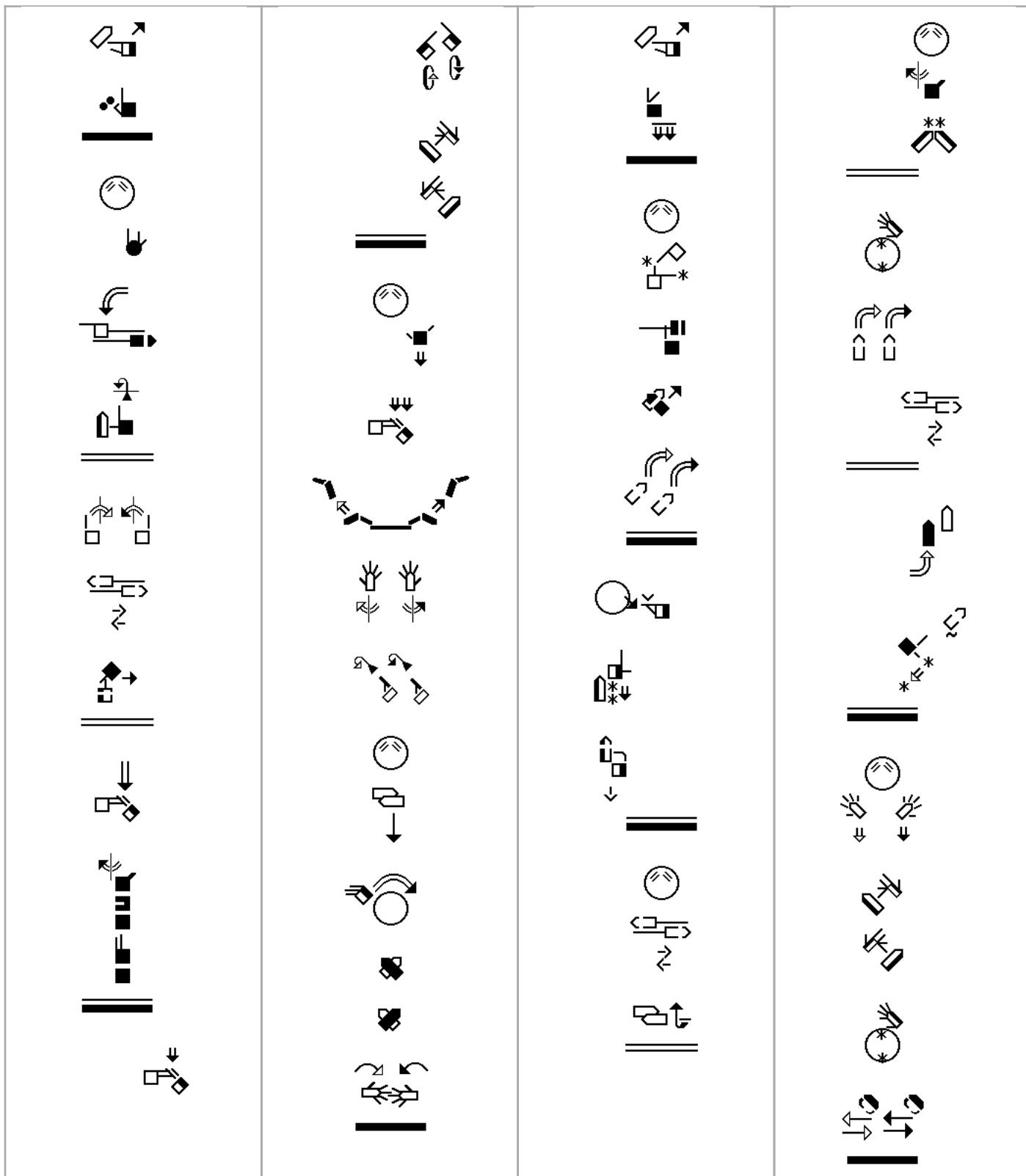
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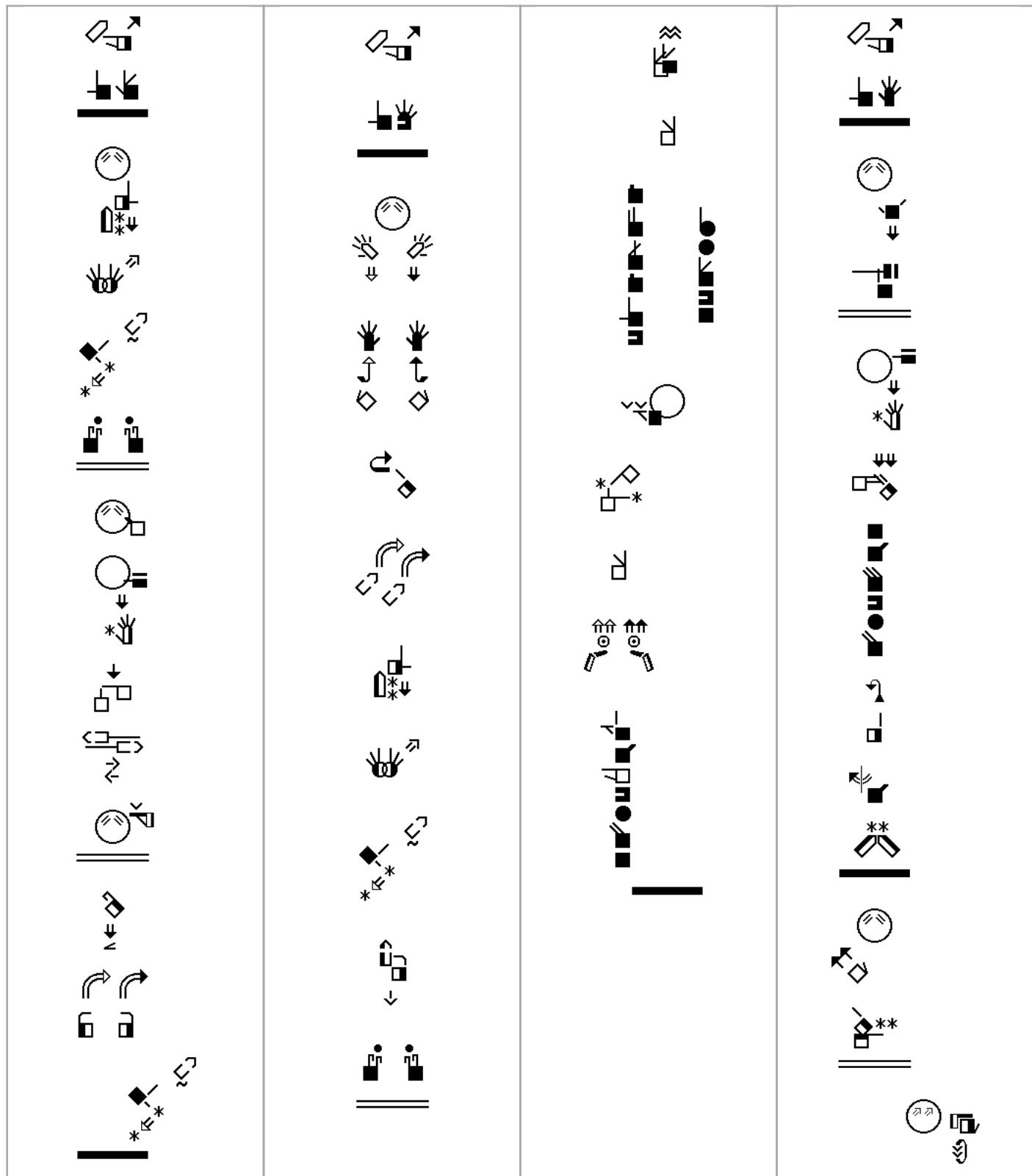




Verse 18. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, Verse 19. but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. Verse 20. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. NLT

## Luke 2:21-22

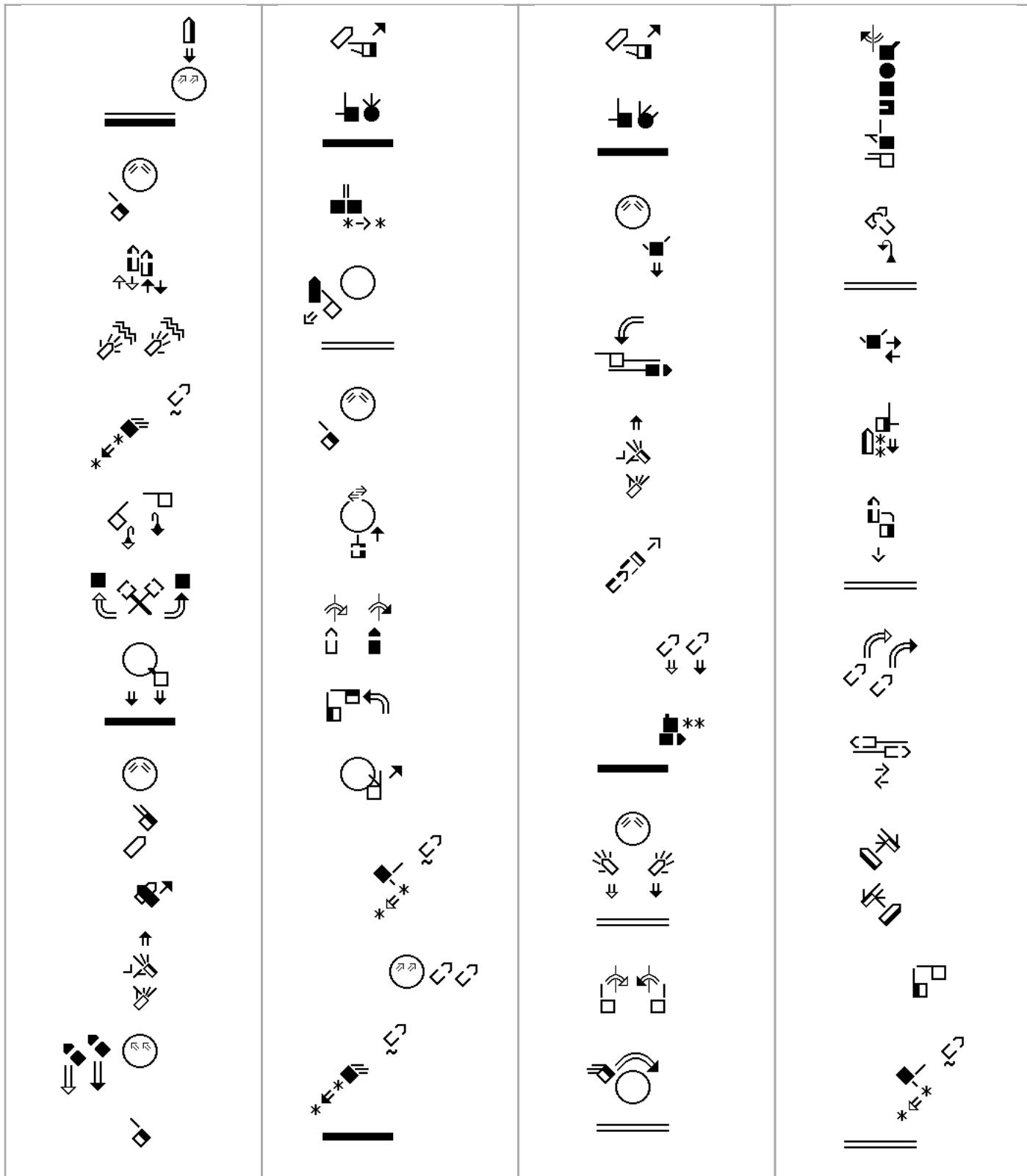


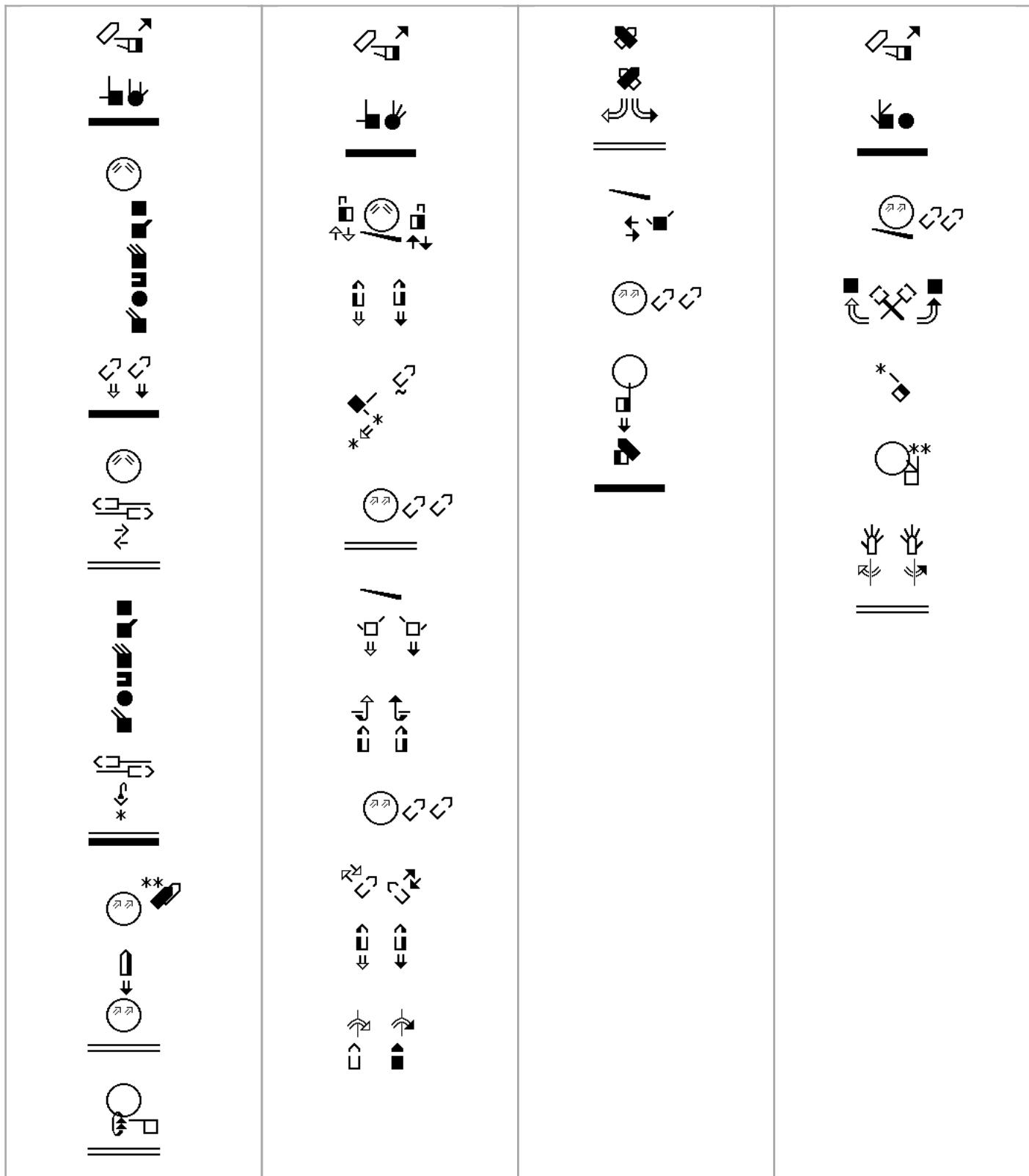


Verse 23. The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD." Verse 24. So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord -- "either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Verse 25. At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout

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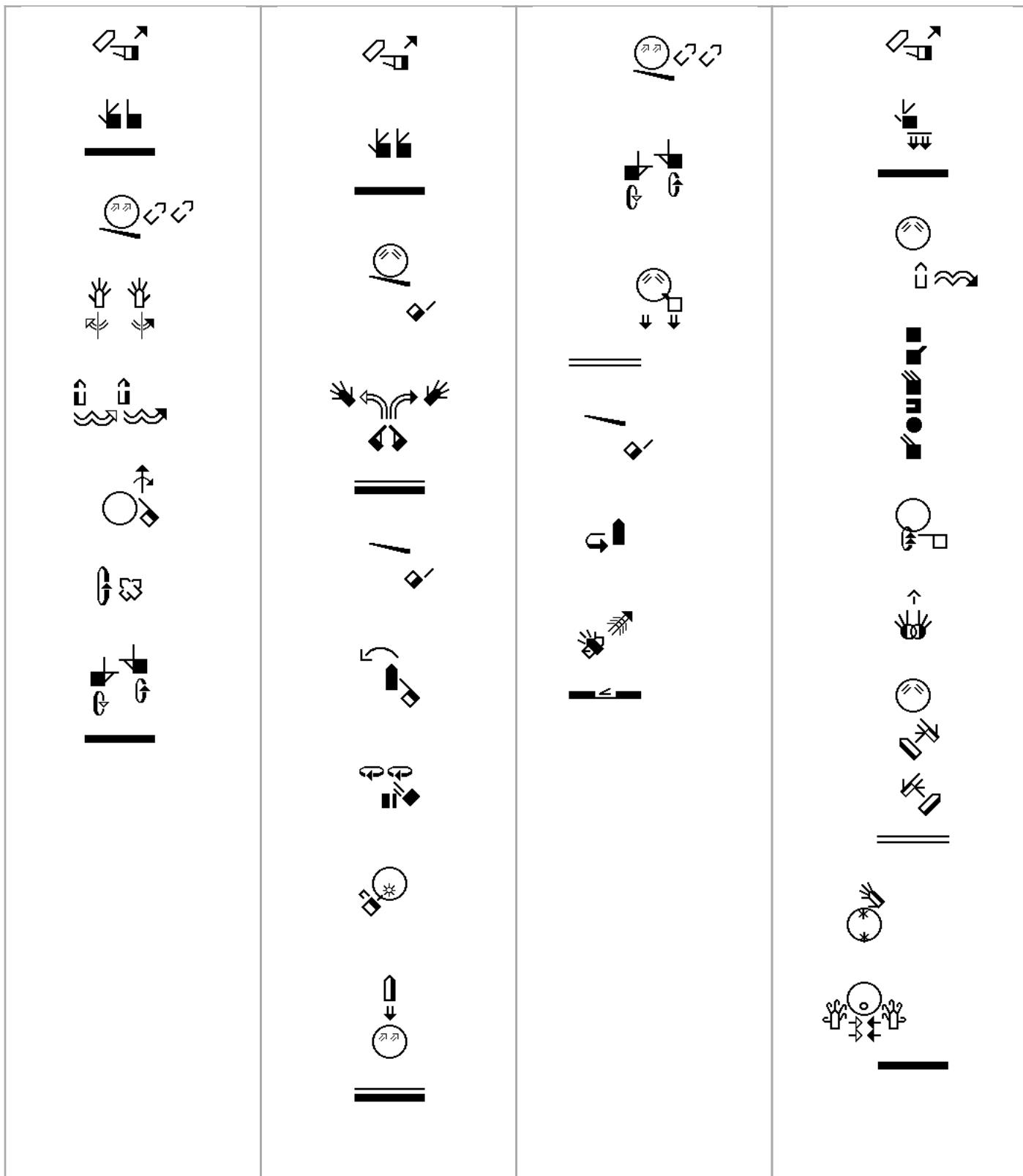
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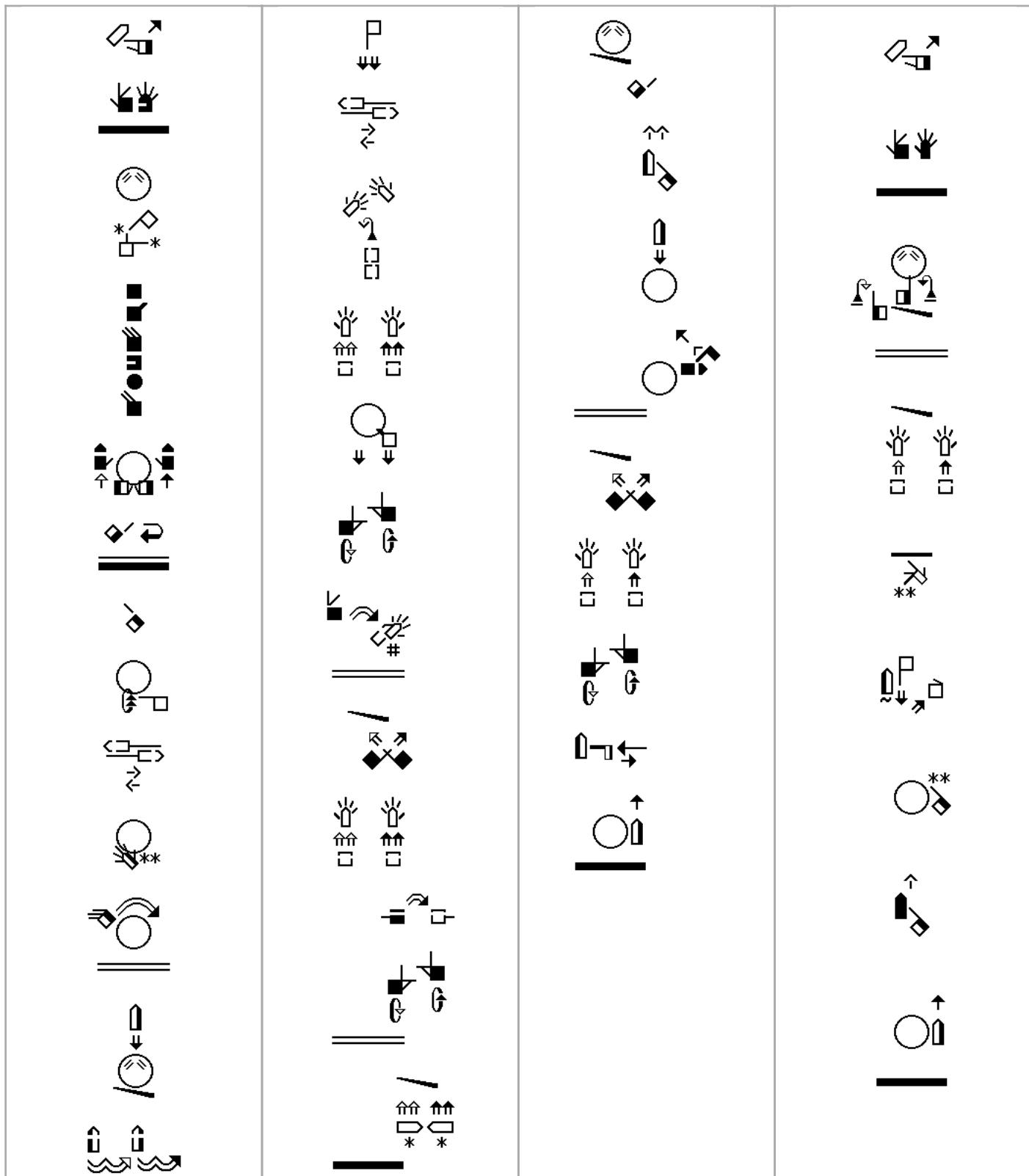


Verse 28. Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,  
 Verse 29. "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.  
 Verse 30. I have seen your salvation, NLT

Luke 2:31-33

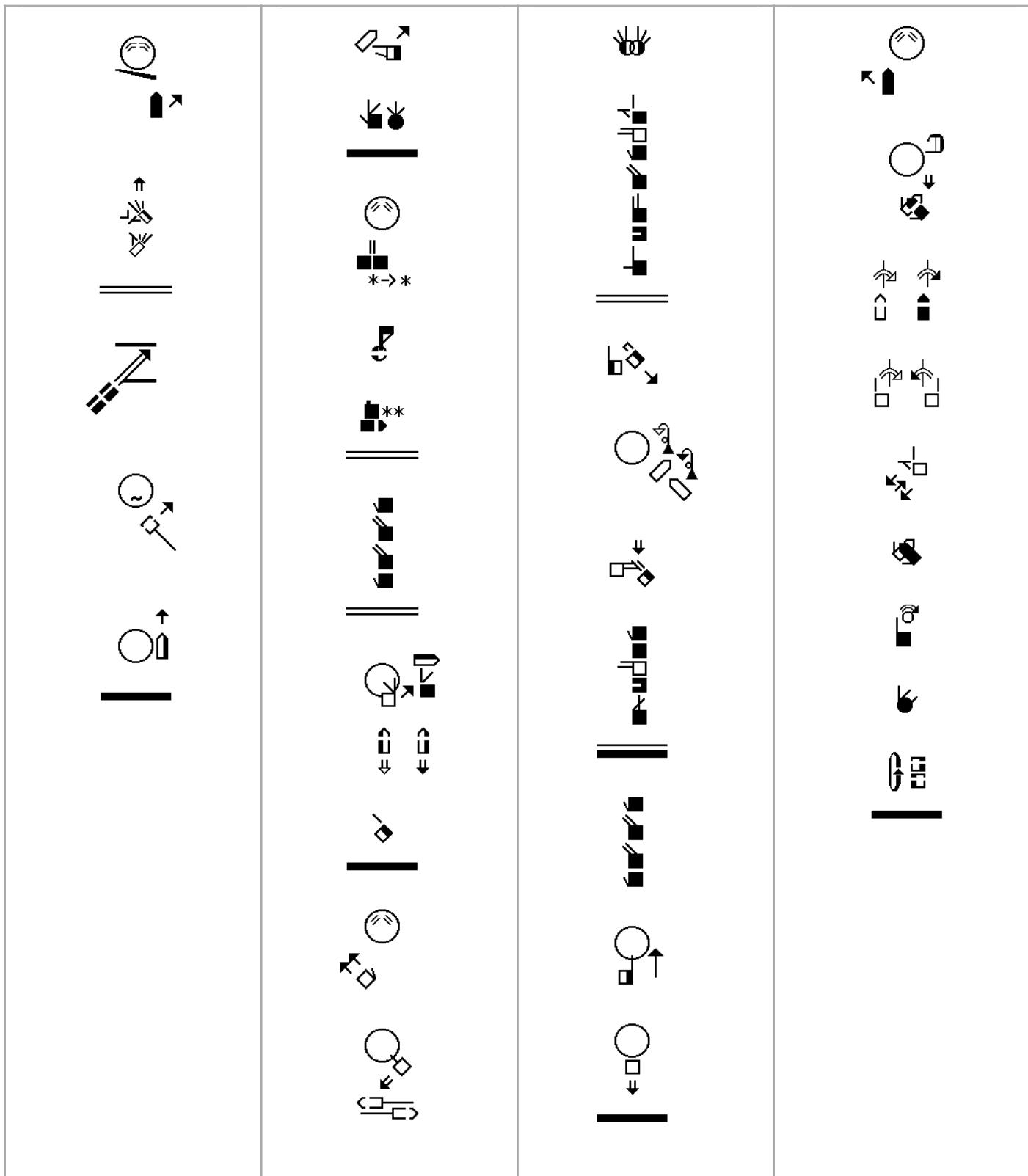


44 Verse 31. which you have prepared for all people. Verse 32. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Verse 33. Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. NLT



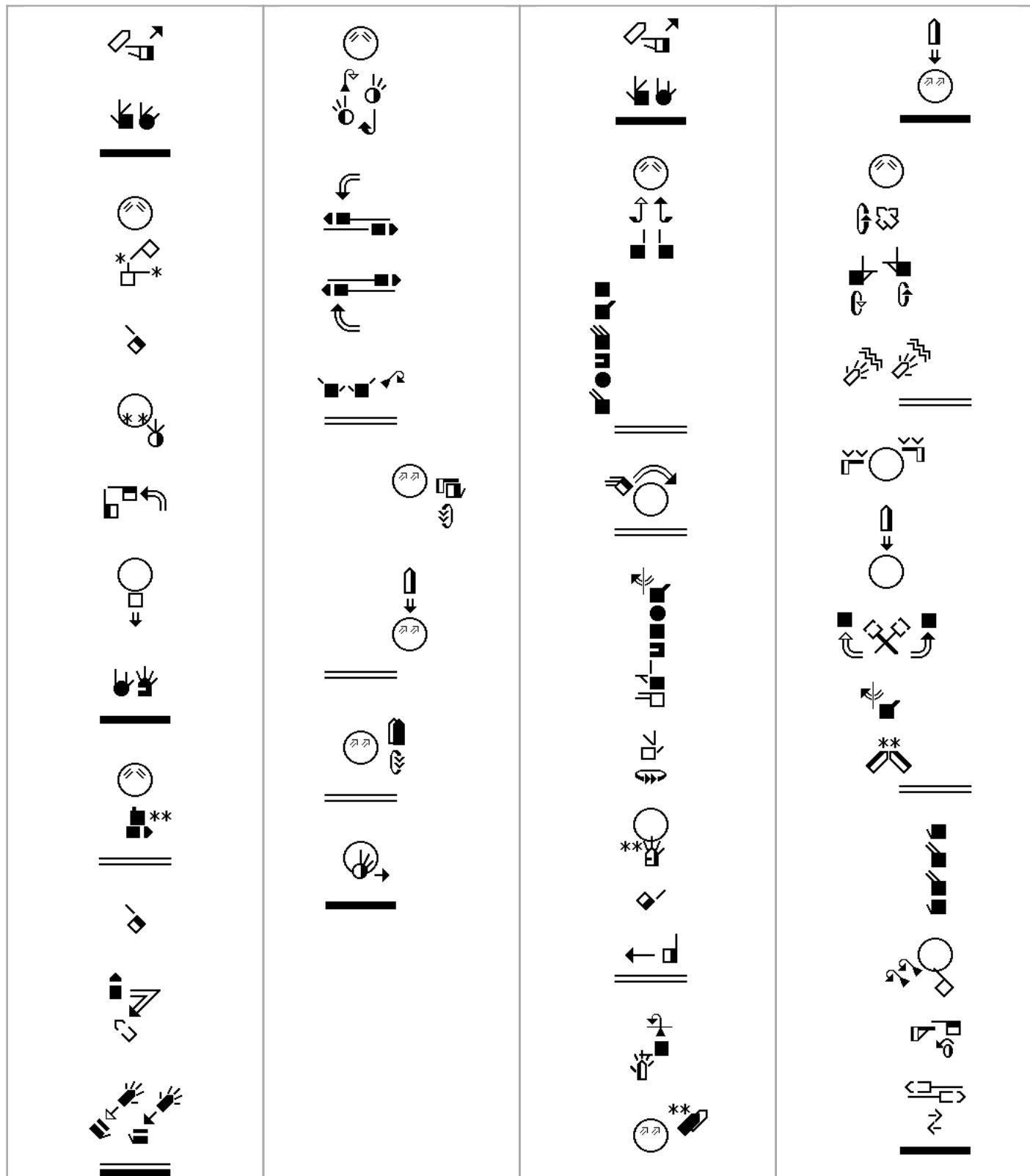
Verse 34. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. Verse 35. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. NLT

Luke 2:35-36



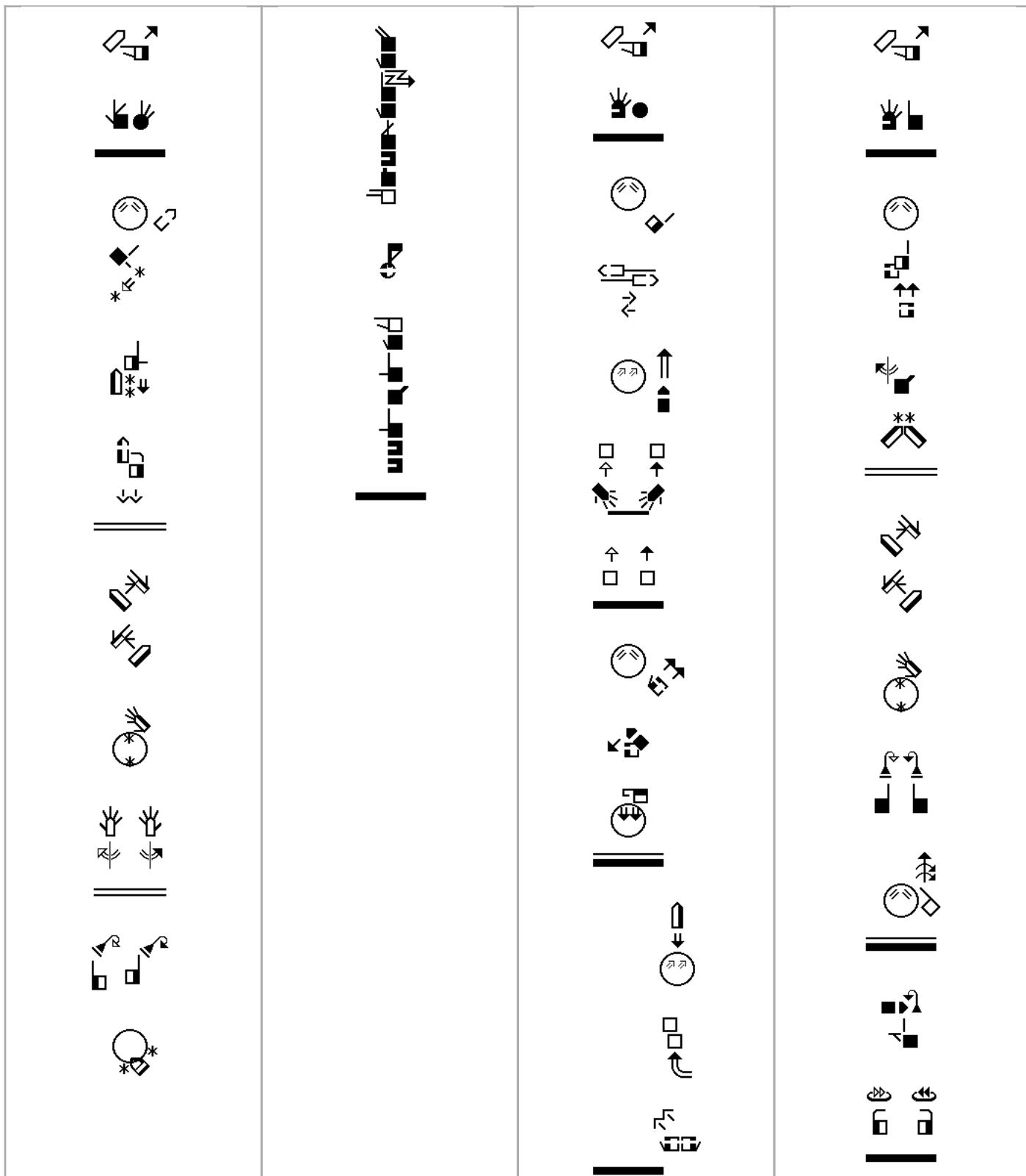
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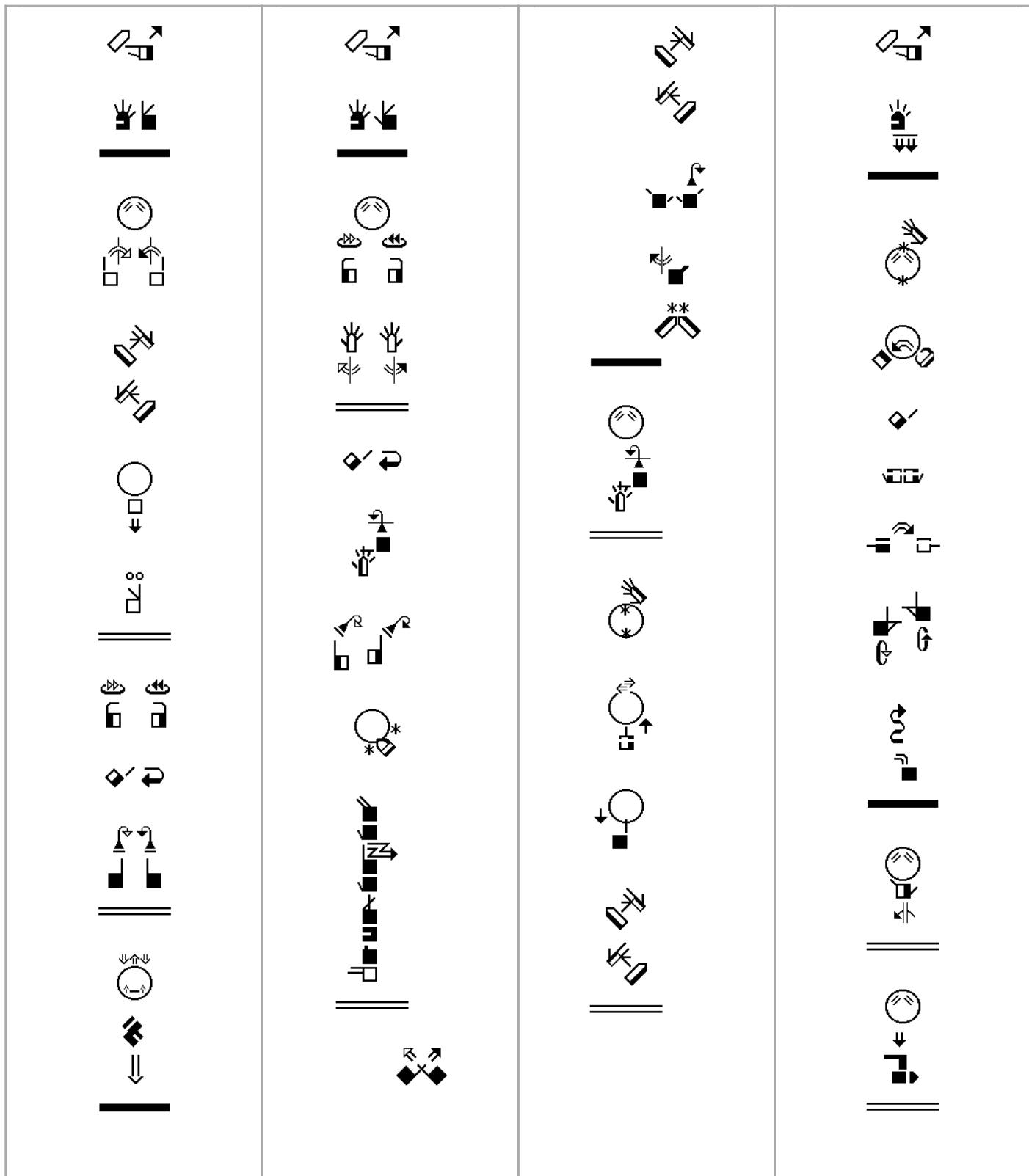
"And a sword will pierce your very soul." Verse 36. Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. NLT



Verse 37. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. Verse 38. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to

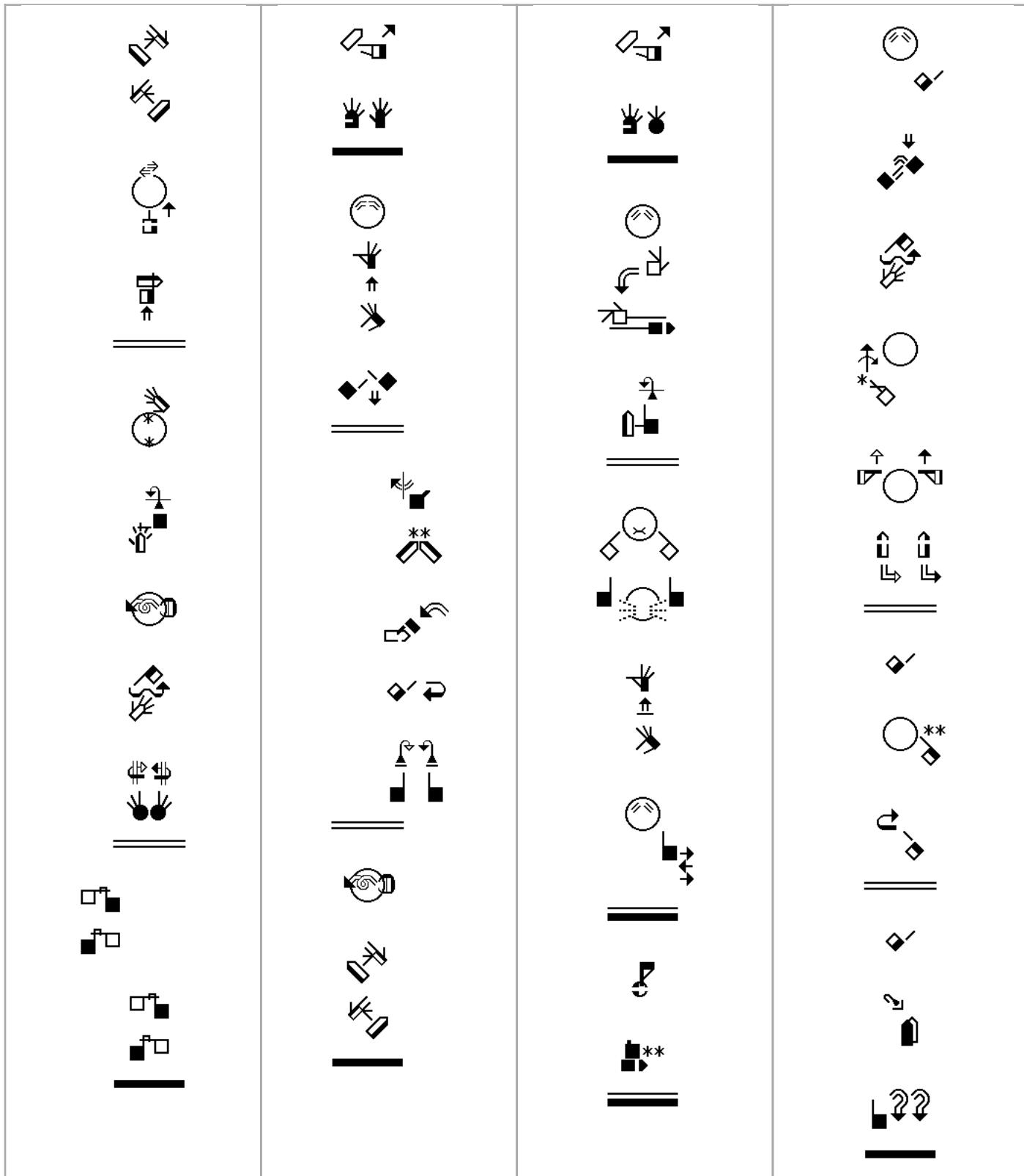
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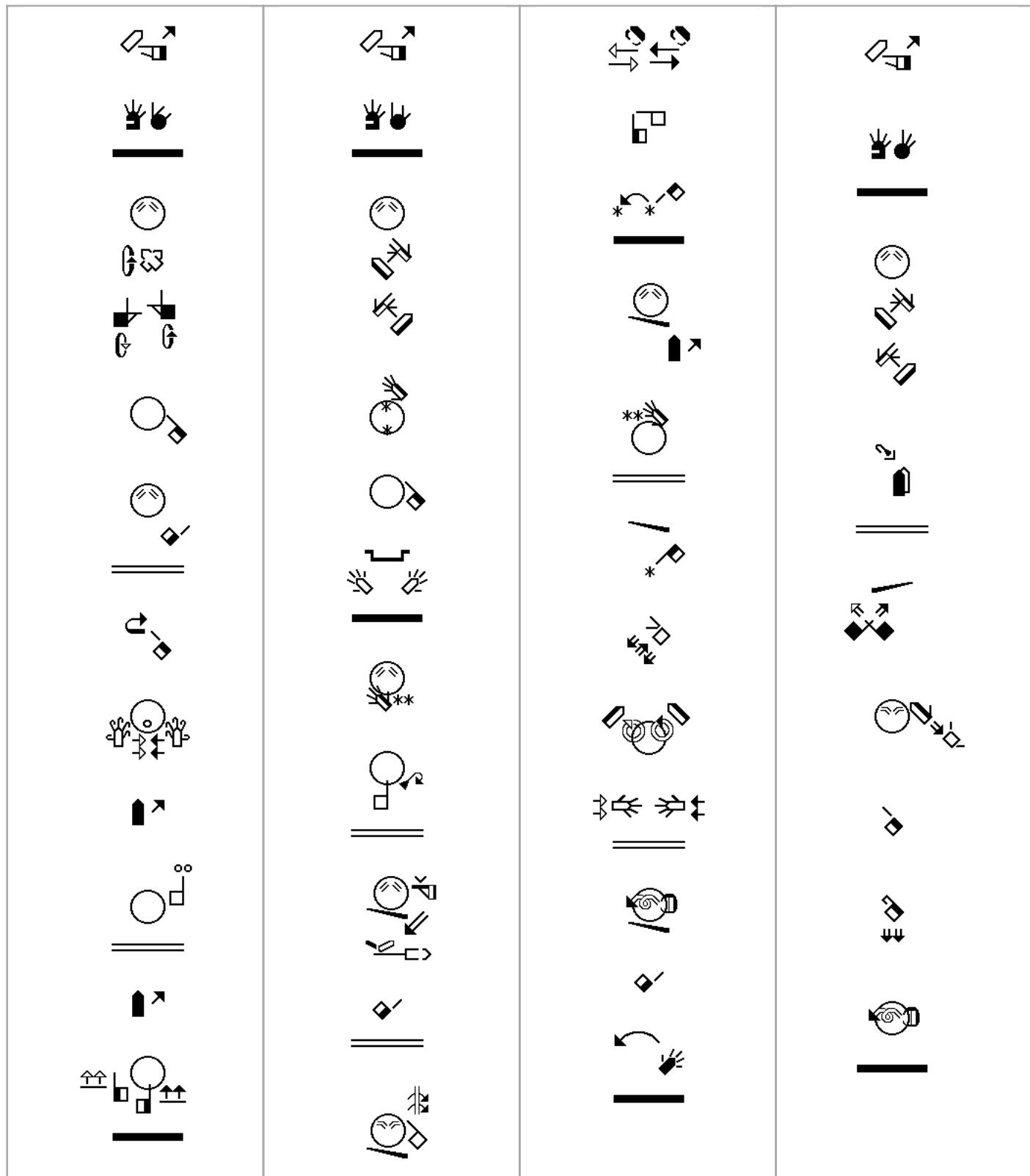




Verse 42. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. Verse 43. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, Verse 44. because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening,

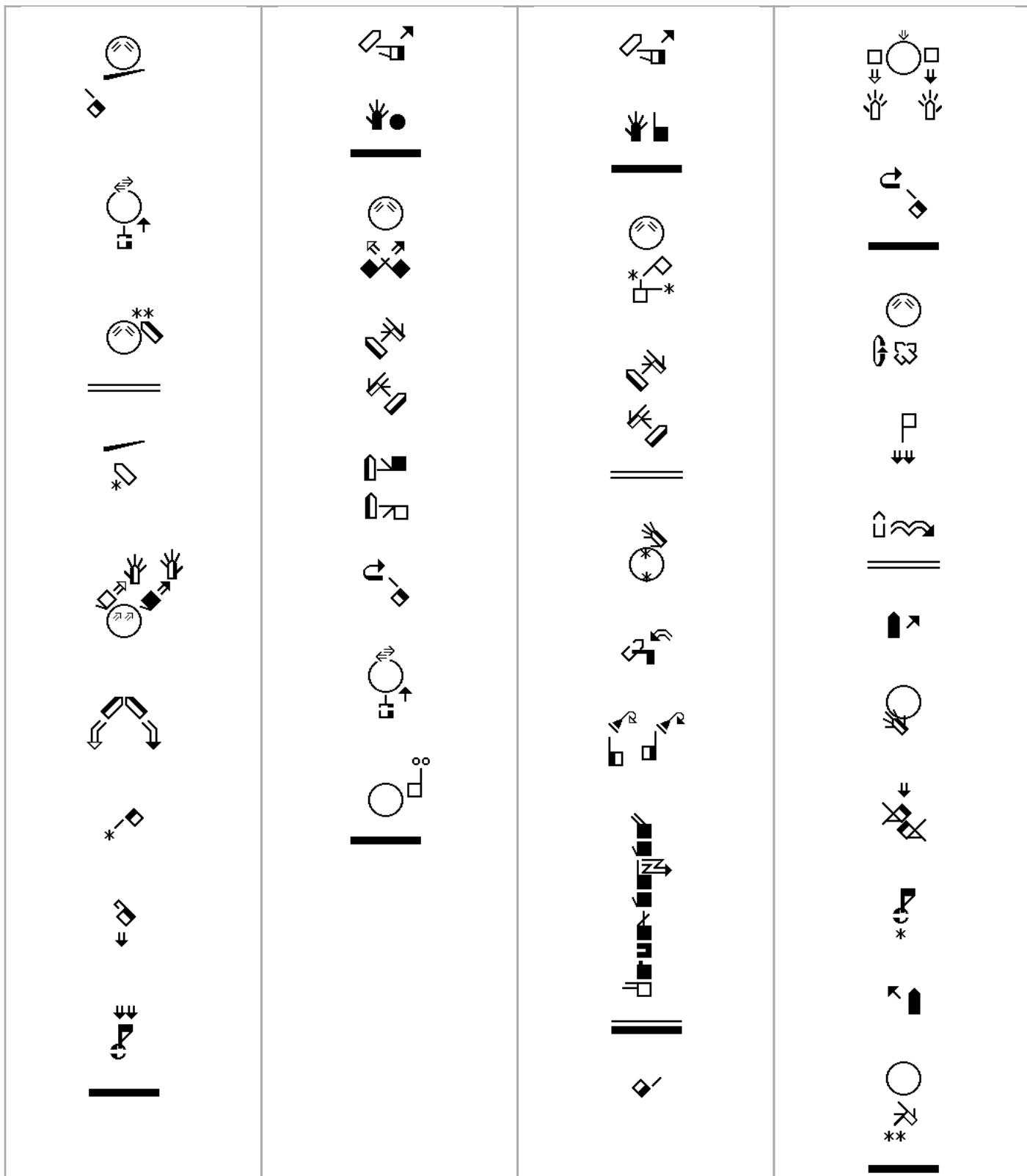
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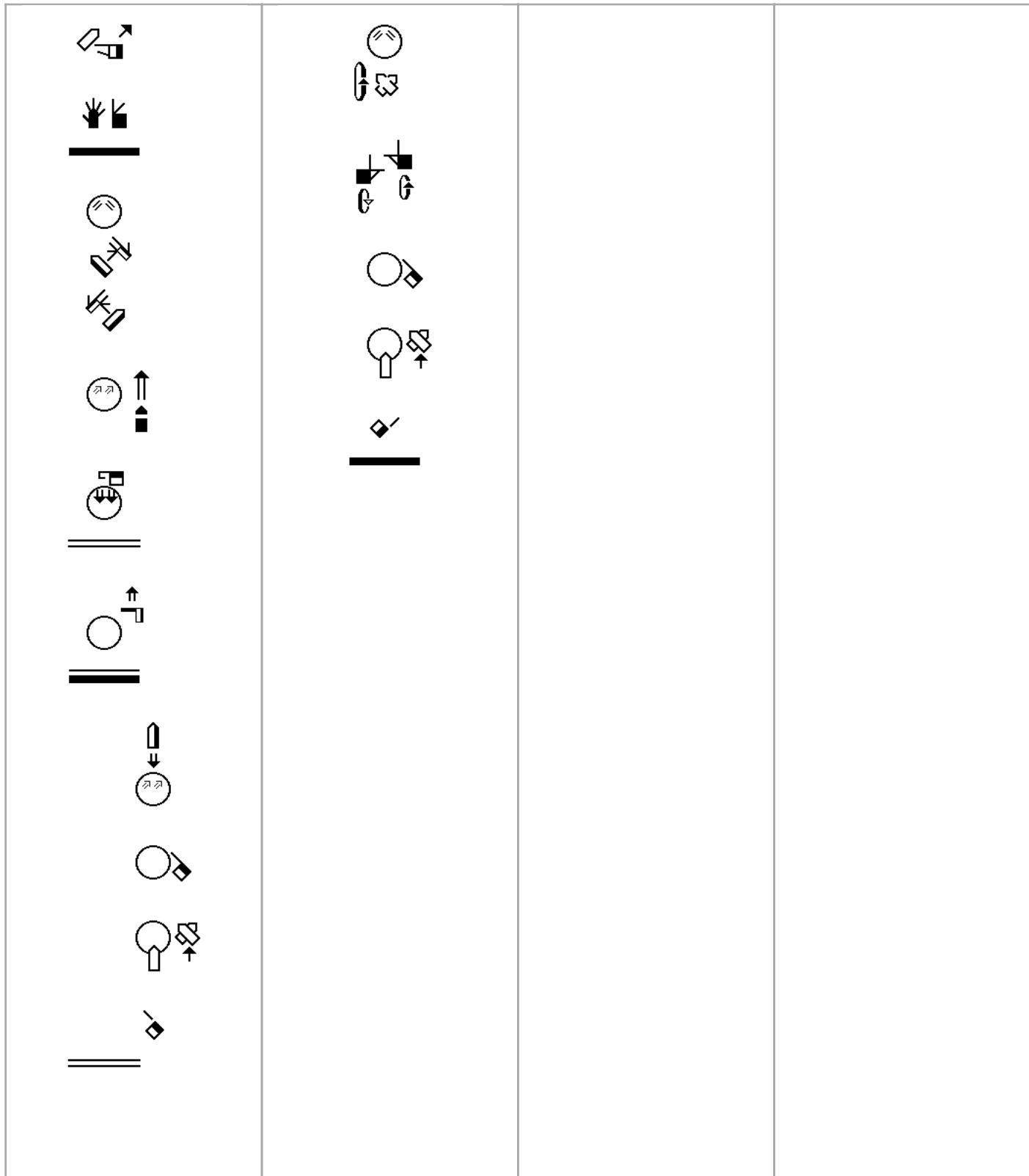
Verse 47. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. Verse 48. His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." Verse 49. "But why did you need to search?" he asked. NLT

Luke 2:49-51



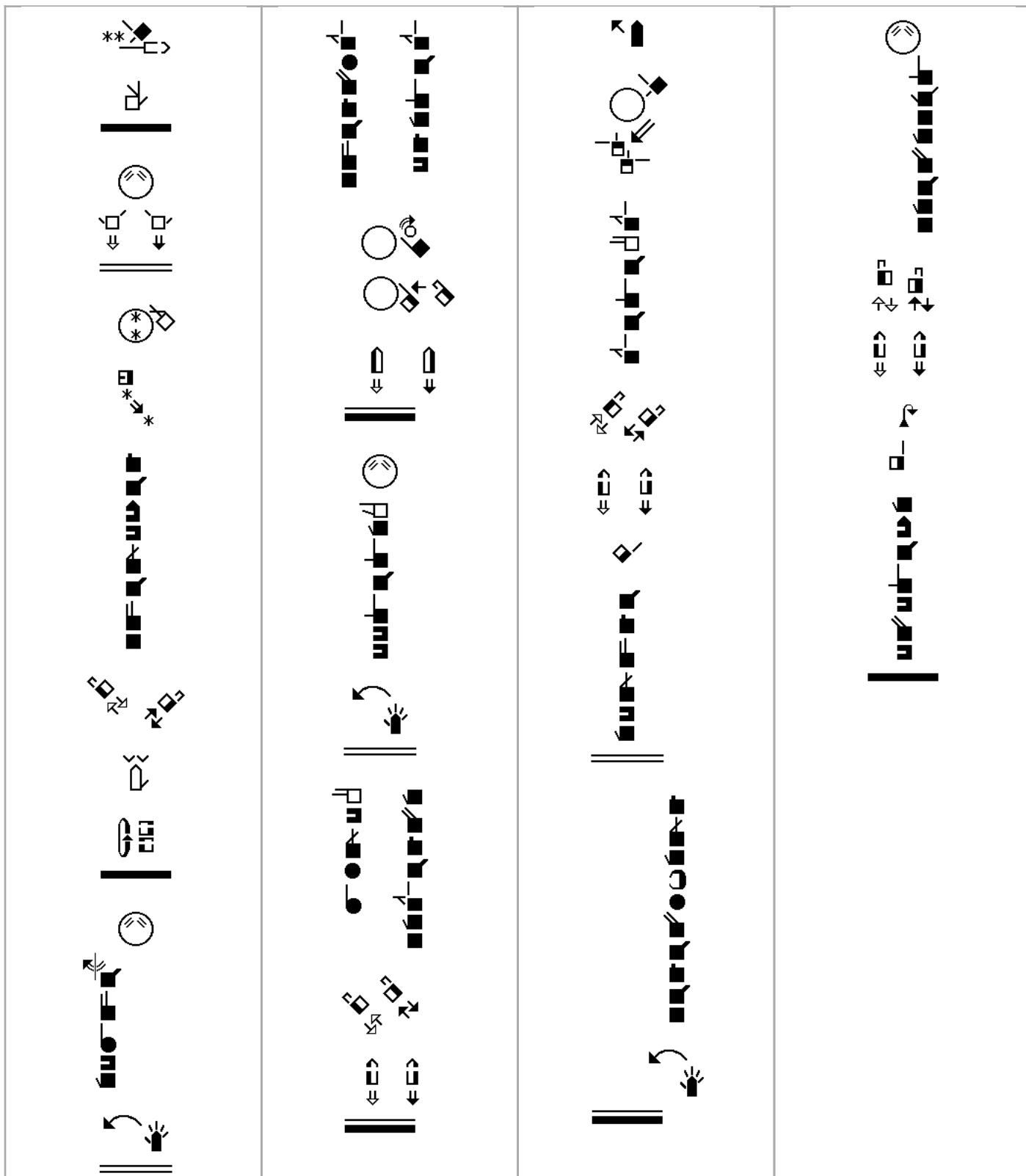
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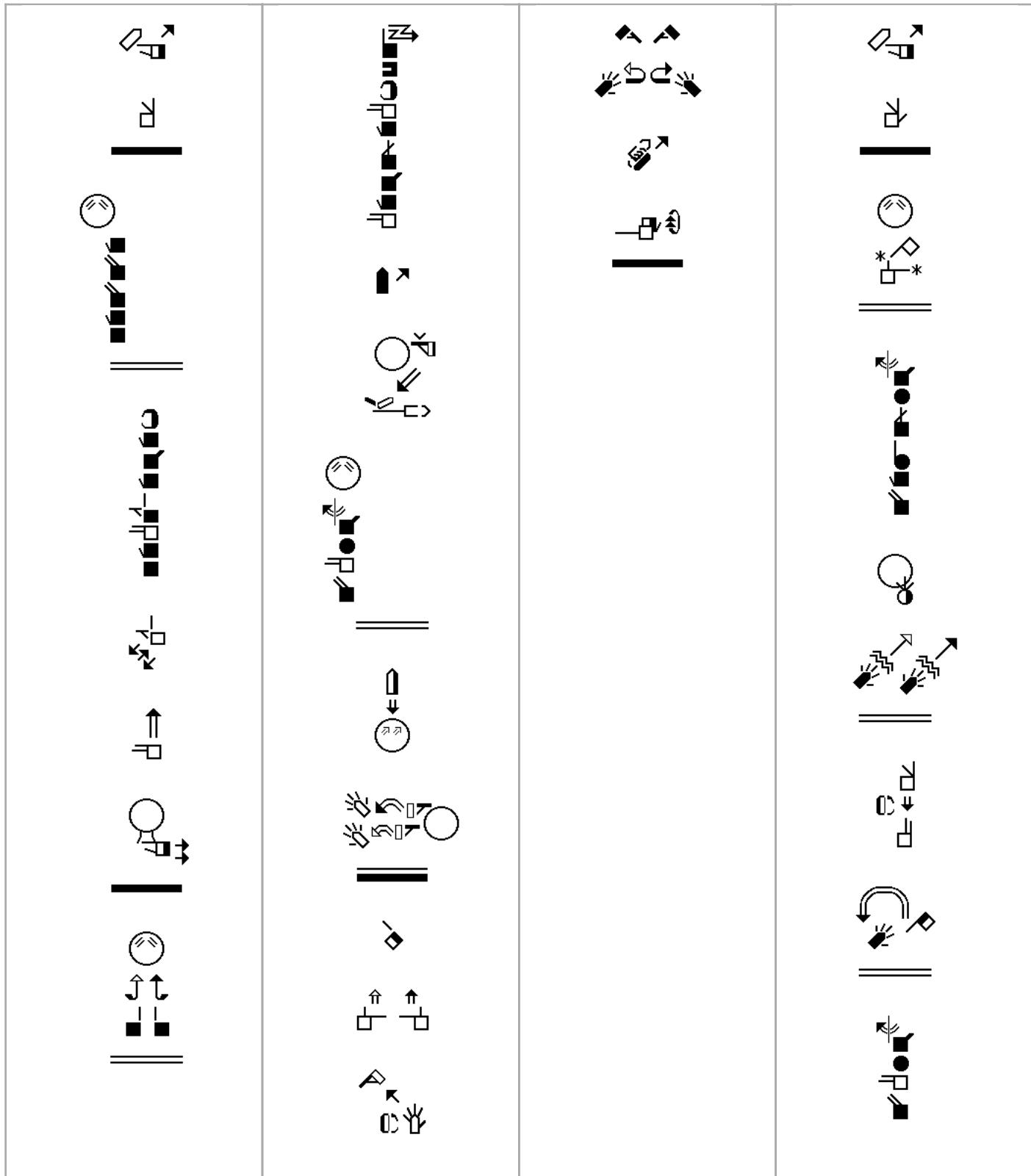
"Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Verse 50. But they didn't understand what he meant. Verse 51. Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. NLT



Verse 52. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.  
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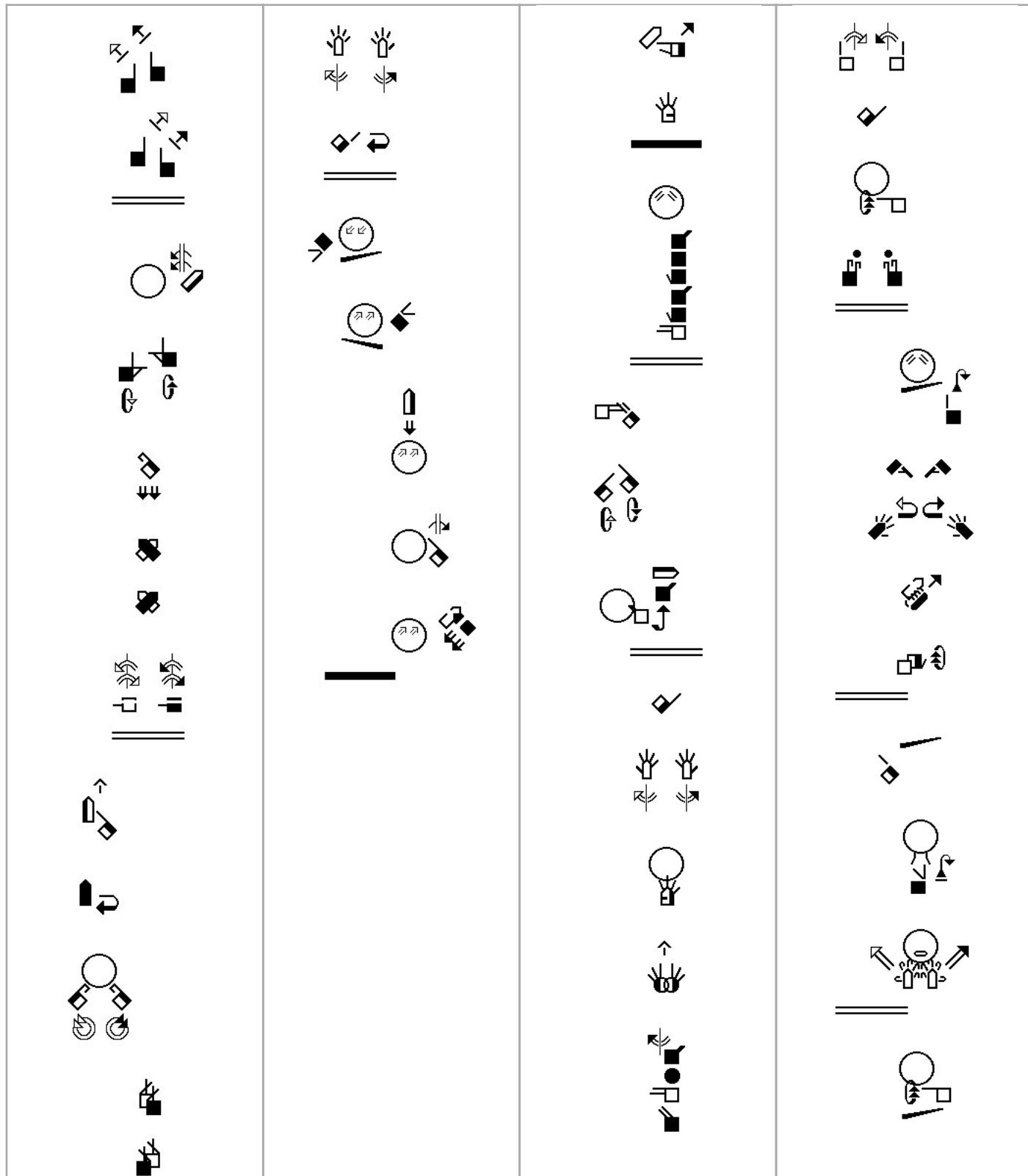
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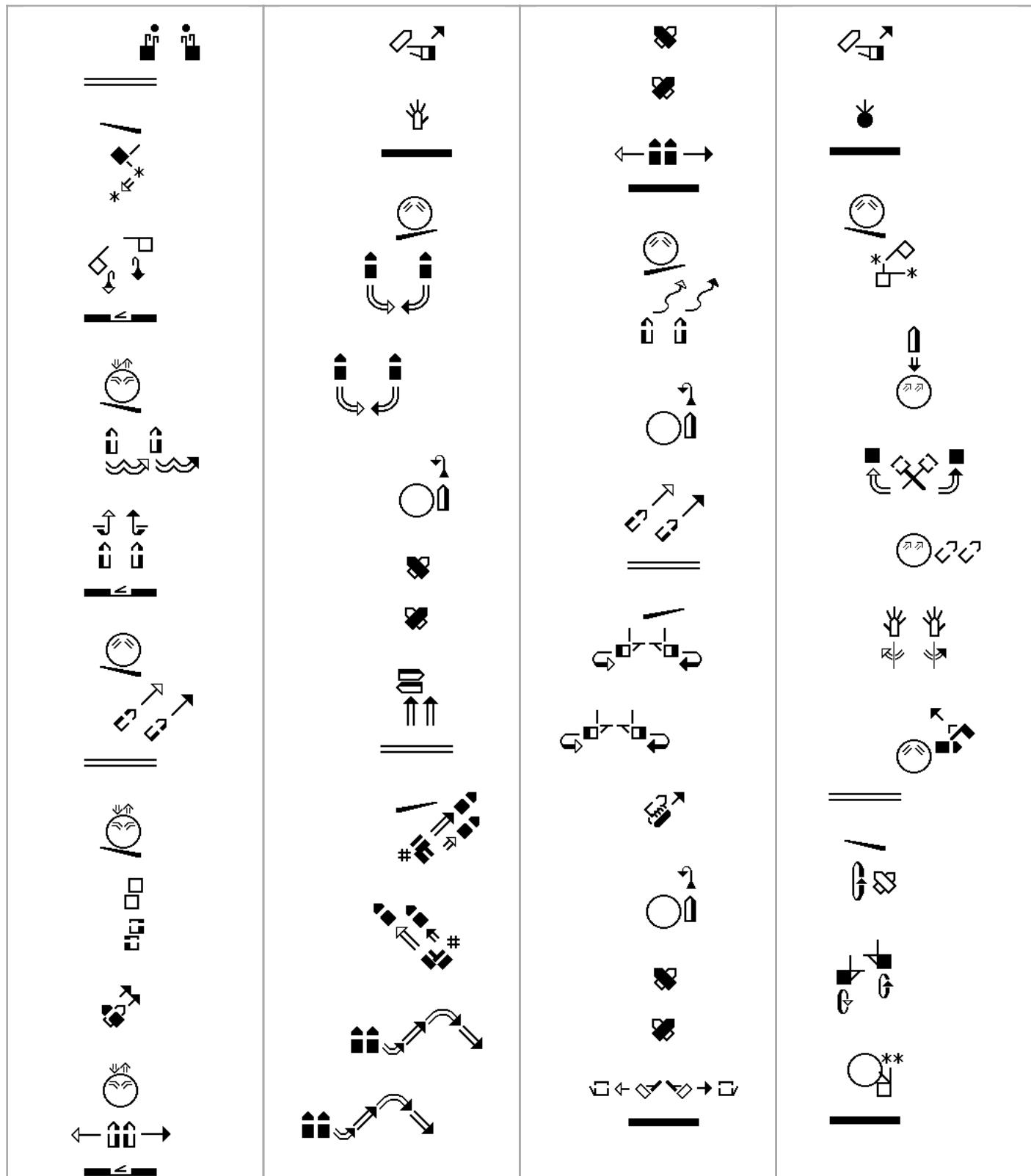




Verse 2. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. Verse 3. Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, NLT

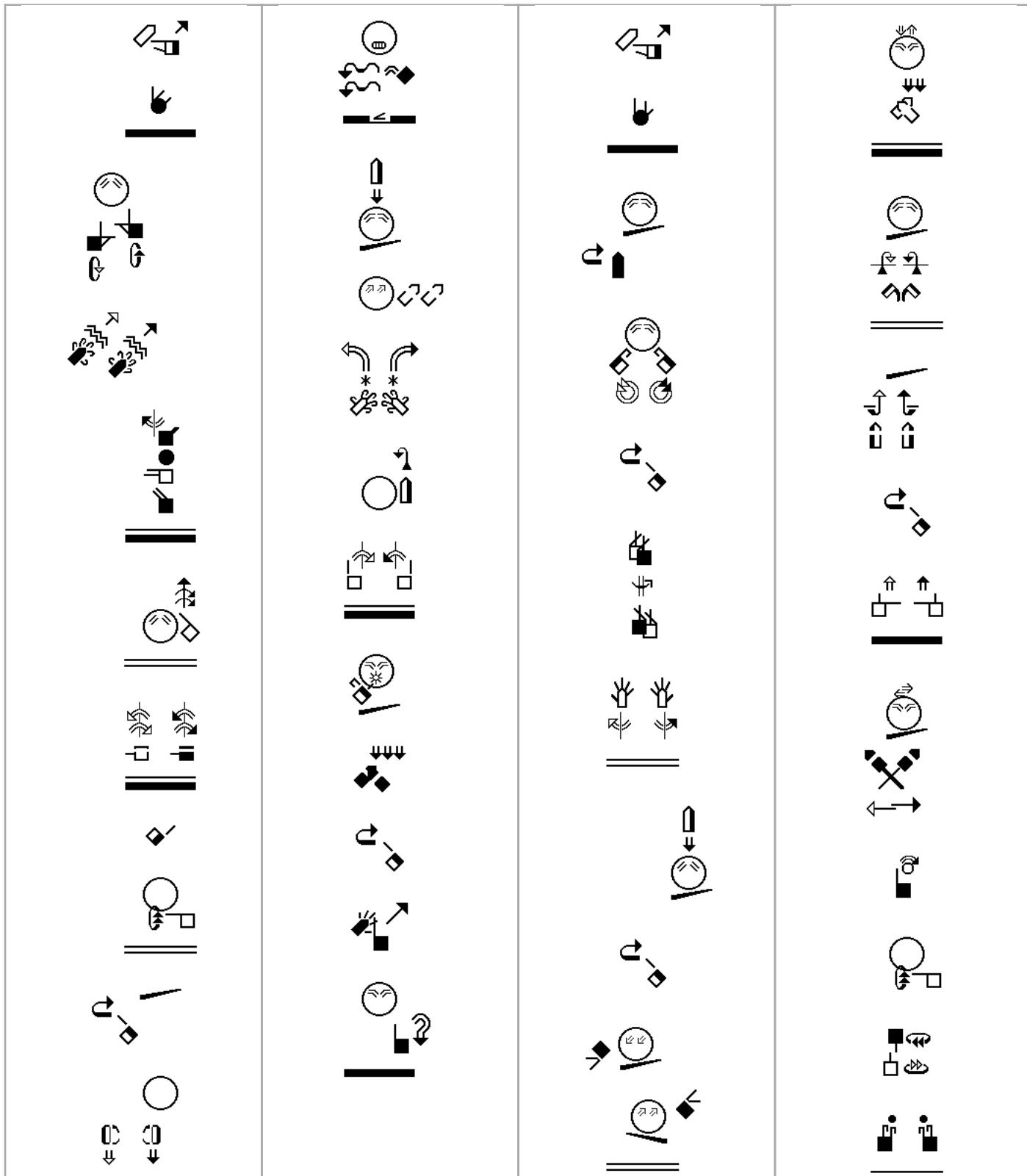
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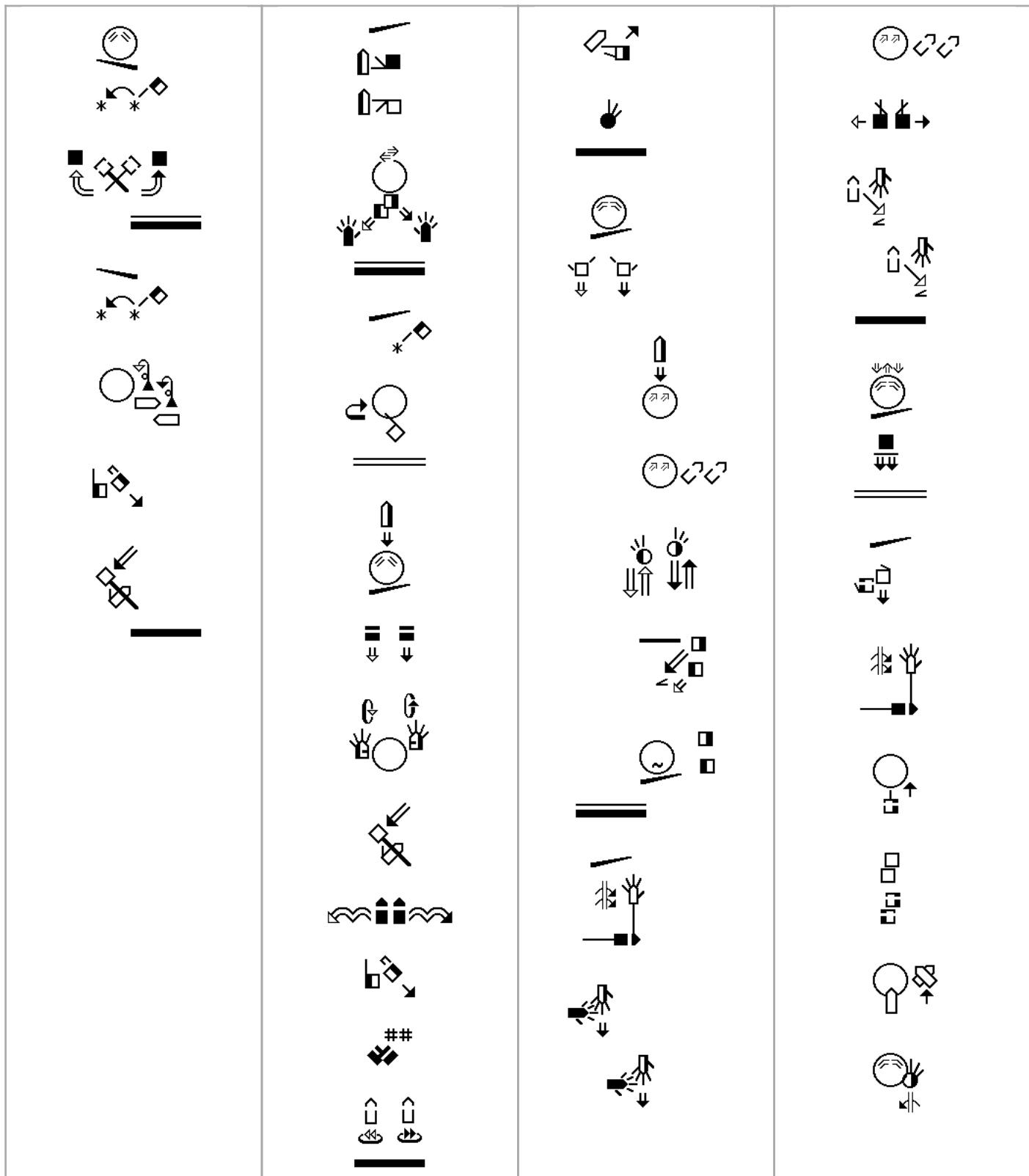




'Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him! Verse 5. The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. Verse 6. And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.' NLT

Luke 3:7-8

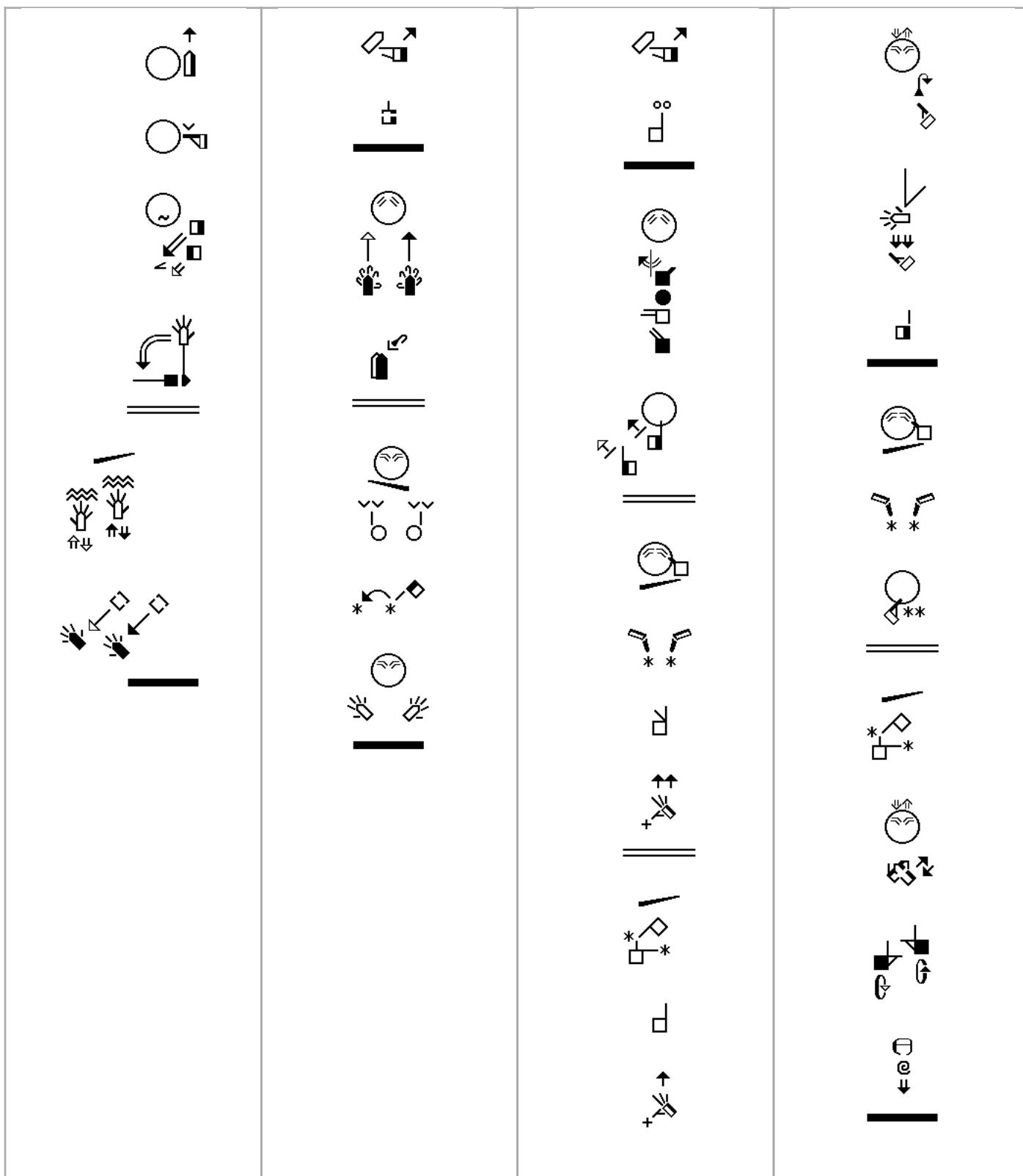




'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. Verse 9. Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit

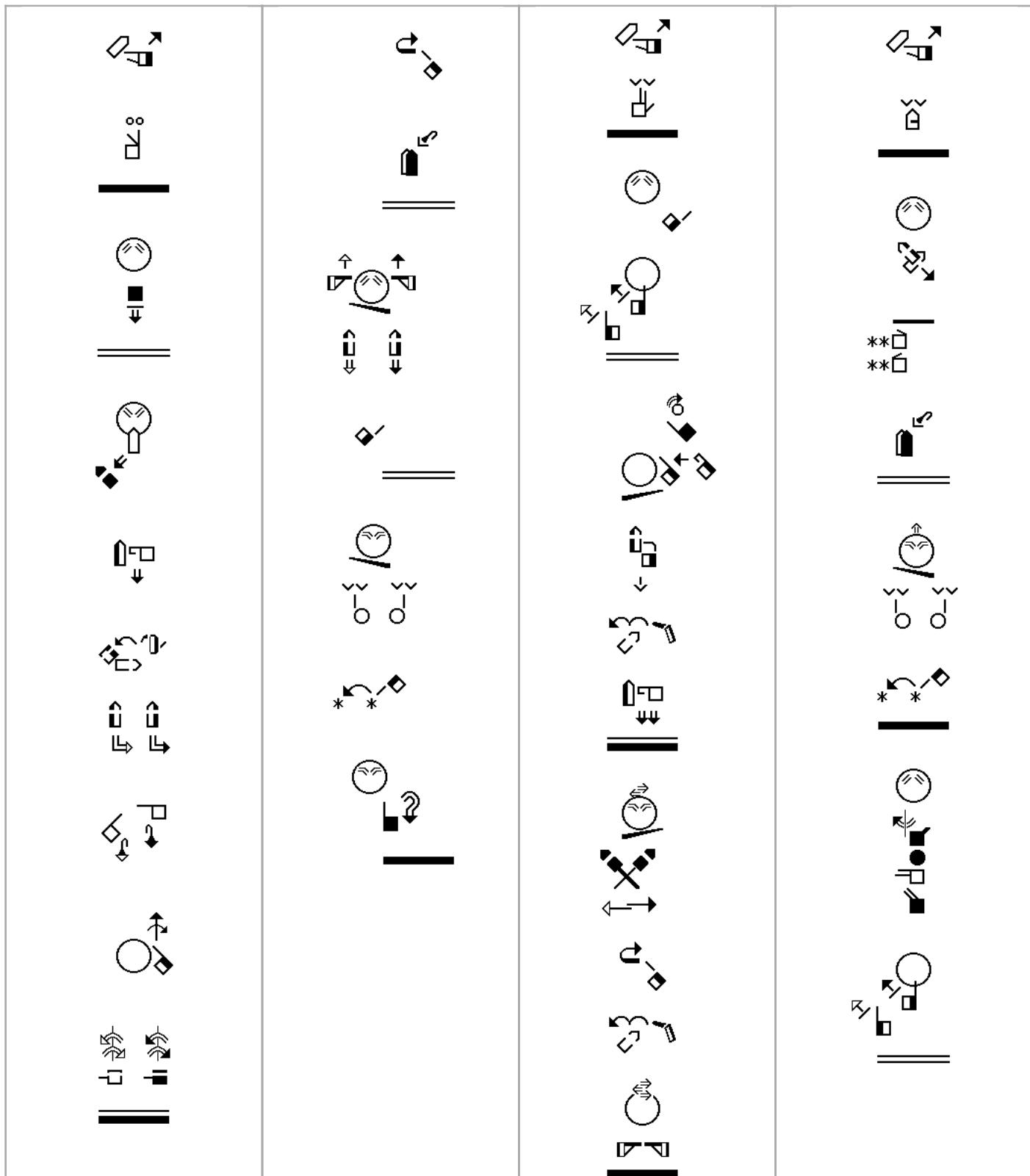
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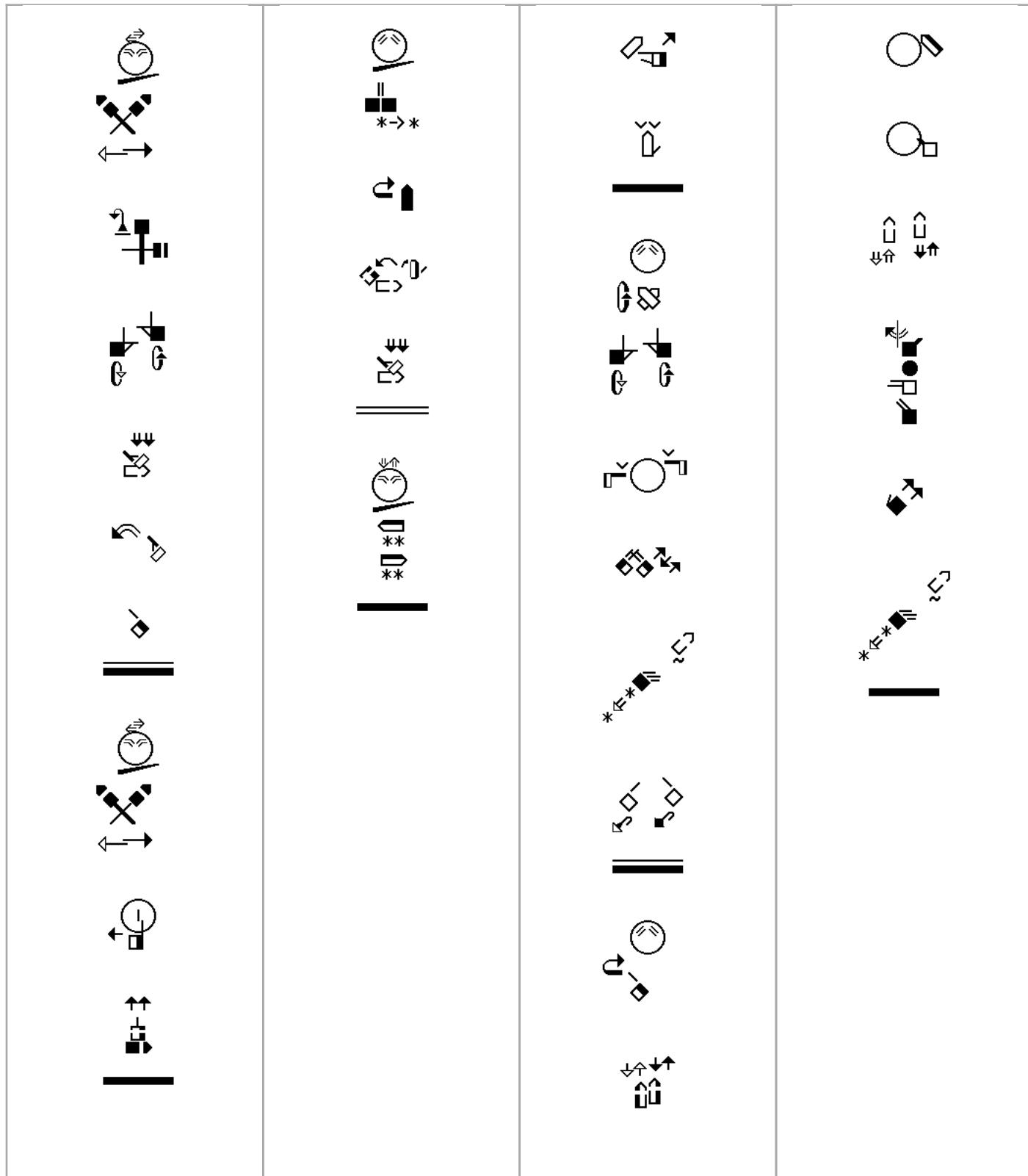
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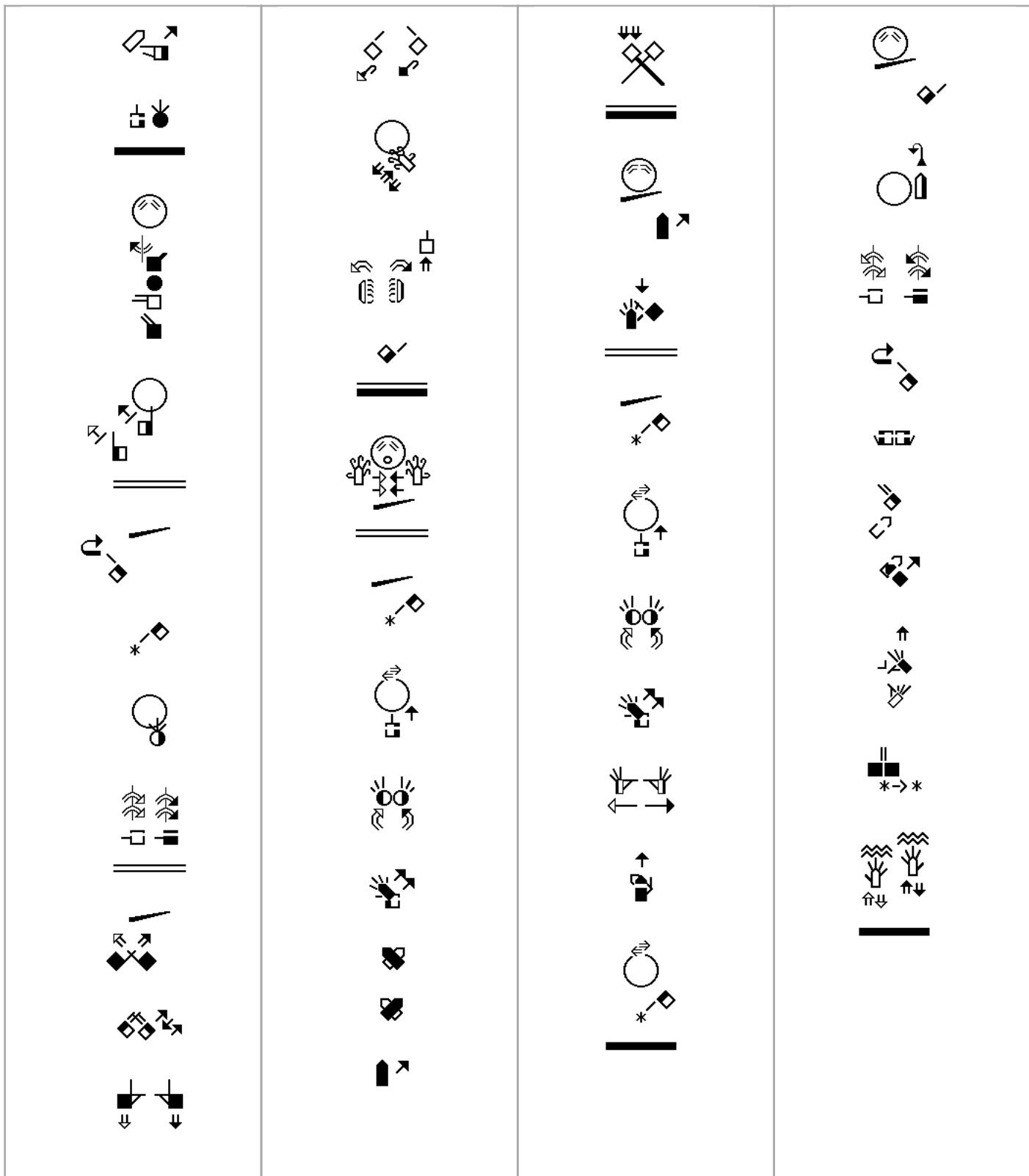
will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." Verse 10. The crowds asked, "What should we do?" Verse 11. John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." NLT



Verse 12. Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?" Verse 13. He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires." Verse 14. "What should we do?" asked some soldiers. John replied, NLT

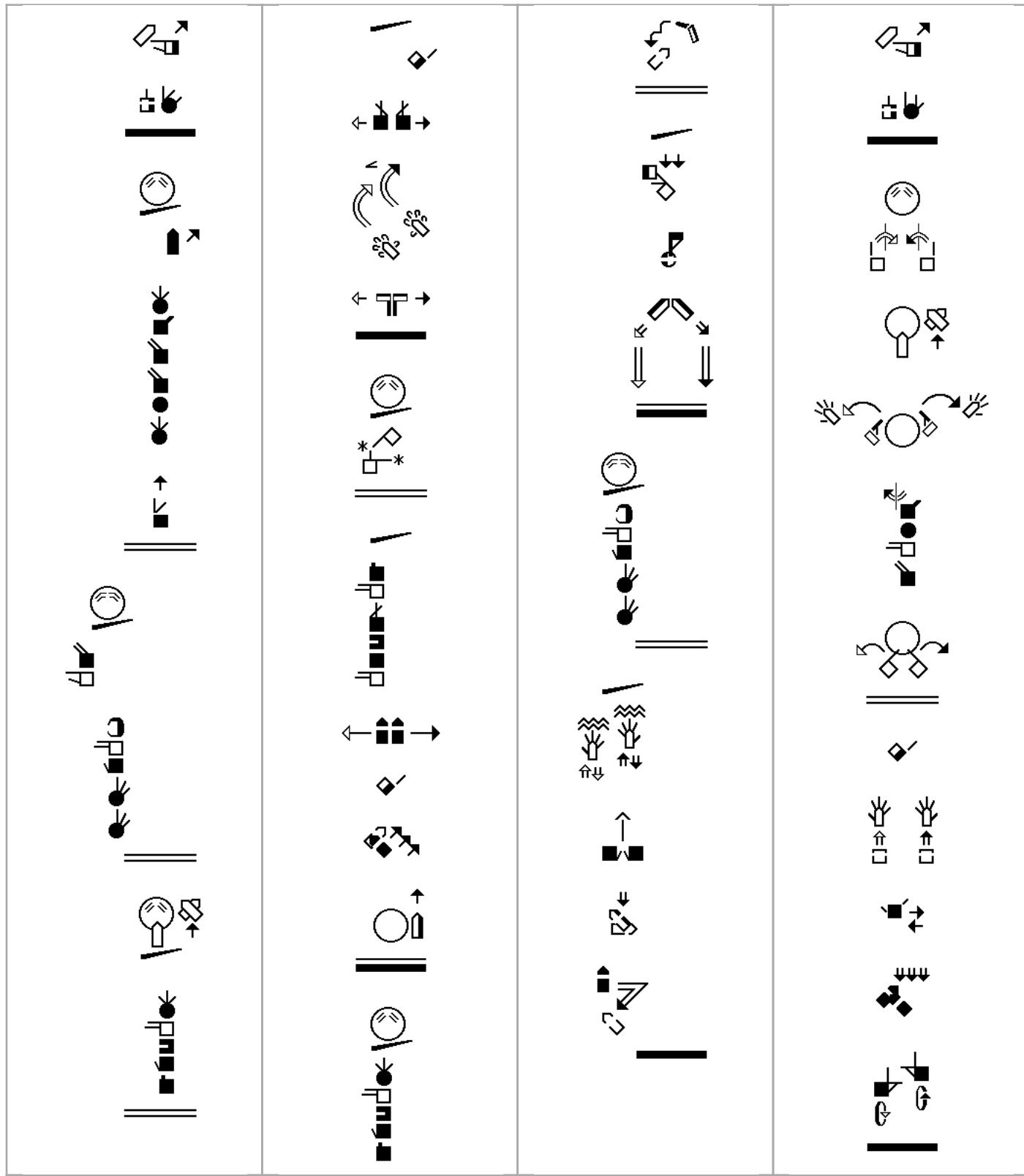
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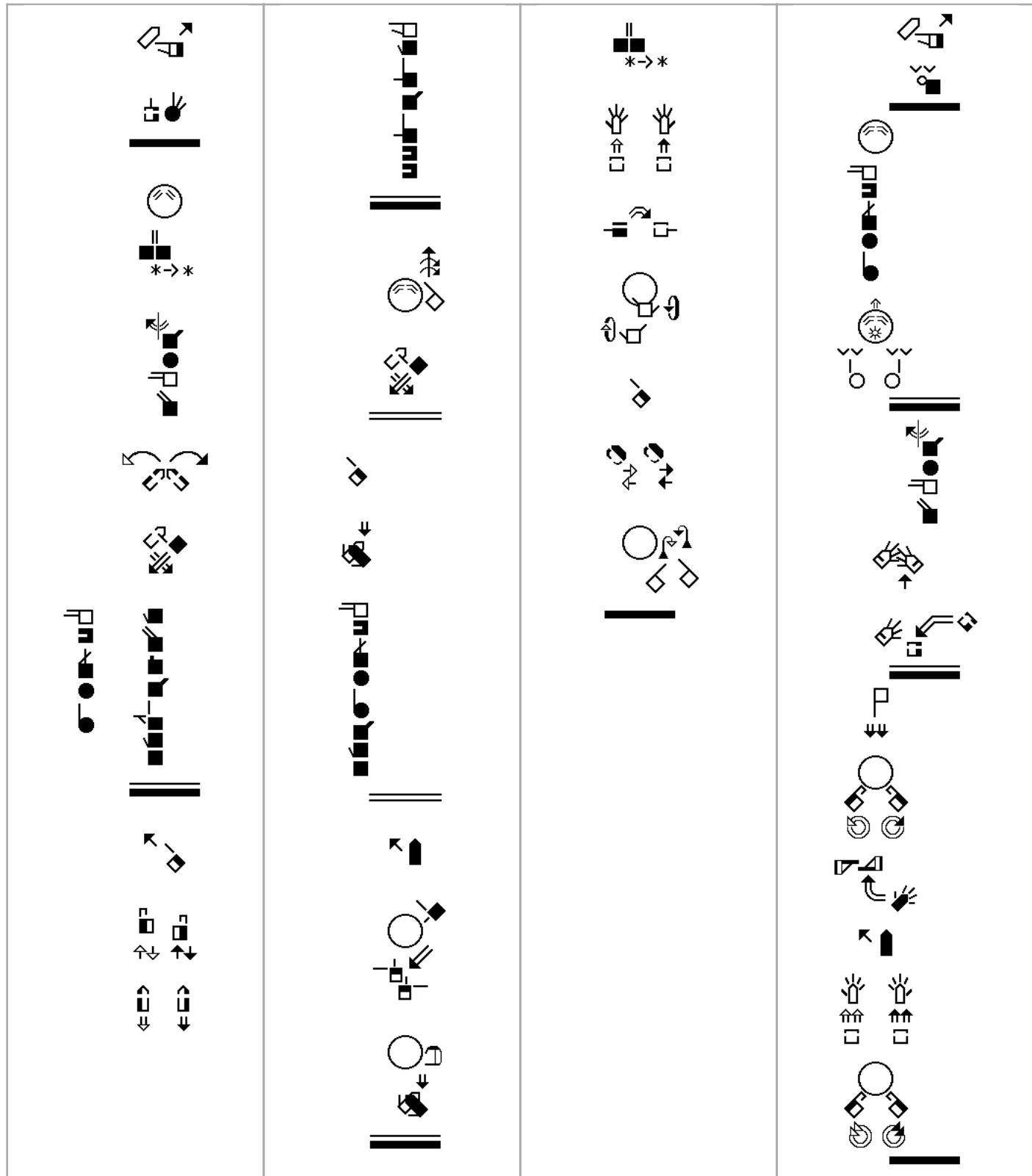




Verse 16. John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am -- so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." NLT

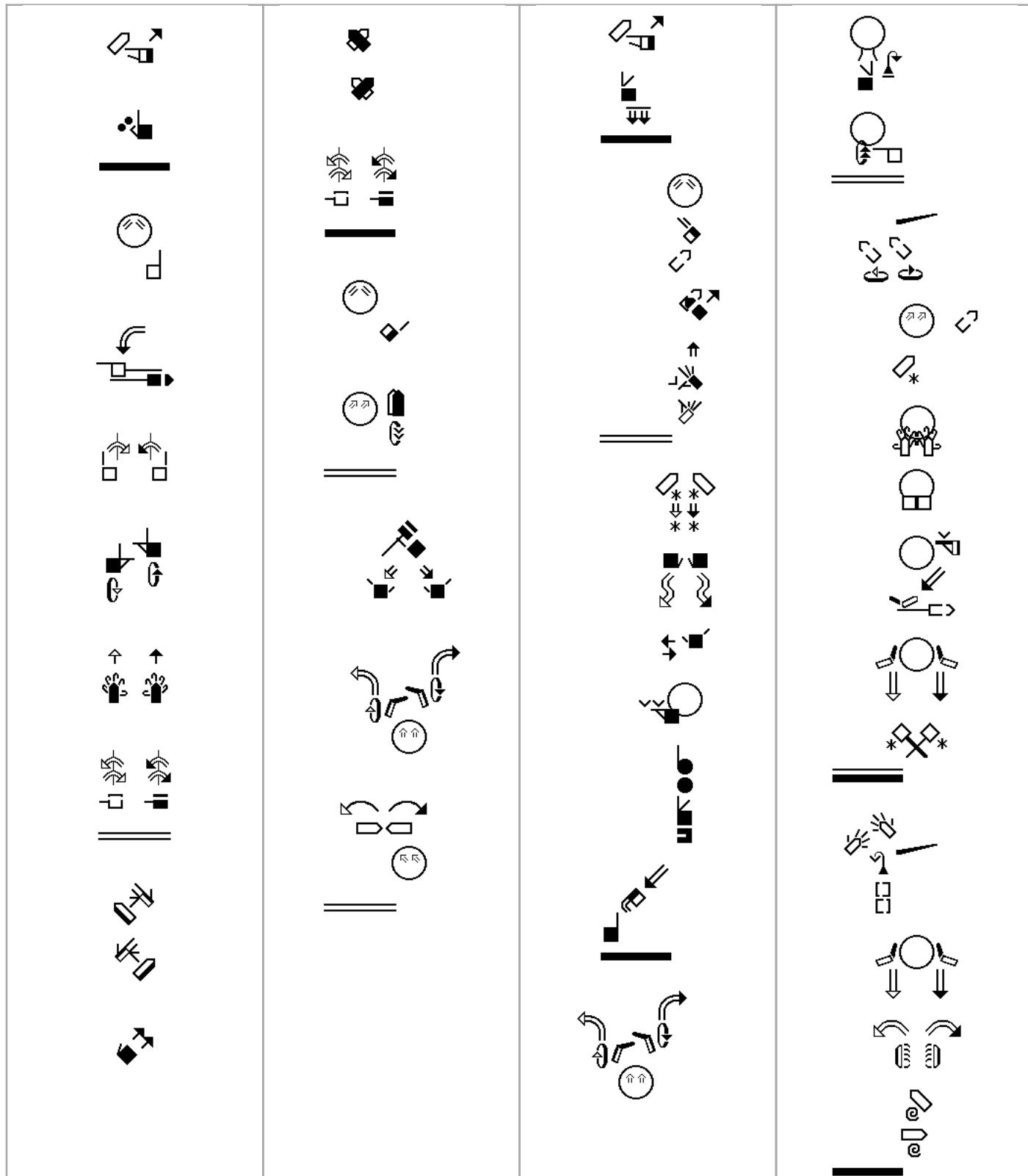
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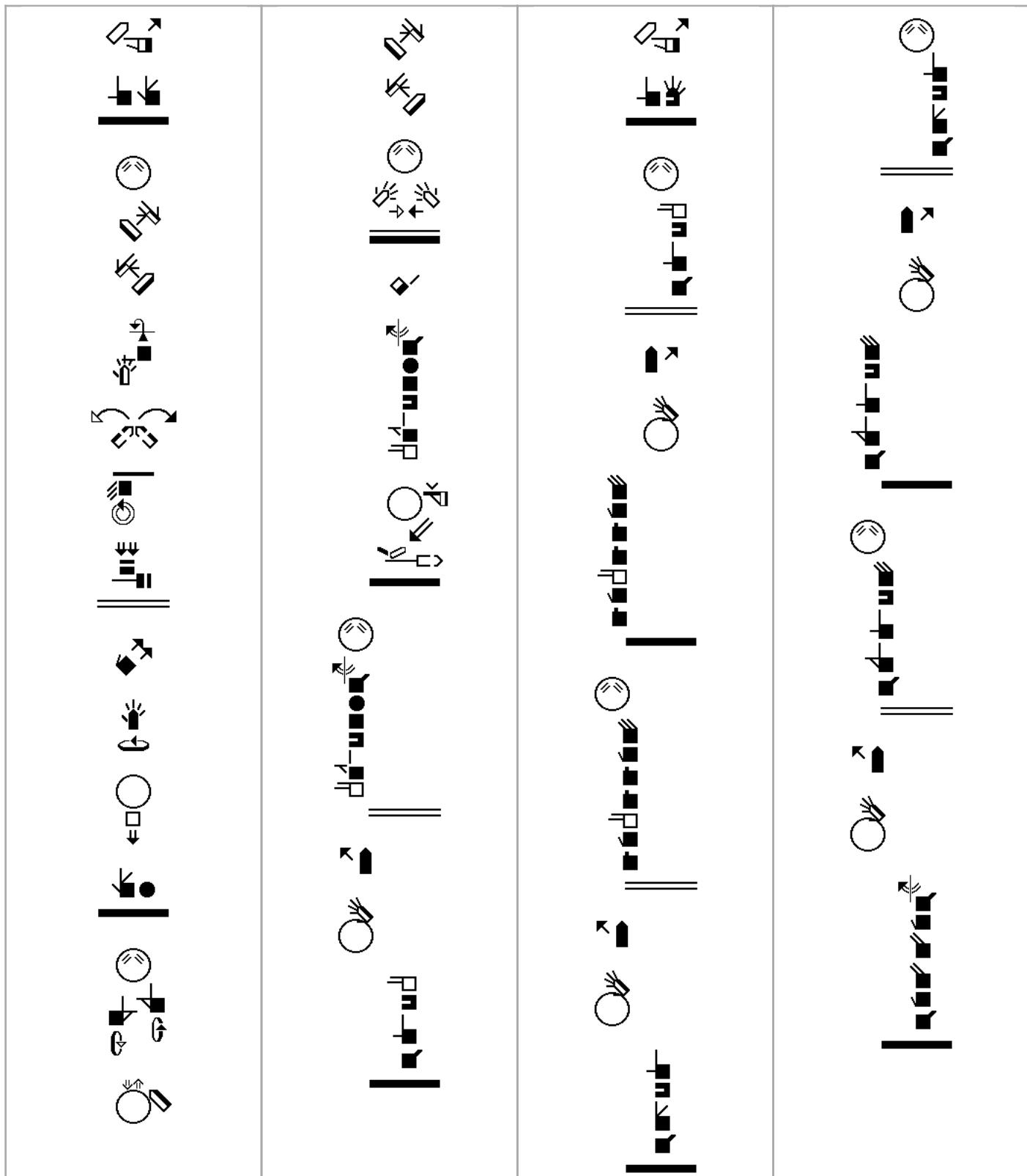




Verse 19. John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. Verse 20. So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others. NLT

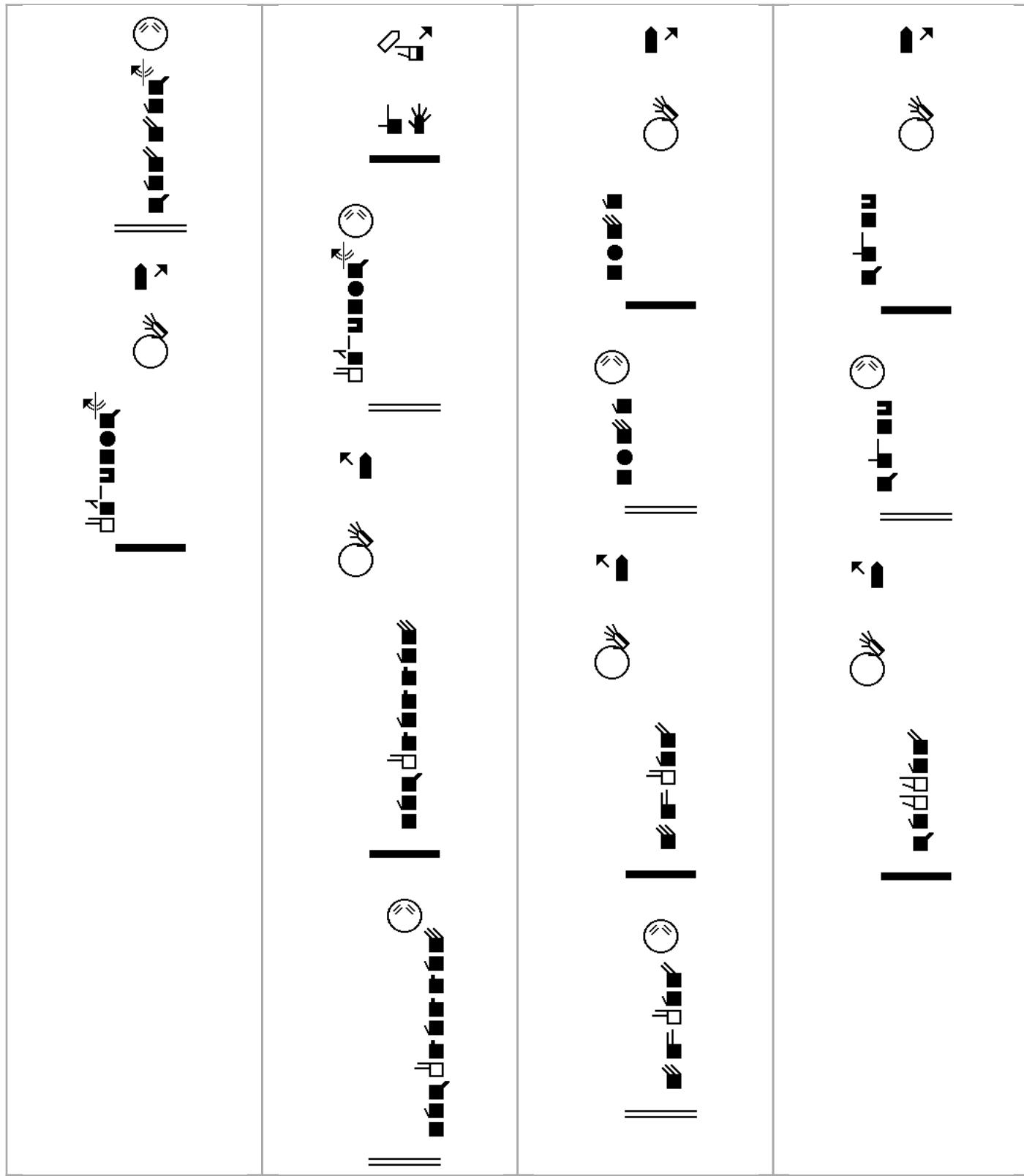
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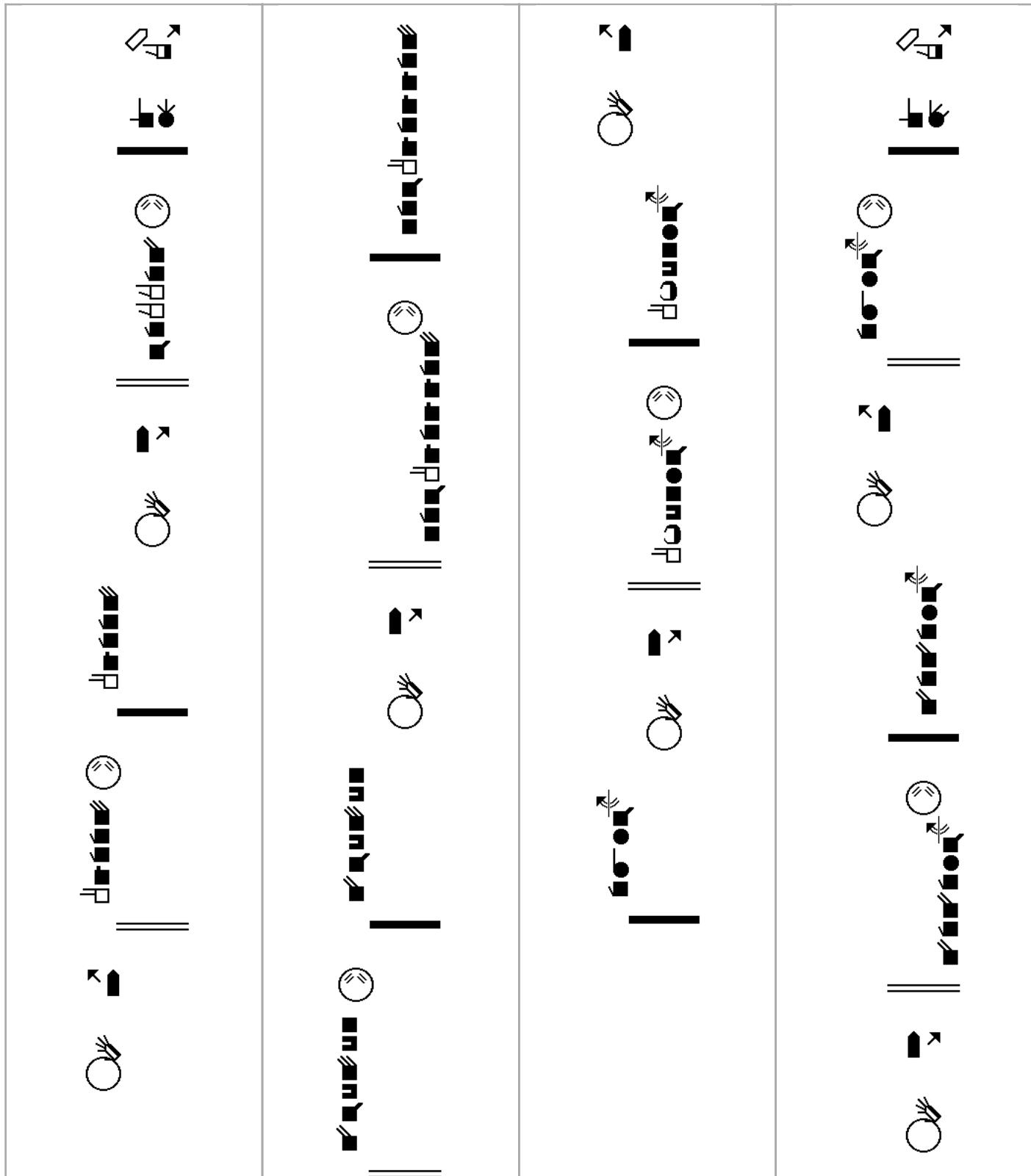




Verse 23. Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli. Verse 24. Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Melki. Melki was the son of Jannai. NLT

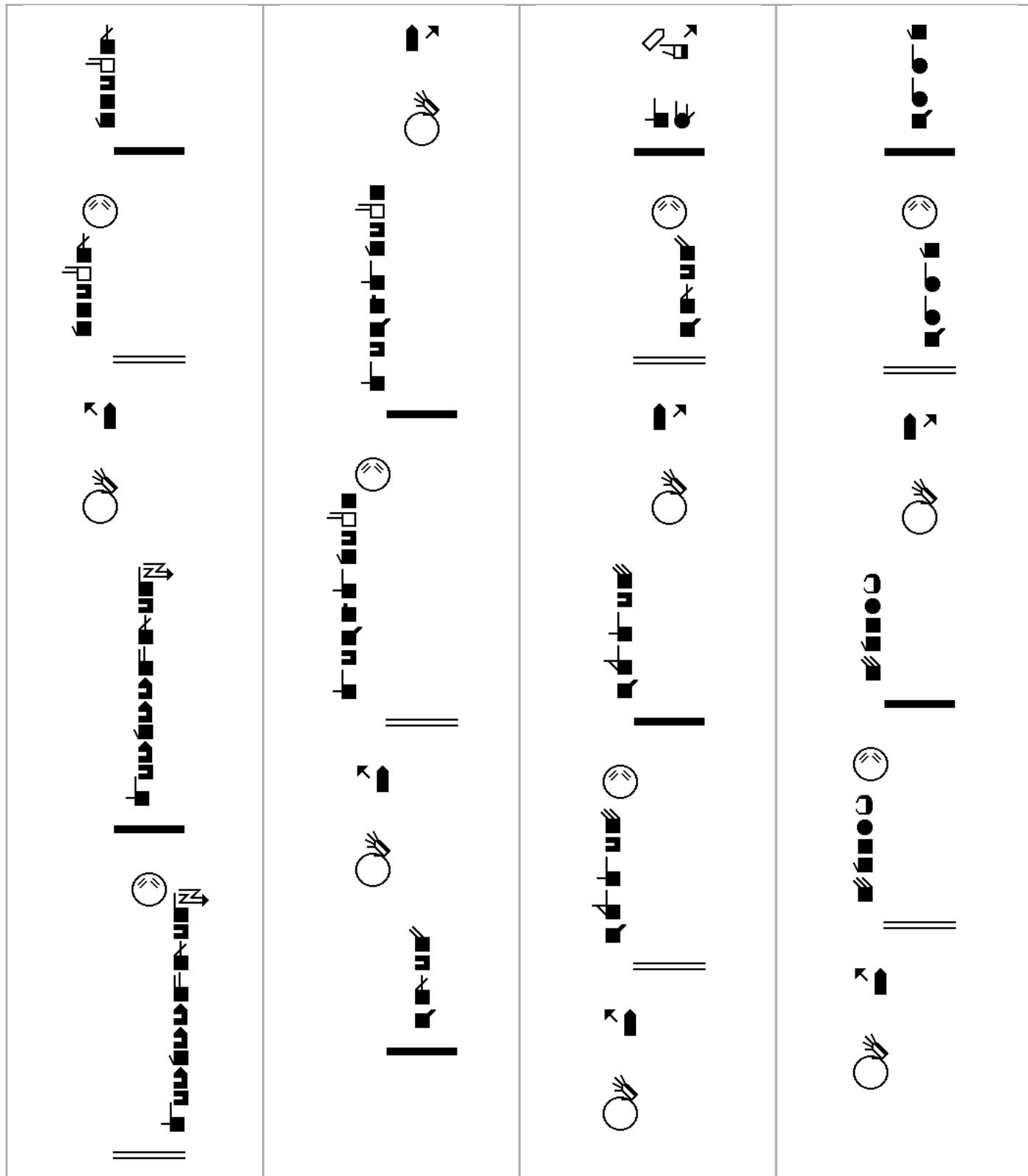
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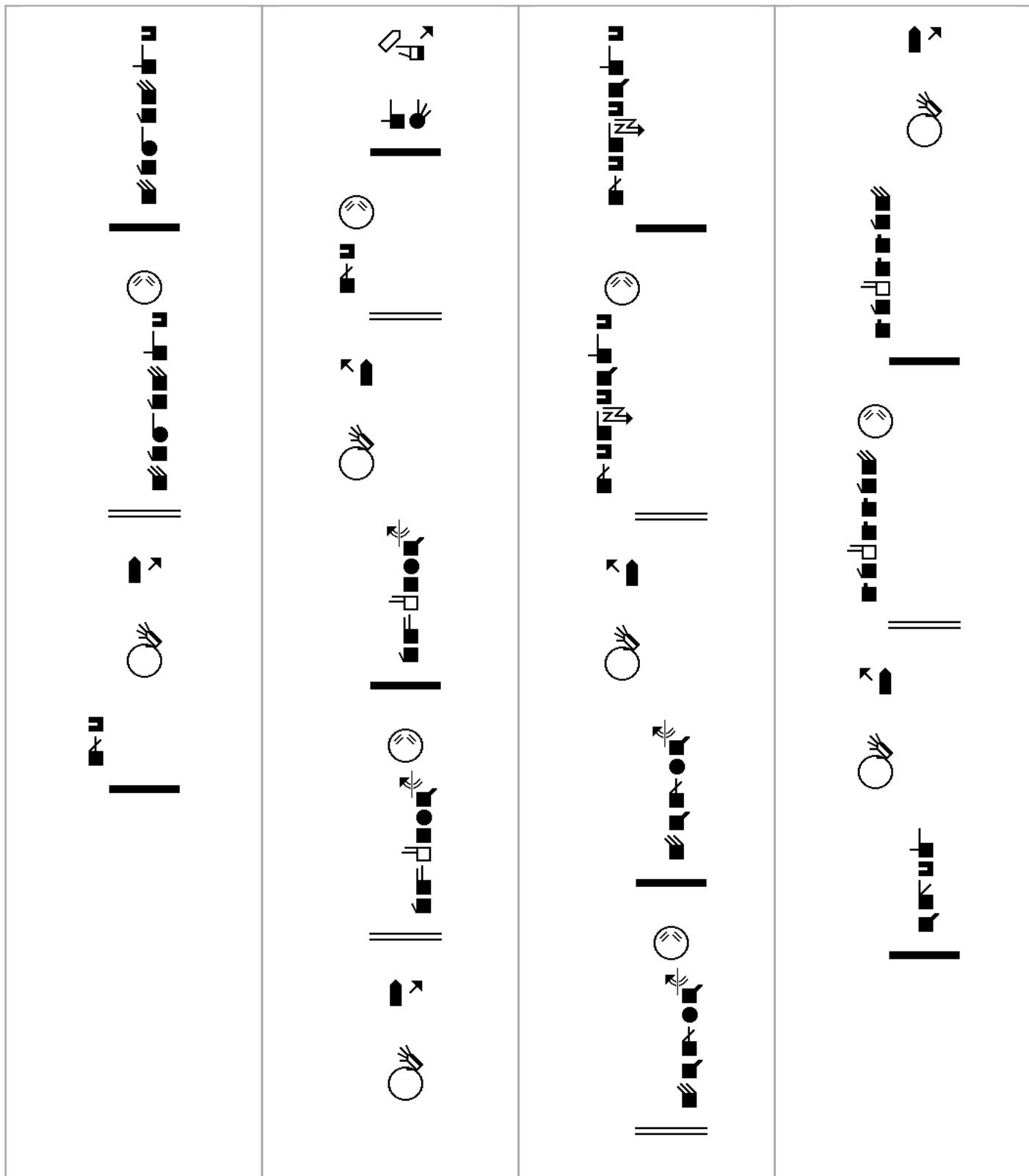
Verse 26. Naggai was the son of Maath. Maath was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Semein. Semein was the son of Josech. Josech was the son of Joda.  
 Verse 27. Joda was the son of Joanan. Joanan NLT

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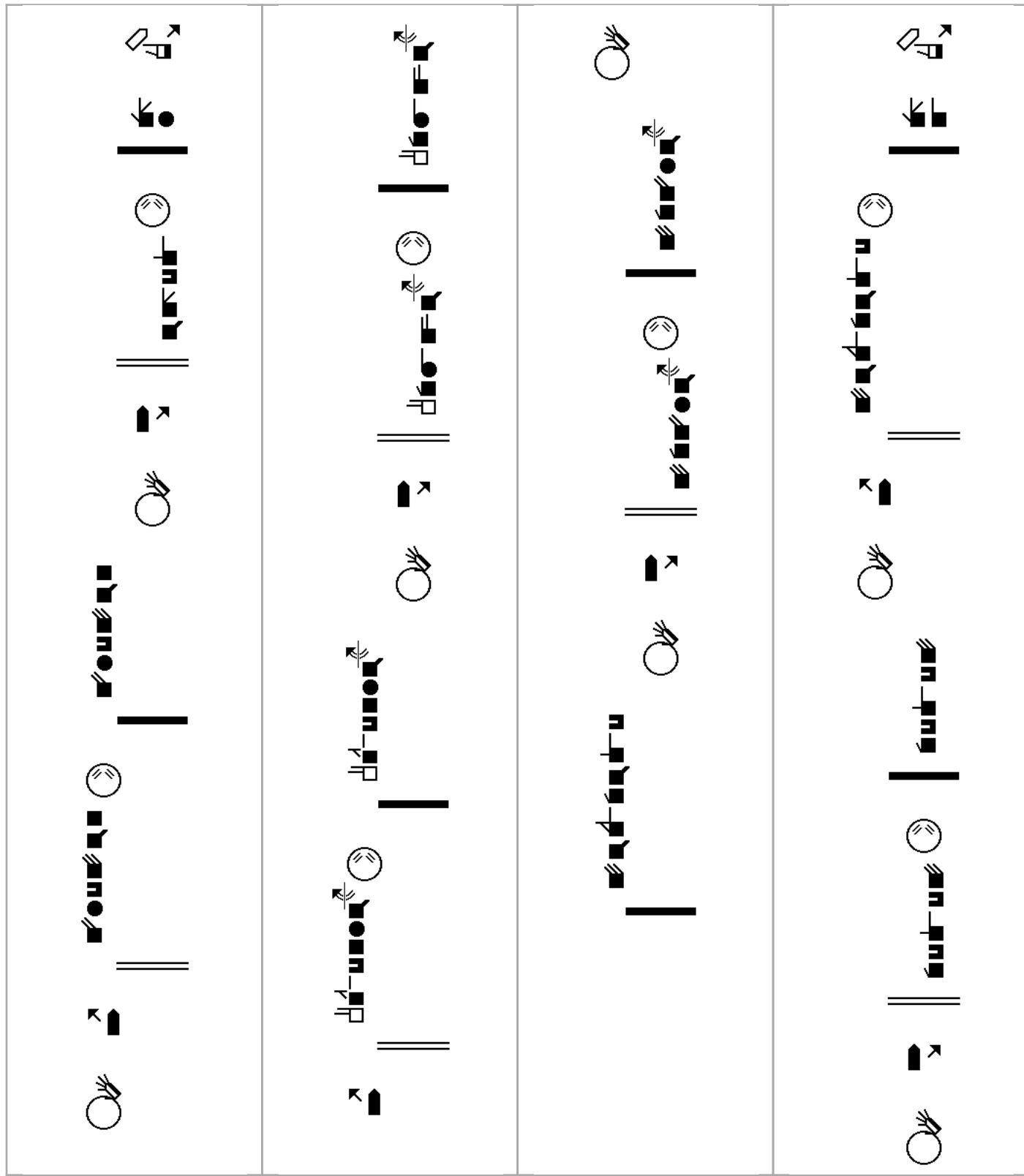
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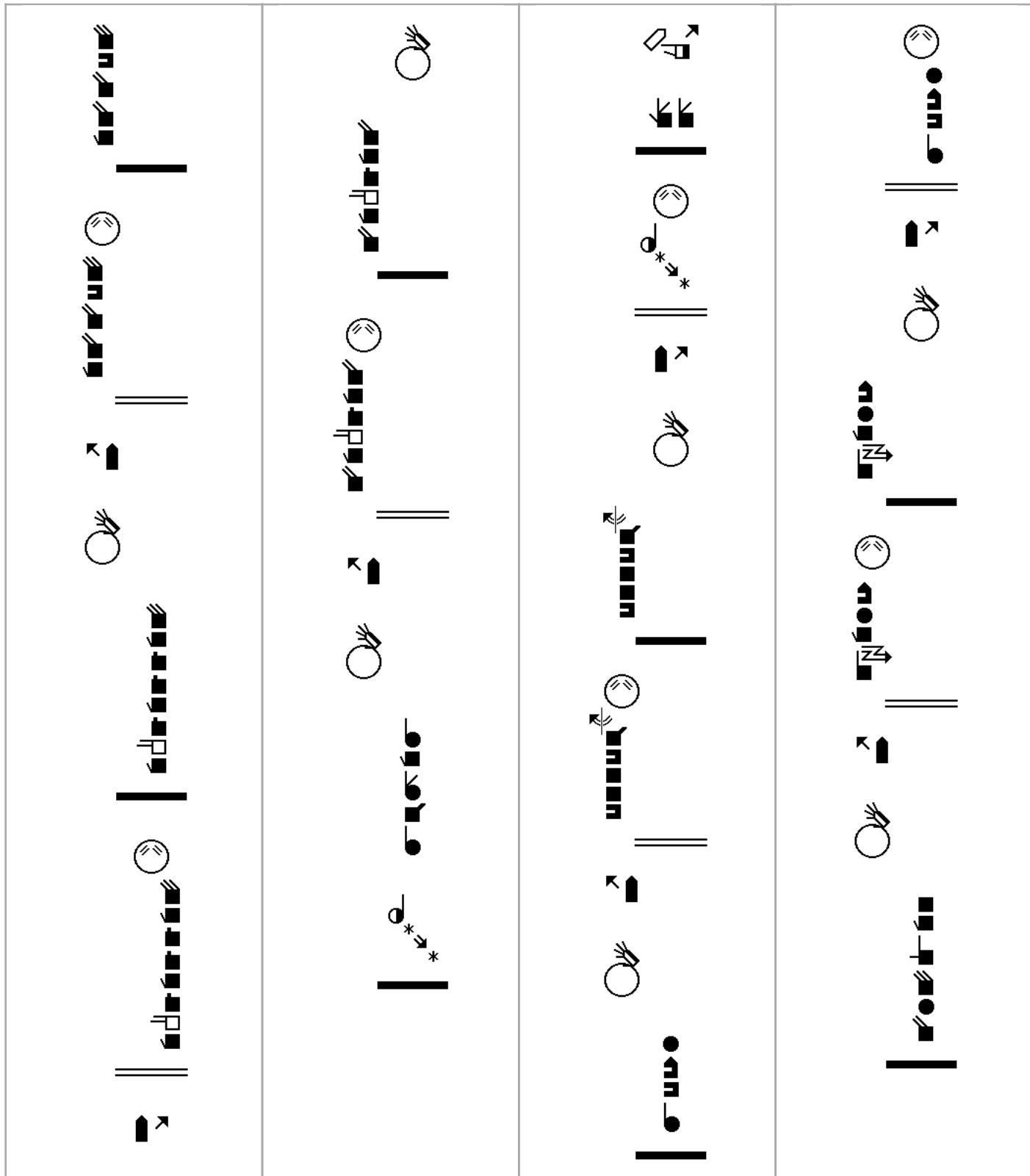
was the son of Rhesa. Rhesa was the son of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the son of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the son of Neri. Verse 28. Neri was the son of Melki. Melki was the son of Addi. Addi was the son of Cosam. Cosam      NLT



was the son of Elmadam. Elmadam was the son of Er. Verse 29. Er was the son of Joshua. Joshua was the son of Eliezer. Eliezer was the son of Joram. Joram was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi. NLT

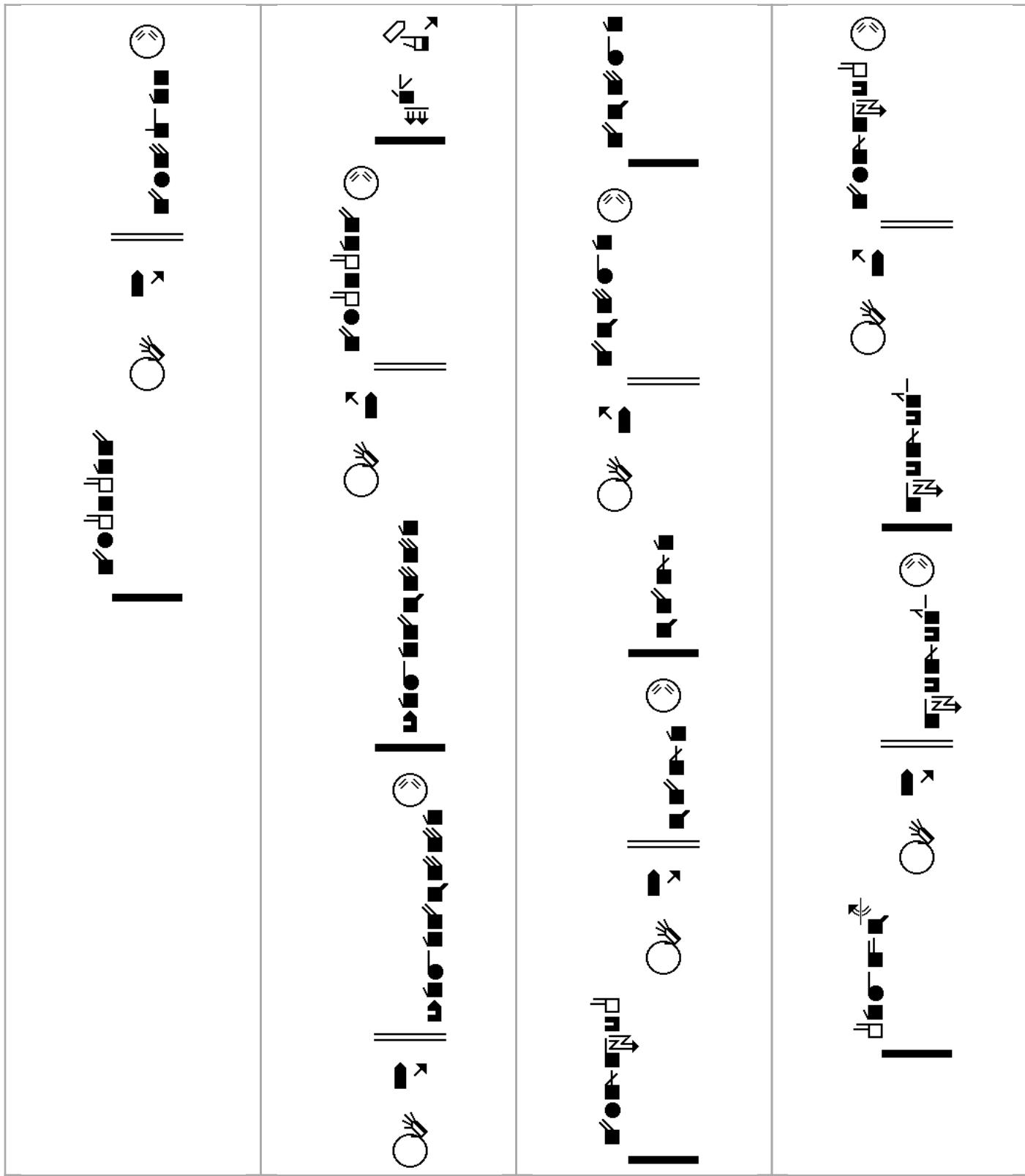
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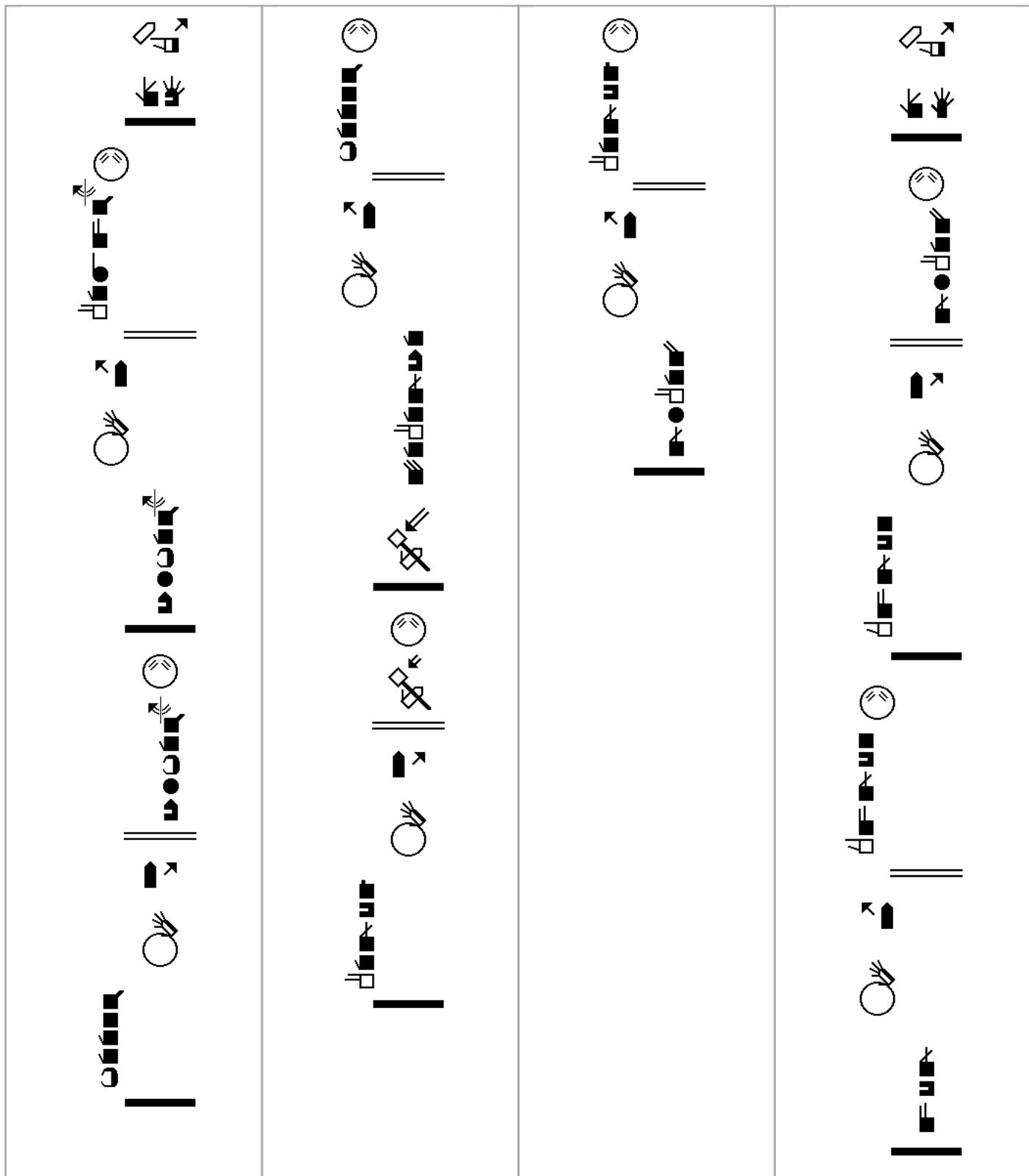
was the son of Menna. Menna was the son of Mattatha. Mattatha was the son of Nathan. Nathan was the son of David. Verse 32. David was the son of Jesse. Jesse was the son of Obed. Obed was the son of Boaz. Boaz was the son of Salmon. NLT

Luke 3:32-33



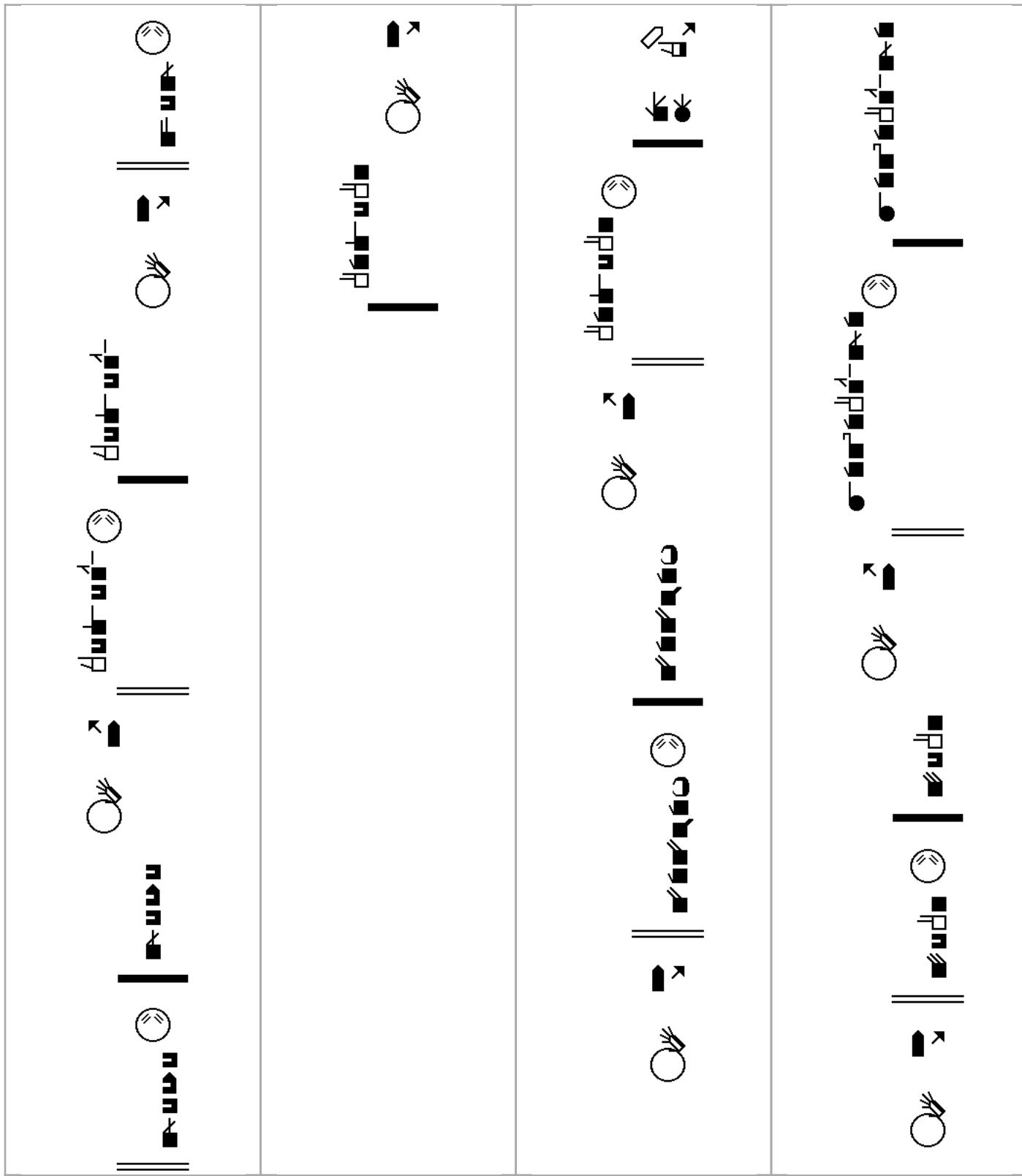
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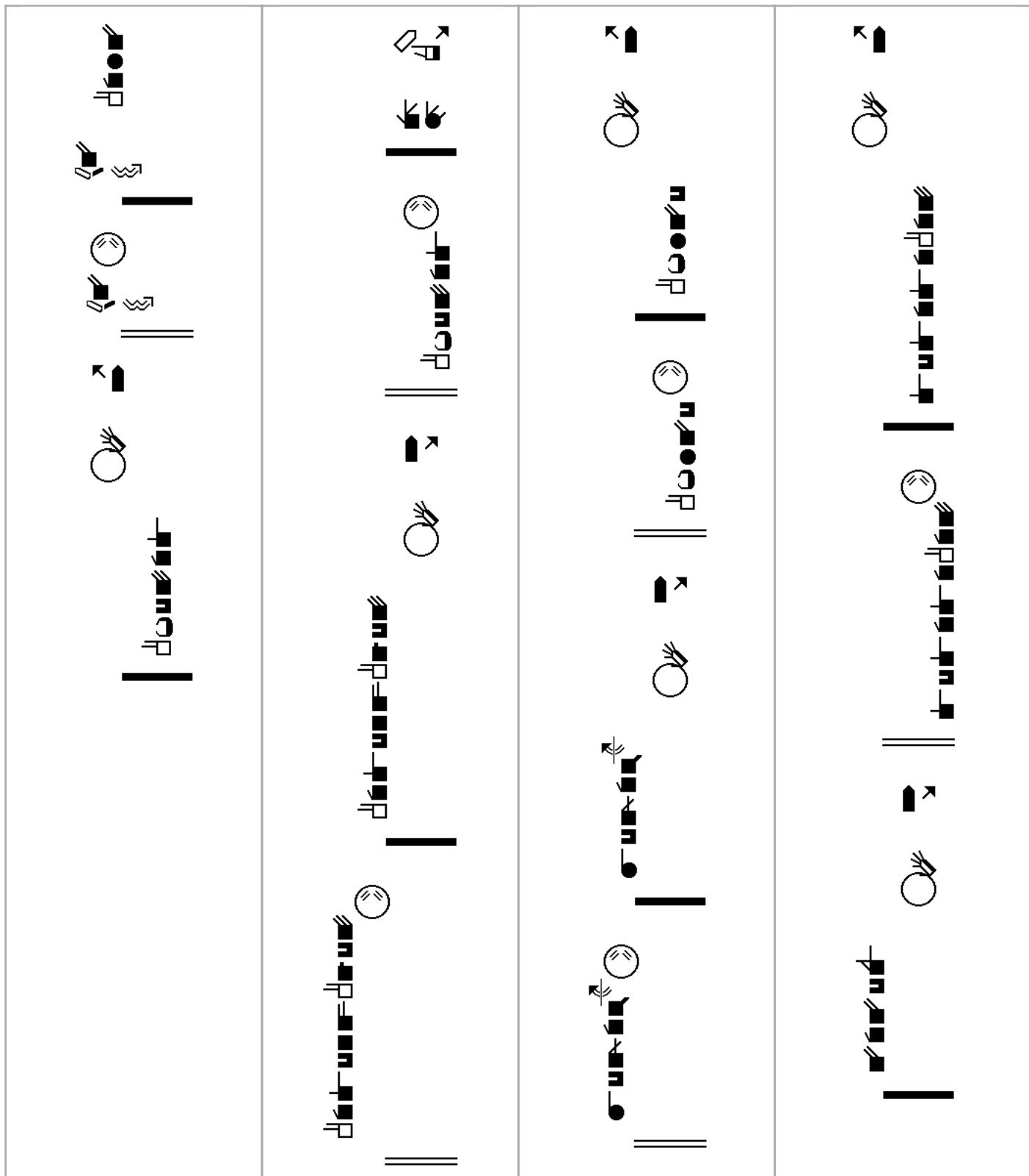
Salmon was the son of Nahshon. Verse 33. Nahshon was the son of Amminadab. Amminadab was the son of Admin. Admin was the son of Arni. Arni was the son of Hezron. Hezron was the son of Perez. Perez was the son of Judah. NLT



Verse 34. Judah was the son of Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac. Isaac was the son of Abraham. Abraham was the son of Terah. Terah was the son of Nahor. Verse 35. Nahor was the son of Serug. Serug was the son of Reu. NLT

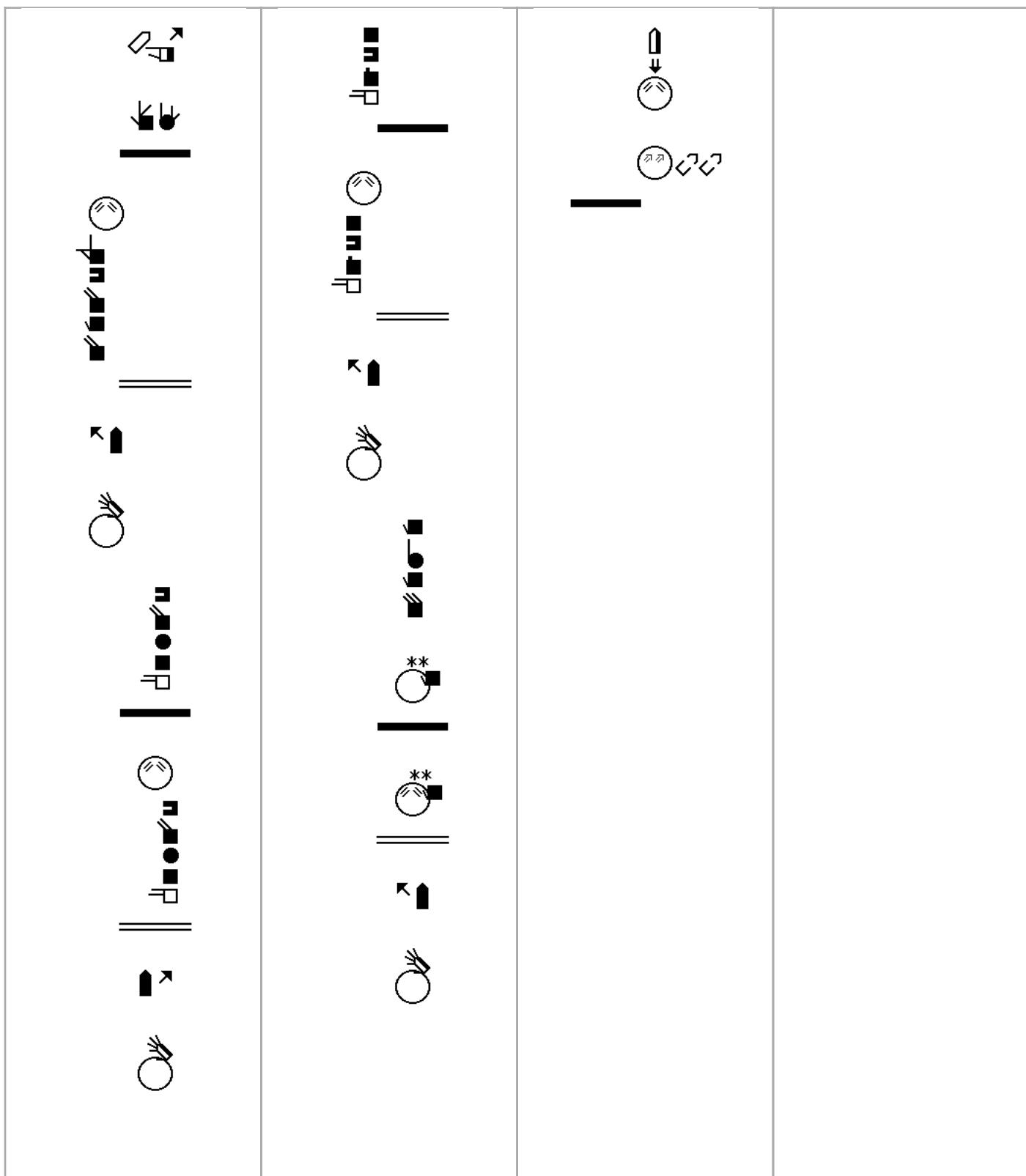
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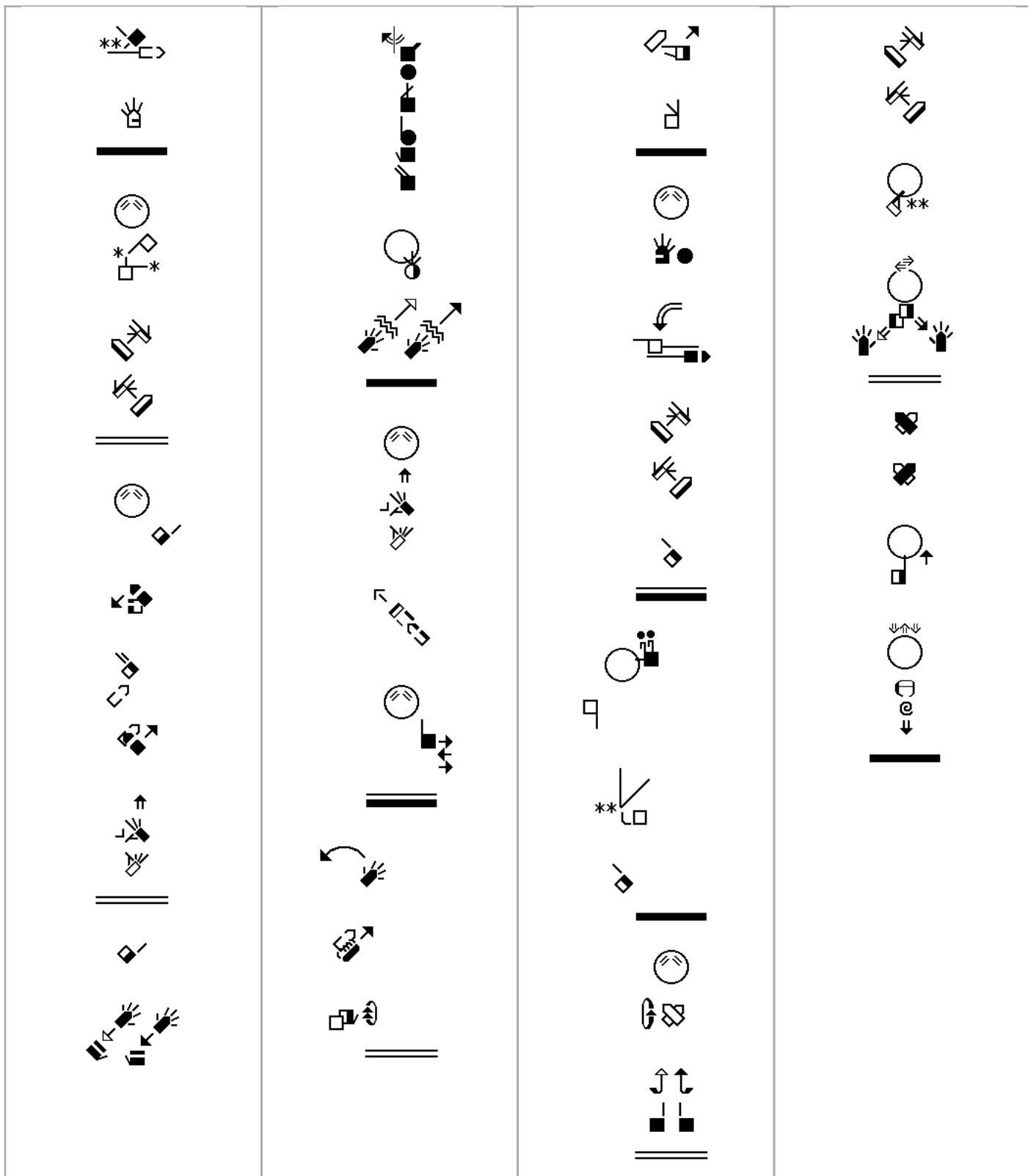
Noah. Noah was the son of Lamech. Verse 37. Lamech was the son of Methuselah.  
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Mahalalel. Mahalalel was the son of Kenan. NLT

Luke 3:38



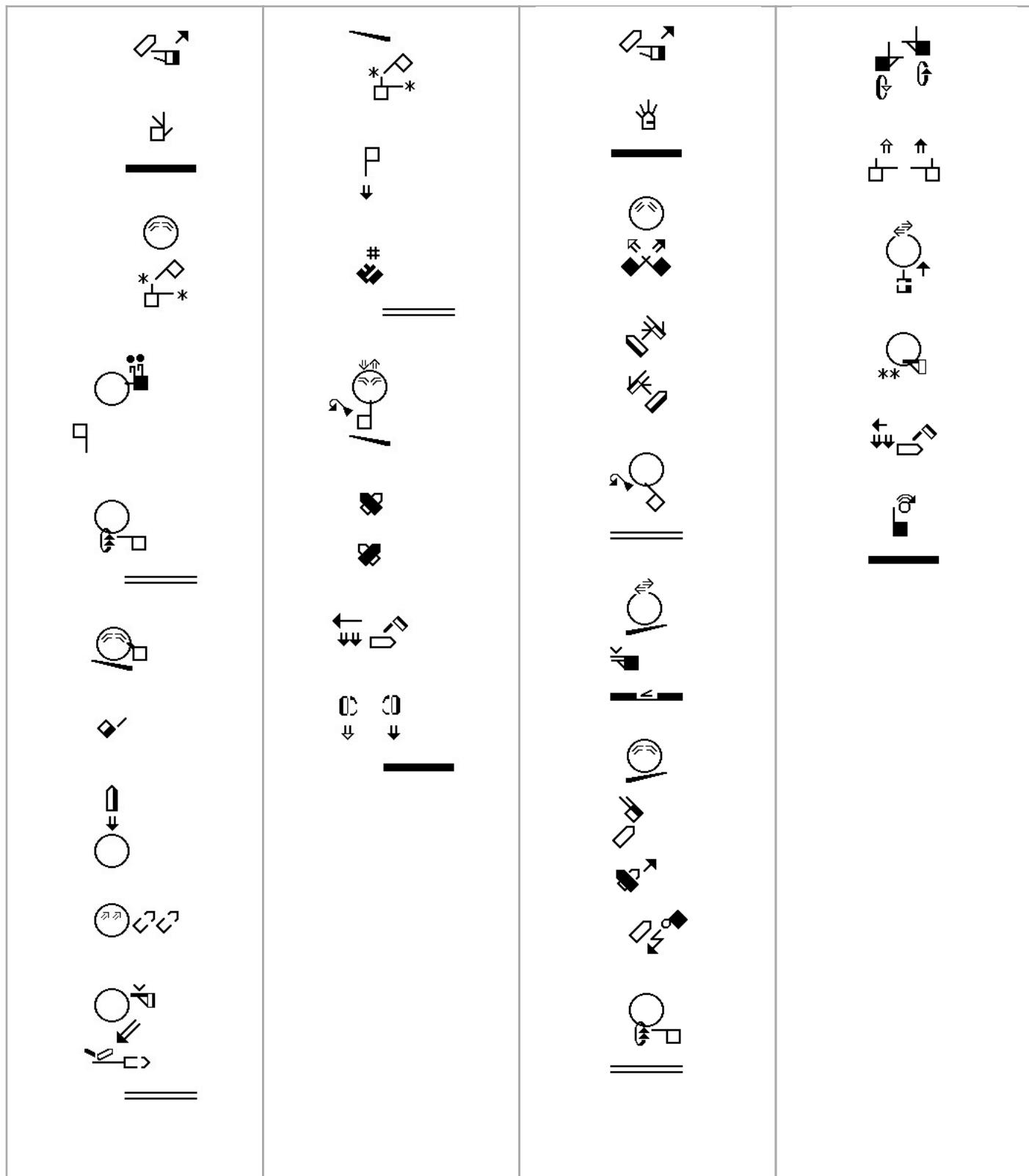
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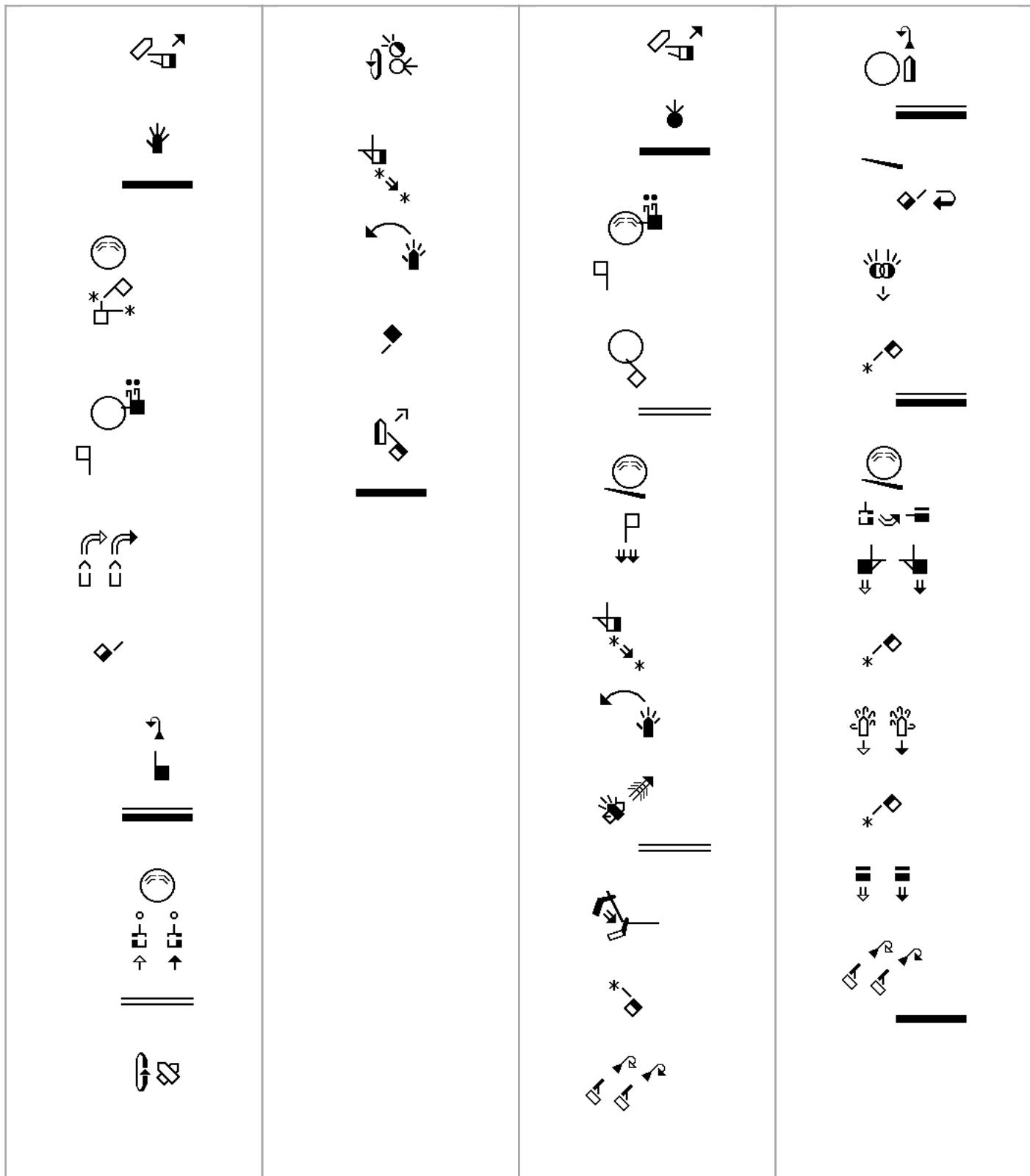
Verse 38. Kenan was the son of Enosh. Enosh was the son of Seth. Seth was the son of Adam. Adam was the son of God. NLT



Luke 4. Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, Verse 2. where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. NLT

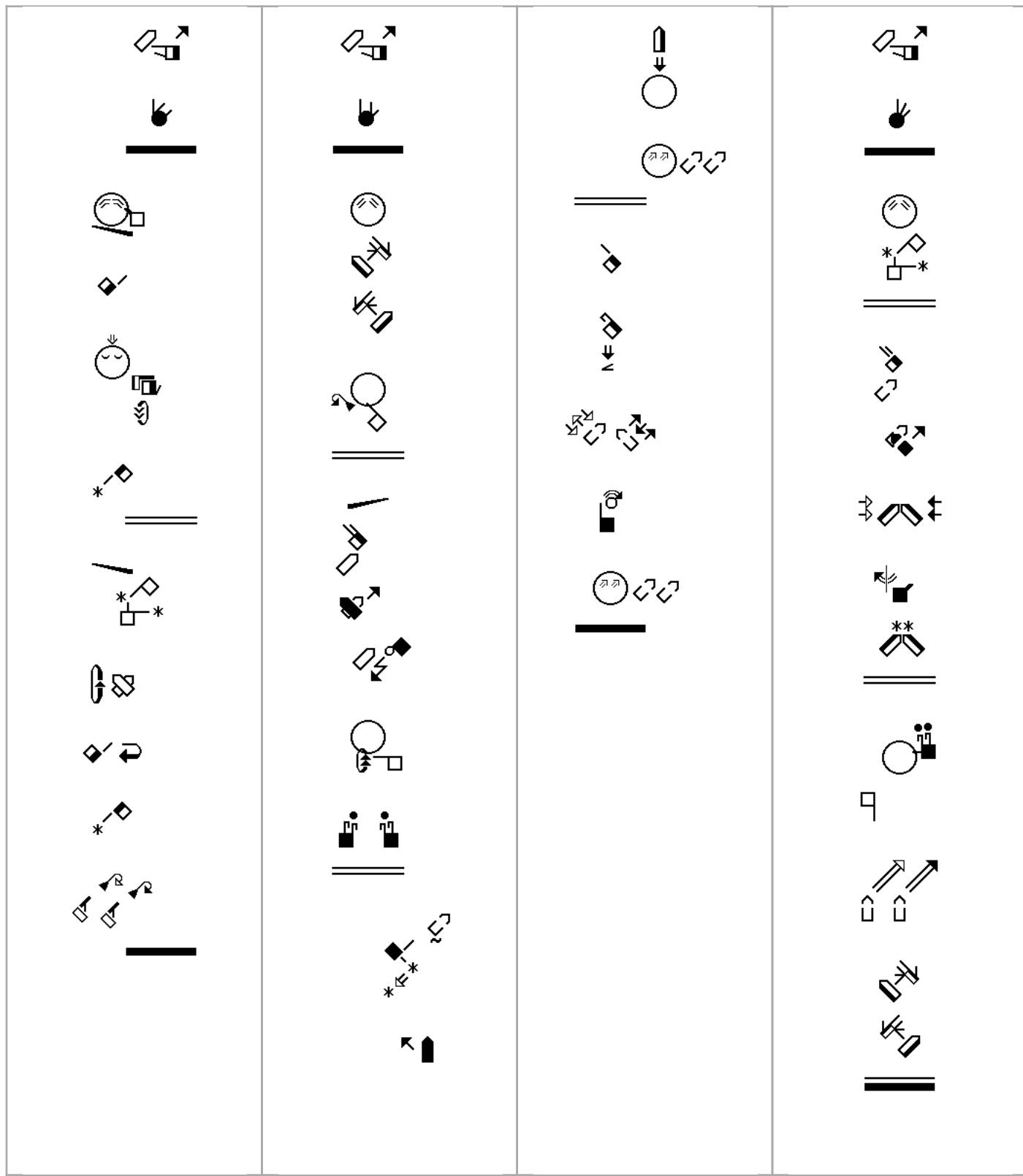
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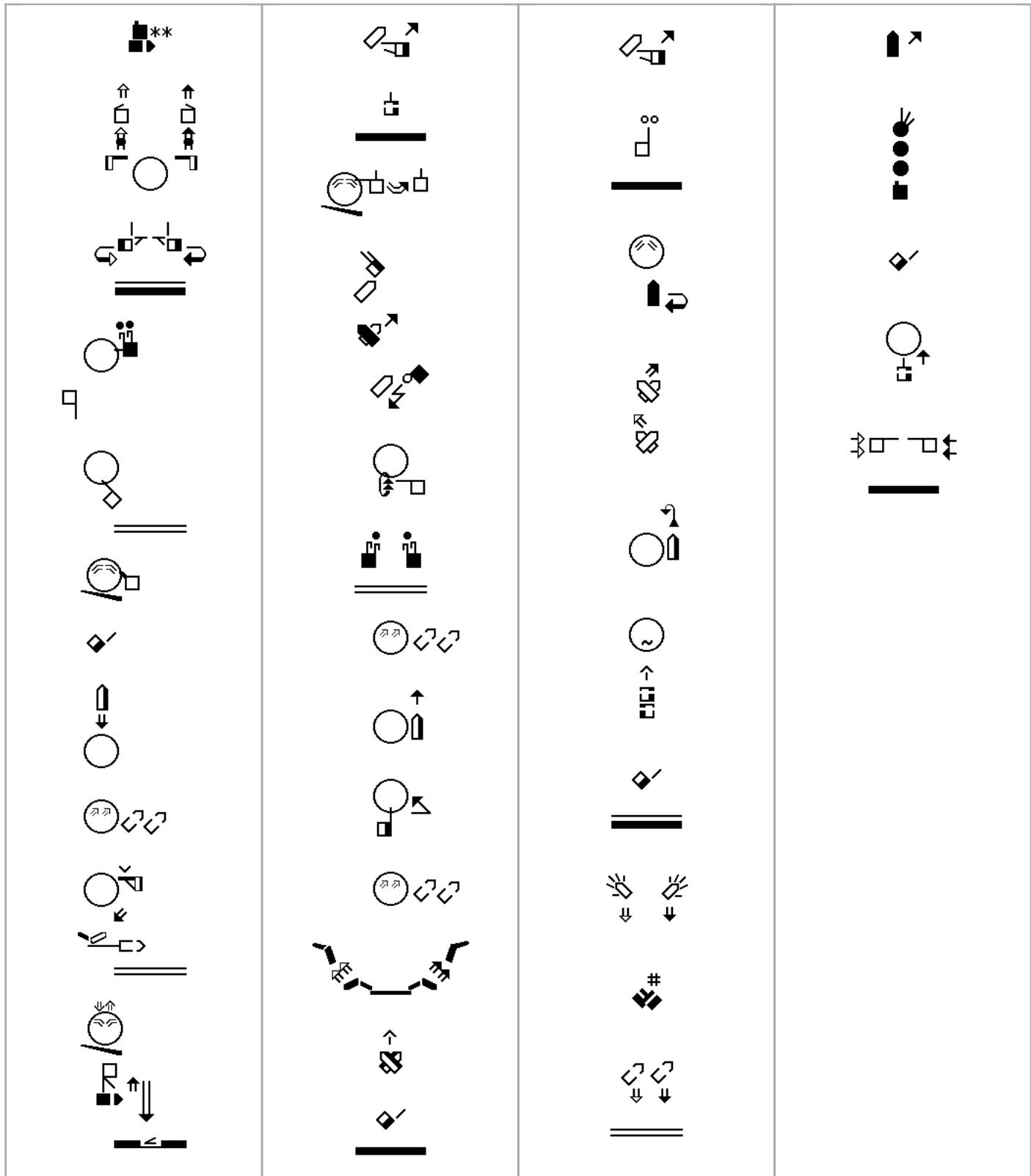




Verse 5. Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. Verse 6. "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please." NLT

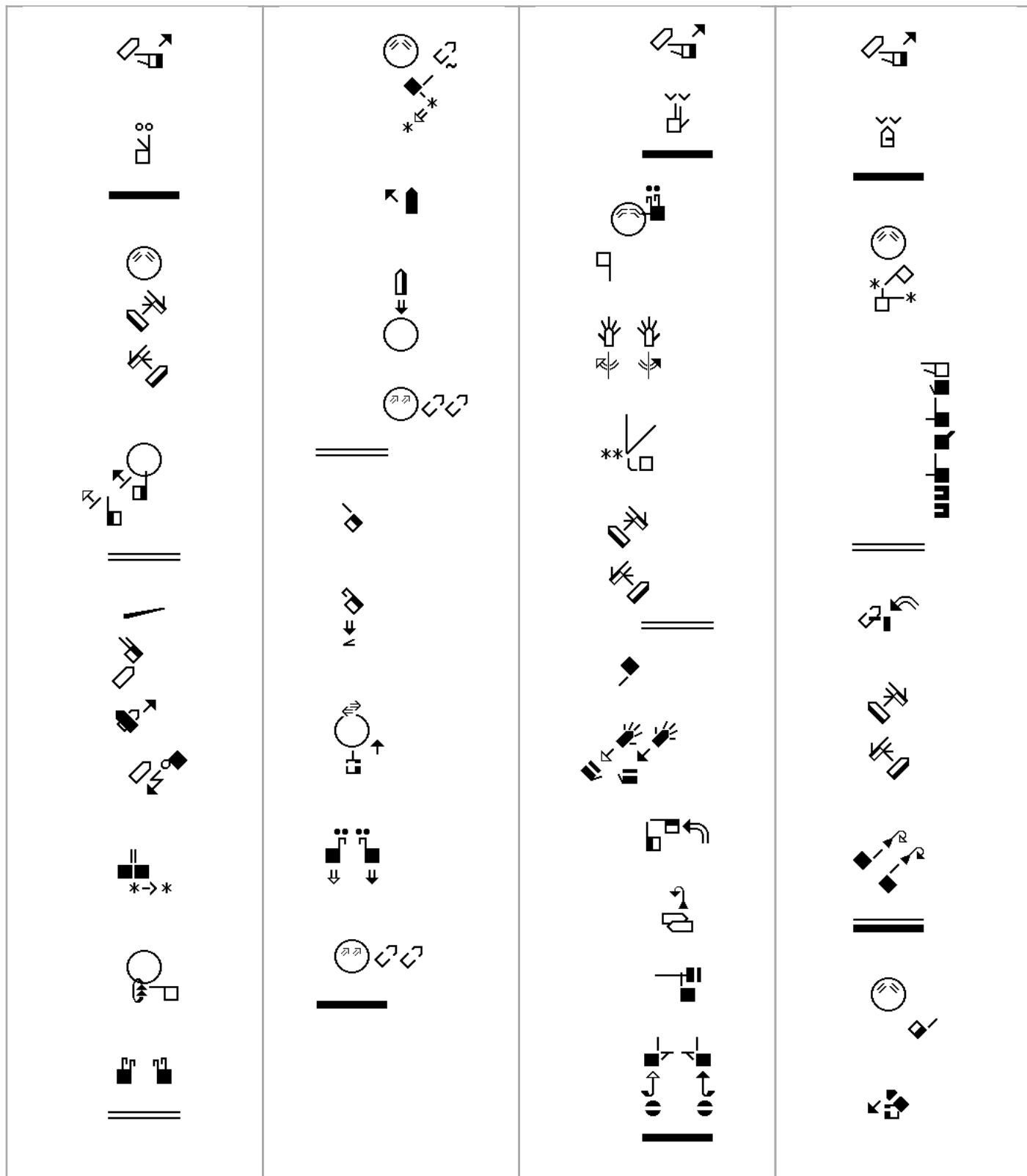
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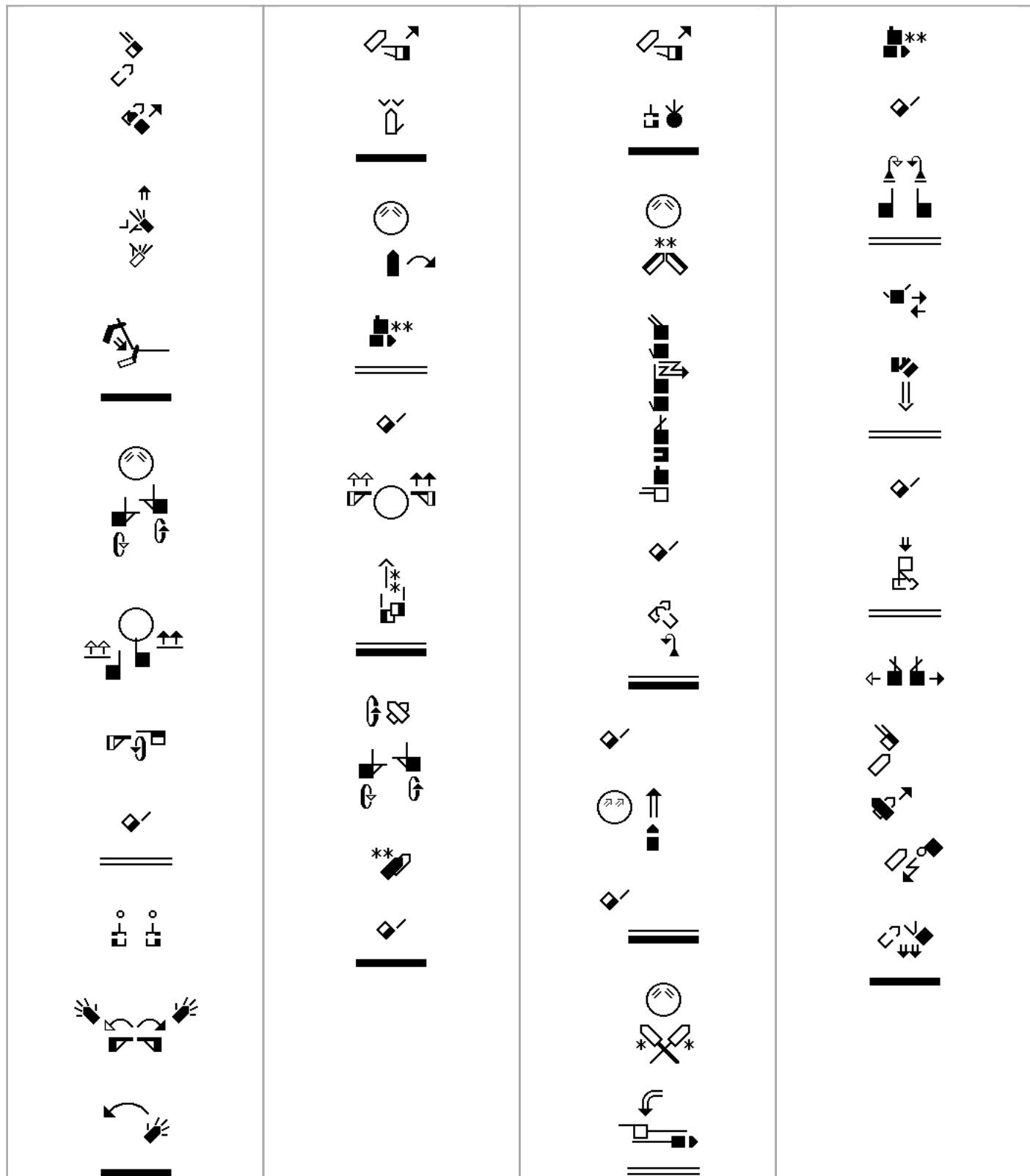




to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! Verse 10. For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. Verse 11. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" NLT

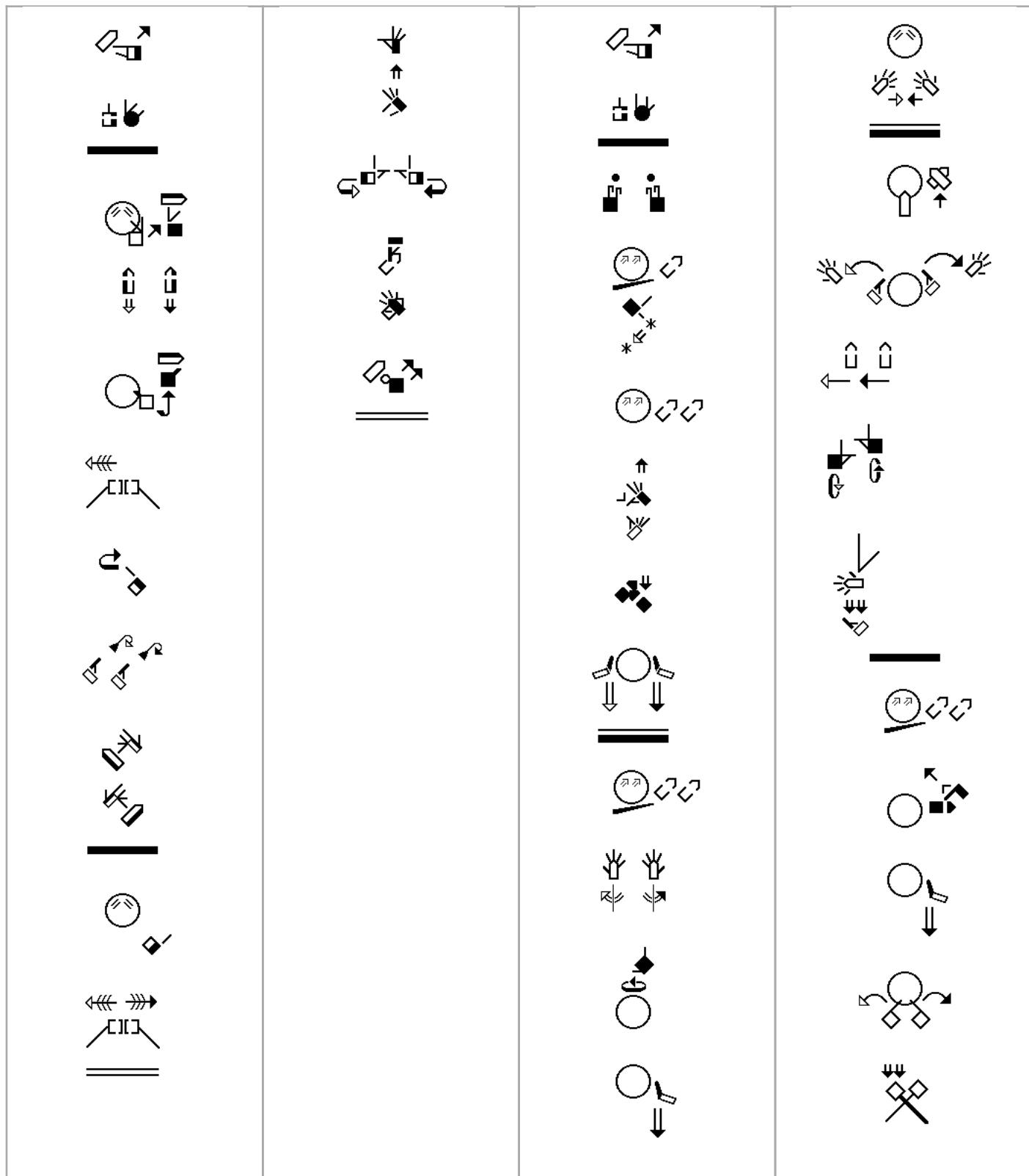
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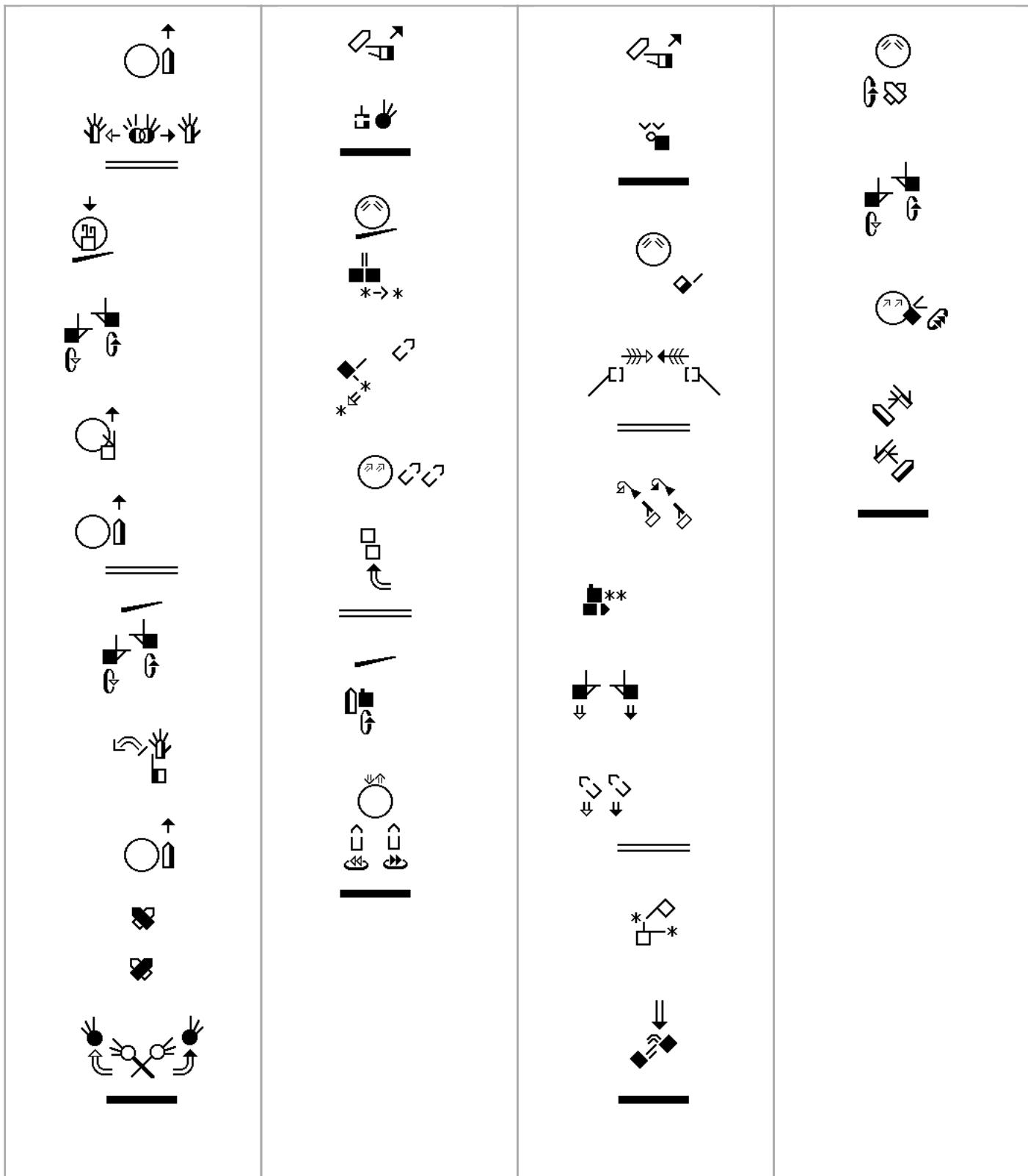




with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. Verse 15. He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Verse 16. When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. NLT

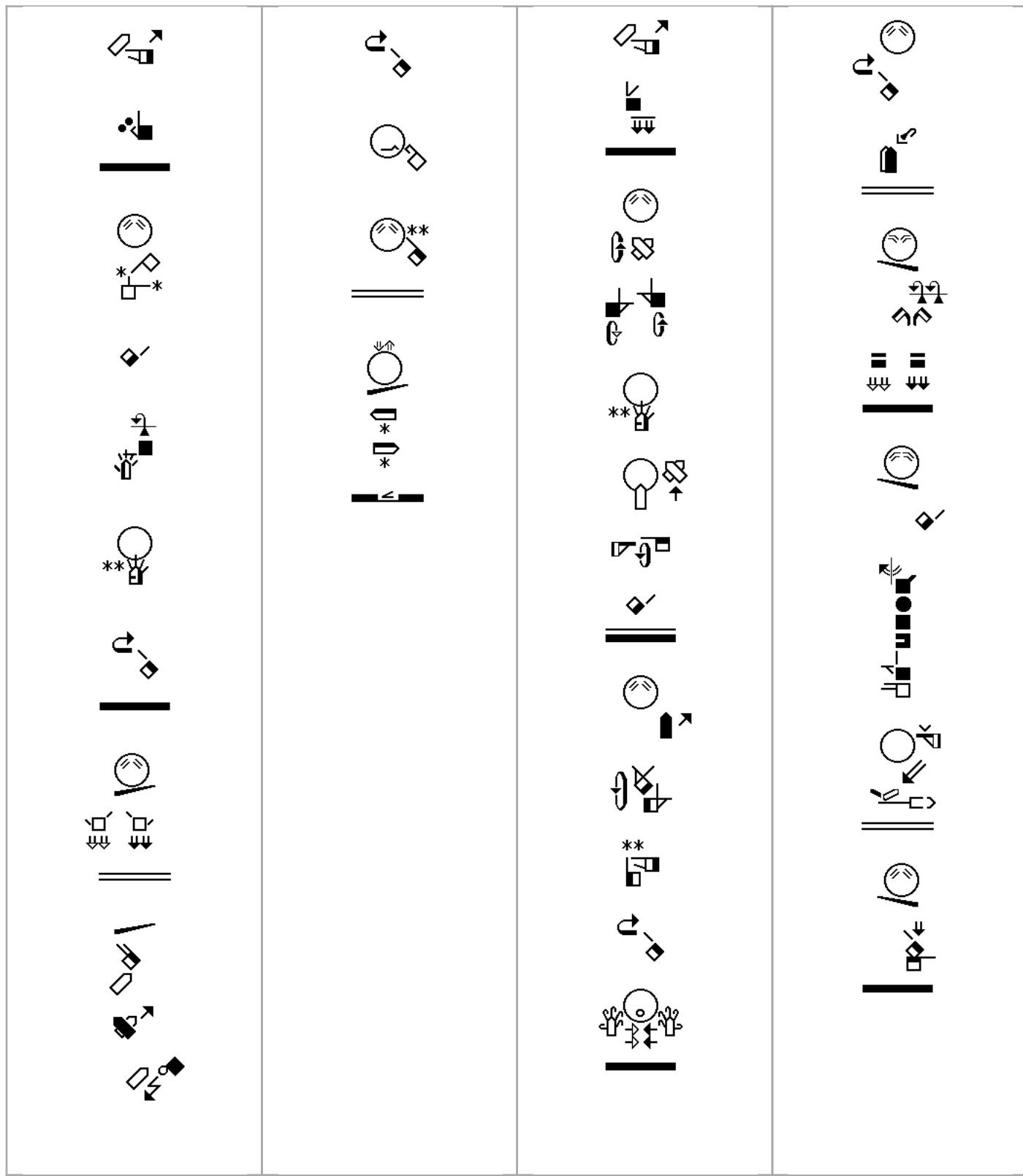
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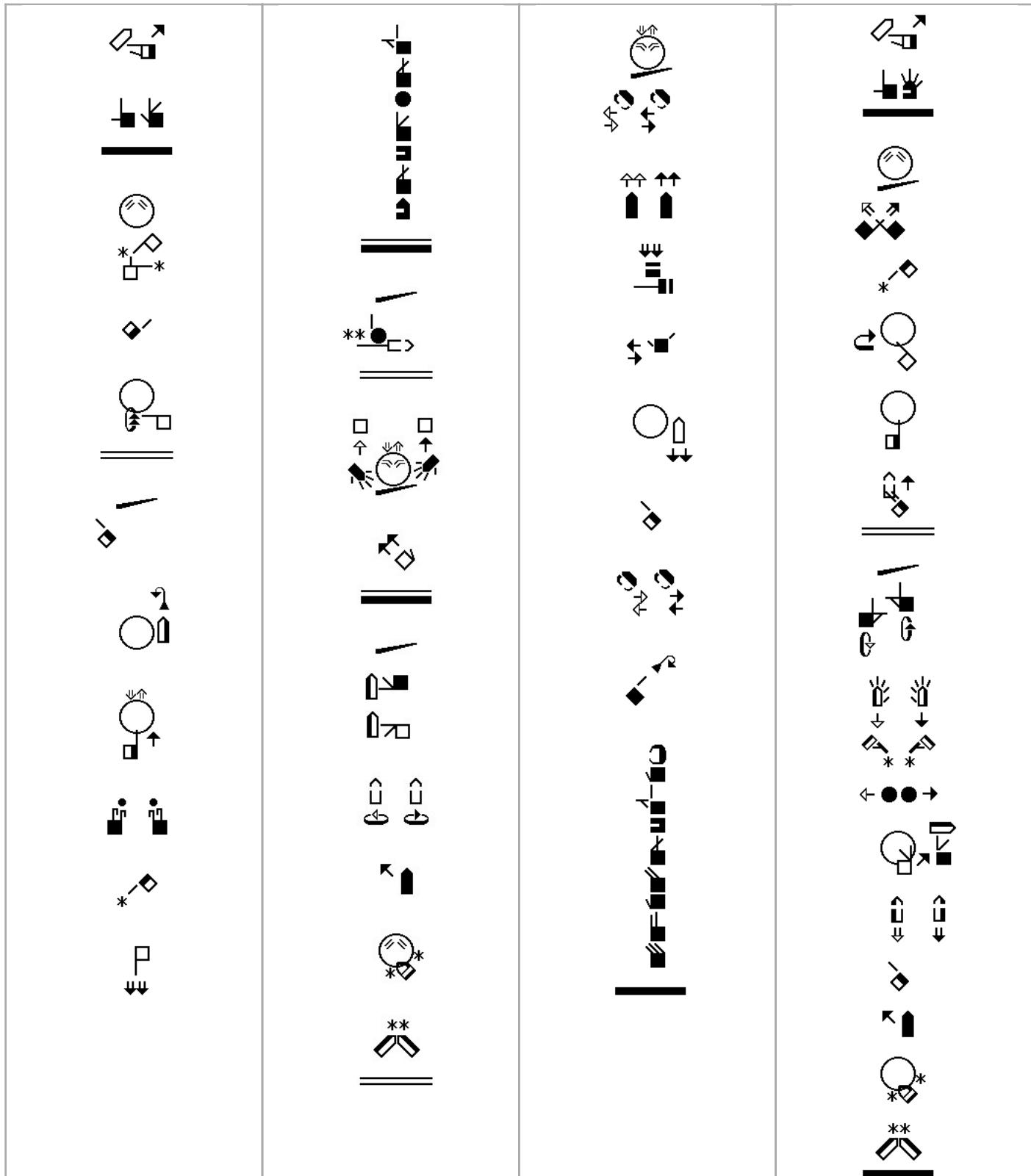




"will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, Verse 19. and that the time of the LORD'S favor has come." Verse 20. He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. NLT

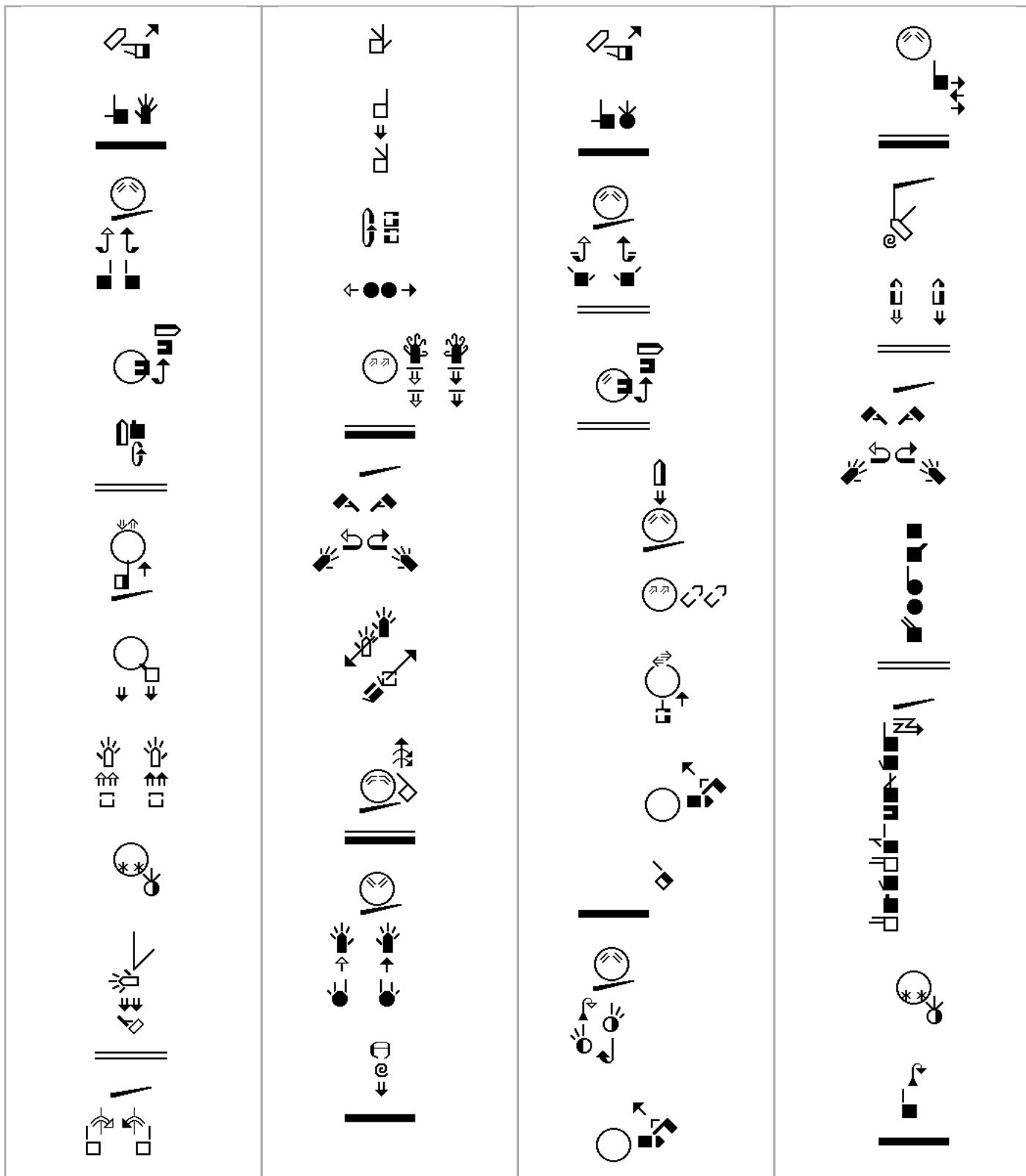
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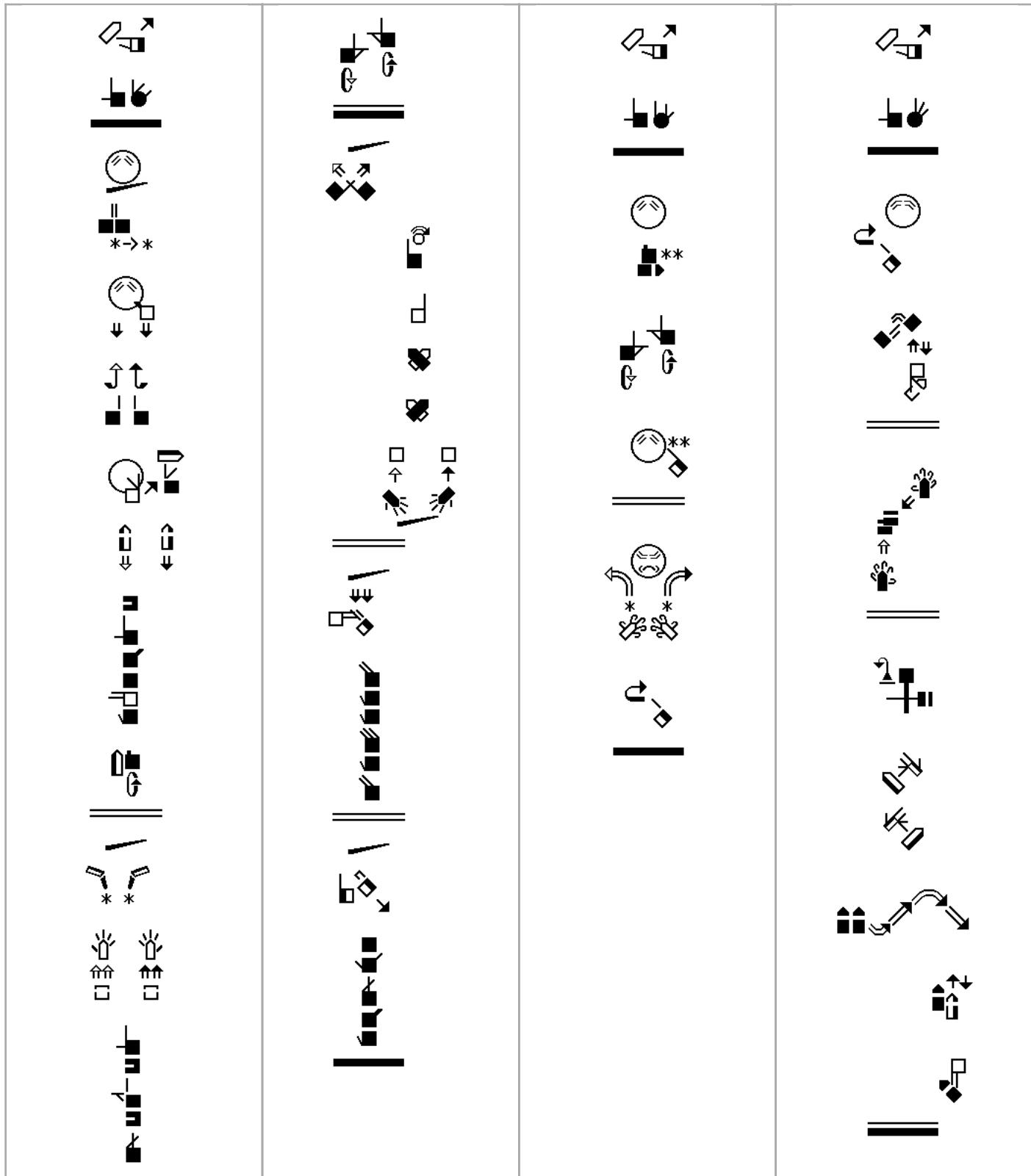




Verse 23. Then he said, "You will undoubtedly quote me this proverb: 'Physician, heal yourself' -- meaning, 'Do miracles here in your hometown like those you did in Capernaum.' Verse 24. But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown. NLT

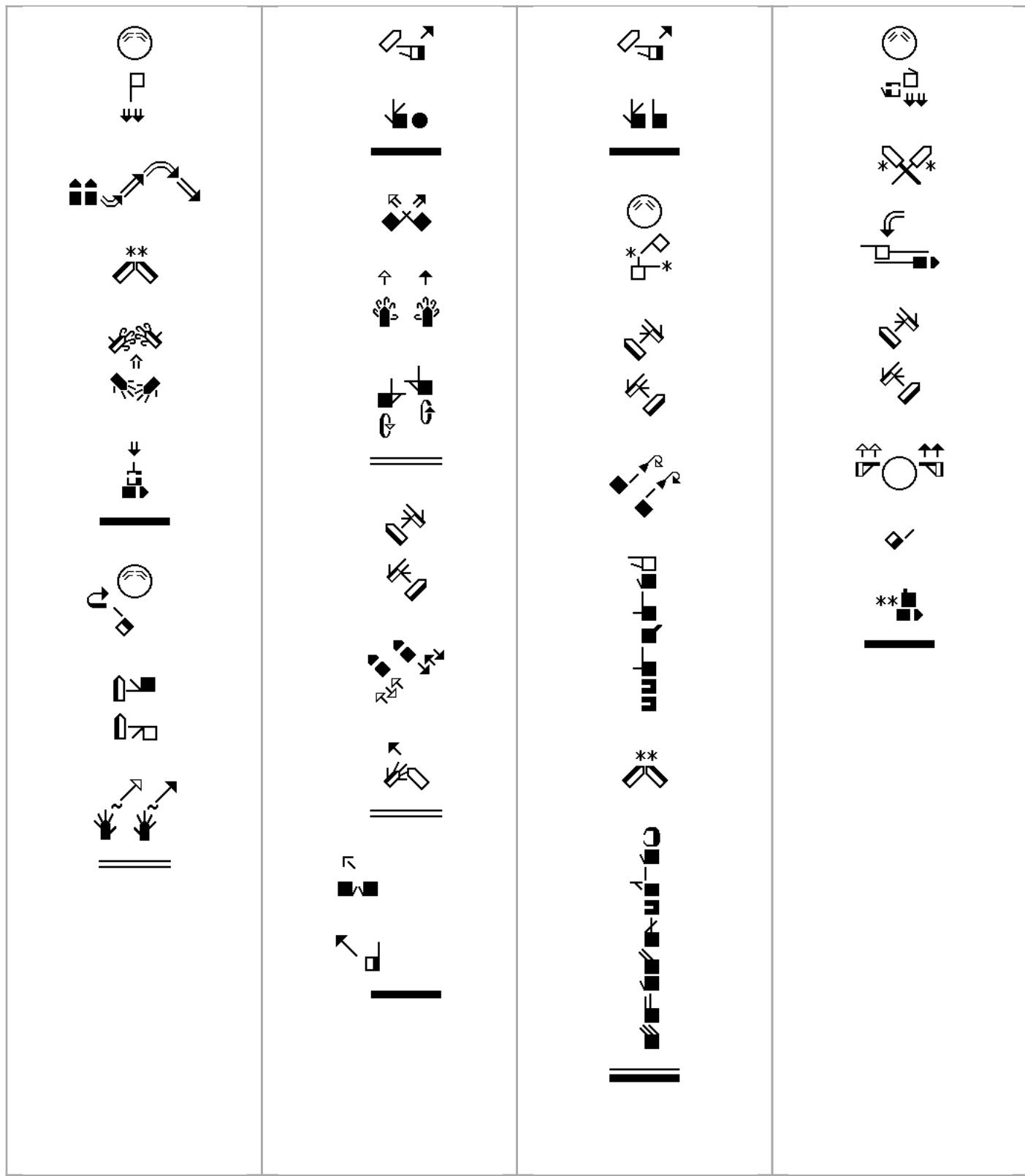
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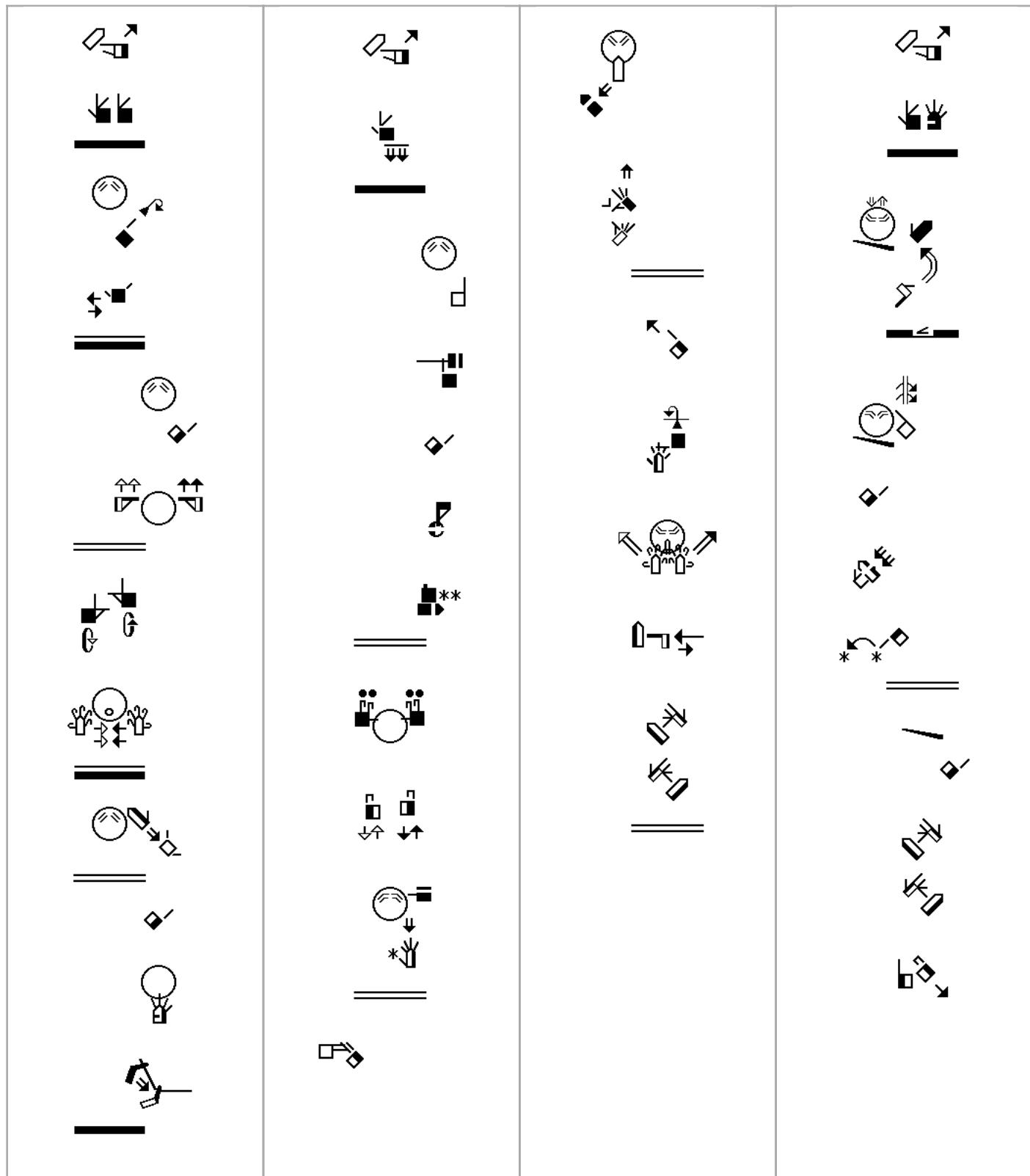




Verse 27. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian." Verse 28. When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. Verse 29. Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill NLT

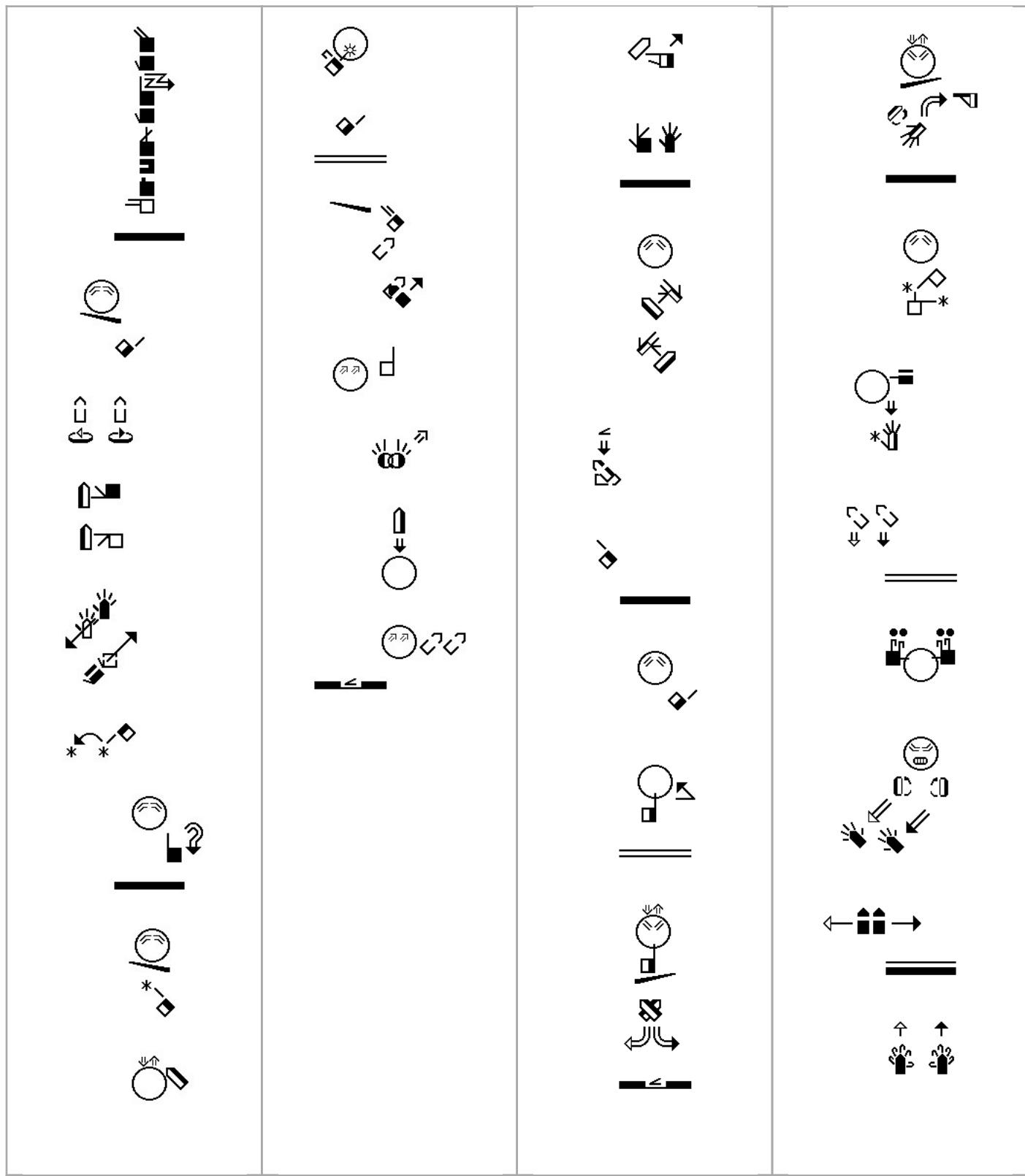
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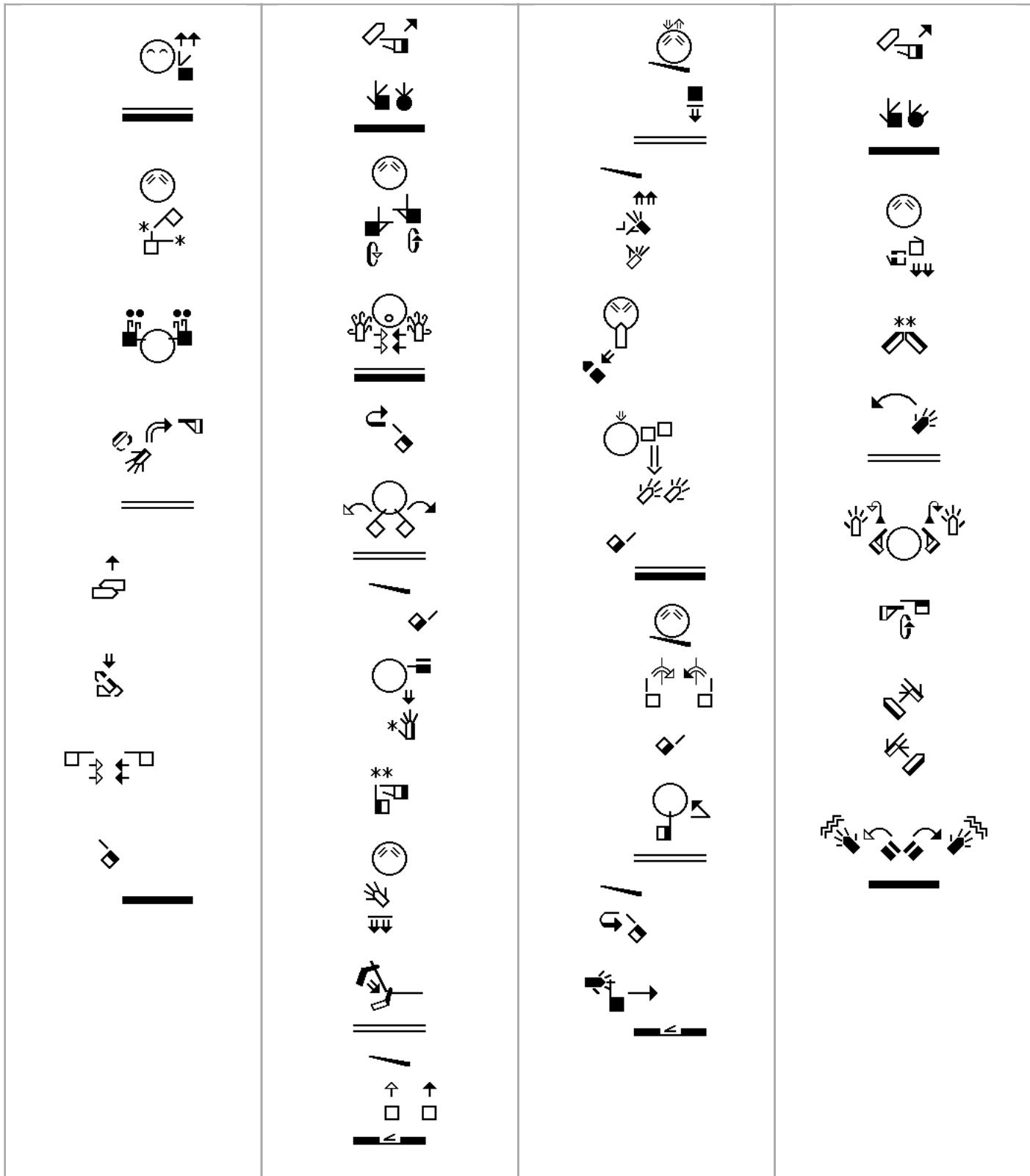




Verse 32. There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority. Verse 33. Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon -- an evil spirit -- began shouting at Jesus, Verse 34. "Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of NLT

Luke 4:34-35

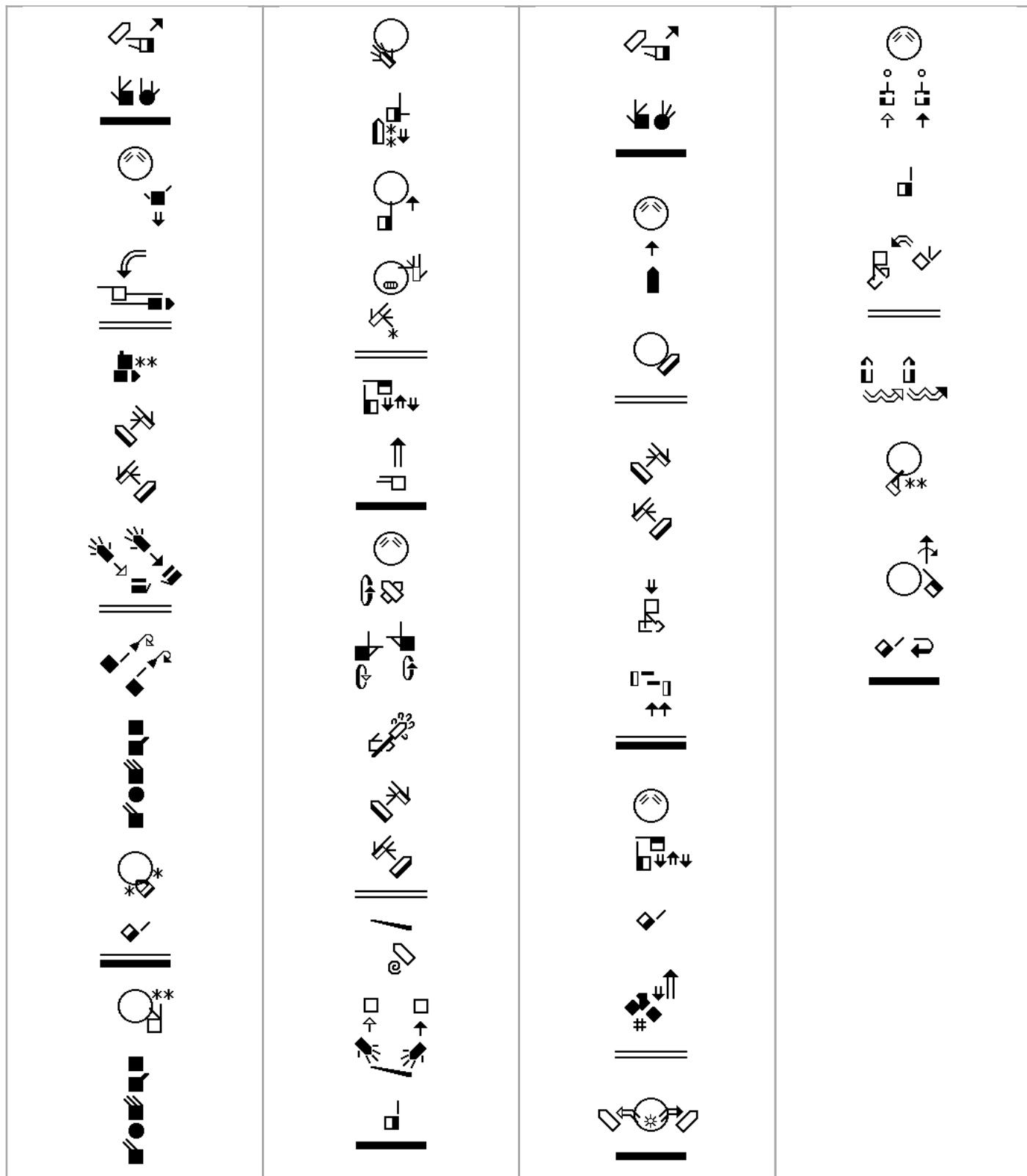


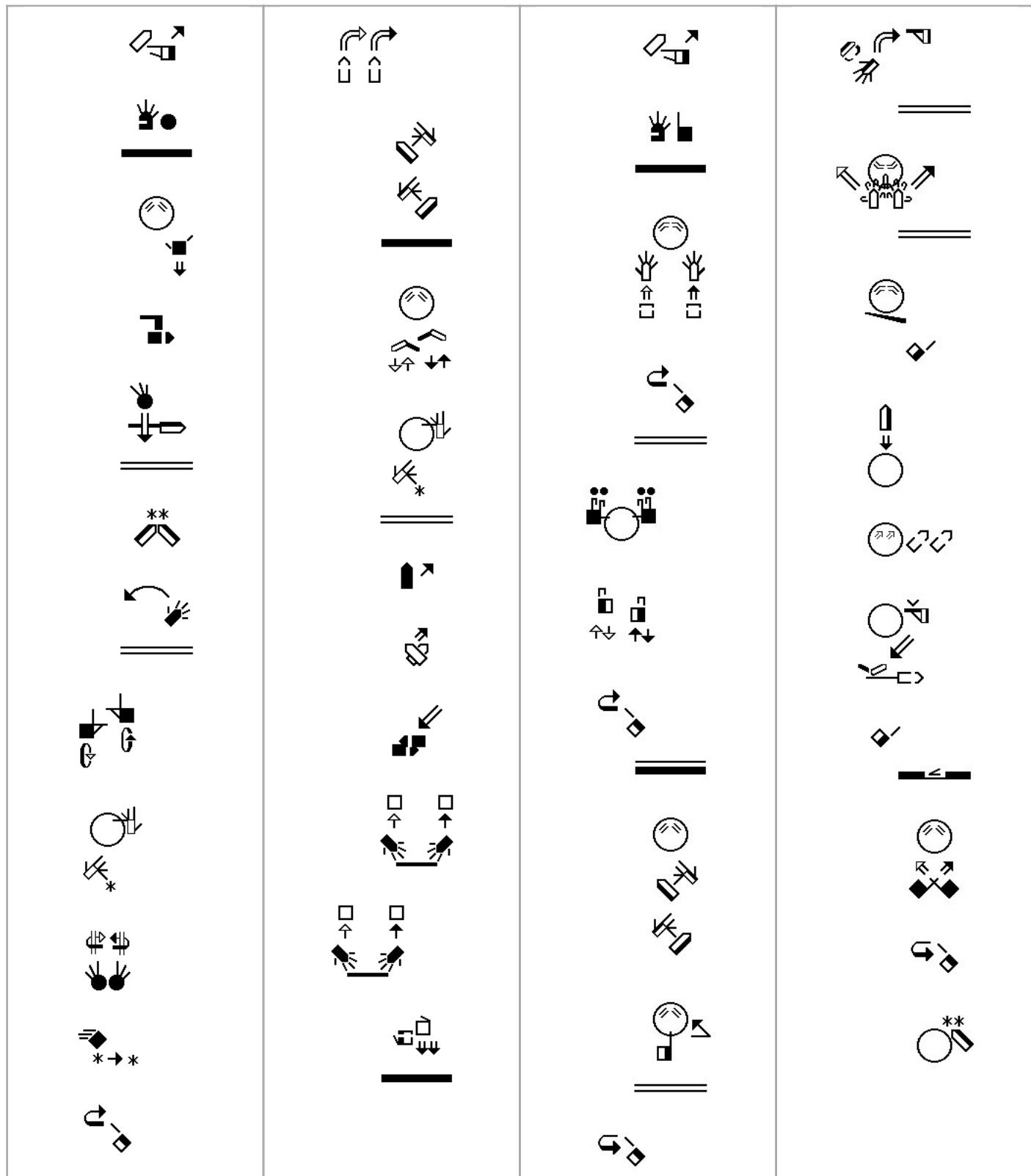


watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. Verse 36. Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!" Verse 37. The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

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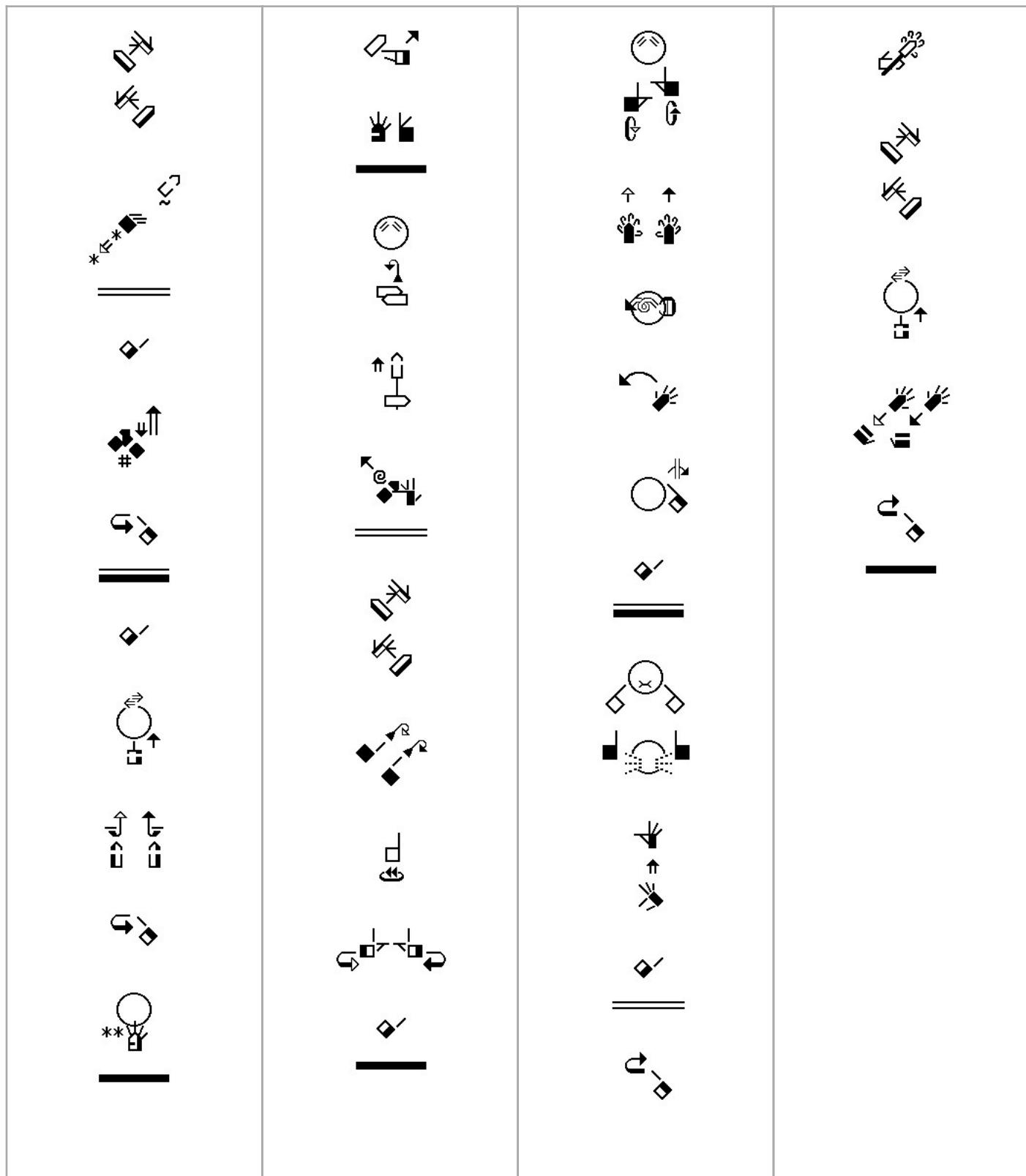
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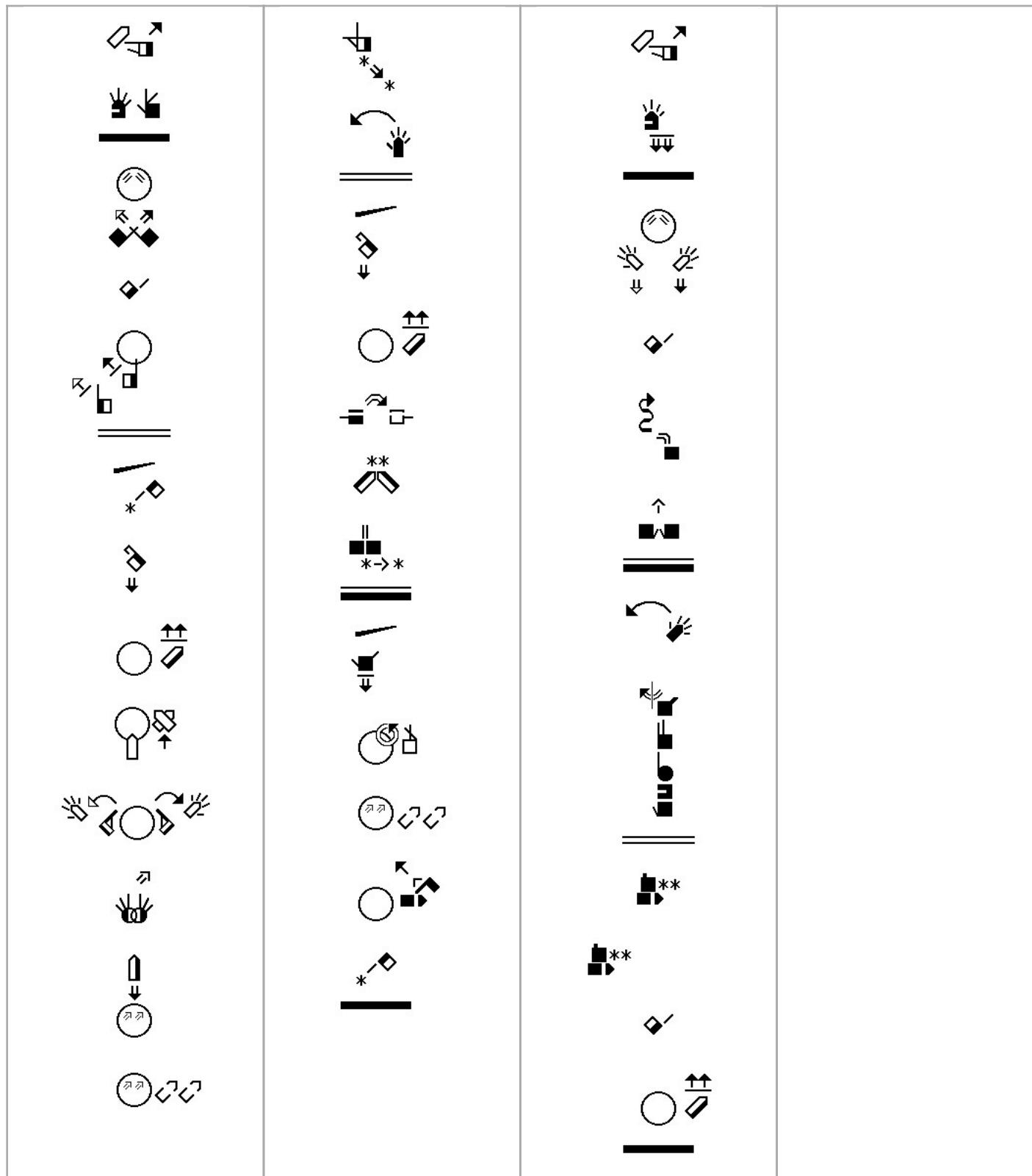




Verse 40. As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one. Verse 41. Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew NLT

Luke 4:41-42

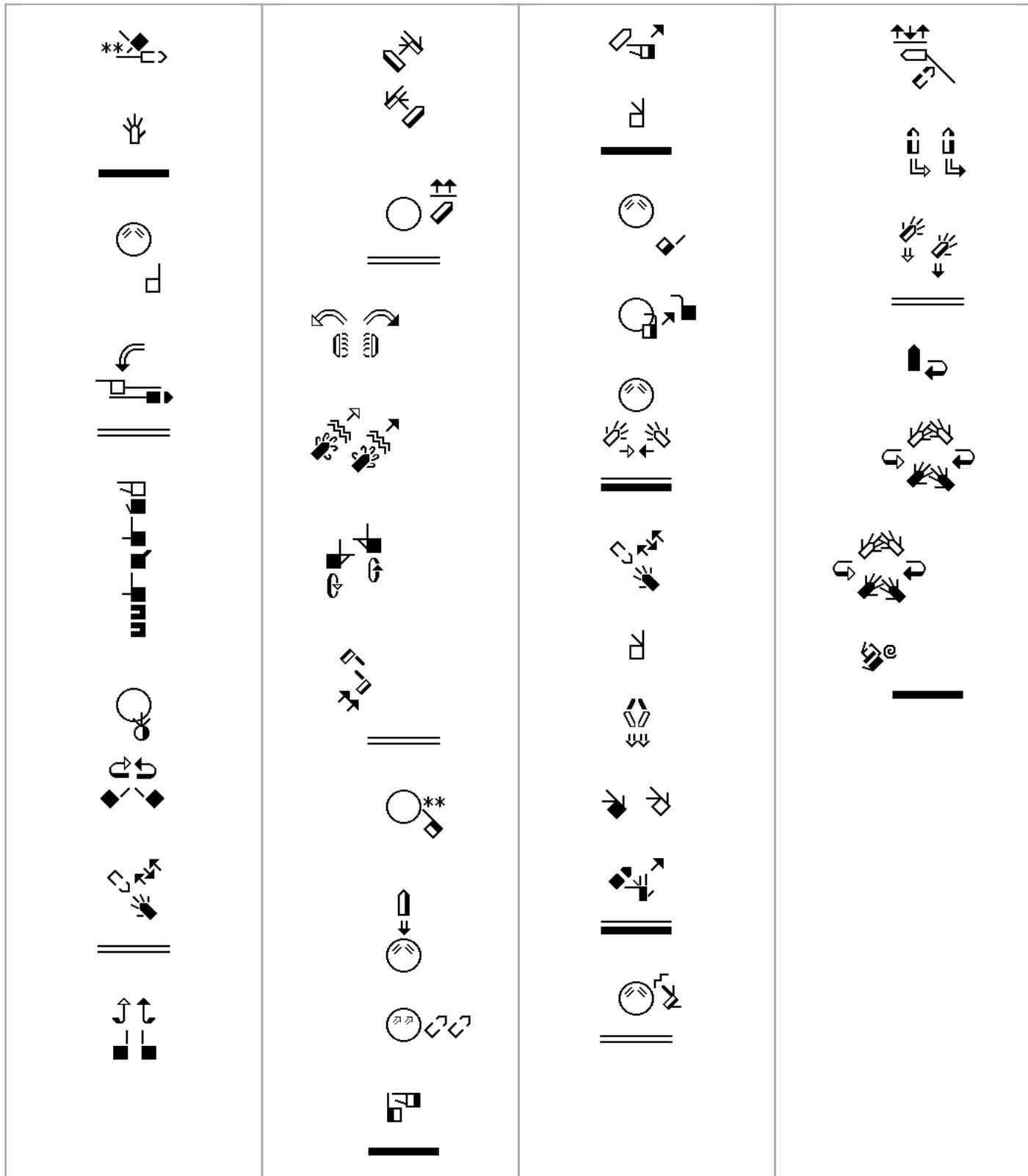




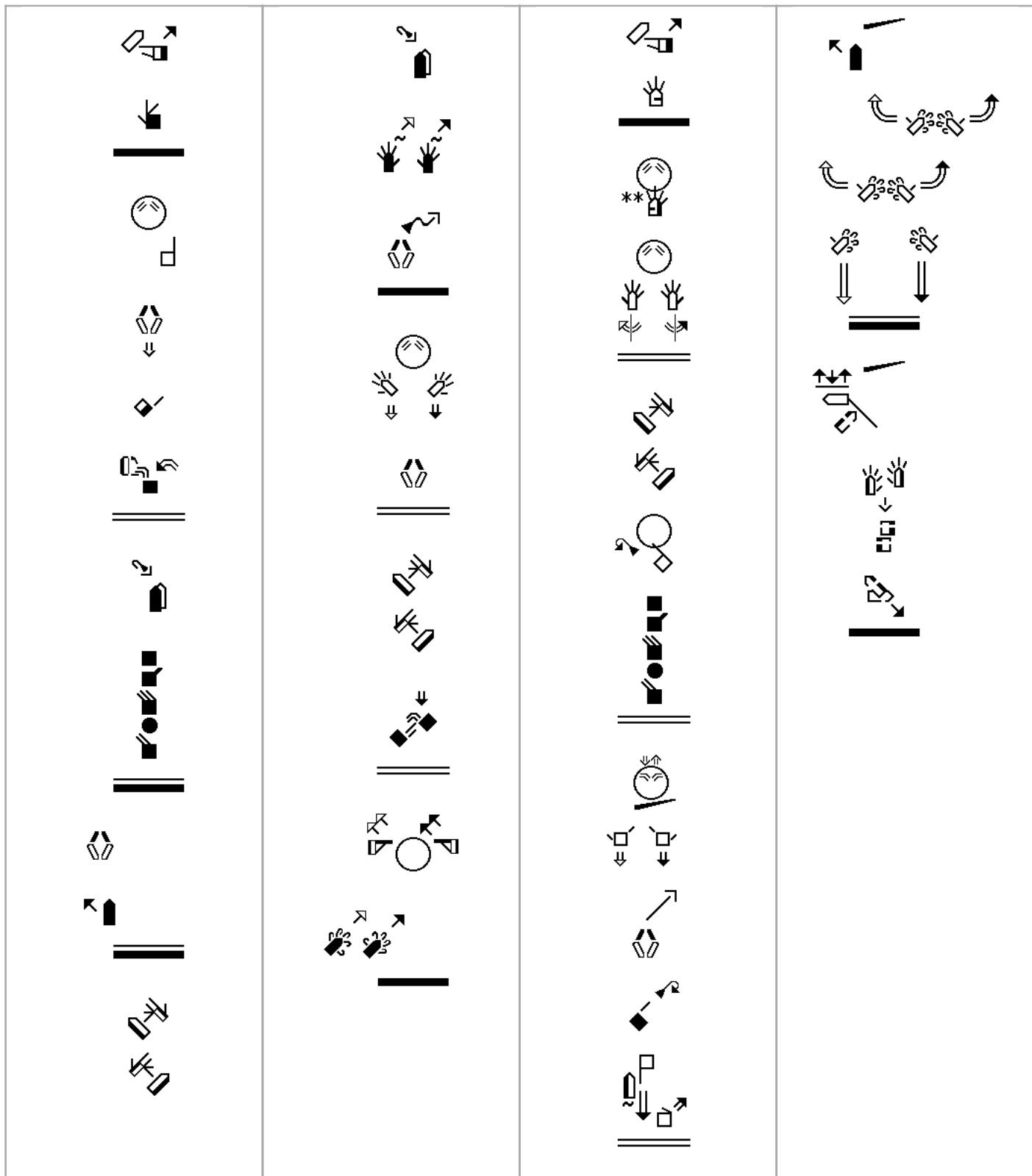
Verse 43. But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." Verse 44. So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.

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Luke 5:1-2



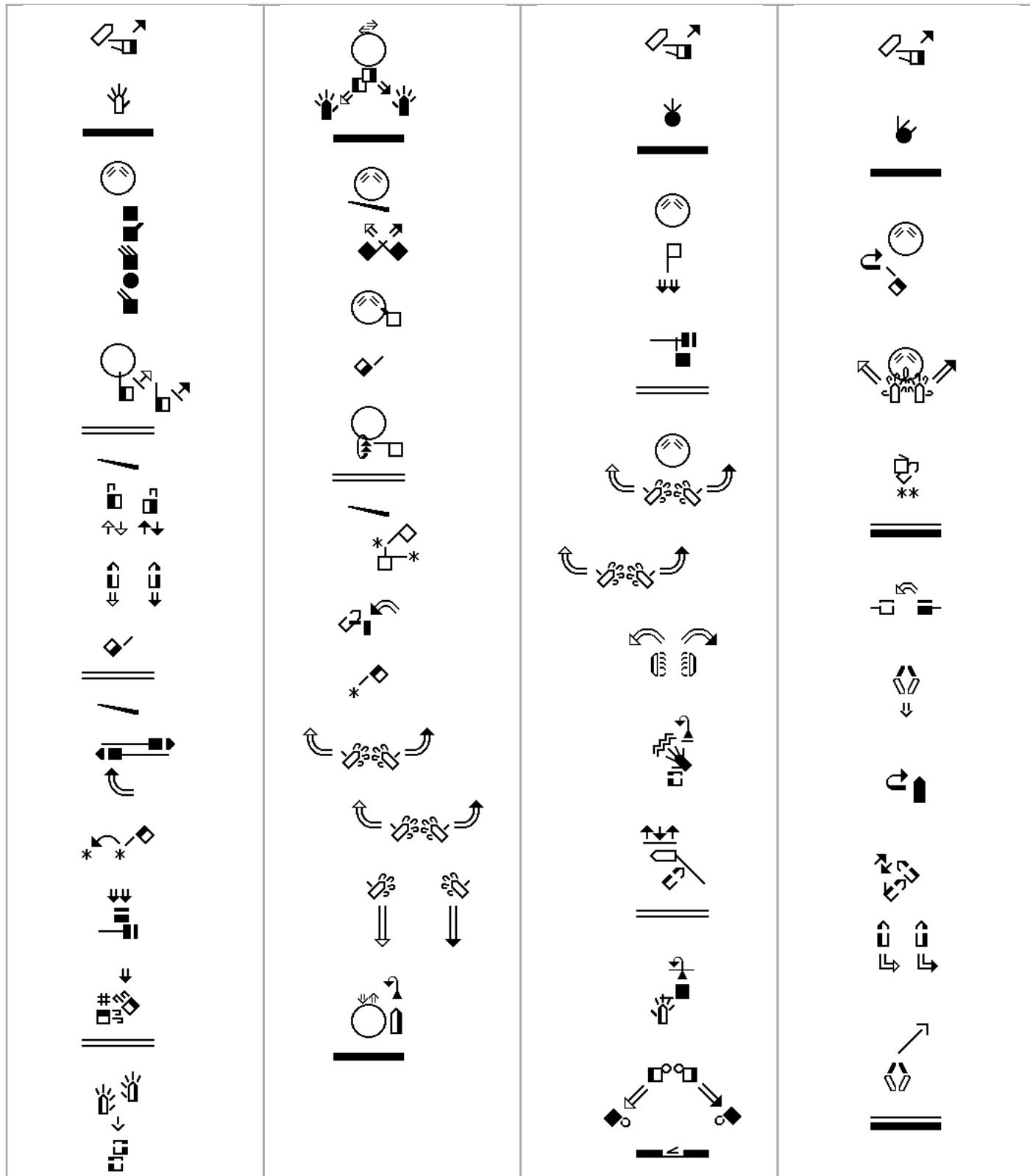
100 Luke 5. One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. Verse 2. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.  
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Verse 3. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. Verse 4. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

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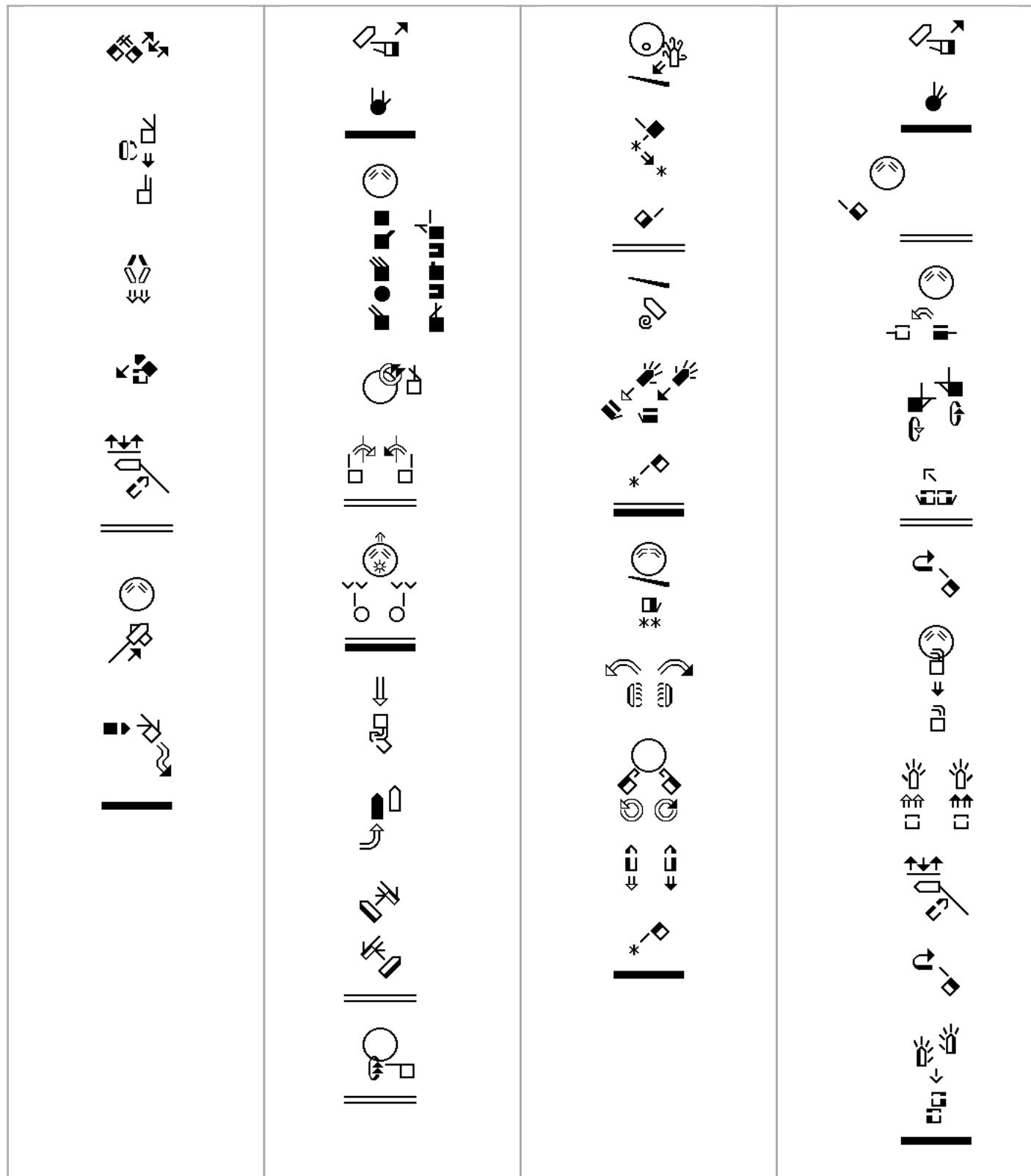
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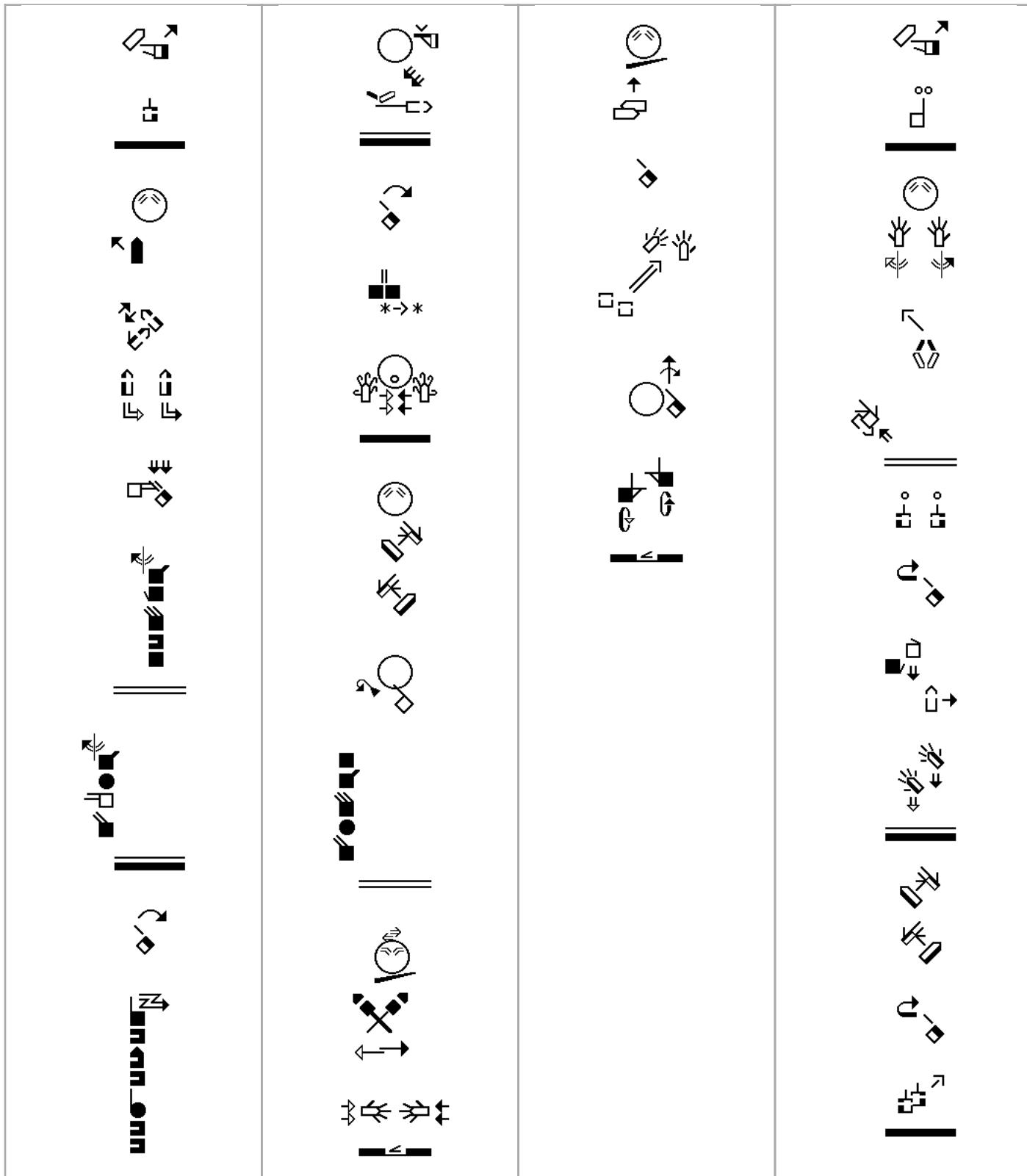
Verse 5. "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." Verse 6. And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! Verse 7. A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat,

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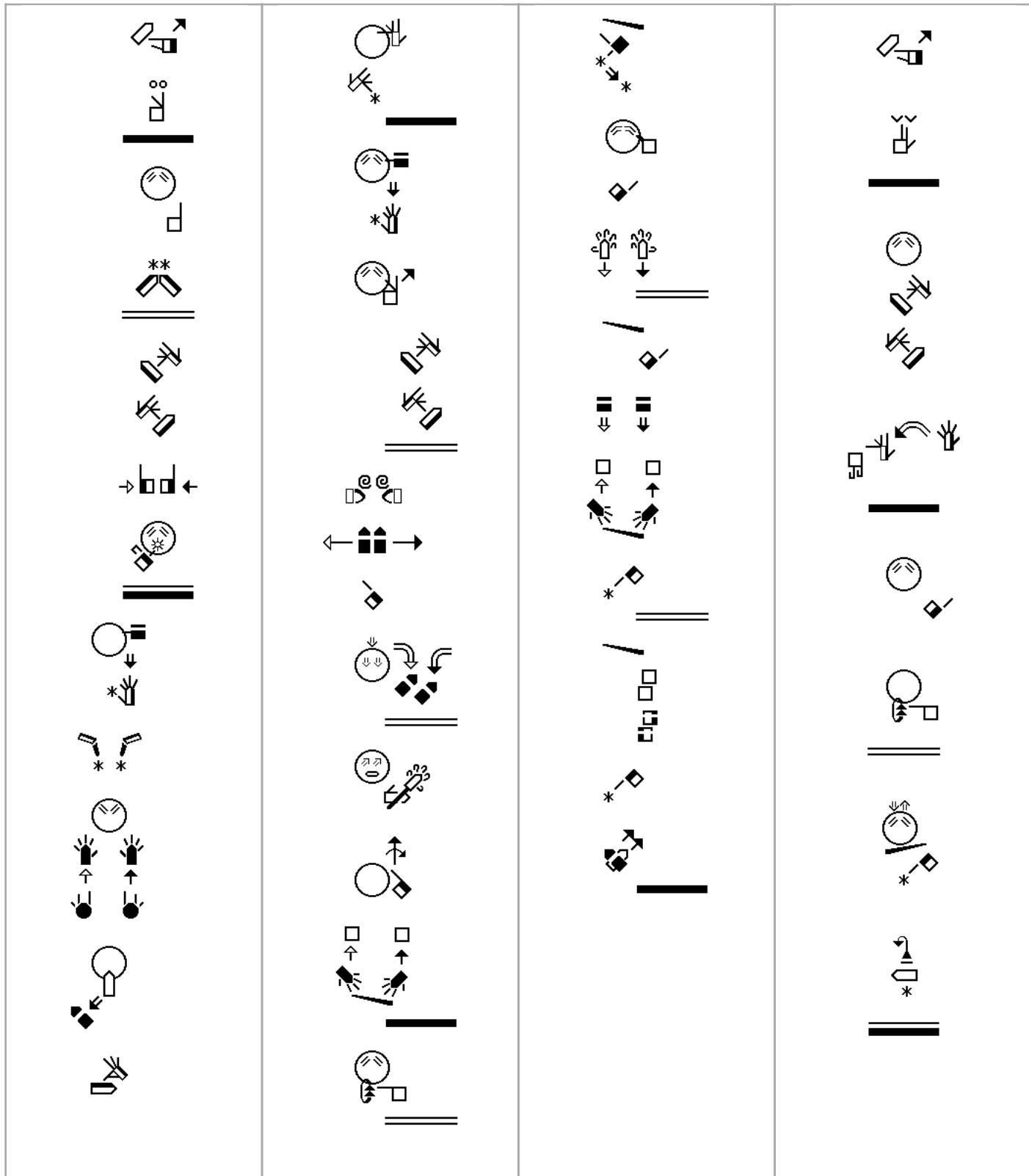


and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. Verse 8. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me -- I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." Verse 9. For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.

Luke 5:10-11

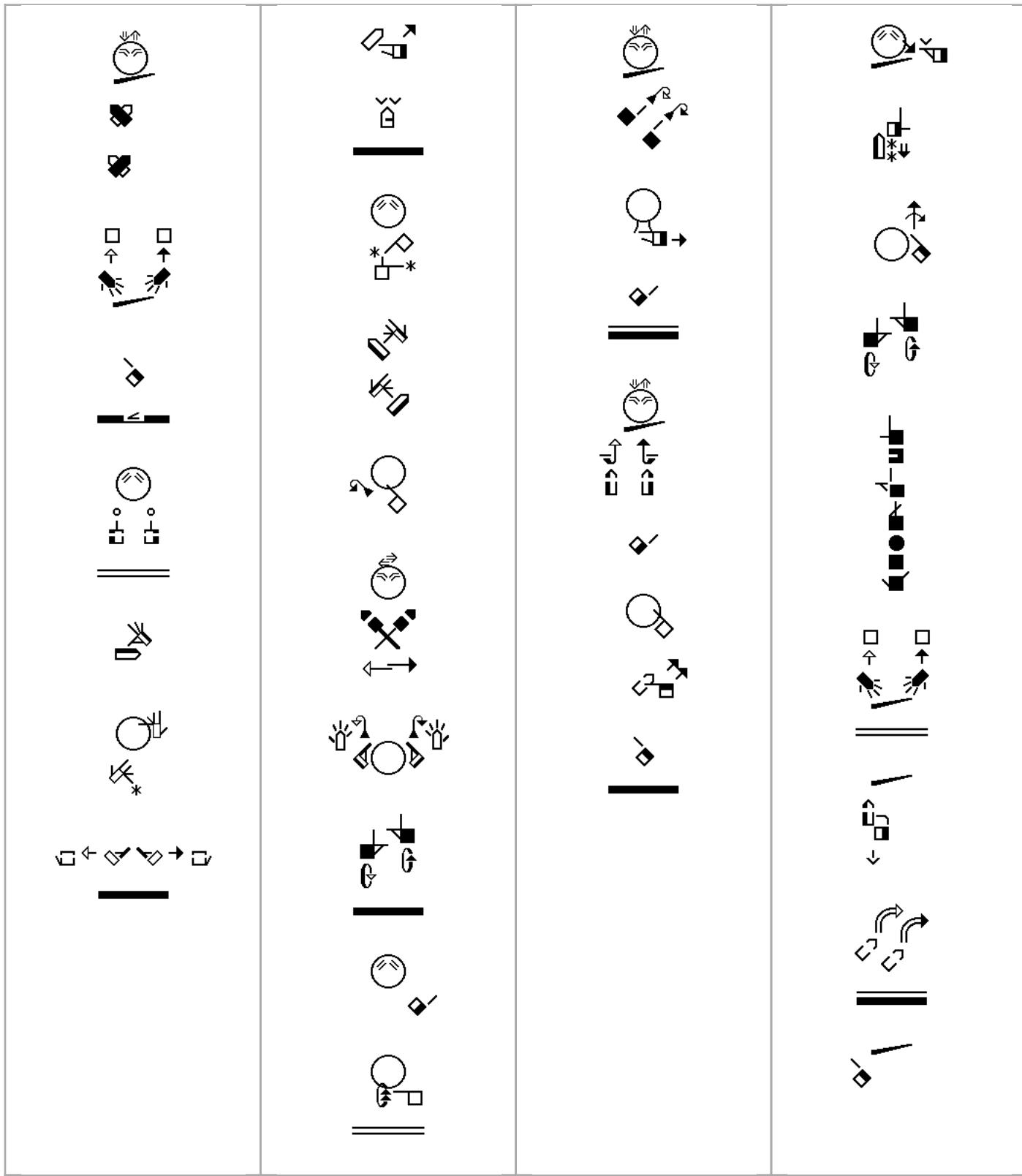


104 Verse 10. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Verse 11. And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus. NLT

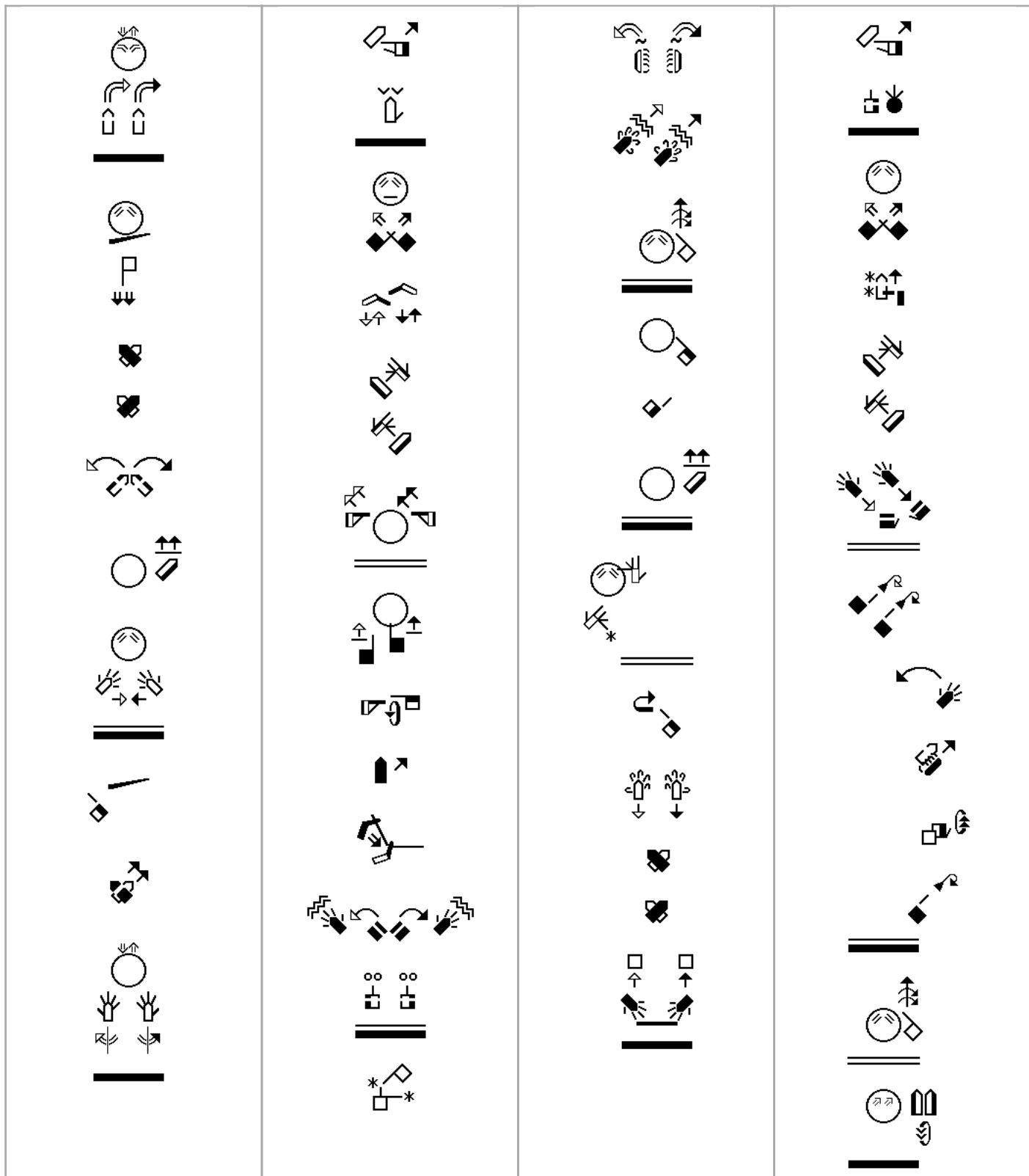


Verse 12. In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." Verse 13. Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. NLT

Luke 5:13-14

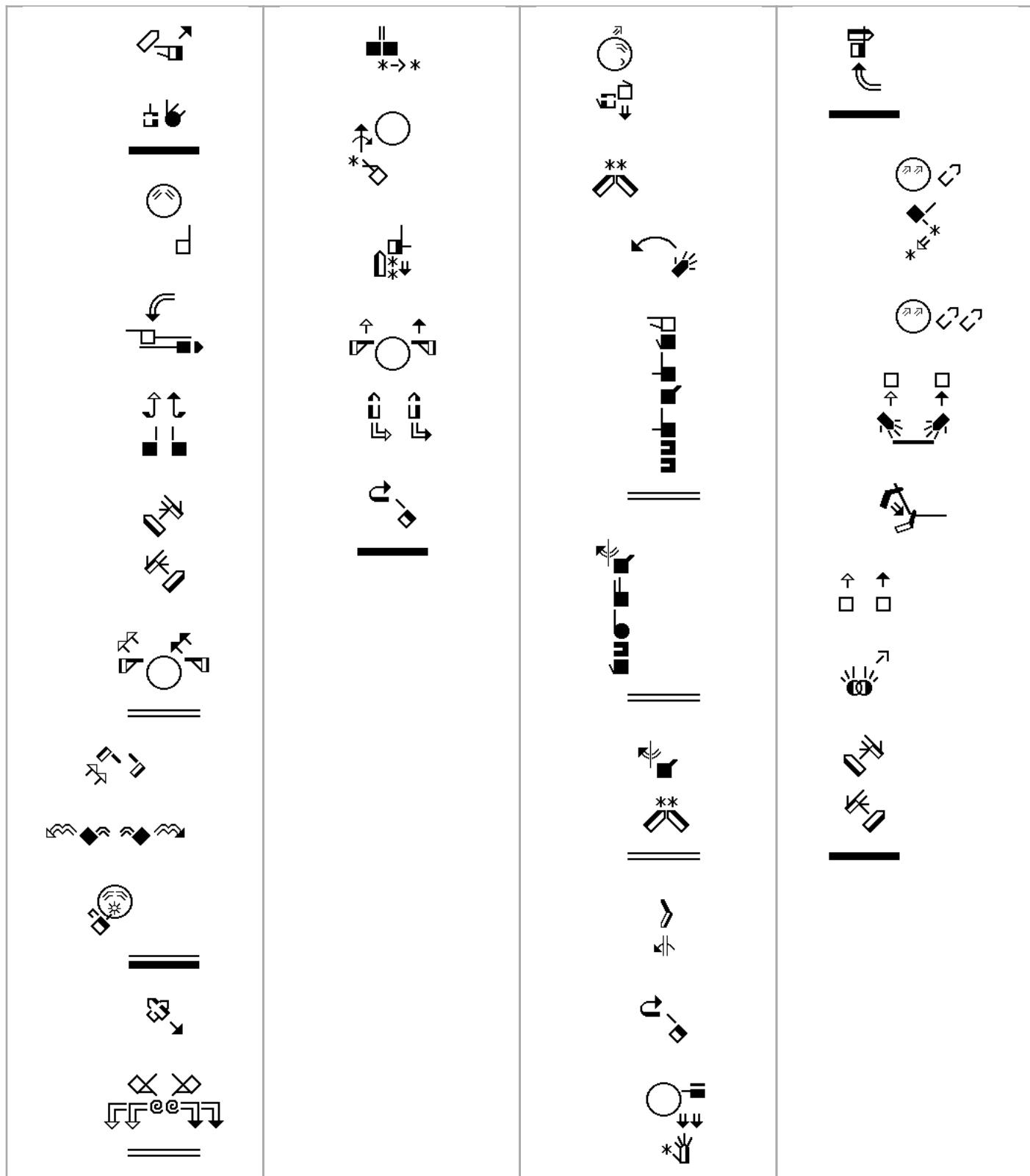


106 "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. Verse 14. Then Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, "Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy.  
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This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed." Verse 15. But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. Verse 16. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. NLT

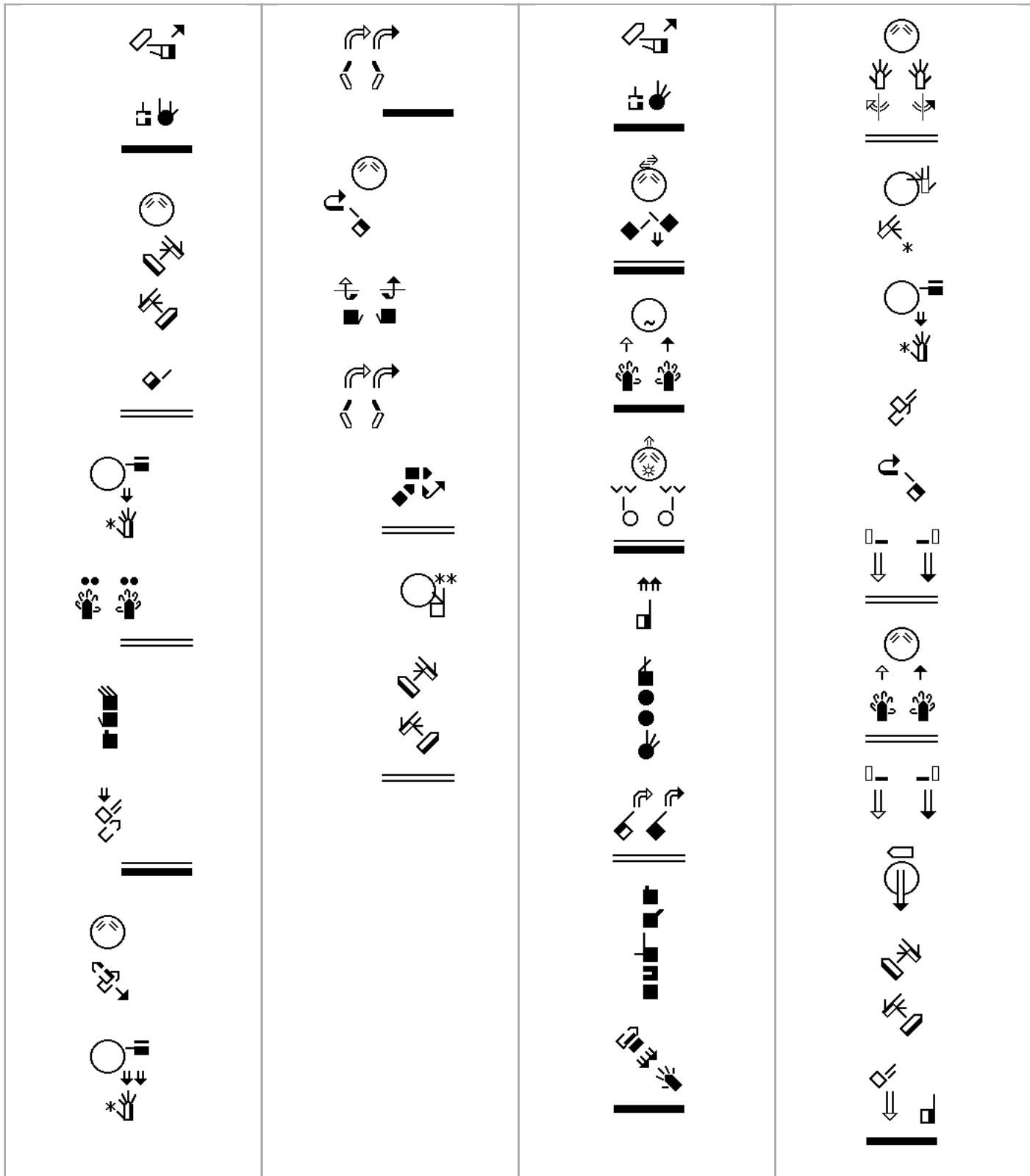
Luke 5:17



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Verse 17. One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.

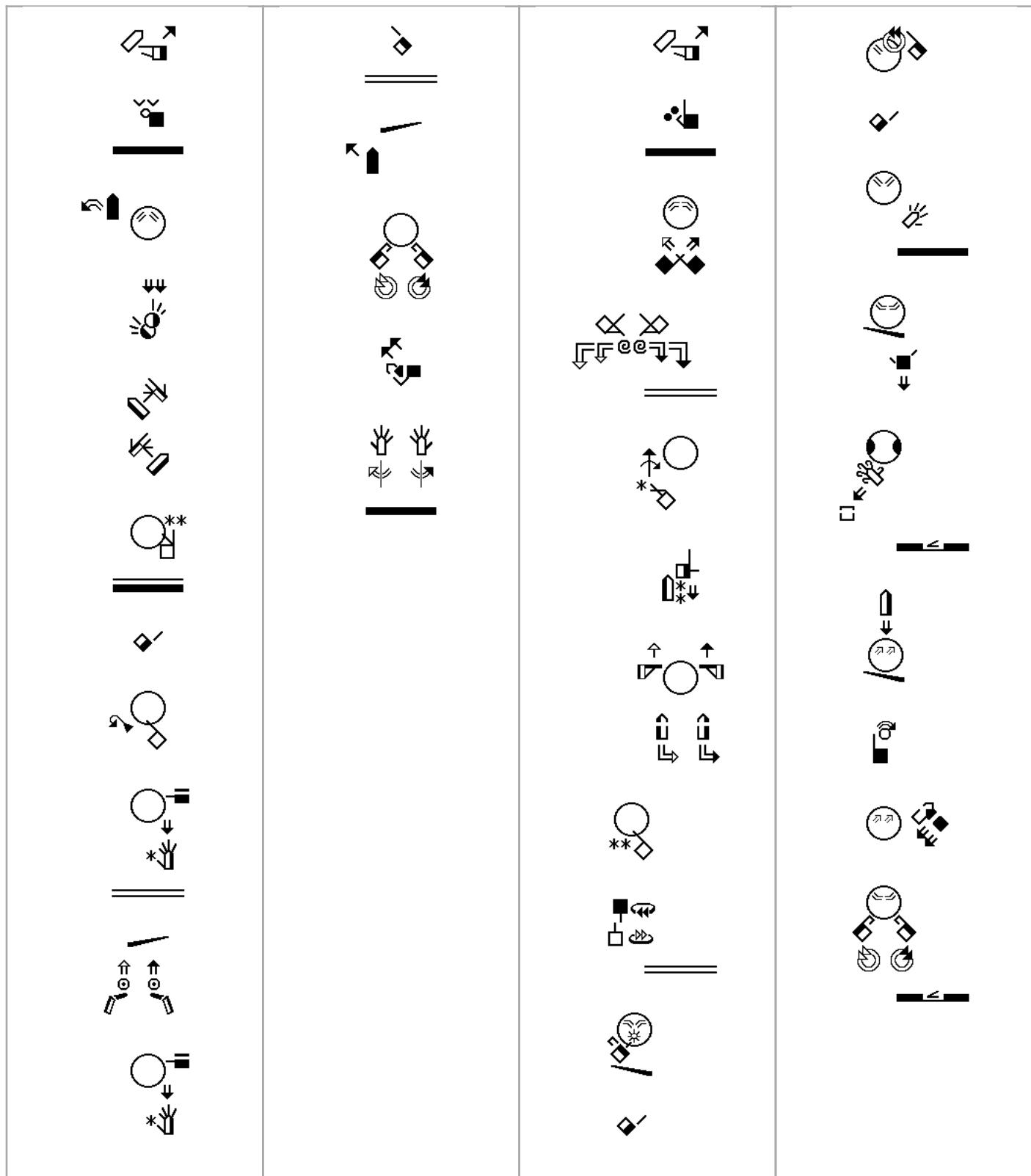
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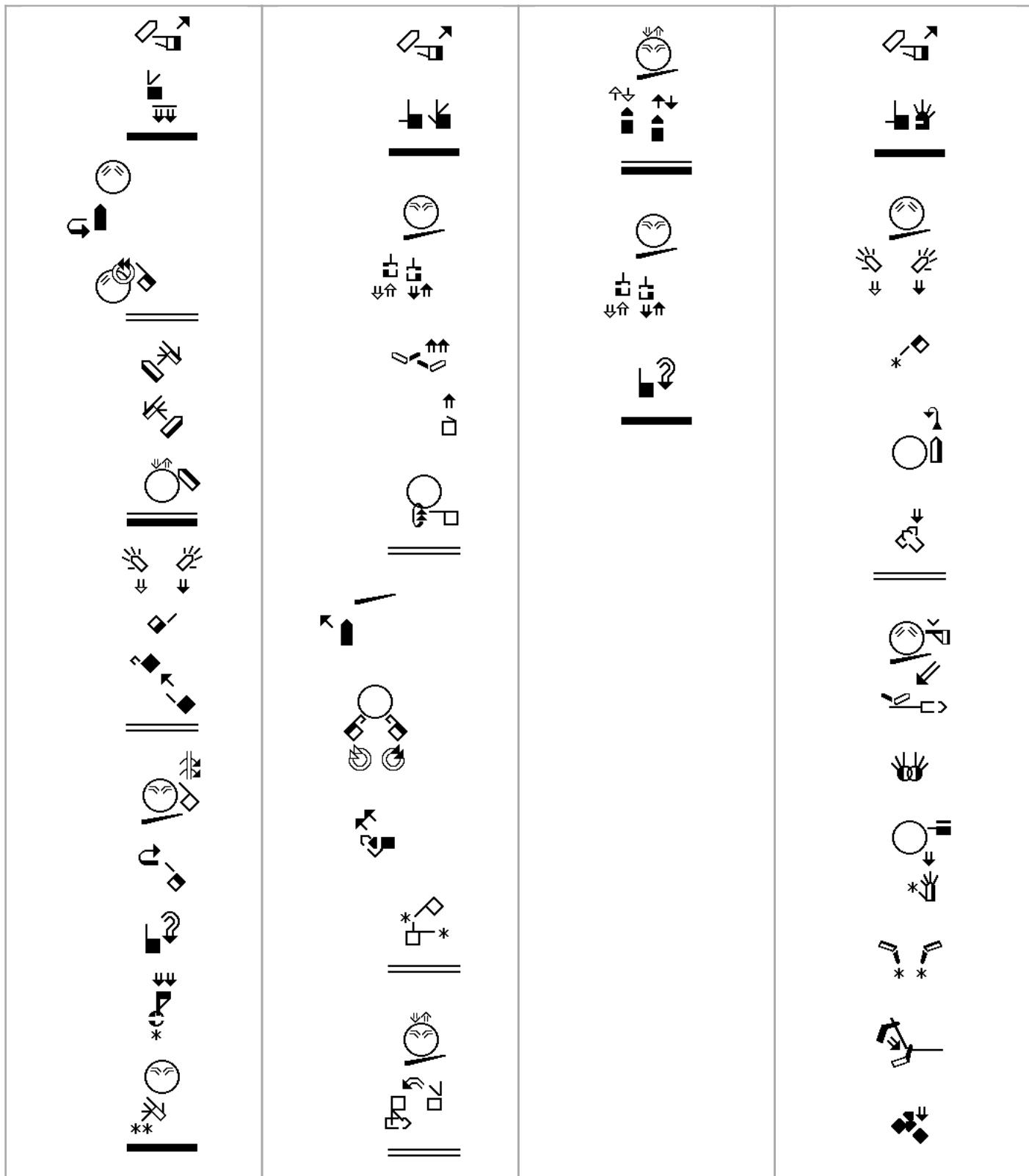
Verse 18. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, Verse 19. but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

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Luke 5:20-21

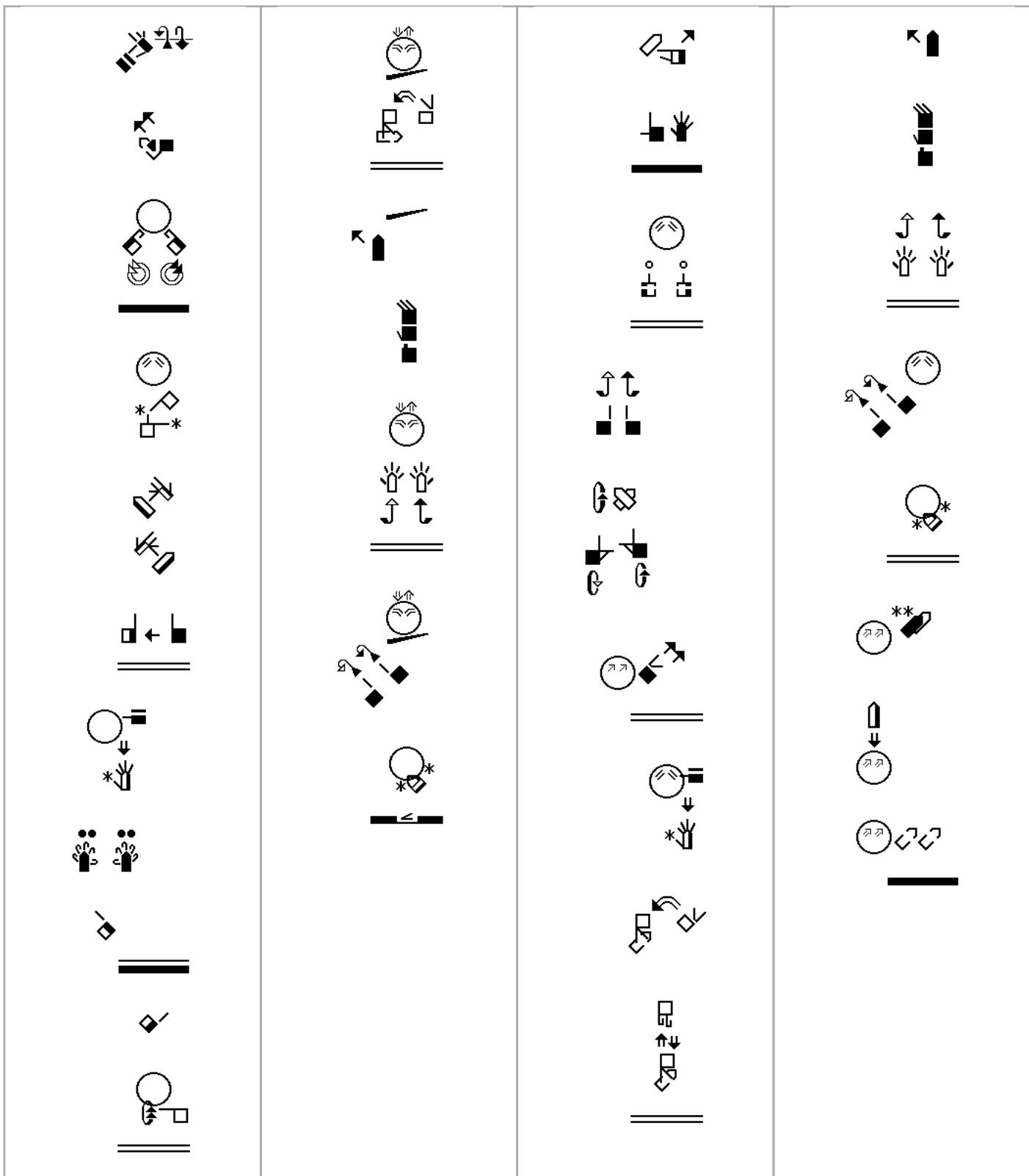


110 Verse 20. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."  
Verse 21. But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" NLT



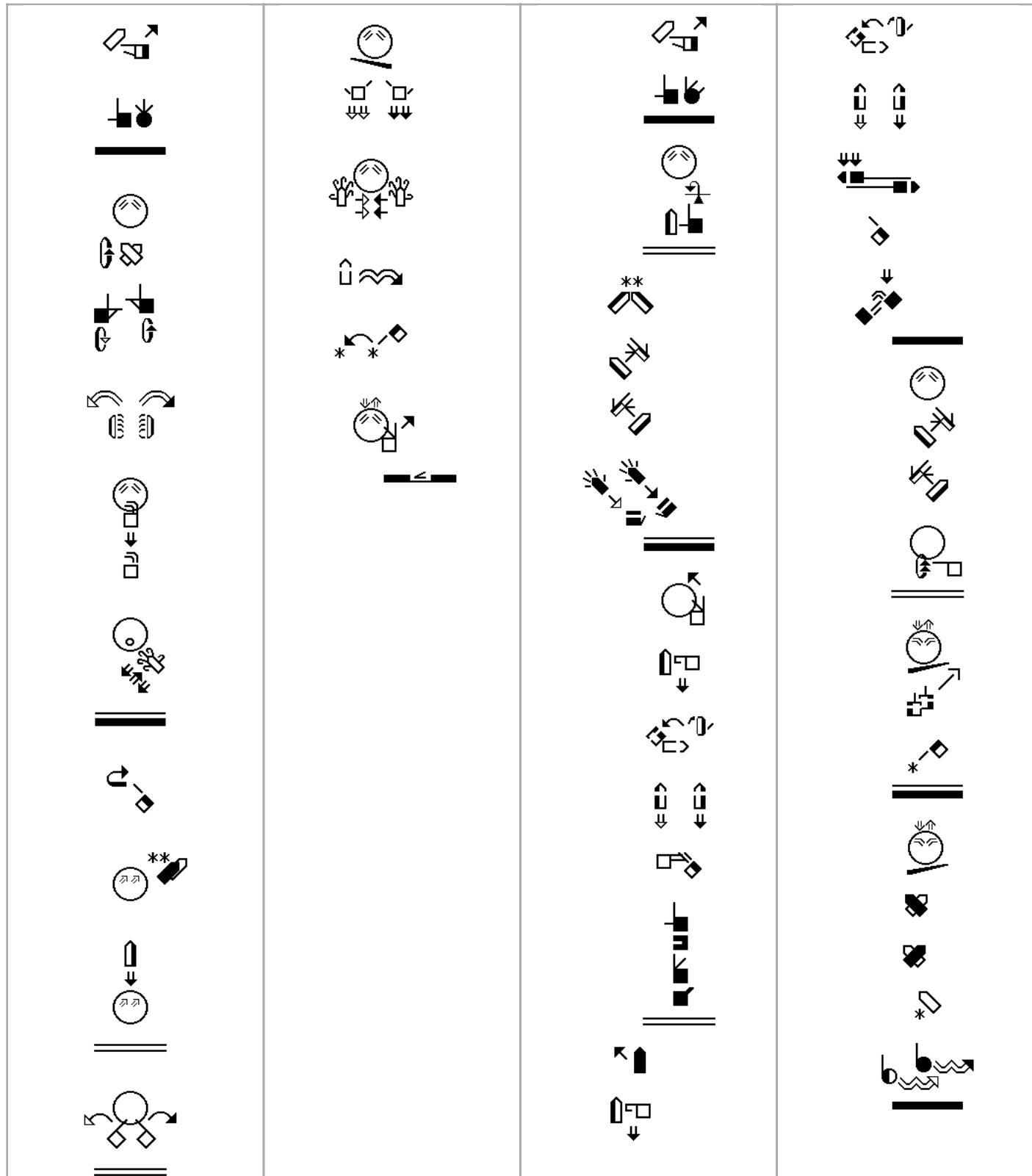
Verse 22. Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? Verse 23. Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? Verse 24. So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on NLT

Luke 5:24-25



112 earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" Verse 25. And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home, praising God.

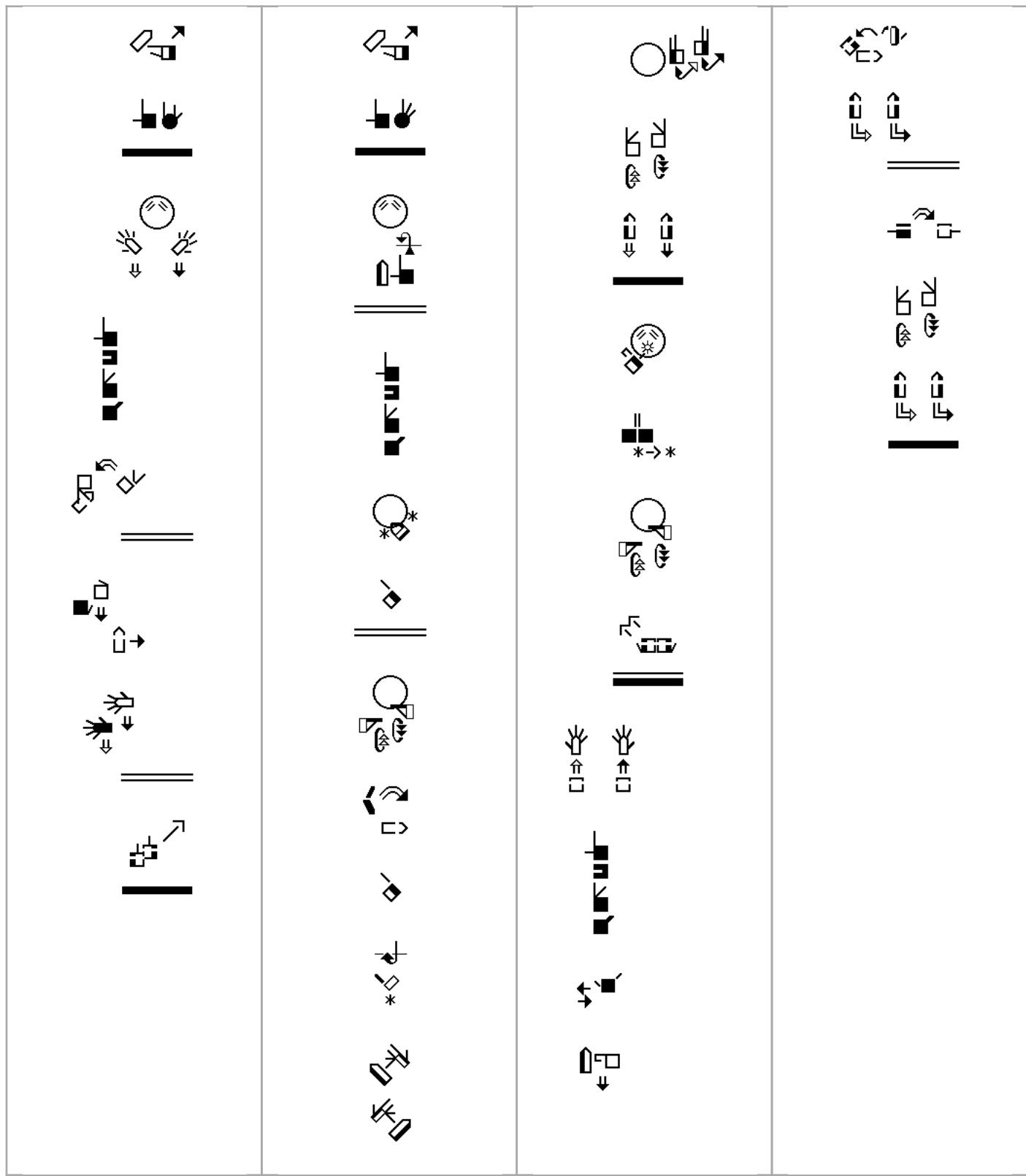
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Verse 26. Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!" Verse 27. Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him.

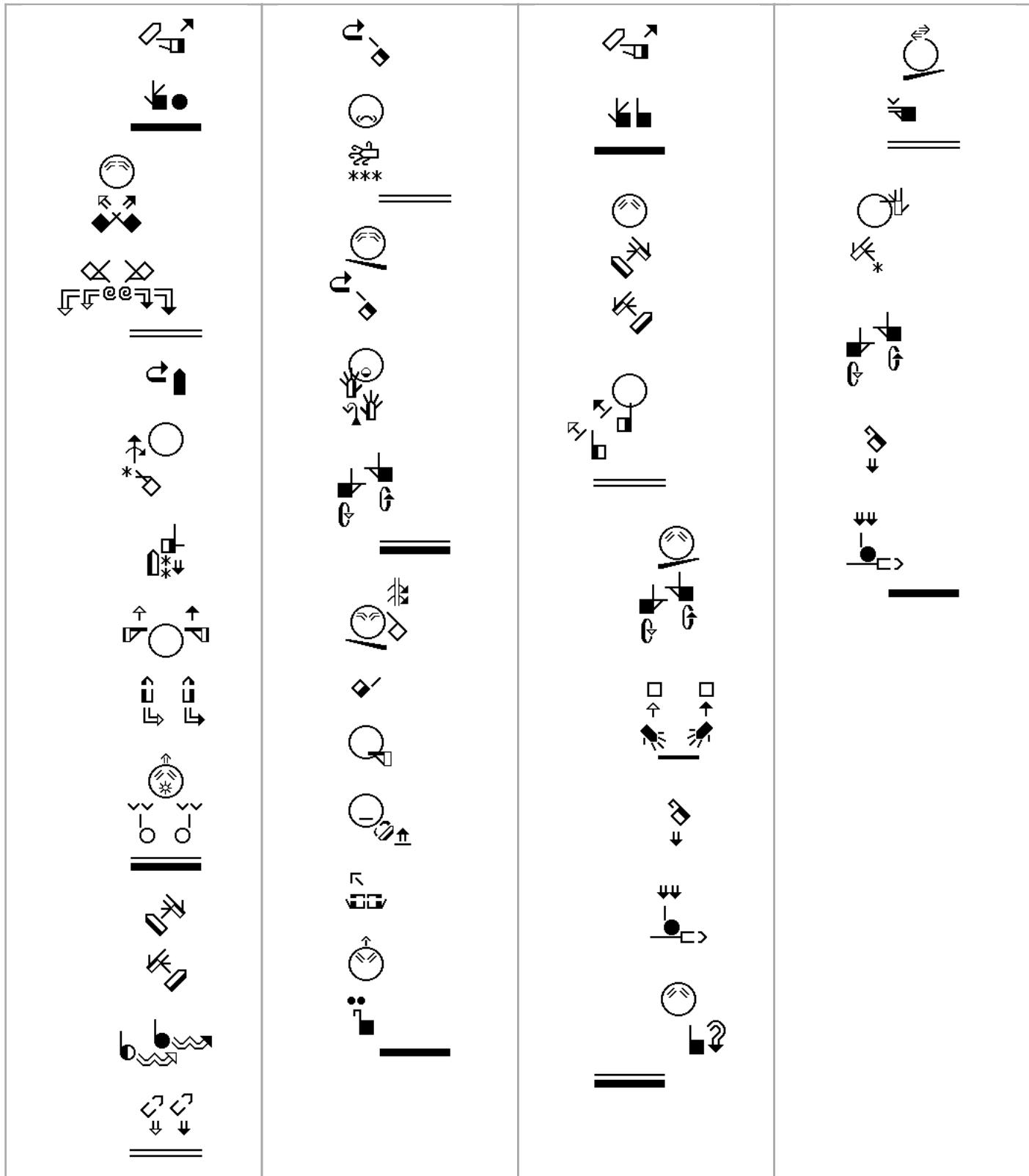
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Luke 5:28-29



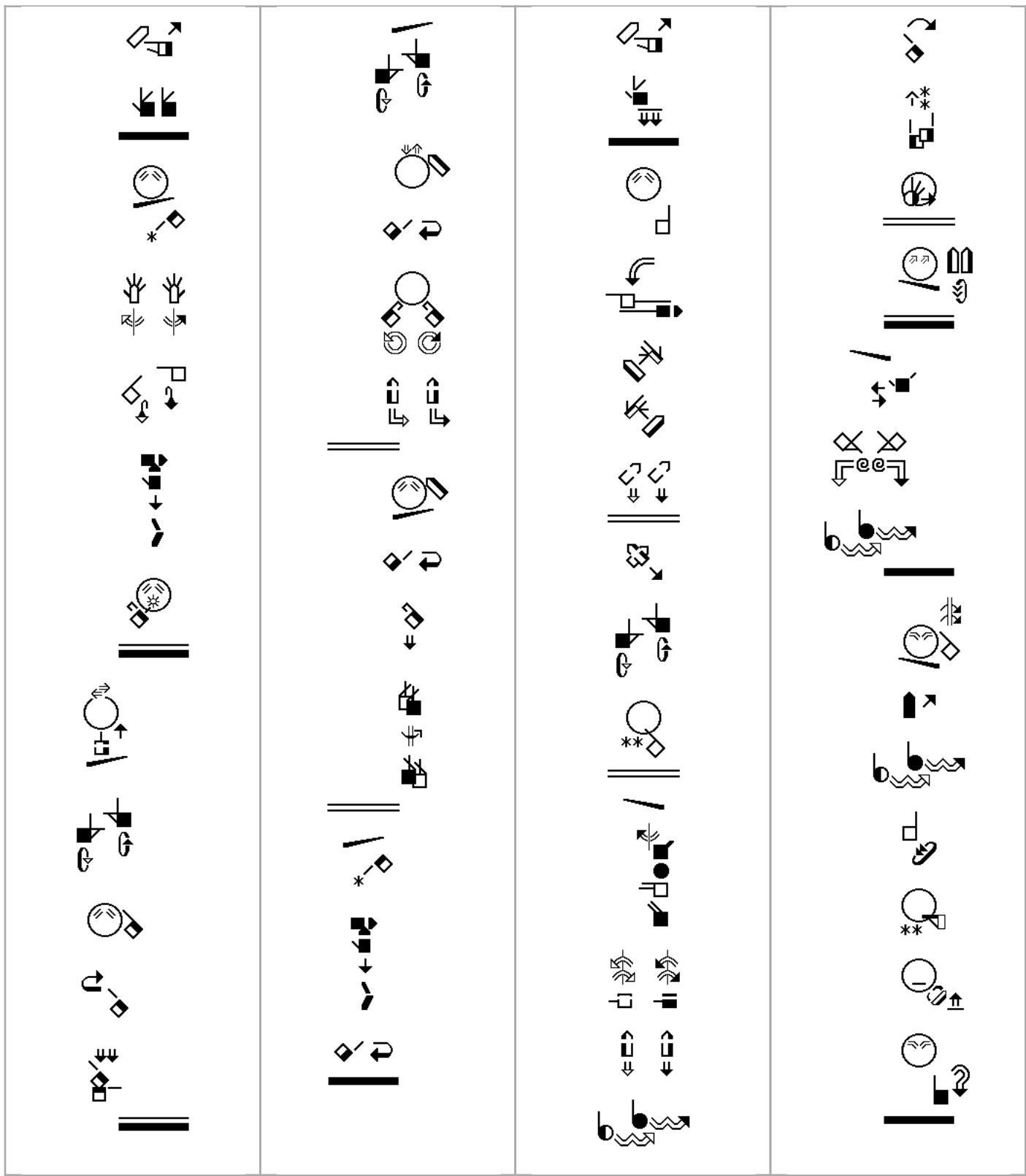
114 Verse 28. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. Verse 29. Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.

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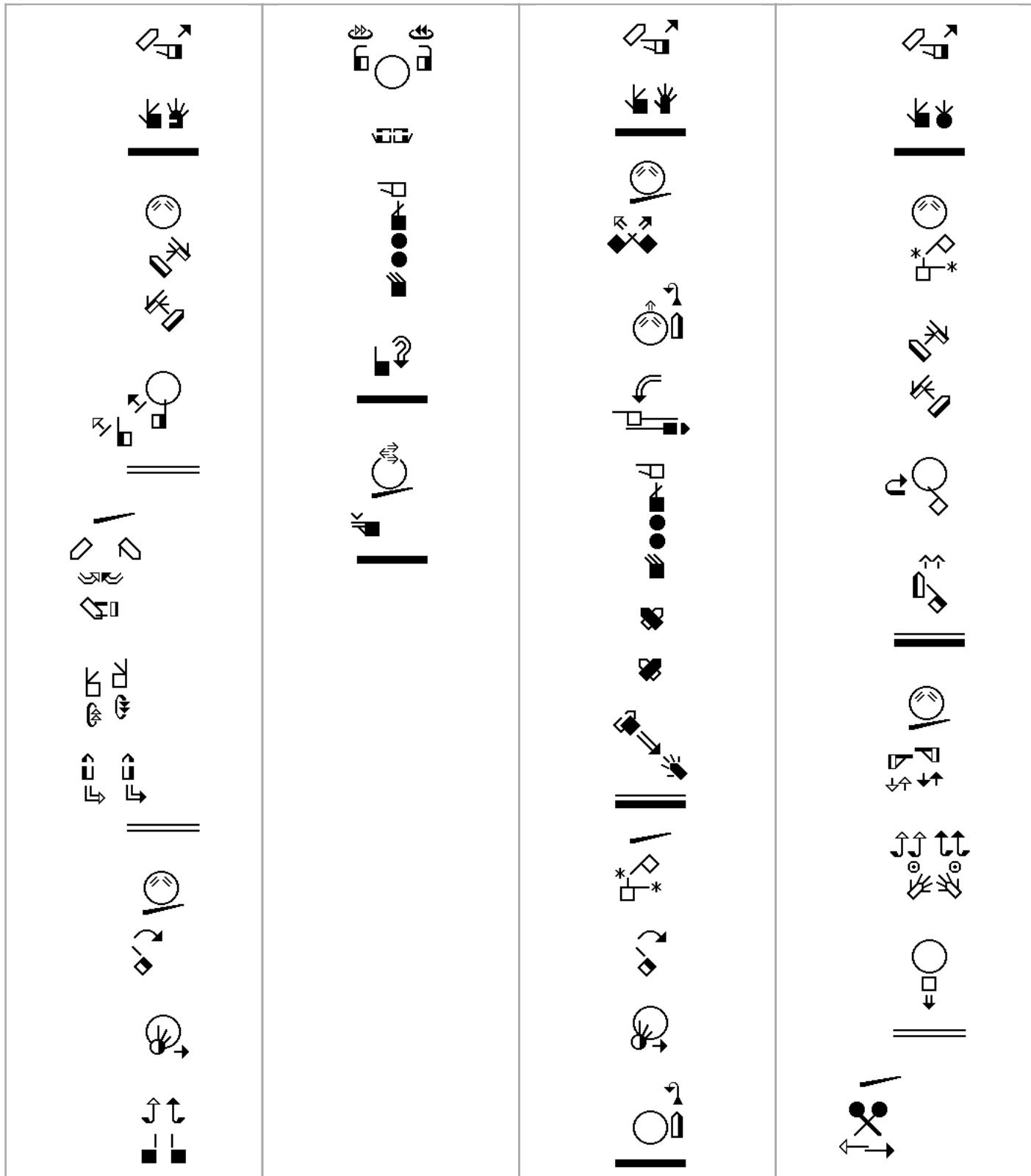


Verse 30. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Verse 31. Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor -- sick people do."

Luke 5:32-33



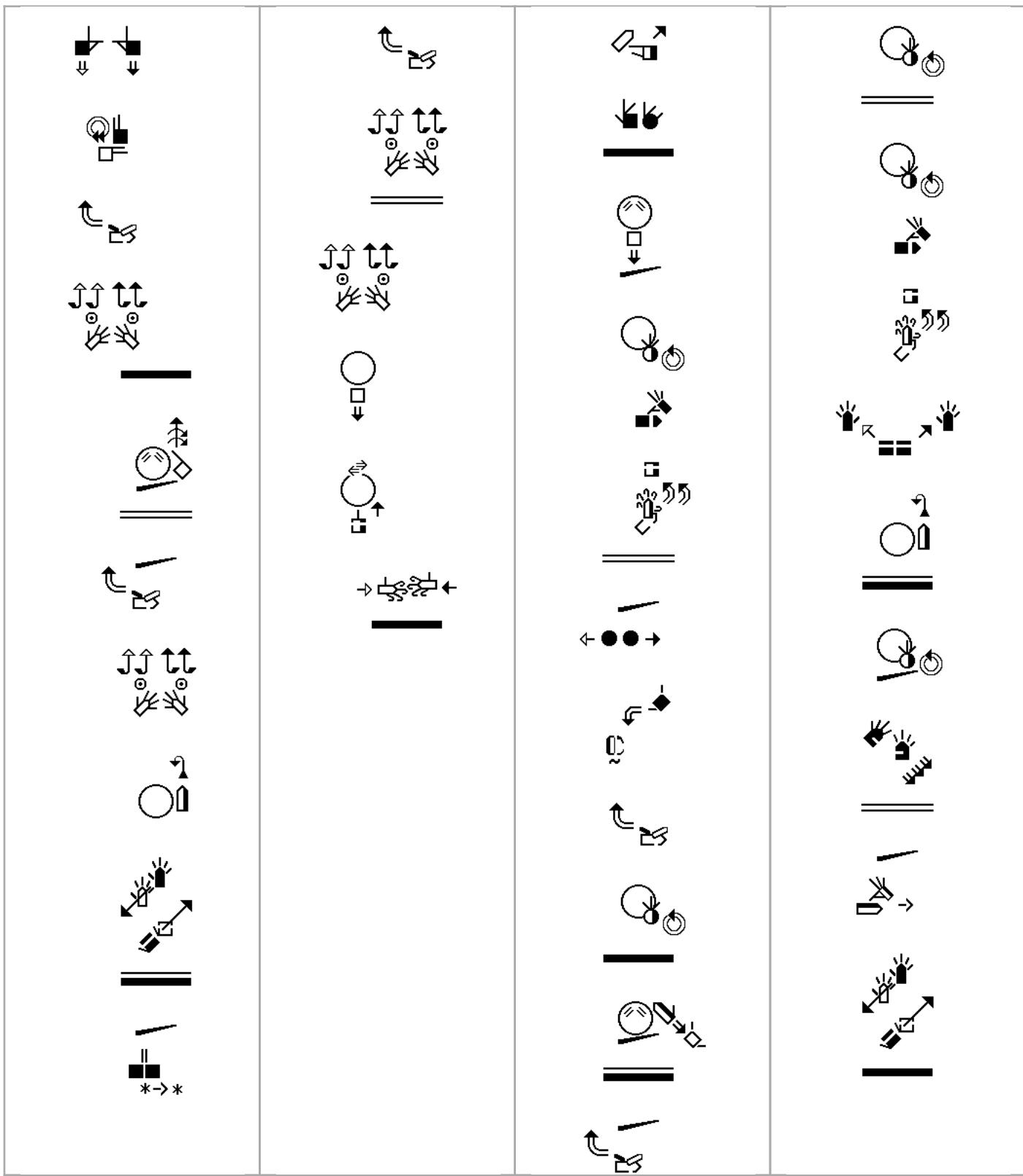
116 Verse 32. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." Verse 33. One day some people said to Jesus, "John the Baptist's disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?" NLT



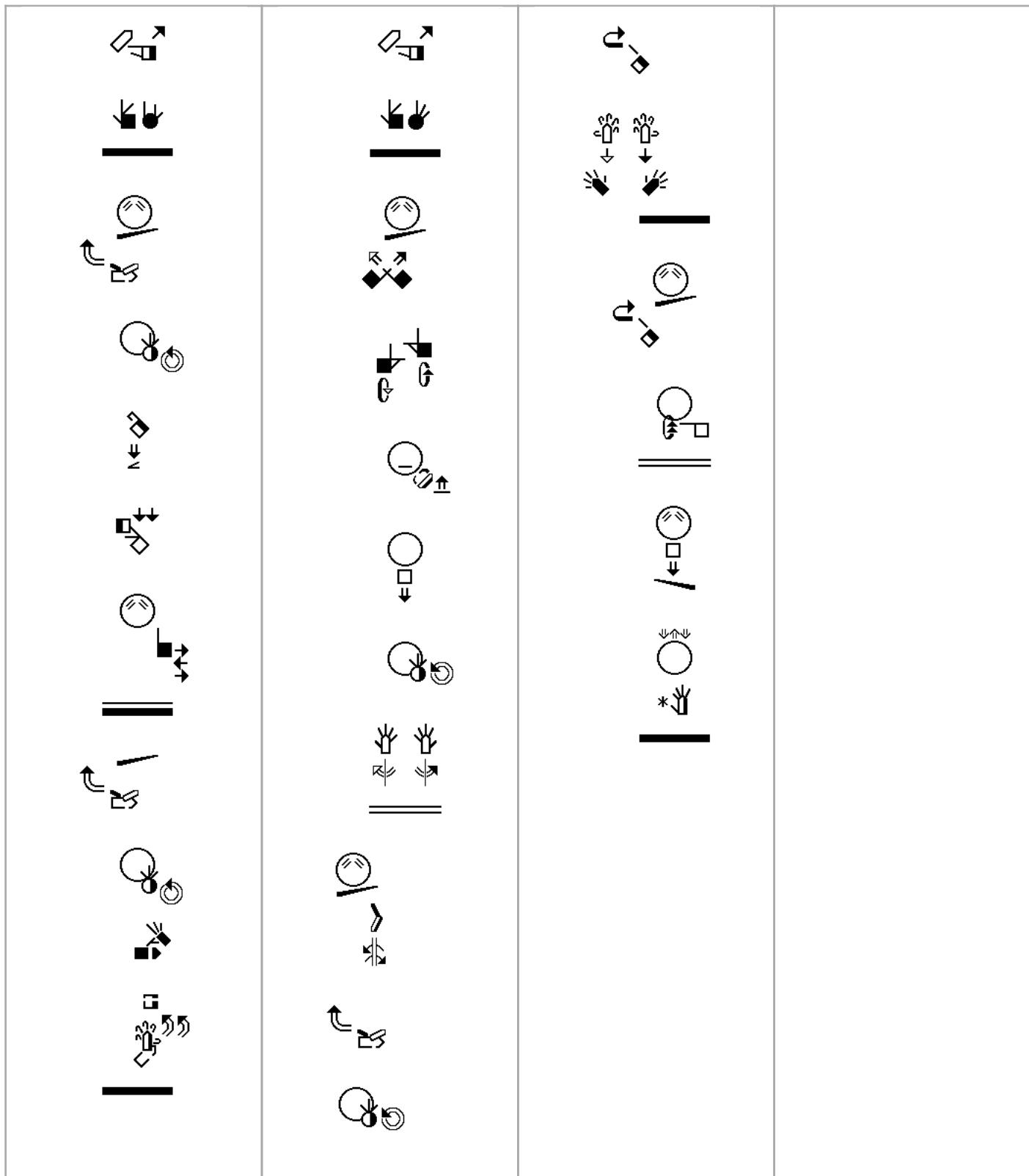
Verse 34. Jesus responded, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. Verse 35. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast." Verse 36. Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment.

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Luke 5:36-37

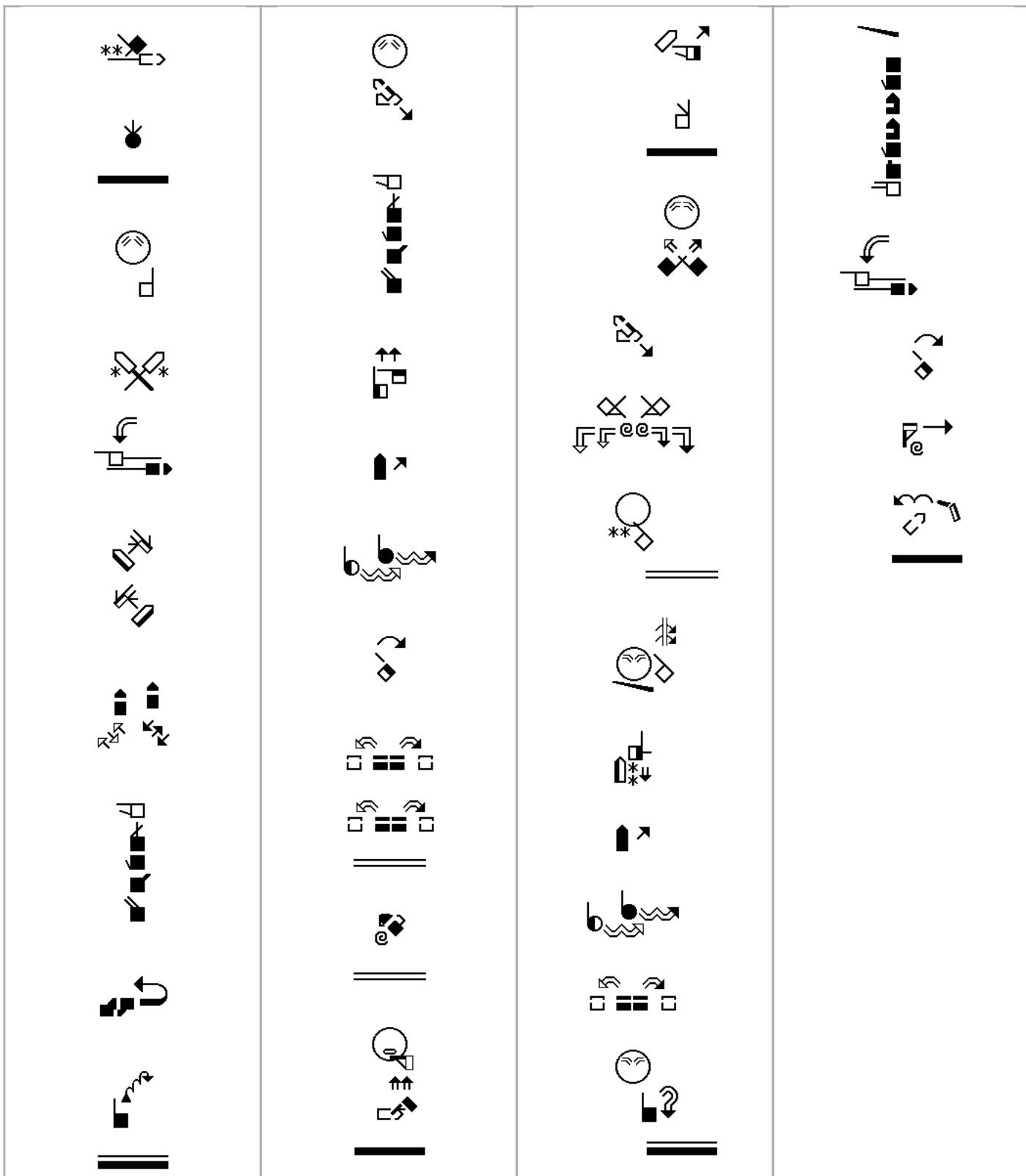


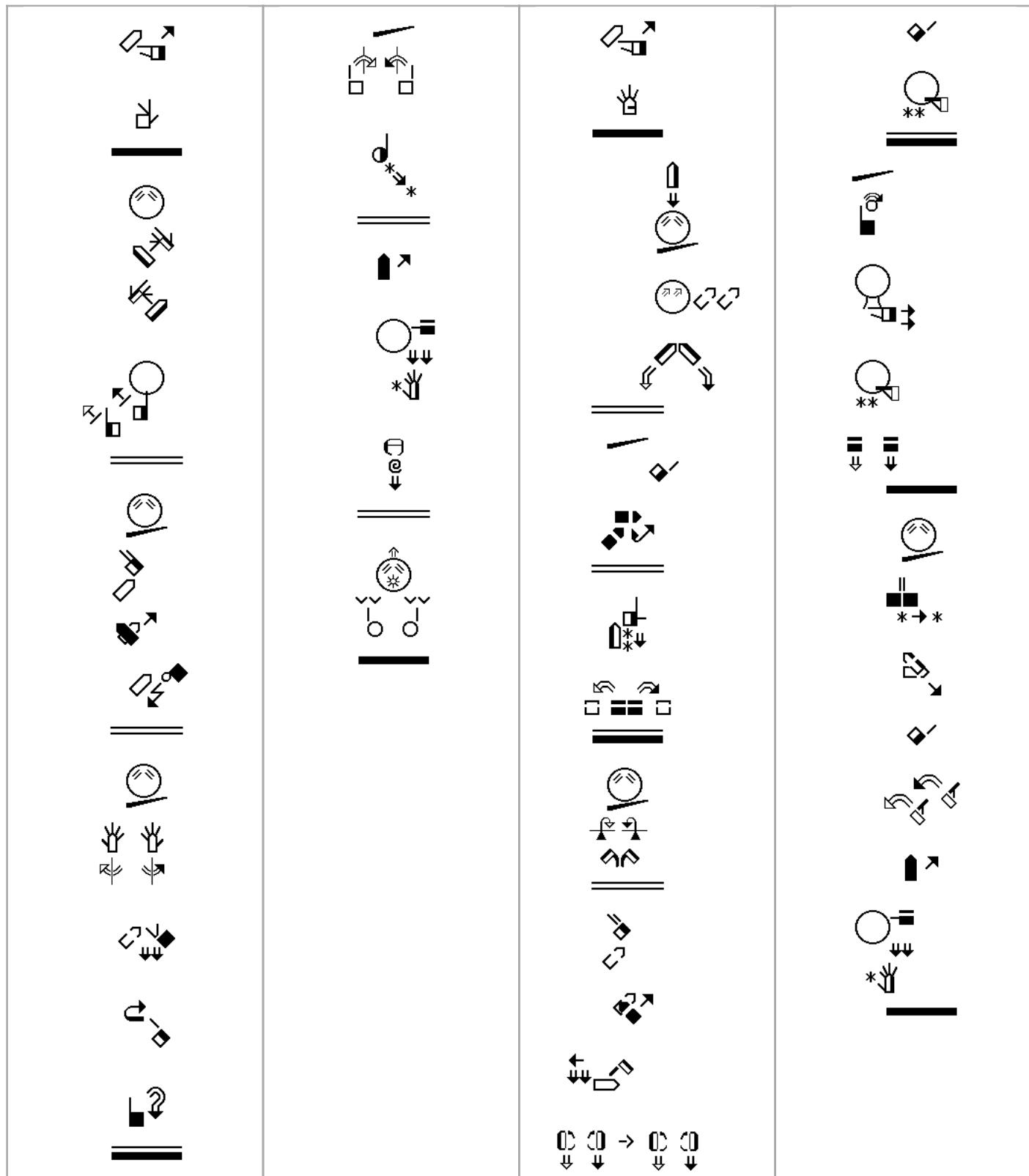
118 For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment. Verse 37. "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins." NLT



Verse 38. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. Verse 39. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. 'The old is just fine,' they say." NLT

Luke 6:1-2

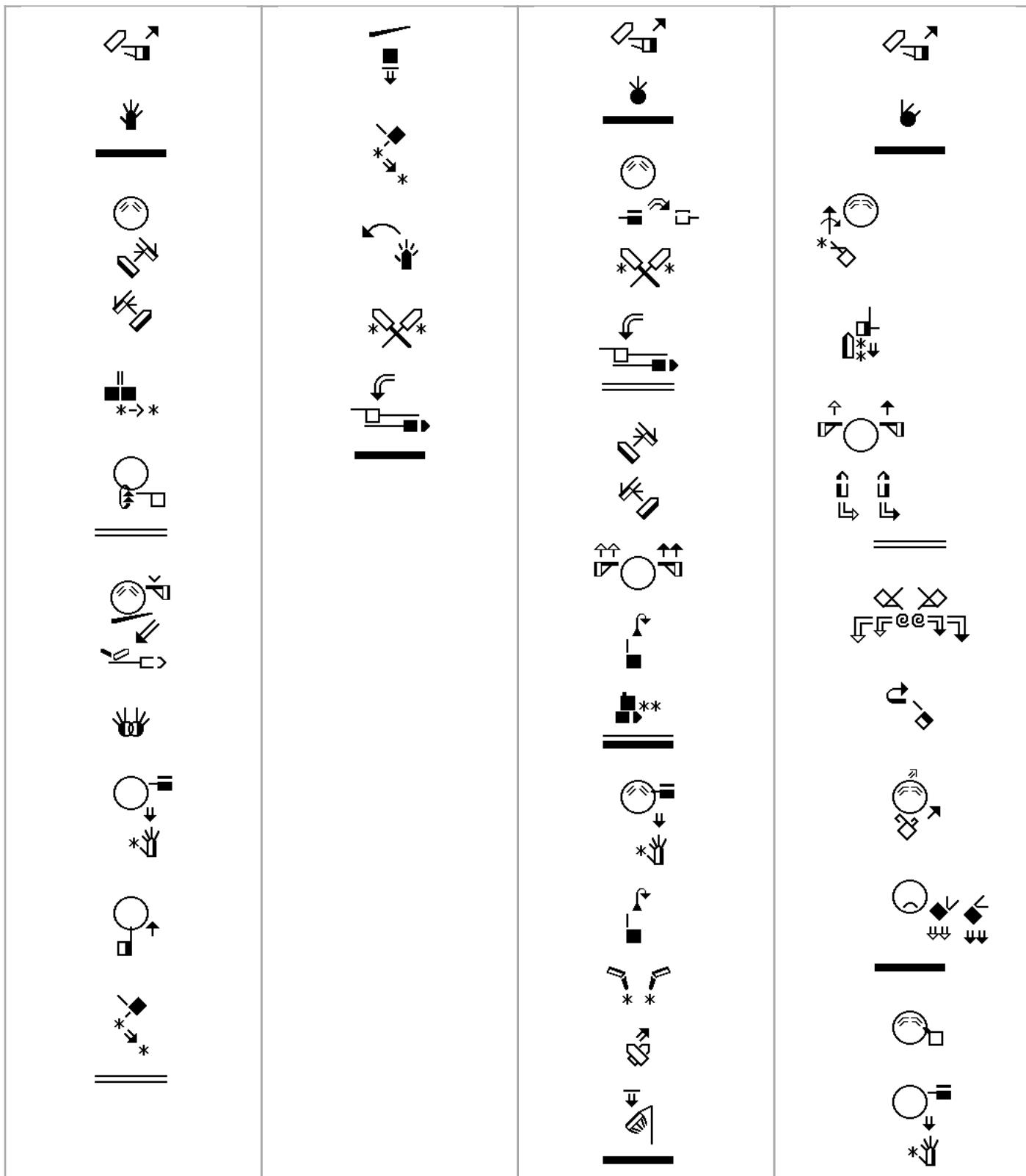


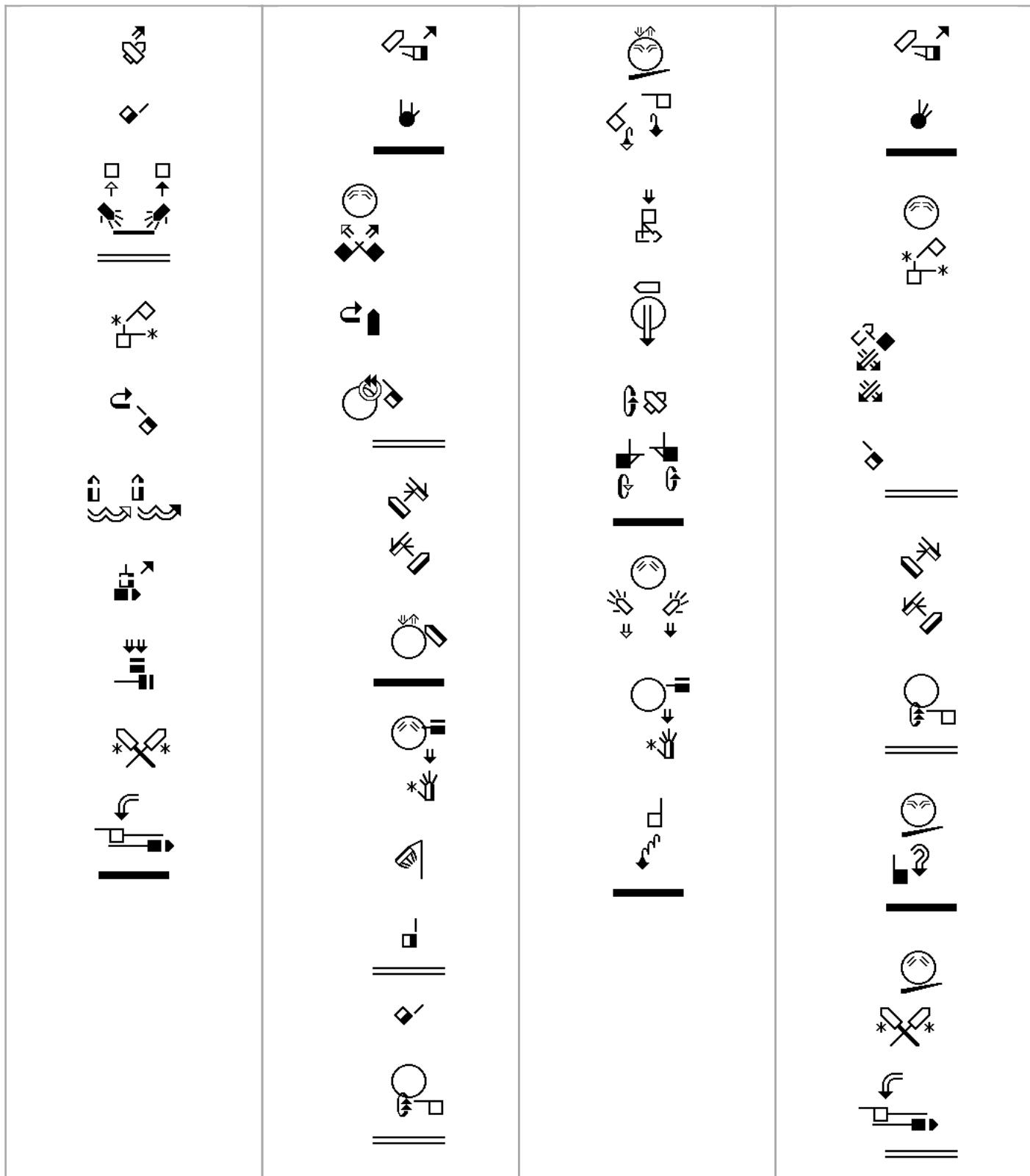


Verse 3. Jesus replied, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? Verse 4. He went into the house of God and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests can eat. He also gave some to his companions."

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Luke 6:5-7

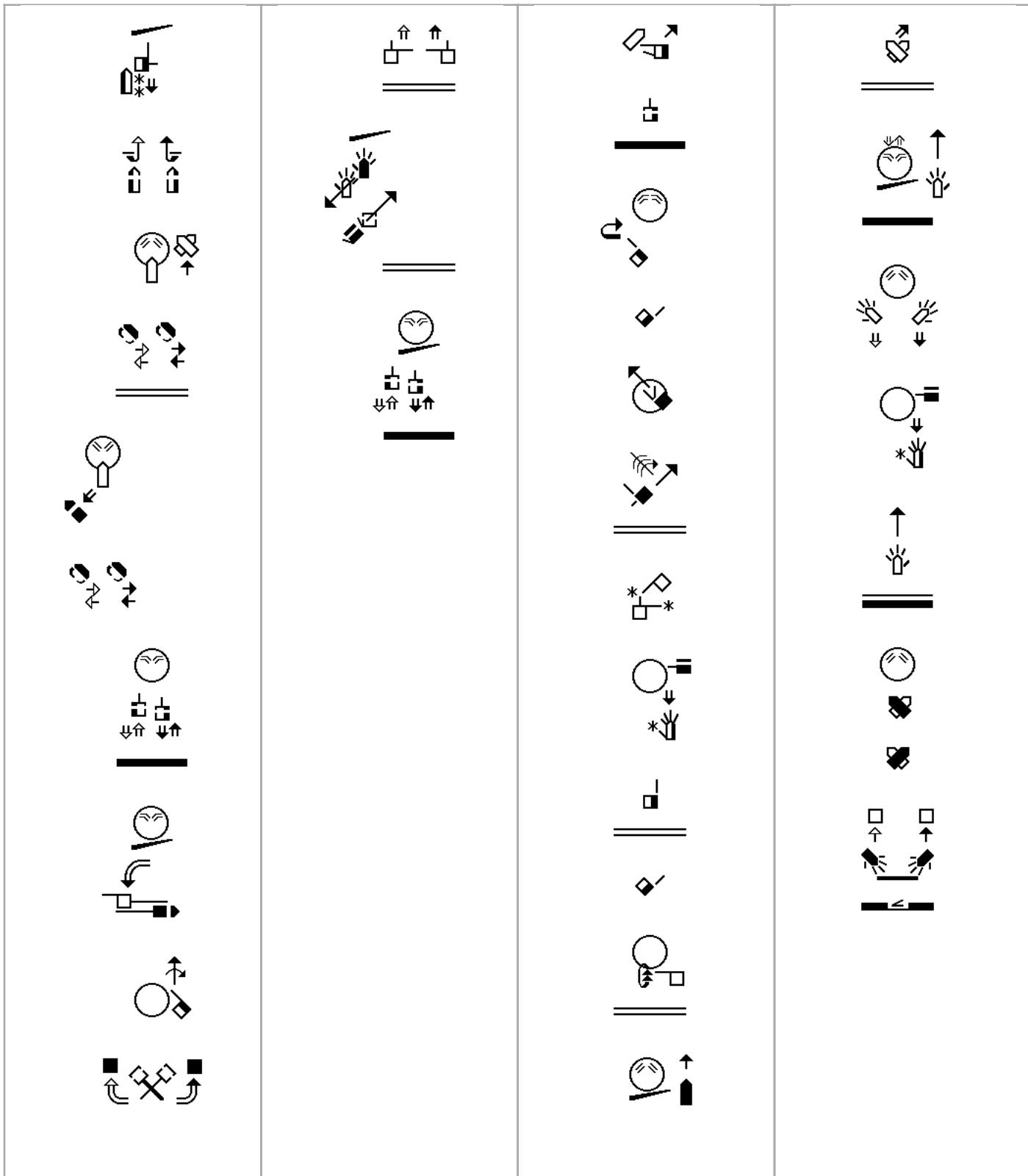




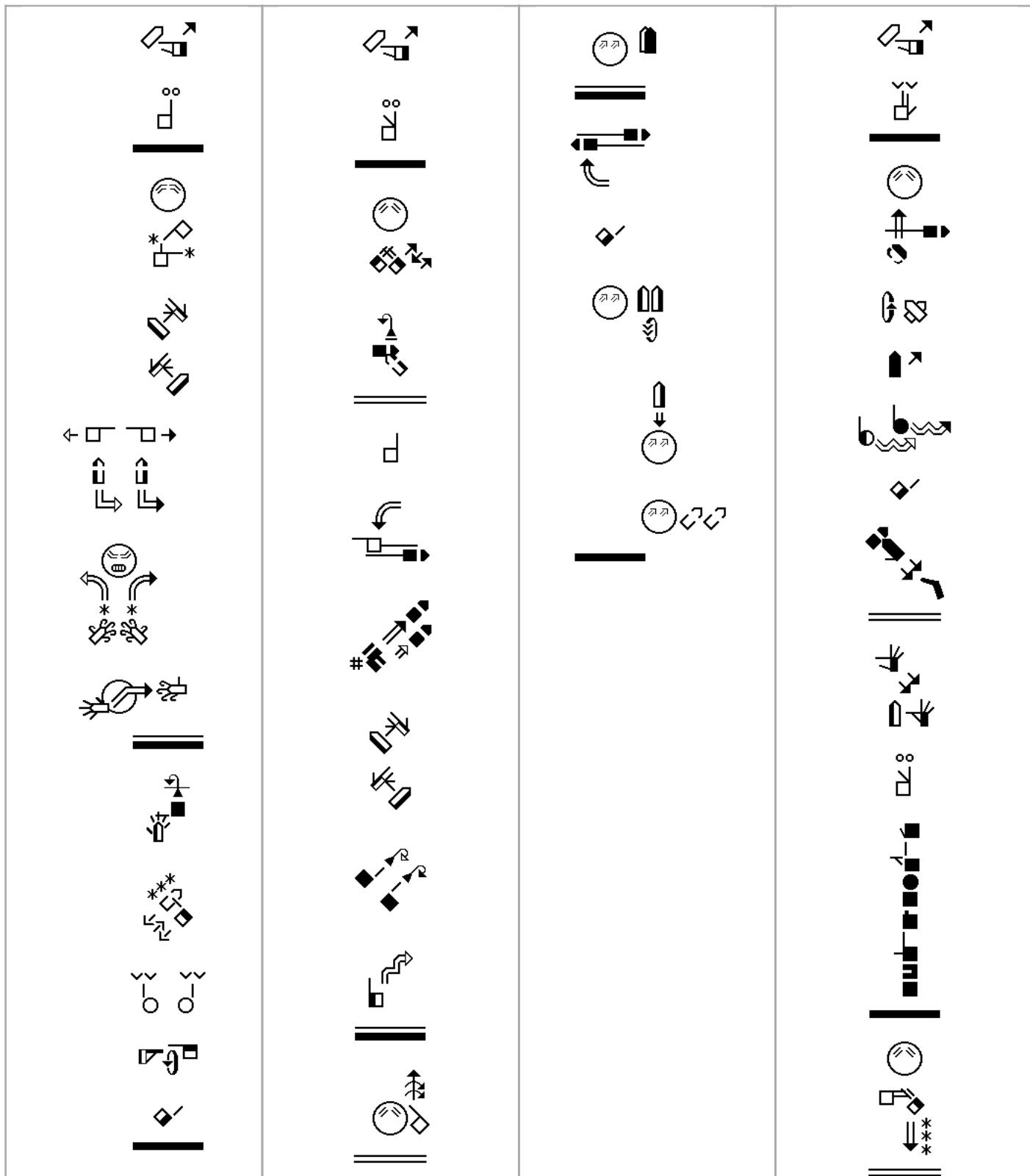
he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. Verse 8. But Jesus knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." So the man came forward. Verse 9. Then Jesus said to his critics, "I have a question for you.

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Luke 6:9-10



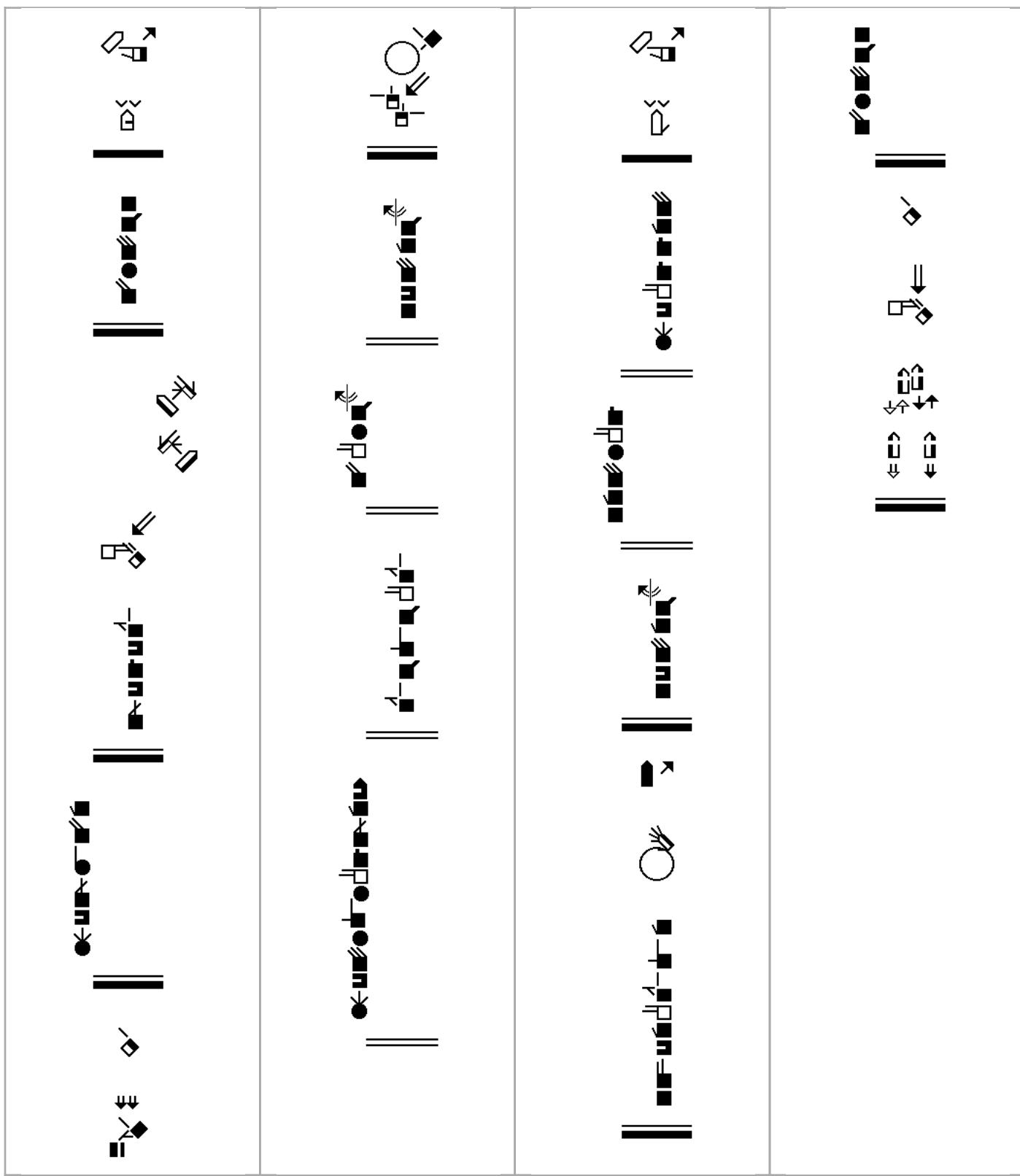
124 Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" Verse 10. He looked around at them one by one and then said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! NLT

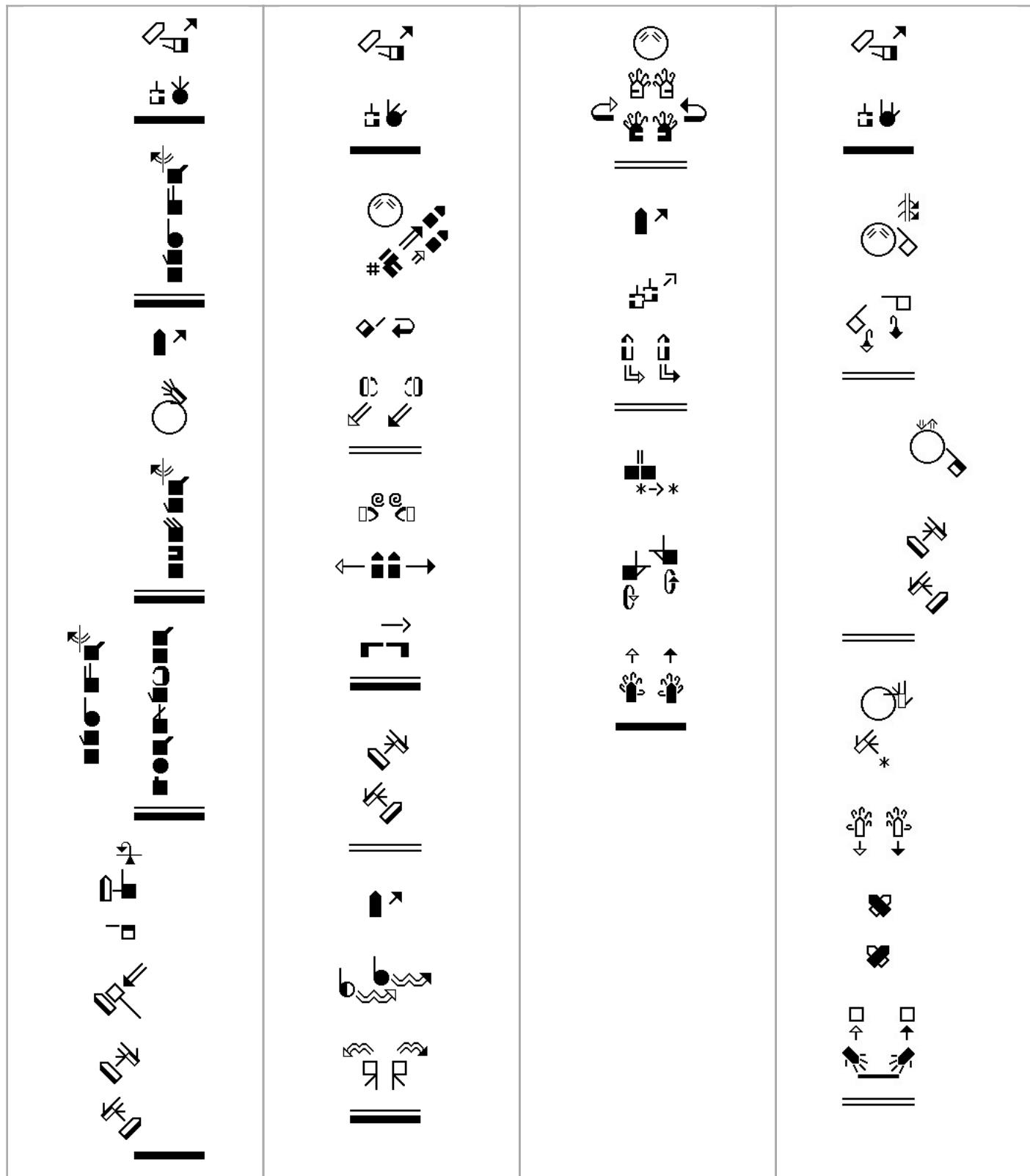


Verse 11. At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him. Verse 12. One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. Verse 13. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names:

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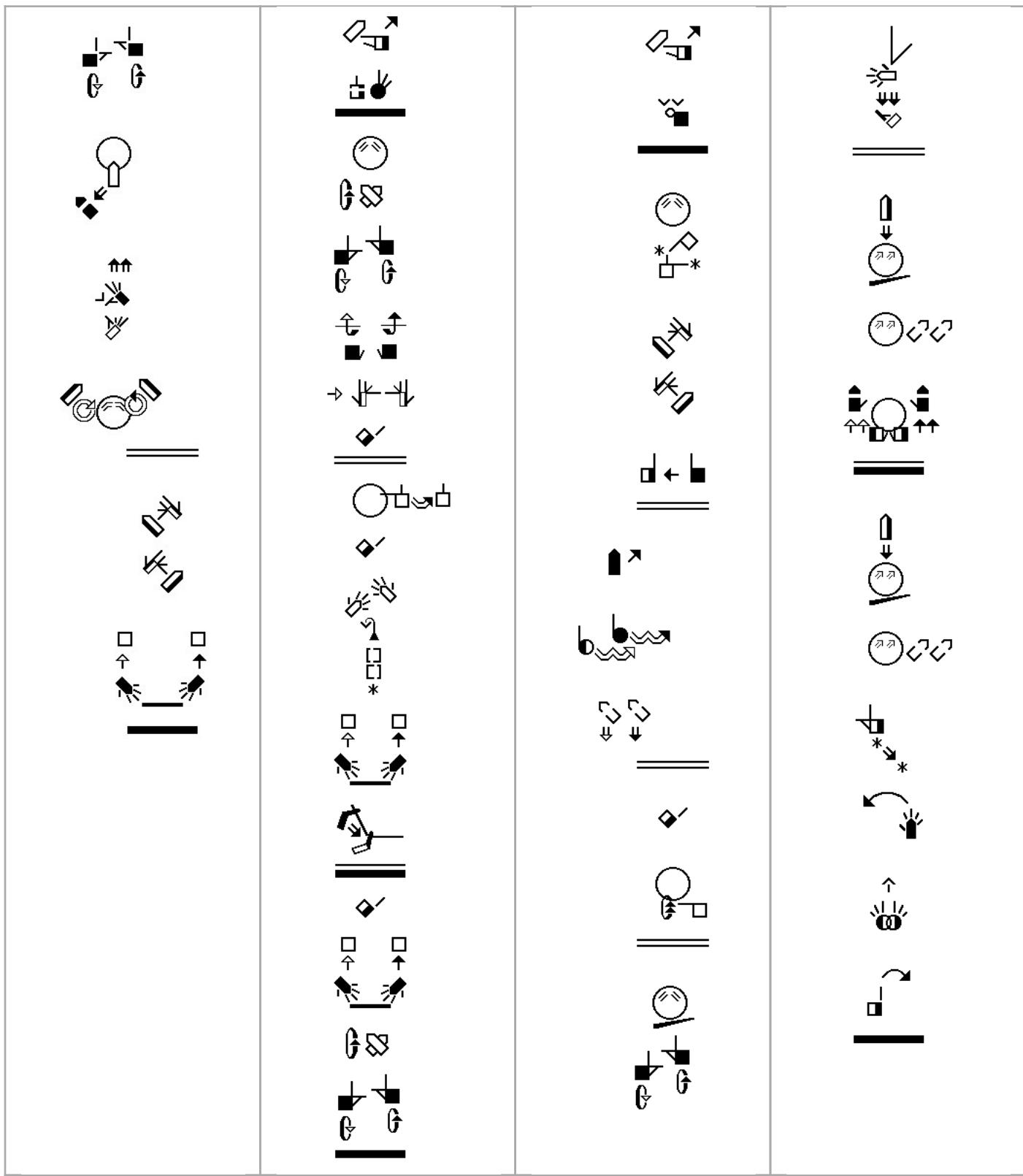
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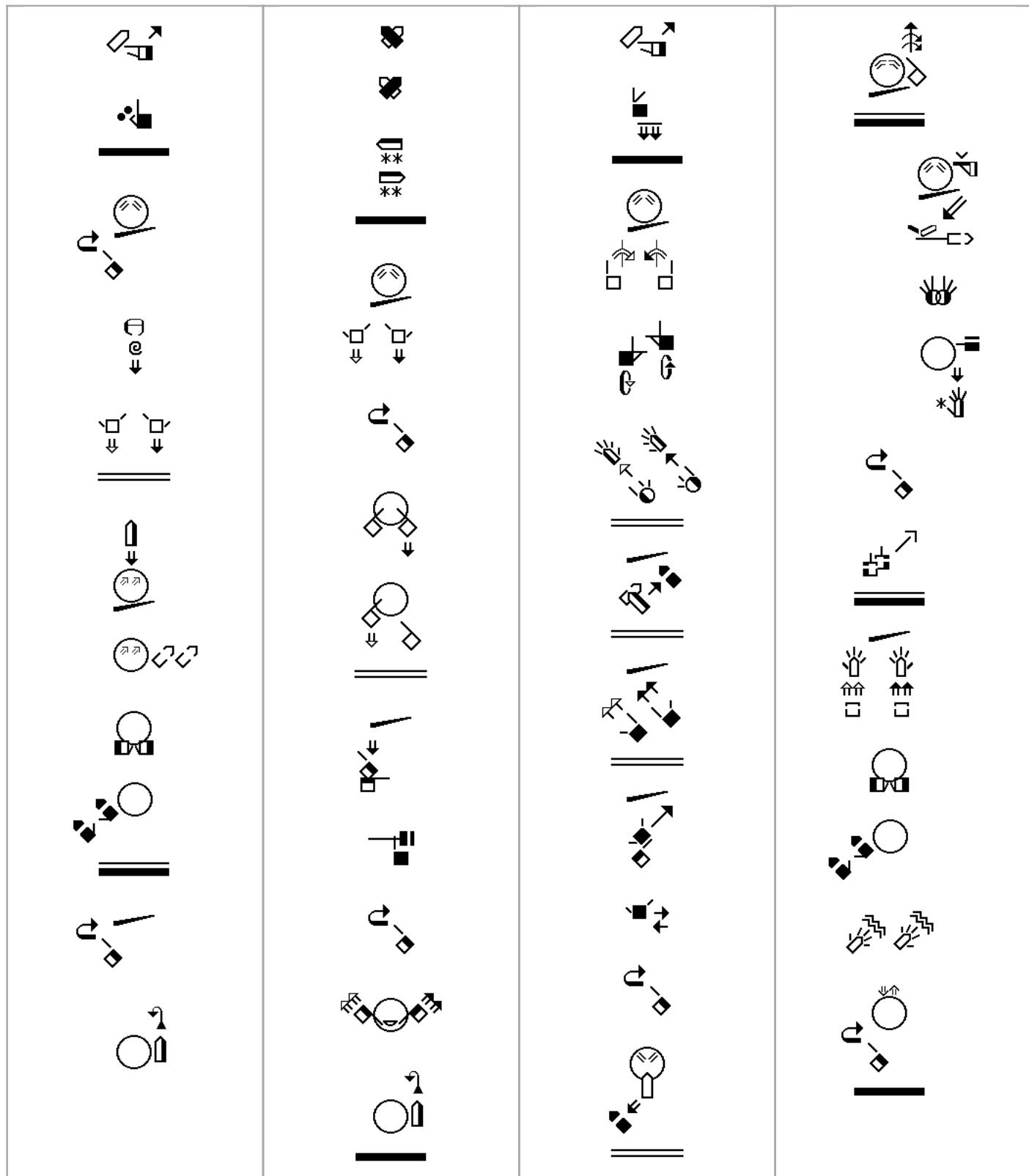
Verse 16. Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him). Verse 17. When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. Verse 18. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; NLT

Luke 6:18-20



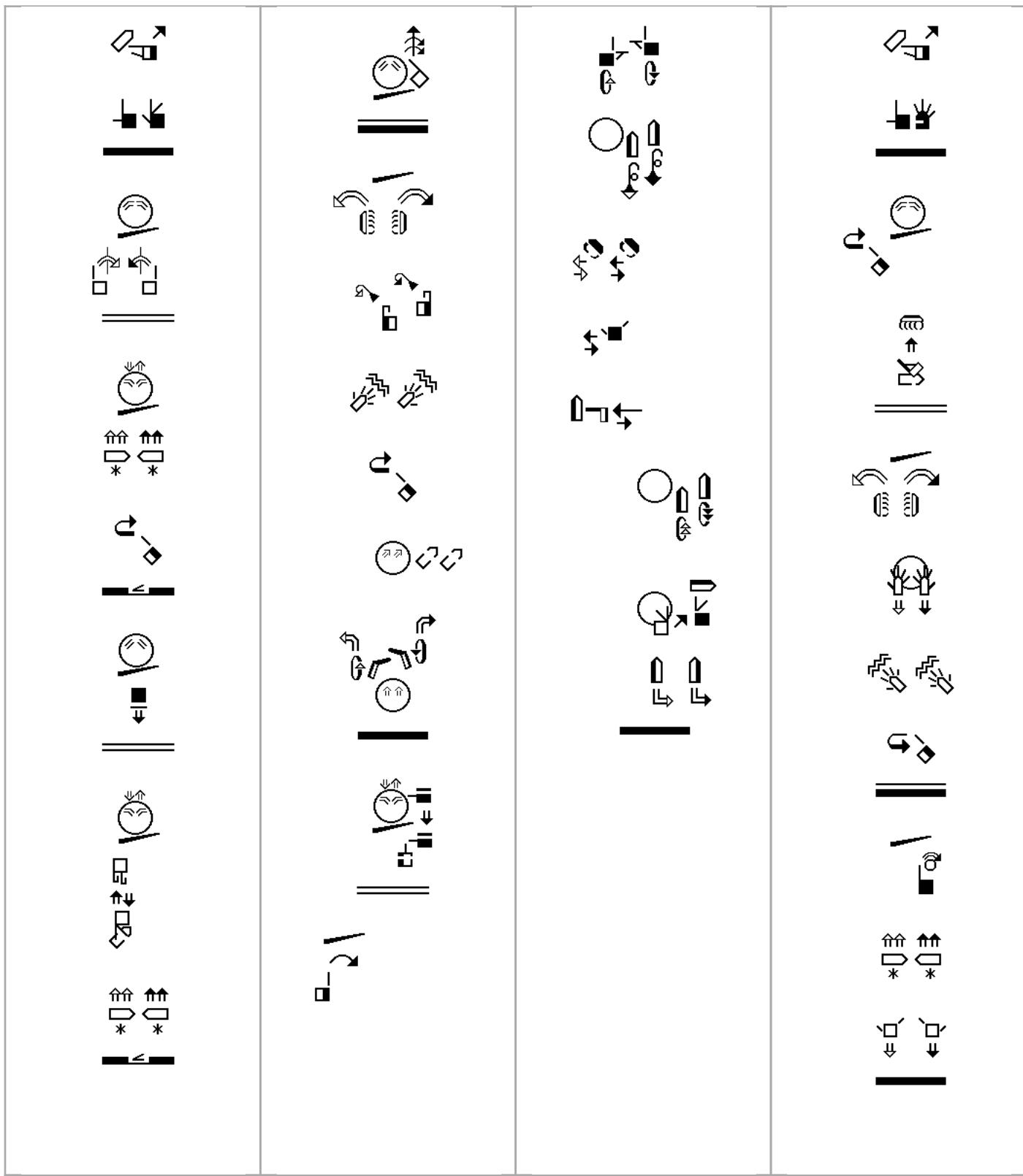
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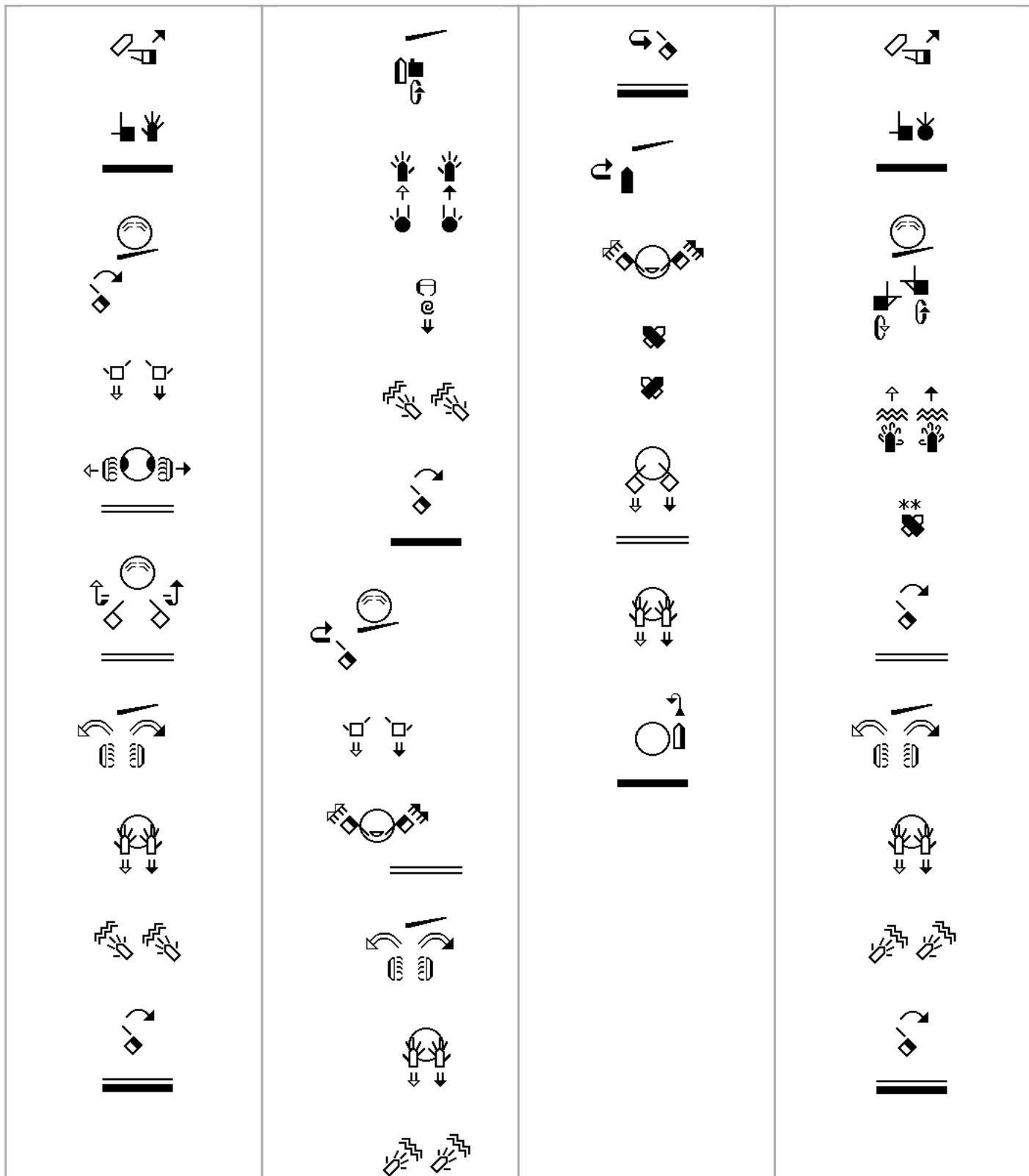
and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. Verse 19. Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone. Verse 20. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. NLT



Verse 21. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh. Verse 22. What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.

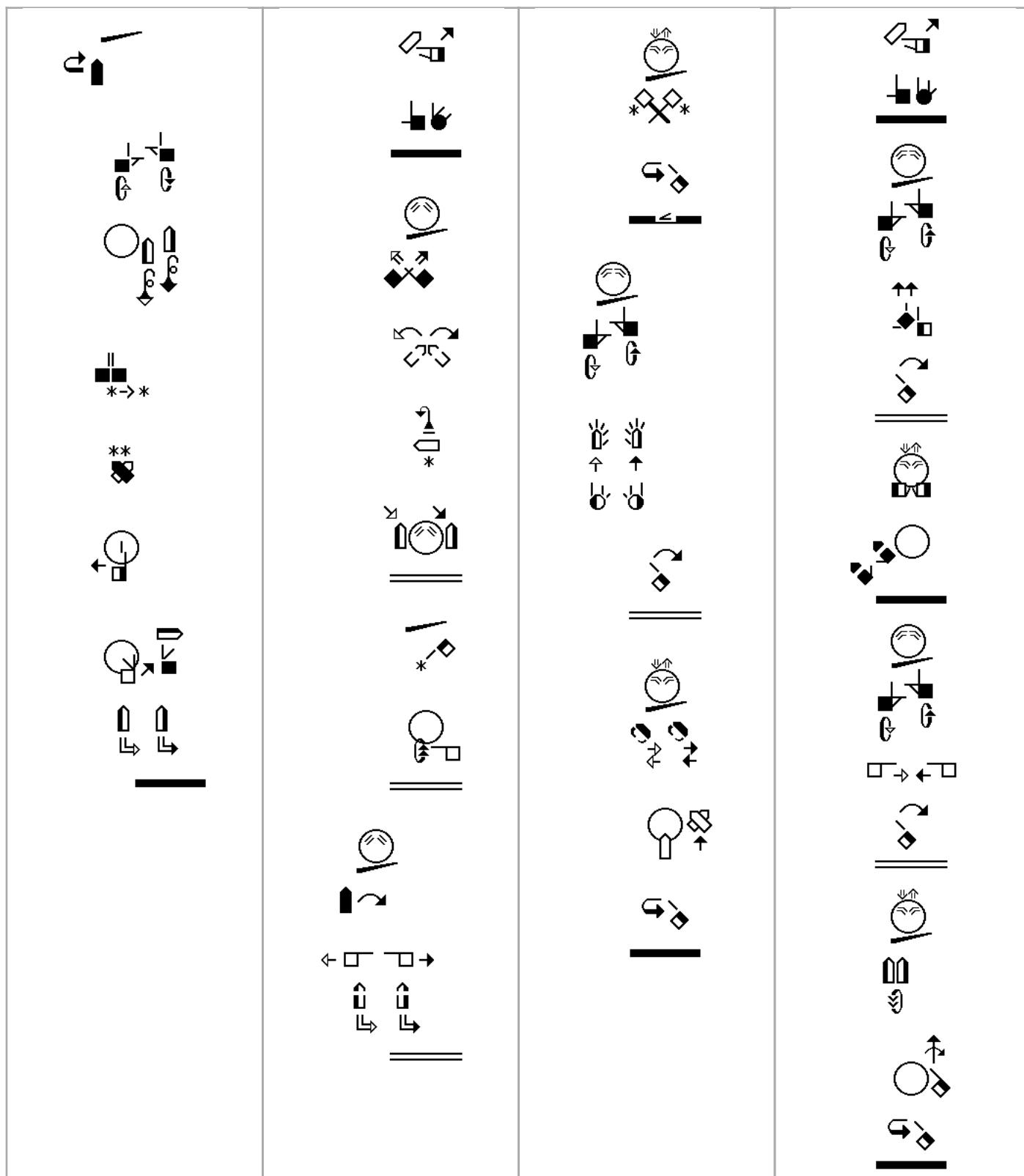
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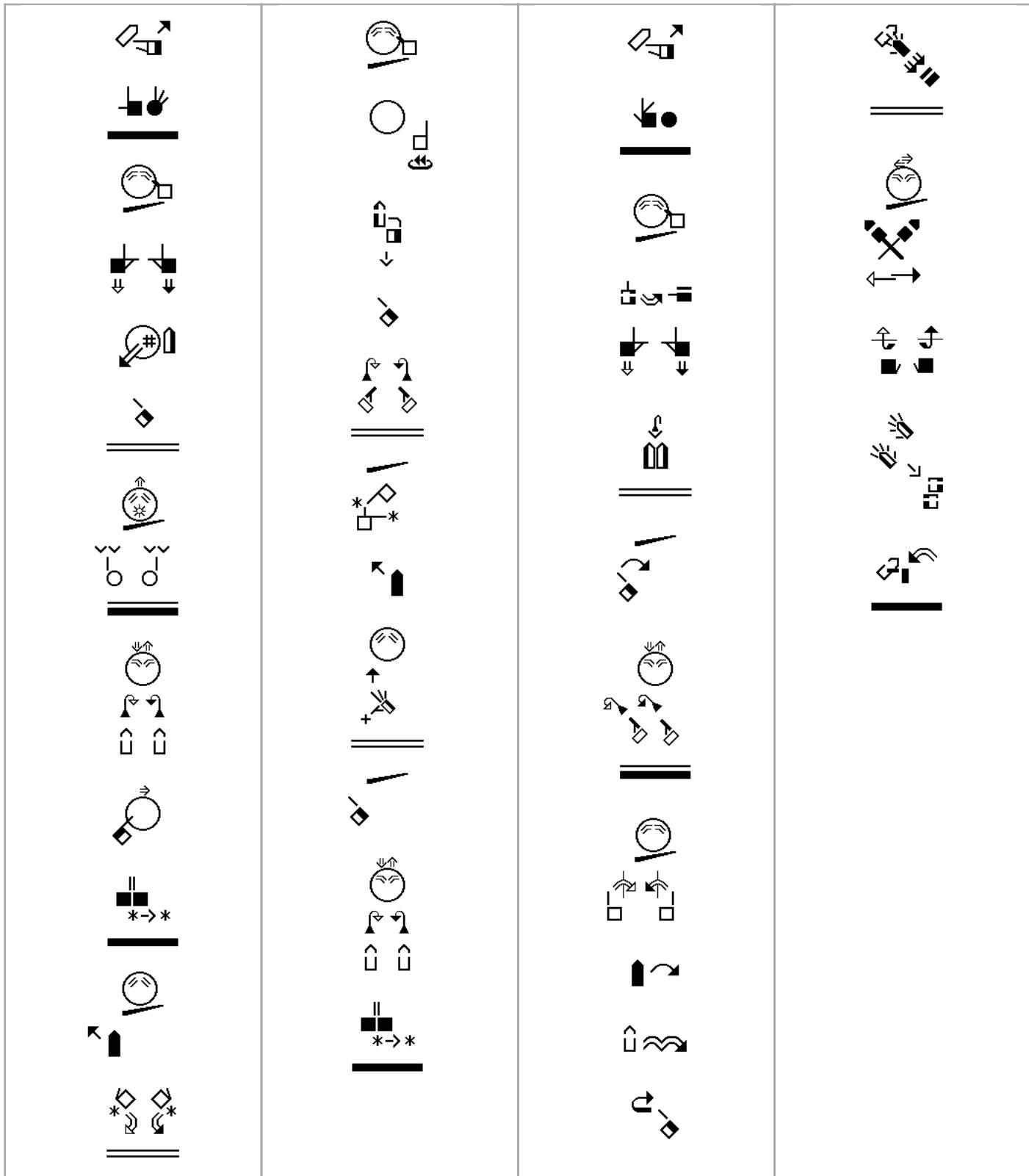


Verse 25. What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you. What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow. Verse 26. What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, NLT

Luke 6:26-28



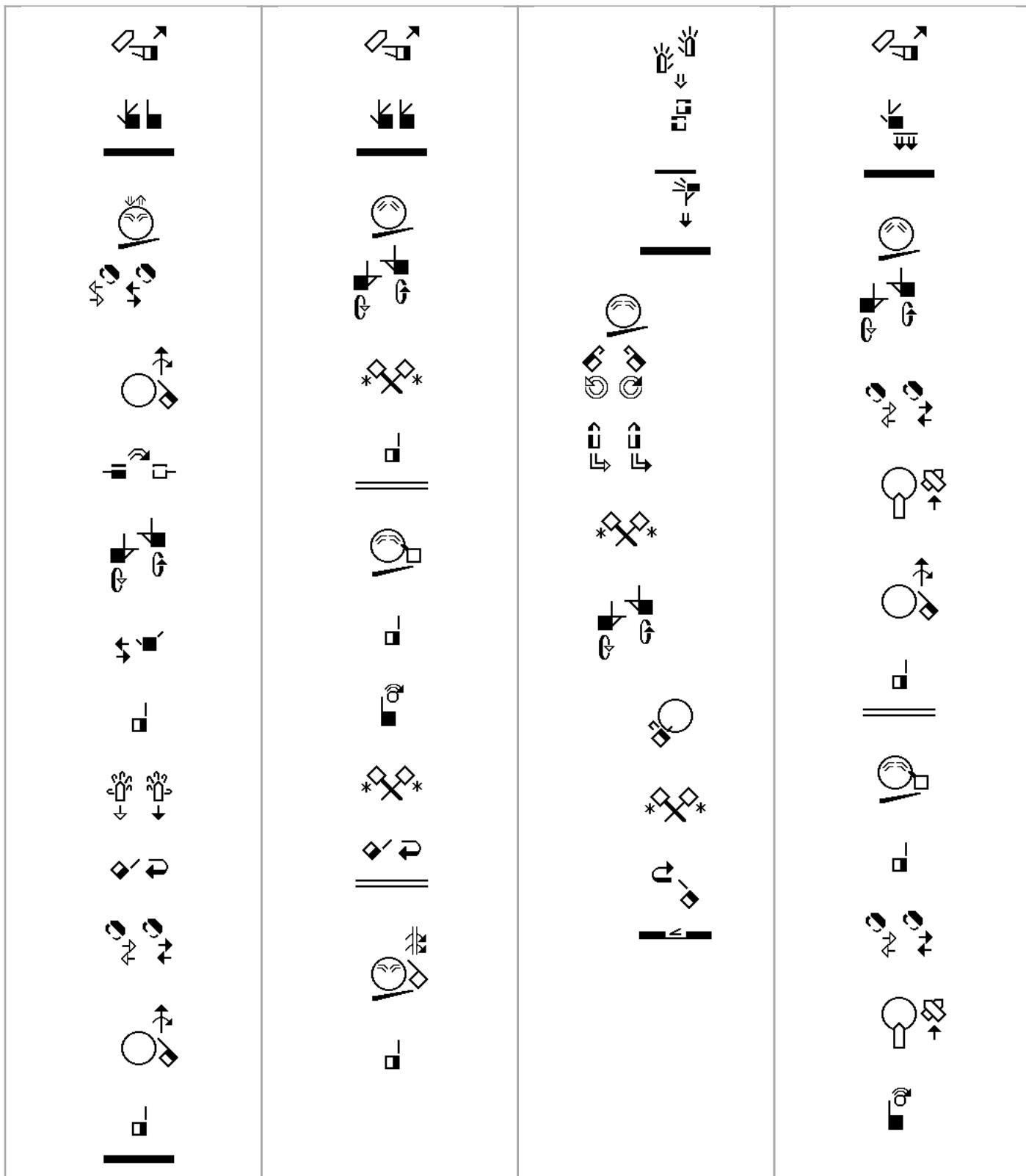
132 for their ancestors also praised false prophets. Verse 27. "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Verse 28. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. NLT



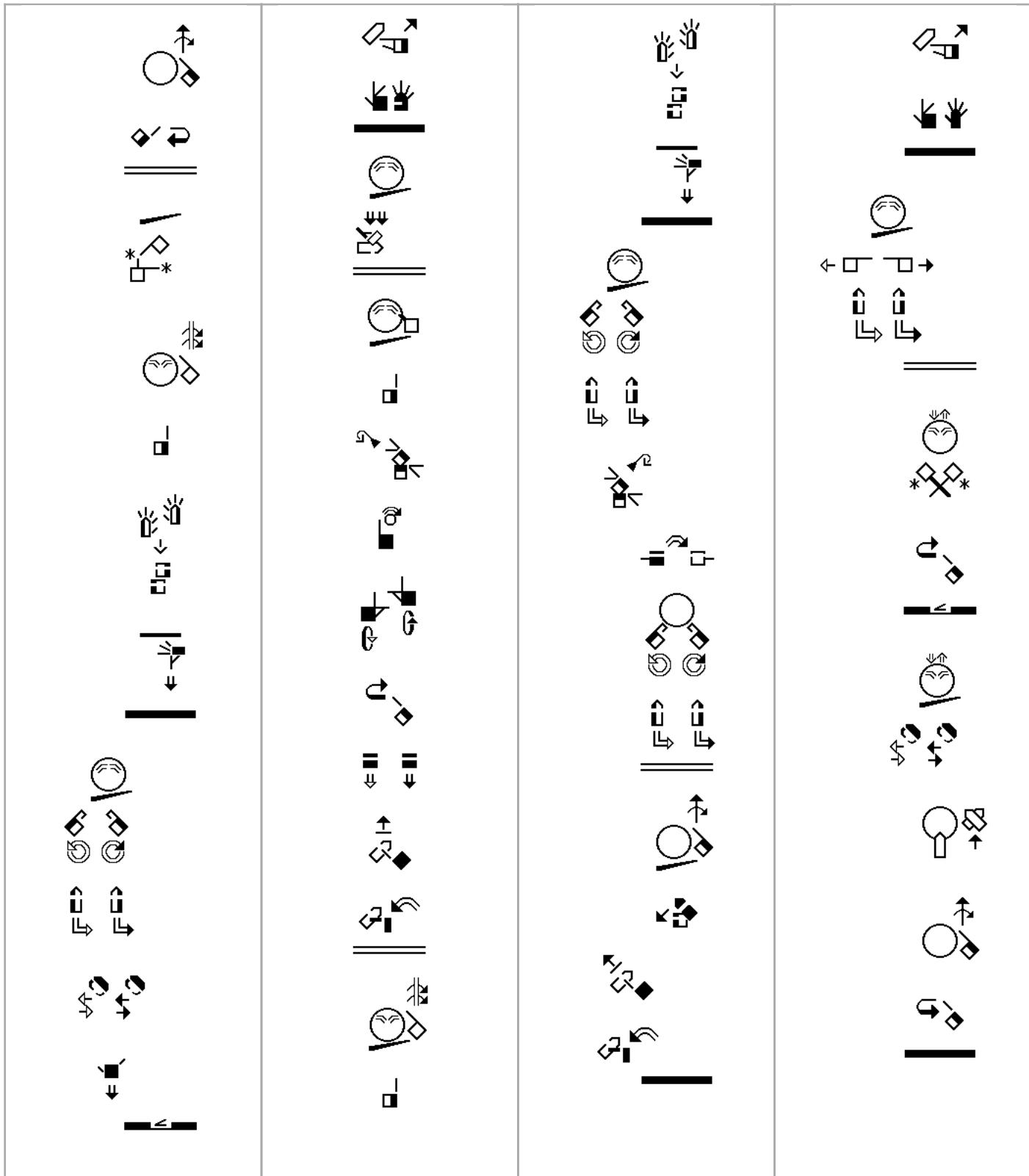
Verse 29. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Verse 30. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back.

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Luke 6:31-33

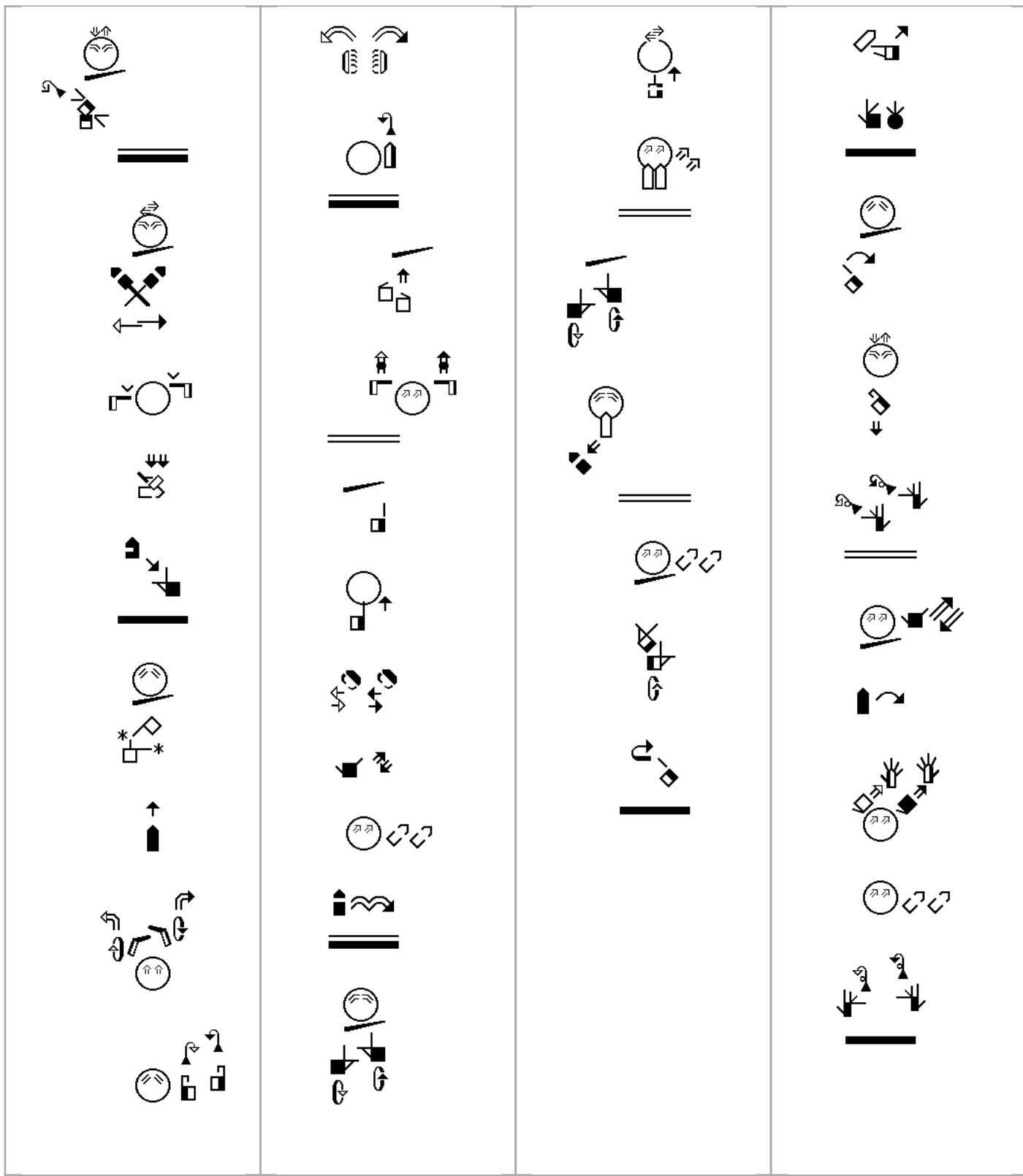


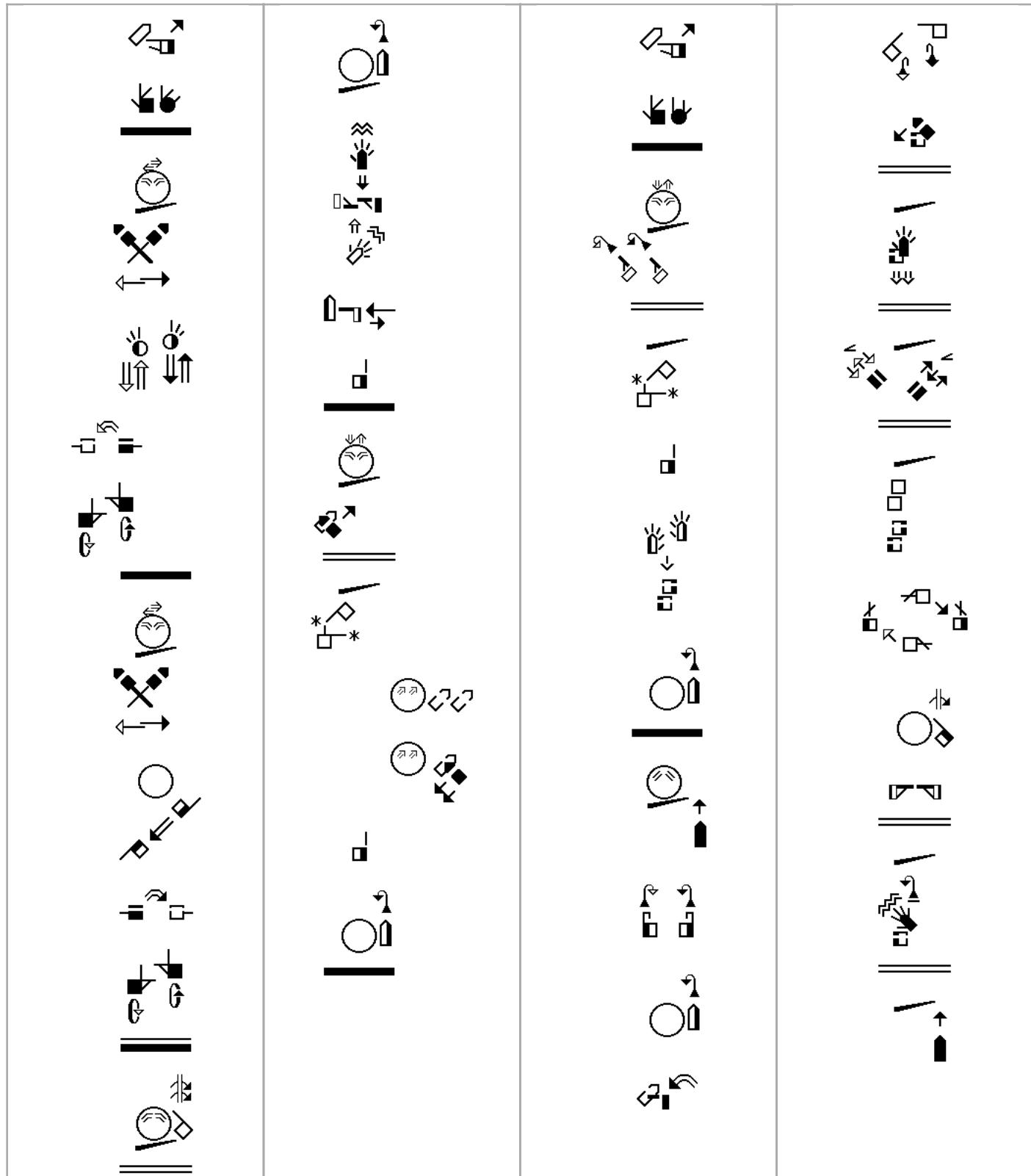
134 Verse 31. Do to others as you would like them to do to you. Verse 32. "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! Verse 33. And if you do good only to those who do good to you, NLT



why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! Verse 34. And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. Verse 35. "Love your enemies! Do good to them. NLT

Luke 6:35-36

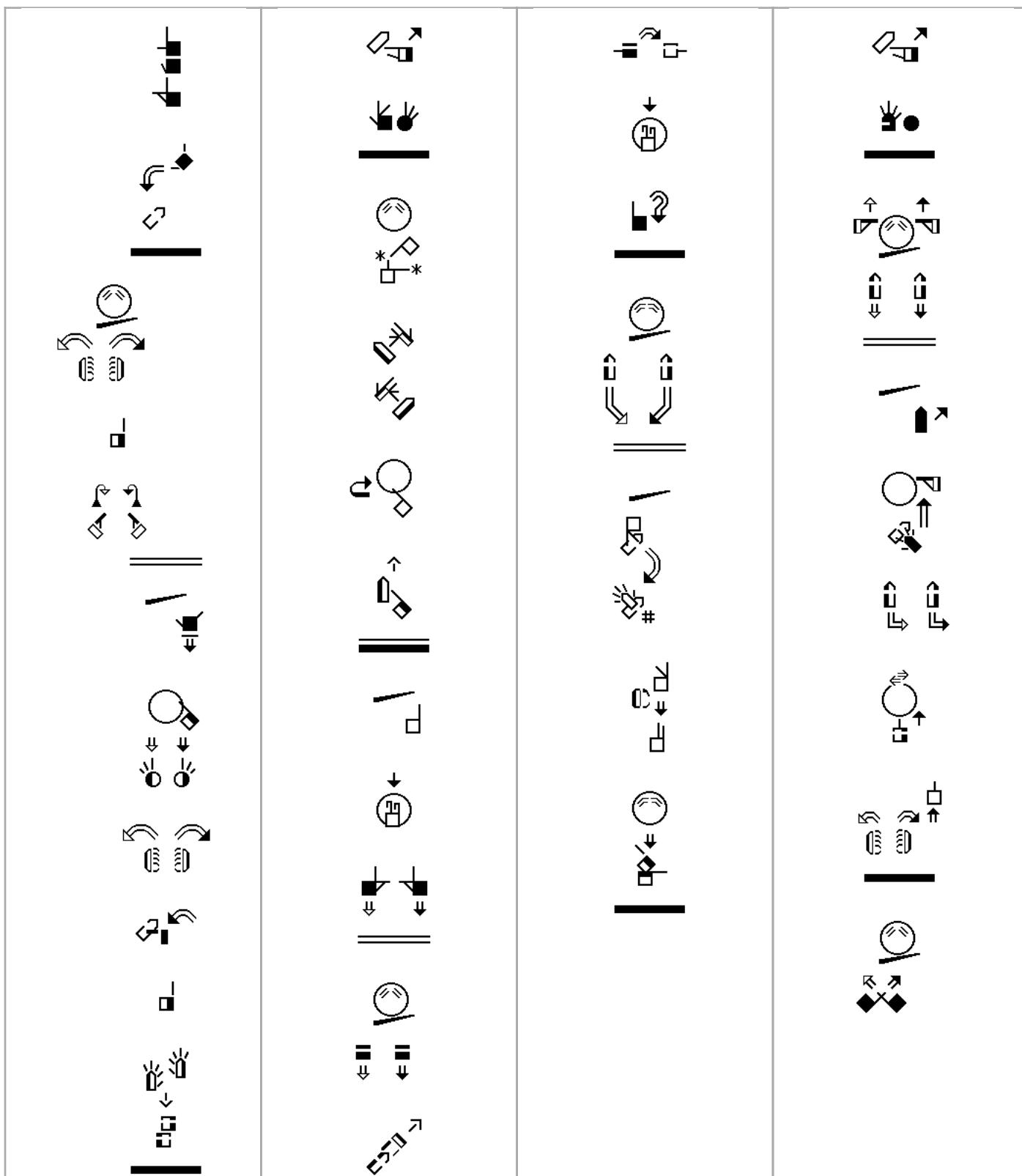


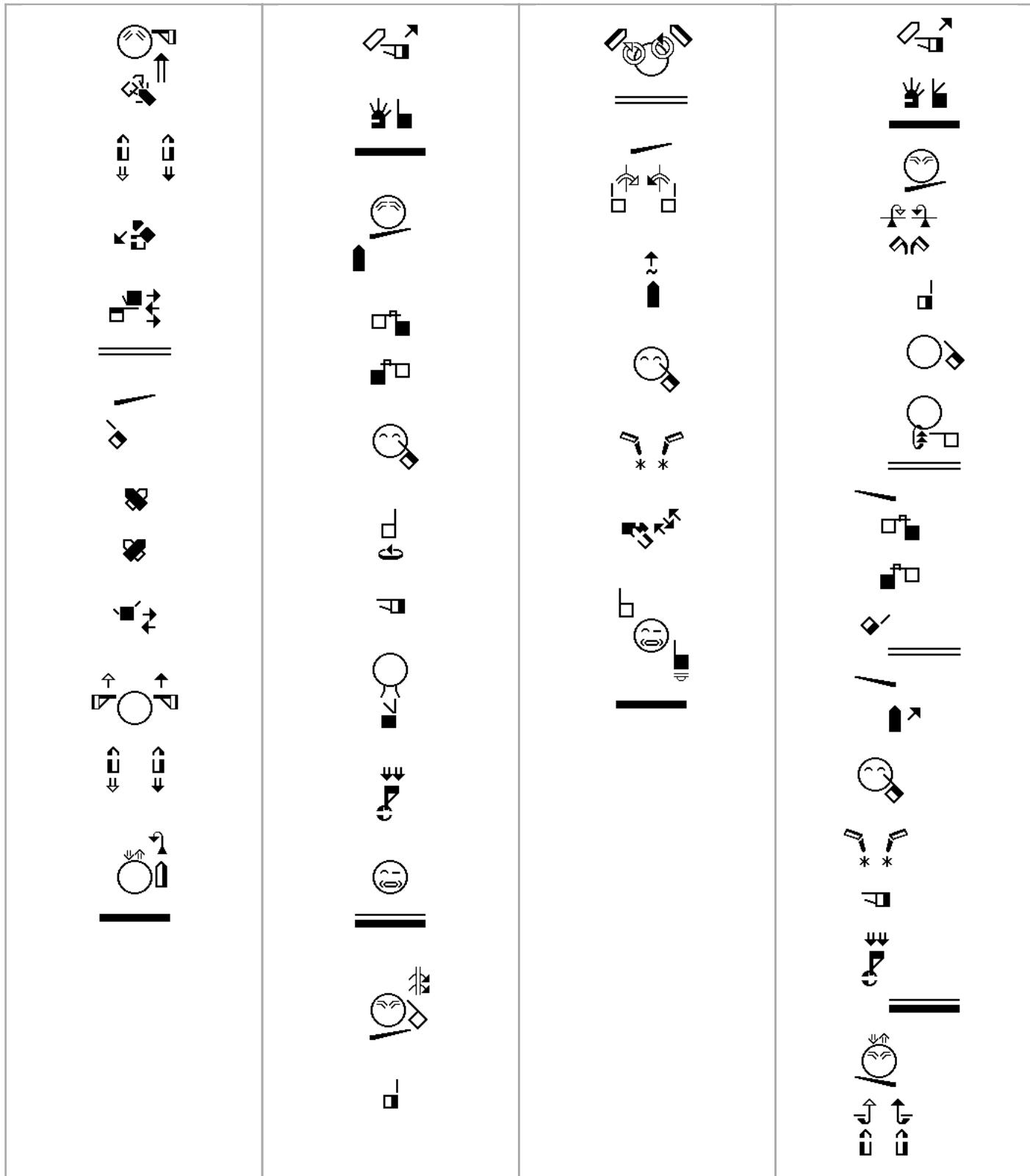


Verse 37. "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Verse 38. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full -- pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over,"

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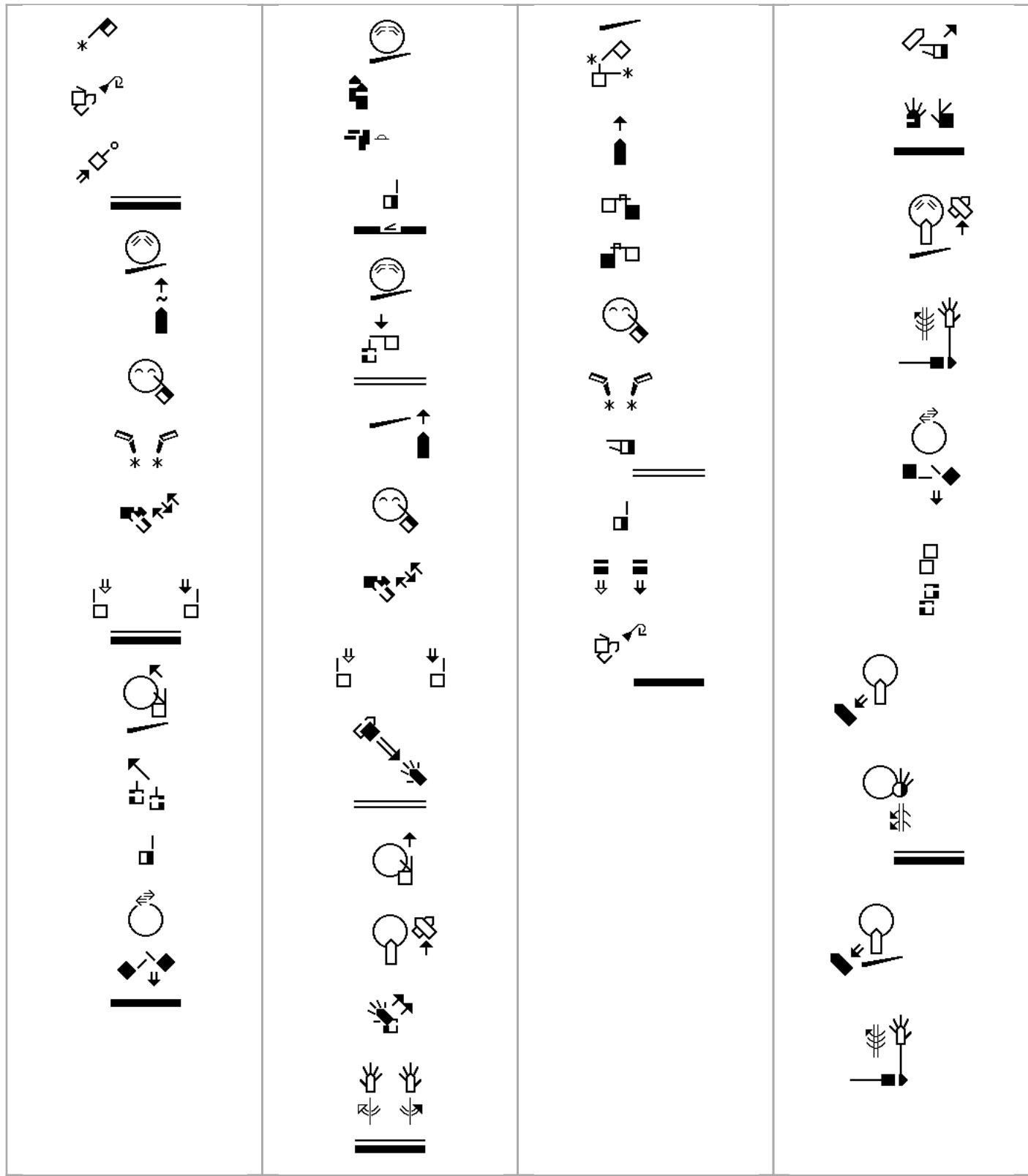
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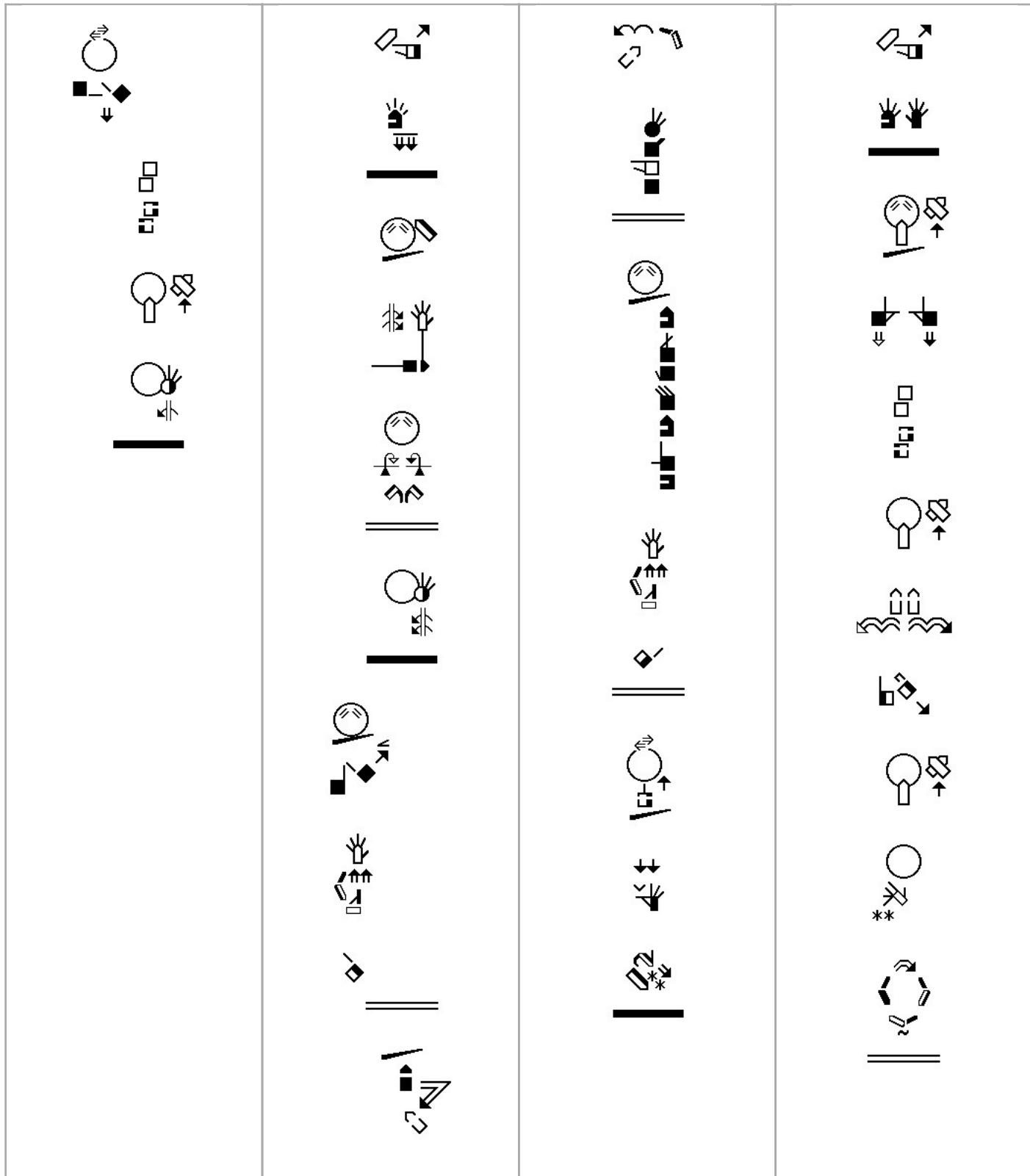


the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher. Verse 41. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? Verse 42. How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let

Luke 6:42-43

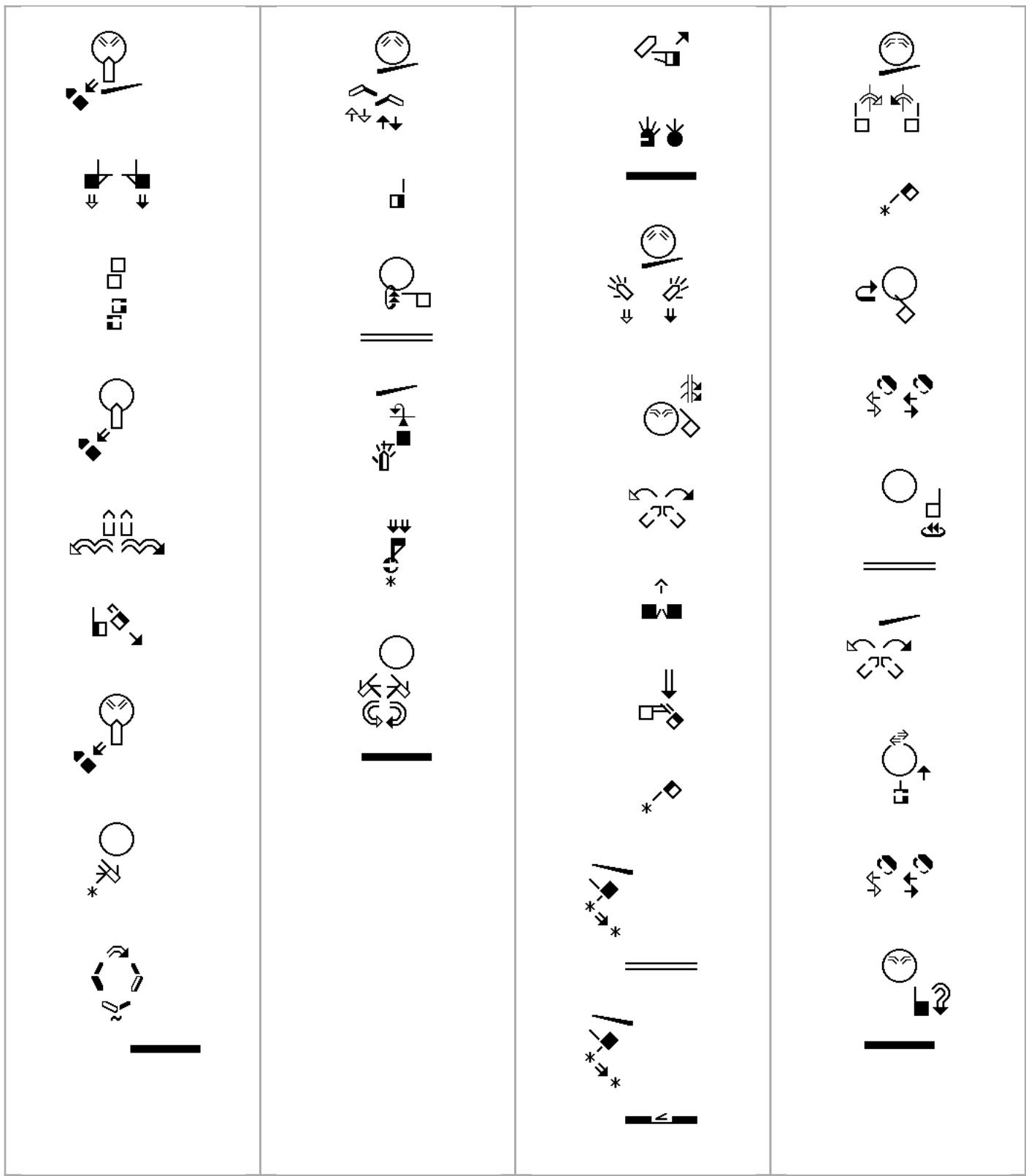


**140** me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. Verse 43. "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree NLT

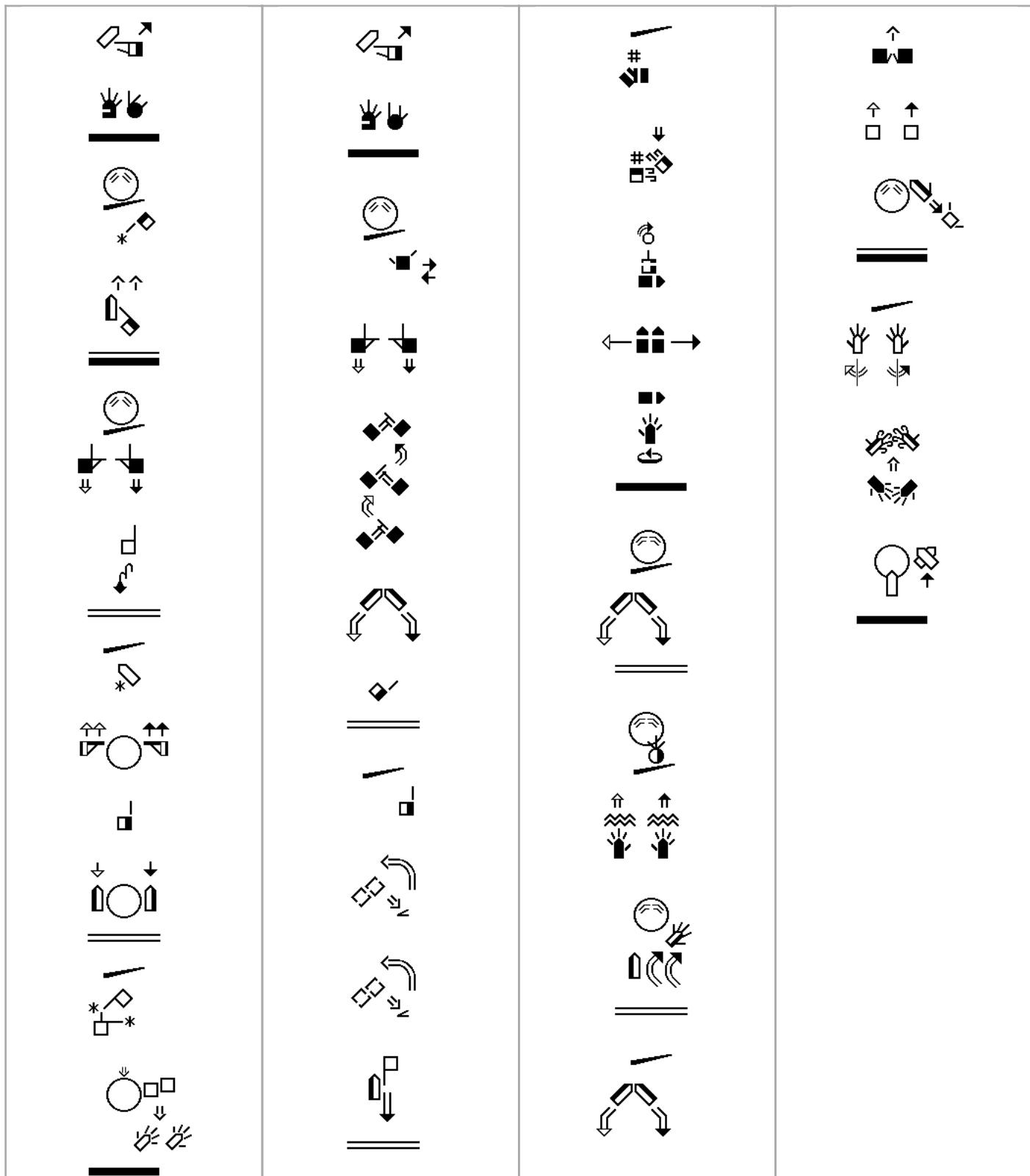


can't produce good fruit. Verse 44. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. Verse 45. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, NLT

Luke 6:45-46



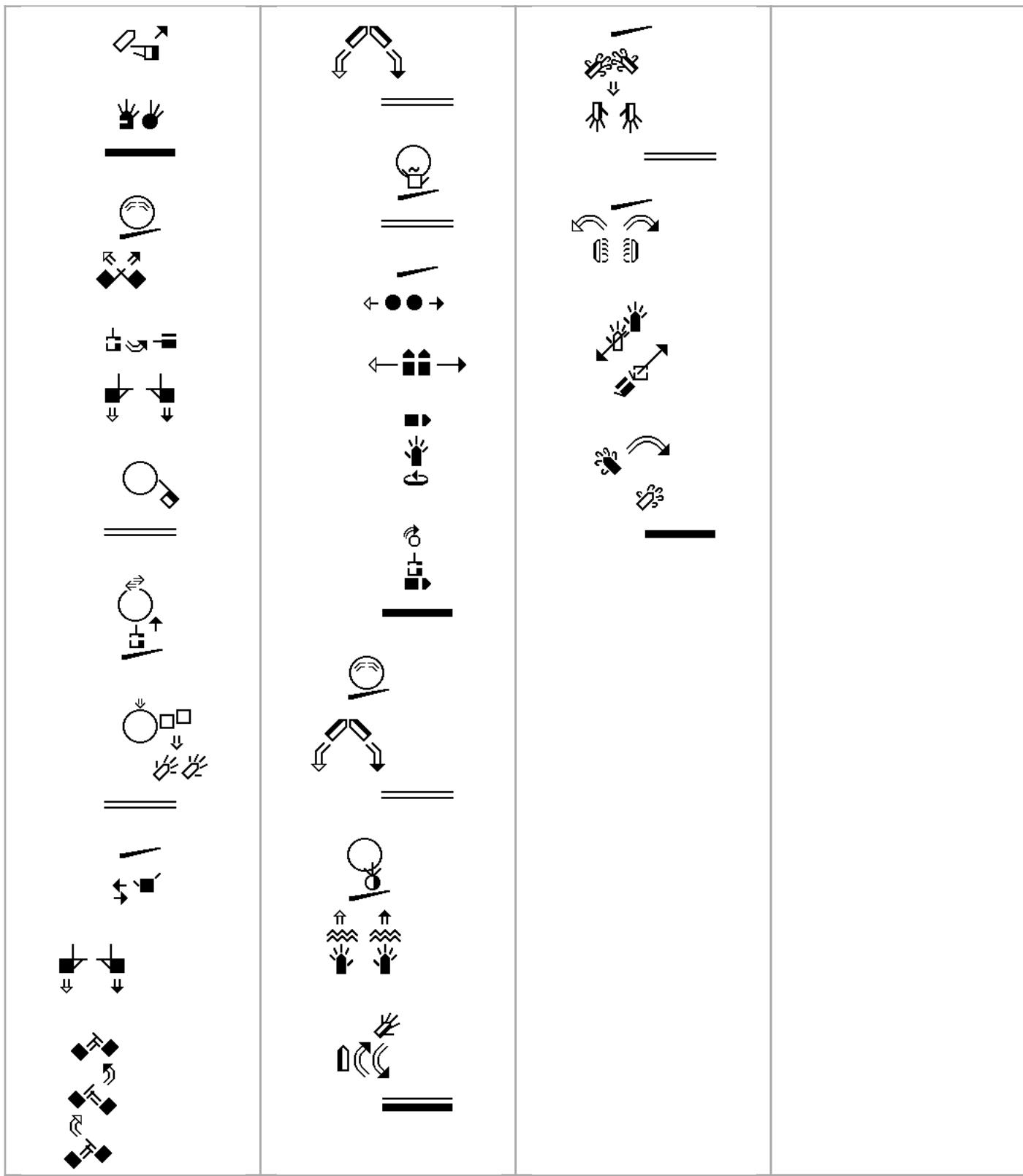
142 and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. Verse 46. "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?" NLT

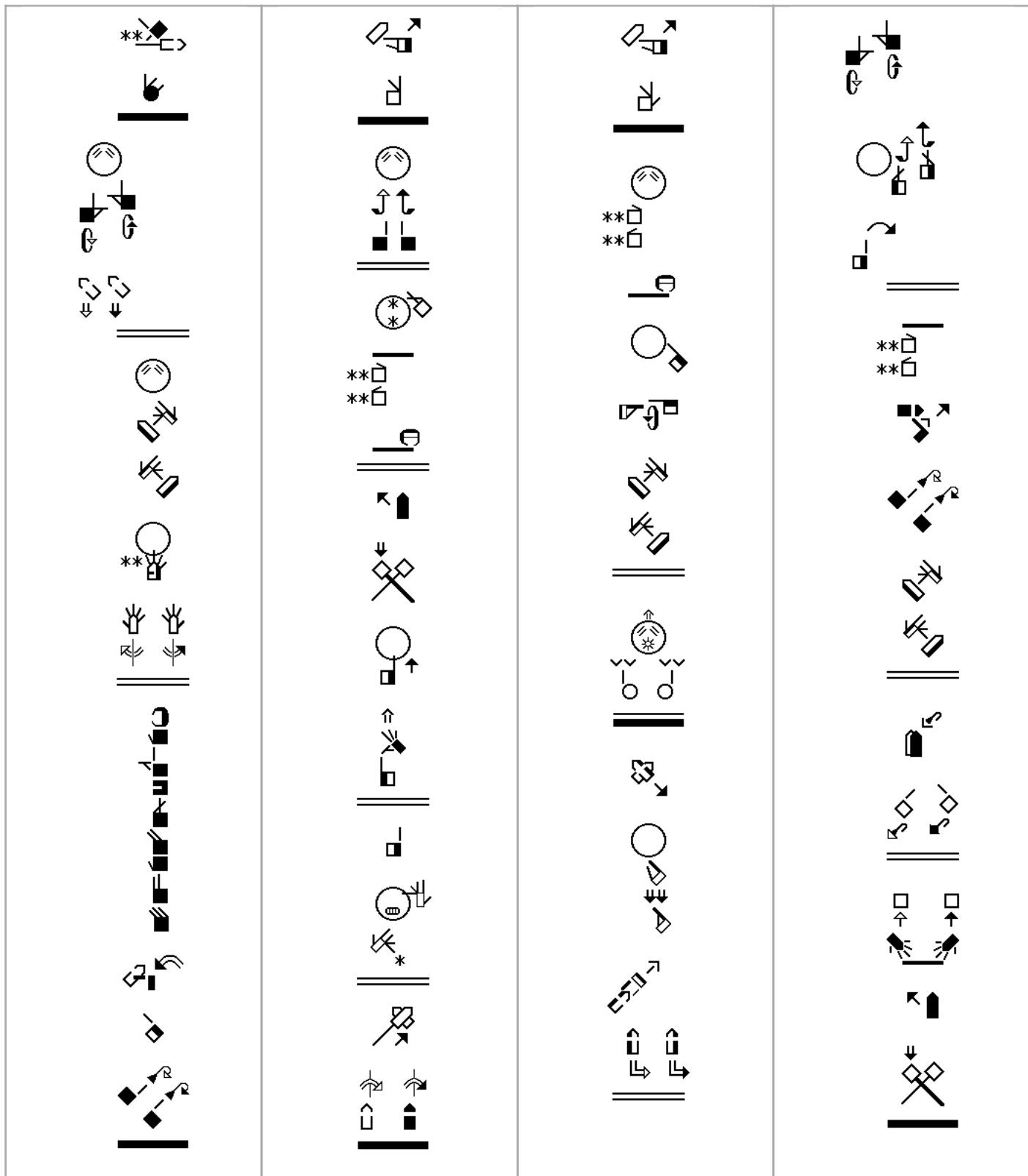


Verse 47. I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. Verse 48. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built.

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Luke 6:49

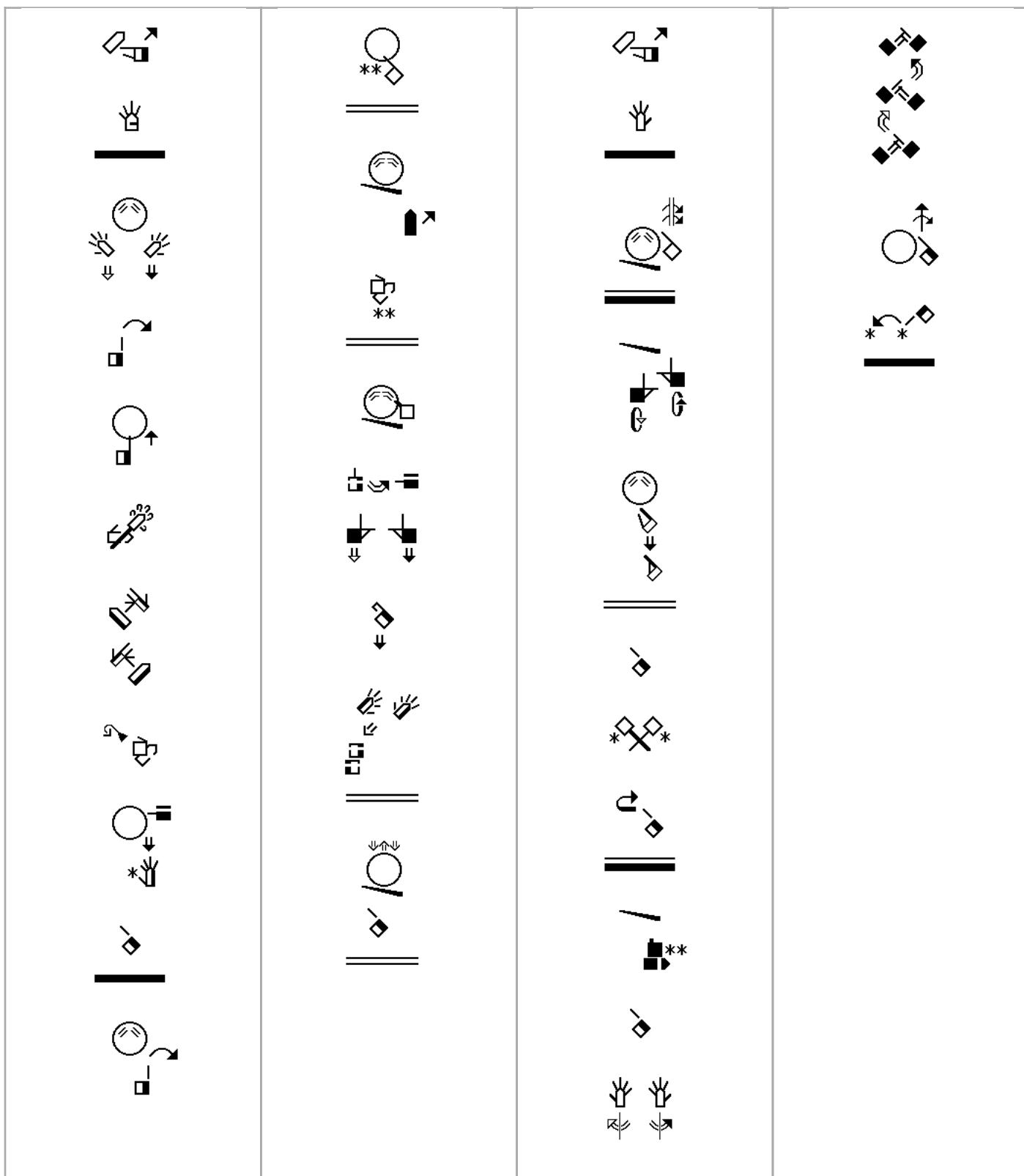




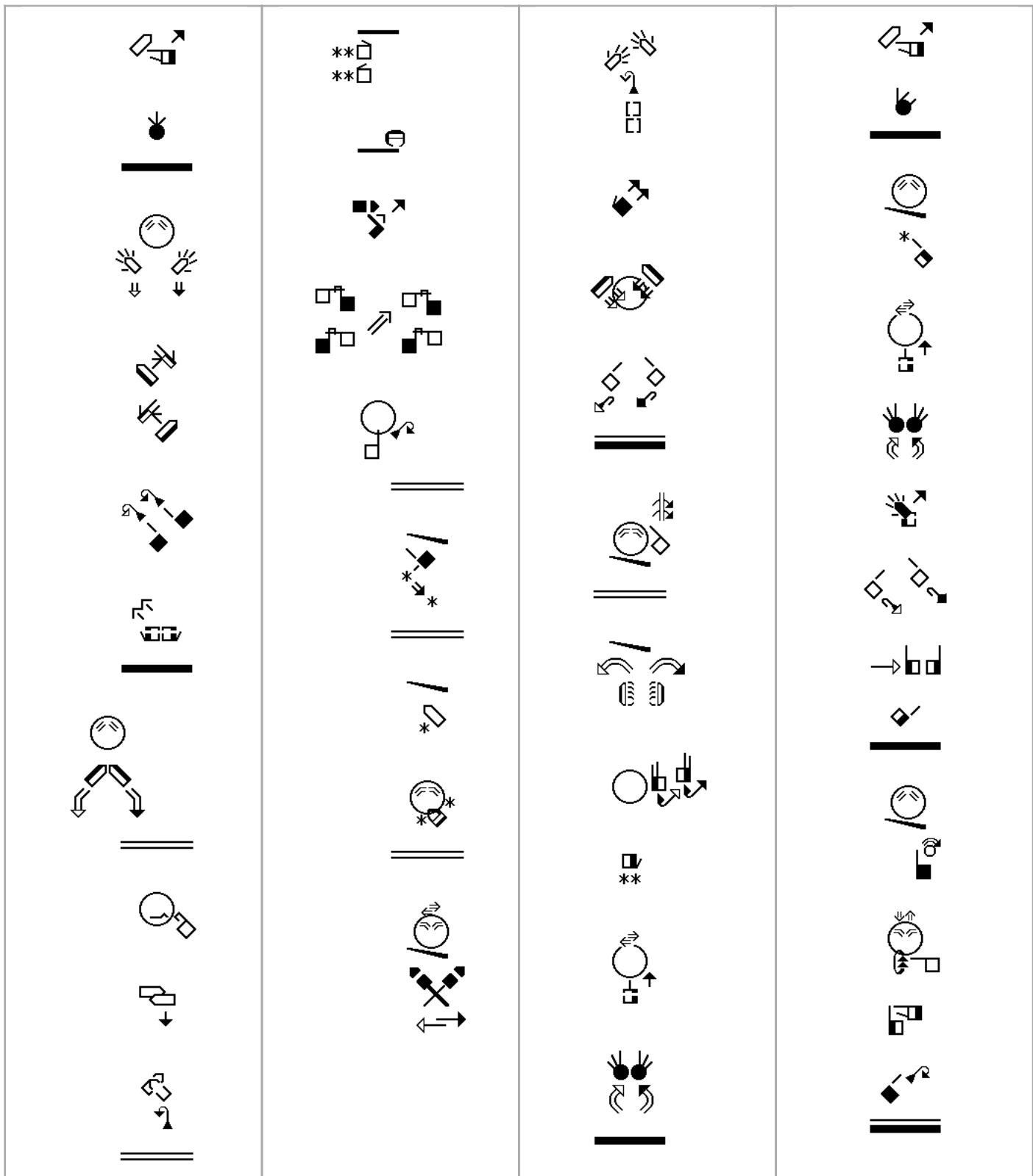
Luke 7. When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. Verse 2. At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death. Verse 3. When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave.

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Luke 7:4-5

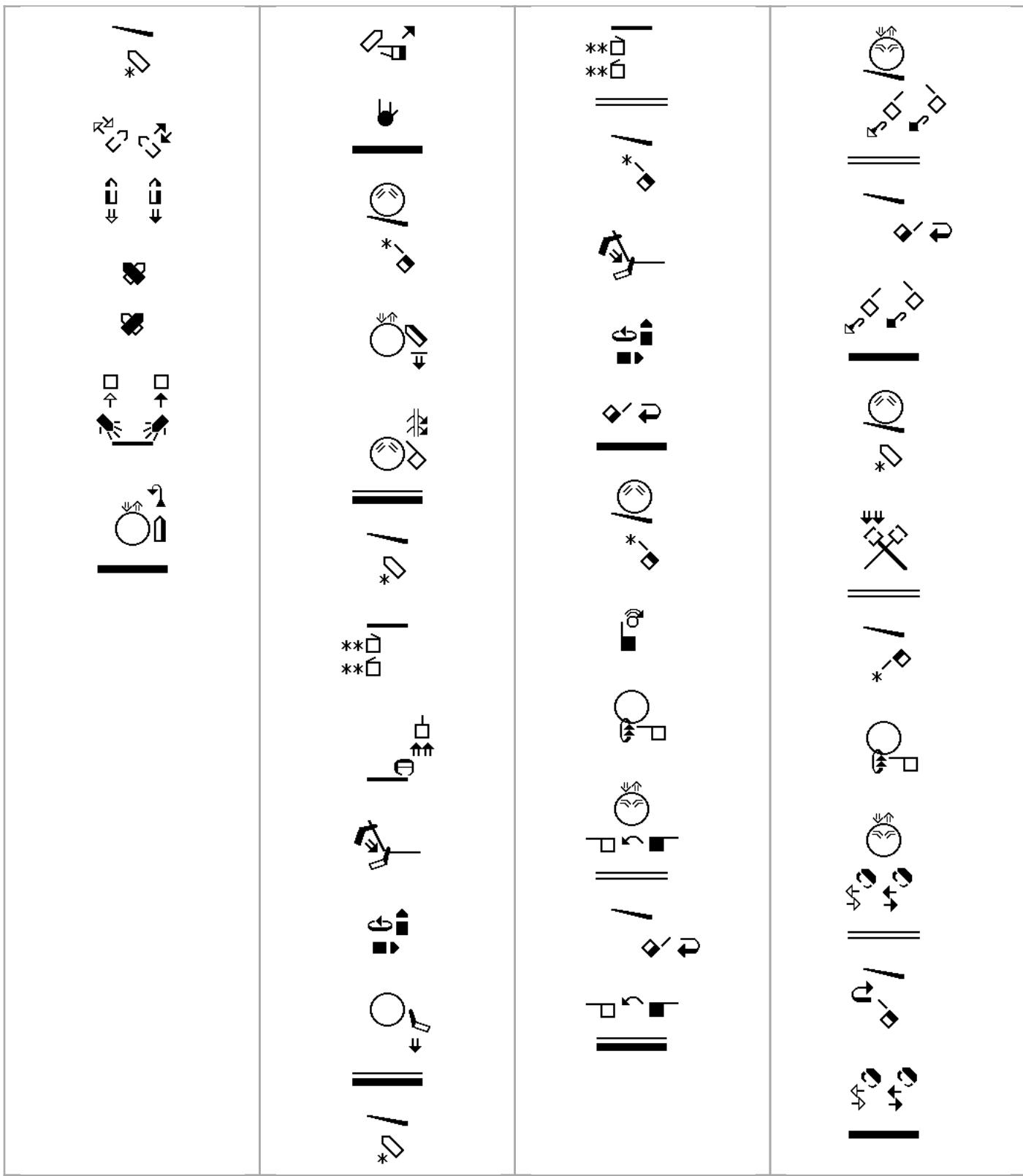


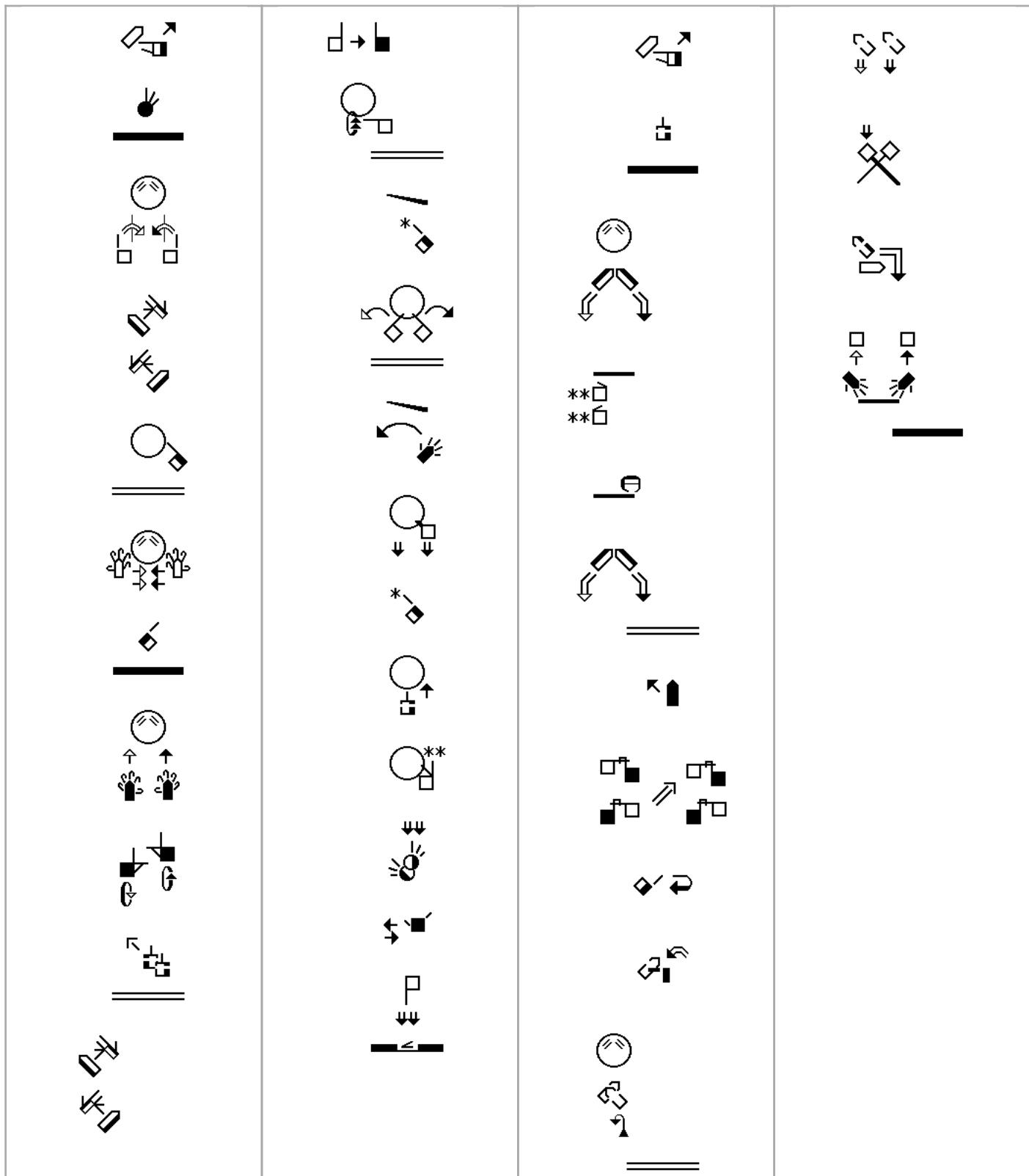
146 Verse 4. So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, Verse 5. "for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us." NLT



Verse 6. So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. Verse 7. I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word  
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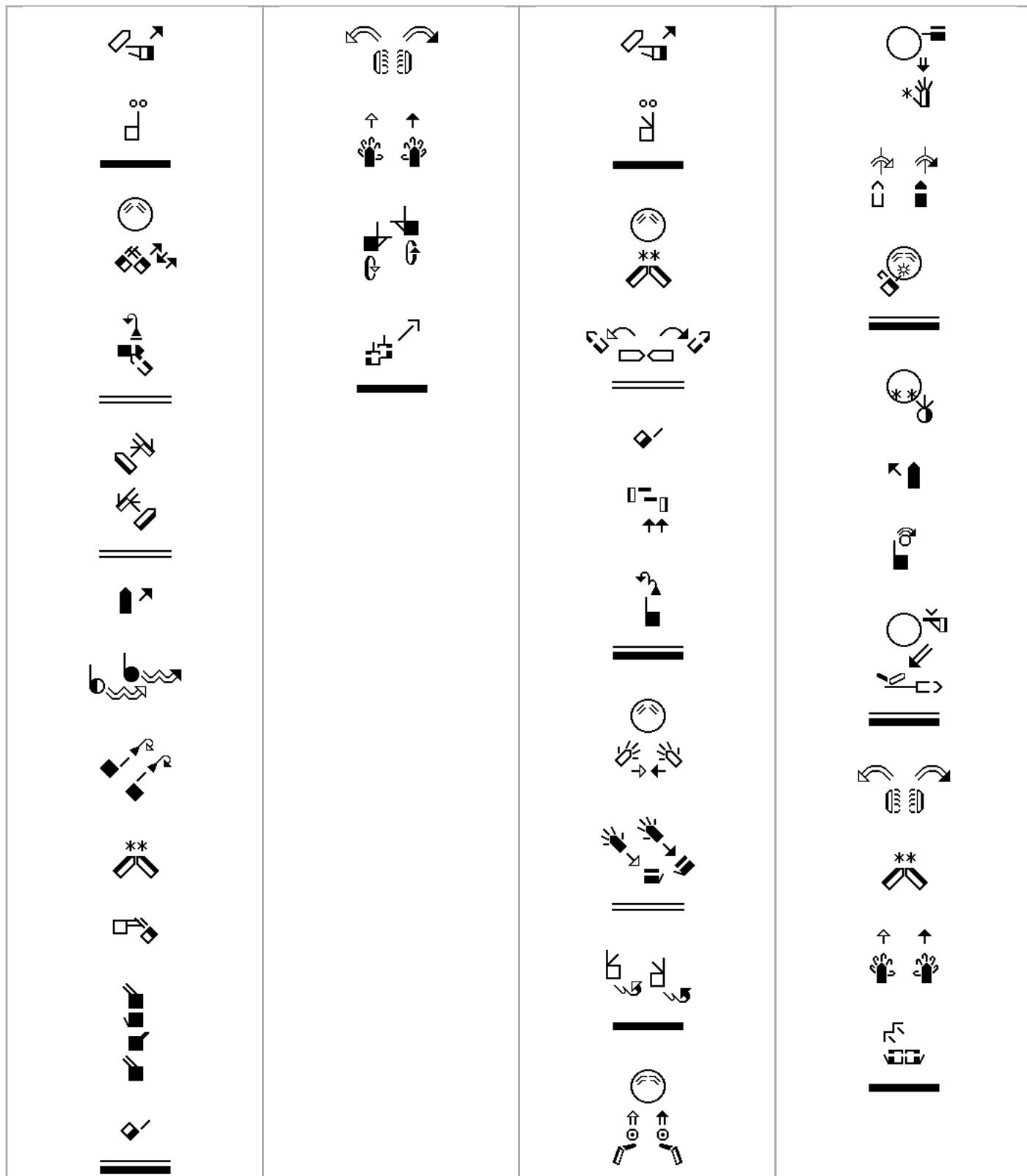
Luke 7:7-8

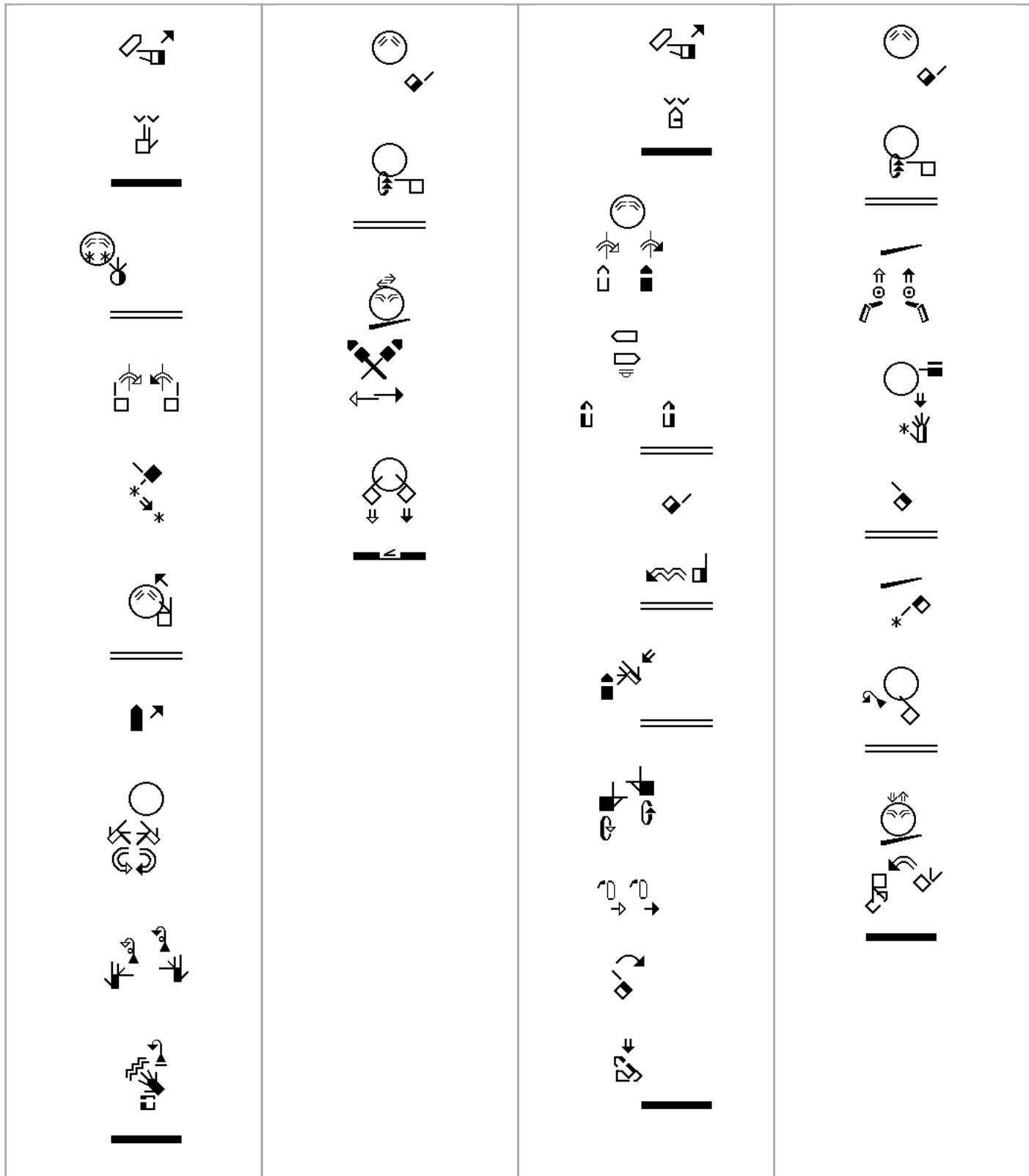




Verse 9. When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" Verse 10. And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed. NLT

Luke 7:11-12

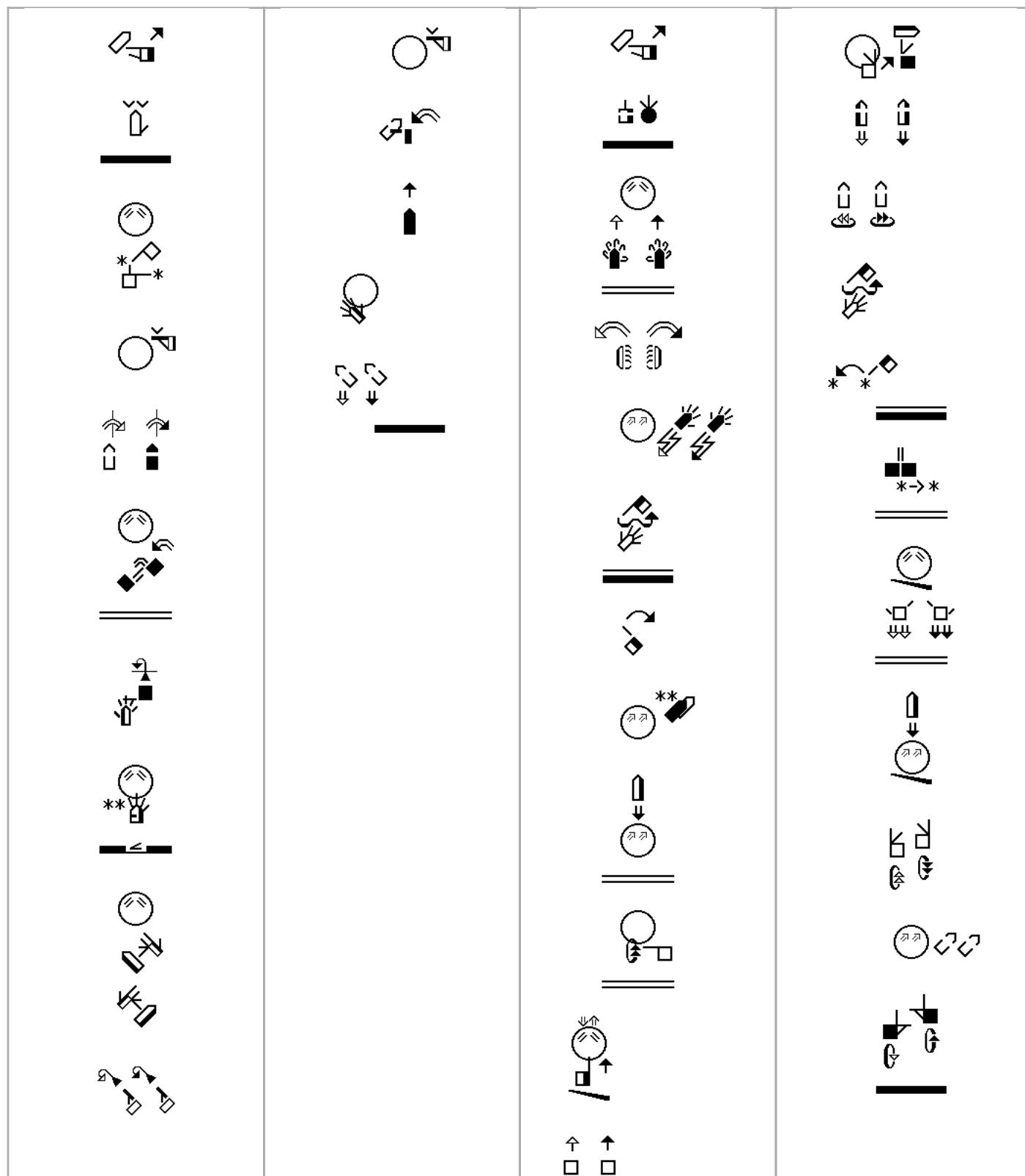




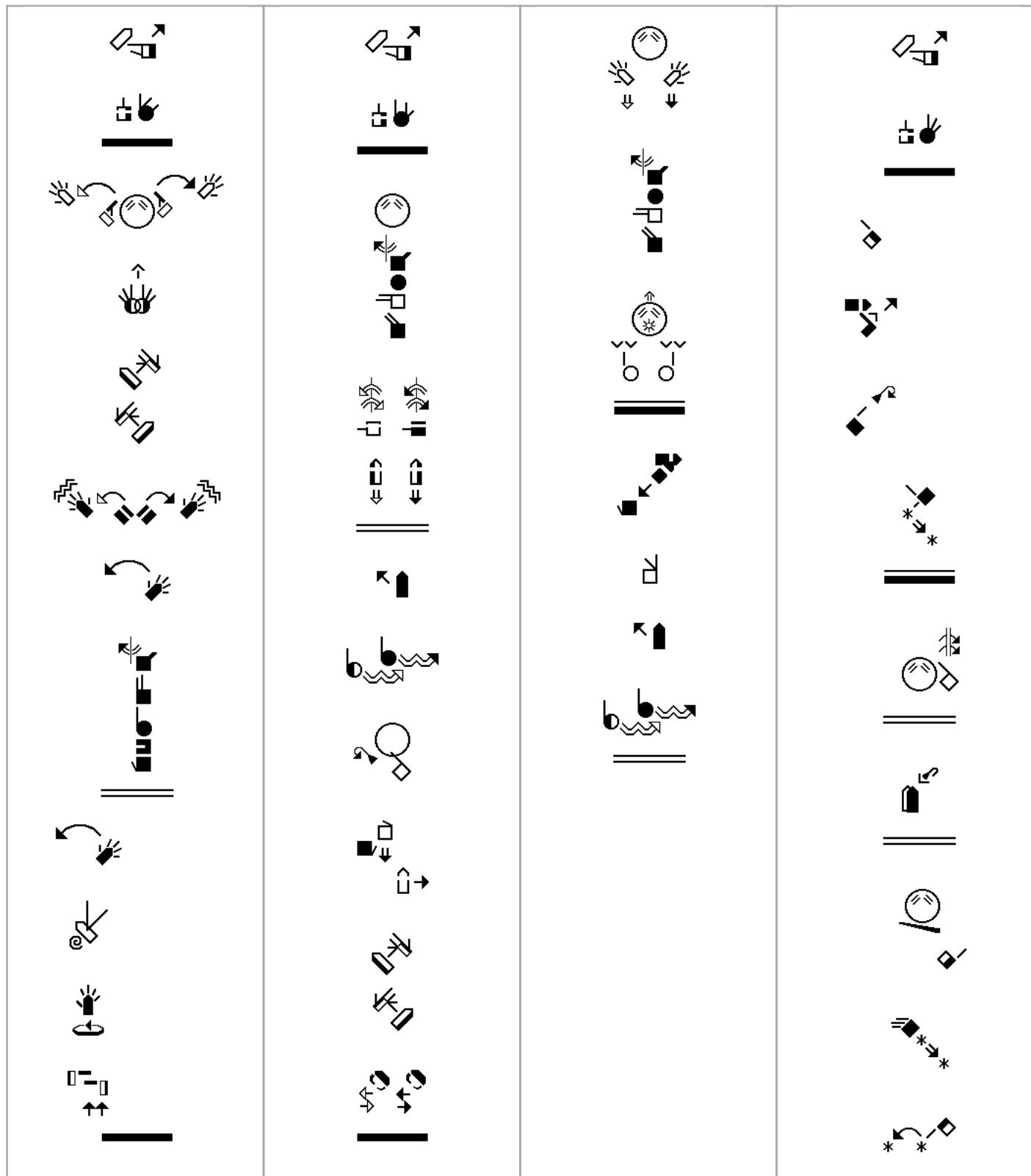
Verse 13. When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. Verse 14. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up."

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Luke 7:15-16

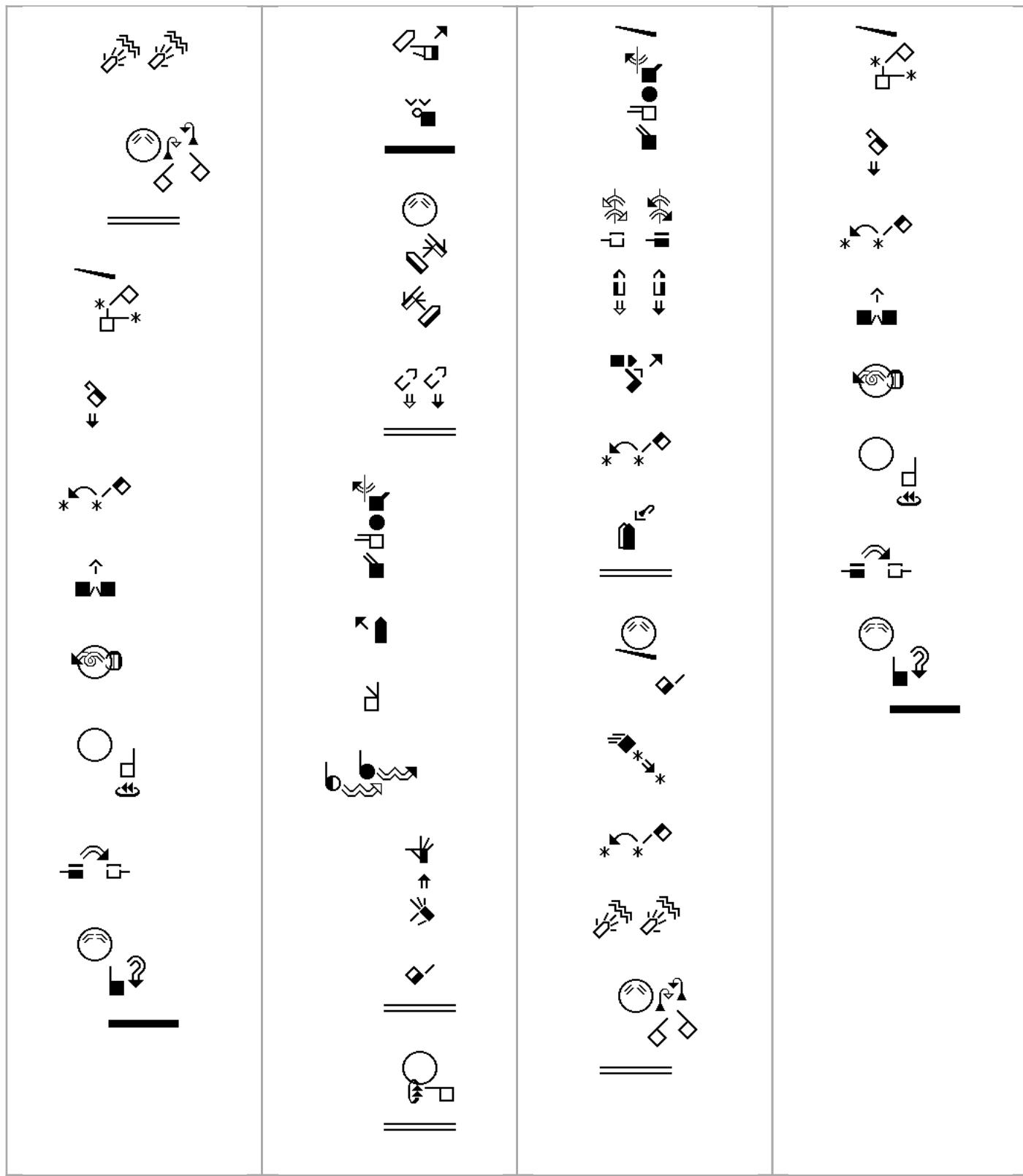


152 Verse 15. Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Verse 16. Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." NLT

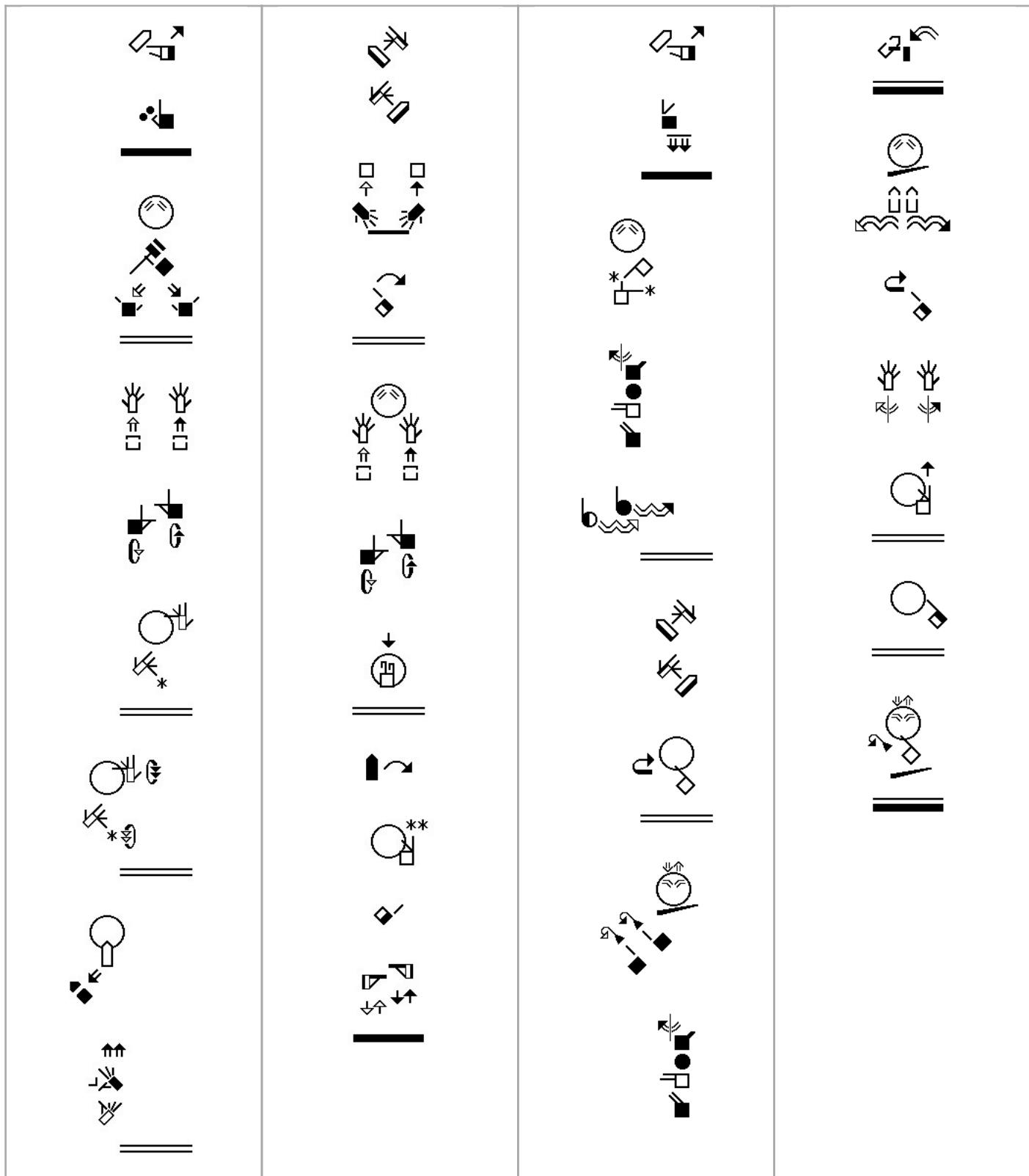


Verse 17. And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside. Verse 18. The disciples of John the Baptist told John about everything Jesus was doing. So John called for two of his disciples, Verse 19. and he sent them to the Lord to ask him, "Are you the Messiah we've  
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Luke 7:19-20

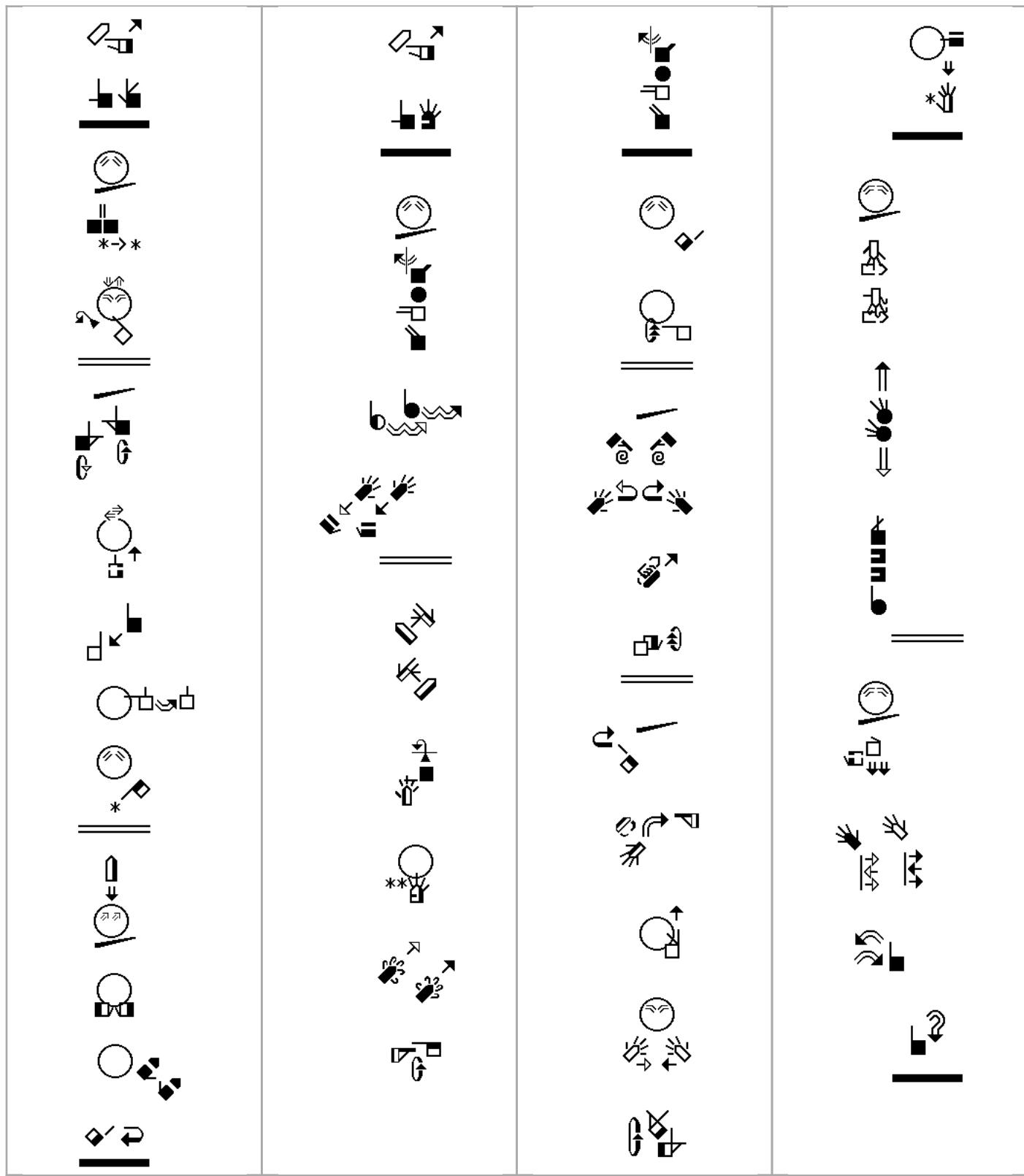


154      been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Verse 20. John's two  
disciples found Jesus and said to him, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the  
Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"  
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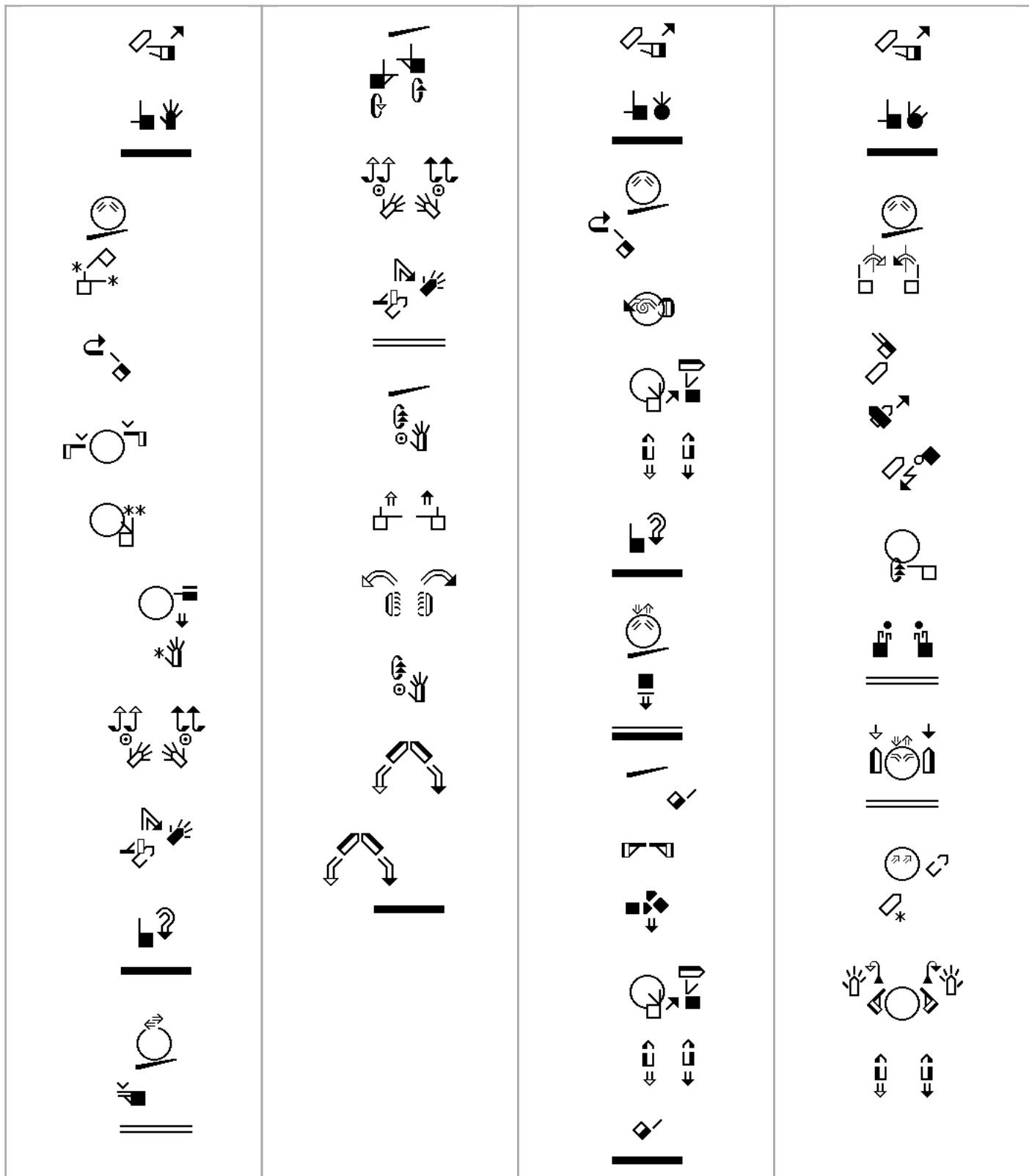


Verse 21. At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he restored sight to many who were blind. Verse 22. Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard -- NLT

Luke 7:23-24

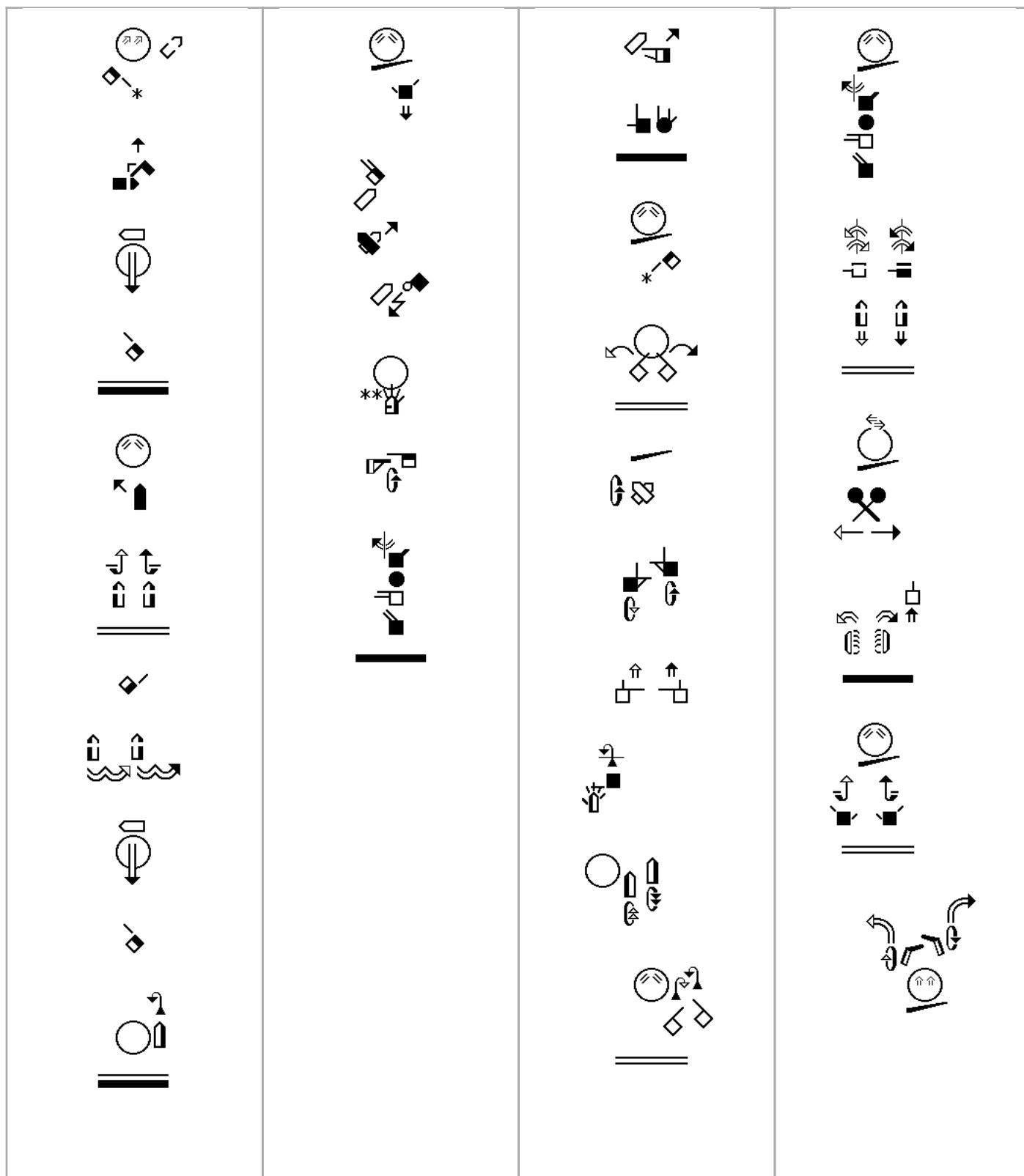


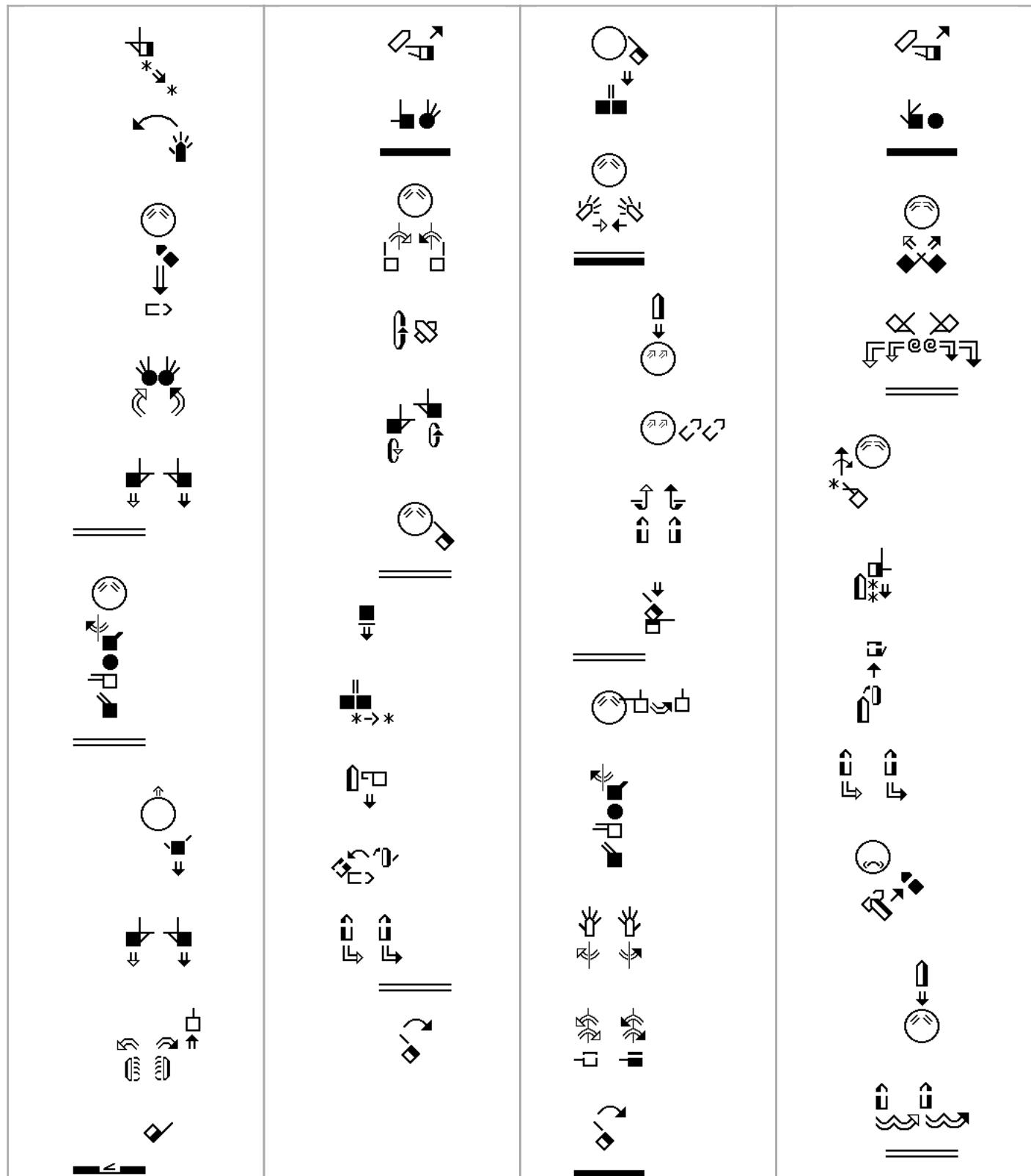
156 Verse 23. And tell him, 'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.''' Verse  
24. After John's disciples left, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of  
man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath  
of wind?" NLT



Verse 25. Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people who wear beautiful clothes and live in luxury are found in palaces. Verse 26. Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. Verse 27. John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger' NLT

Luke 7:27-28

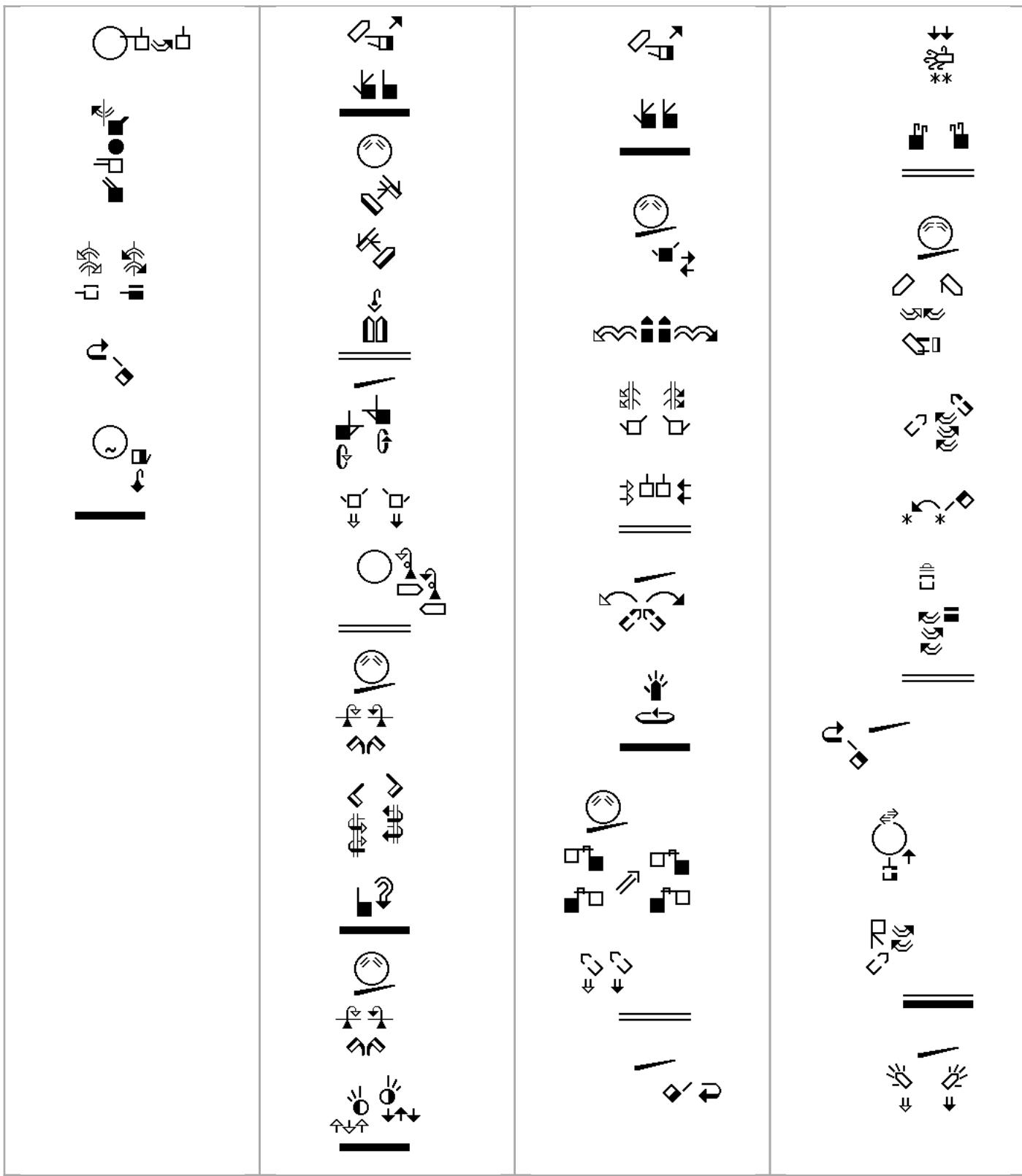


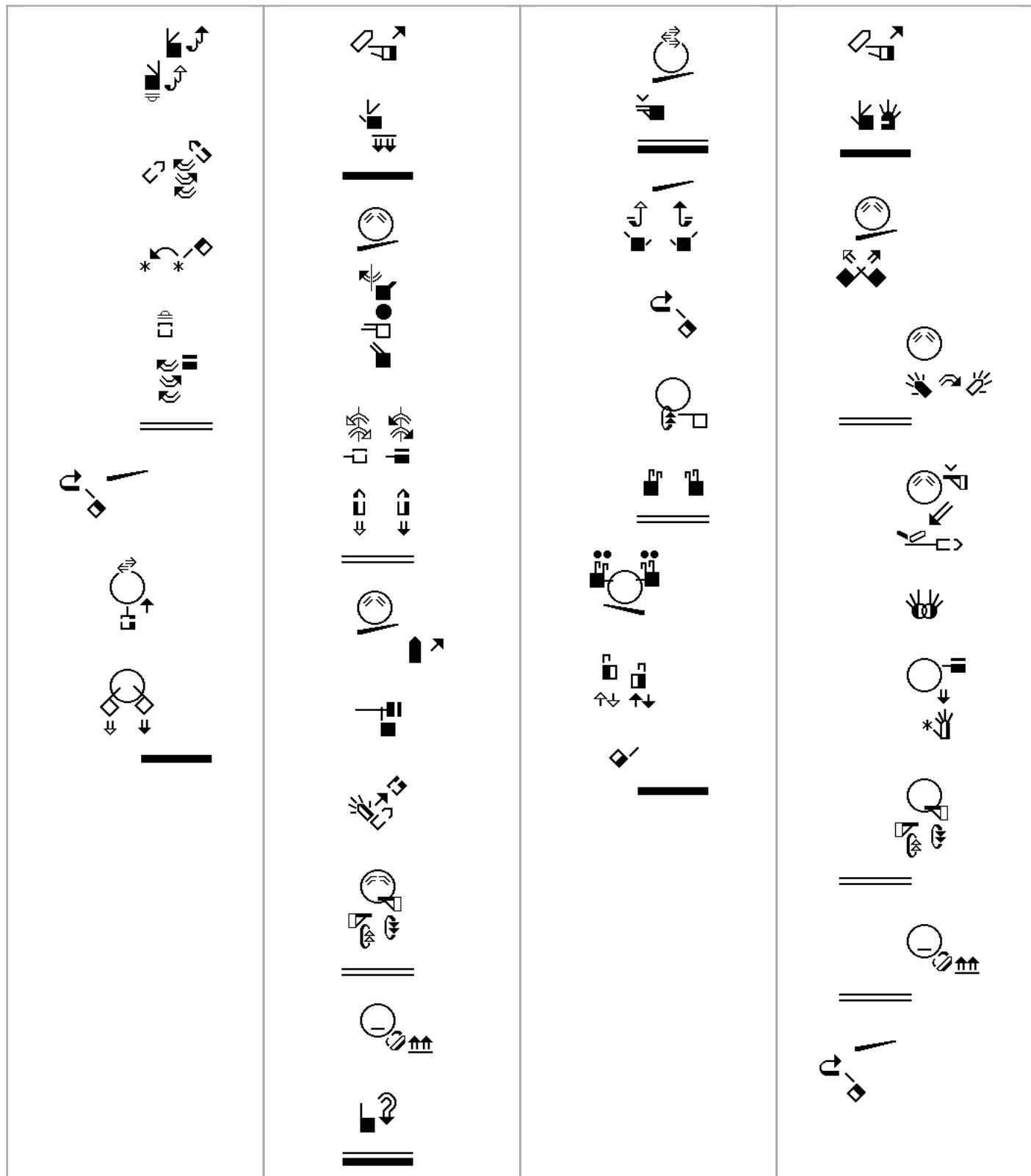


"even the least person in the Kingdom of God is greater than he is!" Verse 29. When they heard this, all the people -- even the tax collectors -- agreed that God's way was right, for they had been baptized by John. Verse 30. But the Pharisees and experts in religious law rejected God's plan for them,

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Luke 7:30-32

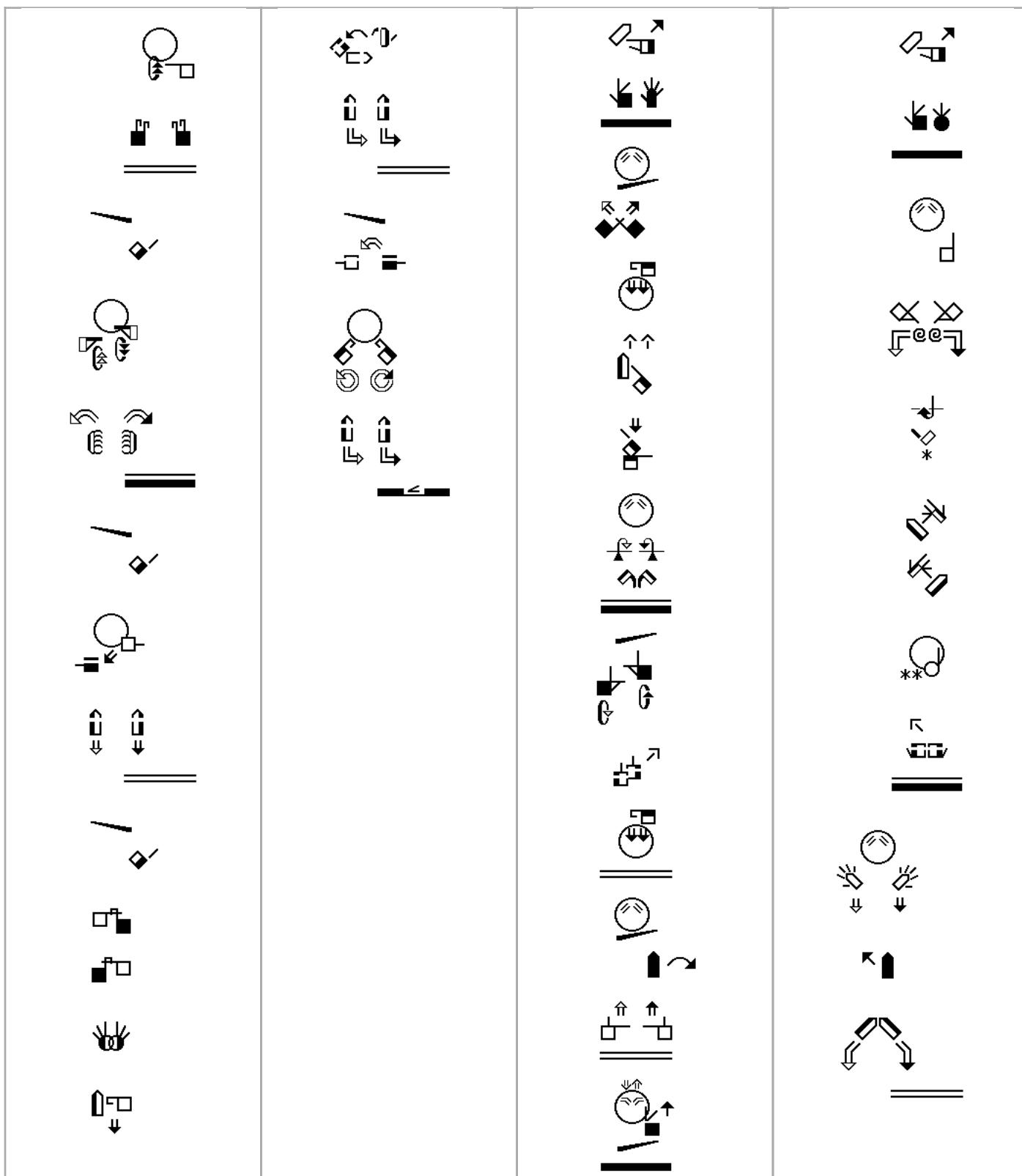




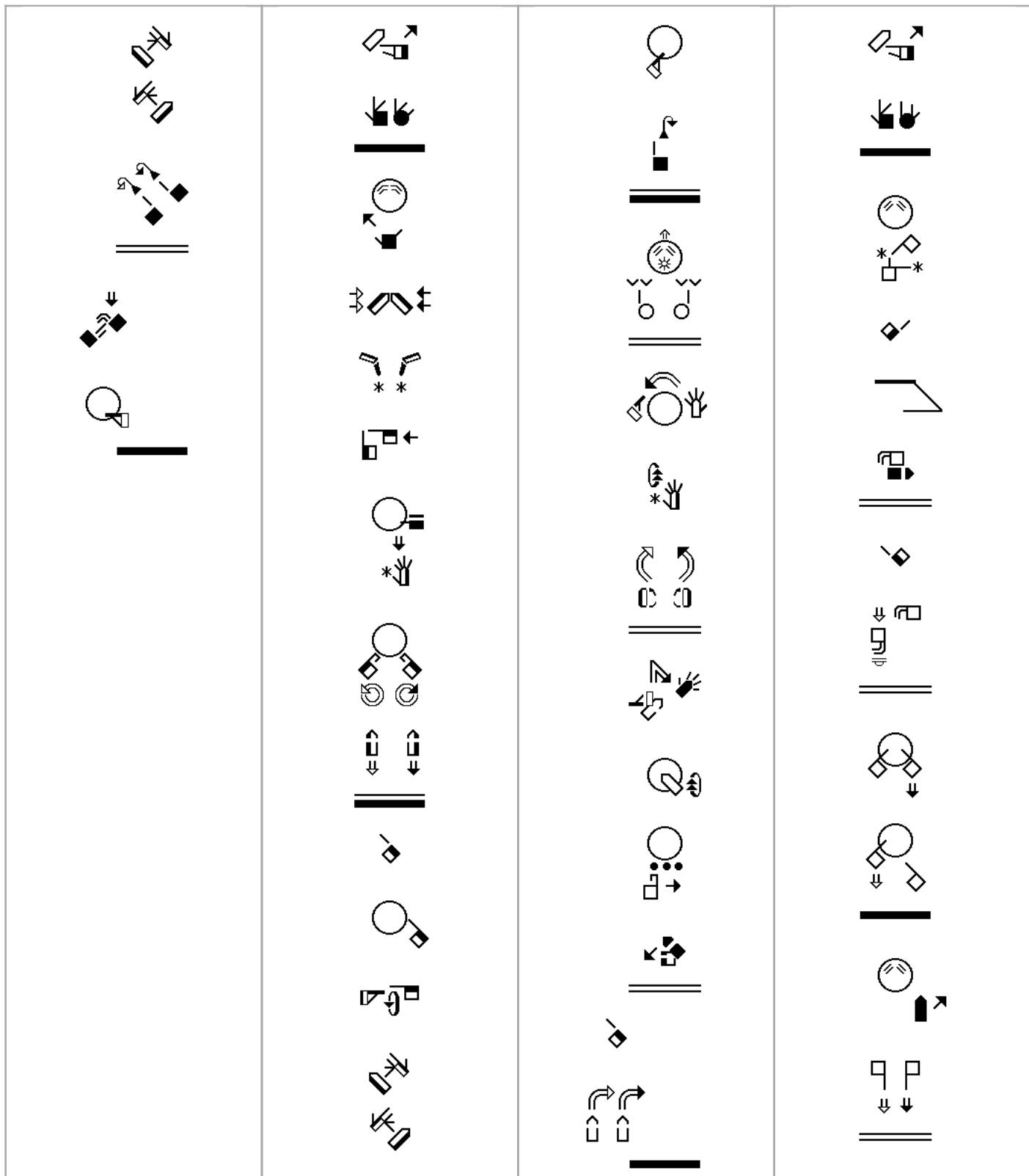
'we played funeral songs, and you didn't weep.' Verse 33. For John the Baptist didn't spend his time eating bread or drinking wine, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.' Verse 34. The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you

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Luke 7:34-36

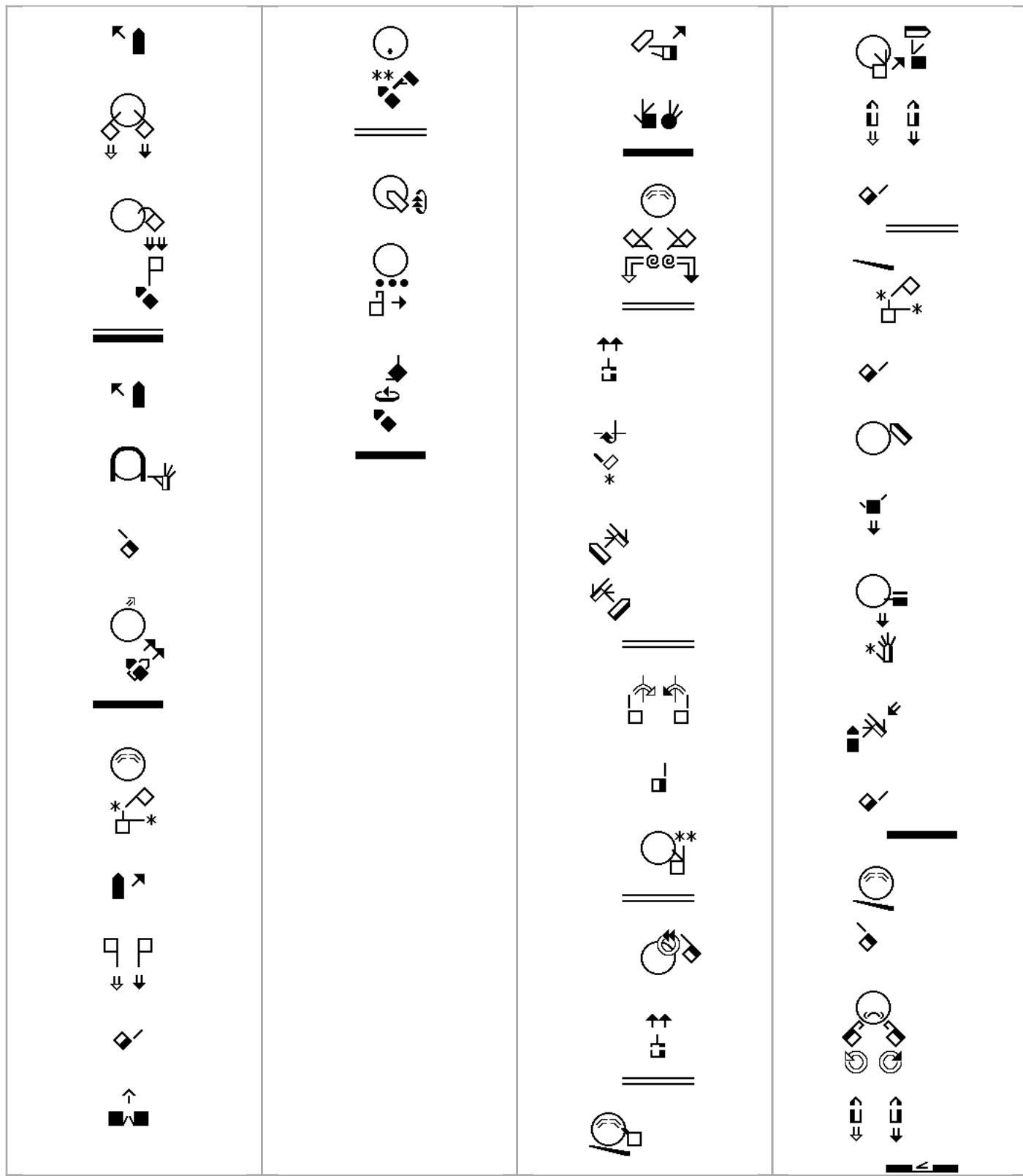


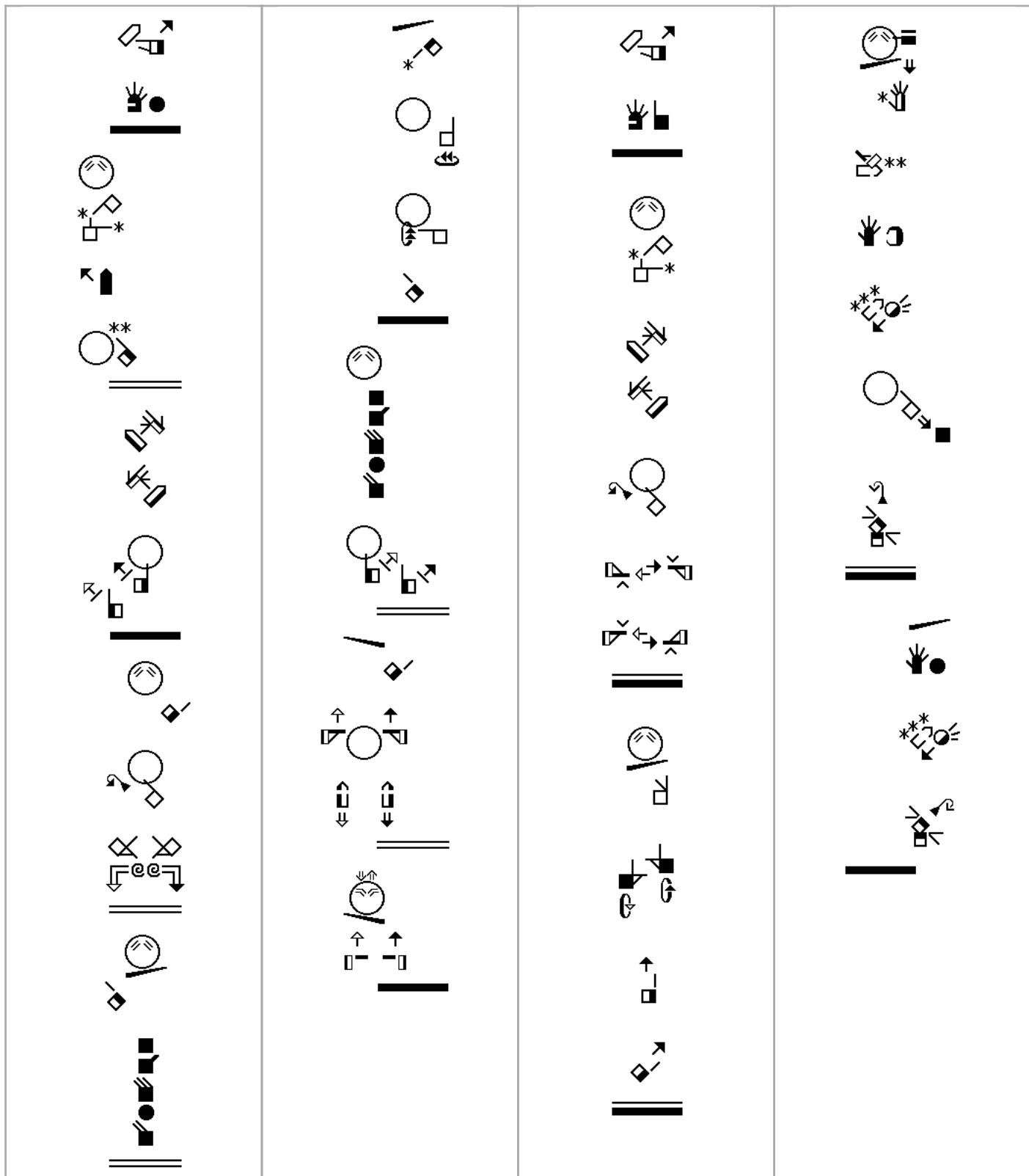
162 say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'  
Verse 35. But wisdom is shown to be right by the lives of those who follow it." Verse 36.  
One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so NLT



Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. Verse 37. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Verse 38. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. NLT

Luke 7:38-39

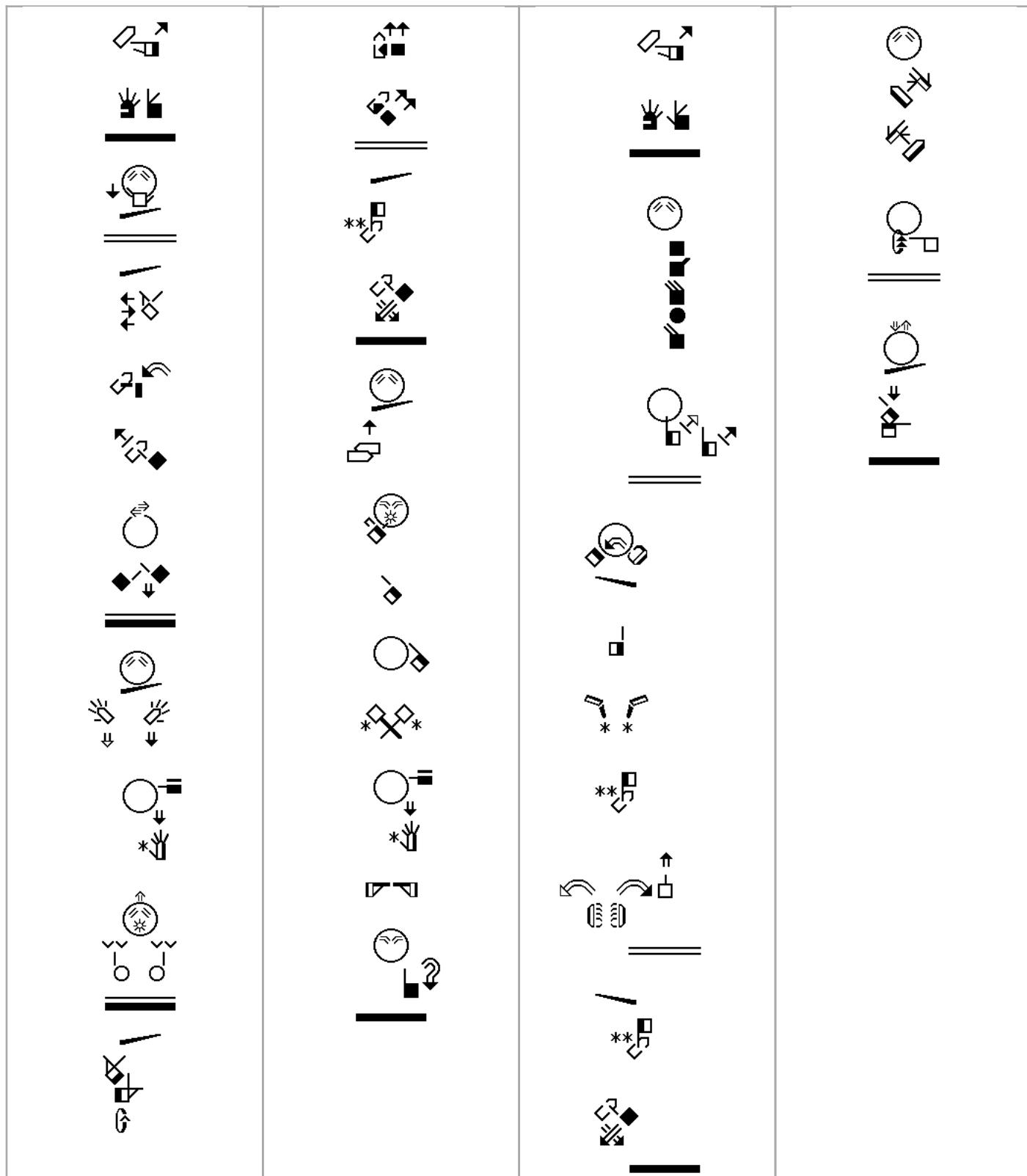


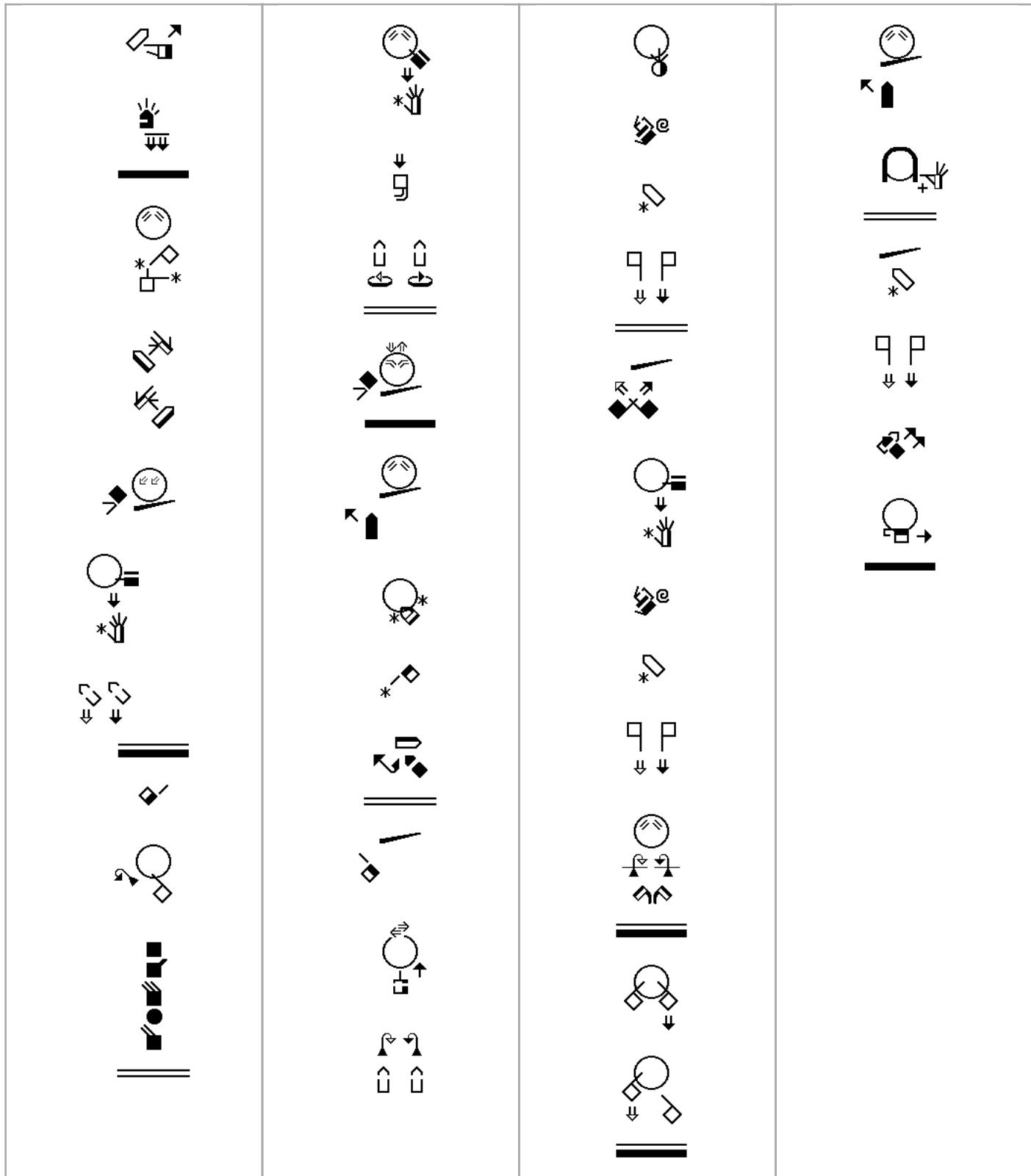


Verse 40. Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied. Verse 41. Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people -- 500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other.

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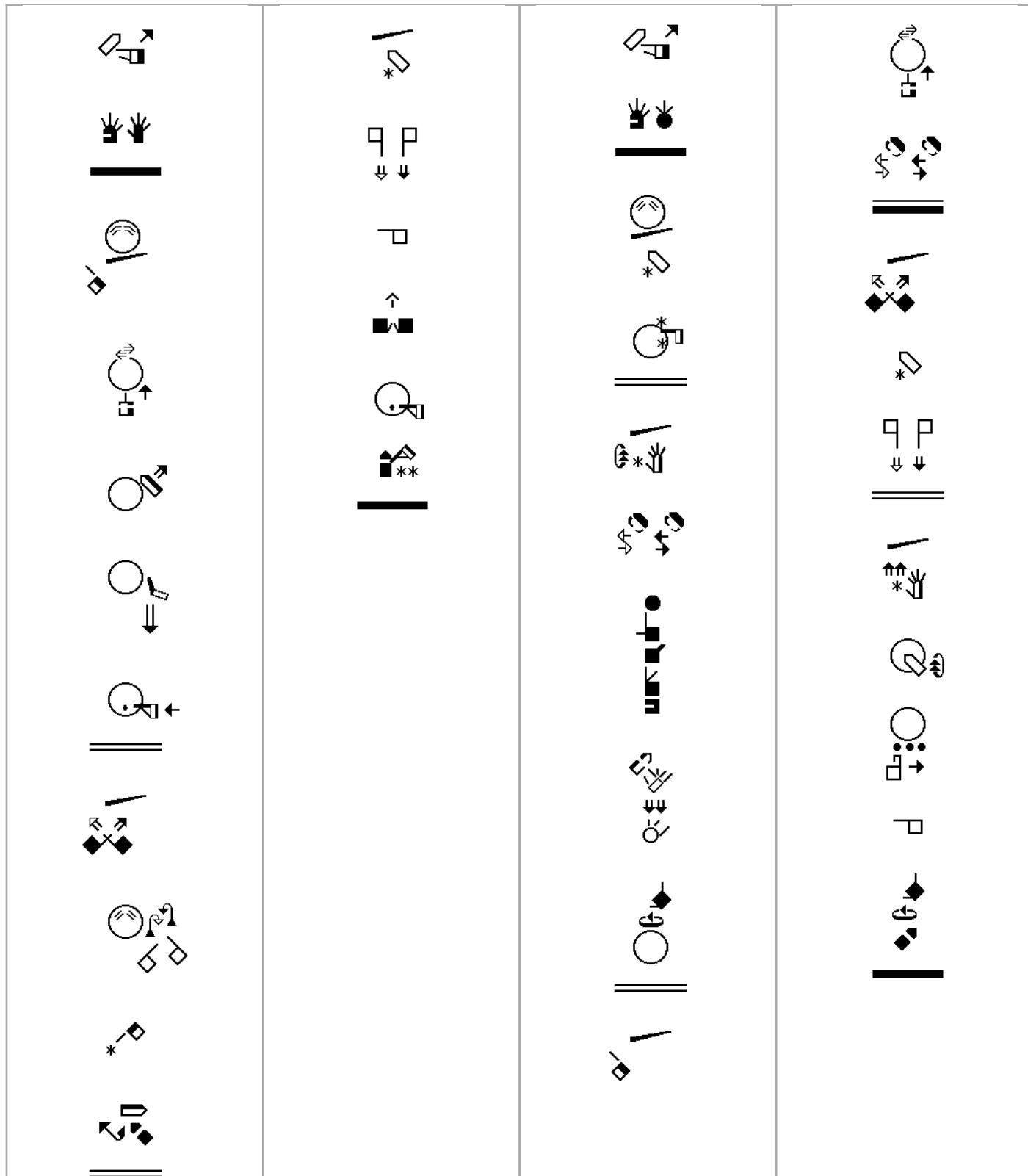
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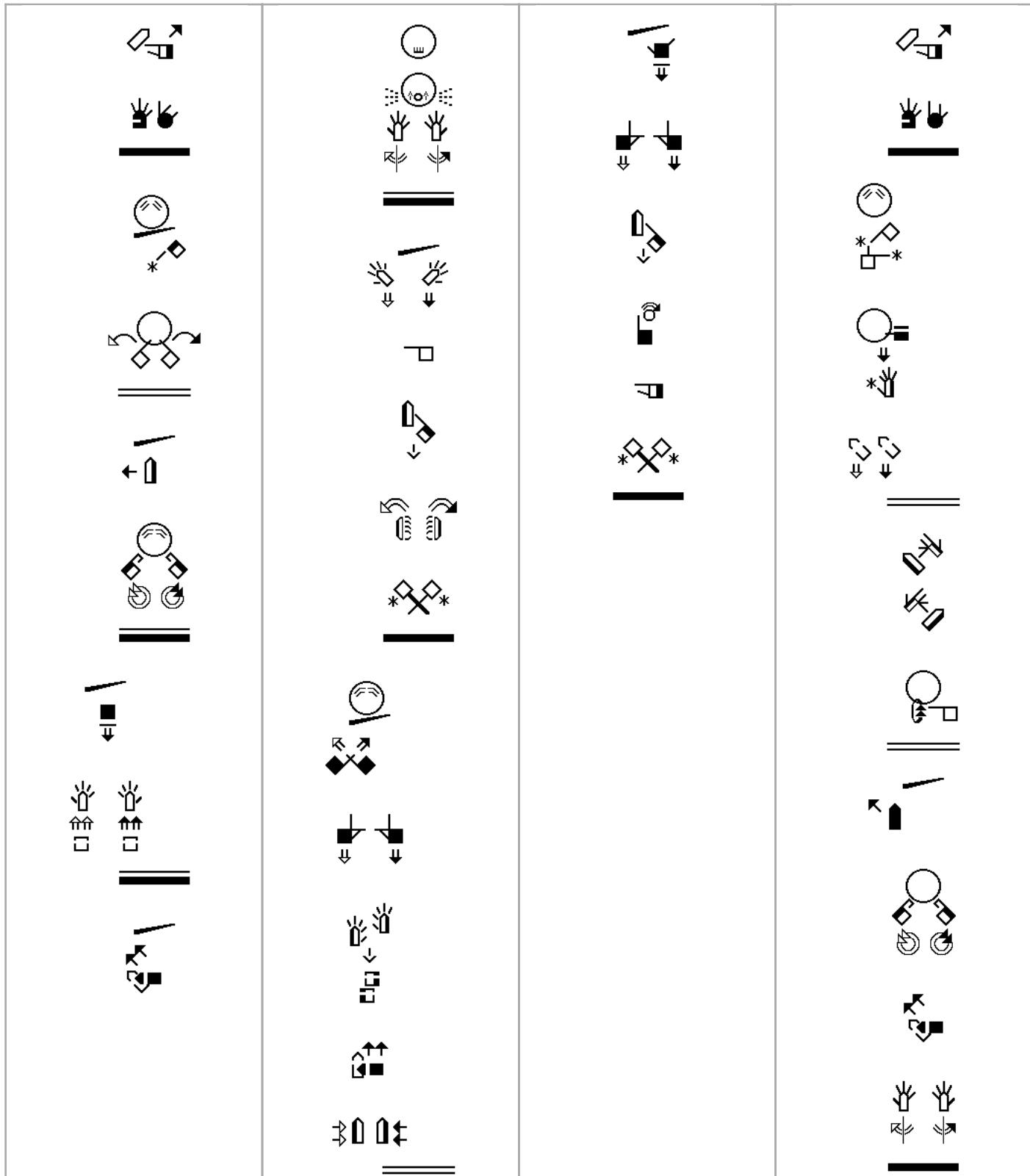


Verse 44. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair." NLT

Luke 7:45-46



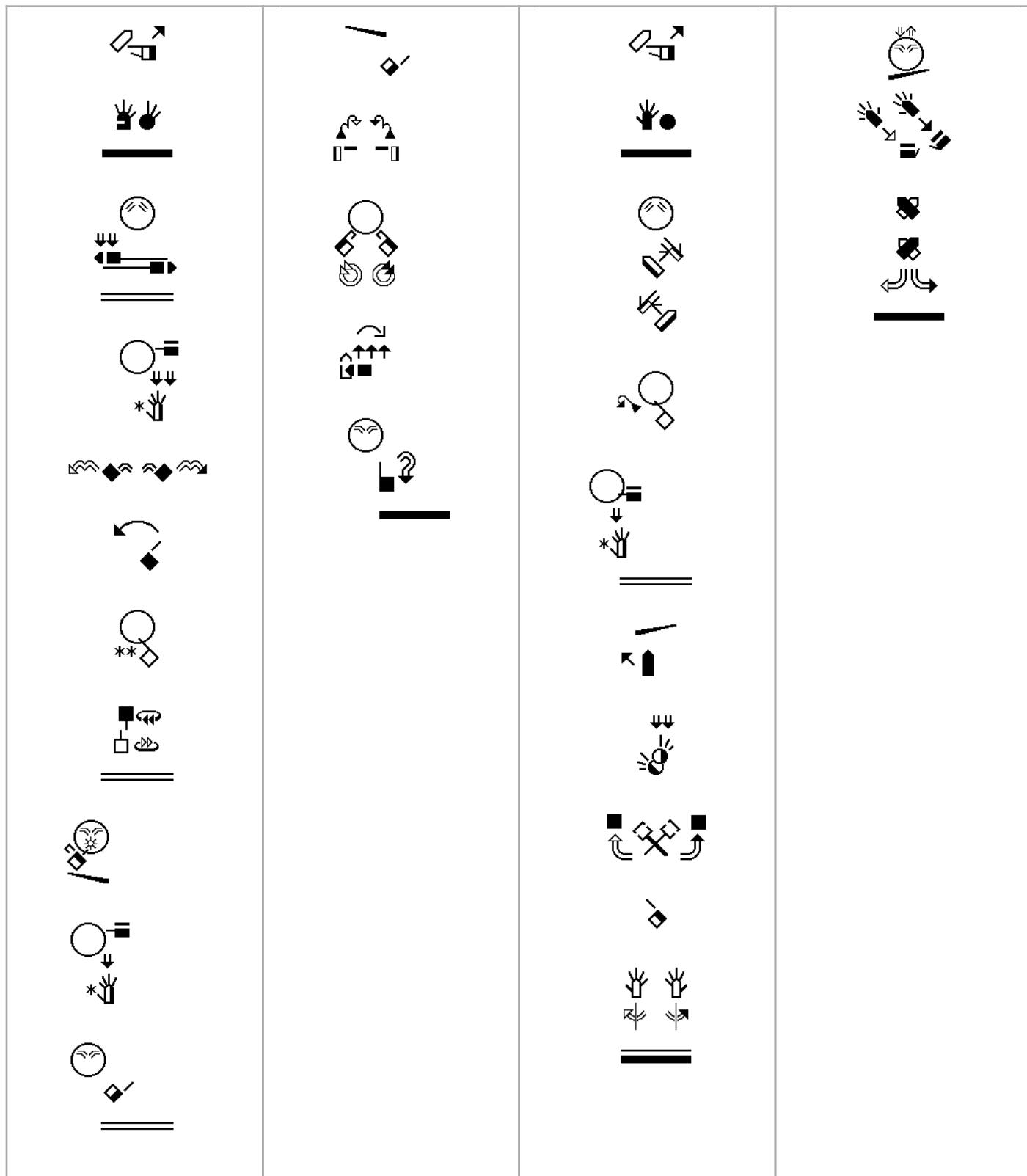
**168** Verse 45. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. Verse 46. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. NLT



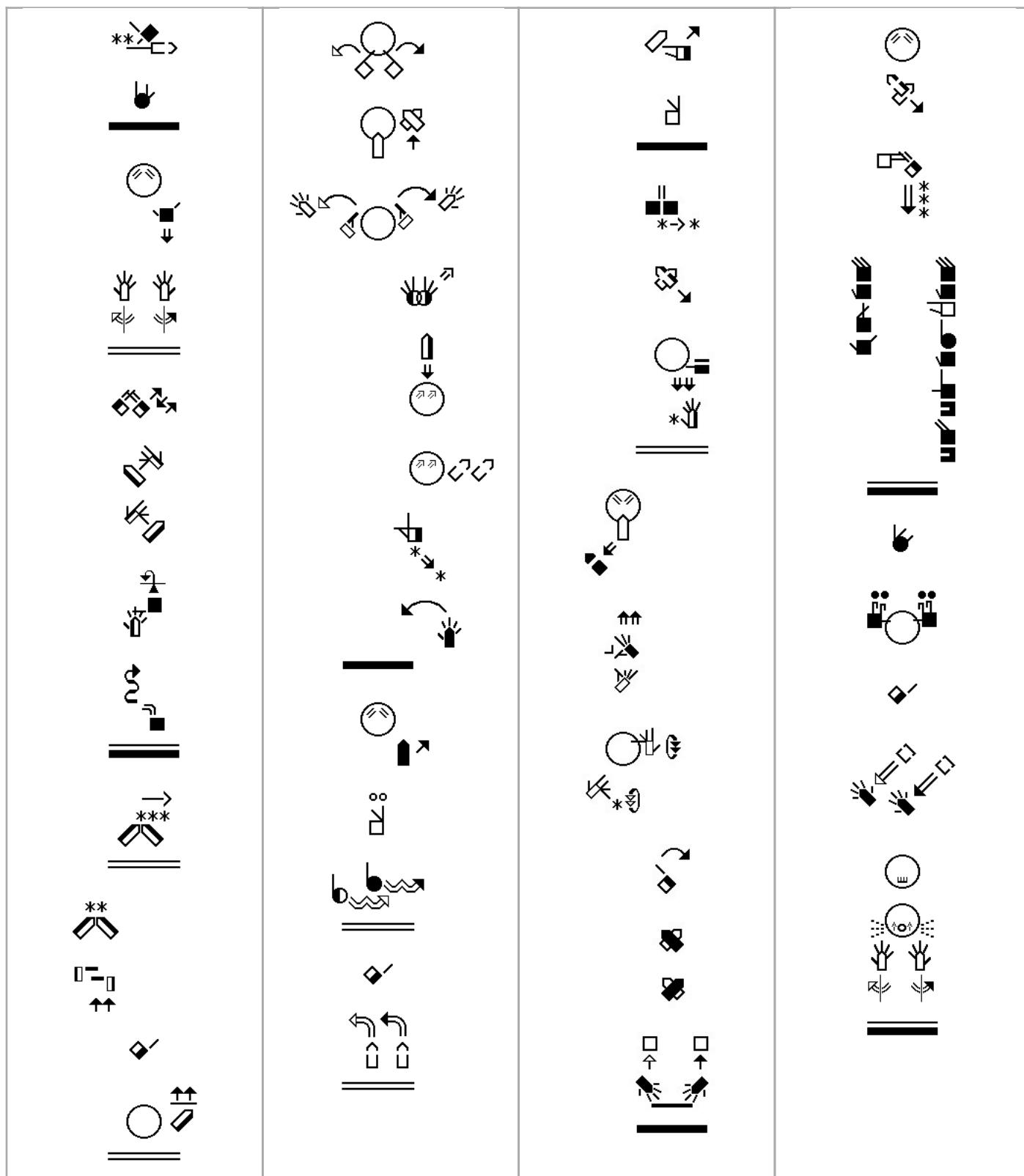
Verse 47. "I tell you, her sins -- and there are many -- have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Verse 48. Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

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Luke 7:49-50



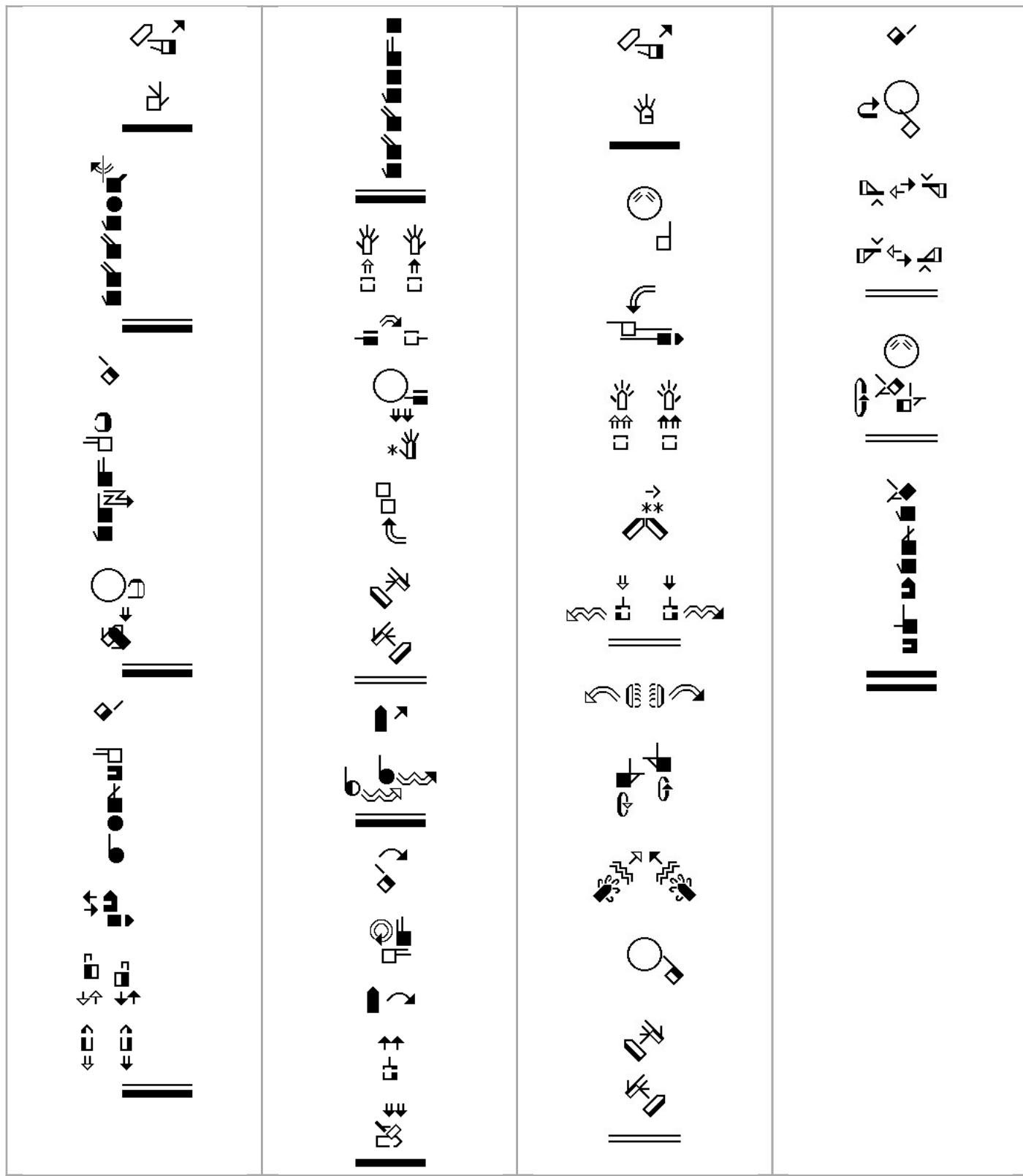
170 Verse 49. The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" Verse 50. And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." NLT



Luke 8. Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, Verse 2. along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons;

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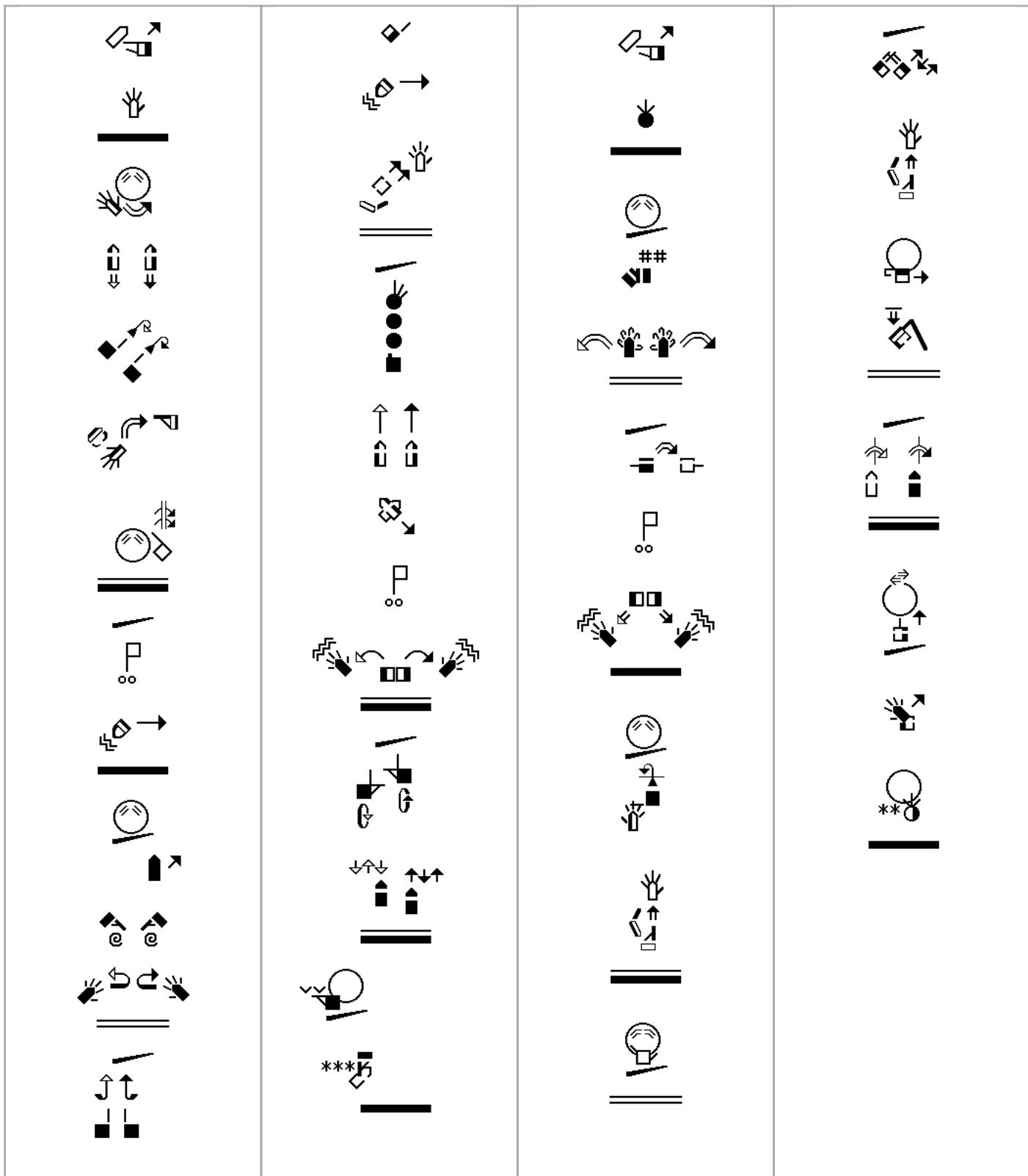
Luke 8:3-4



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Verse 3. Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples. Verse 4. One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him:

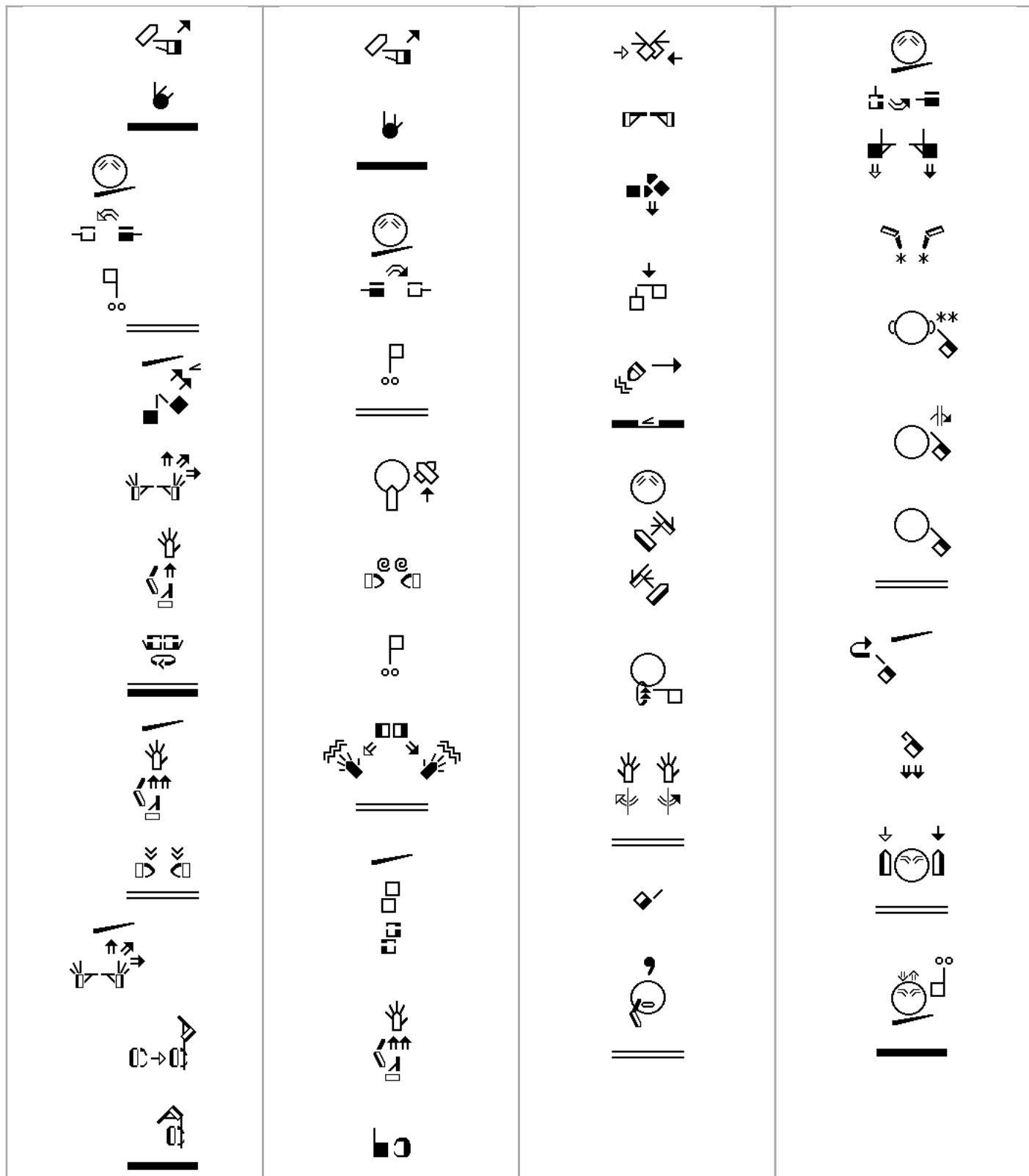
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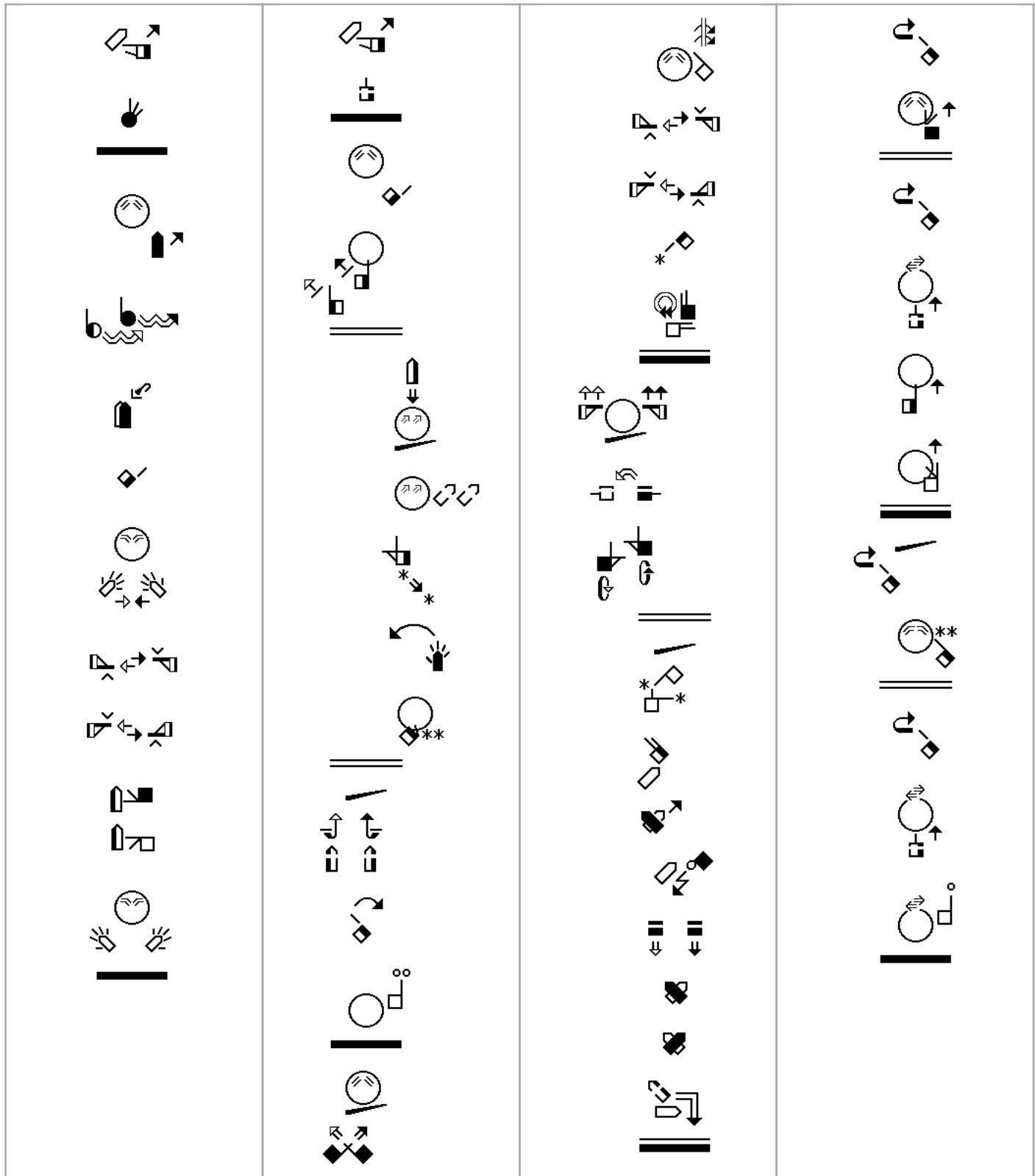
Verse 5. "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Verse 6. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture.

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Luke 8:7-8

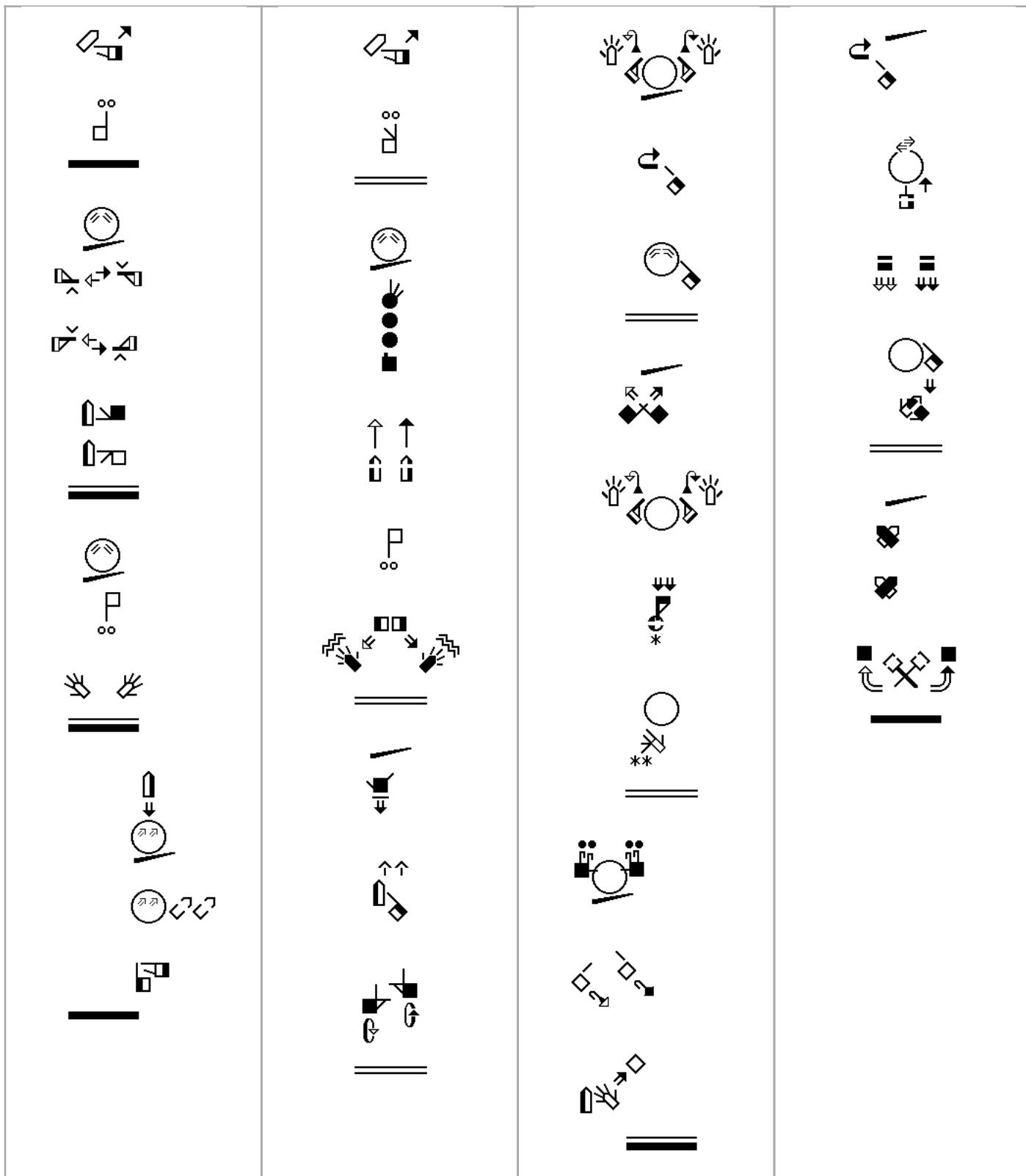


174 Verse 7. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Verse 8. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." NLT

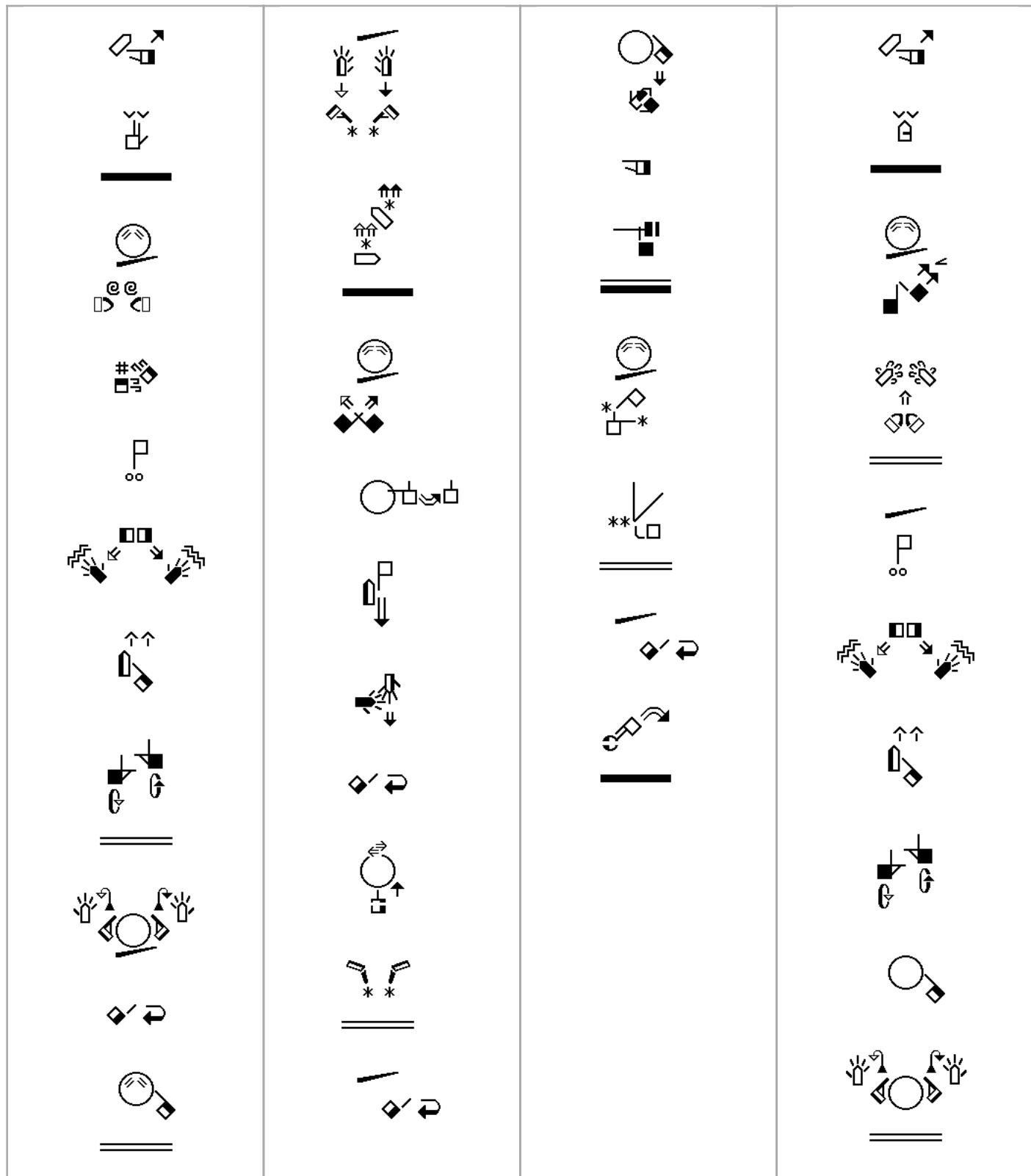


Verse 9. His disciples asked him what this parable meant. Verse 10. He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: 'When they look, they won't really see. When they hear, they won't understand.' NLT

Luke 8:11-12



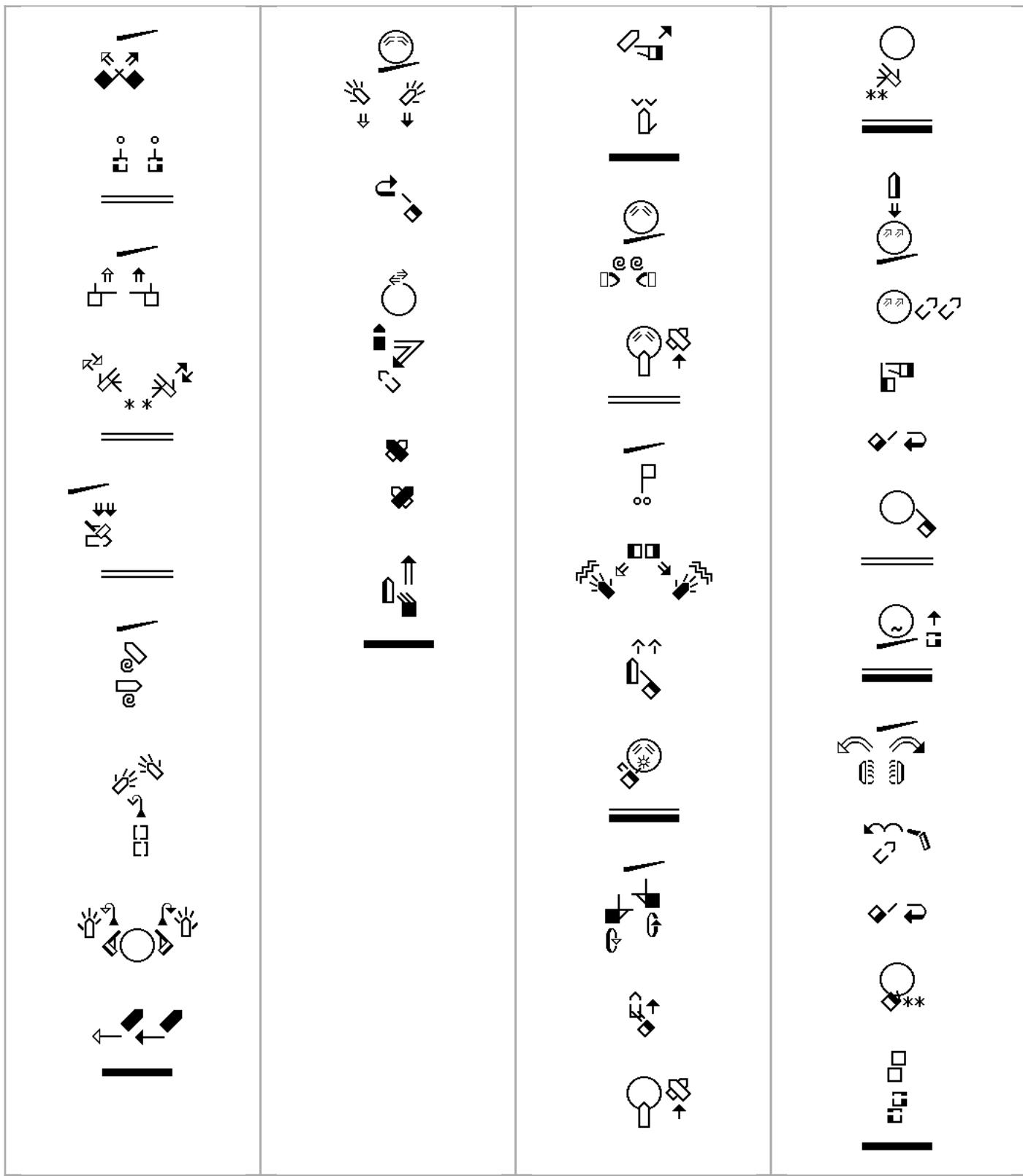
176 Verse 11. "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. Verse 12. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved.  
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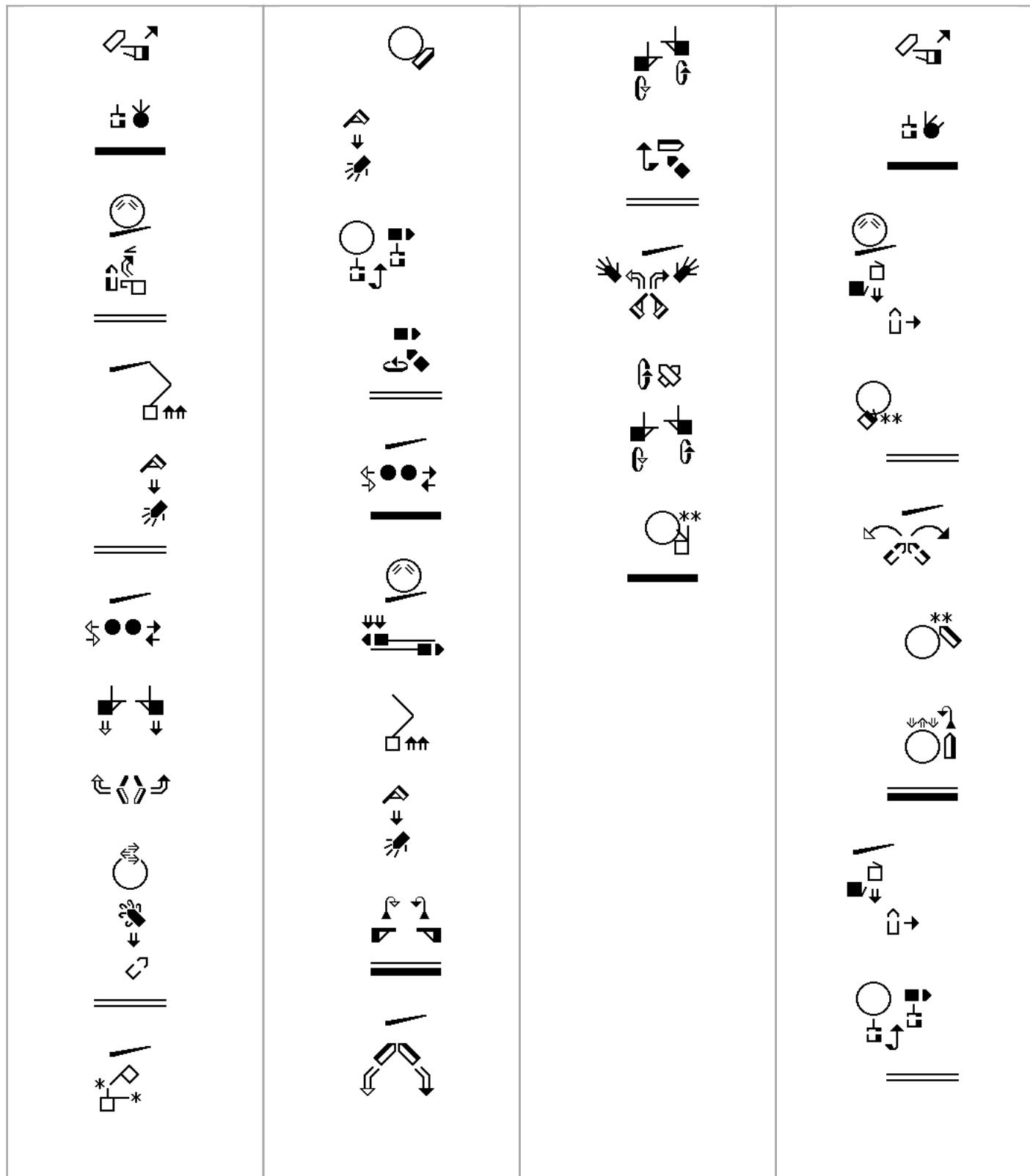
Verse 13. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. Verse 14. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message,

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Luke 8:14-15

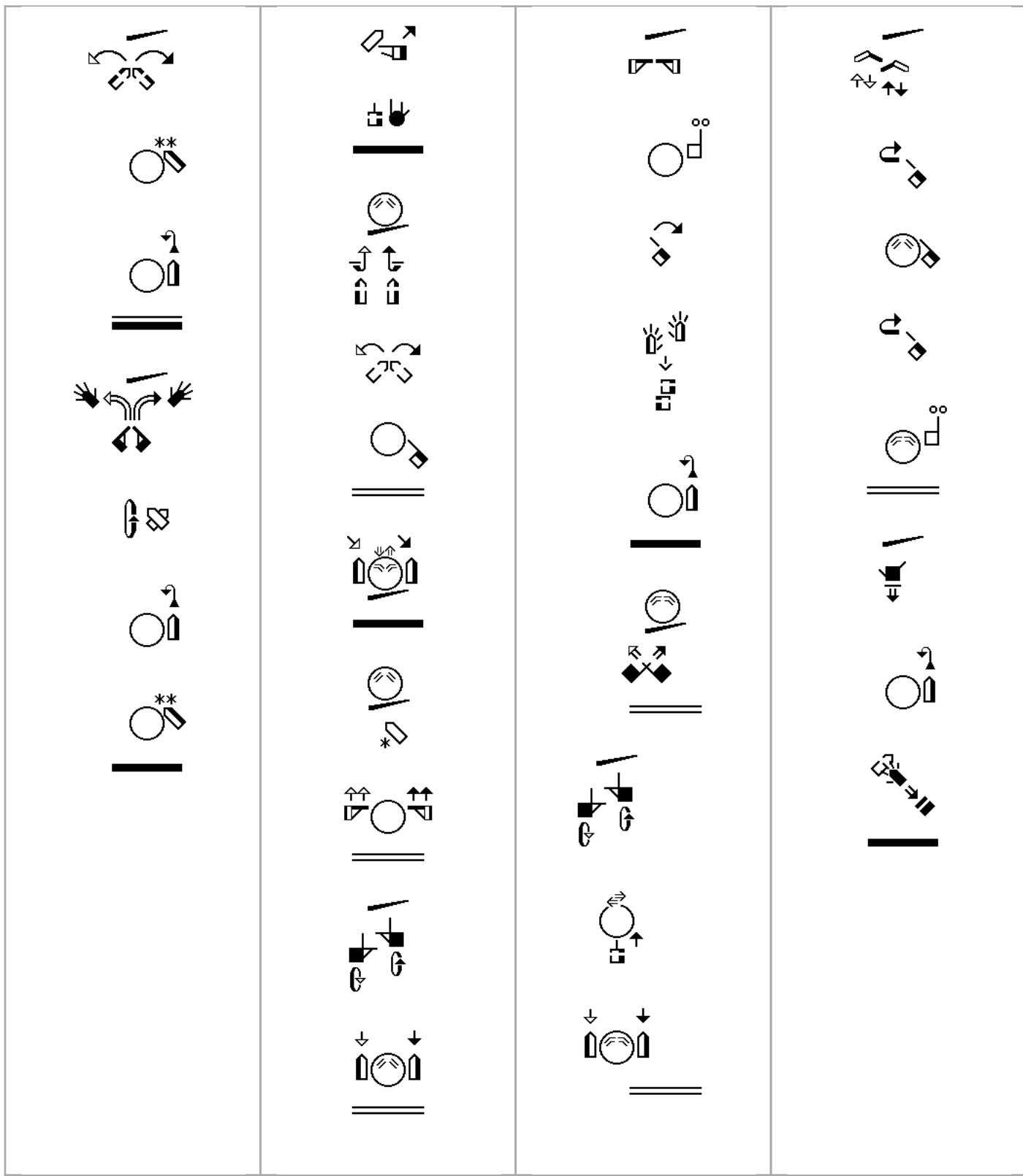


178 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. Verse 15. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, goodhearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. NLT



Verse 16. "No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or hides it under a bed. A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house. Verse 17. For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed

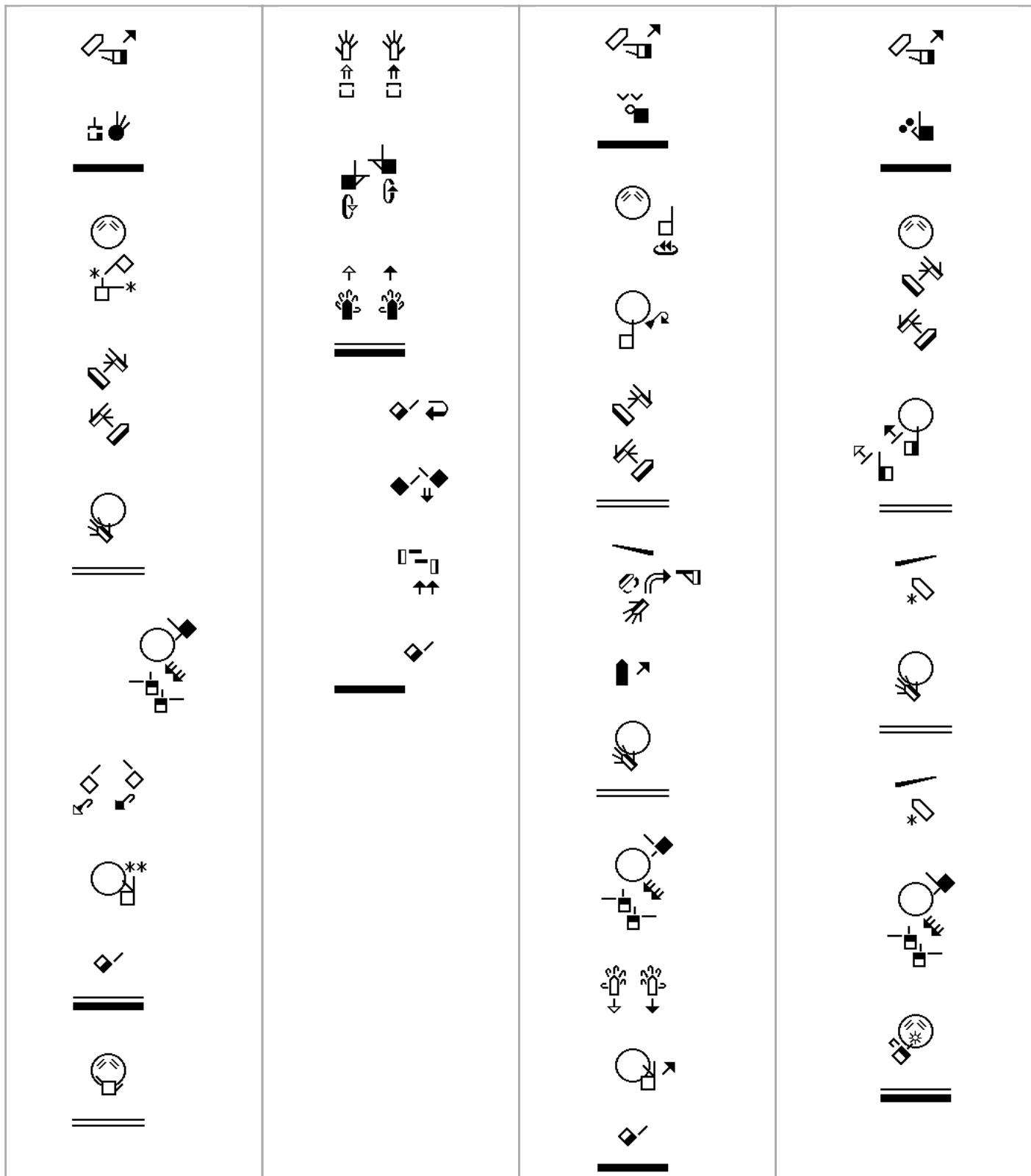
Luke 8:17-18



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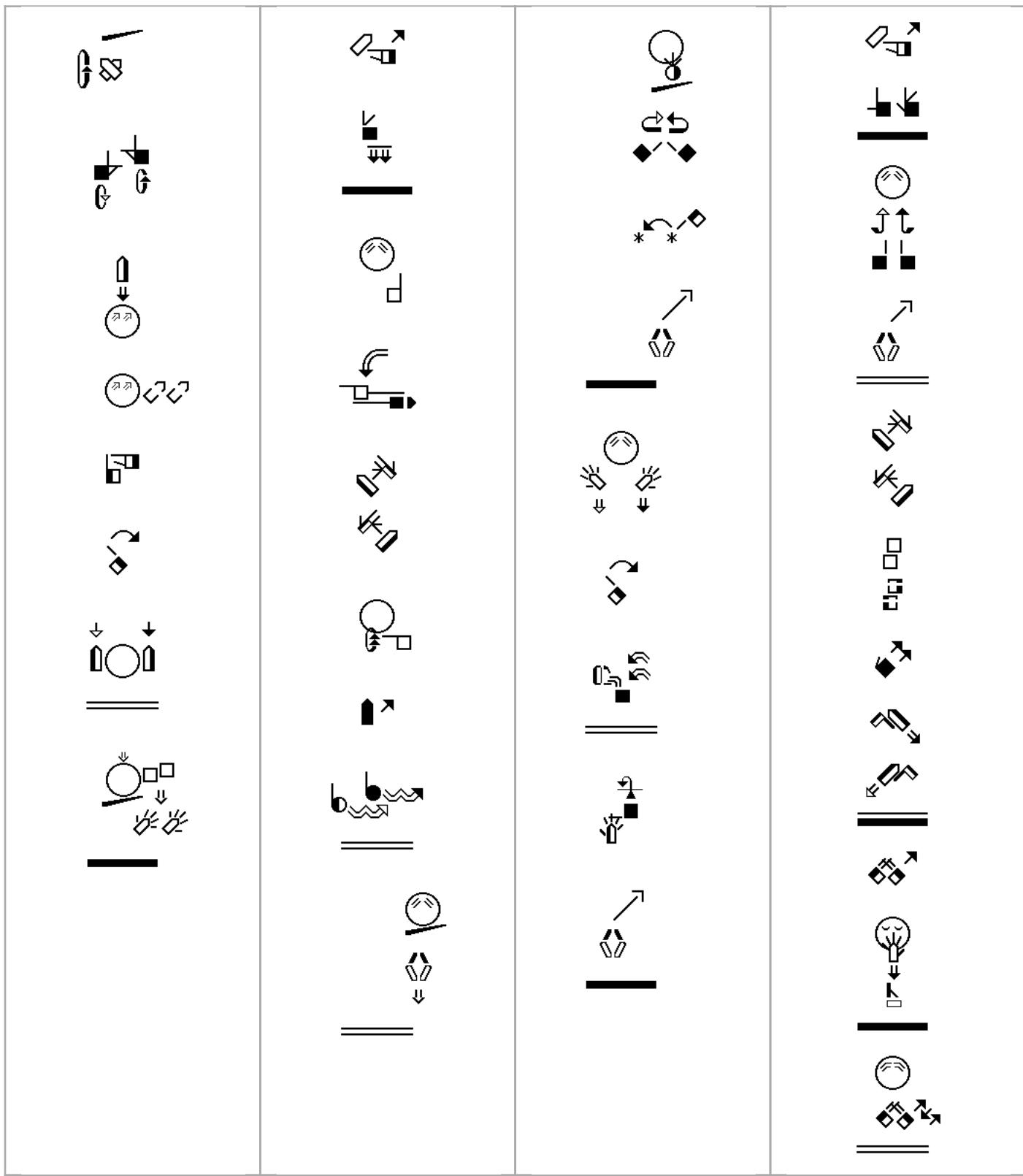
will be brought to light and made known to all. Verse 18. "So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."

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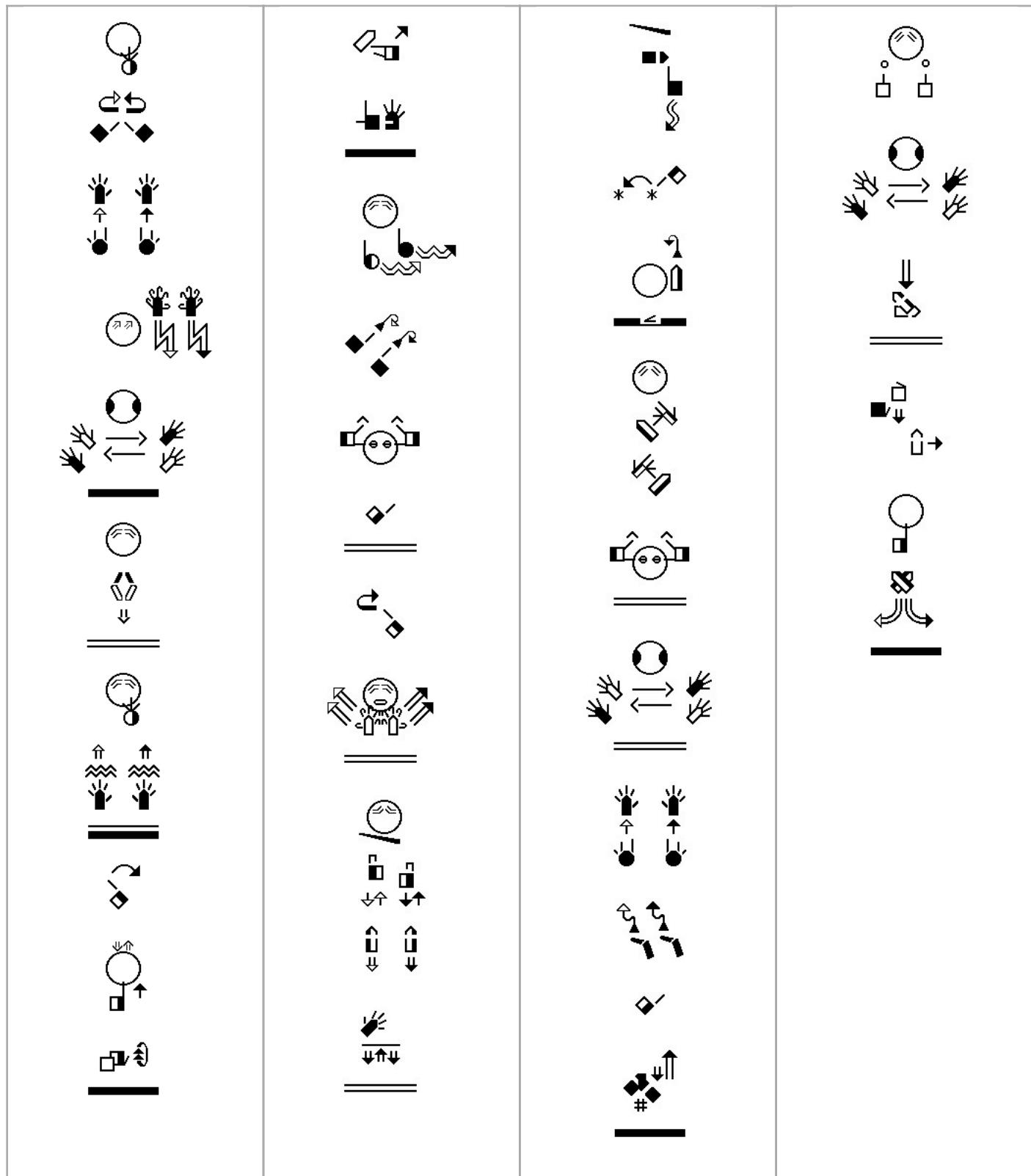


Verse 19. Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they couldn't get to him because of the crowd. Verse 20. Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, and they want to see you." Verse 21. Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers are  
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Luke 8:21-23



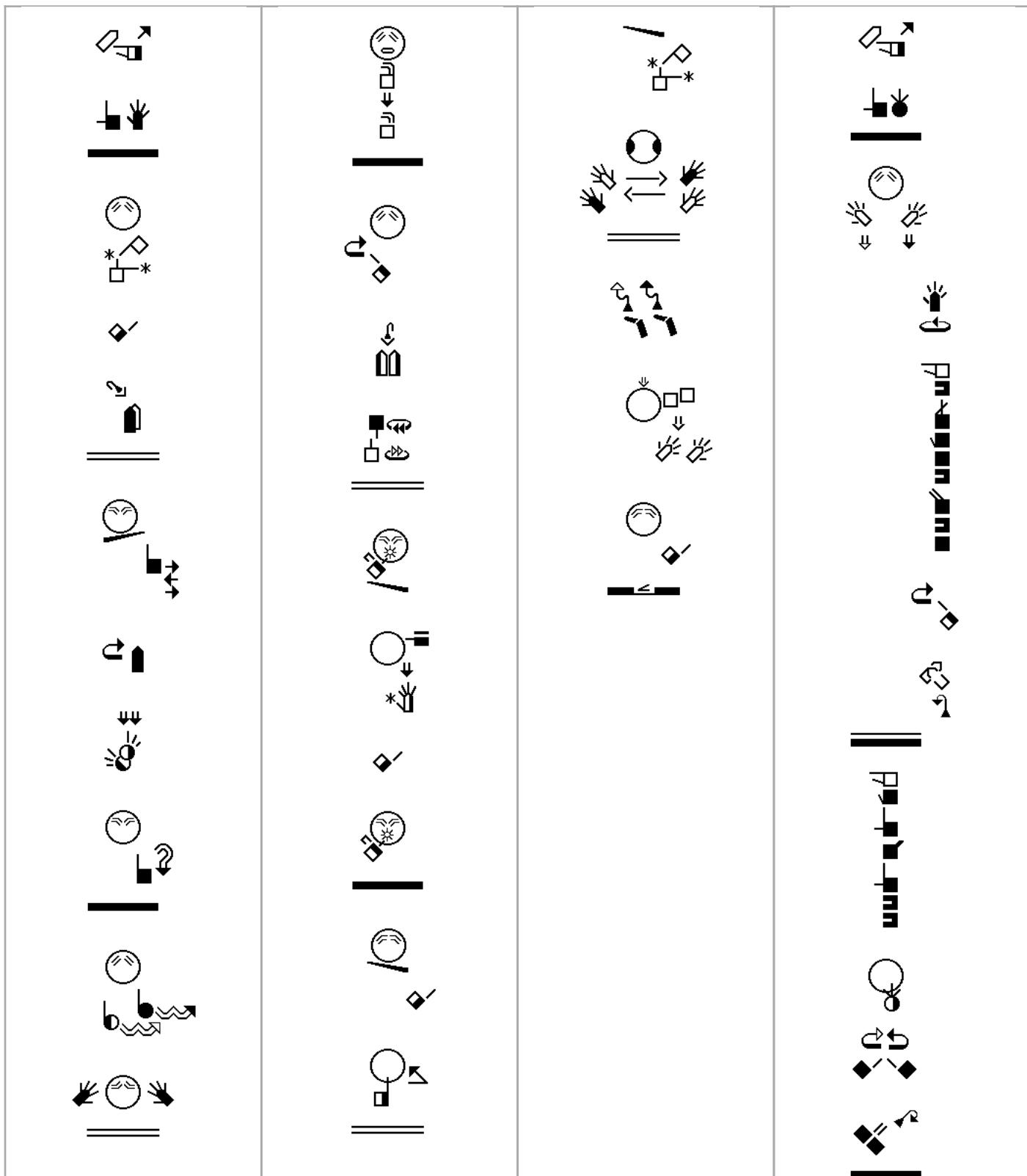
182 all those who hear God's word and obey it." Verse 22. One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out. Verse 23. As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon NLT



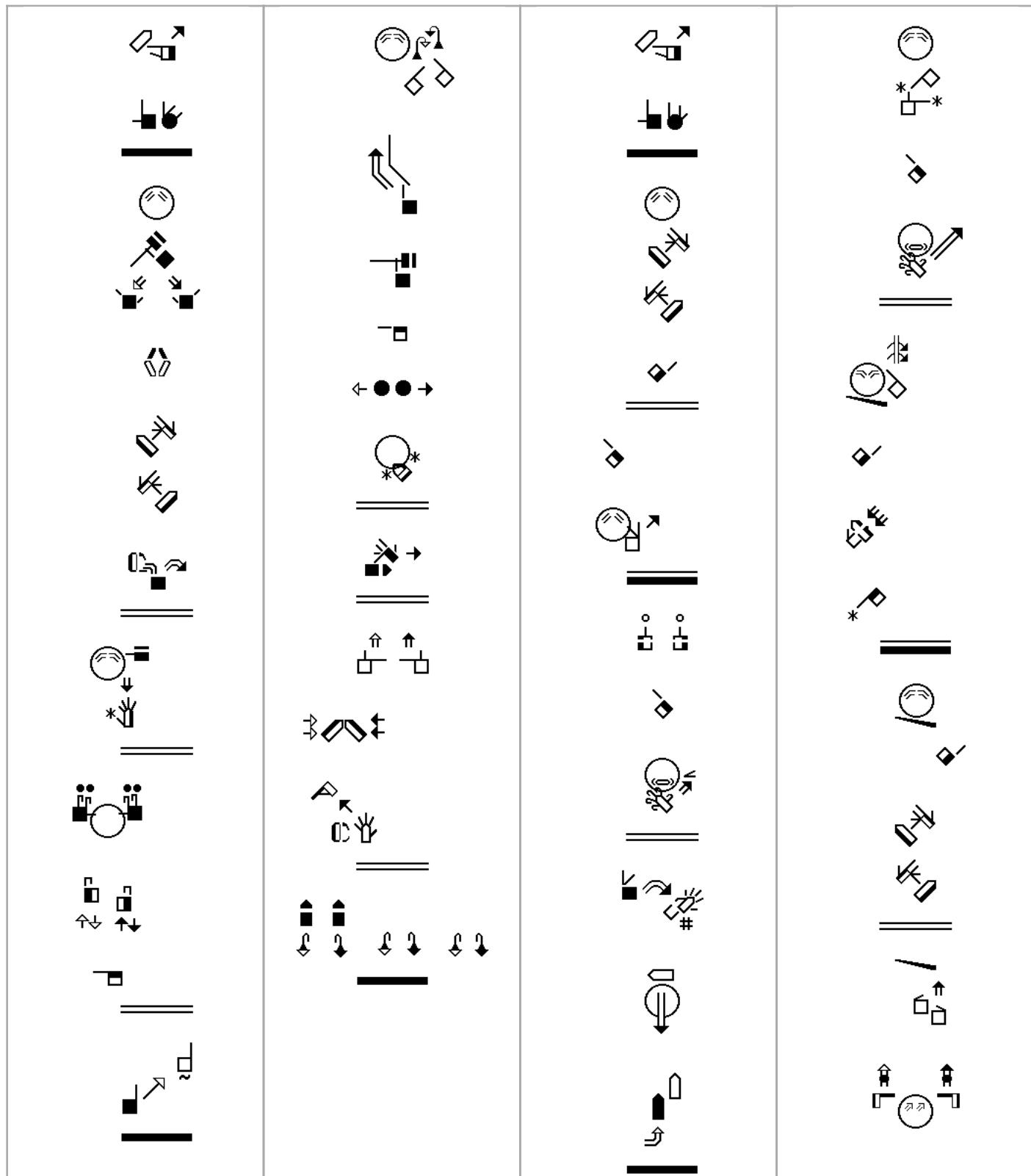
a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger. Verse 24. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm.

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Luke 8:25-26

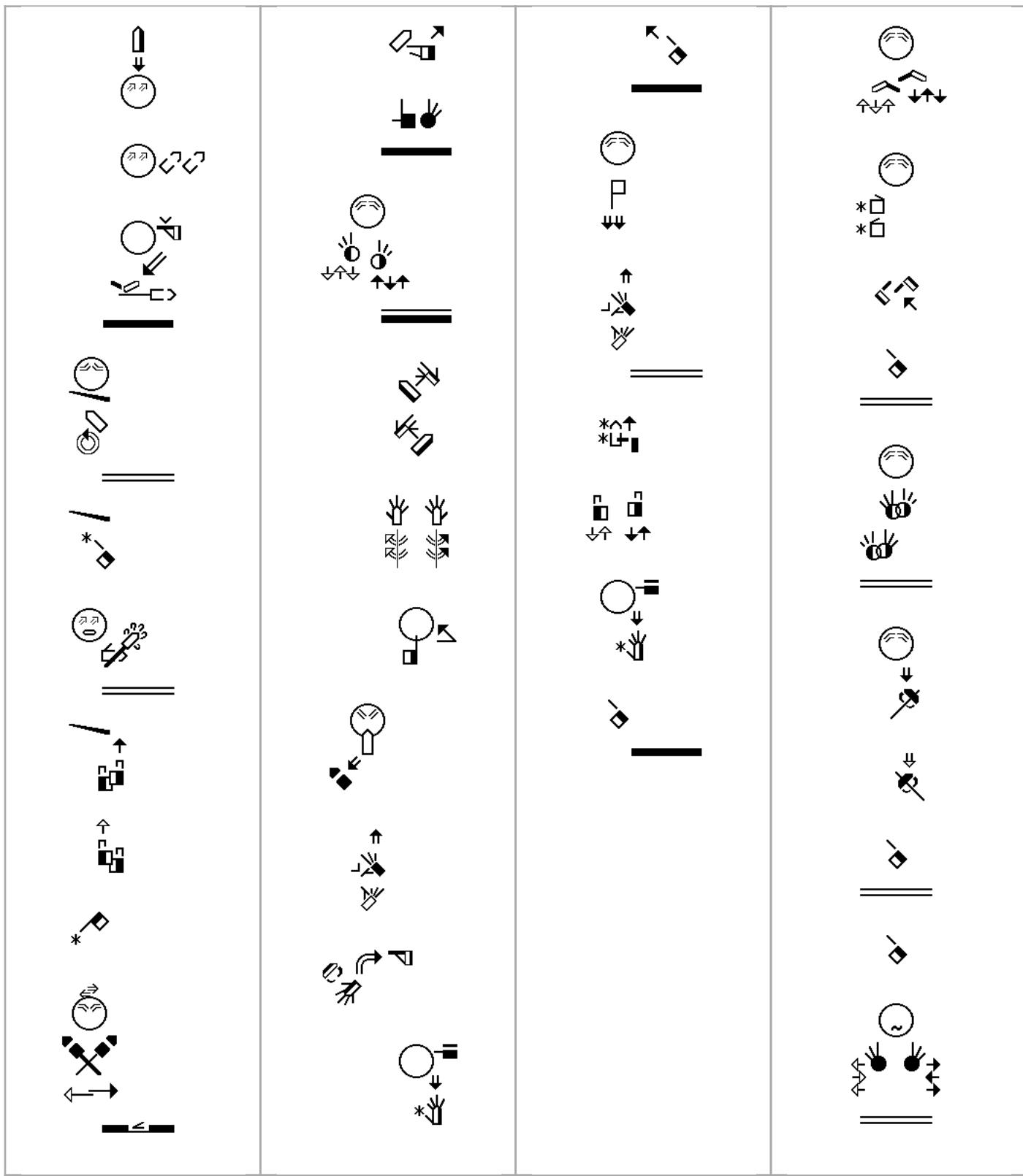


184 Verse 25. Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!" Verse 26. So they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee. NLT

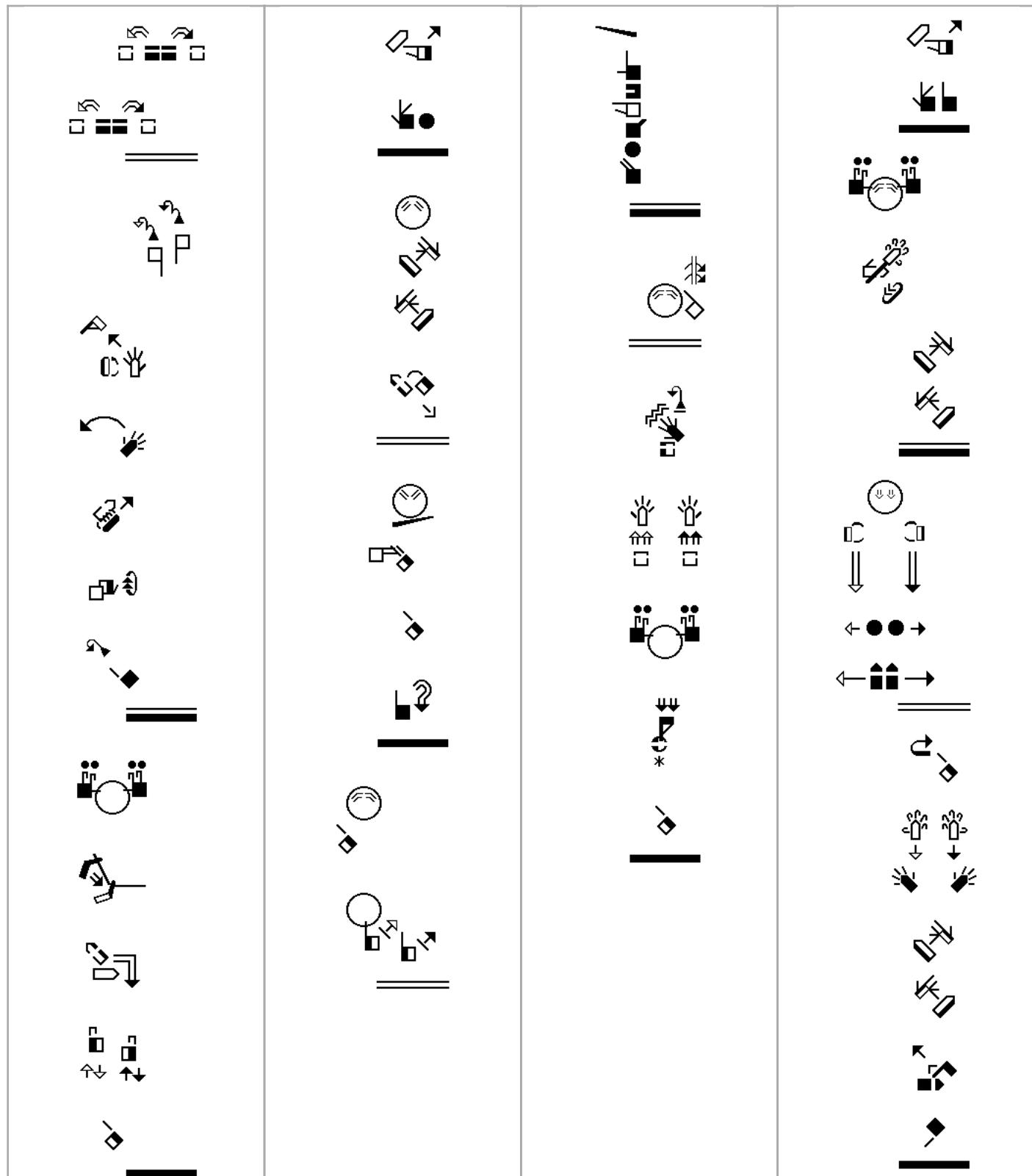


Verse 27. As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him. For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in a cemetery outside the town. Verse 28. As soon as he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down in front of him. Then he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, NLT

Luke 8:28-29



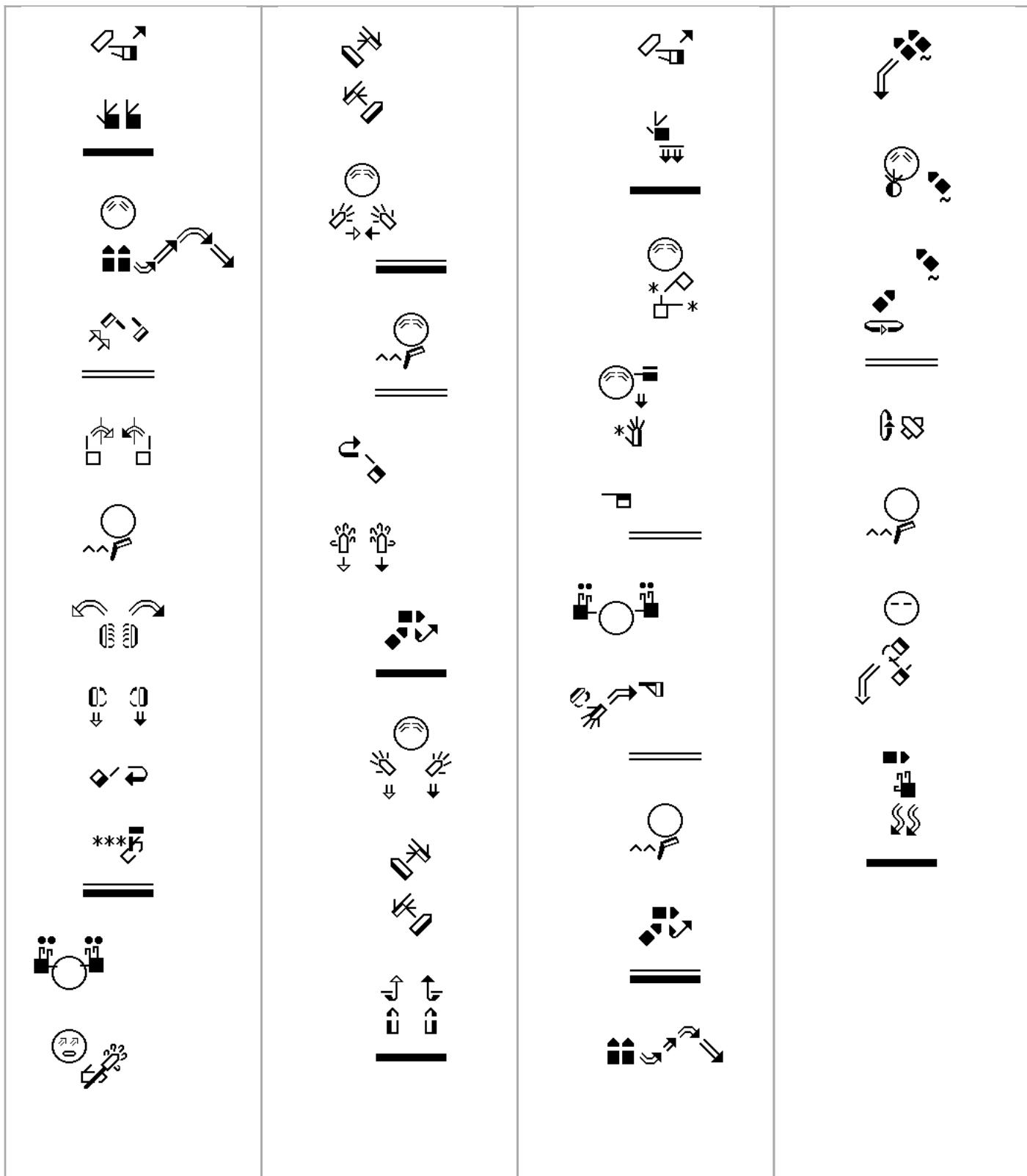
186 Son of the Most High God? Please, I beg you, don't torture me!" Verse 29. For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply NLT



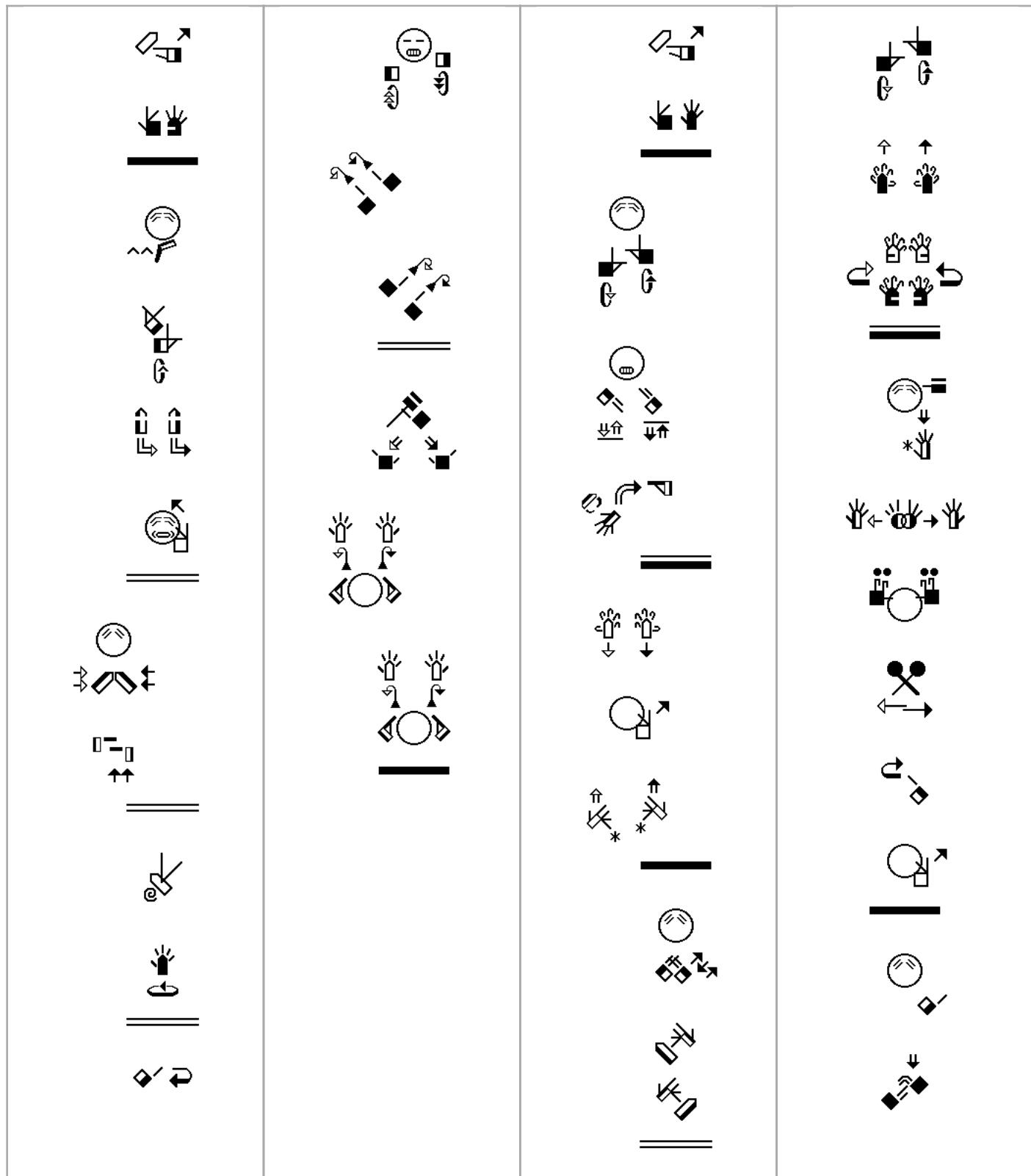
broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon's power. Verse 30. Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, for he was filled with many demons. Verse 31. The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit.

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Luke 8:32-33



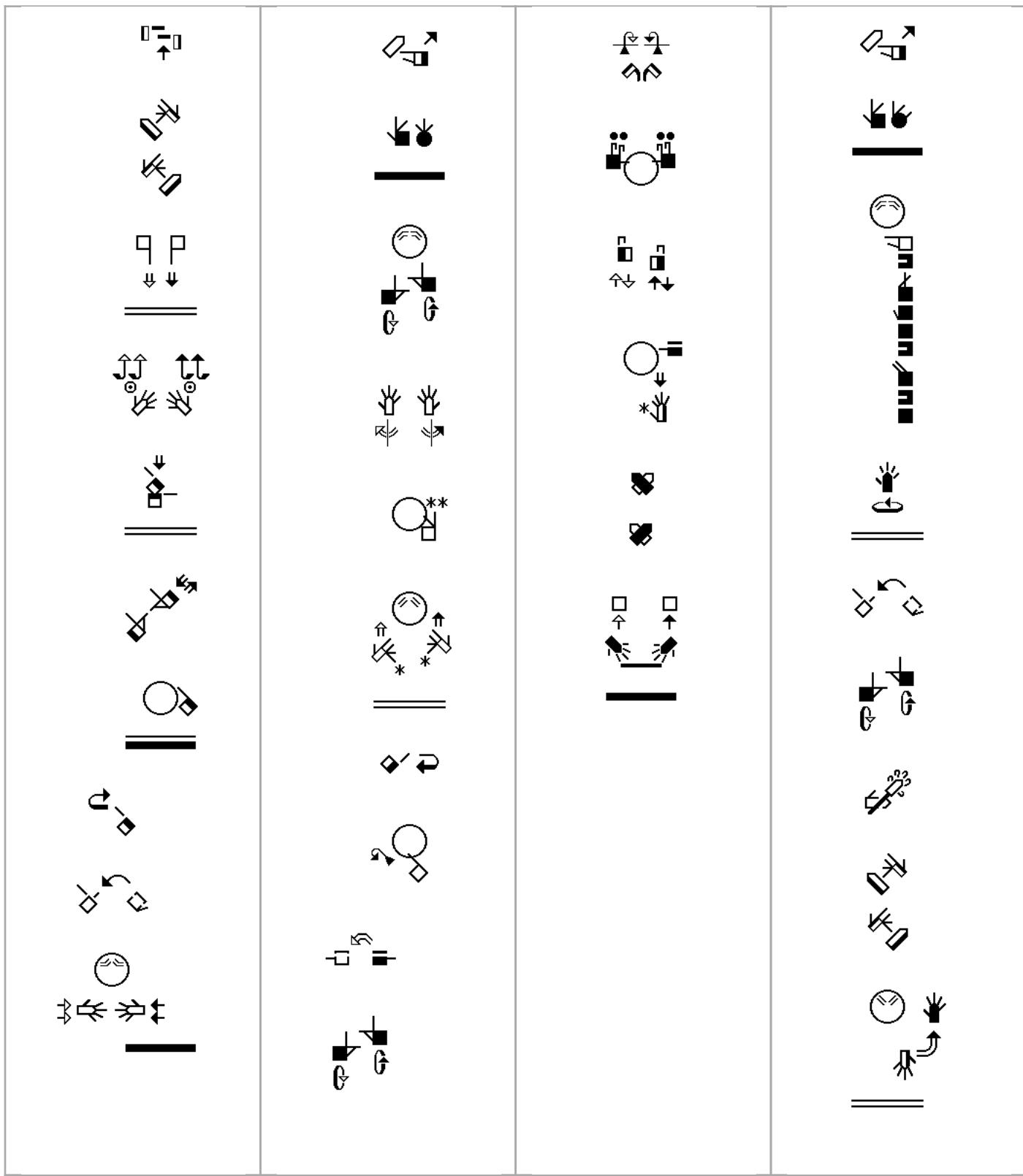
188 Verse 32. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby, and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission. Verse 33. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned. NLT



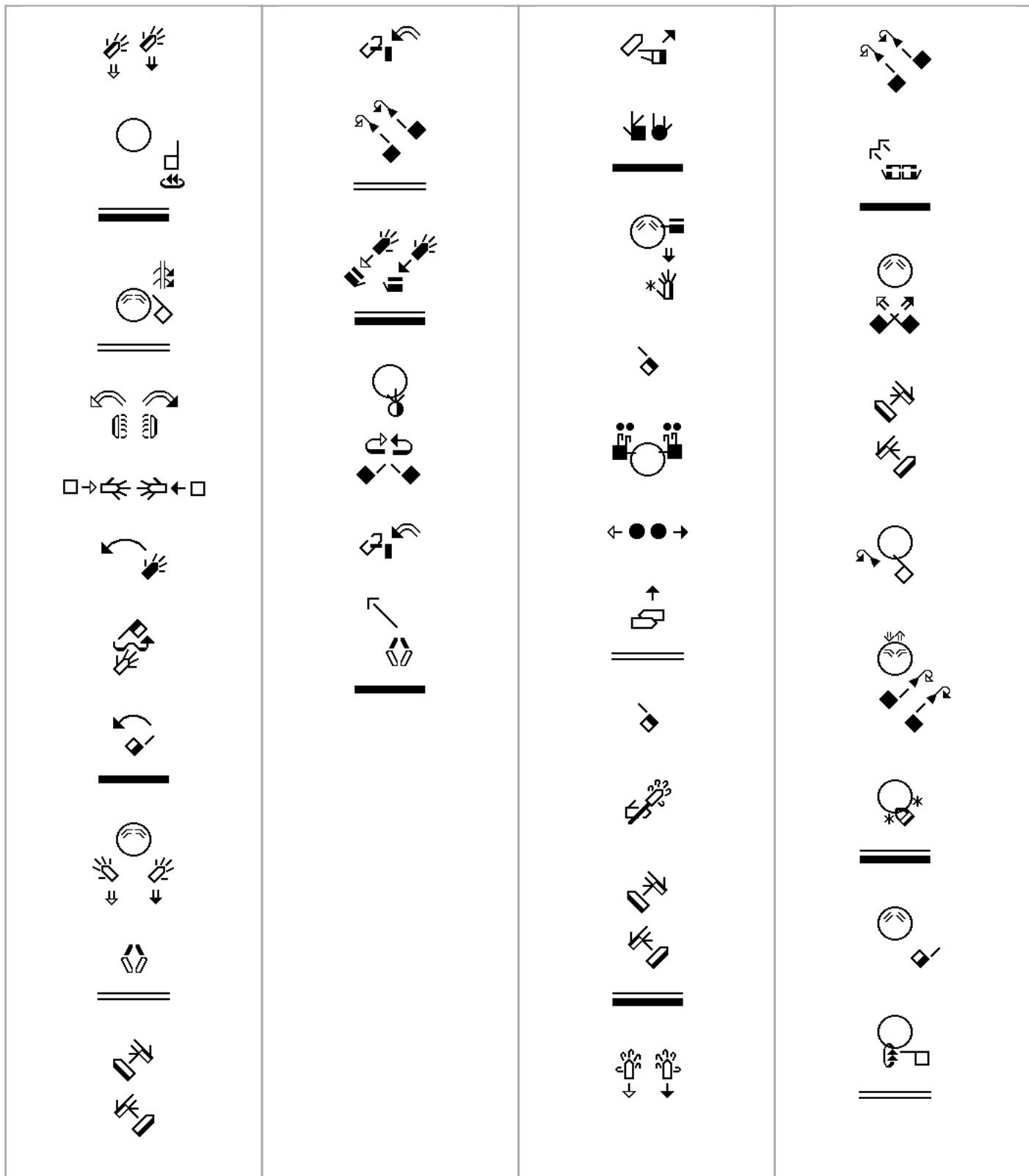
Verse 34. When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. Verse 35. People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting

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Luke 8:35-37

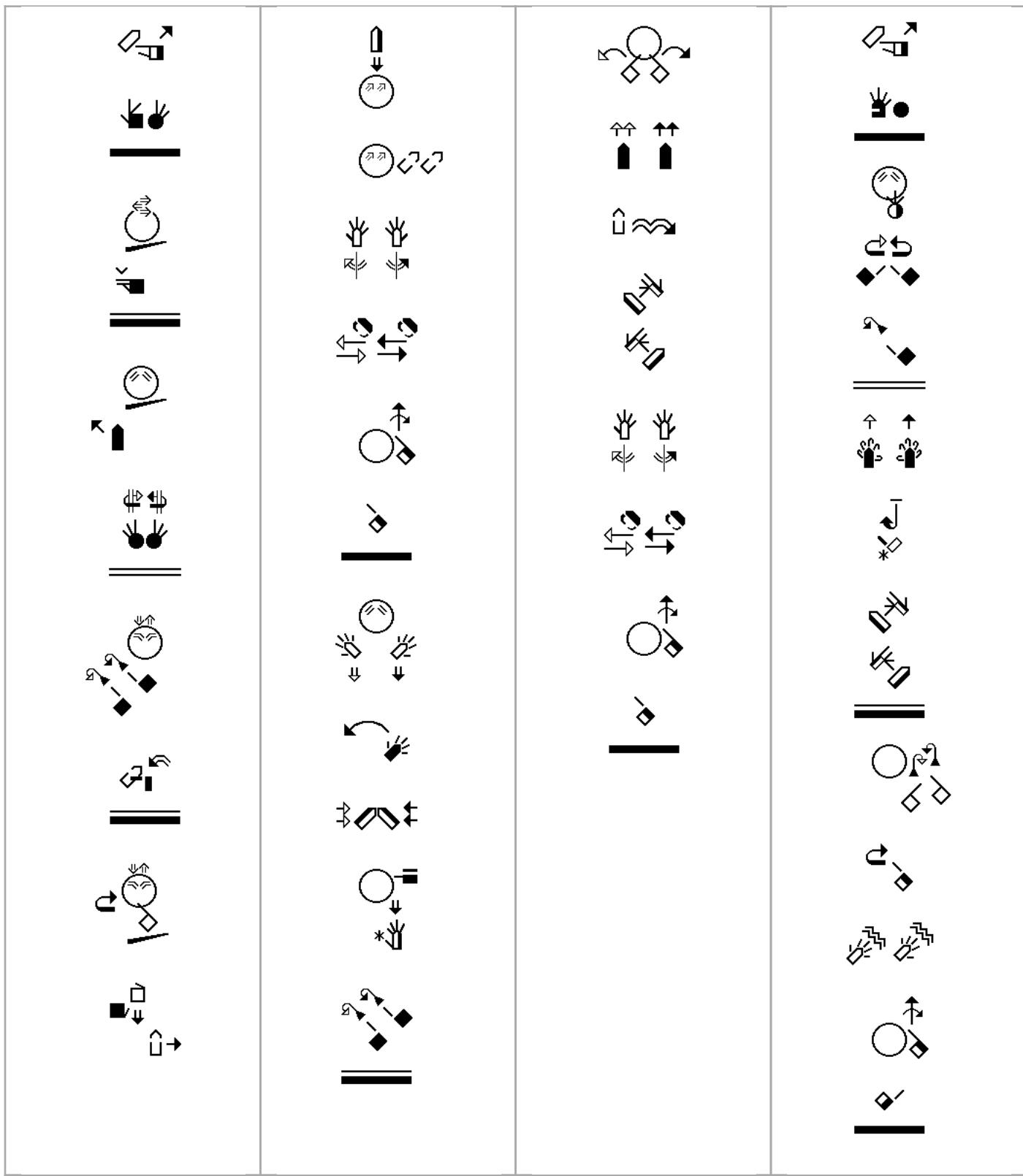


190 at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. Verse 36. Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Verse 37. And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away NLT

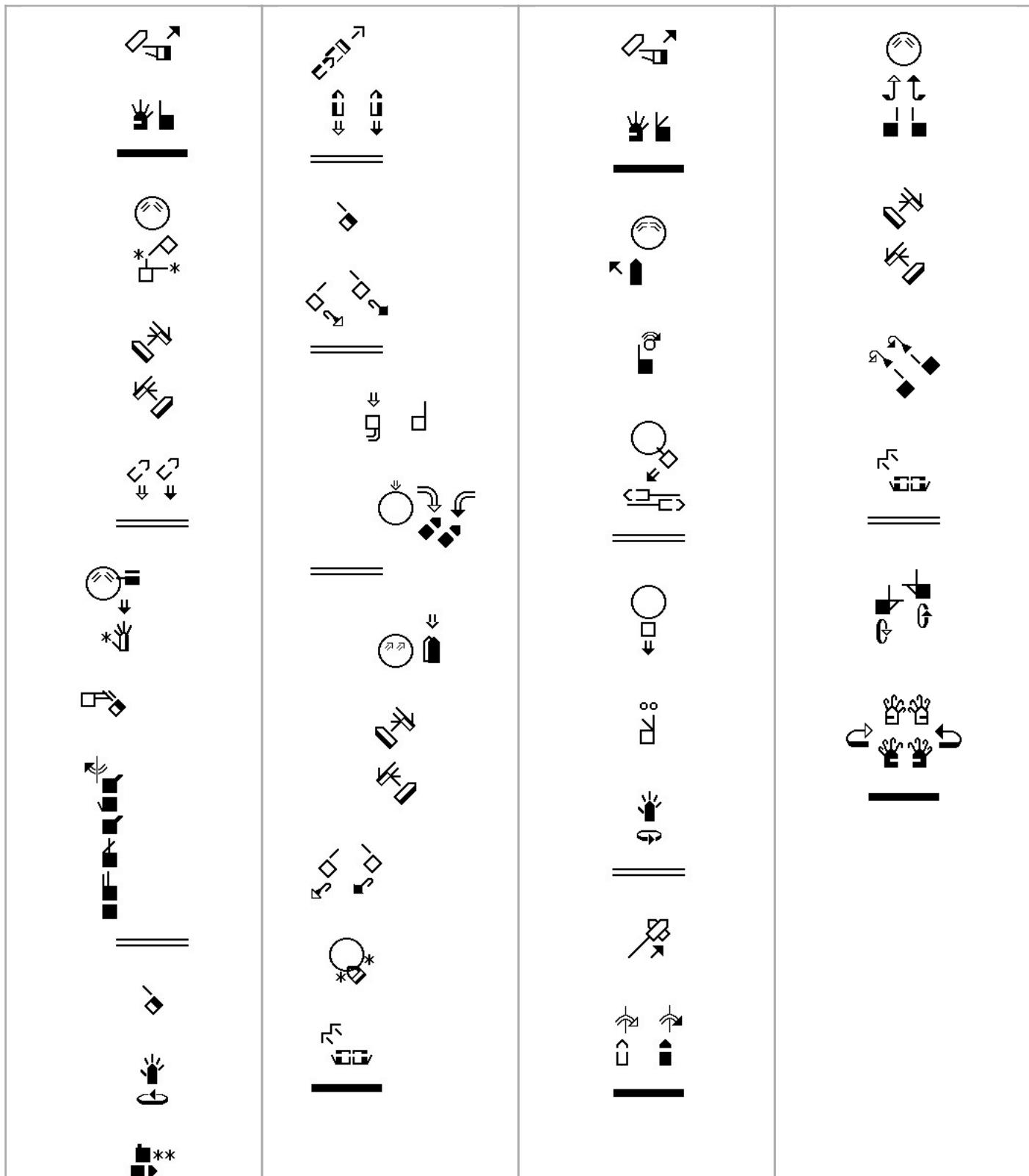


and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake. Verse 38. The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, NLT

Luke 8:39-40

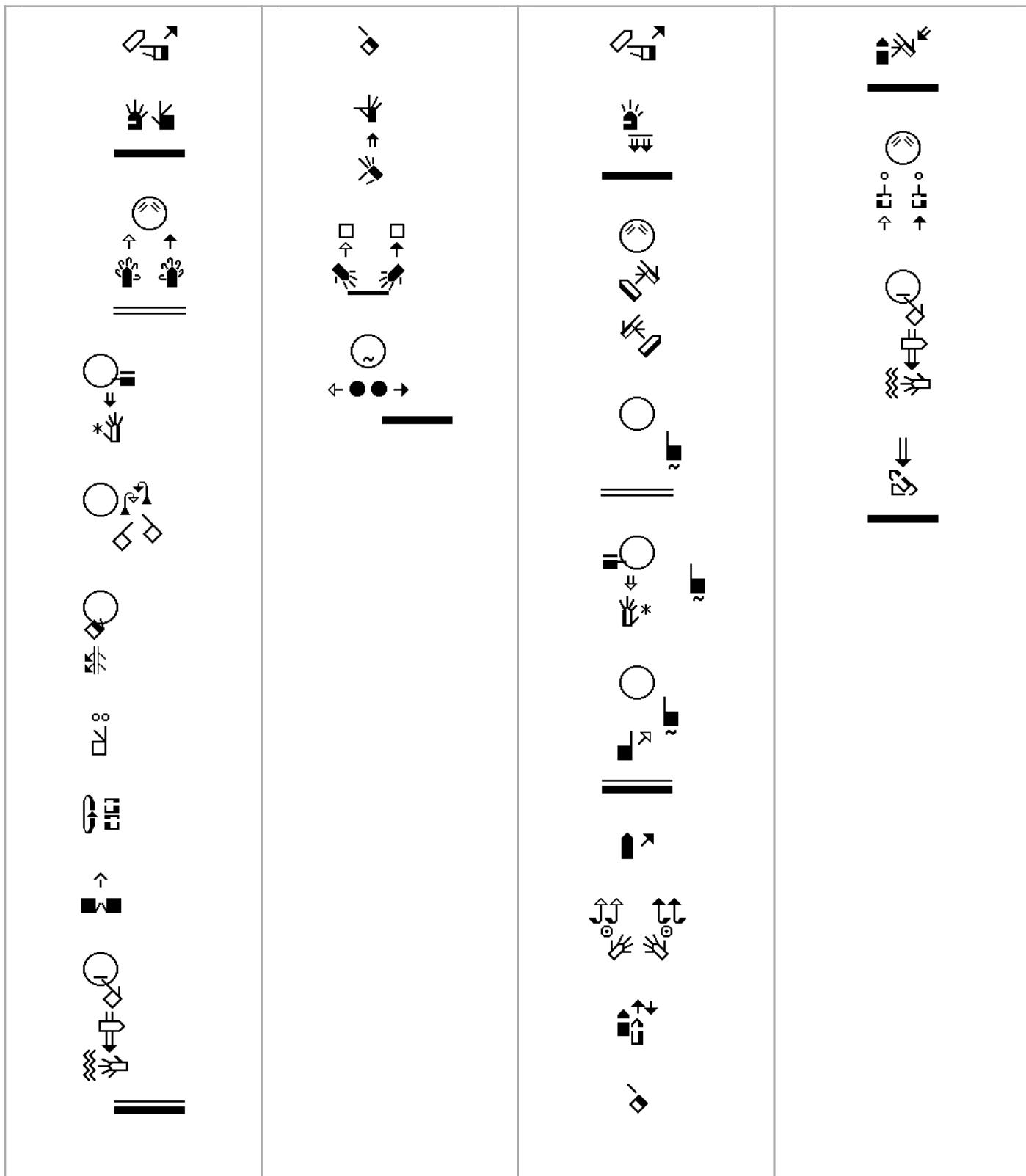


Verse 39. "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you."  
So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.  
Verse 40. On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had  
been waiting for him. NLT

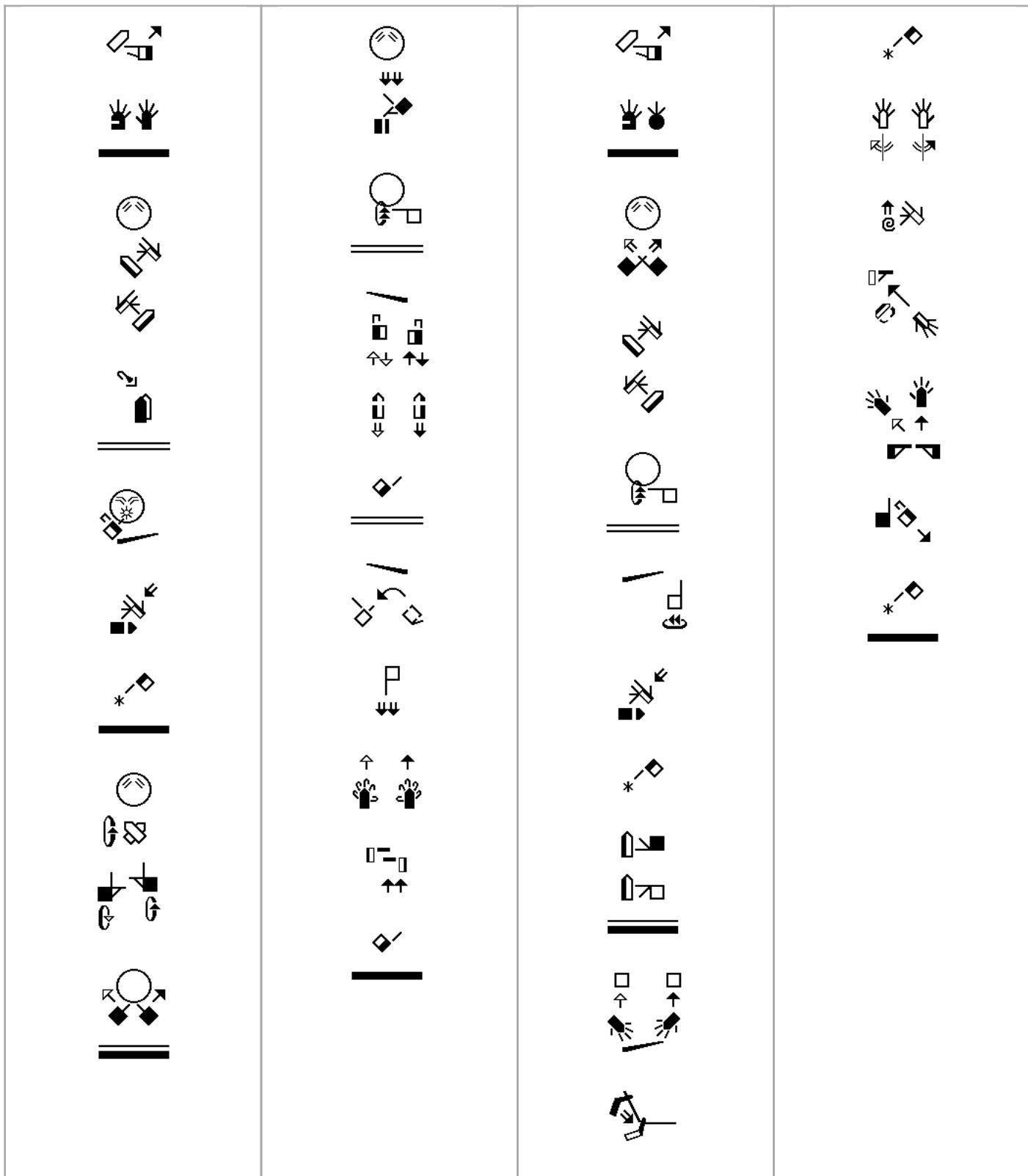


Verse 41. Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him. Verse 42. His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds.

Luke 8:43-44



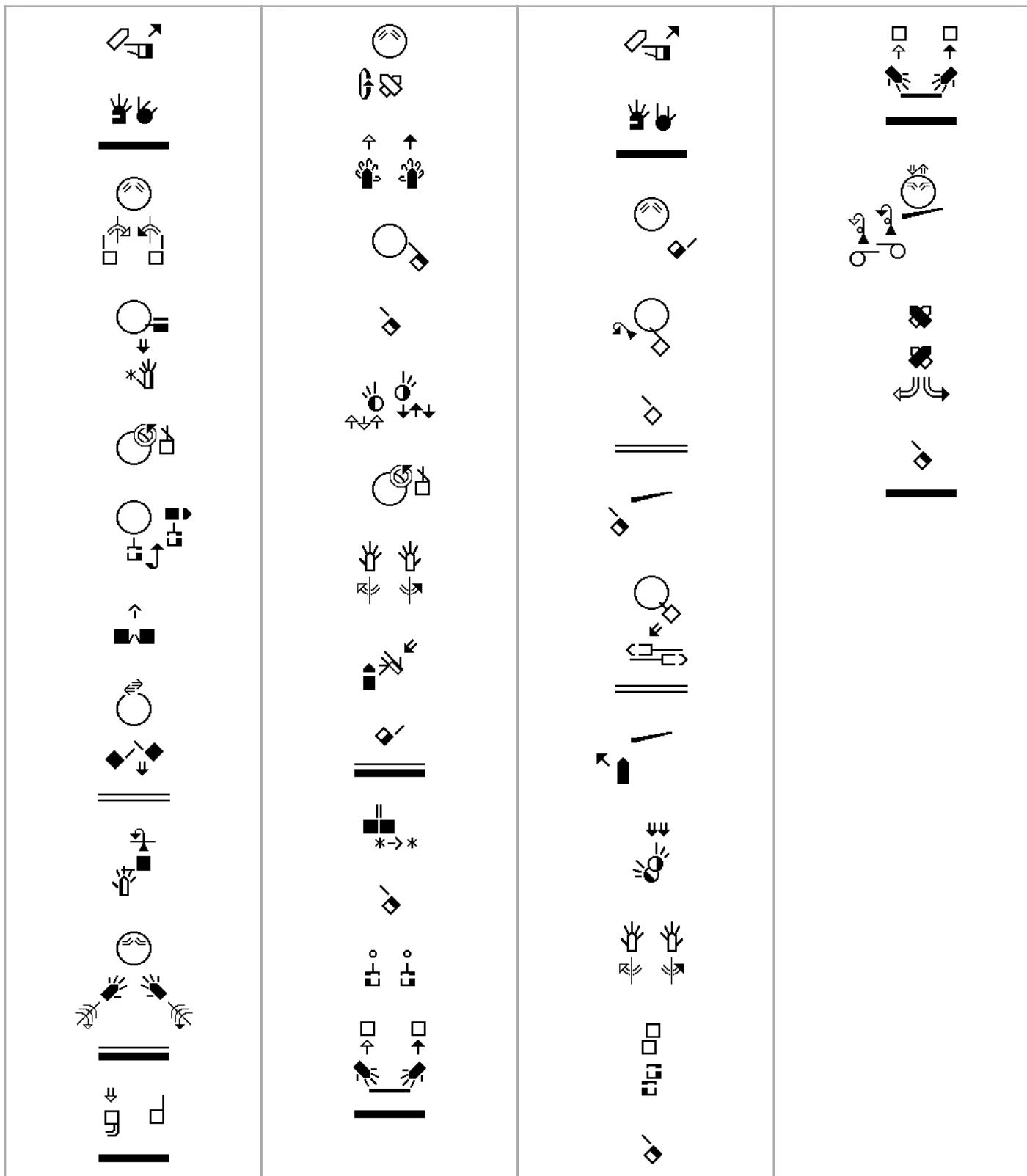
194 Verse 43. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Verse 44. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. NLT



Verse 45. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you." Verse 46. But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me."

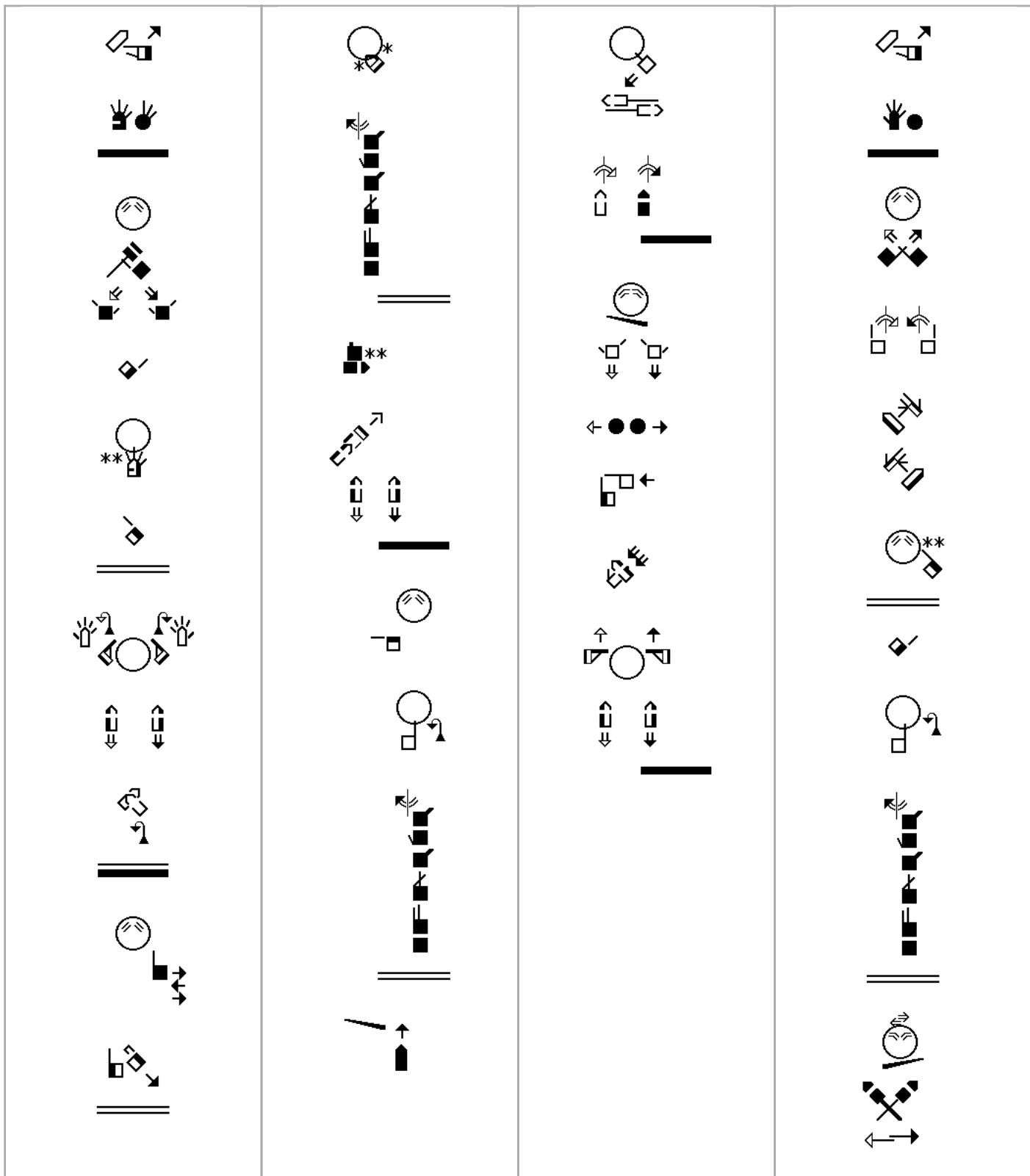
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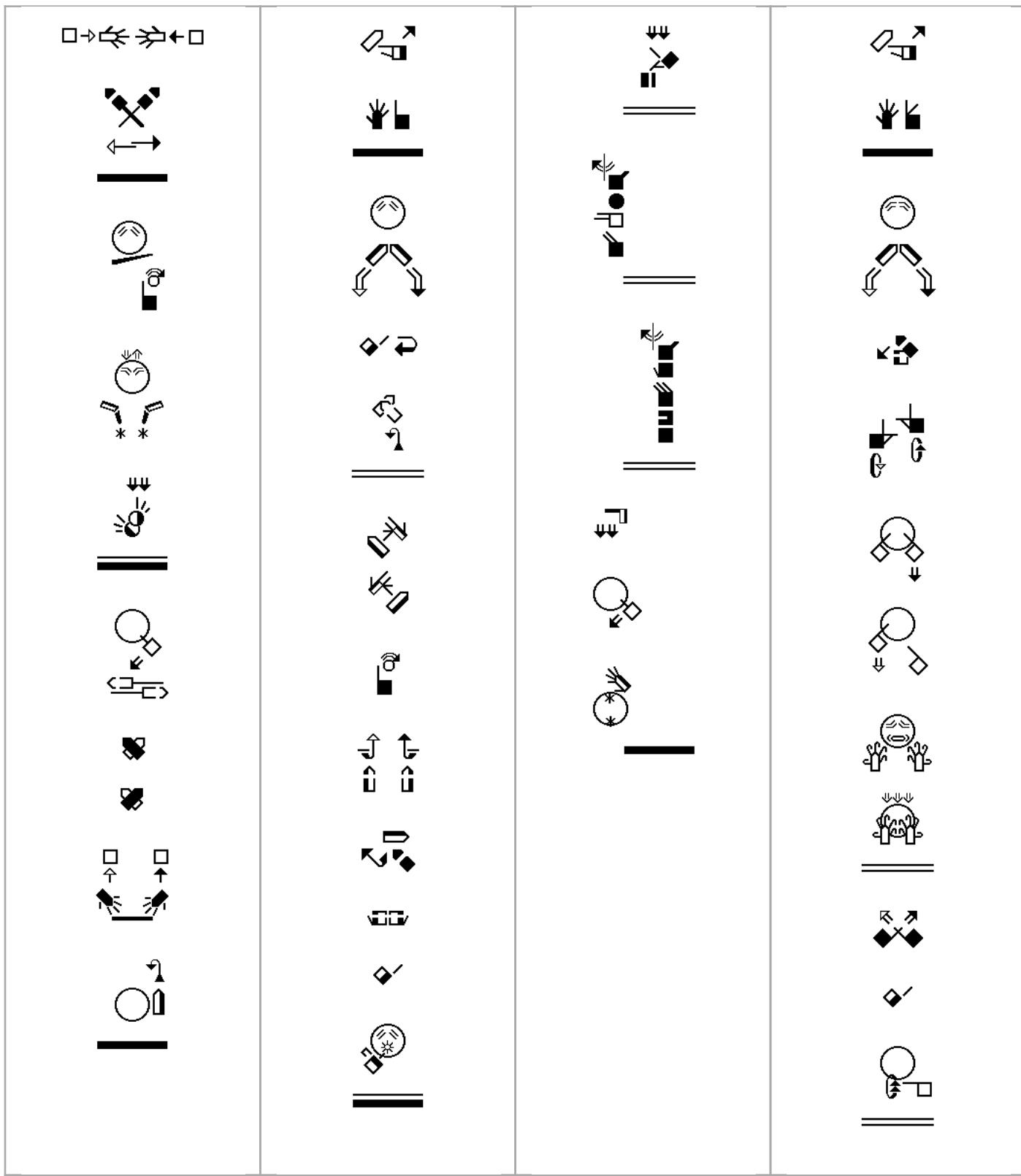
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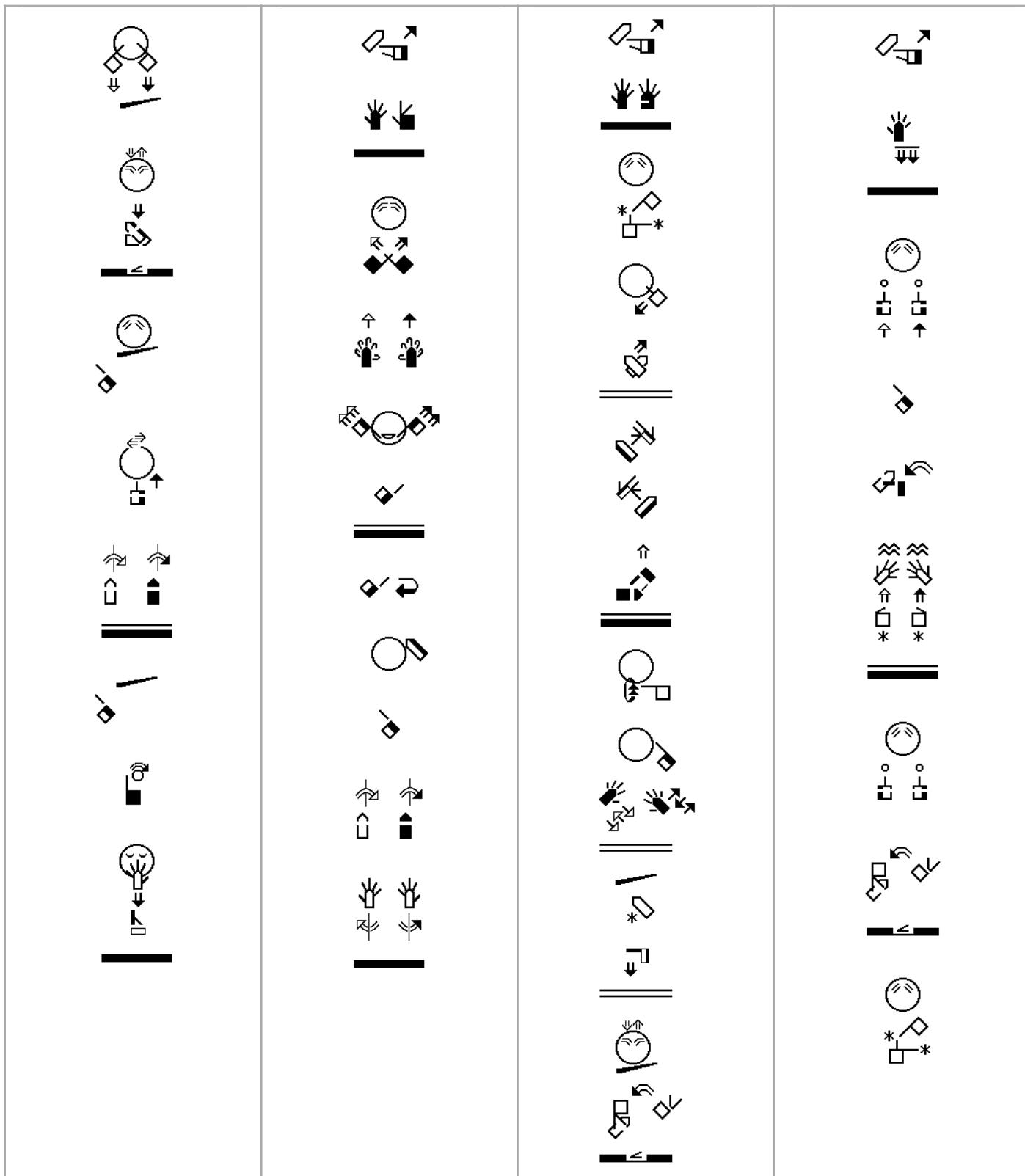
Verse 47. When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees before him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. Verse 48. "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace." NLT



Verse 49. While he was still speaking to her, a messenger arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." Verse 50. But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, "Don't  
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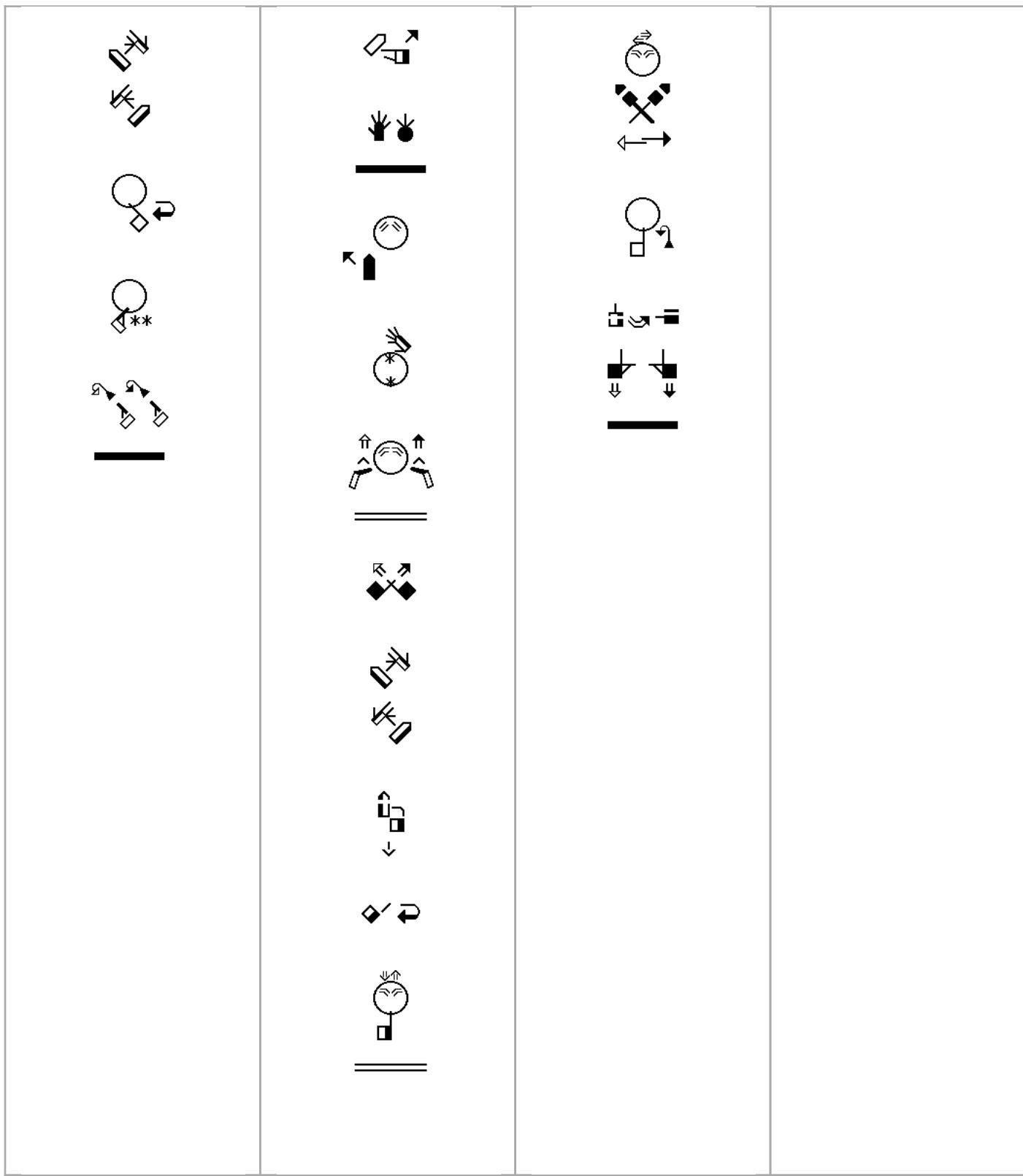
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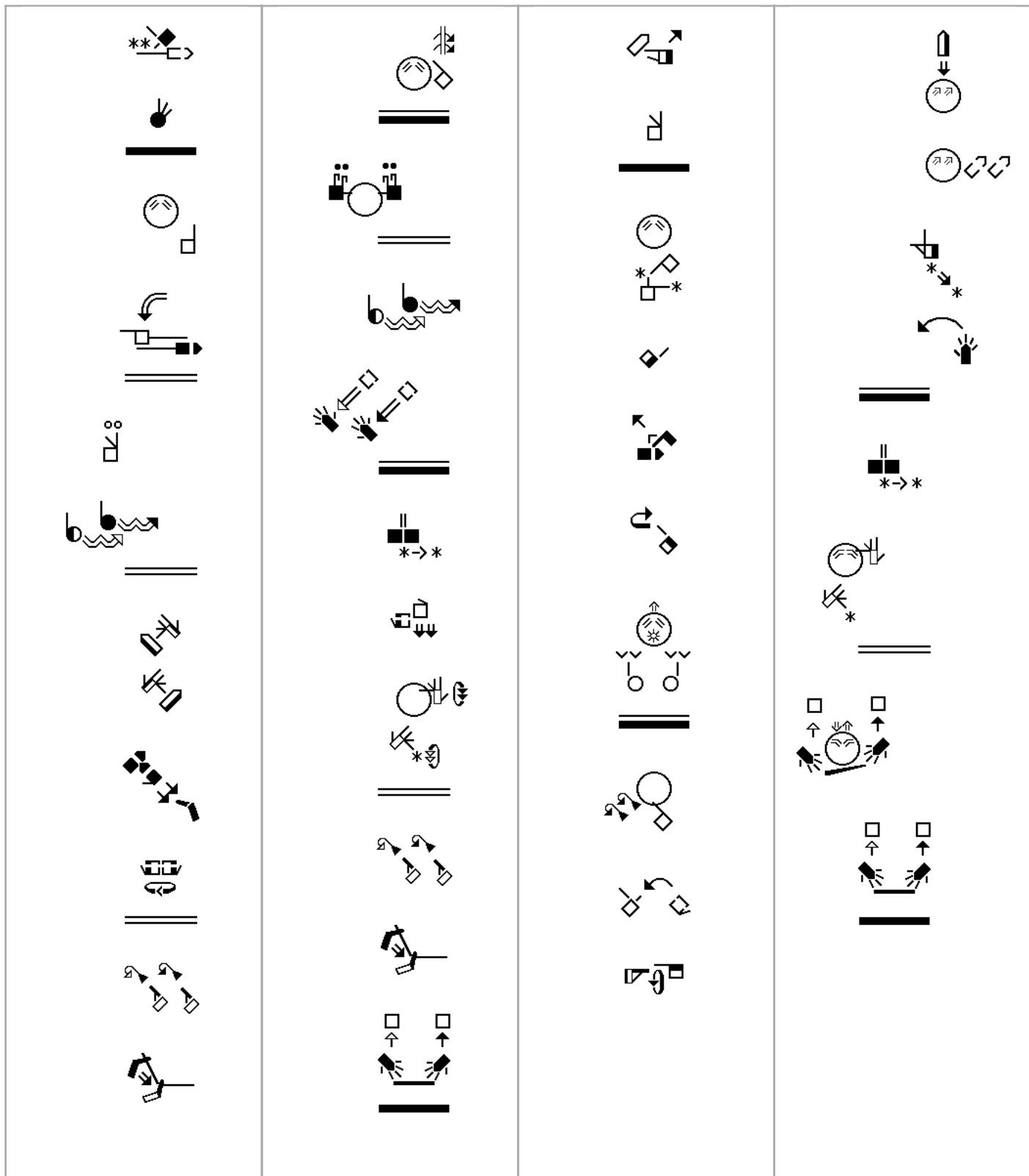
"Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep." Verse 53. But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died. Verse 54. Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, "My child, get up!" Verse 55. And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then NLT

Luke 8:55-56



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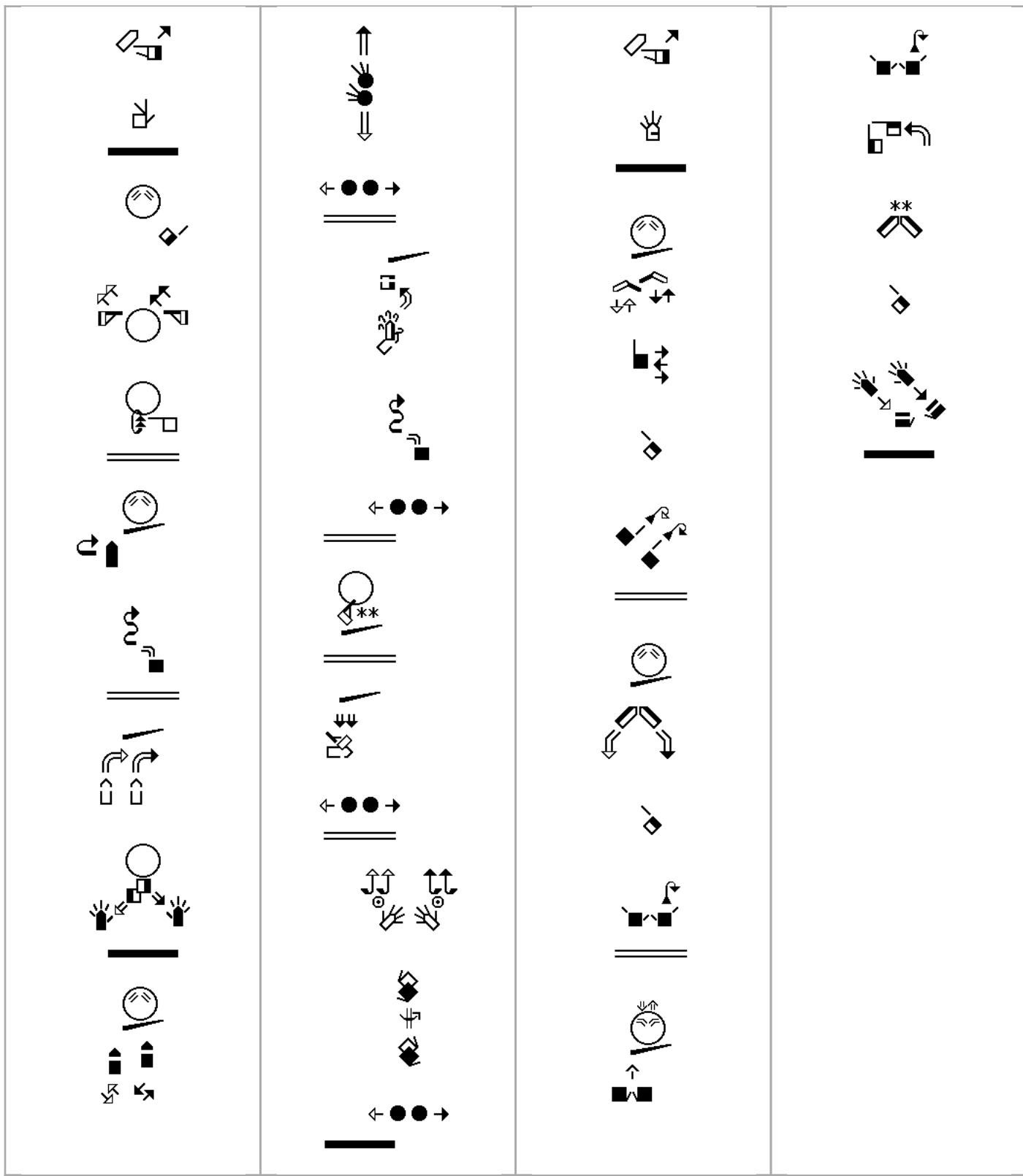
Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Verse 56. Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened.  
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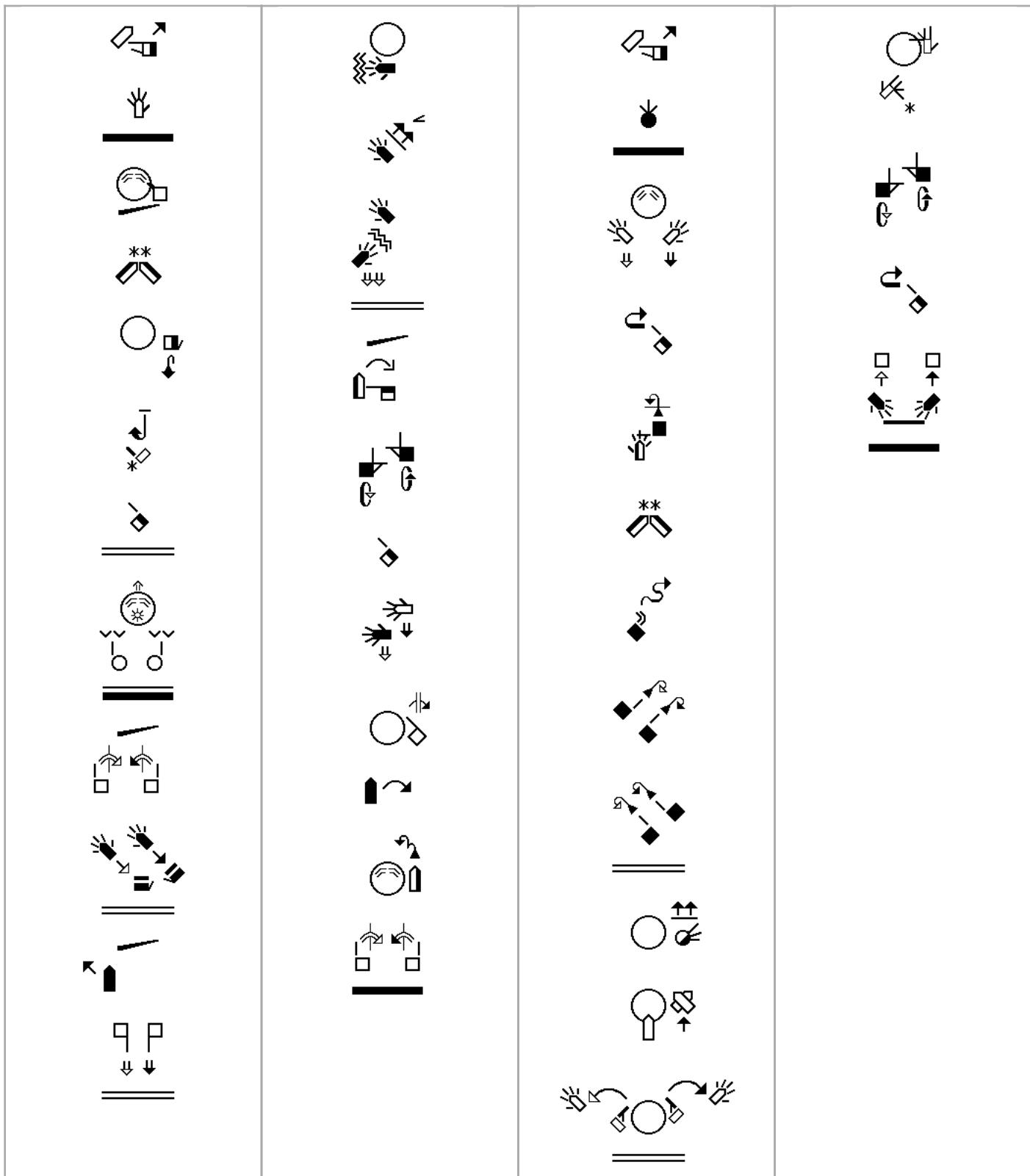


Luke 9. One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out demons and to heal all diseases. Verse 2. Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

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Luke 9:3-4

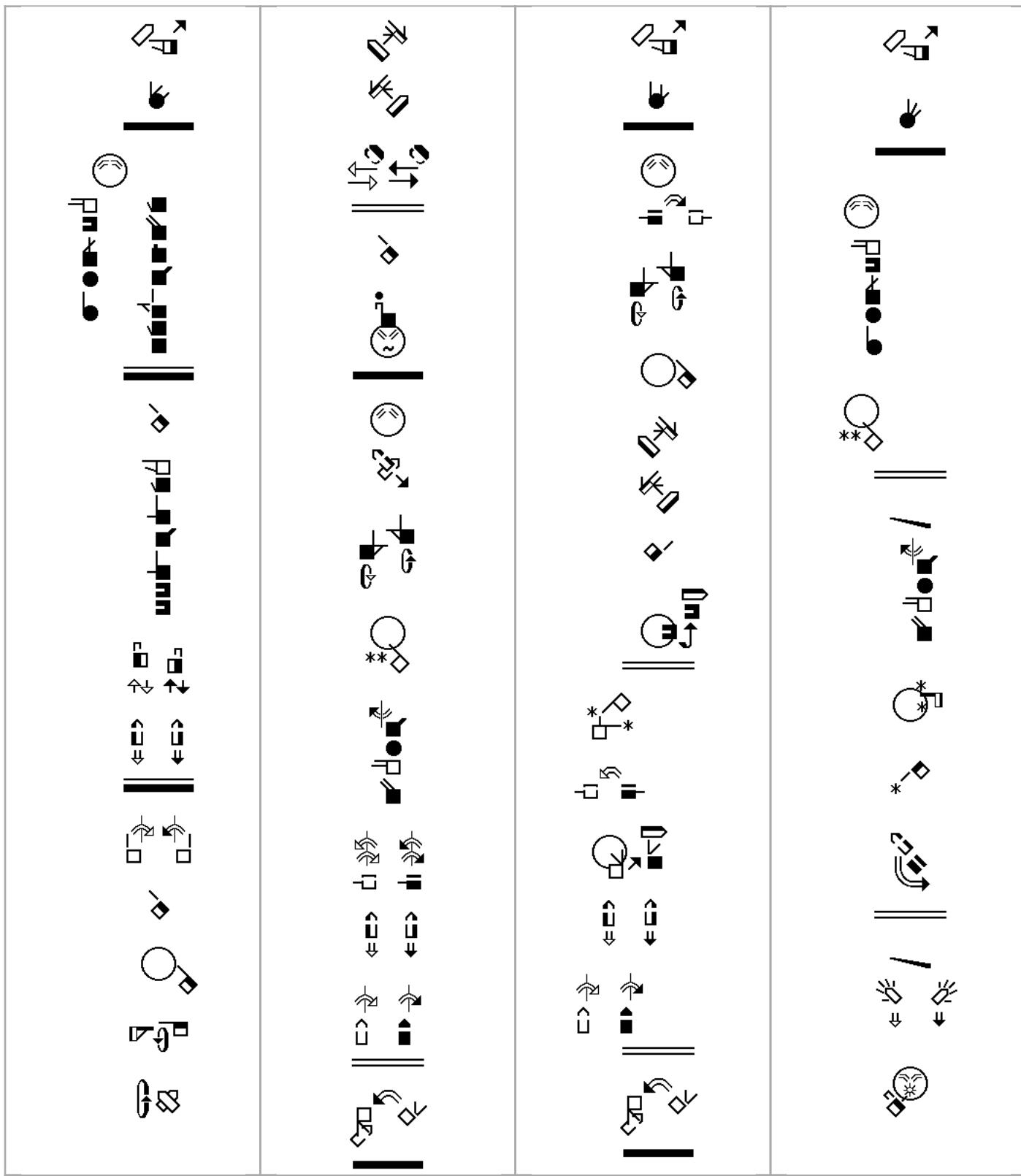




Verse 5. And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate." Verse 6. So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.

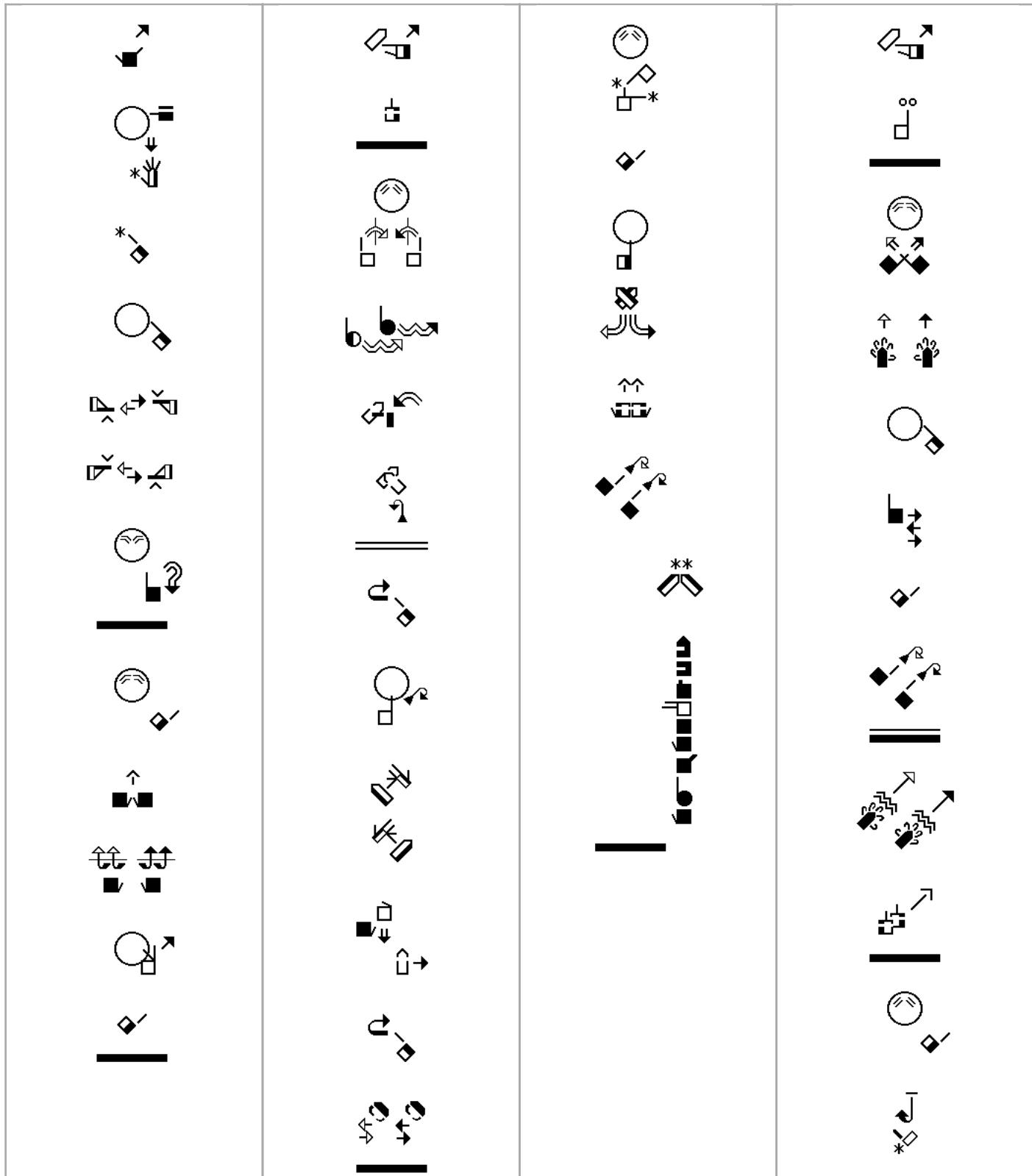
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Luke 9:7-9



**204** Verse 7. When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled. Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead. Verse 8. Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead. Verse 9. "I beheaded John," Herod said, "So who

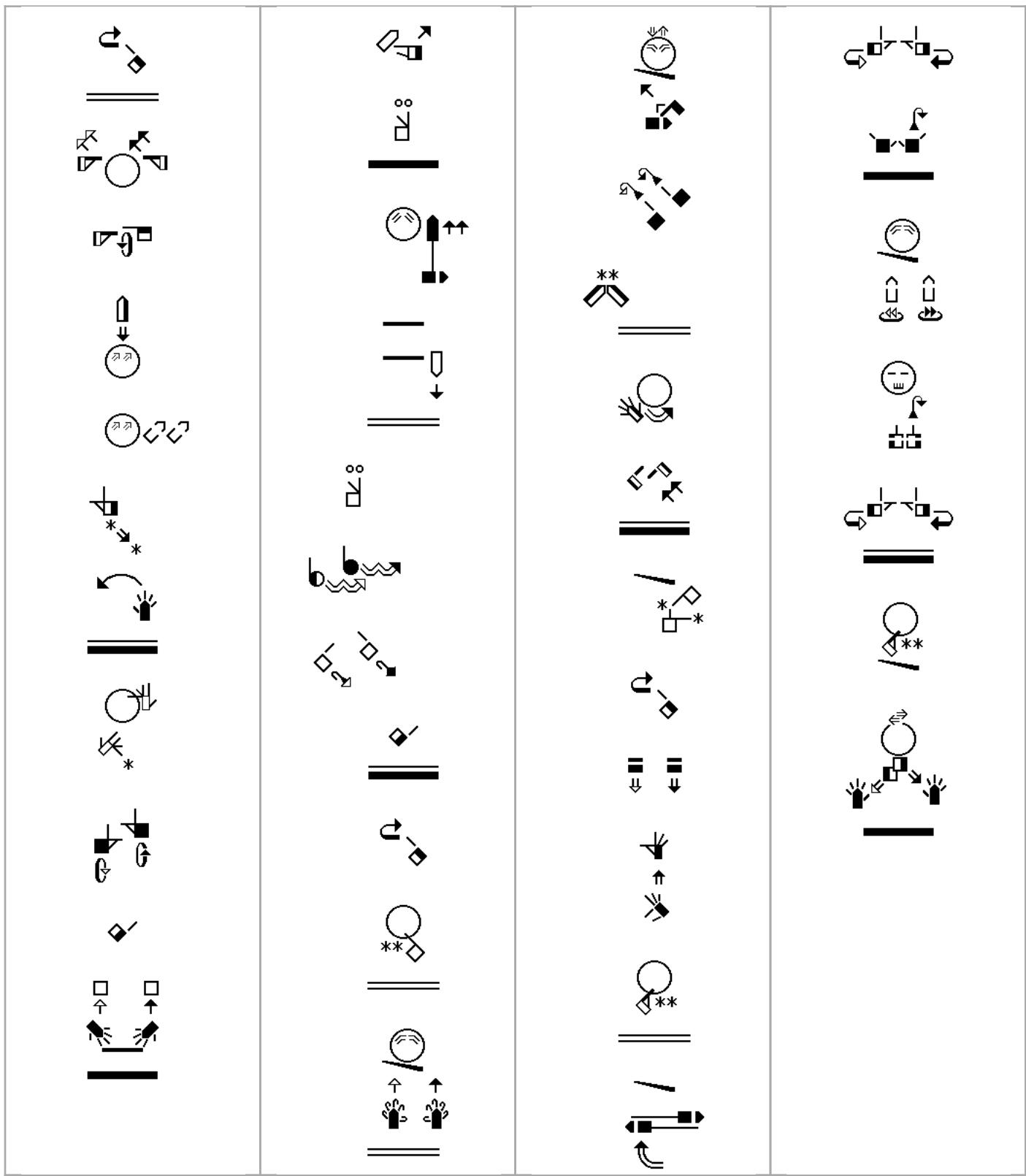
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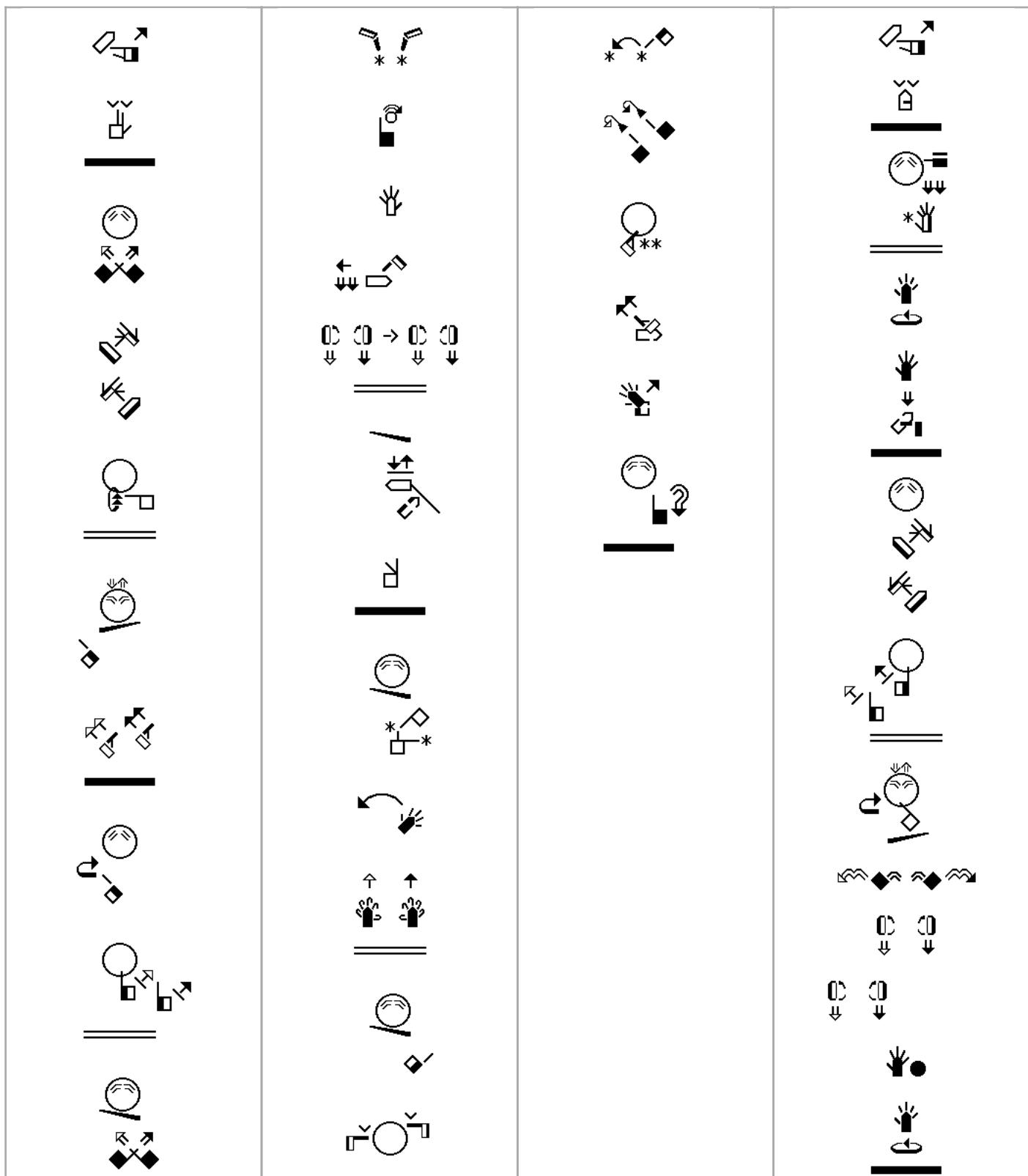
is this man about whom I hear such stories?" And he kept trying to see him. Verse 10. When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. Verse 11. But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed

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Luke 9:11-12



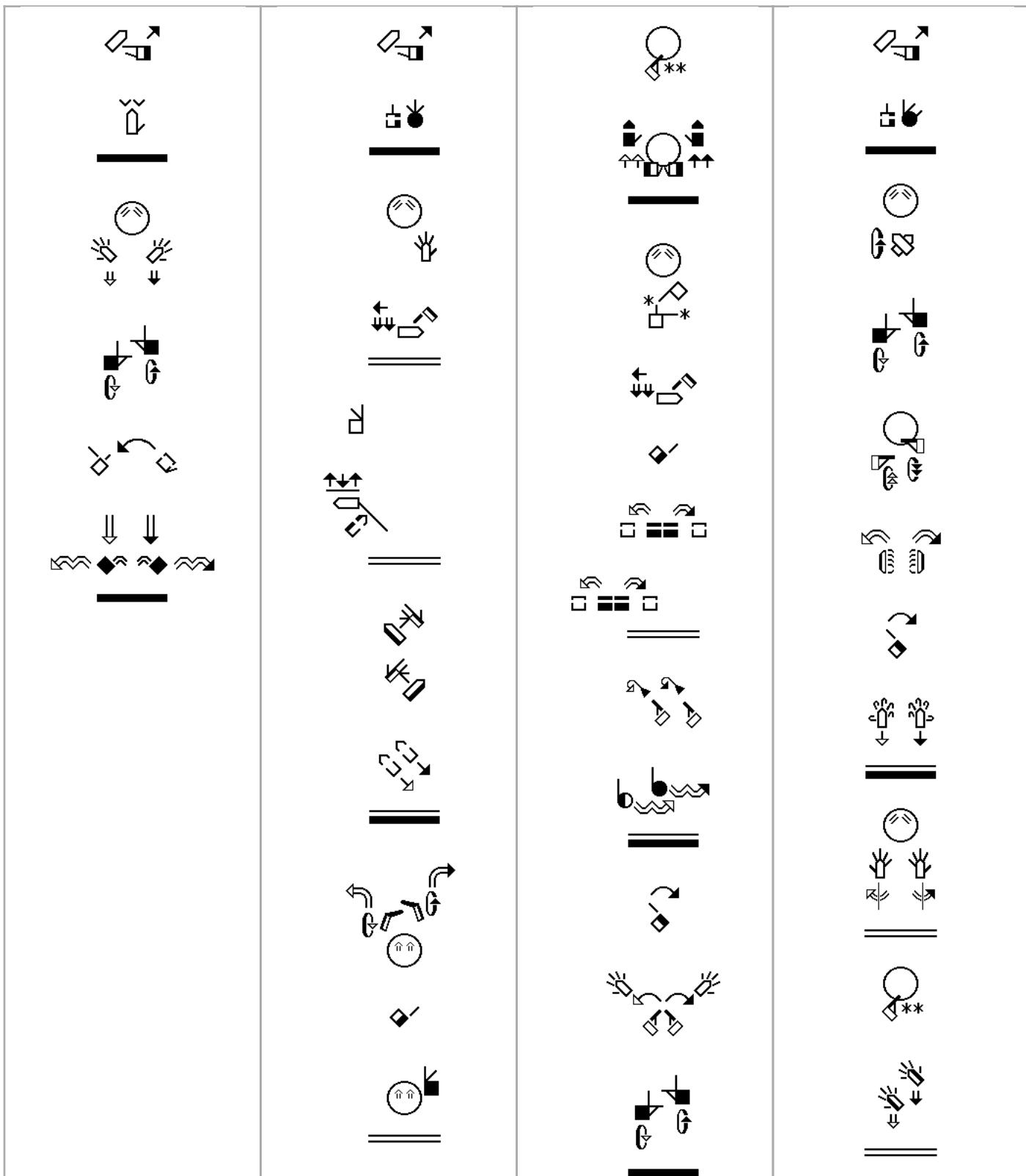
them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.  
**206** Verse 12. Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place." NLT



Verse 13. But Jesus said, "You feed them." "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" Verse 14. For there were about 5,000 men there. Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each."

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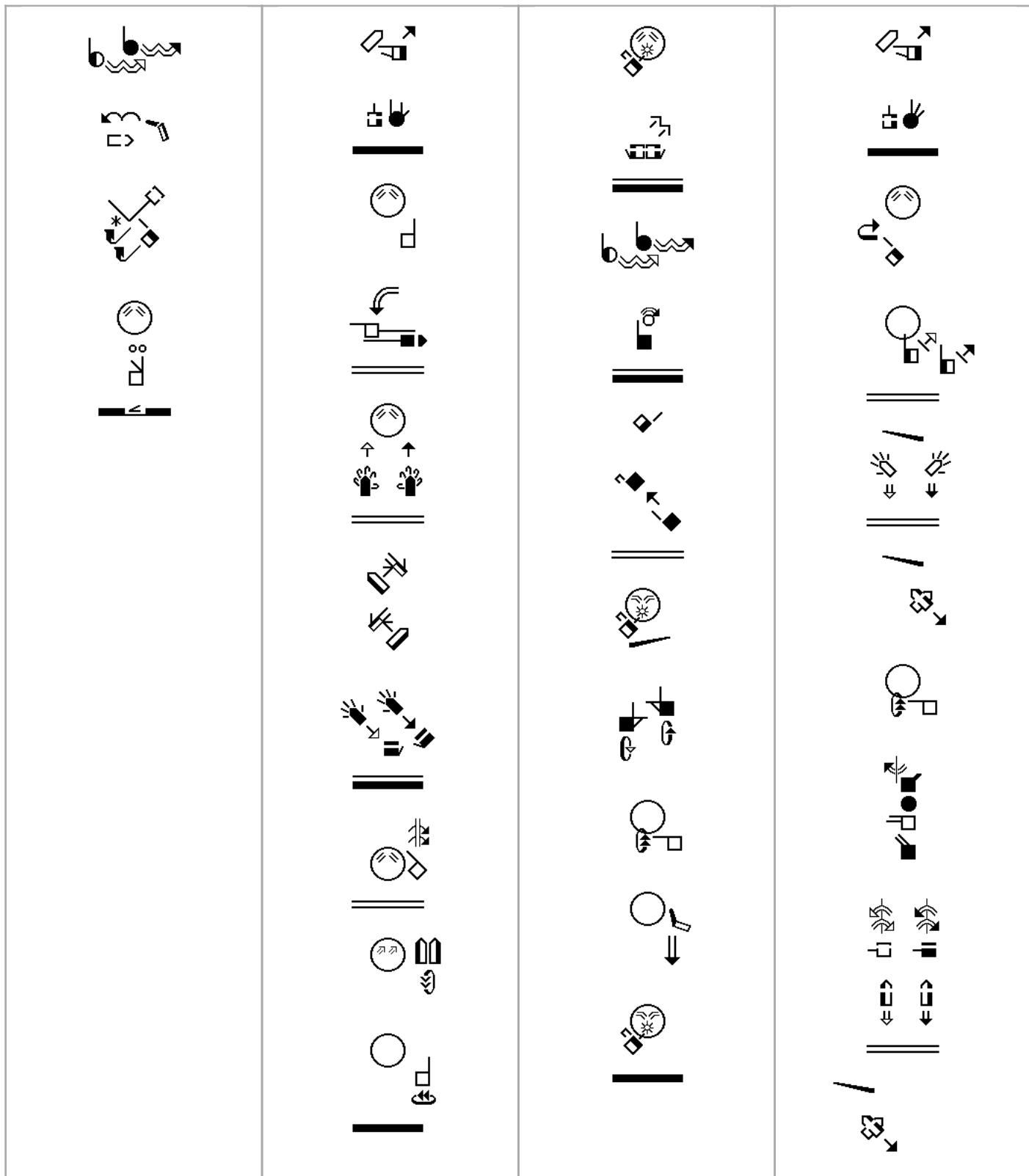
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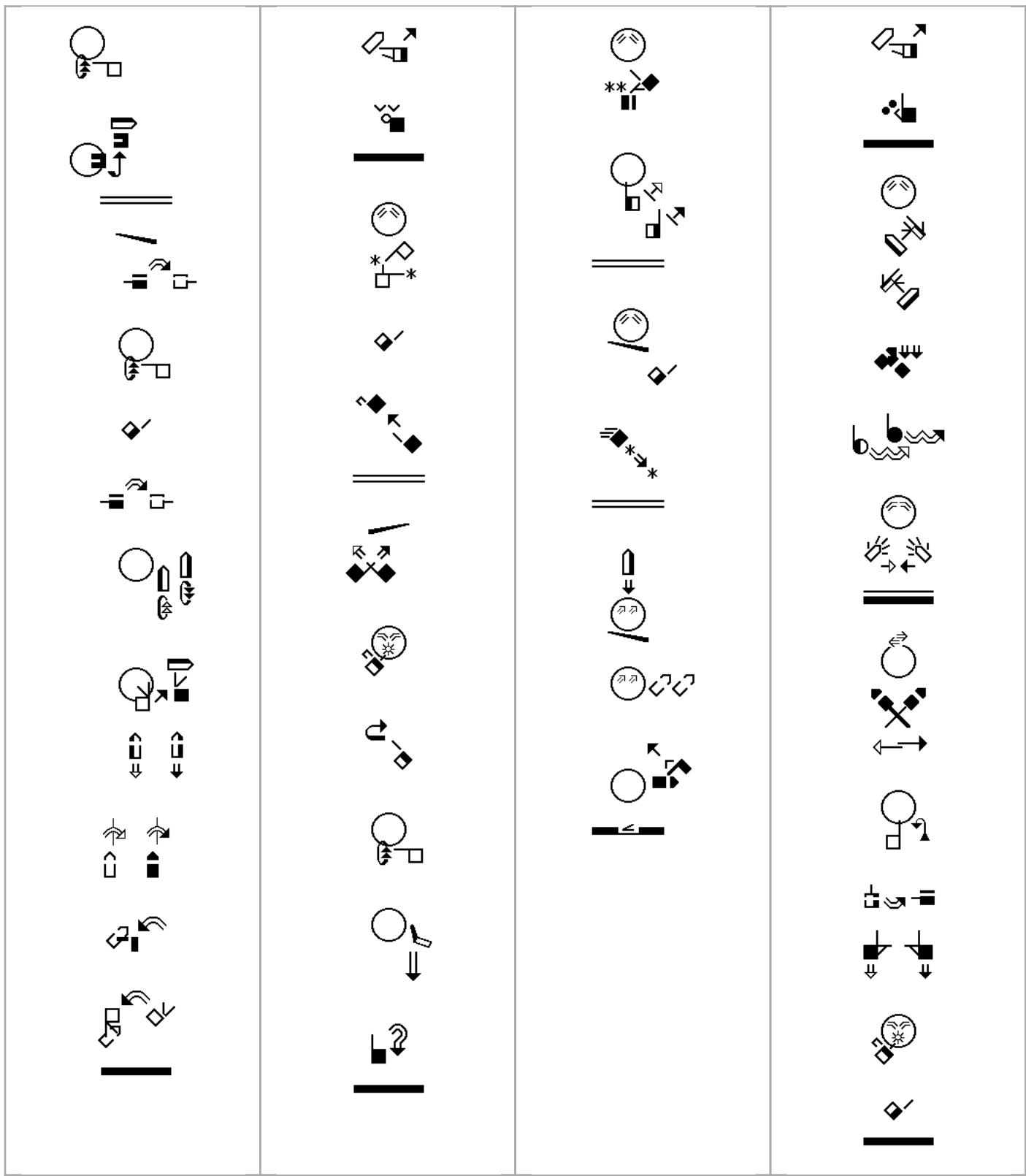
Verse 15. So the people all sat down. Verse 16. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. Verse 17. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward,

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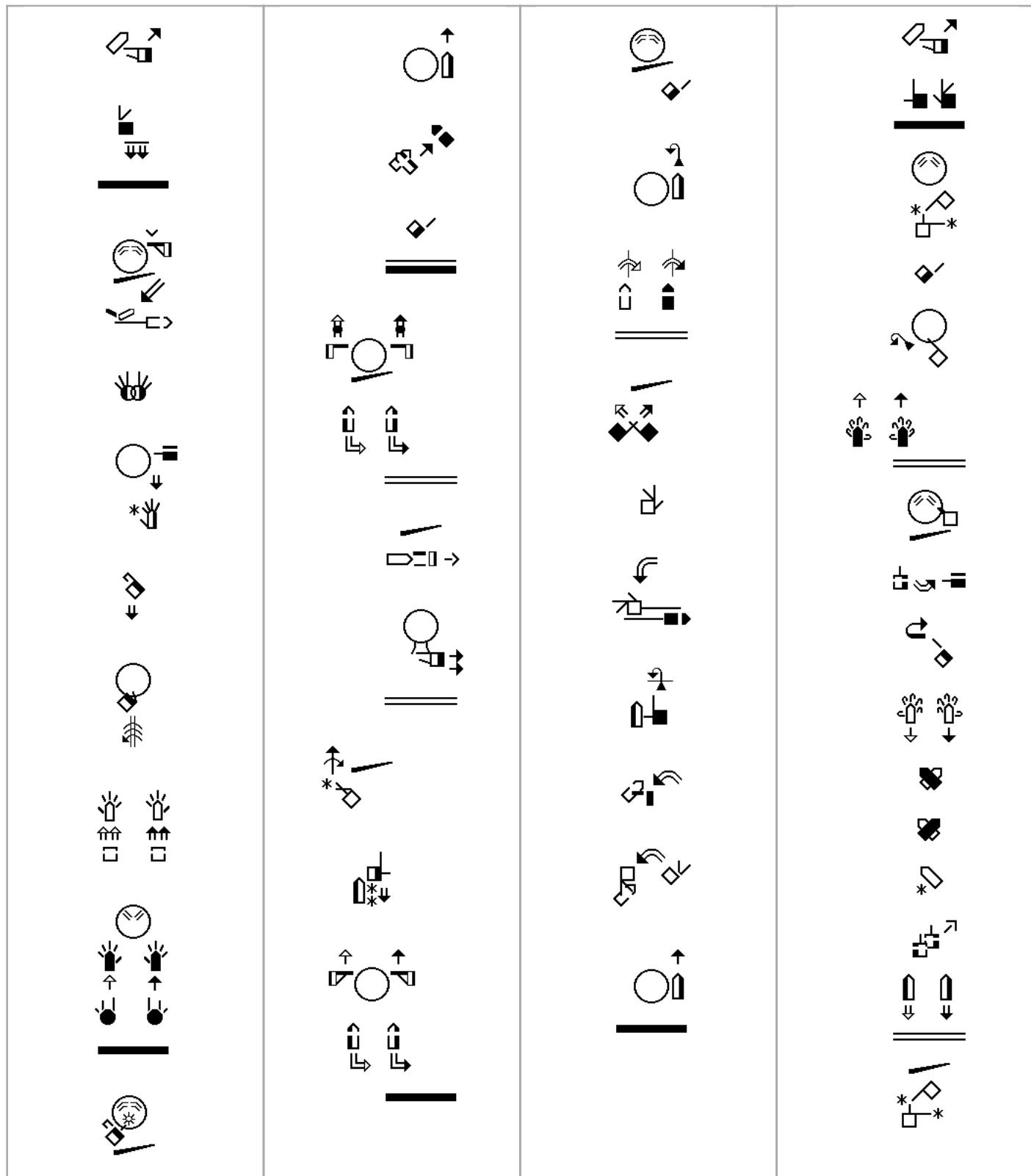
the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers! Verse 18. One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" Verse 19. "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some NLT

Luke 9:19-21



210 say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead." Verse 20. Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!" Verse 21. Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was.

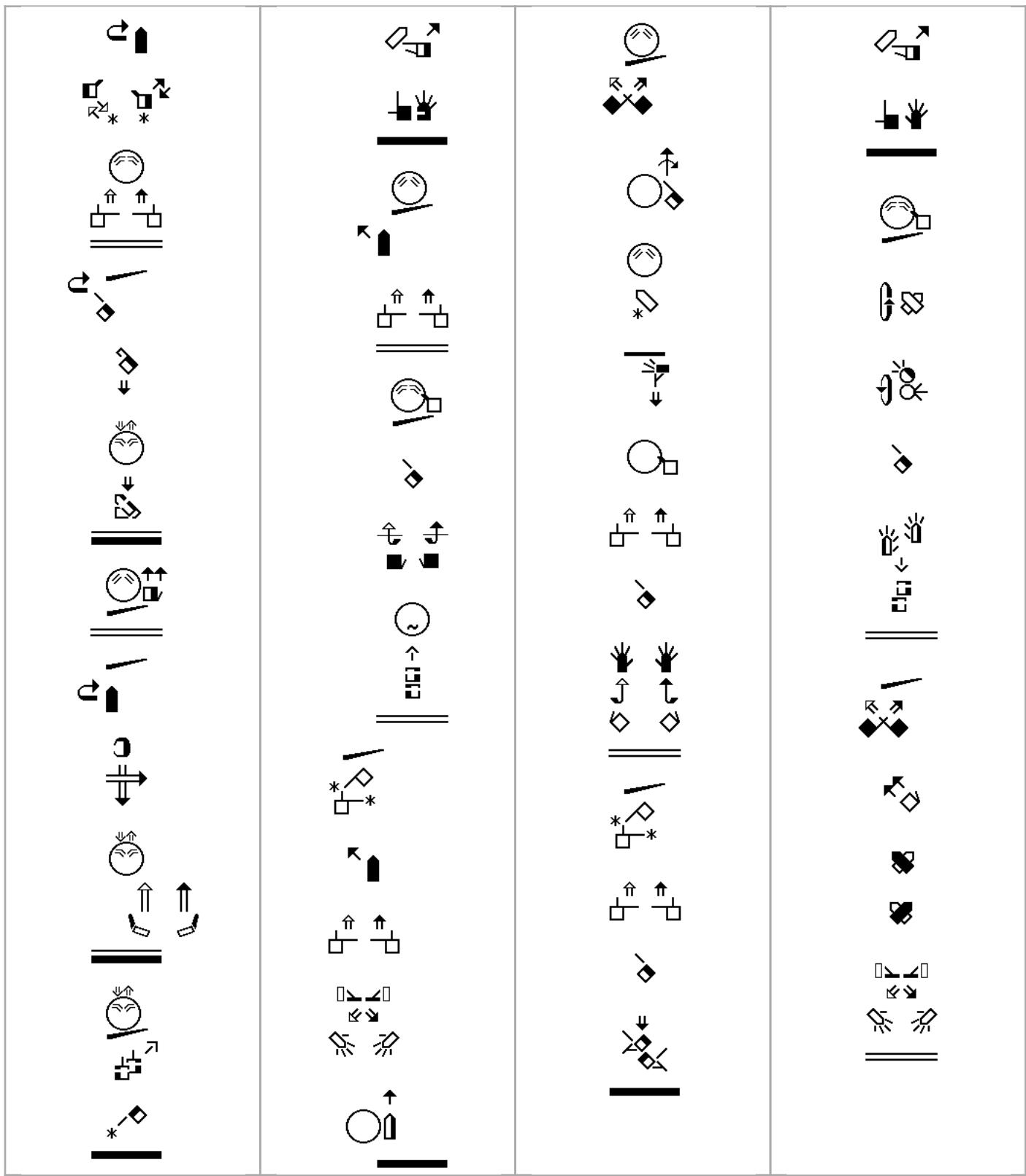
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Verse 22. "The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." Verse 23. Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower,

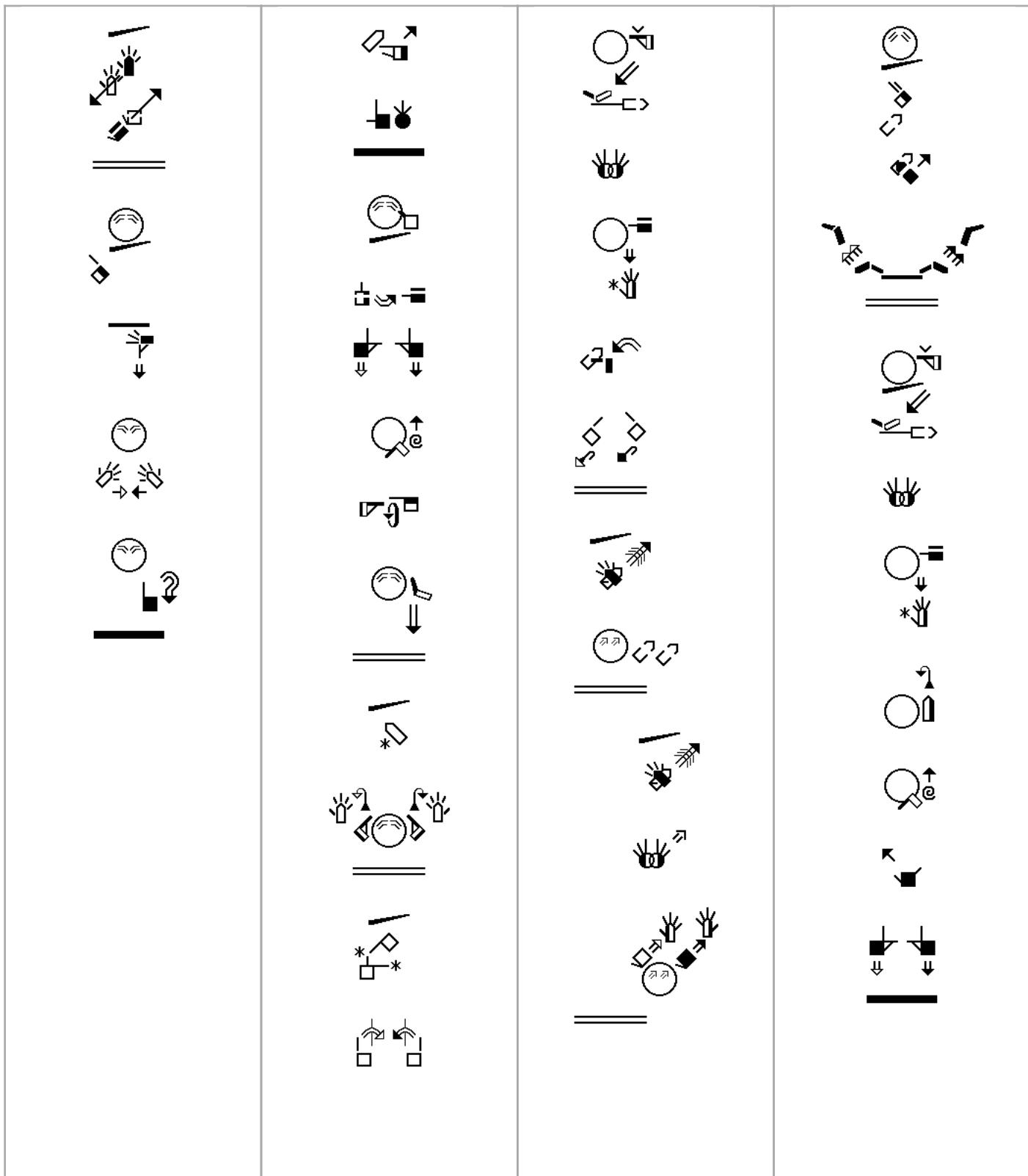
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Luke 9:23-25



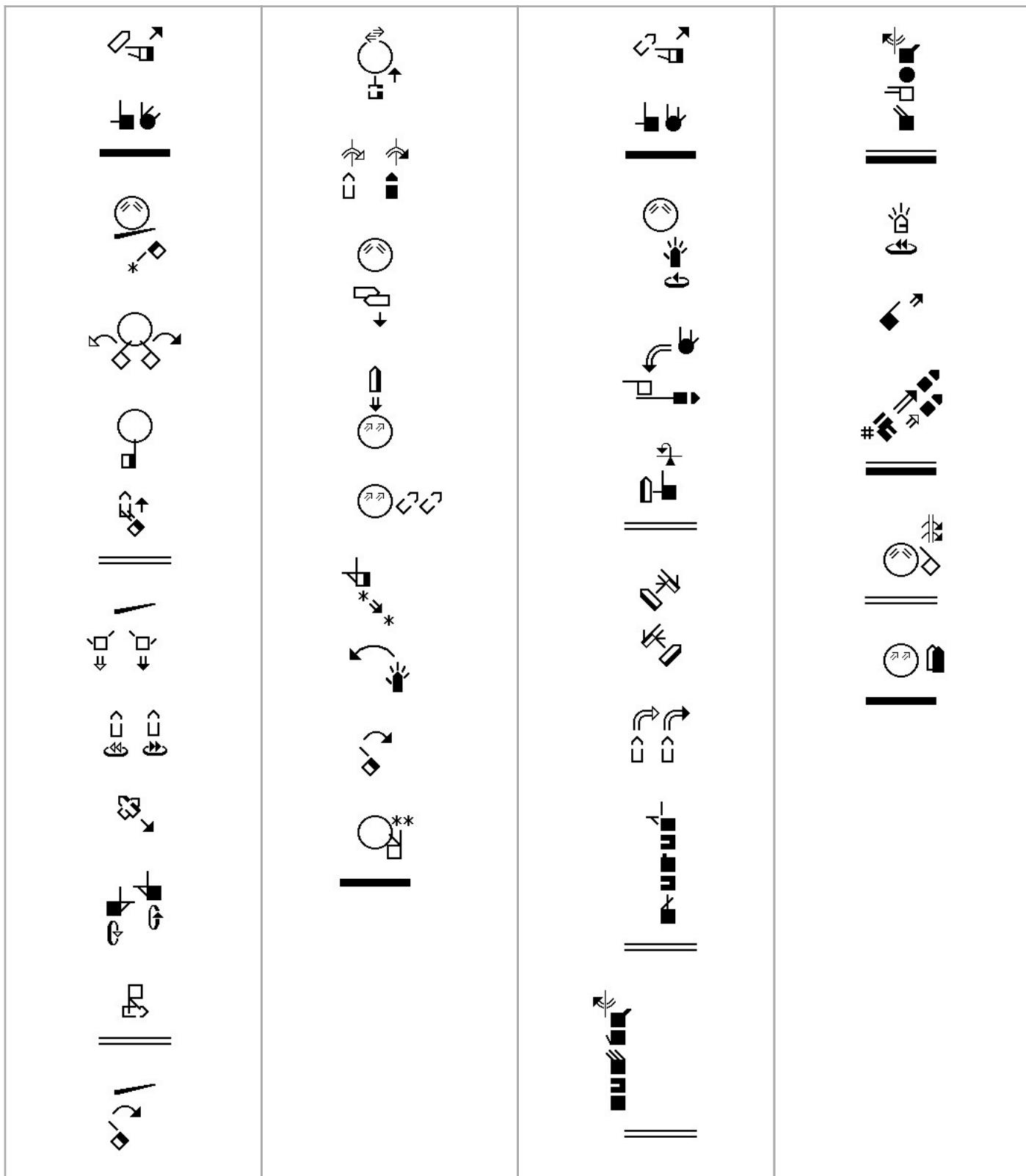
212 you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. Verse  
24. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my  
sake, you will save it. Verse 25. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but  
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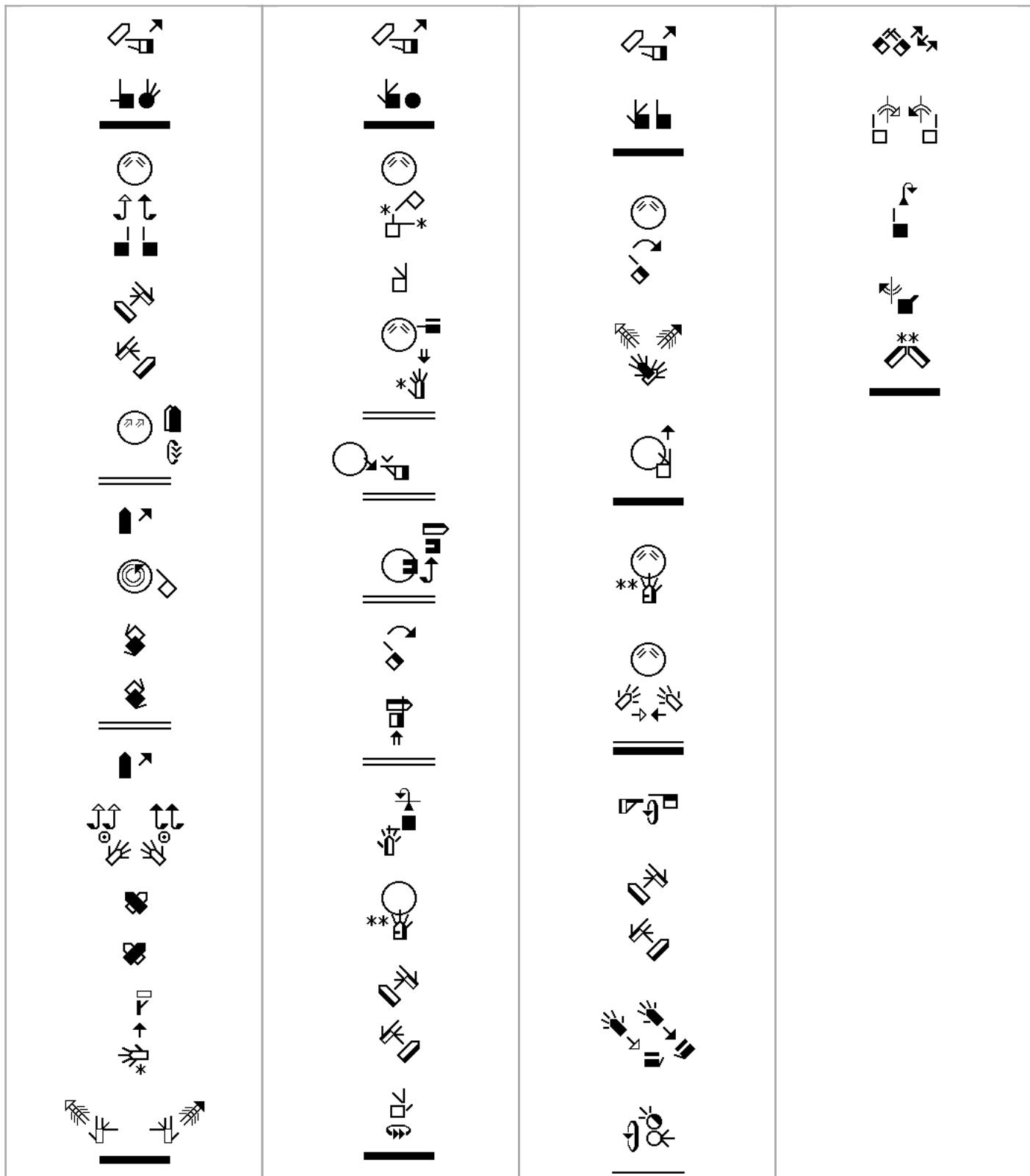
or destroyed? Verse 26. If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

Luke 9:27-28



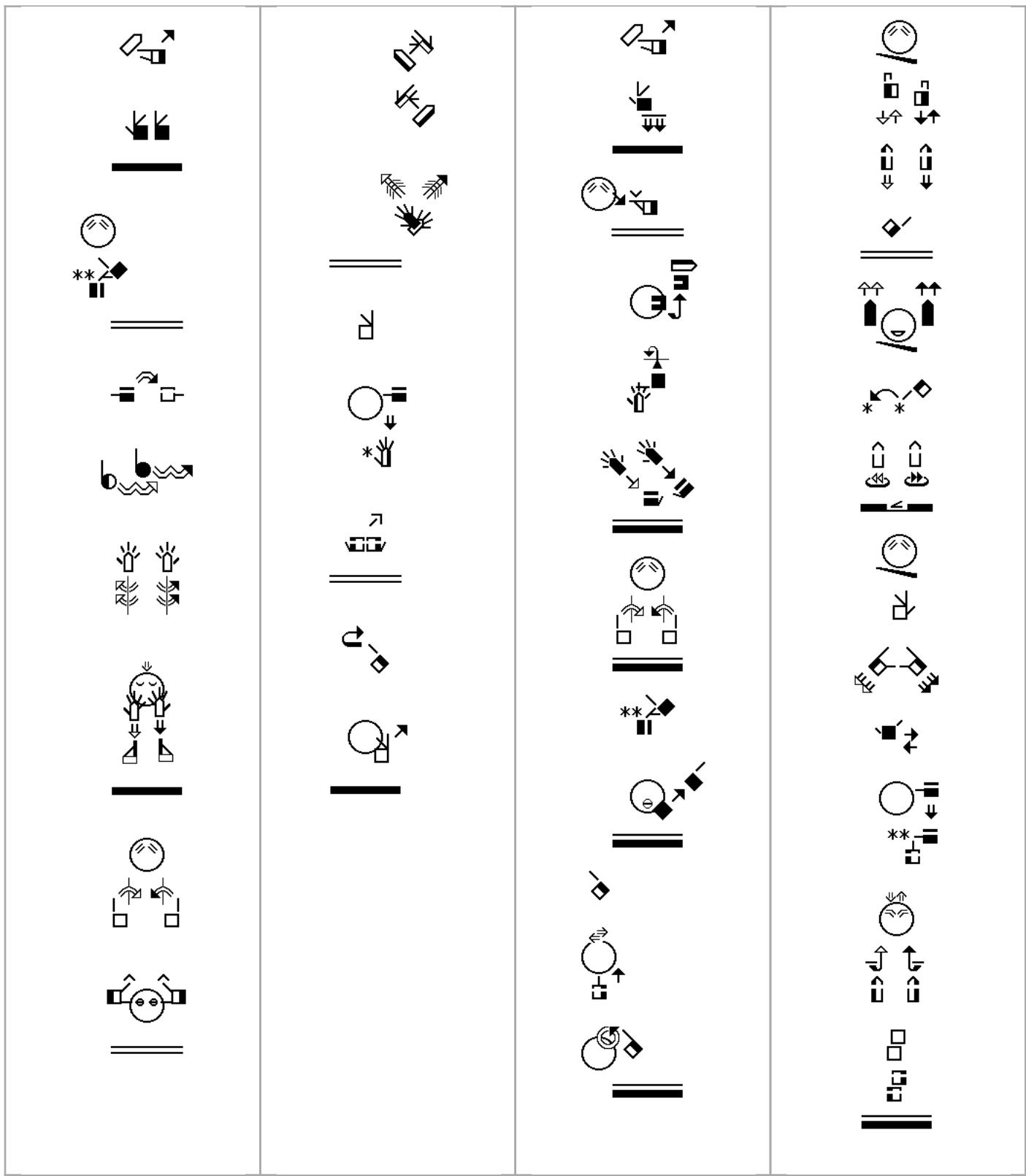
214 Verse 27. I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God." Verse 28. About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain to pray.

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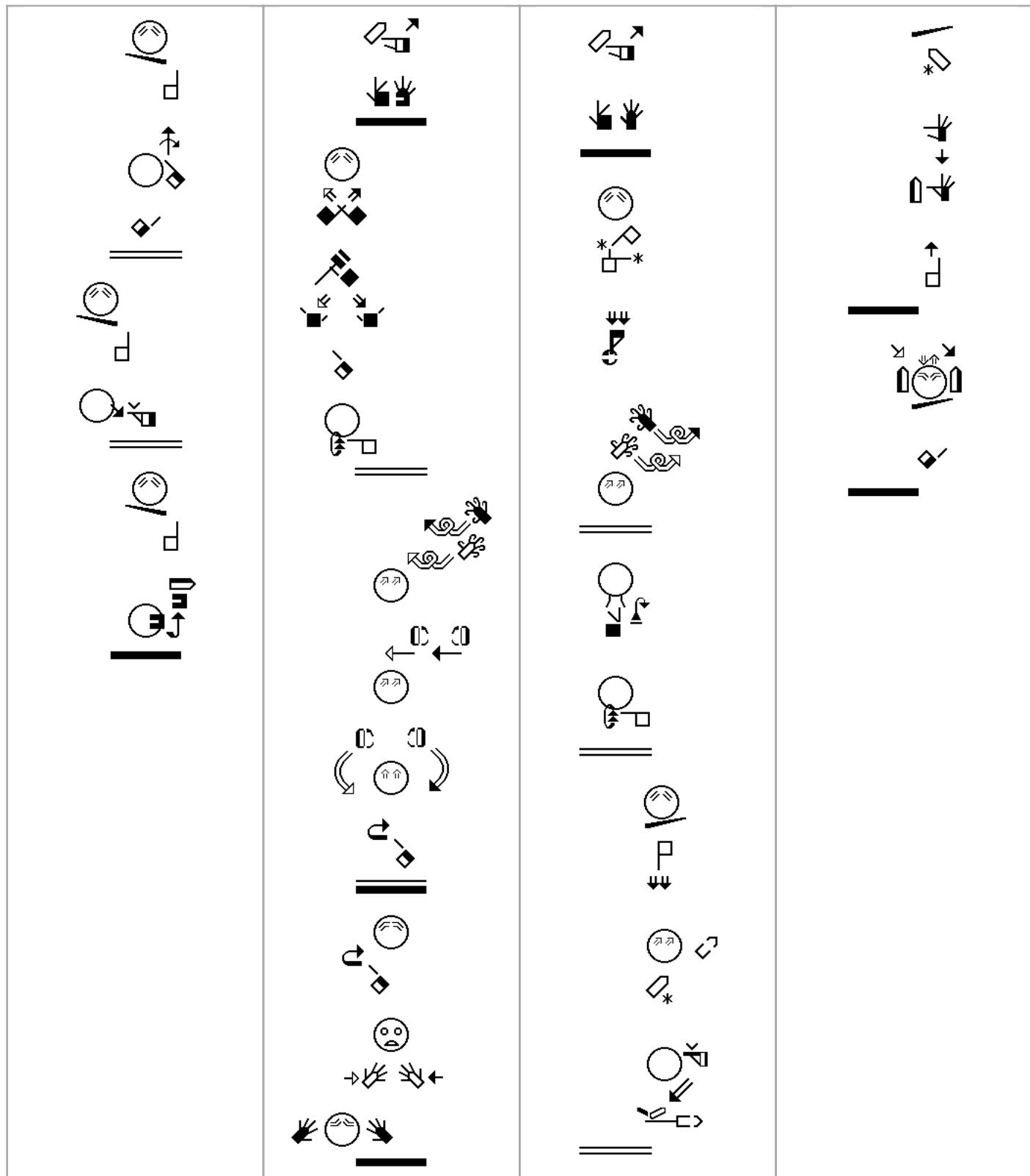
Verse 29. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Verse 30. Then two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. Verse 31. They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

Luke 9:32-33



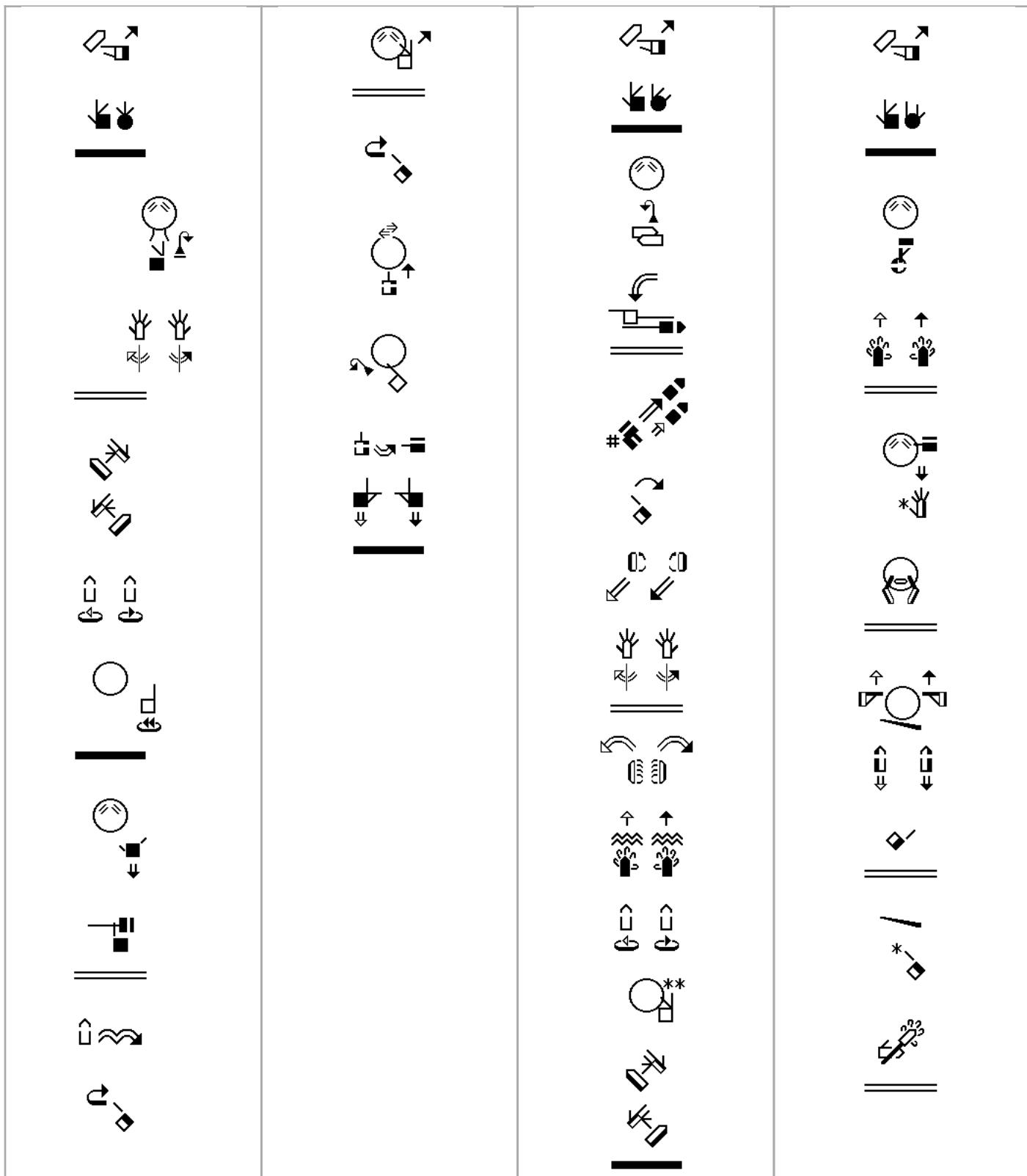
216 Verse 32. Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. Verse 33. As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials --

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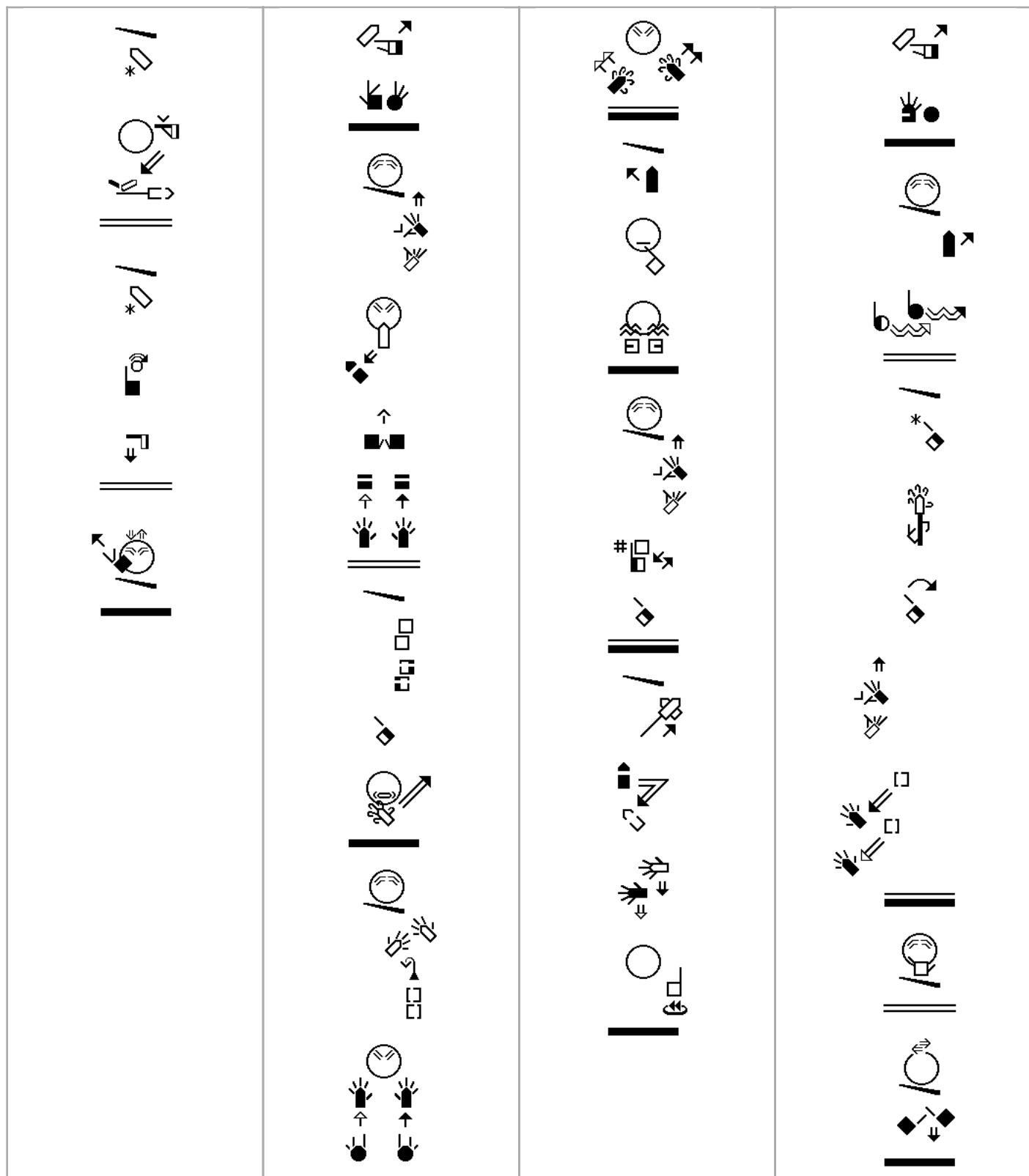
"one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Verse 34. But even as he was saying this, a cloud came over them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them. Verse 35. Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." NLT

Luke 9:36-38



**218** Verse 36. When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen. Verse 37. The next day, after they had come down the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. Verse 38. A man in the crowd called out to him, "Teacher, I beg you

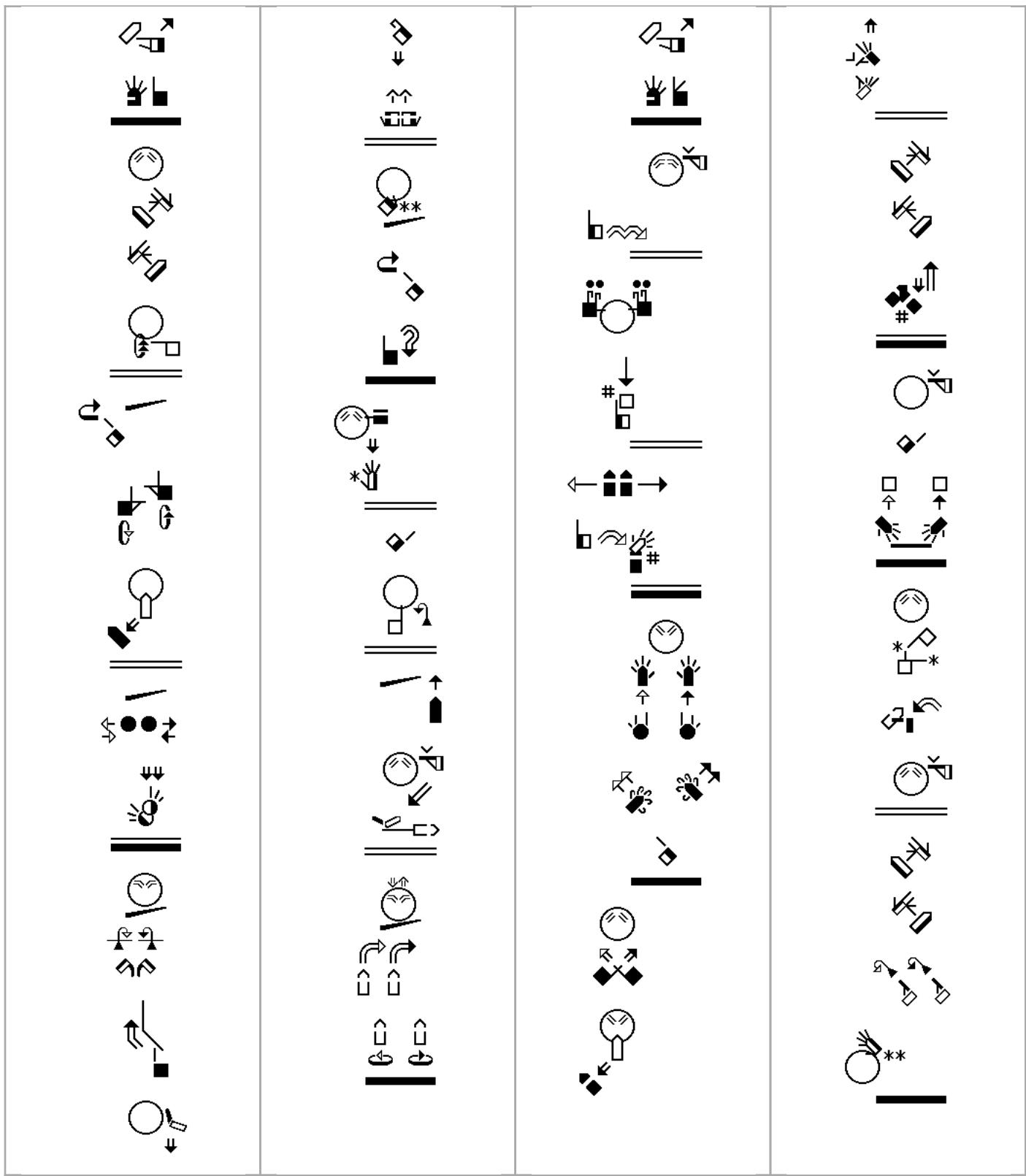
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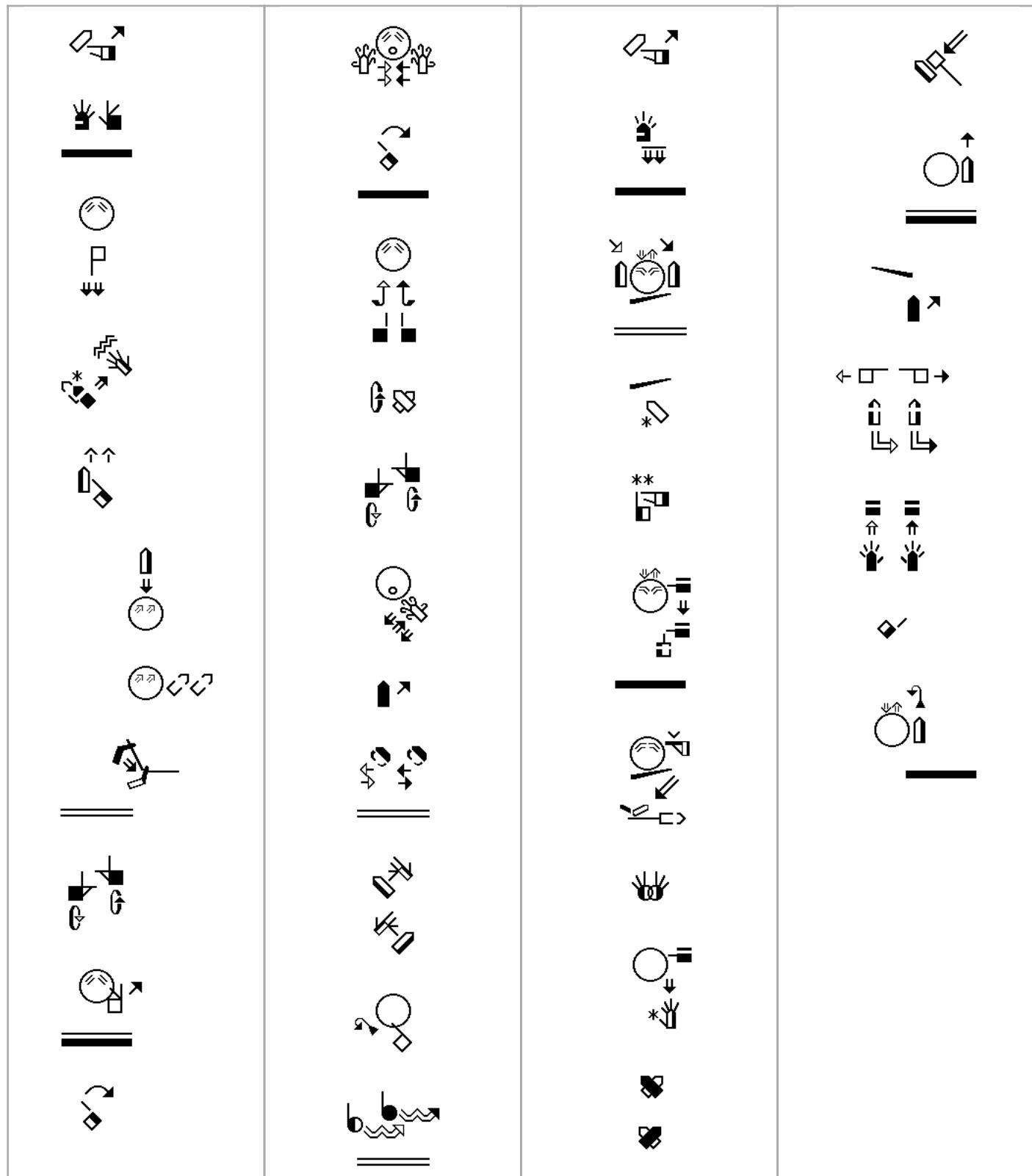


to look at my son, my only child. Verse 39. An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone. Verse 40. I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn't do it."

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Luke 9:41-42

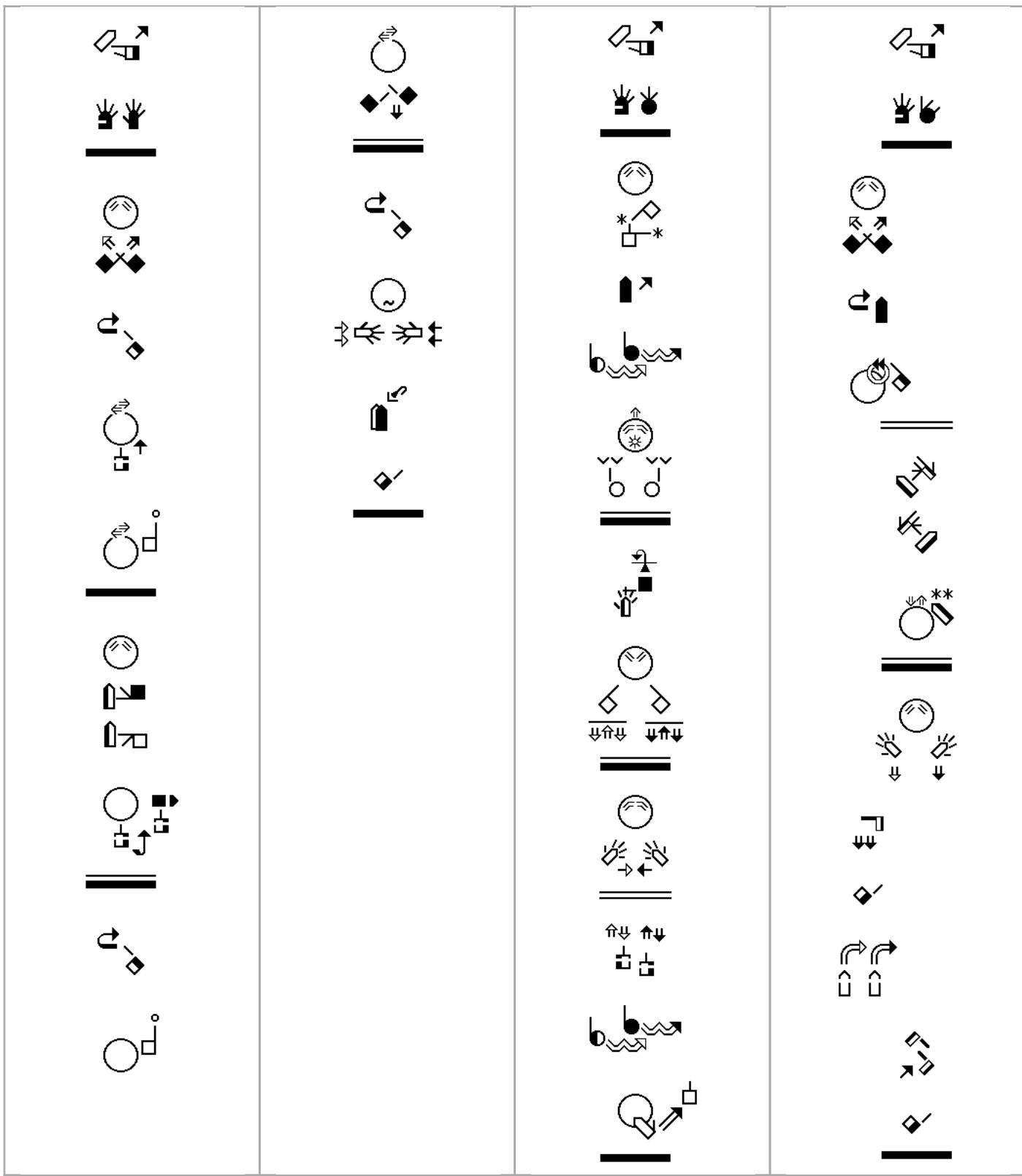




Verse 43. Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God's power. While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, Verse 44. "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies."

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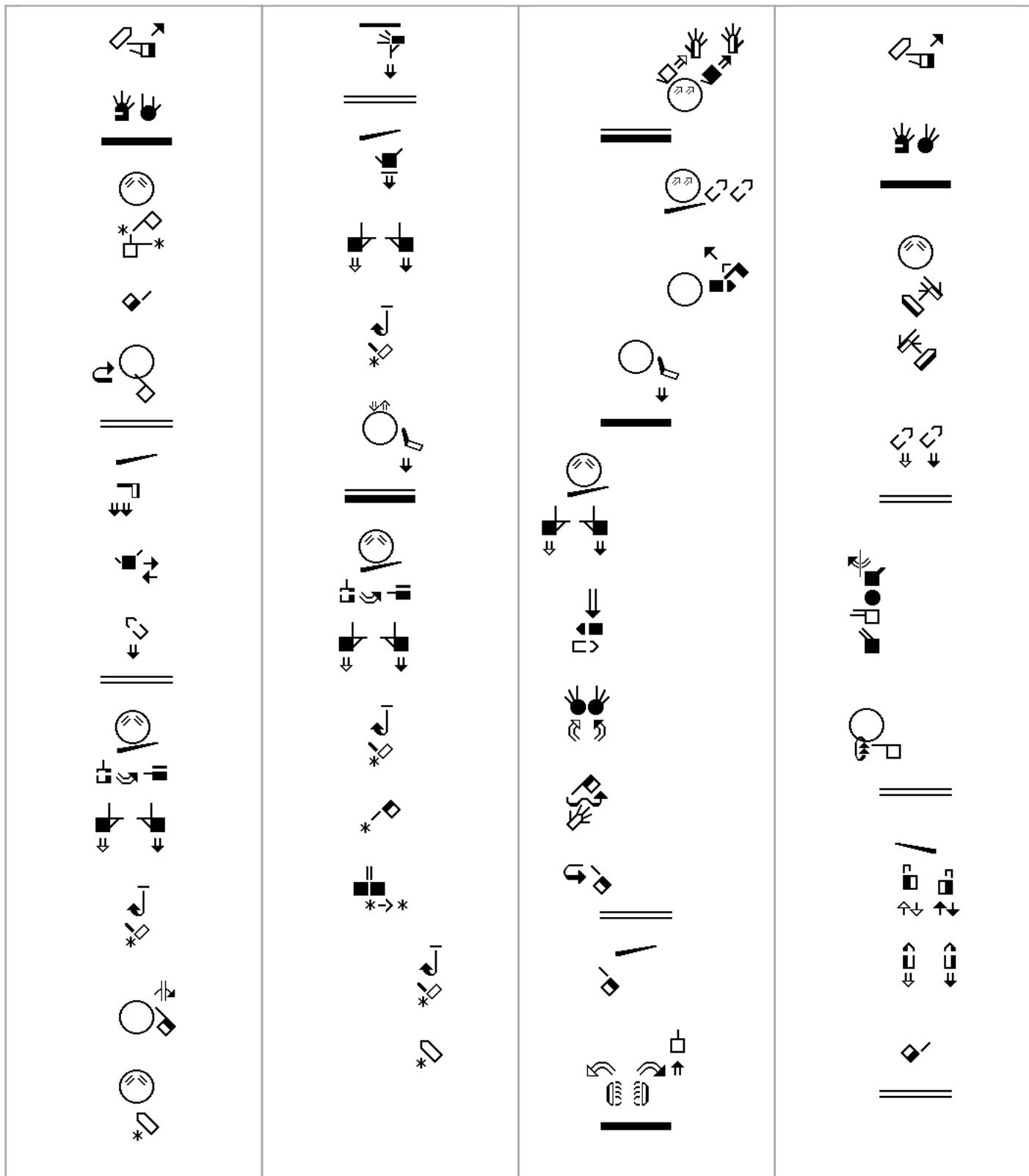
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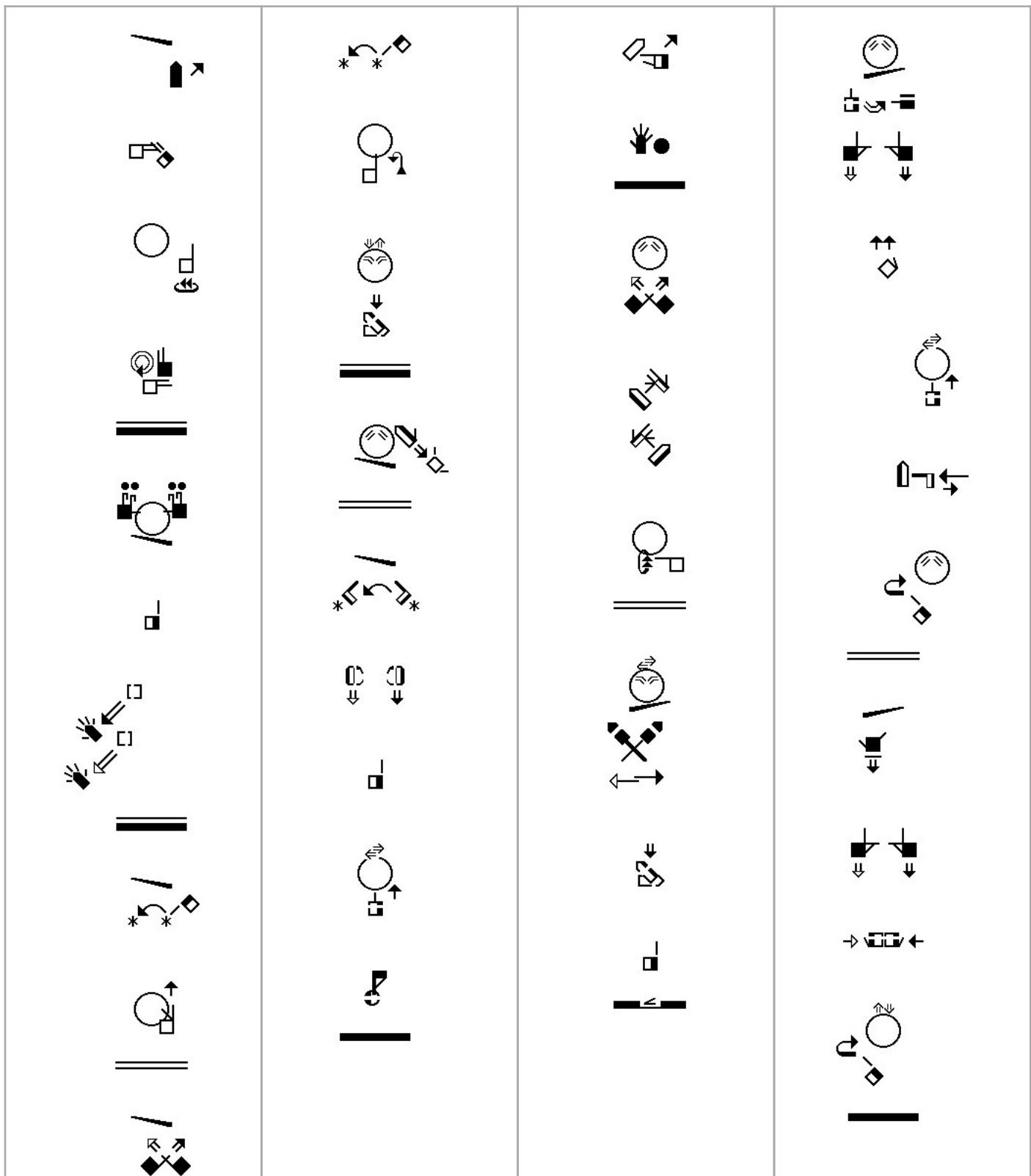
Verse 45. But they didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. Verse 46. Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. Verse 47. But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he brought a little child to his side.

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Verse 48. Then he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest." Verse 49. John said to Jesus, "Master,

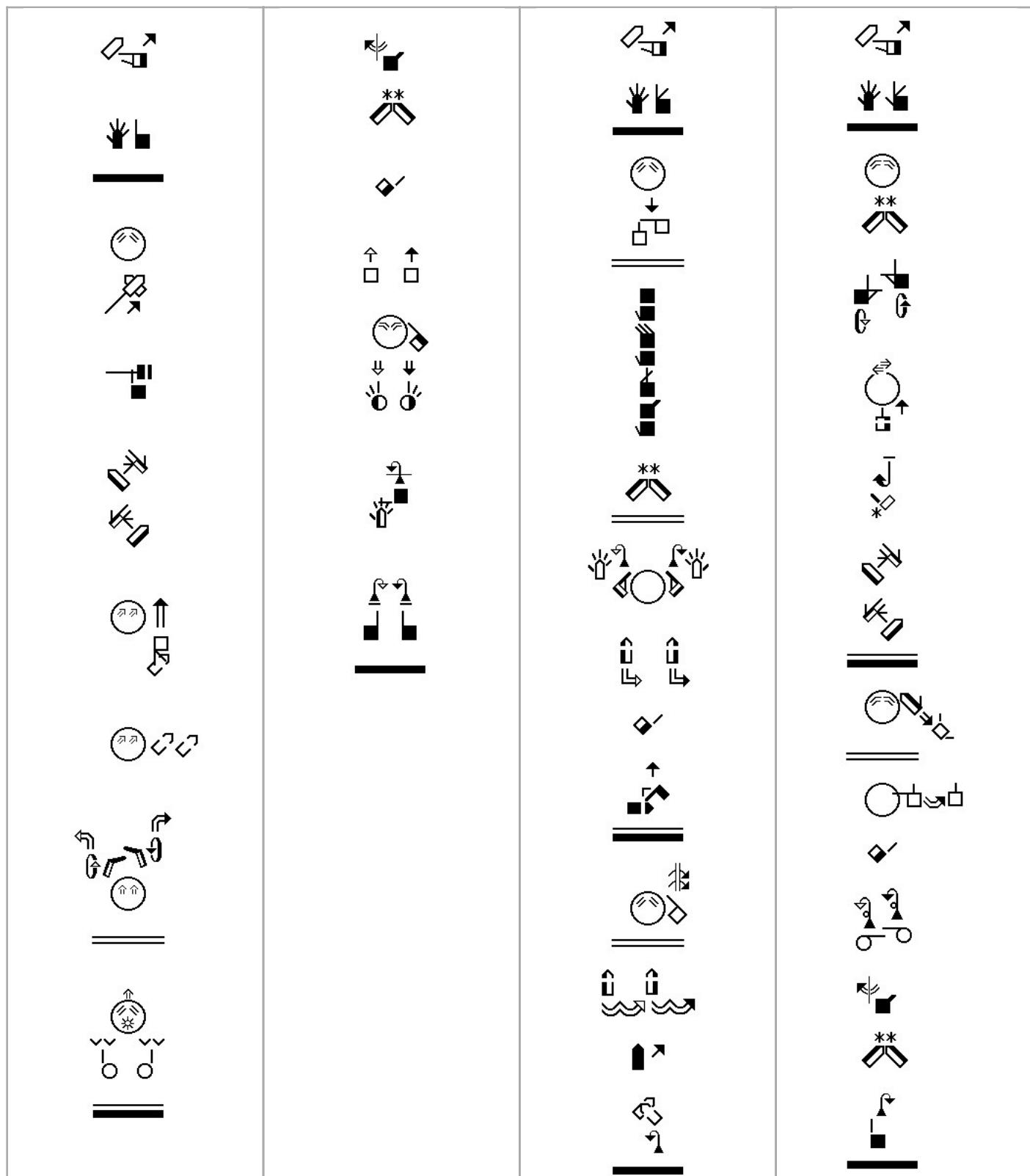
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we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because  
he isn't in our group." Verse 50. But Jesus said, "Don't stop him! Anyone who is not  
against you is for you."

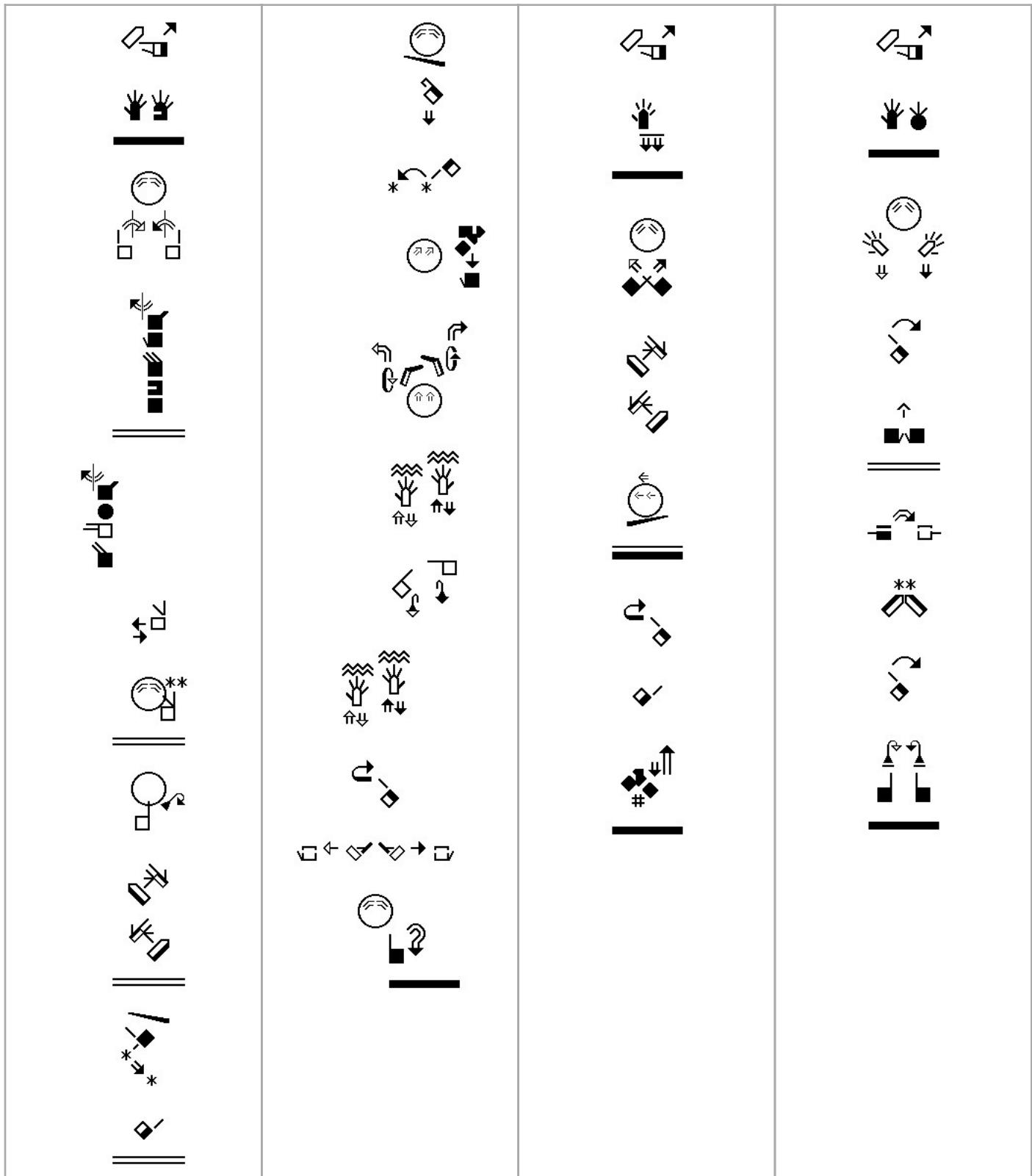
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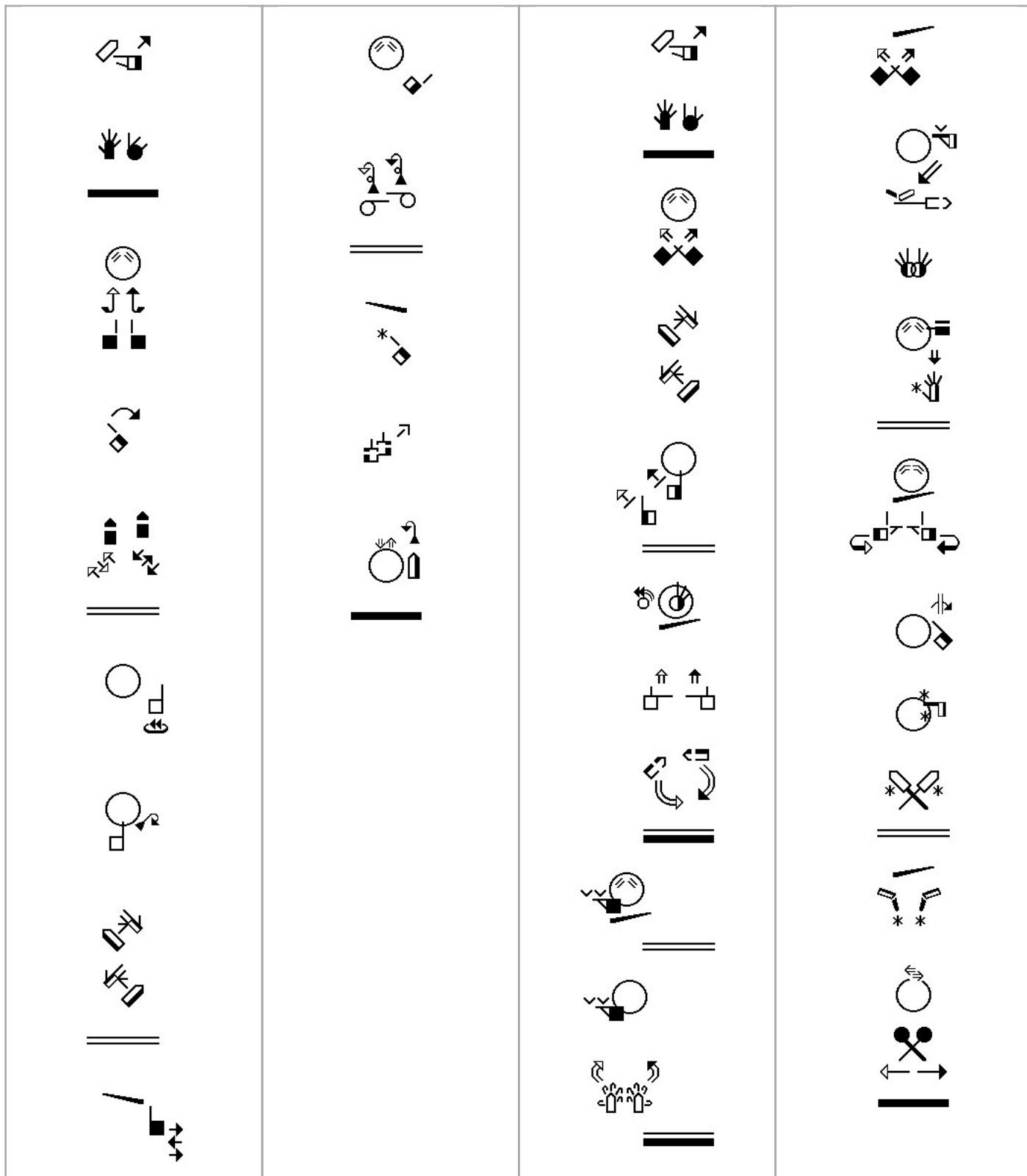


Verse 51. As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. Verse 52. He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. Verse 53. But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem.

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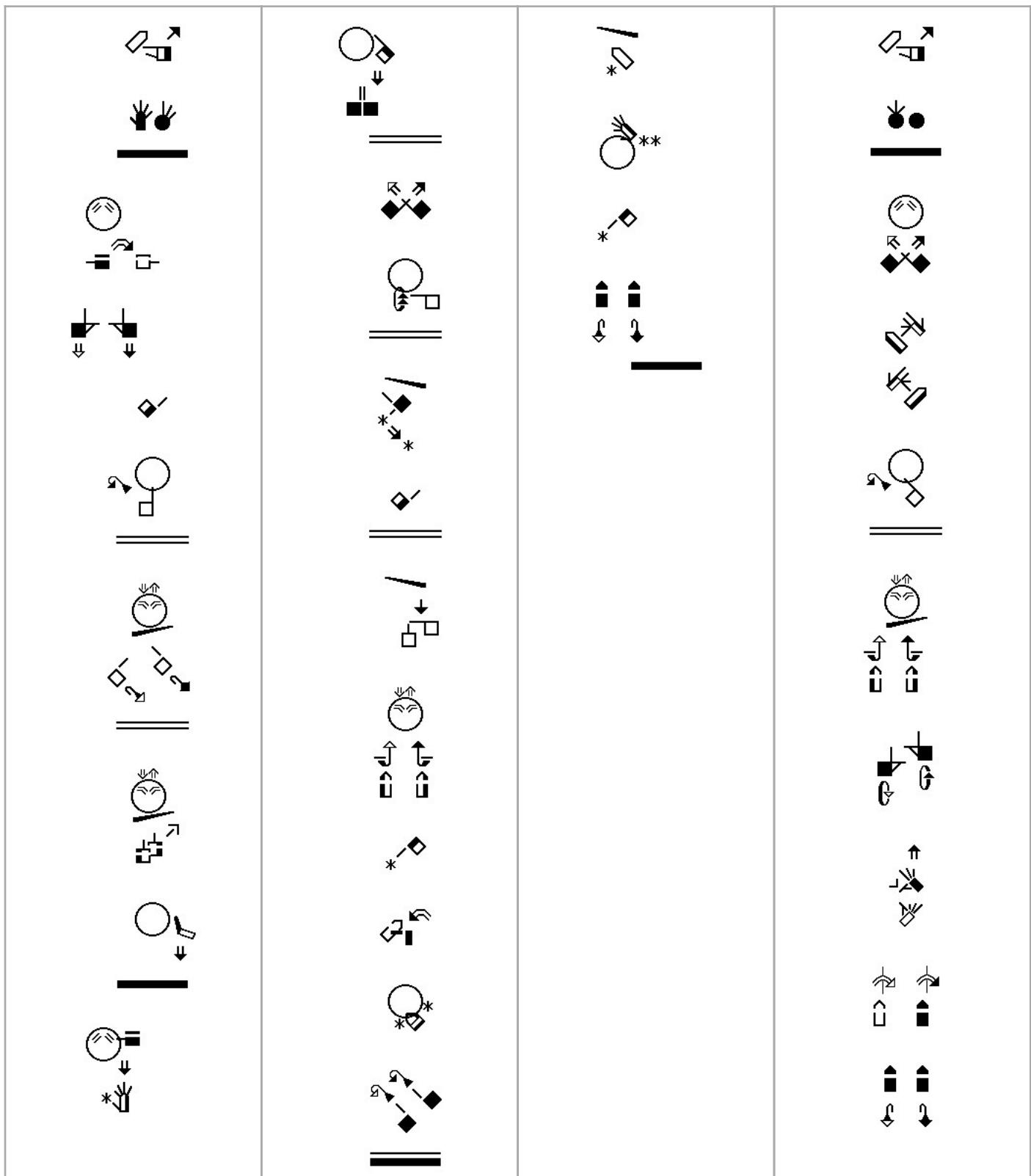
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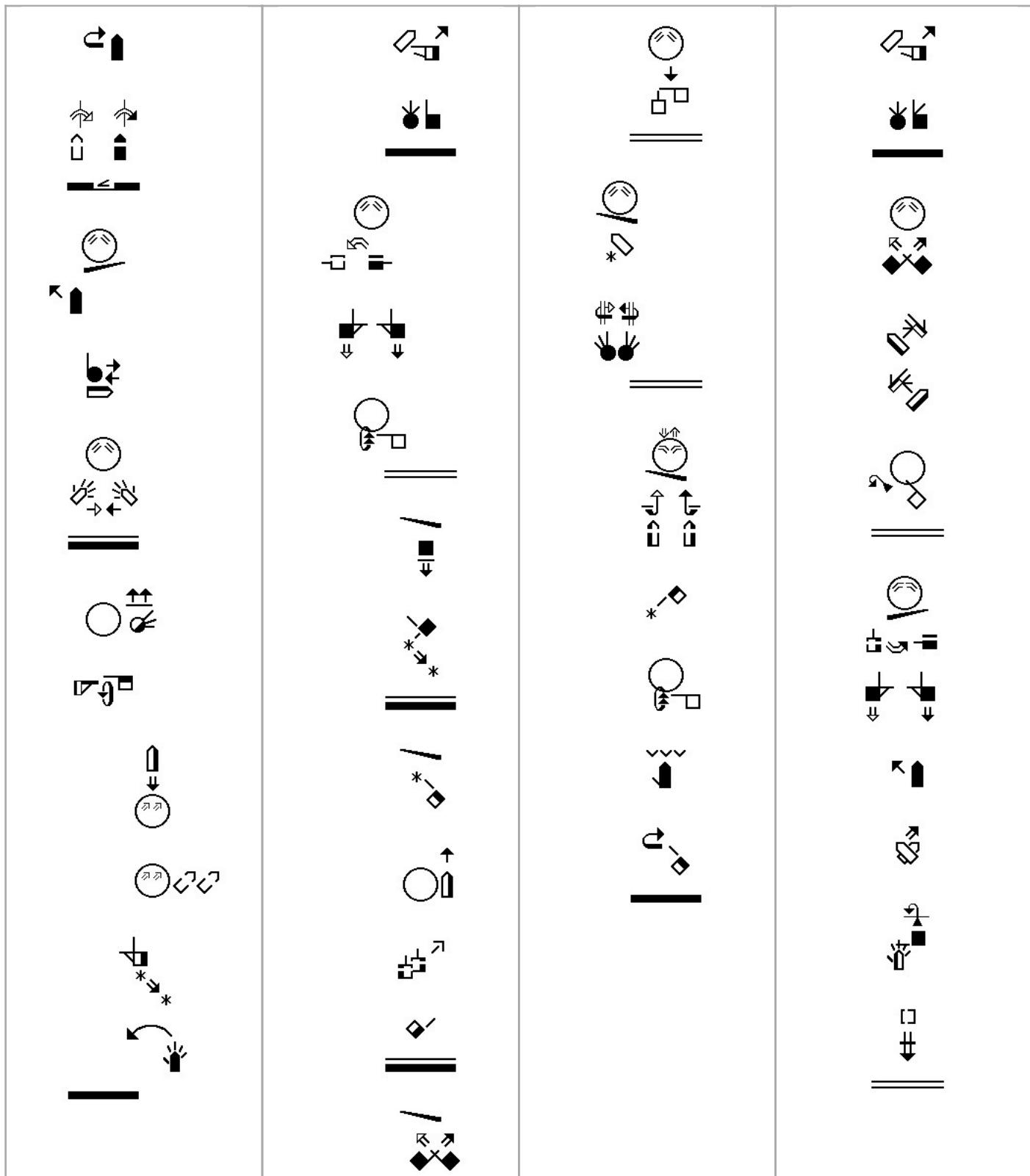


Verse 57. As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Verse 58. But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." NLT

Luke 9:59-60

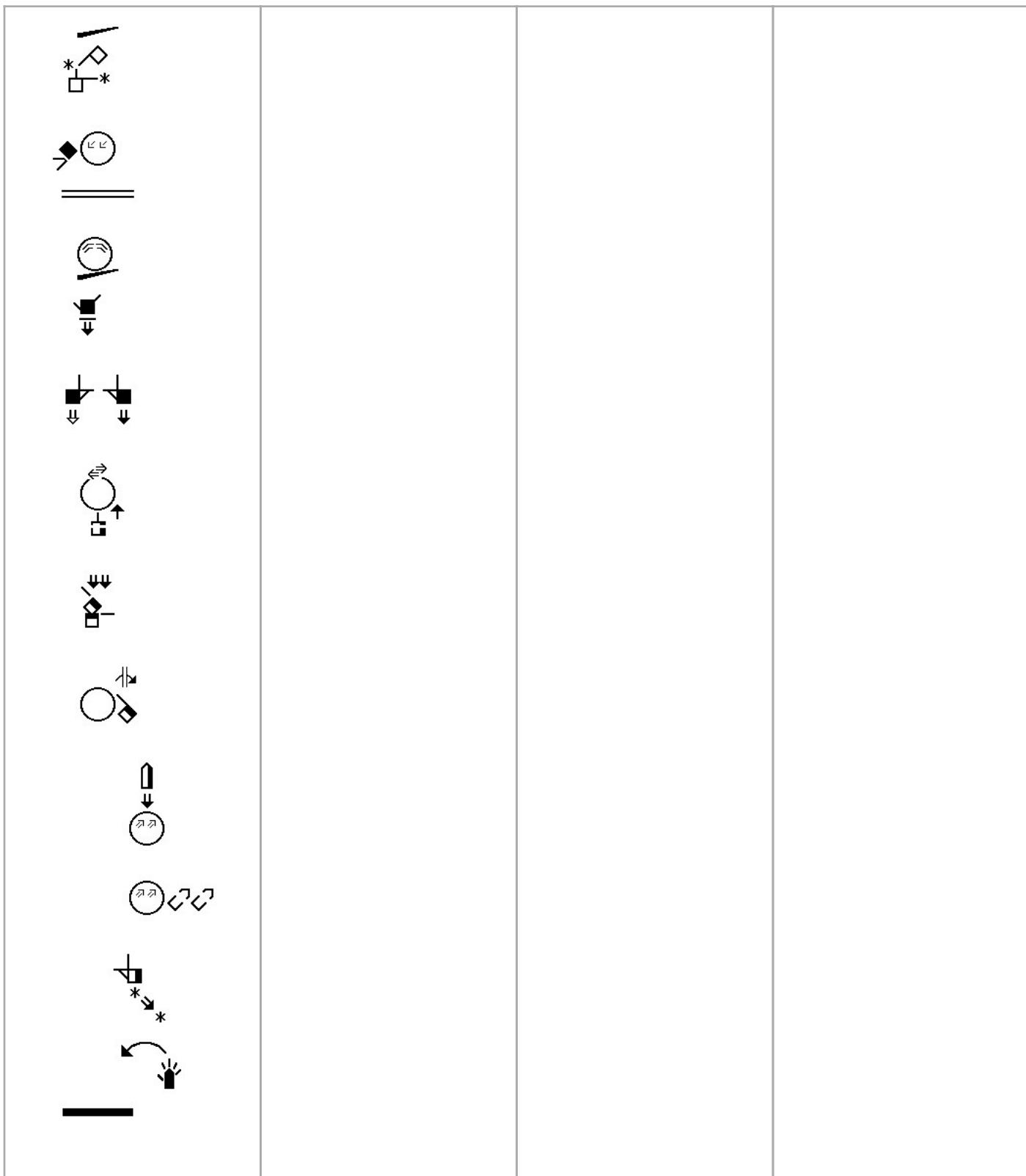


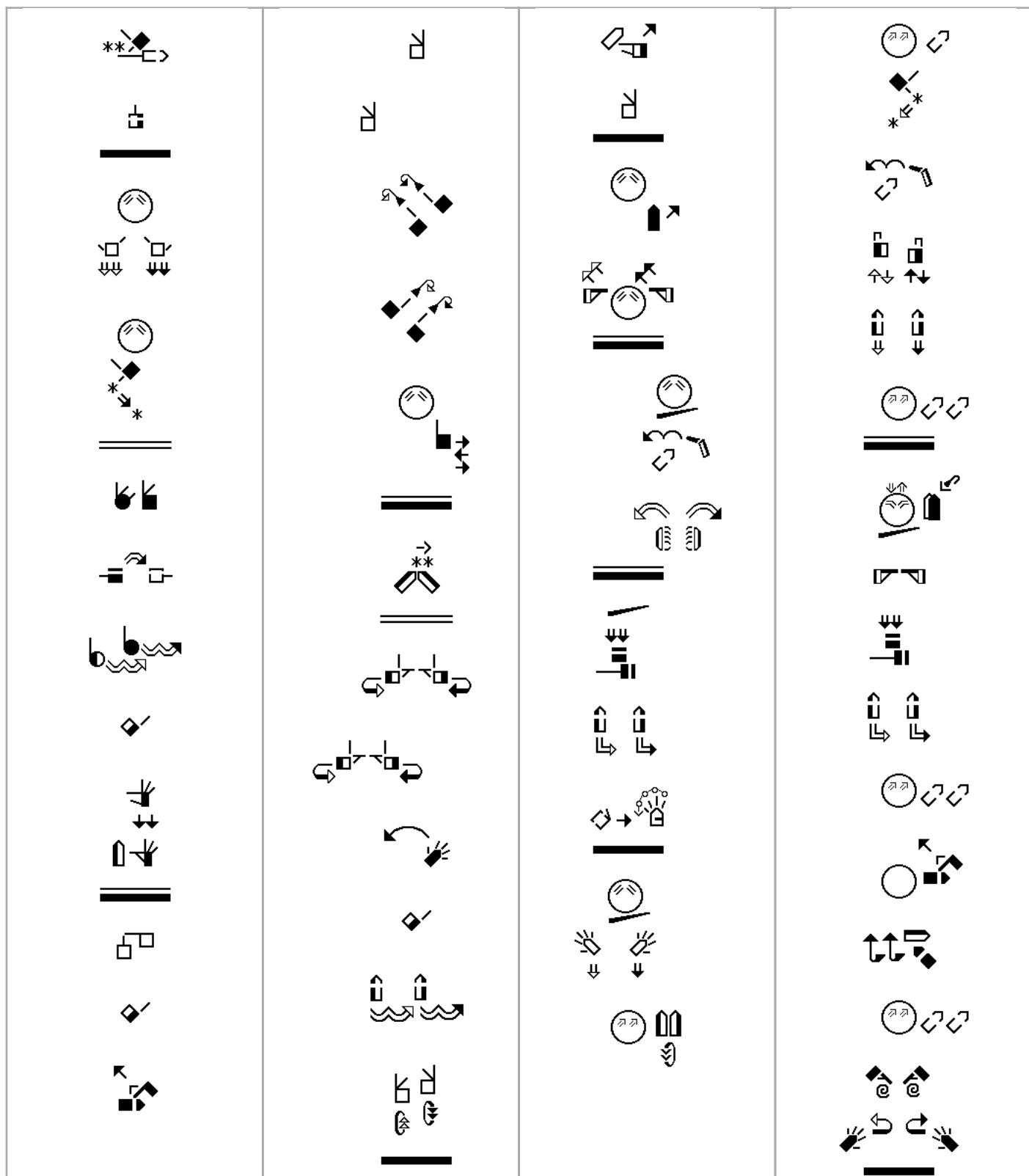
228 Verse 59. He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father." Verse 60. But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury NLT



their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." Verse 61.  
Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." Verse 62. But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow

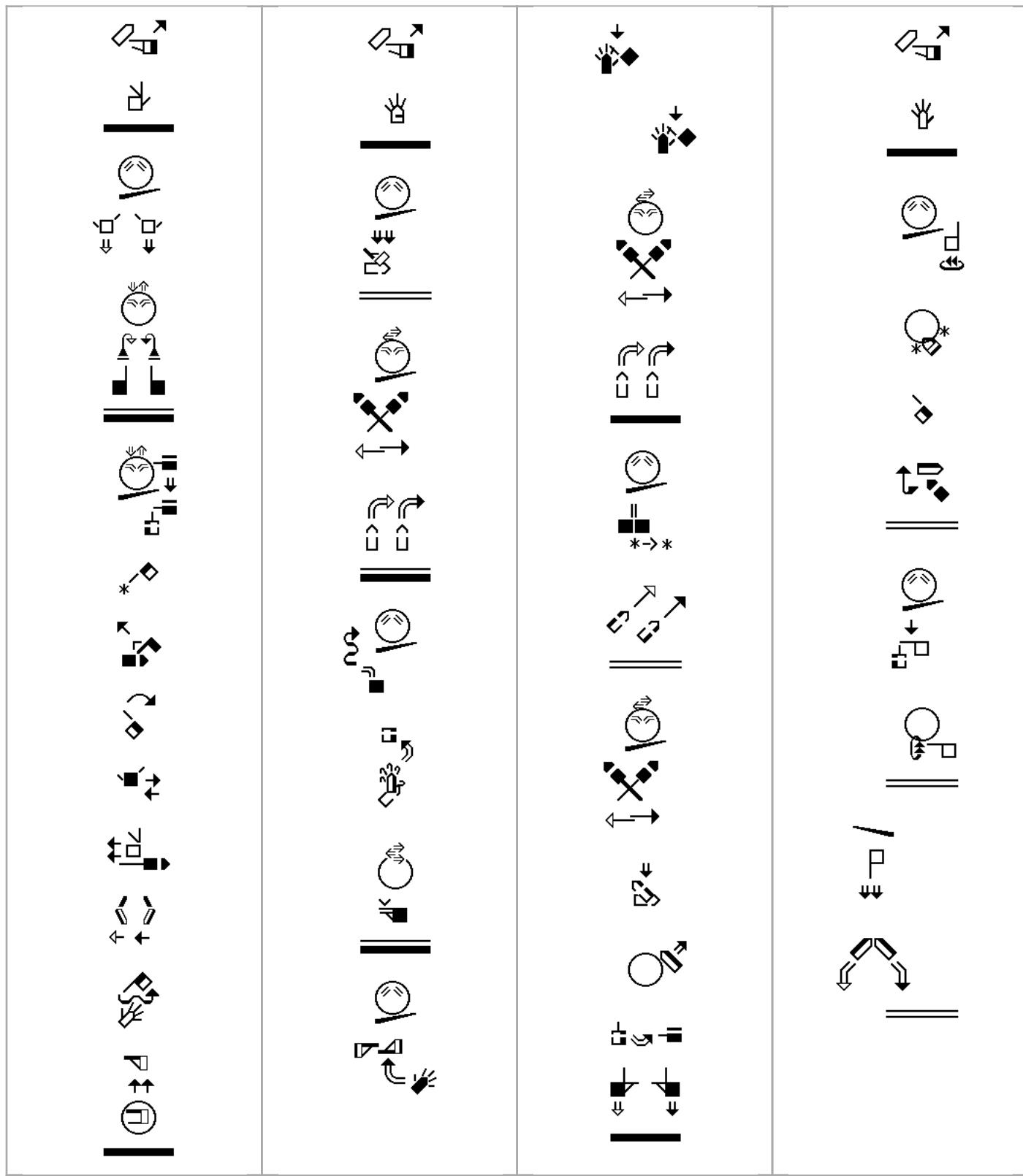
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**Luke 10.** The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. Verse 2. These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." NLT

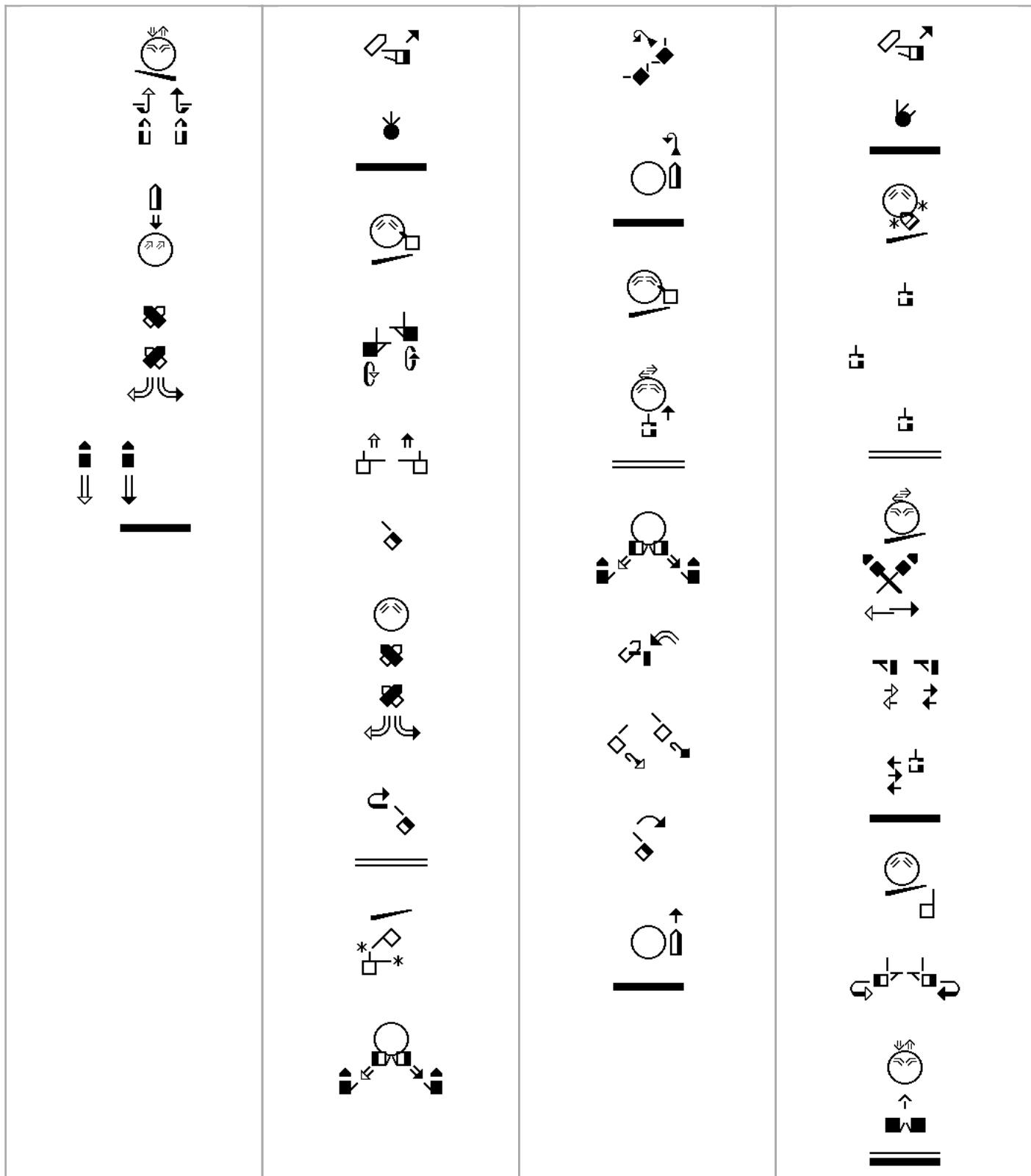
Luke 10:3-5



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Verse 3. Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.  
Verse 4. Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of  
sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road. Verse 5. "Whenever you enter  
someone's home, first say,

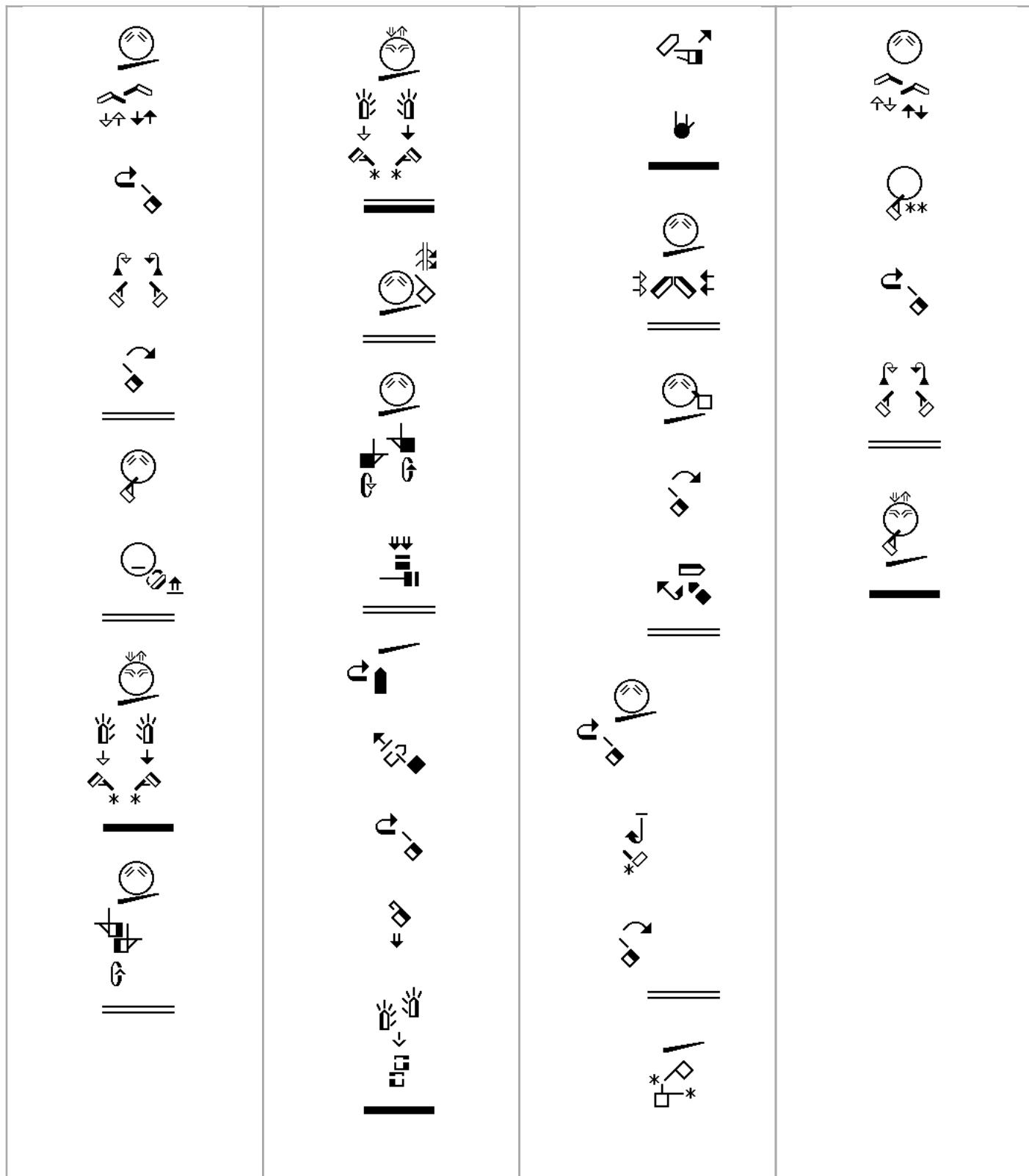
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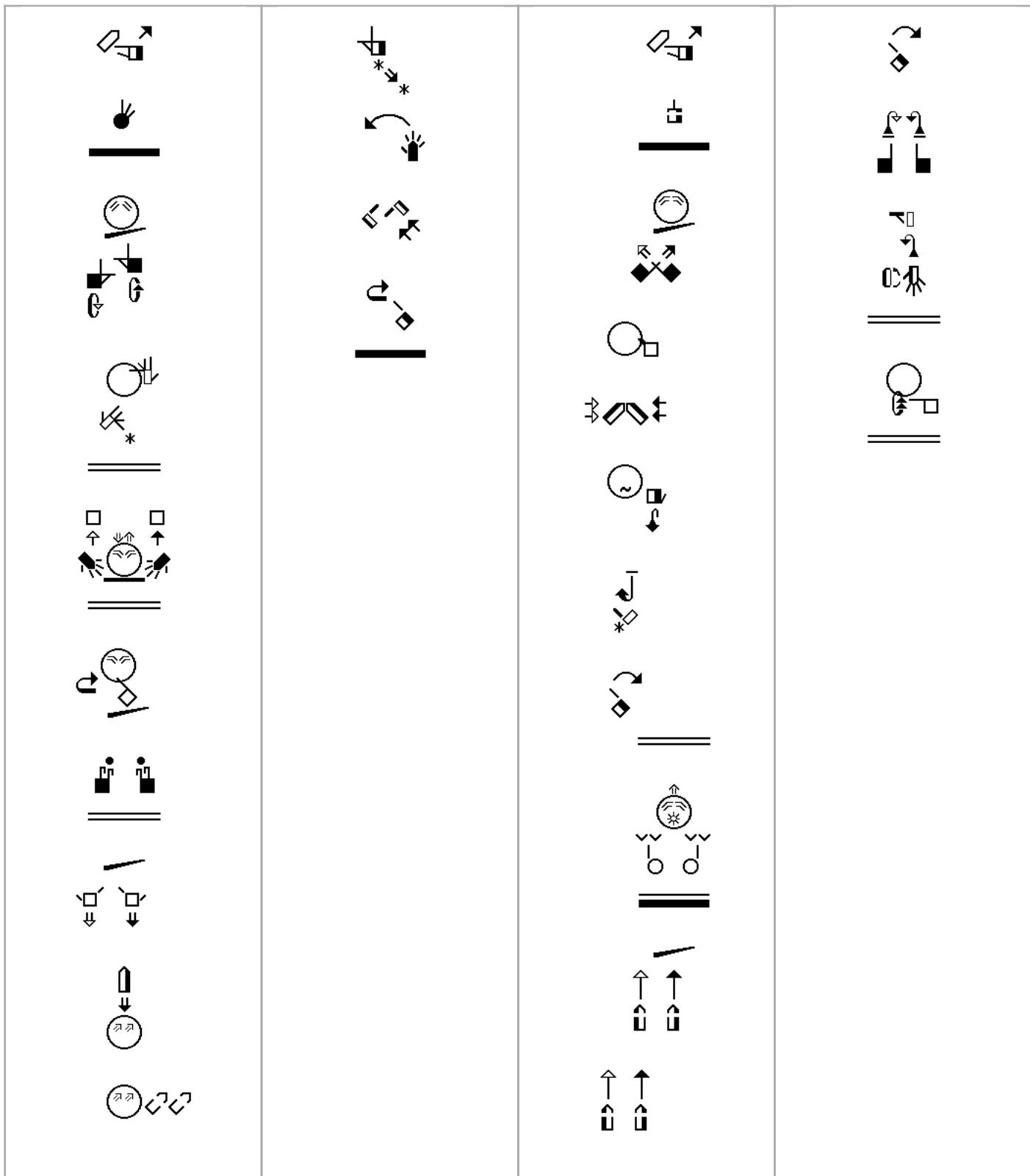
'May God's peace be on this house.' Verse 6. If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. Verse 7. Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place,

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Luke 10:7-8



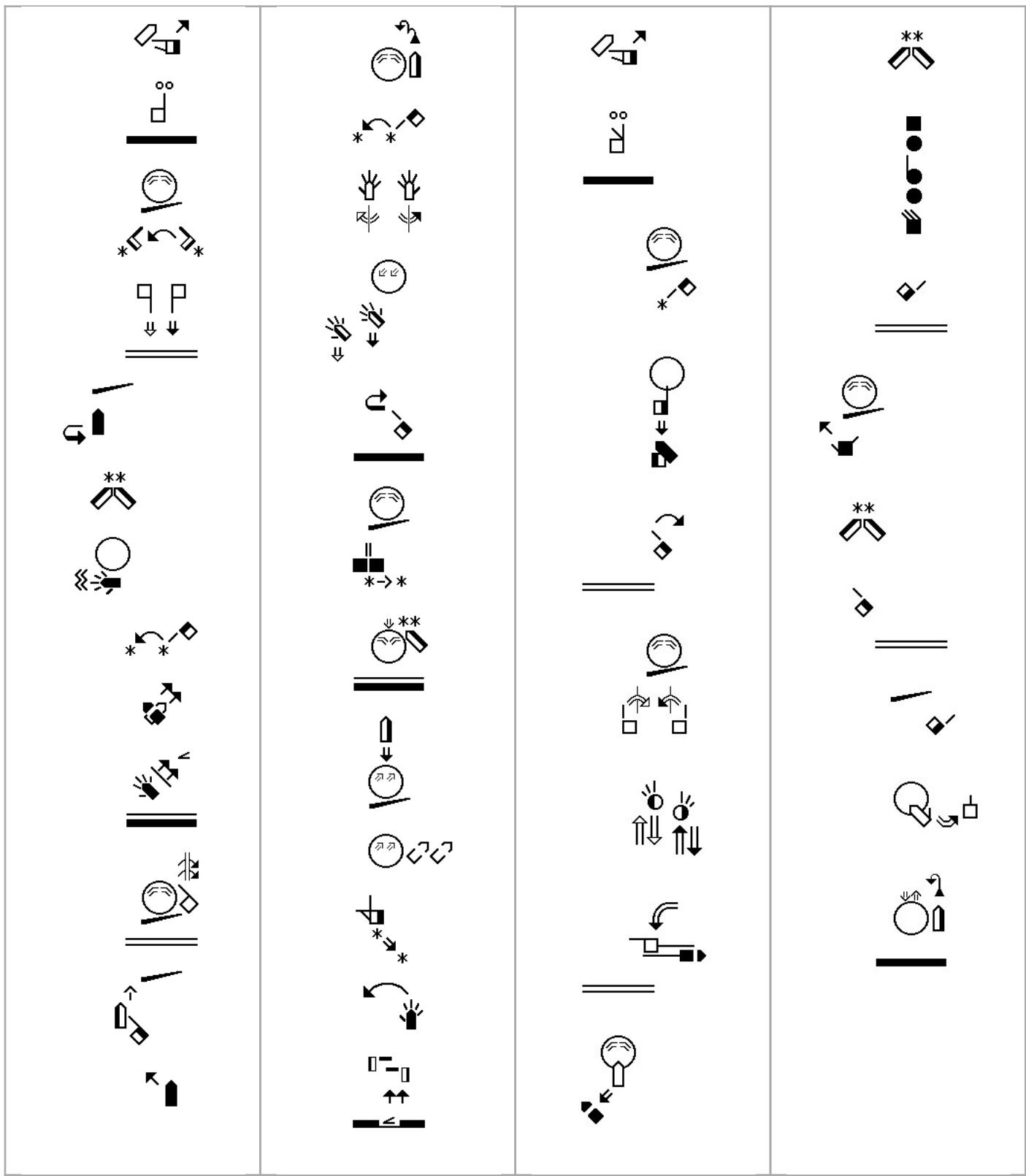
234 eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay. Verse 8. "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. NLT

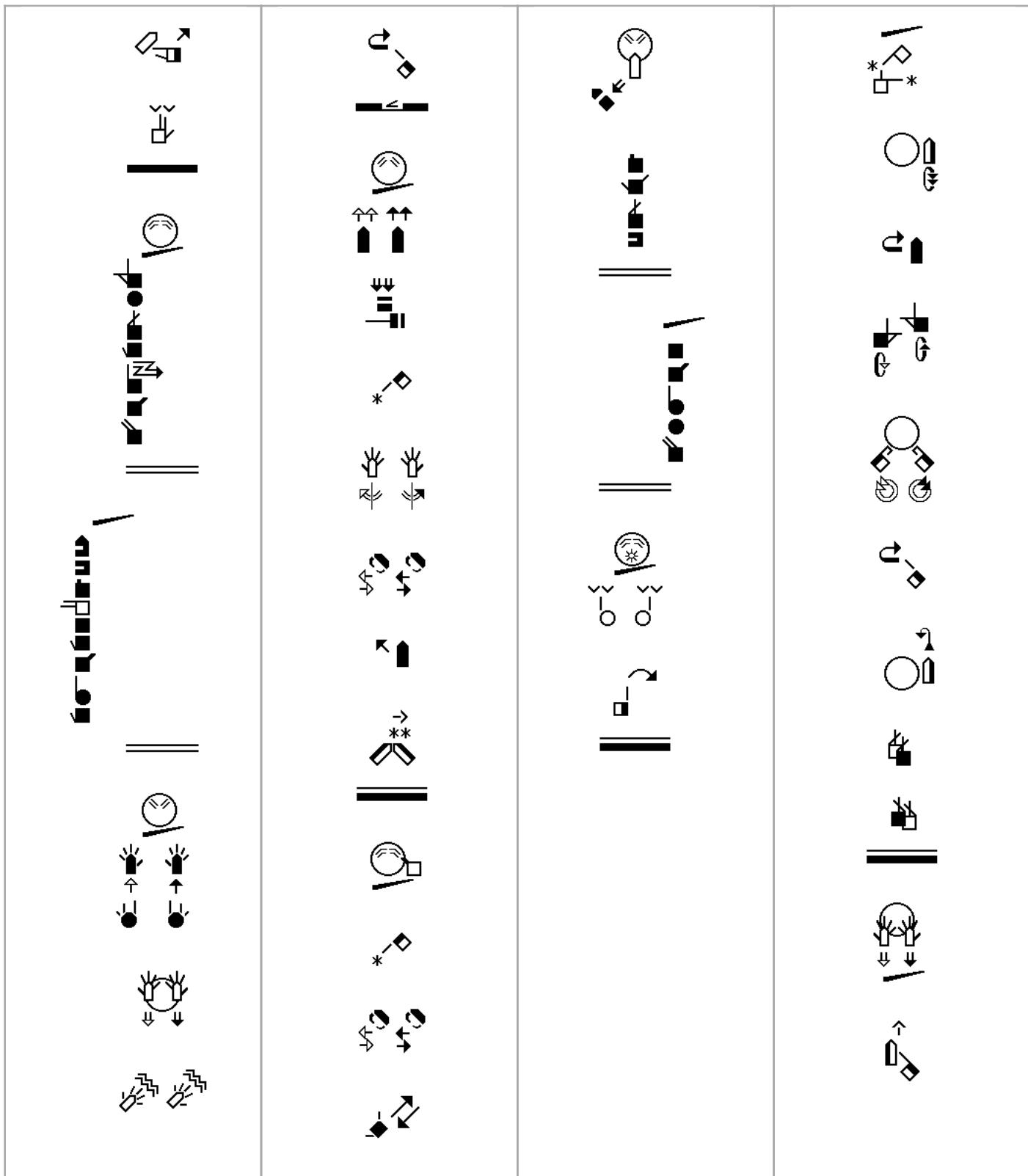


Verse 9. Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.' Verse 10.  
But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

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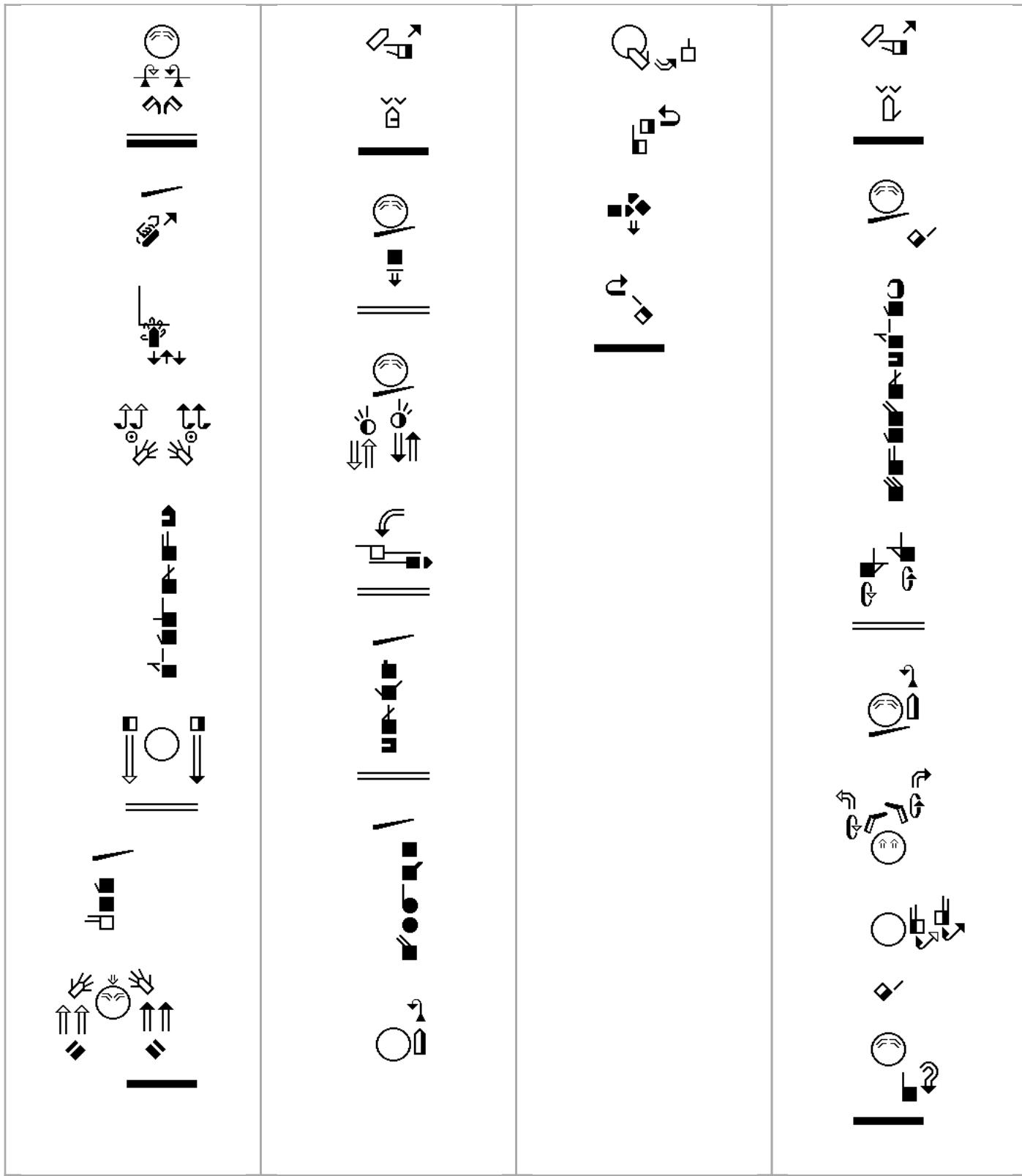
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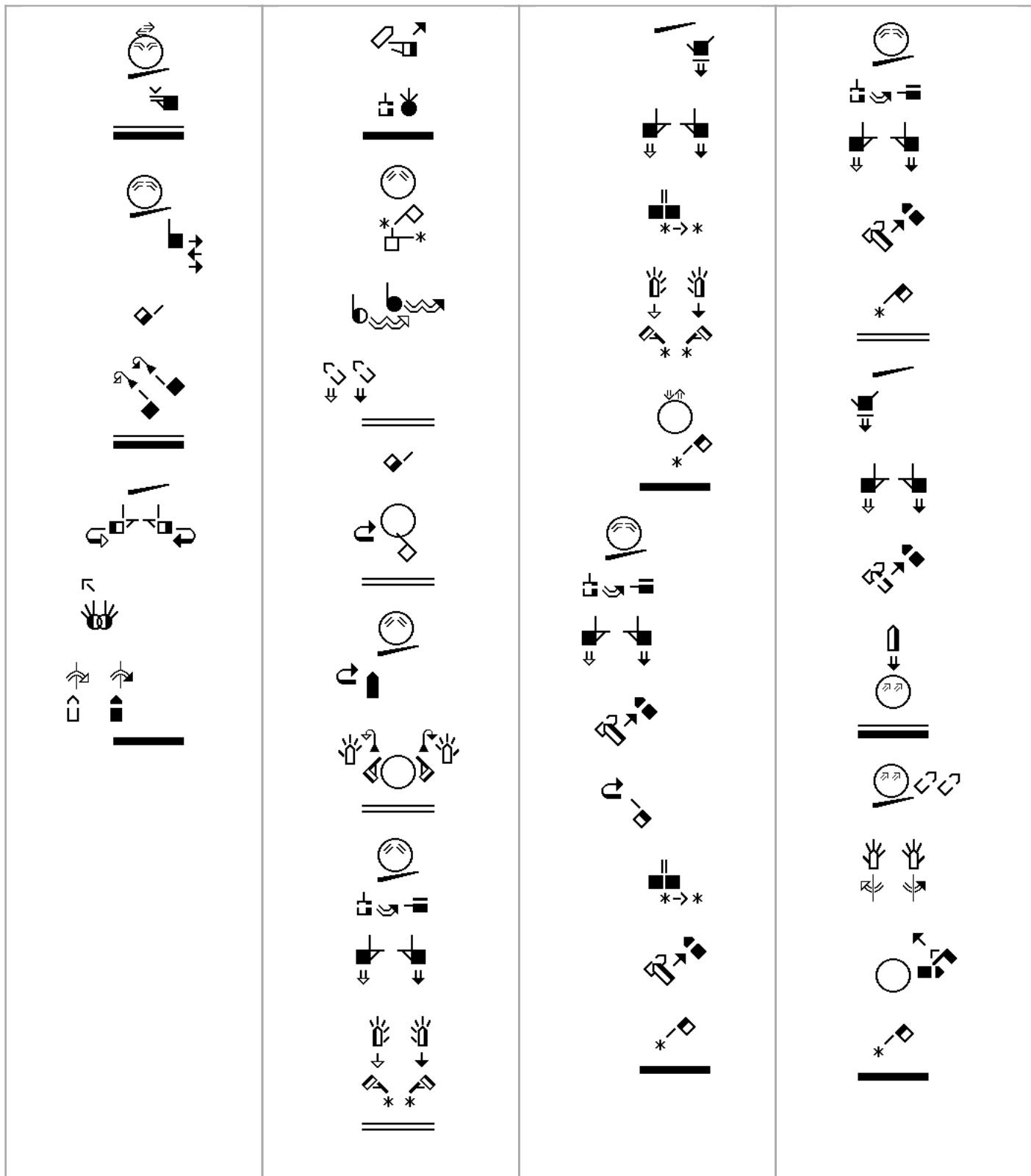


Verse 13. "What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago,  
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Luke 10:13-15

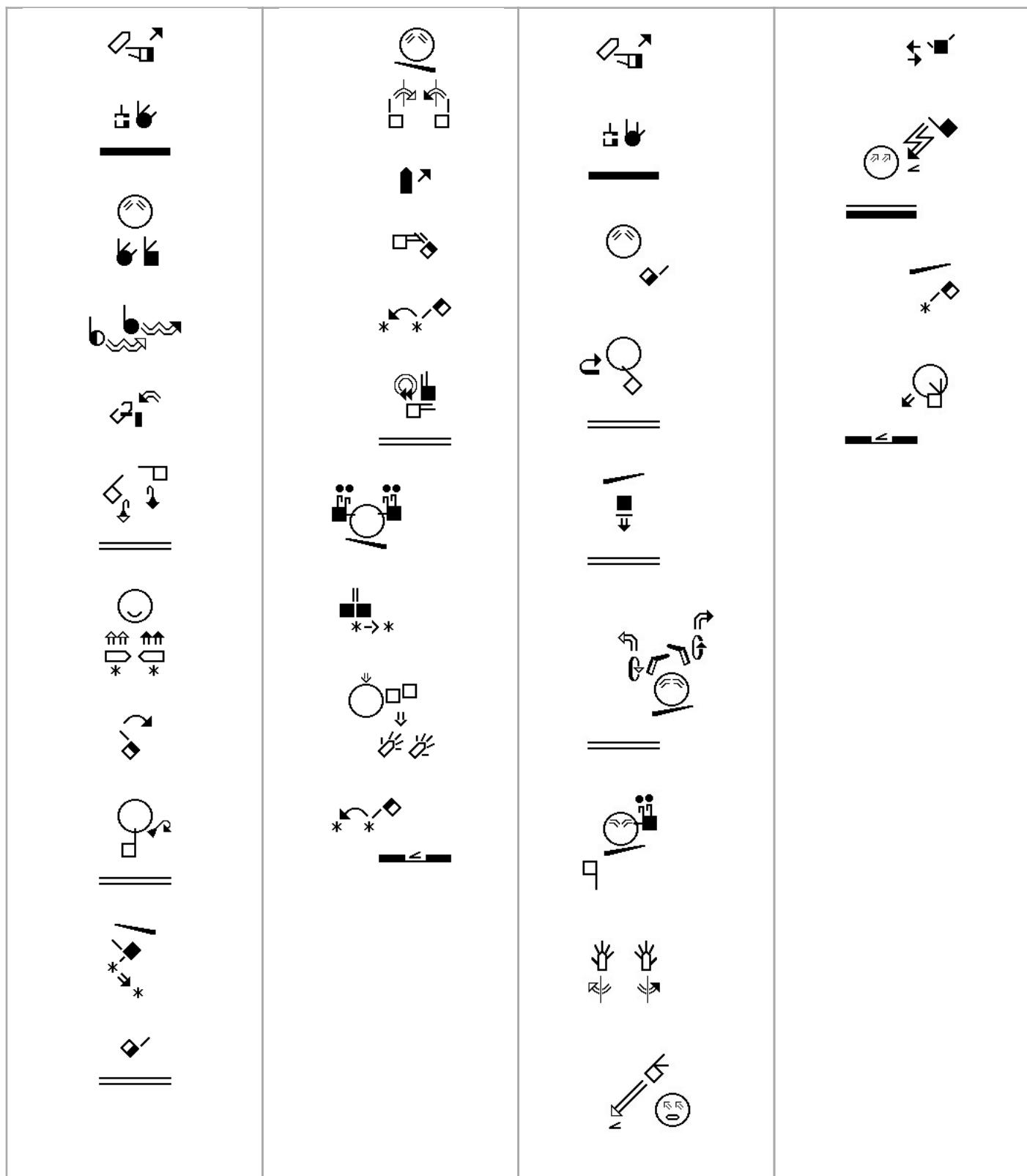


**238** clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. Verse 14. Yes, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you. Verse 15. And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? NLT



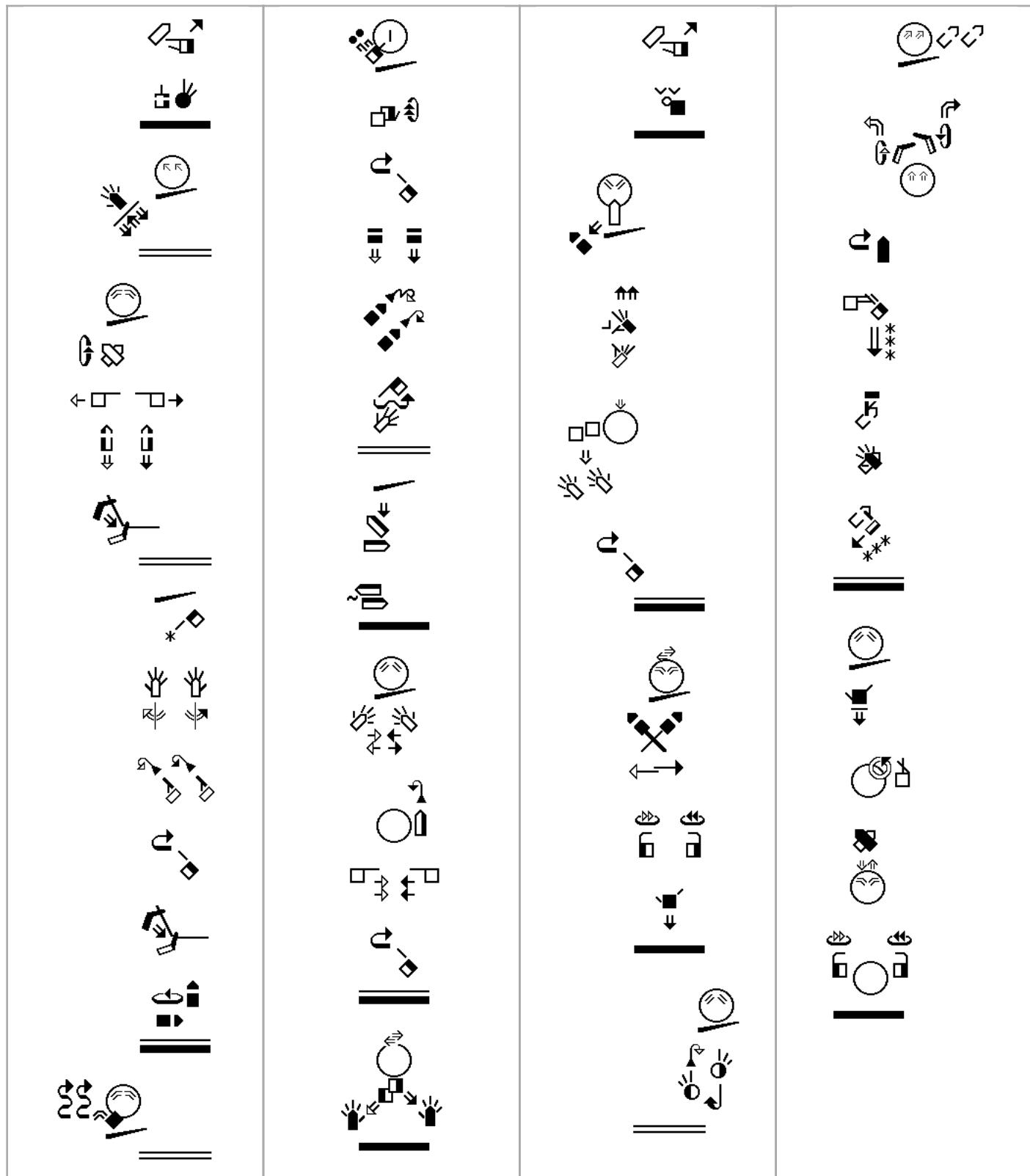
No, you will go down to the place of the dead." Verse 16. Then he said to the disciples, "Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me." NLT

Luke 10:17-18



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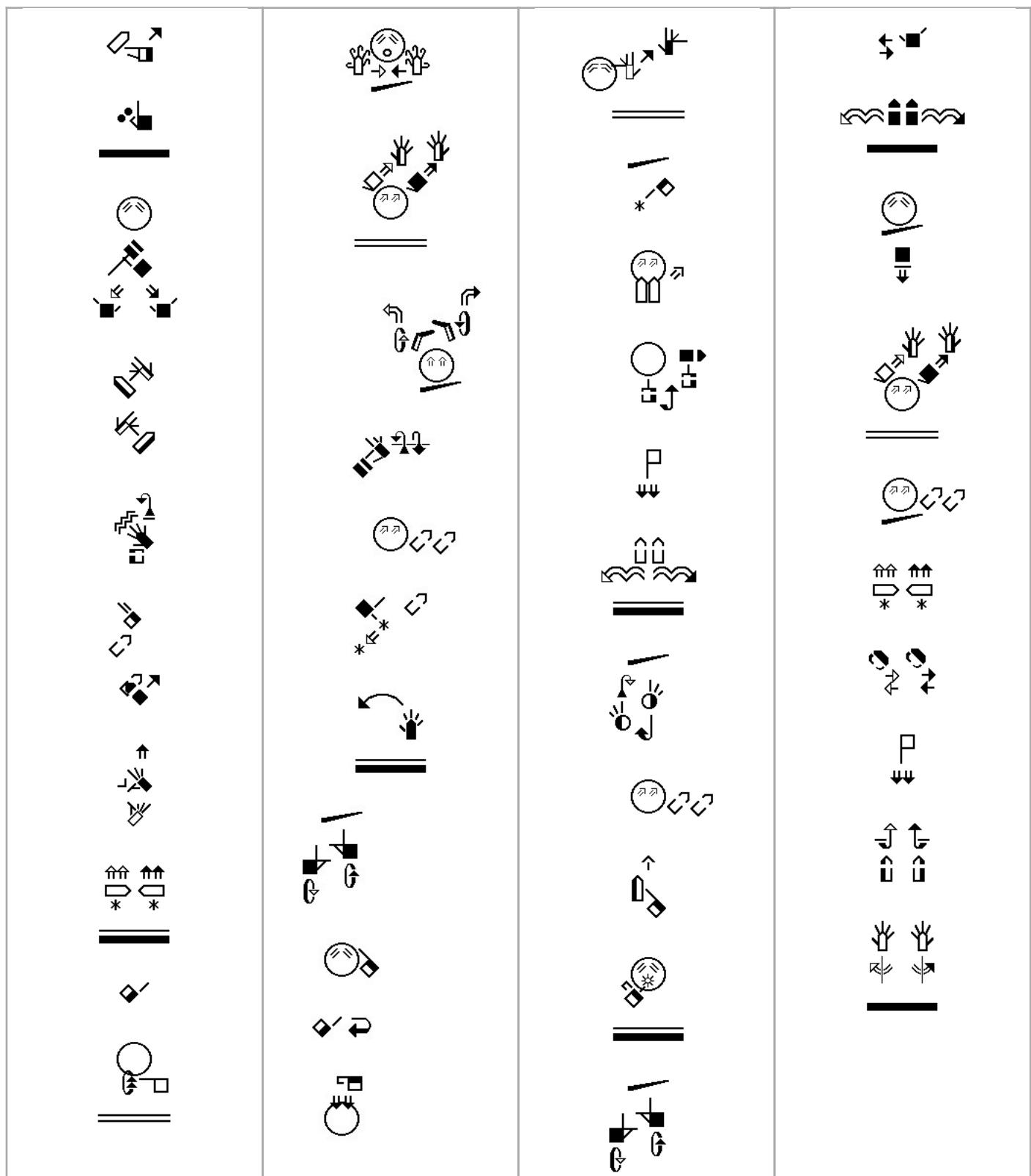
Verse 17. When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" Verse 18. "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!" NLT



Verse 19. Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. Verse 20. But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

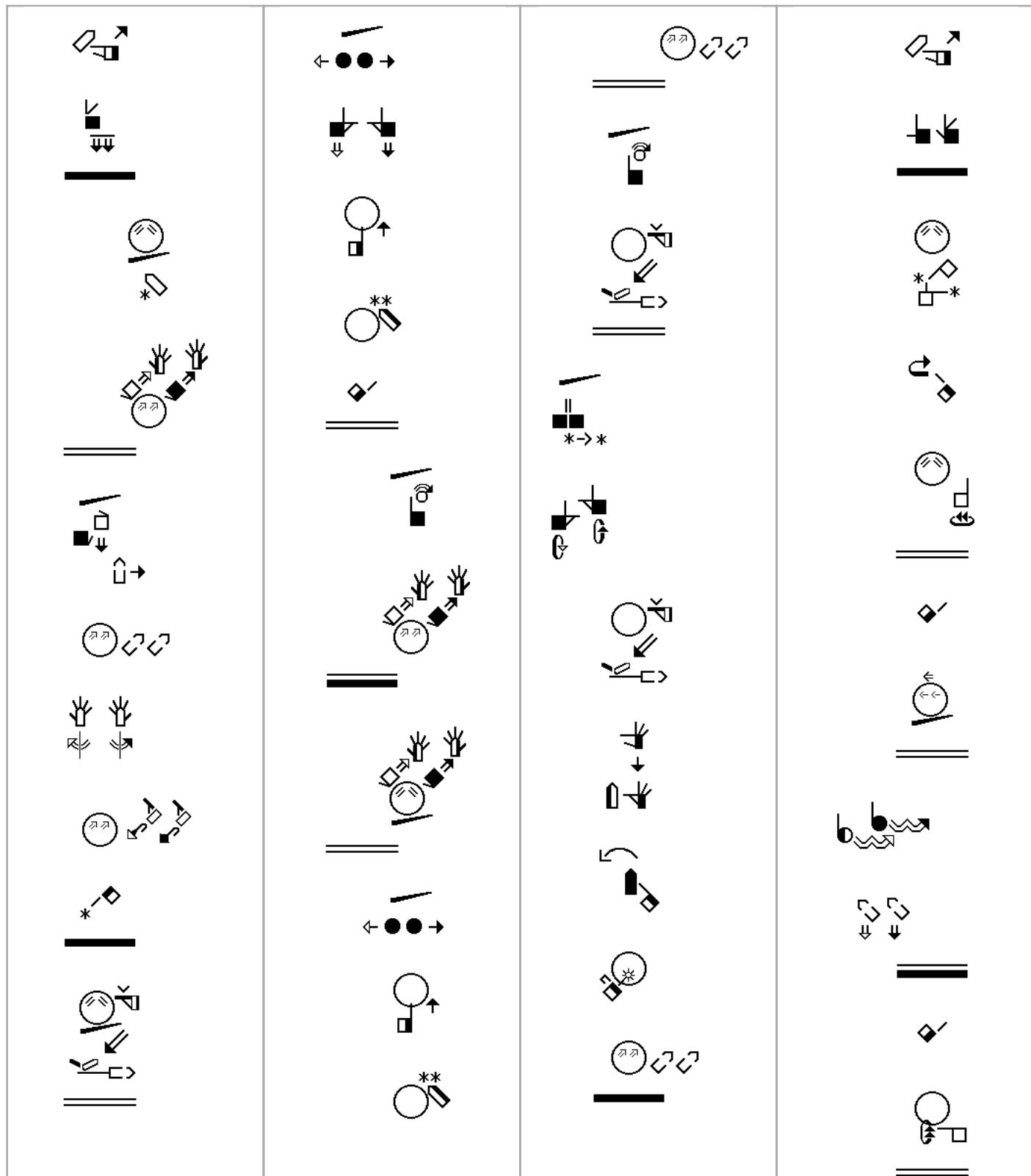
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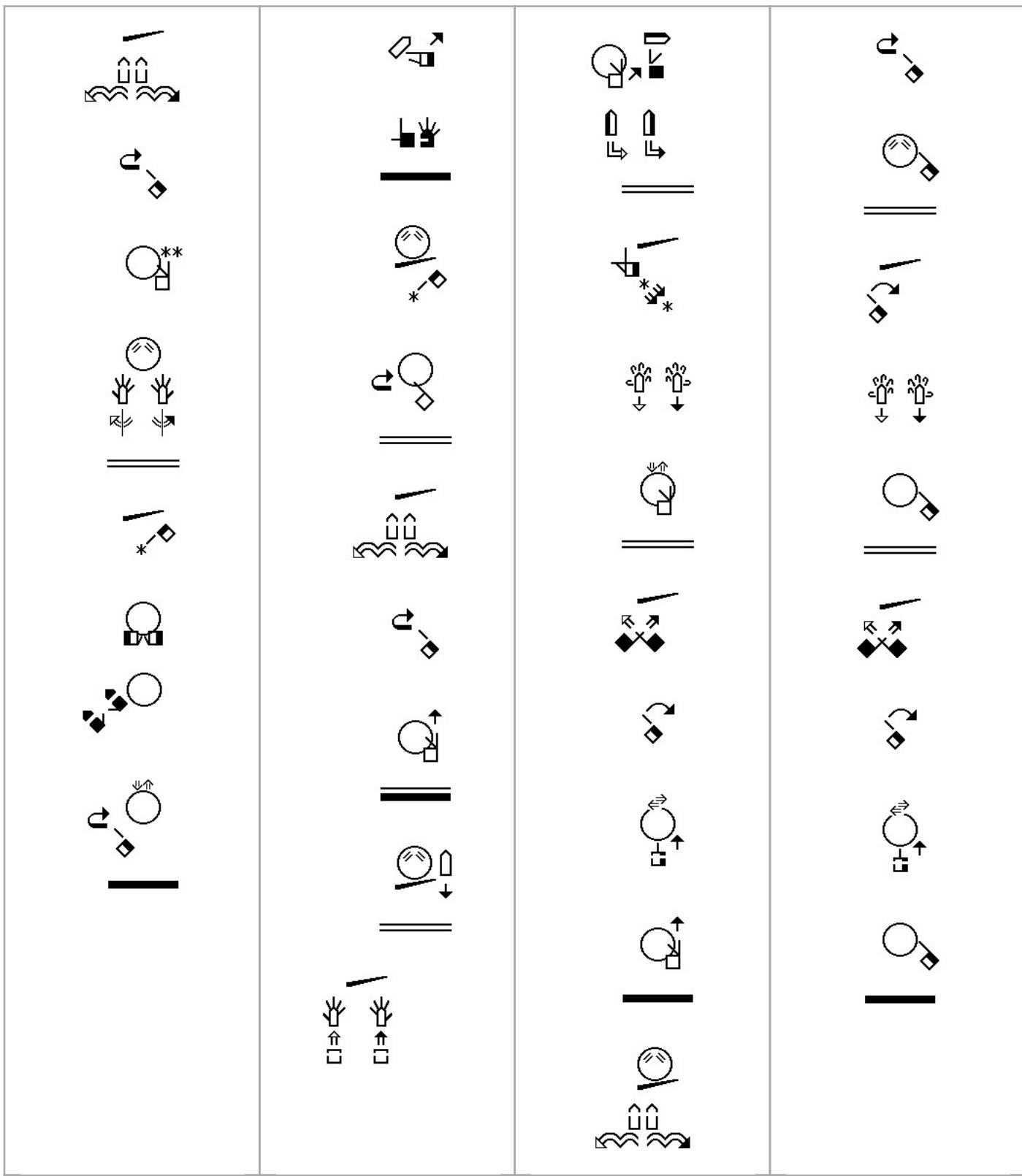
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Verse 21. At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way." NLT



Verse 22. "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Verse 23. Then when they were alone, he turned to the disciples and said,

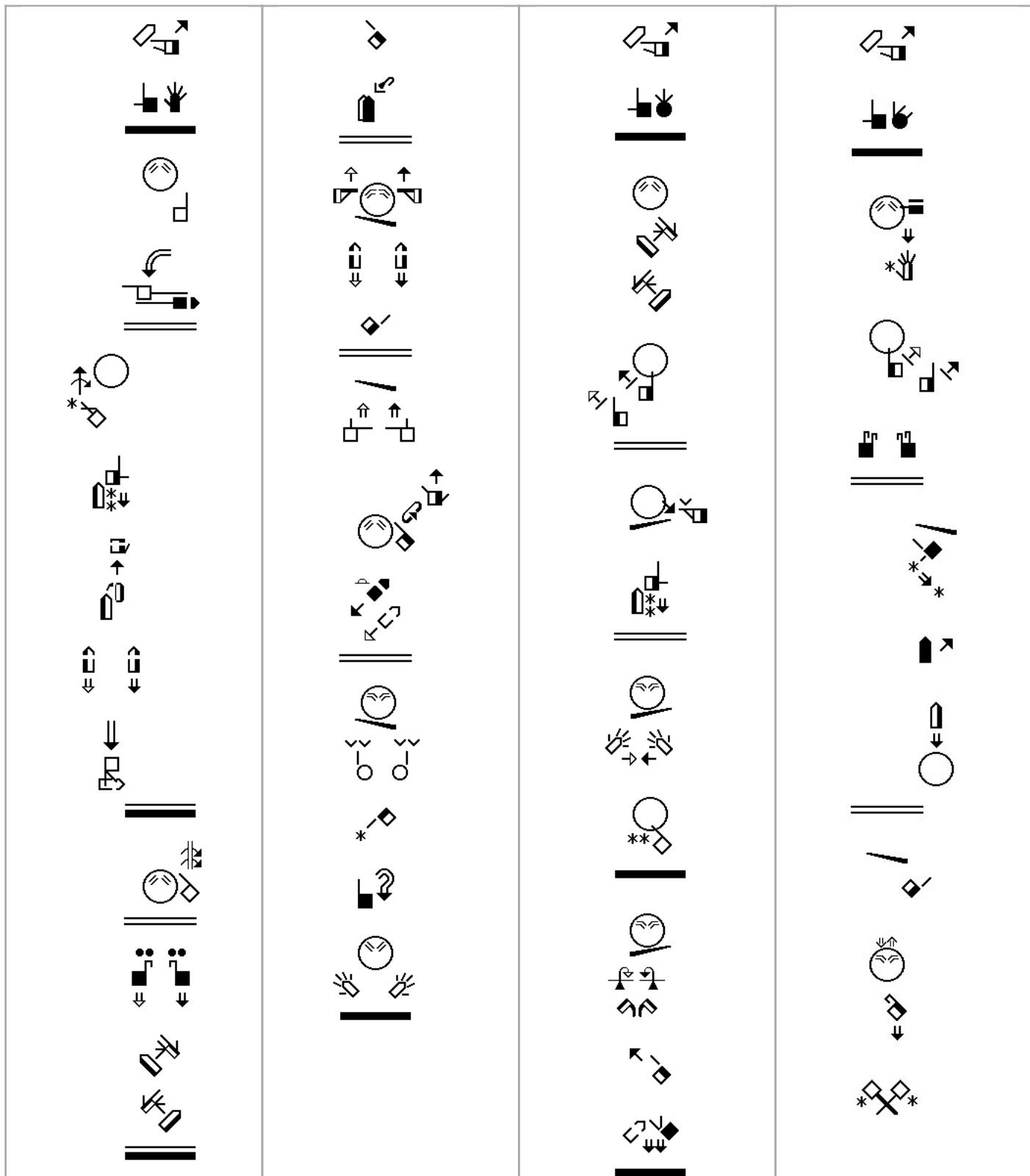
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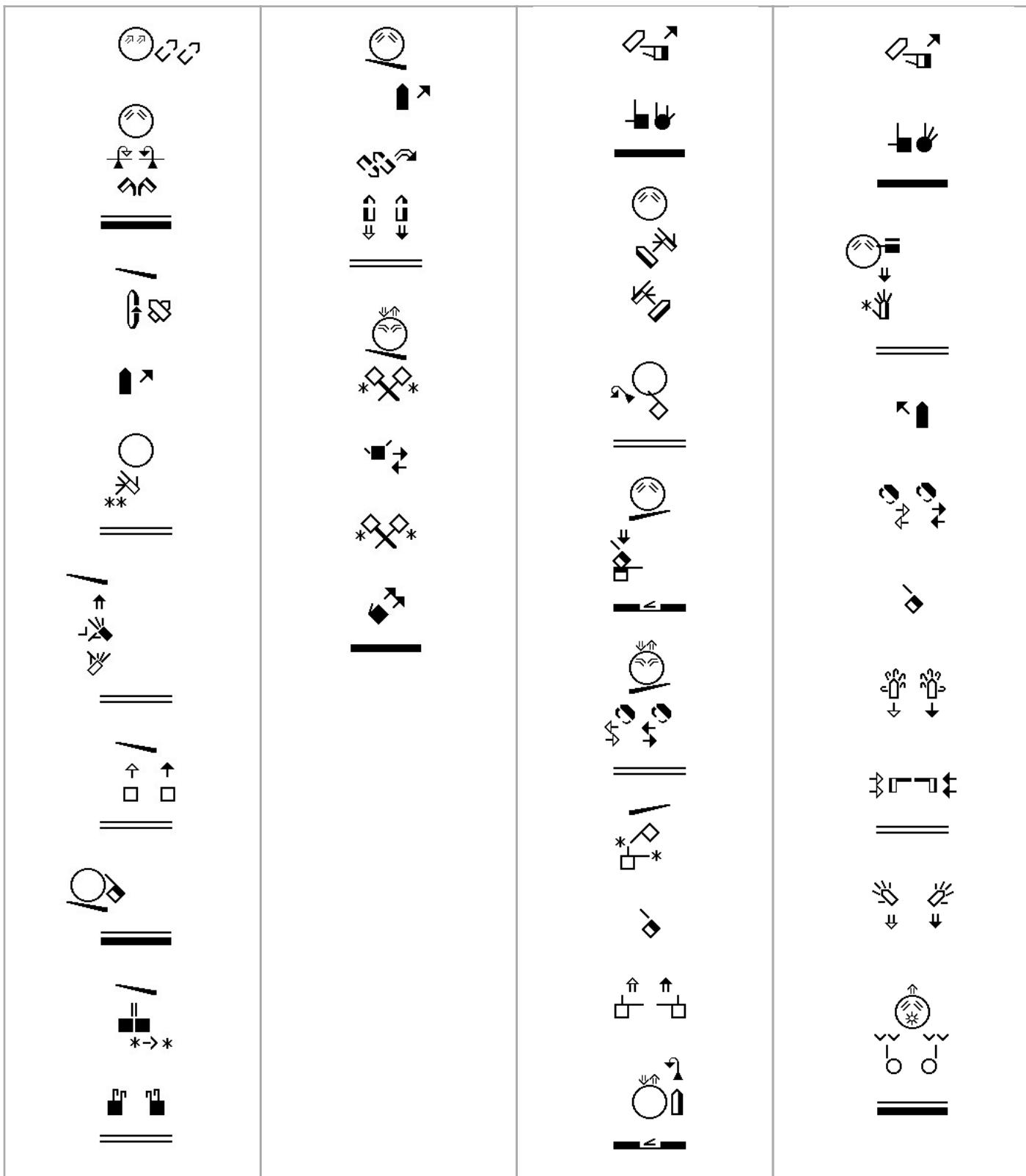
"Blessed are the eyes that see what you have seen. Verse 24. I tell you, many prophets and kings longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it."

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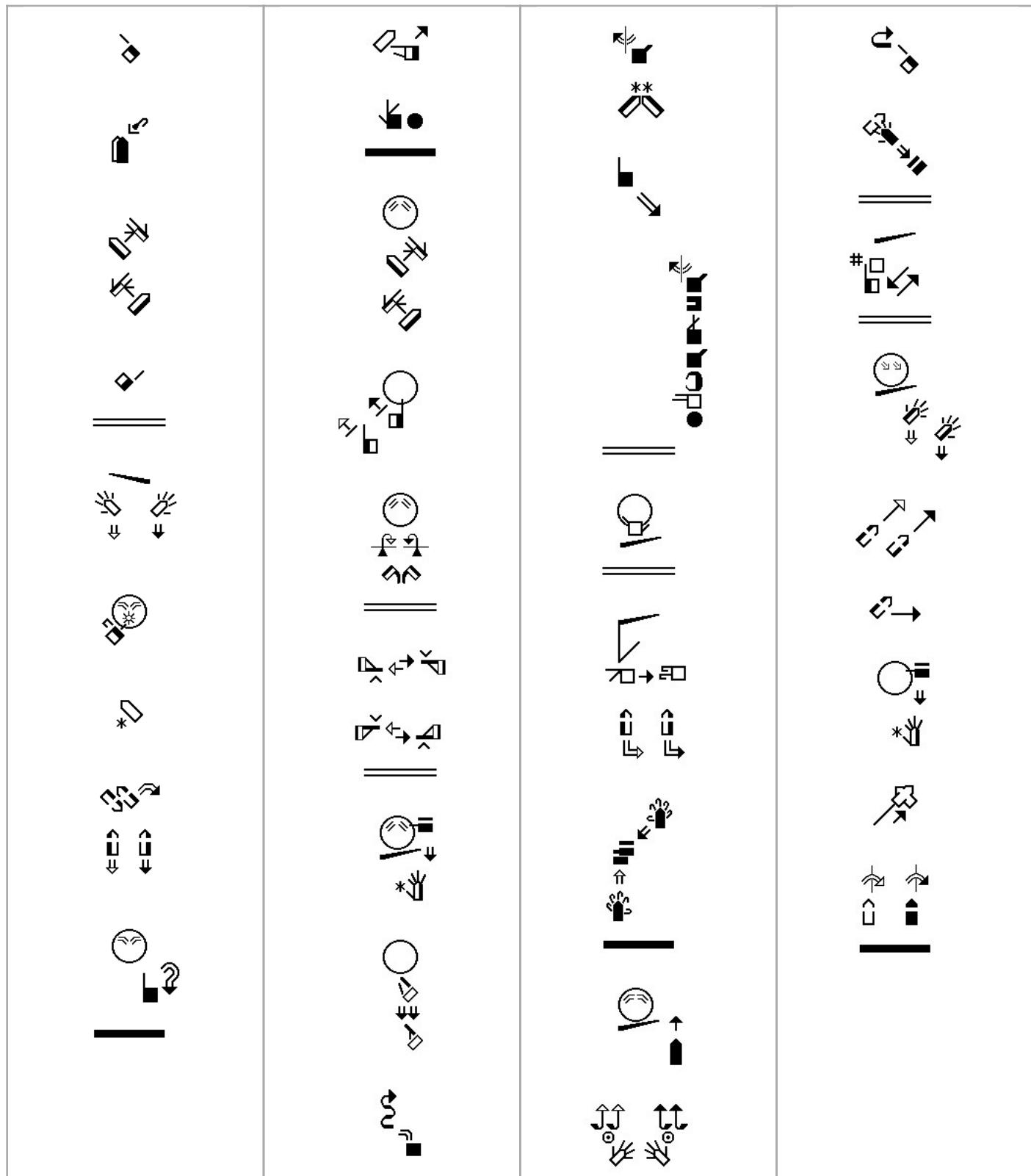
Verse 25. One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" Verse 26. Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" Verse 27. The man answered, "You must love the LORD your God

Luke 10:27-29



246 with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Verse 28. "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"  
Verse 29. The man wanted to justify his actions, so

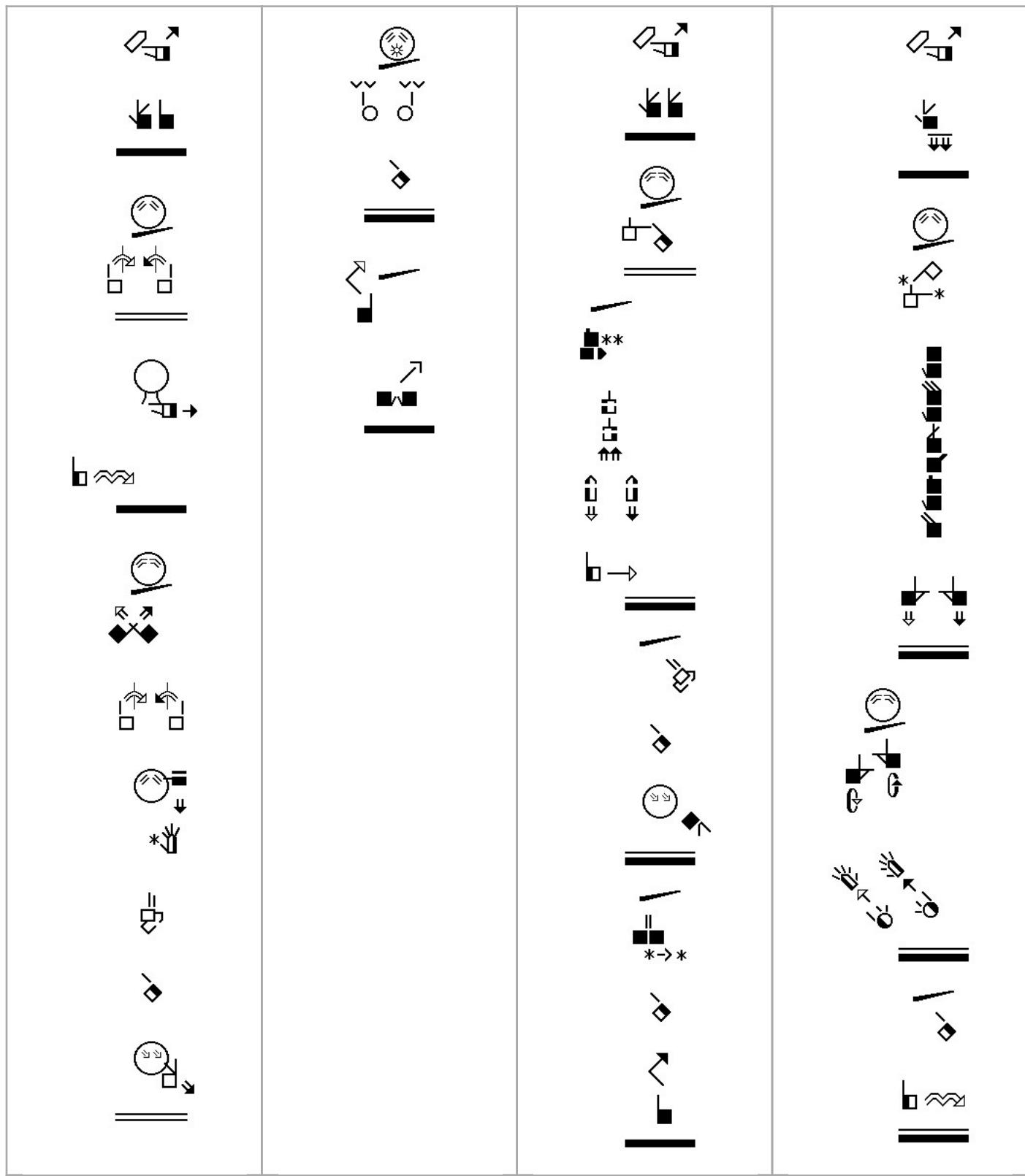
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he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Verse 30. Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

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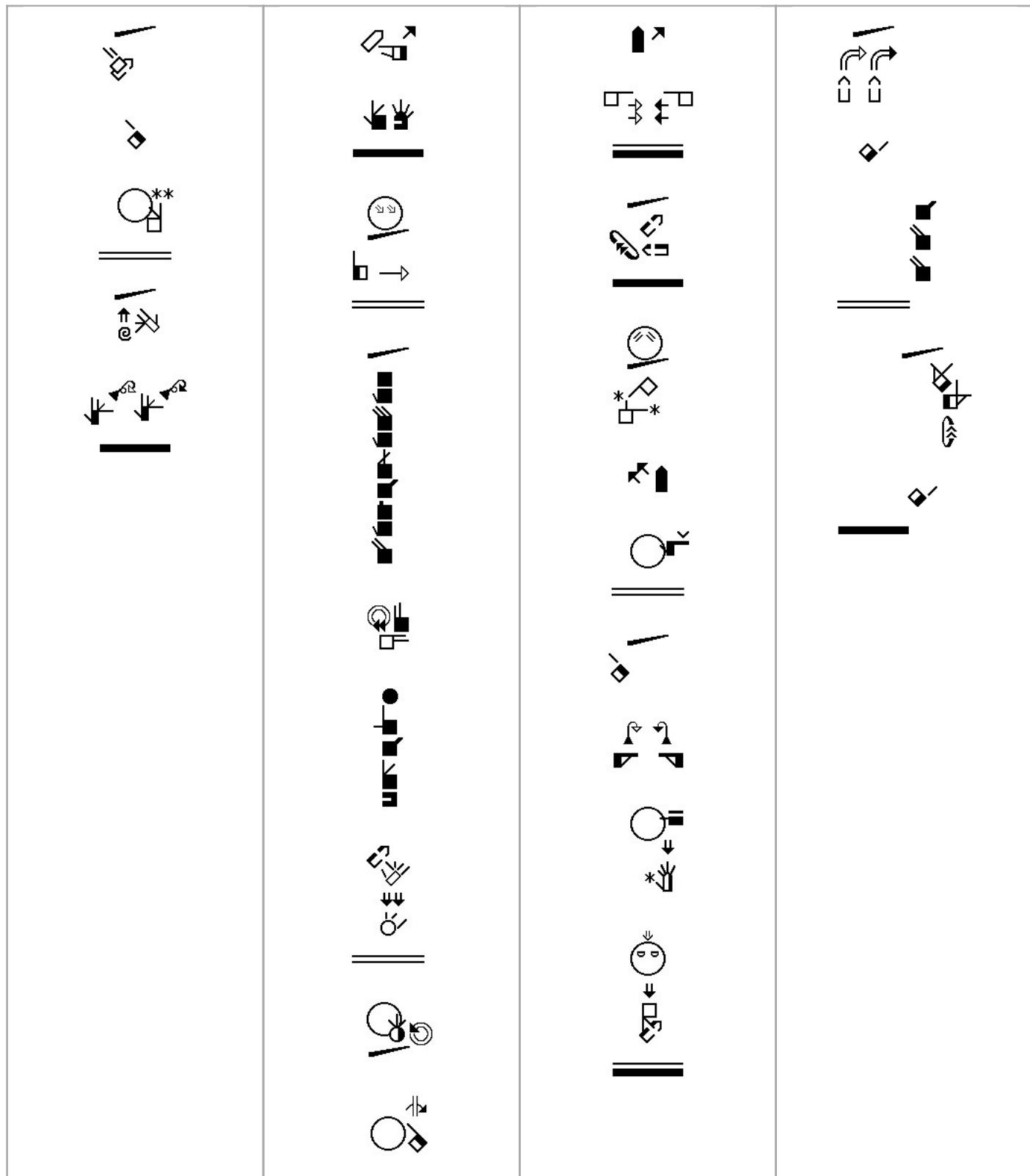
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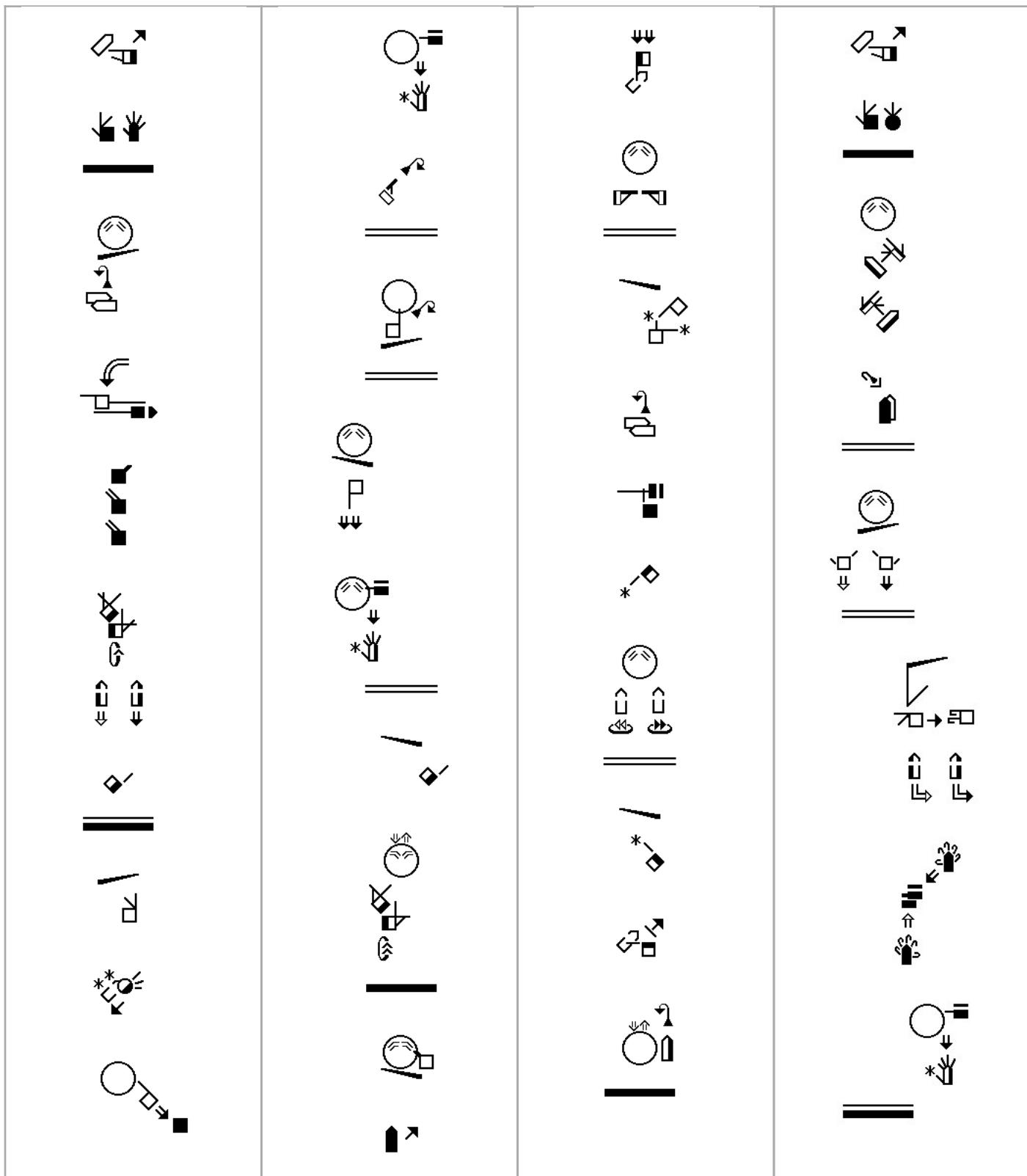
Verse 31. "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. Verse 32. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Verse 33. "Then a despised Samaritan came along,

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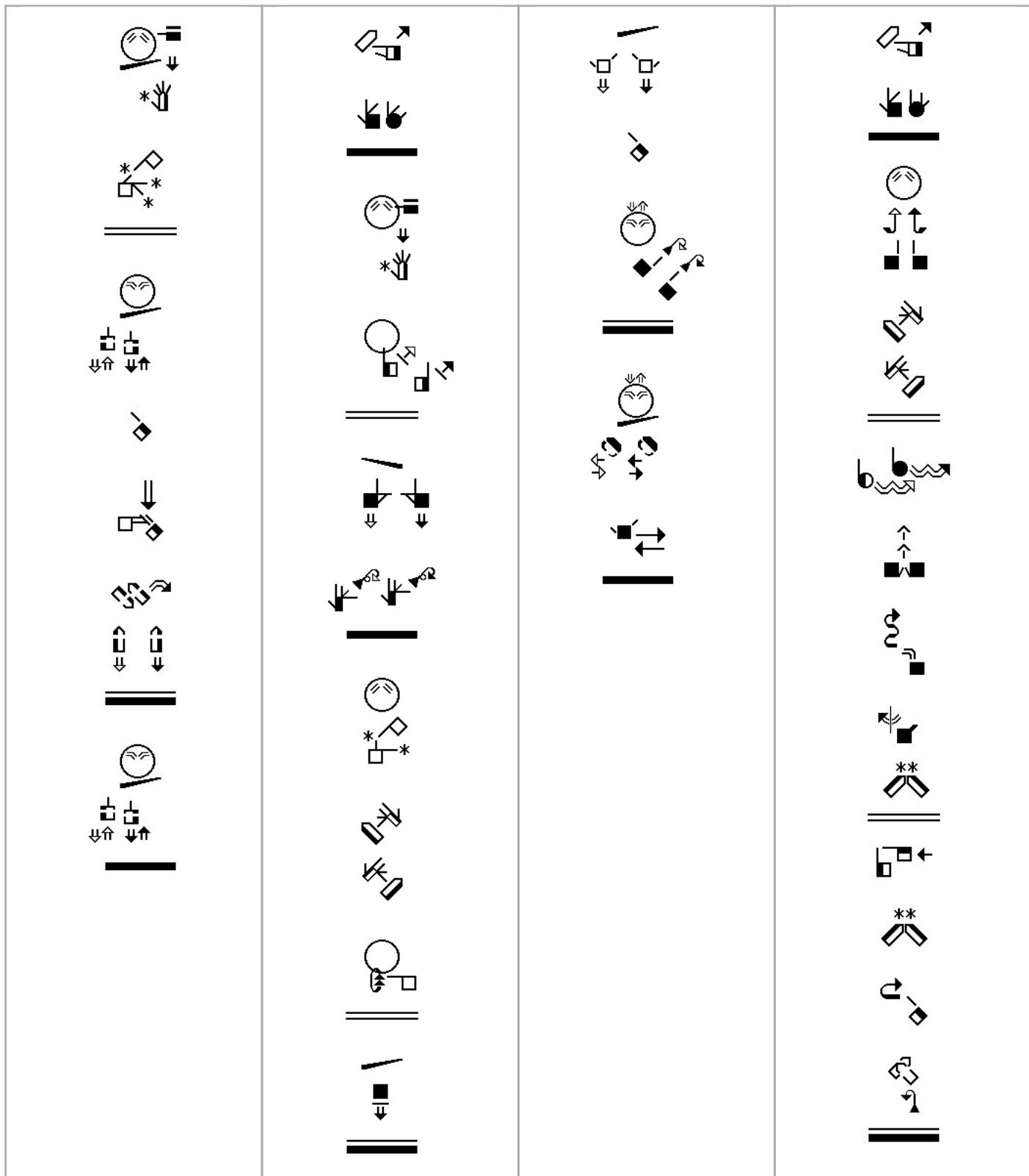


and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Verse 34. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. NLT

Luke 10:35-36

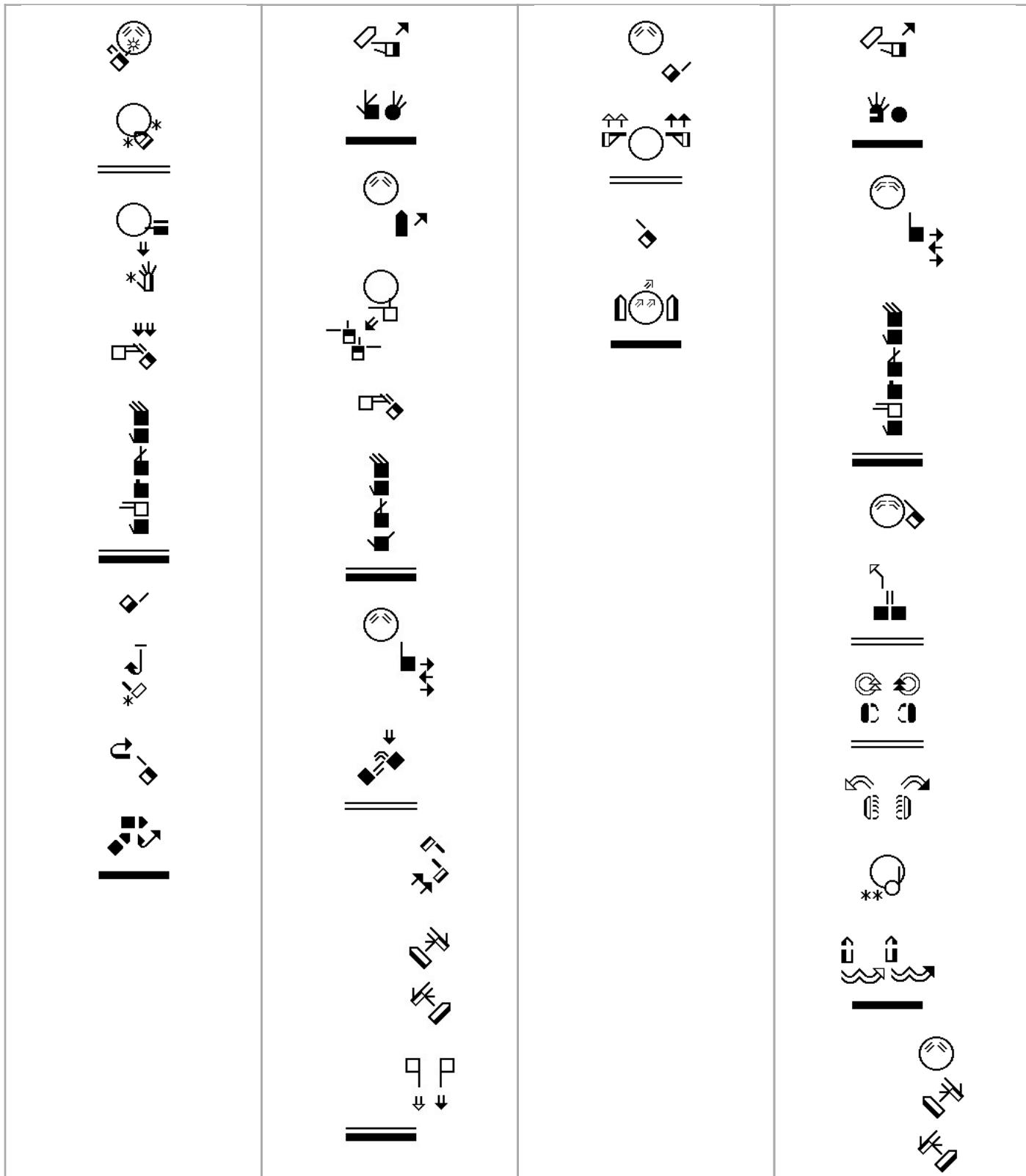


250 Verse 35. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' Verse 36. "Now NLT



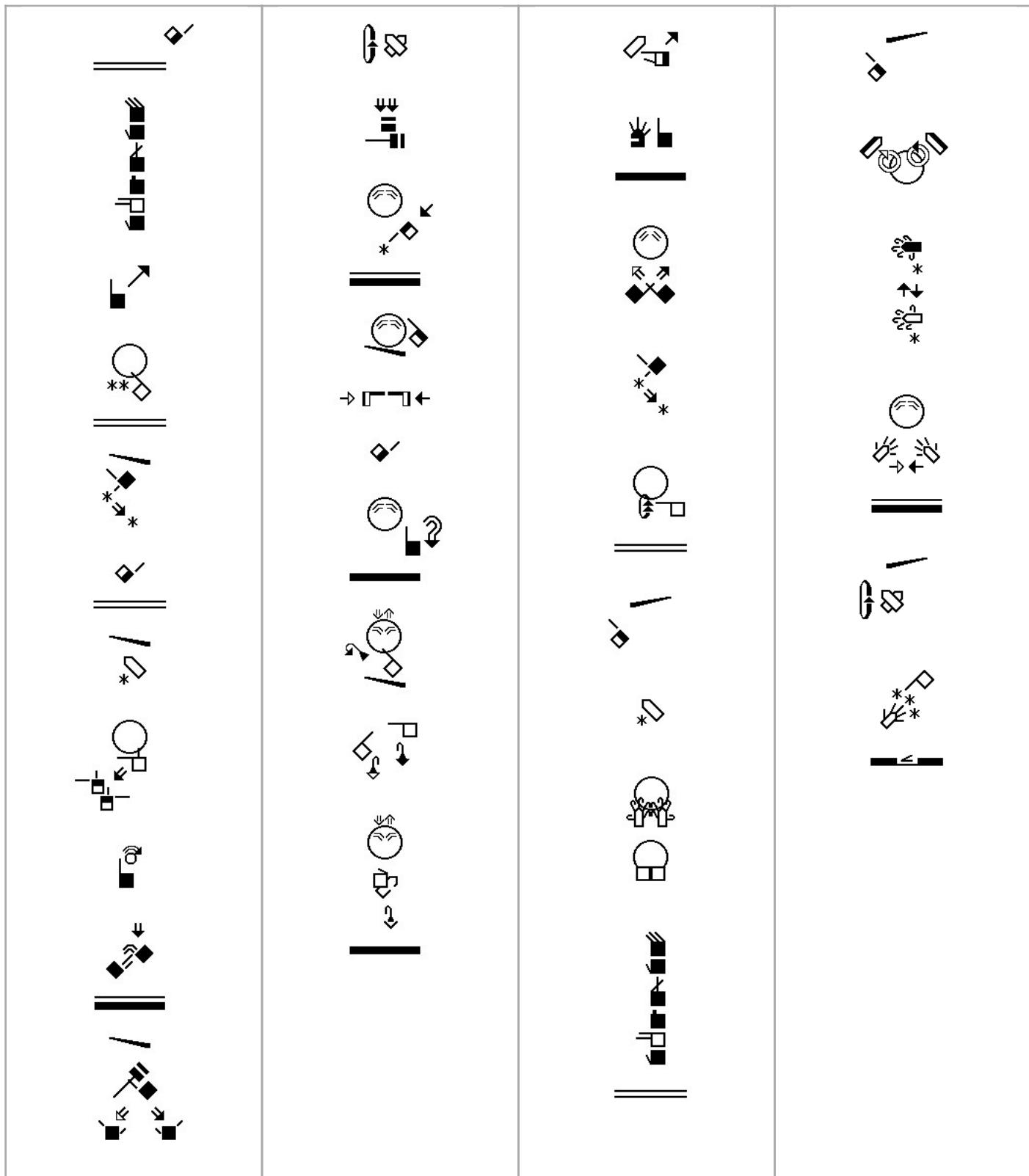
which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. Verse 37. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." Verse 38. As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village

Luke 10:38-40



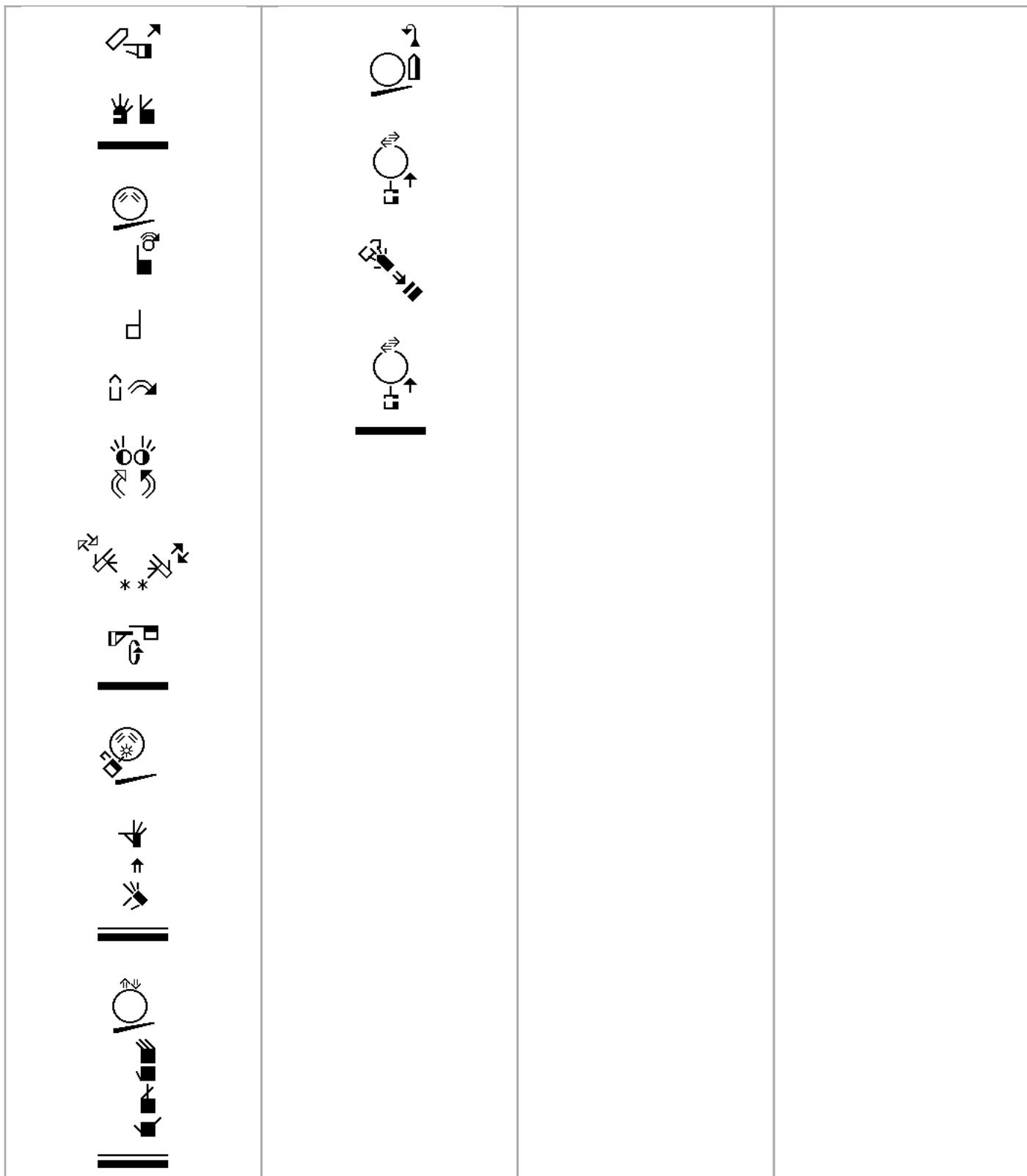
252 where a woman named Martha welcomed them into her home. Verse 39. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. Verse 40. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing.

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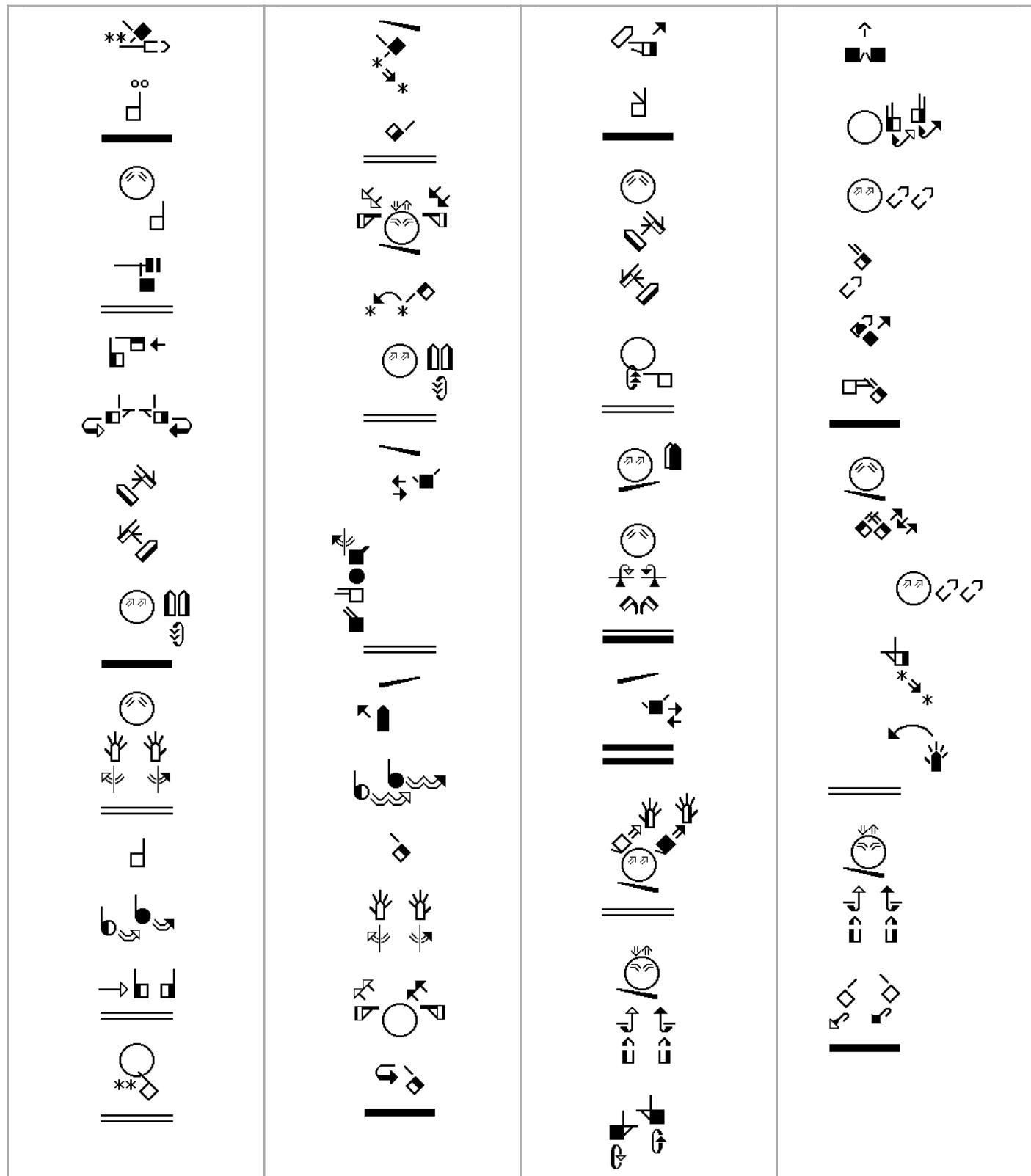


She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." Verse 41. But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!" NLT

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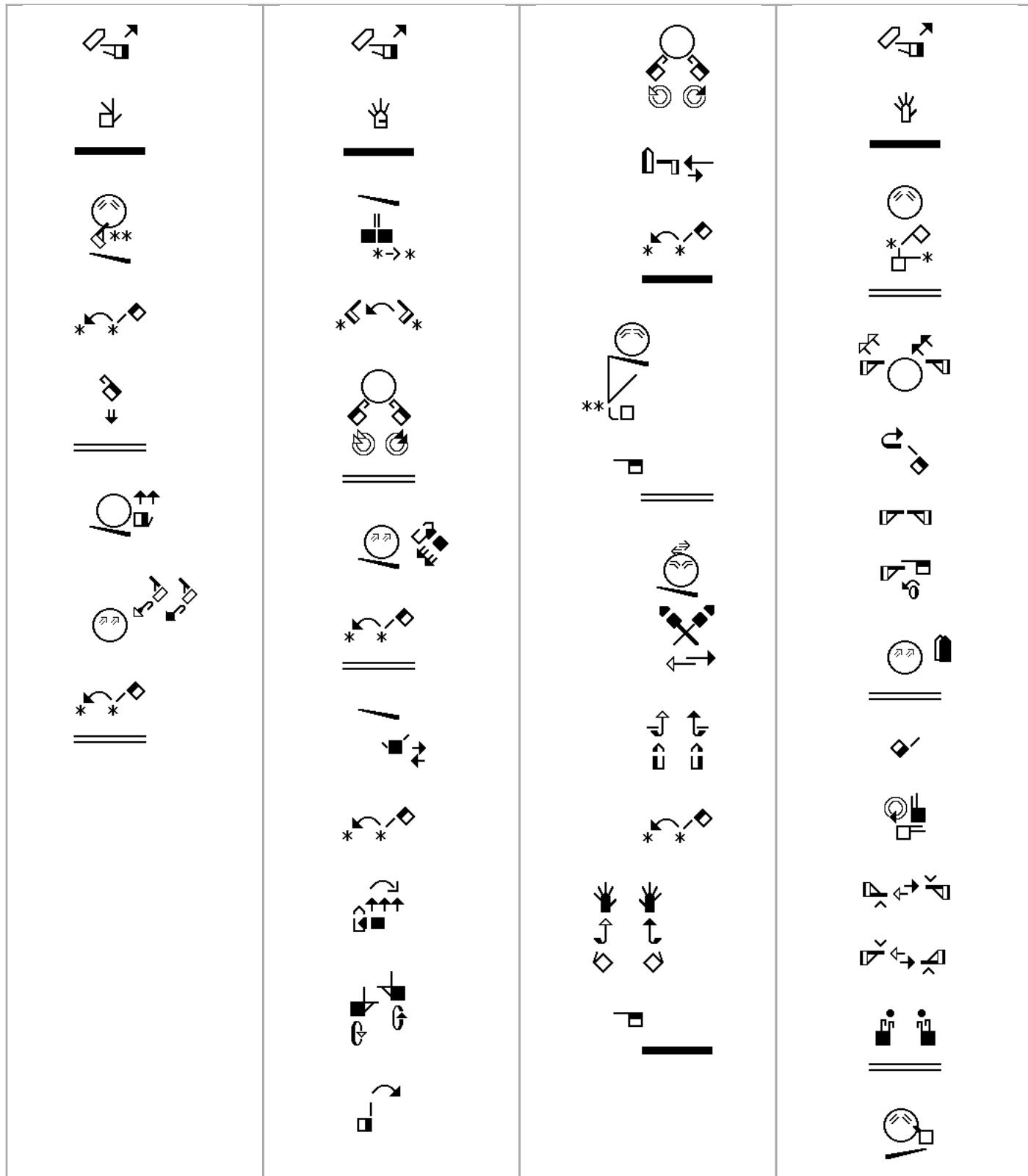


**254** Verse 42. There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it,  
and it will not be taken away from her." NLT

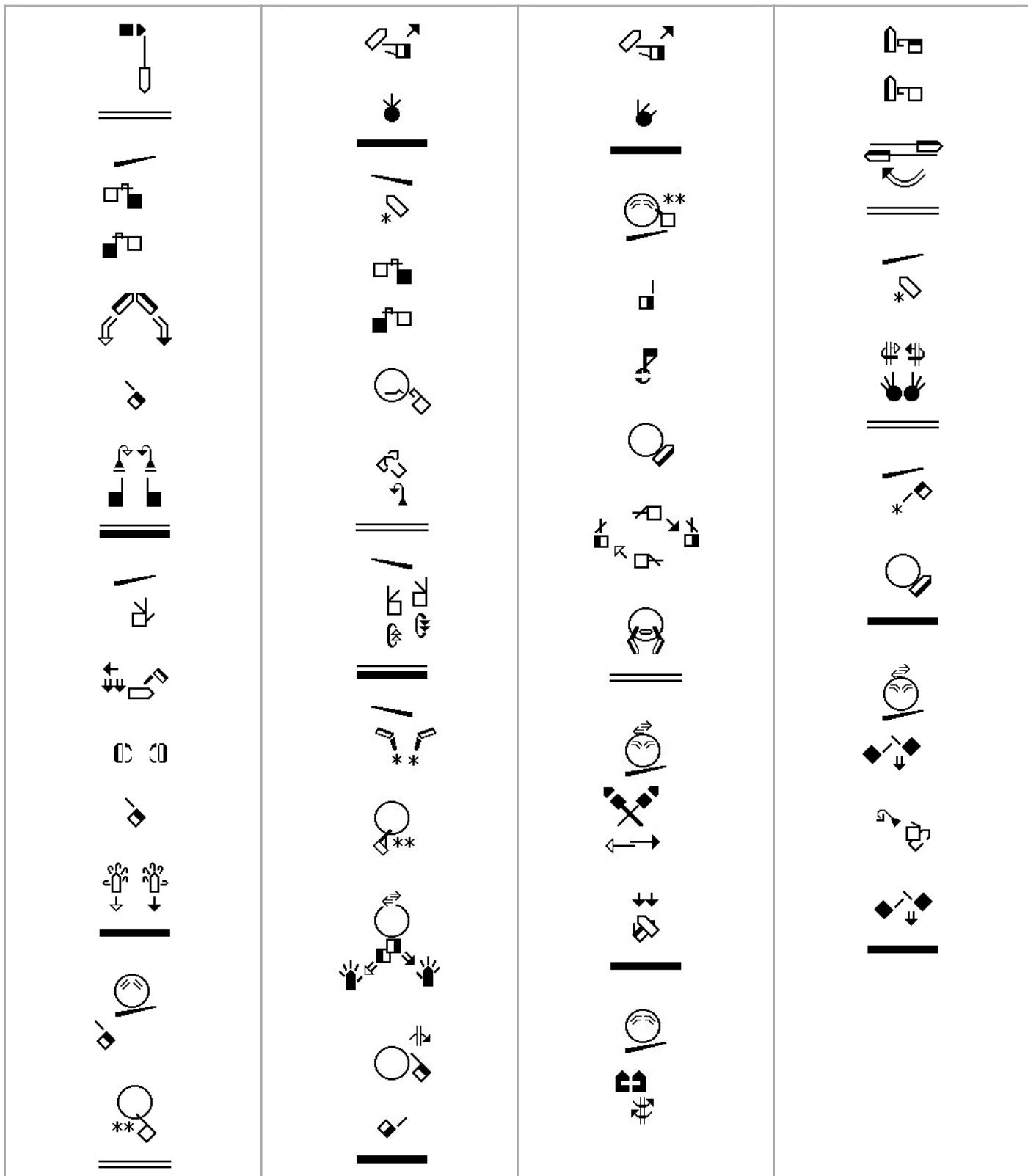


Luke 11. Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Verse 2. Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.

Luke 11:3-5

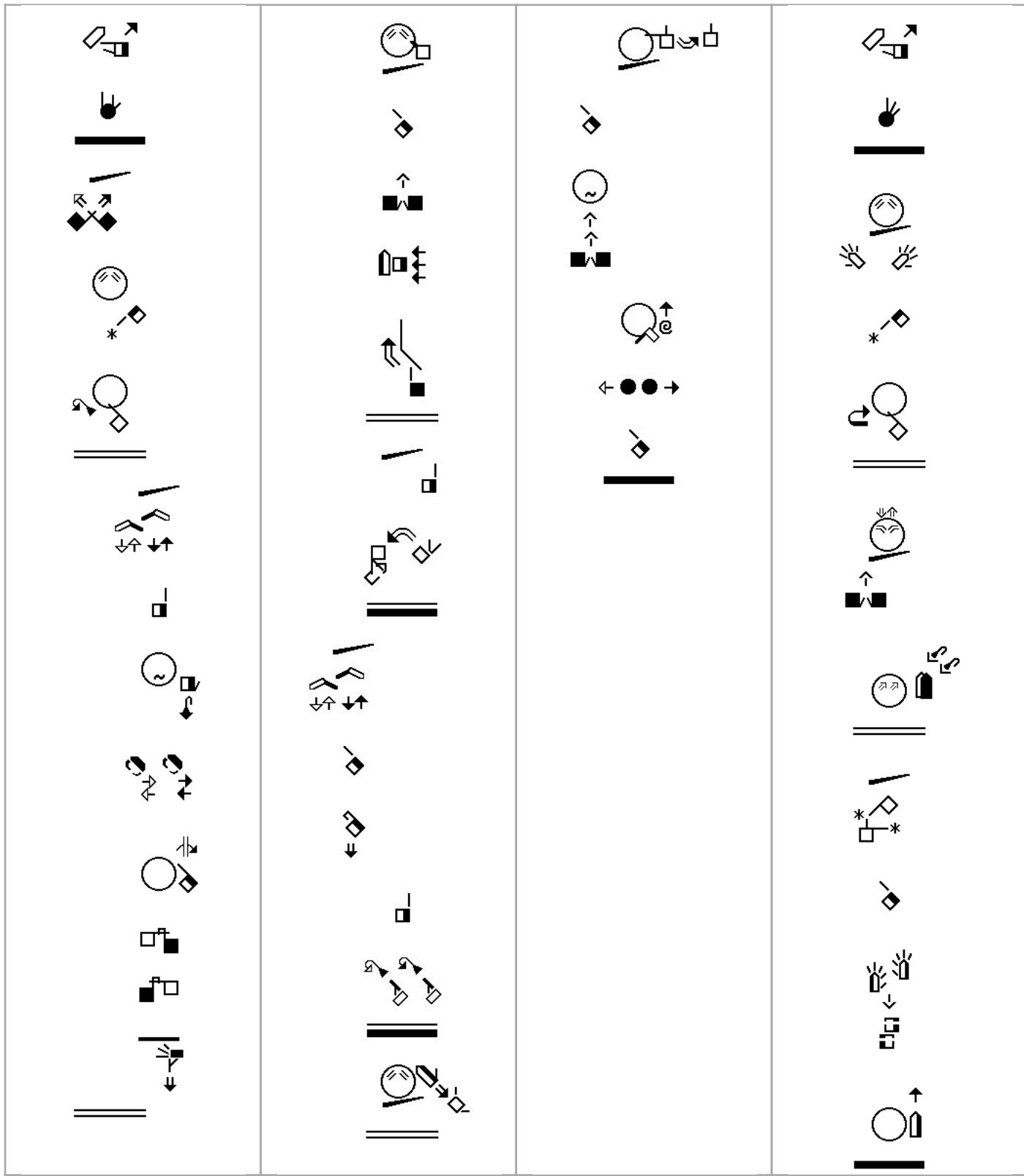


**256** Verse 3. Give us each day the food we need, Verse 4. and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation." Verse 5. Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose NLT



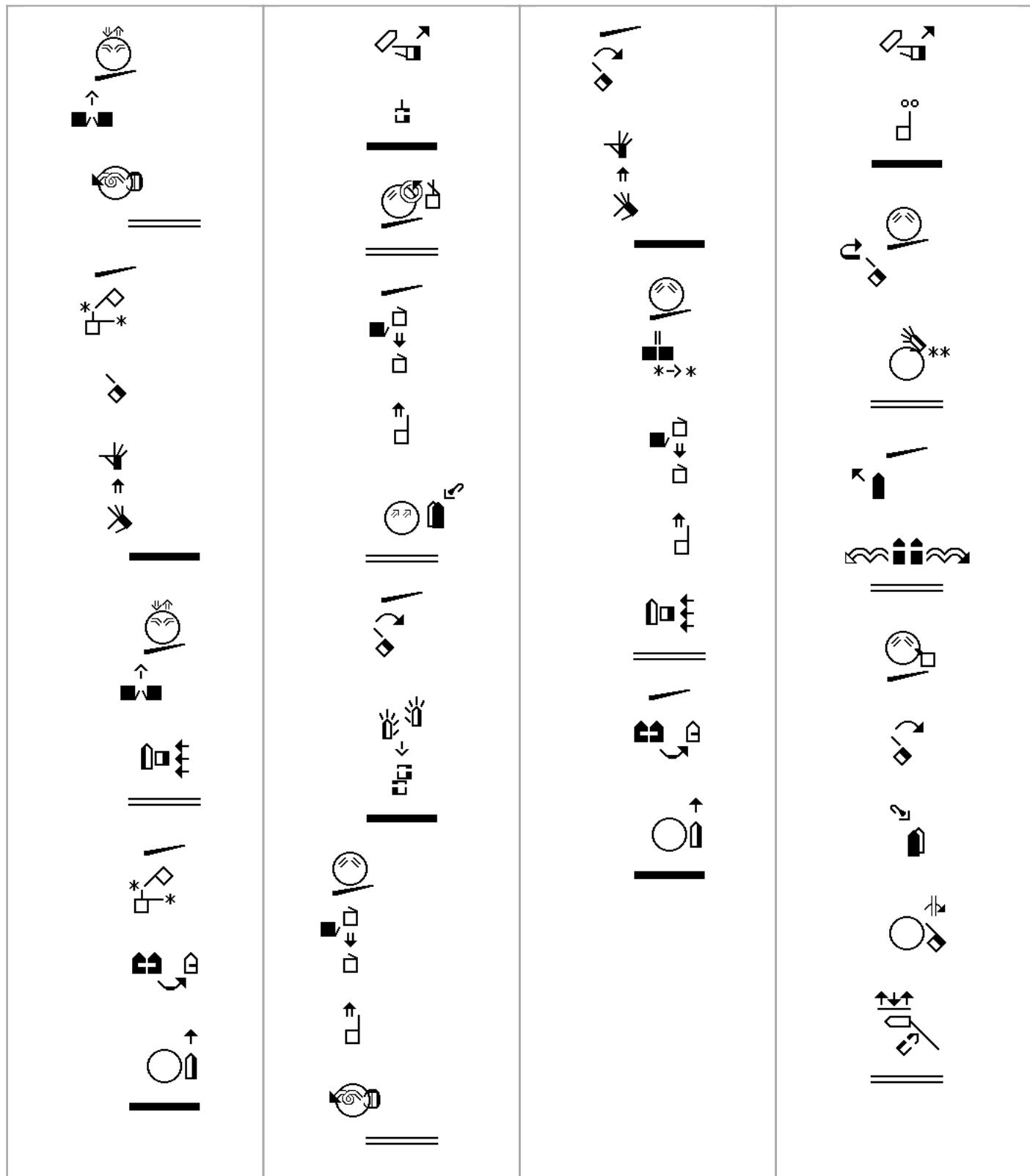
you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, Verse 6. 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' Verse 7. And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' NLT

Luke 11:8-9



**258** Verse 8. But I tell you this -- though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. Verse 9. "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for.

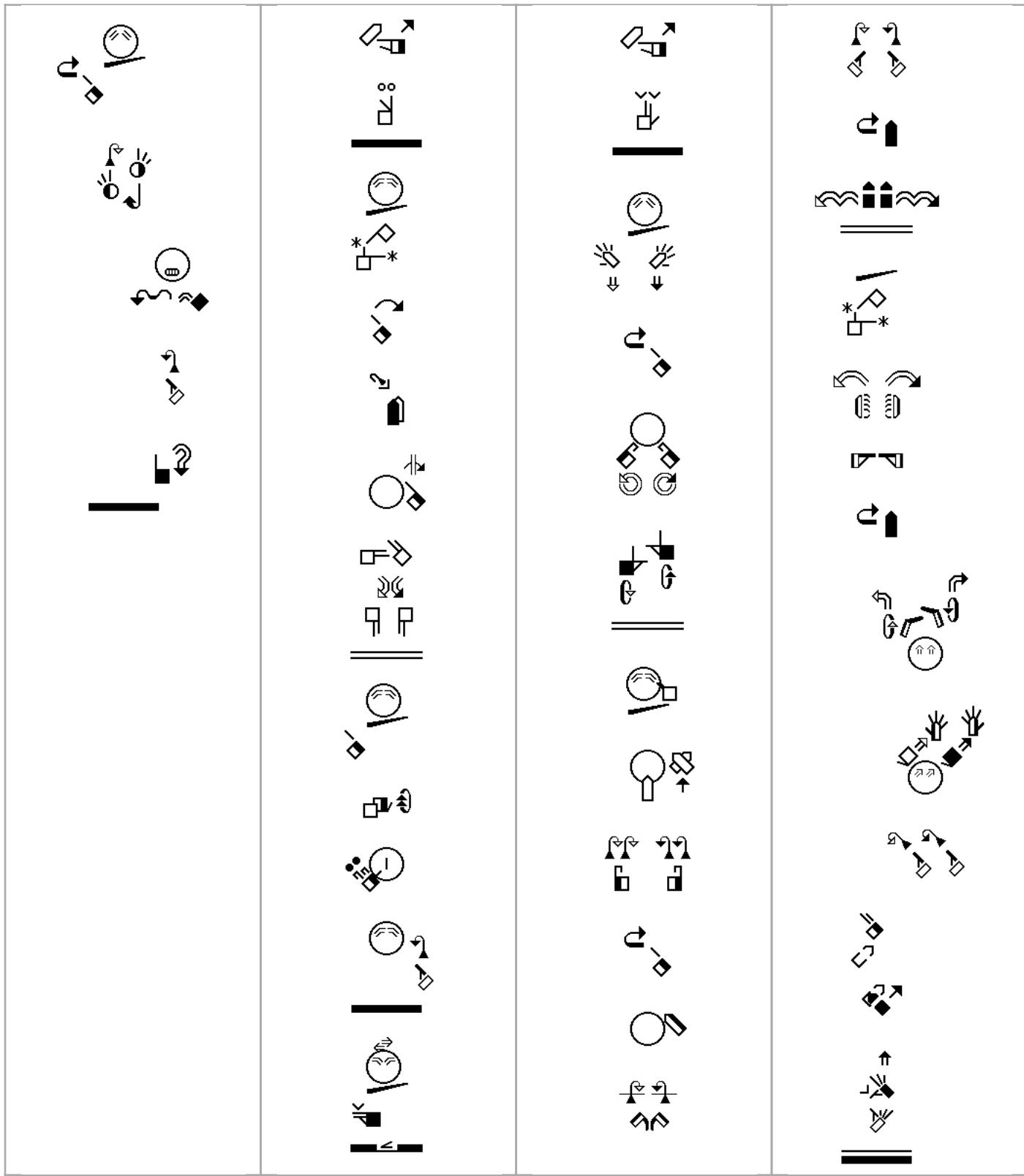
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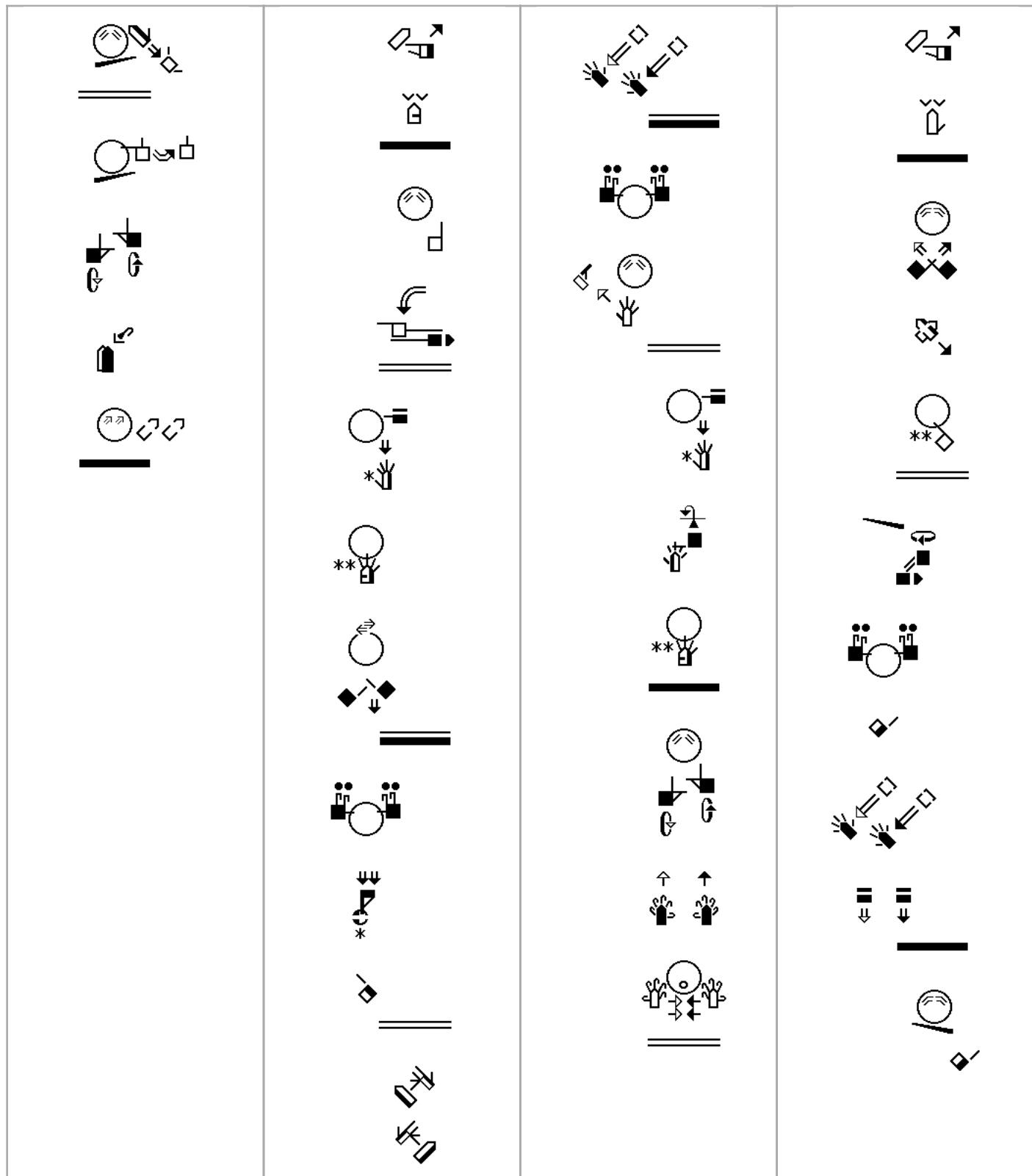


Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. Verse 10. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Verse 11. "You fathers -- if your children ask for a fish,

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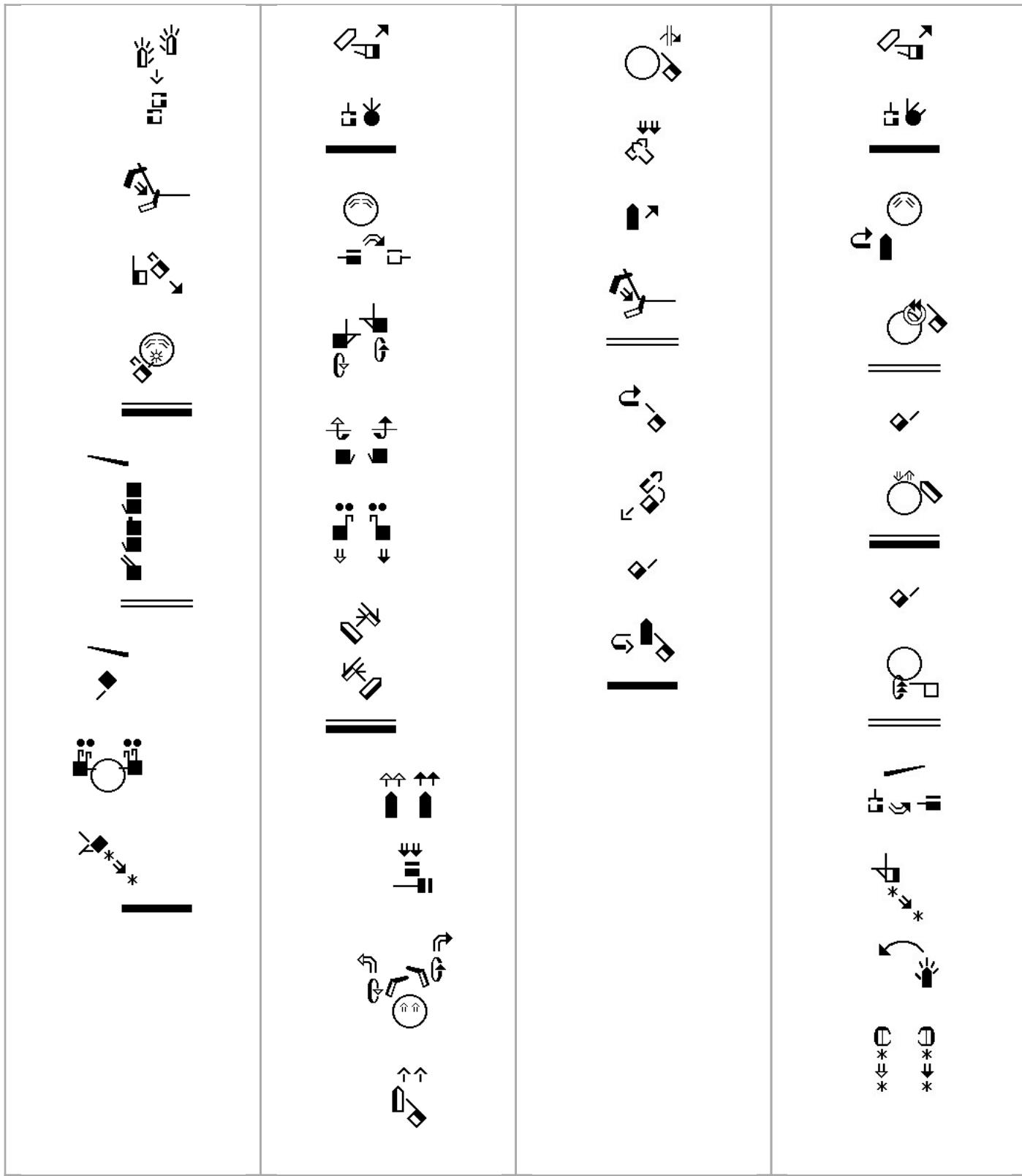
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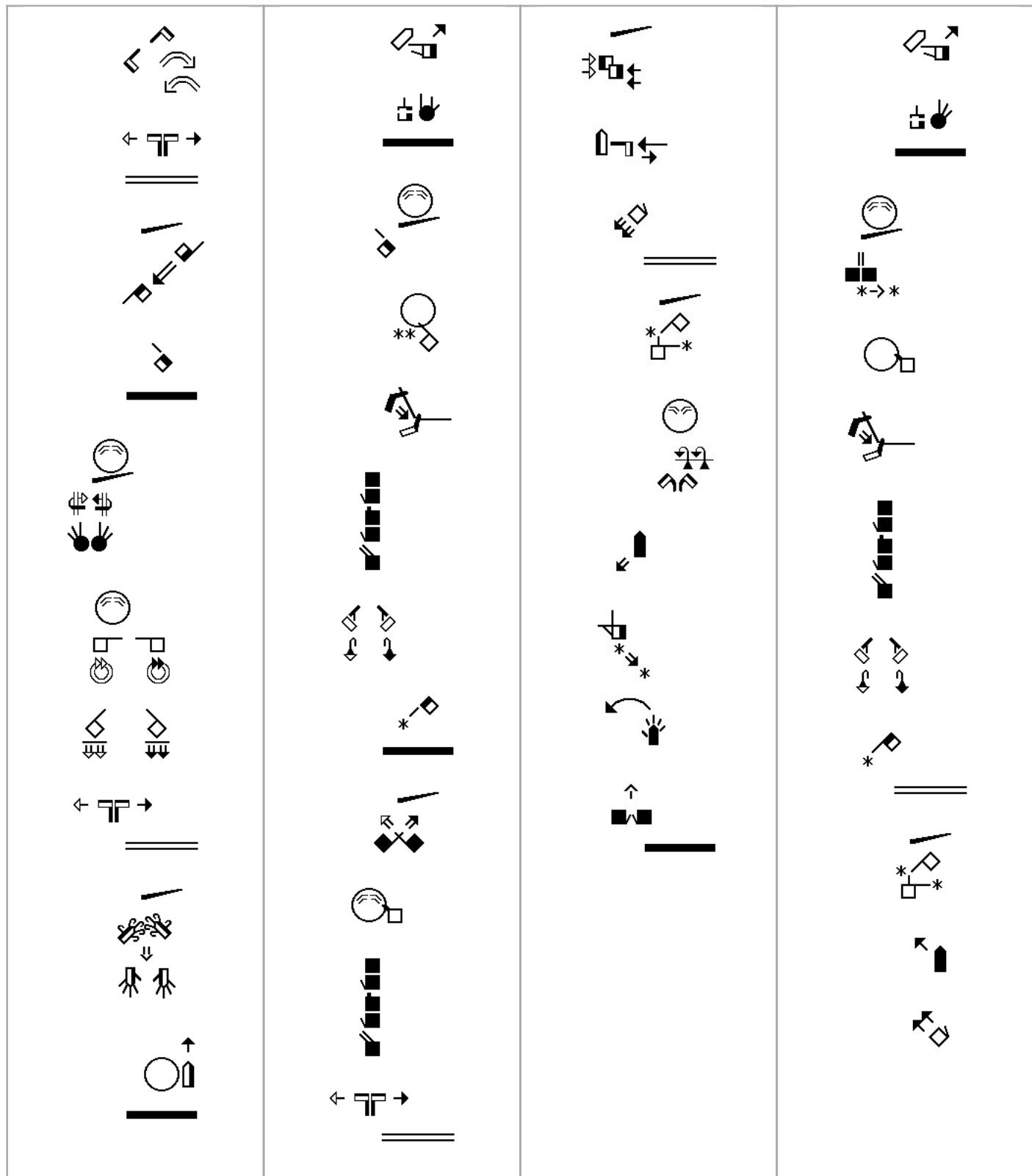


"to those who ask him." Verse 14. One day Jesus cast out a demon from a man who couldn't speak, and when the demon was gone, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed, Verse 15. but some of them said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He

Luke 11:15-17

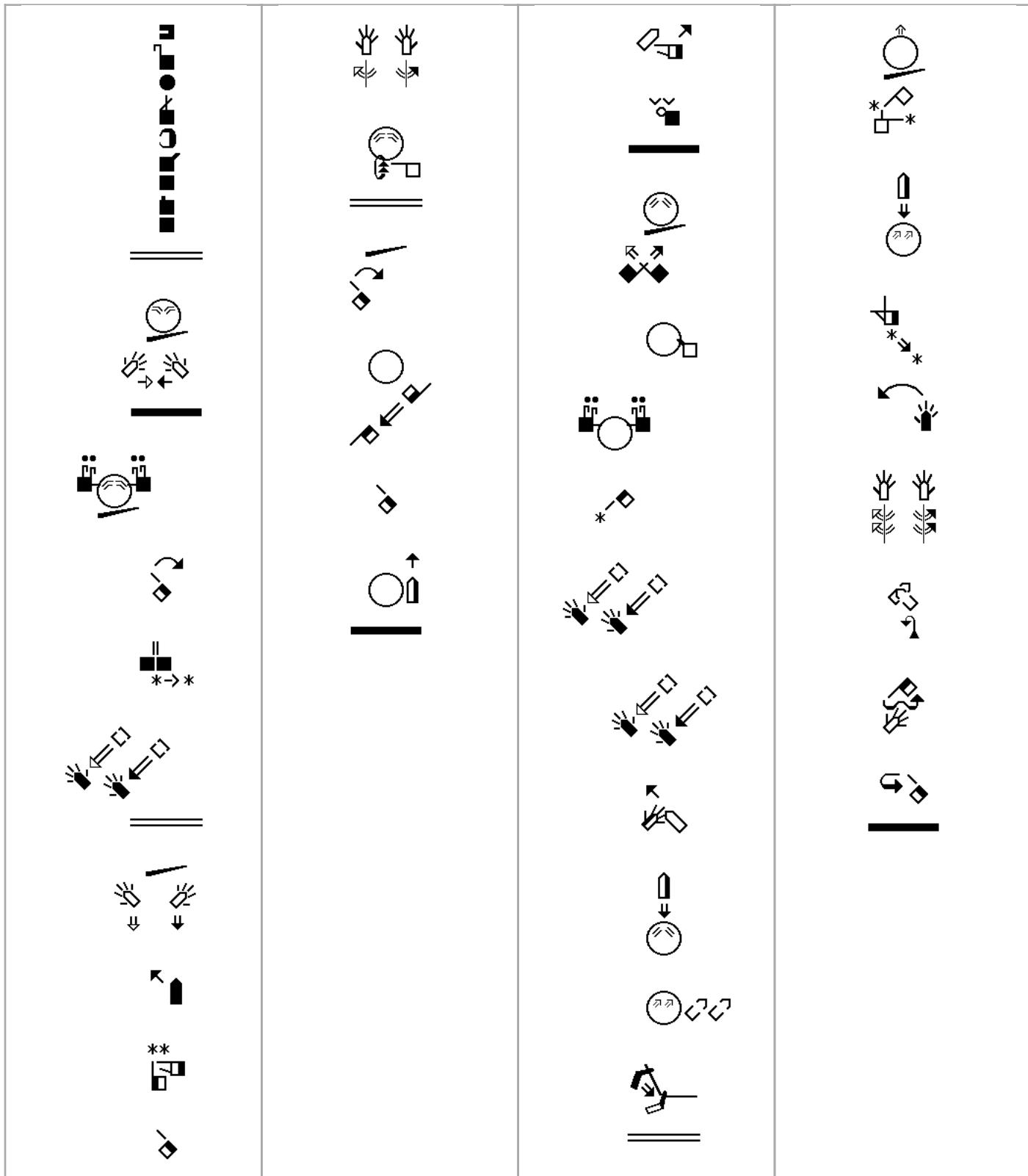


262 gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons." Verse 16. Others, trying to test Jesus, demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. Verse 17. He knew their thoughts, so he said, "Any kingdom divided by civil  
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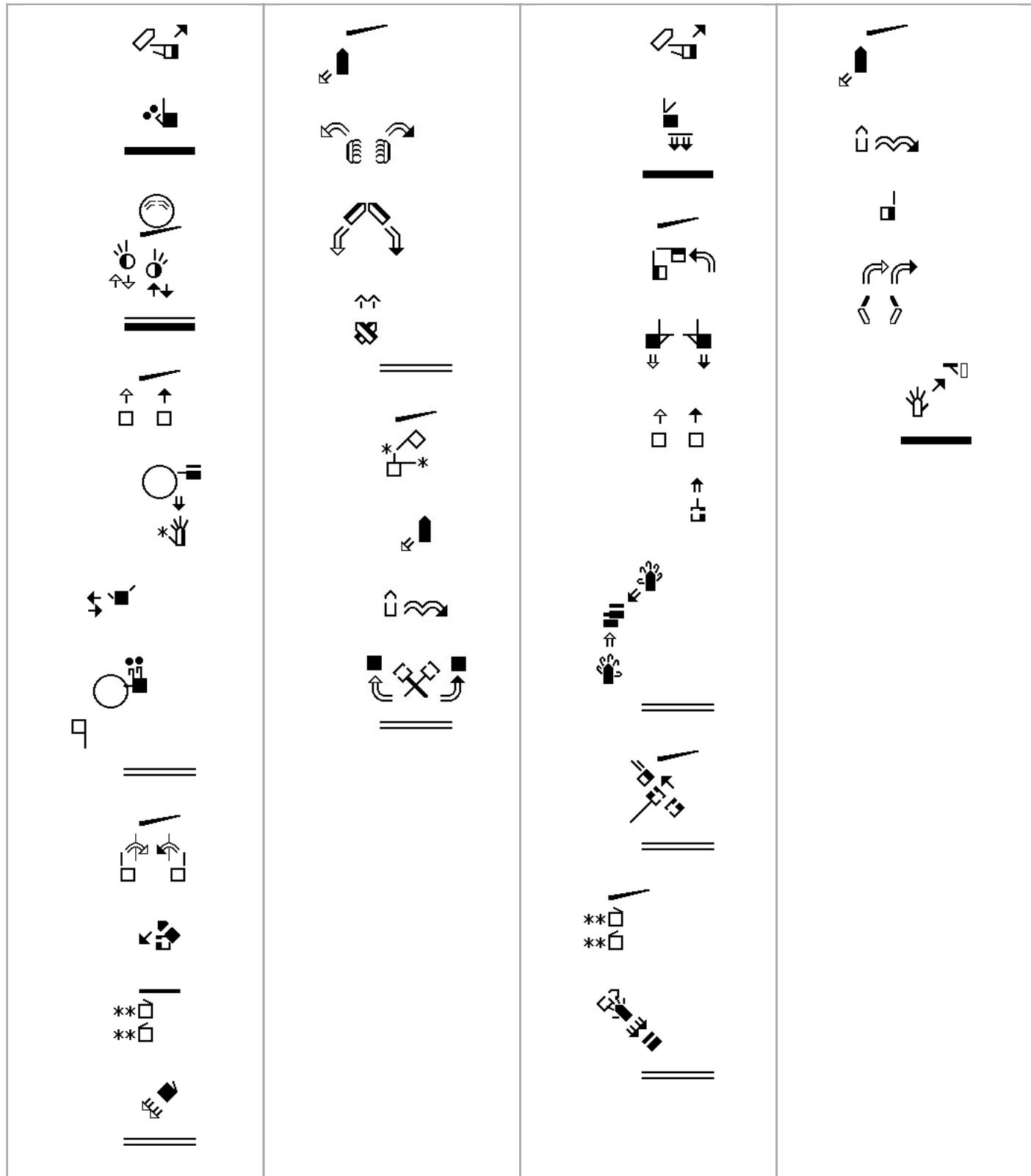


war is doomed. A family splintered by feuding will fall apart. Verse 18. You say I am empowered by Satan. But if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive? Verse 19. And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own NLT

Luke 11:19-20

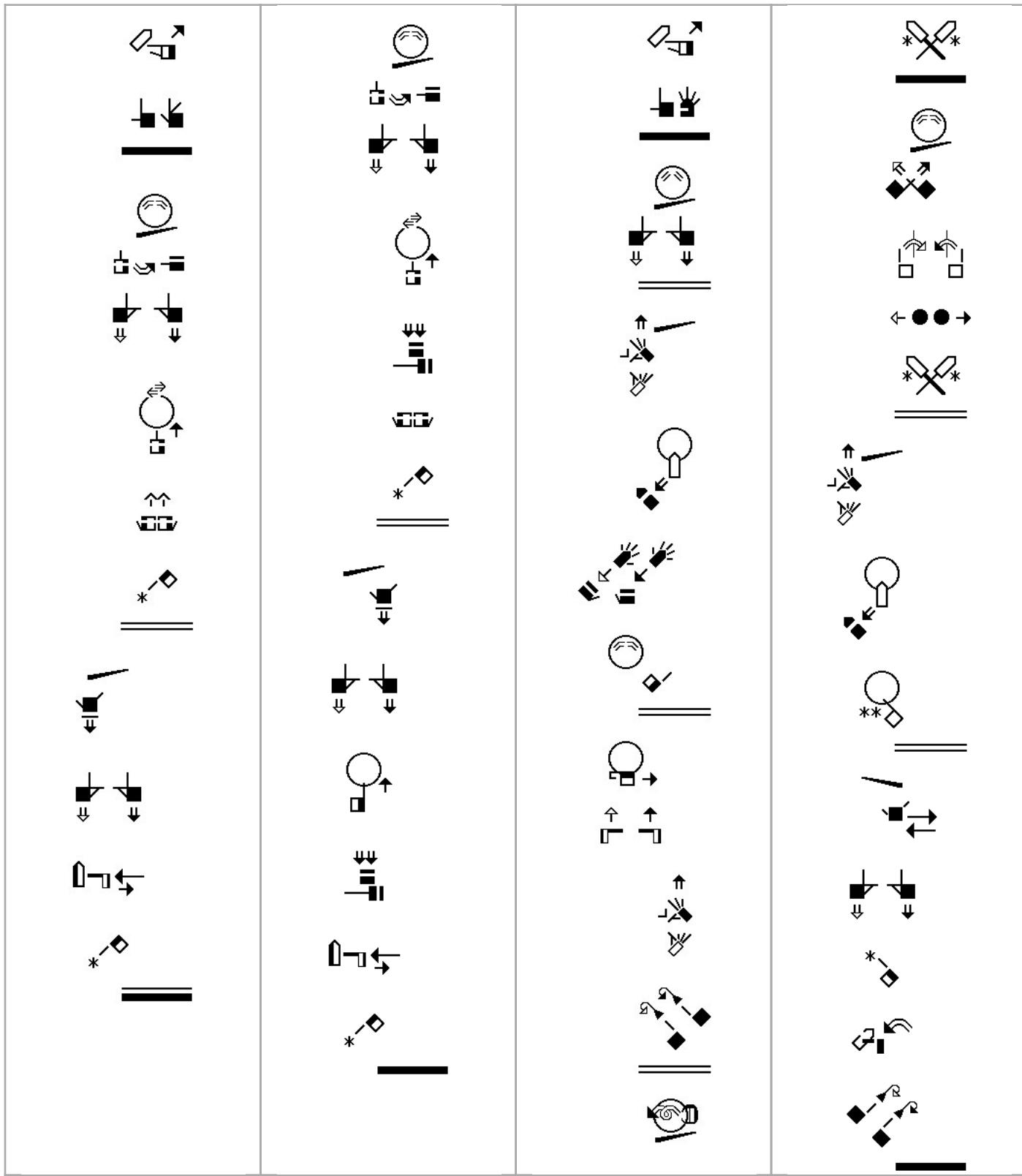


264 exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.  
Verse 20. But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God  
has arrived among you. NLT



Verse 21. For when a strong man like Satan is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are safe -- Verse 22. until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons, and carries off his belongings.

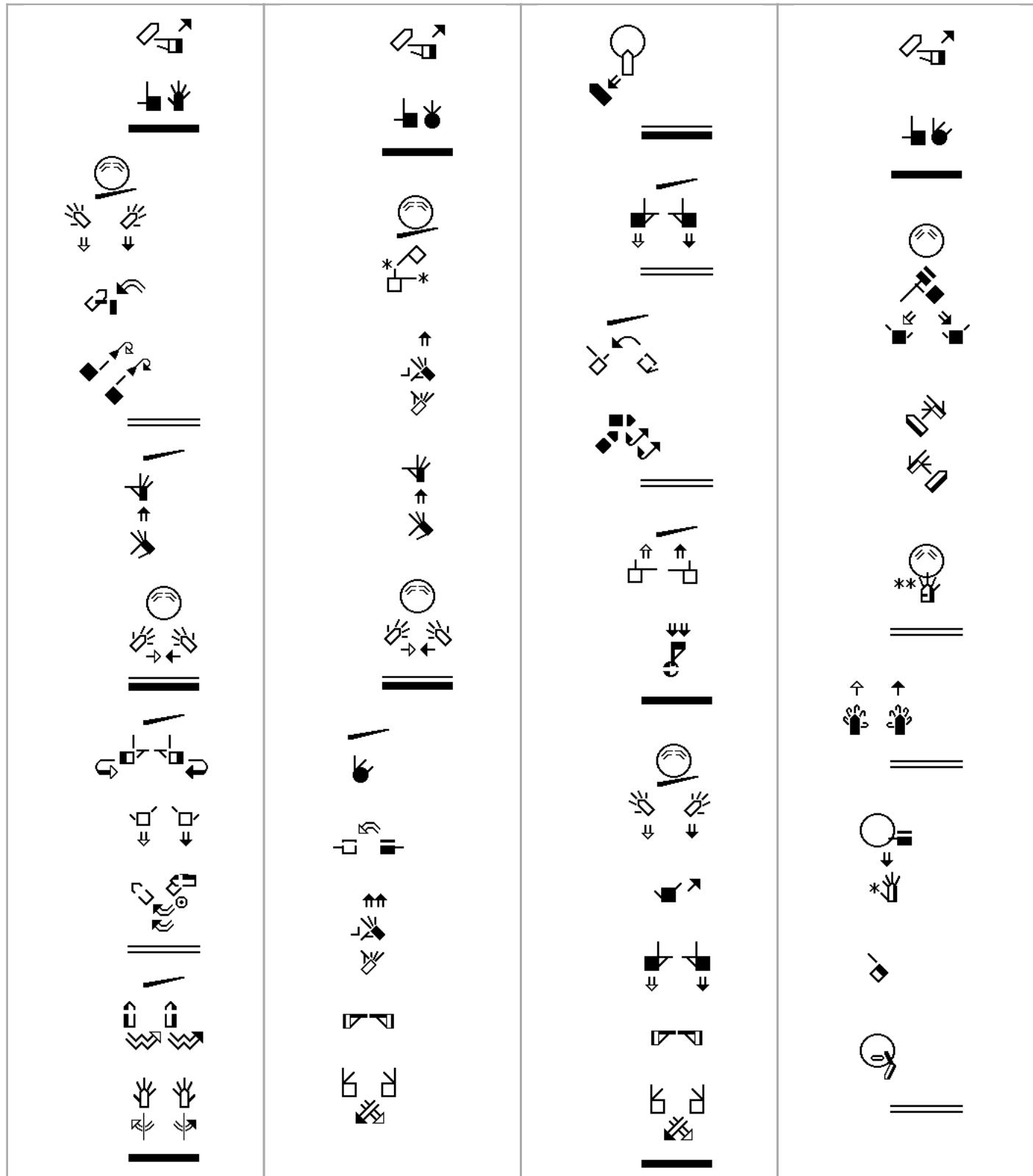
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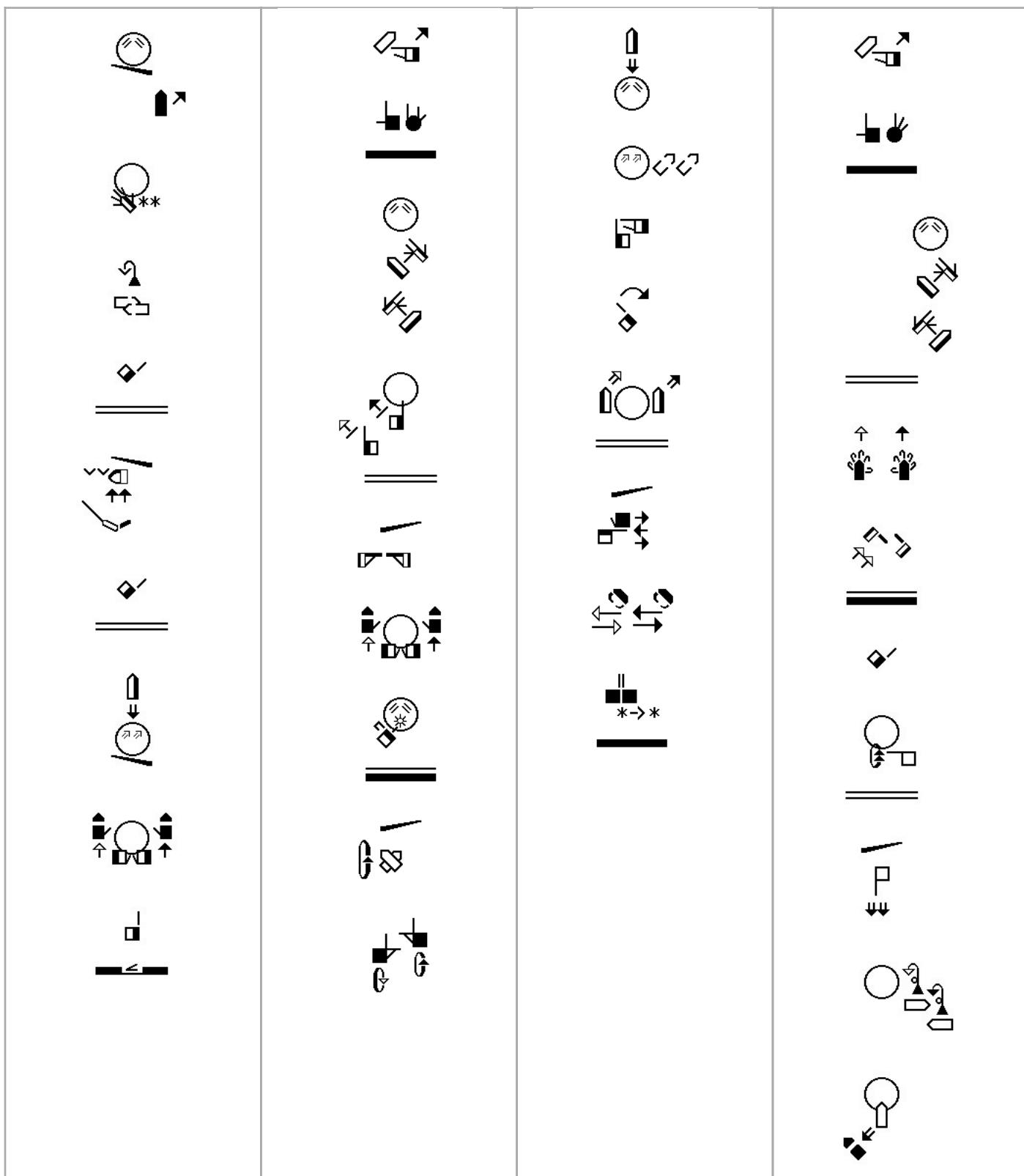
Verse 23. "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me. Verse 24. "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none, it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'

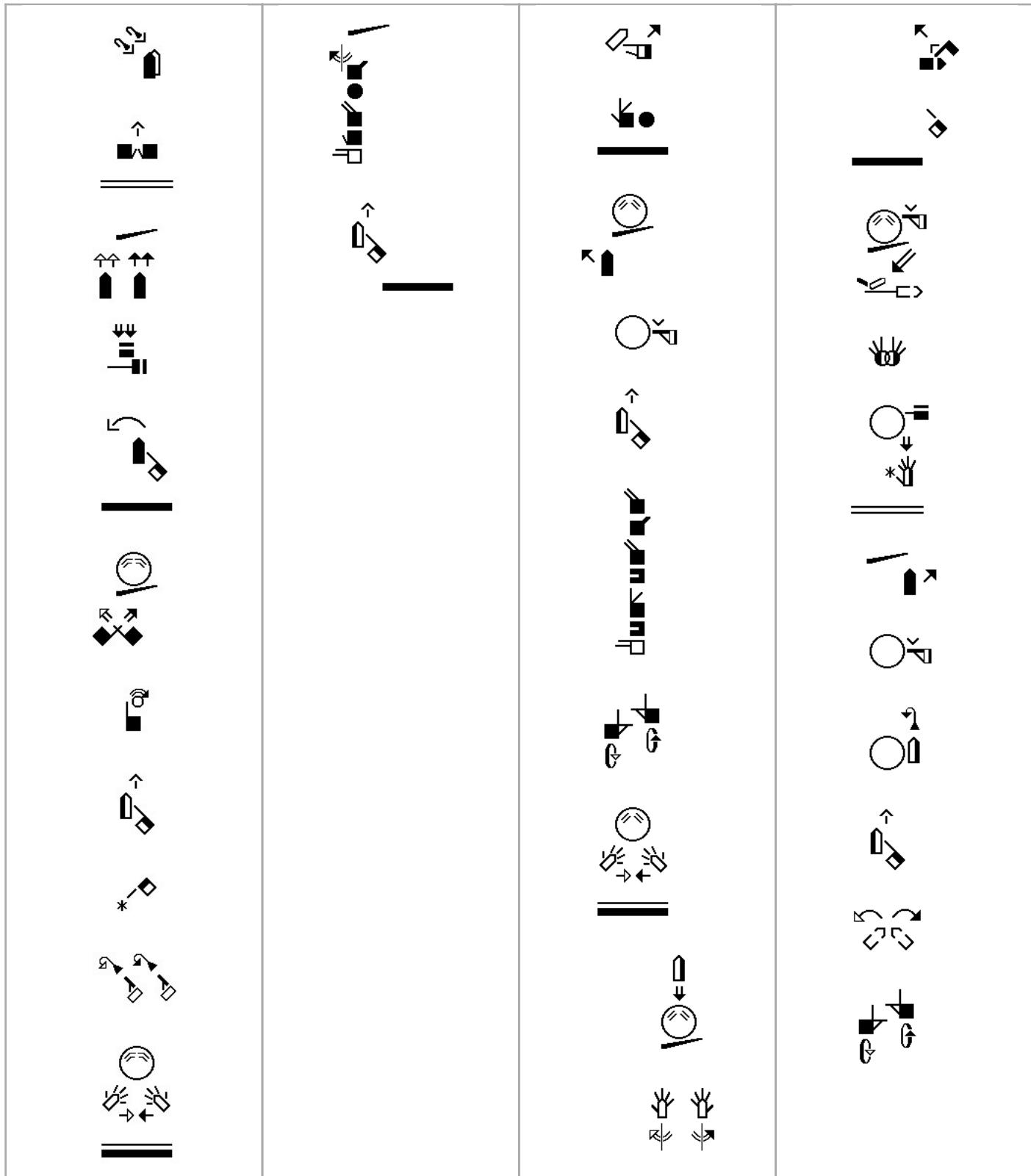
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Verse 25. So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order. Verse 26. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before." Verse 27. As he was speaking, a woman in the crowd called out,

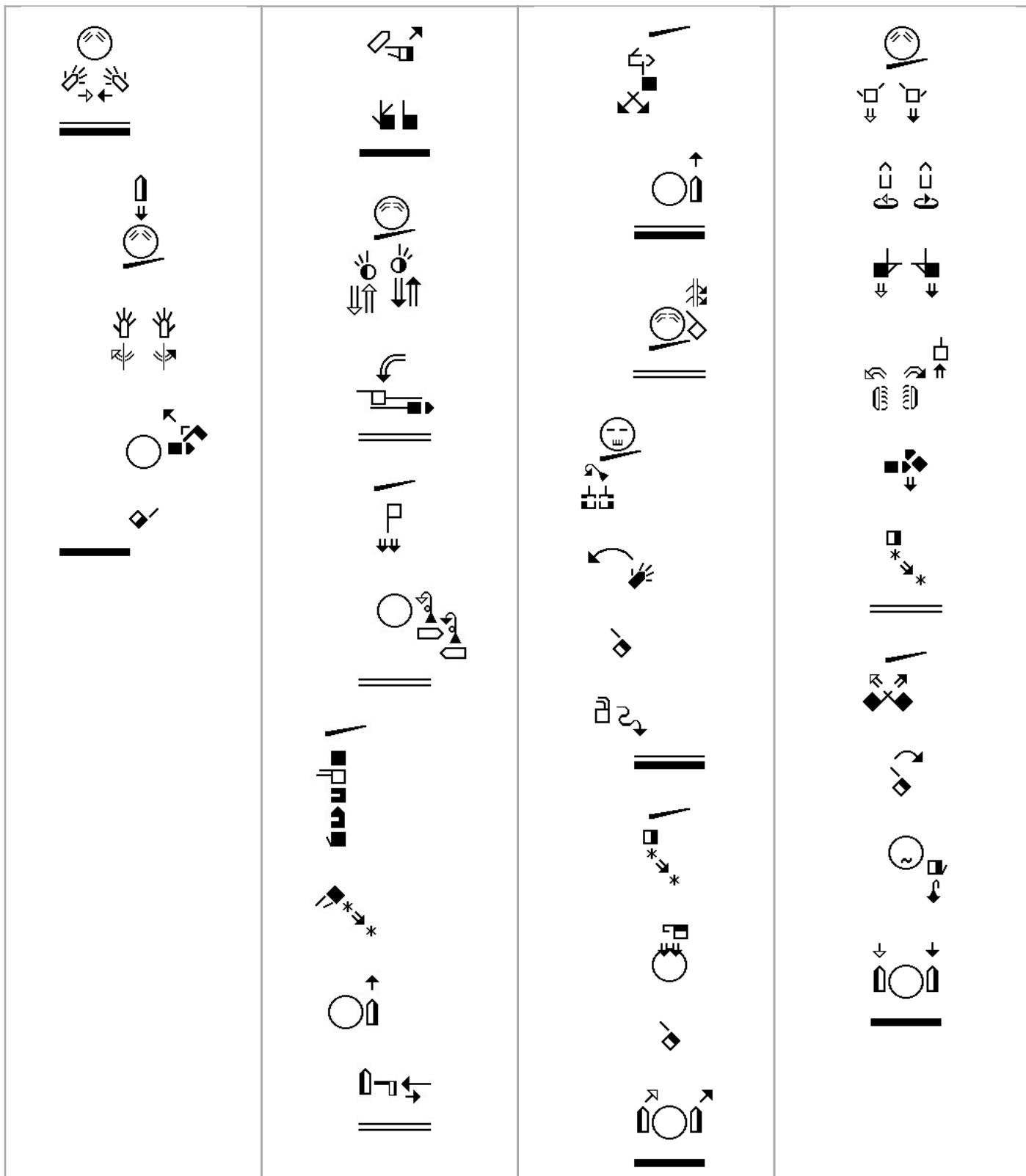
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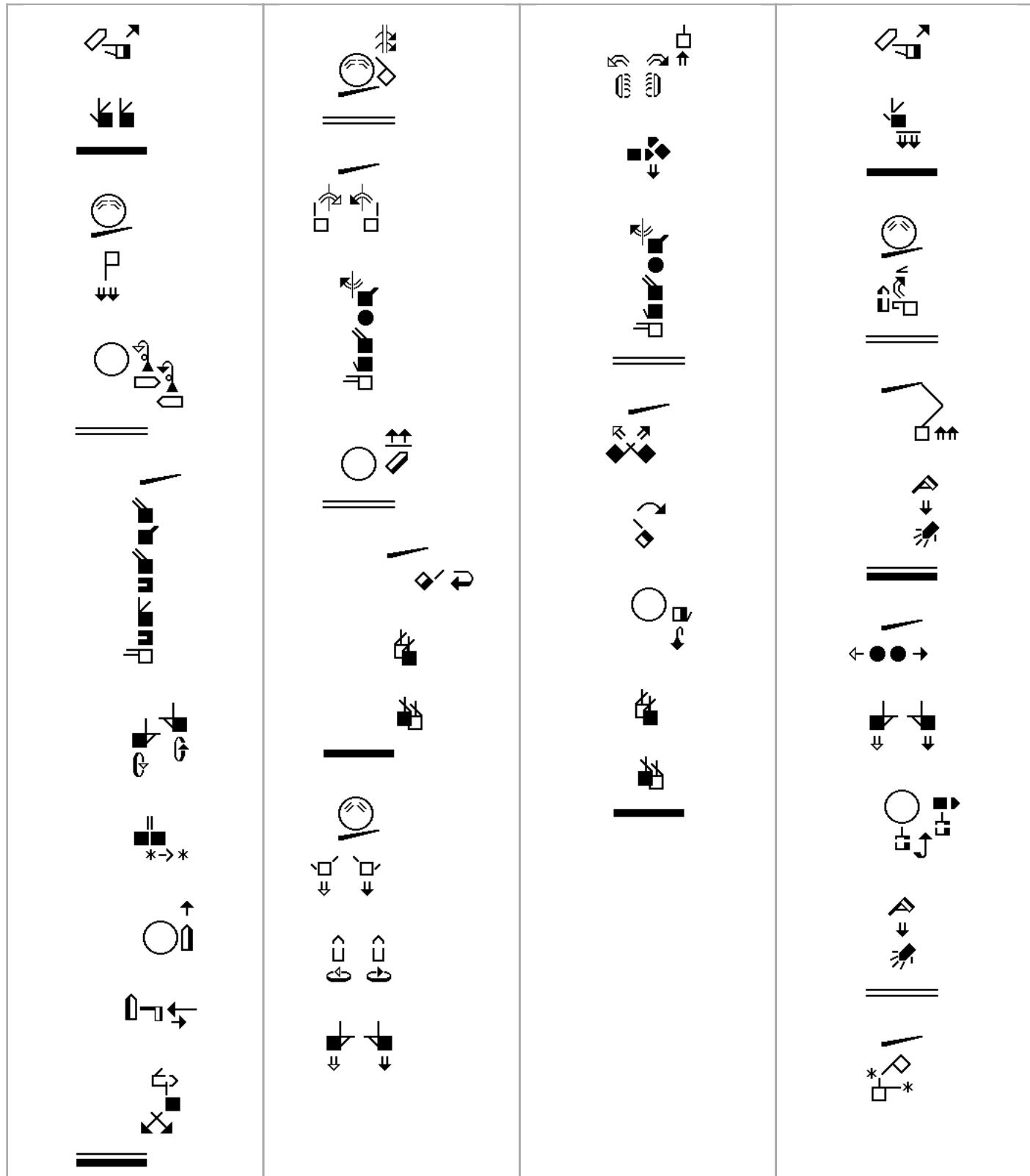




keeps asking me to show them a miraculous sign. But the only sign I will give them is the sign of Jonah. Verse 30. What happened to him was a sign to the people of Nineveh that God had sent him. What happens to the Son of Man will be a sign to these people NLT

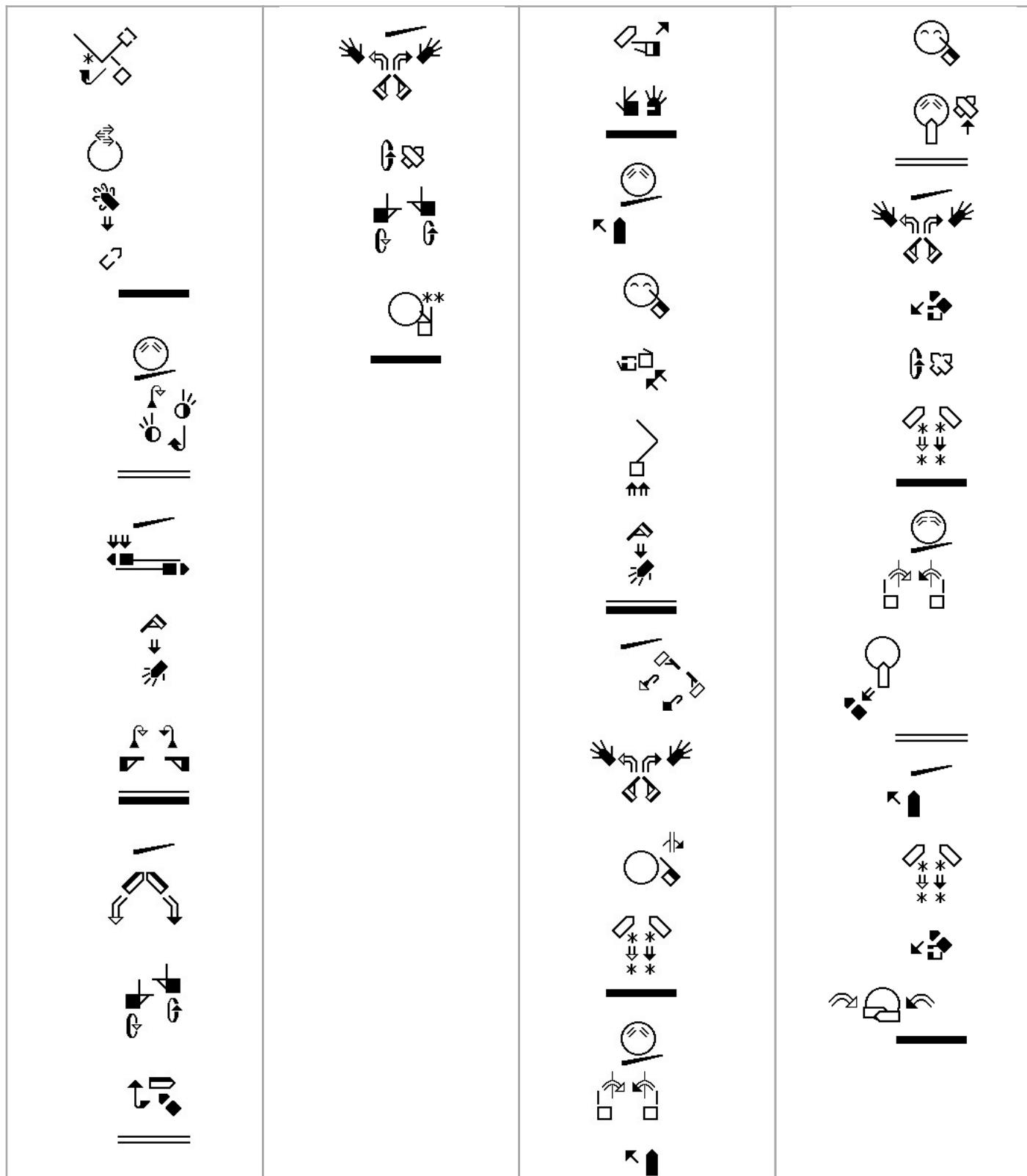
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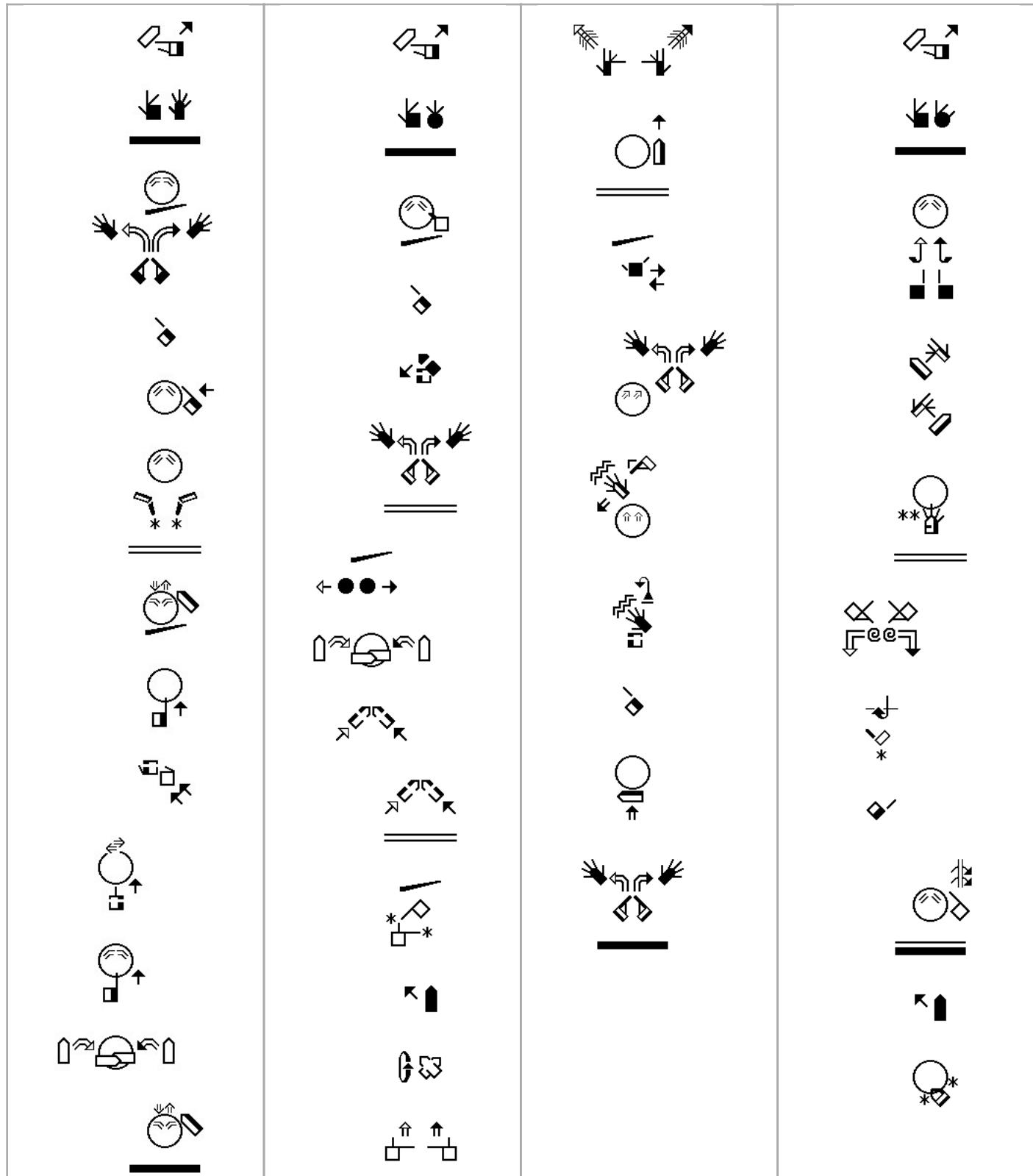




Verse 32. The people of Nineveh will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here -- but you refuse to repent. Verse 33. "No one lights a lamp and then hides it or

Luke 11:33-34

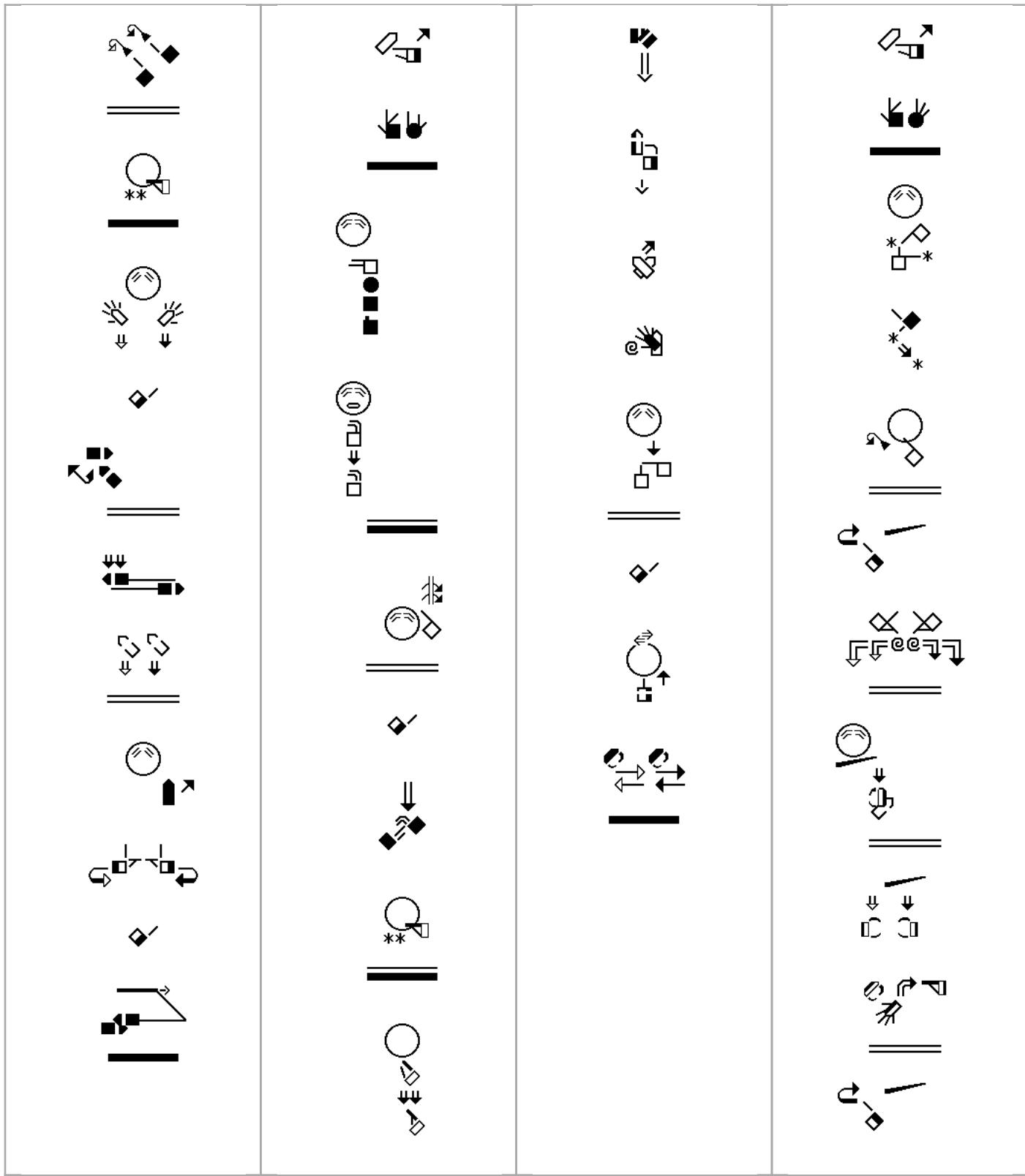




Verse 35. Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness. Verse 36. If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light." Verse 37. As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home

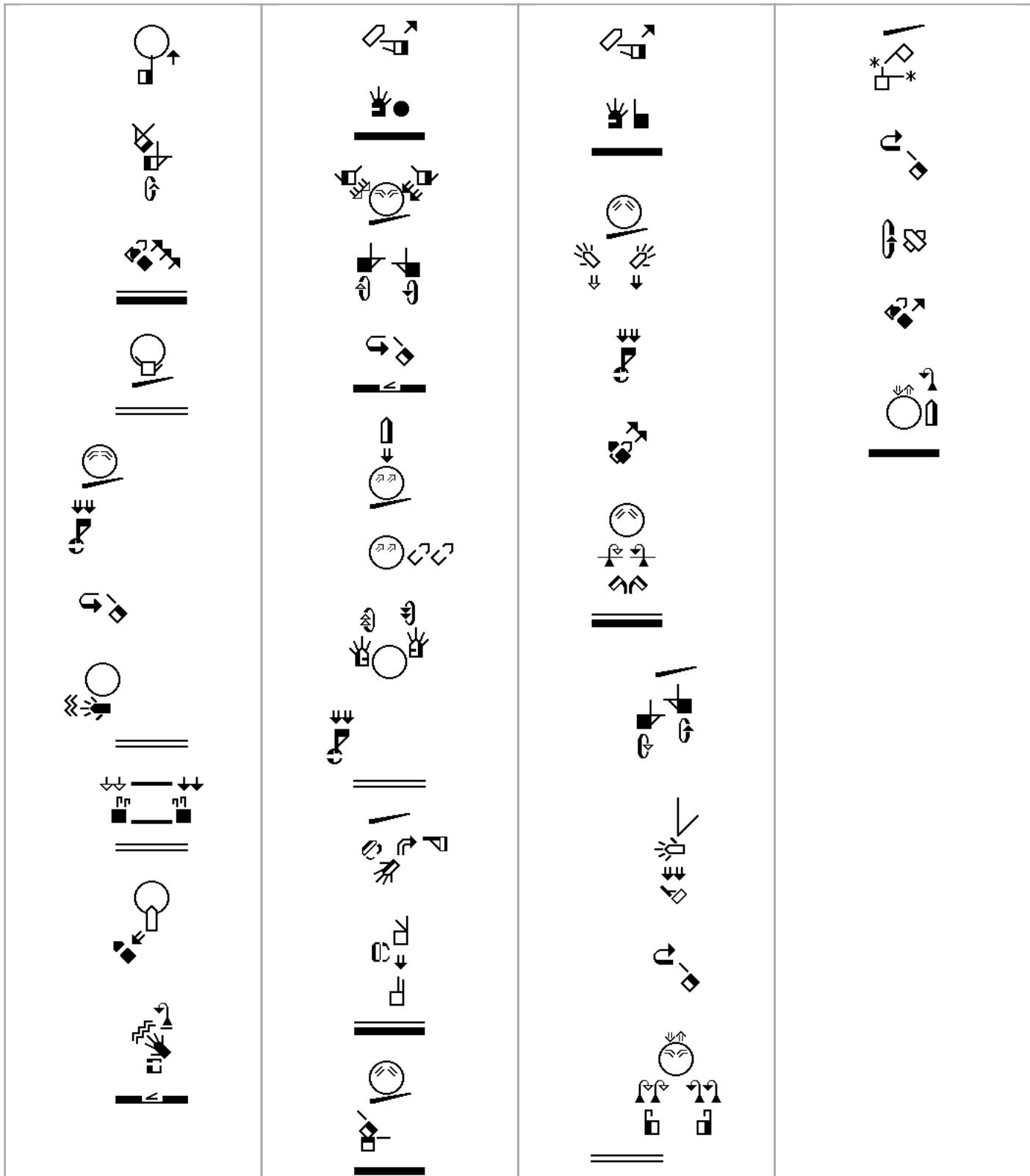
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Luke 11:37-39



274 for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table. Verse 38. His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. Verse 39. Then the Lord said to him, "You Pharisees are

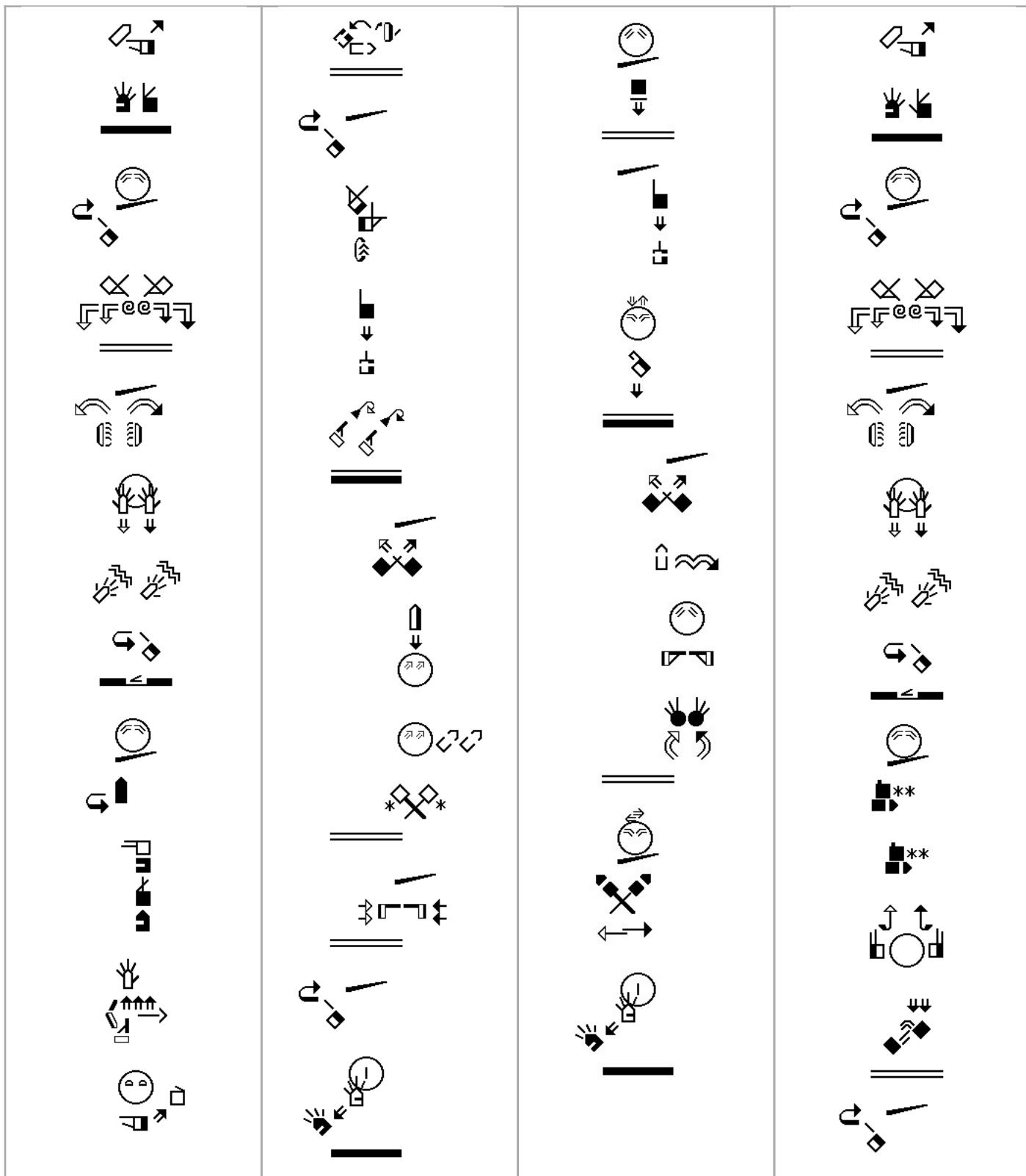
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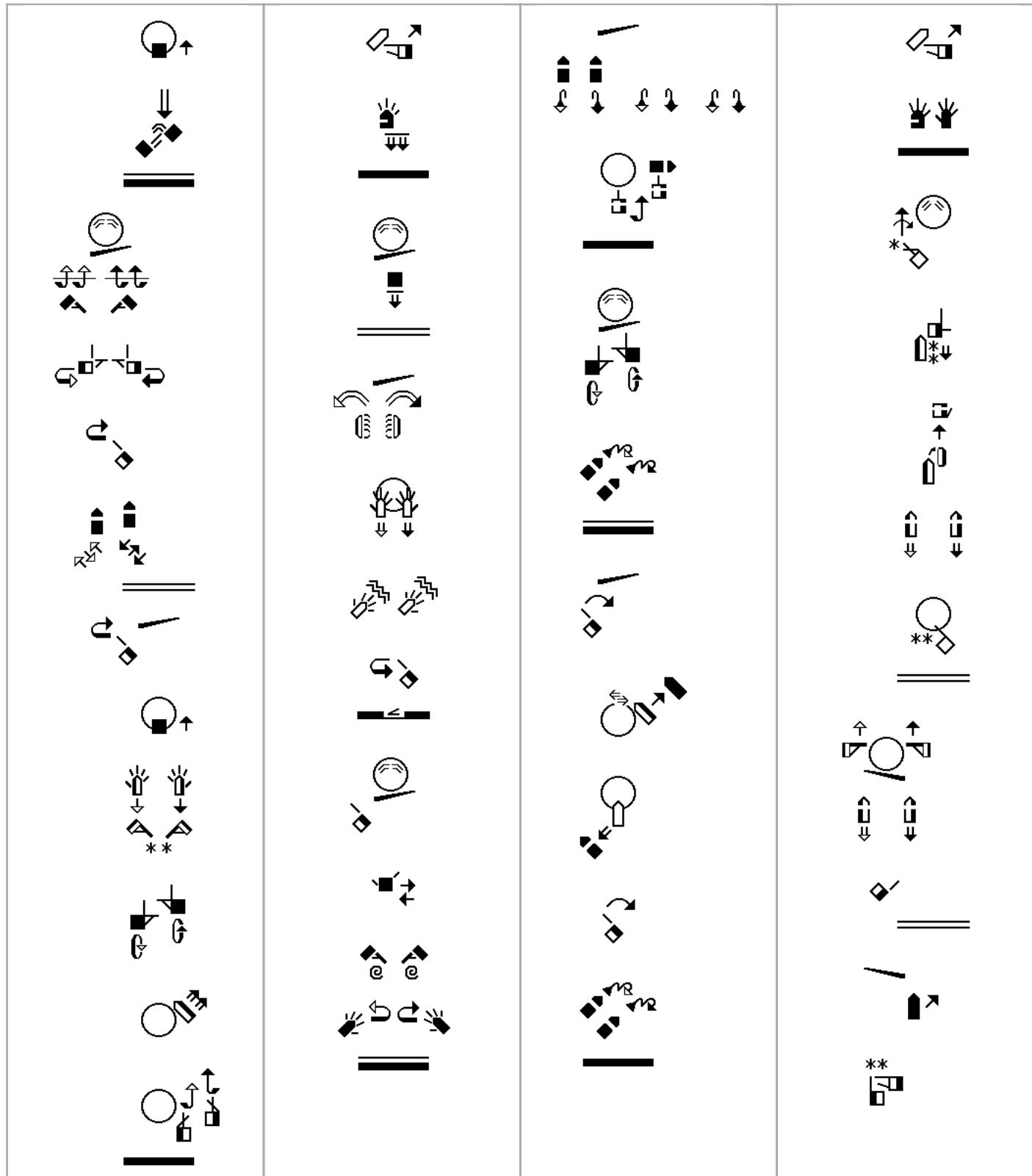


so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy -- full of greed and wickedness! Verse 40. Fools! Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside? Verse 41. So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.

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Luke 11:42-43

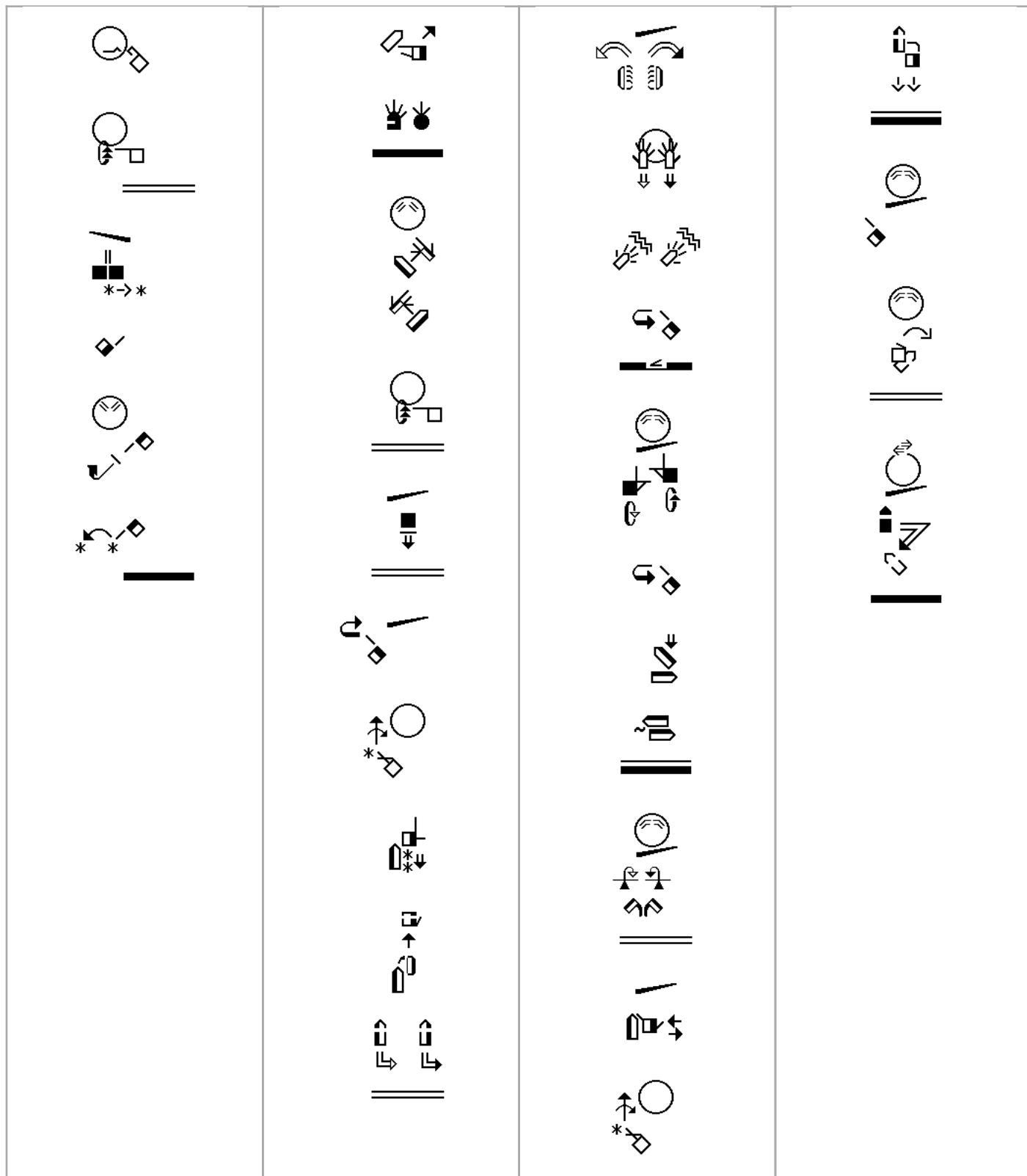




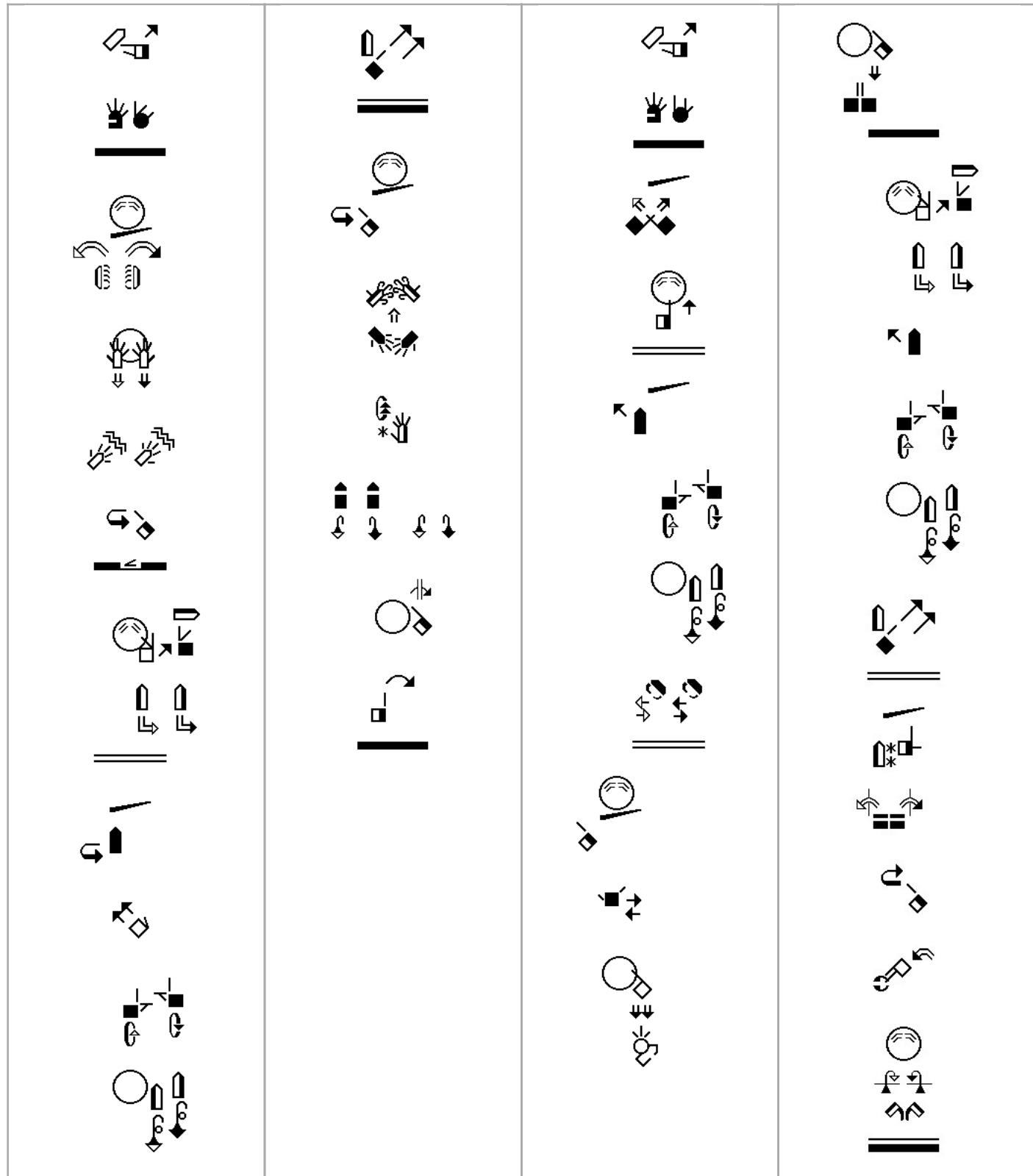
and receive respectful greetings as you walk in the marketplaces. Verse 44. Yes, what sorrow awaits you! For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on." Verse 45. "Teacher," said an expert in religious law,

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Luke 11:45-46

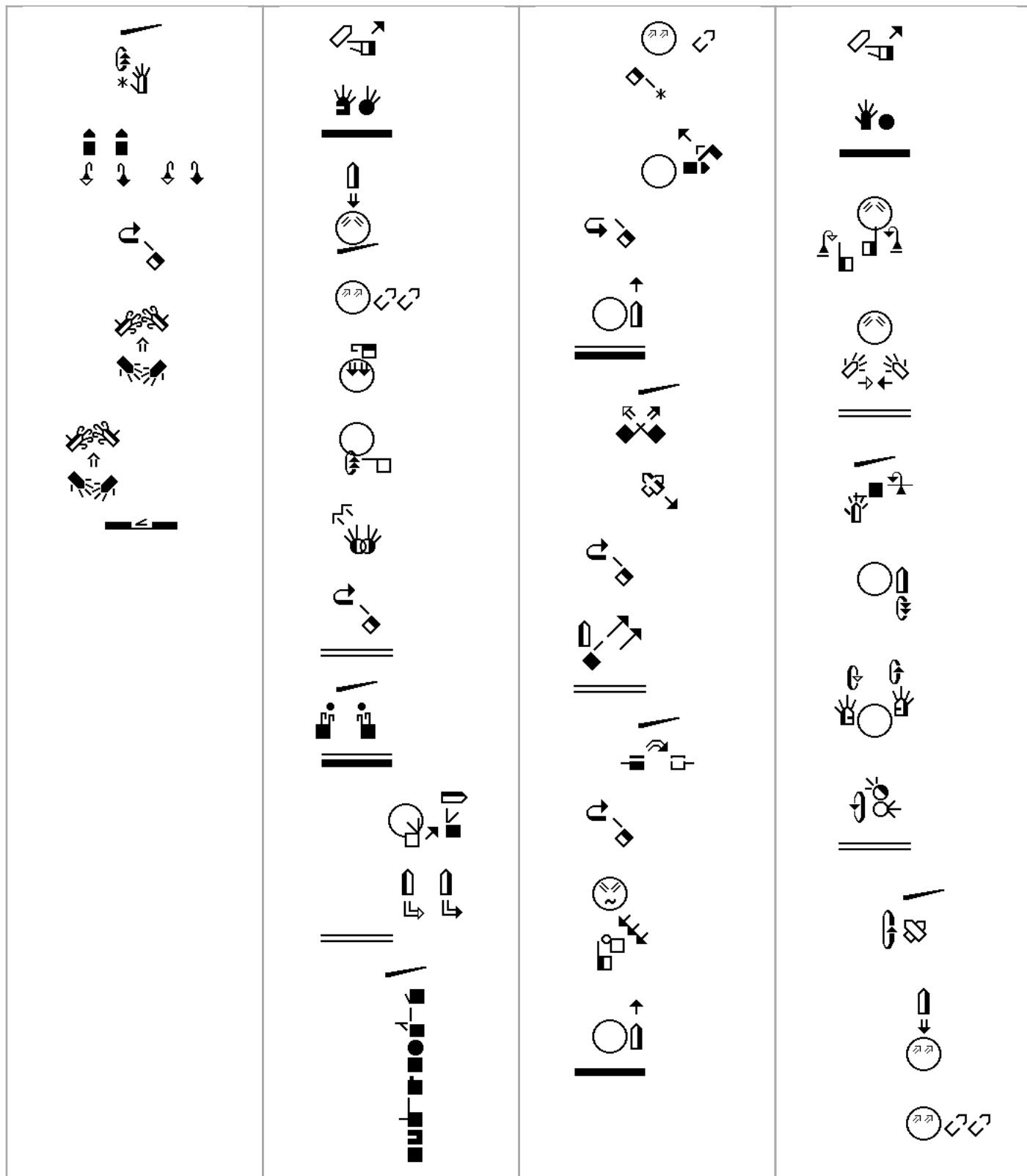


278 "you have insulted us, too, in what you just said." Verse 46. "Yes," said Jesus, "what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with impossible religious demands, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden. NLT

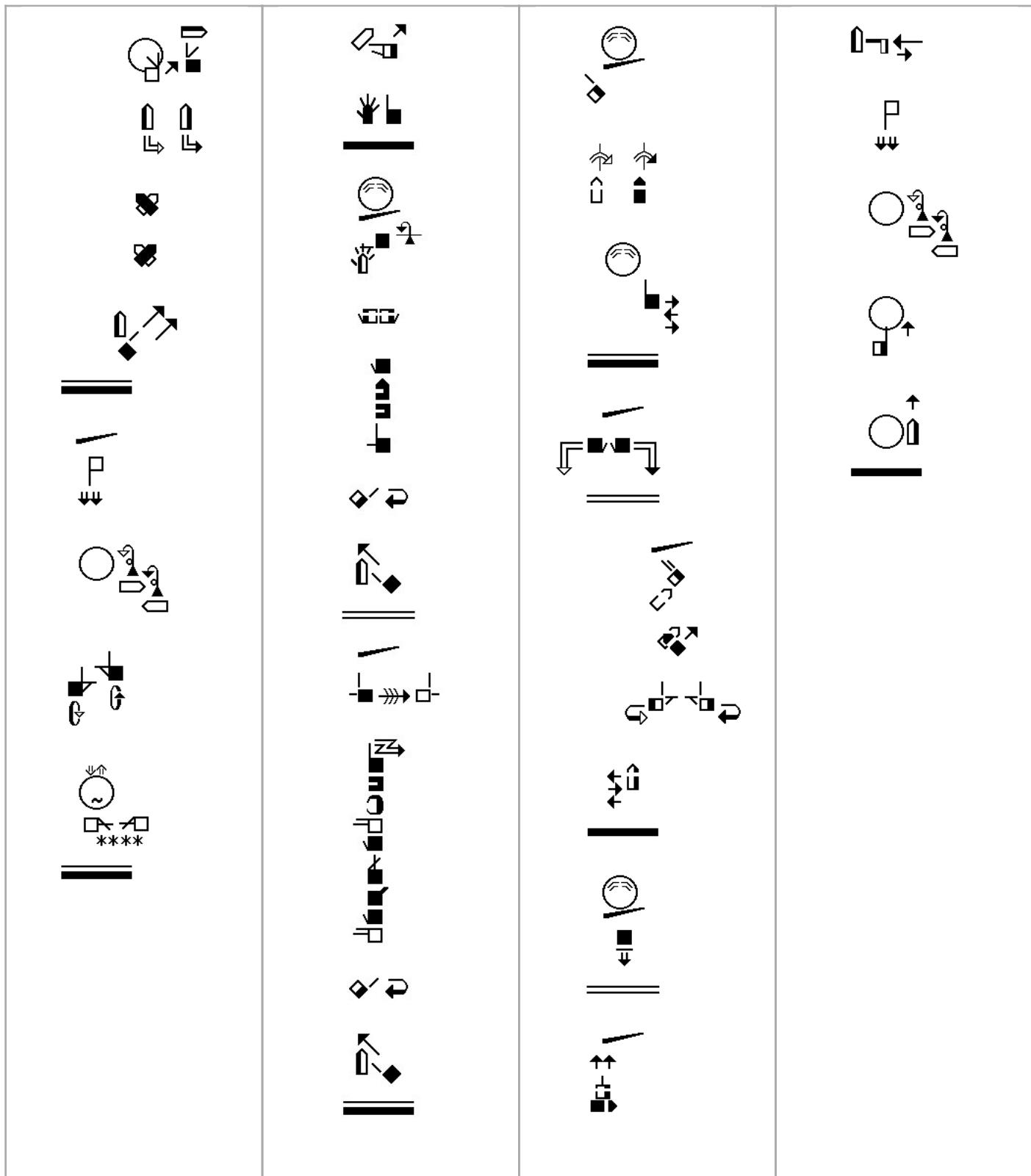


Verse 47. What sorrow awaits you! For you build monuments for the prophets your own ancestors killed long ago. Verse 48. But in fact, you stand as witnesses who agree with what your ancestors did. They killed the prophets, and you join in their crime by NLT

Luke 11:48-50

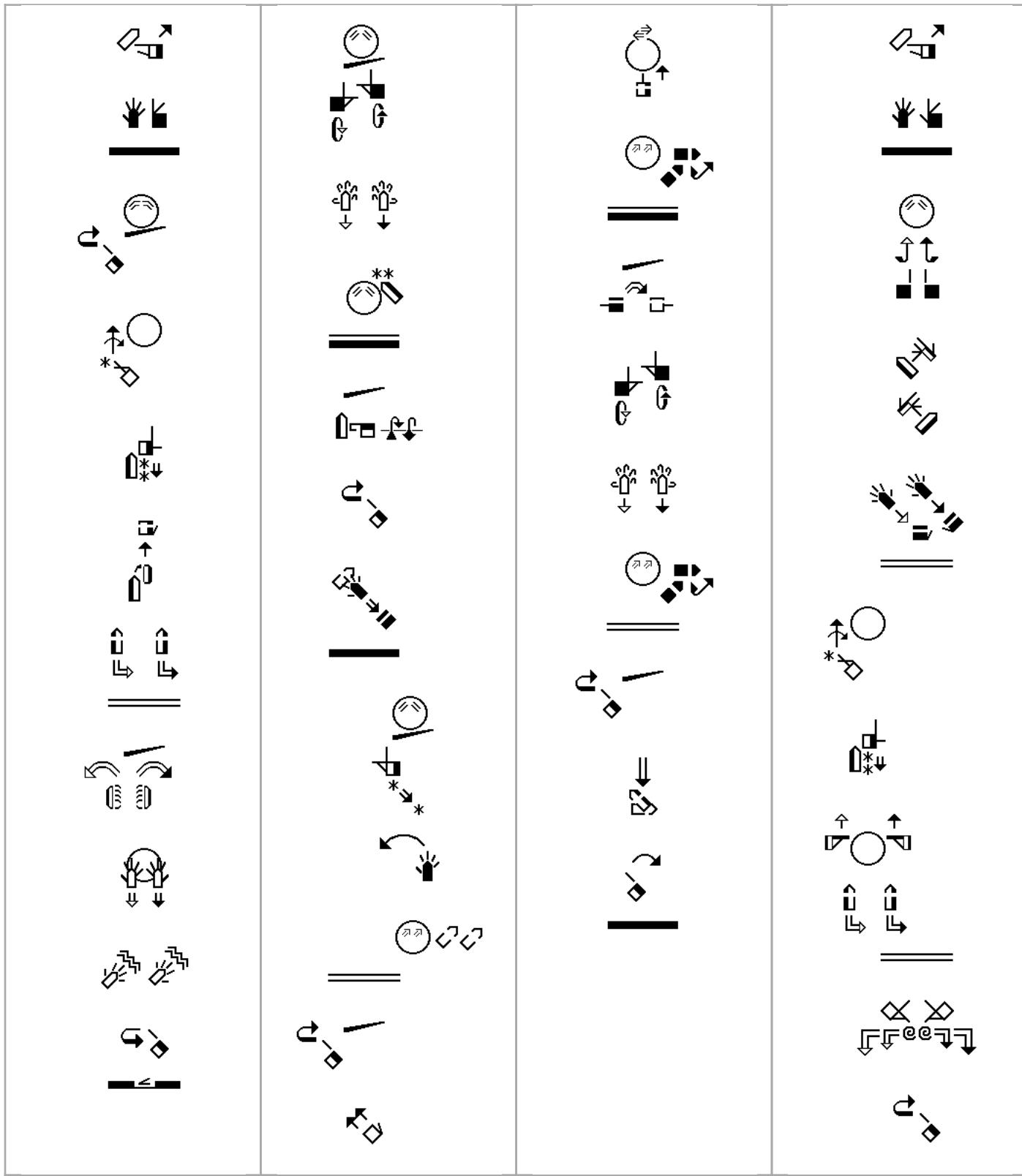


**280** building the monuments! Verse 49. This is what God in his wisdom said about you: 'I will send prophets and apostles to them, but they will kill some and persecute the others.' Verse 50. "As a result, this generation will be held responsible for the murder of all God's  
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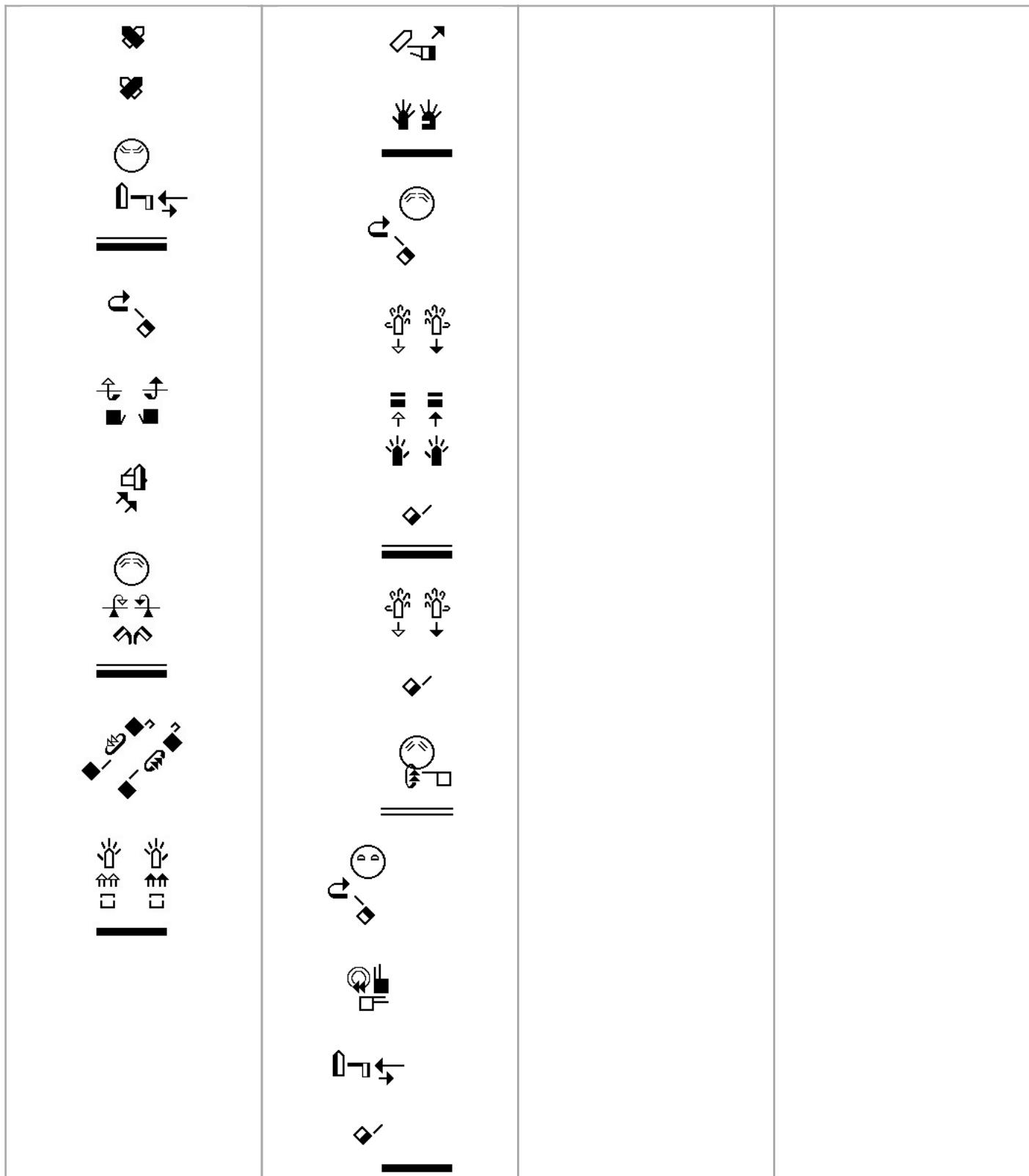


prophets from the creation of the world -- Verse 51. from the murder of Abel to the  
murder of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, it will  
certainly be charged against this generation.

Luke 11:52-53

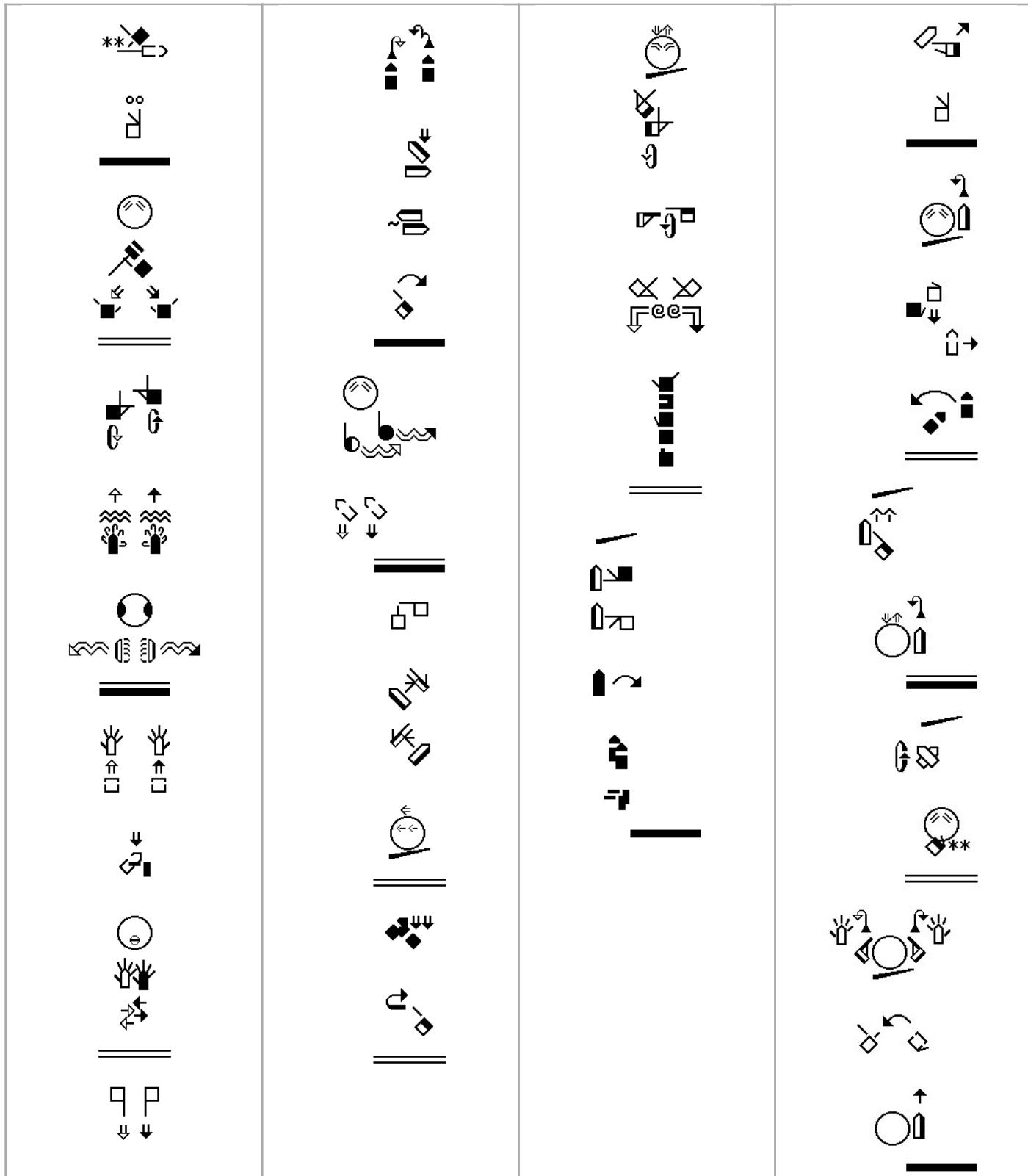


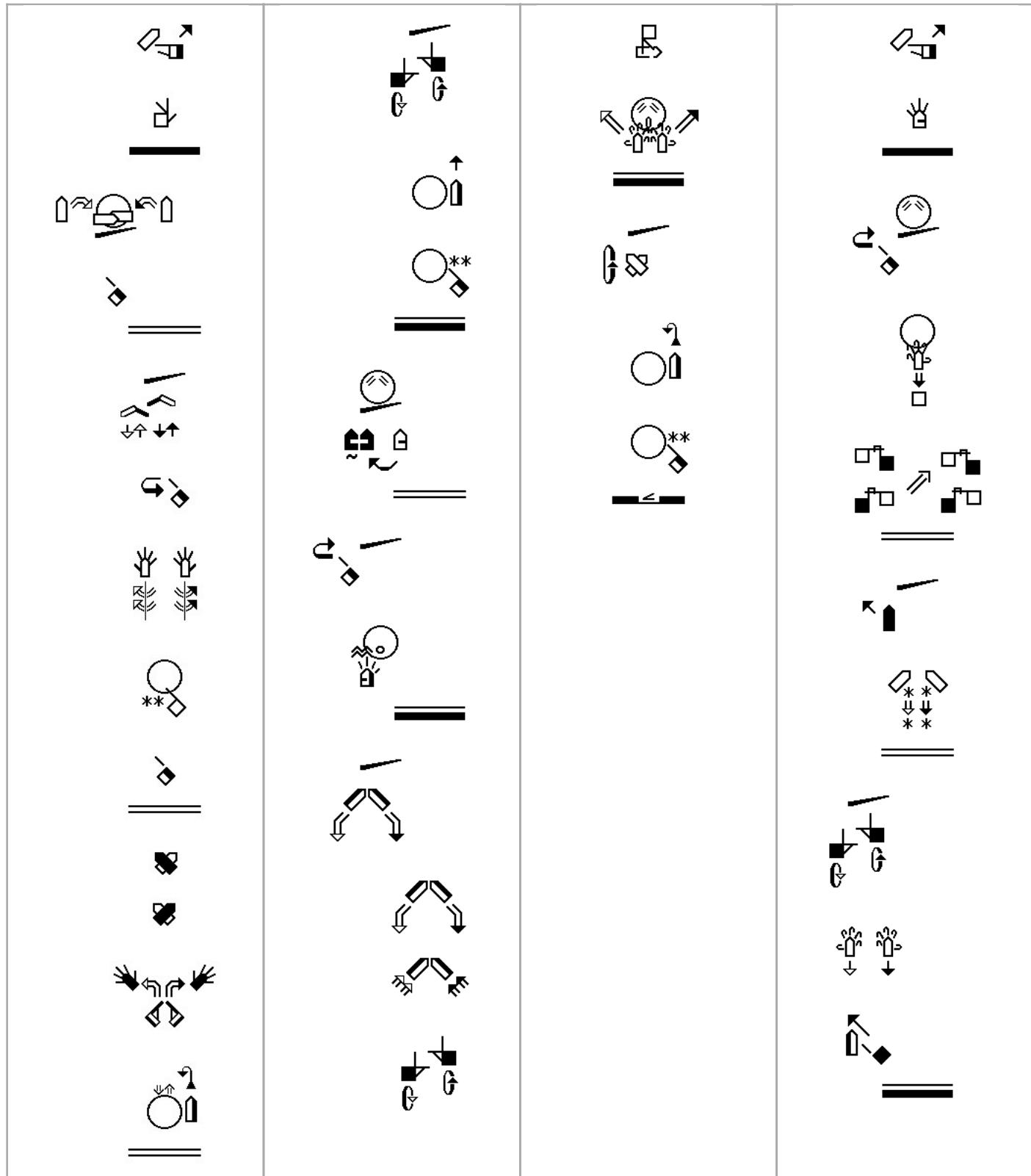
Verse 52. "What sorrow awaits you experts in religious law! For you remove the key to knowledge from the people. You don't enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering." Verse 53. As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees NLT



became hostile and tried to provoke him with many questions. Verse 54. They wanted to trap him into saying something they could use against him. NLT

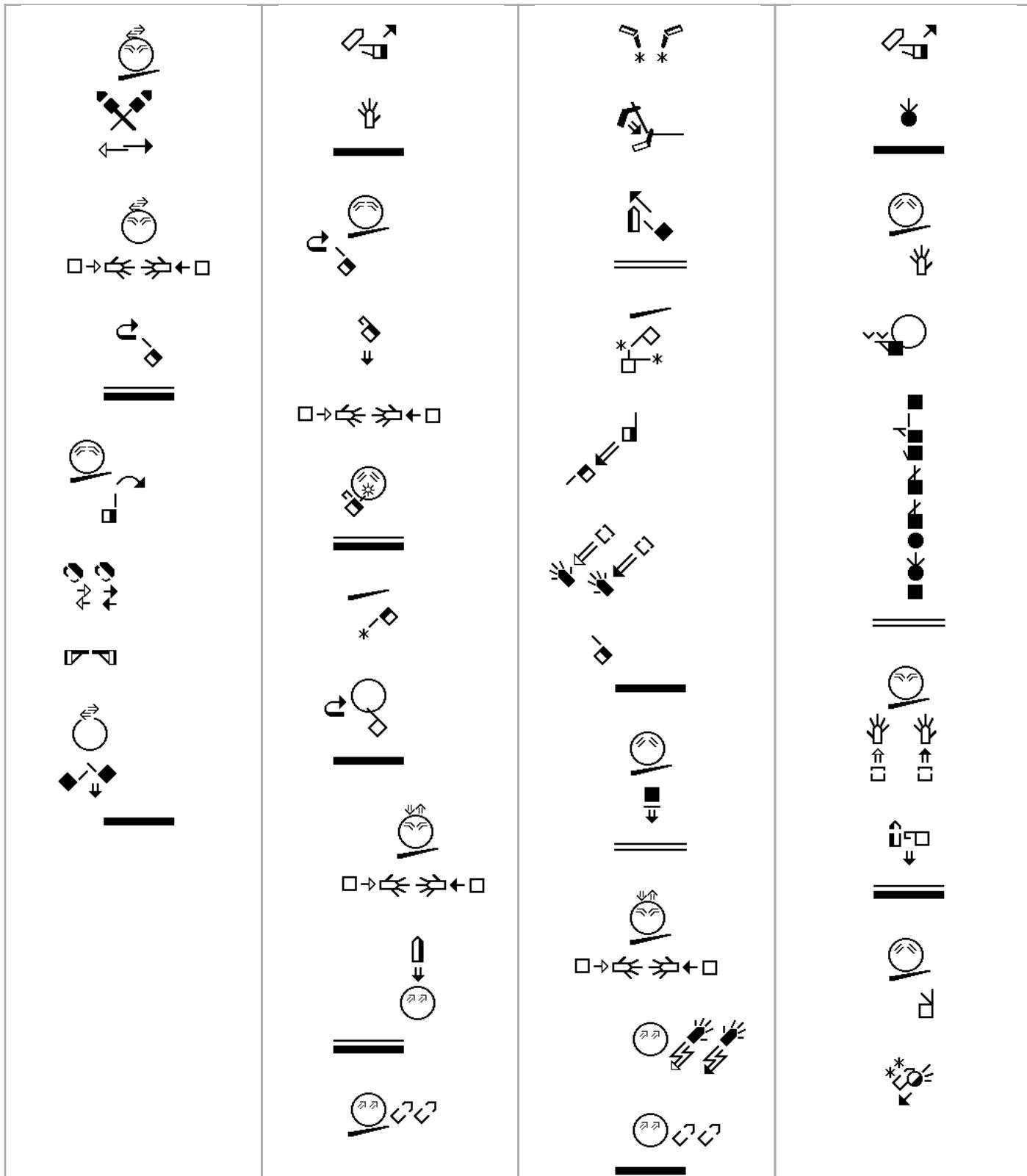
Luke 12:1-2



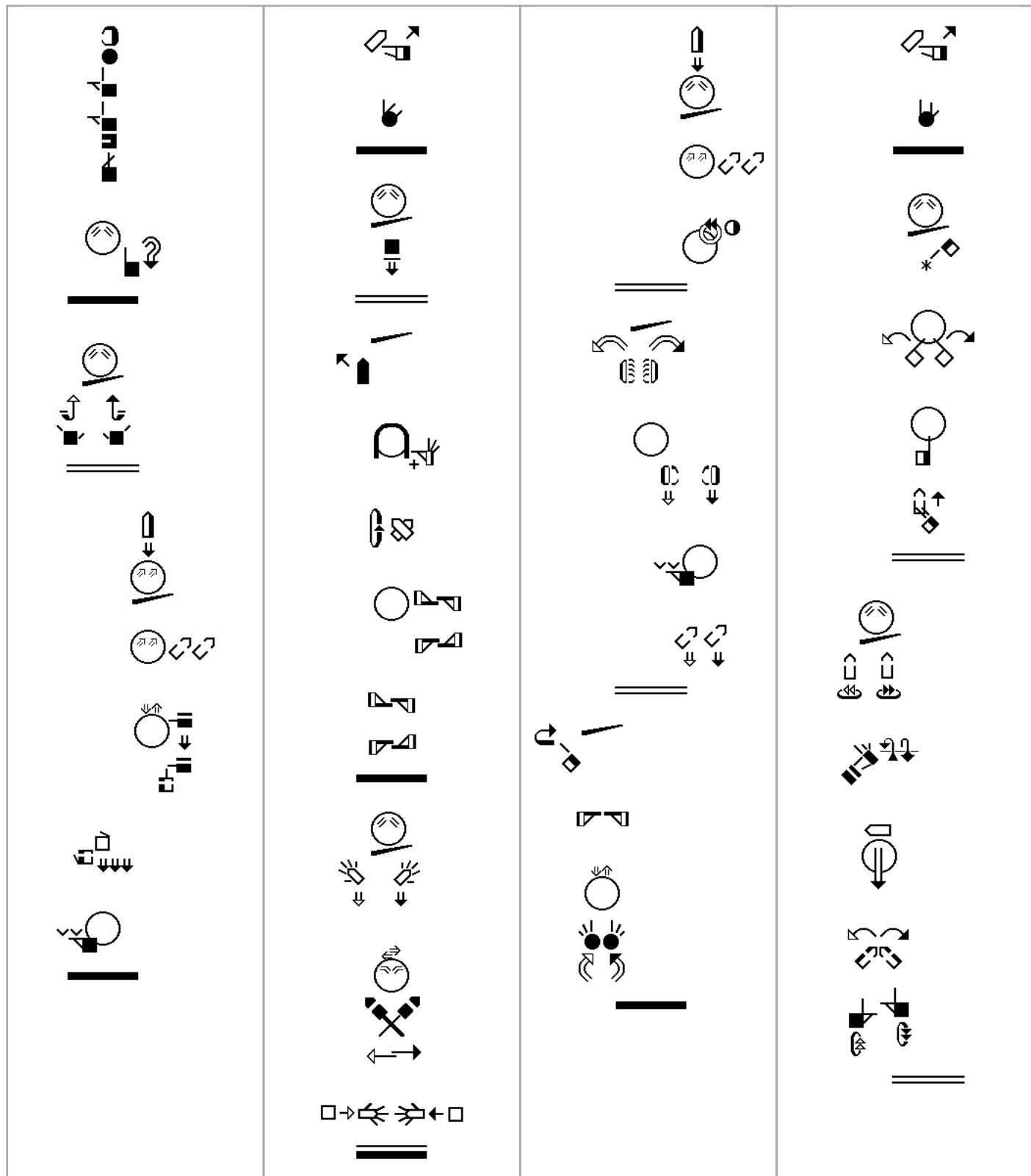


Verse 3. Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! Verse 4. "Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body;

Luke 12:4-6

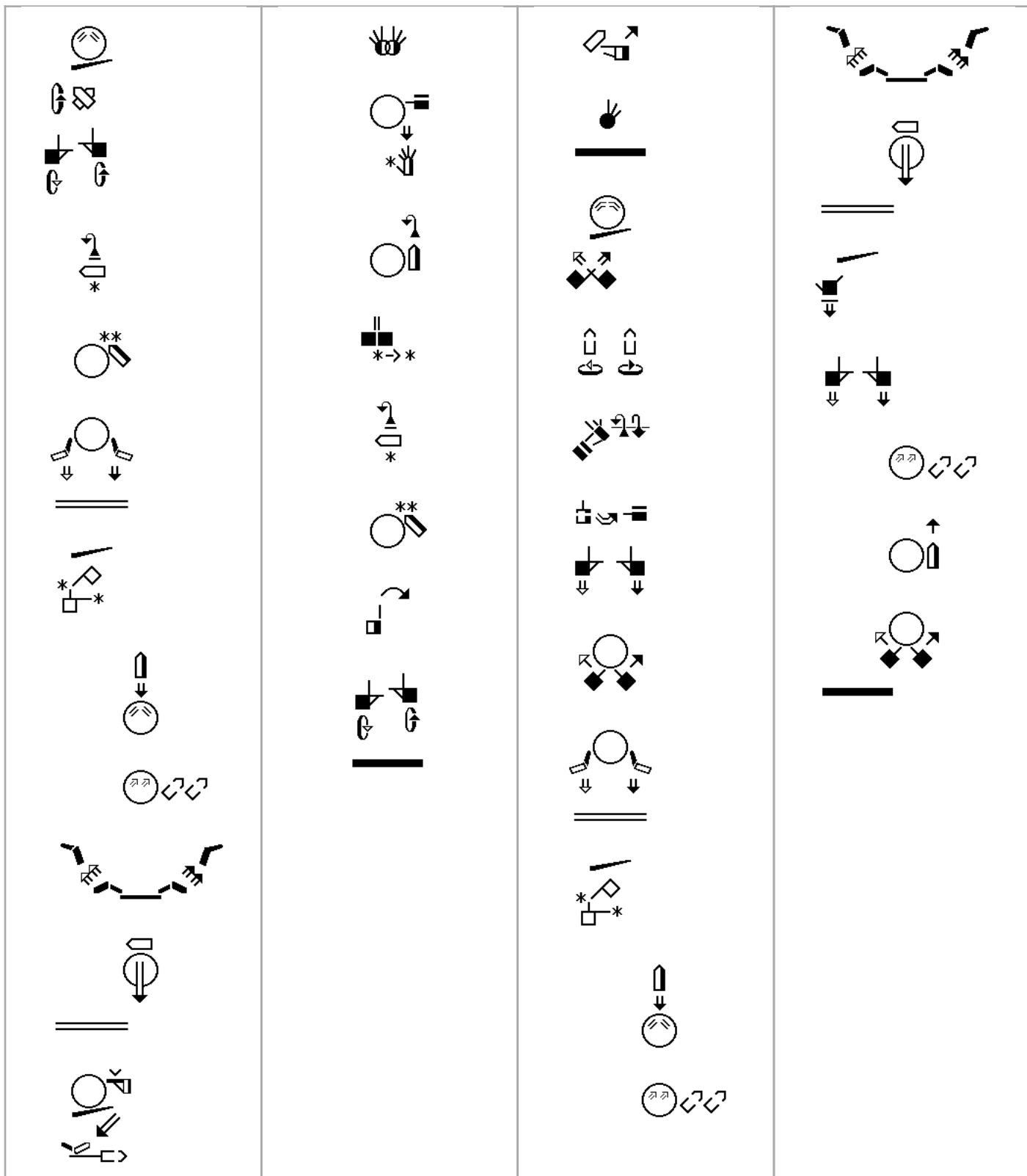


**286** they cannot do any more to you after that. Verse 5. But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear. Verse 6. "What is the price of five sparrows -- two NLT

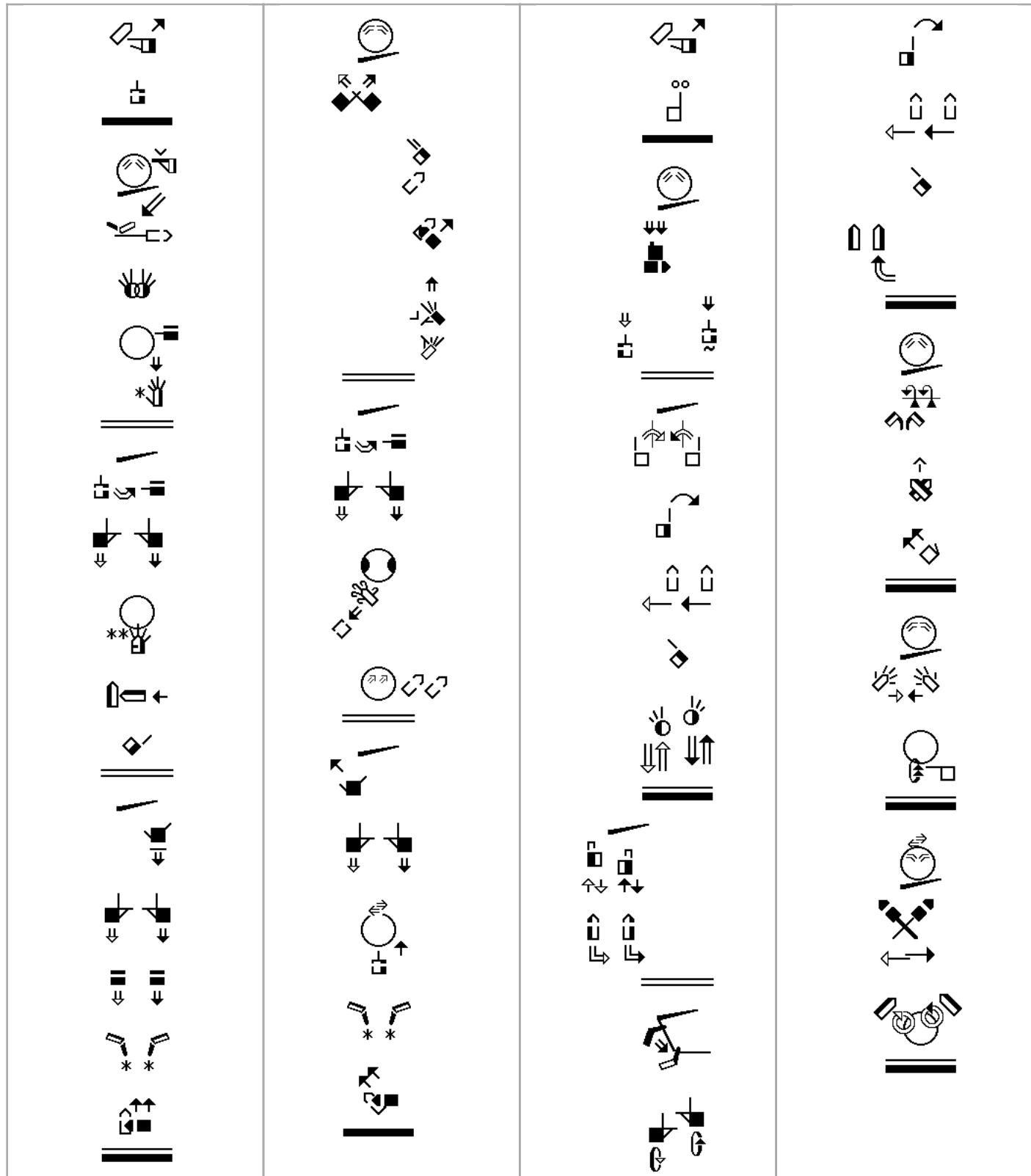


copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. Verse 7. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Verse 8. "I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth,

Luke 12:8-9

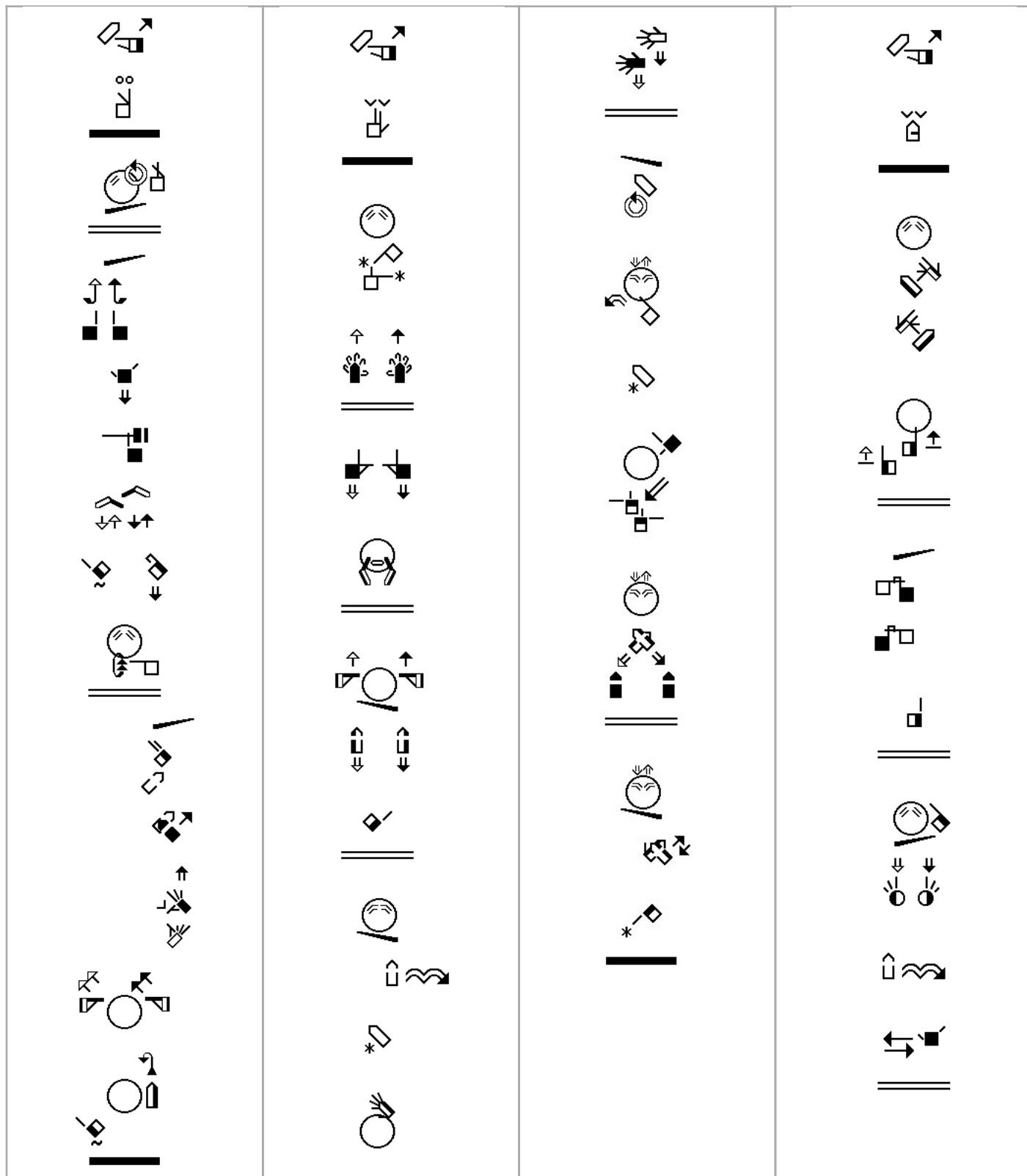


288 the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels. Verse 9. But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God's angels. NLT

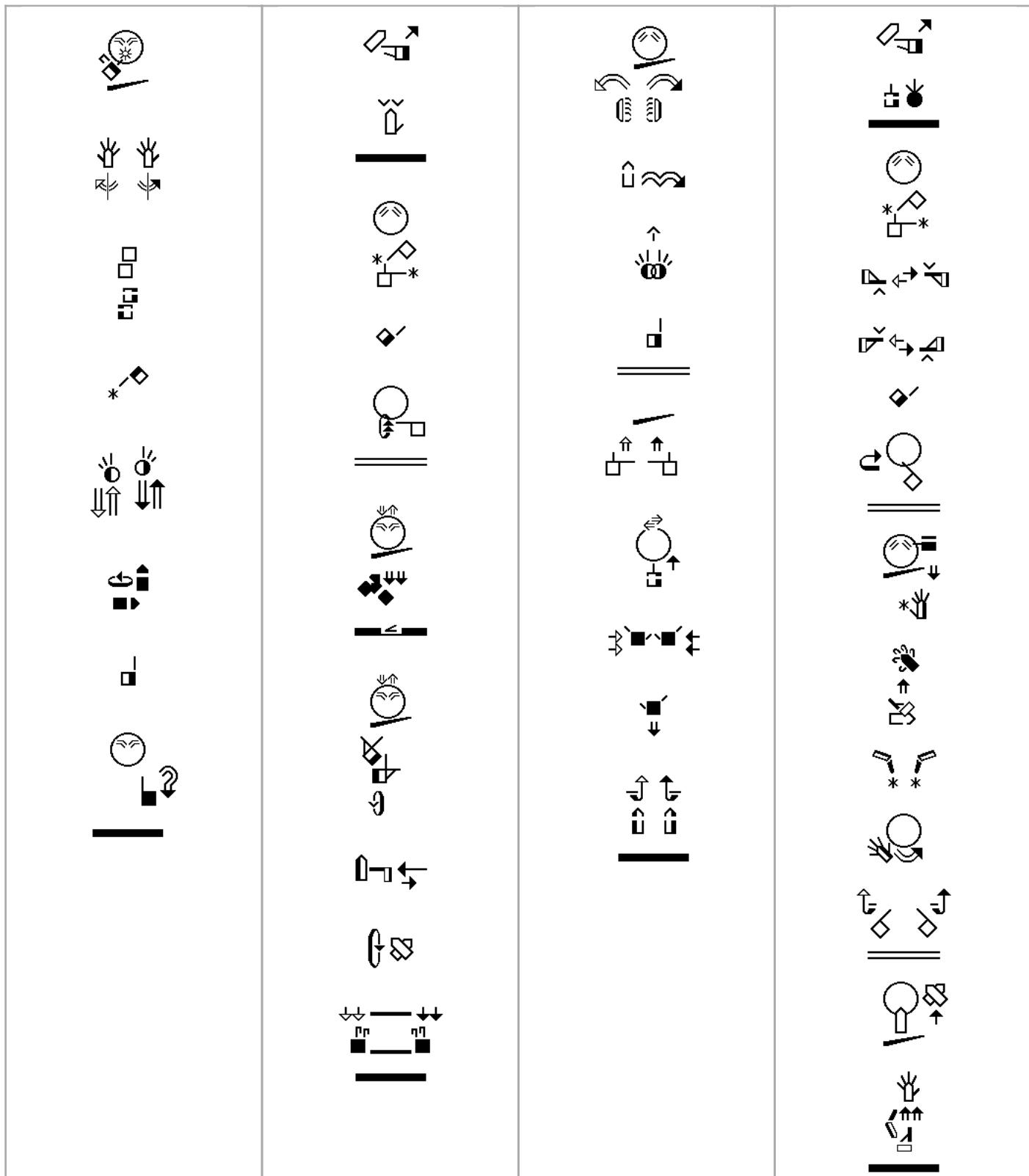


Verse 10. Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Verse 11. "And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before rulers and authorities, don't worry about how to defend yourself or what to say,

Luke 12:12-14

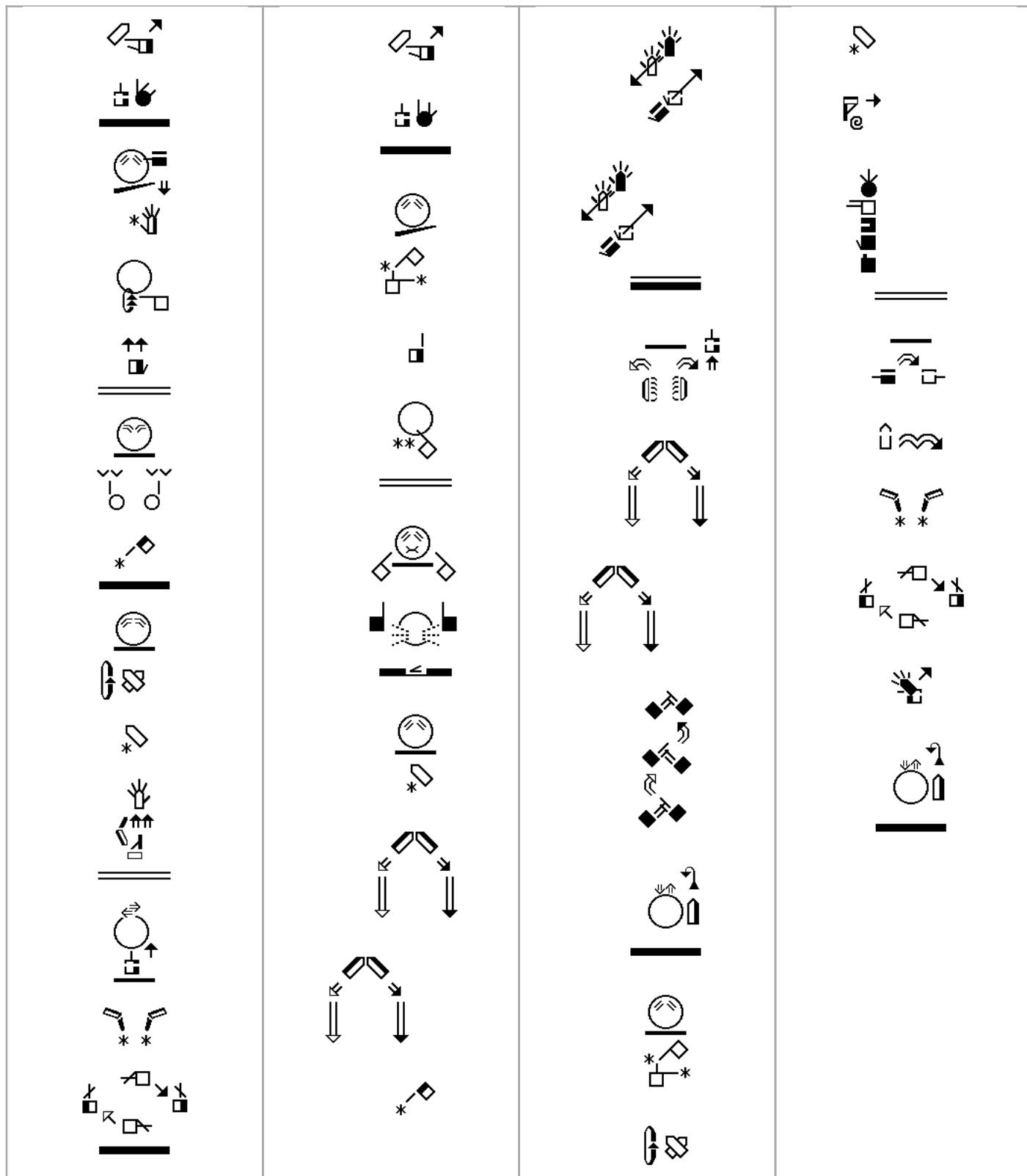


290 Verse 12. for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said." Verse 13. Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me." Verse 14. Jesus replied, "Friend, NLT



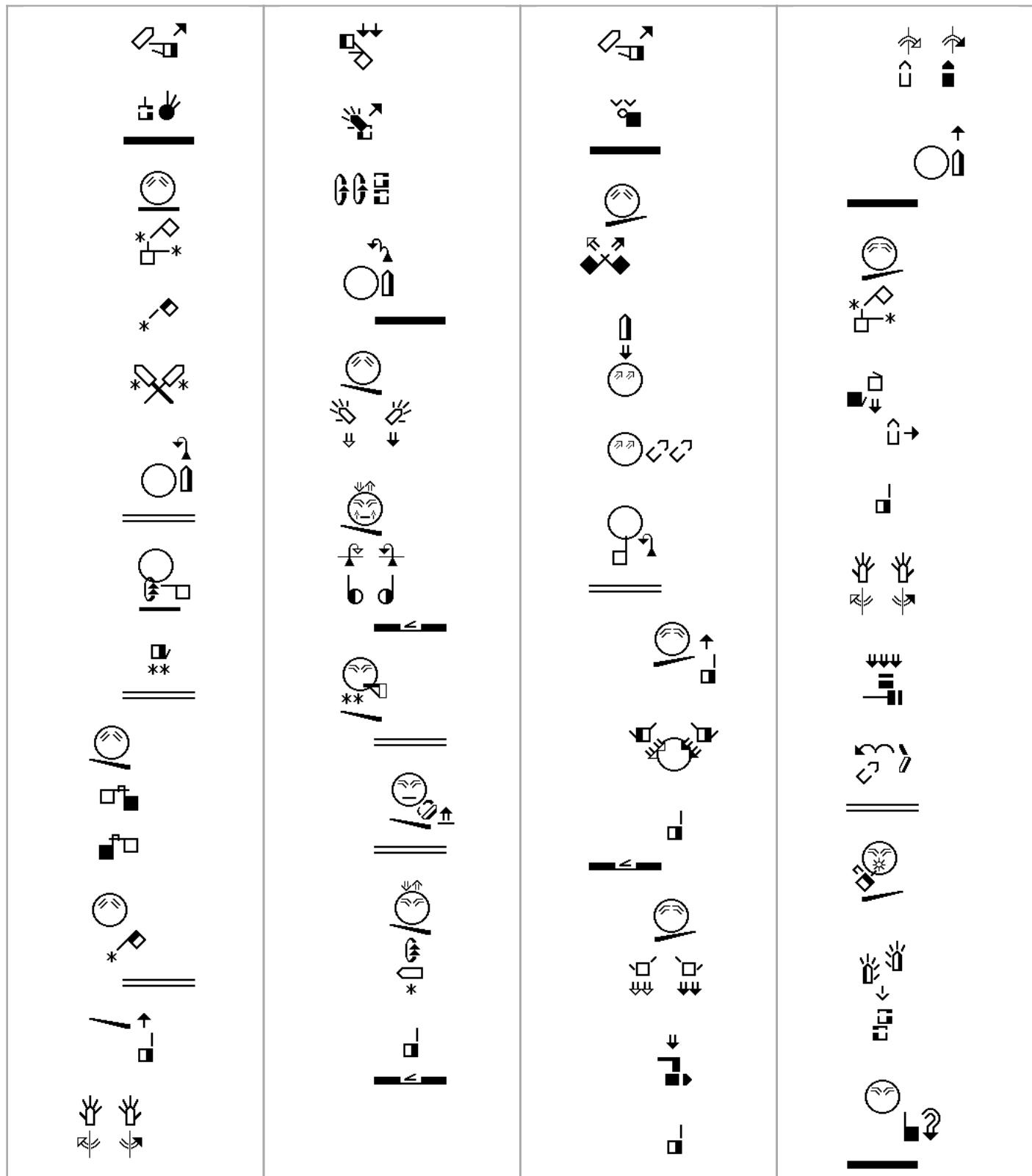
“Who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” Verse 15. Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” Verse 16. Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.

Luke 12:17-18



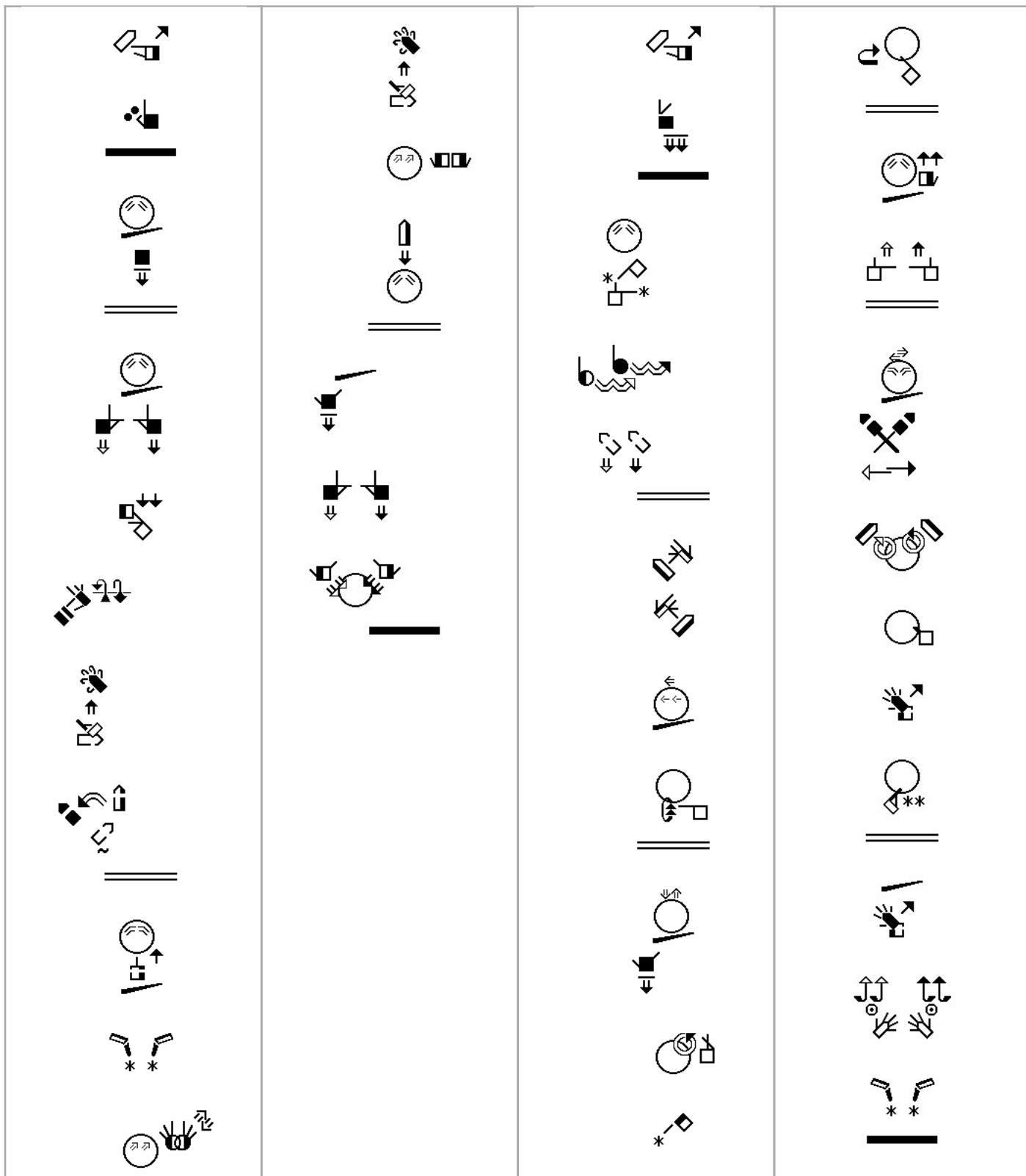
292 Verse 17. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'  
Verse 18. Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.'

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Verse 19. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!" Verse 20. "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'

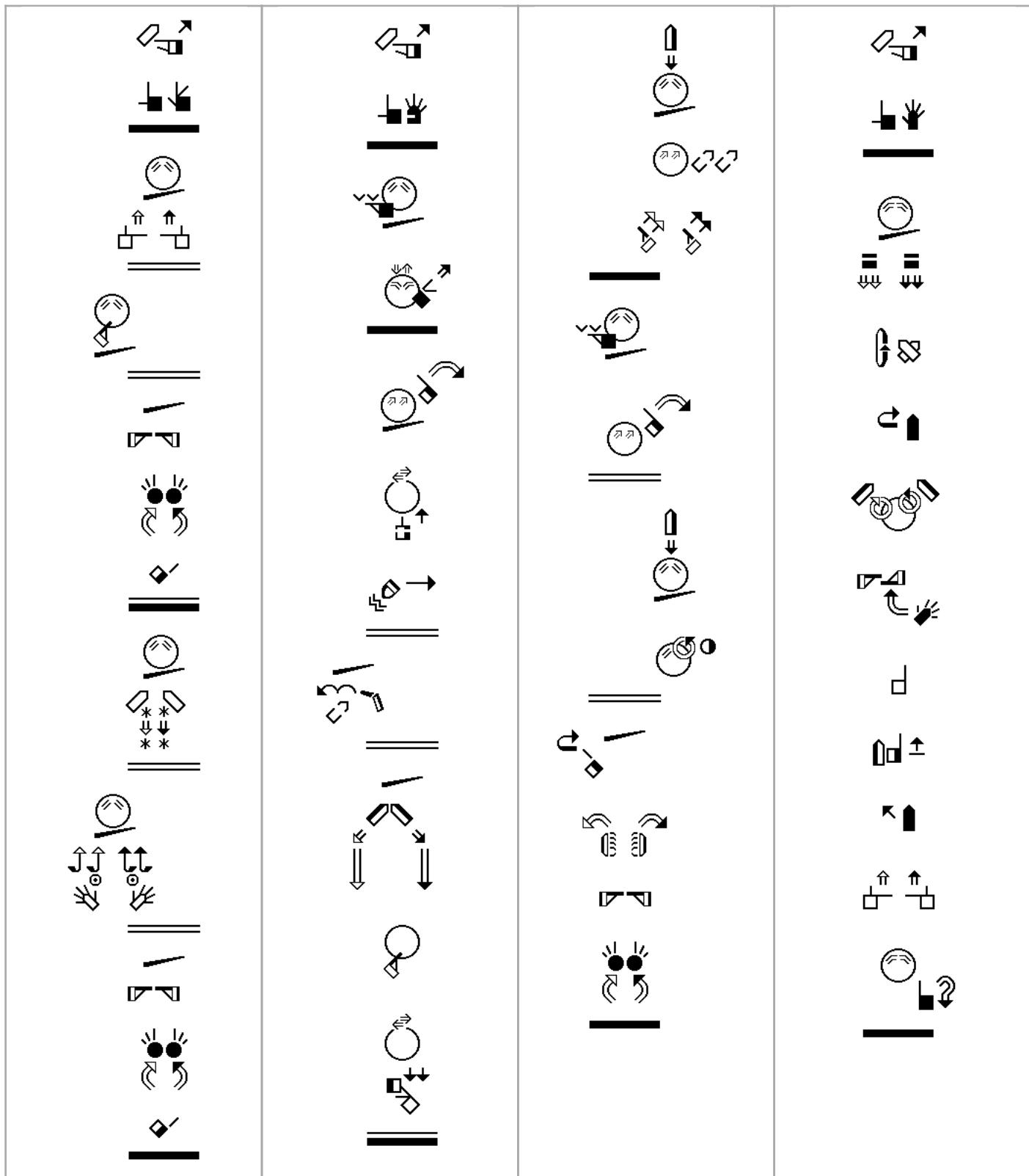
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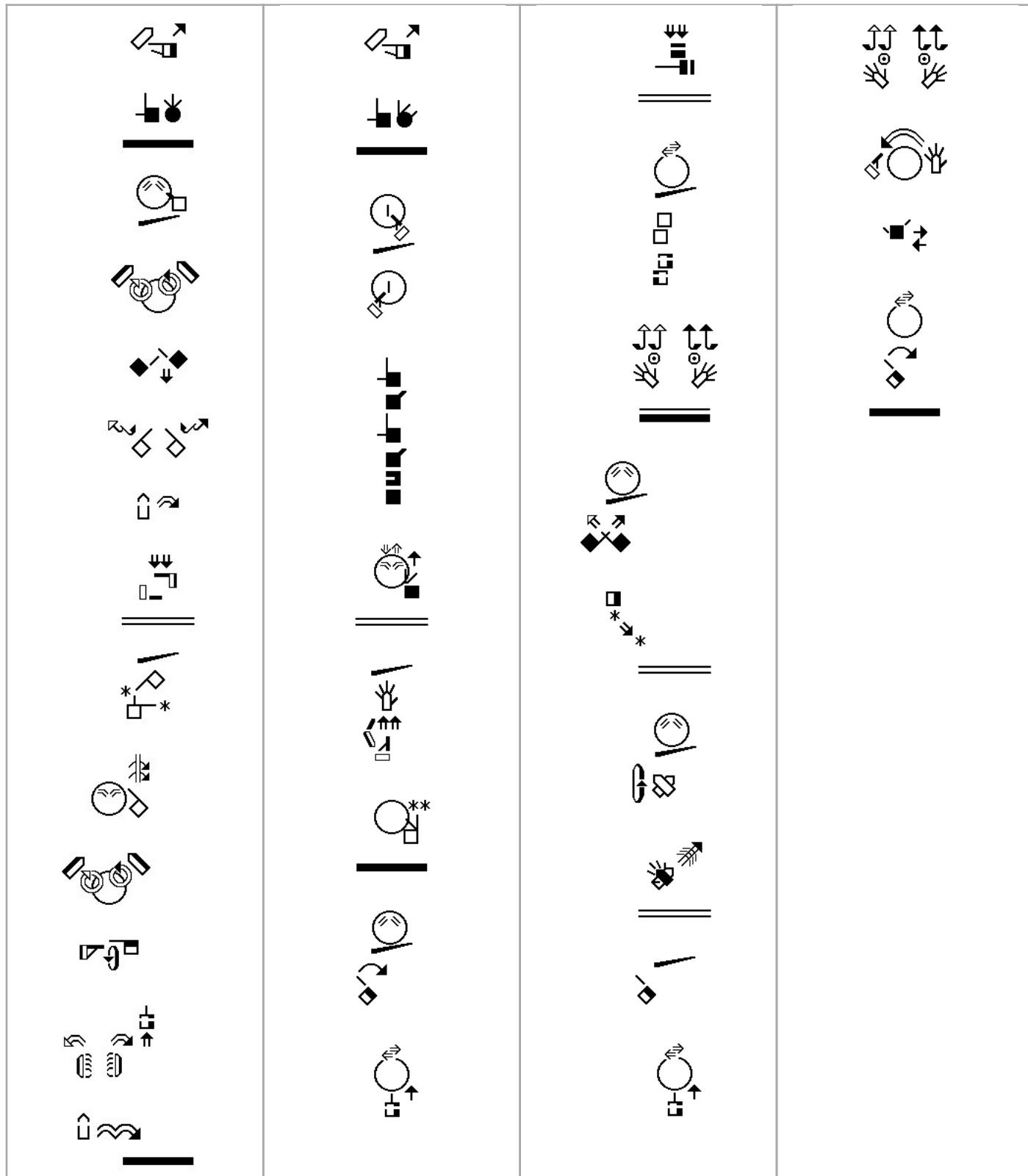
Verse 21. "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Verse 22. Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life -- whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear.

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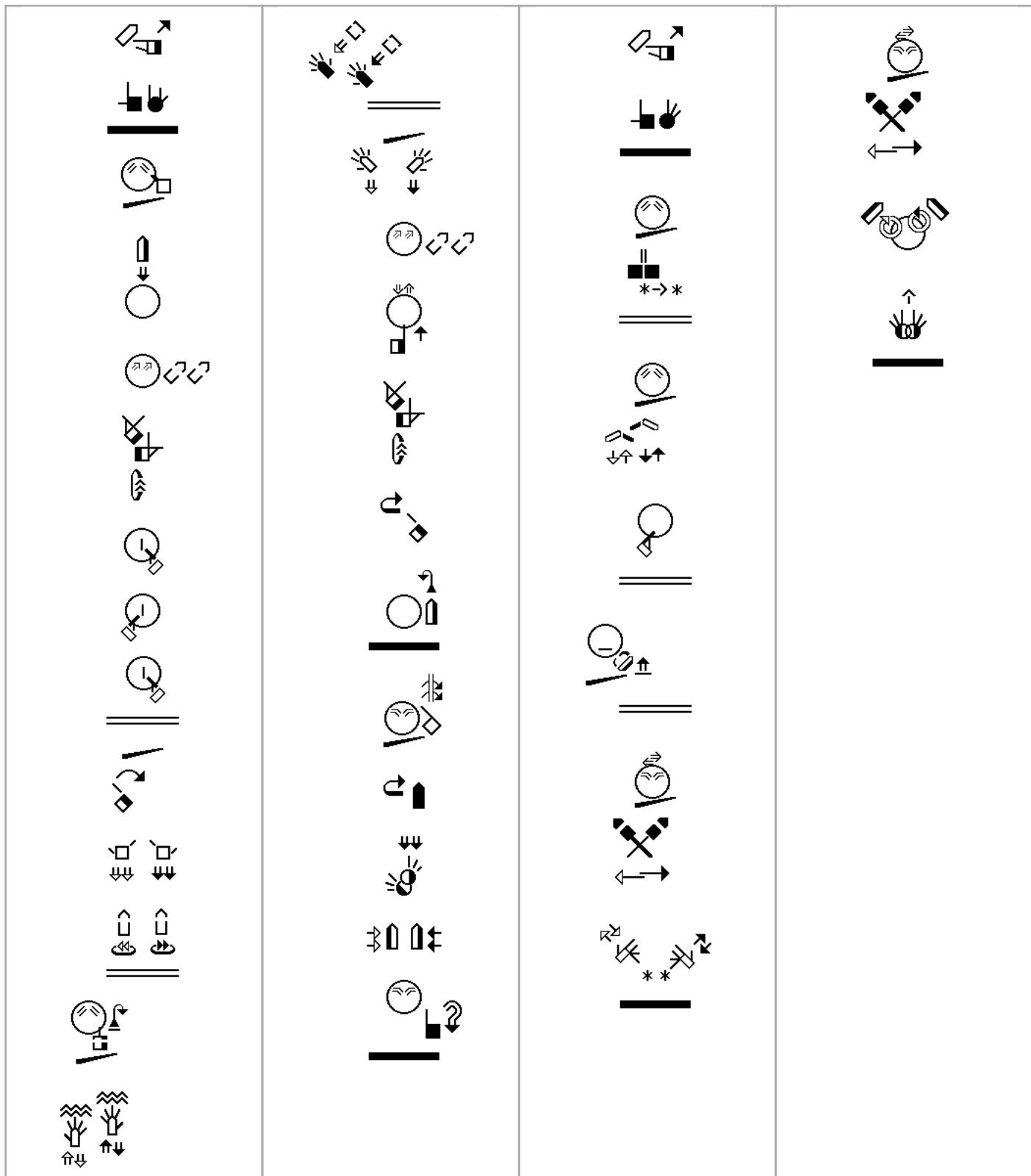


Verse 23. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Verse 24. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Verse 25. Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

Luke 12:26-27

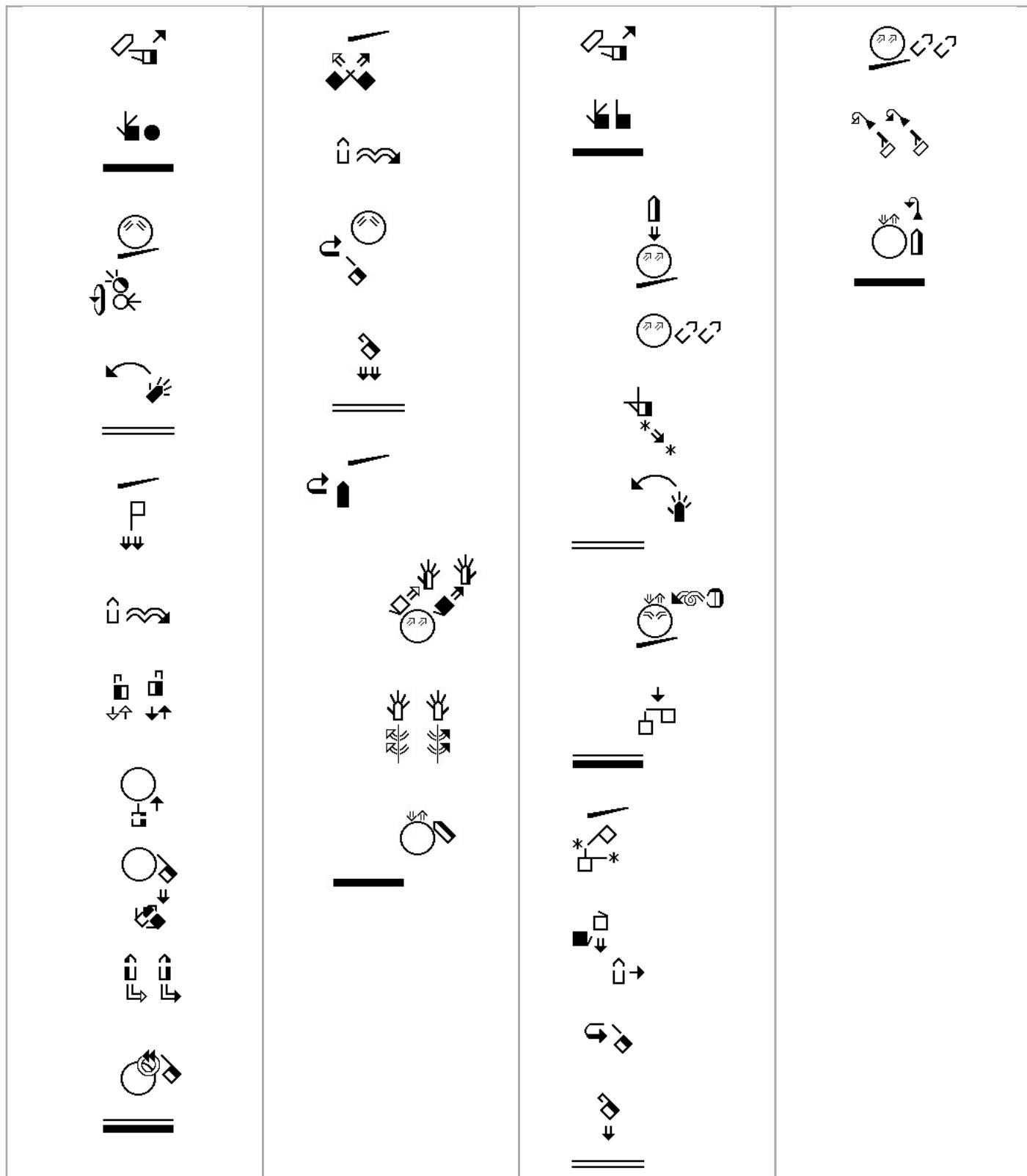


**296** Verse 26. And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things? Verse 27. "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. NLT

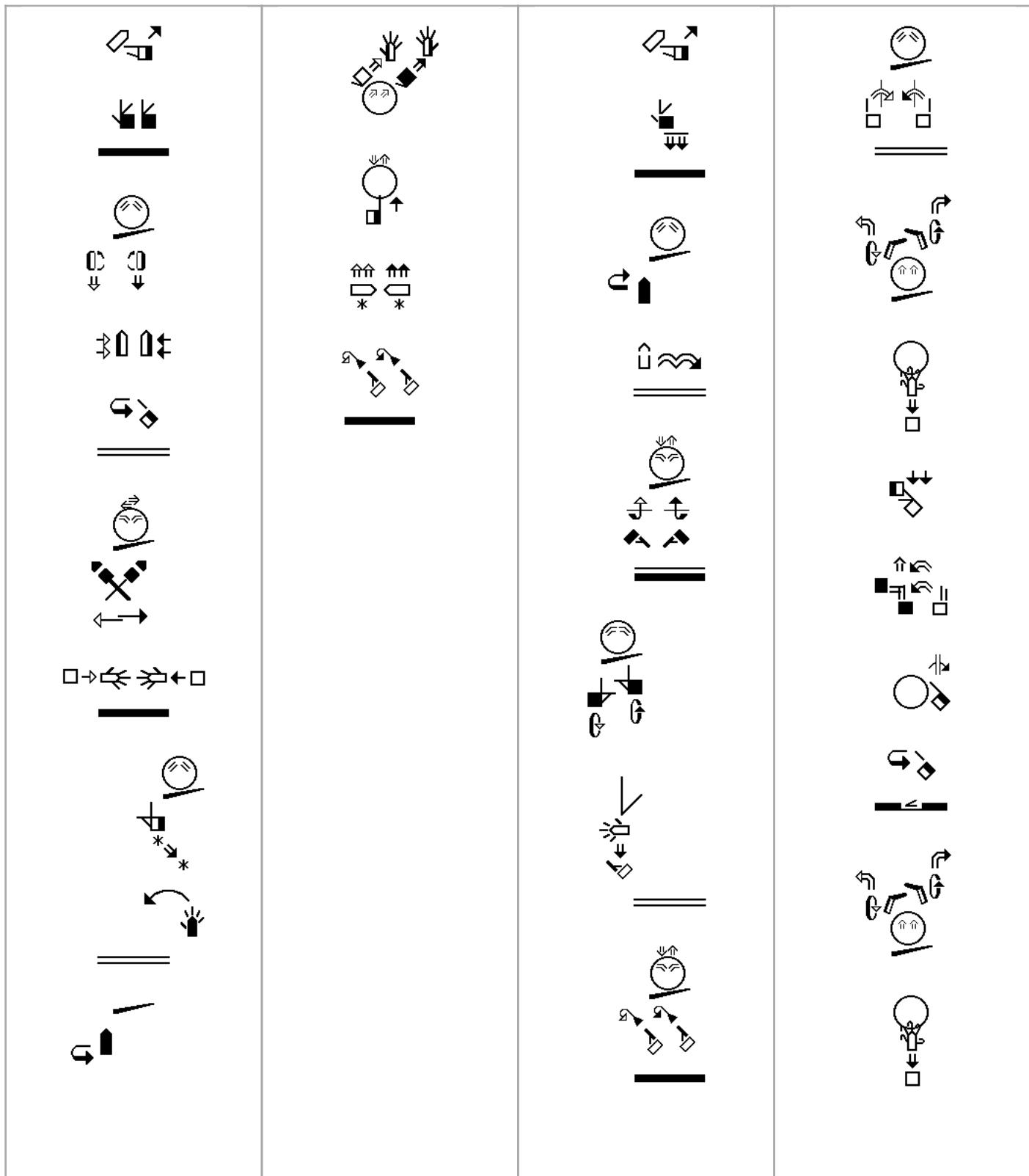


Verse 28. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? Verse 29. "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things.

Luke 12:30-31



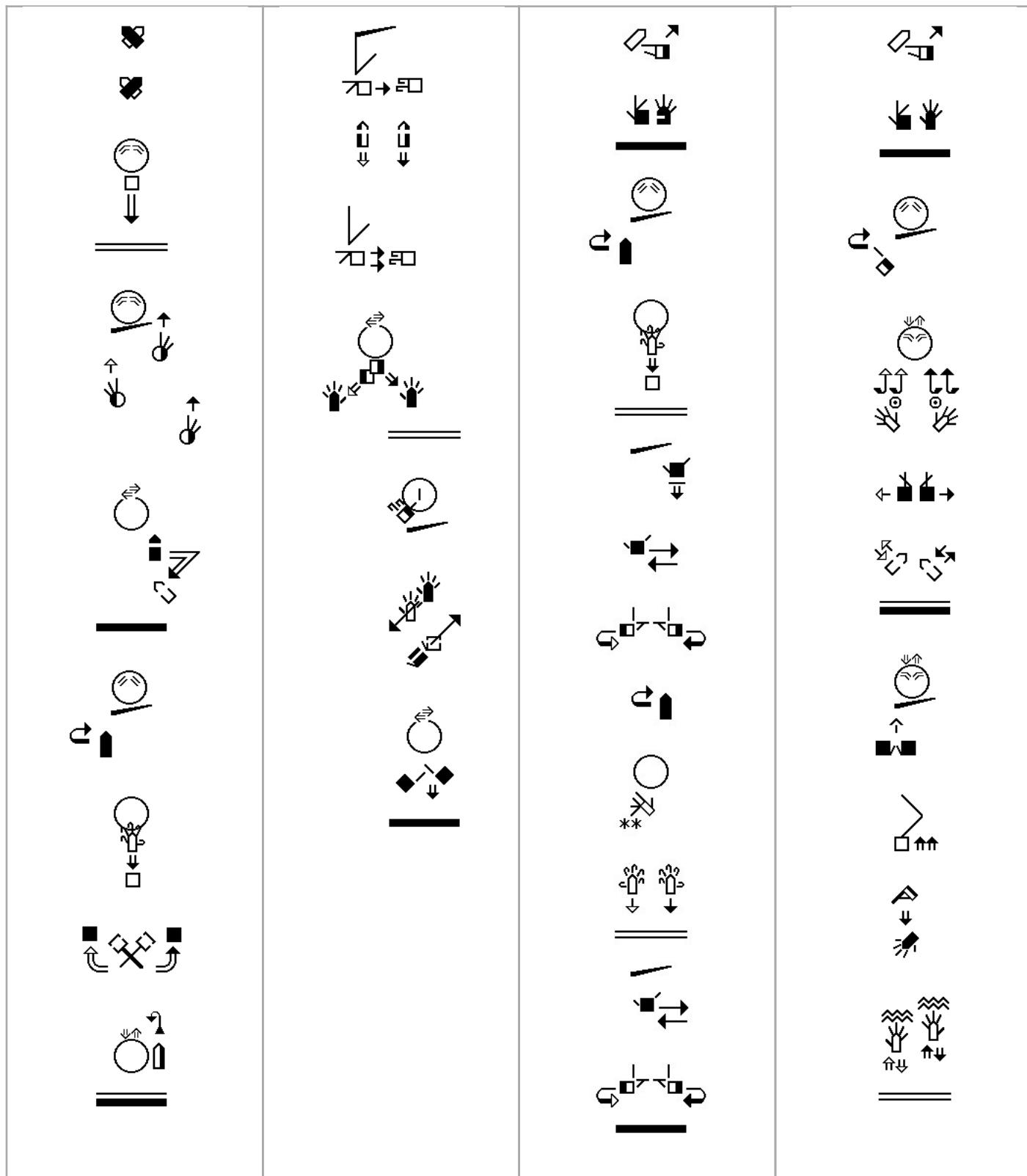
298 Verse 30. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Verse 31. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. NLT



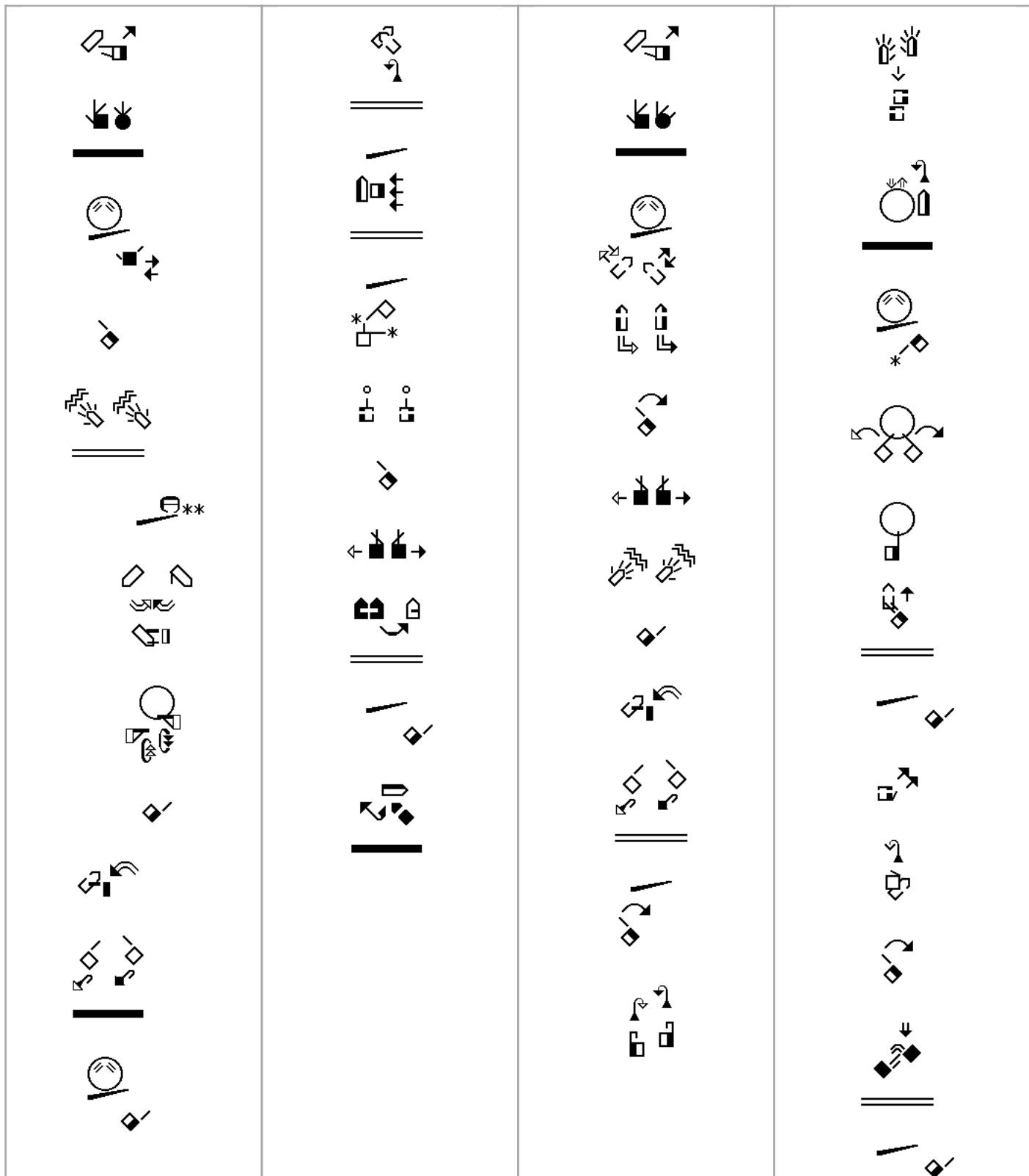
Verse 32. "So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. Verse 33. "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven

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Luke 12:33-35



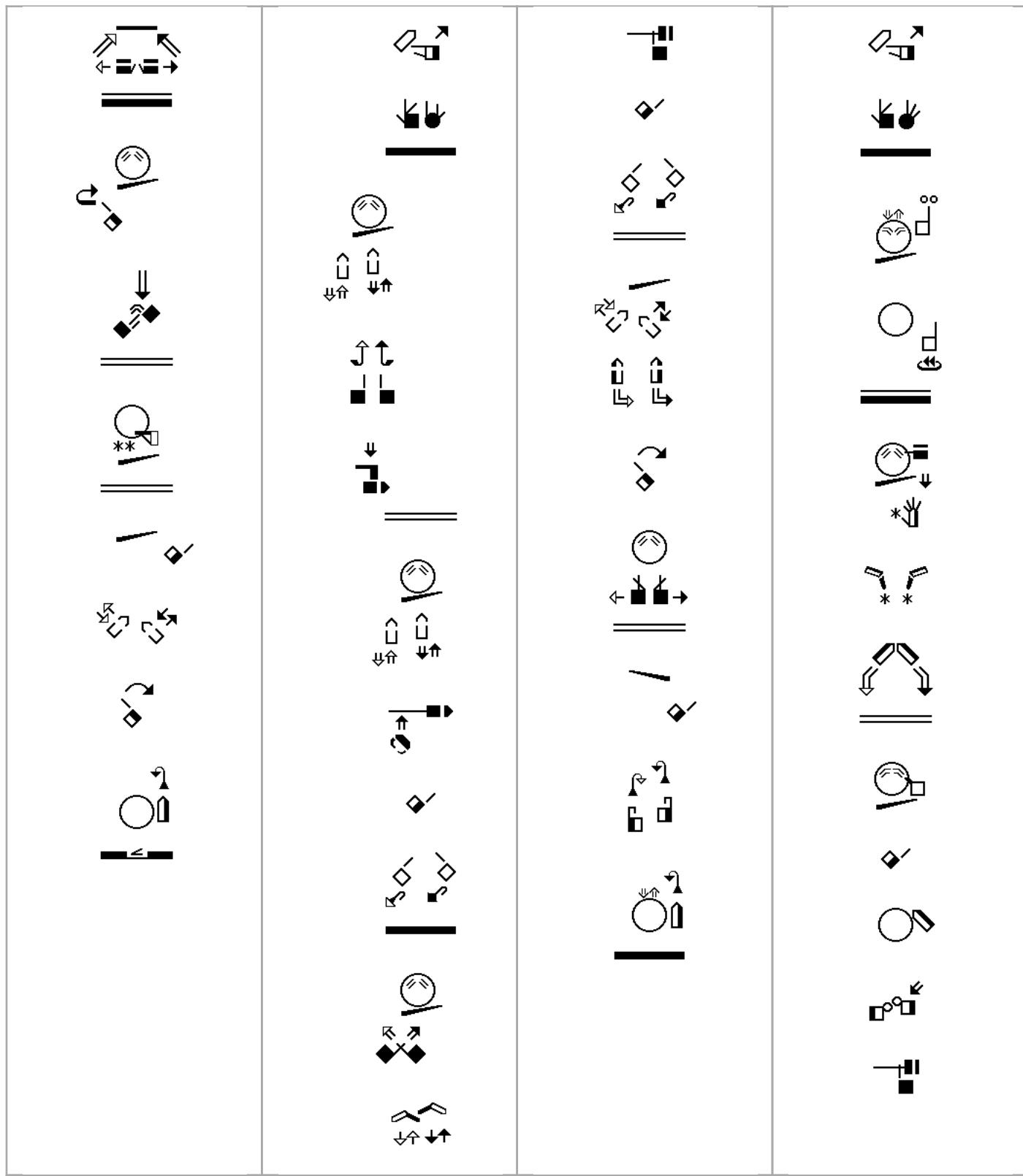
300 never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Verse 34. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Verse 35. "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning," NLT

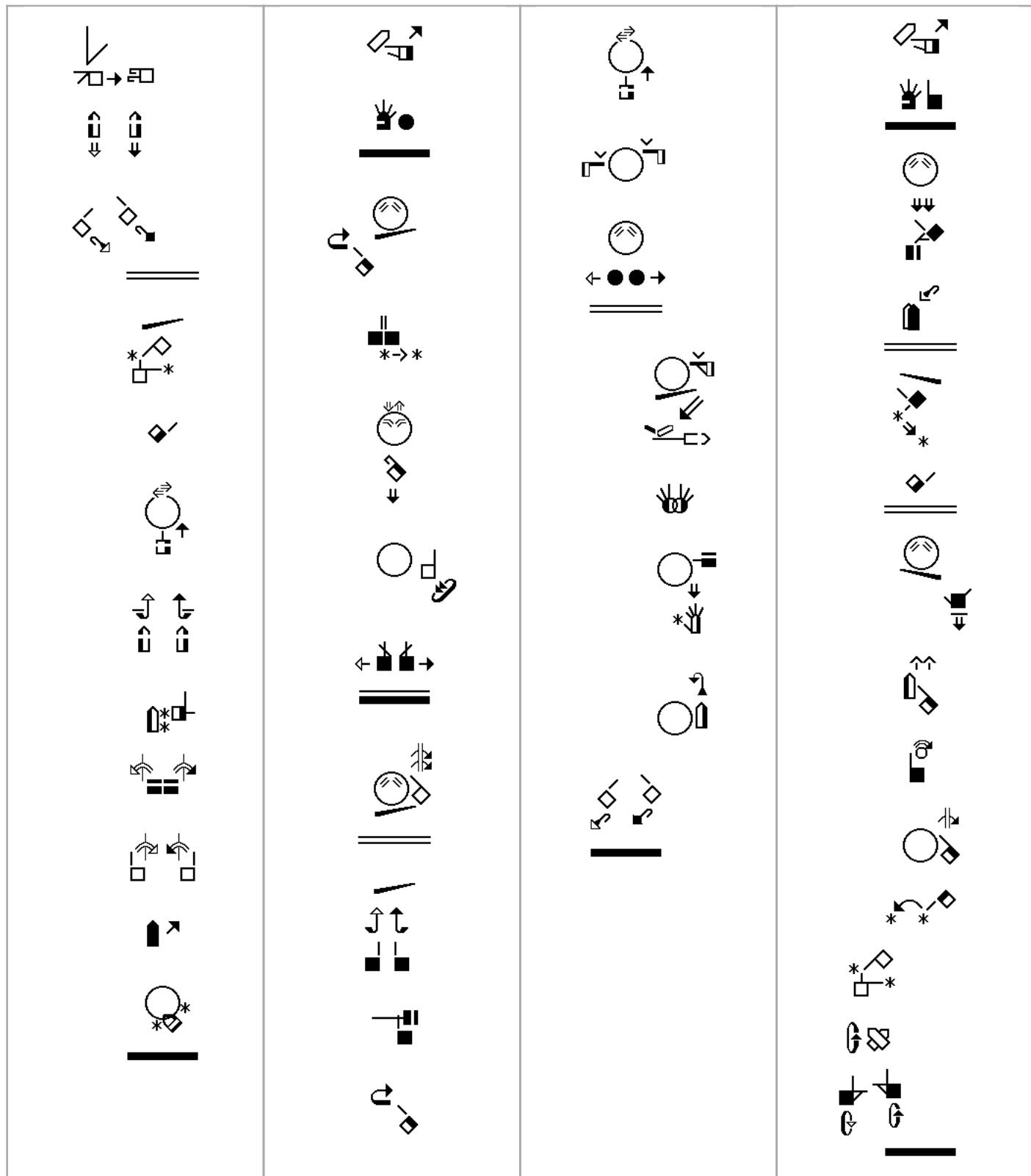


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Verse 36. as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast.  
Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and  
knocks. Verse 37. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be  
rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them,  
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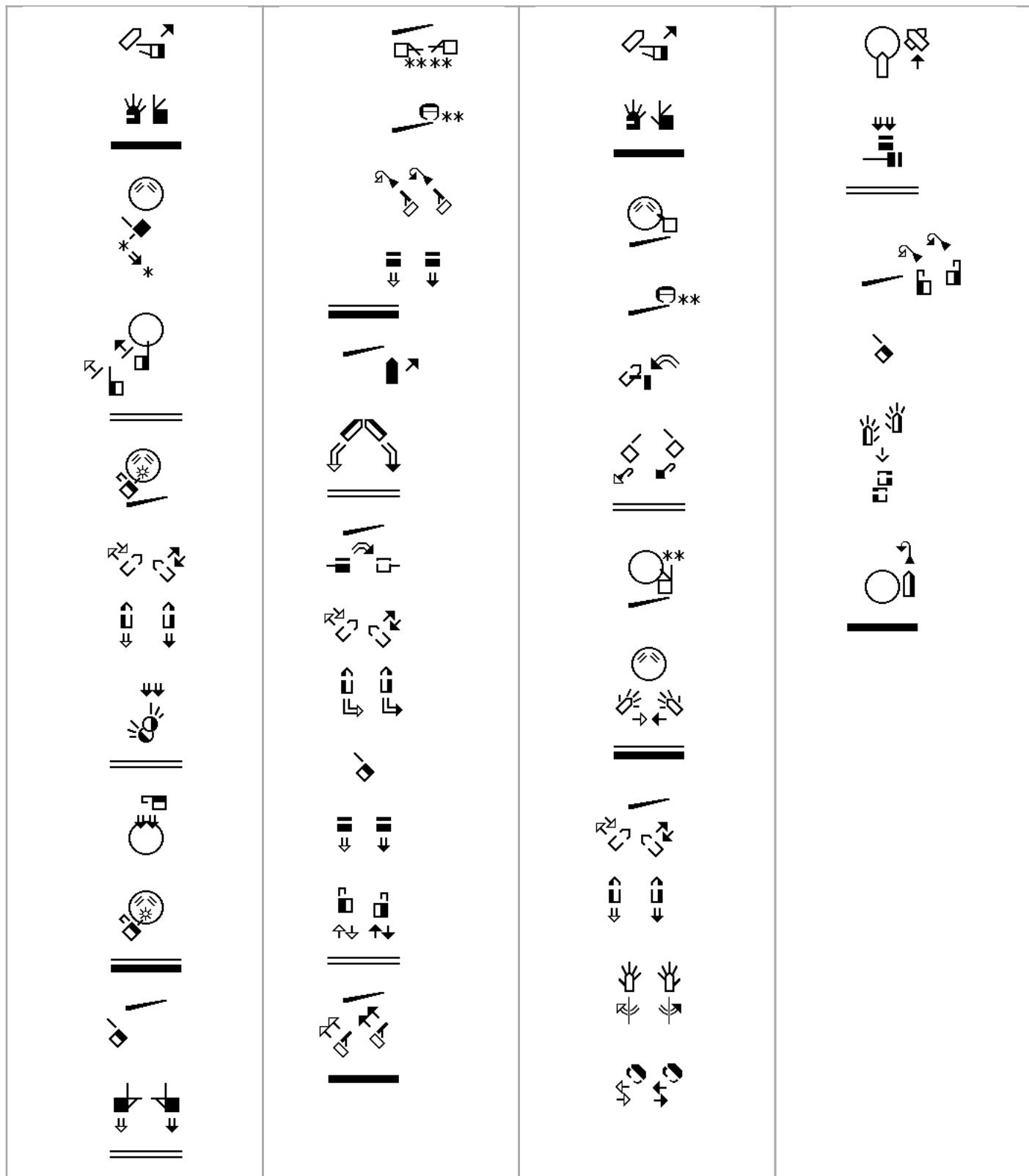
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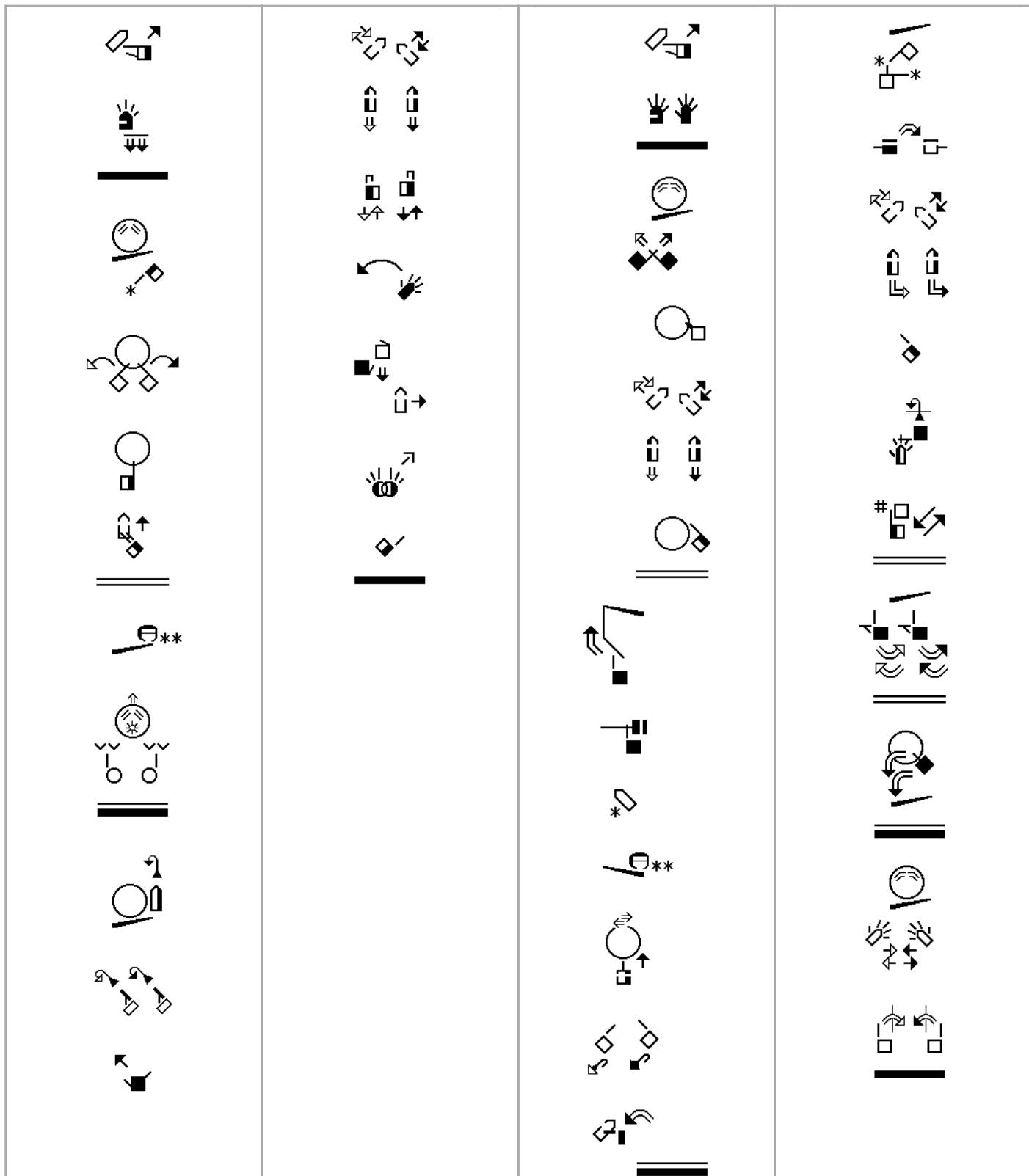




a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. Verse 40. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected." Verse 41. Peter asked, "Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?" NLT

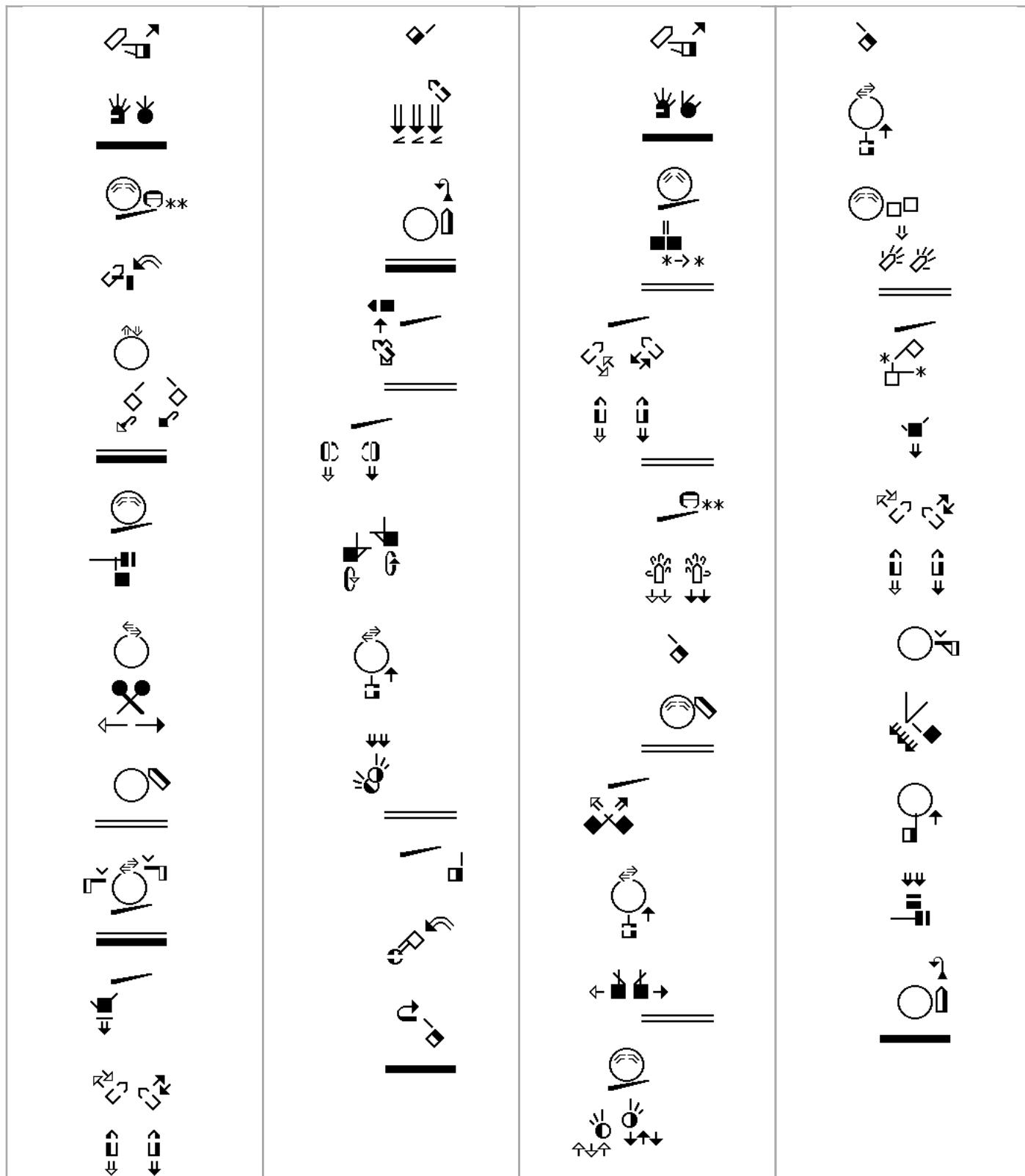
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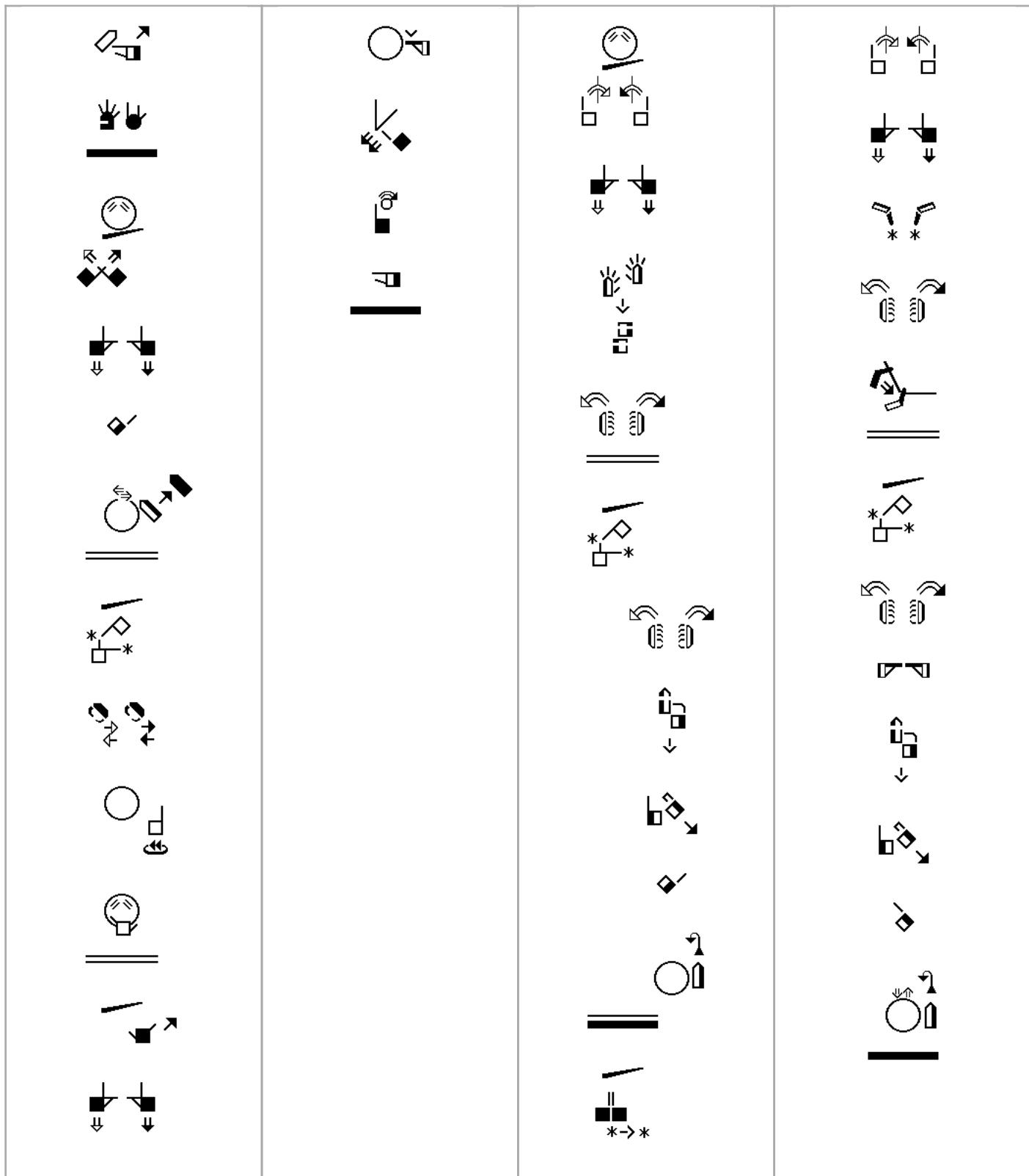




Verse 44. I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.  
 Verse 45. But what if the servant thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?

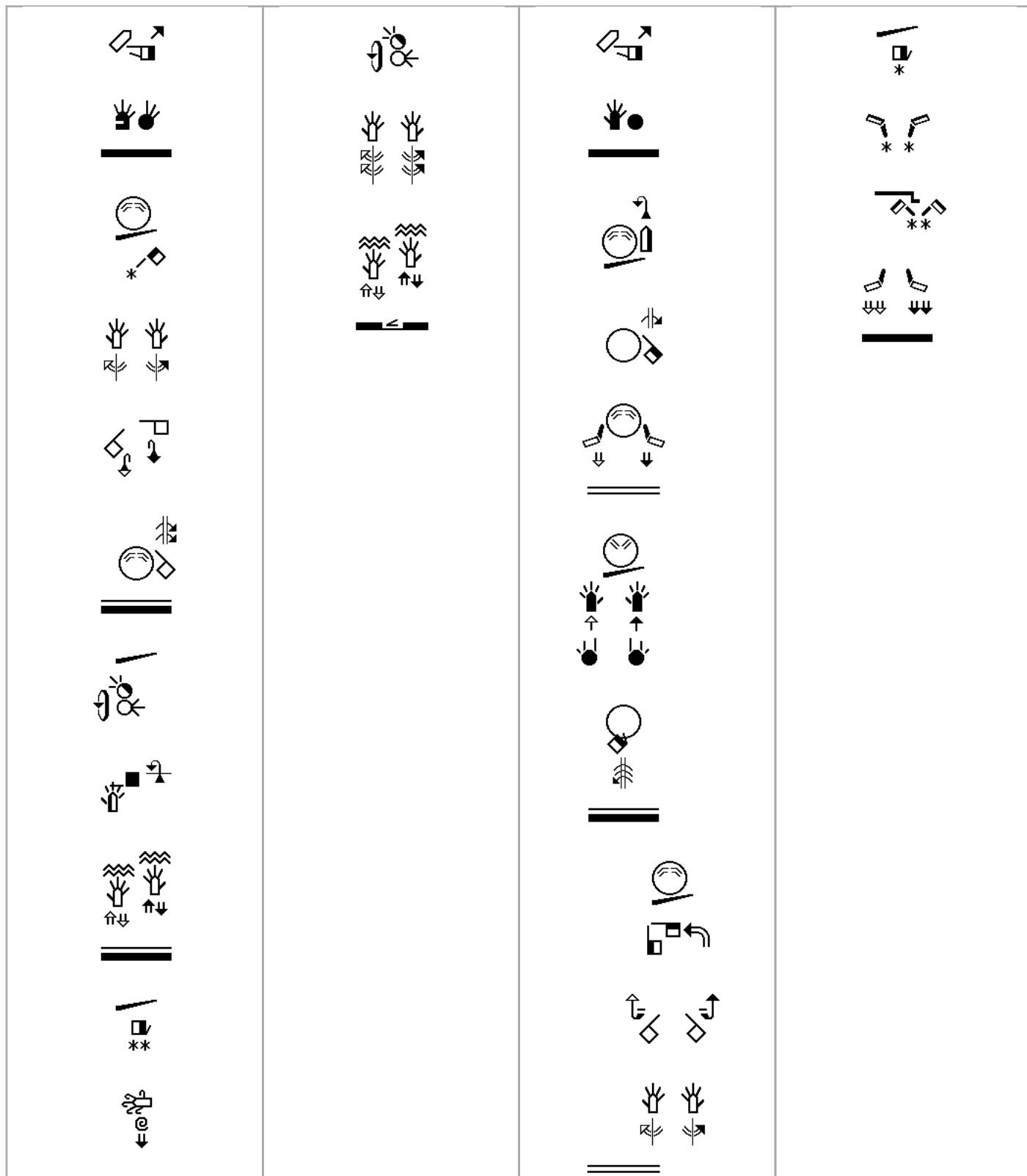
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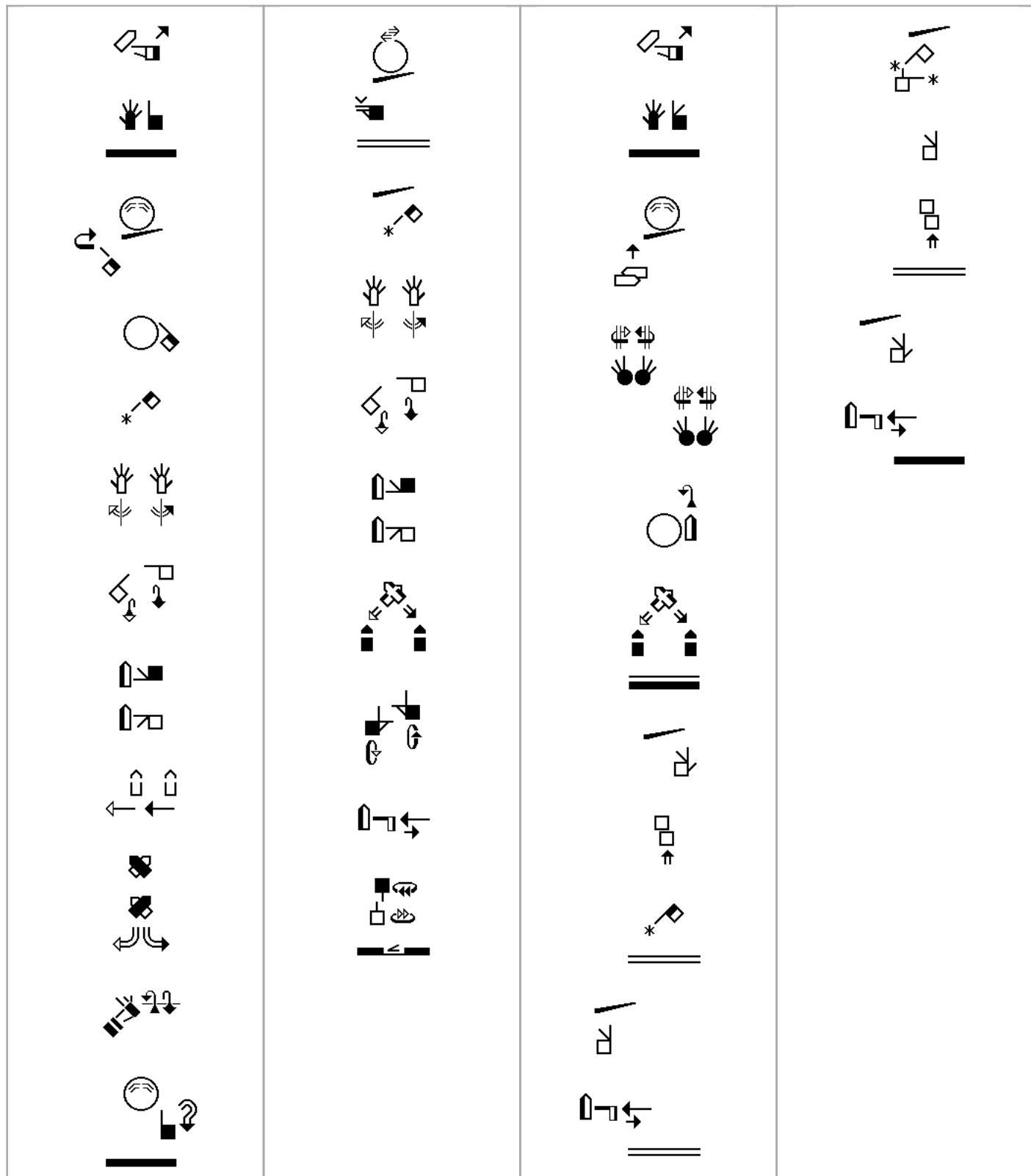


Verse 48. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.  
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Luke 12:49-50



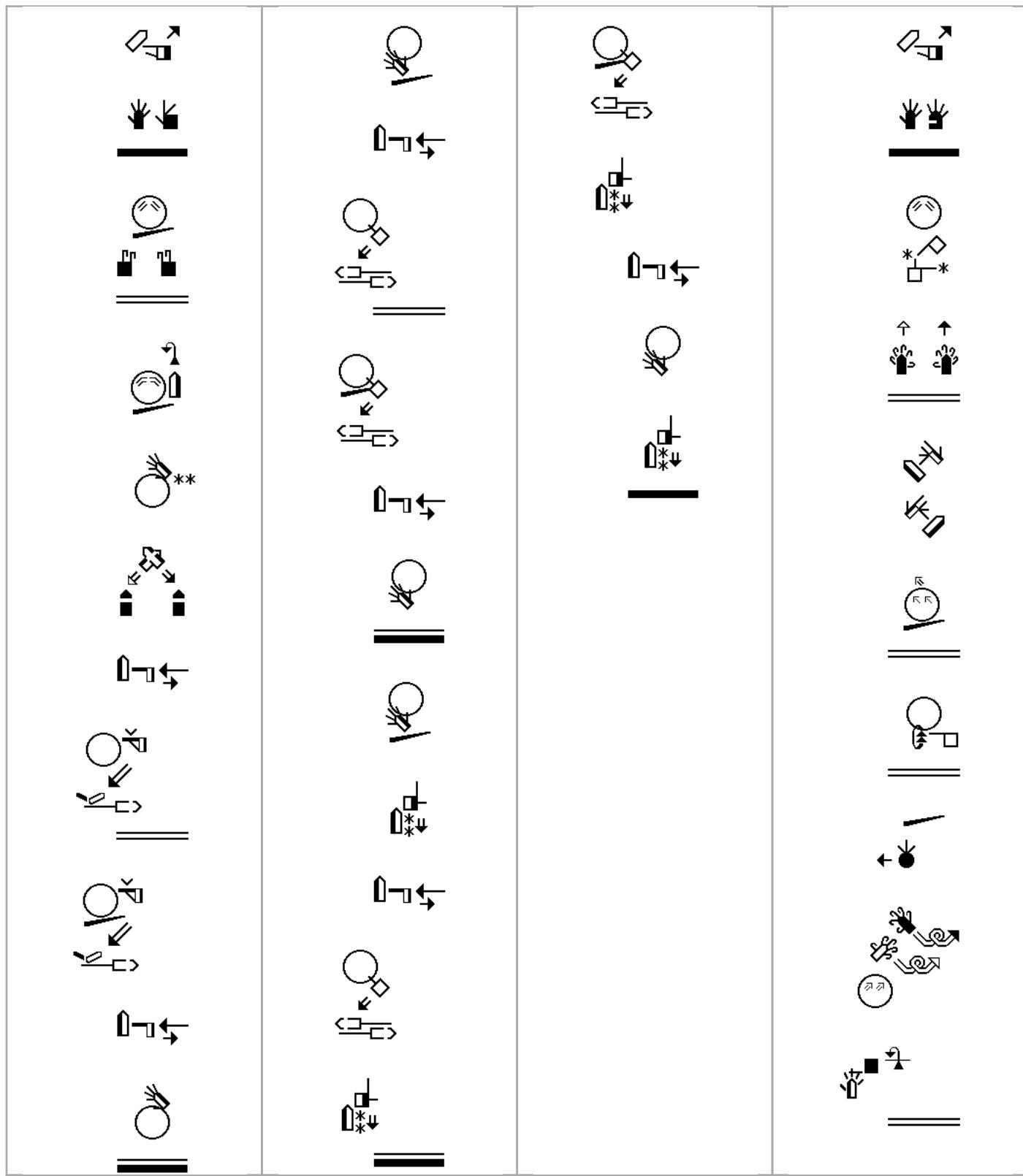
308 Verse 49. "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! Verse 50. I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. NLT

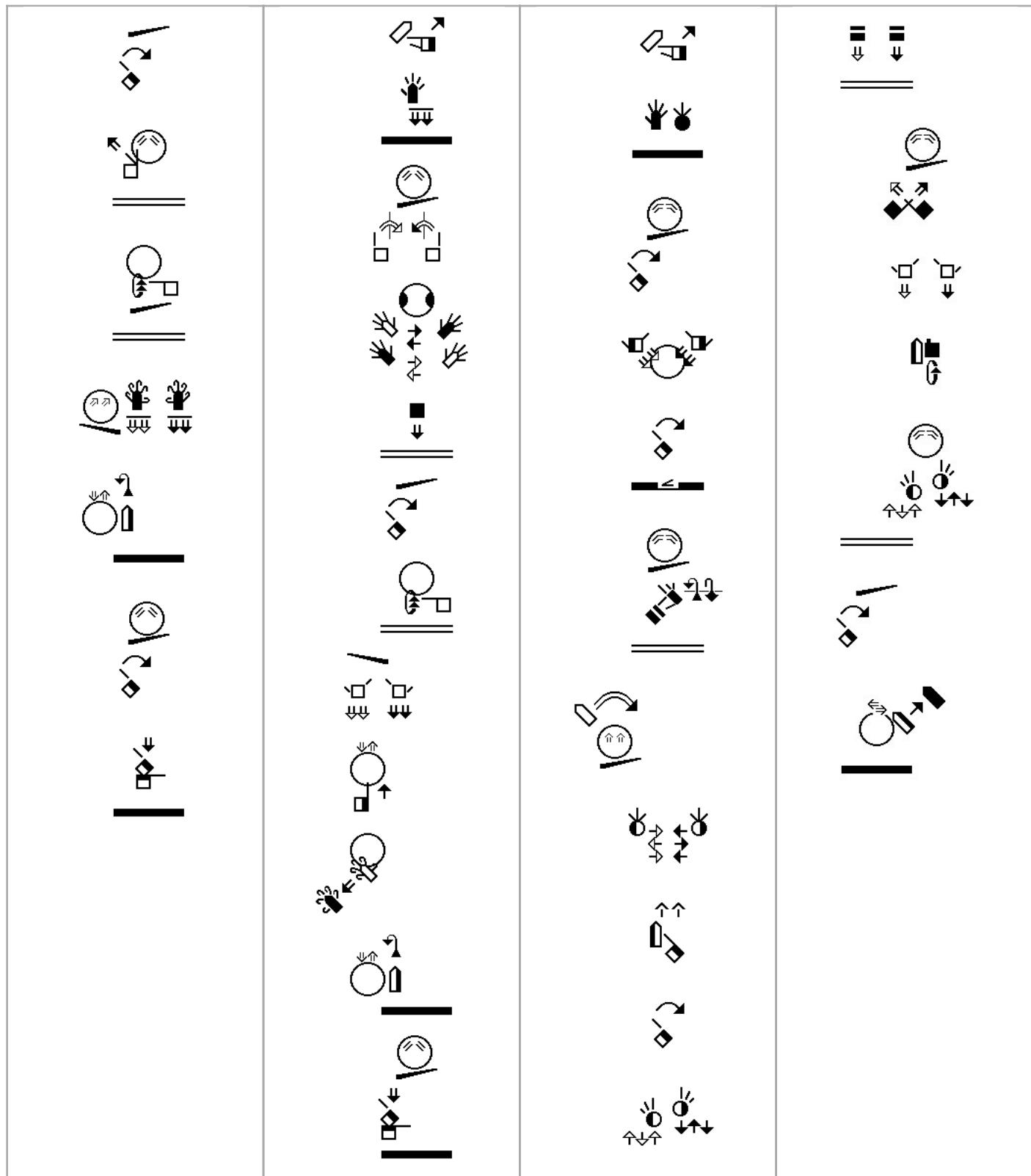


Verse 51. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! Verse 52. From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against -- or two in favor and three against.

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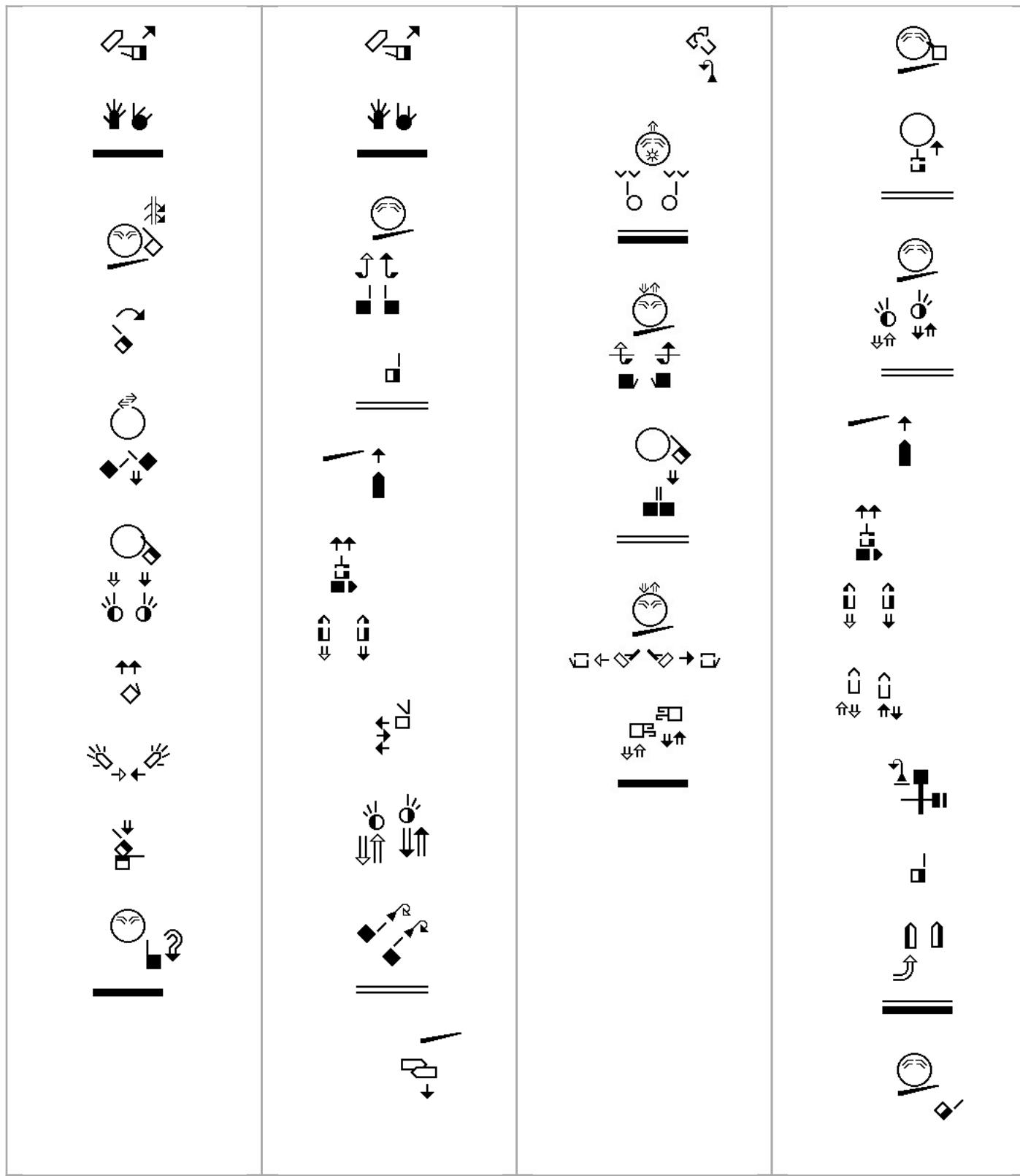
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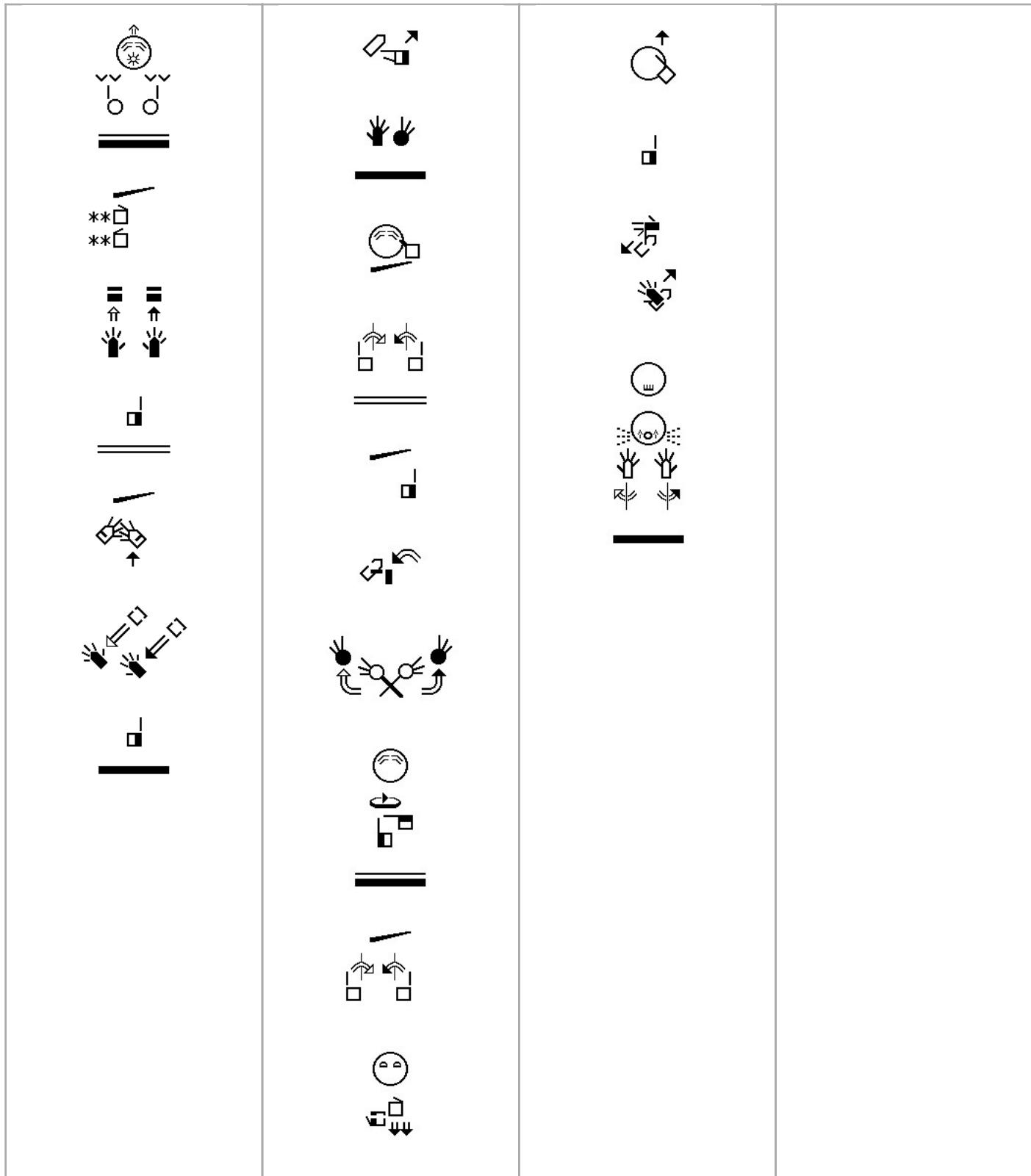


you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. Verse 55. When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher.' And it is. Verse 56. You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times.

Luke 12:57-58

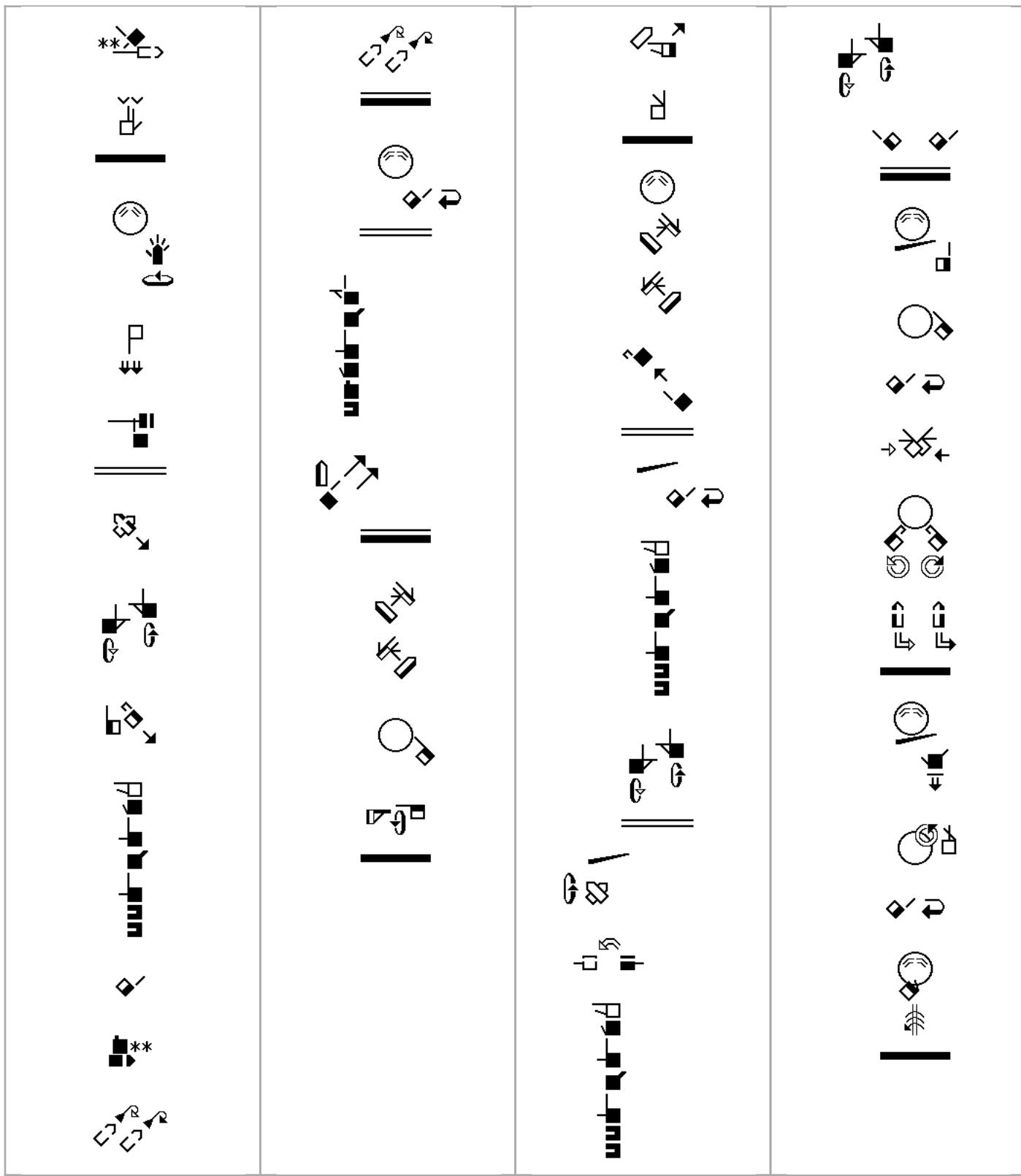


312 Verse 57. "Why can't you decide for yourselves what is right? Verse 58. When you are on the way to court with your accuser, try to settle the matter before you get there. Otherwise, your accuser may drag you before the judge, NLT

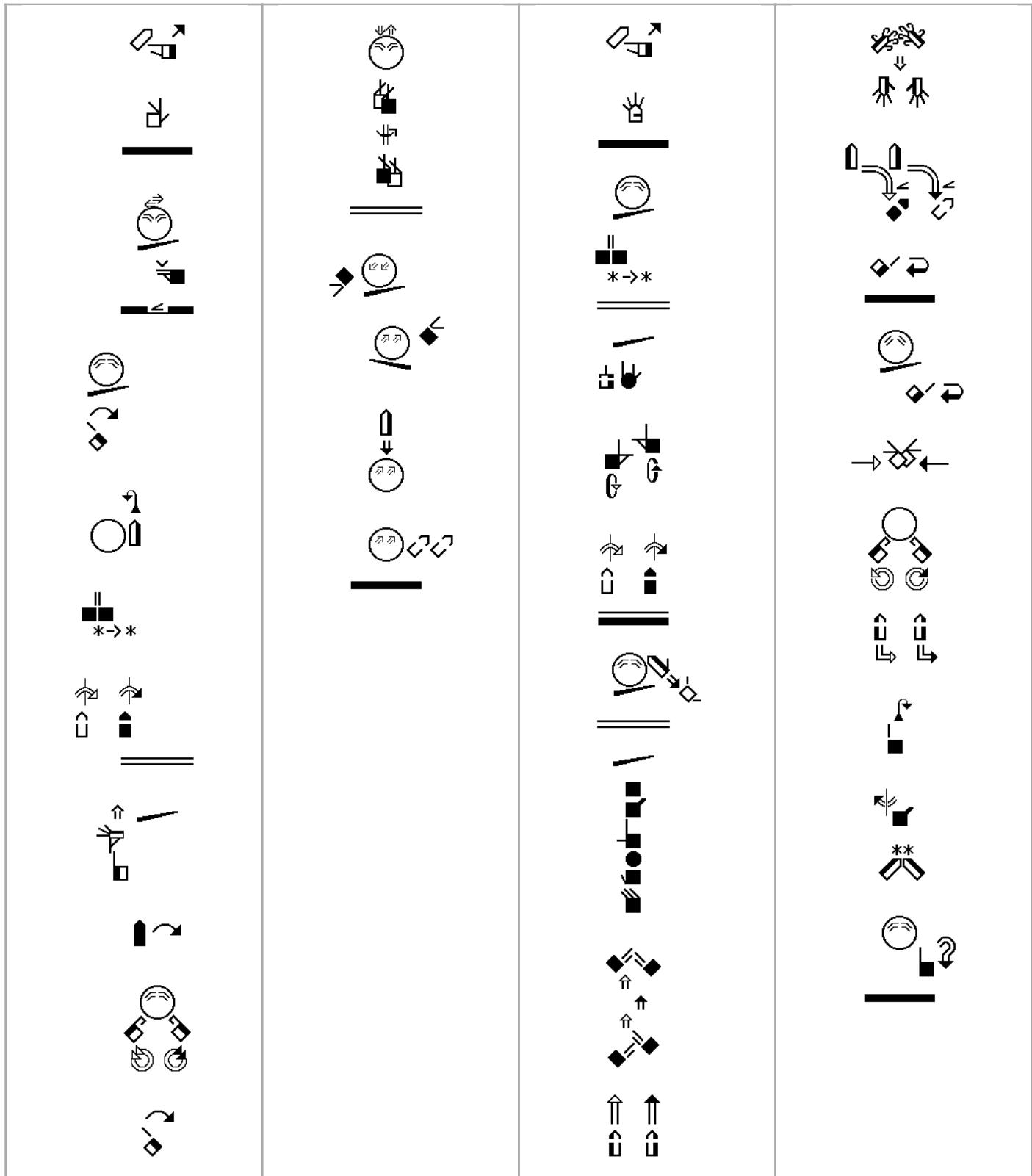


who will hand you over to an officer, who will throw you into prison. Verse 59. And if that happens, you won't be free again until you have paid the very last penny." NLT

Luke 13:1-2



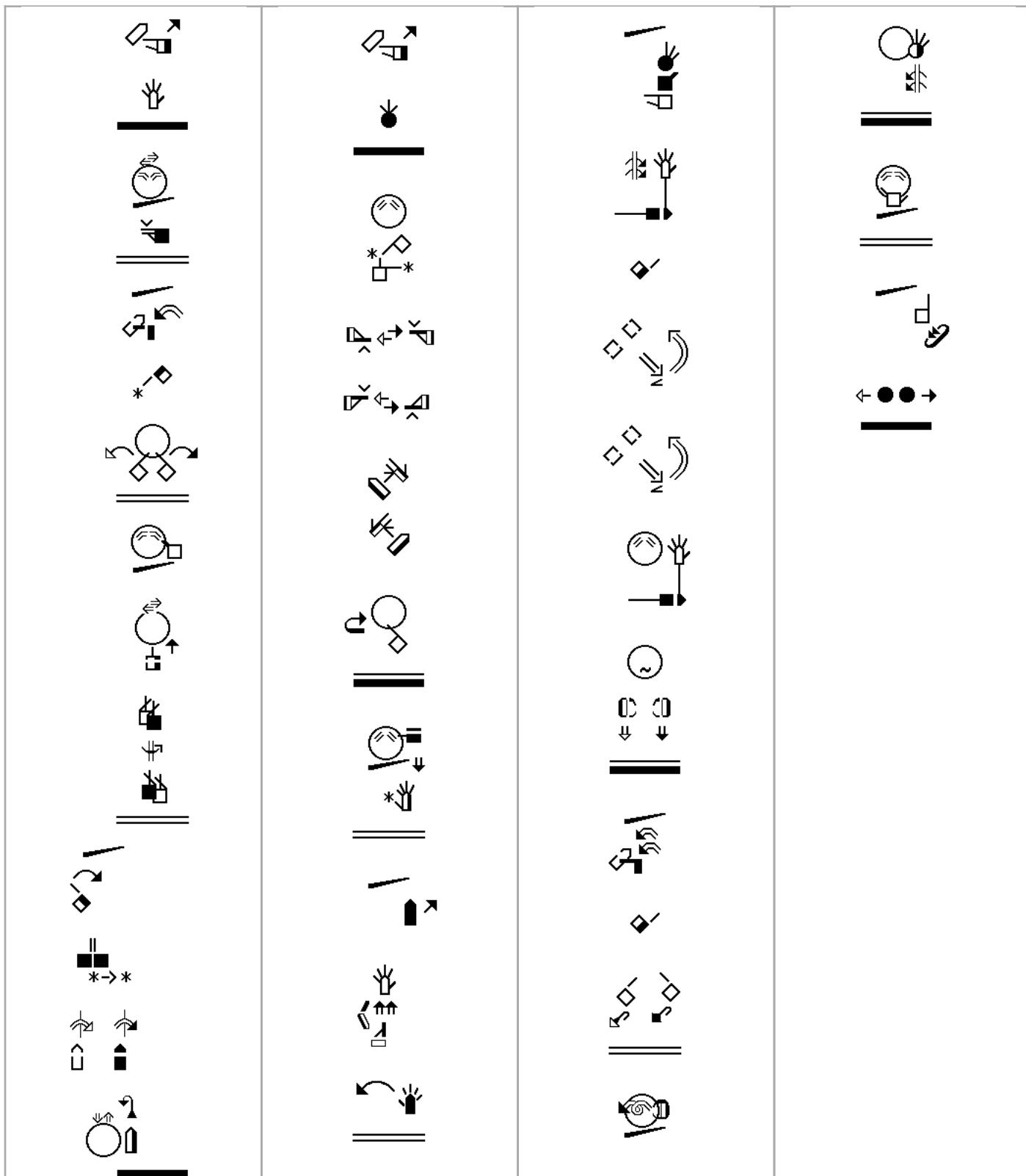
314 Luke 13. About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. Verse 2. "Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?" Jesus asked. "Is that why they suffered?" NLT



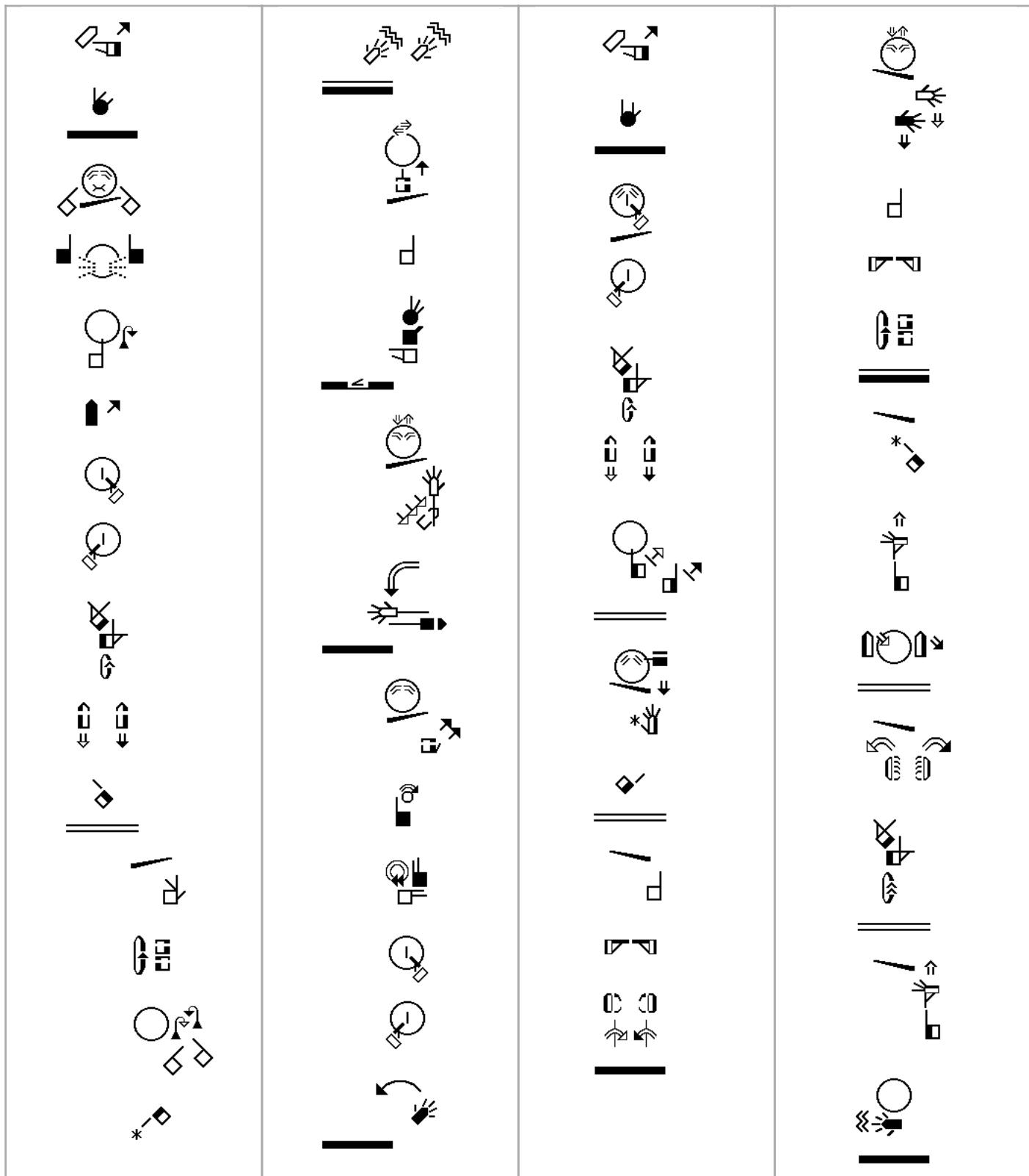
Verse 3. Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. Verse 4. And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem?

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Luke 13:5-6



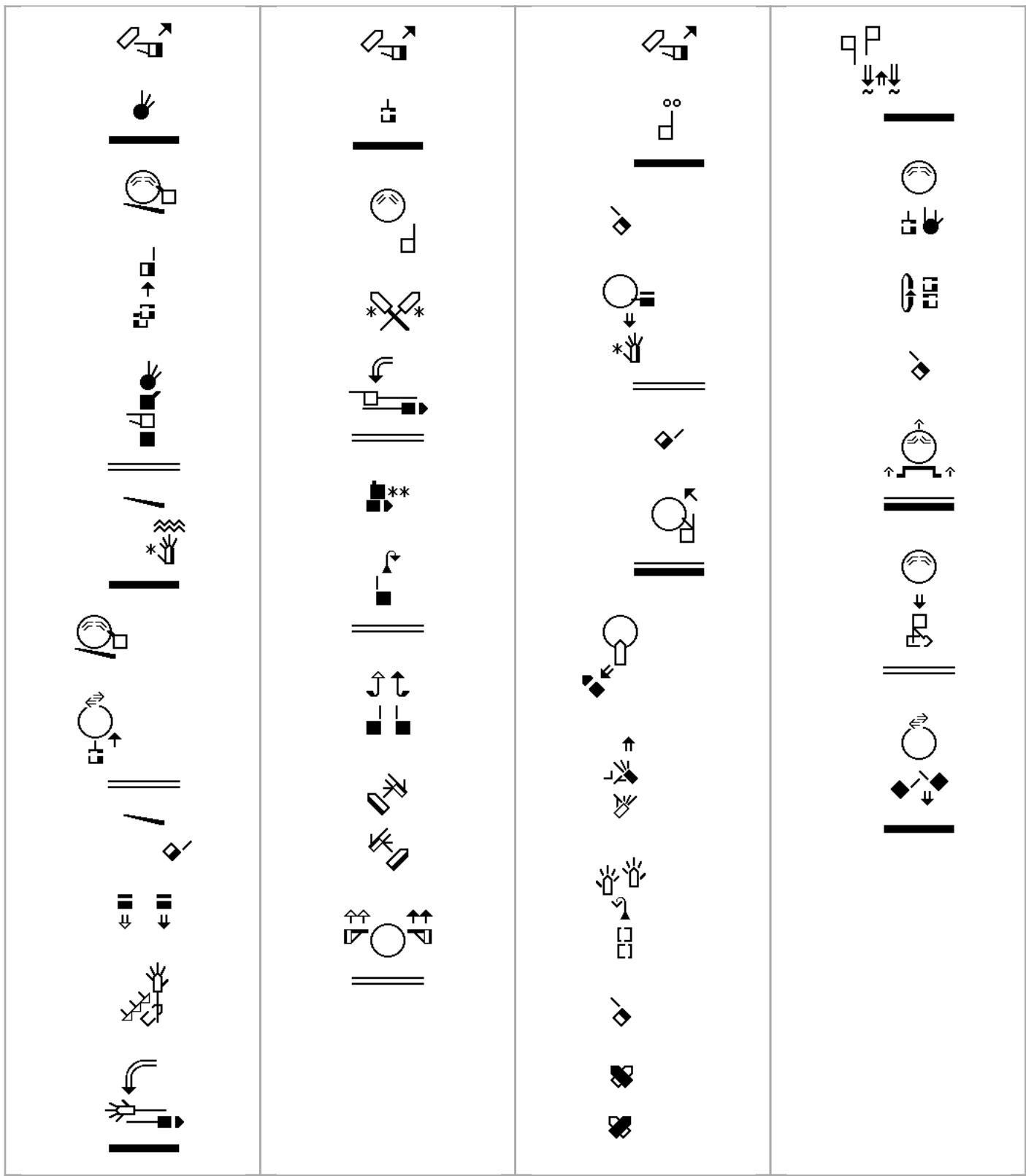
316 Verse 5. No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too." Verse 6. Then Jesus told this story: "A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. NLT

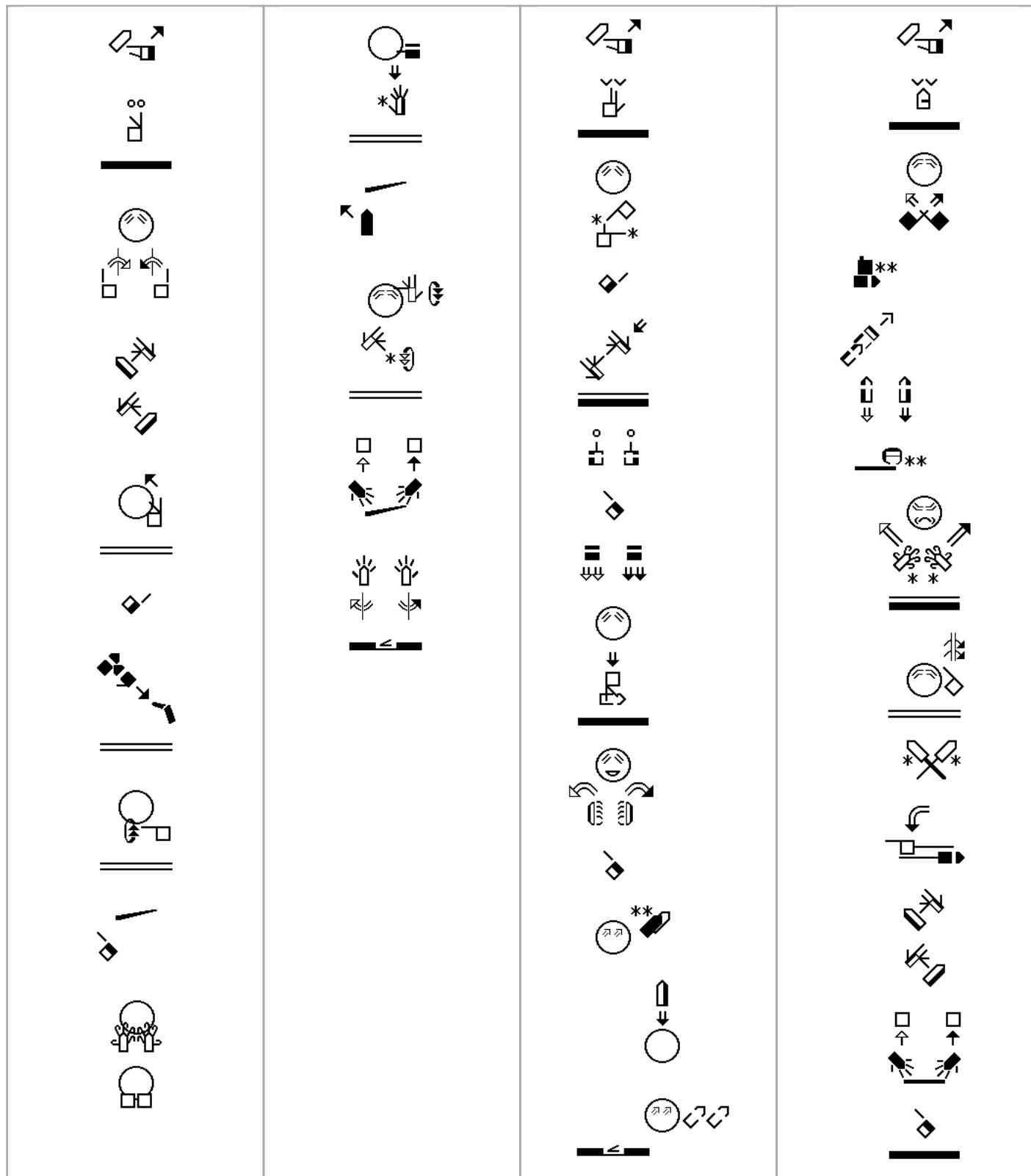


Verse 7. Finally, he said to his gardener, 'I've waited three years, and there hasn't been a single fig! Cut it down. It's just taking up space in the garden.' Verse 8. "The gardener answered, 'Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I'll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer.'

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Luke 13:9-11

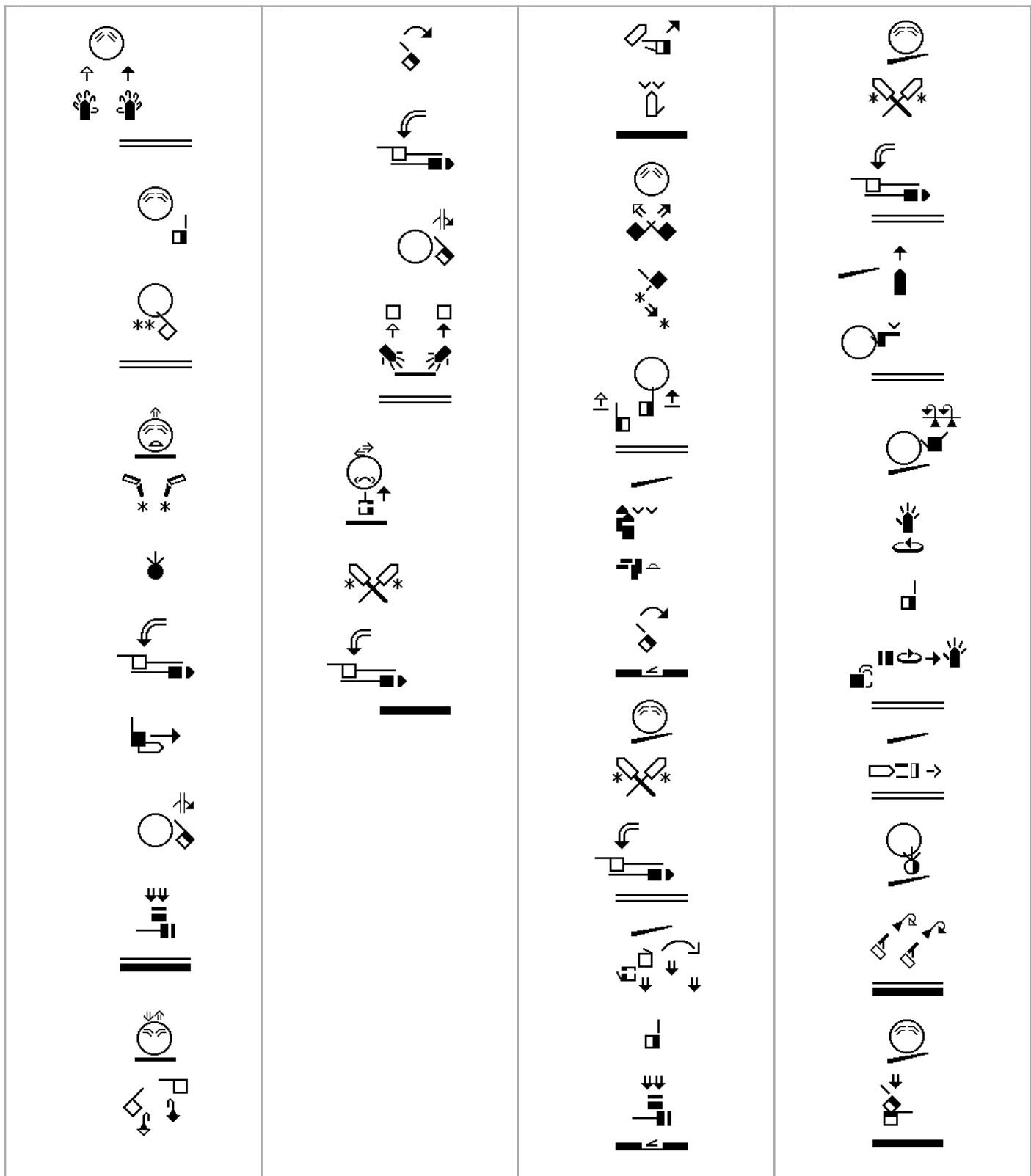


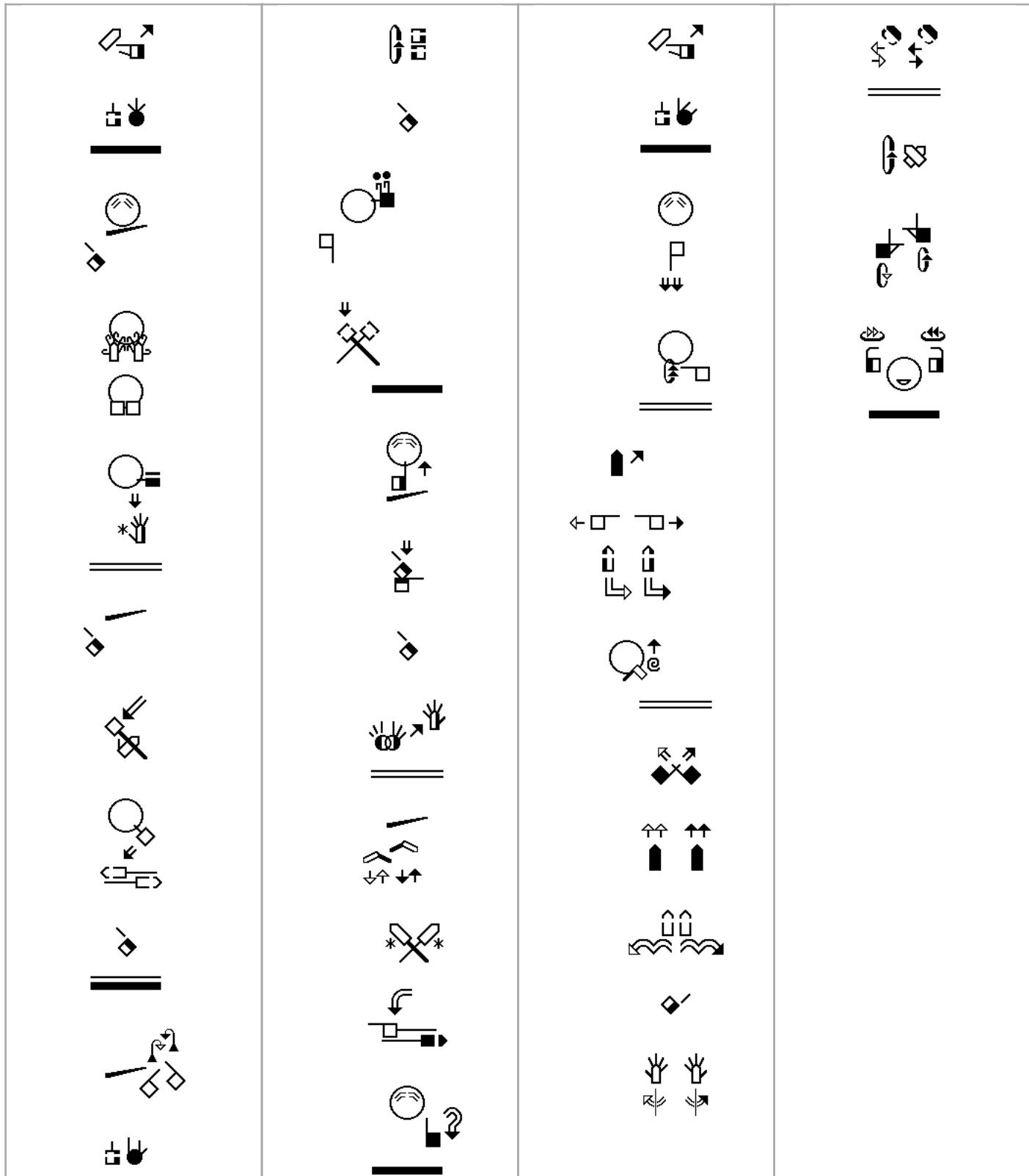


Verse 12. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Verse 13. Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God! Verse 14. But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day.

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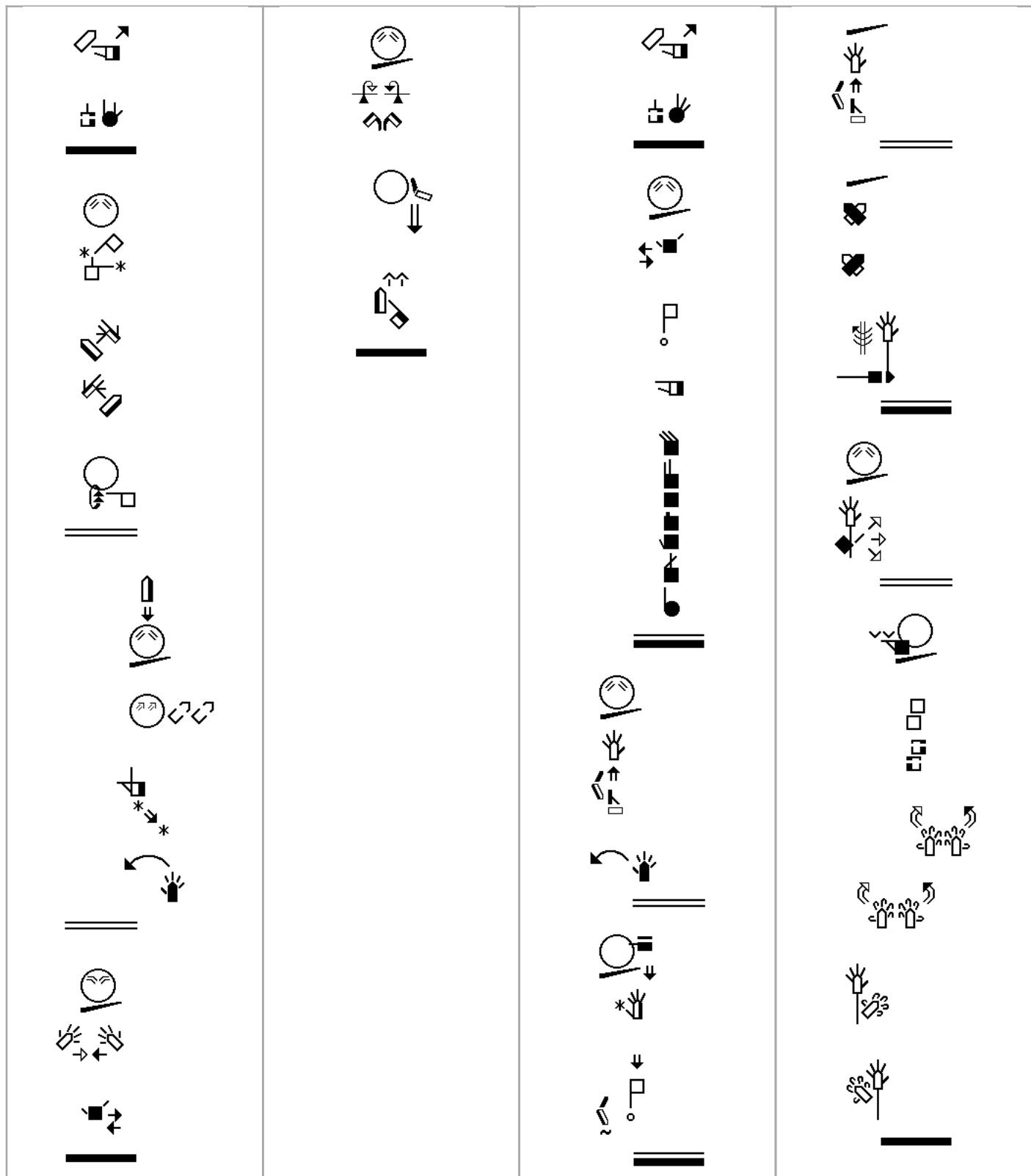
Luke 13:14-15



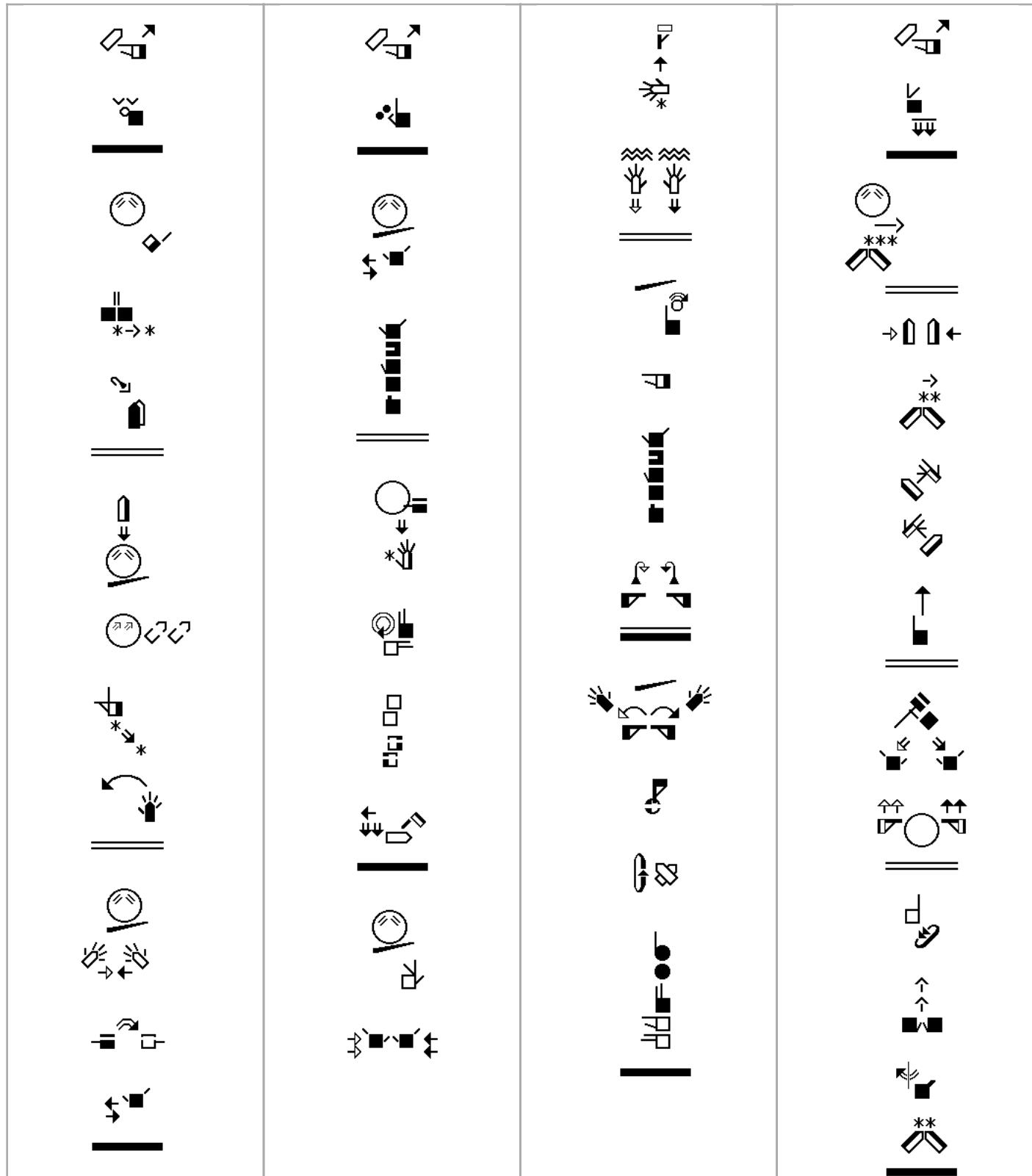


Verse 16. This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?" Verse 17. This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did. NLT

Luke 13:18-19

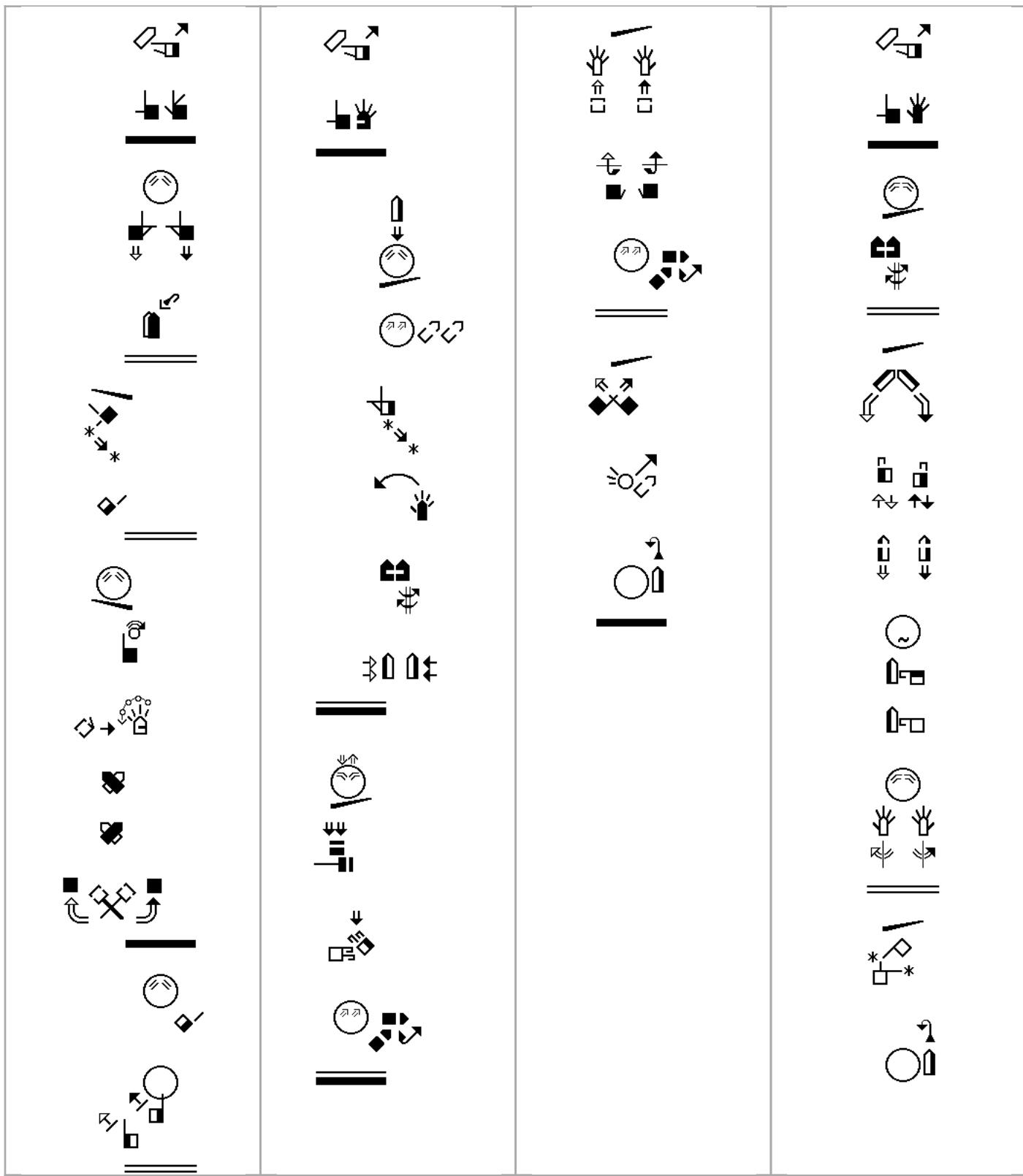


322 Verse 18. Then Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I illustrate it? Verse 19. It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden; it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches." NLT

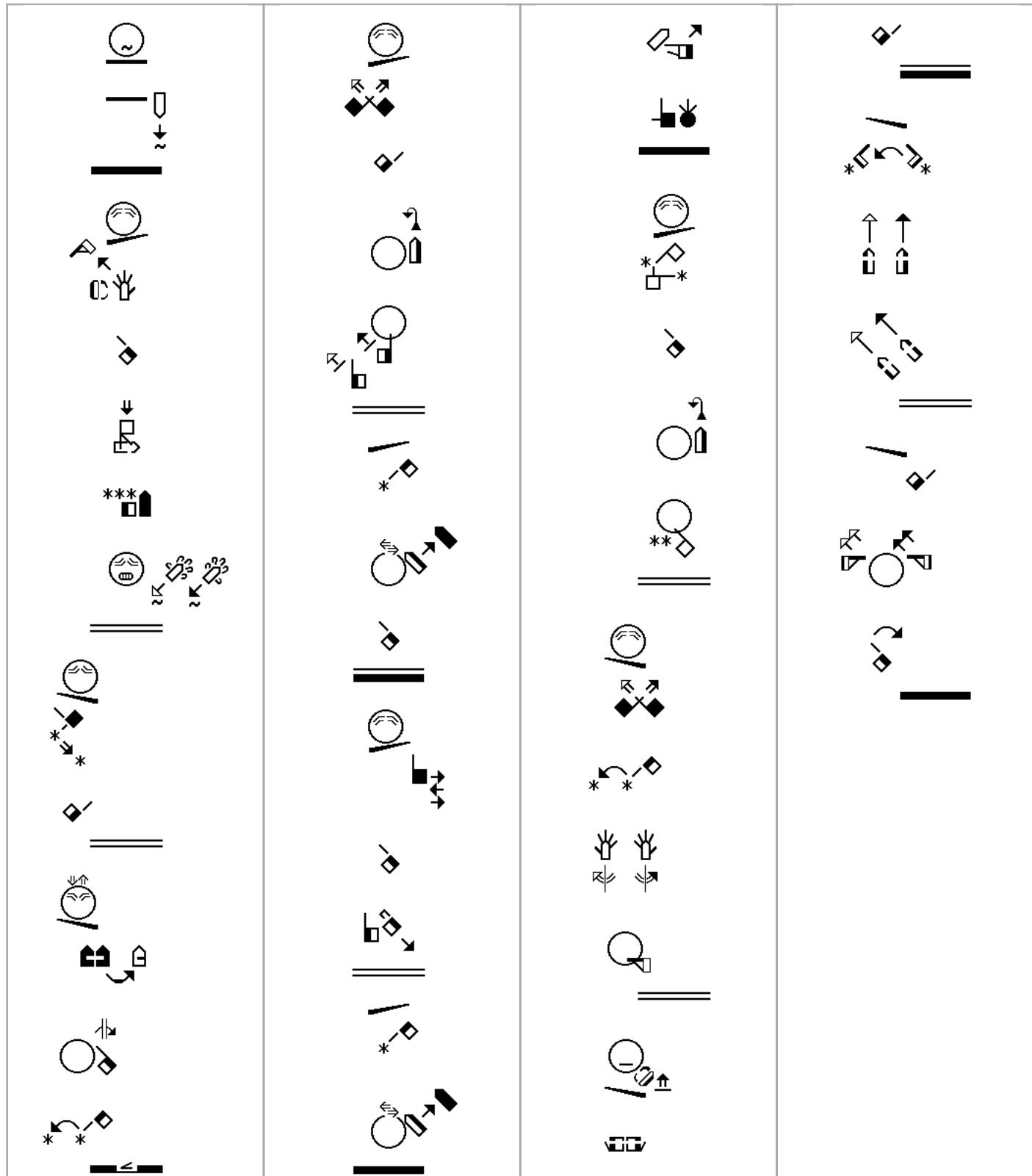


Verse 20. He also asked, "What else is the Kingdom of God like? Verse 21. It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough." Verse 22. Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he went, always pressing on toward Jerusalem. NLT

Luke 13:23-25

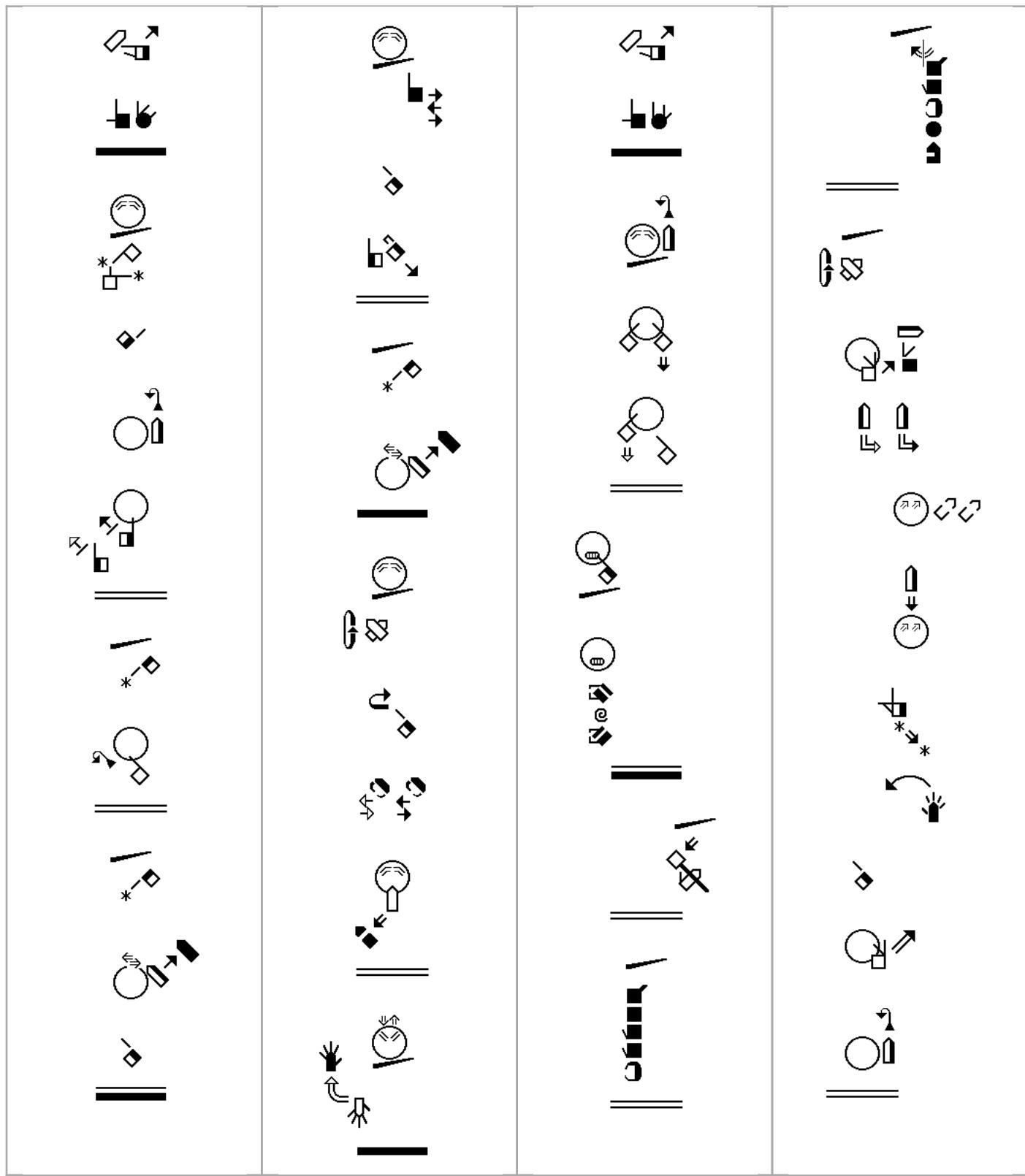


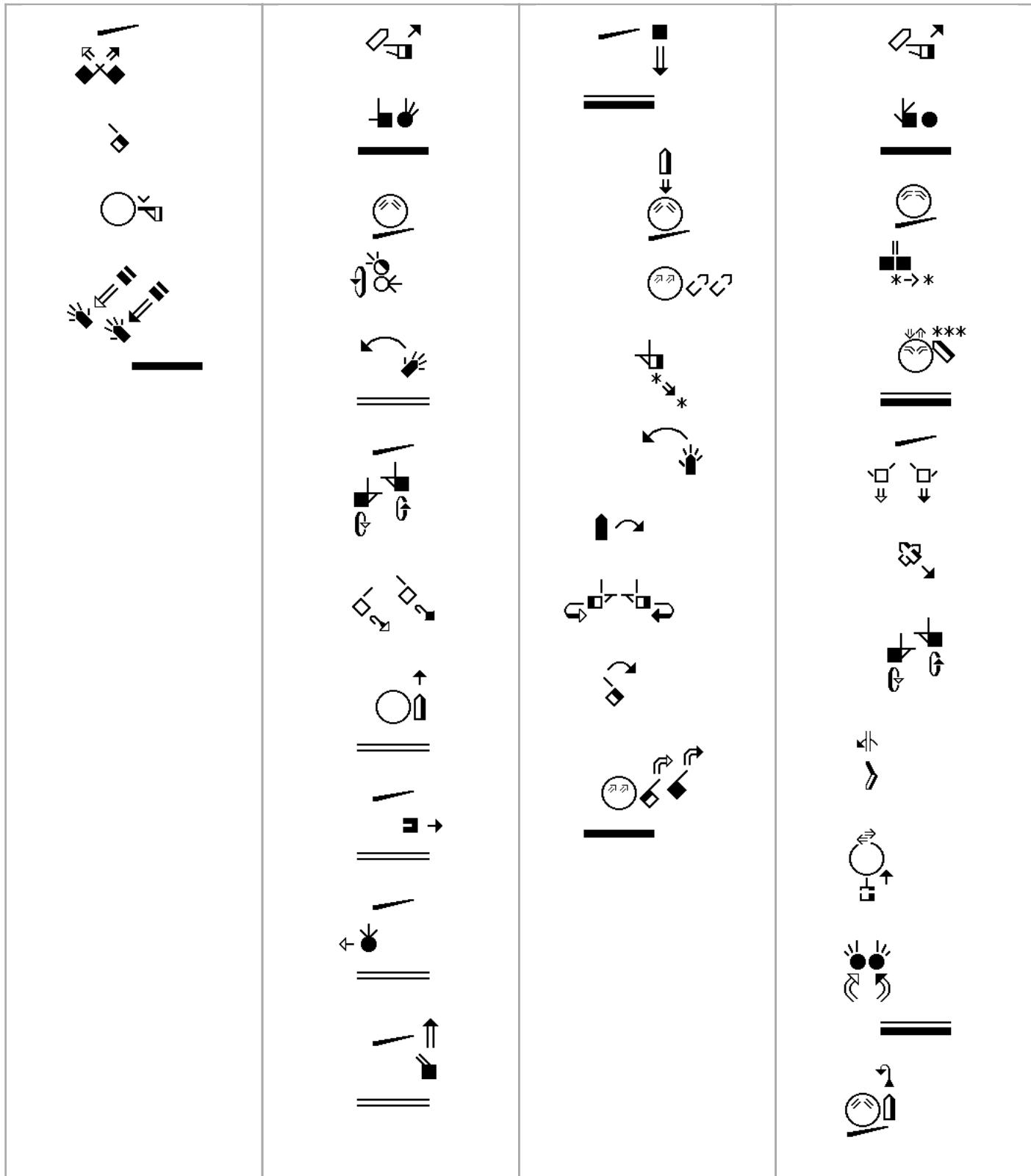
324 Verse 23. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied, Verse 24. "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail. Verse 25. When the master of the house has locked the door, it will NLT



be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!'  
But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Verse 26. Then you will say,  
'But we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

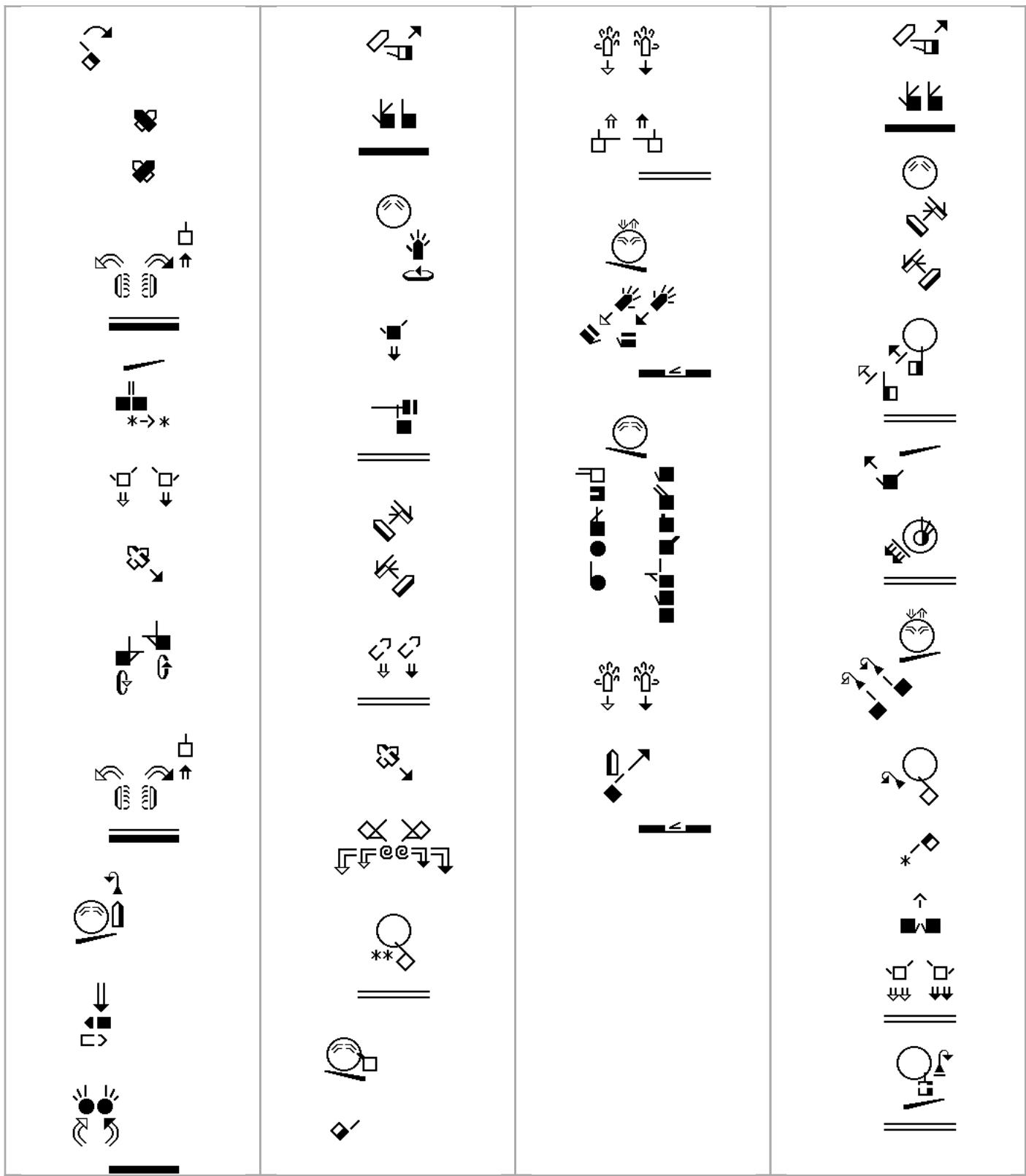
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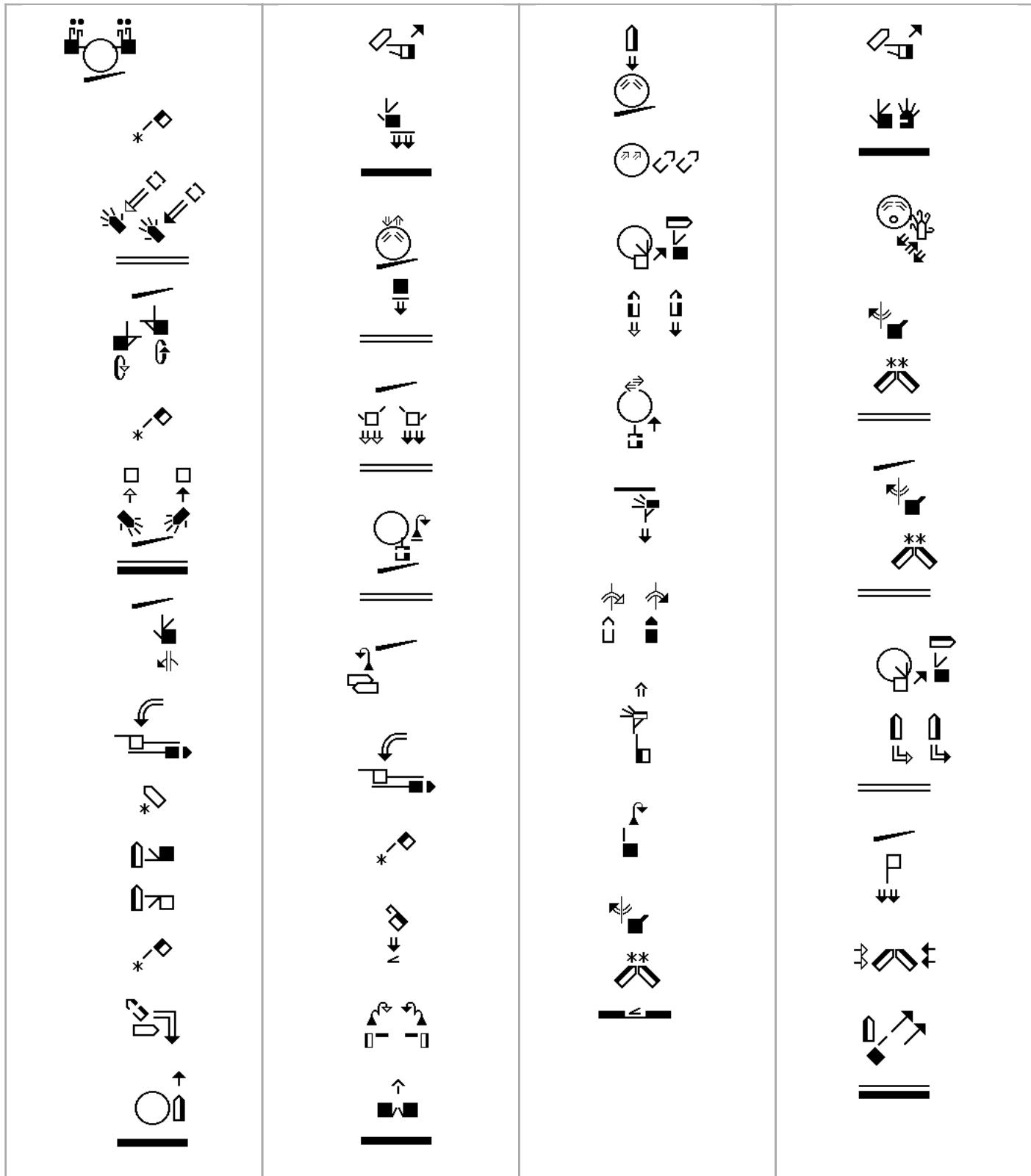


but you will be thrown out. Verse 29. And people will come from all over the world -- from east and west, north and south -- to take their places in the Kingdom of God. Verse 30. And note this: Some who seem least important now will

Luke 13:30-32

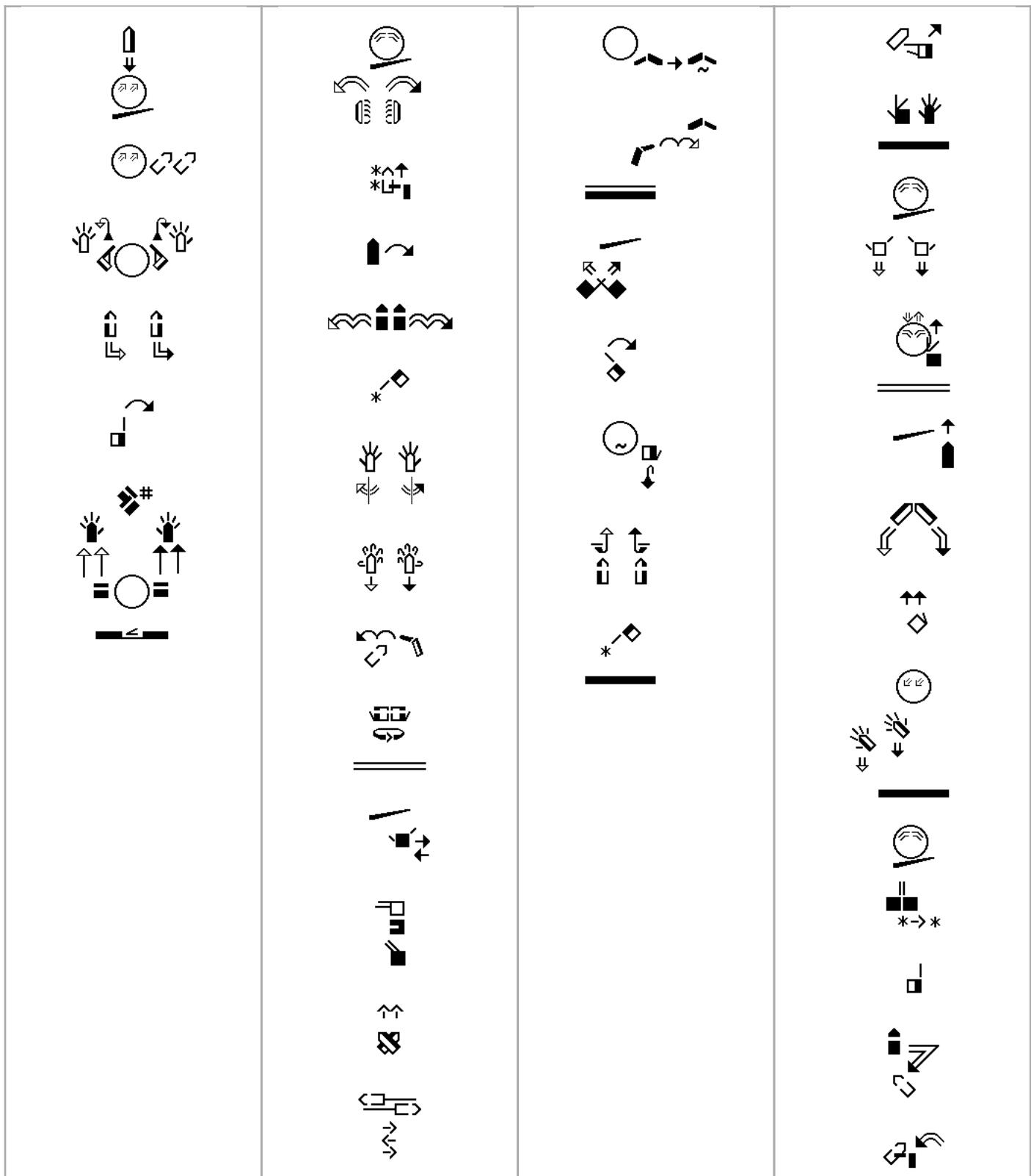


328      be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then."  
Verse 31. At that time some some Pharisees said to him, "Get away from here if you  
want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!" Verse 32. Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox  
that I will keep on  
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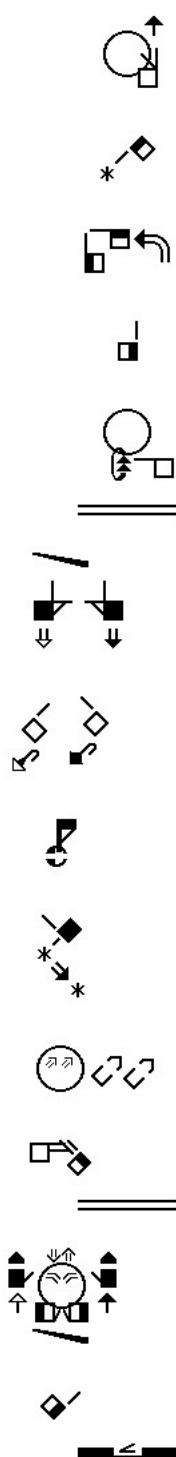
casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. Verse 33. Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem! Verse 34. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets NLT

Luke 13:34-35



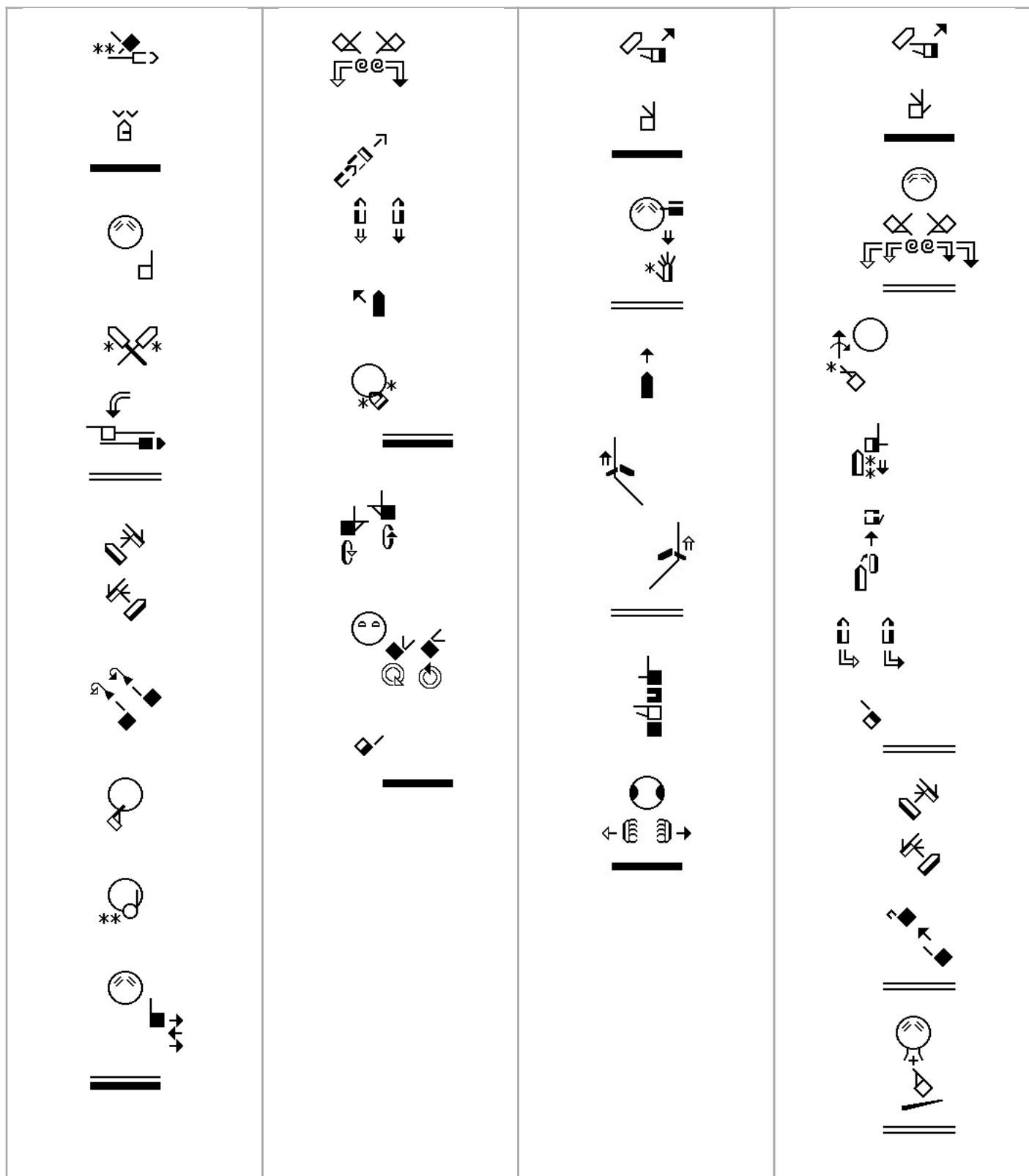
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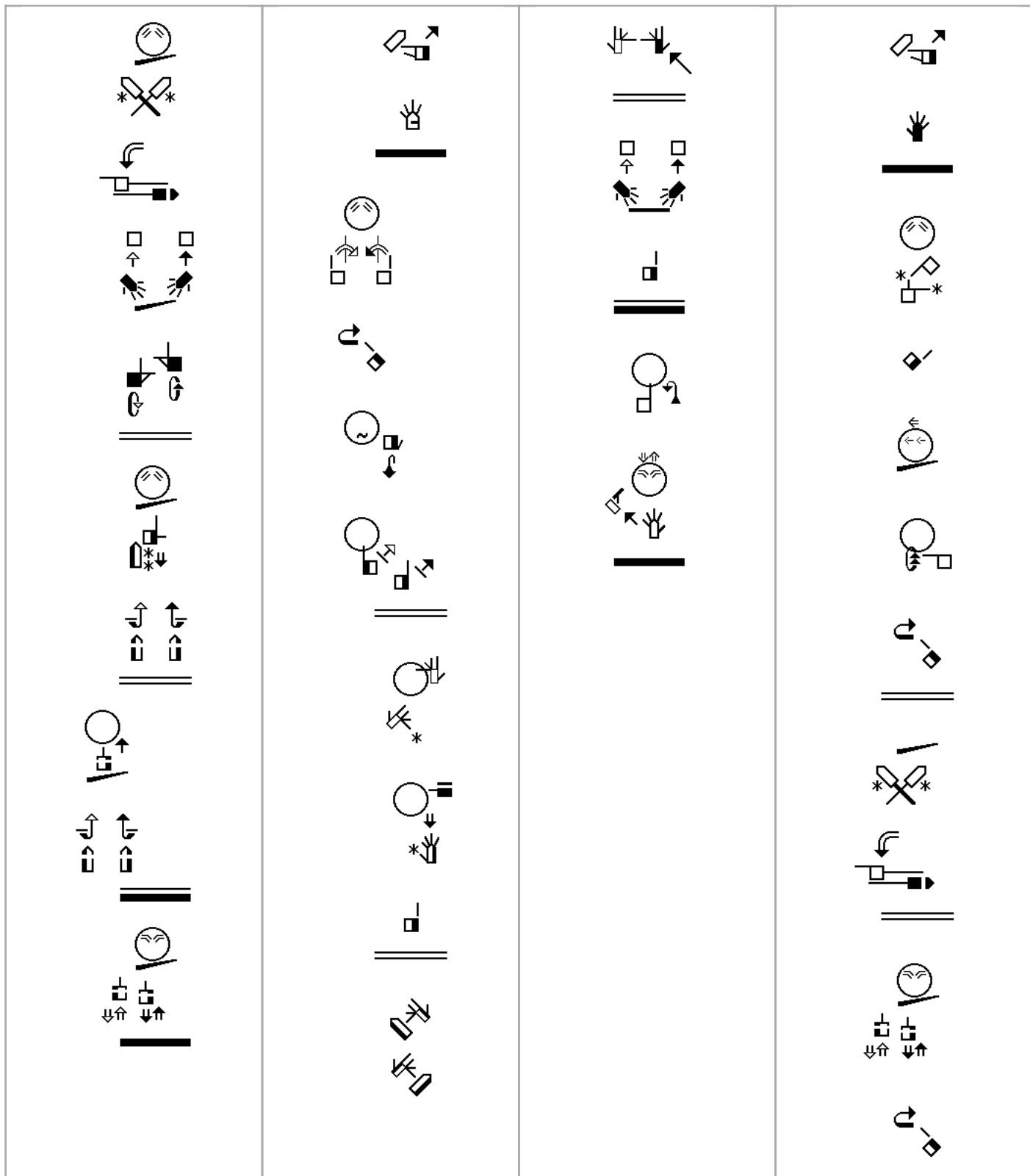
and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. Verse 35. And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never NLT



see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!'"  
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Luke 14:1-3

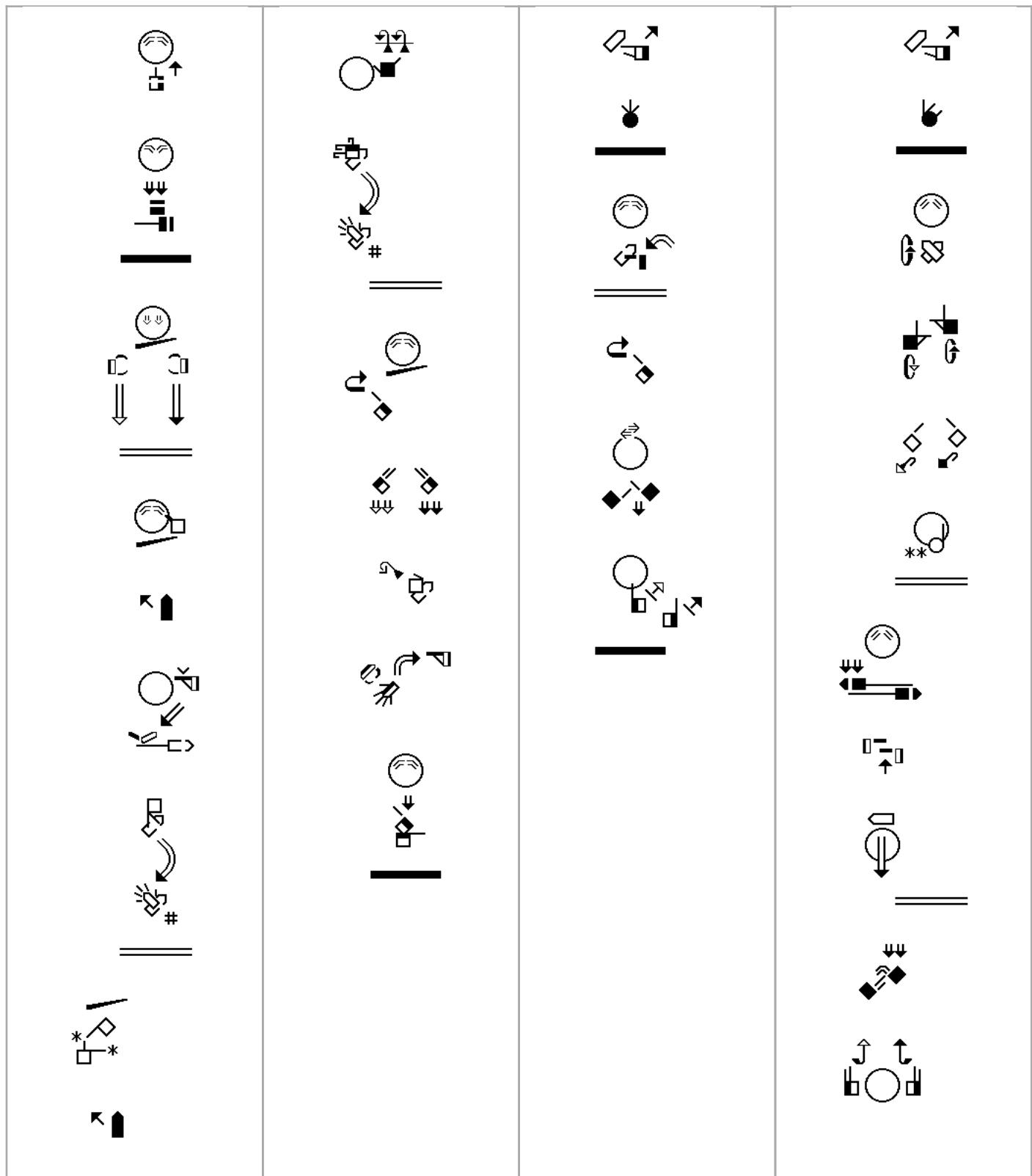




"Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" Verse 4. When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away. Verse 5. Then he turned to them and said, "Which of you

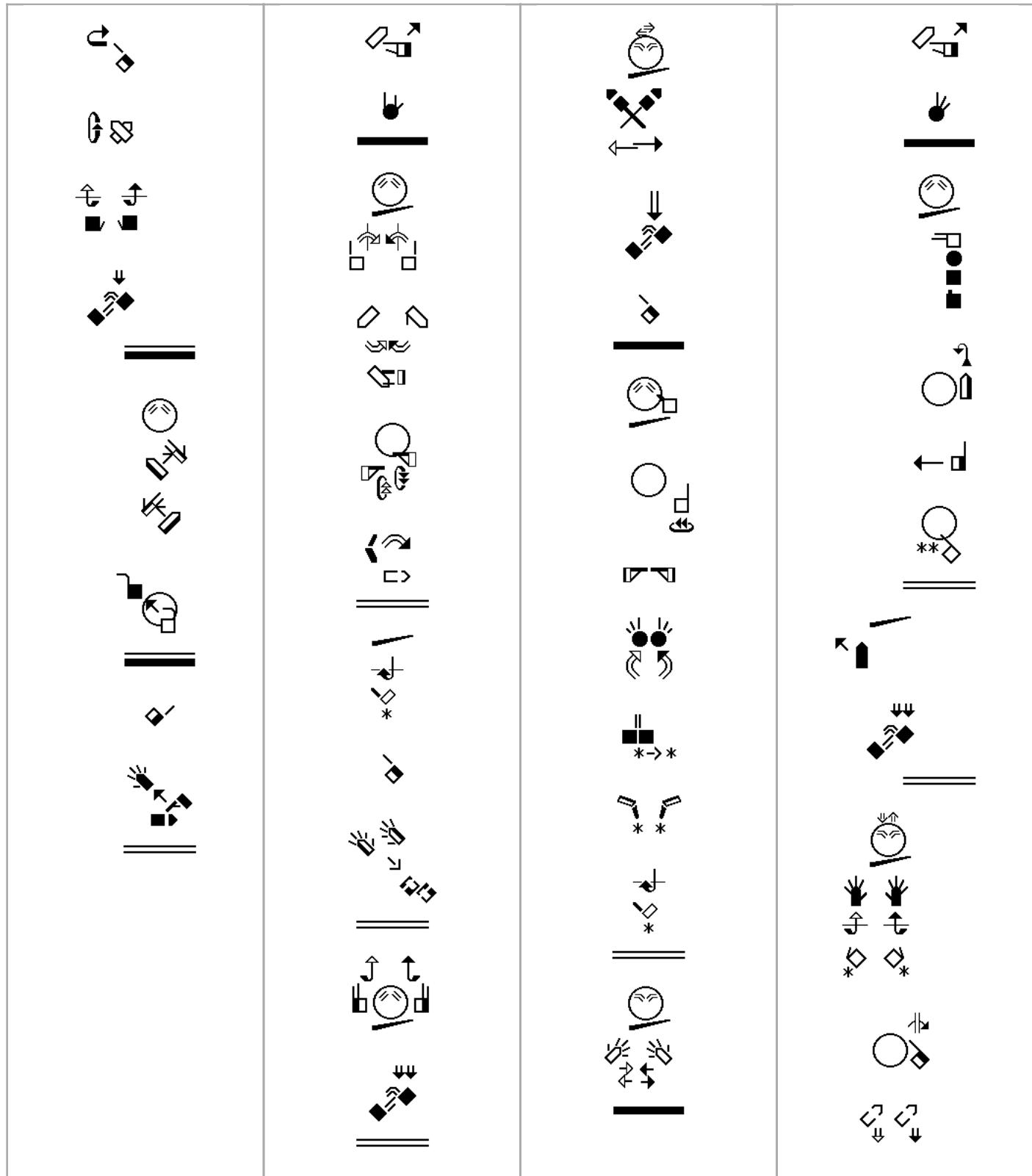
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Luke 14:5-7



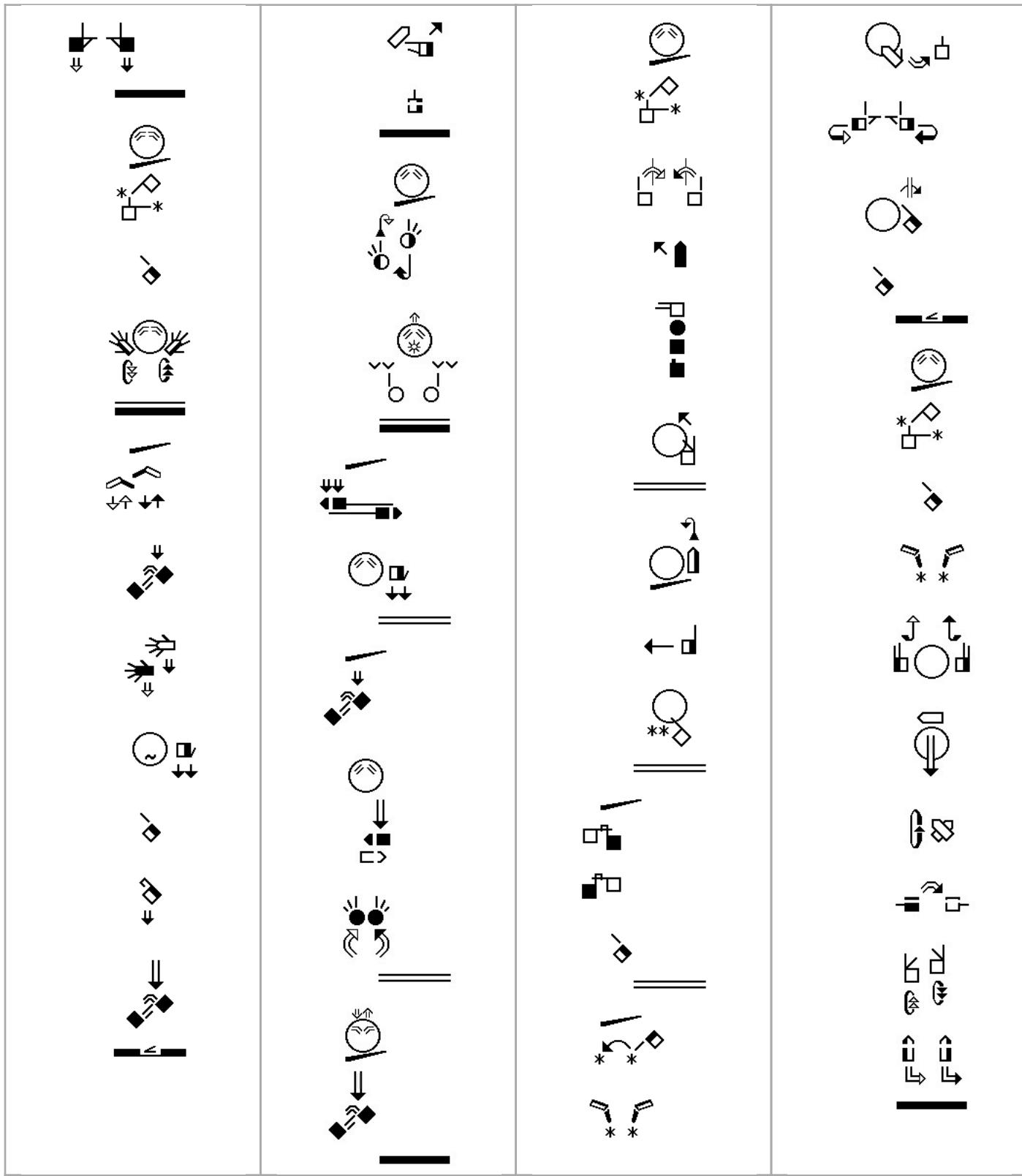
**334**     doesn't work on the Sabbath? If your son or your cow falls into a pit, don't you rush to get him out?" Verse 6. Again they could not answer. Verse 7. When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table,

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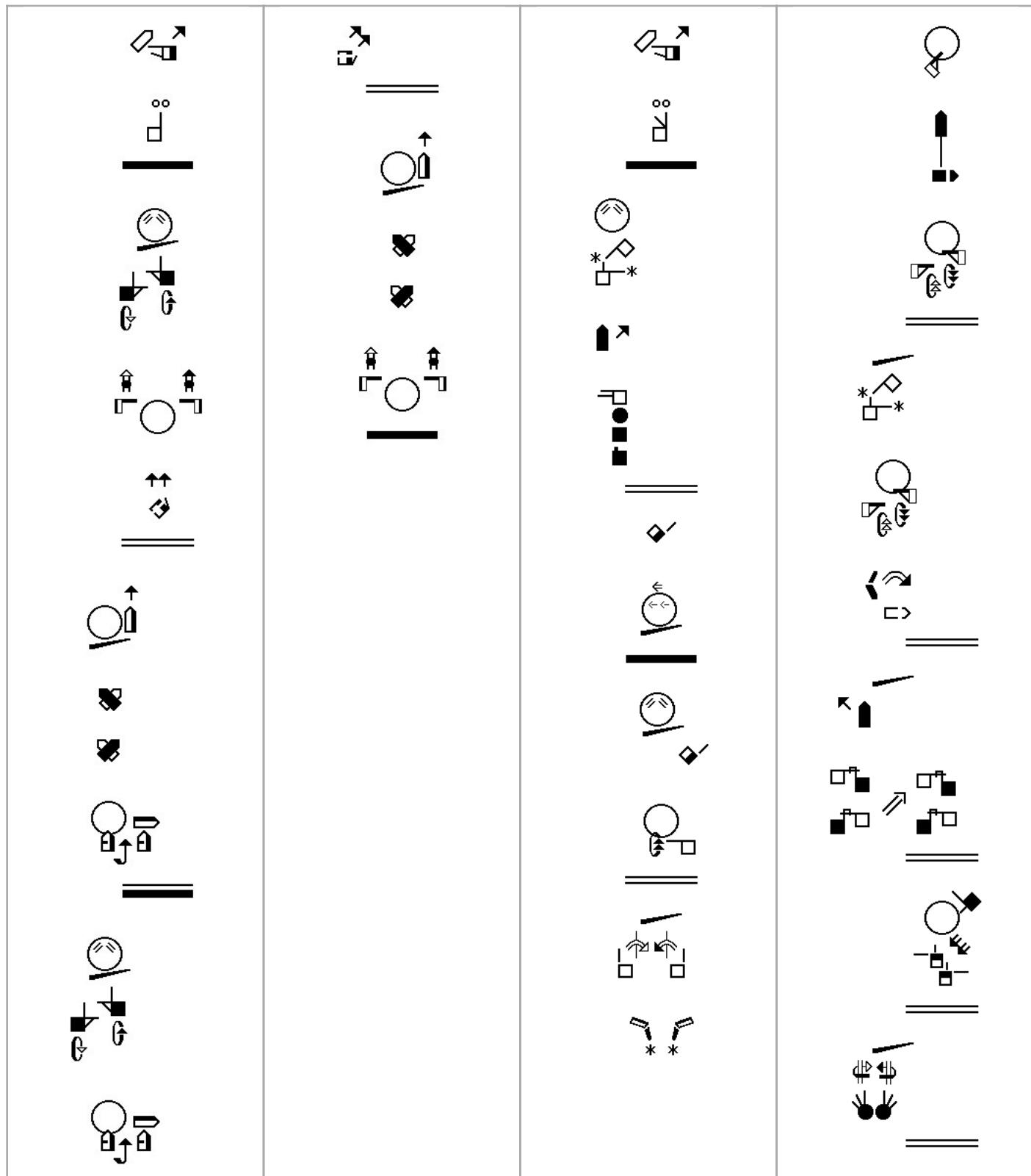
he gave them this advice: Verse 8. "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? Verse 9. The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' NLT

Luke 14:9-10



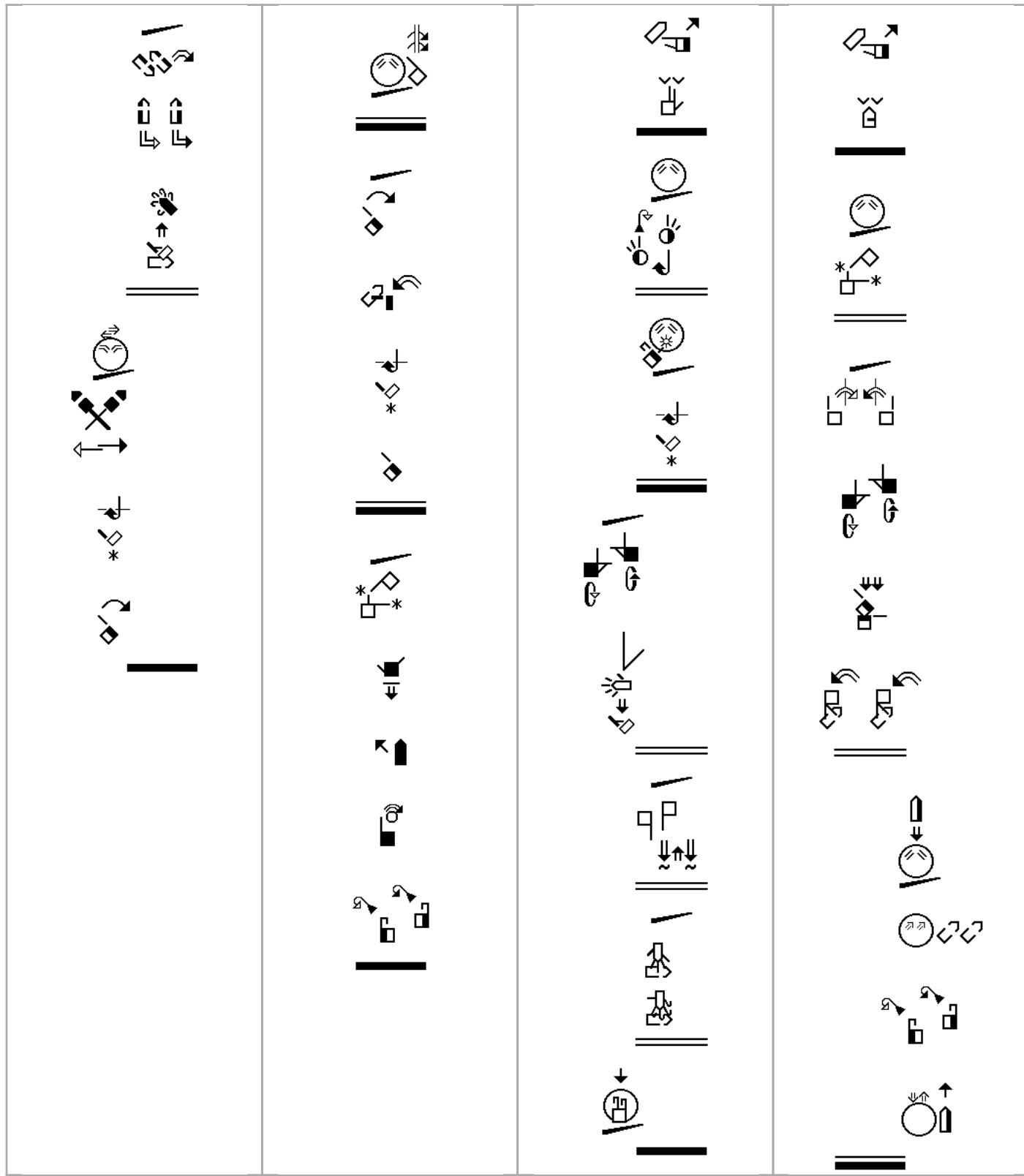
336 Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table! Verse 10. "Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests.

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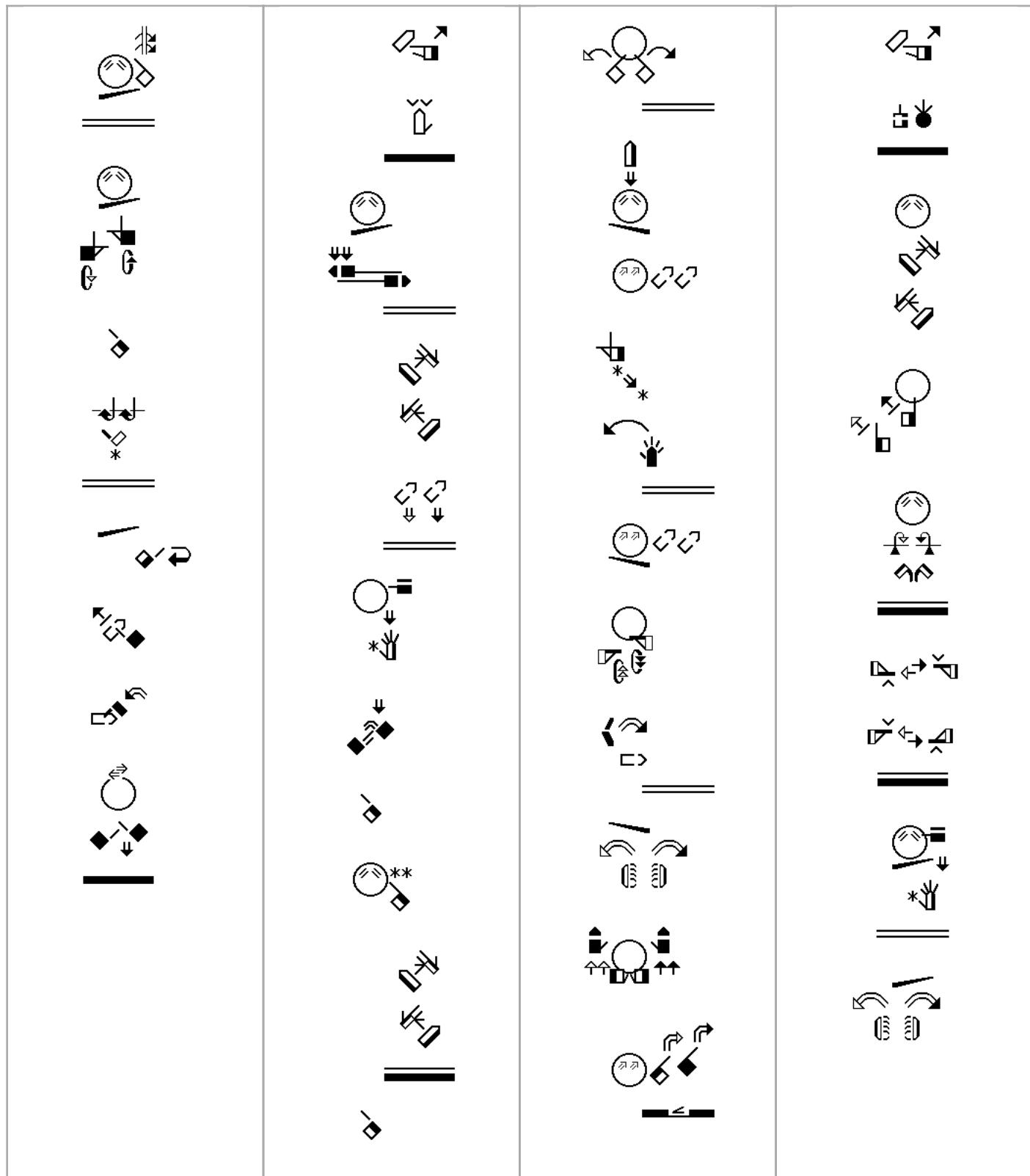


Verse 11. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Verse 12. Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, NLT

Luke 14:12-14

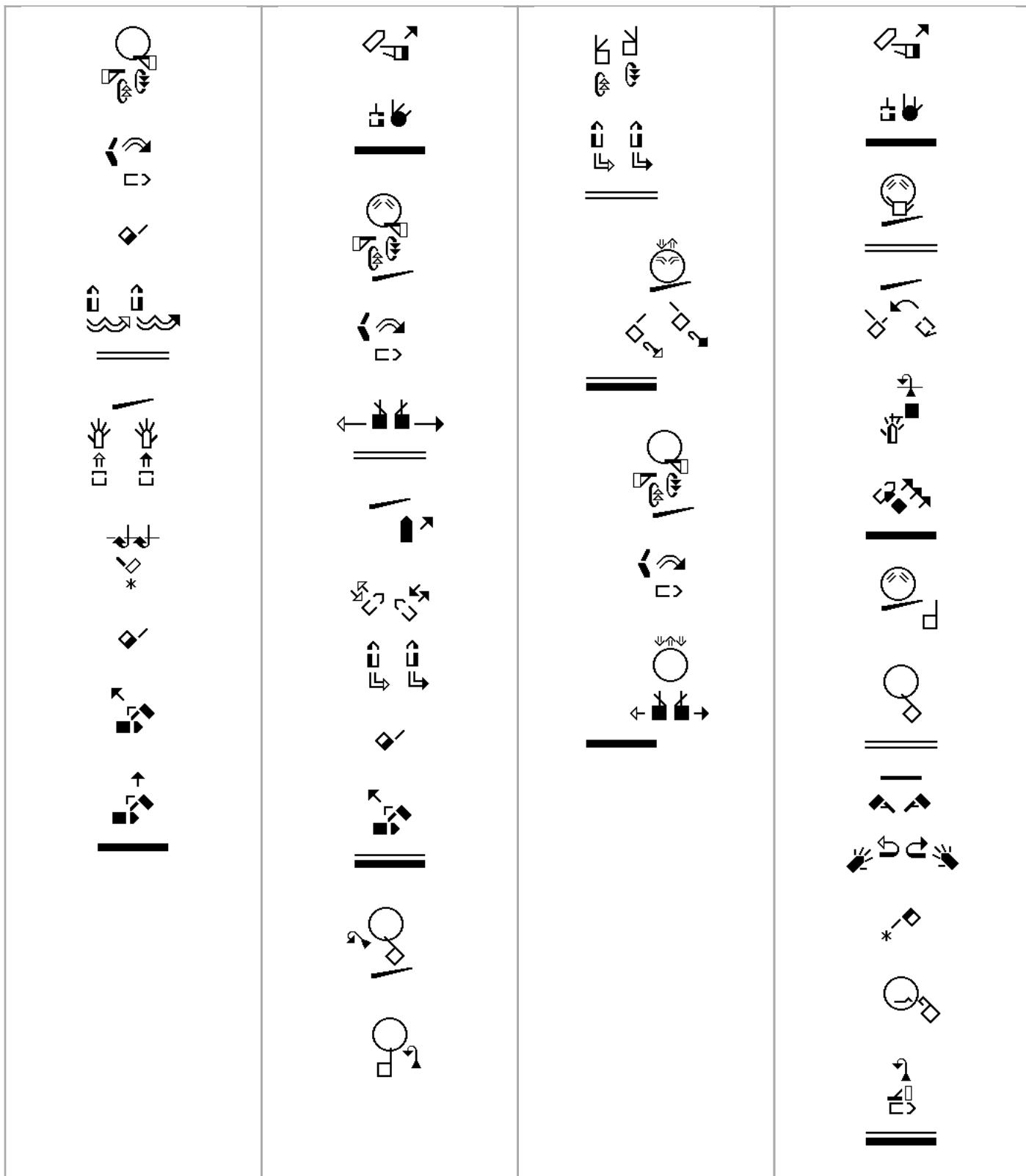


338 and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward.  
Verse 13. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Verse 14. Then  
at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you NLT



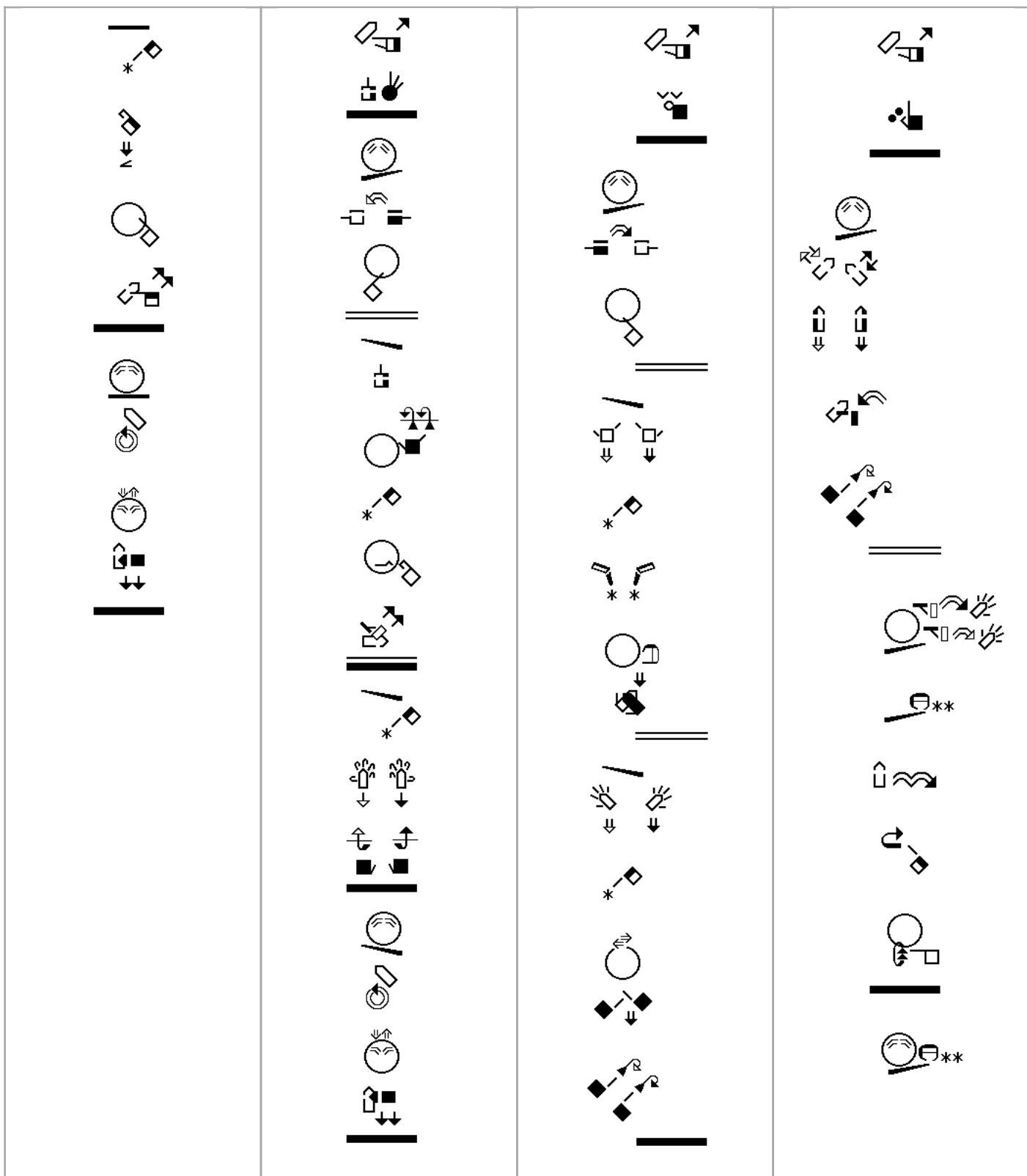
for inviting those who could not repay you." Verse 15. Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!" Verse 16. Jesus replied with this story: "A man

Luke 14:16-18



340 prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. Verse 17. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' Verse 18. But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field

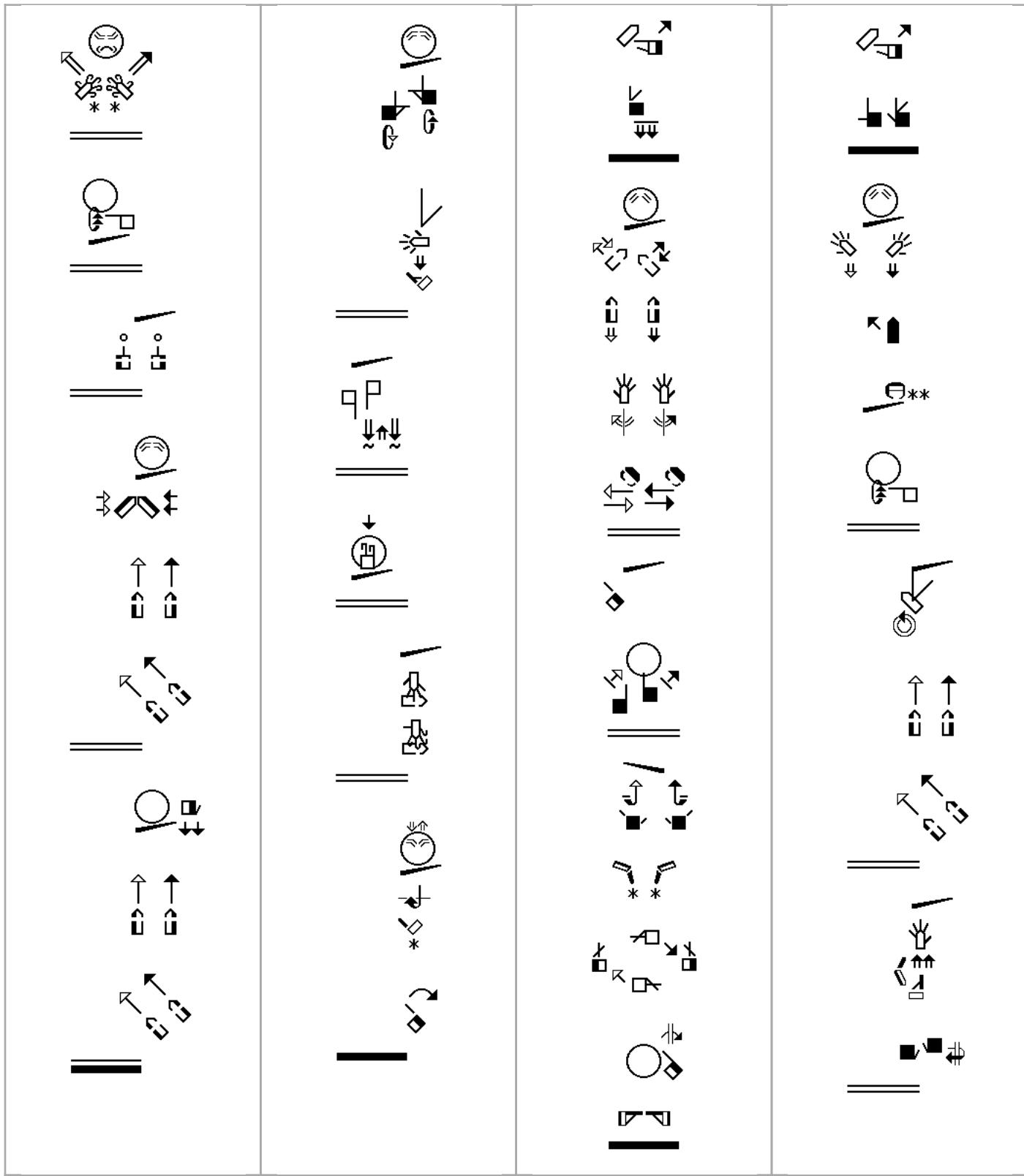
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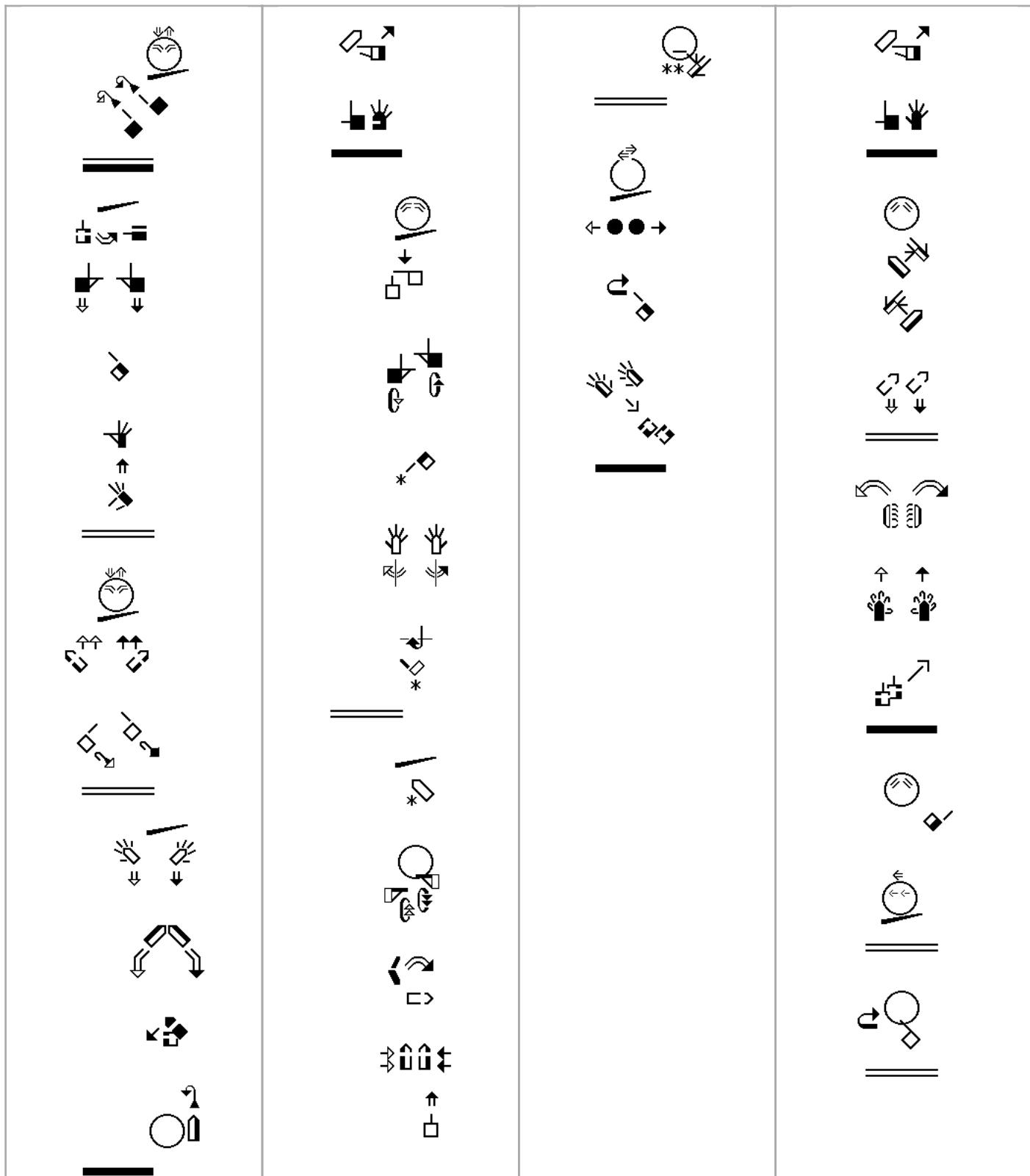
and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Verse 19. Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Verse 20. Another said, 'I now have a wife, so I can't come.' Verse 21. "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master

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Luke 14:21-23

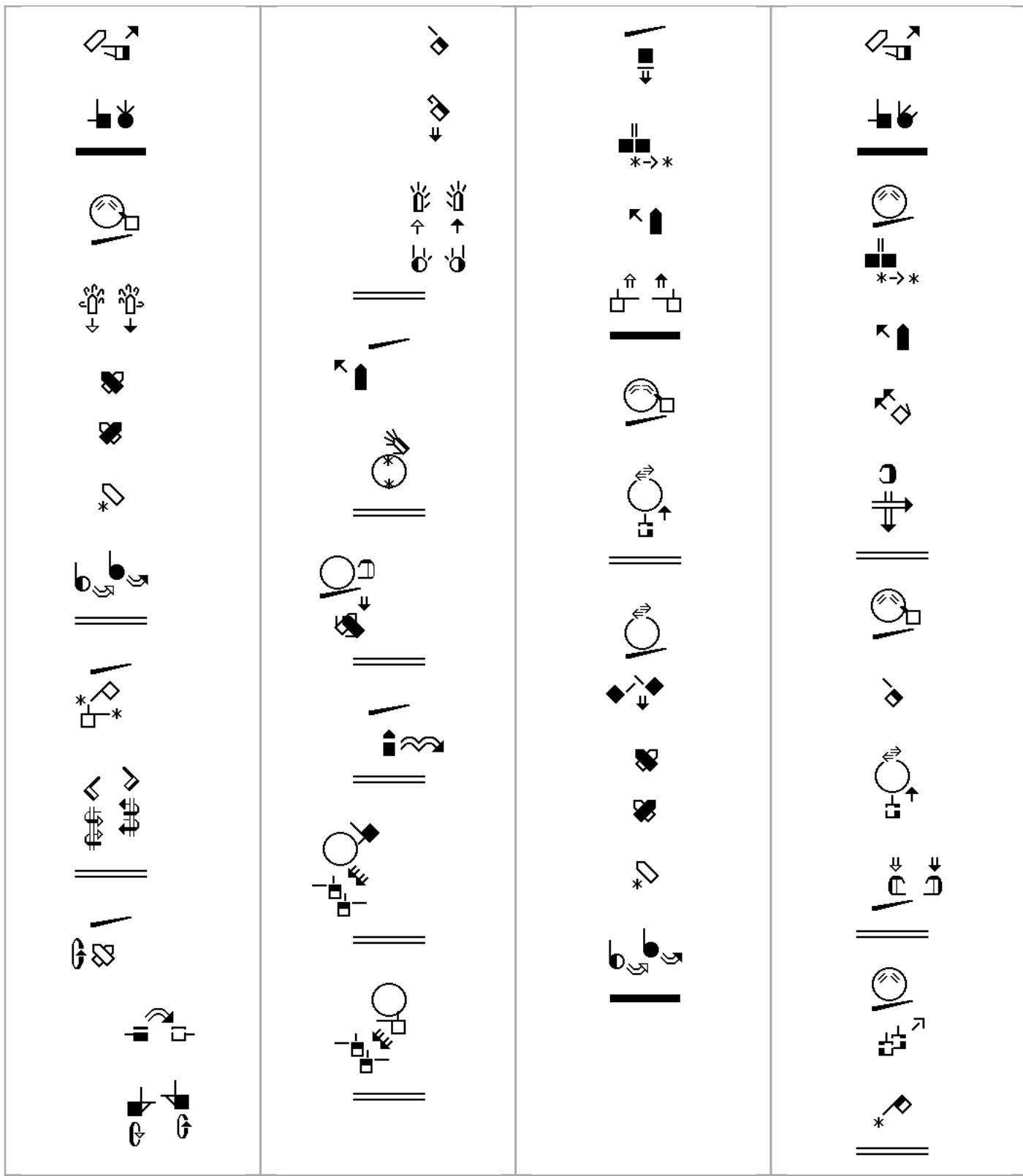


342 was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' Verse 22. After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' Verse 23. So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges' NLT



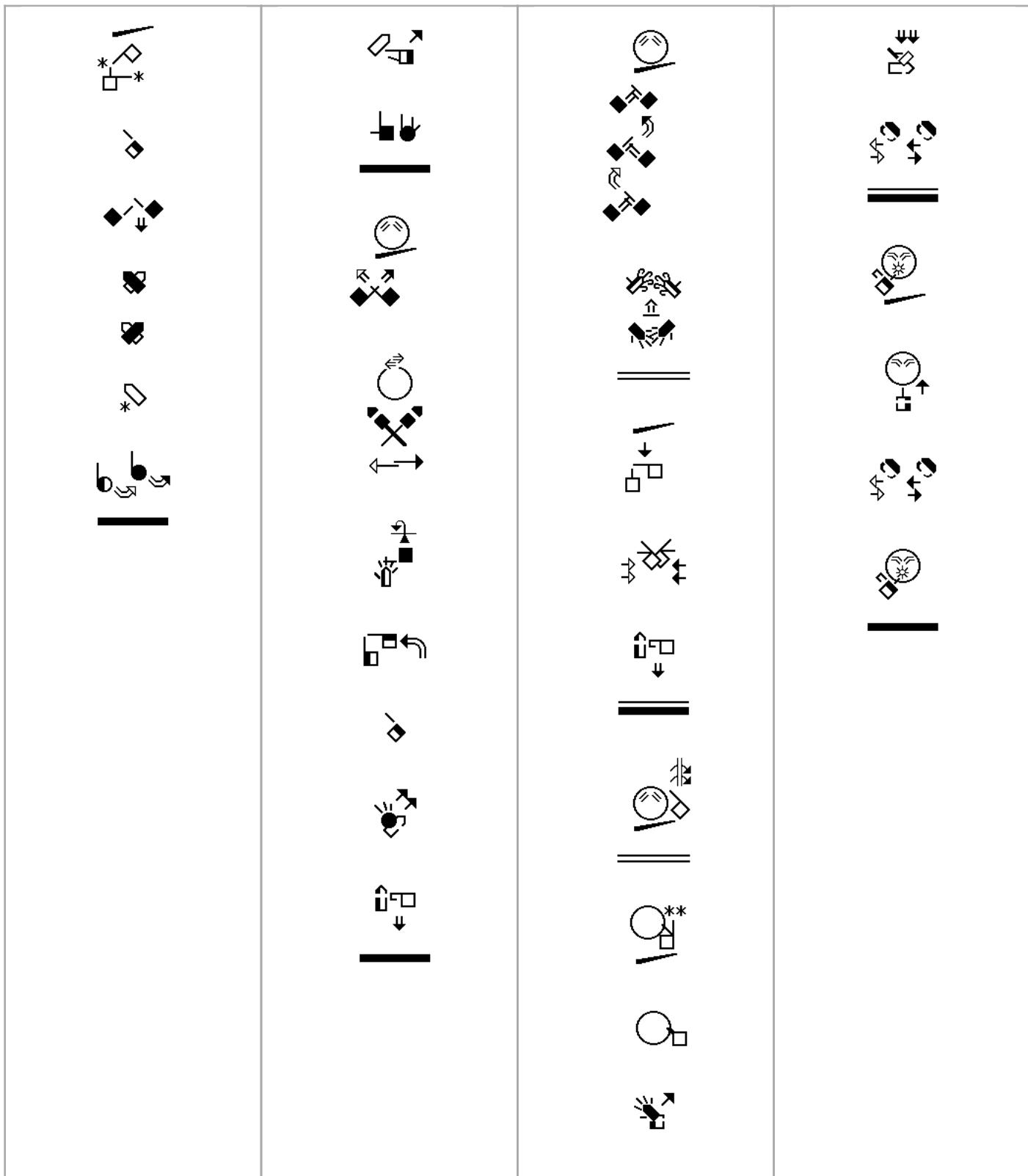
and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. Verse 24. For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet." Verse 25. A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them,

Luke 14:26-27



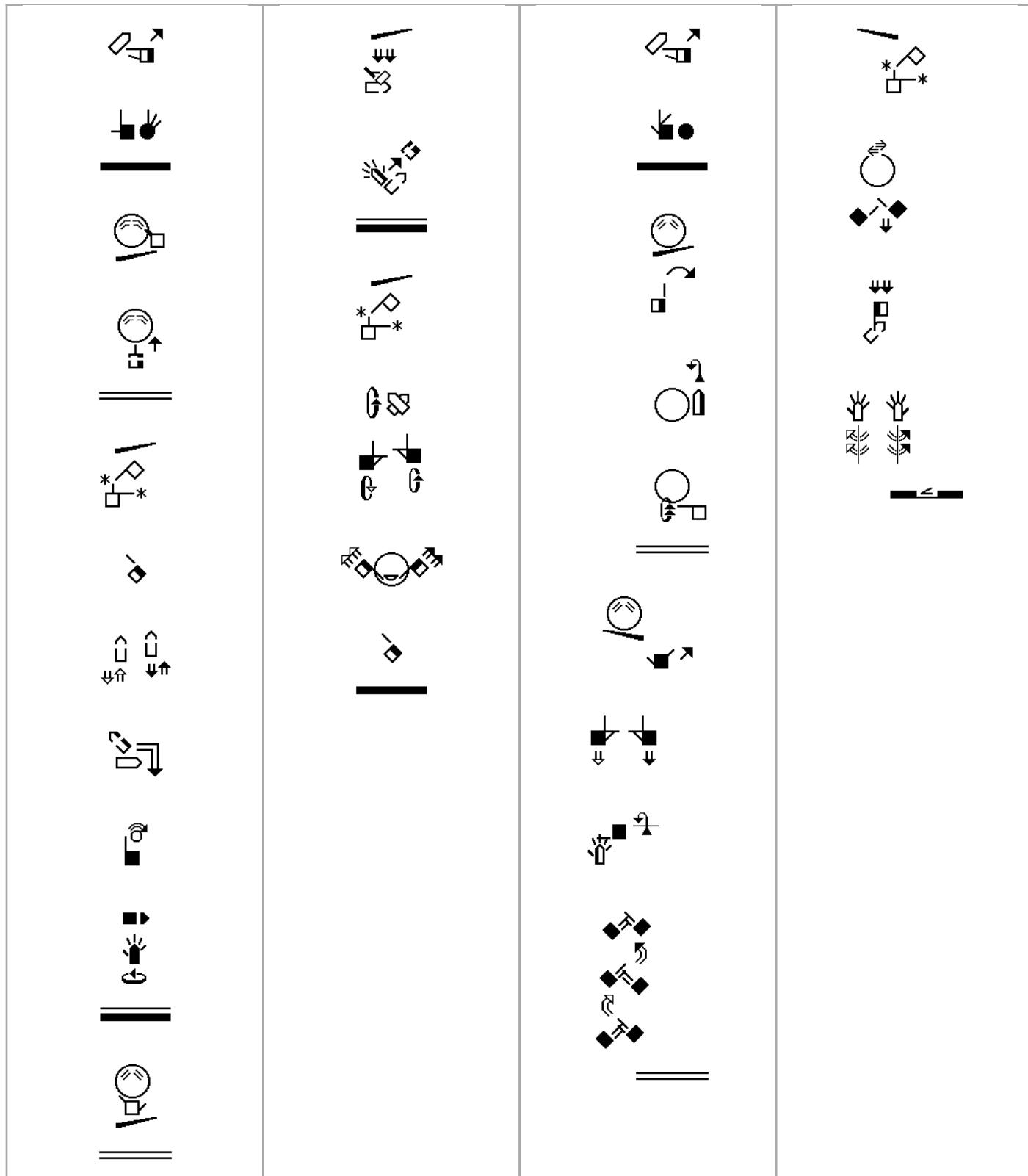
344 Verse 26. "If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison -- your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters -- yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. Verse 27. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me,

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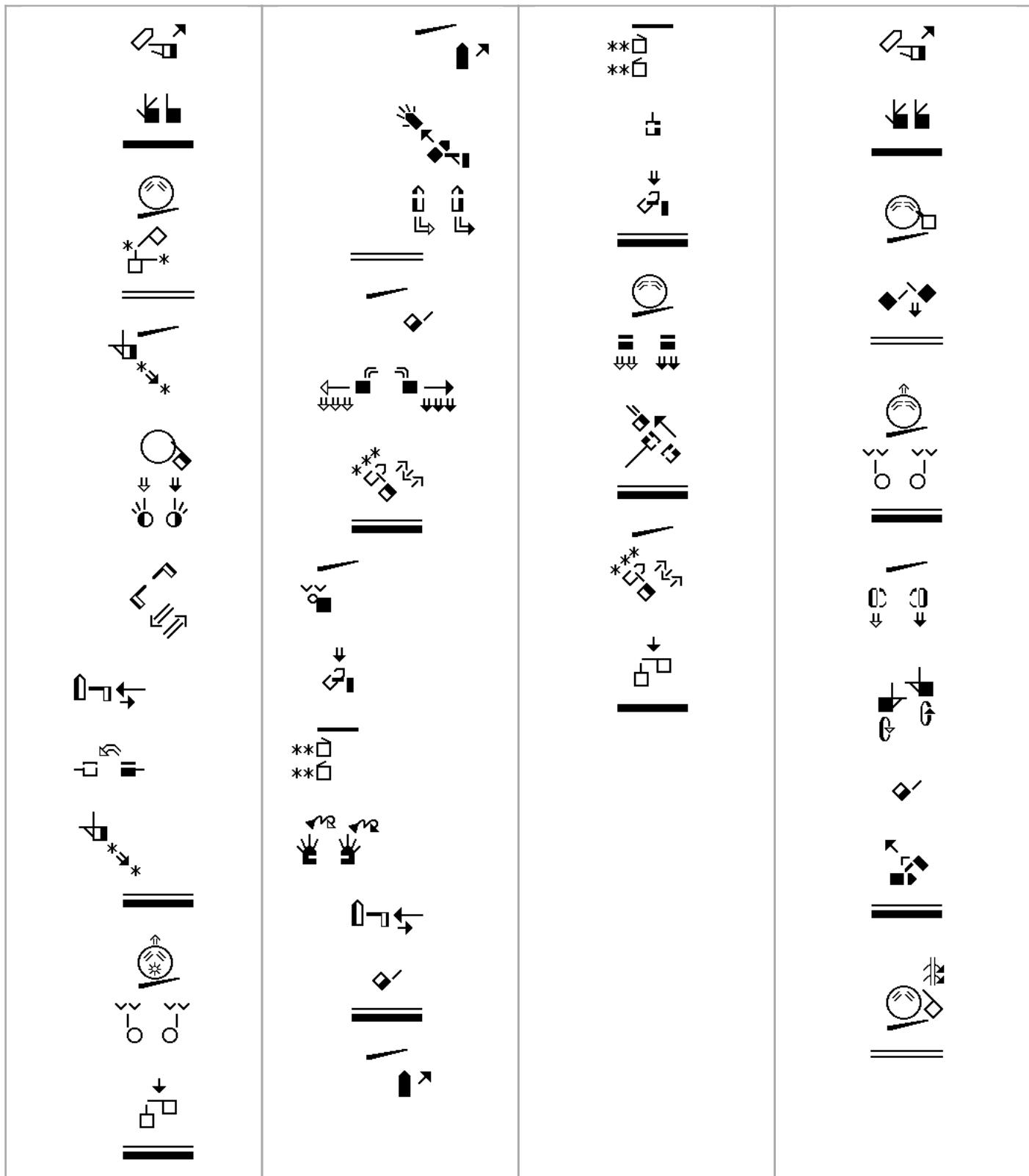


you cannot be my disciple. Verse 28. "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?"

Luke 14:29-30

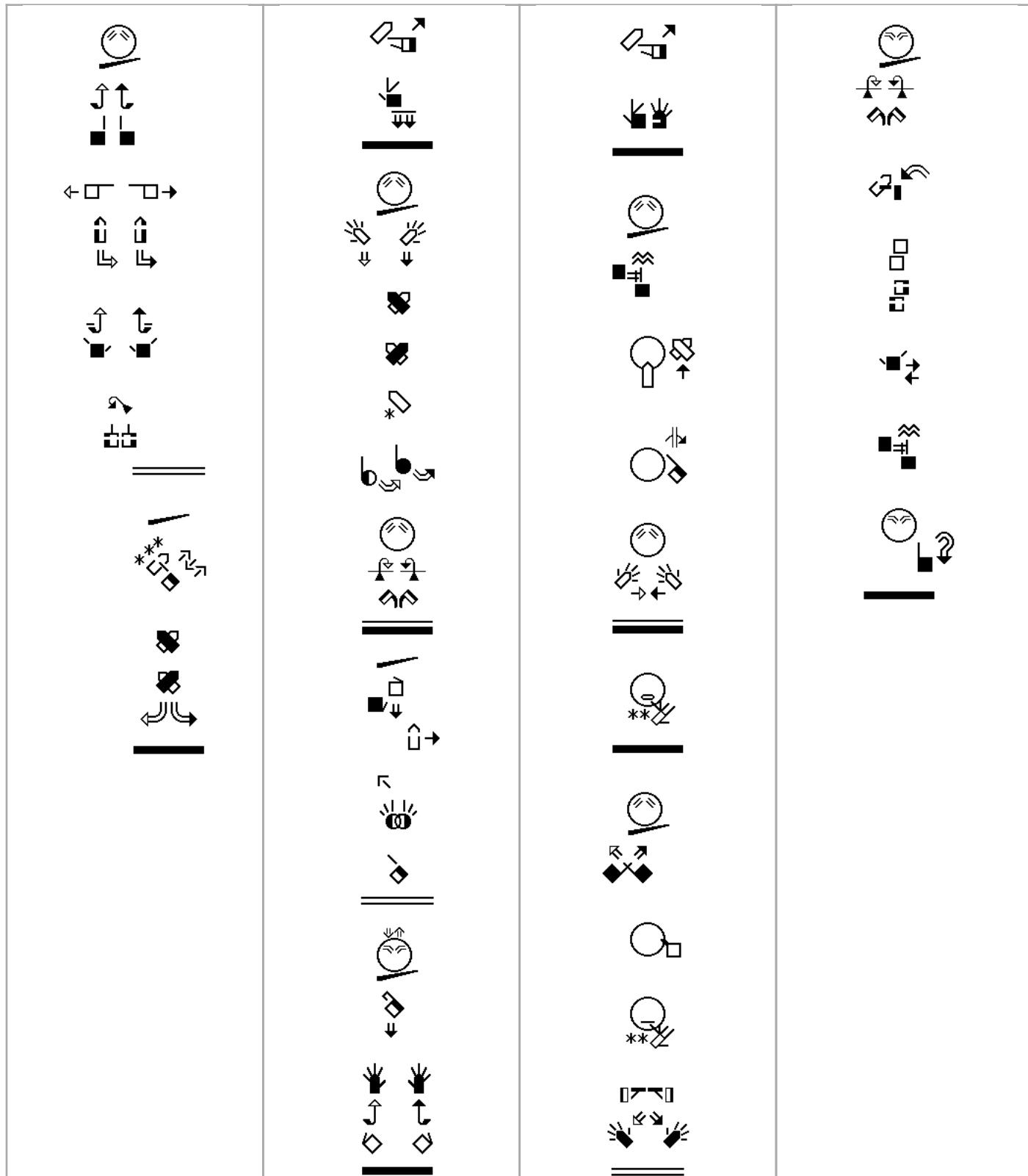


346 Verse 29. Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. Verse 30. They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!' NLT

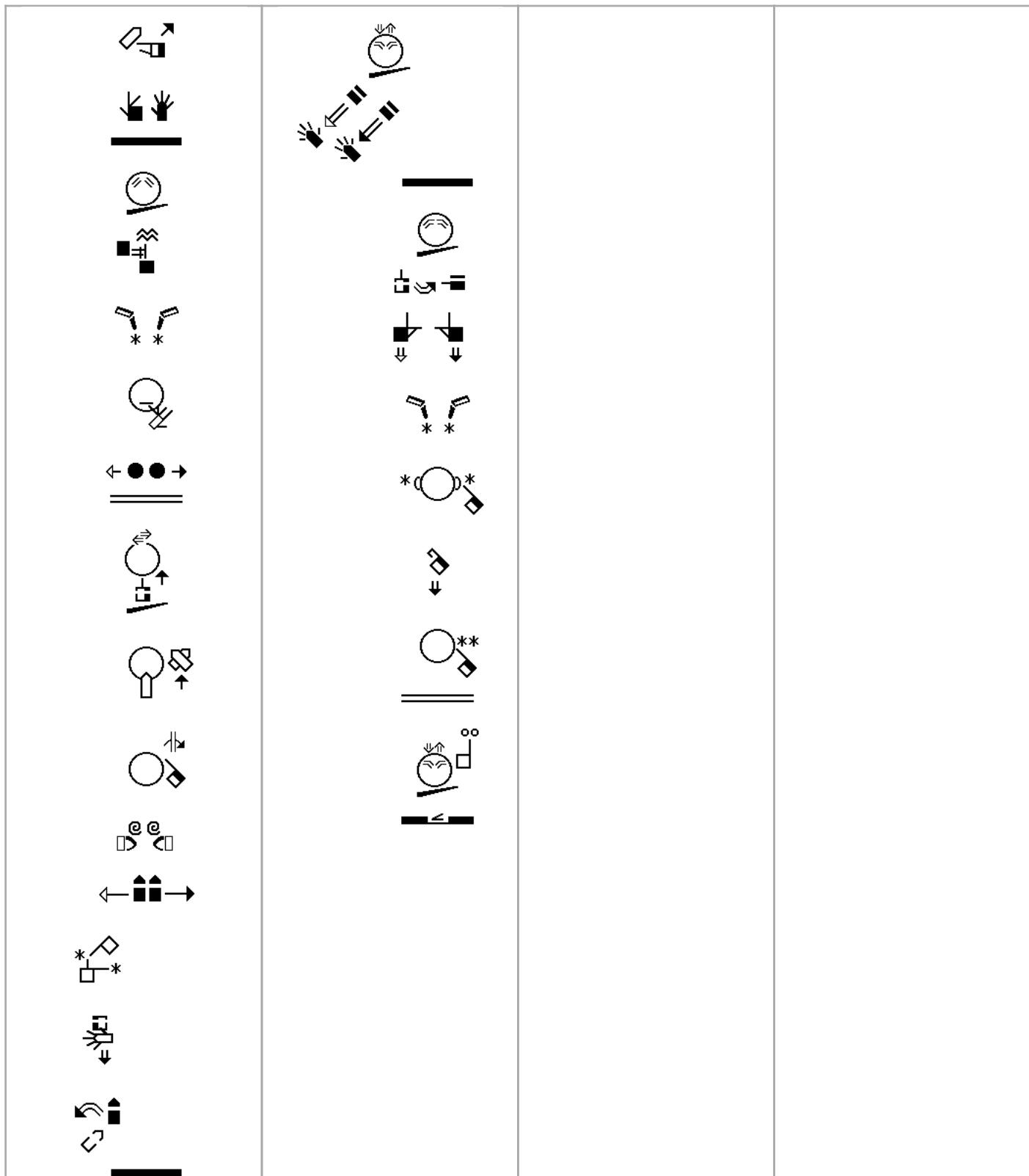


Verse 31. "Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? Verse 32. And if he can't, he will send a delegation to NLT

Luke 14:32-34



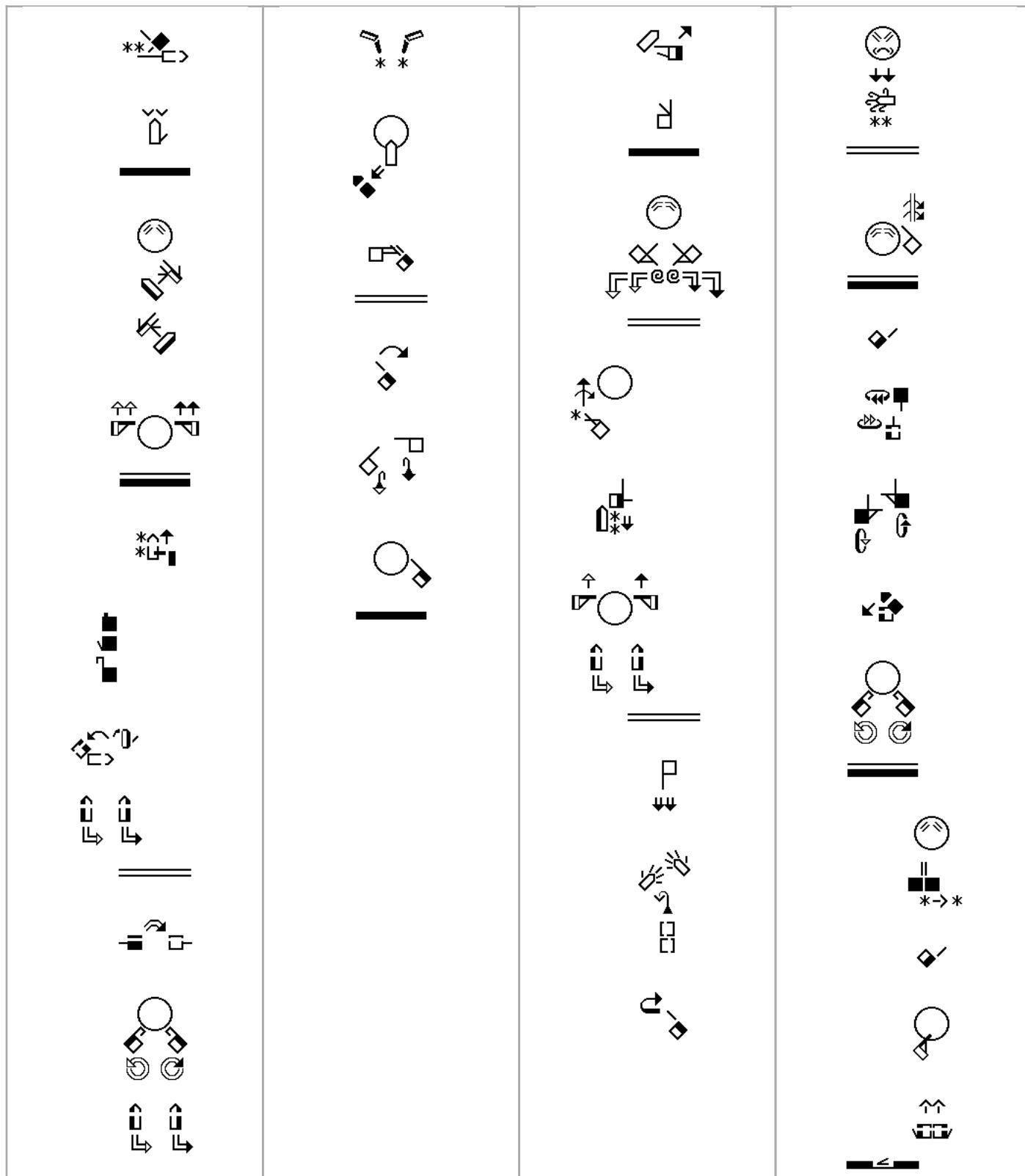
348 discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. Verse 33. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. Verse 34. "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again?" NLT



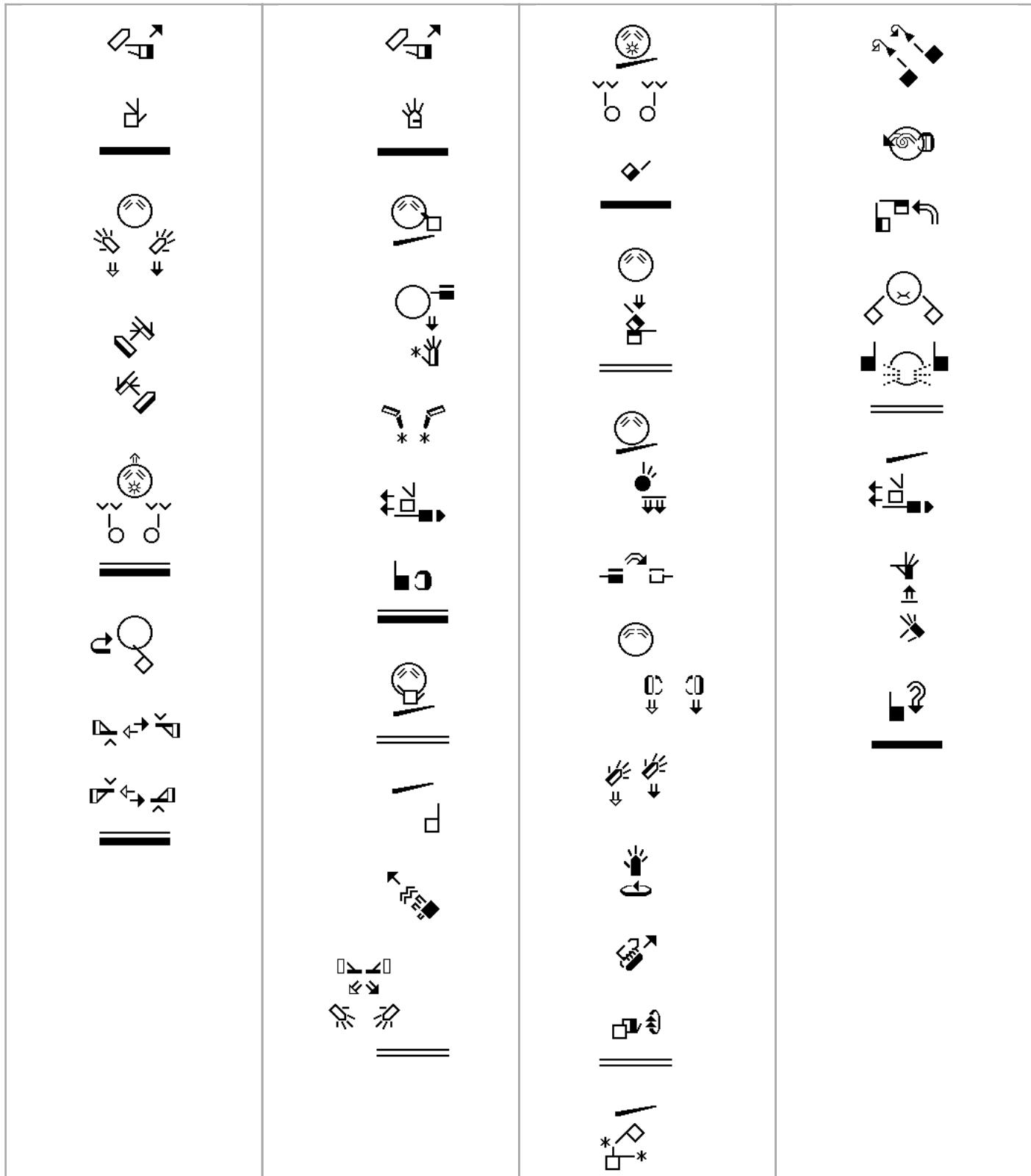
Verse 35. Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!"

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Luke 15:1-2

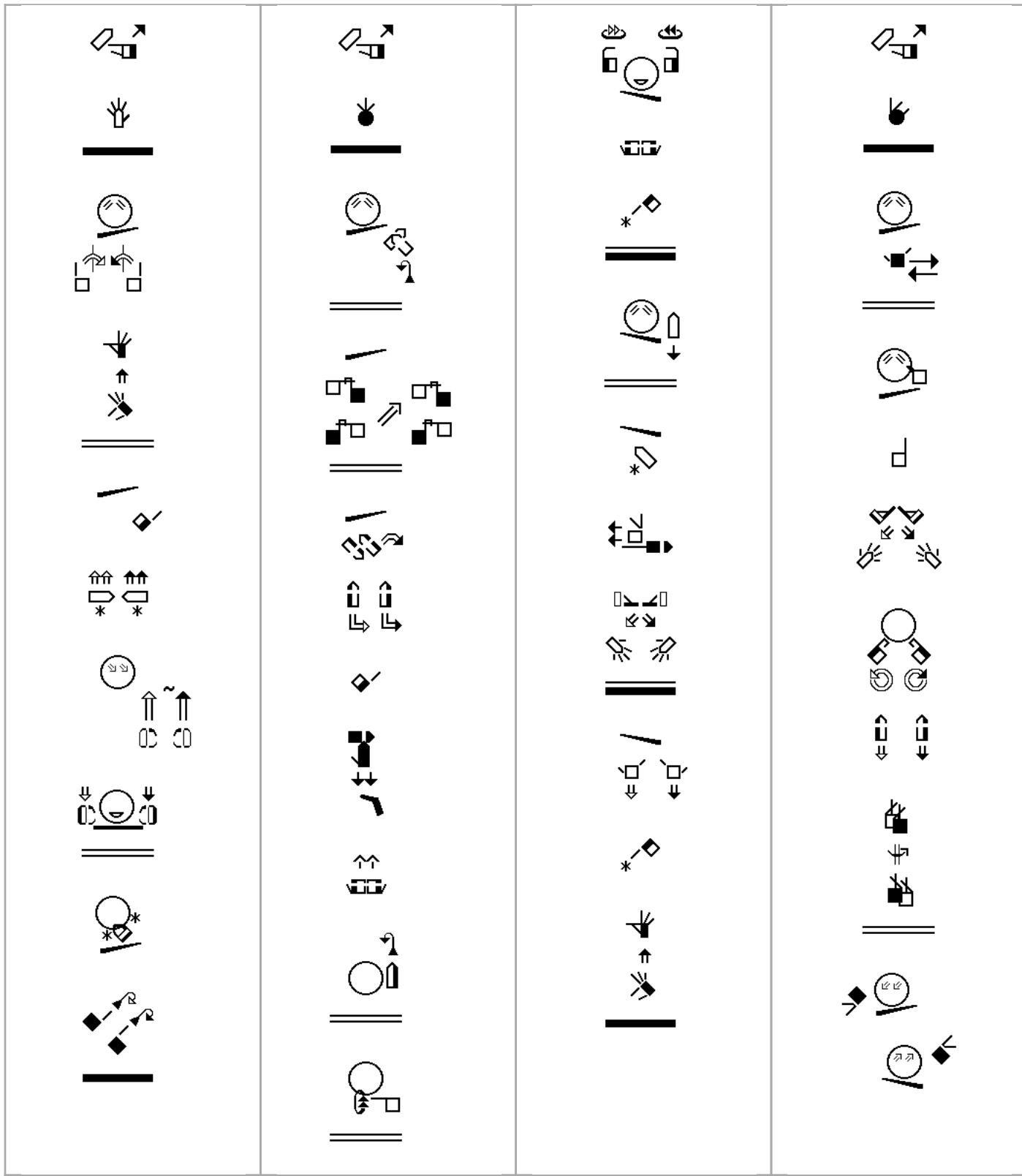


350 Luke 15. Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. Verse 2. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people -- even eating with them! NLT

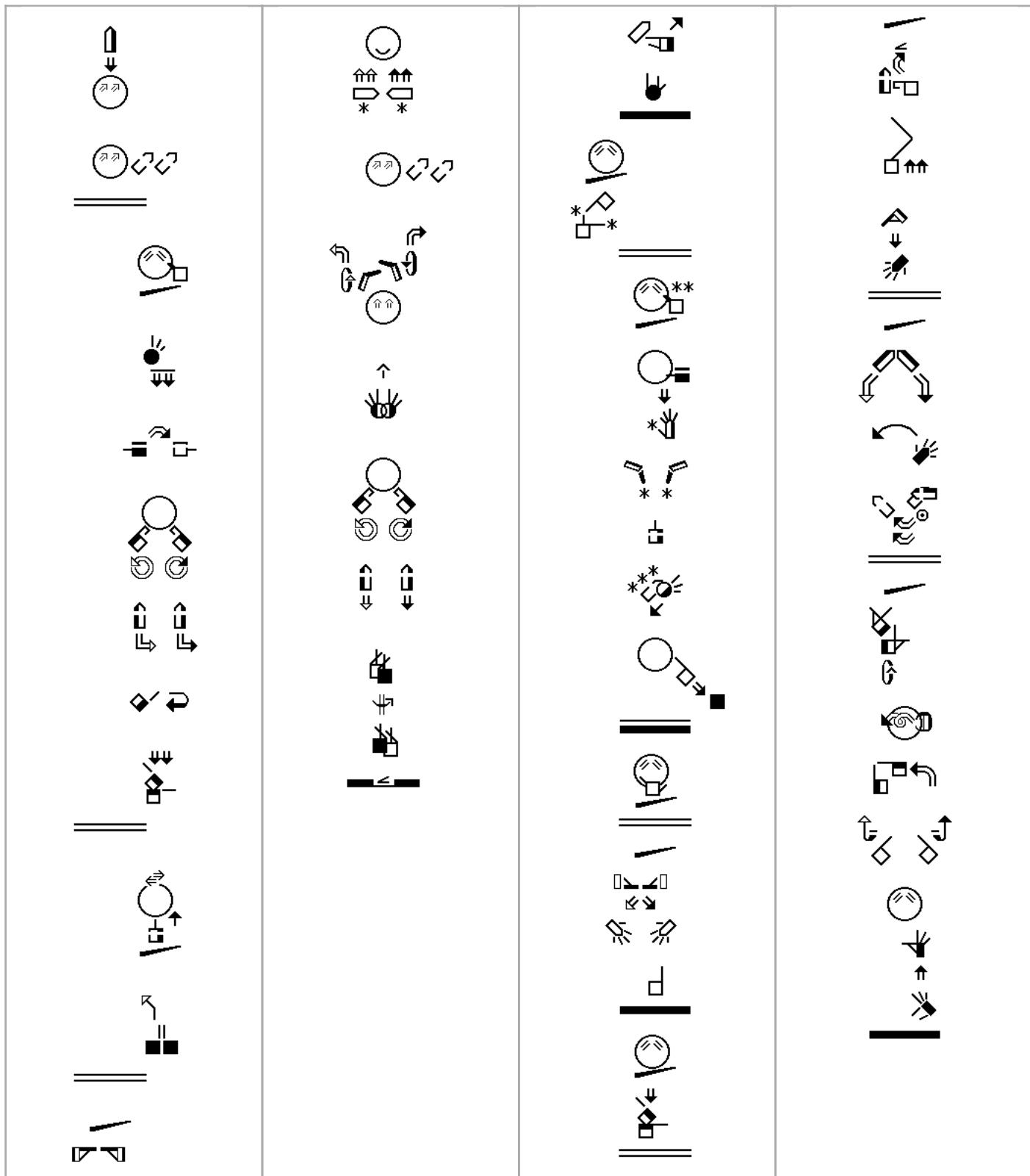


Verse 3. So Jesus told them this story: Verse 4. "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Luke 15:5-7

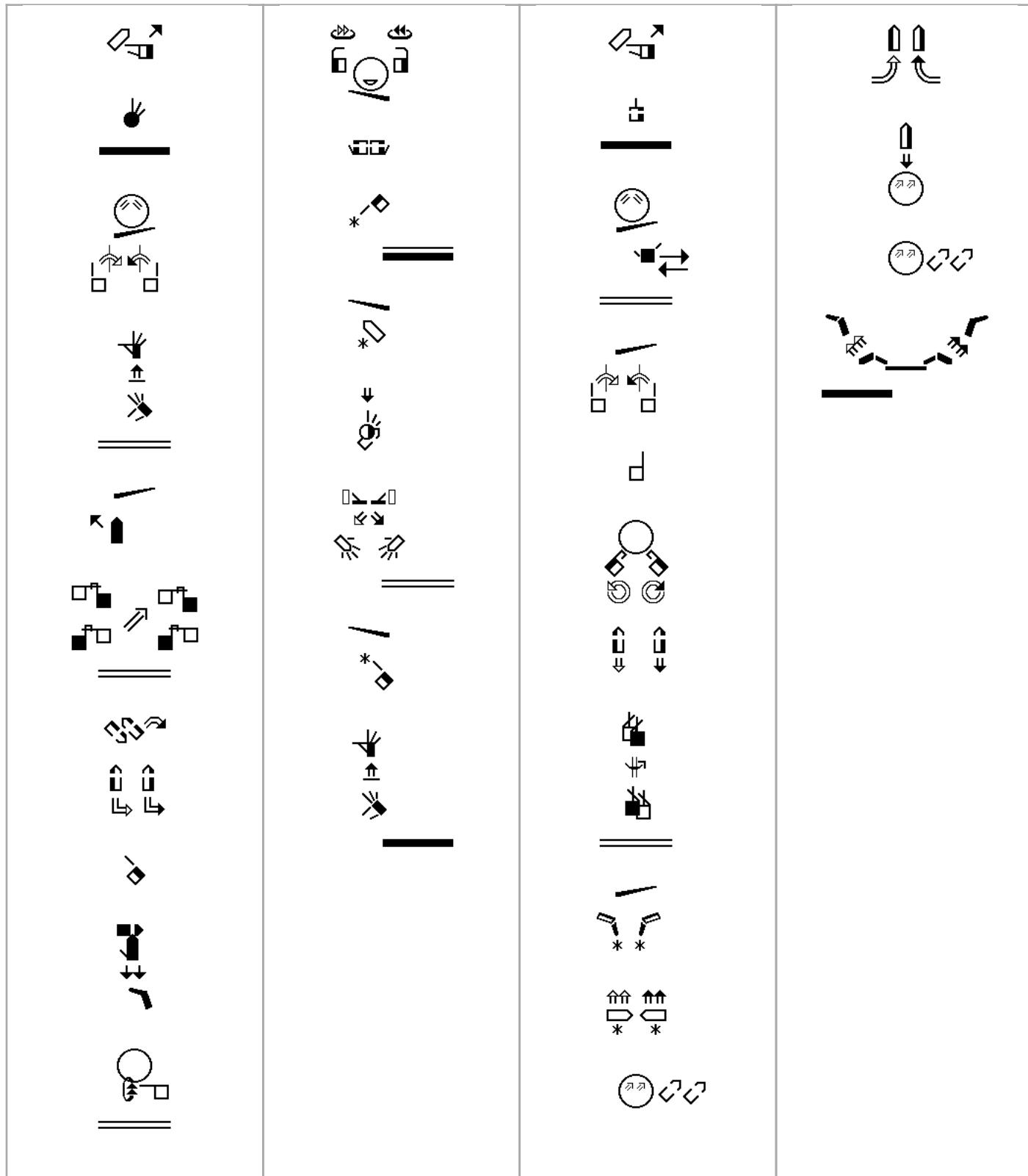


352 Verse 5. And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. Verse 6. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' Verse 7. In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God  
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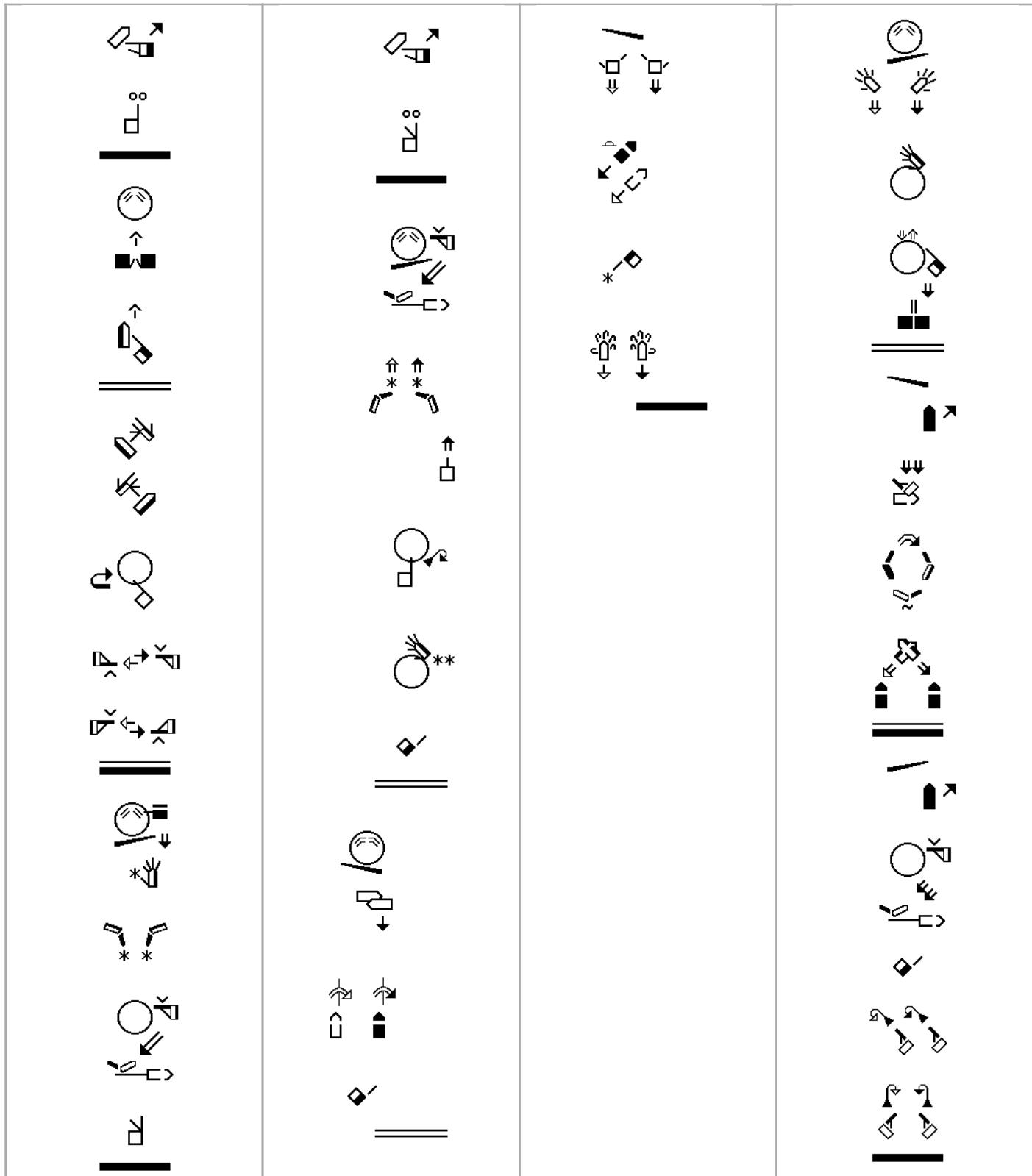


than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! Verse 8. "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?"

Luke 15:9-10



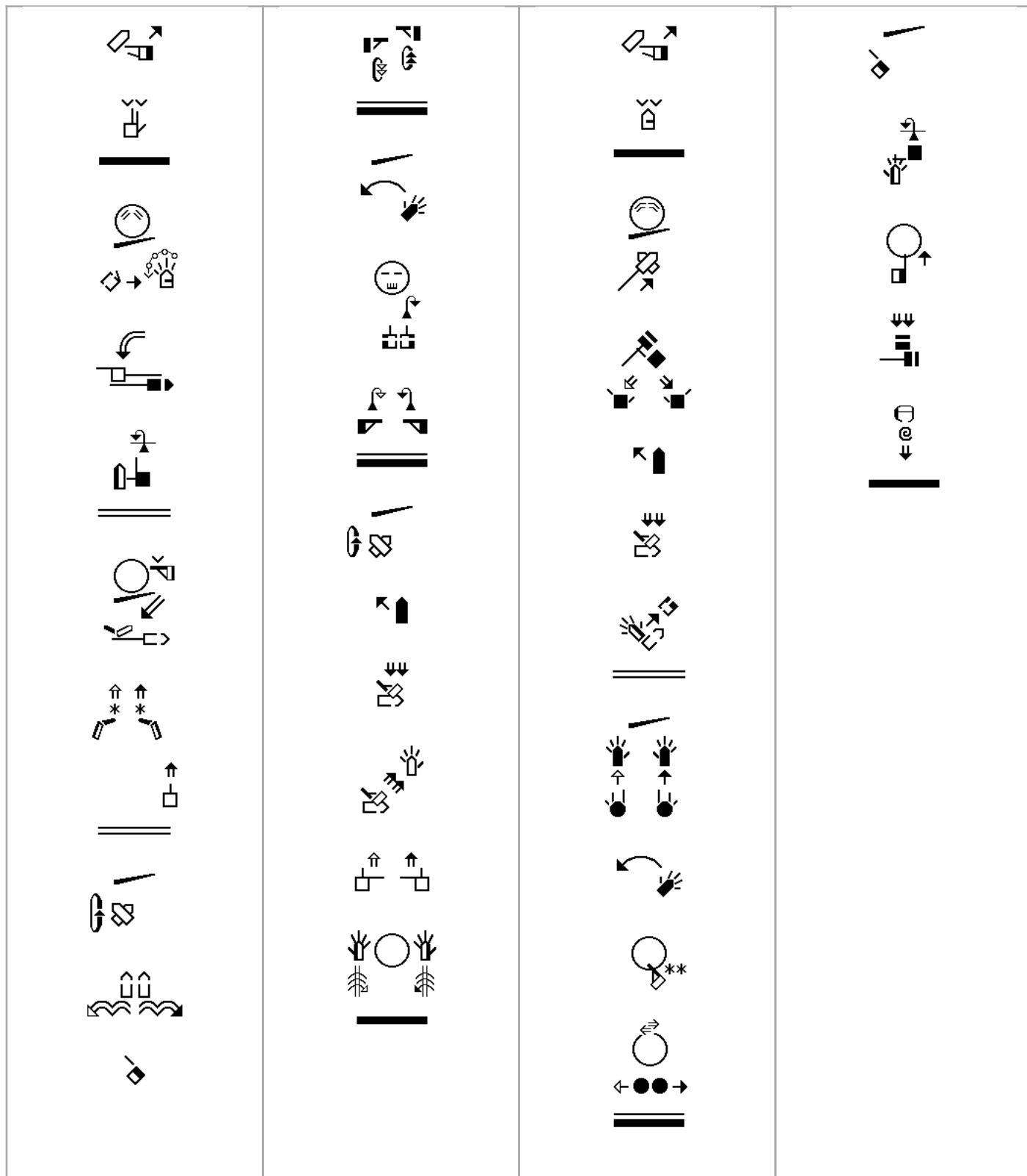
354 Verse 9. And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.' Verse 10. In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." NLT



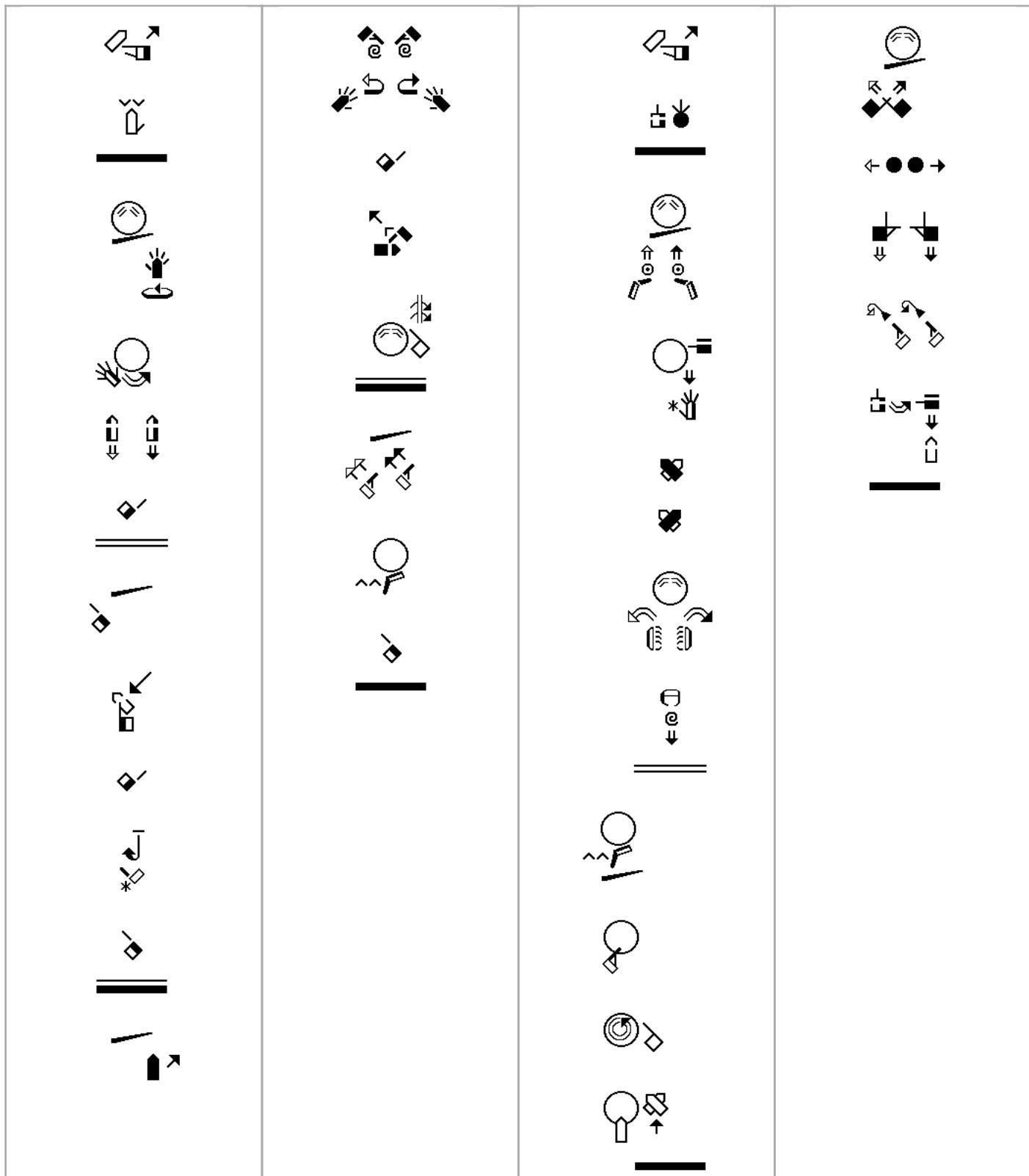
Verse 11. To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. Verse 12. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons."

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Luke 15:13-14



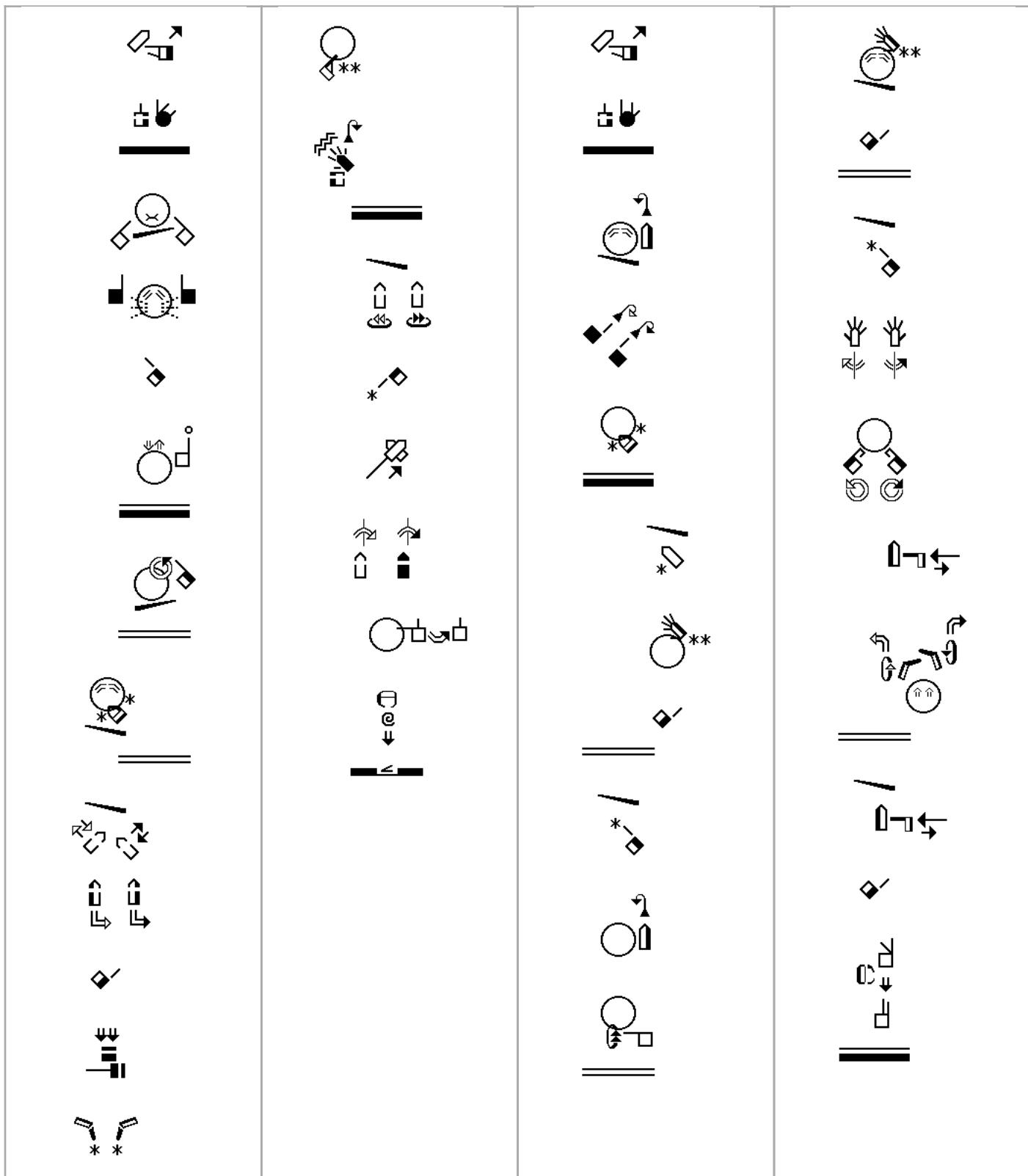
356 Verse 13. "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. Verse 14. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. NLT



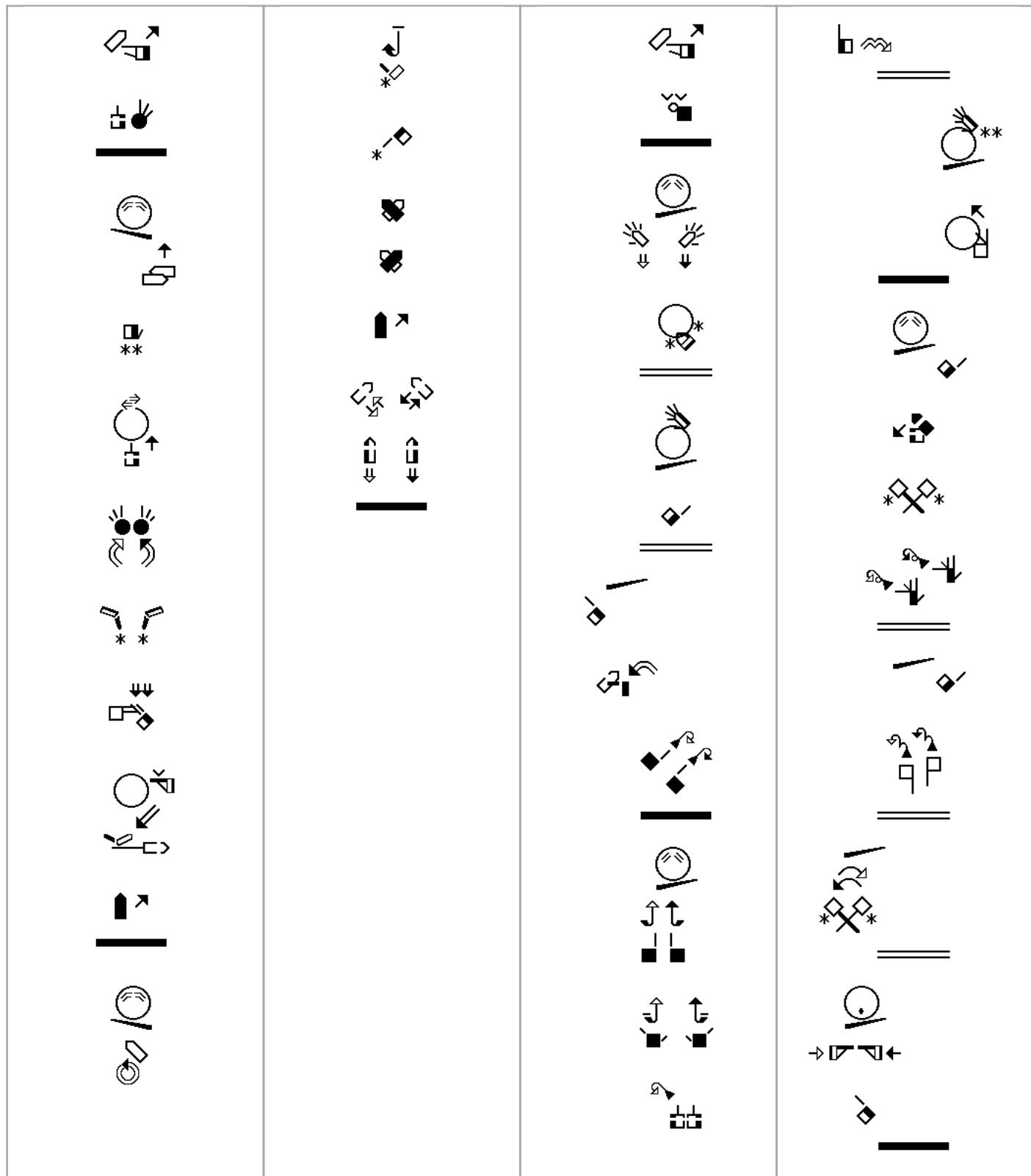
Verse 15. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. Verse 16. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

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Luke 15:17-18

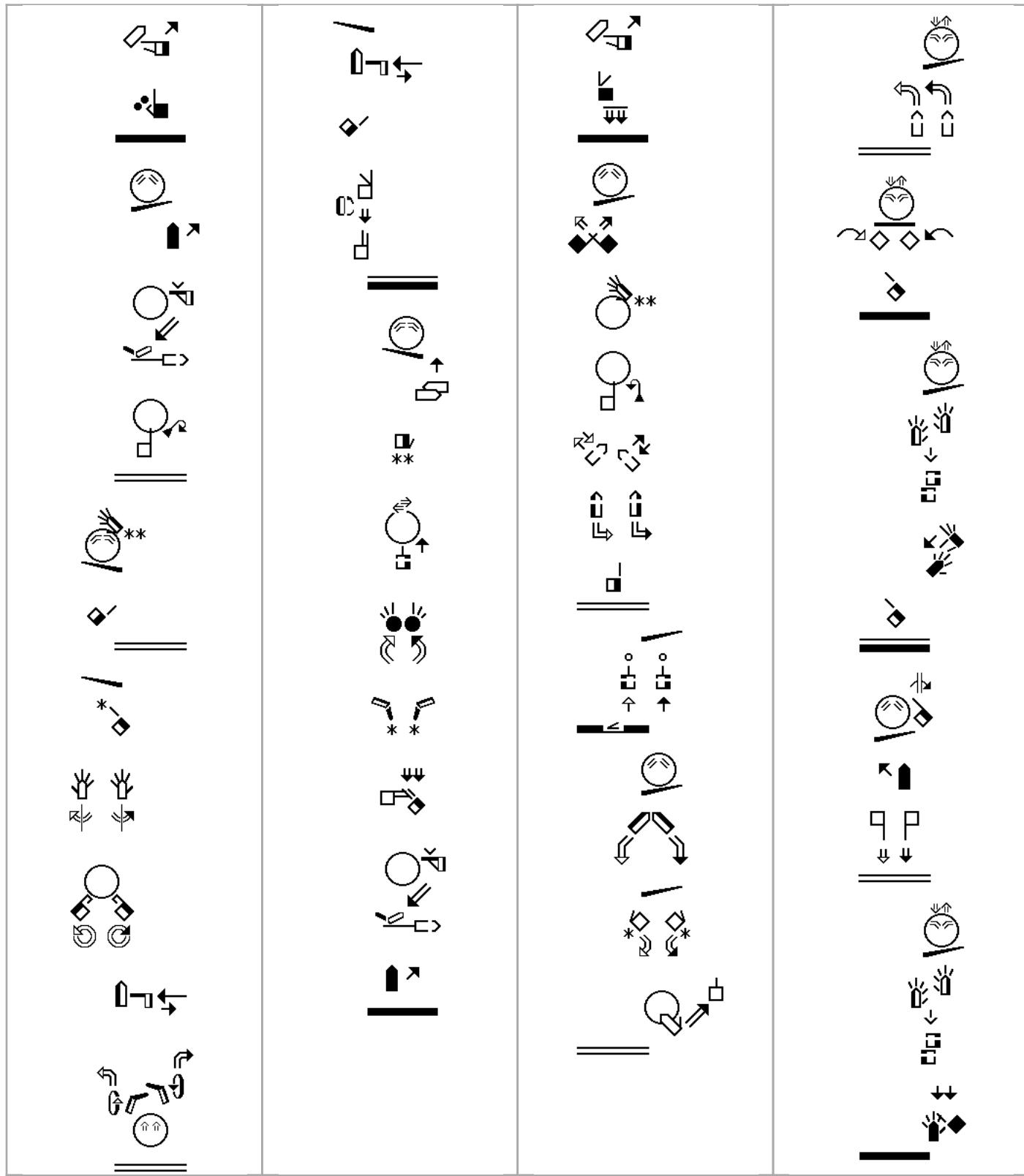


**358** Verse 17. "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! Verse 18. I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, NLT



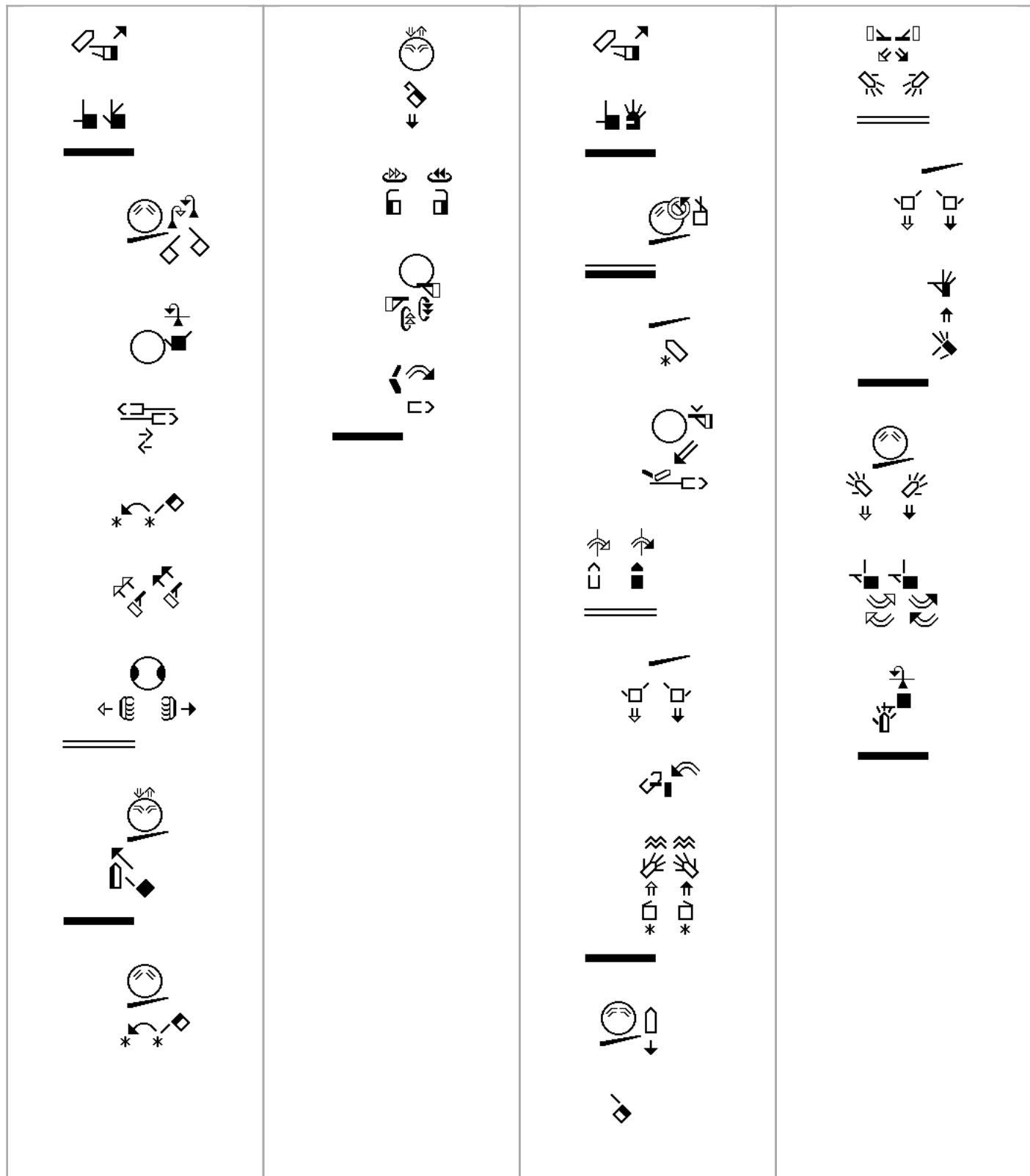
Verse 19. and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant." Verse 20. "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

Luke 15:21-22



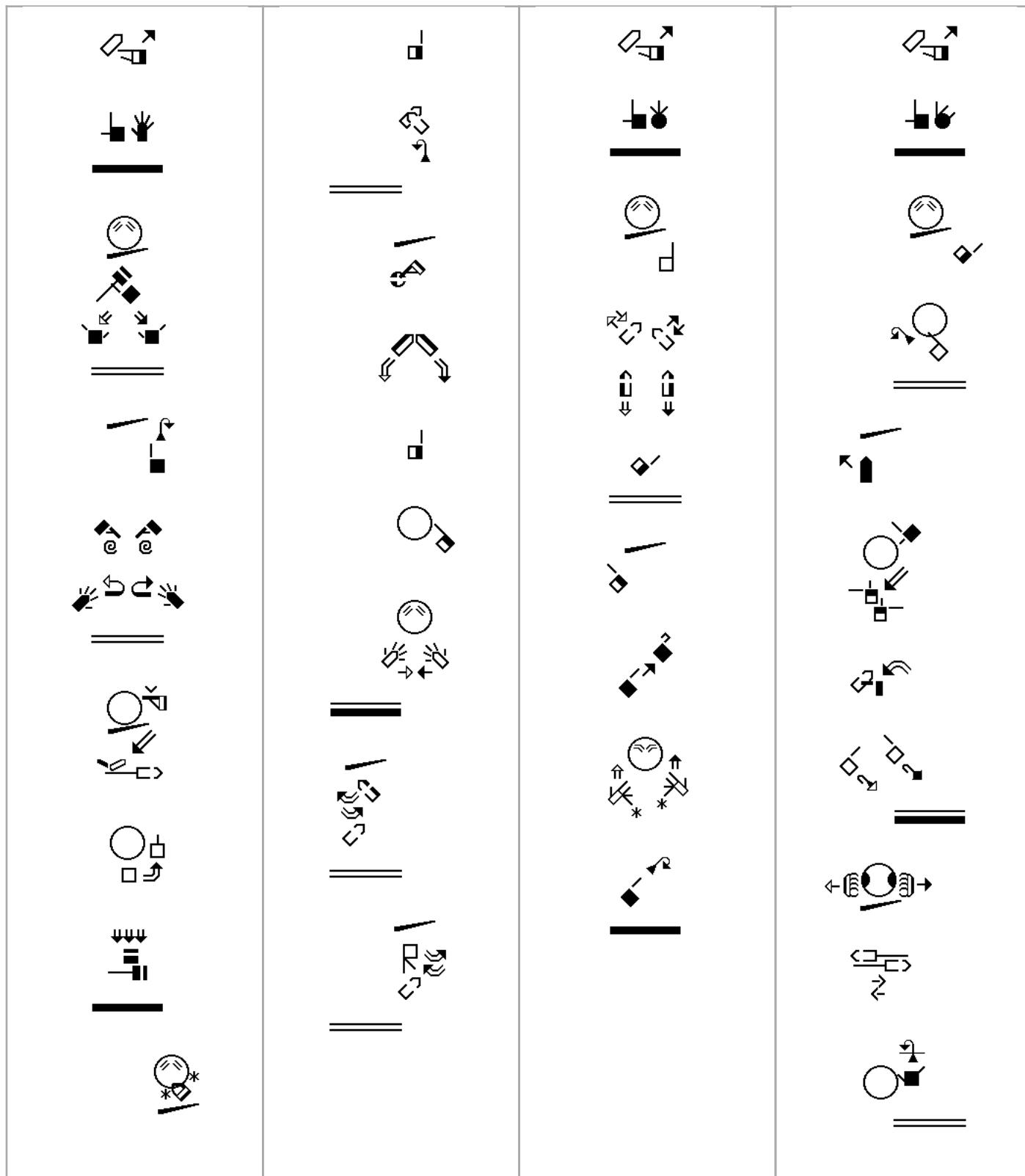
360 Verse 21. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' Verse 22. "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.'

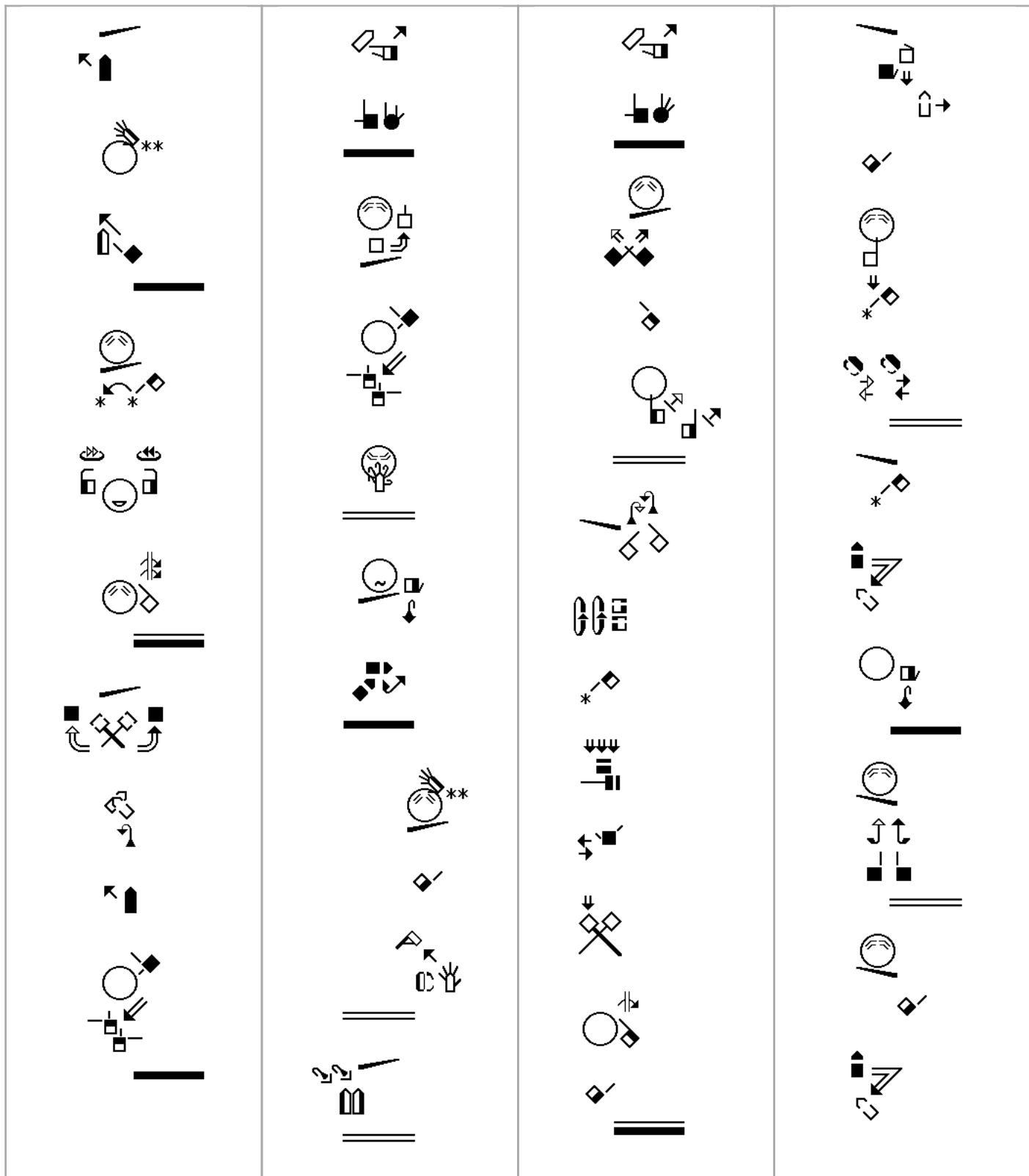
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Verse 23. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast. Verse 24. for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

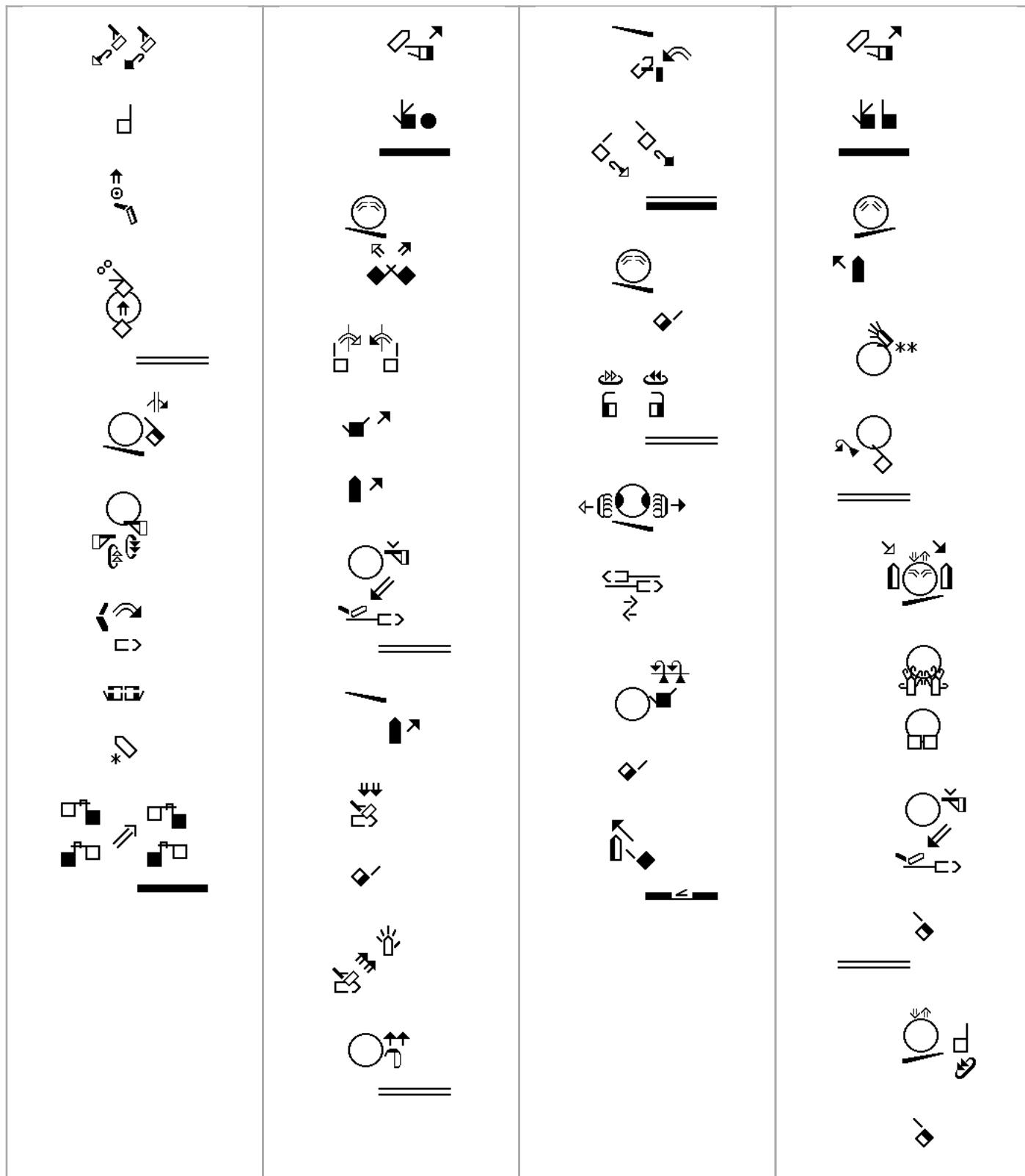
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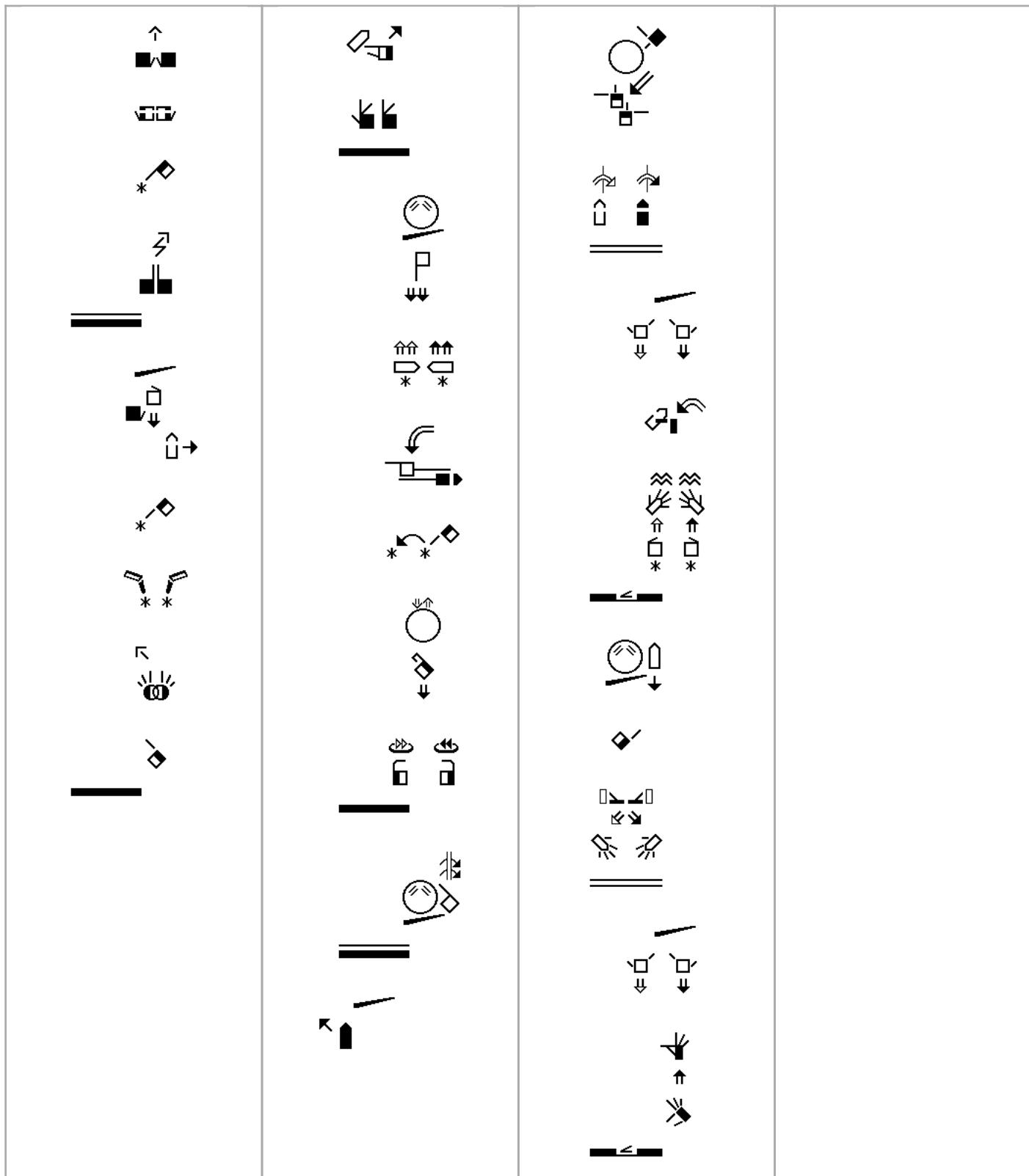


We are celebrating because of his safe return.' Verse 28. "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, Verse 29. but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never NLT

Luke 15:29-31



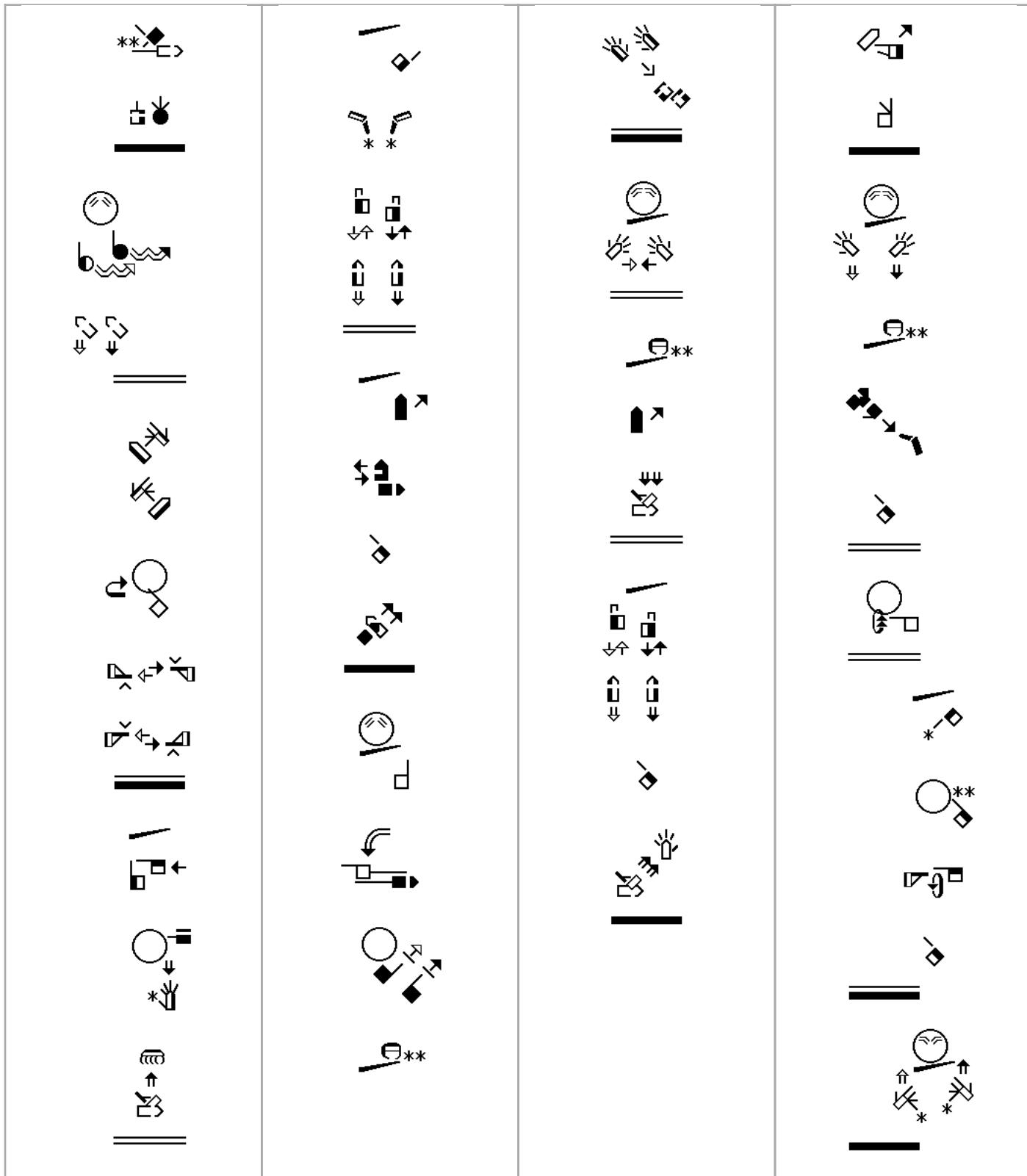
364 gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Verse 30. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf! Verse 31. "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always NLT



stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. Verse 32. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"

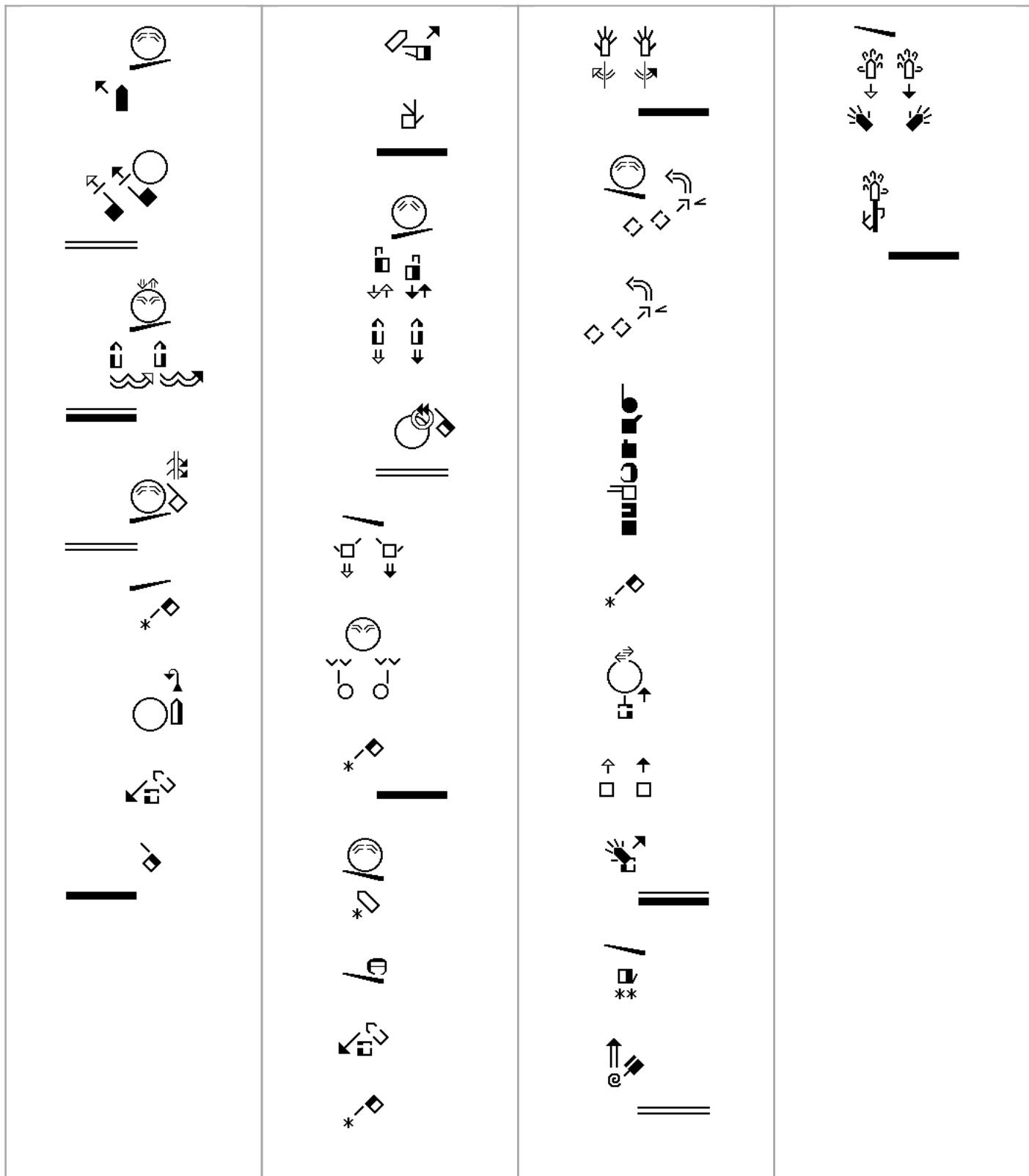
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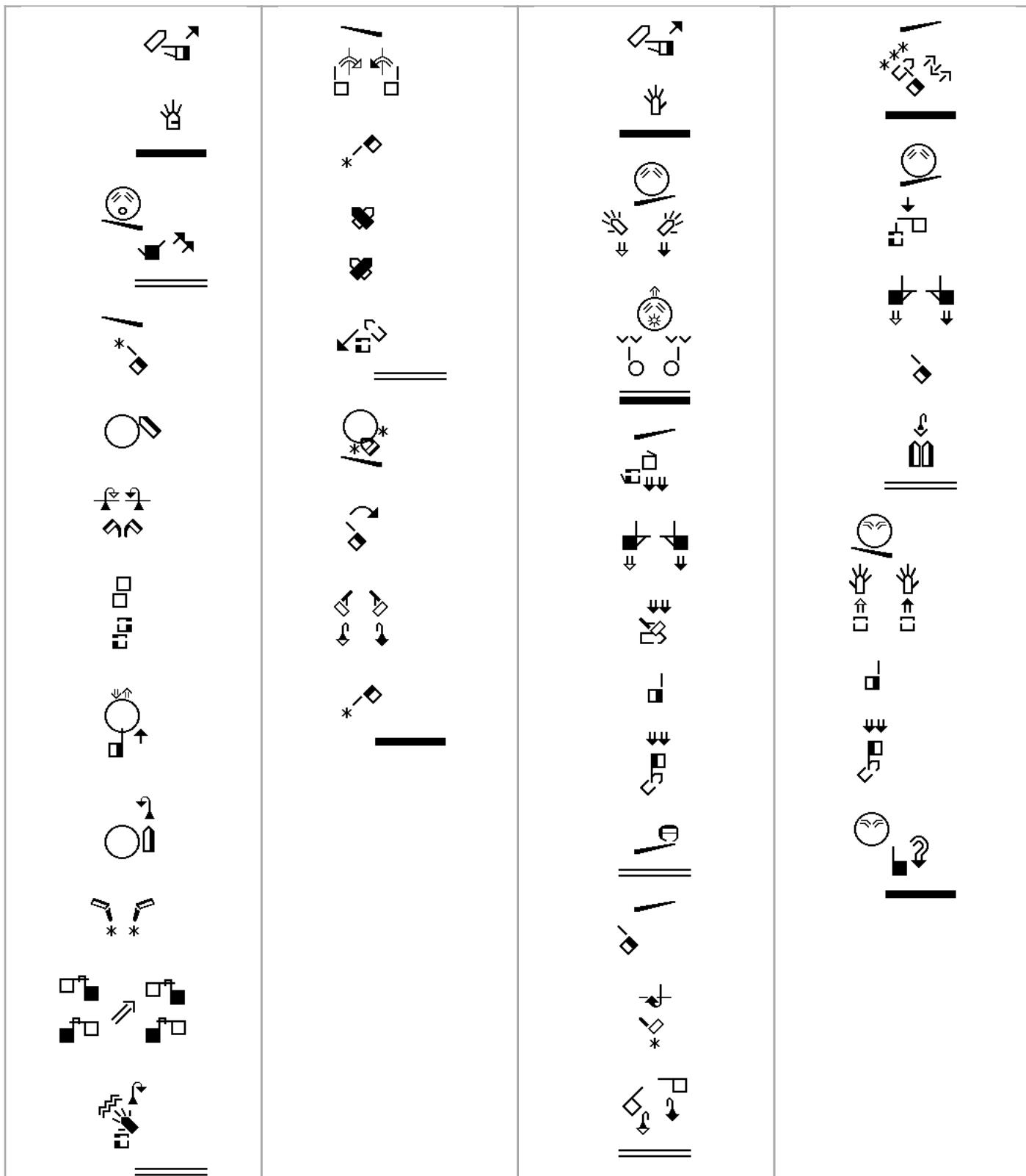
Luke 16. Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. Verse 2. So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you?' NLT

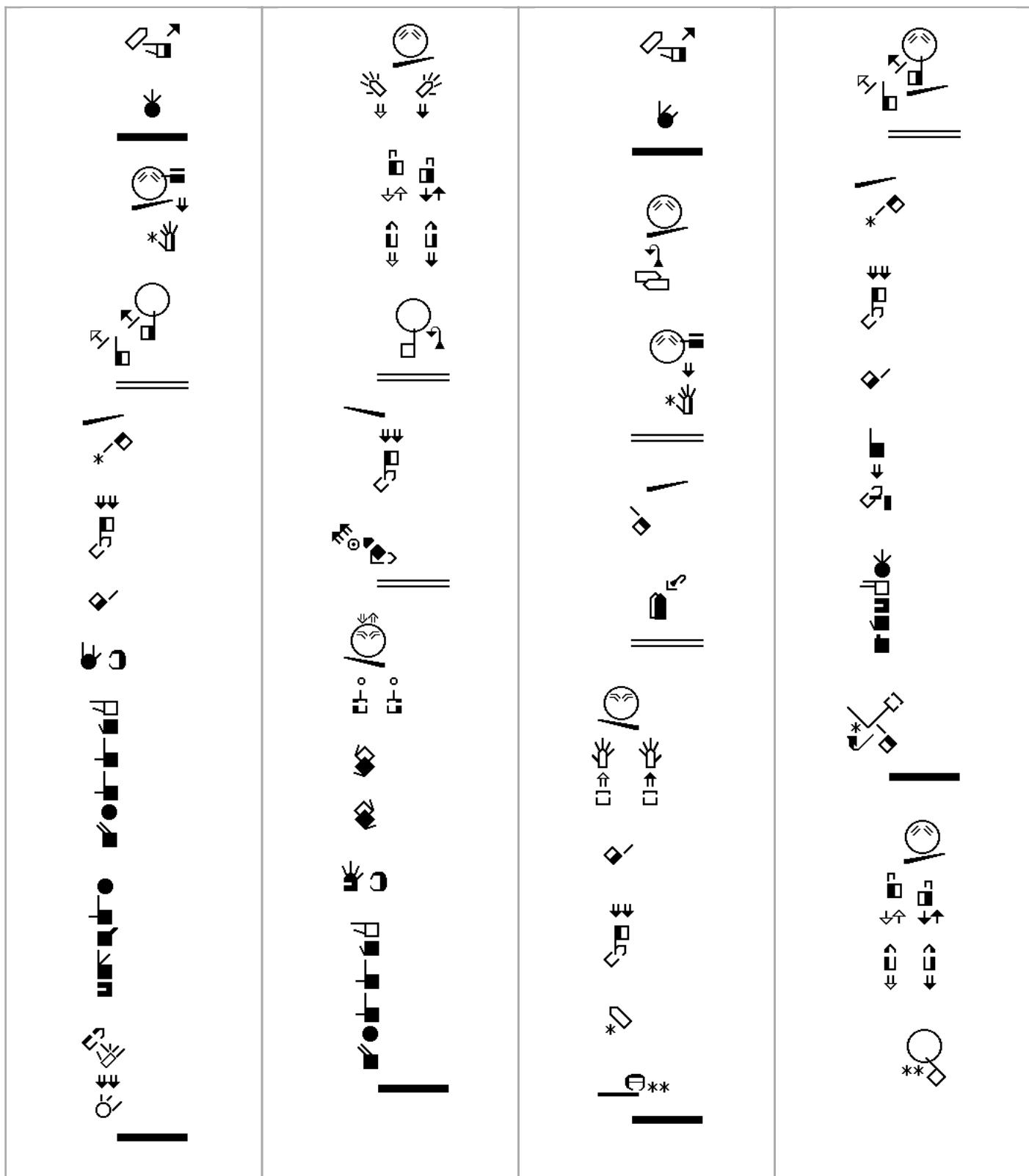


Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.' Verse 3. 'The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg.'

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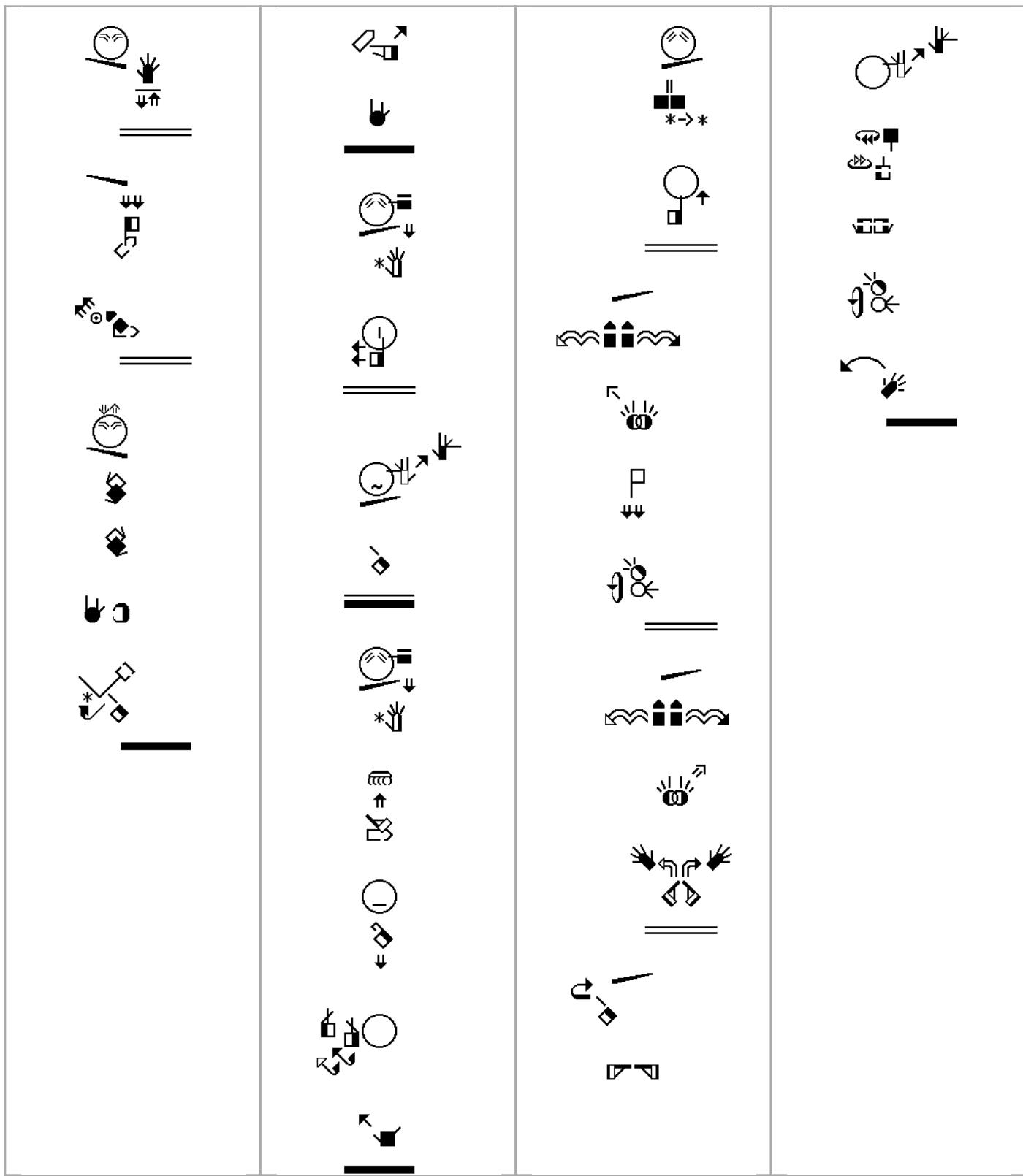


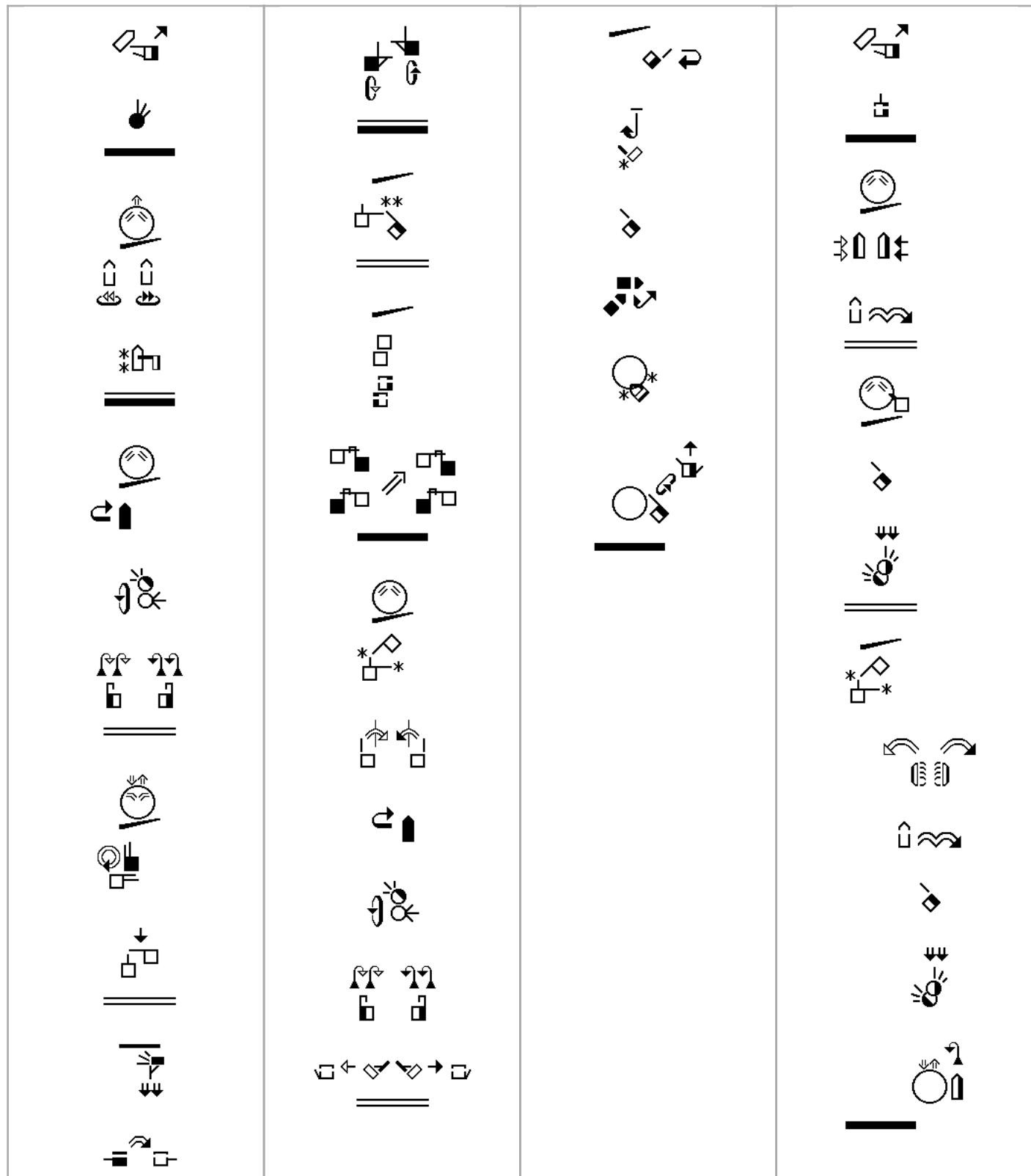


Verse 6. The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.' Verse 7. "And how much do you owe my employer?" he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said,

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Luke 16:7-8

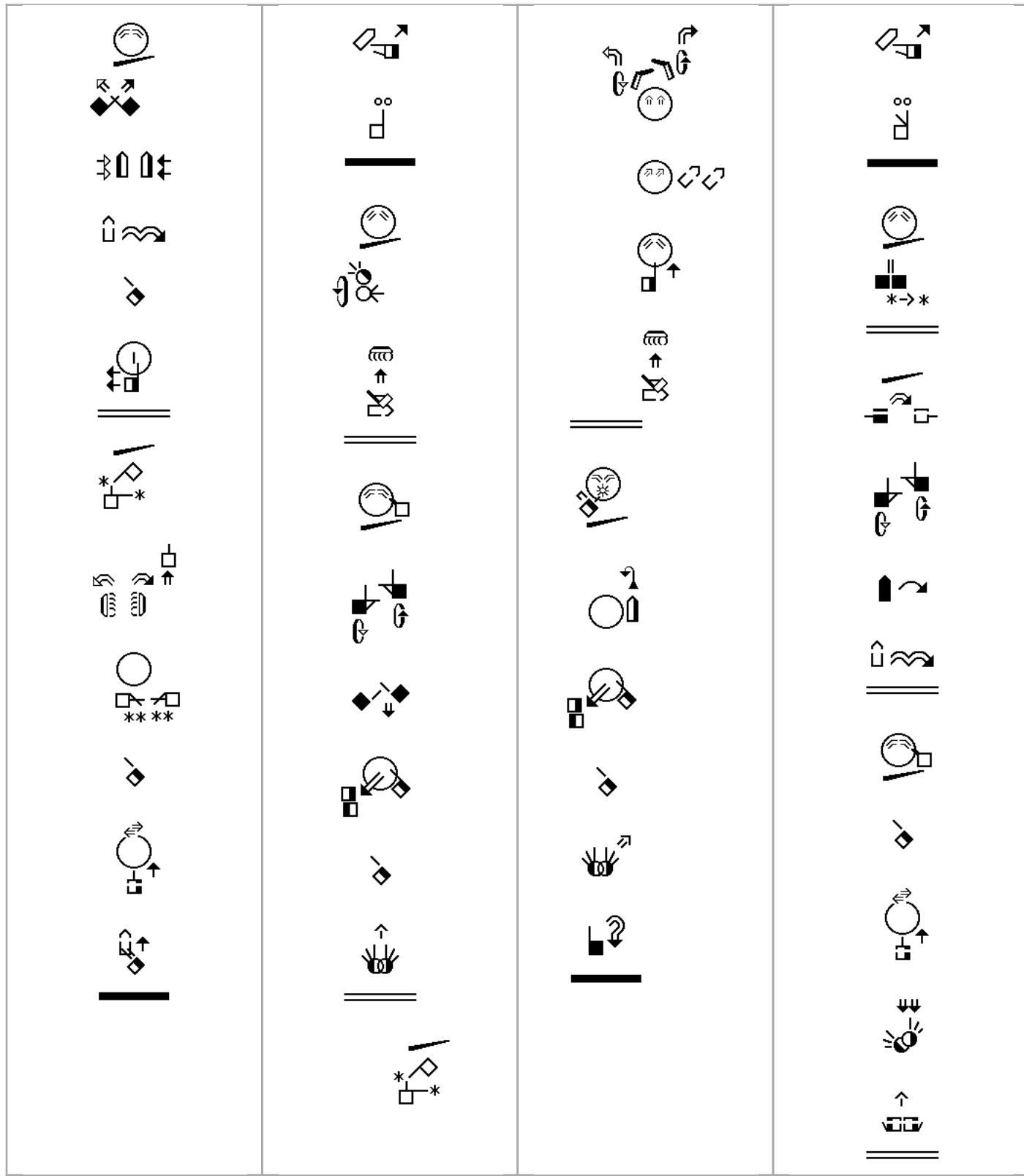




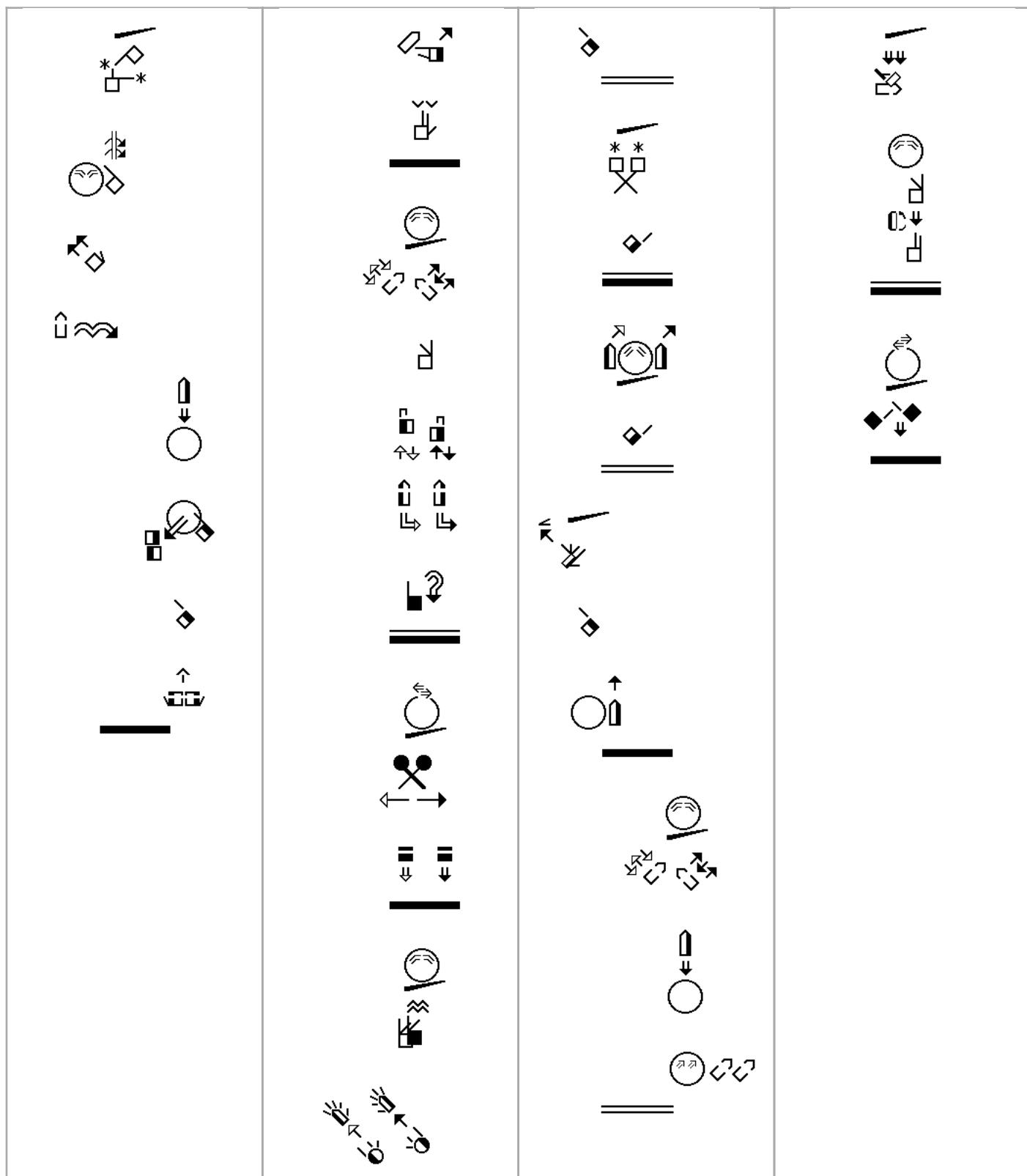
Verse 9. Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. Verse 10. "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.

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Luke 16:10-12



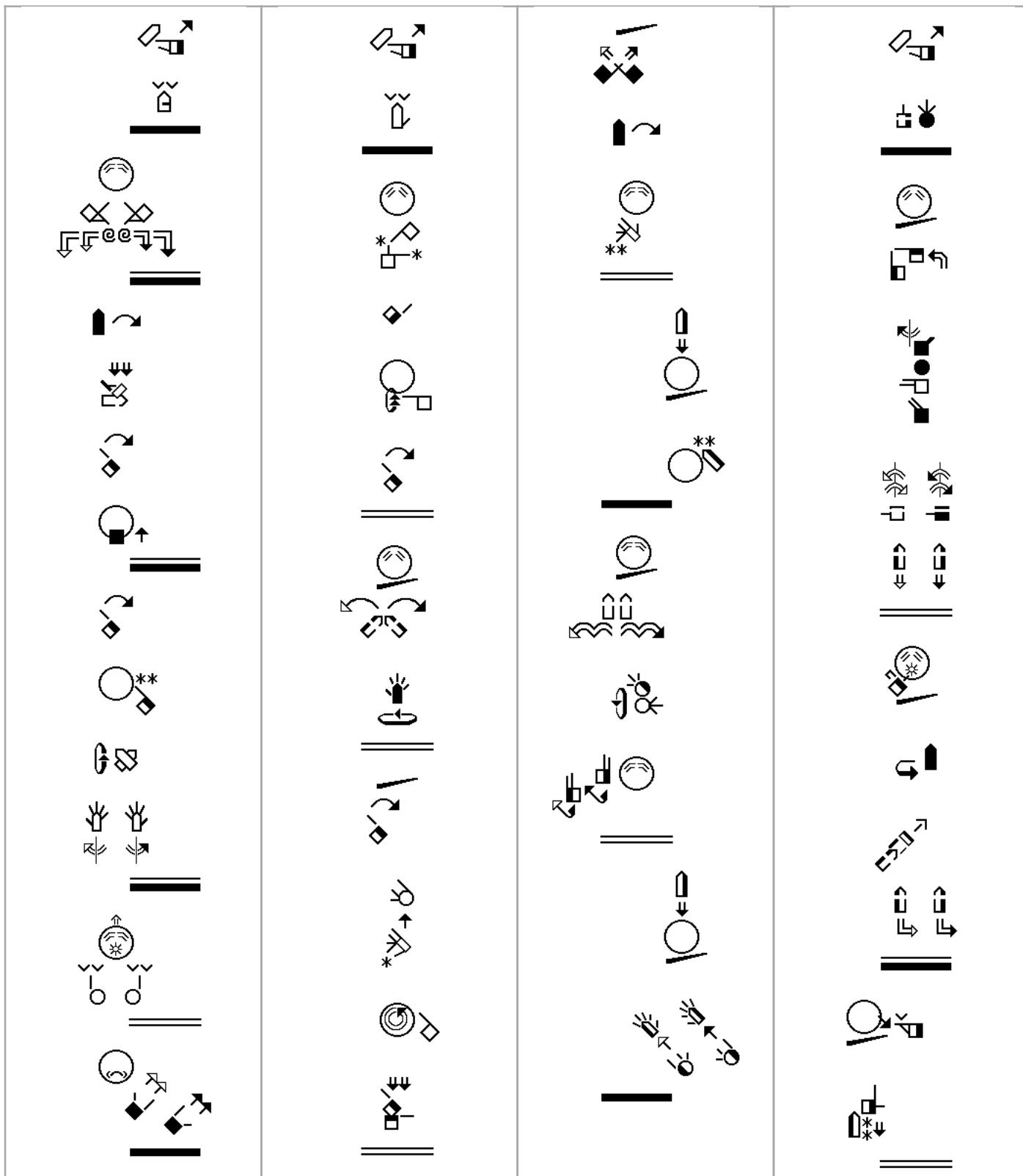
372 But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.  
 Verse 11. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the  
 true riches of heaven? Verse 12. And if you are not faithful with other people's things,  
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why should you be trusted with things of your own? Verse 13. "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

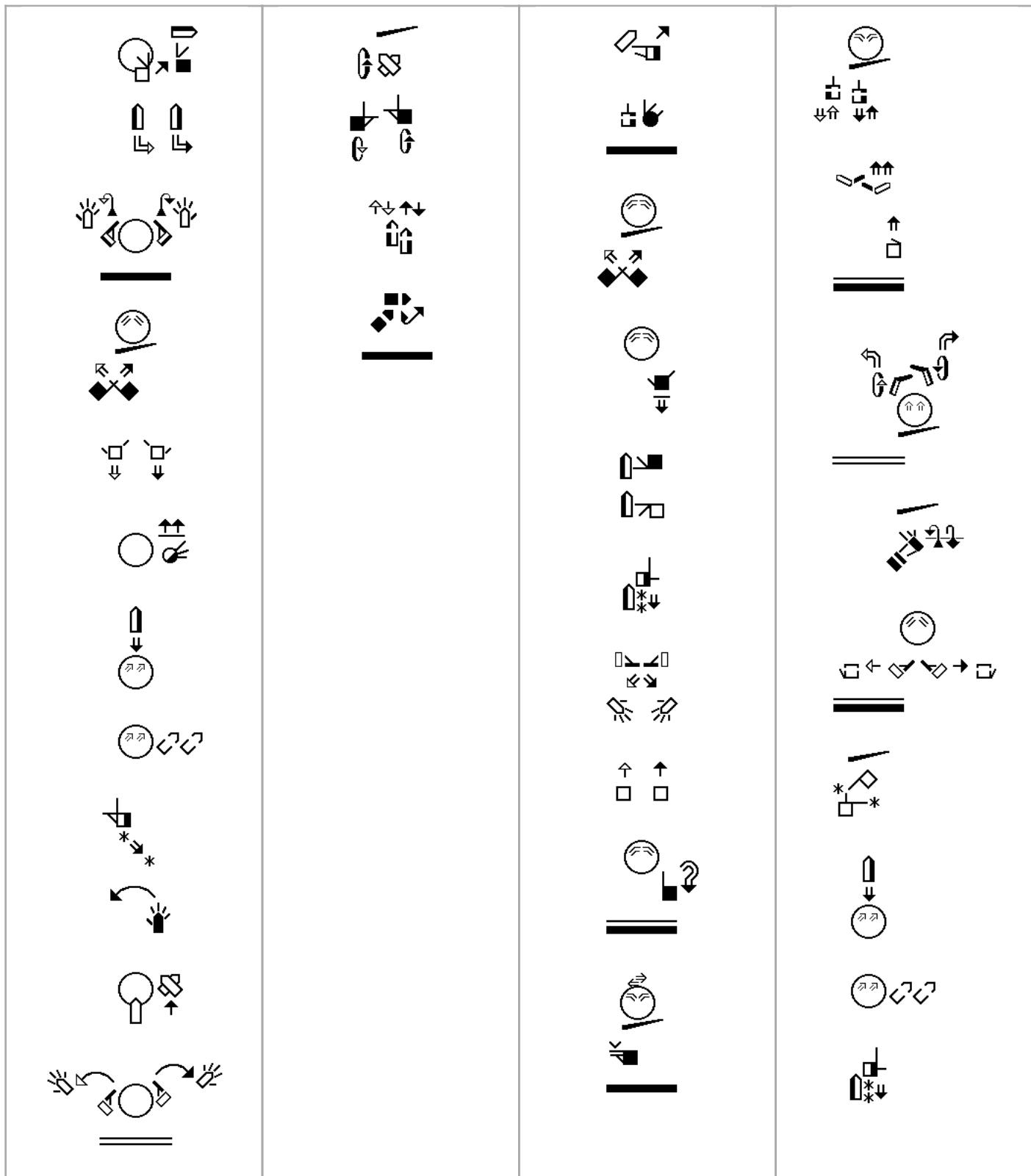
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Luke 16:14-16



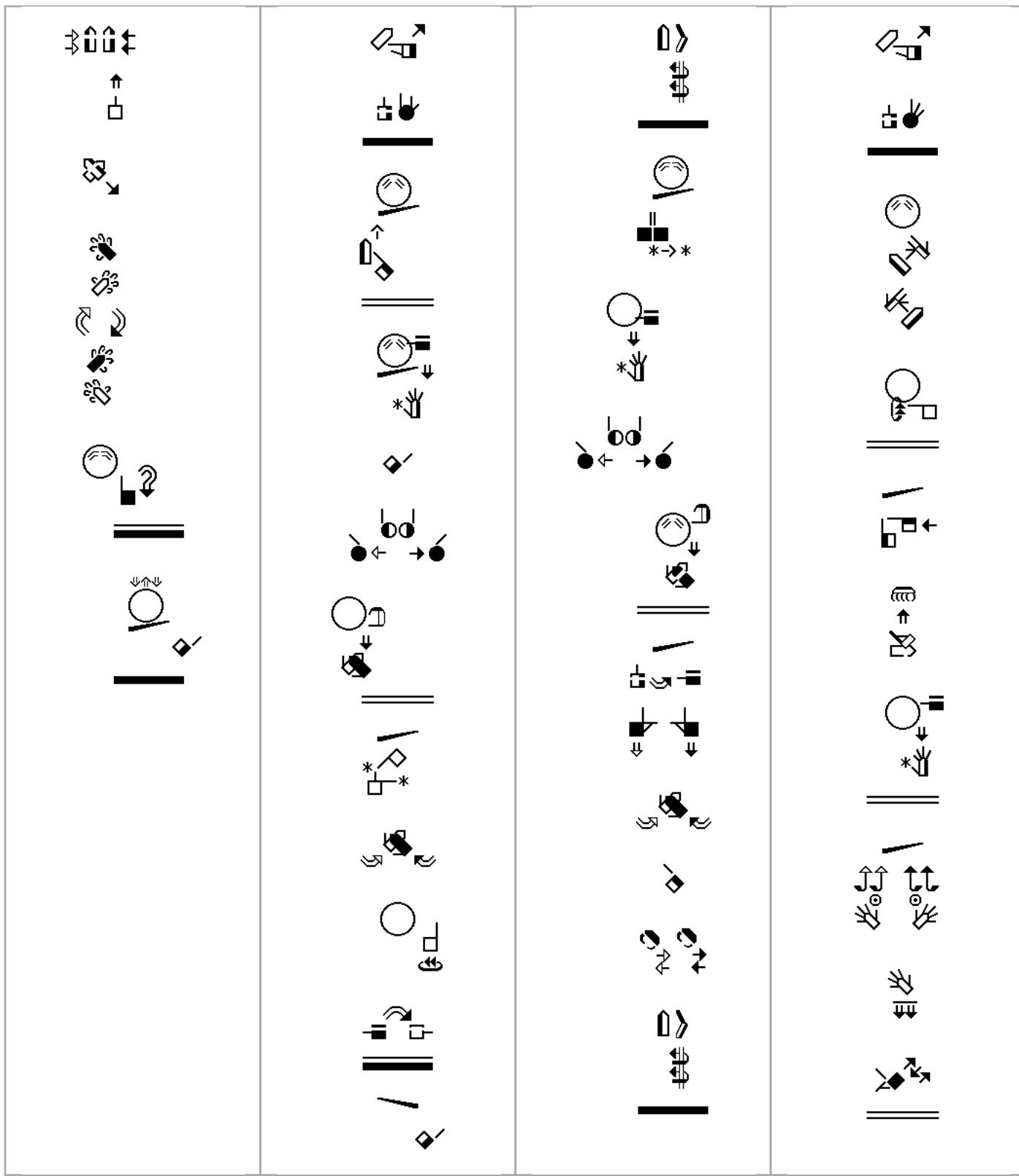
374 Verse 14. The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him.  
 Verse 15. Then he said to them, "You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God. Verse 16. "Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses

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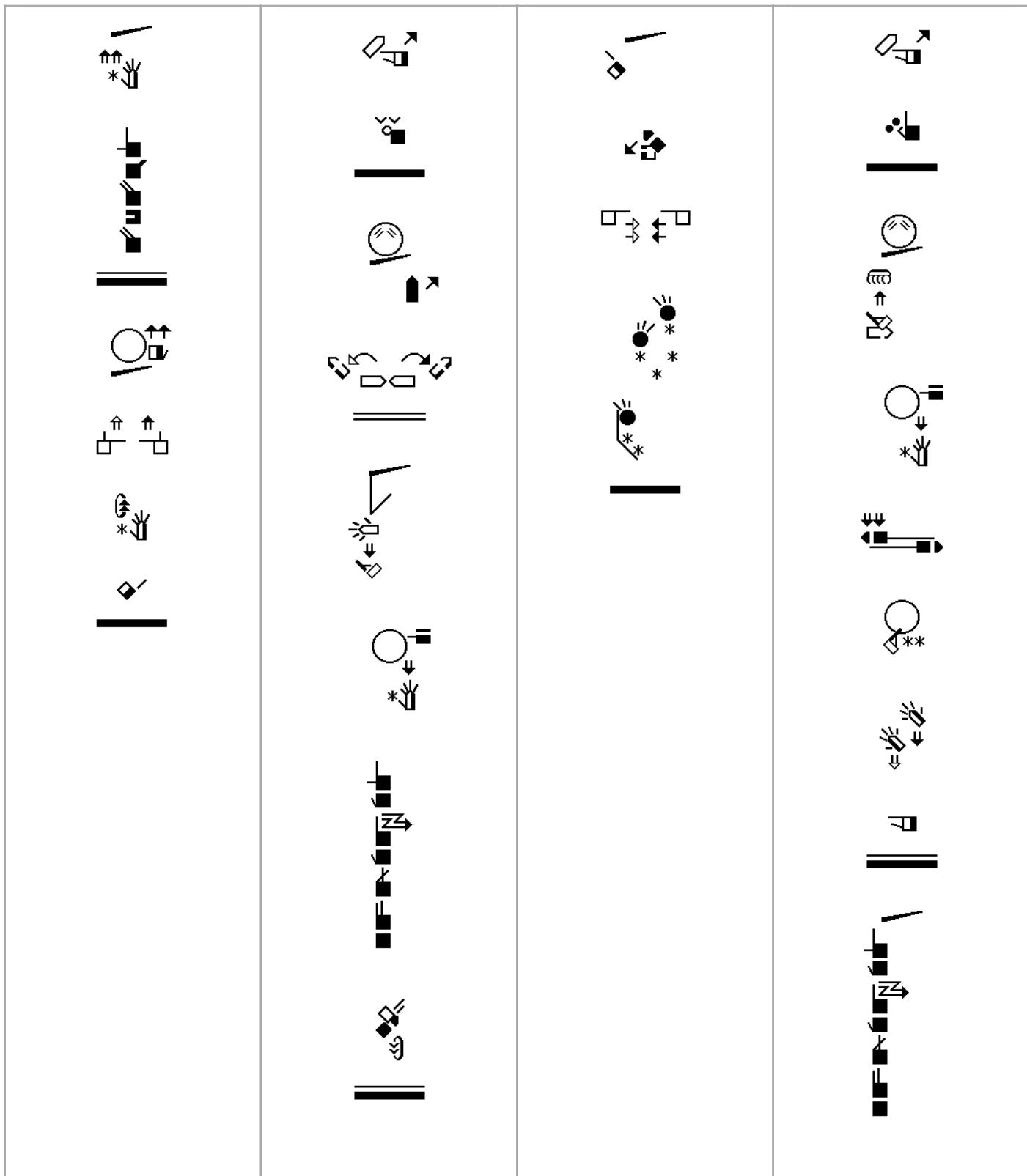
and the messages of the prophets were your guides. But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is eager to get in. Verse 17. But that doesn't mean that the law has lost its force. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the smallest point of God's law

Luke 16:17-19



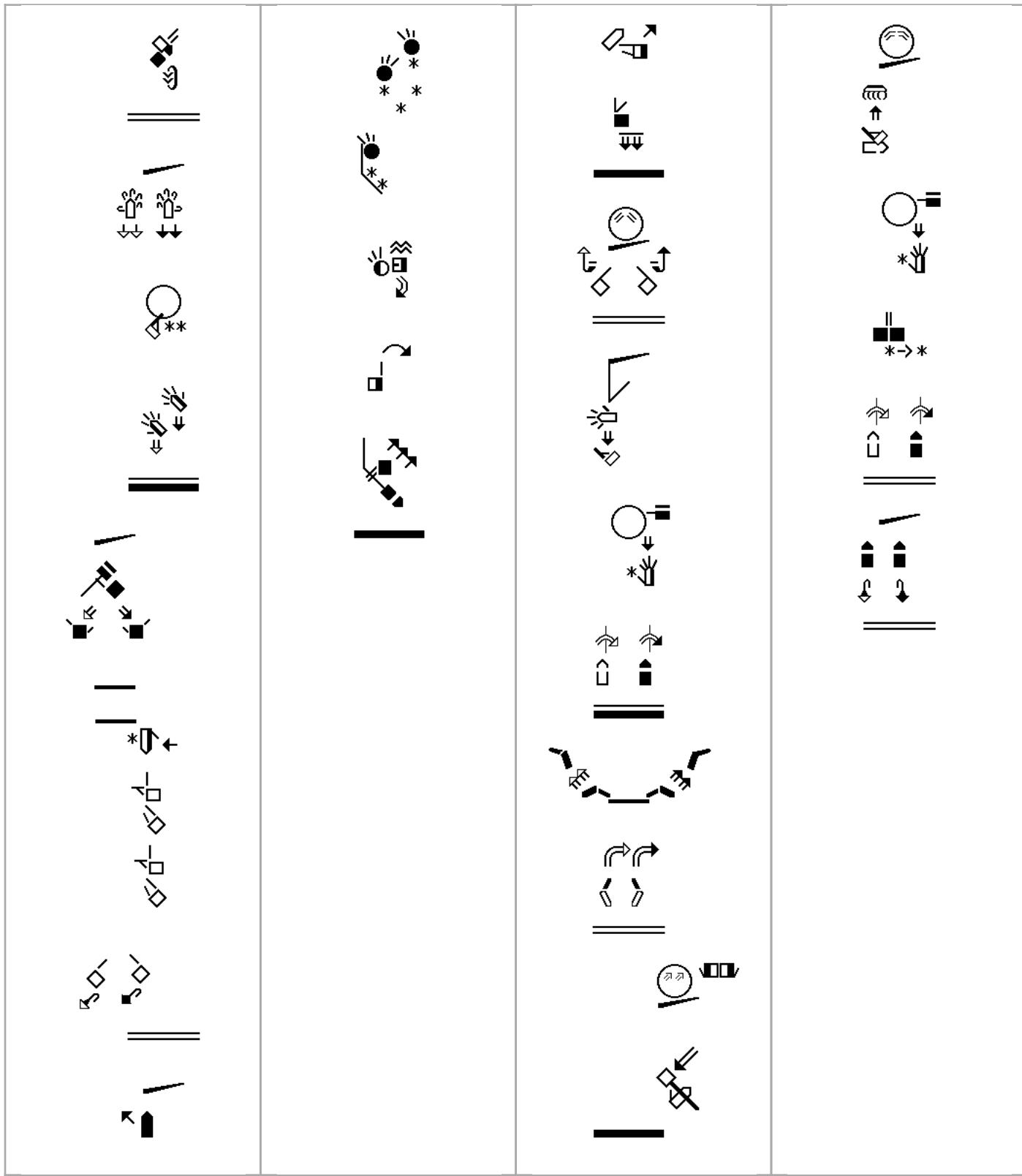
376 to be overturned. Verse 18. "For example, a man who divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery. And anyone who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery." Verse 19. Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple

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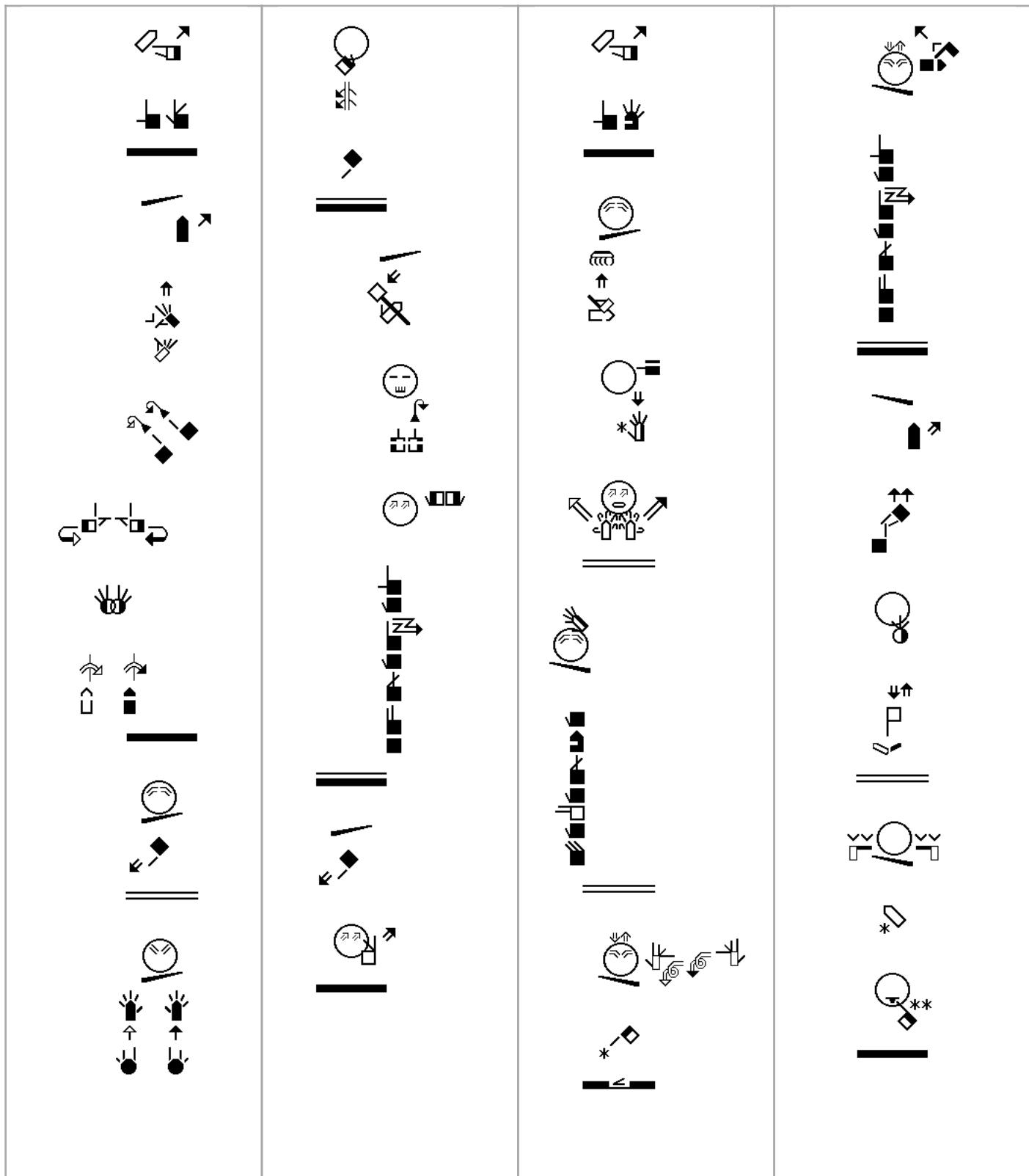
and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. Verse 20. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Verse 21. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table,

Luke 16:21-22



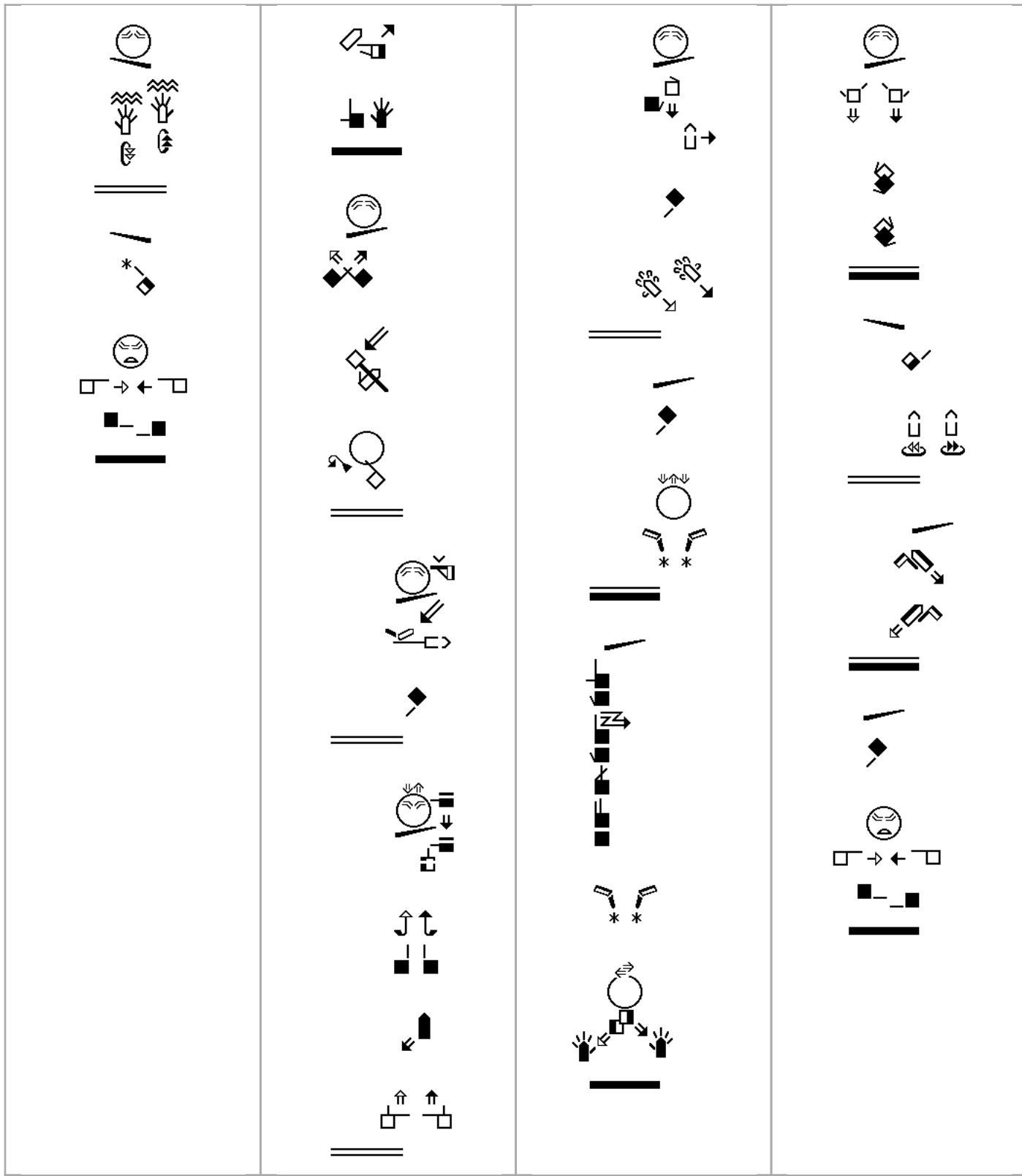
378 the dogs would come and lick his open sores. Verse 22. "Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried,

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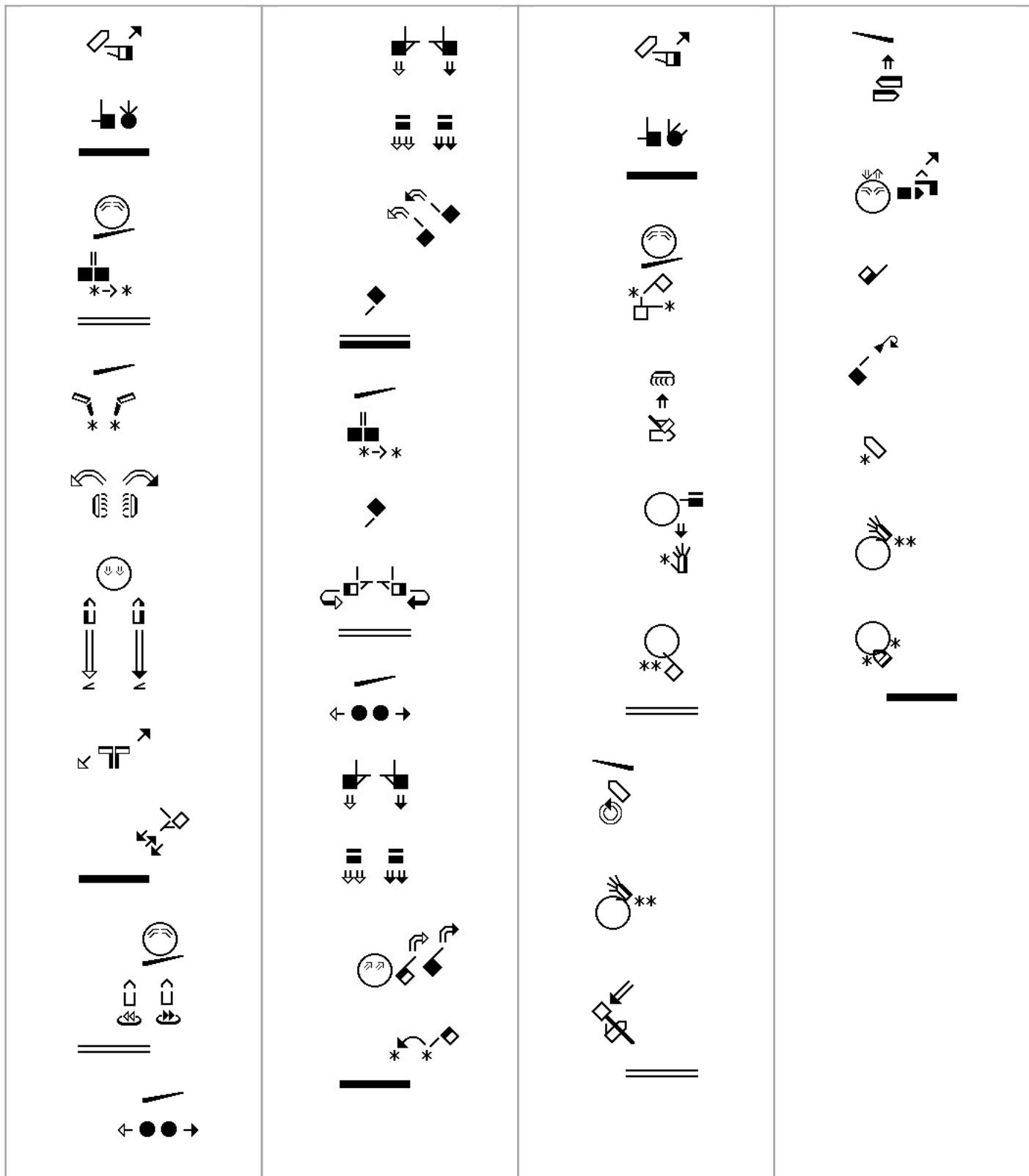


Verse 23. and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. Verse 24. "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue.'

Luke 16:24-25

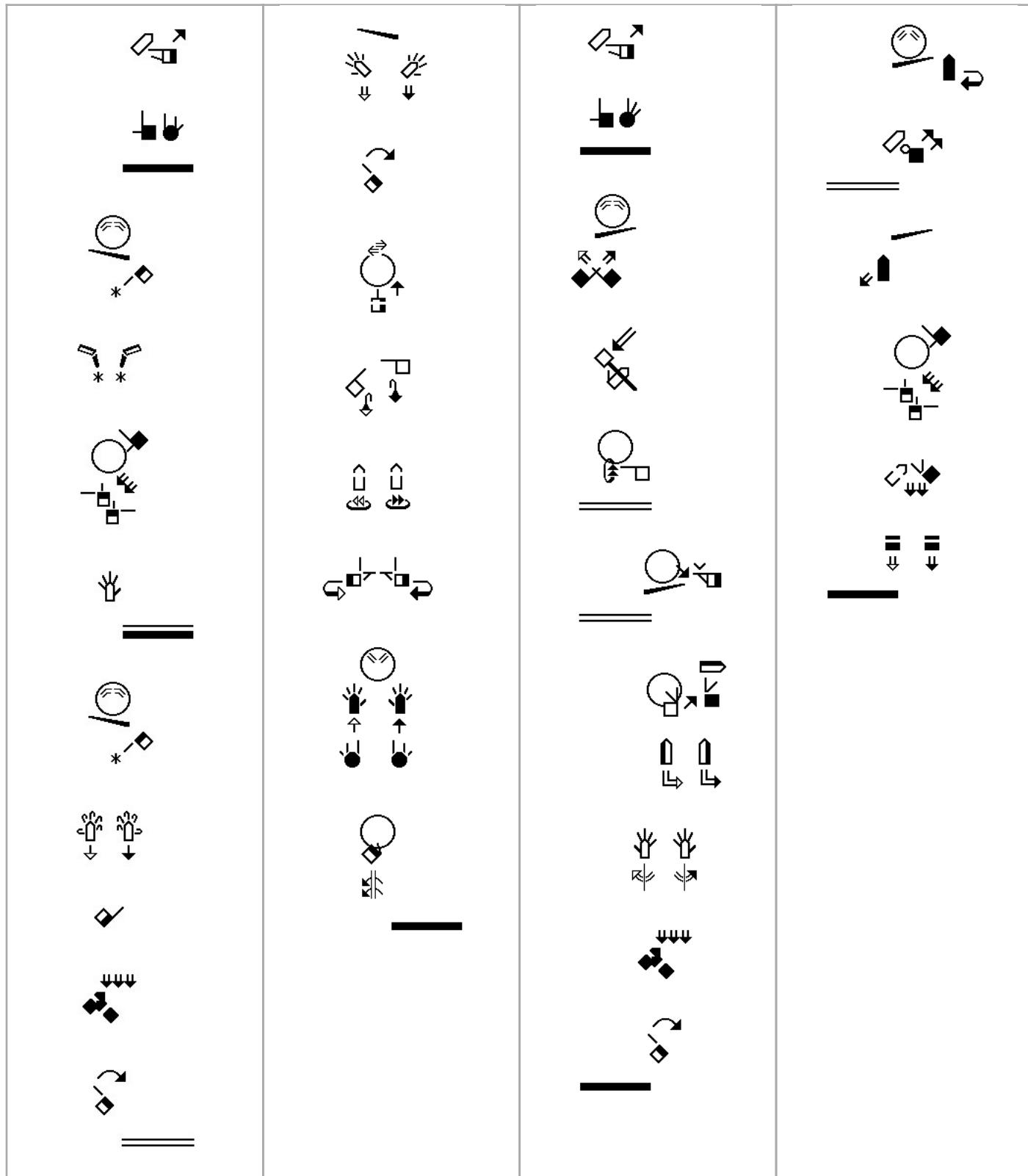


380 I am in anguish in these flames.' Verse 25. "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. NLT



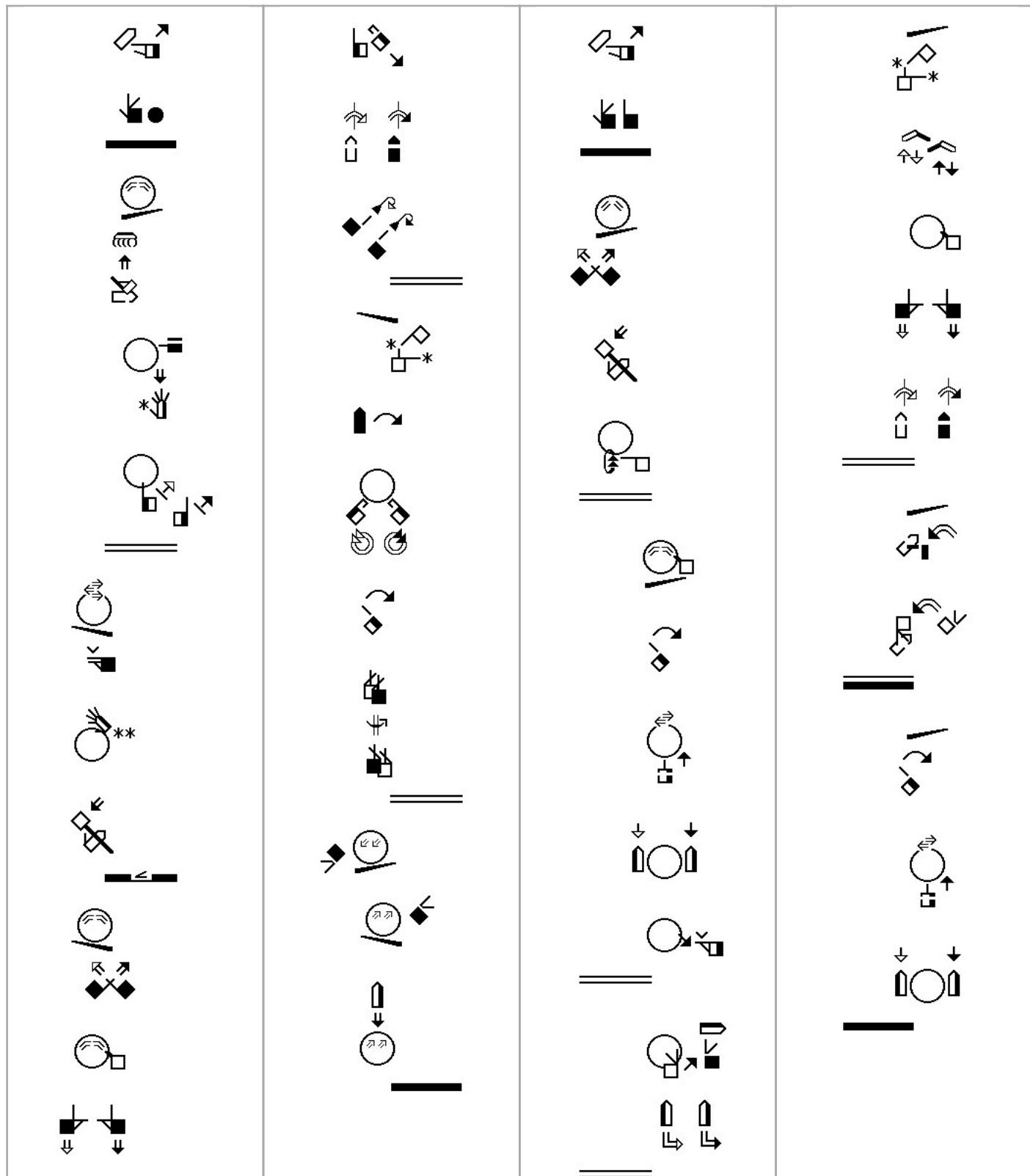
Verse 26. And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.' Verse 27. "Then the rich man said, "Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home.

Luke 16:28-29



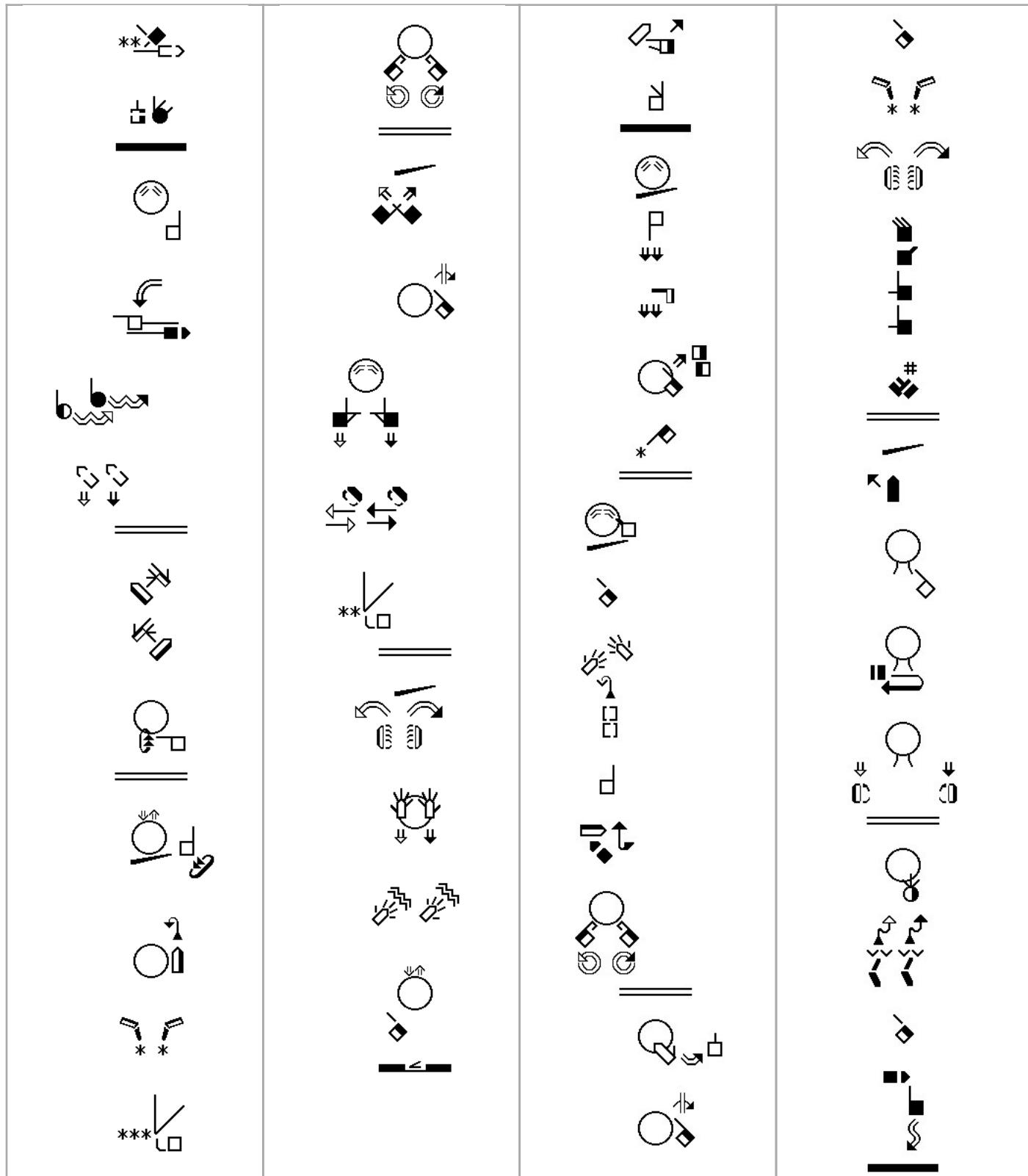
382 Verse 28. For I have five brothers and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.' Verse 29. "But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.'

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Verse 30. "The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.' Verse 31. "But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even if someone rises from the dead.'" NLT

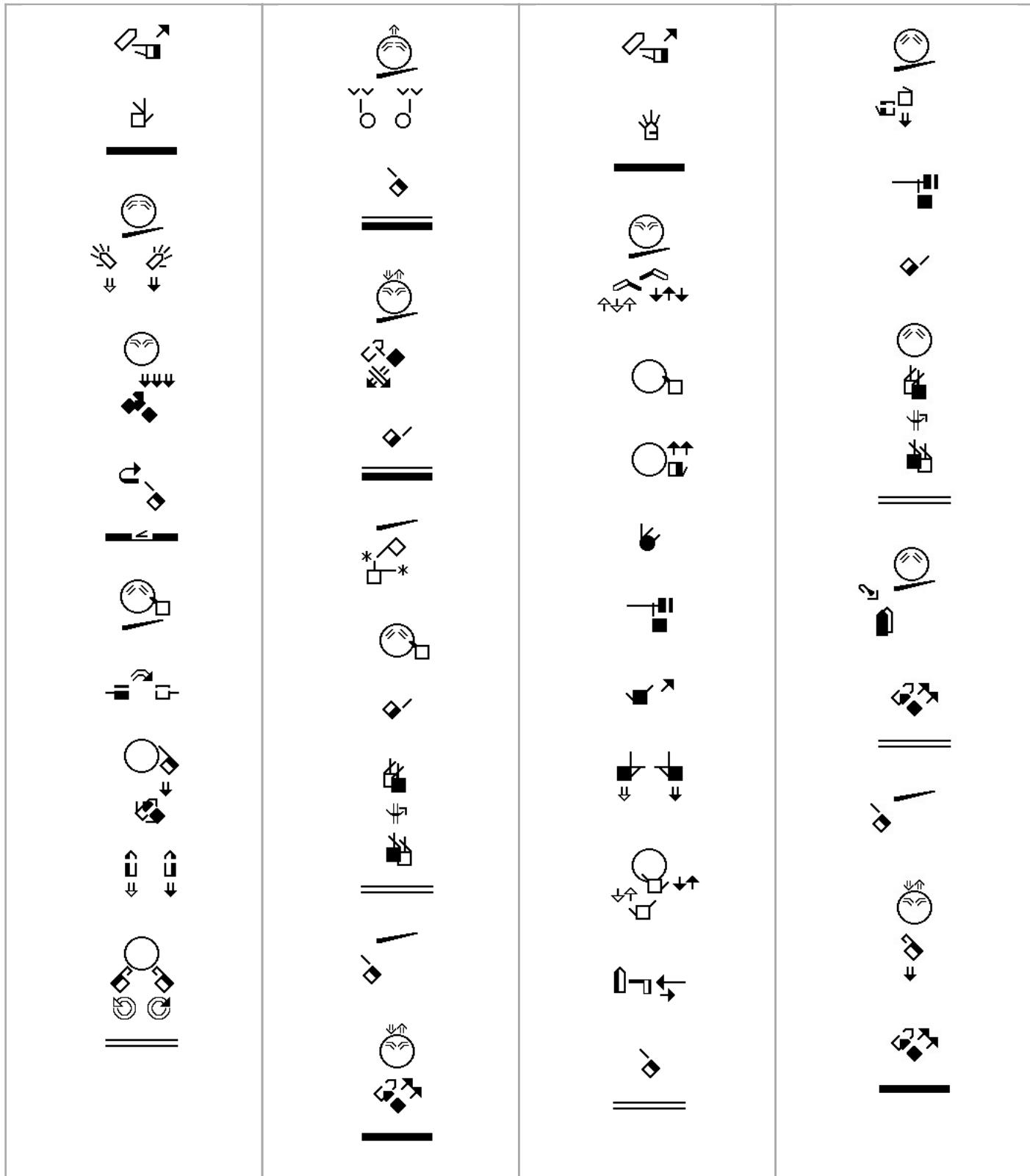
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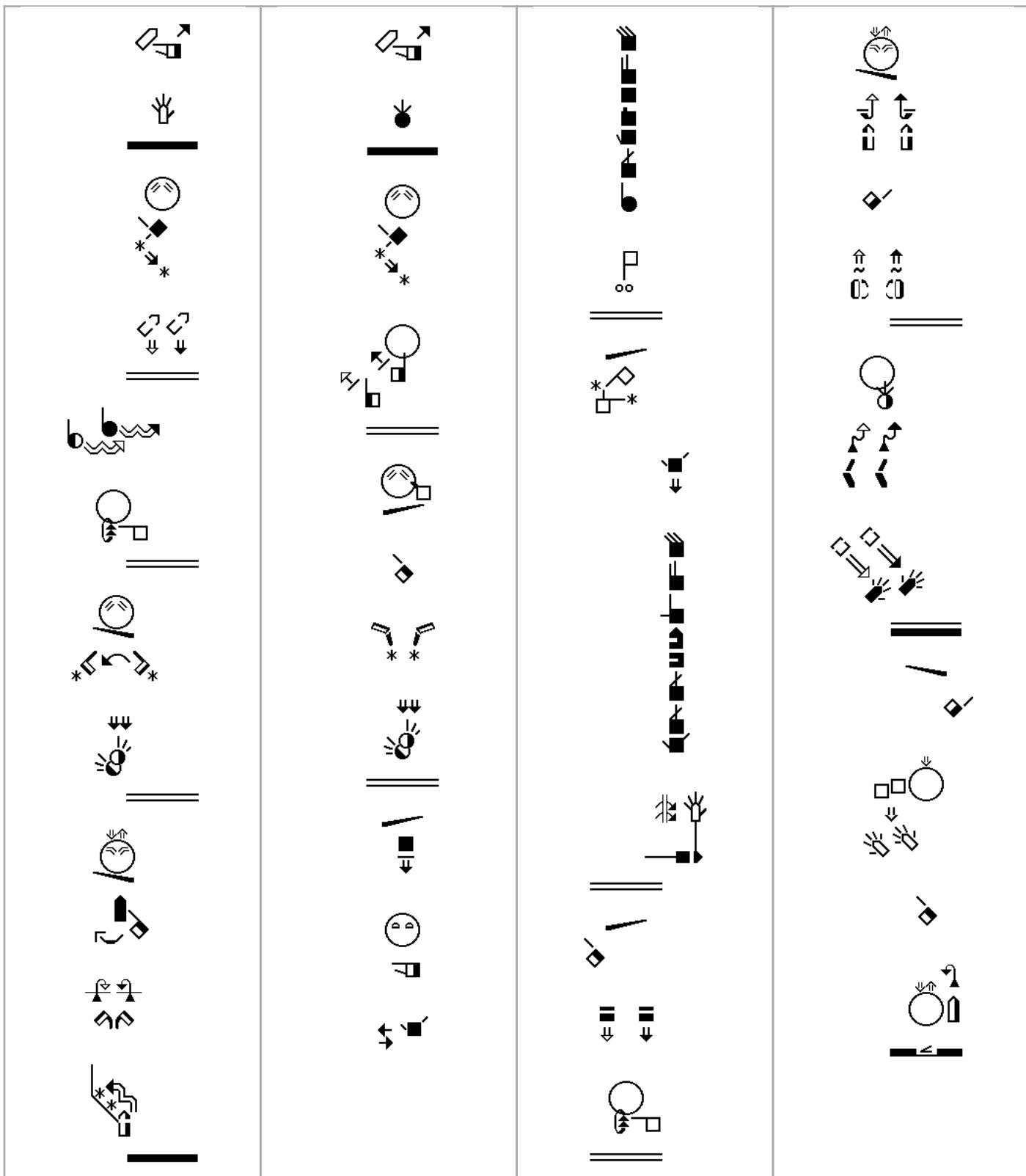
Luke 17. One day Jesus said to his disciples, "There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! Verse 2. It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin."

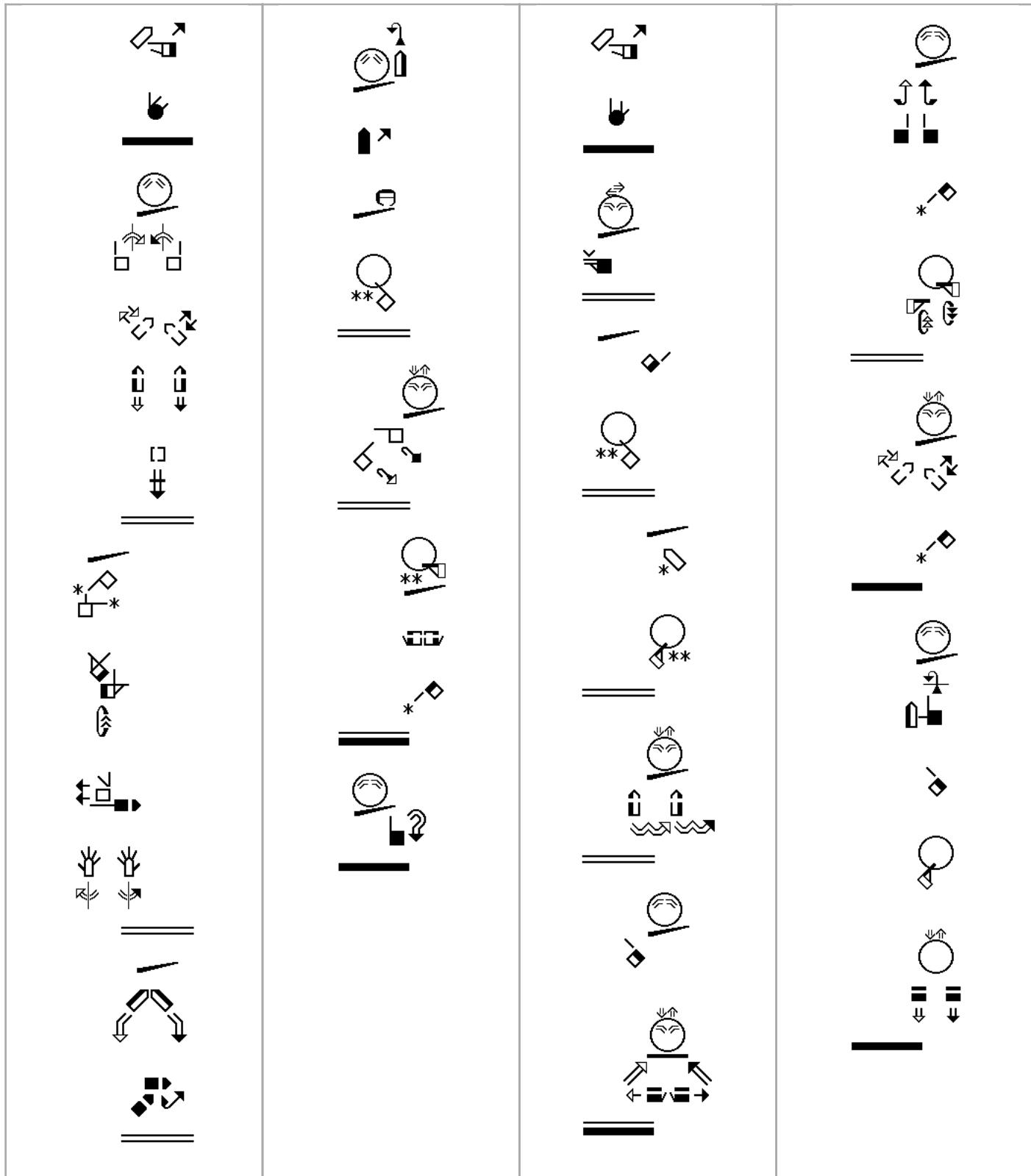
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Verse 3. So watch yourselves! "If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Verse 4. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."

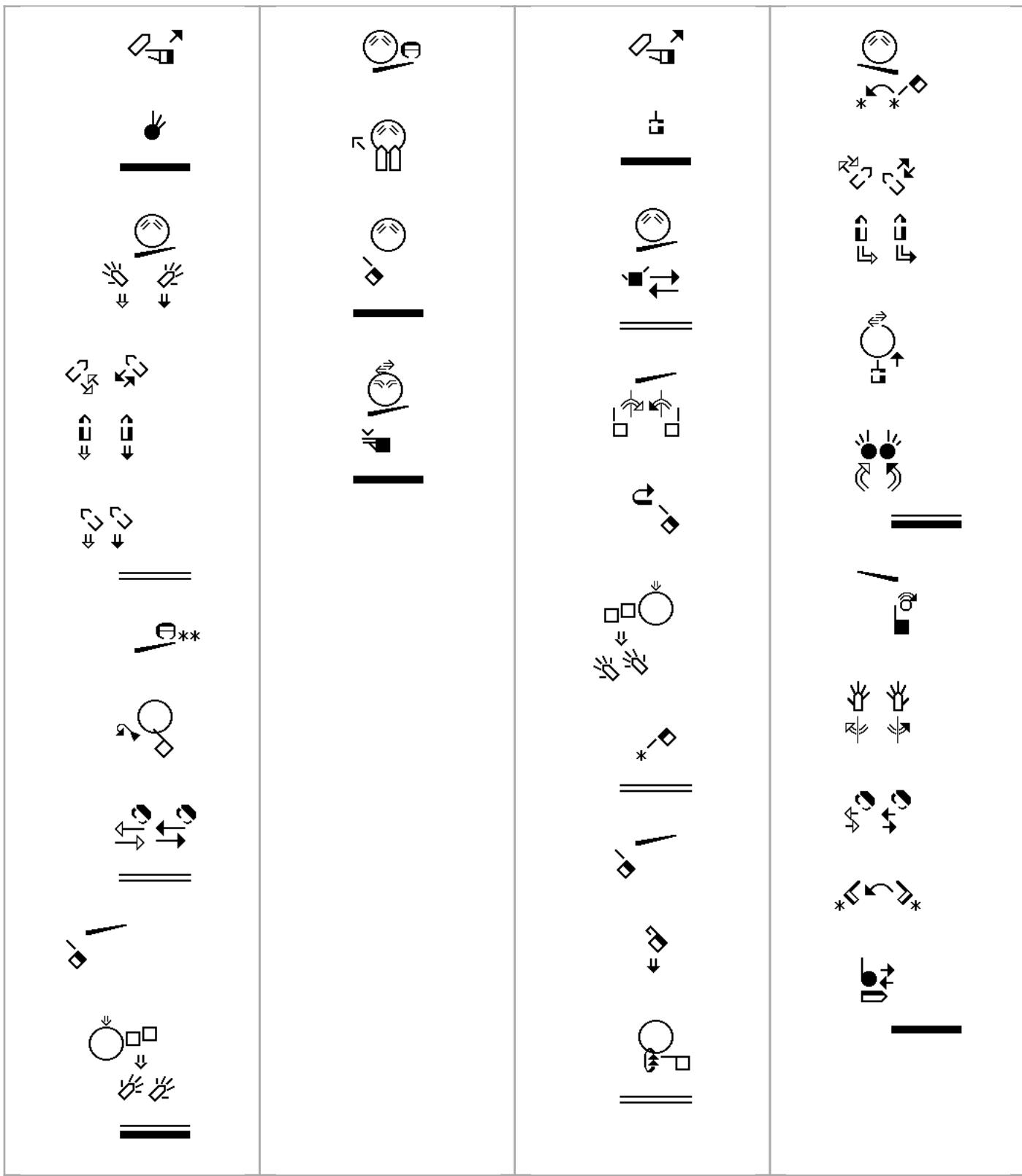
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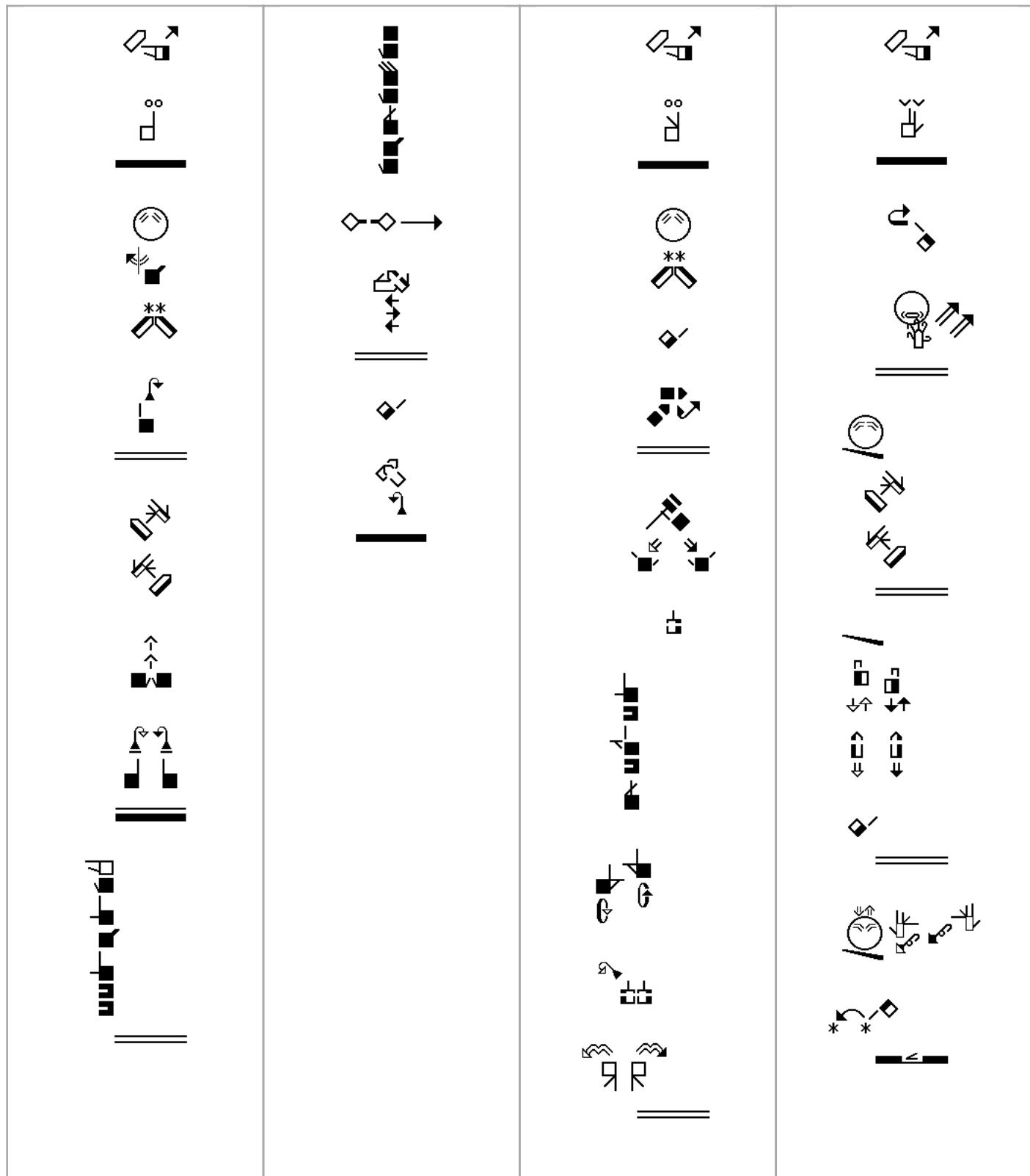


Verse 7. "When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? Verse 8. No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' NLT

Luke 17:9-10

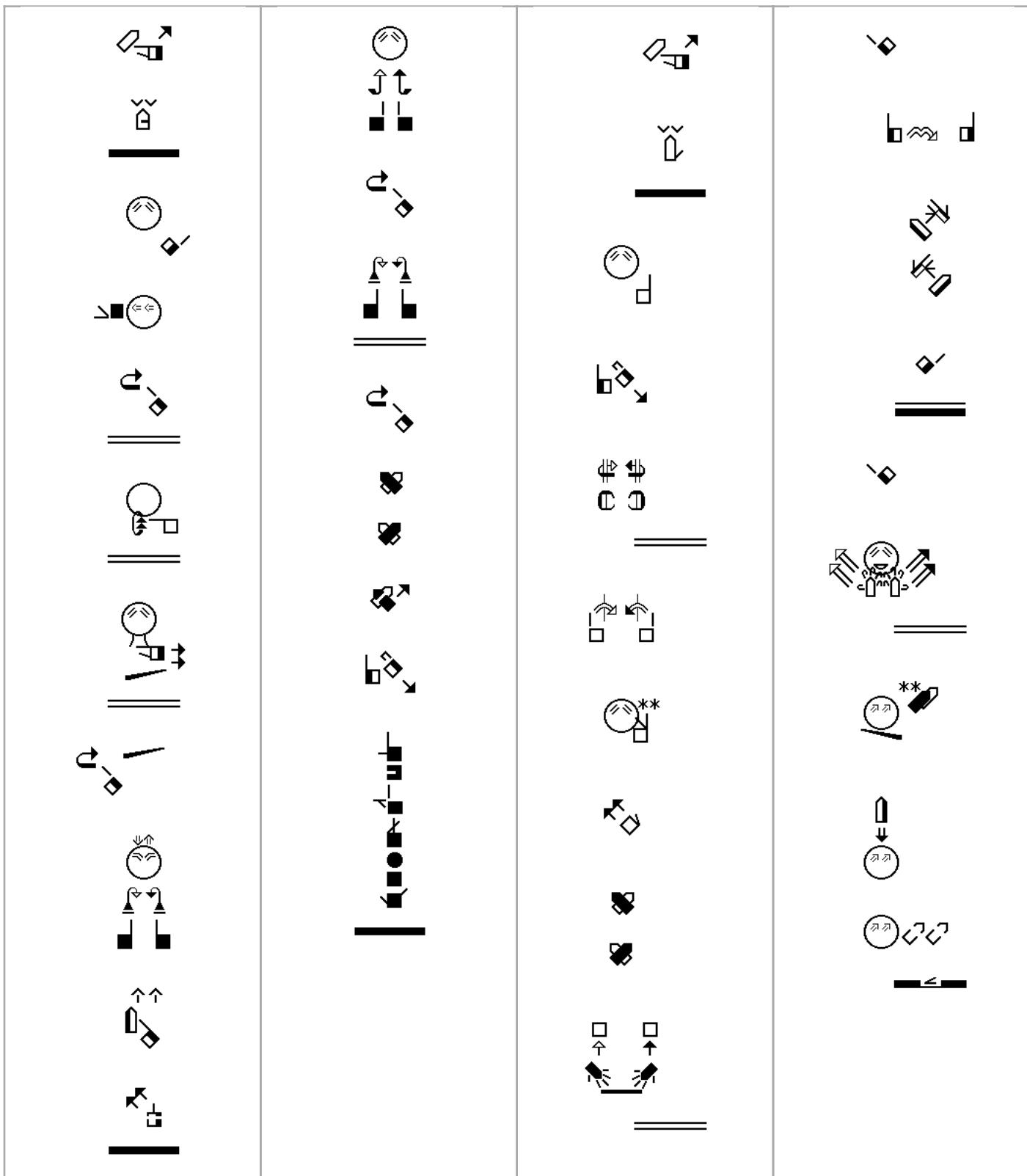


388 Verse 9. And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. Verse 10. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.' NLT



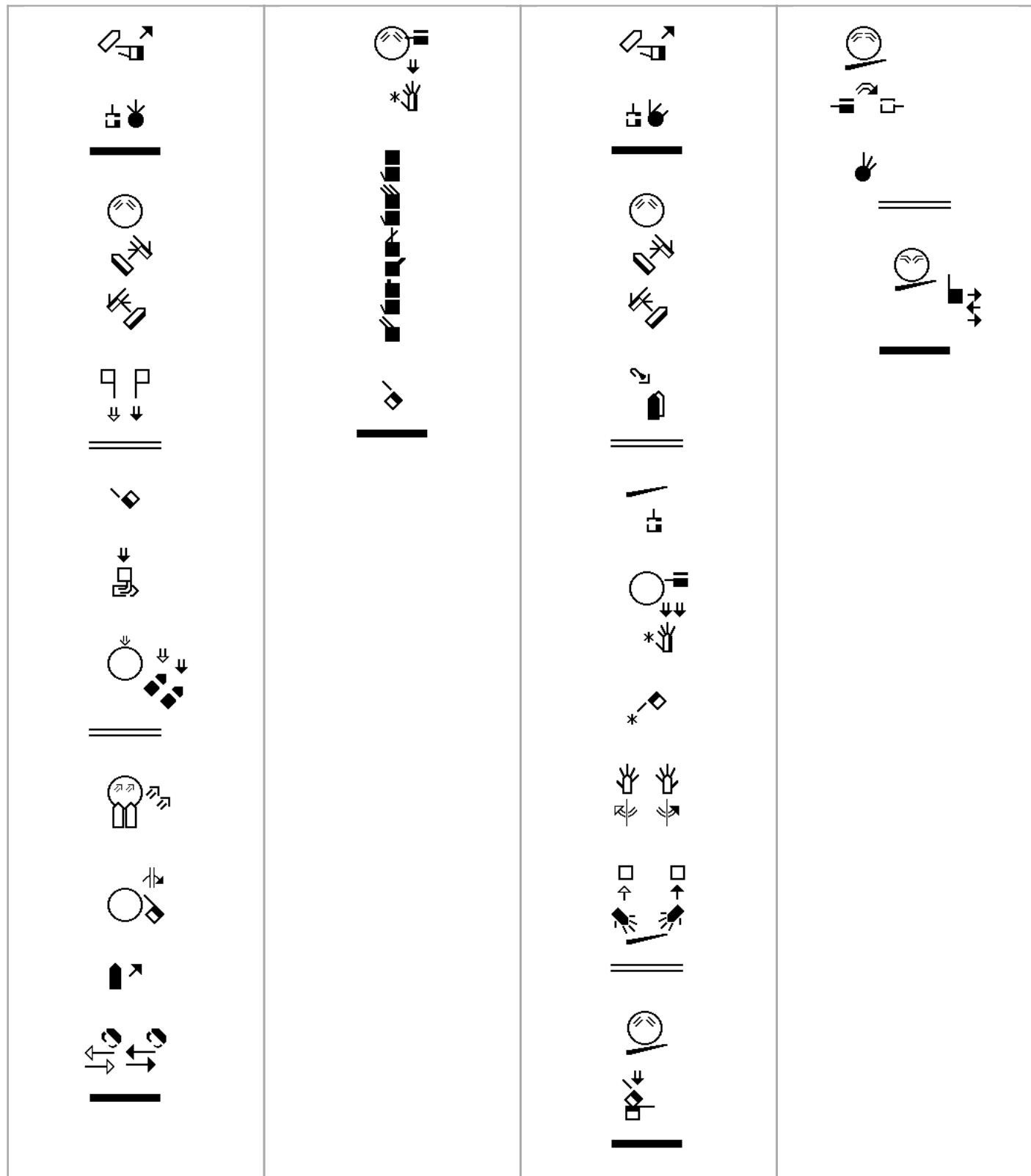
Verse 11. As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. Verse 12. As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, Verse 13. crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Luke 17:14-15



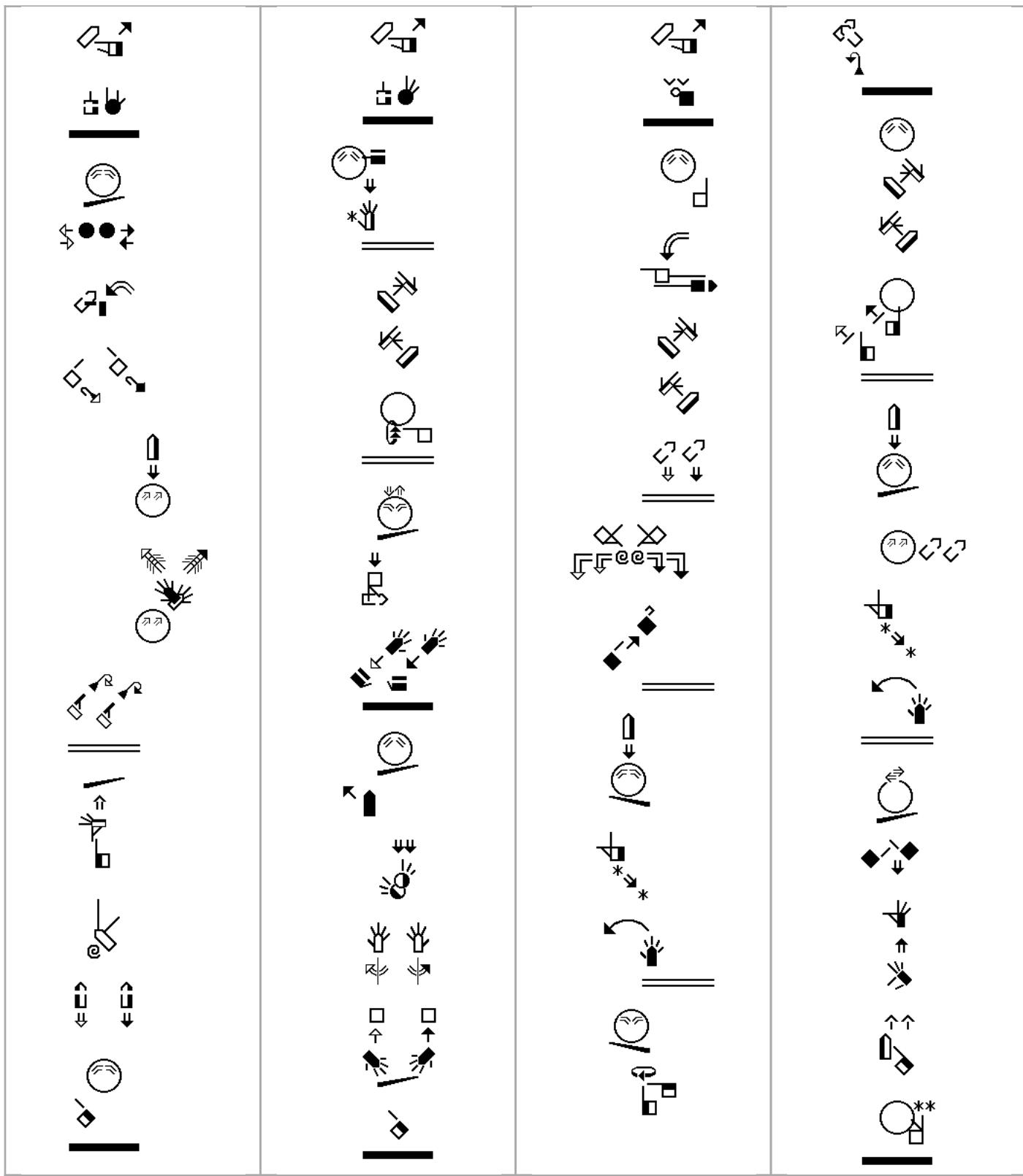
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Verse 14. He looked at them and said, "God show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. Verse 15. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" NLT

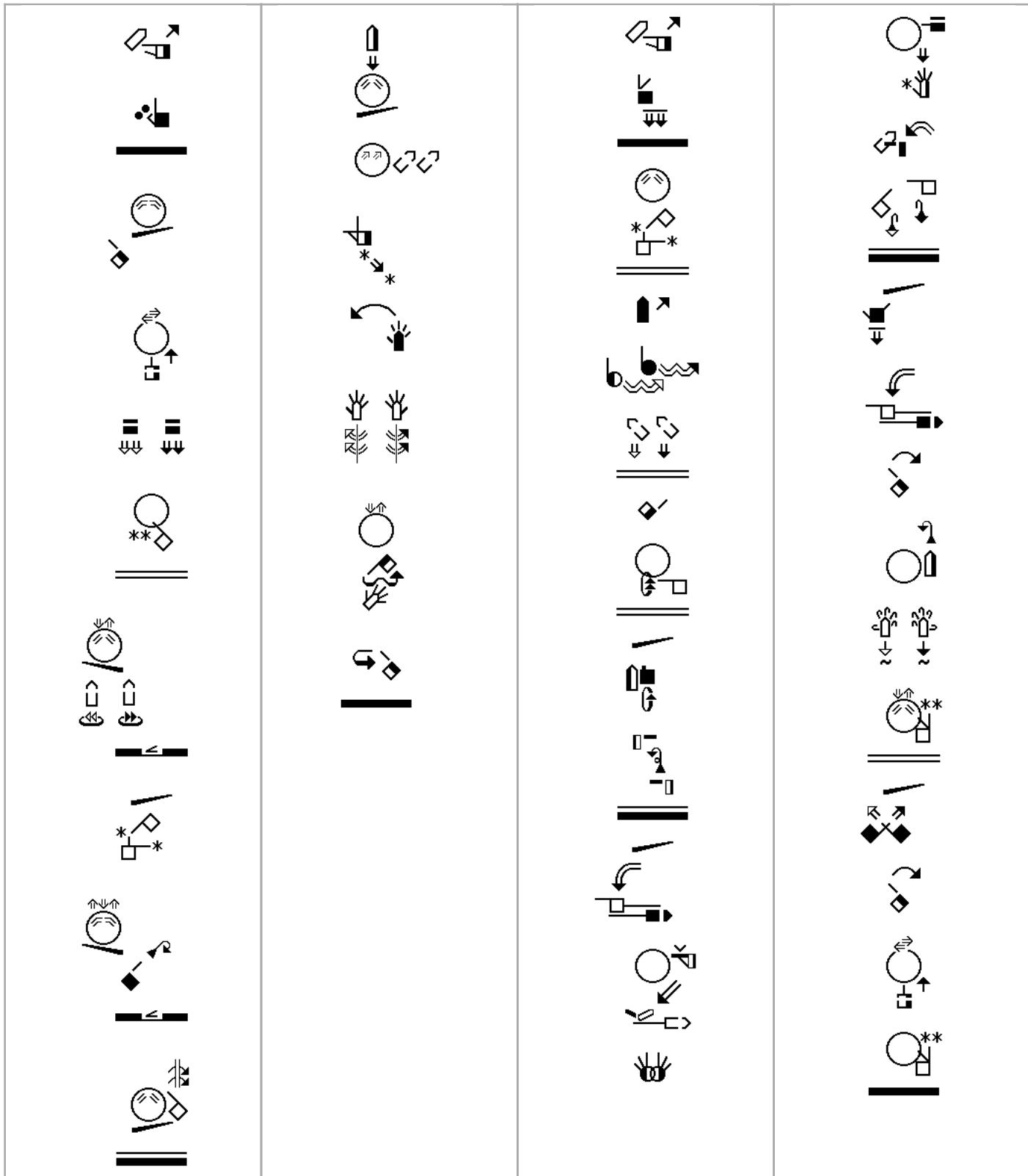


Verse 16. He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Verse 17. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?"

Luke 17:18-20

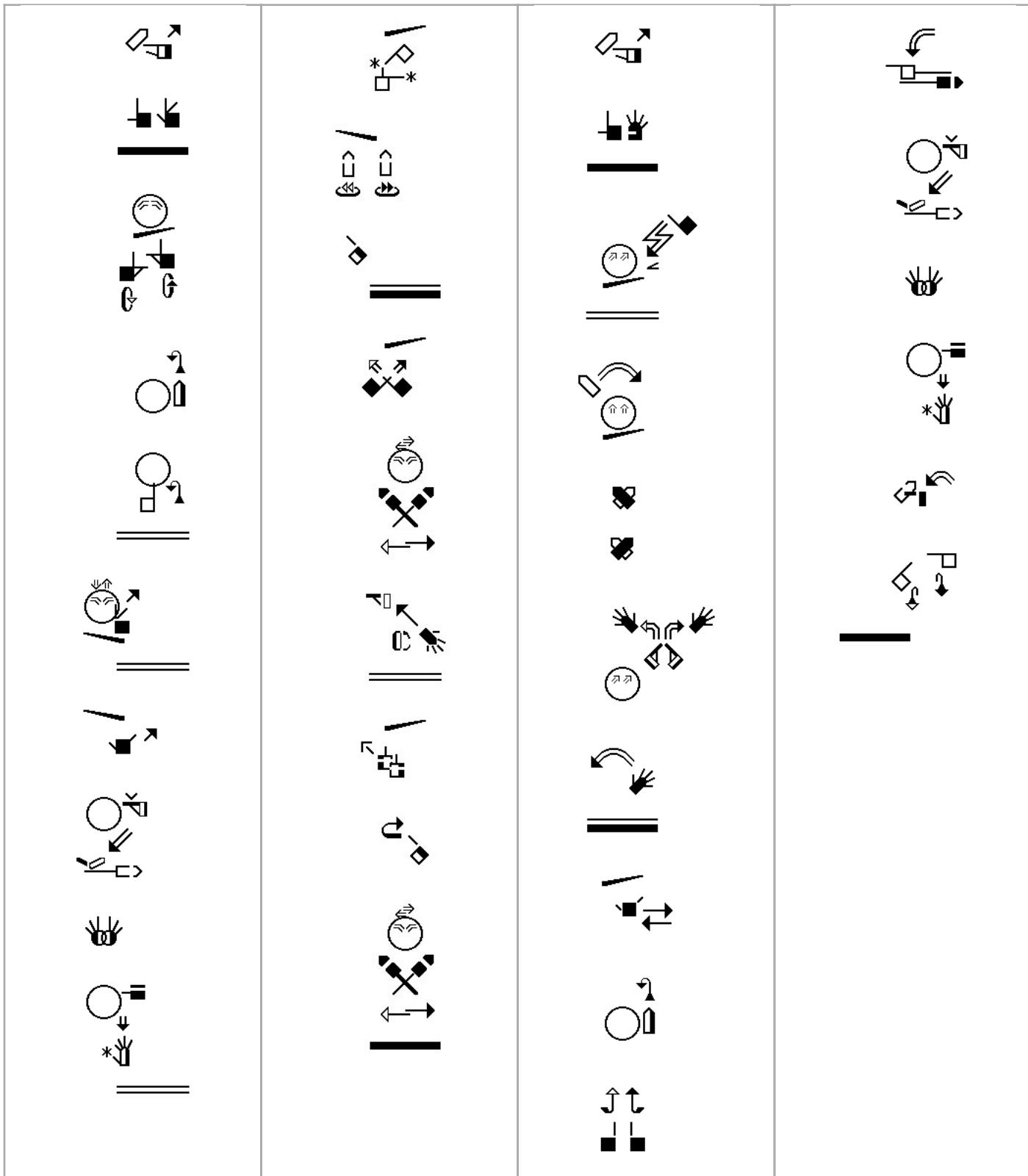


392 Verse 18. Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Verse 19. And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." Verse 20. One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. NLT

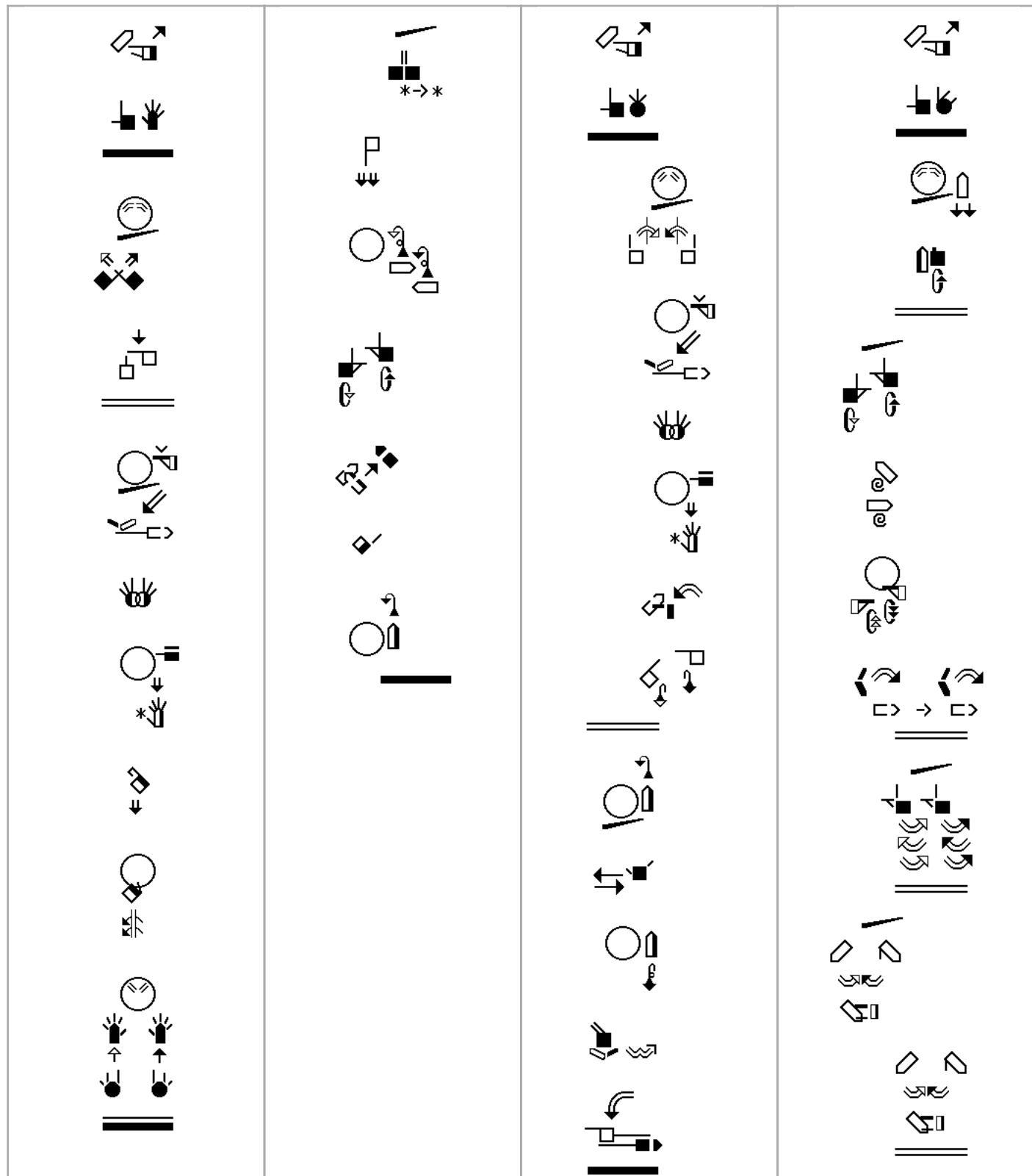


Verse 21. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you." Verse 22. Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won't see it. NLT

Luke 17:23-24



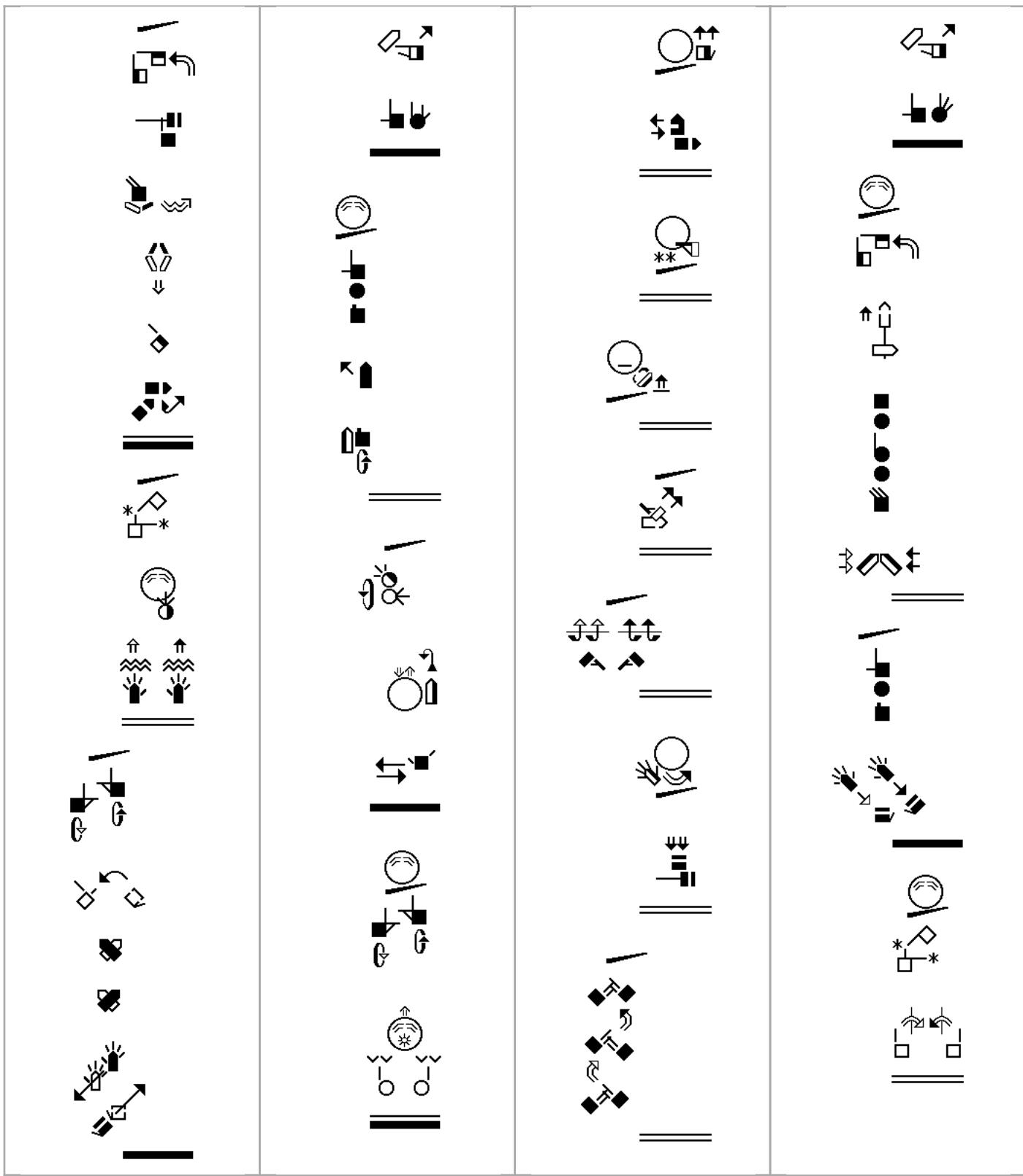
394 Verse 23. People will tell you, "Look, there is the Son of Man,' or 'Here he is,' but don't go out and follow them. Verse 24. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. NLT



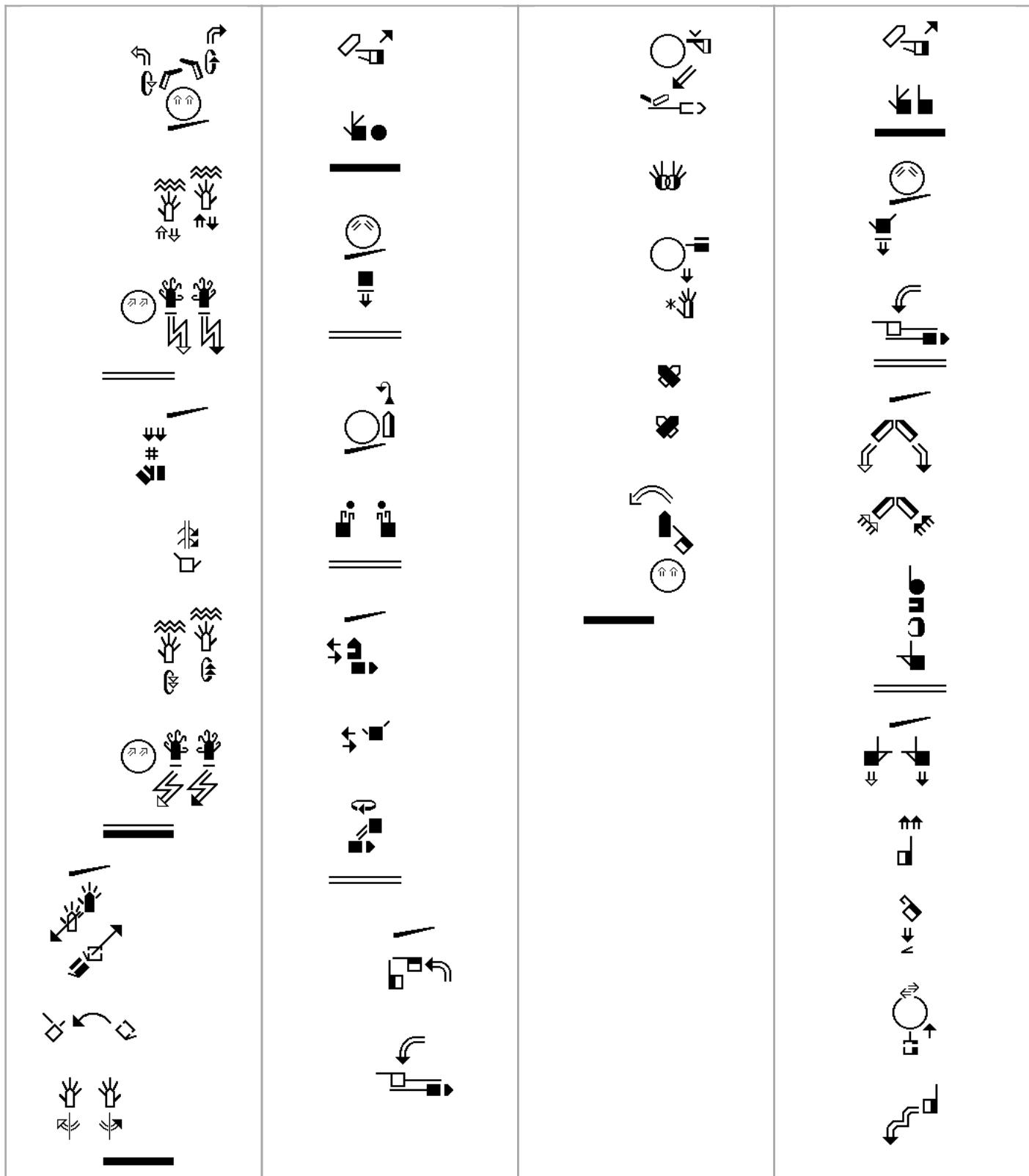
Verse 25. But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation.

Verse 26. "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. Verse 27. In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings

Luke 17:27-29

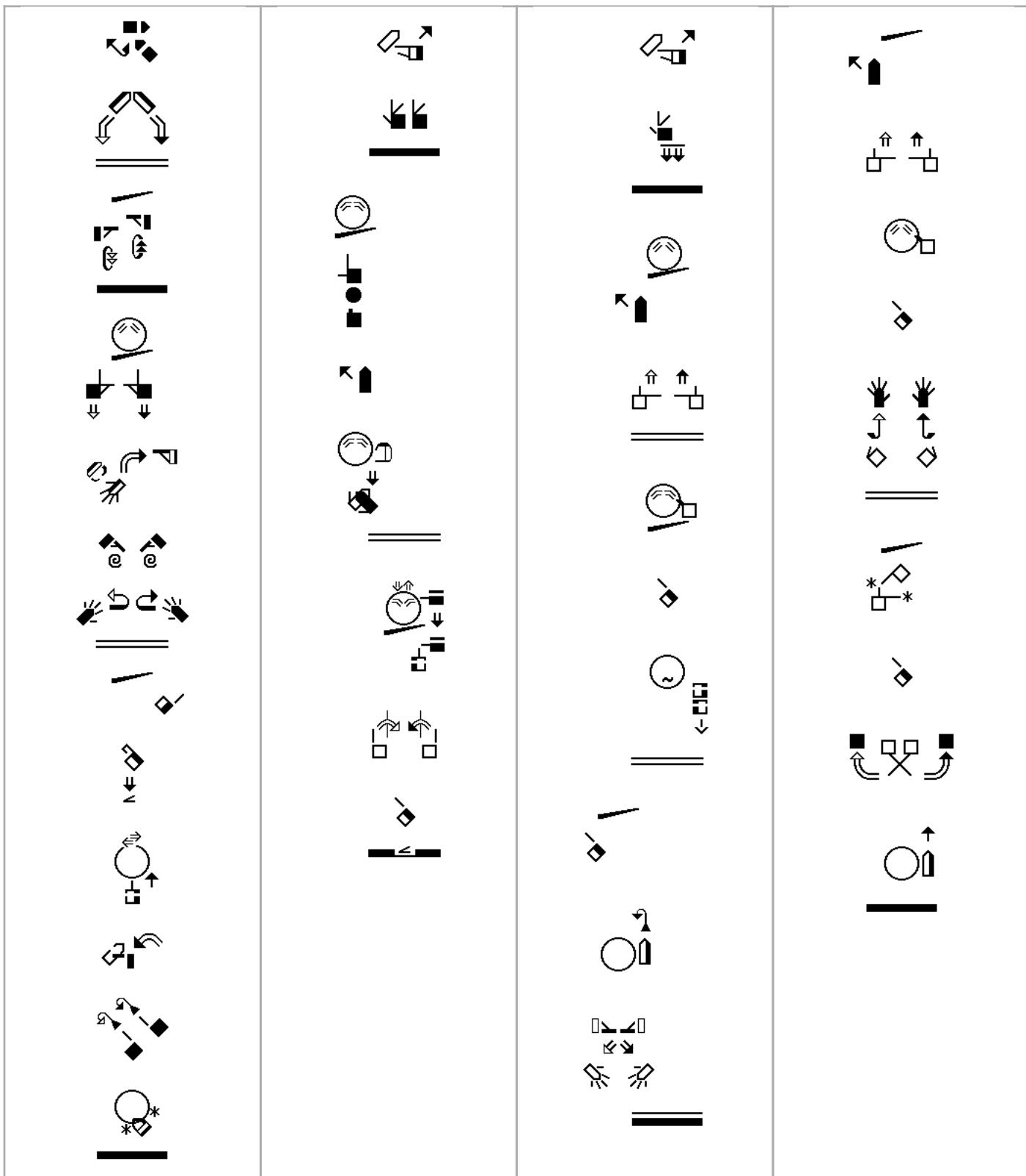


396 right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.  
Verse 28. "And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business -- eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building -- Verse 29. until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then NLT



fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. Verse 30. Yes, it will be 'business as usual' right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Verse 31. On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down

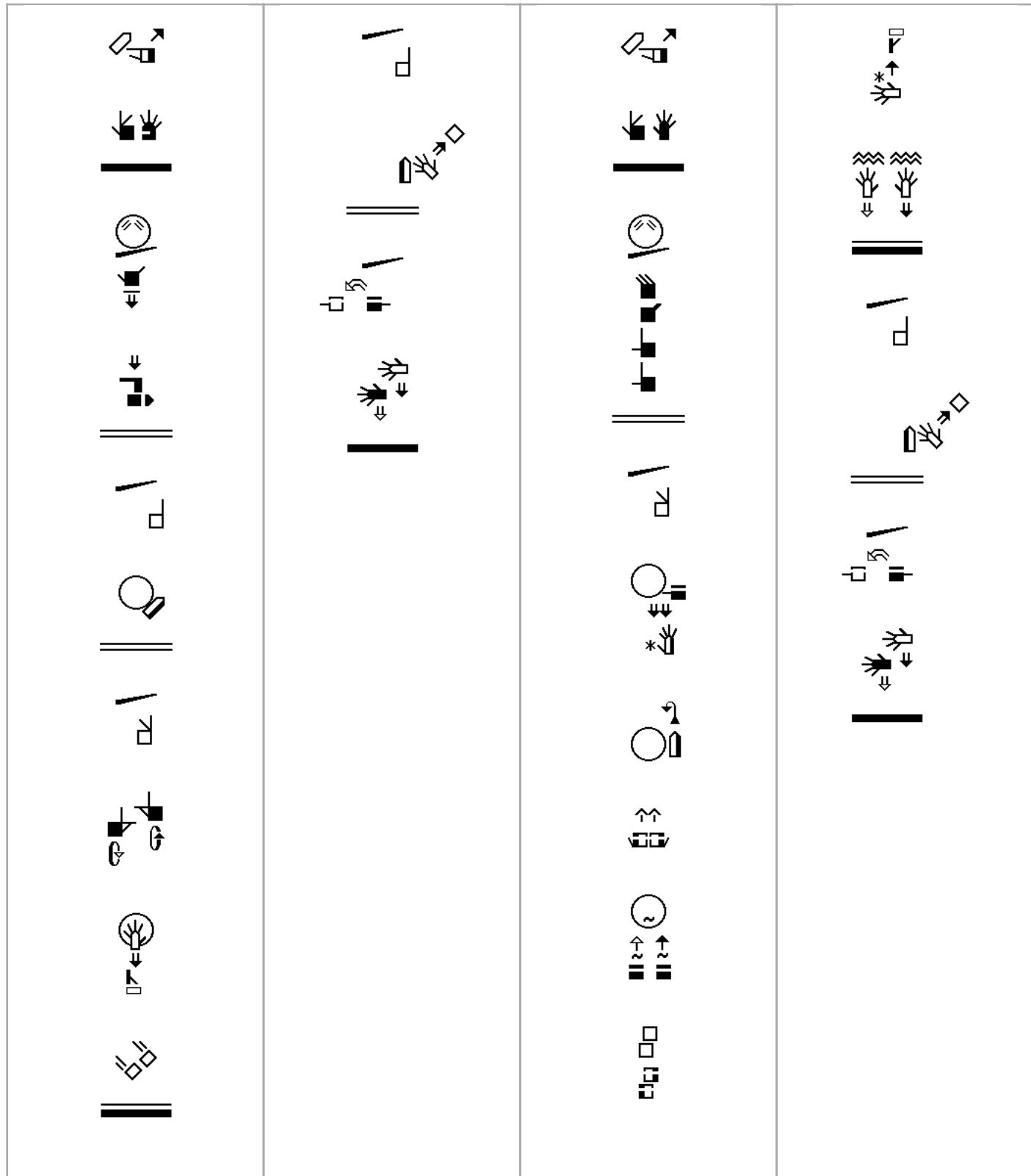
Luke 17:31-33



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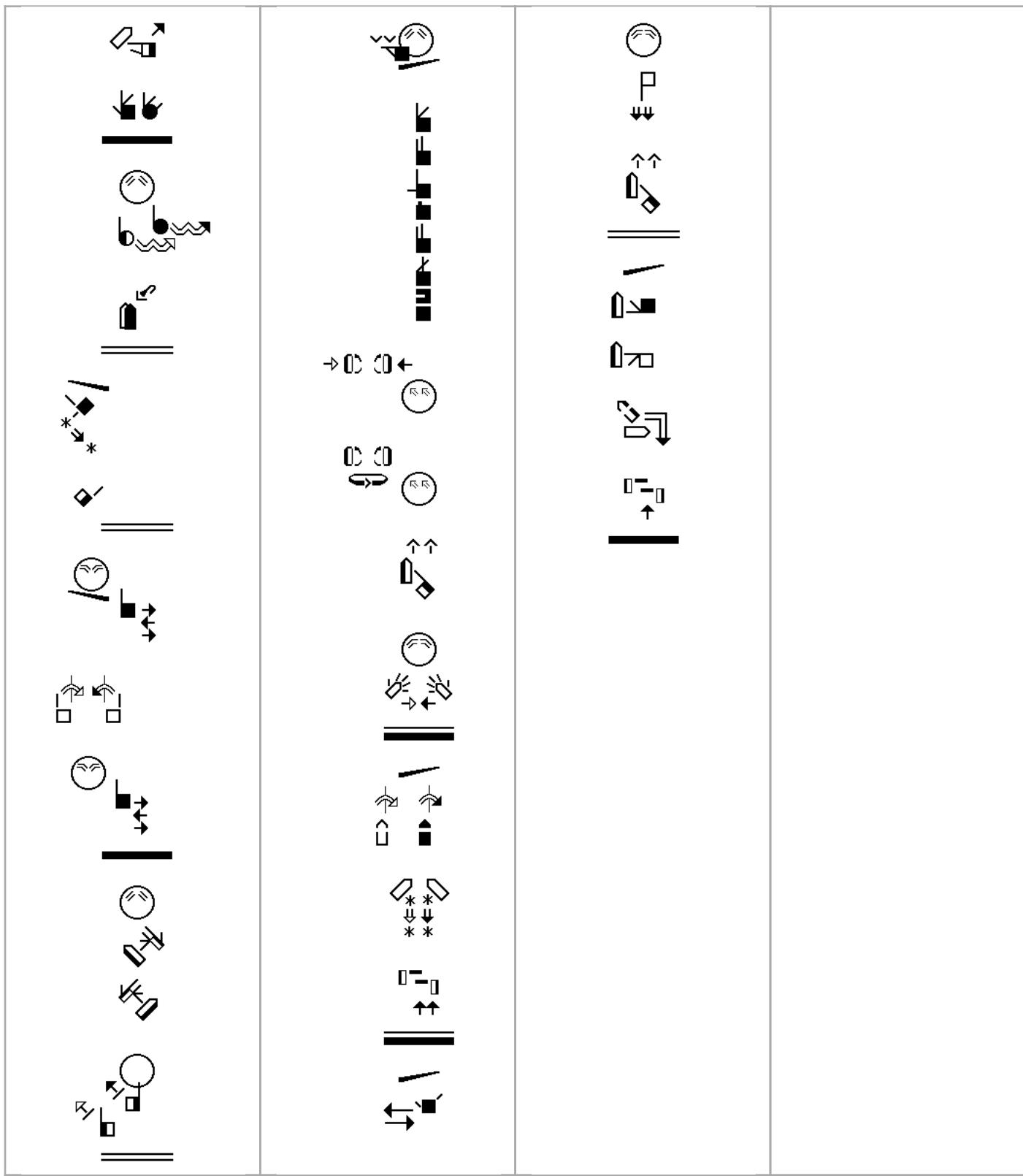
into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home. Verse 32. Remember what happened to Lot's wife! Verse 33. If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.

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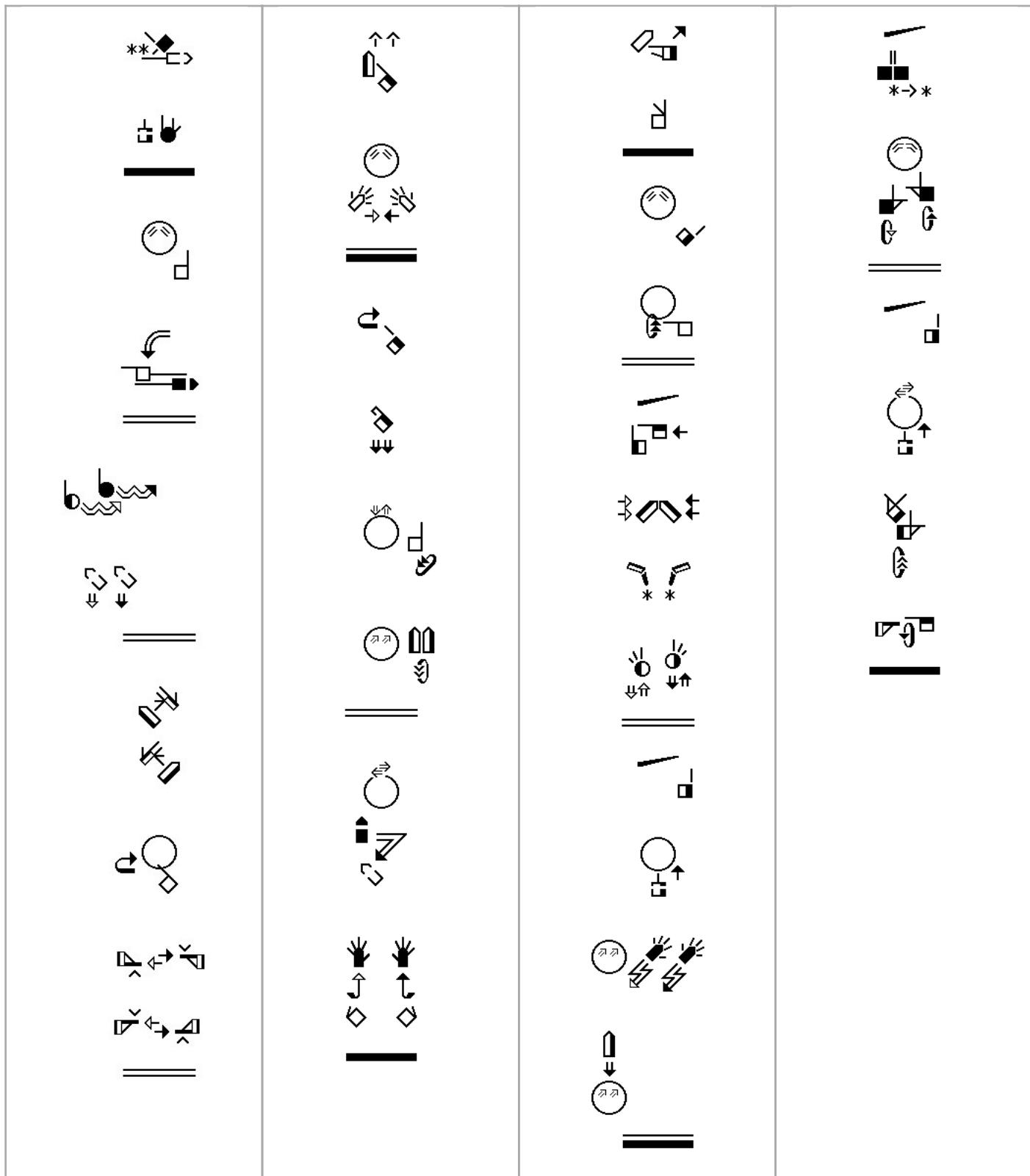


Verse 34. That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. Verse 35. Two women will be grinding flour together at the mill; one will be taken, the other left." (NOTE: no verse 36 in NLT)

Luke 17:37



400 Verse 37. "Where will this happen, Lord?" the disciples asked. Jesus replied, "Just as the gathering of vultures show there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near." NLT

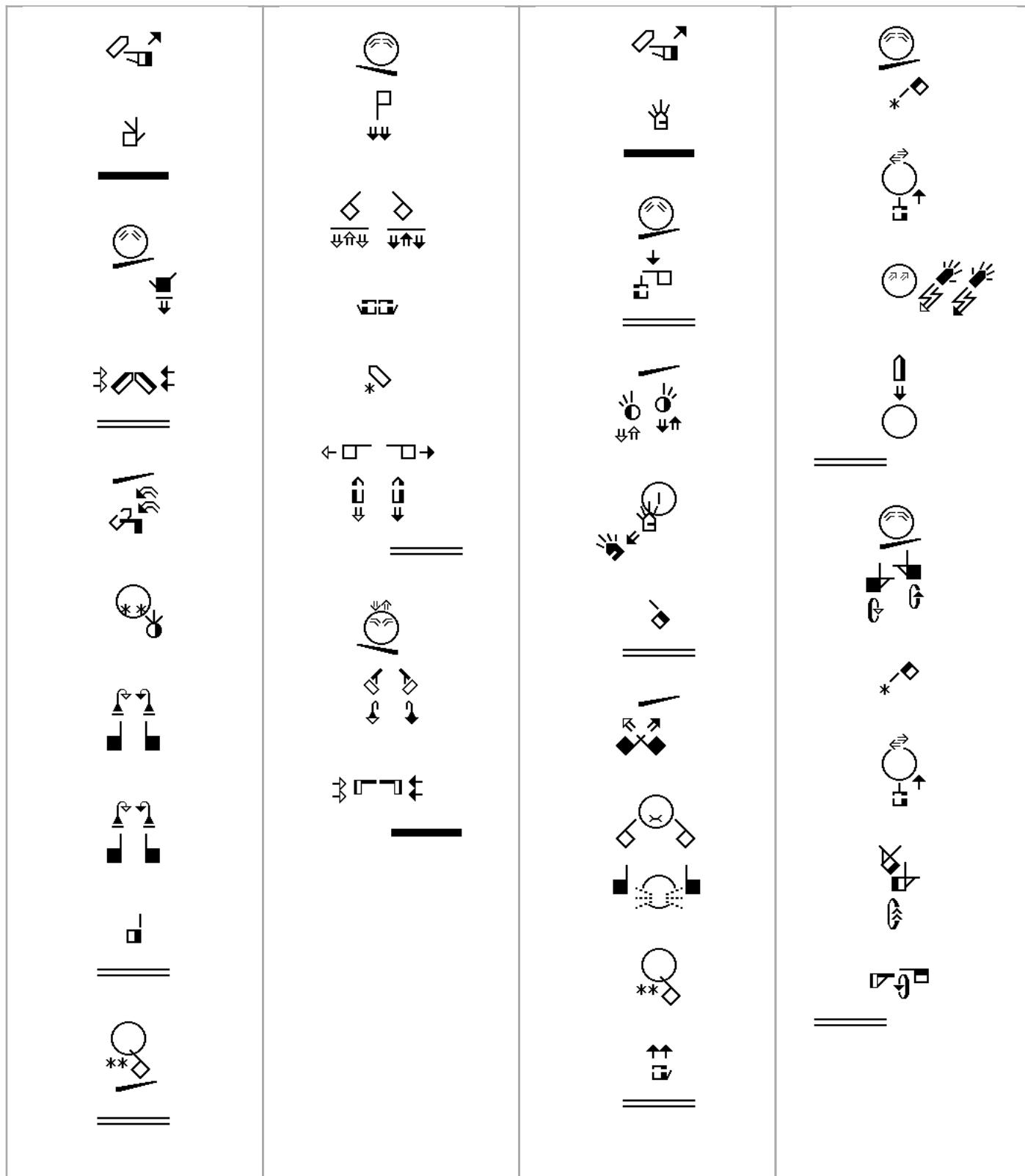


**Luke 18.** One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. Verse 2. "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people."

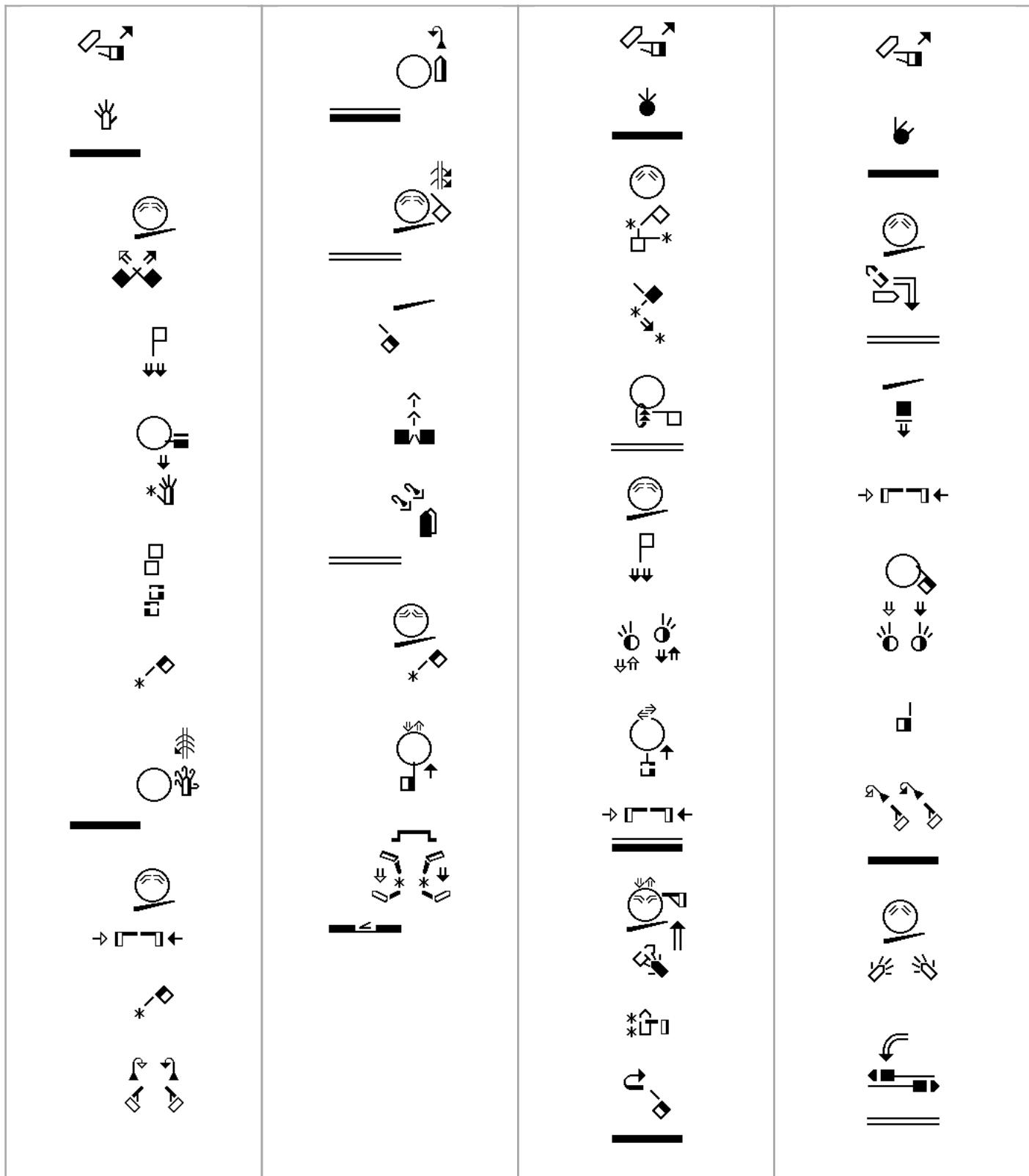
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Luke 18:3-4

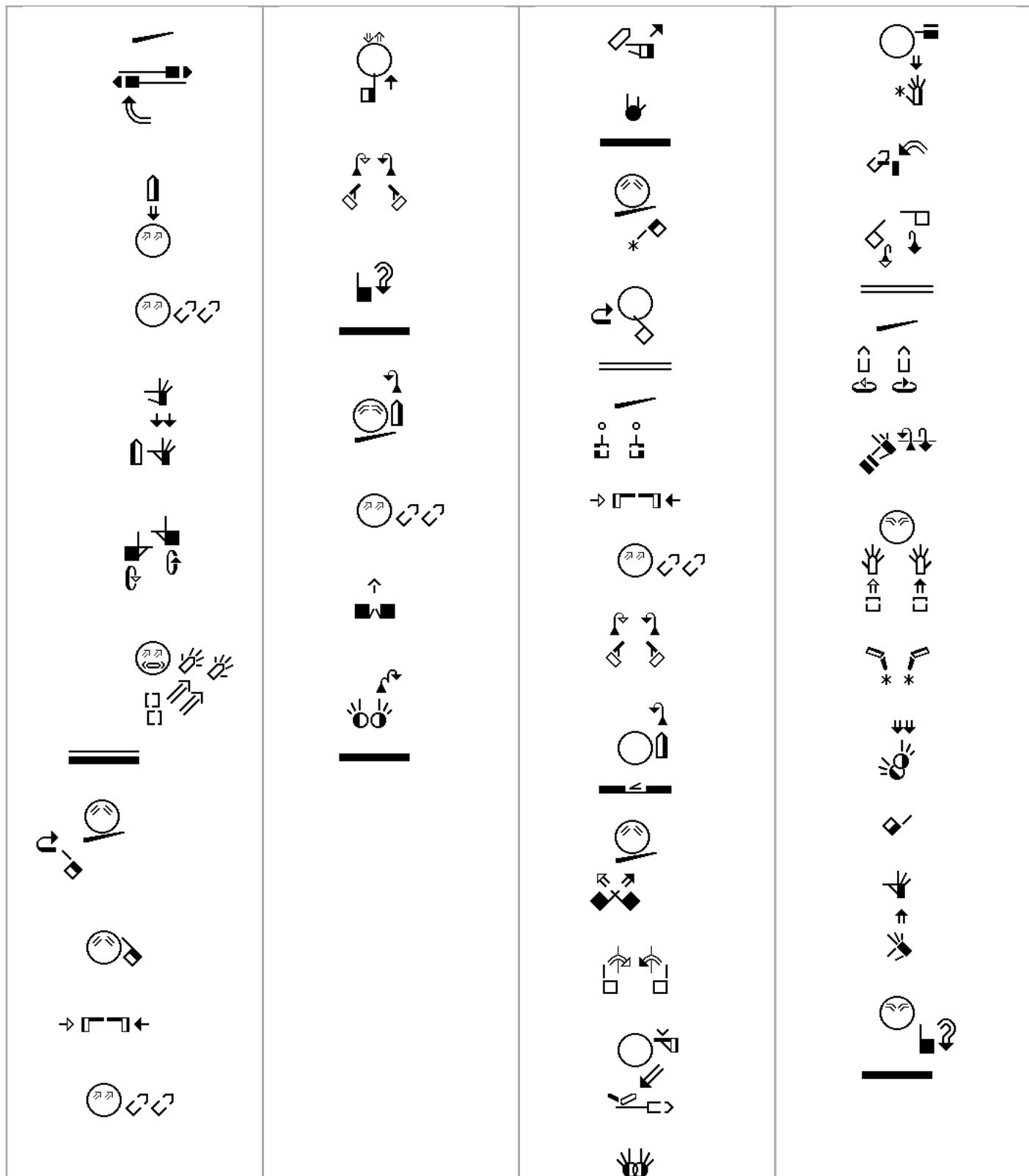


402 Verse 3. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' Verse 4. The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people,' NLT

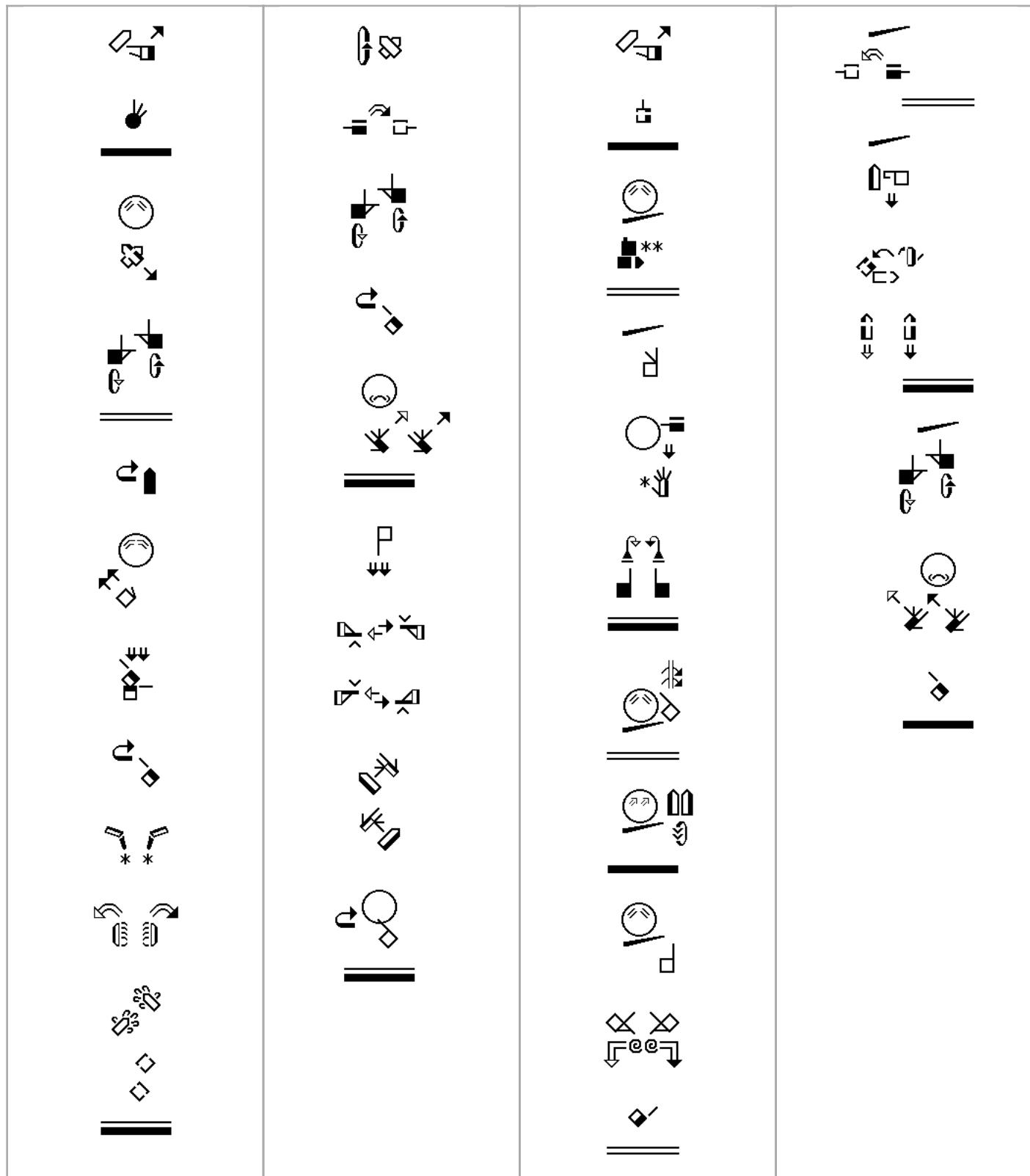


Verse 5. but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!" Verse 6. Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Verse 7. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So

Luke 18:7-8



**404** don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? Verse 8. I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?" NLT

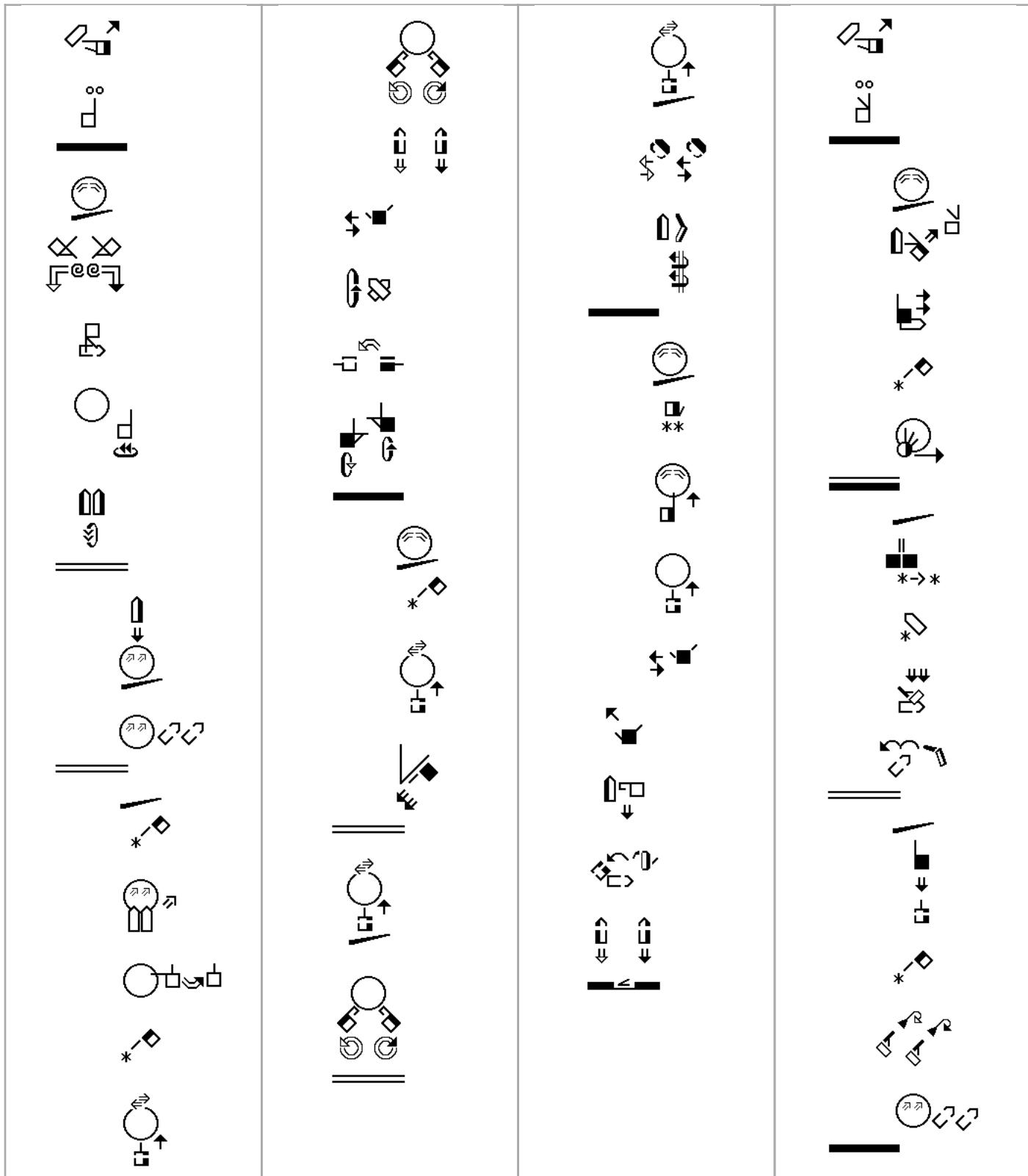


Verse 9. Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: Verse 10. "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

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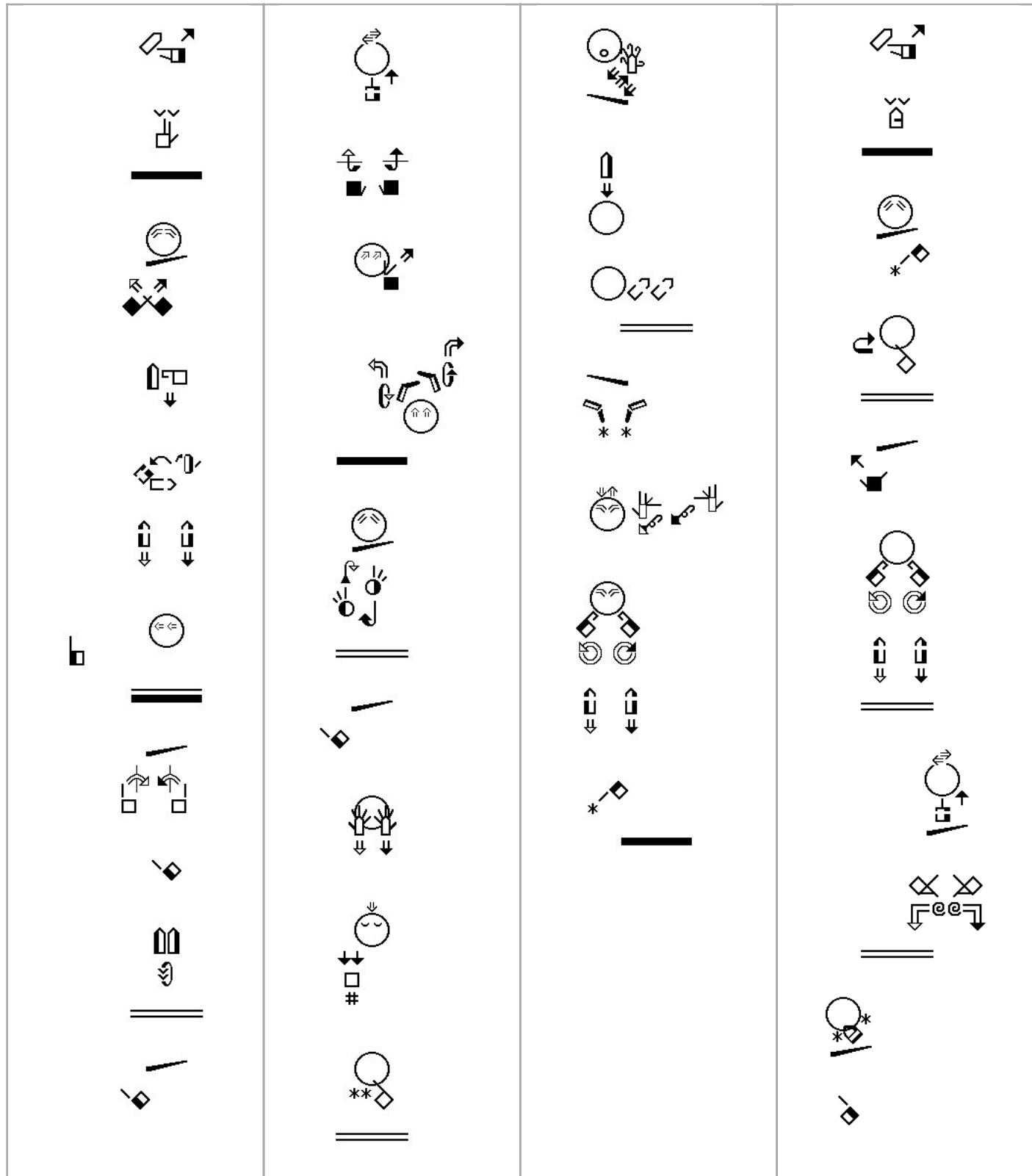
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Luke 18:11-12



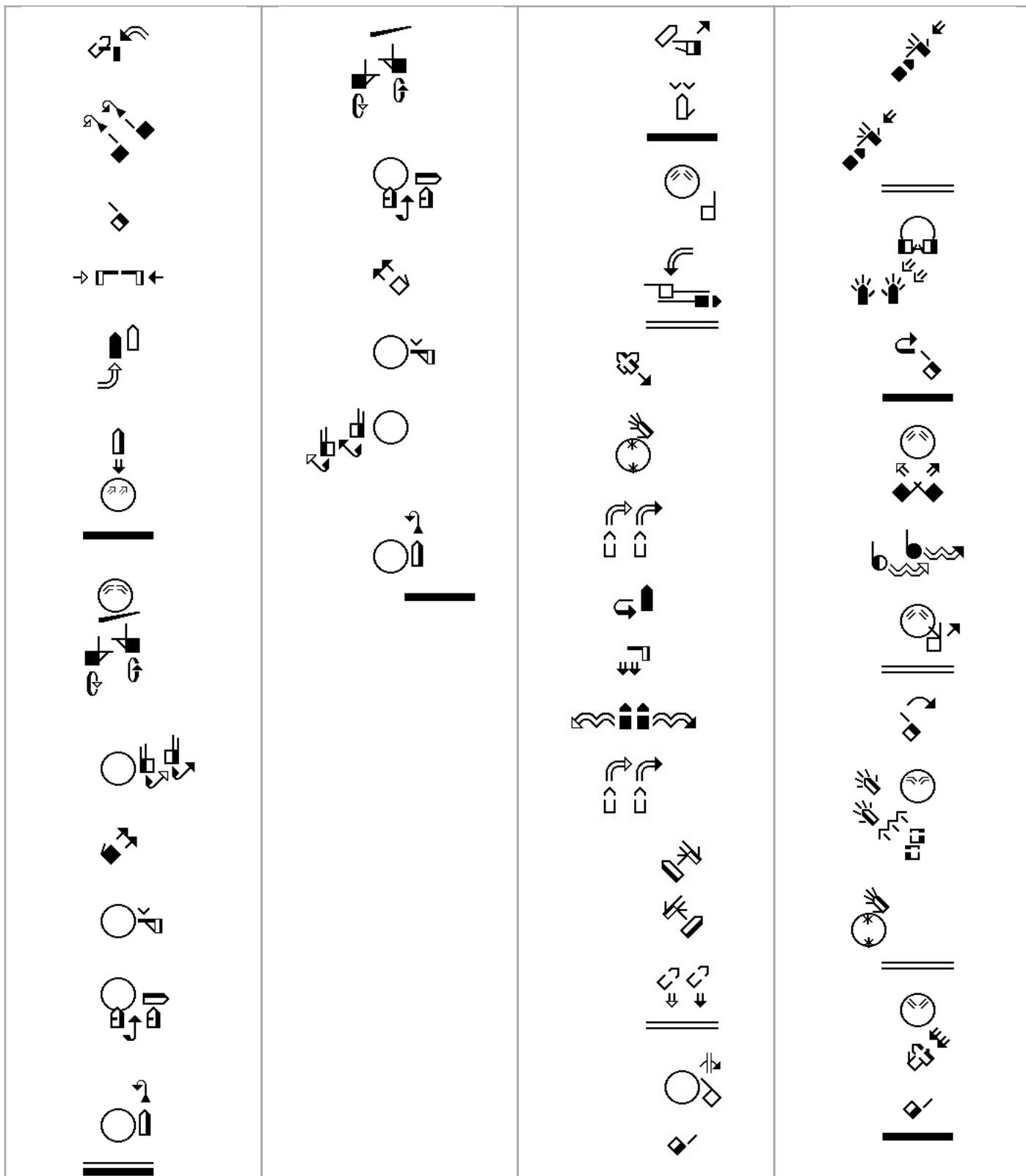
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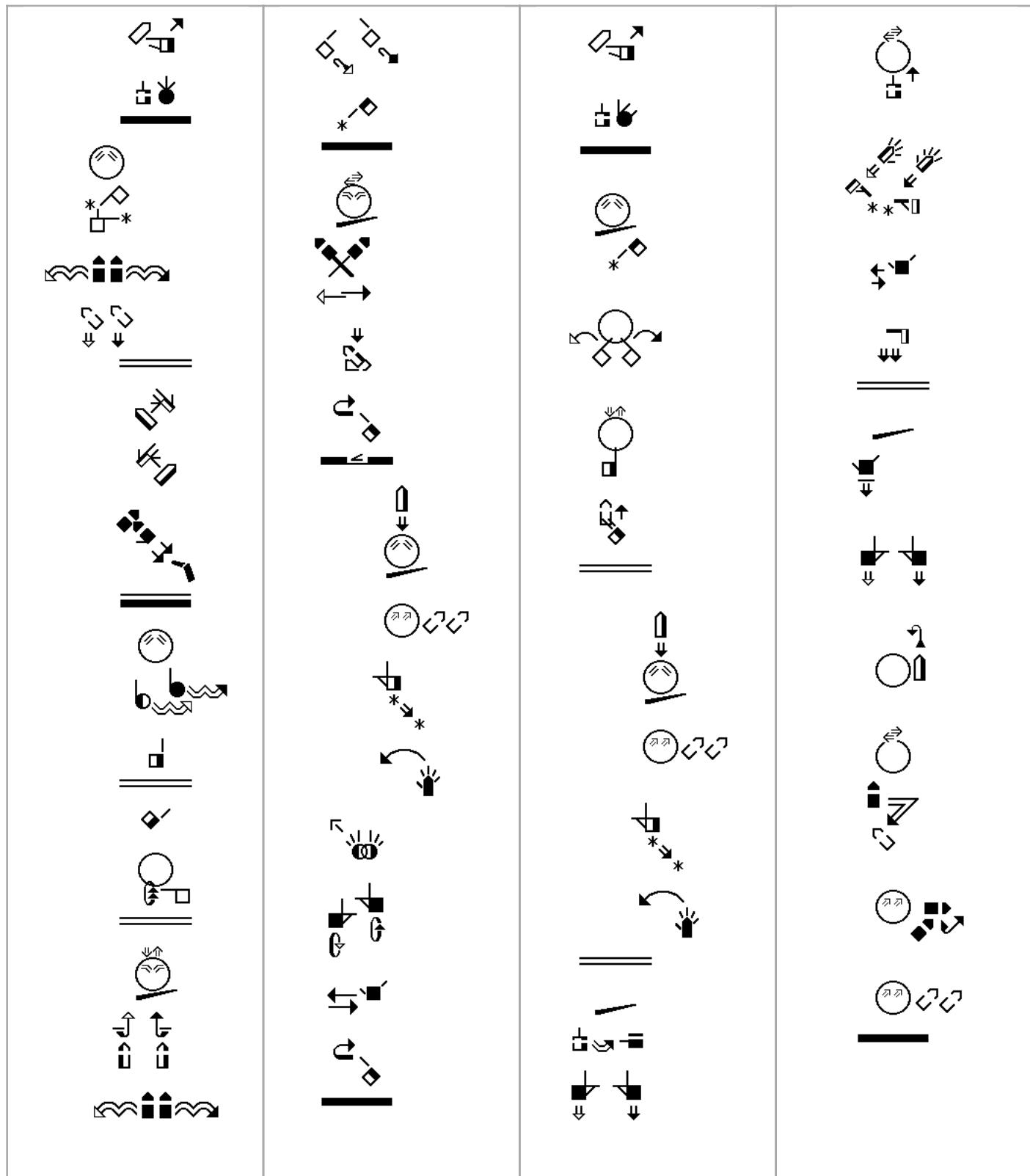
Verse 11. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! Verse 12. I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' NLT



Verse 13. "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' Verse 14. I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home NLT

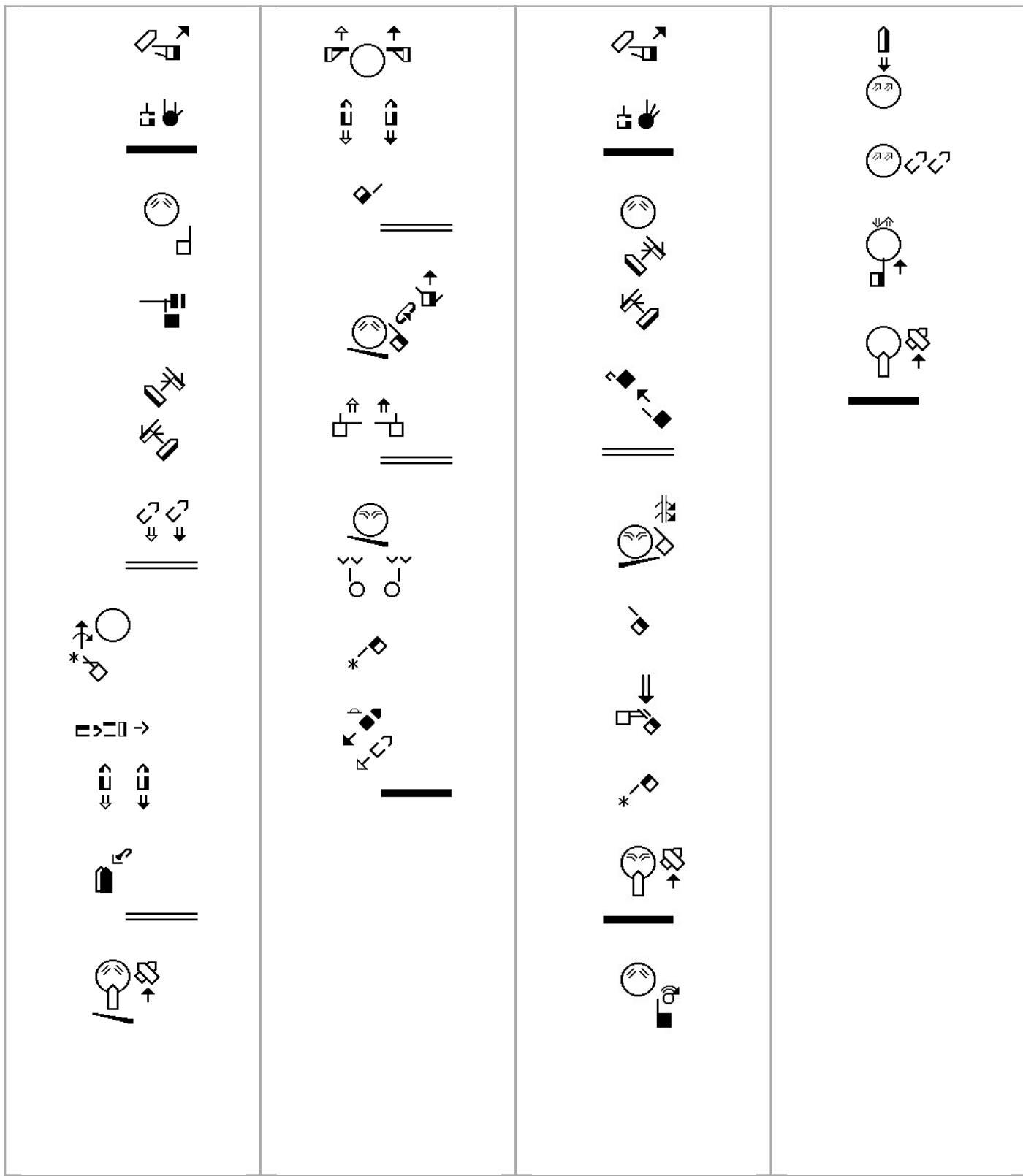
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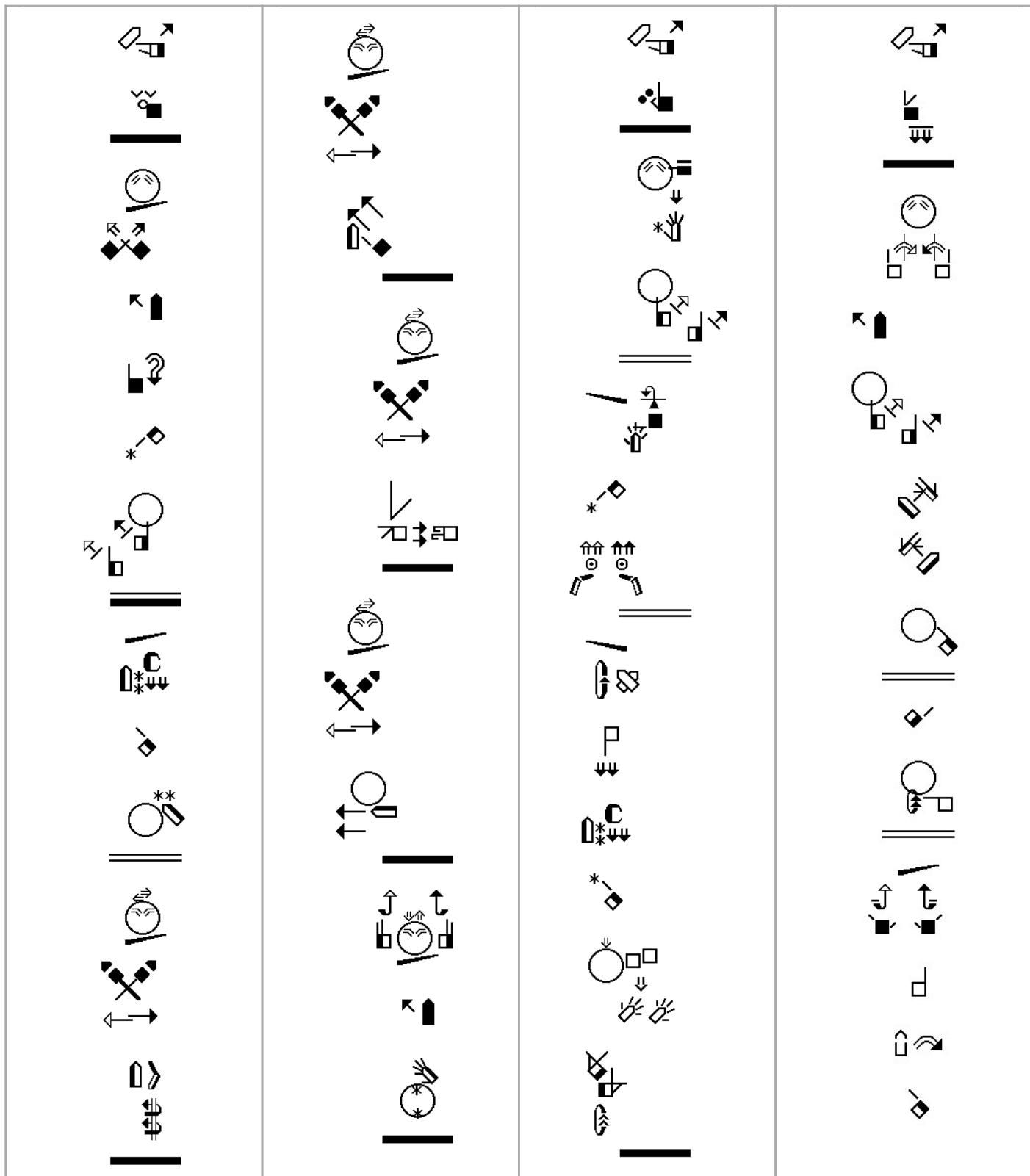




Verse 16. Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. Verse 17. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

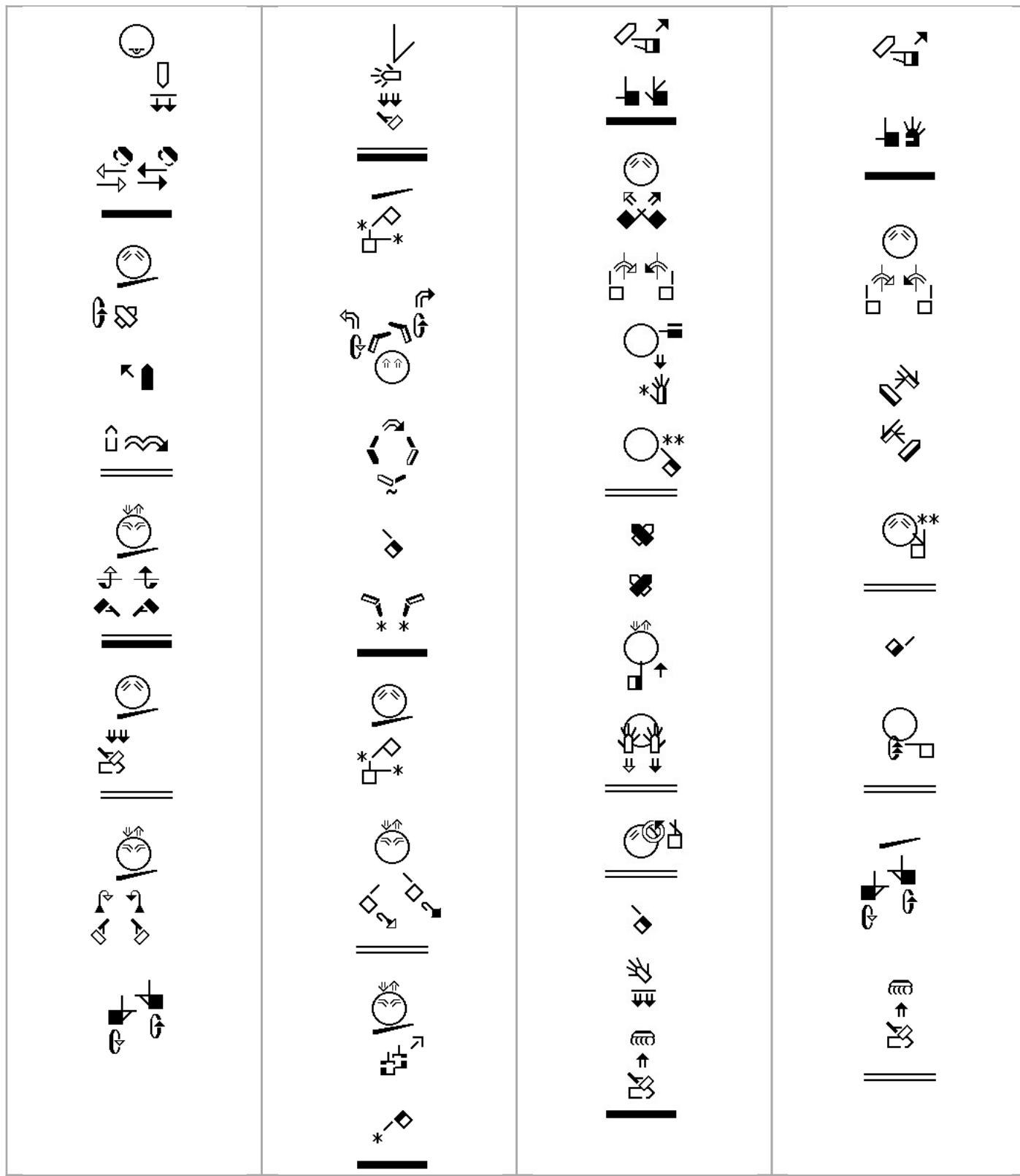
Luke 18:18-19





Verse 20. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.'" Verse 21. The man replied, "I've carefully obeyed all these commandments since I was young." Verse 22. When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you NLT

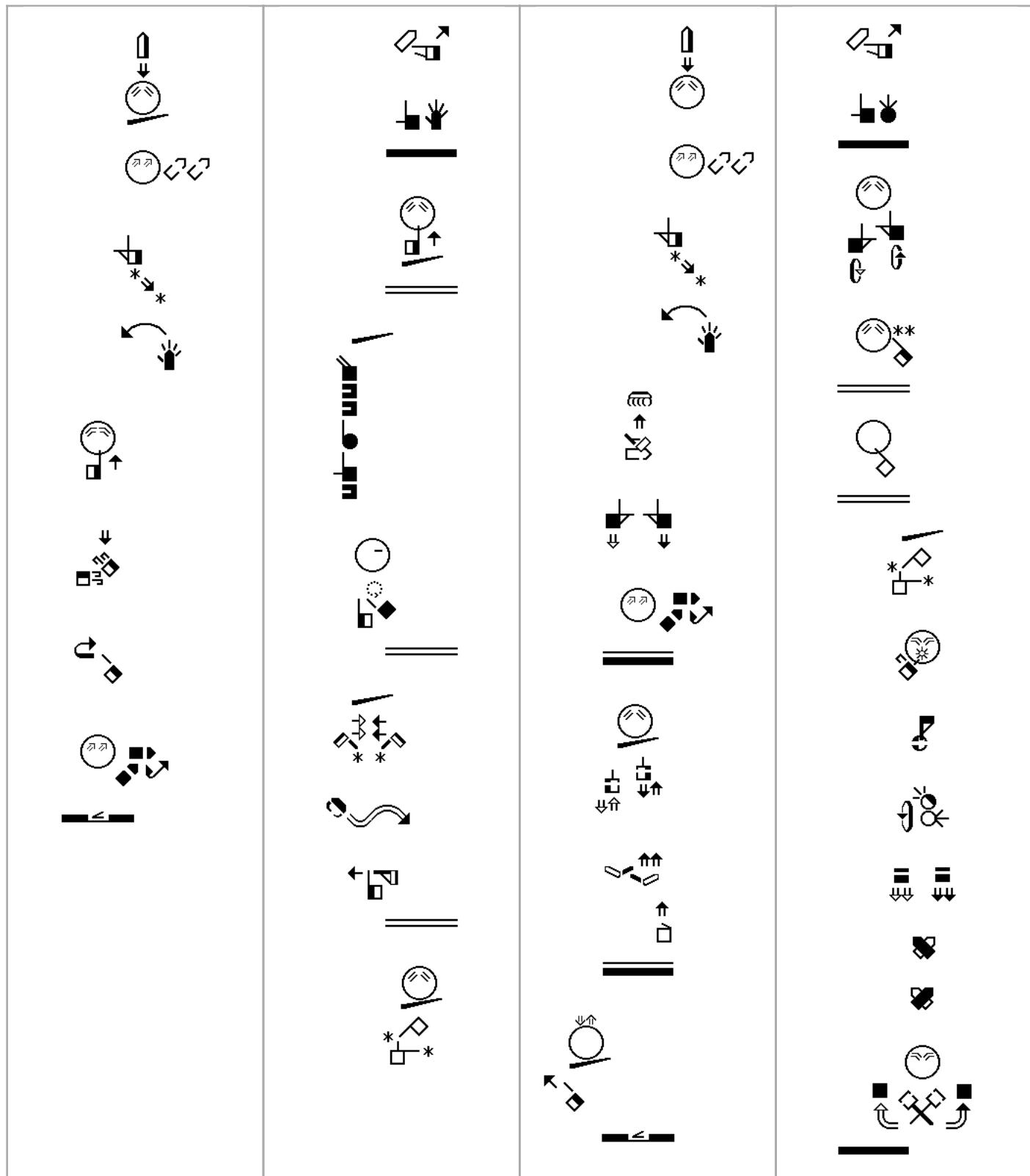
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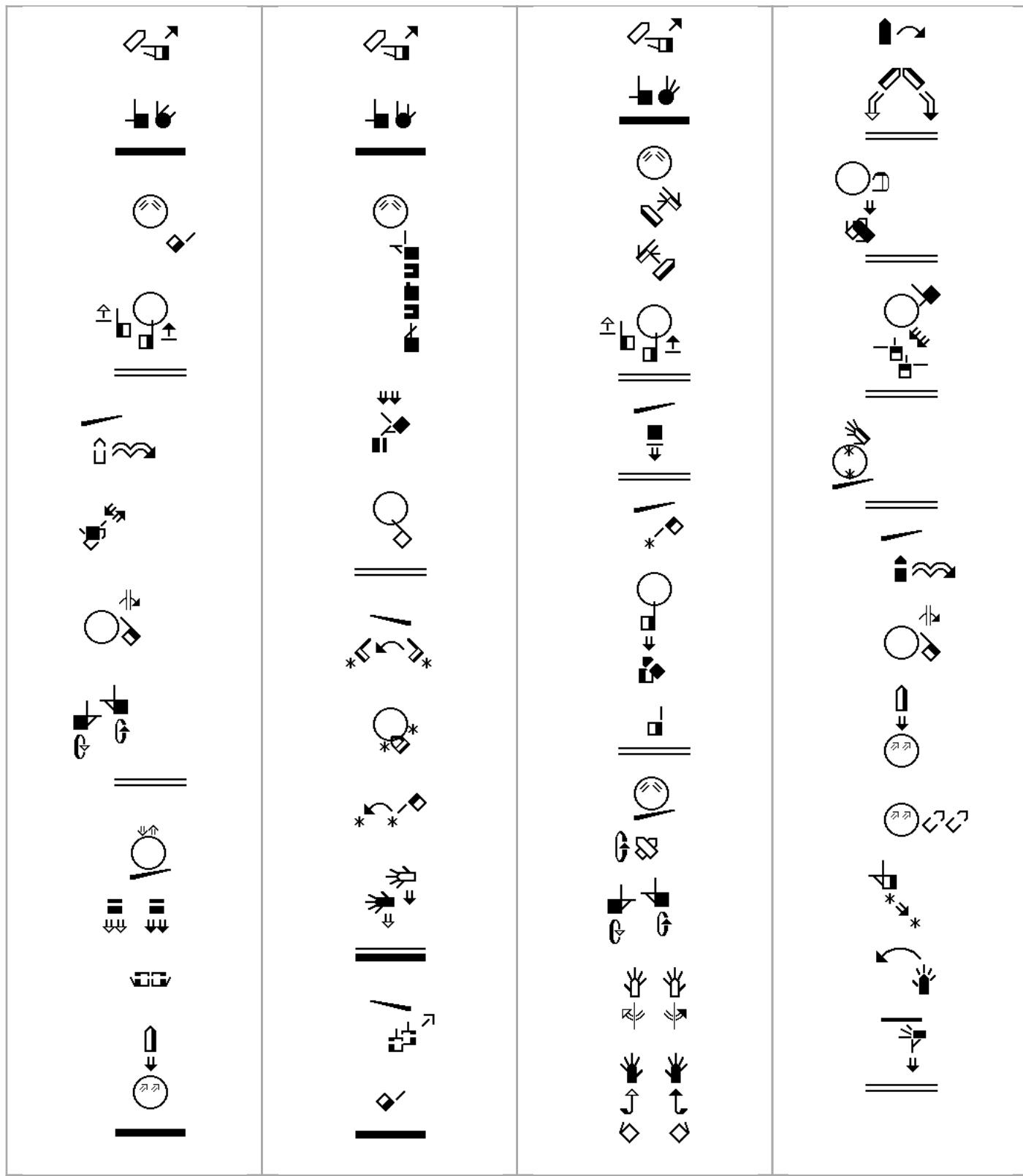
"haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Verse 23. But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. Verse 24. When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich

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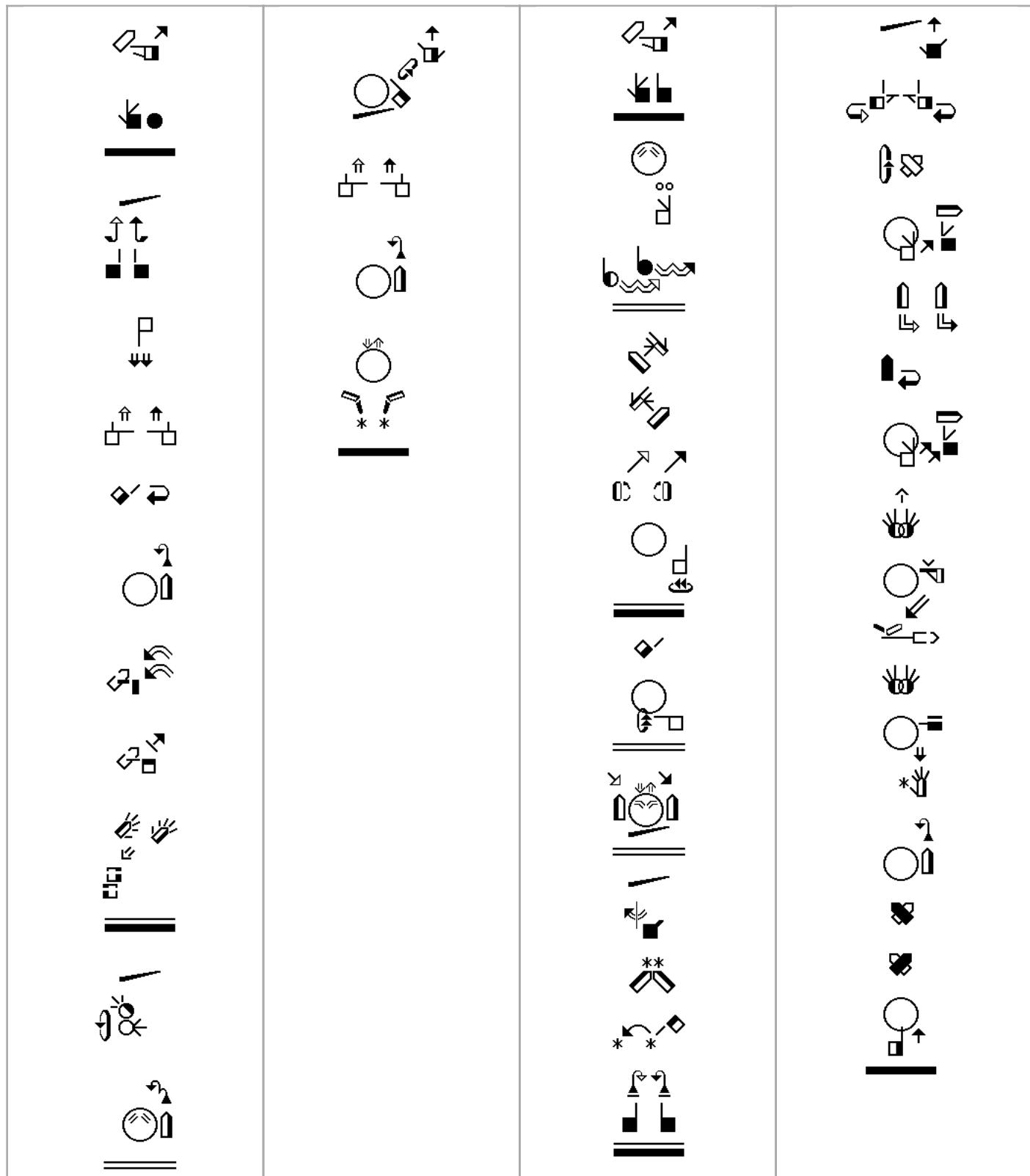
to enter the Kingdom of God! Verse 25. In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" Verse 26. Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?" NLT

Luke 18:27-29



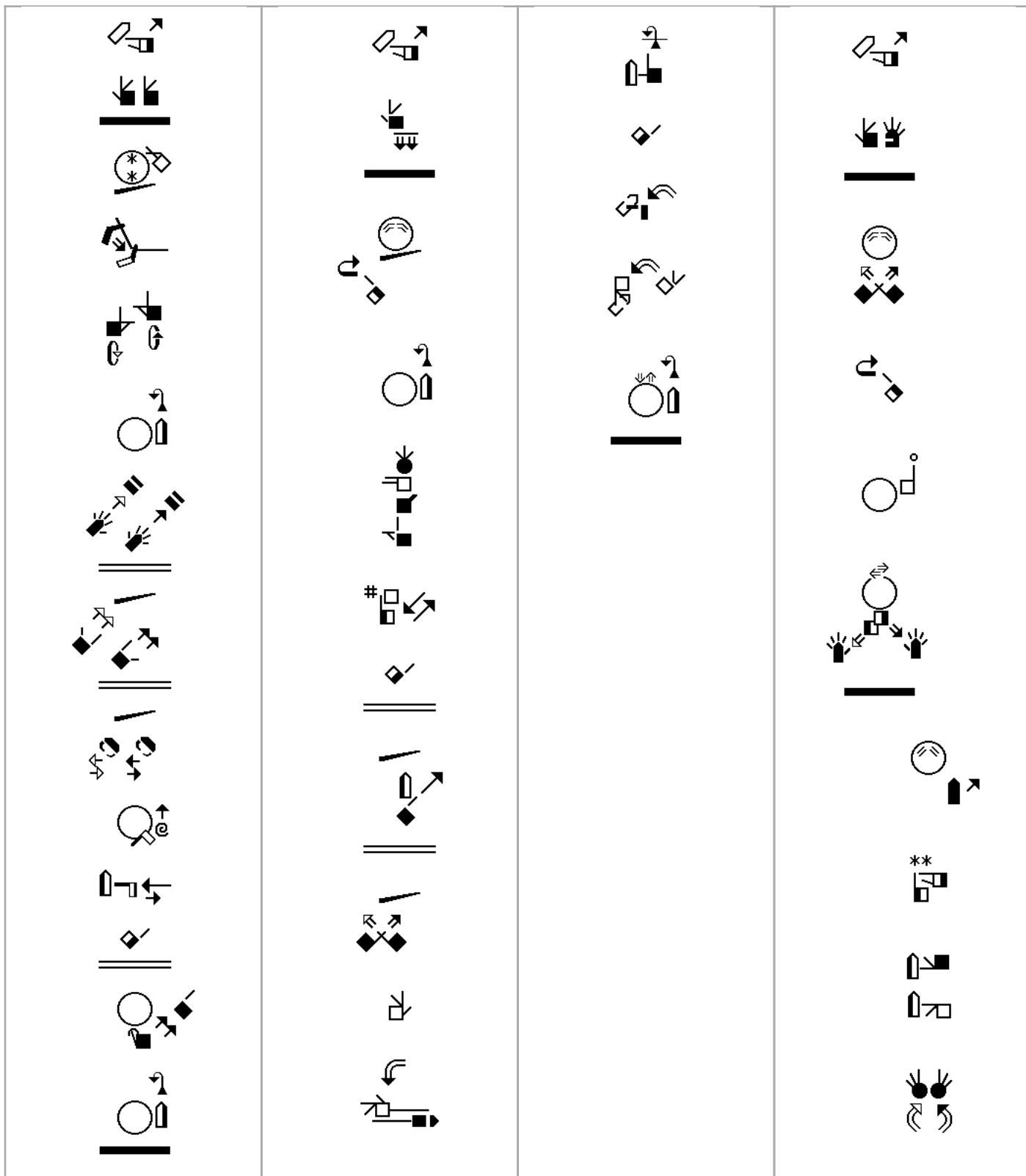
**414** Verse 27. He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God." Verse 28. Peter said, "We've left our homes to follow you." Verse 29. "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God,

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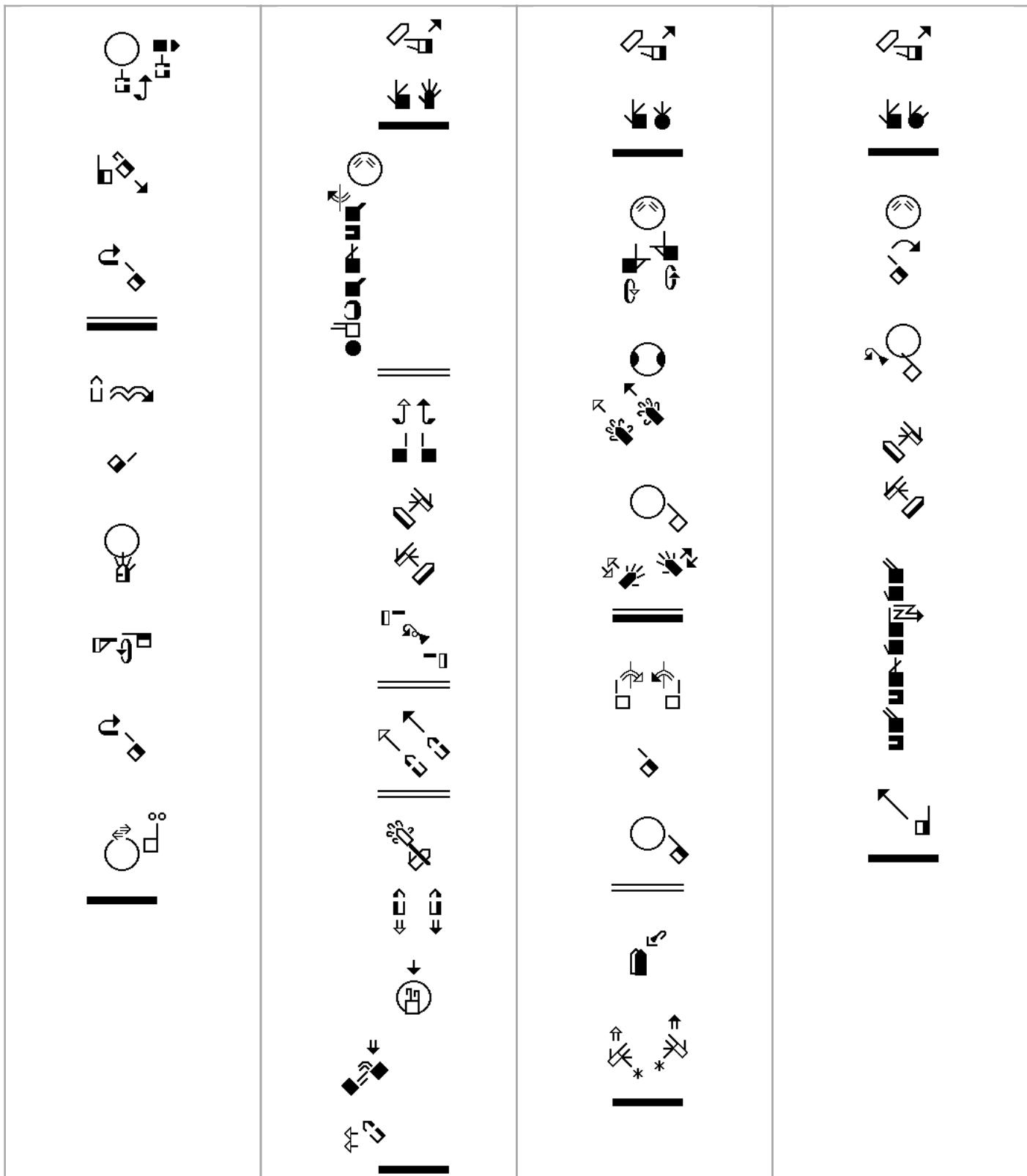


Verse 30. will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come." Verse 31. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said, "Listen, we're going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets concerning the Son of Man will come true.

Luke 18:32-34

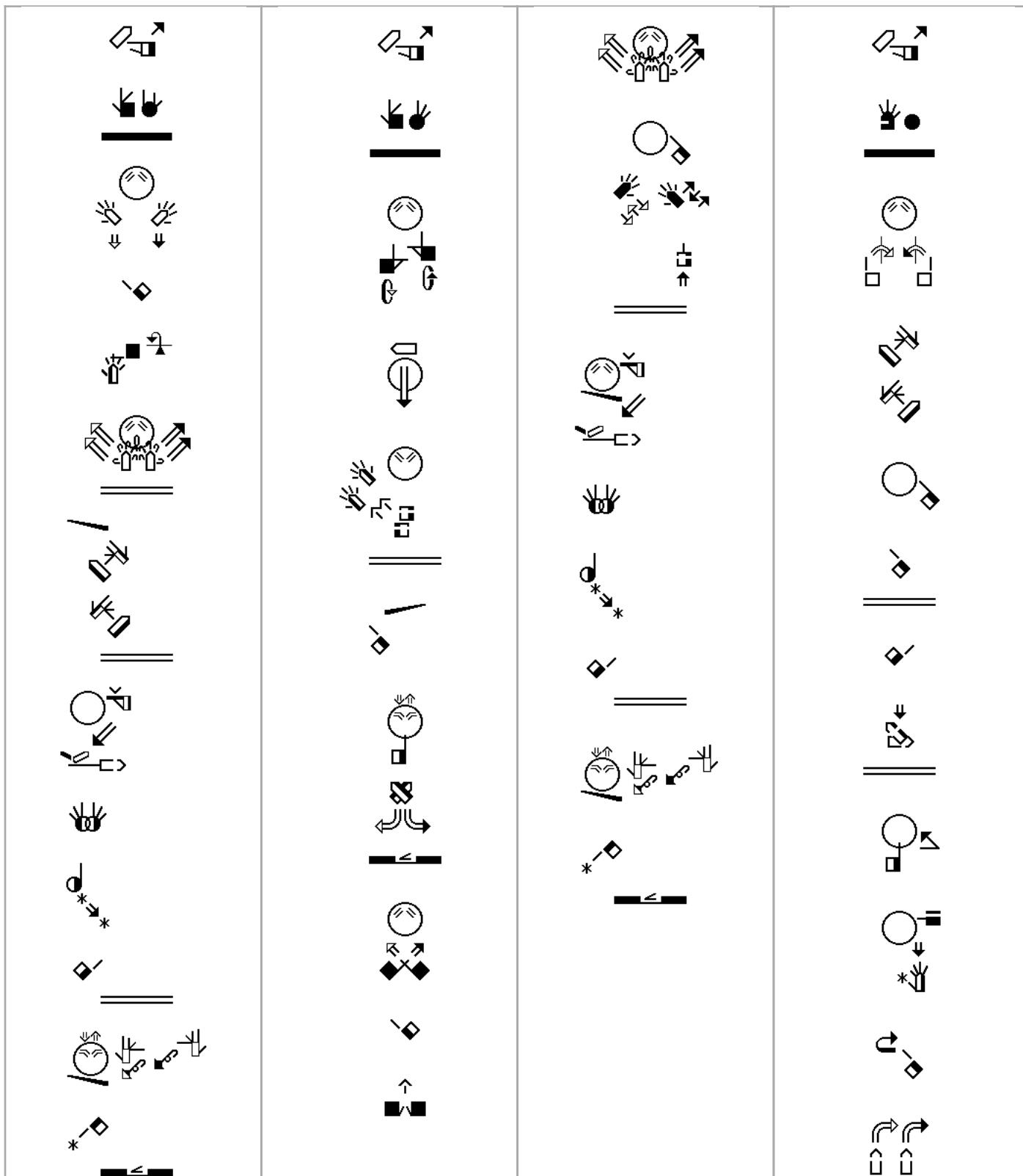


416 Verse 32. He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon. Verse 33. They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again." Verse 34. But they didn't understand any of this. The significance of his words NLT

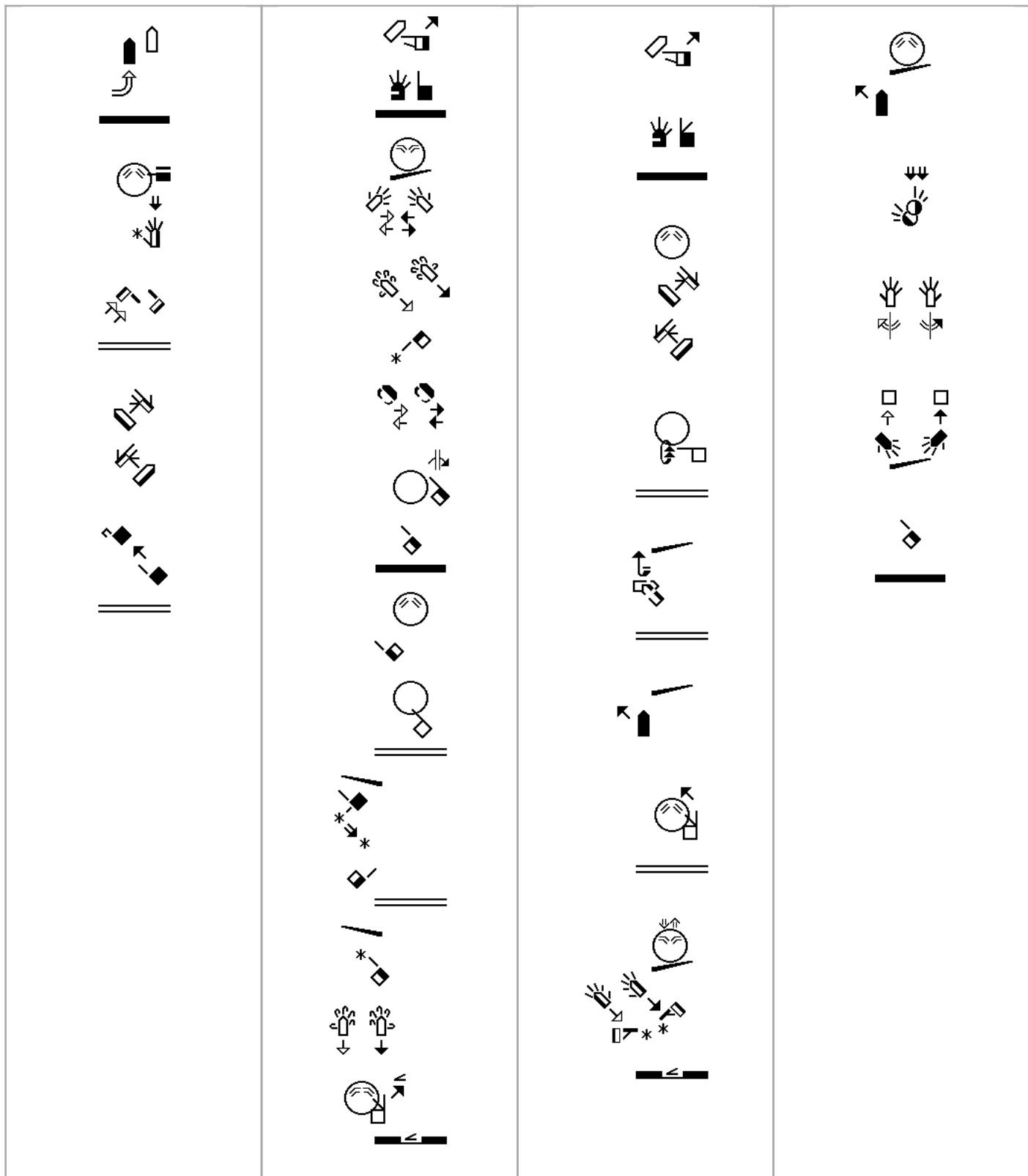


was hidden from them, and they failed to grasp what he was talking about. Verse 35. As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. Verse 36. When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. Verse 37. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by.

Luke 18:38-40

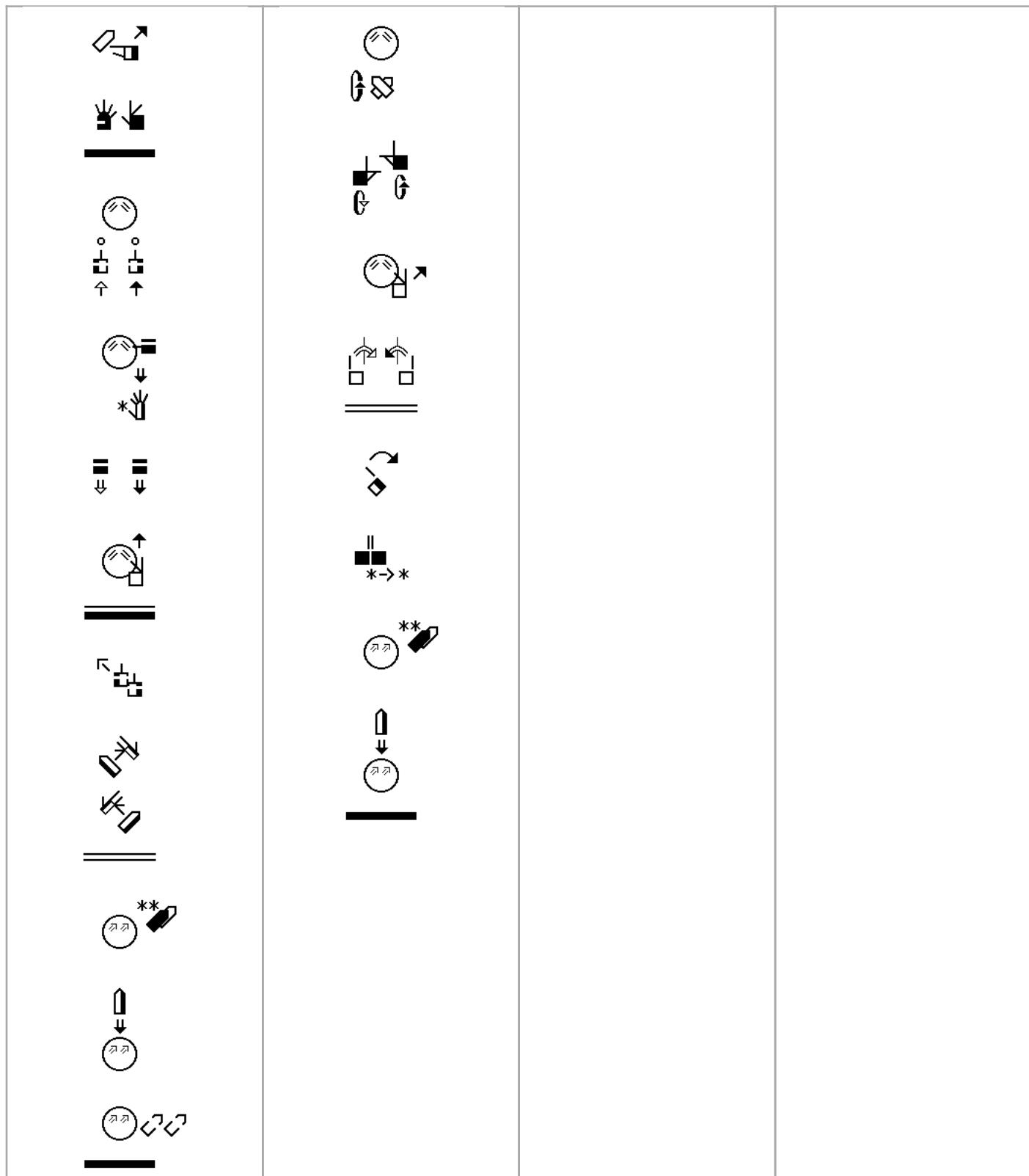


**418** Verse 38. So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Verse 39. "Be quiet!" the people in front yelled at him. but he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Verse 40. When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought NLT

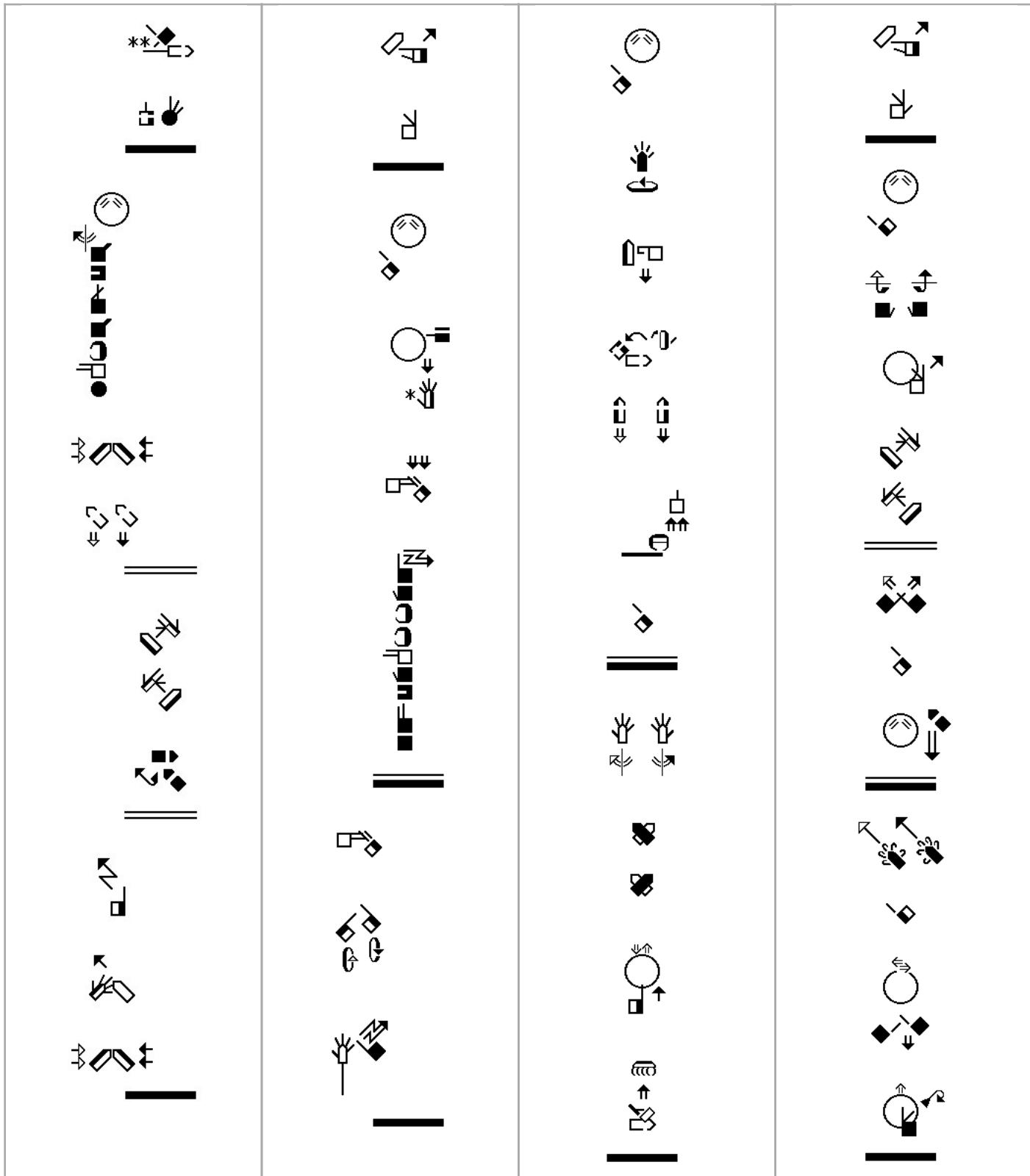


to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, Verse 41. "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he said, "I want to see!" Verse 42. And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you."

Luke 18:43



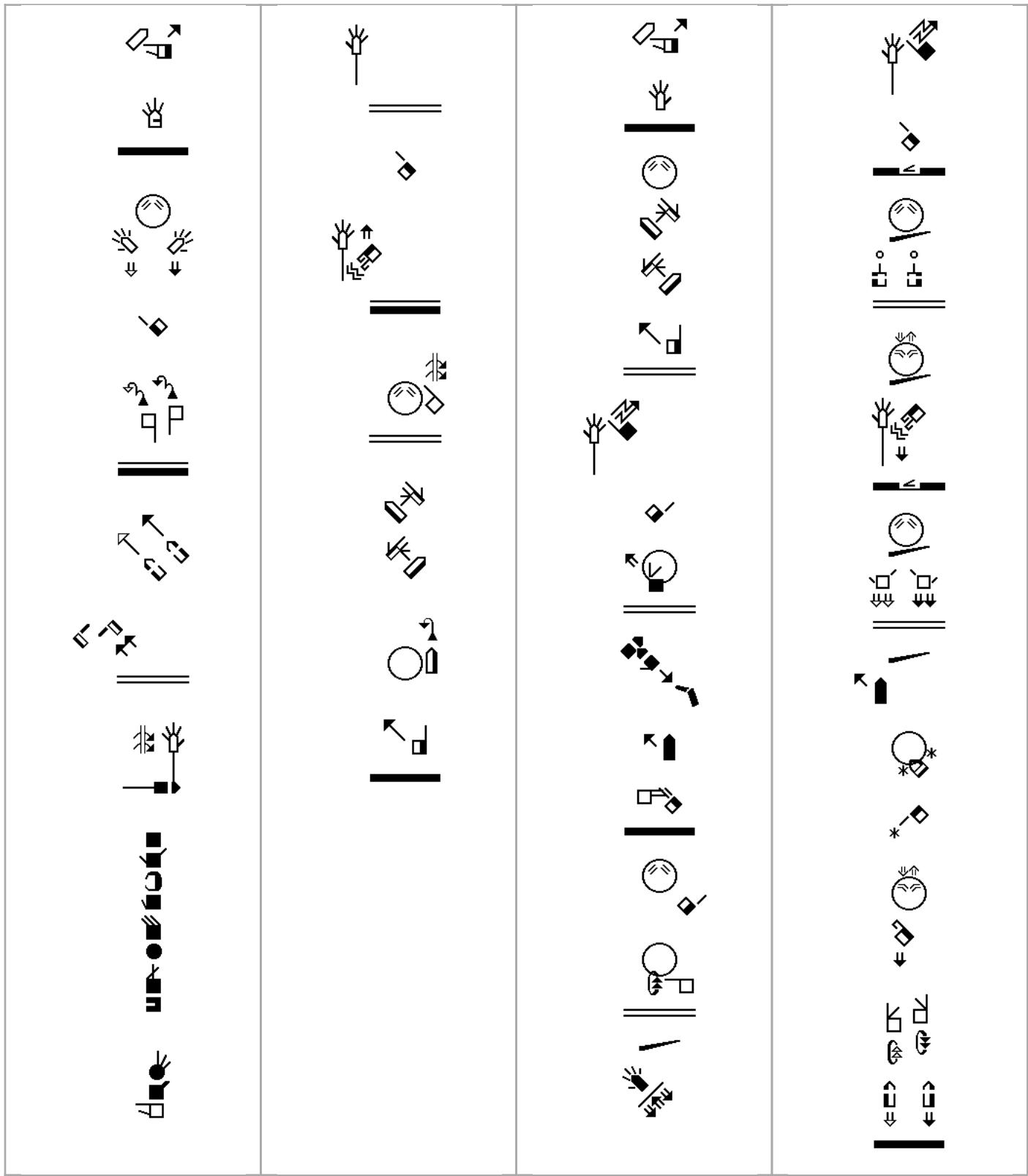
420 Verse 43. Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.  
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Luke 19. Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. Verse 2. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. Verse 3. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.

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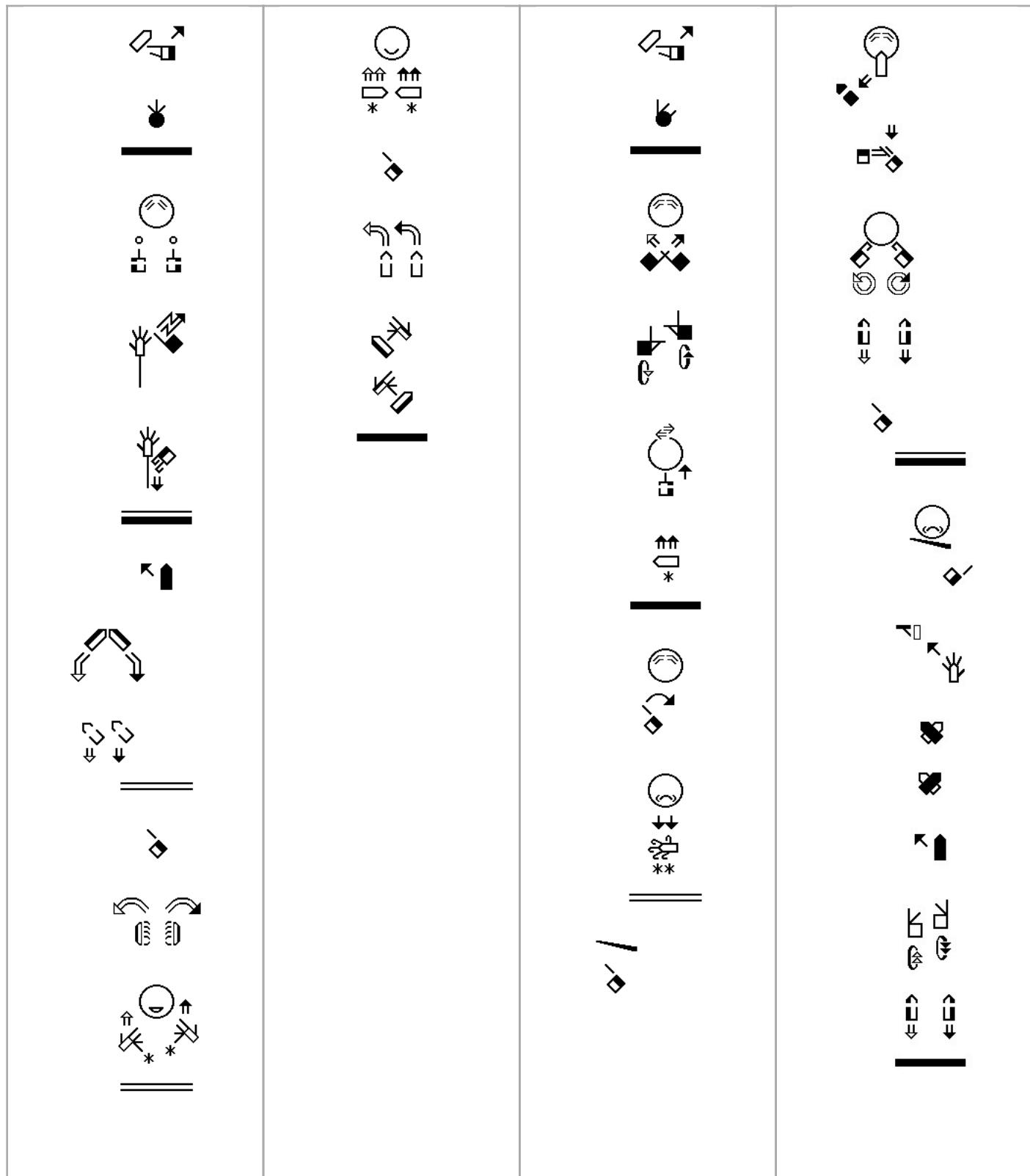
Luke 19:4-5



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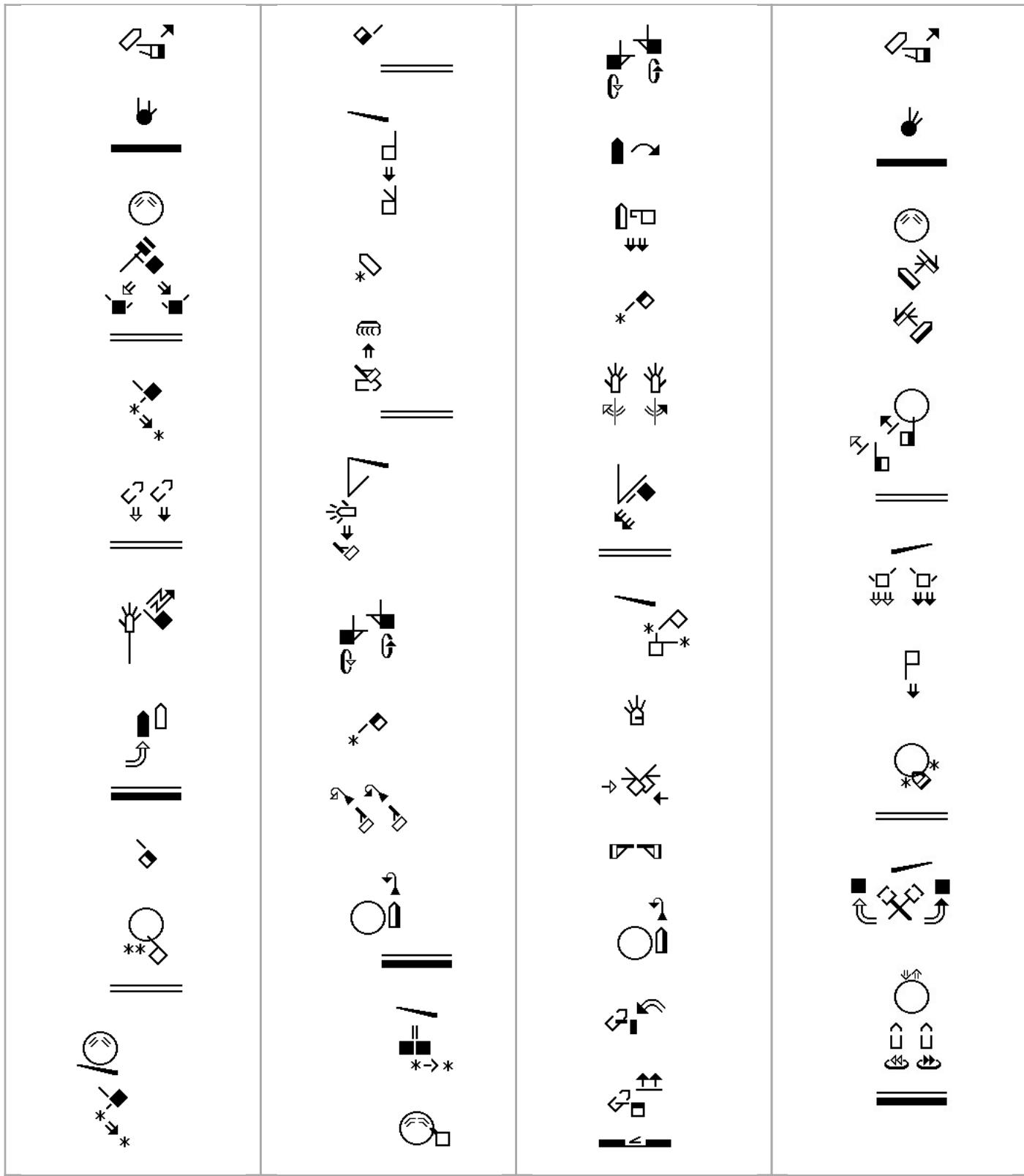
Verse 4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. Verse 5. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

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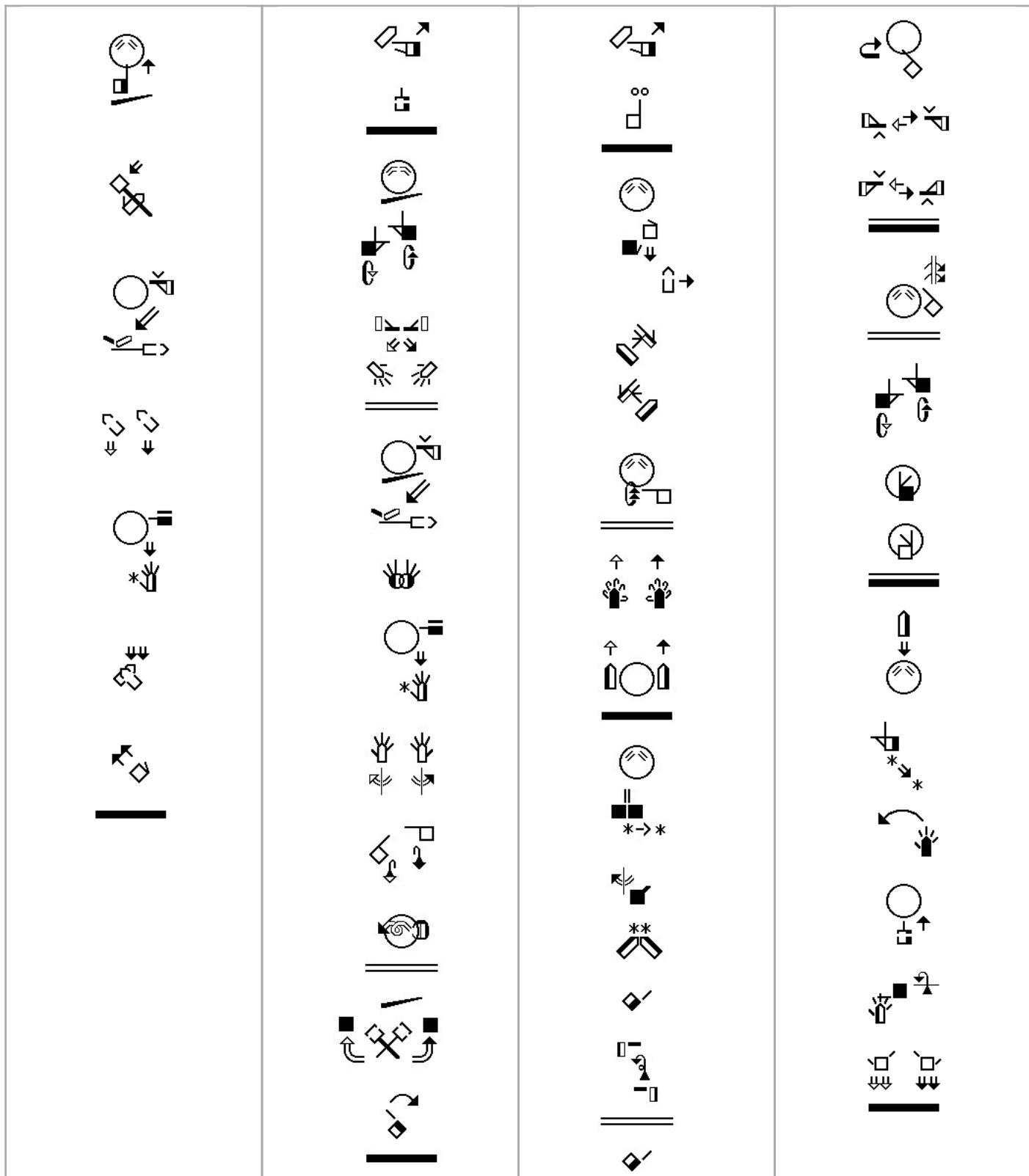
Verse 6. Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. Verse 7. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

Luke 19:8-9



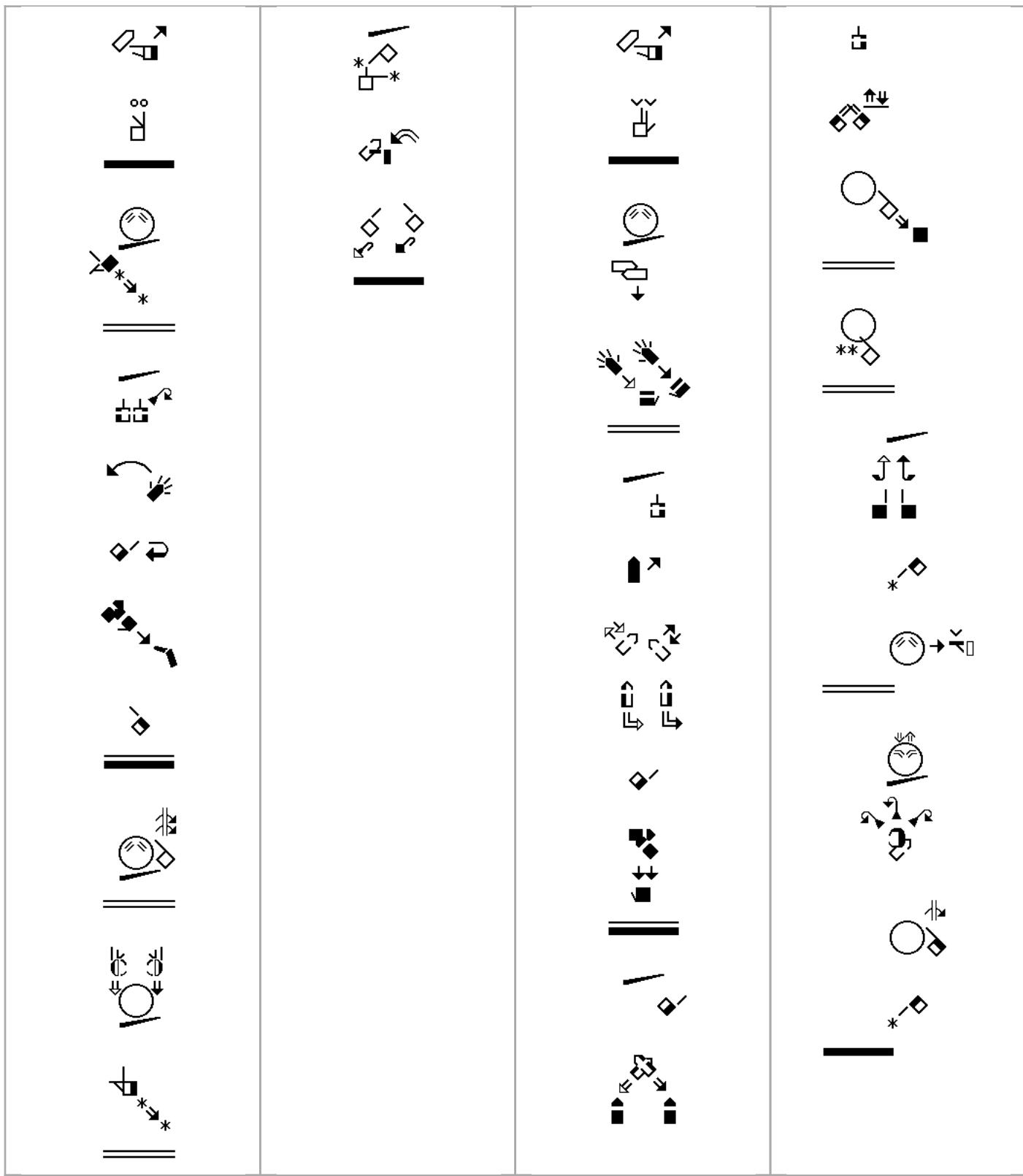
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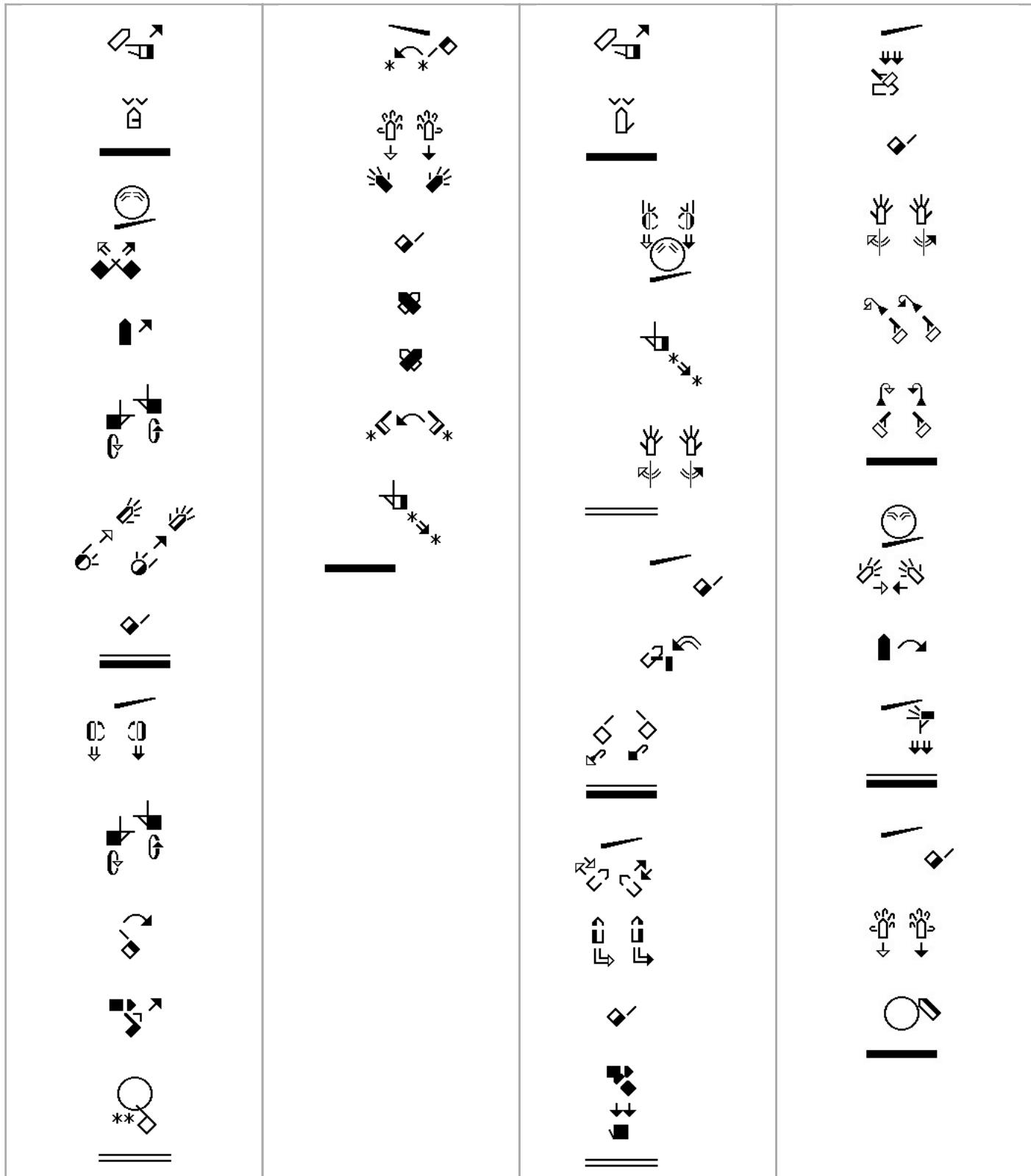
Verse 8. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Verse 9. Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today,  
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for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. Verse 10. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Verse 11. The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. NLT

Luke 19:12-13

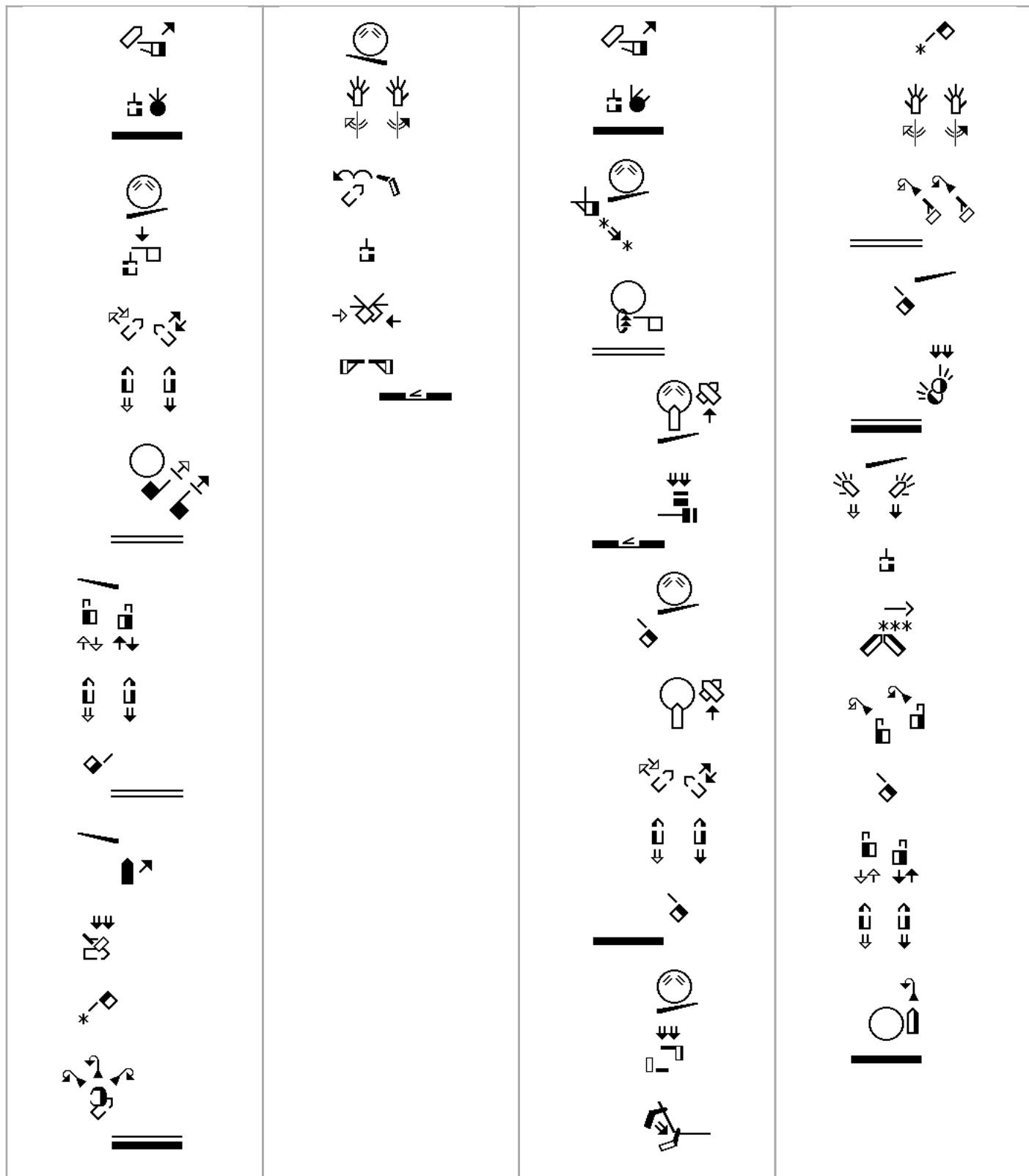




Verse 14. But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.' Verse 15. "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were.

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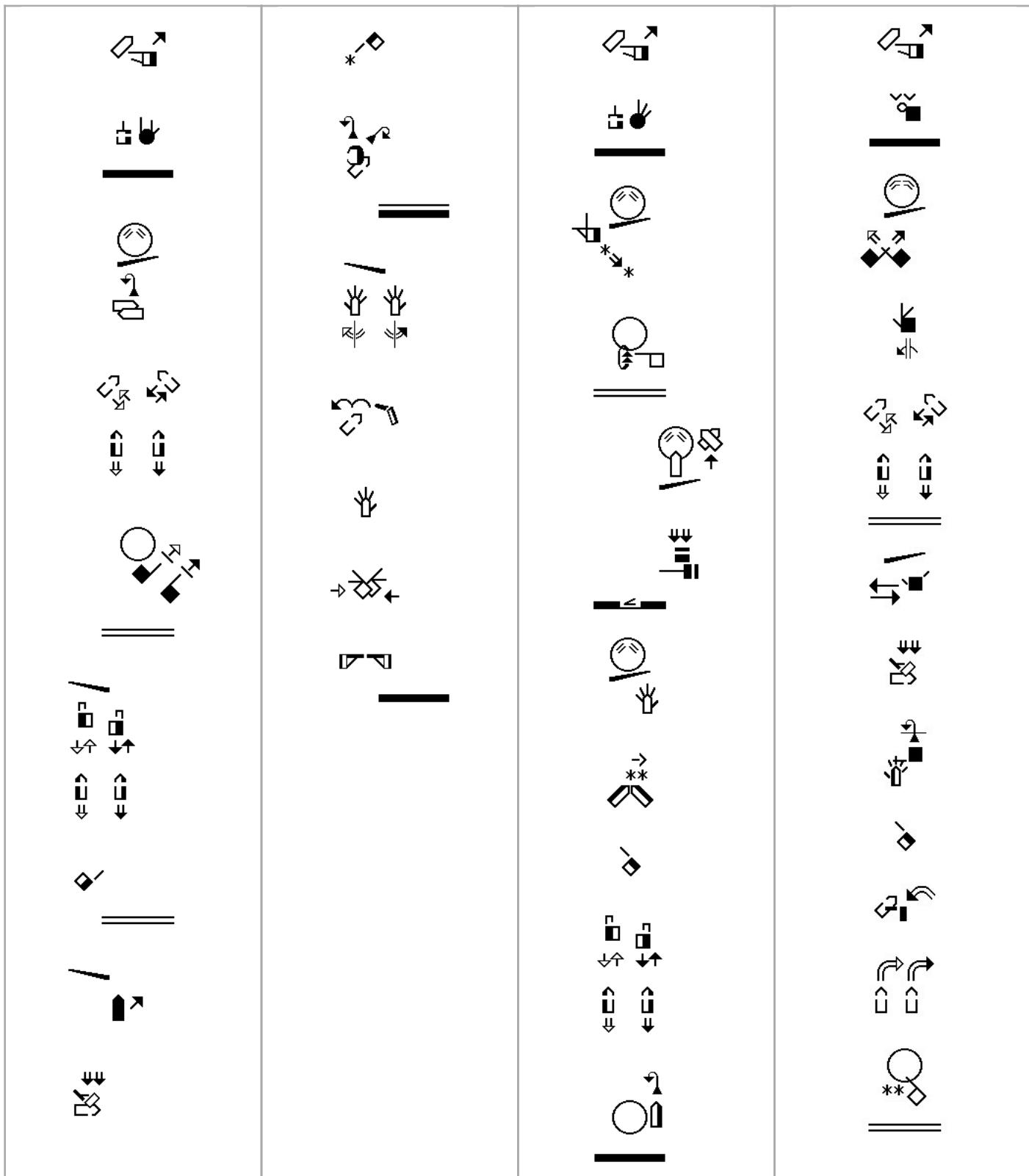
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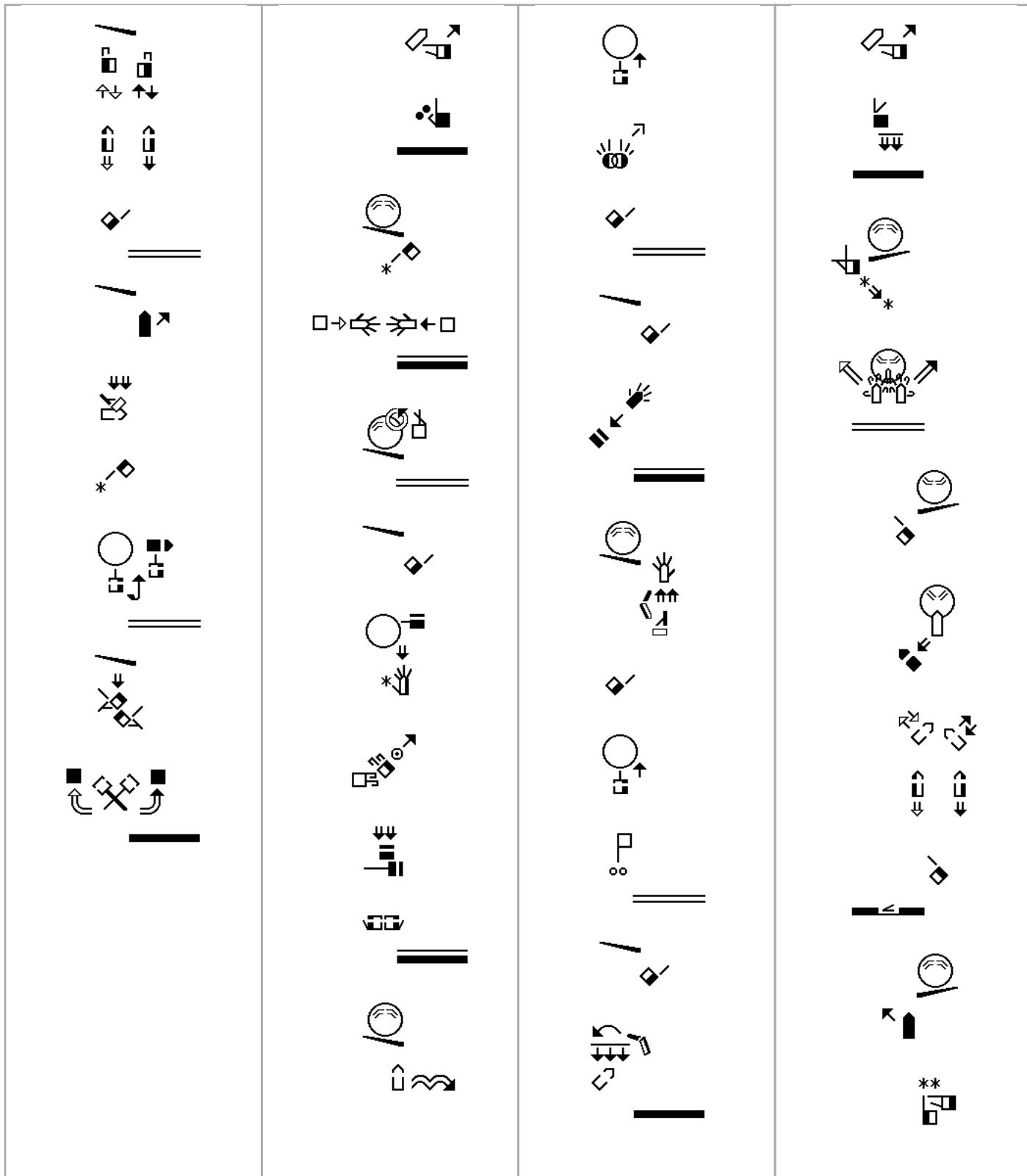
Verse 16. The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' Verse 17. "Well done!" the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'

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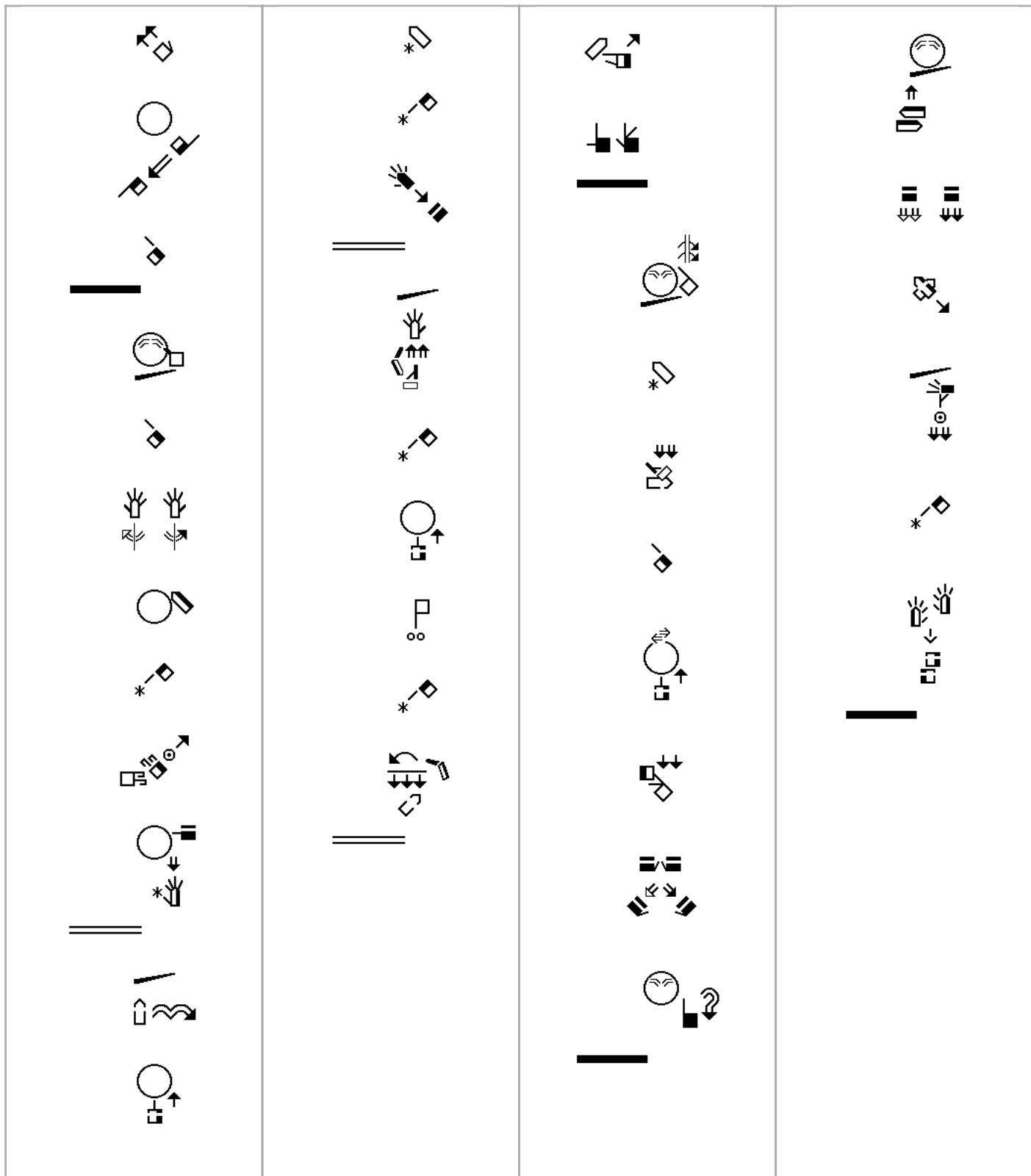


Verse 18. "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' Verse 19. "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.' Verse 20. "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said,

Luke 19:20-22

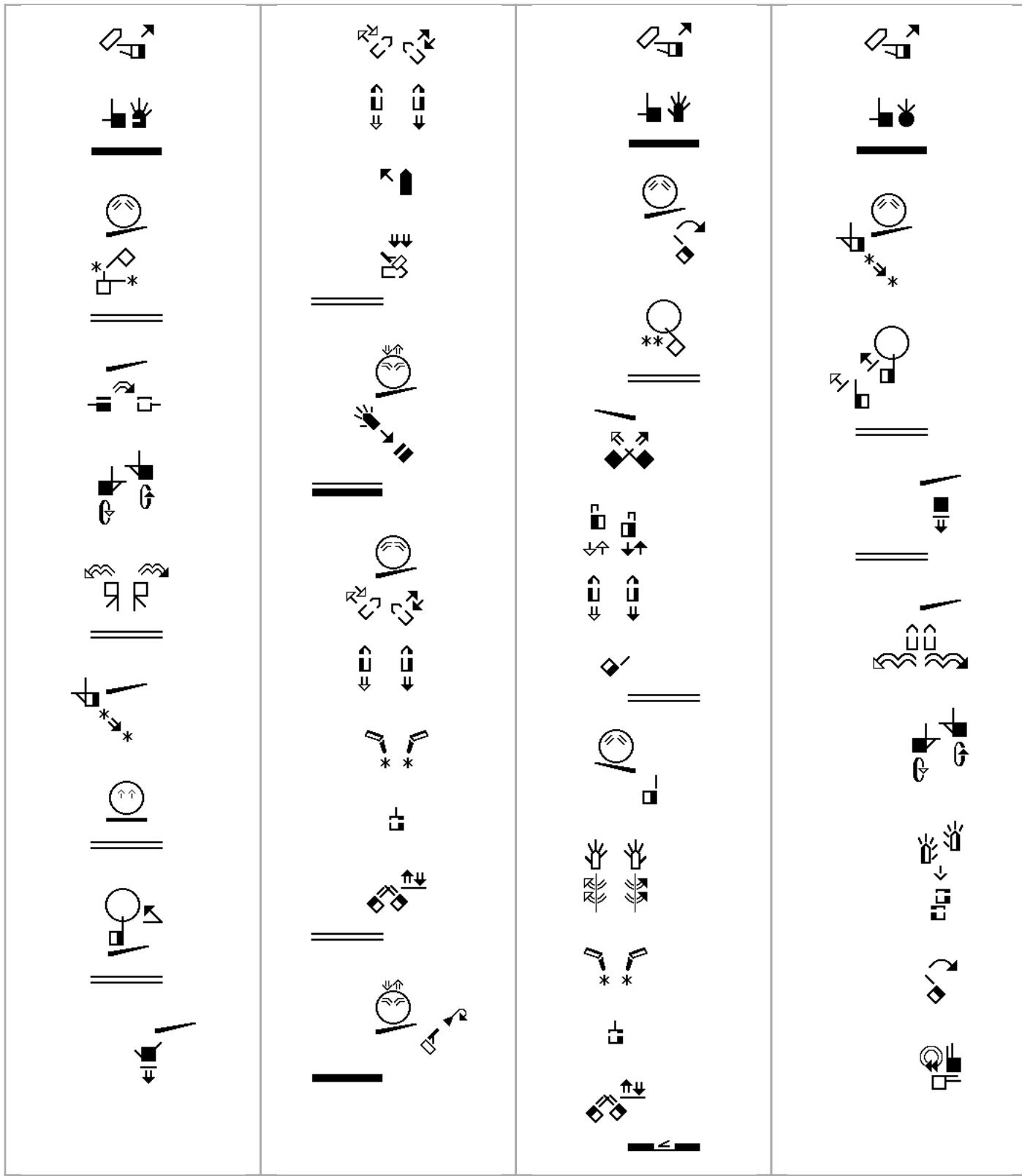


430      'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. Verse 21. I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' Verse 22. "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words NLT

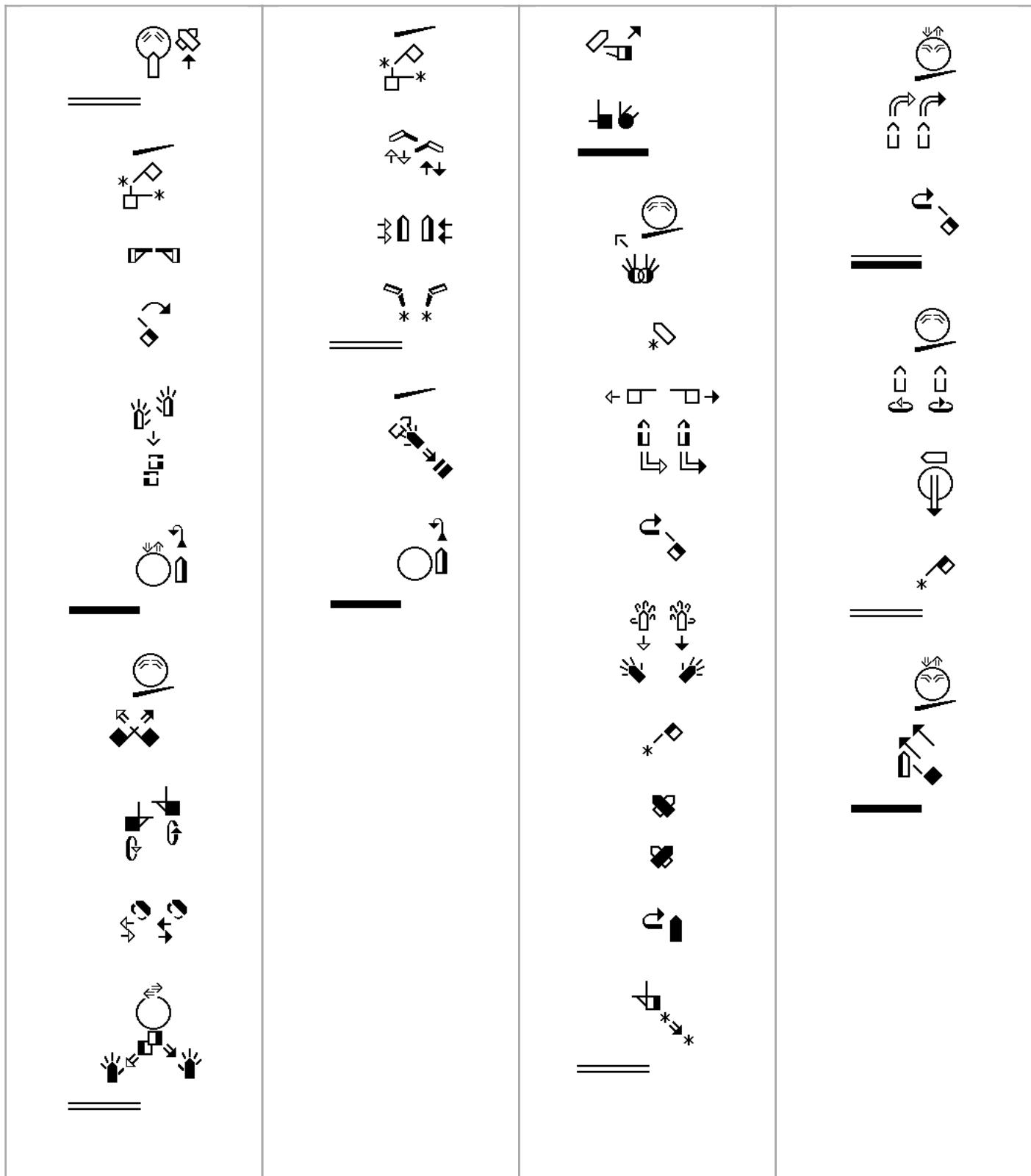


condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, Verse 23. why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

Luke 19:24-26



432 Verse 24. "Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' Verse 25. "'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!' Verse 26. "'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, NLT'

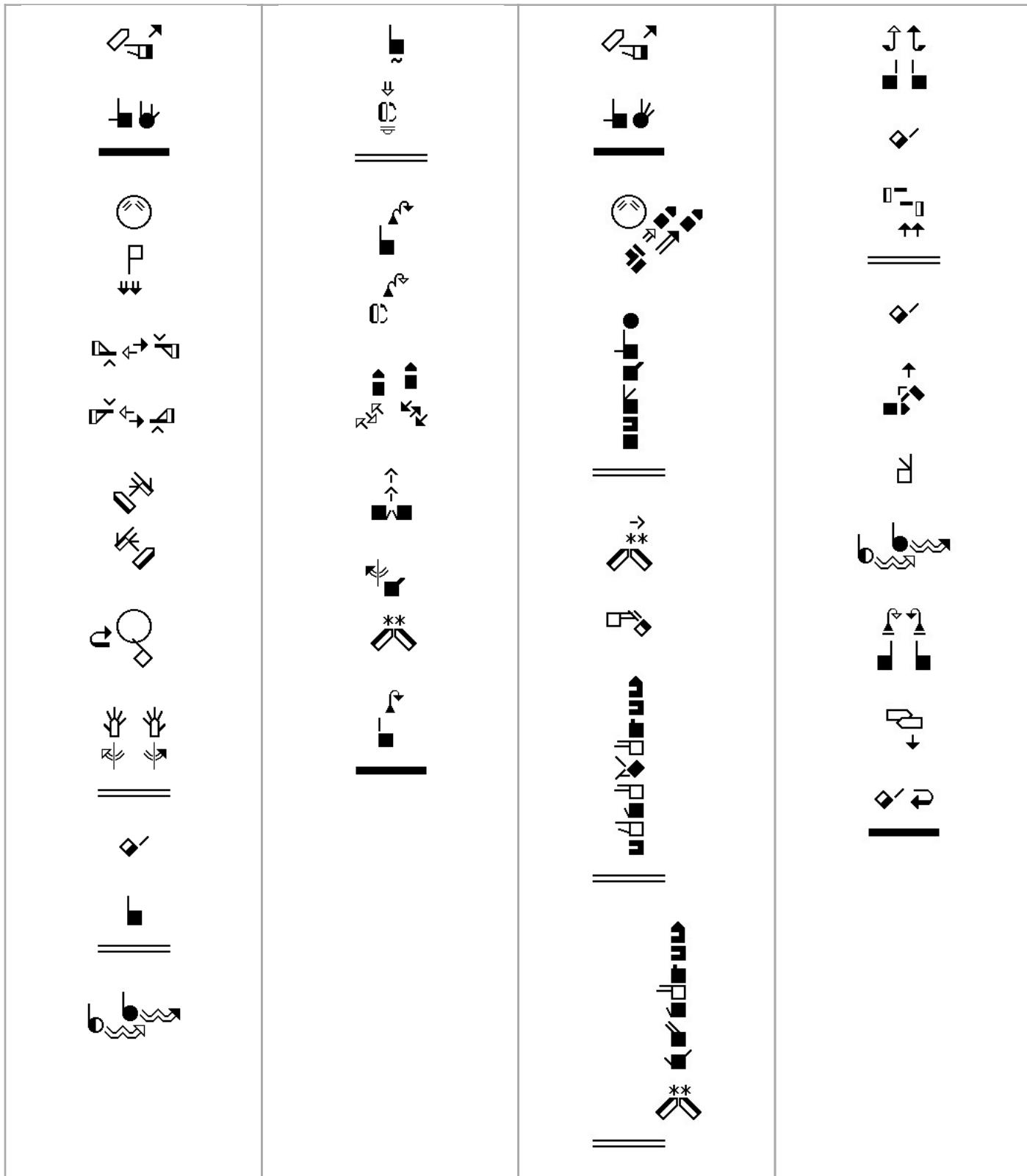


even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Verse 27. And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king -- bring them in and execute them right here in front of me."

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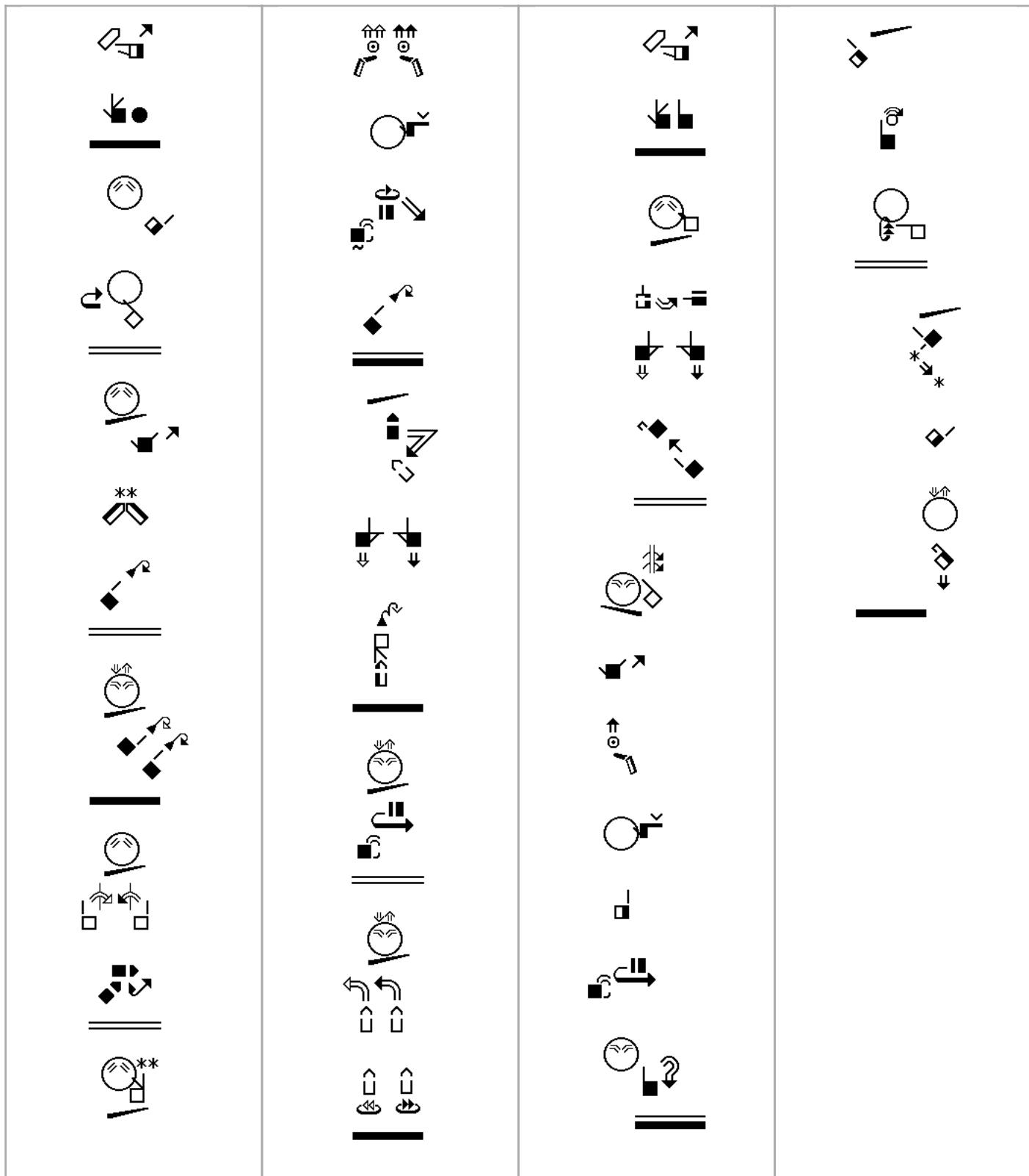
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Luke 19:28-29



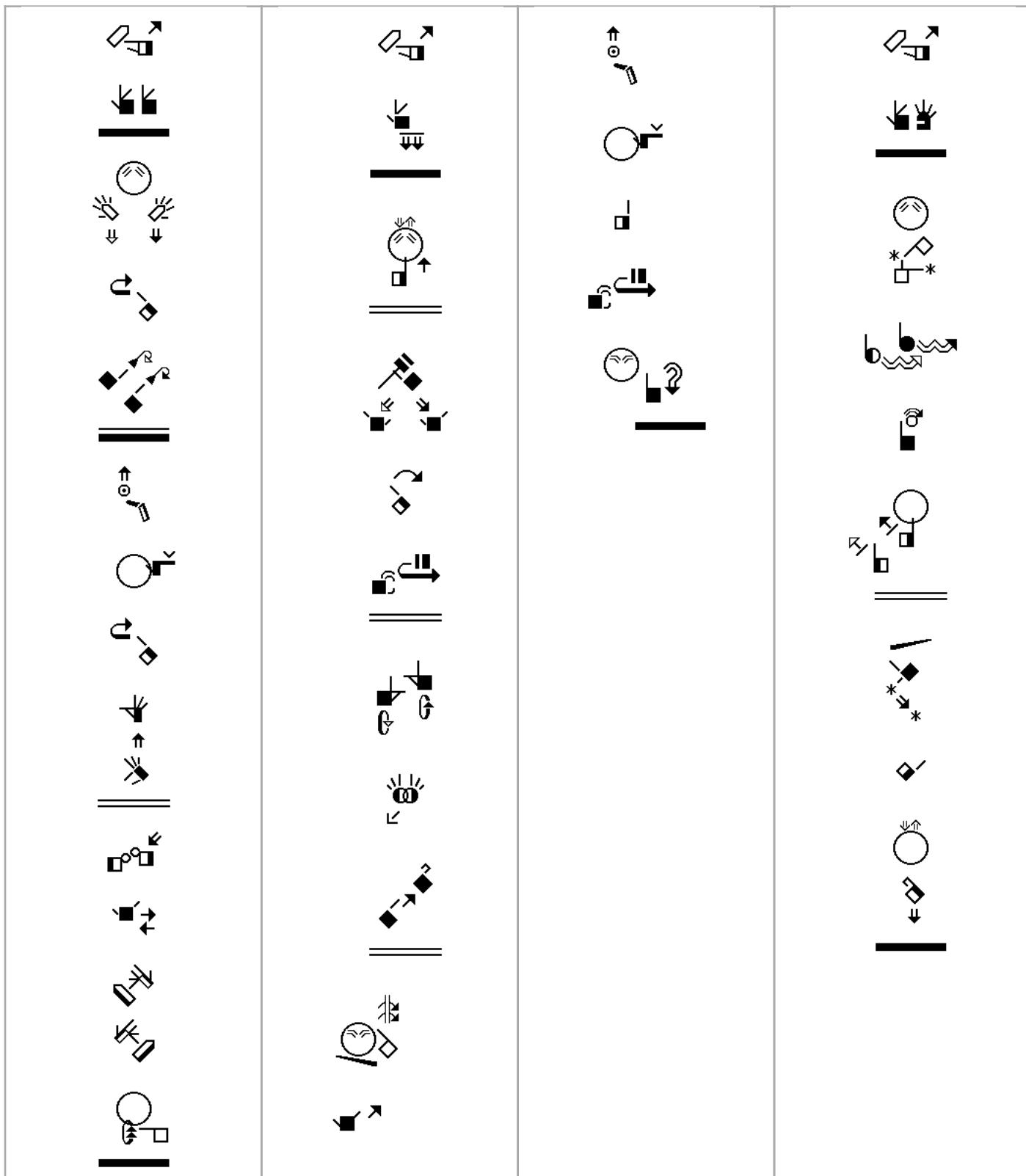
434 Verse 28. After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. Verse 29. As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead.

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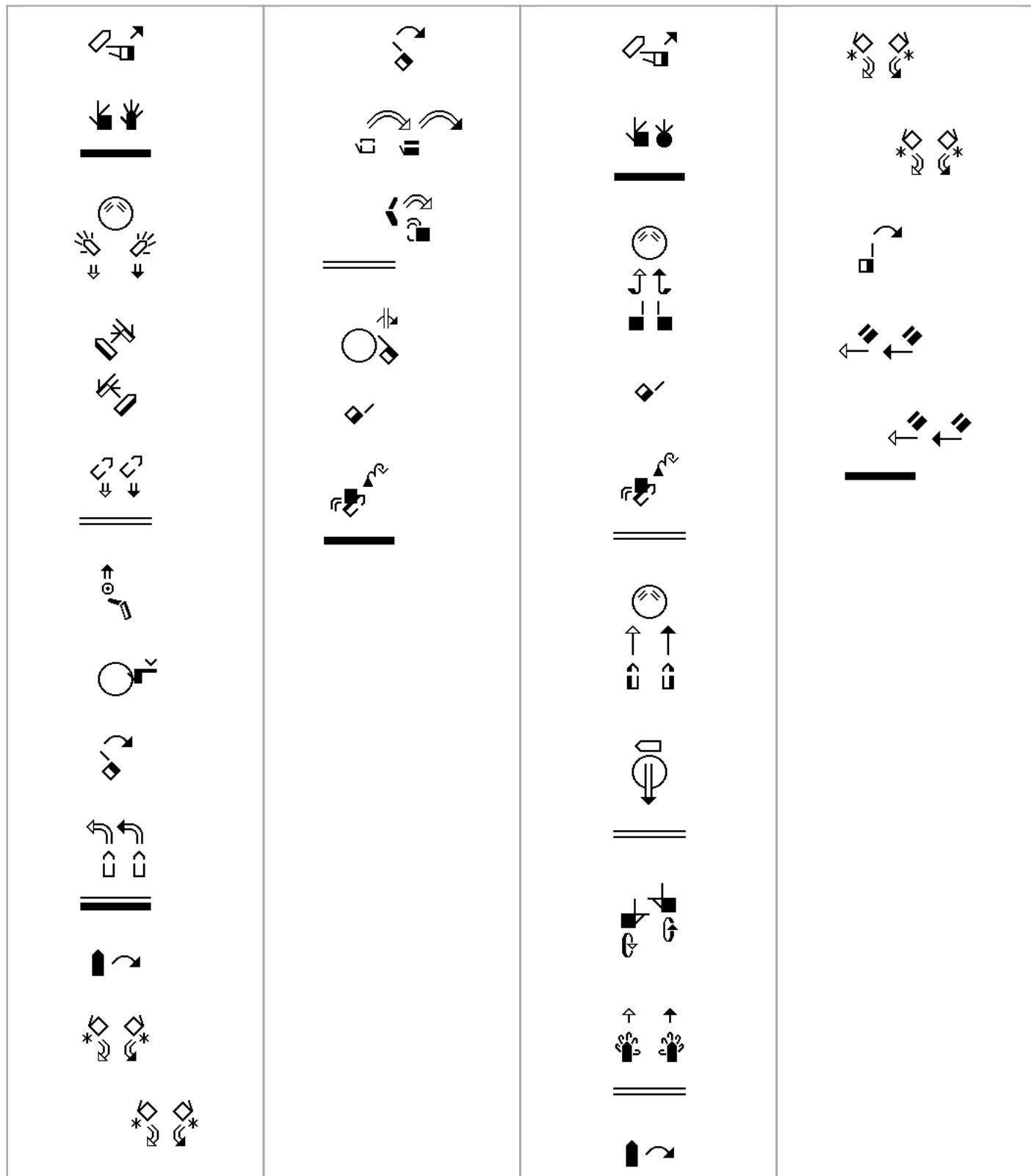


Verse 30. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. Verse 31. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" NLT

Luke 19:32-34

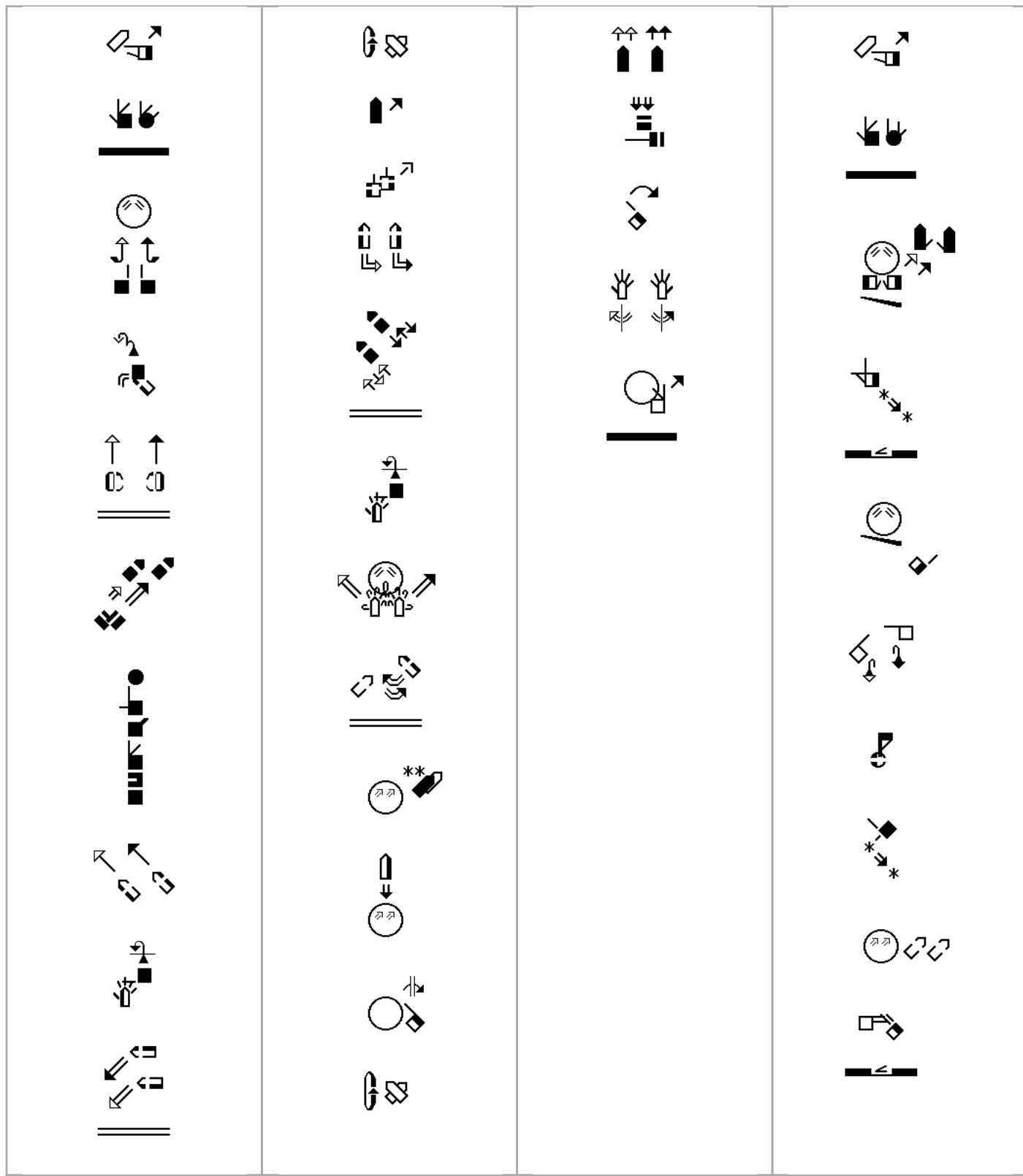


436 Verse 32. So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. Verse 33. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" Verse 34. And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." NLT

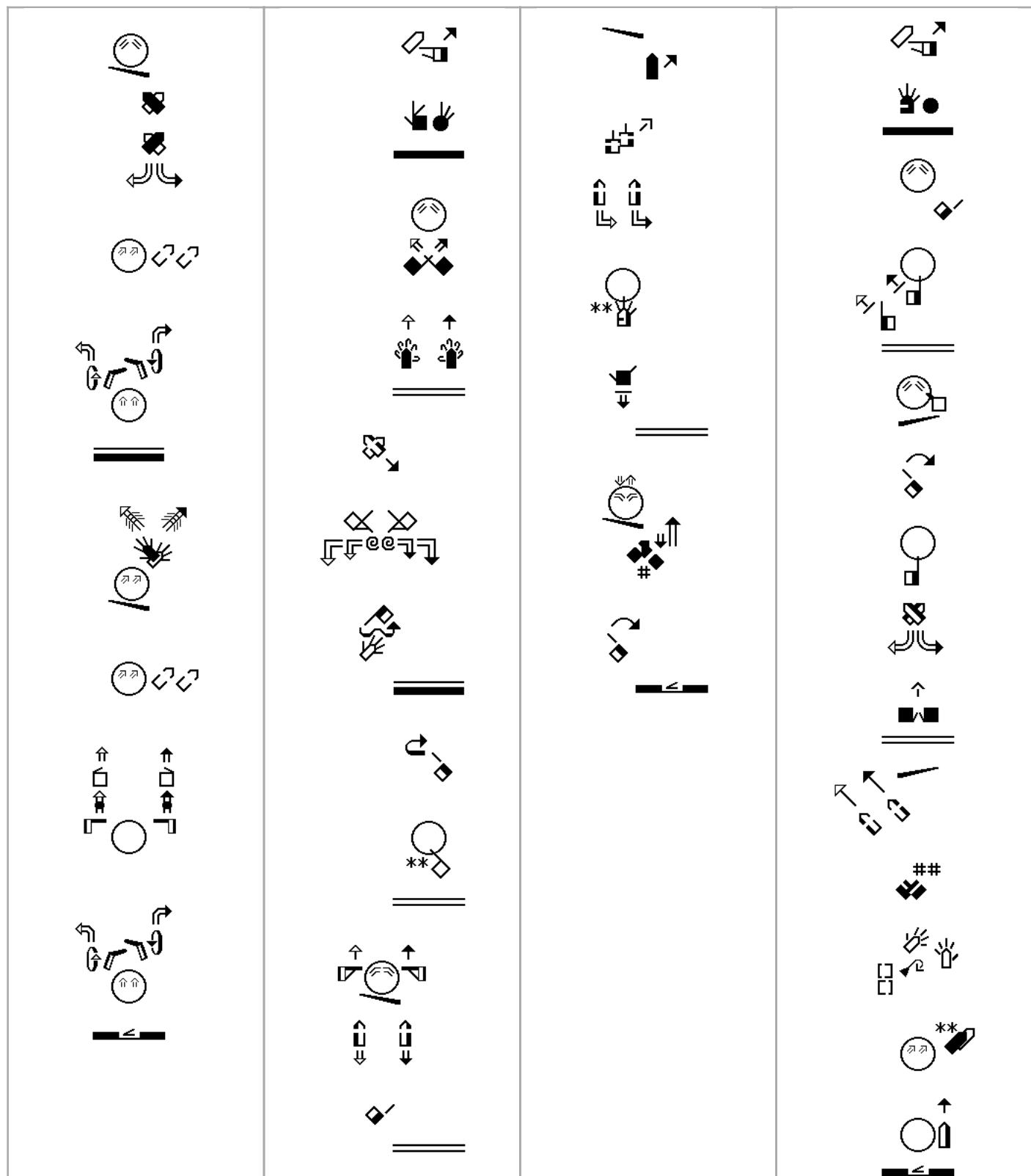


Verse 35. So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. Verse 36. As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him.

Luke 19:37-38

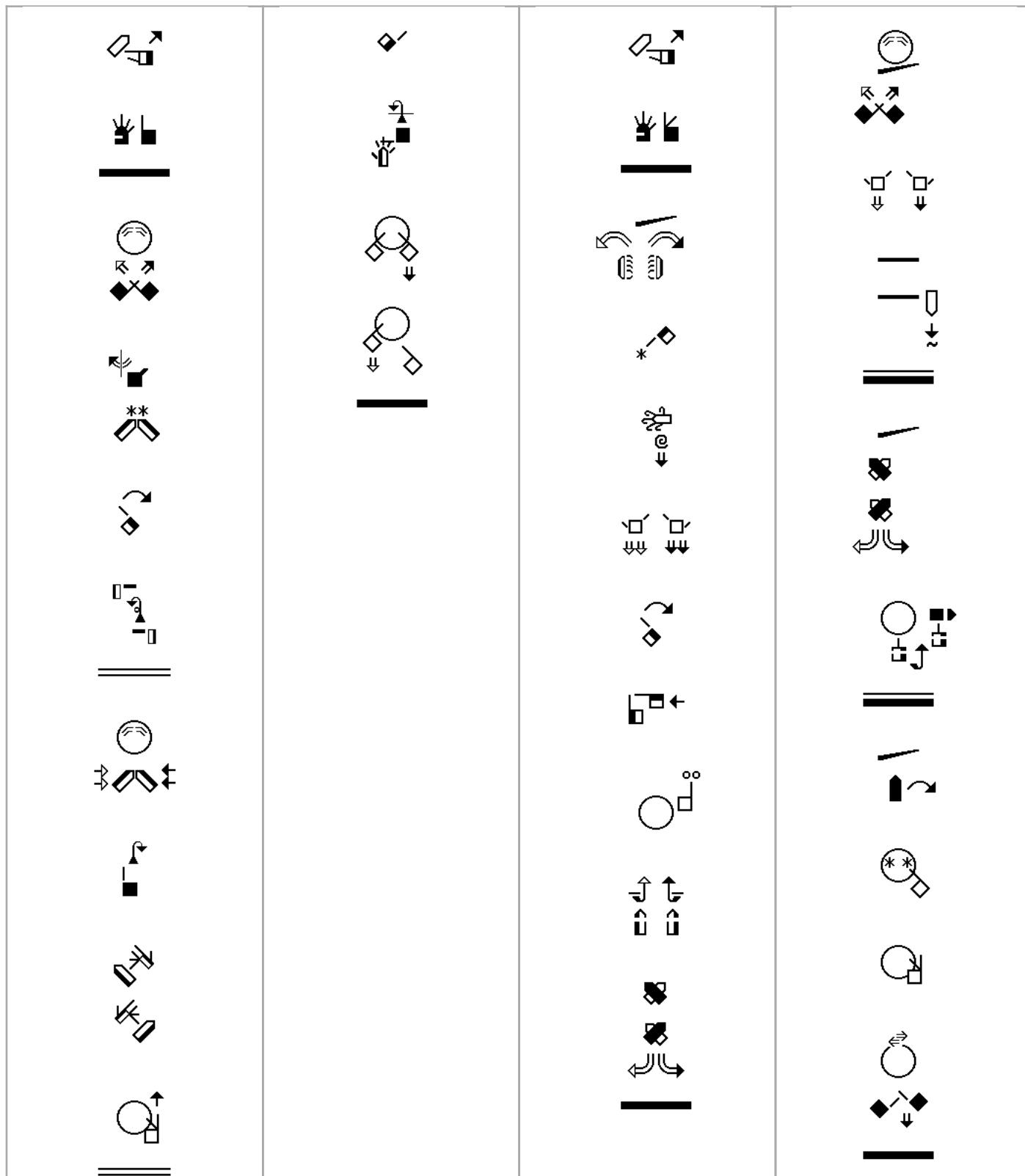


**438** Verse 37. When they reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. Verse 38. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!" NLT

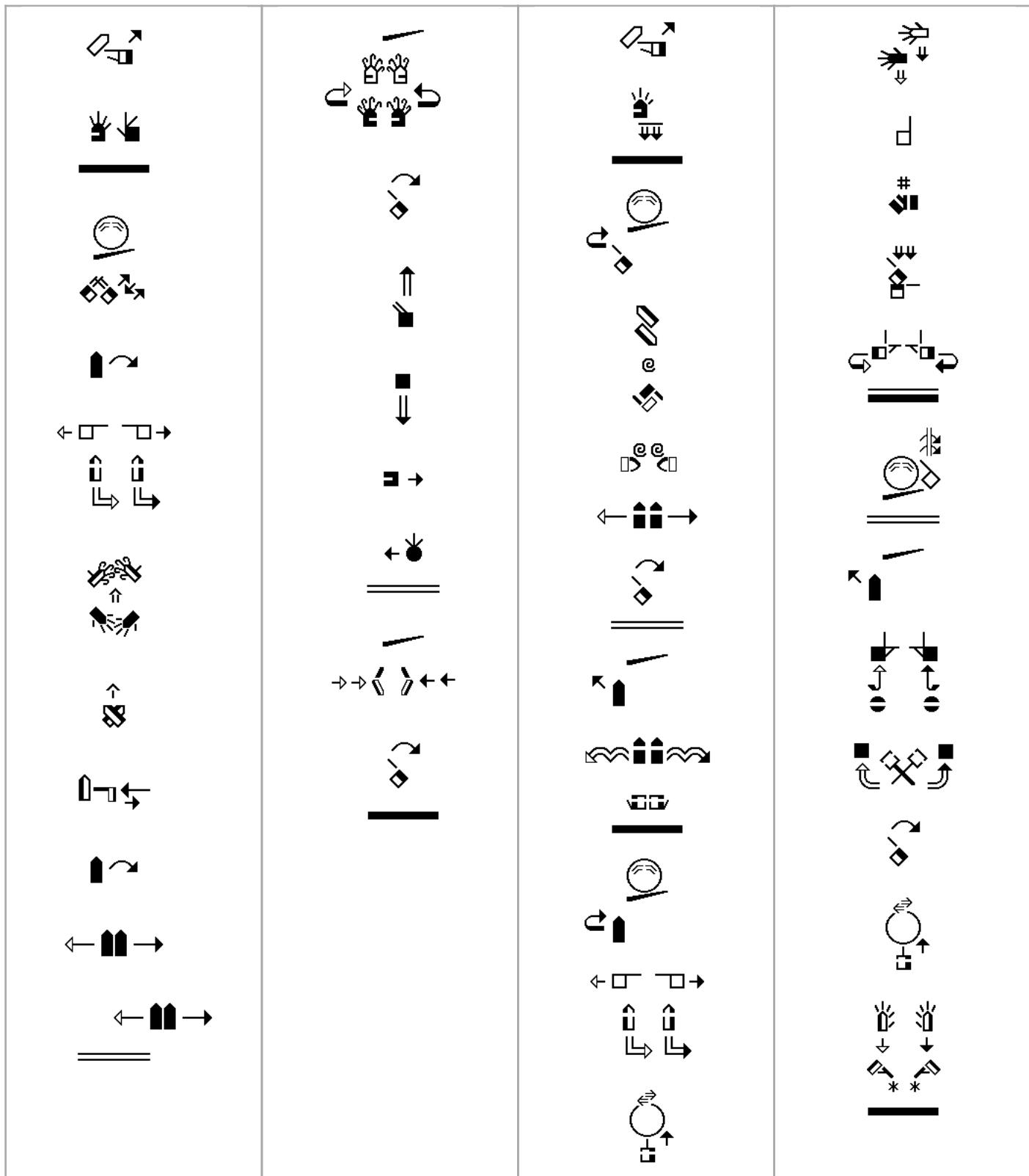


"Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" Verse 39. But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" Verse 40. He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" NLT

Luke 19:41-42

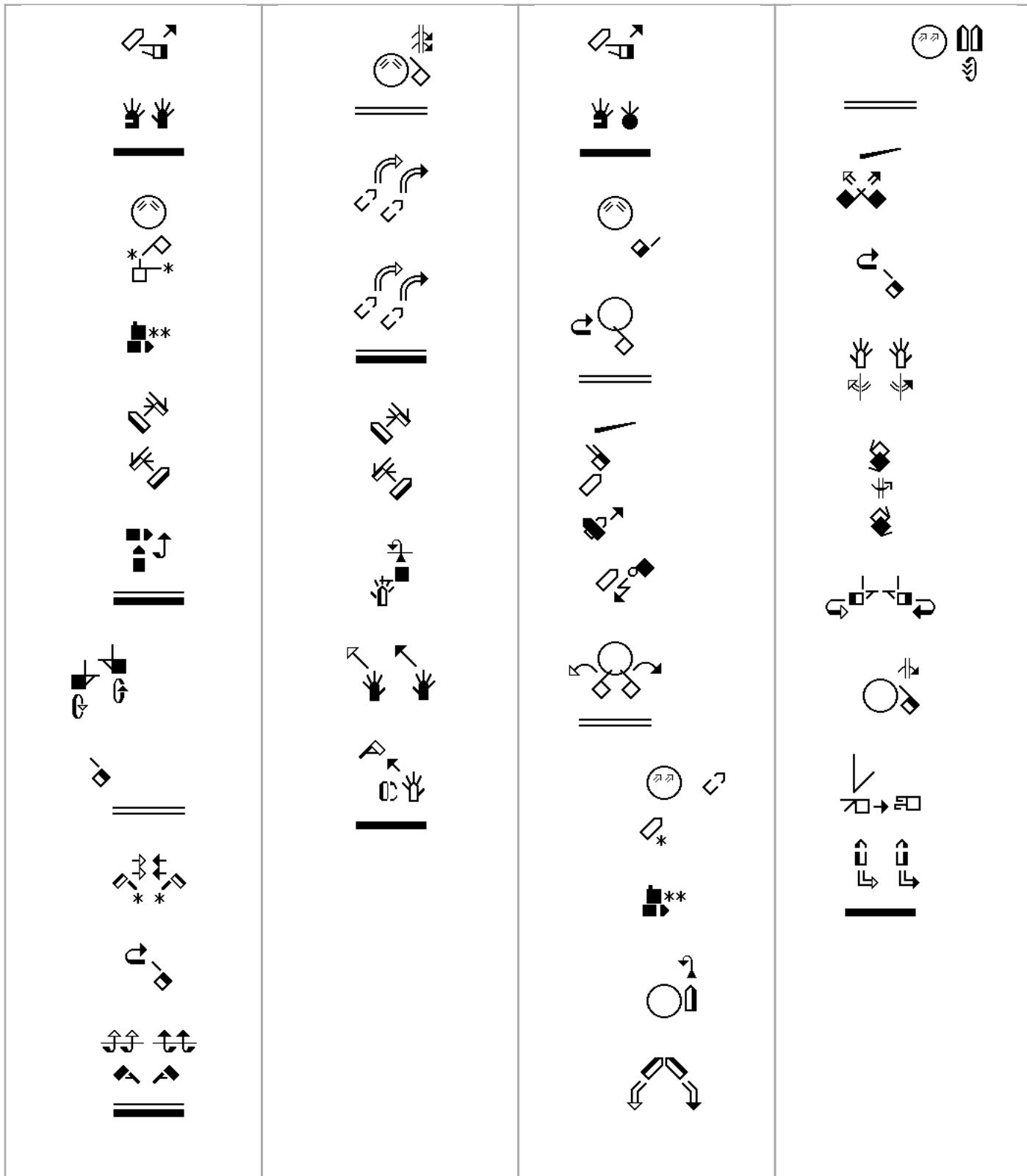


440 Verse 41. But as they came closer to Jerusalem and Jesus saw the city ahead, he began to weep. Verse 42. "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes." NLT

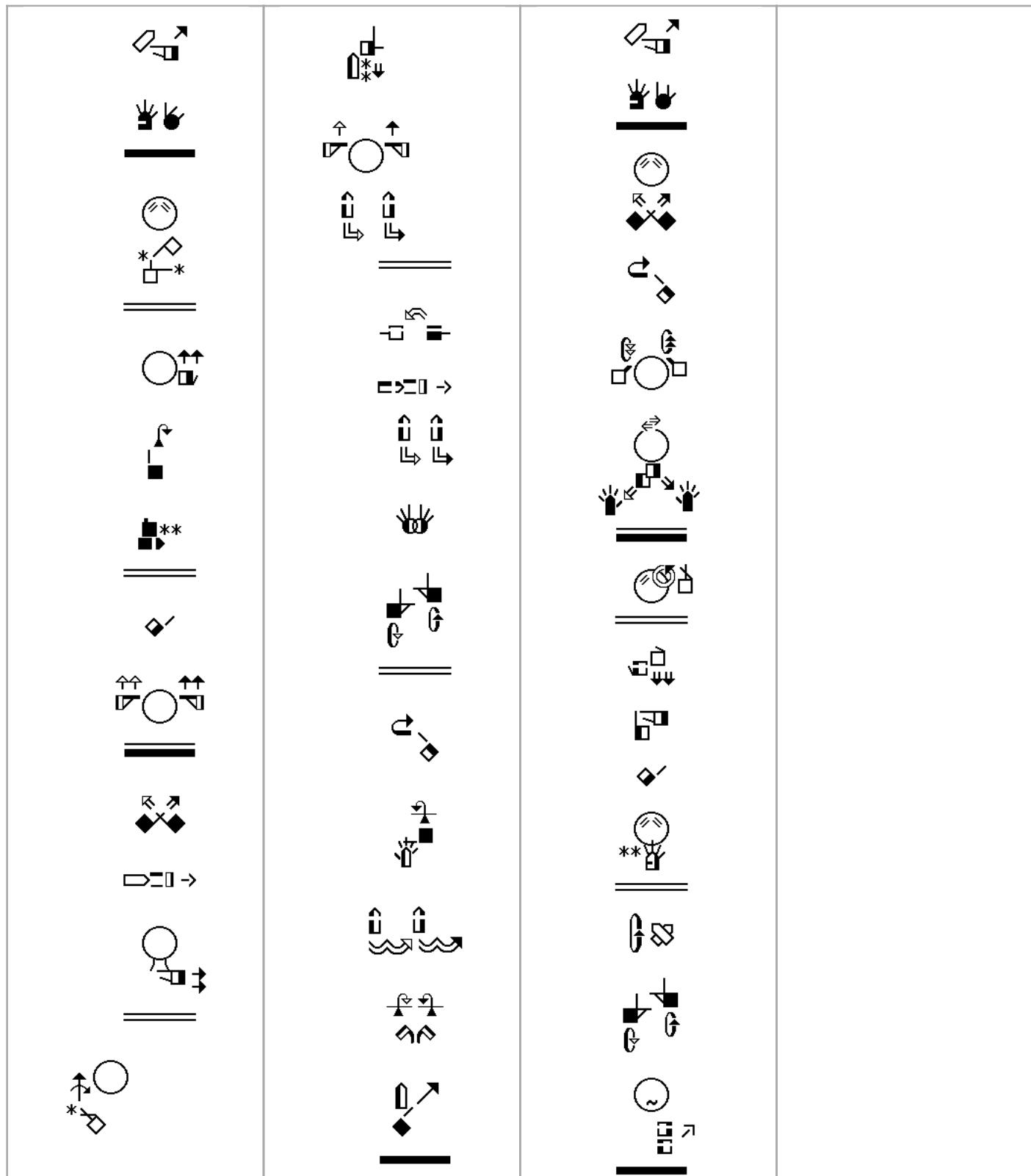


Verse 43. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. Verse 44. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not accept your opportunity for salvation." NLT

Luke 19:45-46

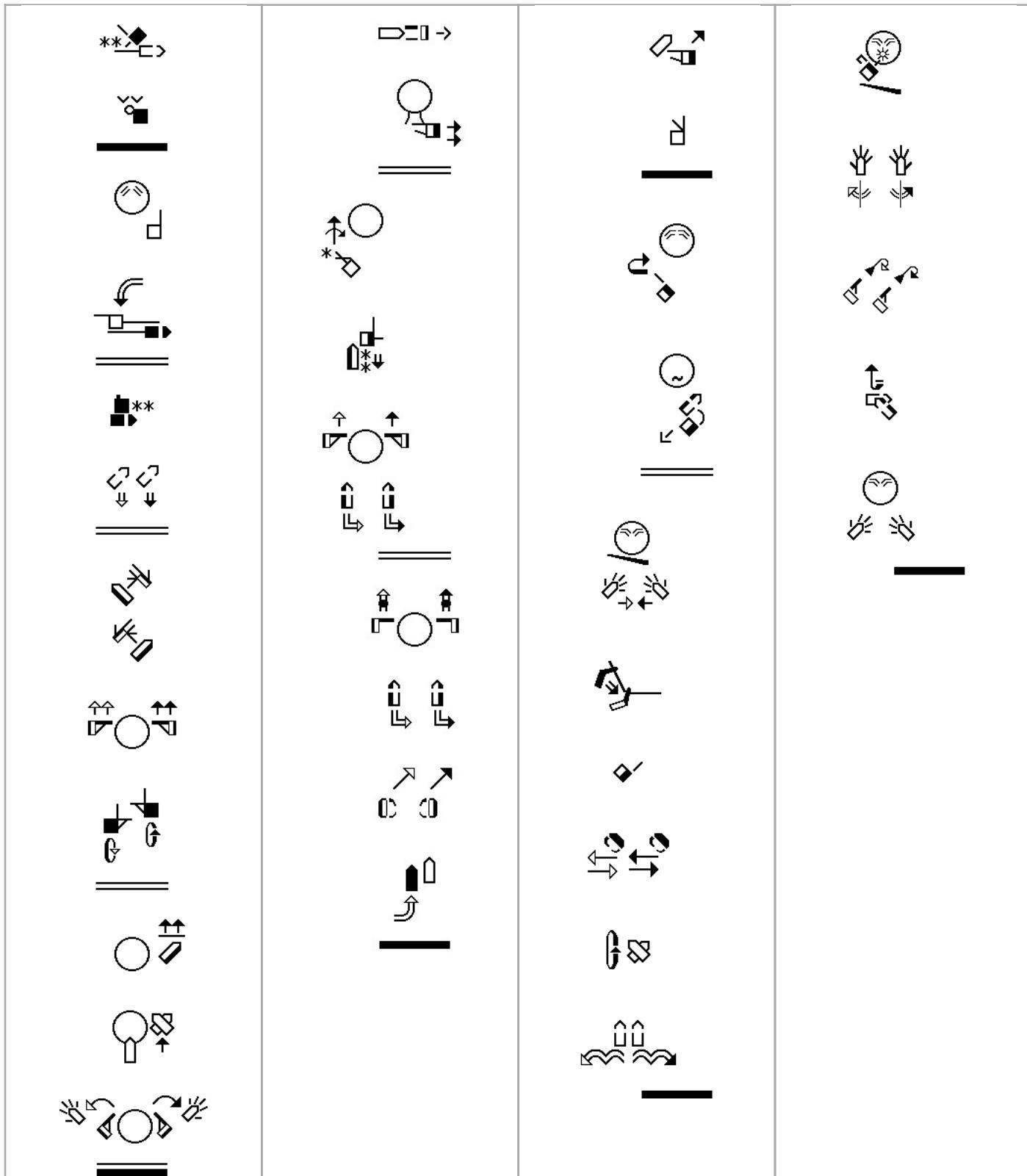


442 Verse 45. Then Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices. Verse 46. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." NLT



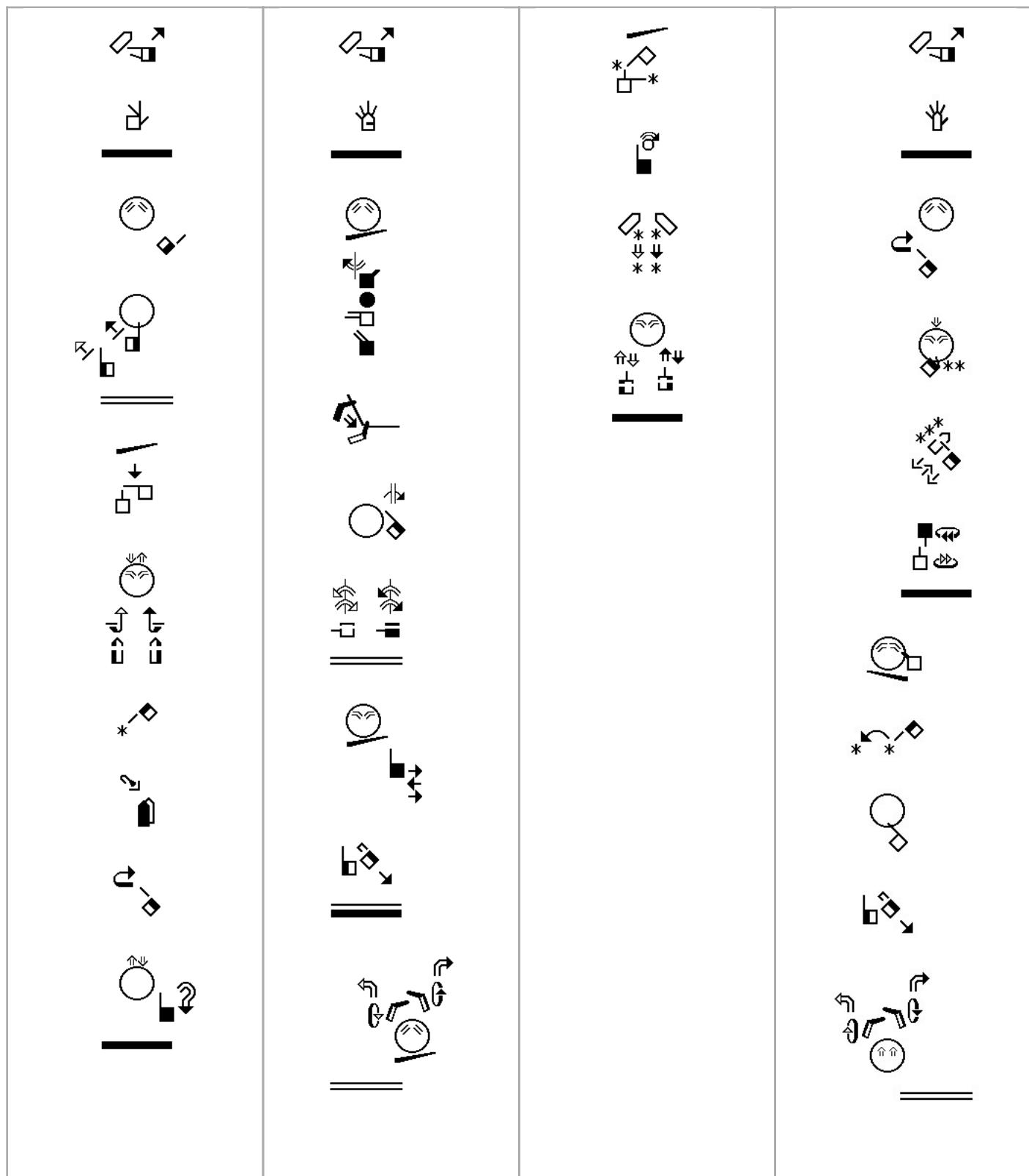
Verse 47. After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him. Verse 48. But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said. NLT

Luke 20:1-2



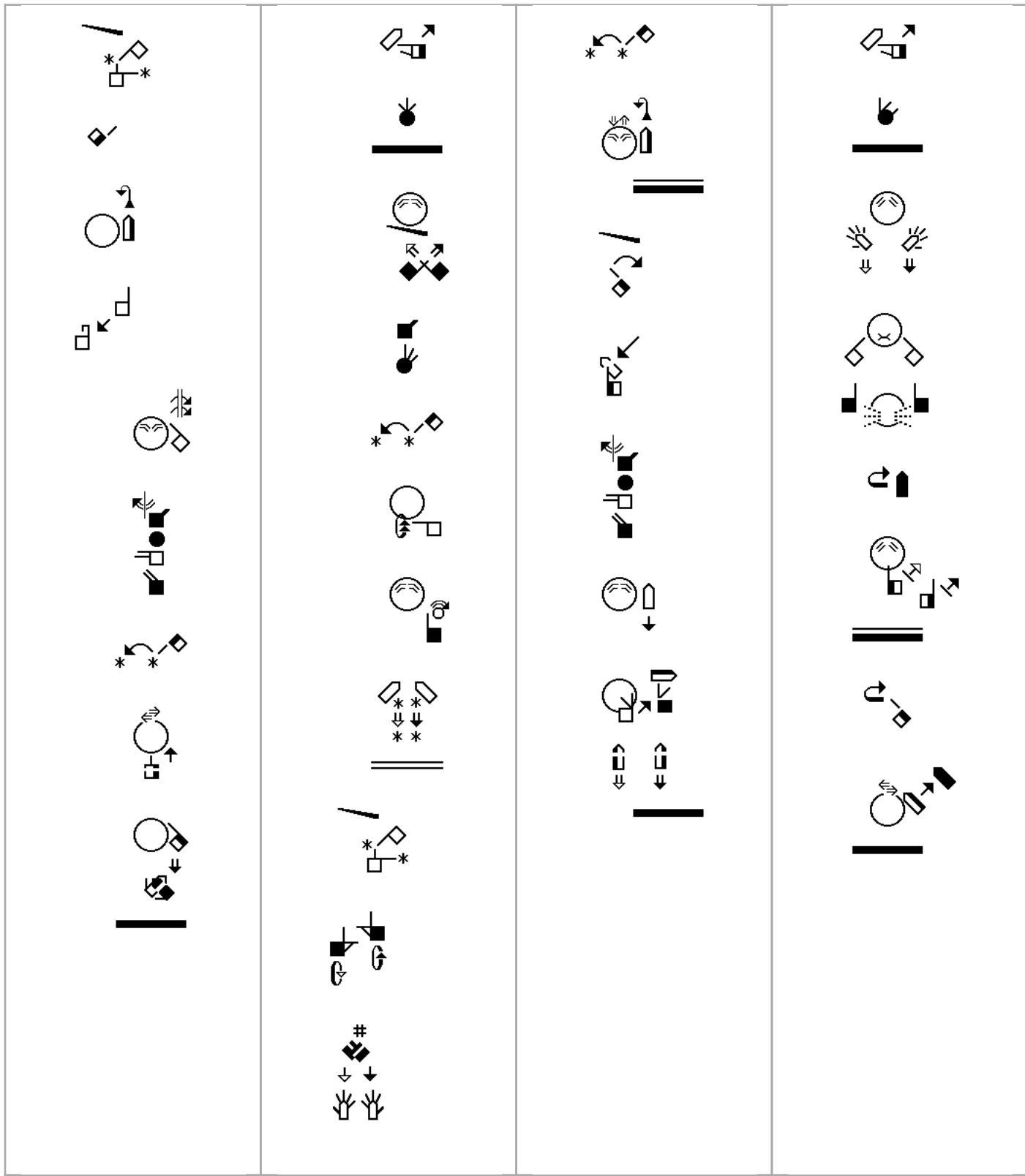
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Luke 20. One day as Jesus was teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the Temple, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. Verse 2. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?" NLT



Verse 3. "Let me ask you a question first," he replied. Verse 4. "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?" Verse 5. They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven,

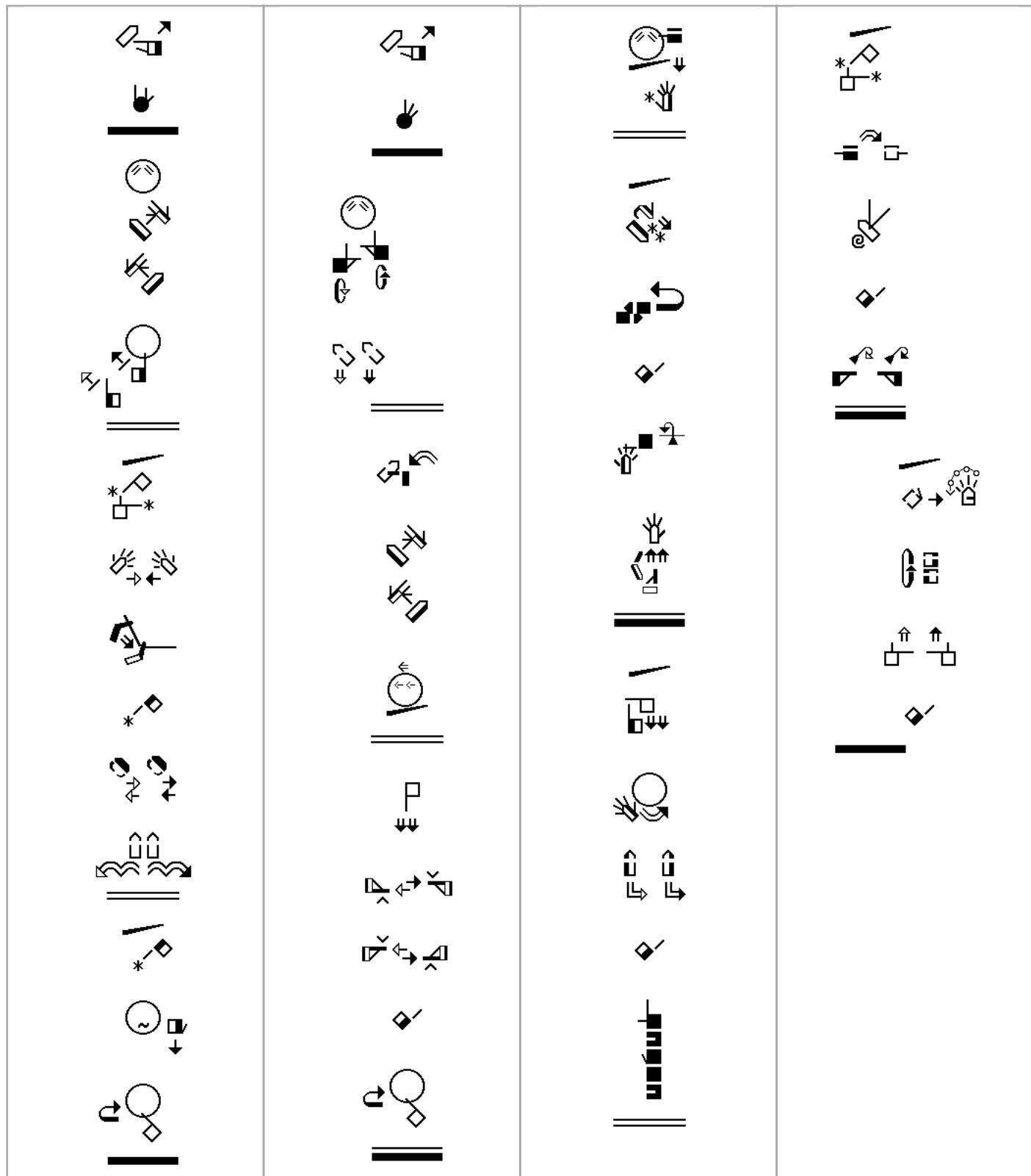
Luke 20:5-7



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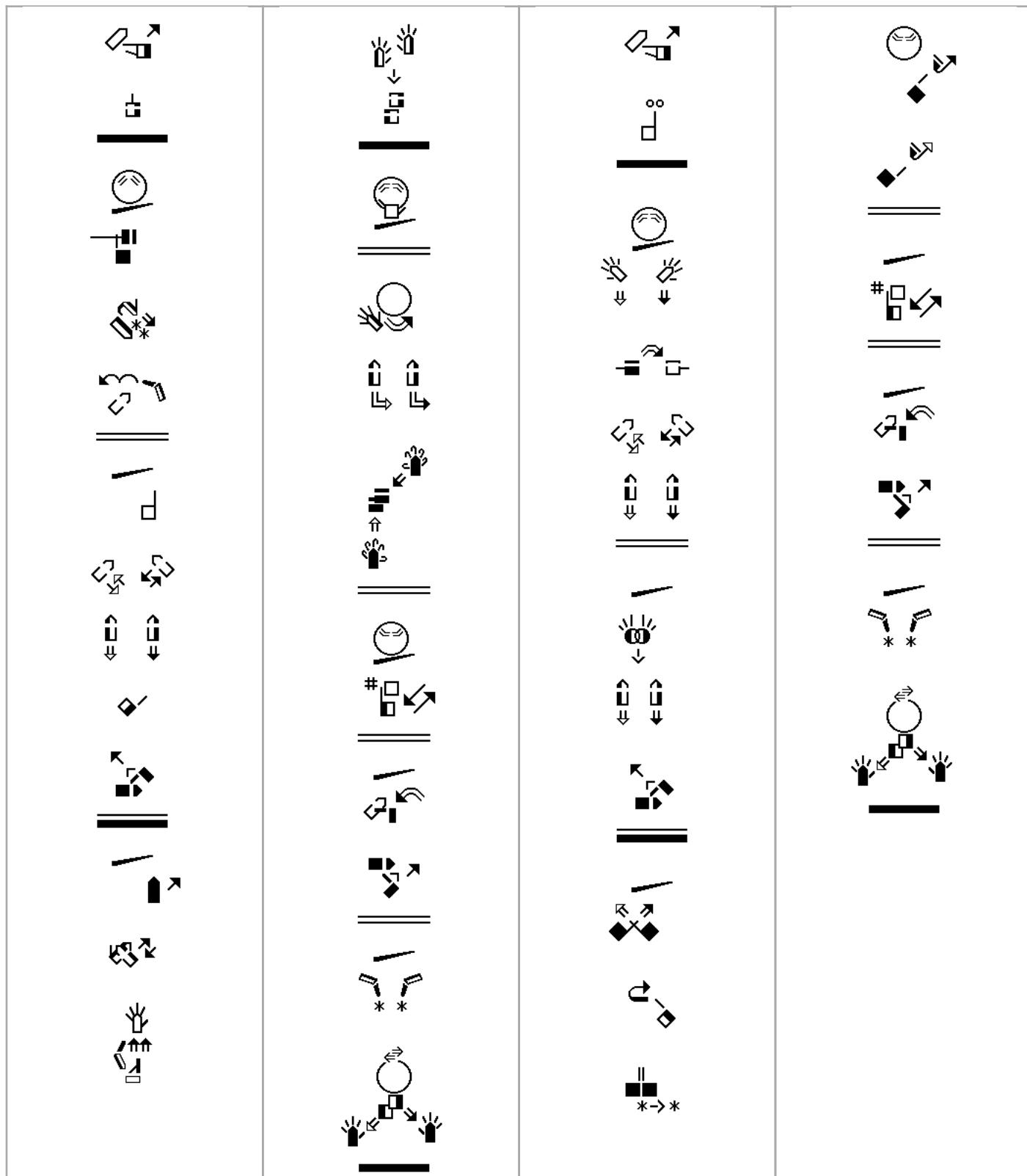
he will ask why we didn't believe John. Verse 6. But if we say it was merely human, the people will stone us because they are convinced John was a prophet." Verse 7. So they finally replied that they didn't know.

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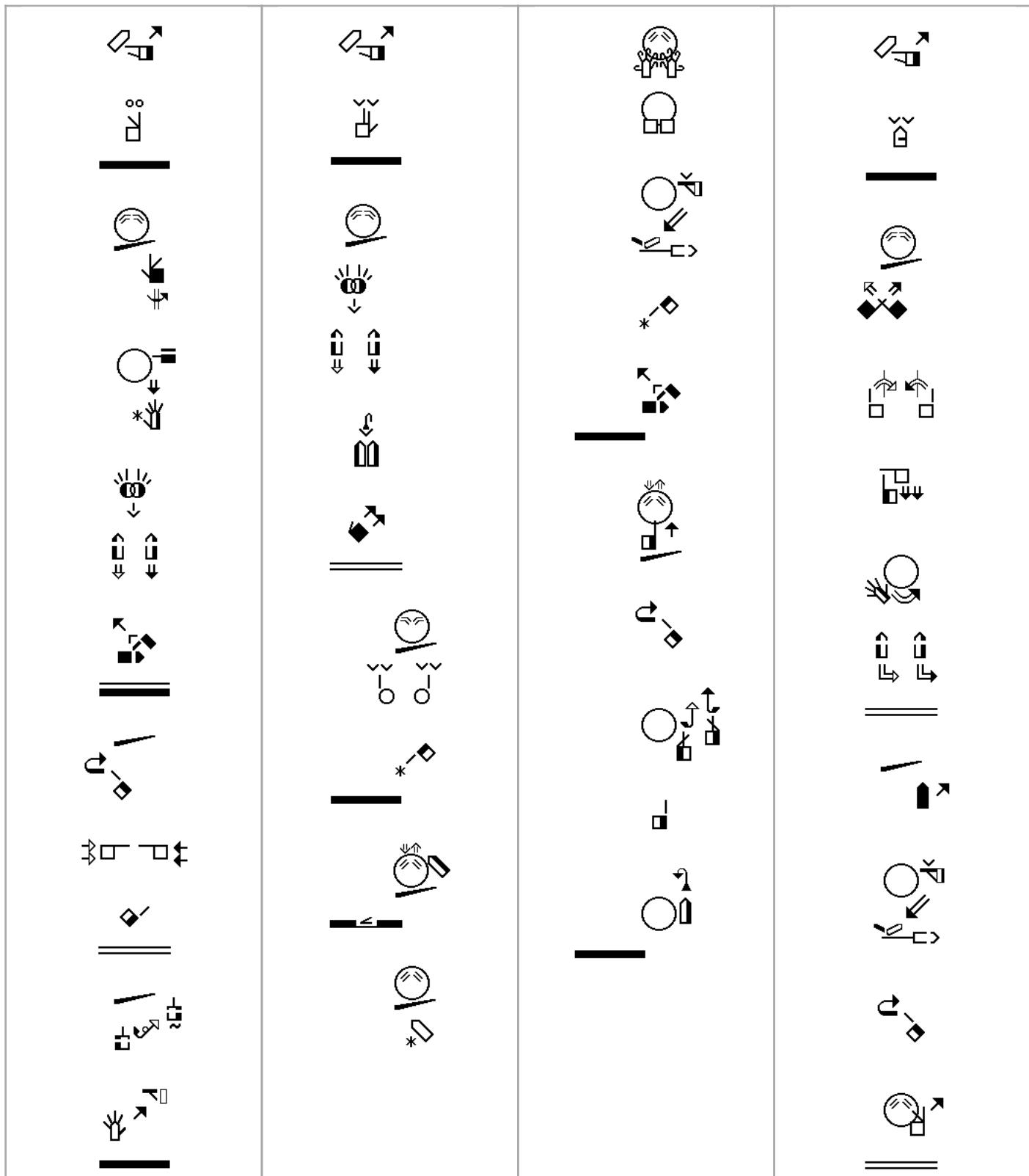
Verse 8. And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."  
 Verse 9. Now Jesus turned to the people again and told them this story: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and moved to another country to live for several years.

Luke 20:10-11



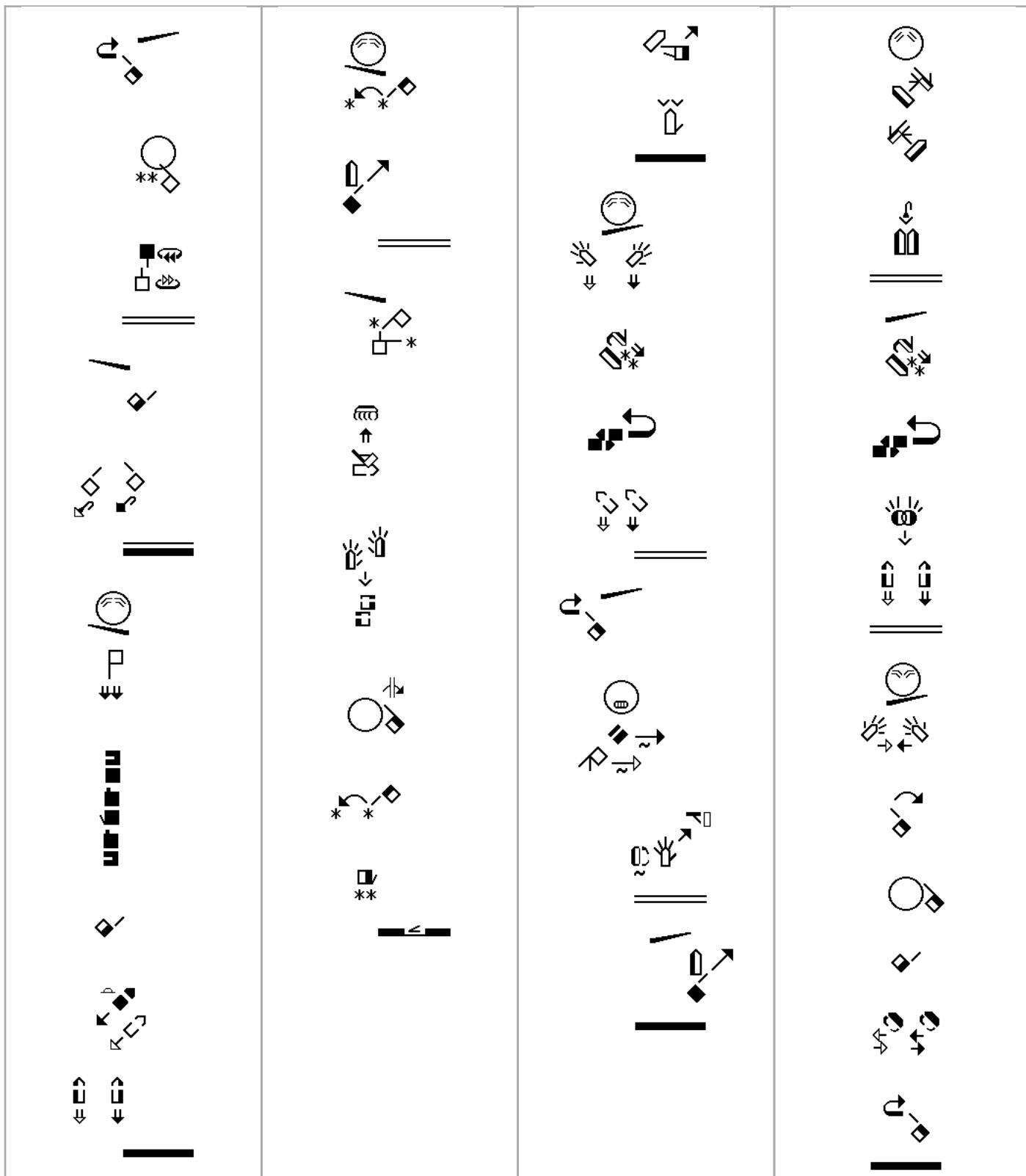
**448** Verse 10. At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop. But the farmers attacked the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed. Verse 11. So the owner sent another servant, but they also insulted him, beat him up, and sent him away empty-handed.

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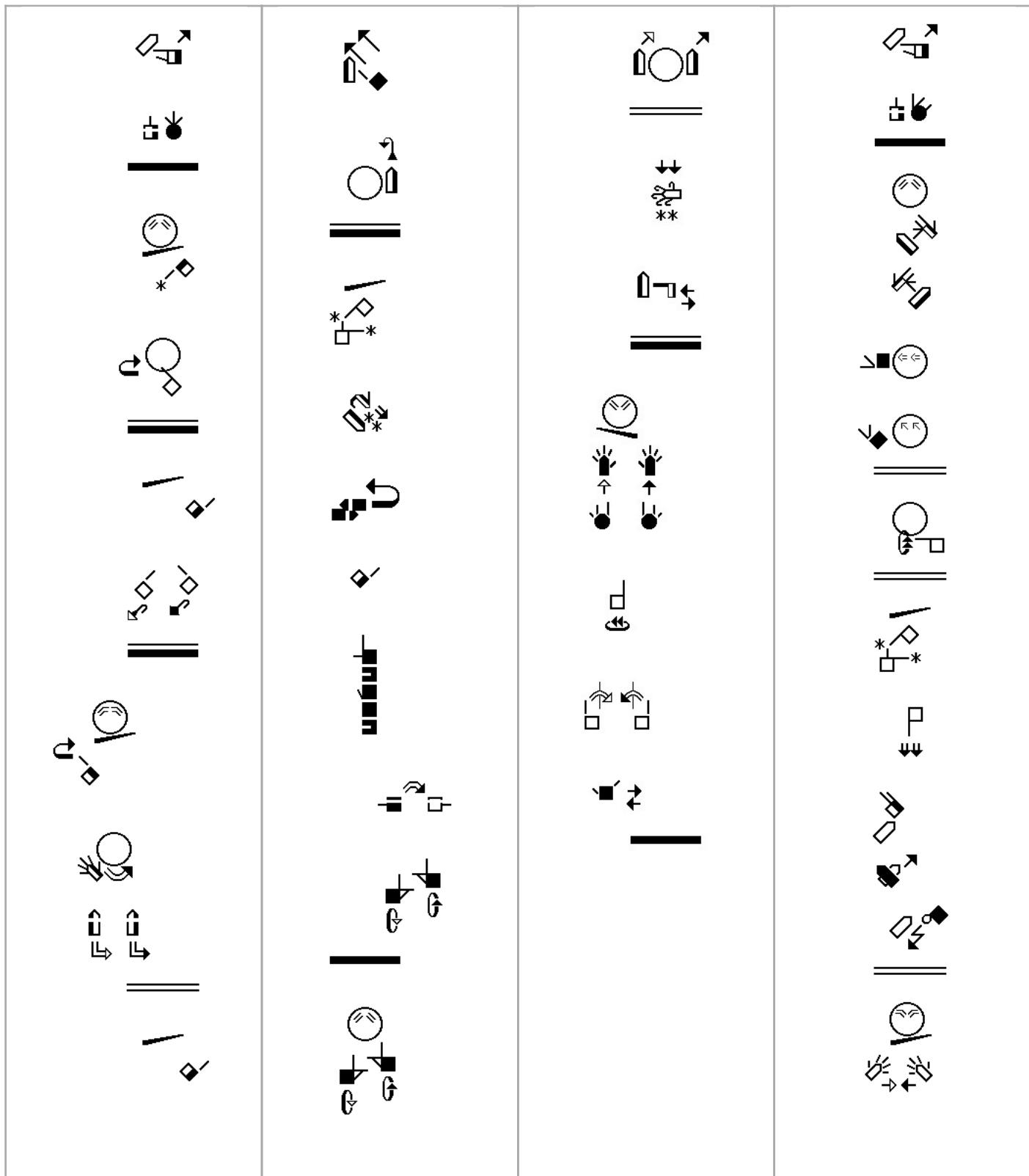


Verse 12. A third man was sent, and they wounded him and chased him away. Verse 13. "What will I do?" the owner asked himself. 'I know! I'll send my cherished son. Surely they will respect him.' Verse 14. "But when the tenant farmers saw his son,

Luke 20:14-15



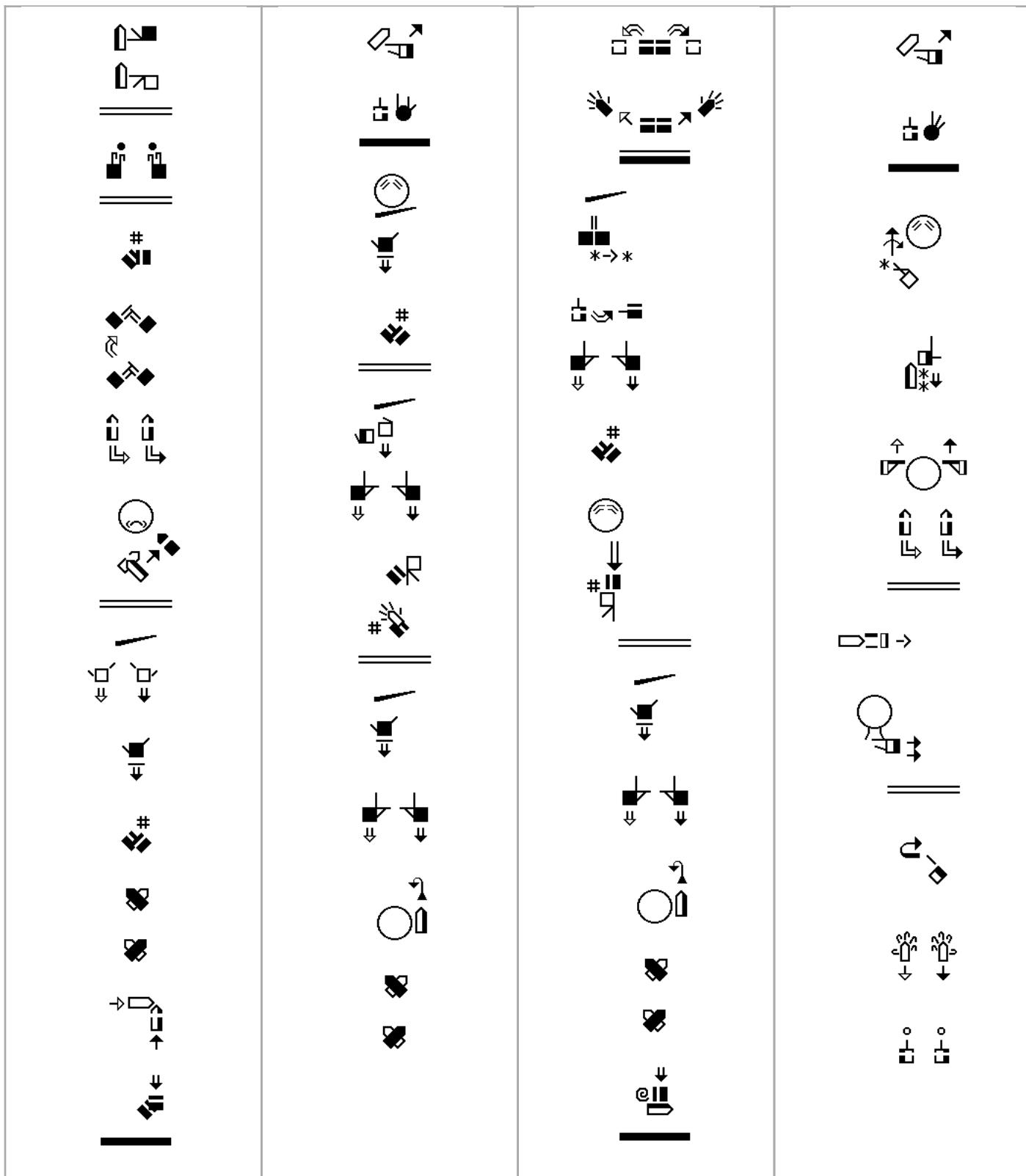
450 they said to each other, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!' Verse 15. So they dragged him out of the vineyard and murdered him. "What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to them?" Jesus asked. NLT



Verse 16. "I'll tell you -- he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others." "How terrible that such a thing should ever happen," his listeners protested.  
 Verse 17. Jesus looked at them and said, "Then what does this Scripture

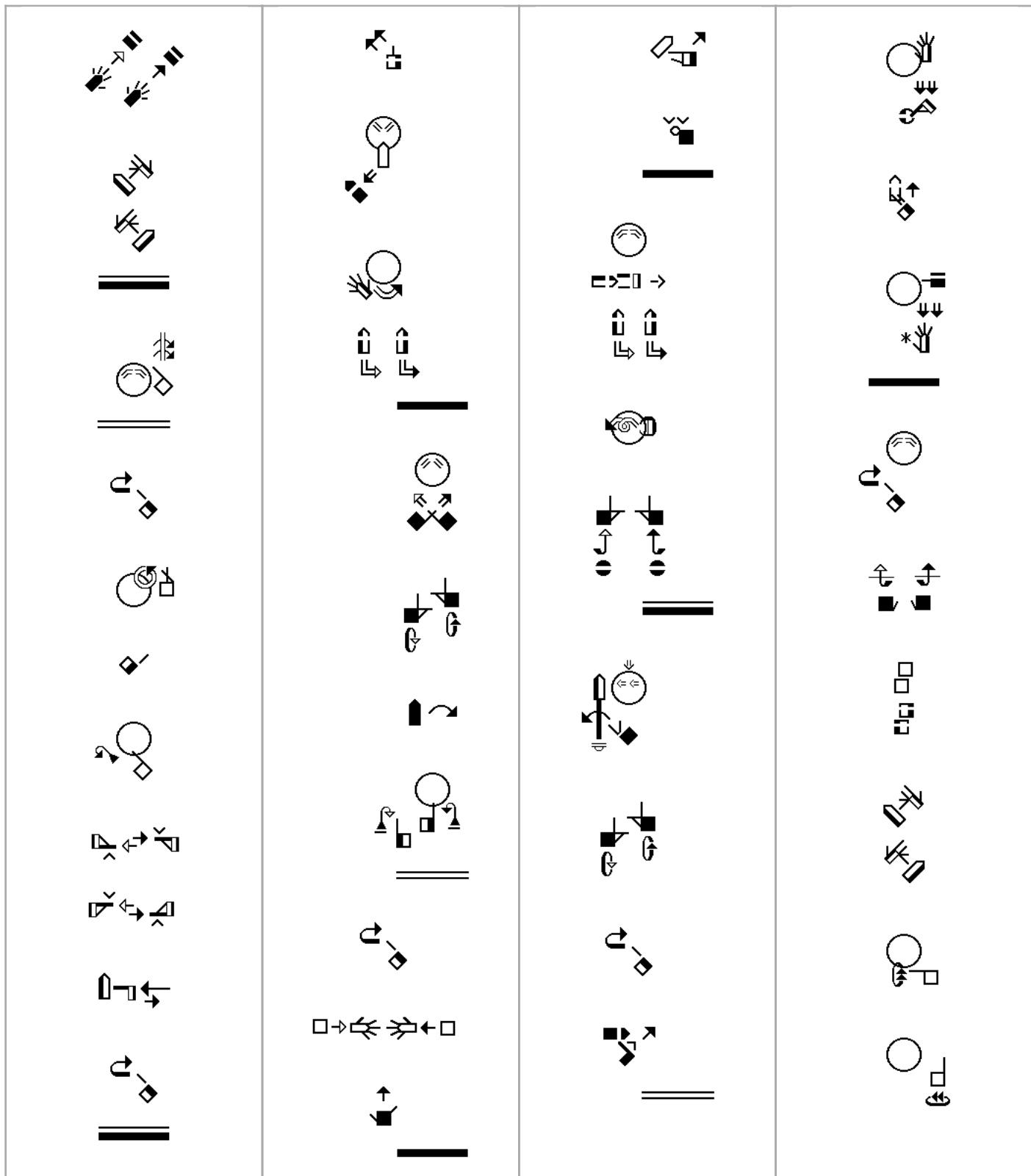
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Luke 20:17-19



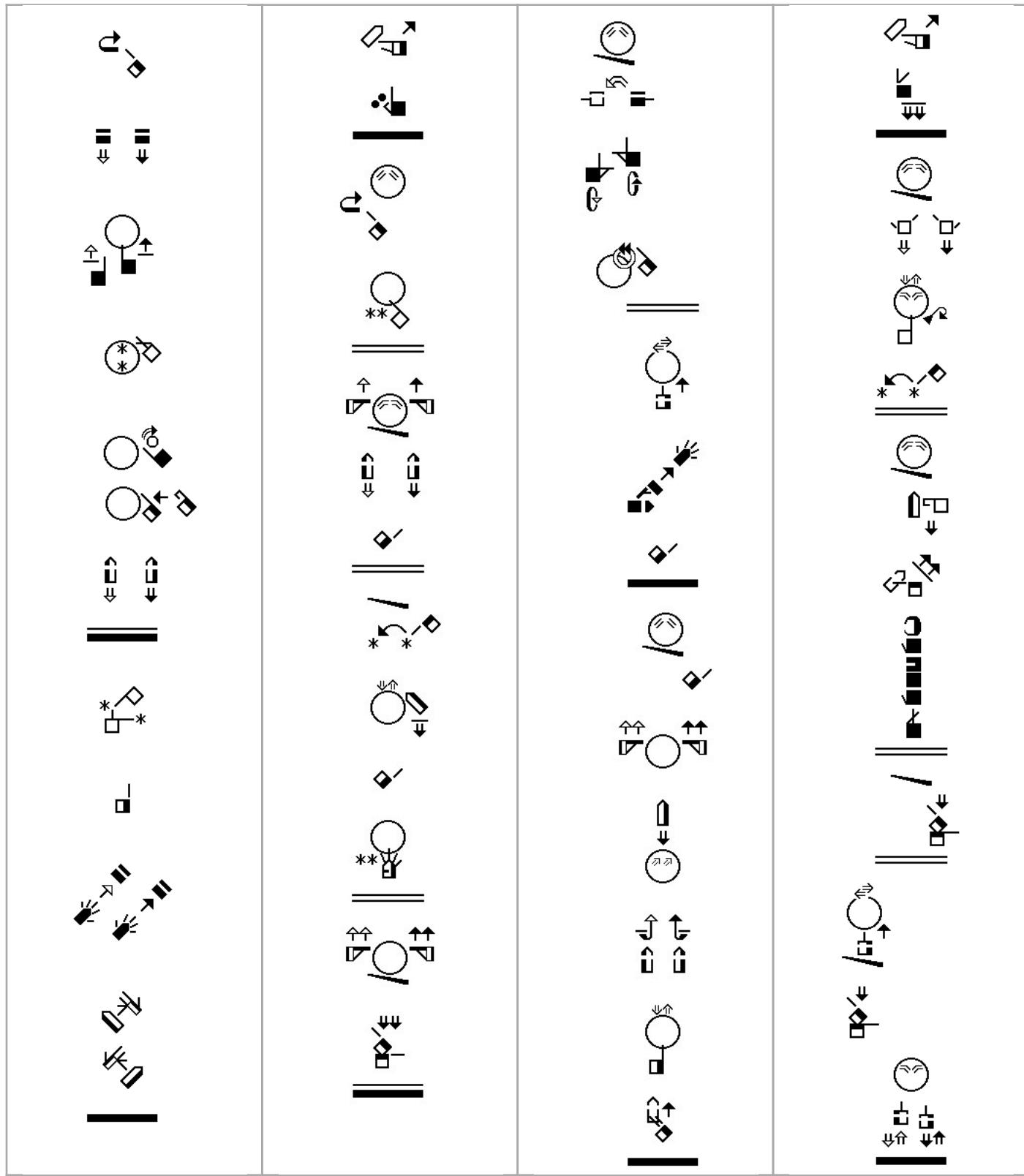
452 mean? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' Verse 18. Everyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on." Verse 19. The teachers of religious law and the leading priests wanted to

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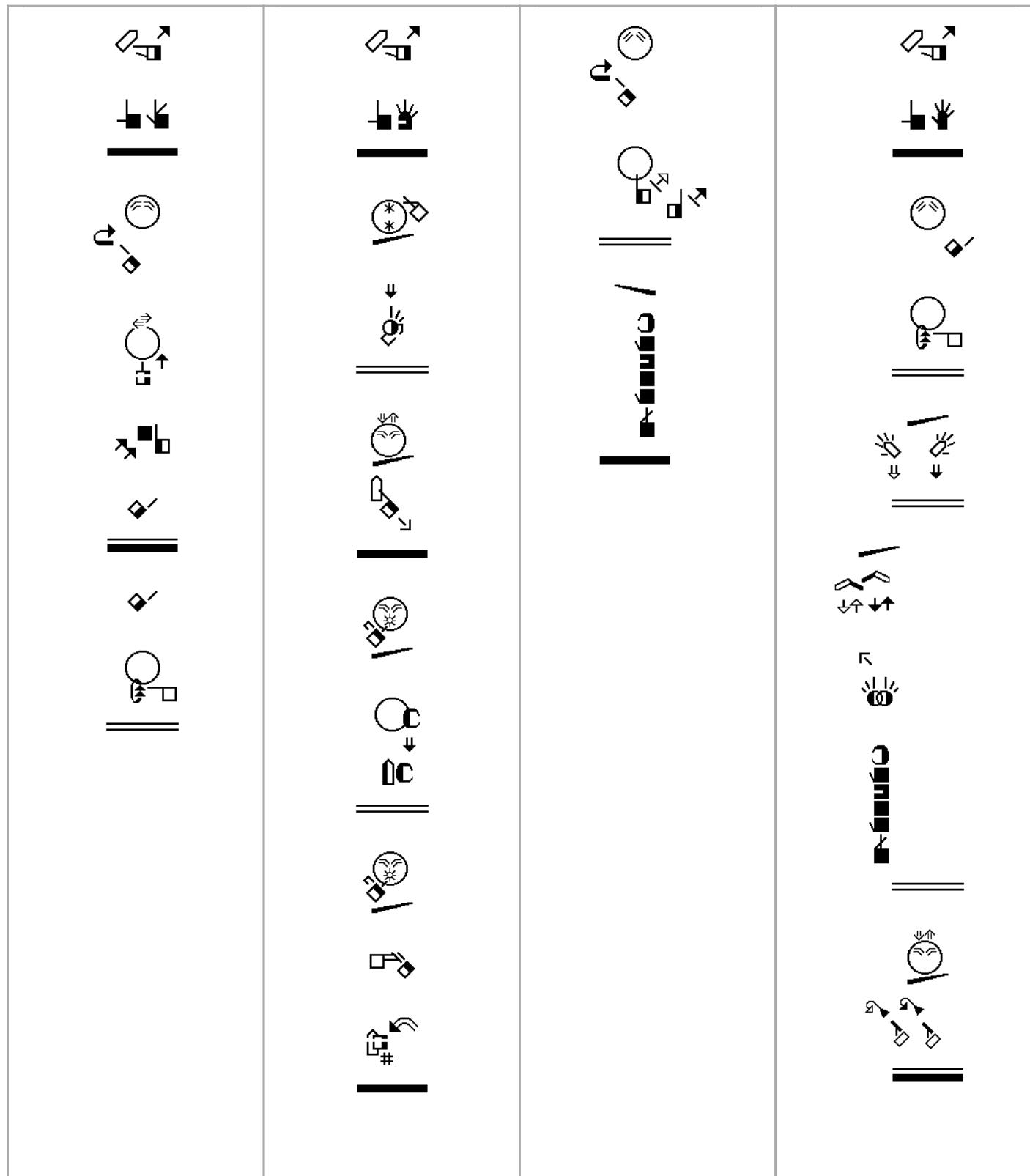


arrest Jesus immediately because they realized he was telling the story against them -- they were the wicked farmers. But they were afraid of the people's reaction. Verse 20. Watching for their opportunity, the leaders sent spies pretending to be honest men. They tried to get Jesus to say something

Luke 20:20-22

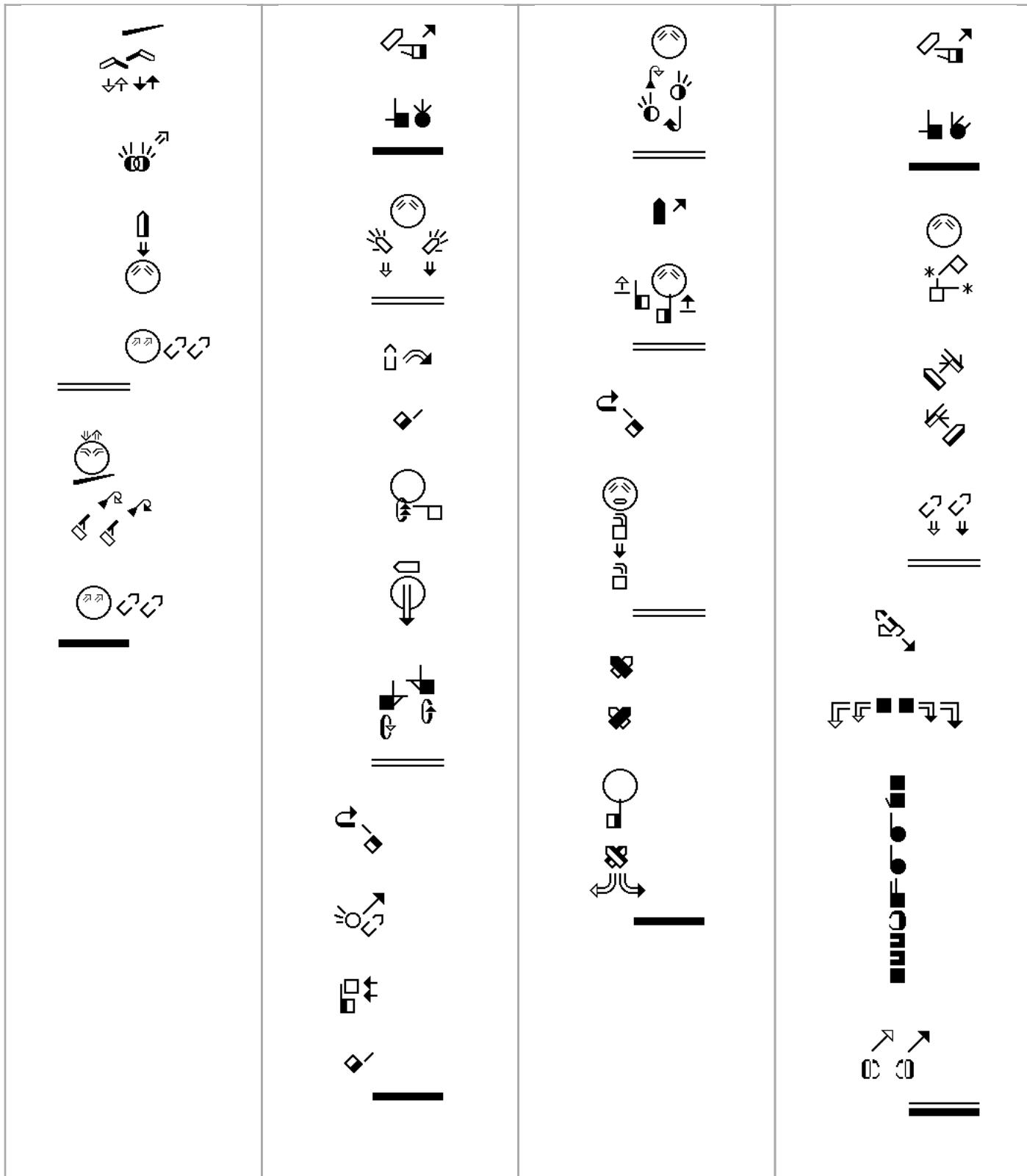


454 that could be reported to the Roman governor so he would arrest Jesus. Verse 21. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you speak and teach what is right and are not influenced by what others think. You teach the way of God truthfully. Verse 22. Now tell us -- is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" NLT

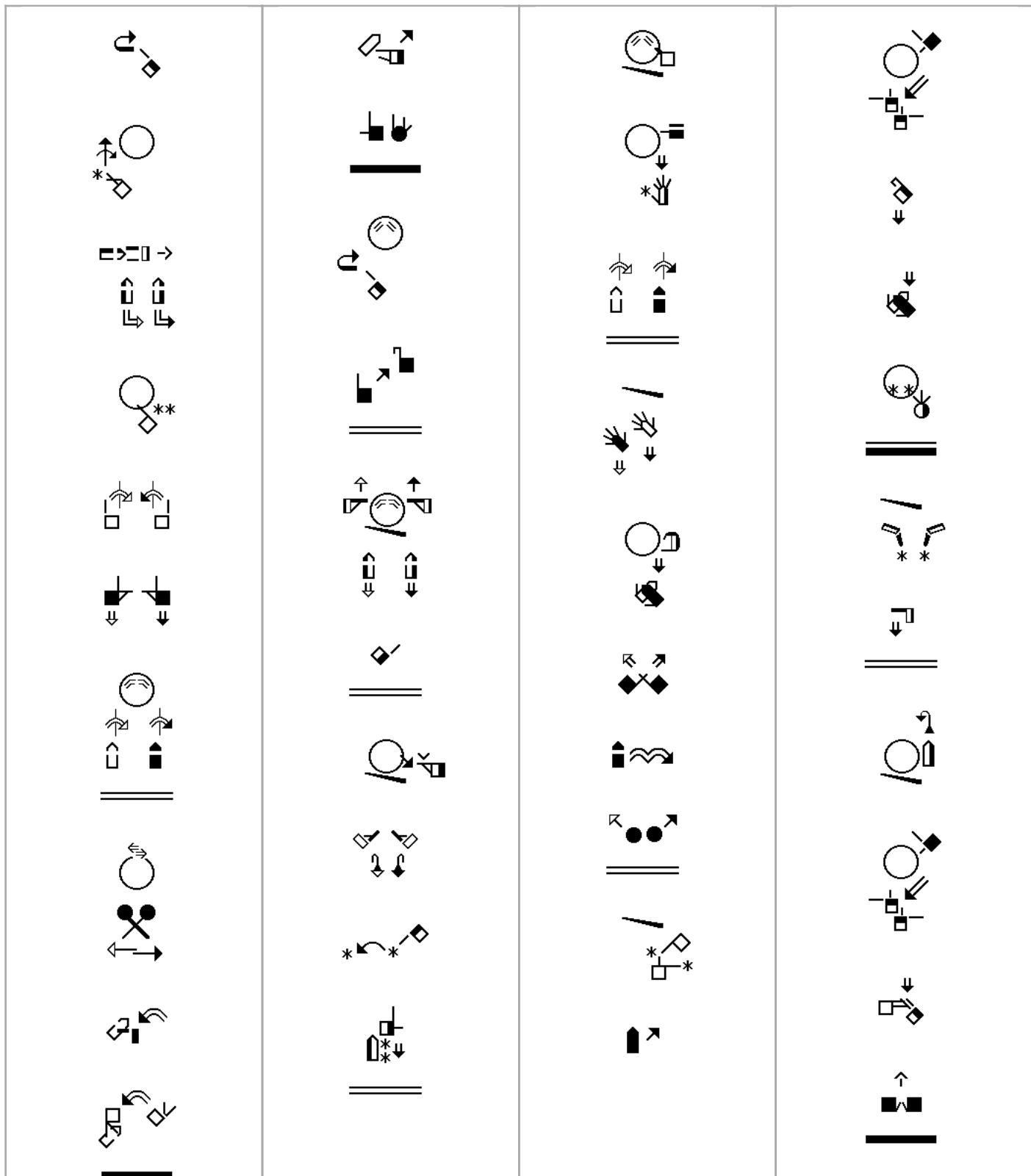


Verse 23. He saw through their trickery and said, Verse 24. "Show me a Roman coin. Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. Verse 25. "Well then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,

Luke 20:25-27



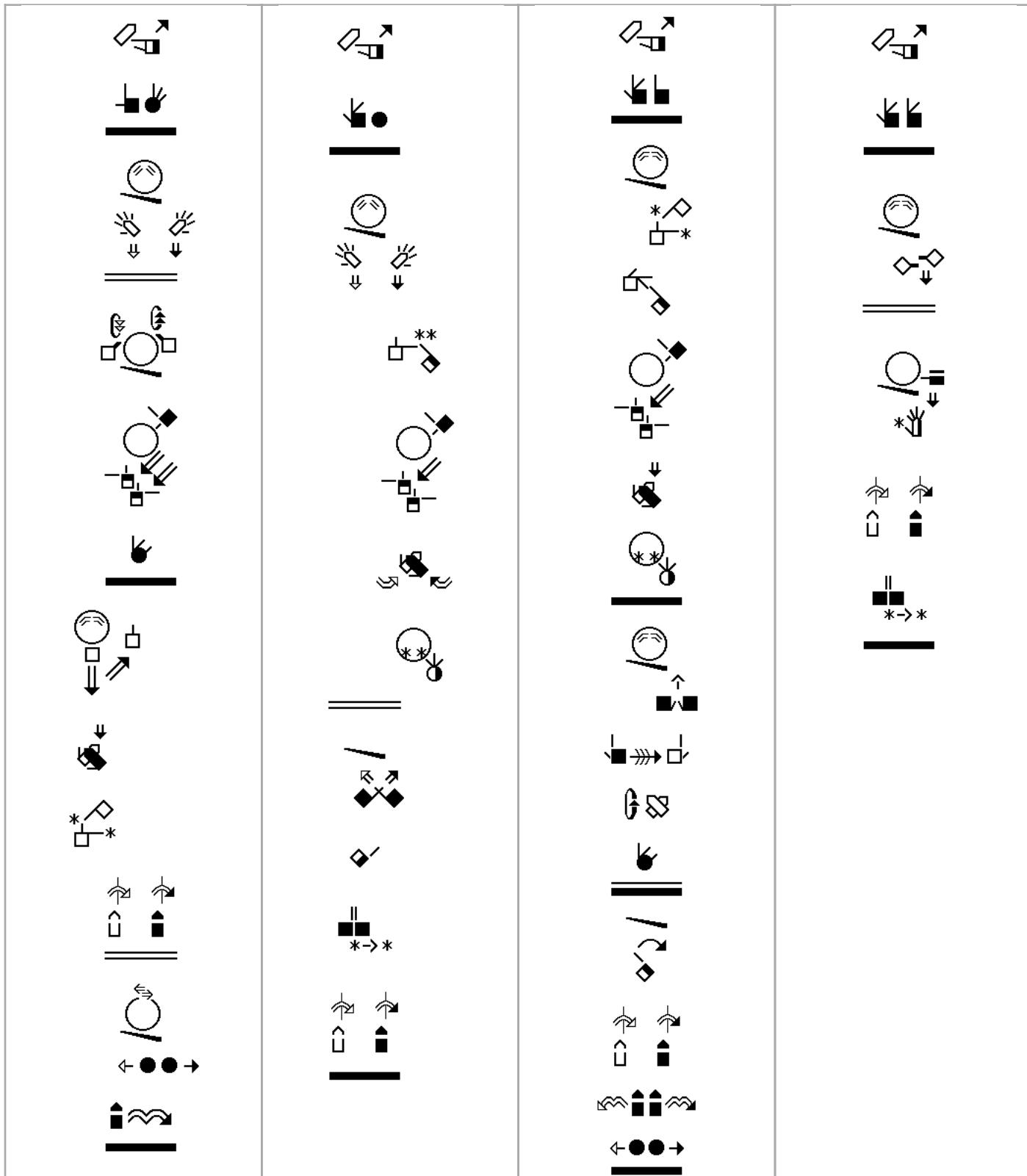
456 and give to God what belongs to God." Verse 26. So they failed to trap him by what he said in front of the people. Instead, they were amazed by his answer, and they became silent. Verse 27. Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees -- NLT



religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. Verse 28. They posed this question: "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name.

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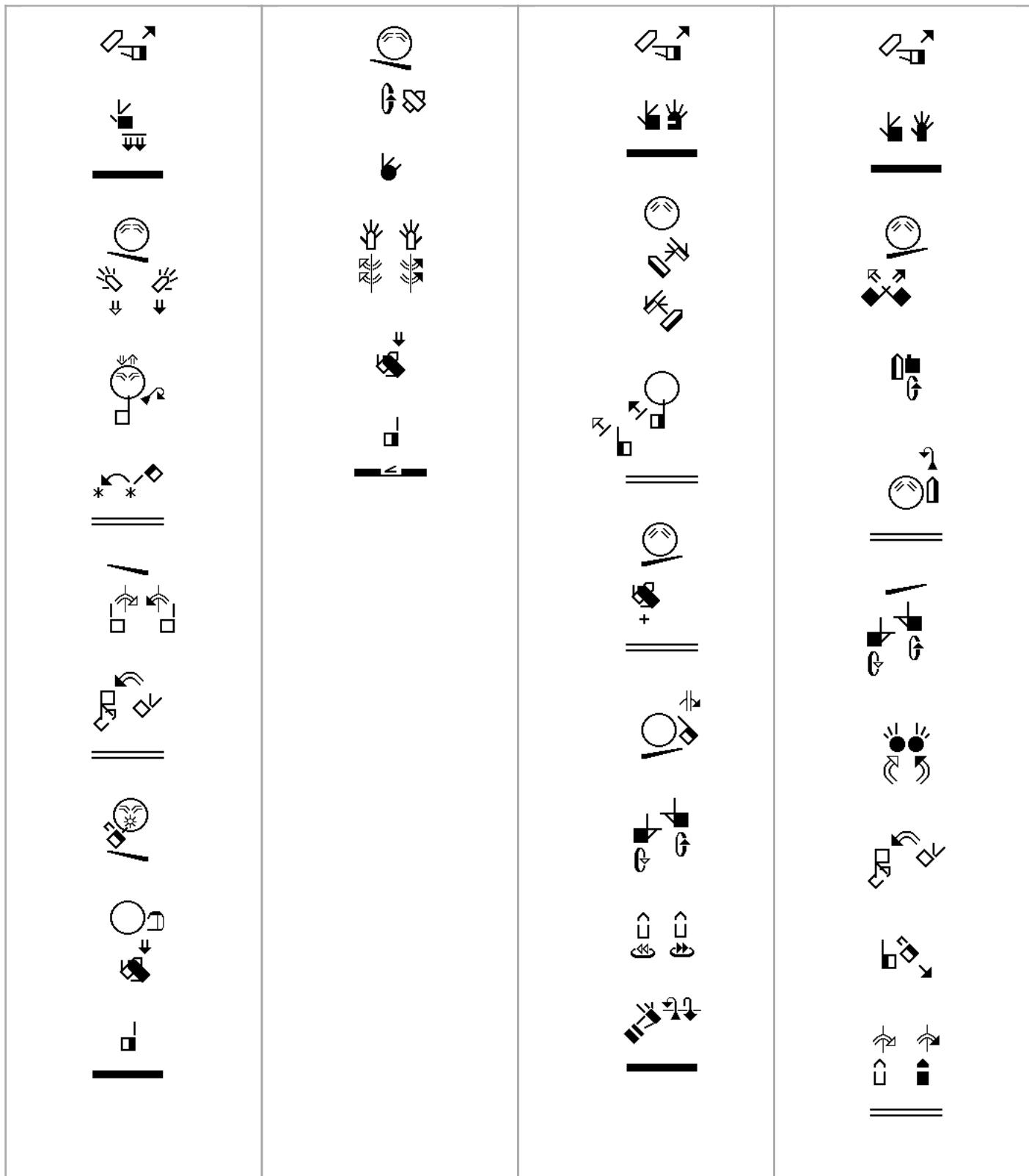
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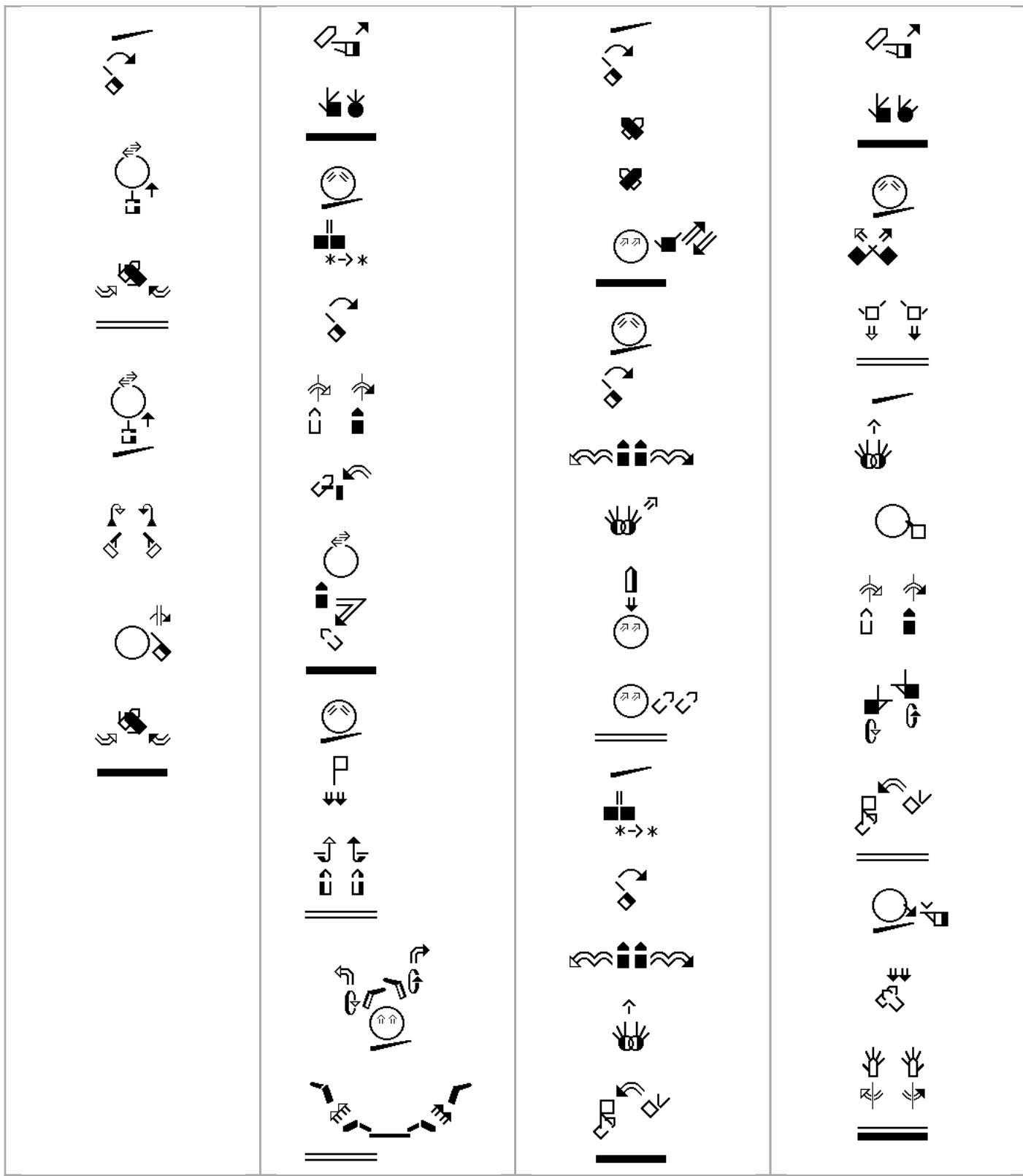
Verse 29. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. Verse 30. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Verse 31. Then the third brother married her. This continued with all seven of them, who died without children. Verse 32. Finally, the woman also died.

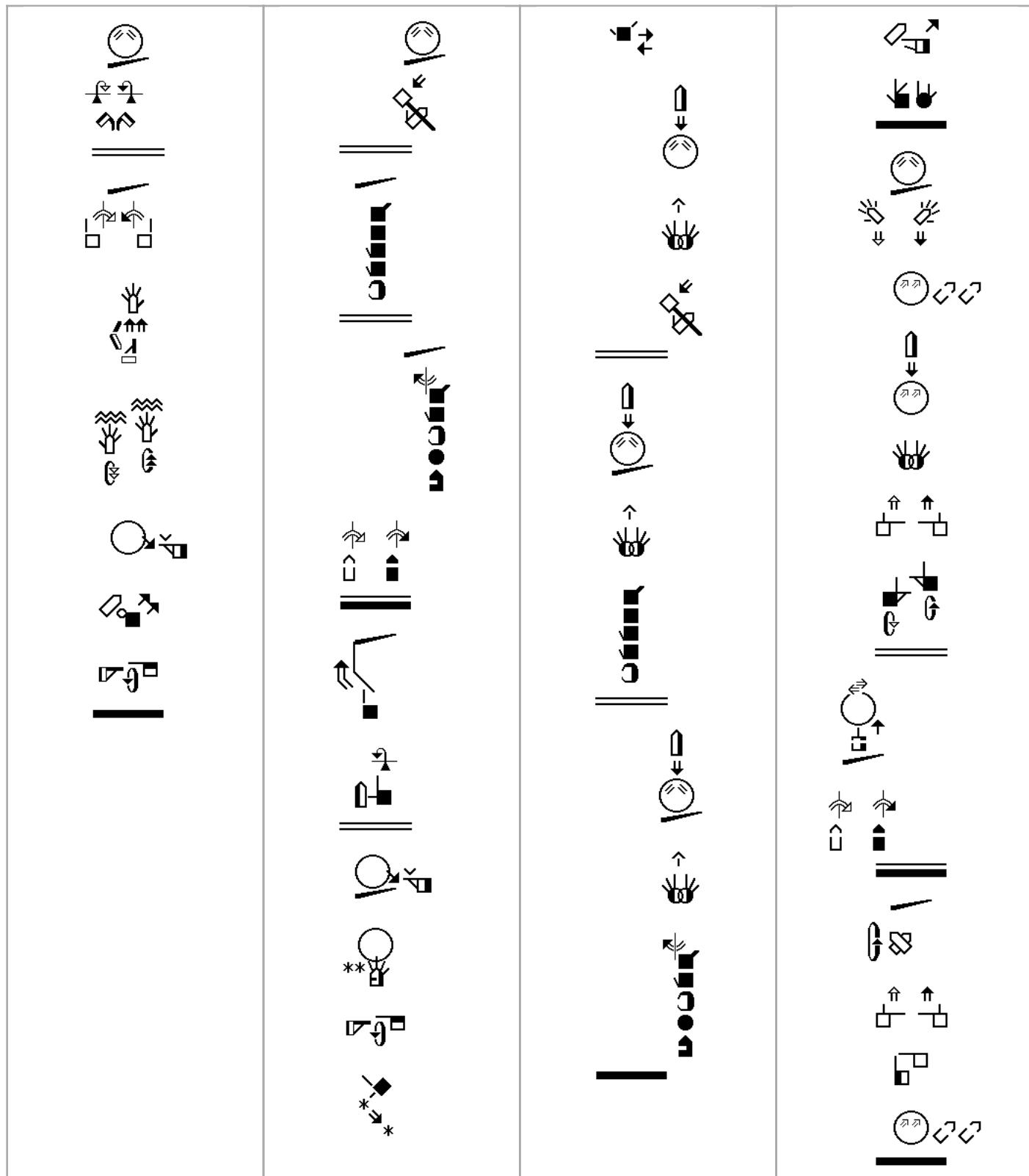
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Verse 33. So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her!" Verse 34. Jesus replied, "Marriage is for people here on earth. Verse 35. But in the age to come, those worthy of being raised from the dead

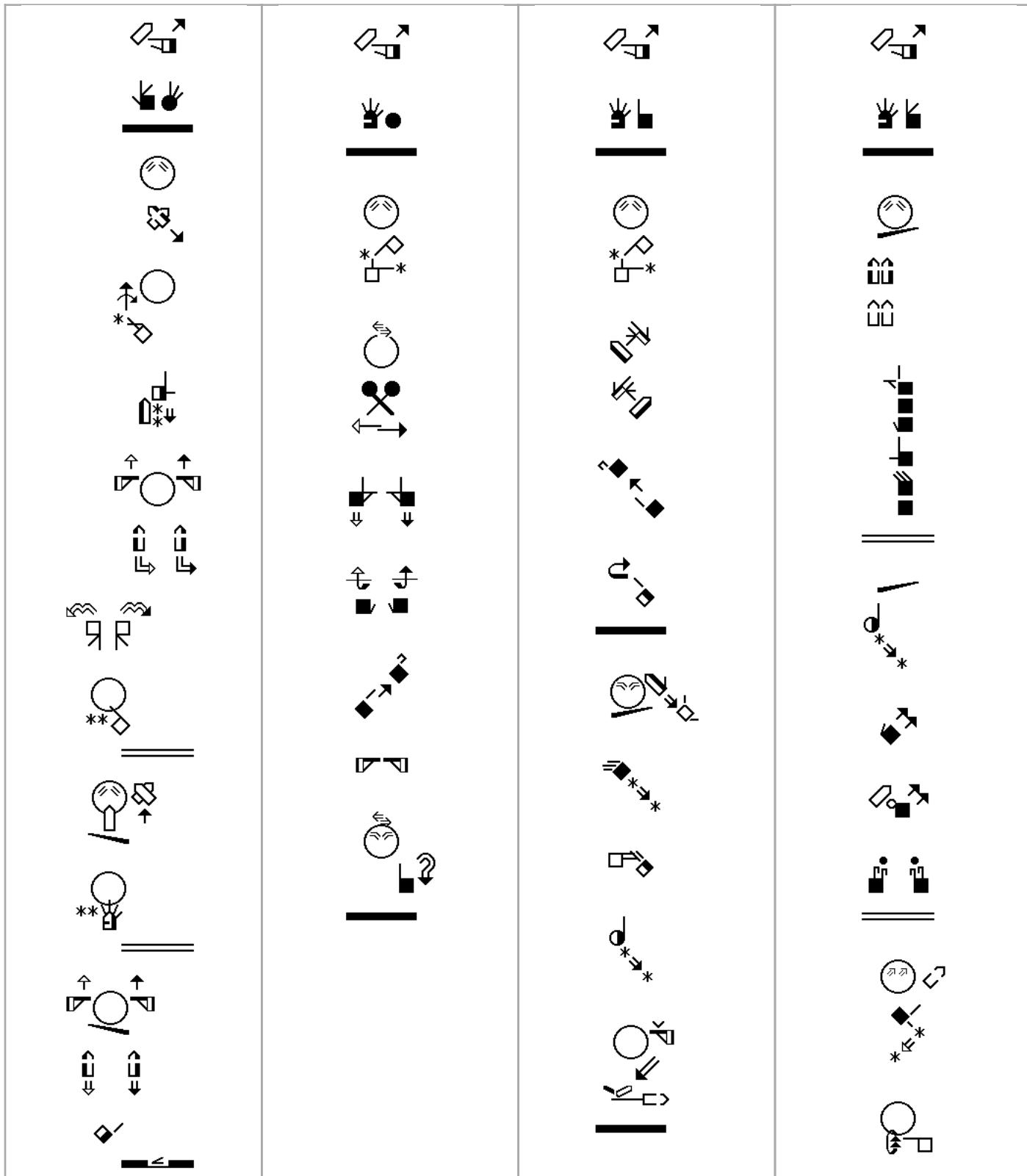
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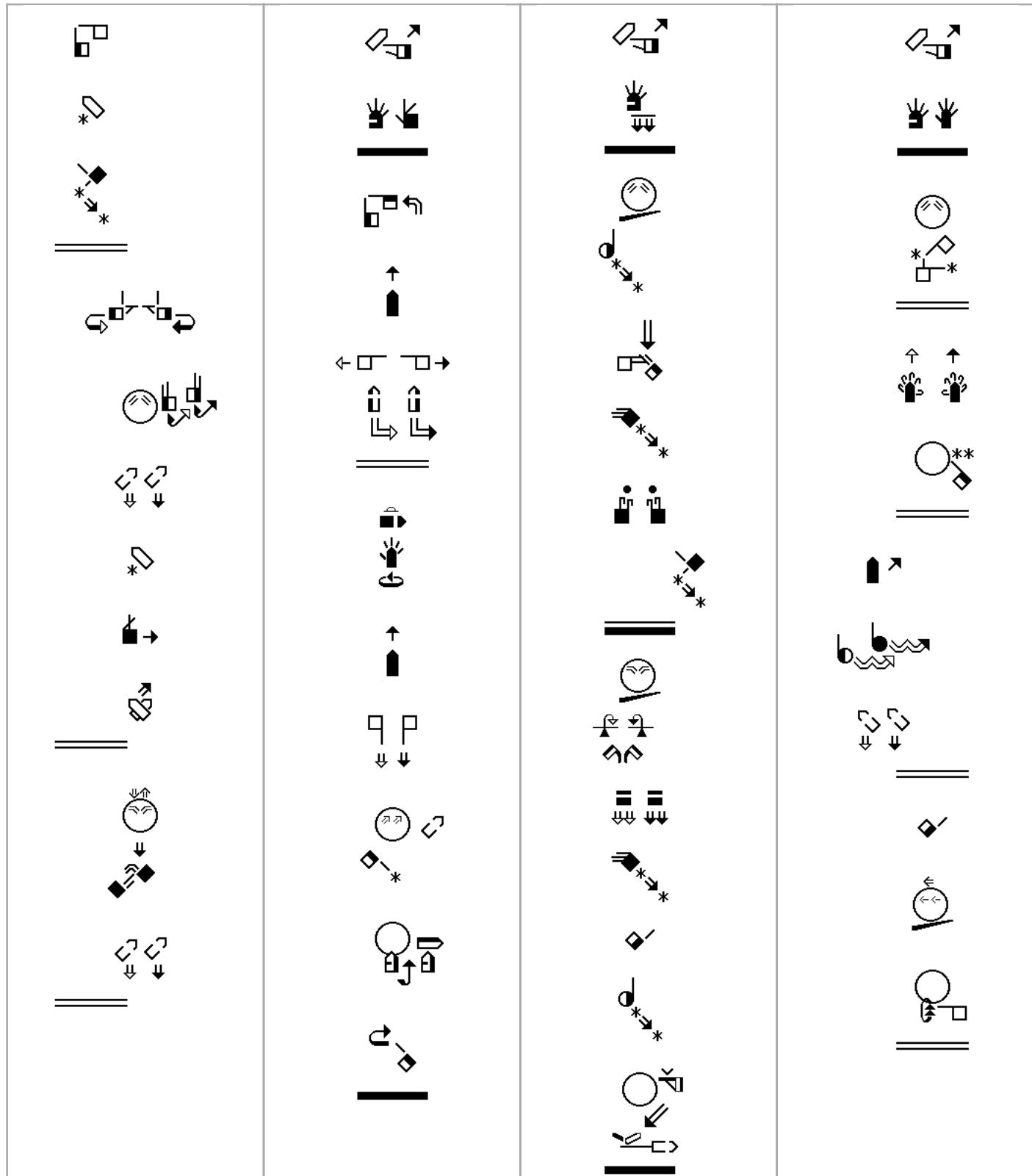




when he wrote about the burning bush. Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, he referred to the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' Verse 38. So he is the God of the living, not the dead, for they are all alive to him." NLT

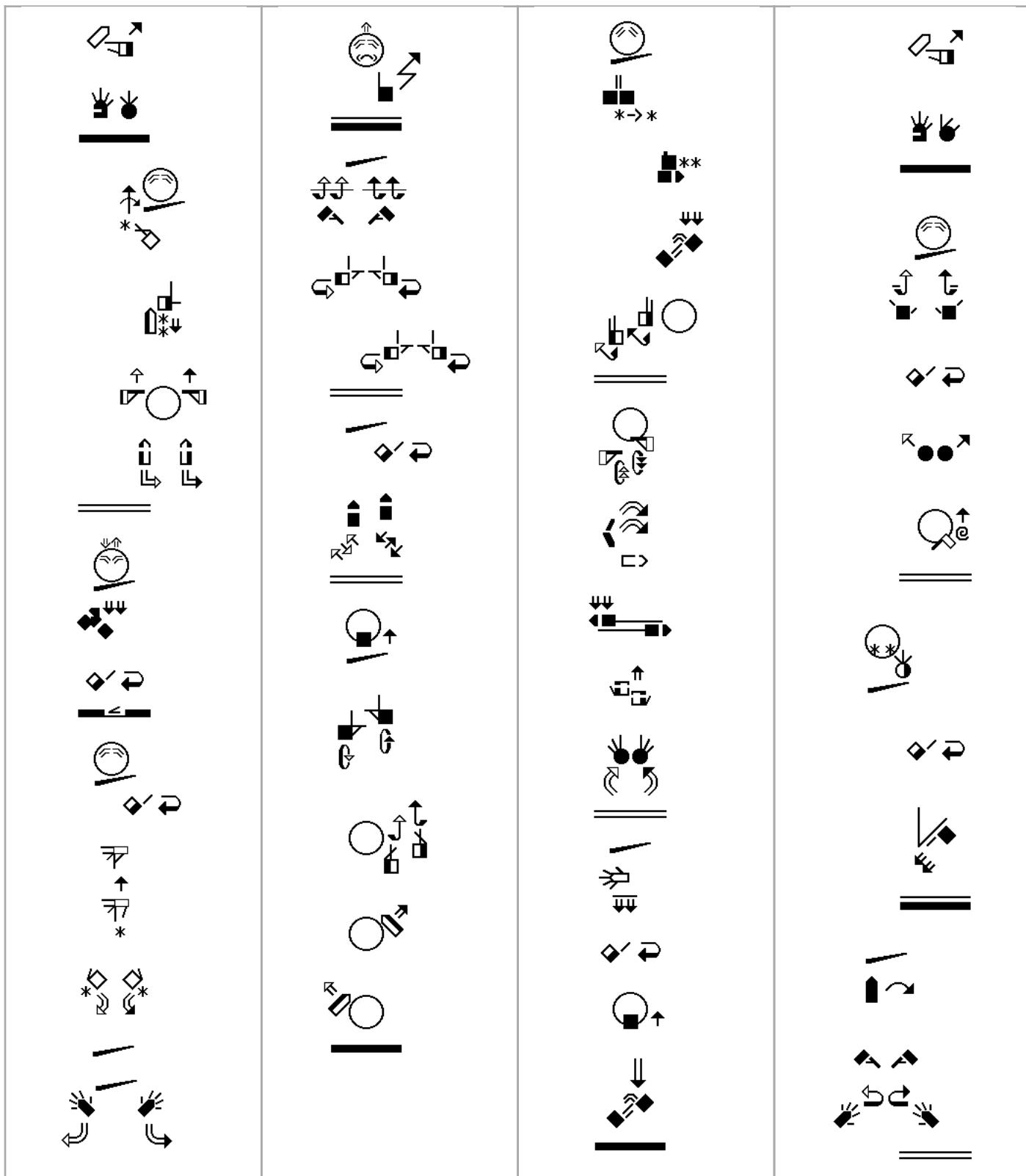
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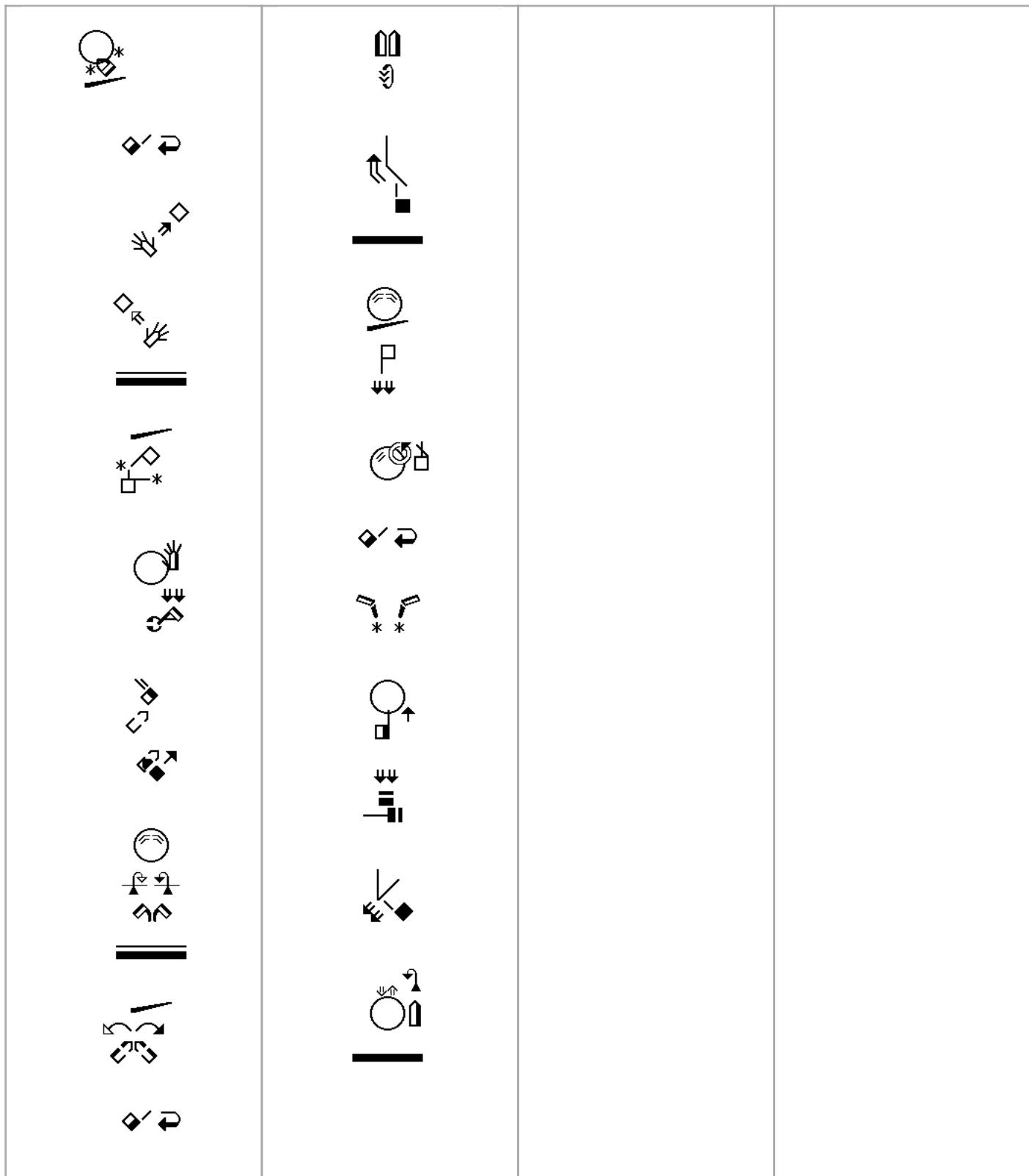


to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand Verse 43. until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.' Verse 44. Since David called the Messiah 'Lord,' how can the Messiah be his son?" Verse 45. Then, with the crowds listening, he turned to his disciples and said,

Luke 20:46-47

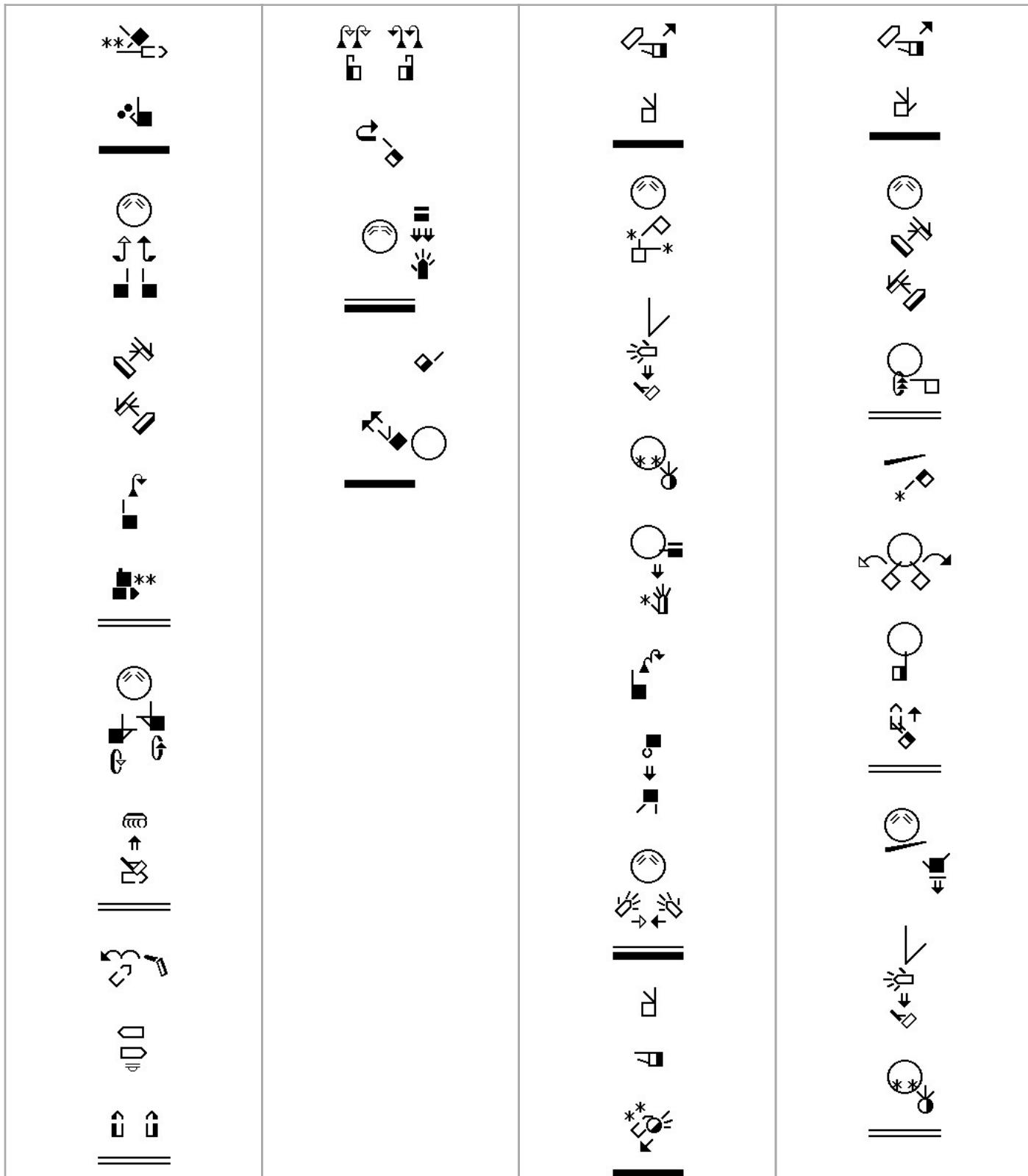


**464** Verse 46. "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces. And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. Verse 47. Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property NLT

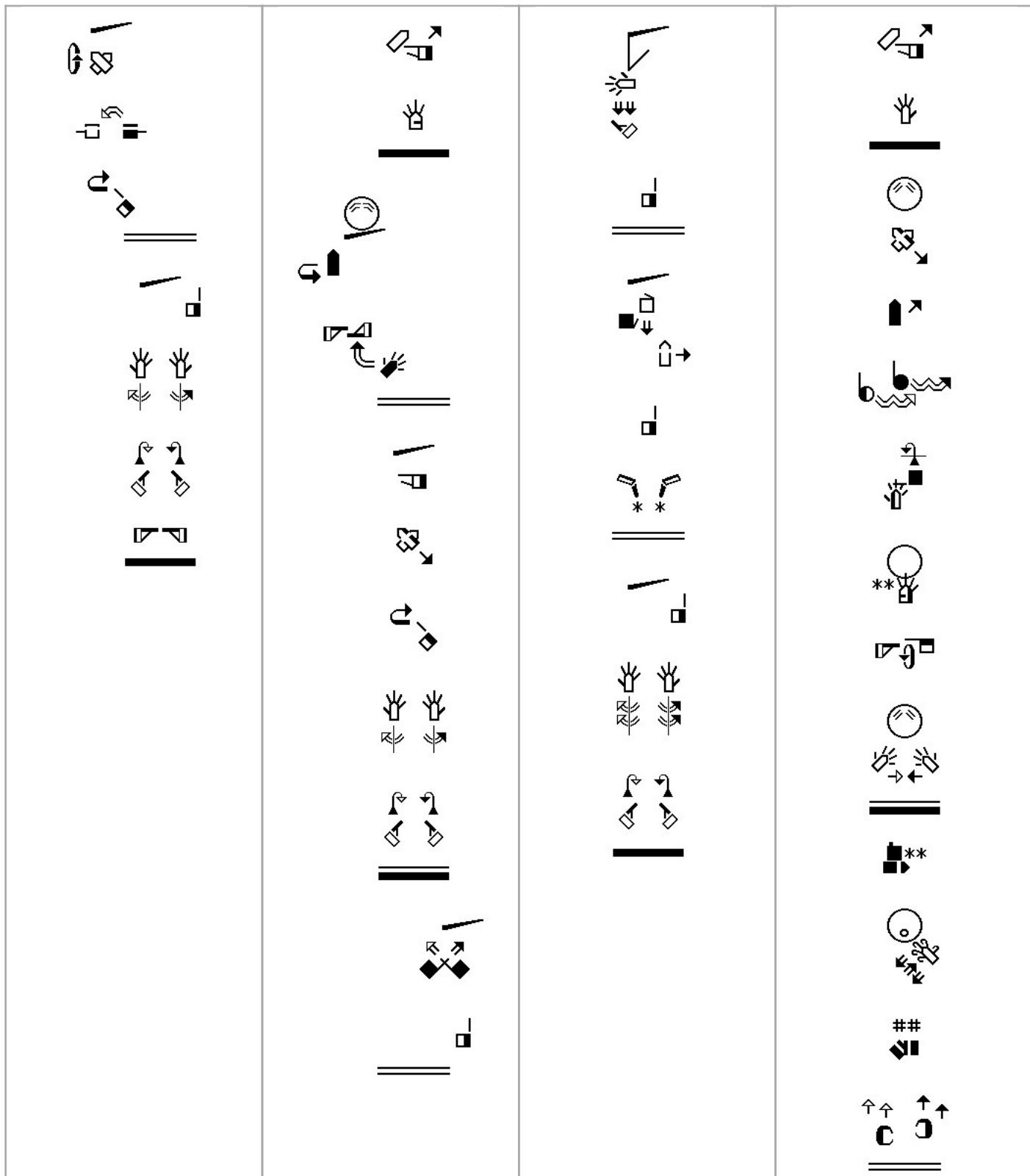


and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be severely punished."

Luke 21:1-3

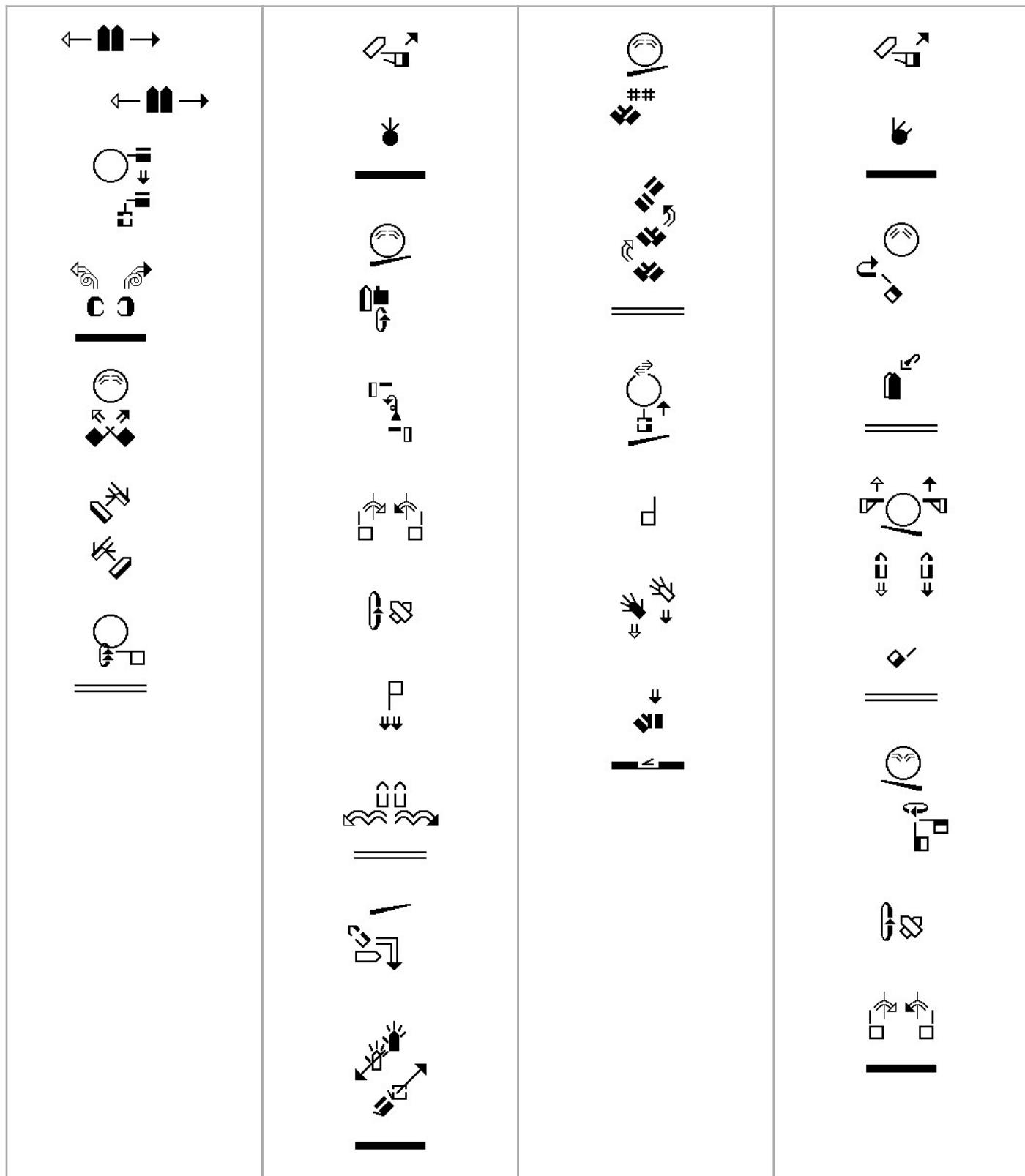


466 Luke 21. While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Verse 2. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. Verse 3. "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow NLT

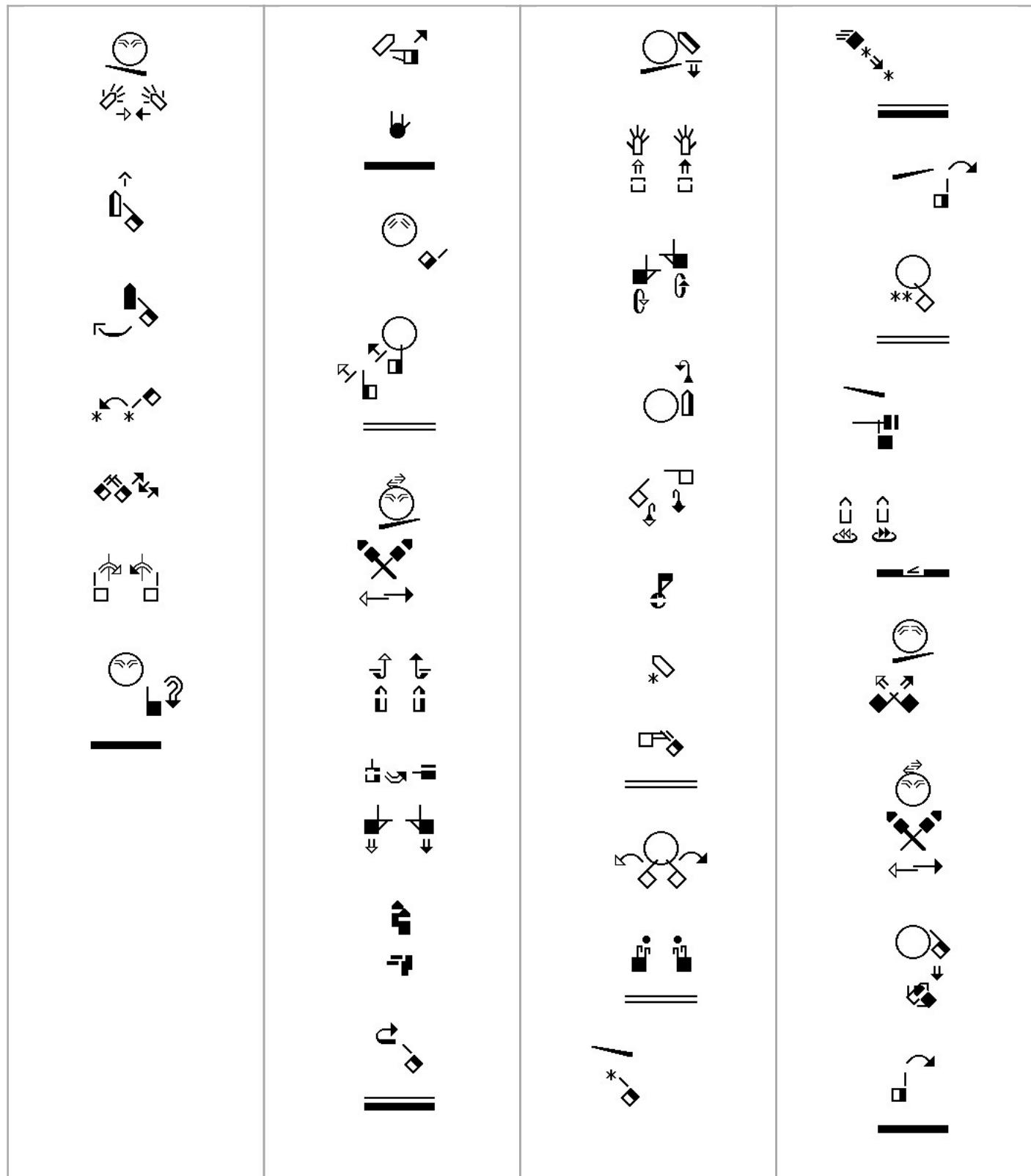


has given more than all the rest of them. Verse 4. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has." Verse 5. Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple

Luke 21:5-7

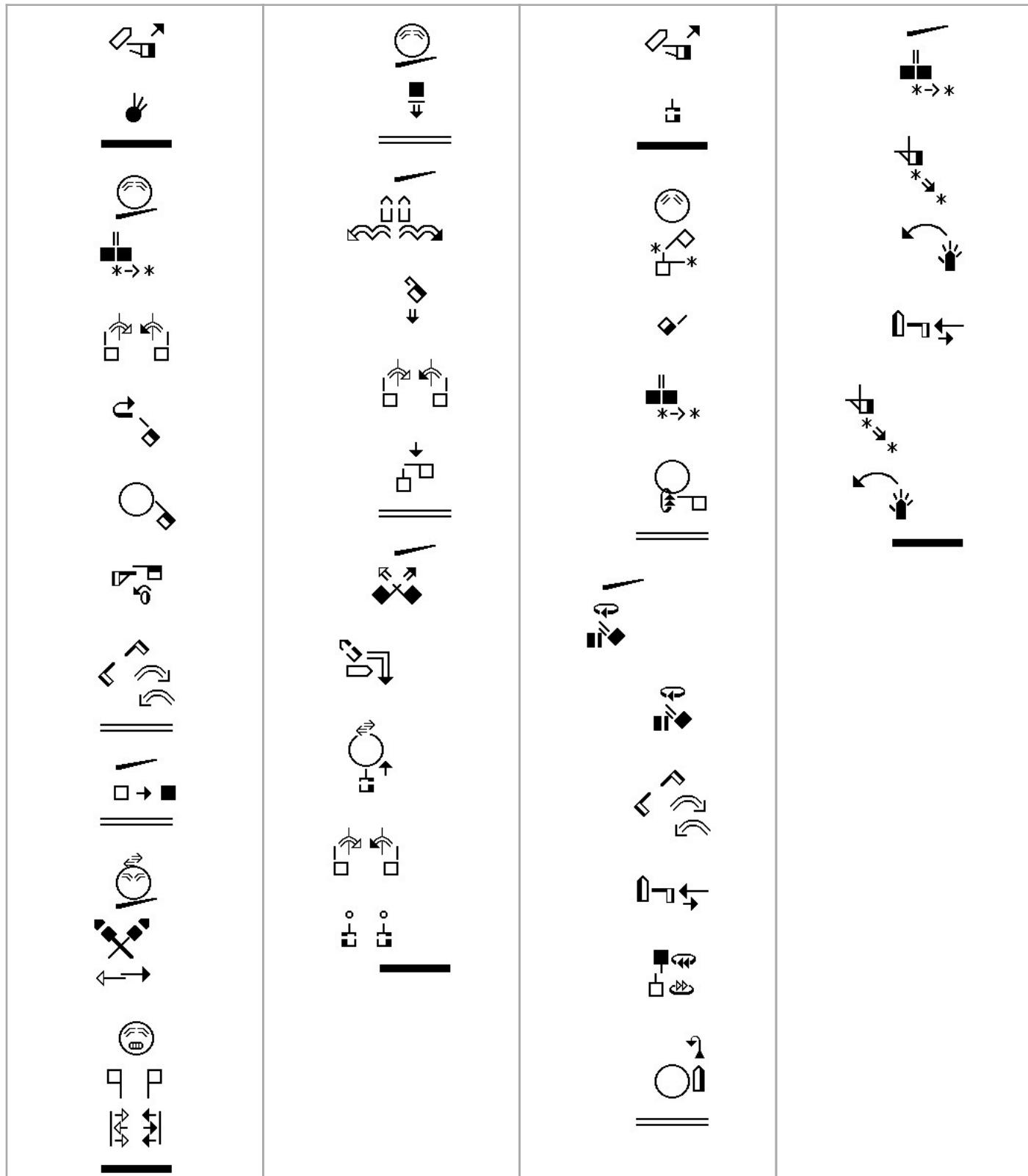


468 and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said, Verse 6. "The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" Verse 7. "Teacher," they asked, "when will all this happen?" NLT

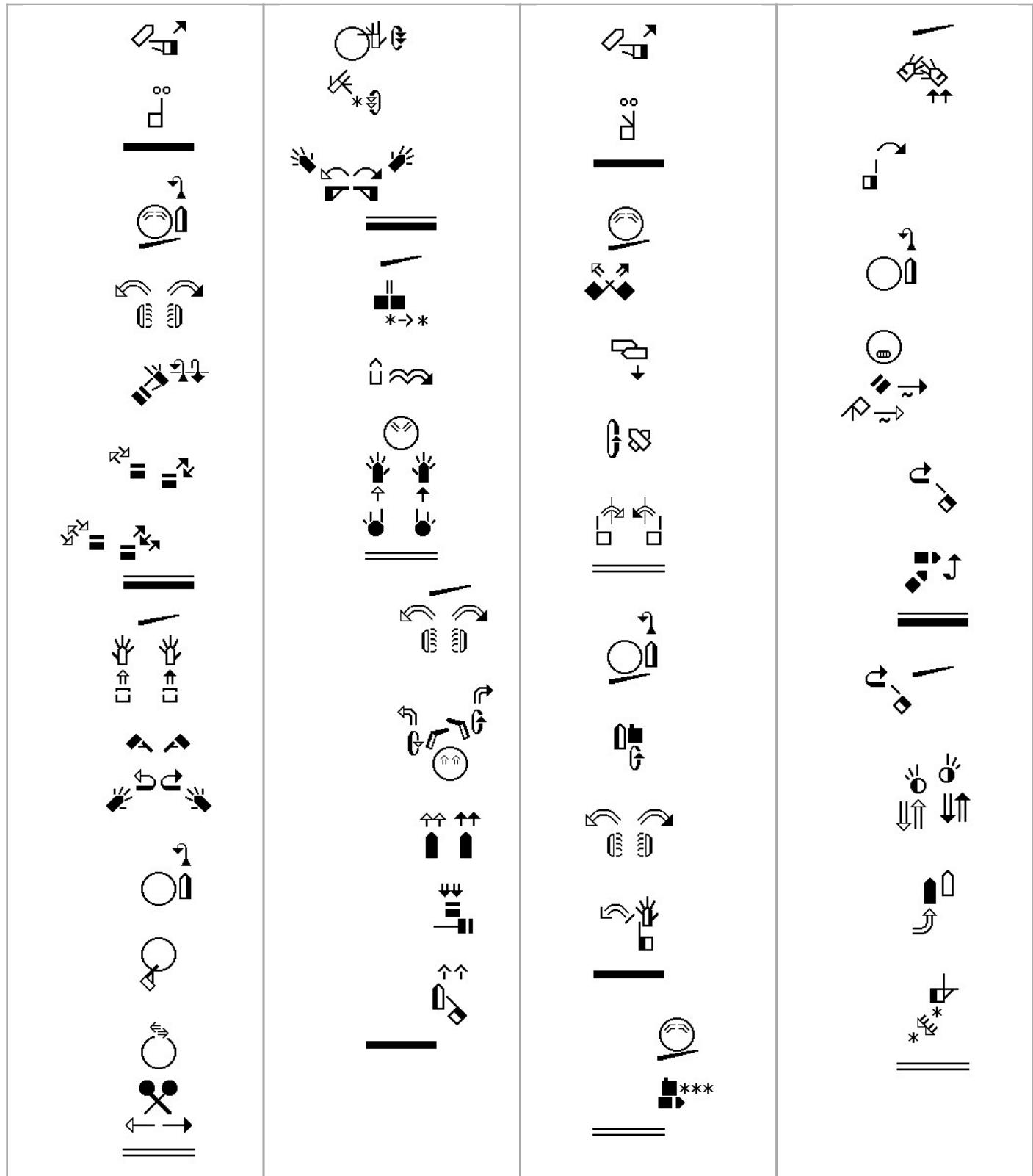


"What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?" Verse 8. He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them.

Luke 21:9-10

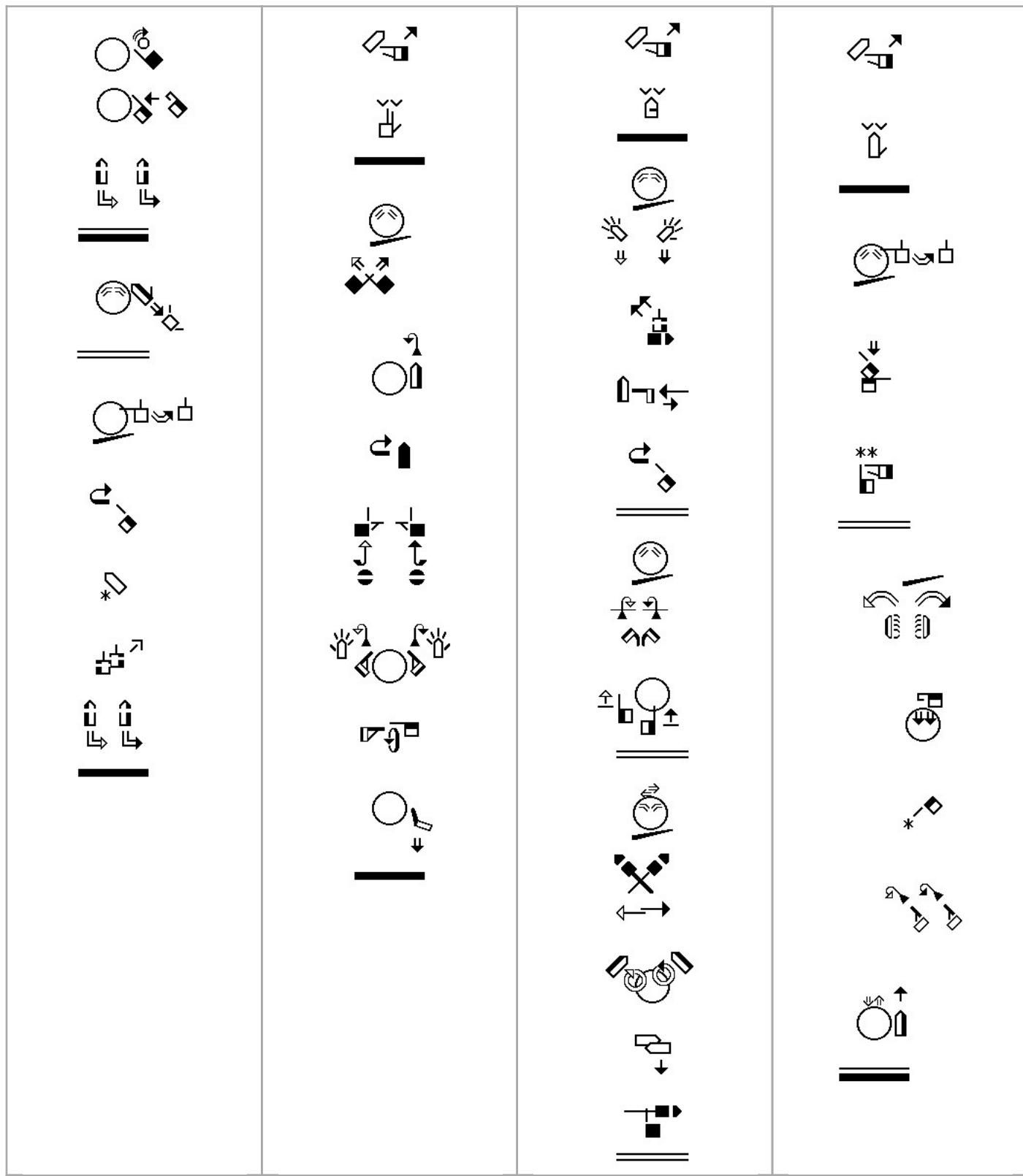


470 Verse 9. And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately." Verse 10. Then he added, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. NLT



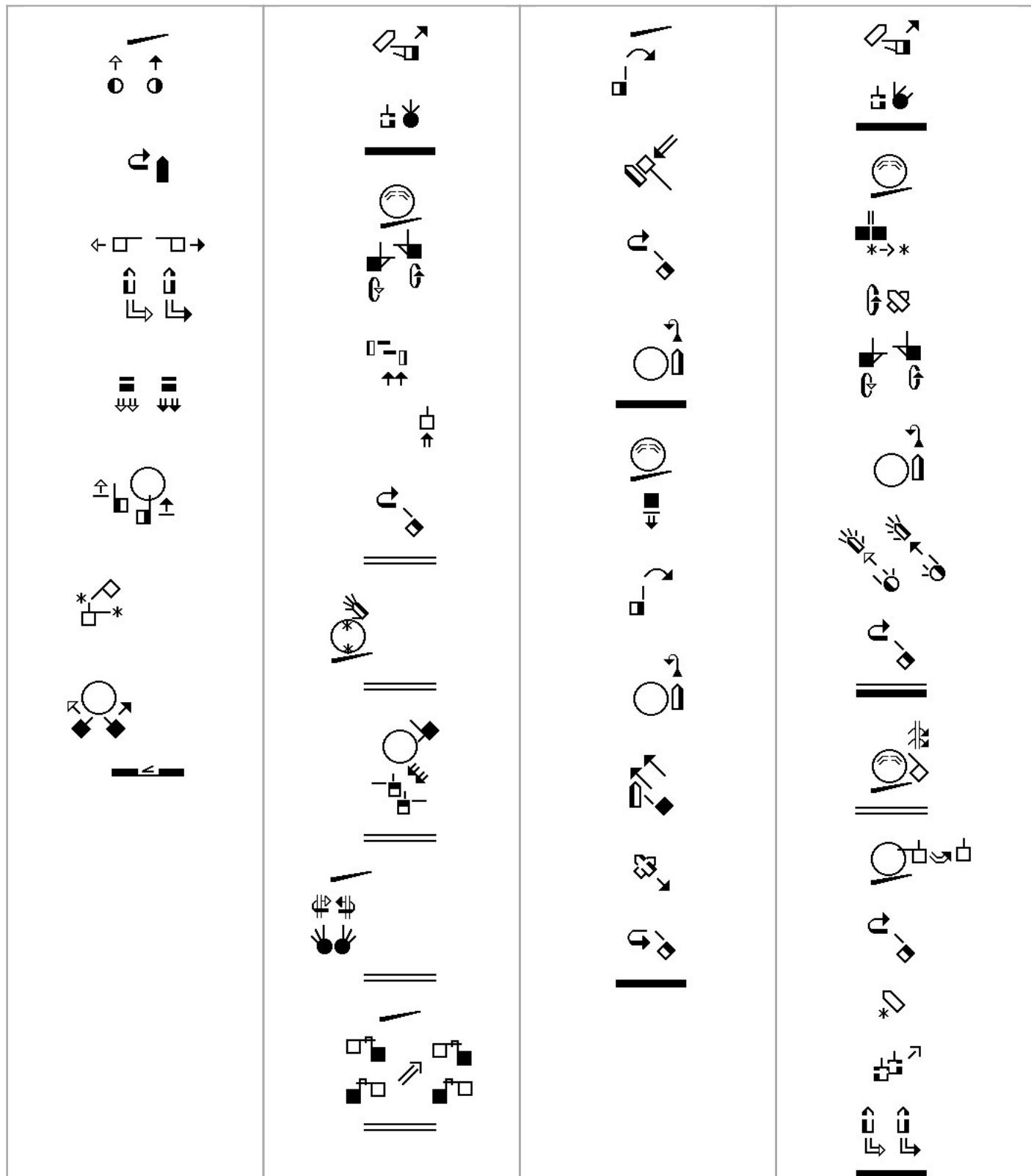
Verse 11. There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.  
 Verse 12. "But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings

Luke 21:12-15



472 and governors because you are my followers. Verse 13. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. Verse 14. So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, Verse 15. for I will give you the right words and such wisdom

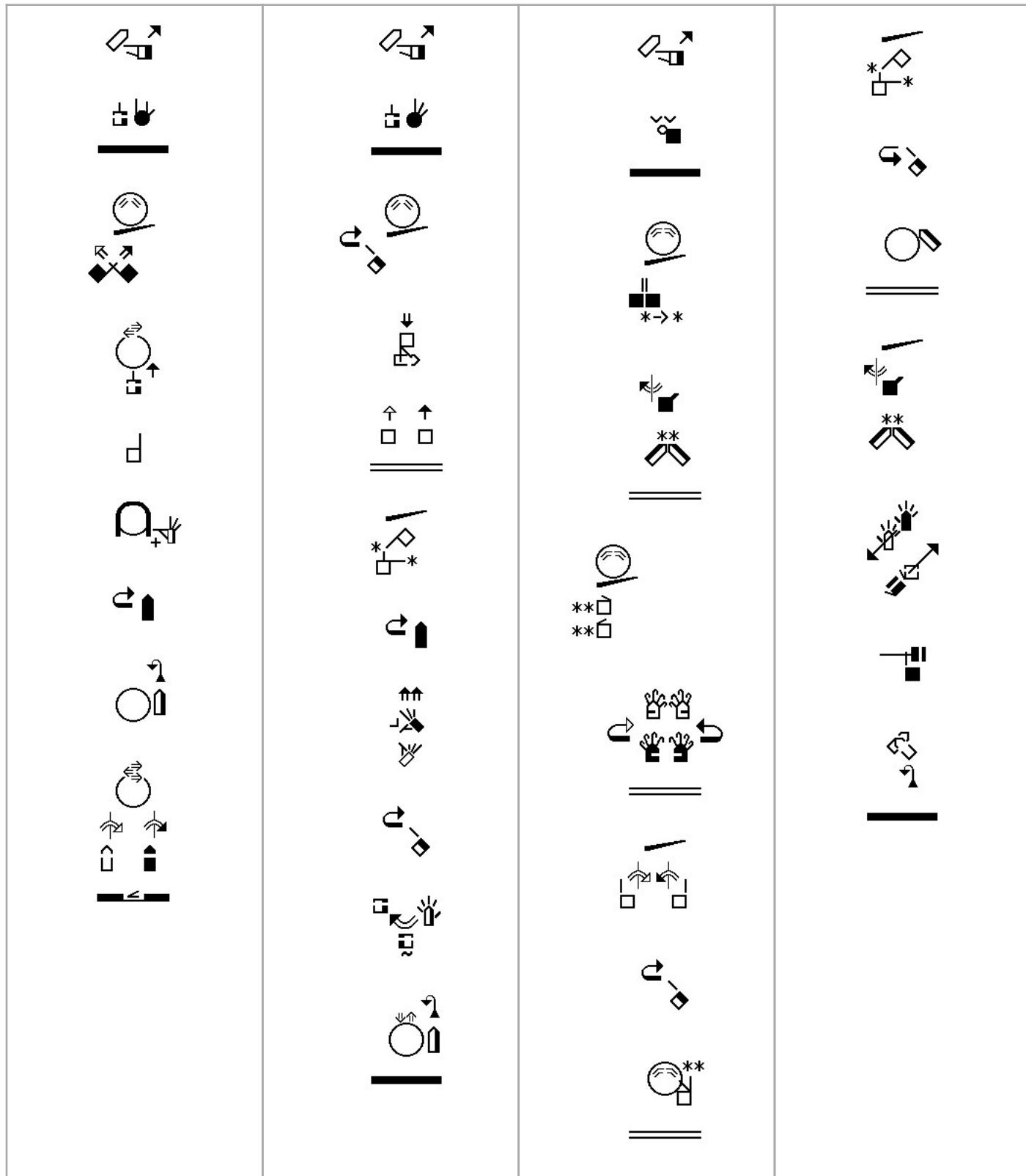
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that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you! Verse 16. Even those closest to you -- your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends -- will betray you. They will even kill some of you. Verse 17. And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.

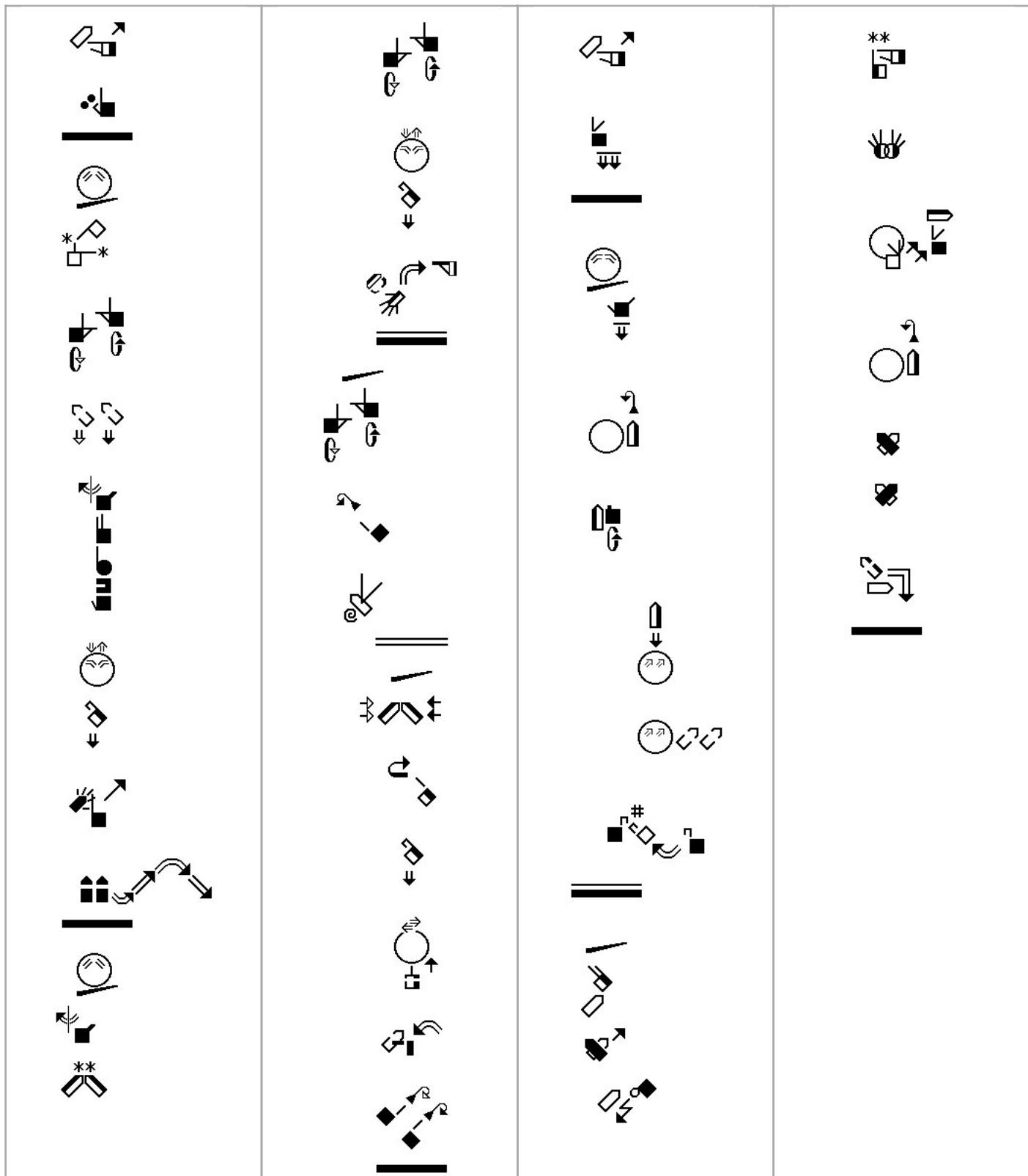
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Luke 21:18-20



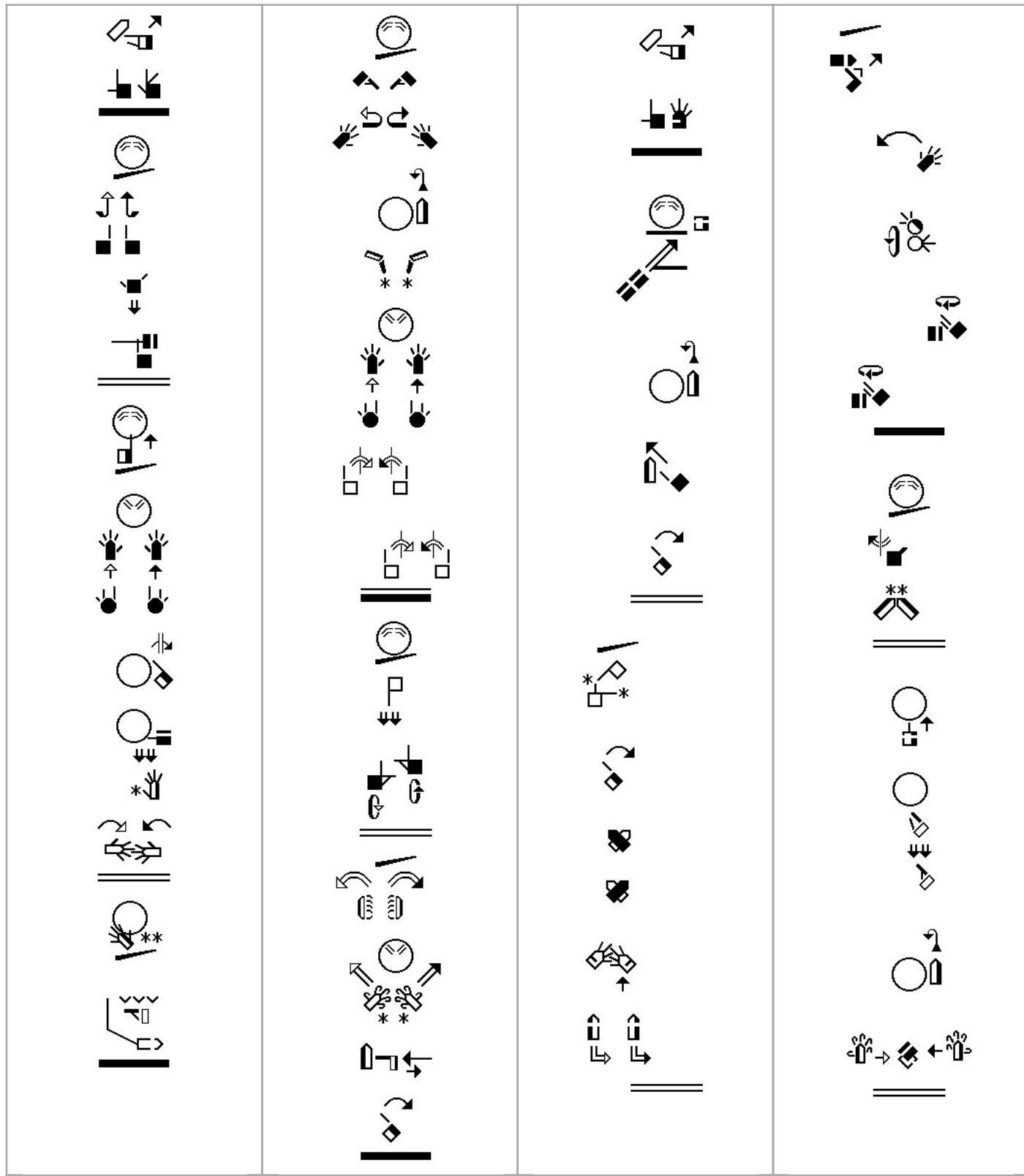
**474** Verse 18. But not a hair of your head will perish! Verse 19. By standing firm, you will win your souls. Verse 20. "And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the time of its destruction has arrived.

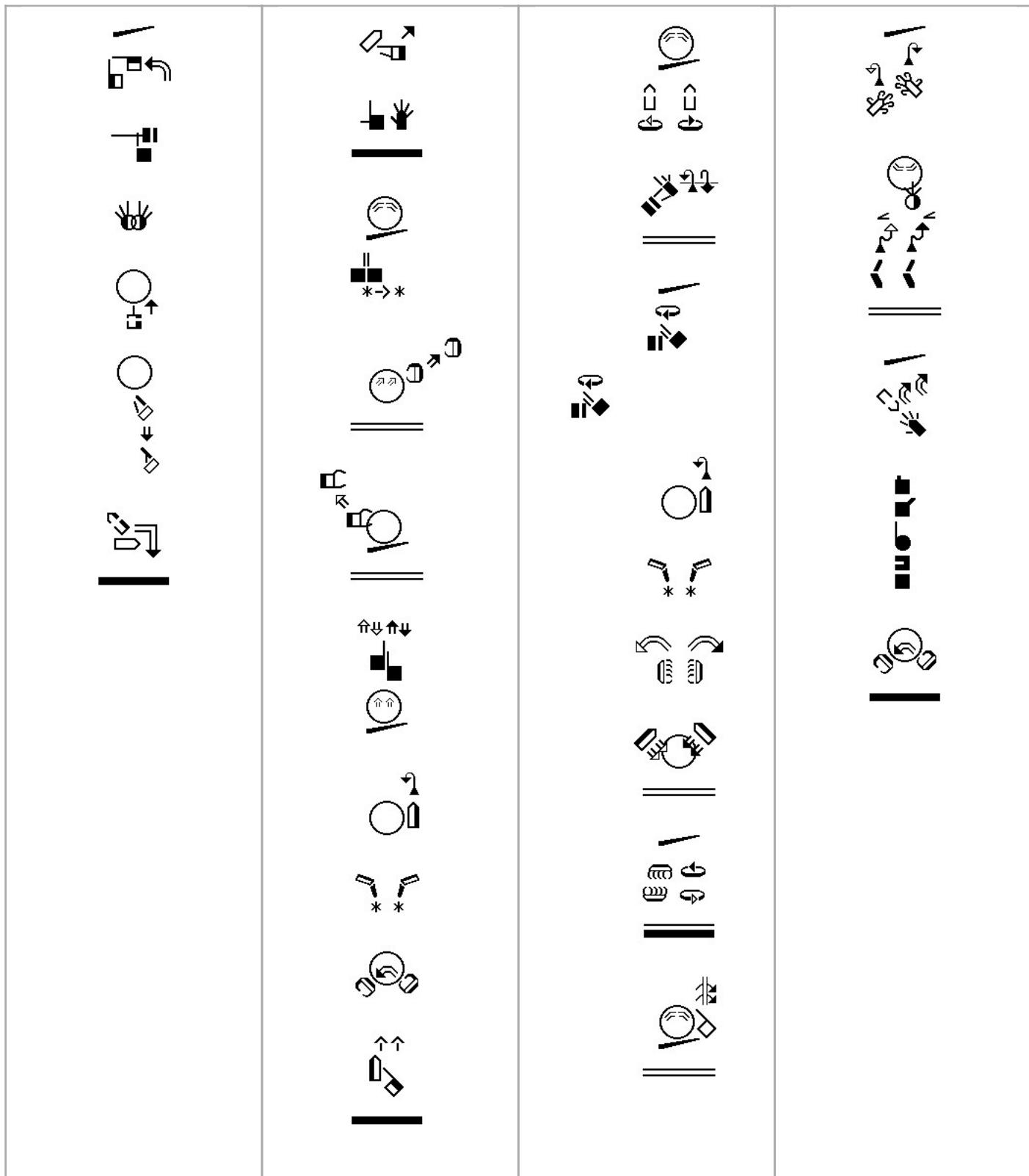
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Verse 21. Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Those in Jerusalem must get out, and those out in the country should not return to the city. Verse 22. For those will be days of God's vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled. NLT

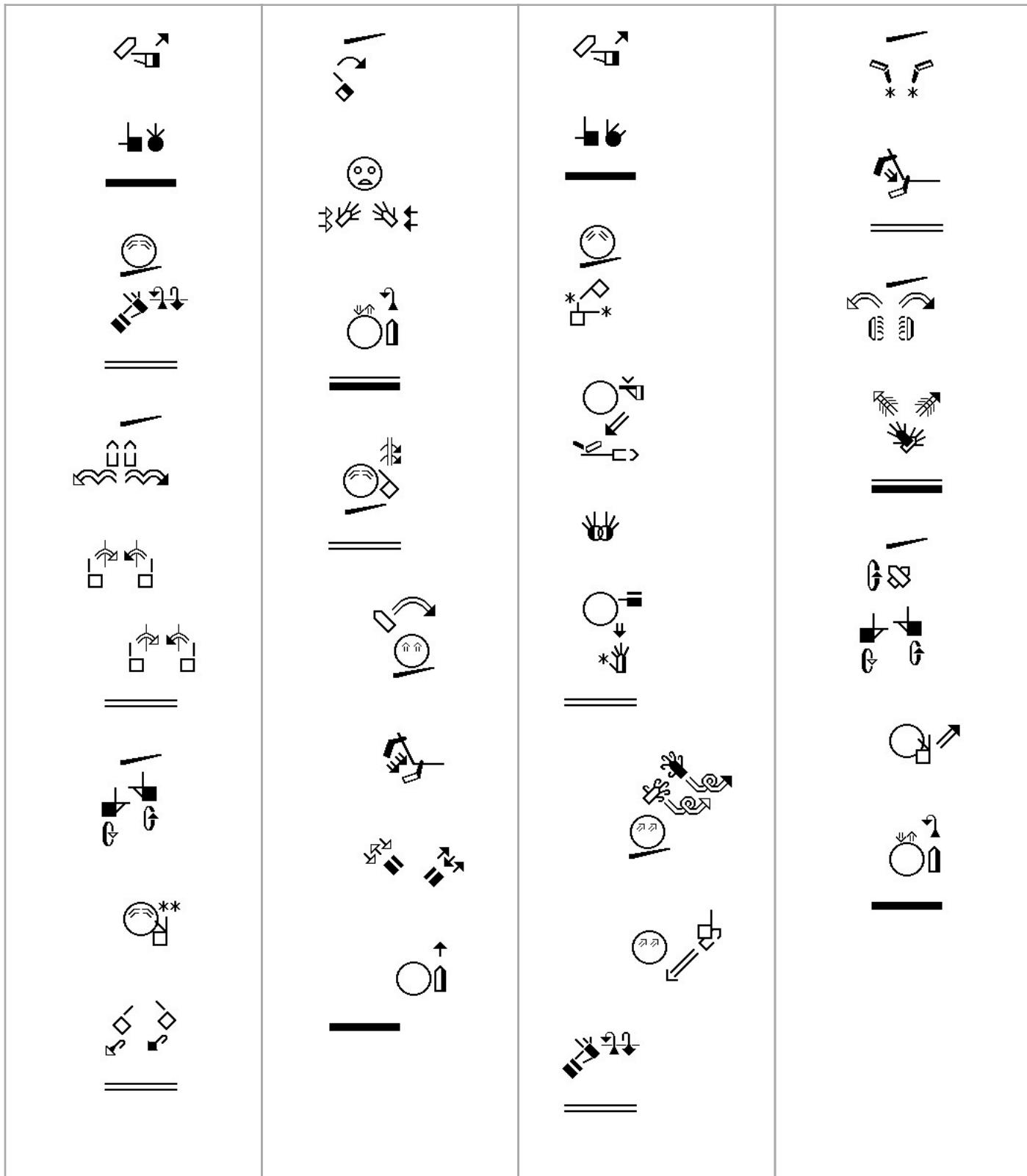
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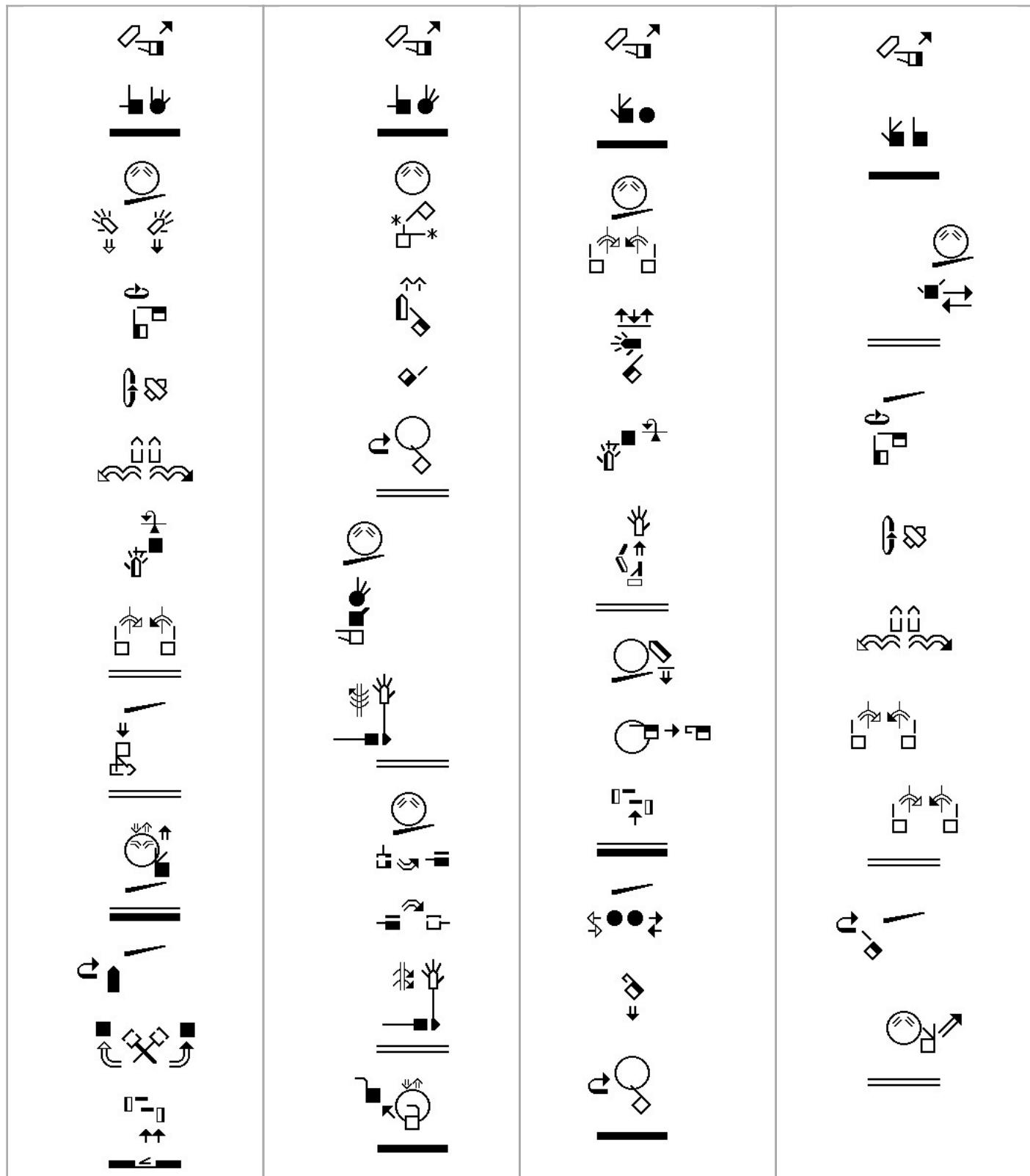
until the period of the Gentiles comes to an end. Verse 25. "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.

Luke 21:26-27



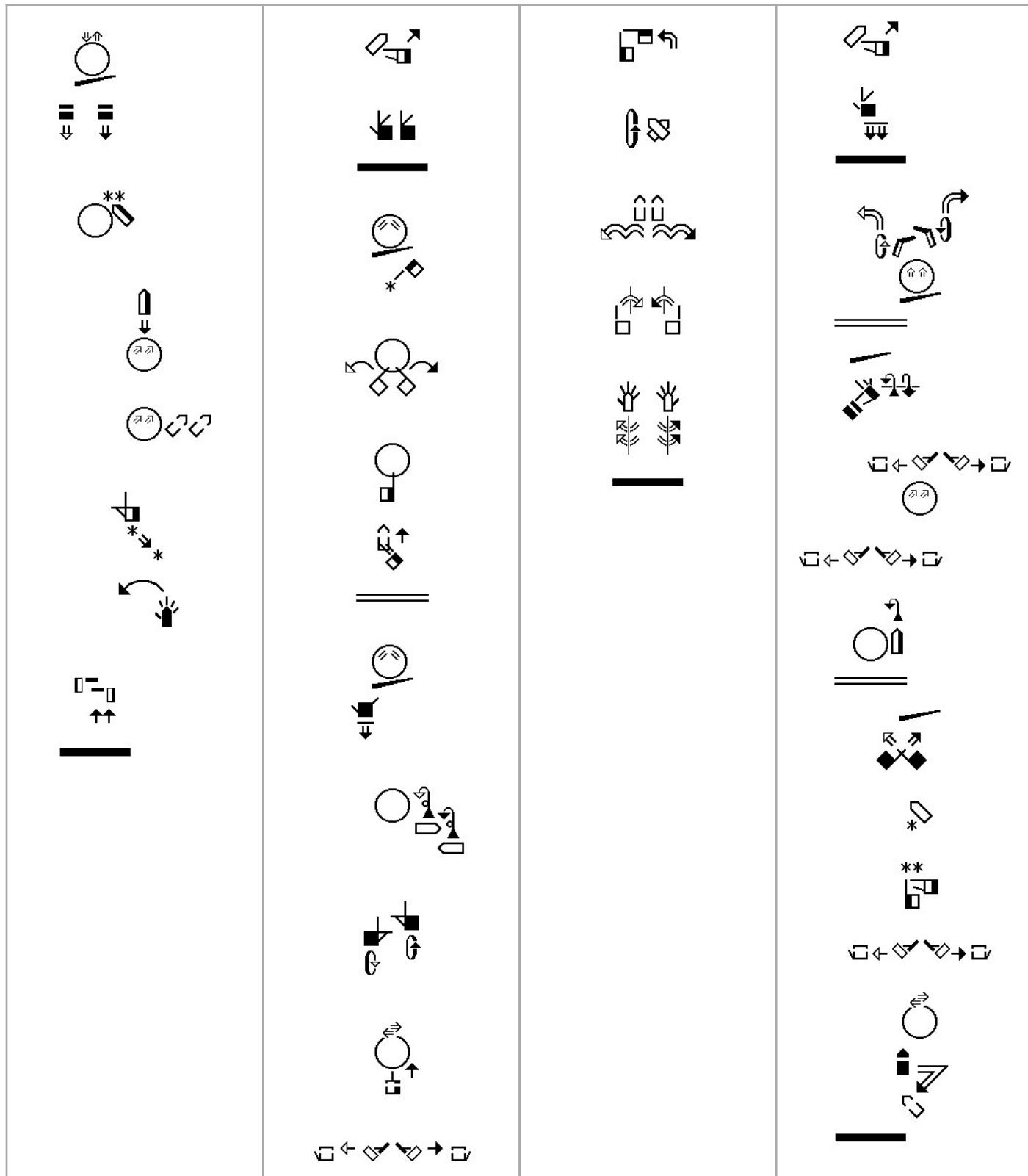
478 Verse 26. People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Verse 27. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.

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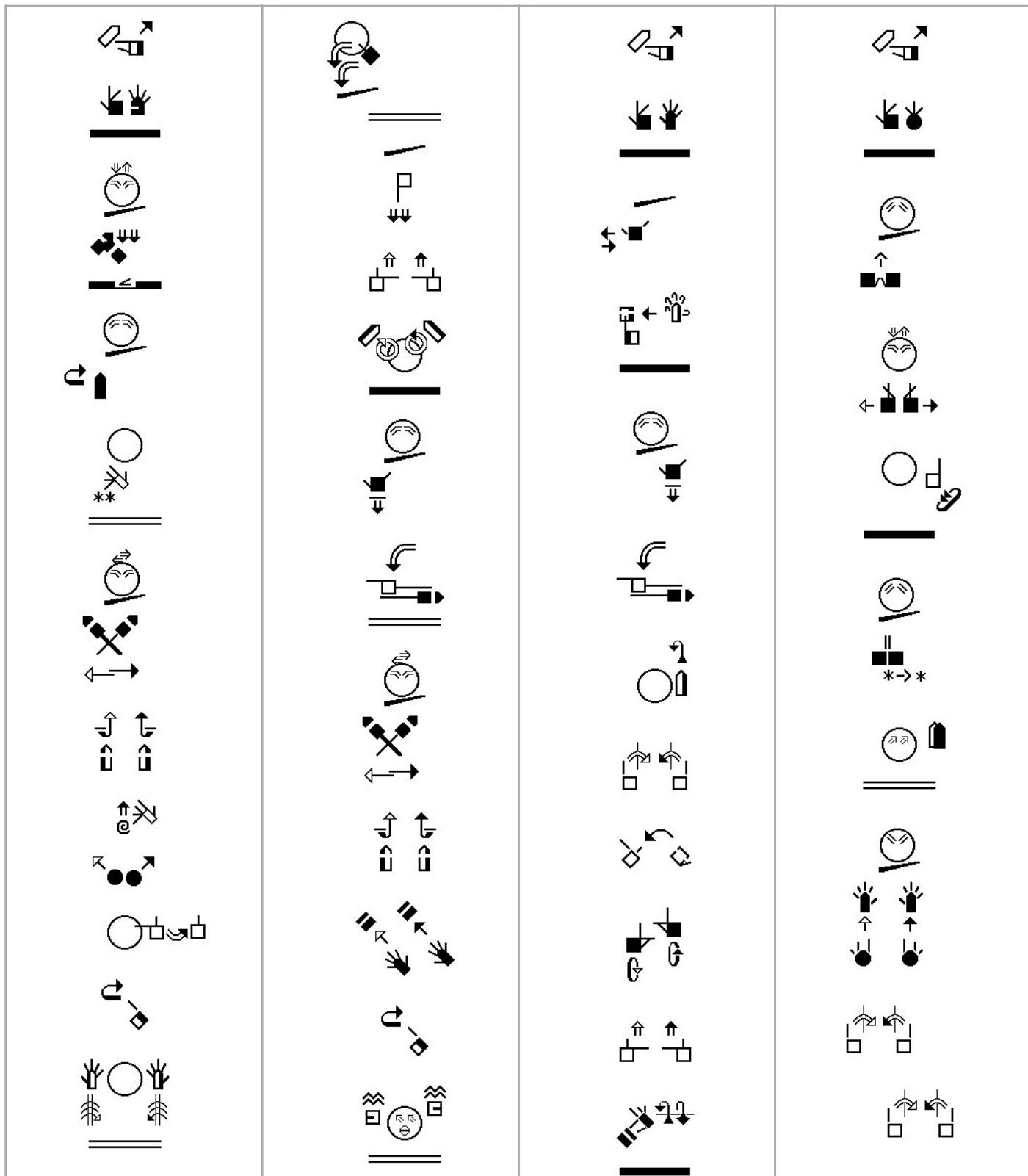
Verse 28. So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!" Verse 29. Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. Verse 30. When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. Verse 31. In the same way, when you see all these things taking place,

Luke 21:31-33



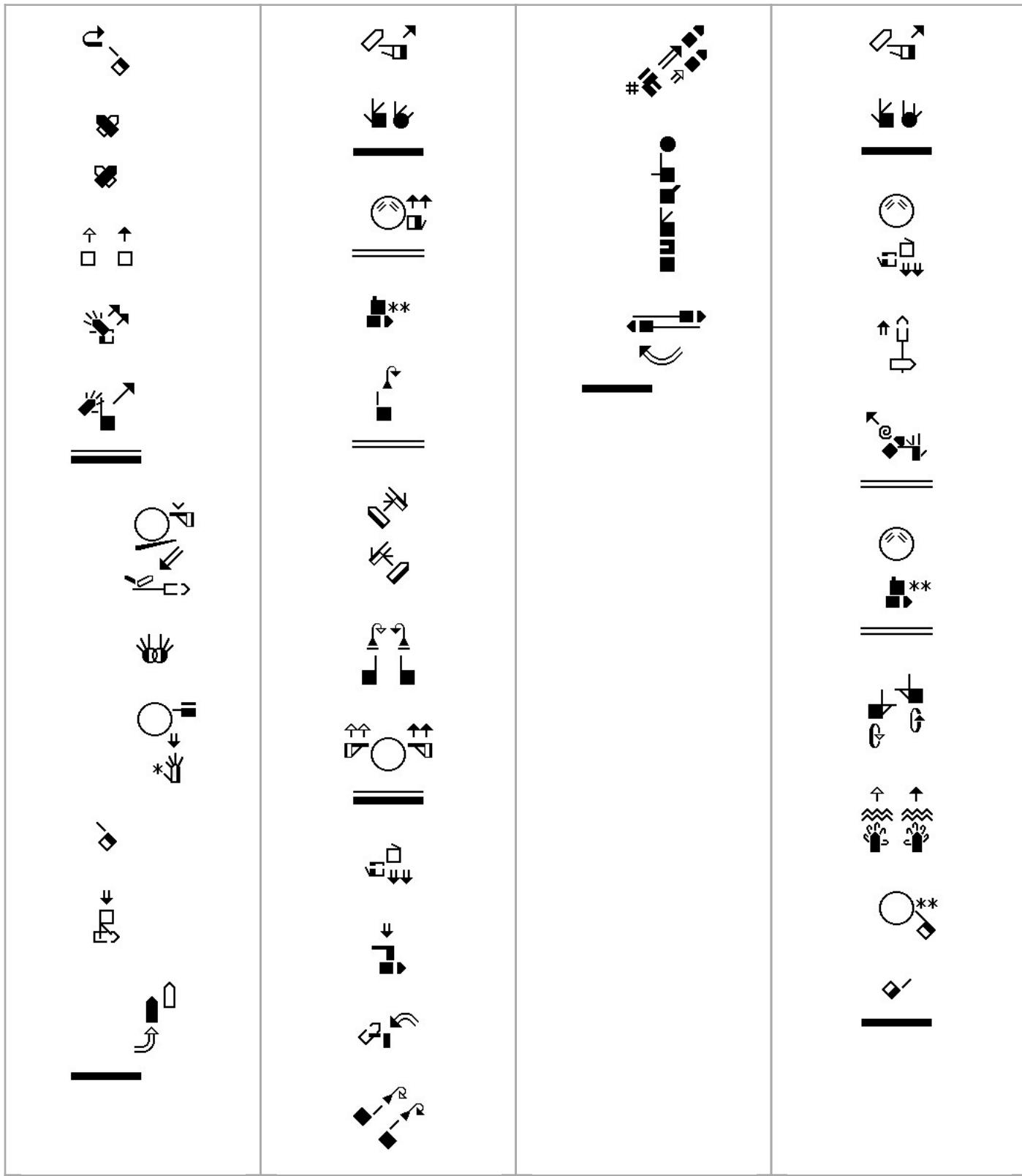
480 you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. Verse 32. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. Verse 33. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

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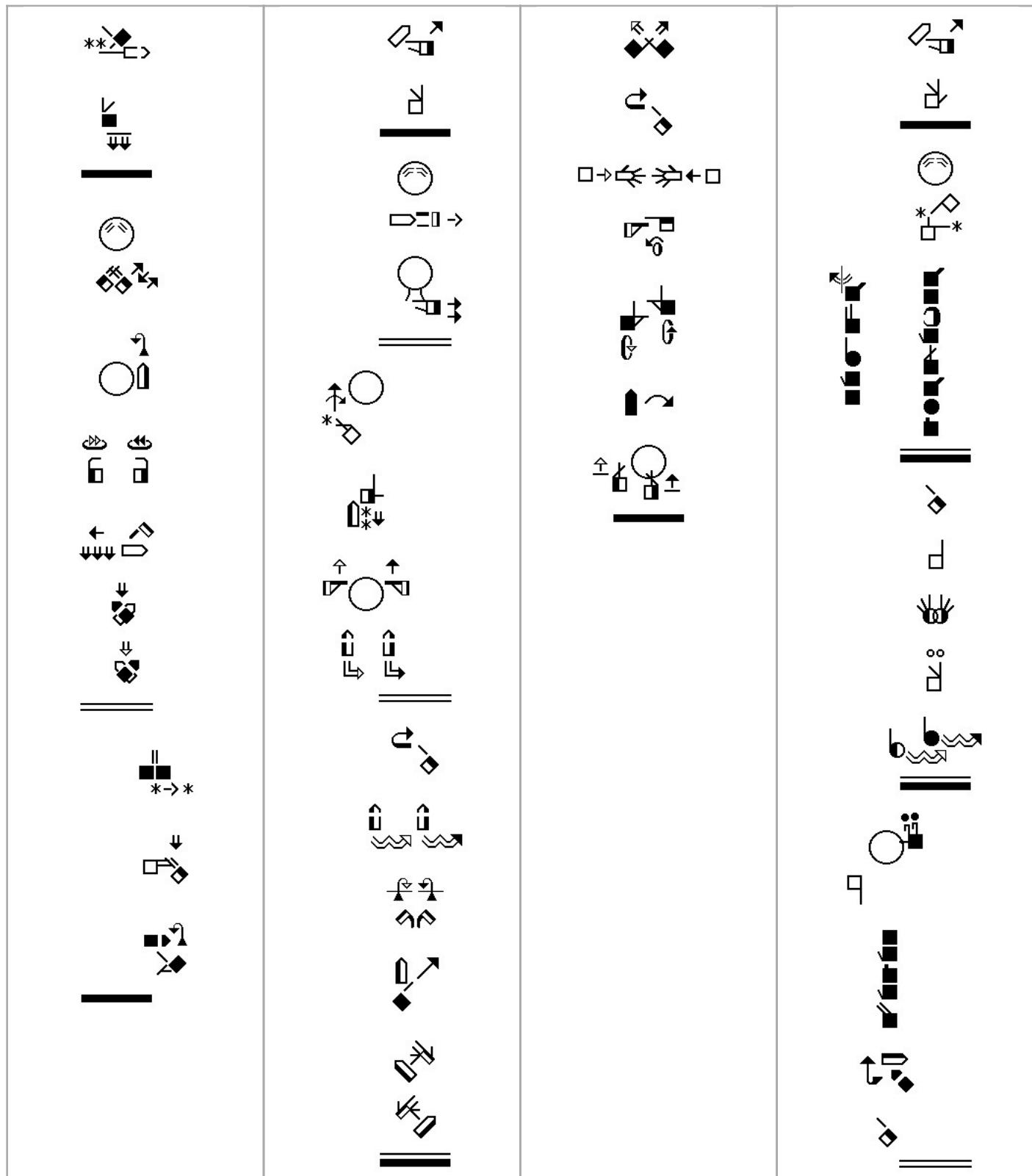
Verse 34. "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, Verse 35. like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Verse 36. Keep alert at all times. And pray

Luke 21:36-38



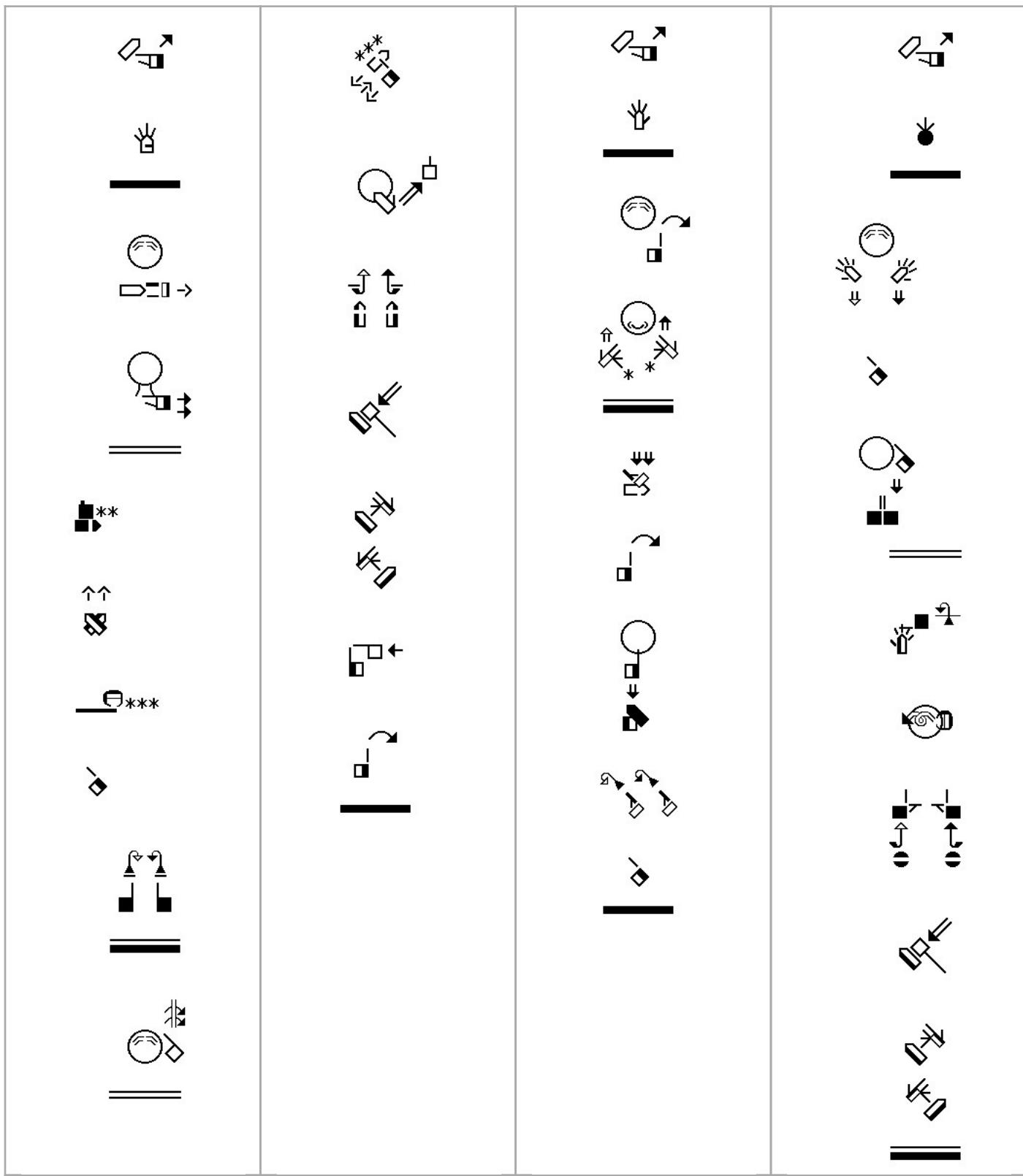
**482** that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man." Verse 37. Every day Jesus went to the Temple to teach, and each evening he returned to spend the night on the Mount of Olives. Verse 38. The crowds gathered at the Temple early each morning to hear him.

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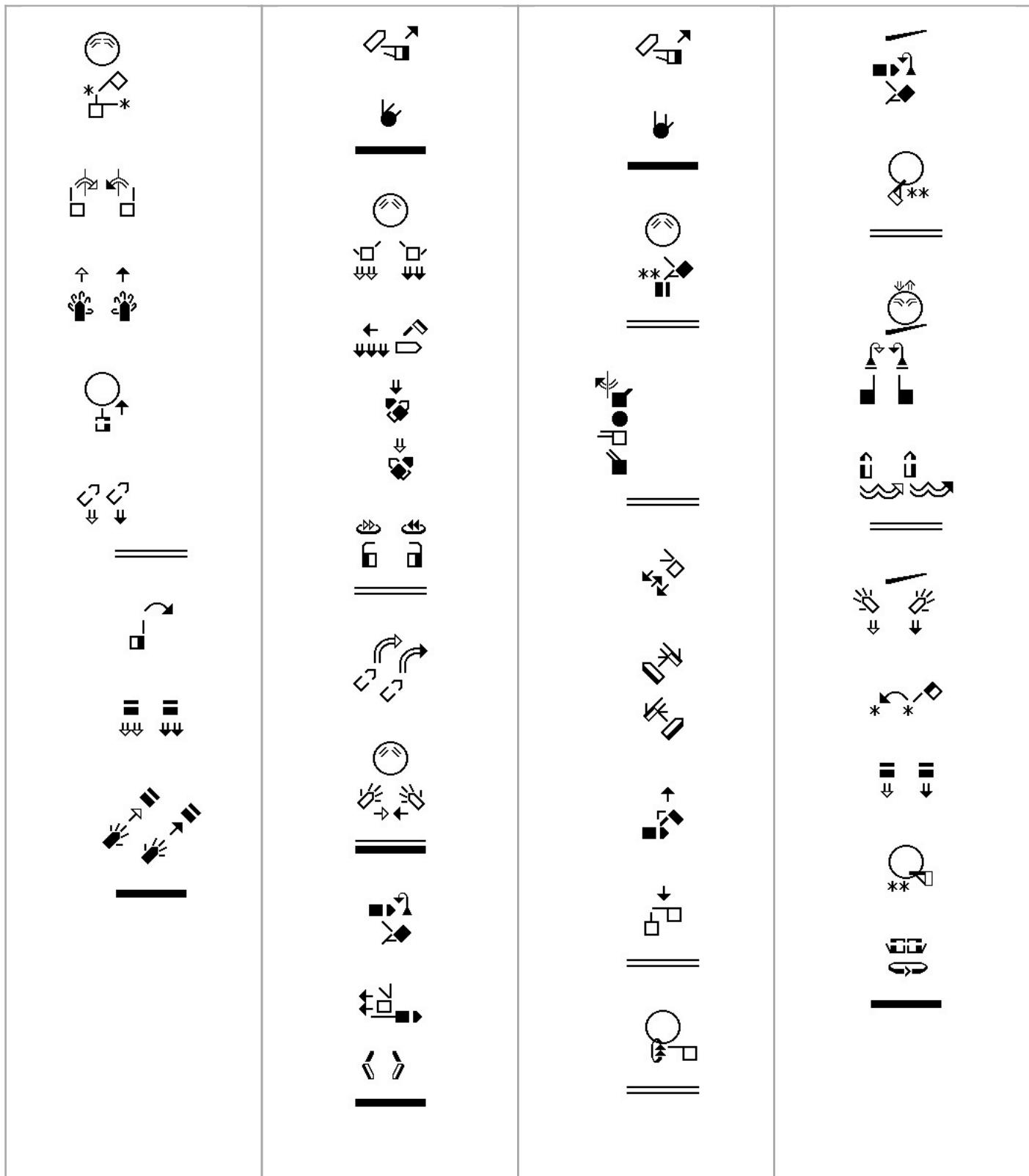
**Luke 22.** The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching. Verse 2. The leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people's reaction. Verse 3. Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples,

Luke 22:4-6



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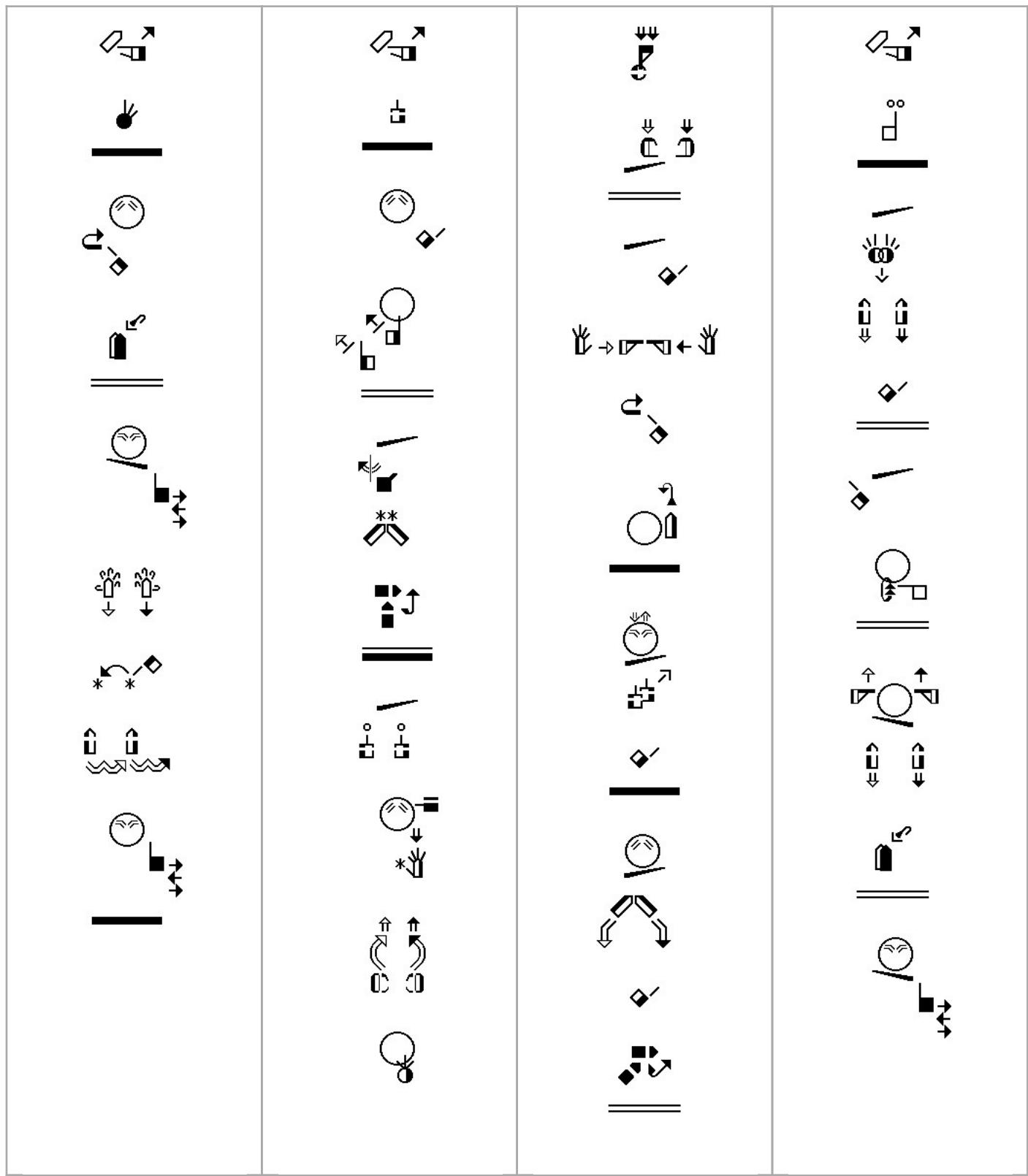
Verse 4. and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. Verse 5. They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. Verse 6. So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus  
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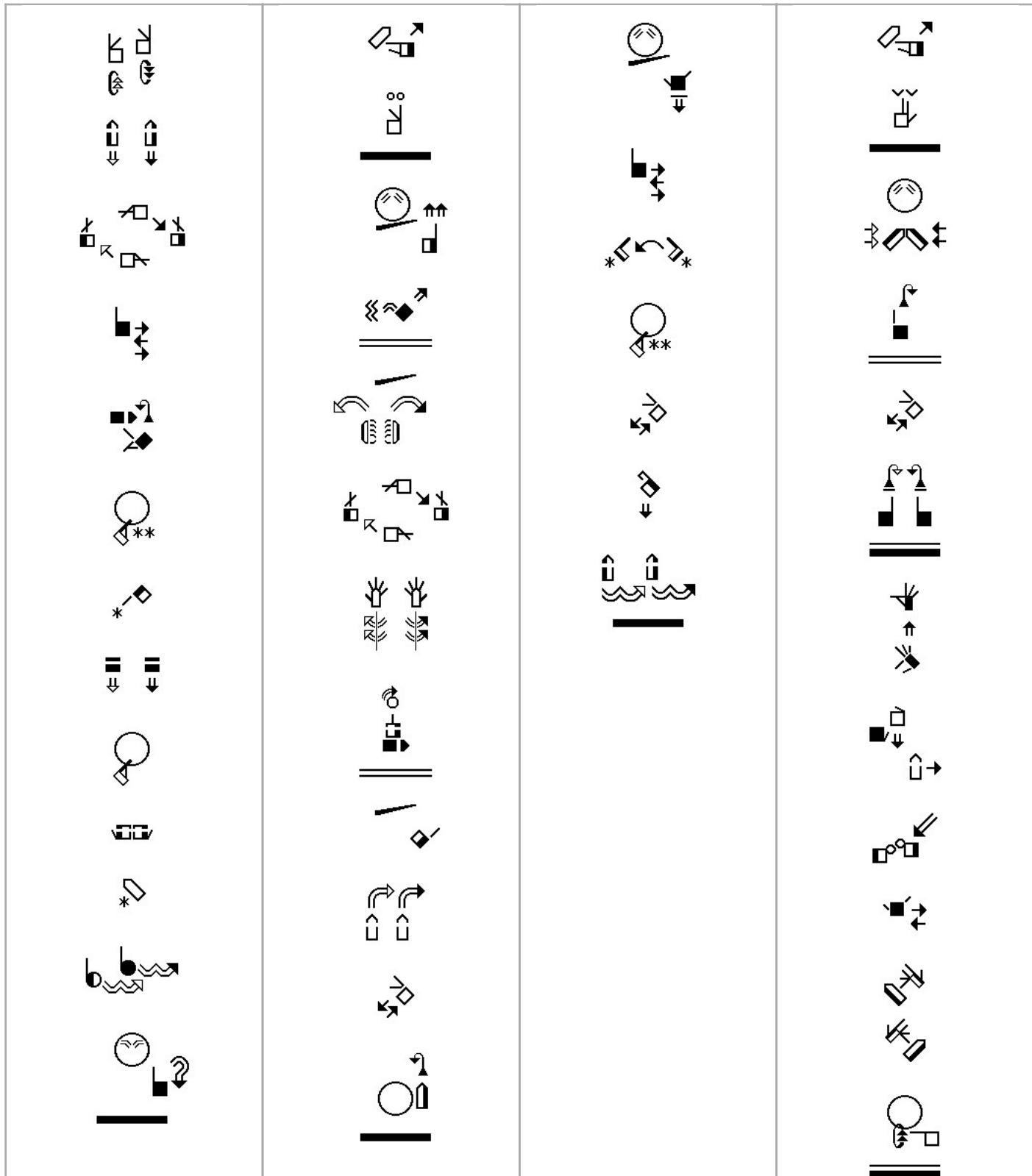


so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around. Verse 7. Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. Verse 8. Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together."

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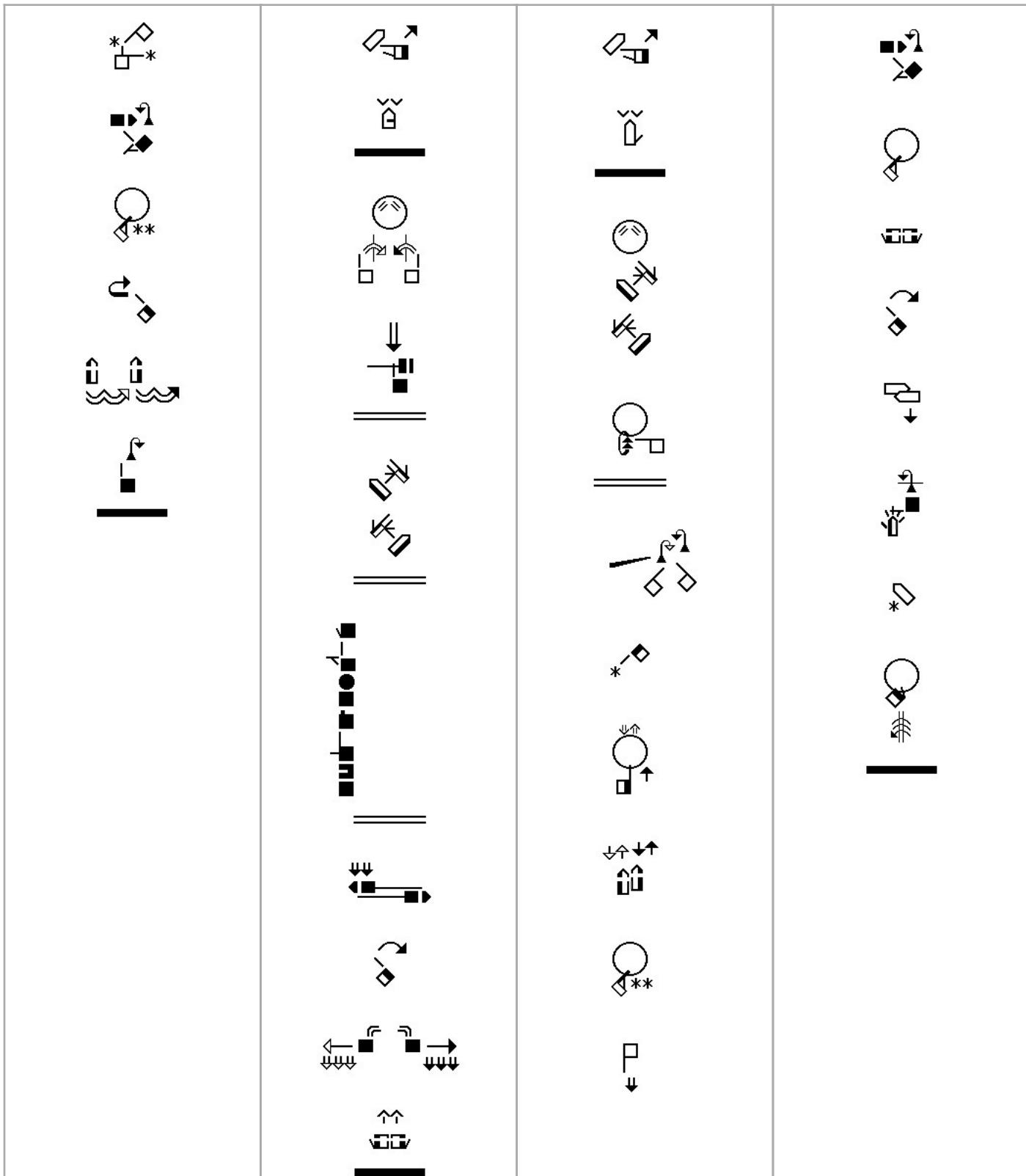
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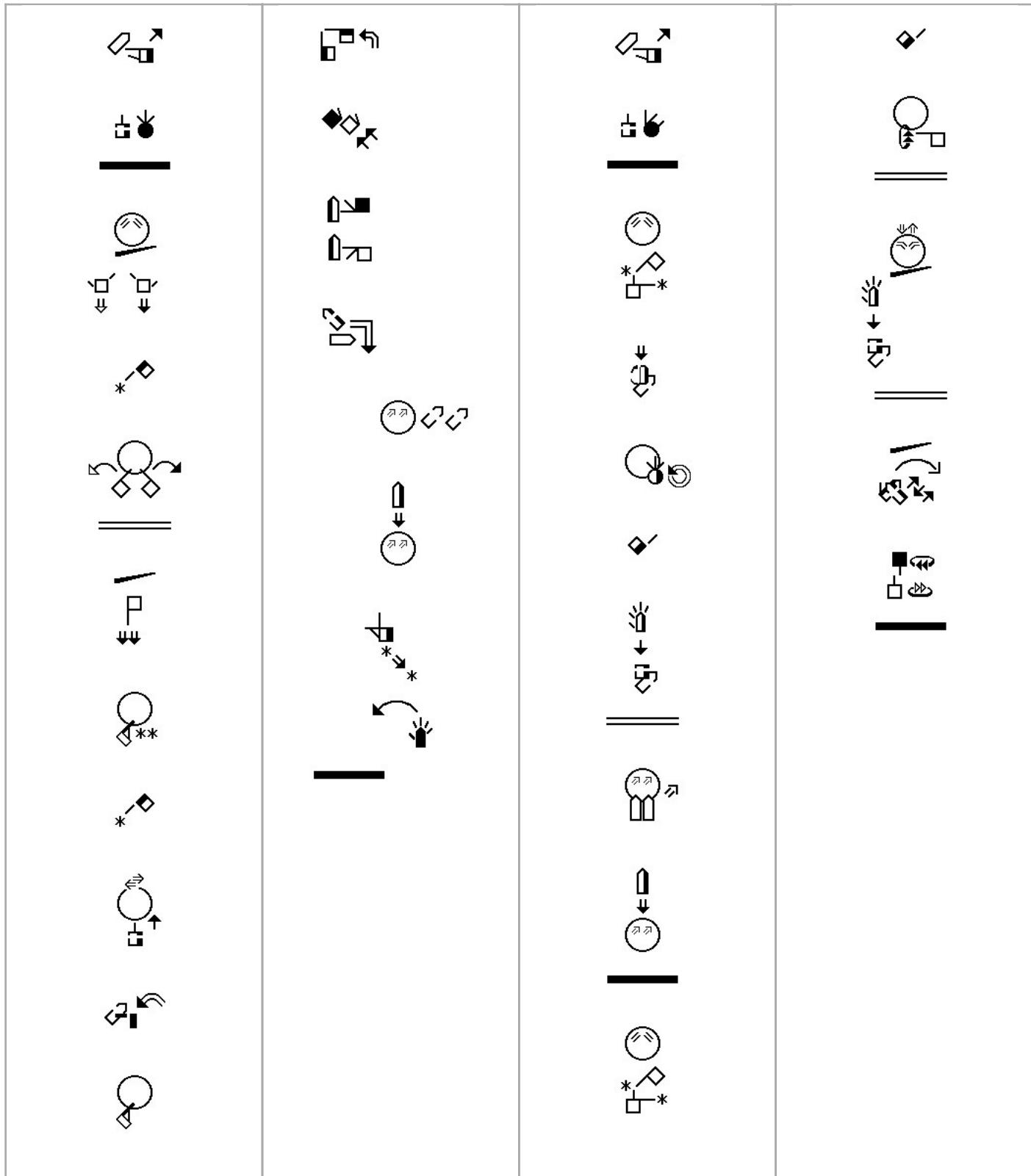


guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' Verse 12. He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." Verse 13. They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said,

Luke 22:13-15



488 and they prepared the Passover meal there. Verse 14. When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Verse 15. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins." NLT

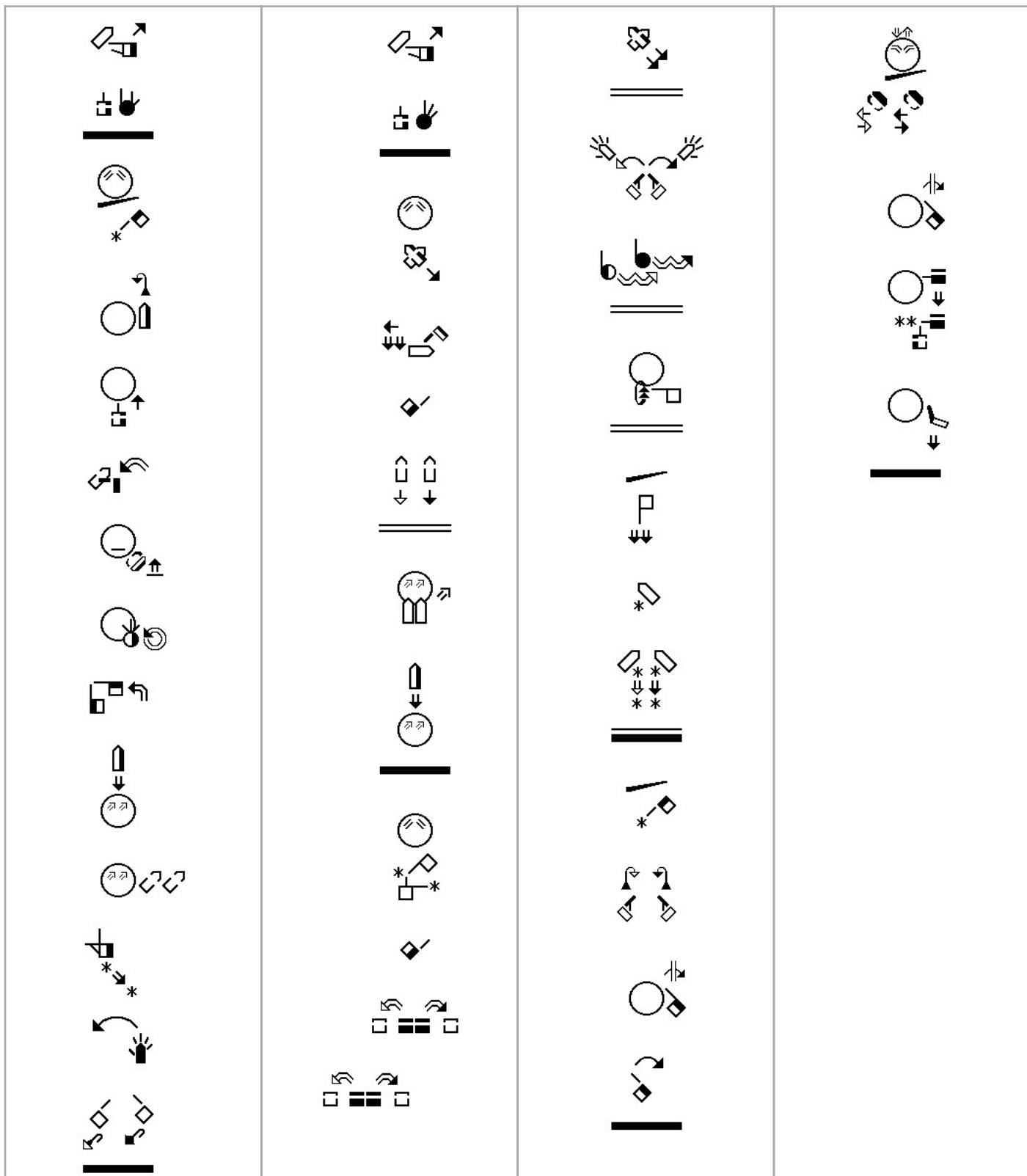


Verse 16. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Verse 17. Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.

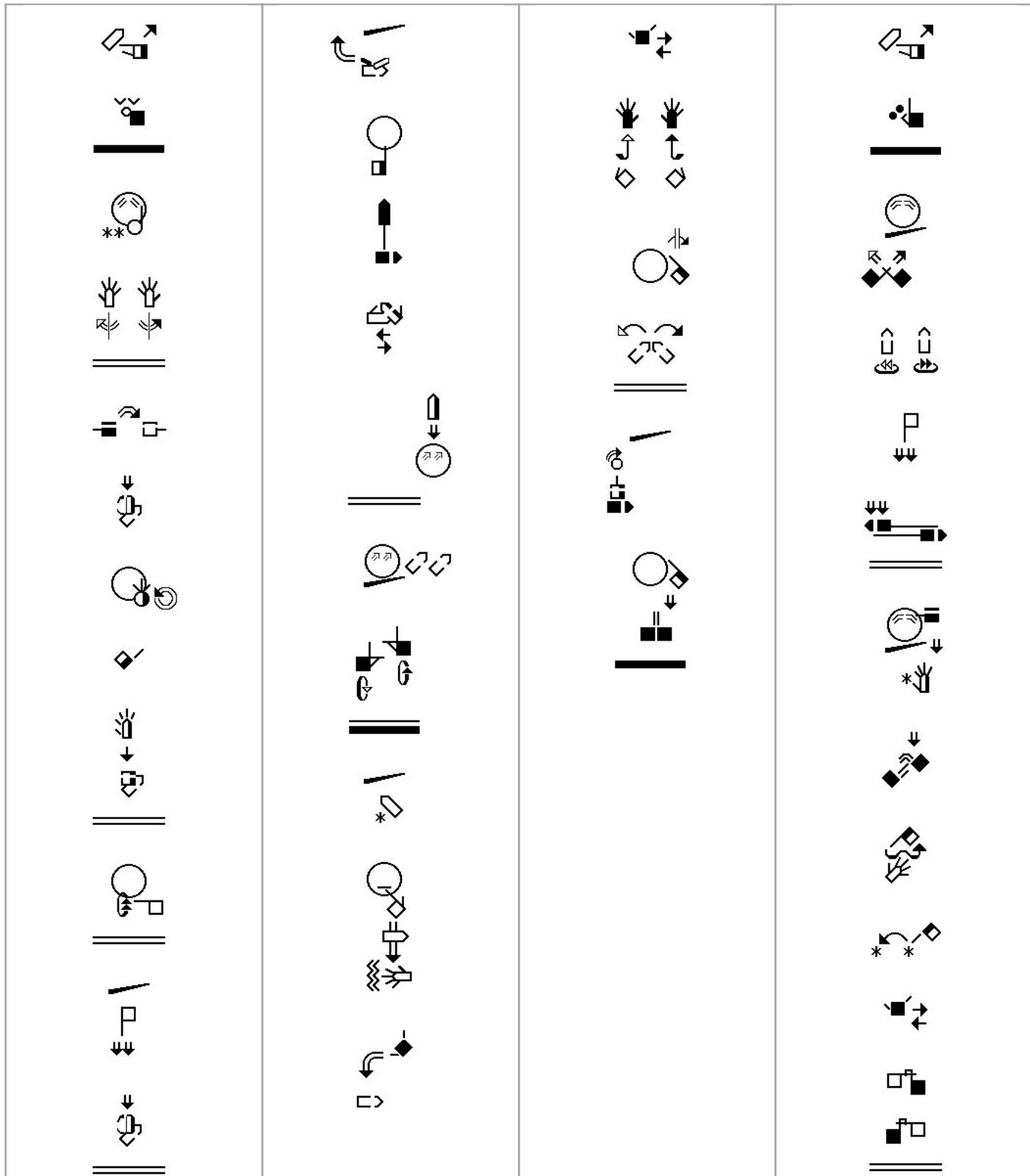
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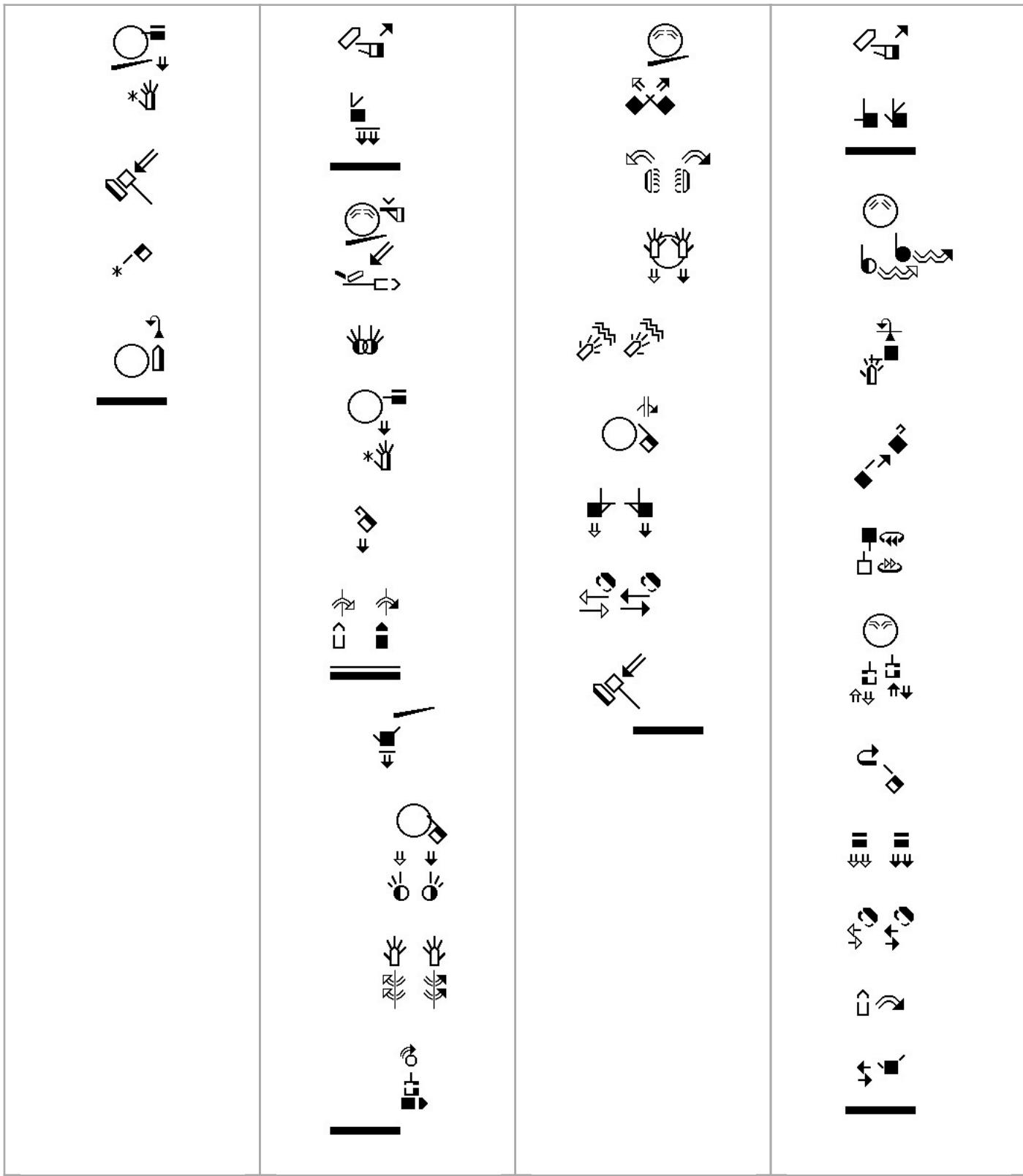


490 Verse 18. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." Verse 19. He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."  
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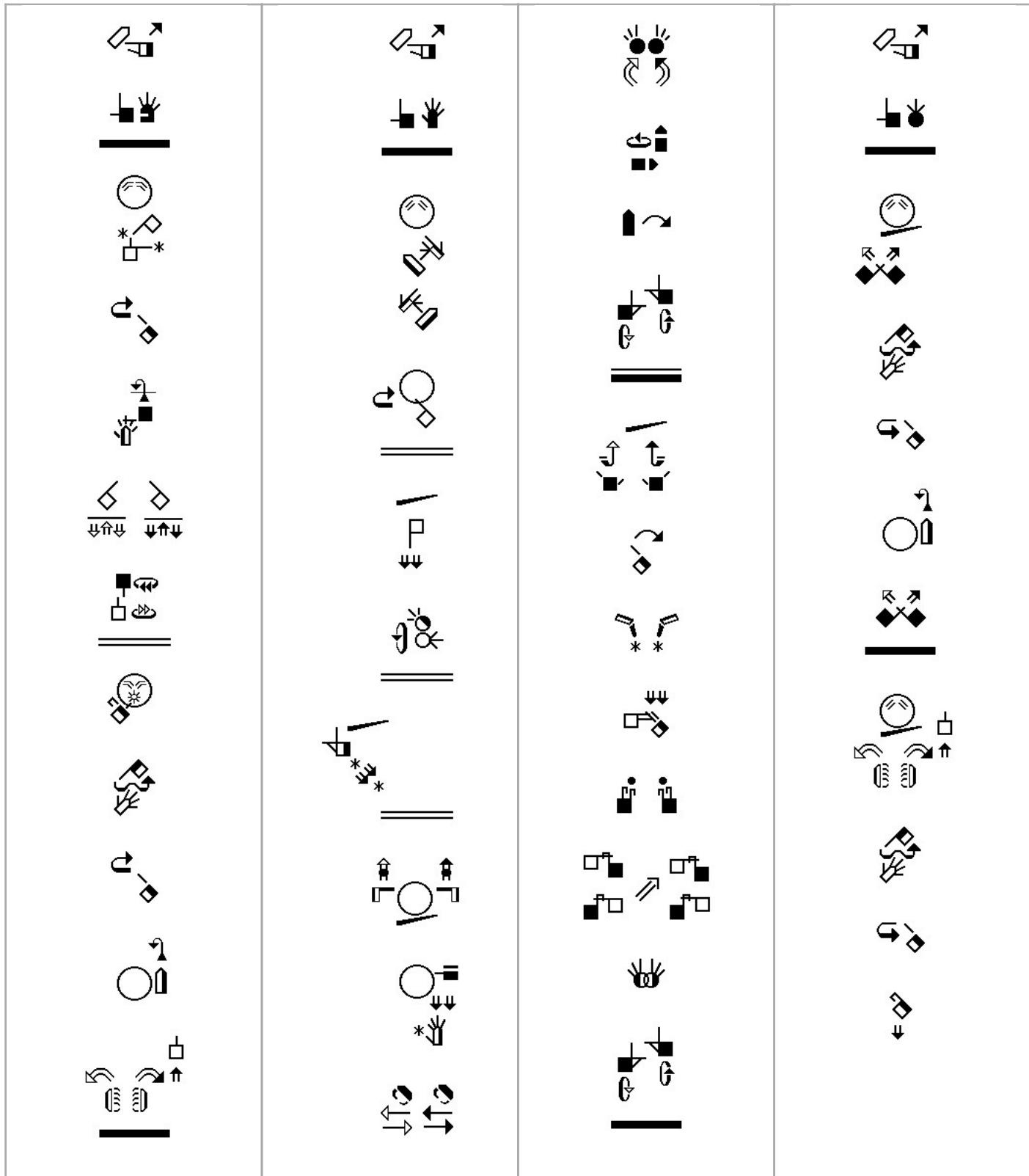


Verse 20. After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people -- an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. Verse 21. "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend,

Luke 22:21-23



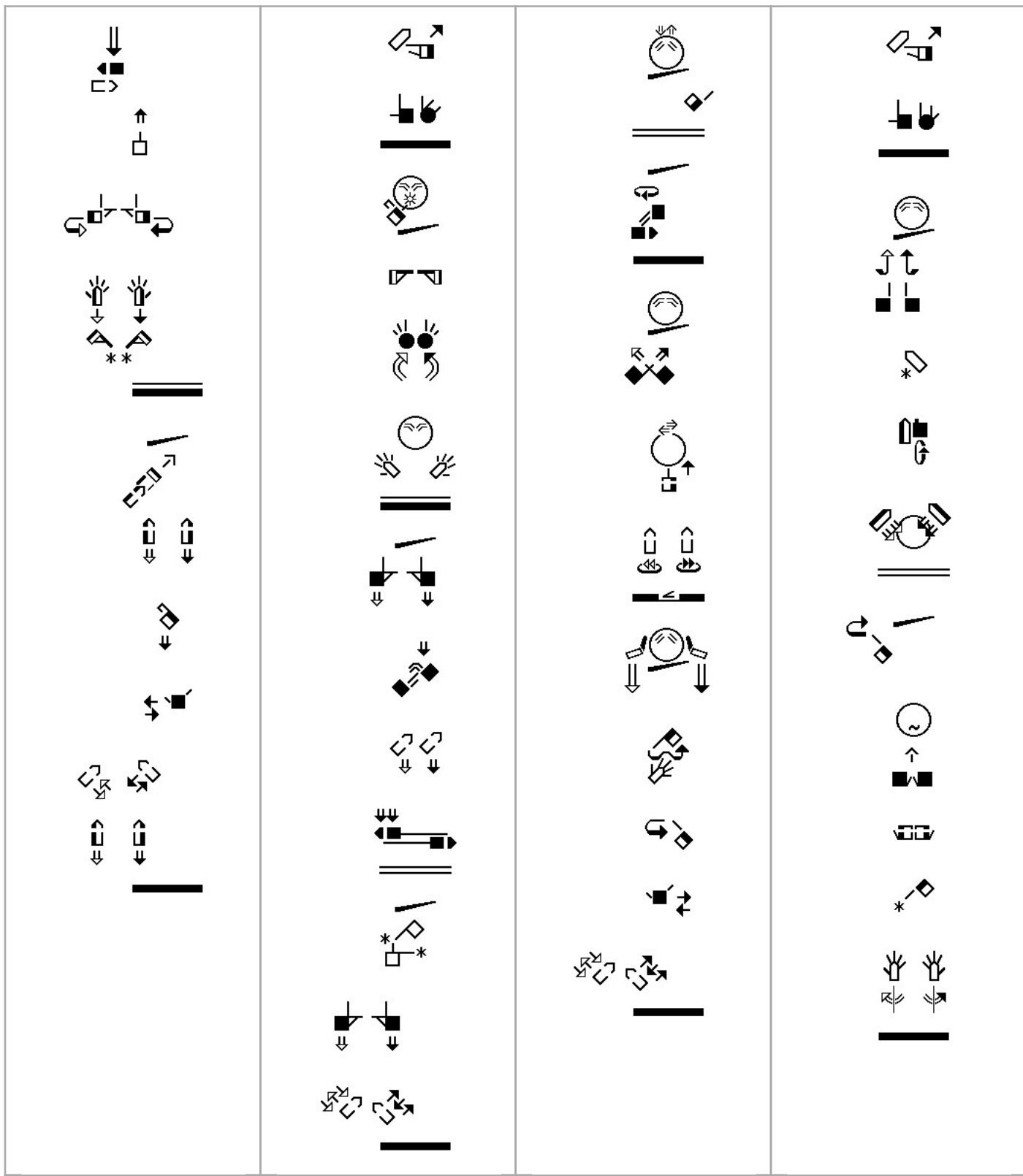
492 is the man who will betray me. Verse 22. For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him." Verse 23. The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing. NLT



Verse 24. Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Verse 25. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' Verse 26. But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should

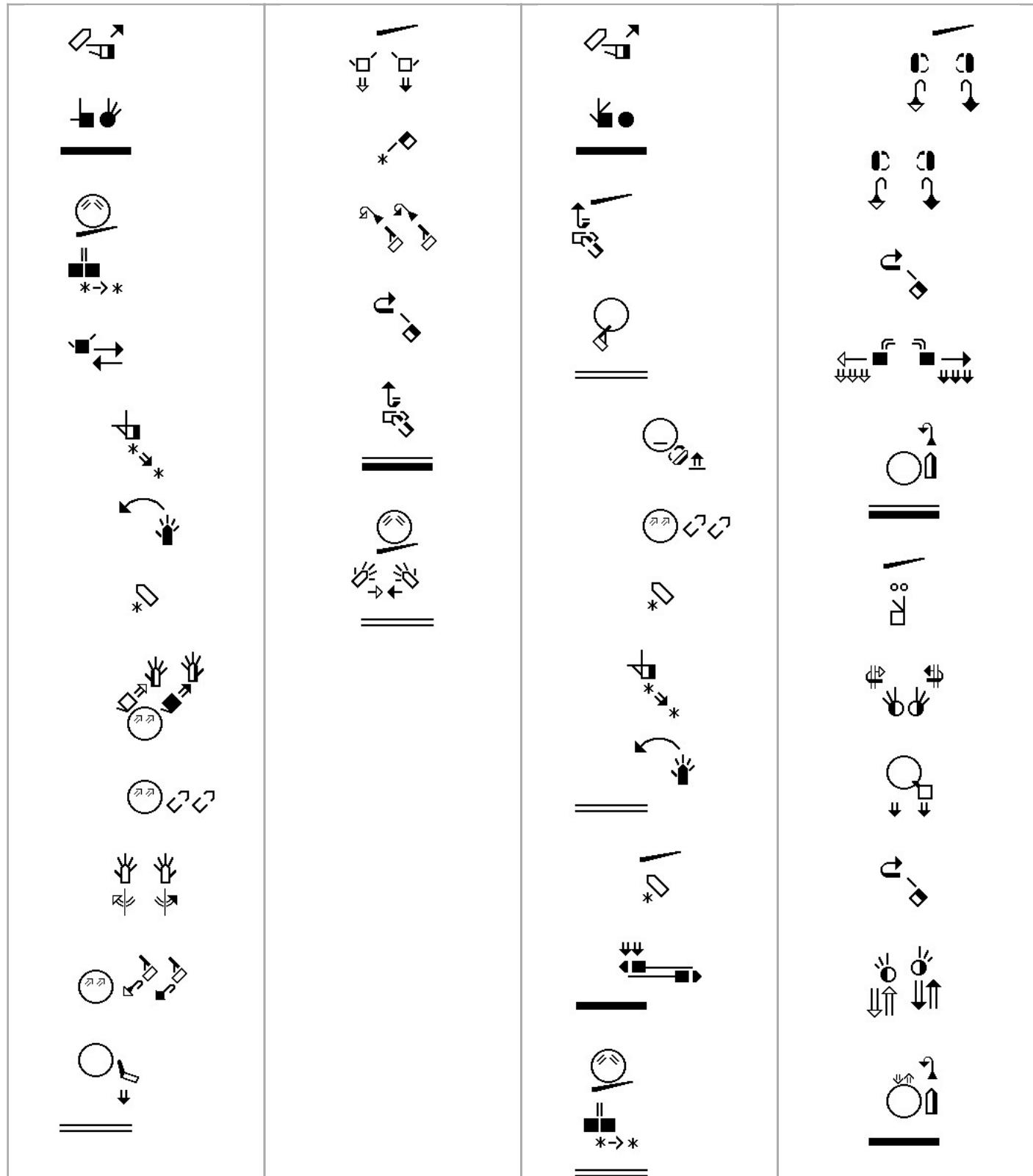
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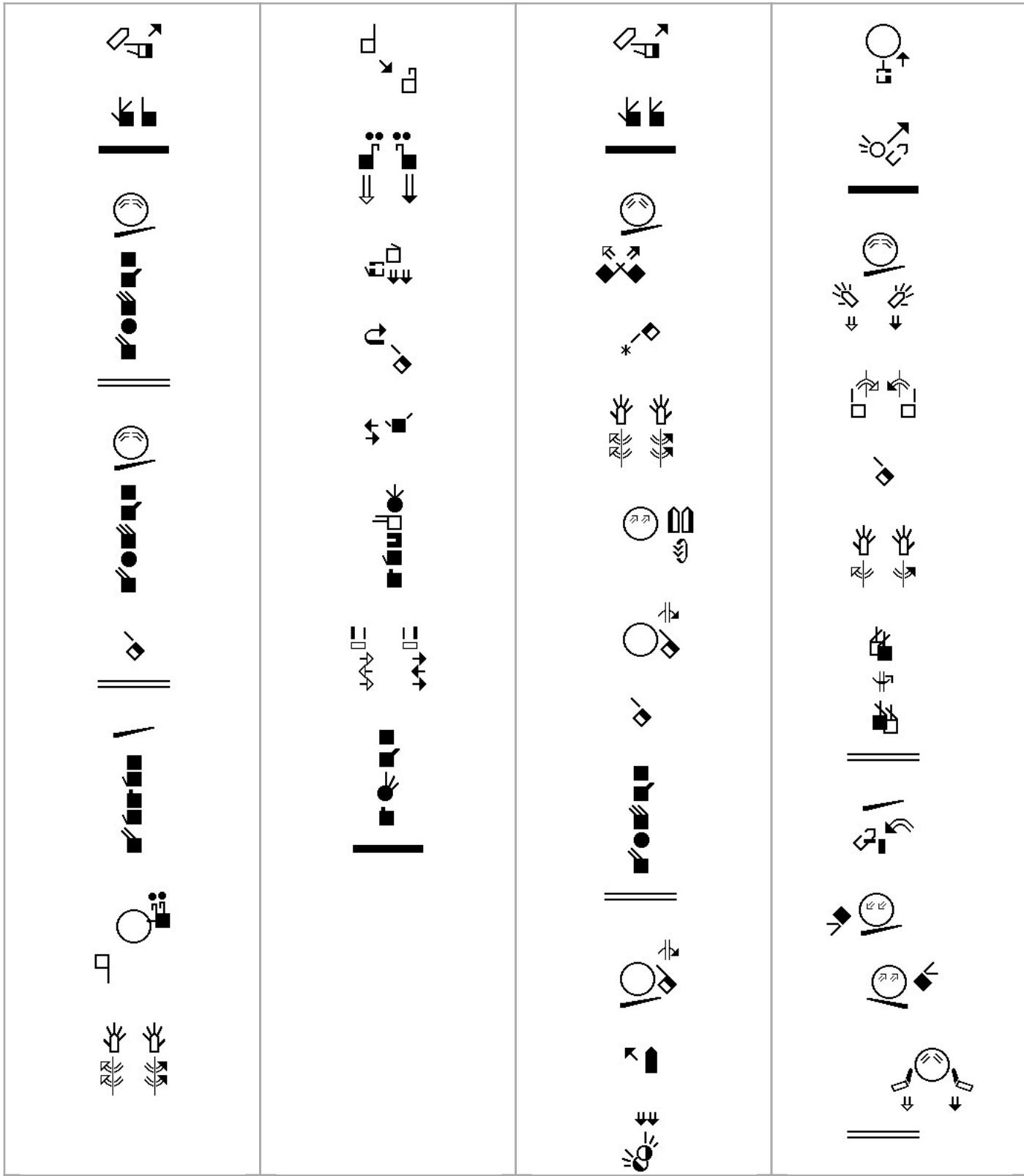
**494** take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Verse 27. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves. Verse 28. "You have stayed with me in my time of trial.

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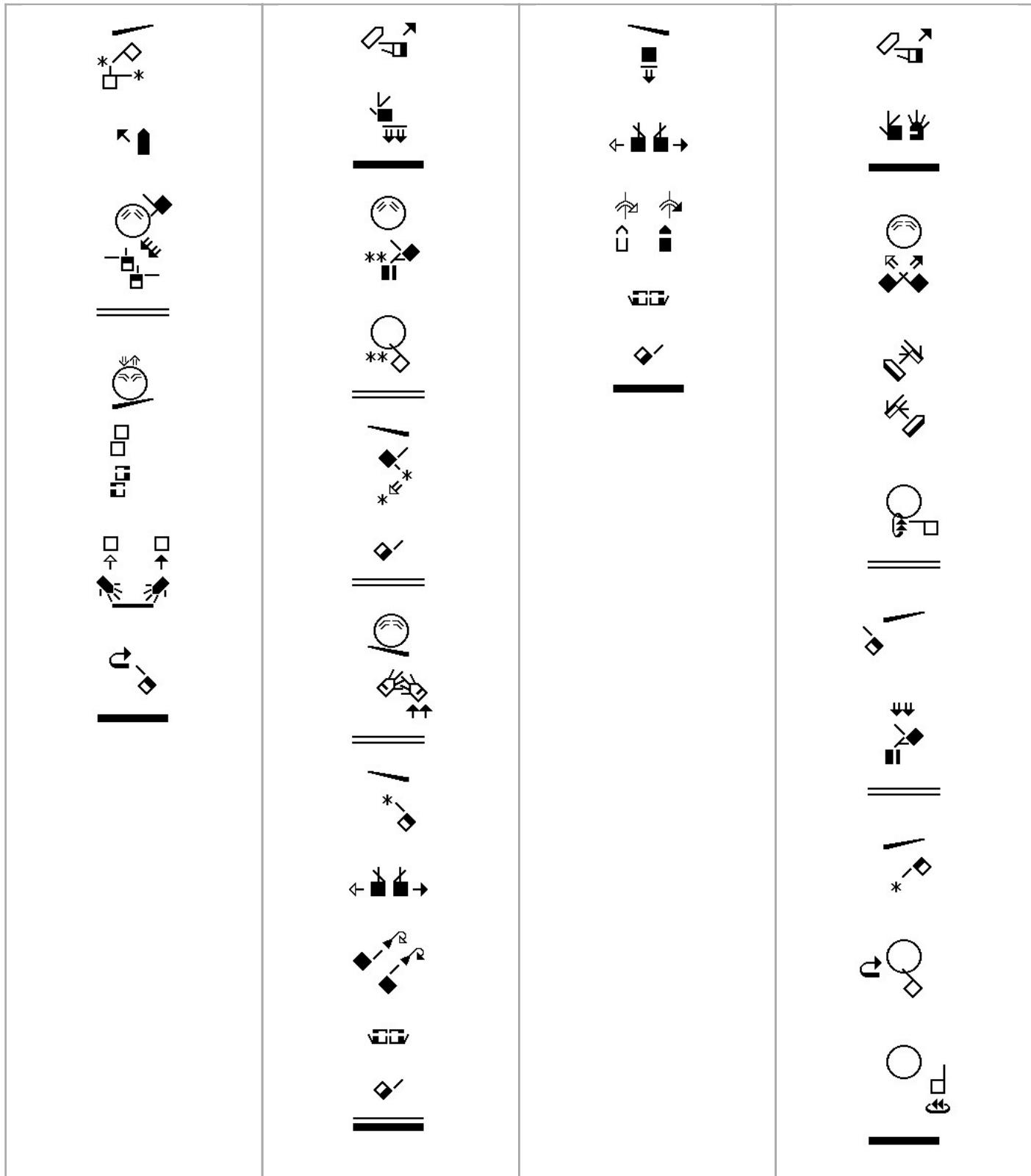


Verse 29. And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right  
 Verse 30. to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging  
 the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:31-32

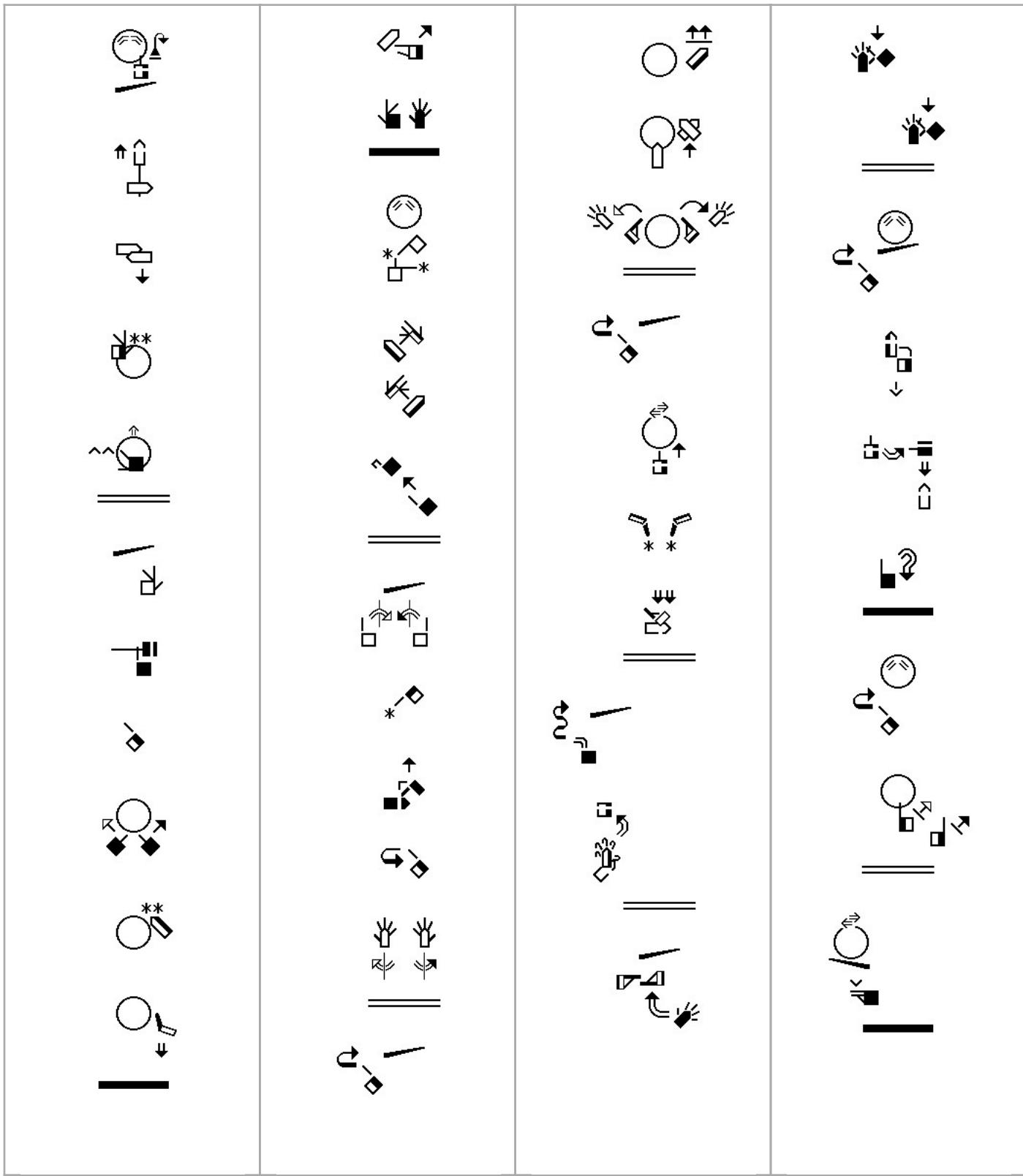


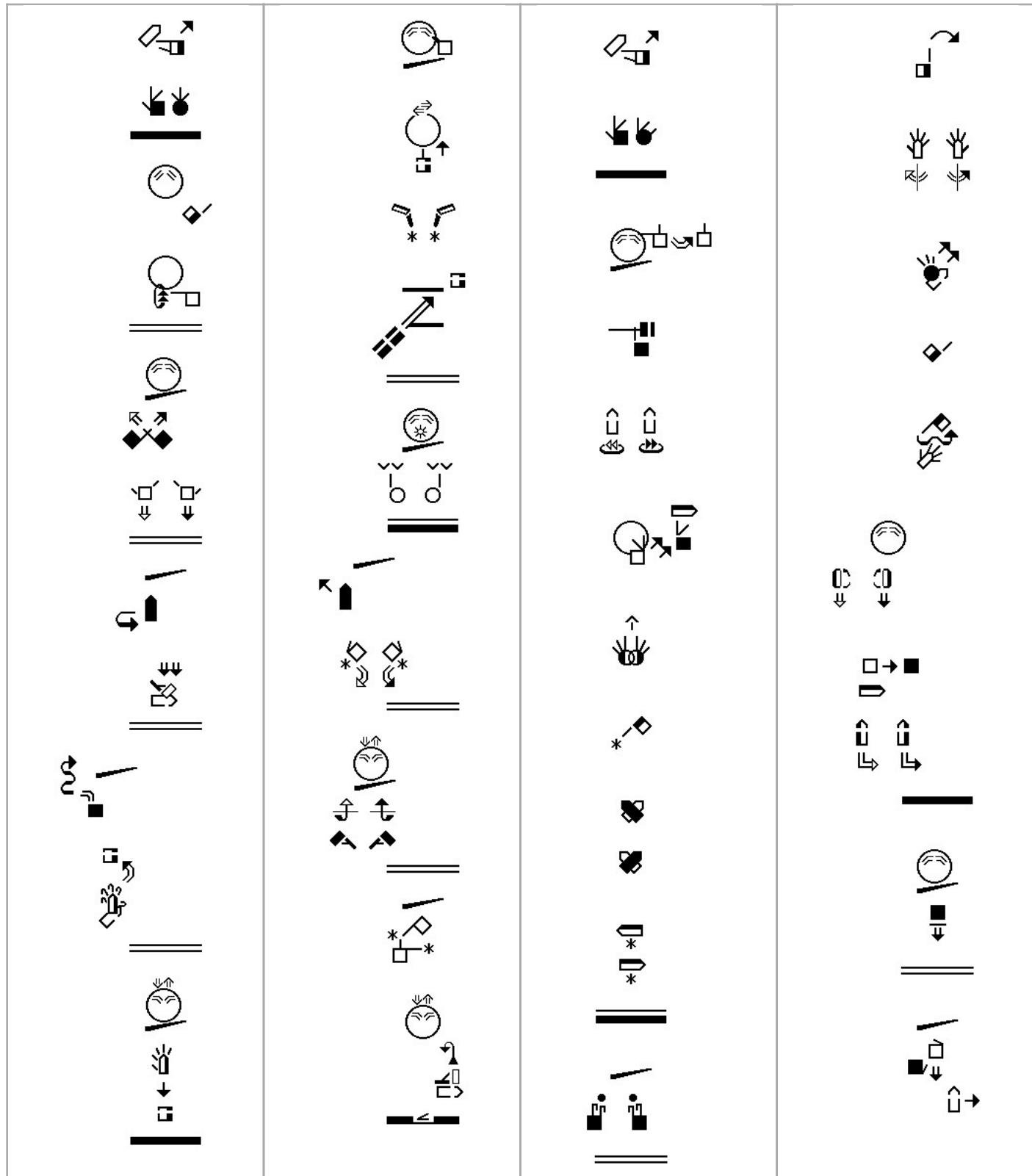
496 Verse 31. "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. Verse 32. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again," NLT



"strengthen your brothers." Verse 33. Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." Verse 34. But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something.

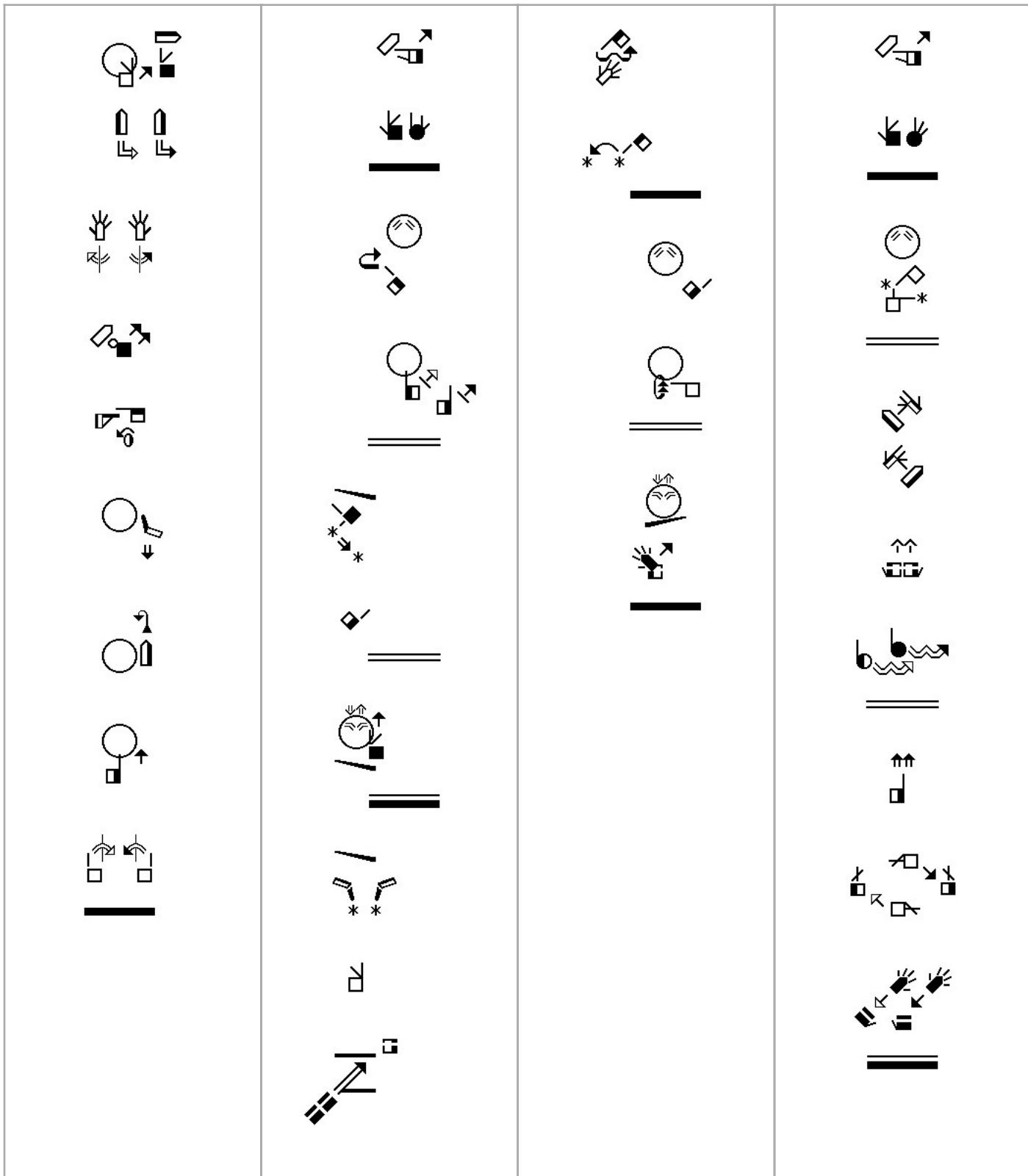
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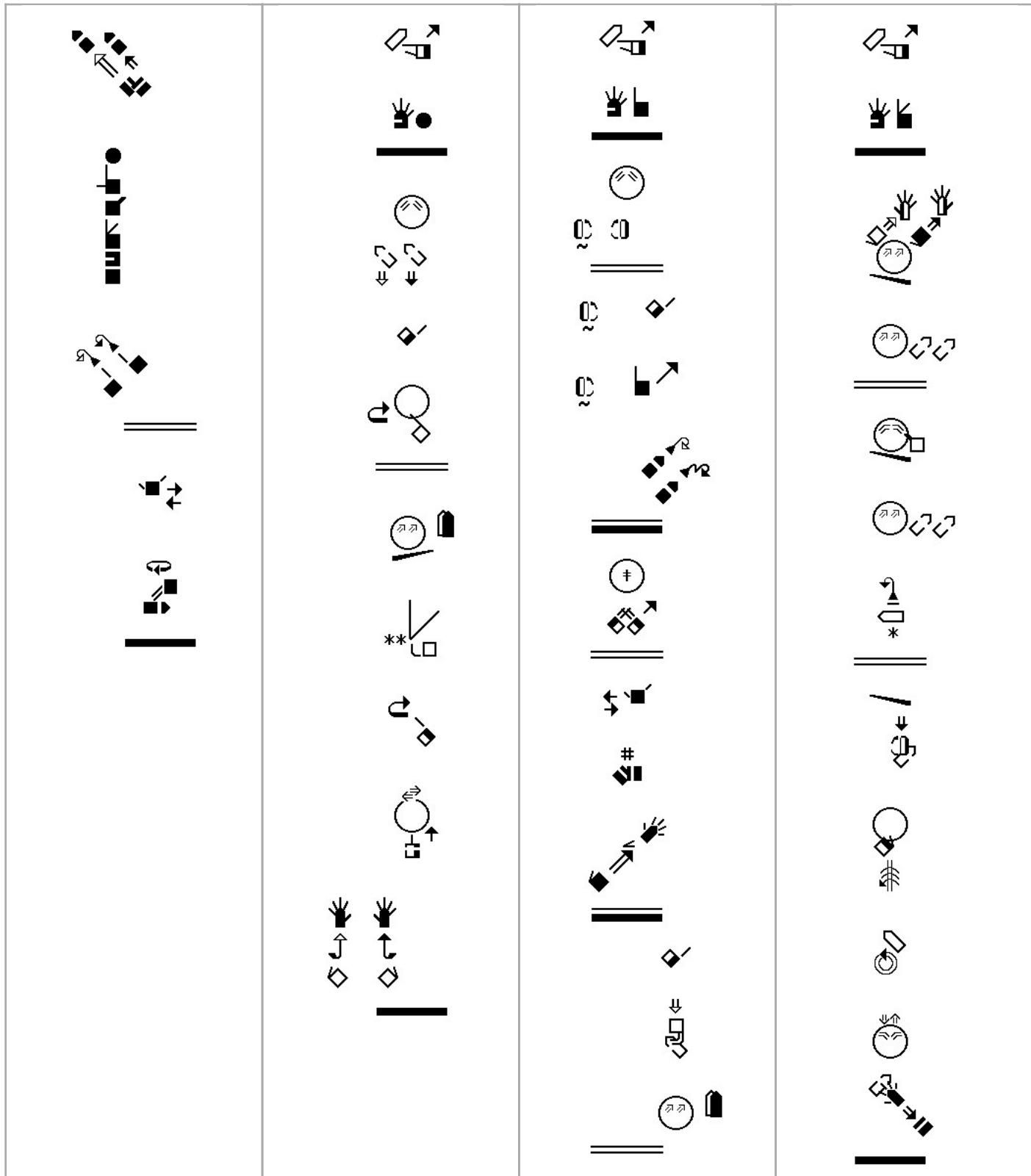


Verse 36. "But now," he said, "take your money and a traveler's bag. And if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one! Verse 37. For the time has come for this prophecy about me to be fulfilled: 'He was counted among the rebels.' Yes, everything NLT

Luke 22:37-39

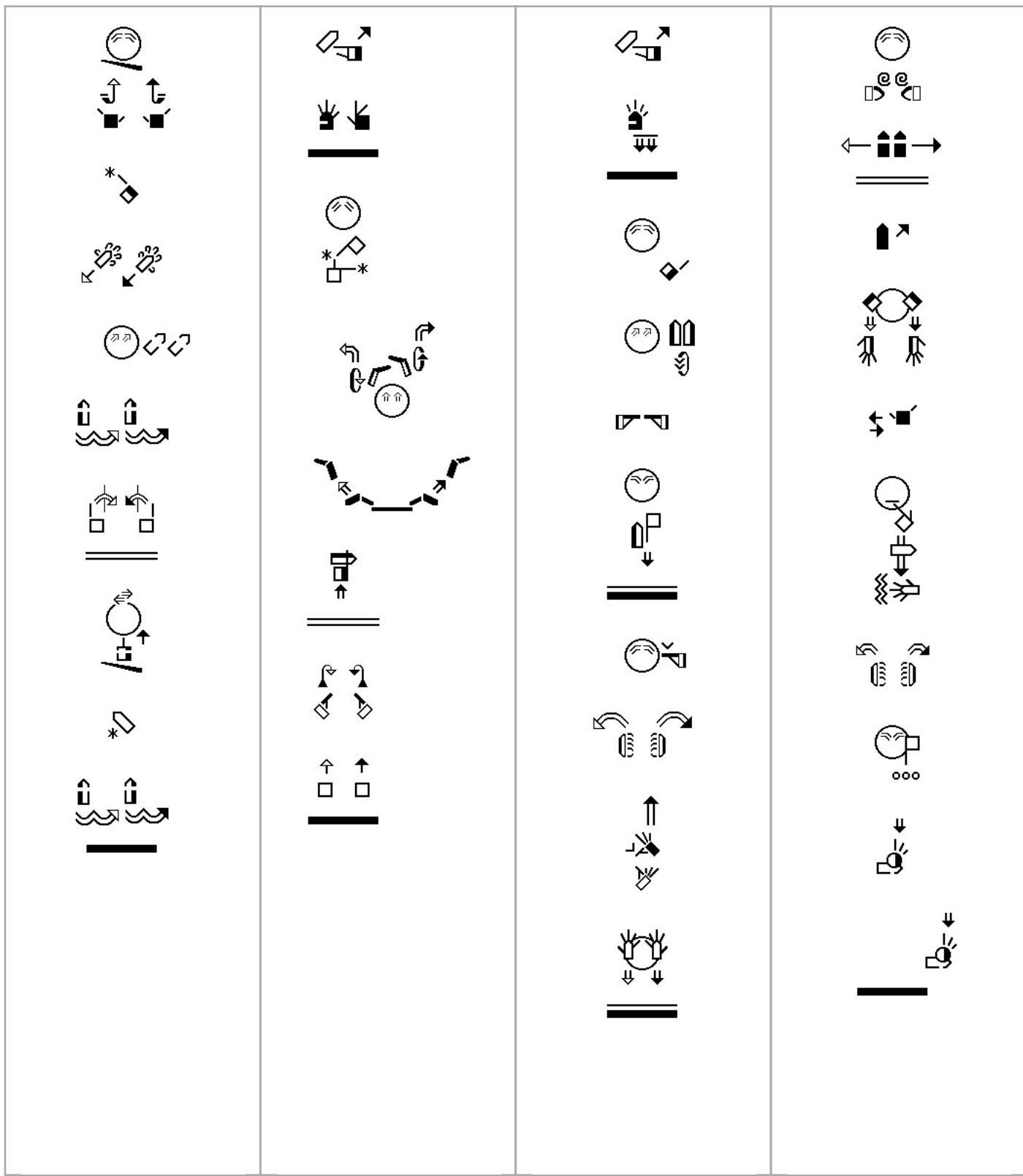


500 written about me by the prophets will come true." Verse 38. "Look, Lord," they replied, "we have two swords among us." "That's enough," he said. Verse 39. Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room NLT

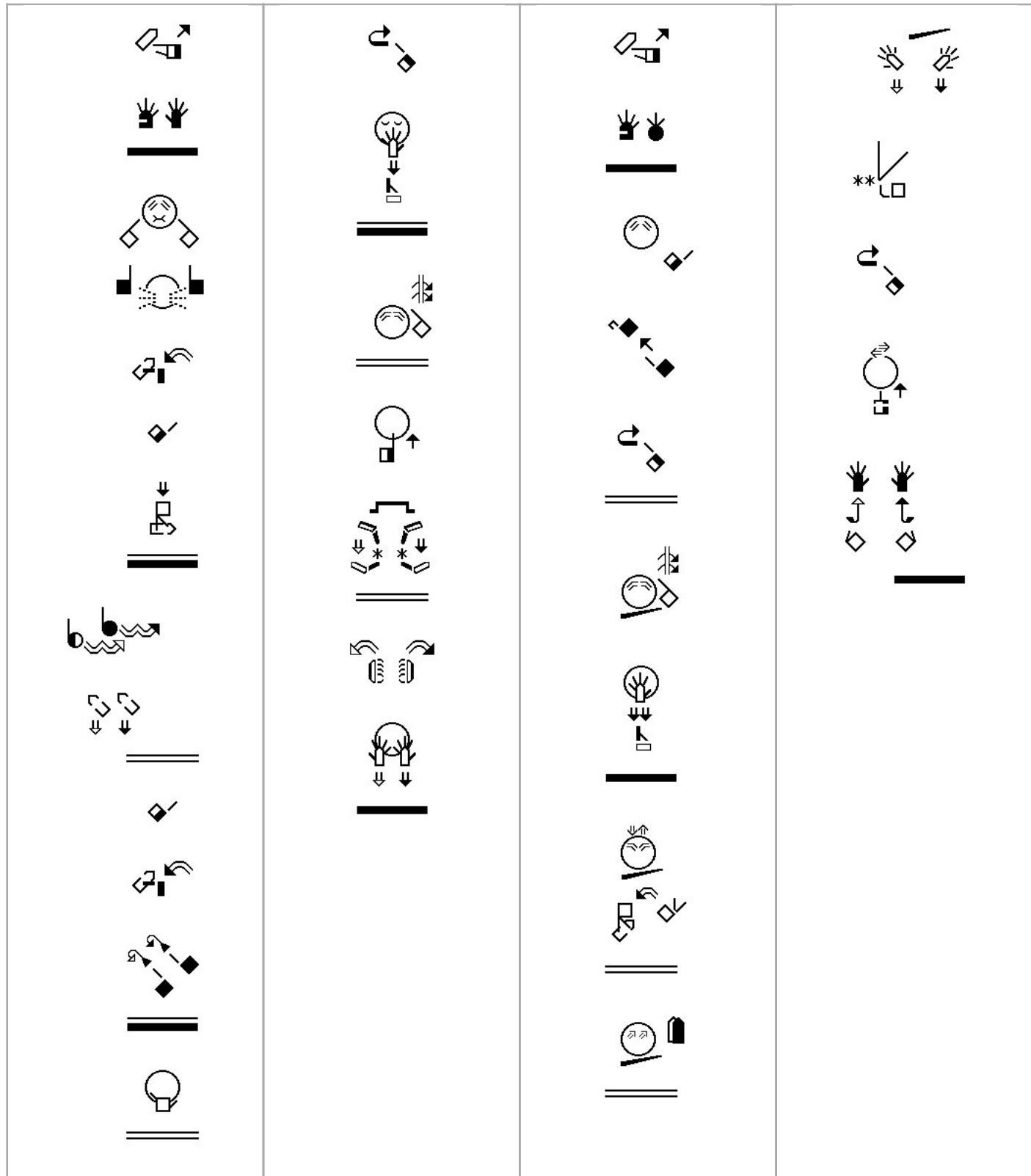


and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. Verse 40. There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation." Verse 41. He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, Verse 42. "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me.

Luke 22:42-44

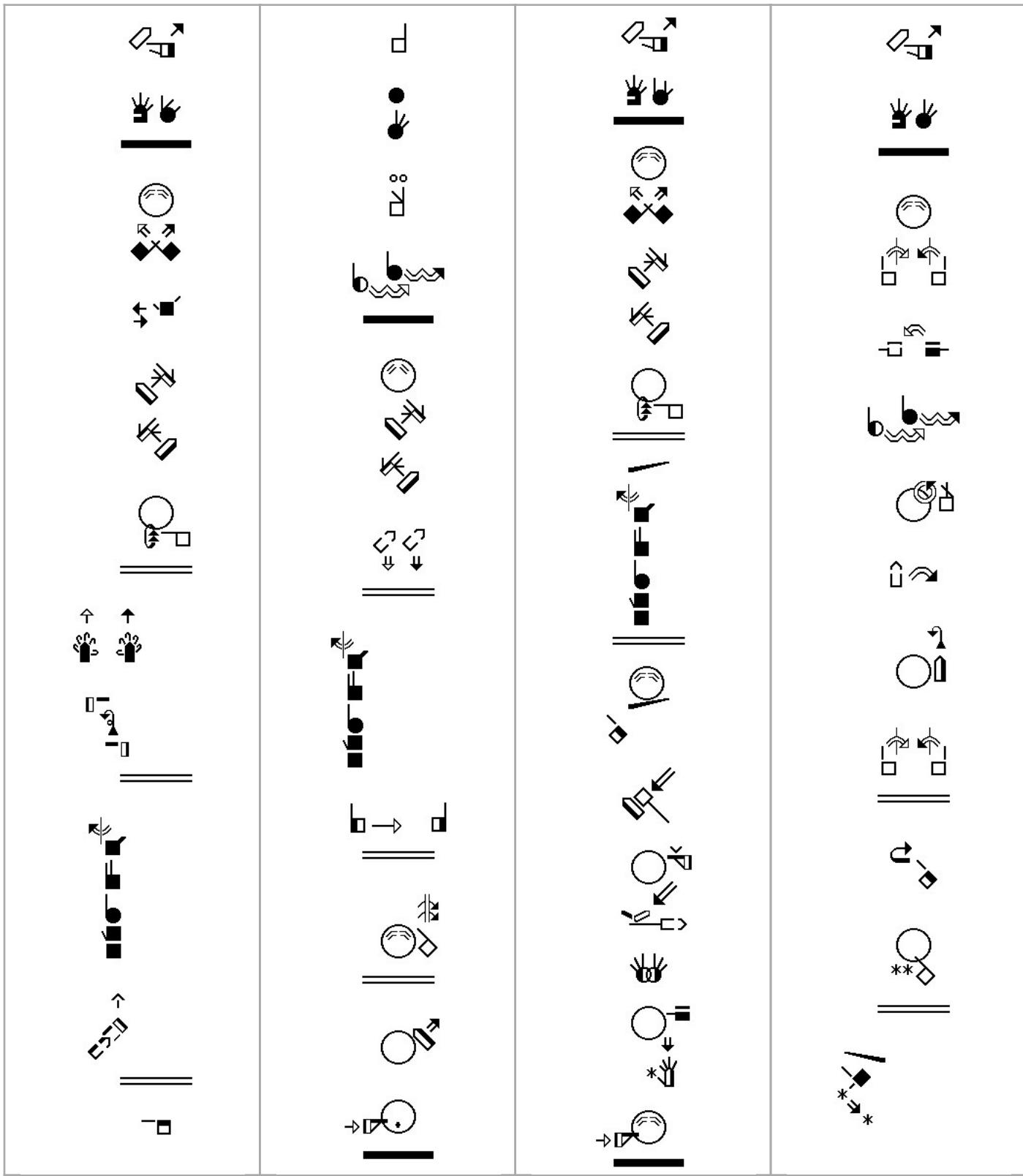


502 Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Verse 43. Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. Verse 44. He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. NLT



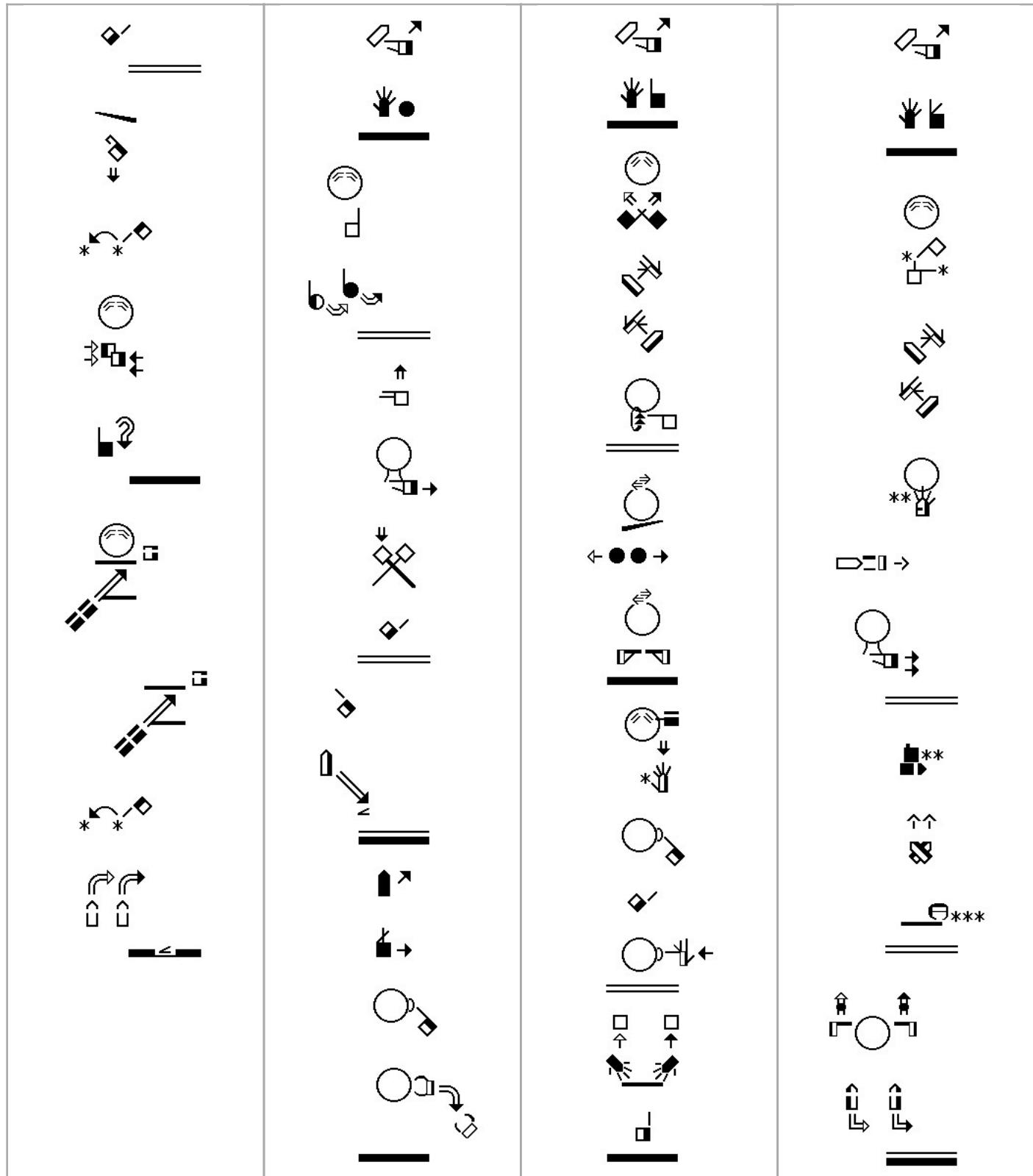
Verse 45. At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. Verse 46. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

Luke 22:47-49



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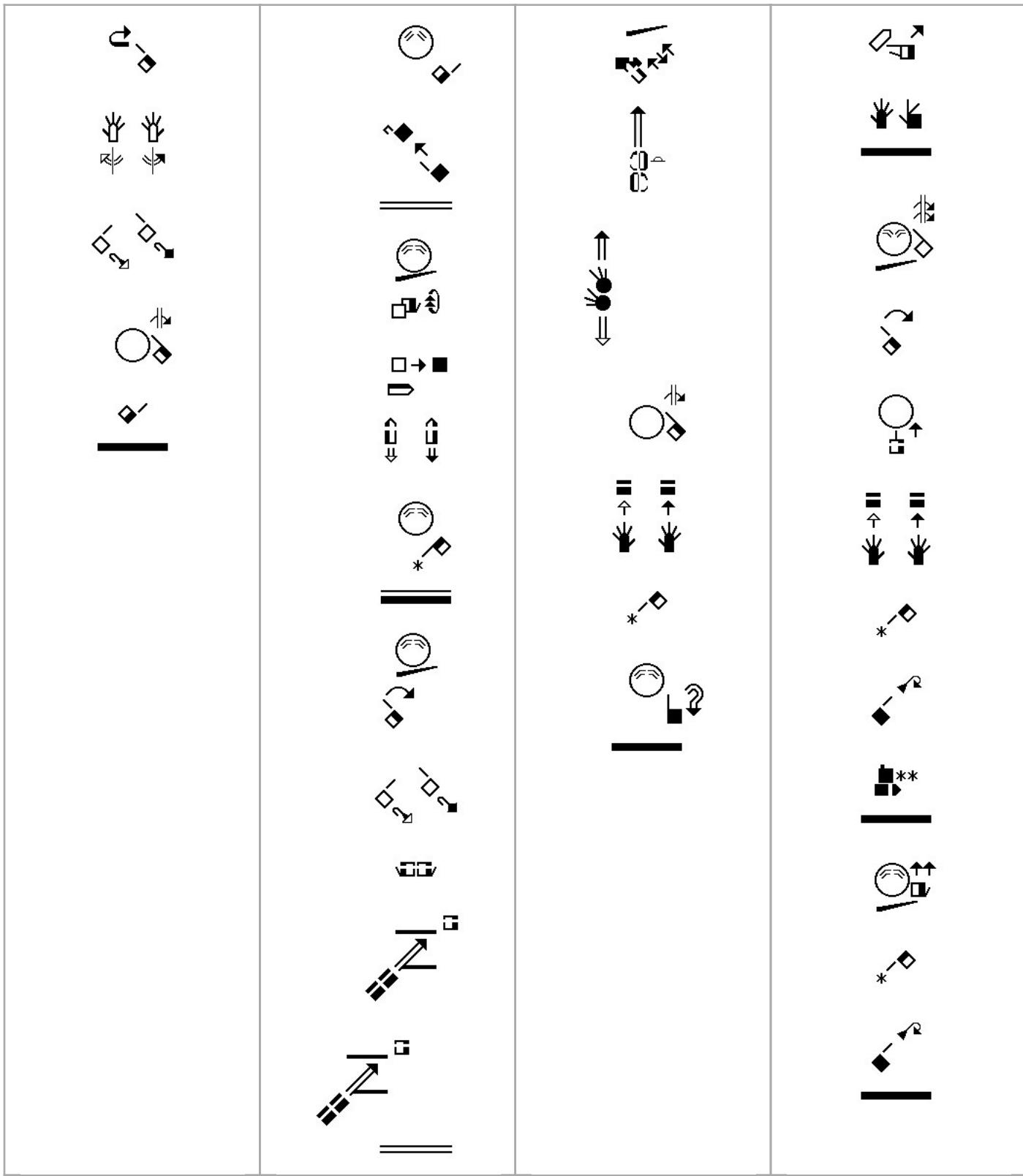
Verse 47. But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. Verse 48. But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" Verse 49. When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, NLT

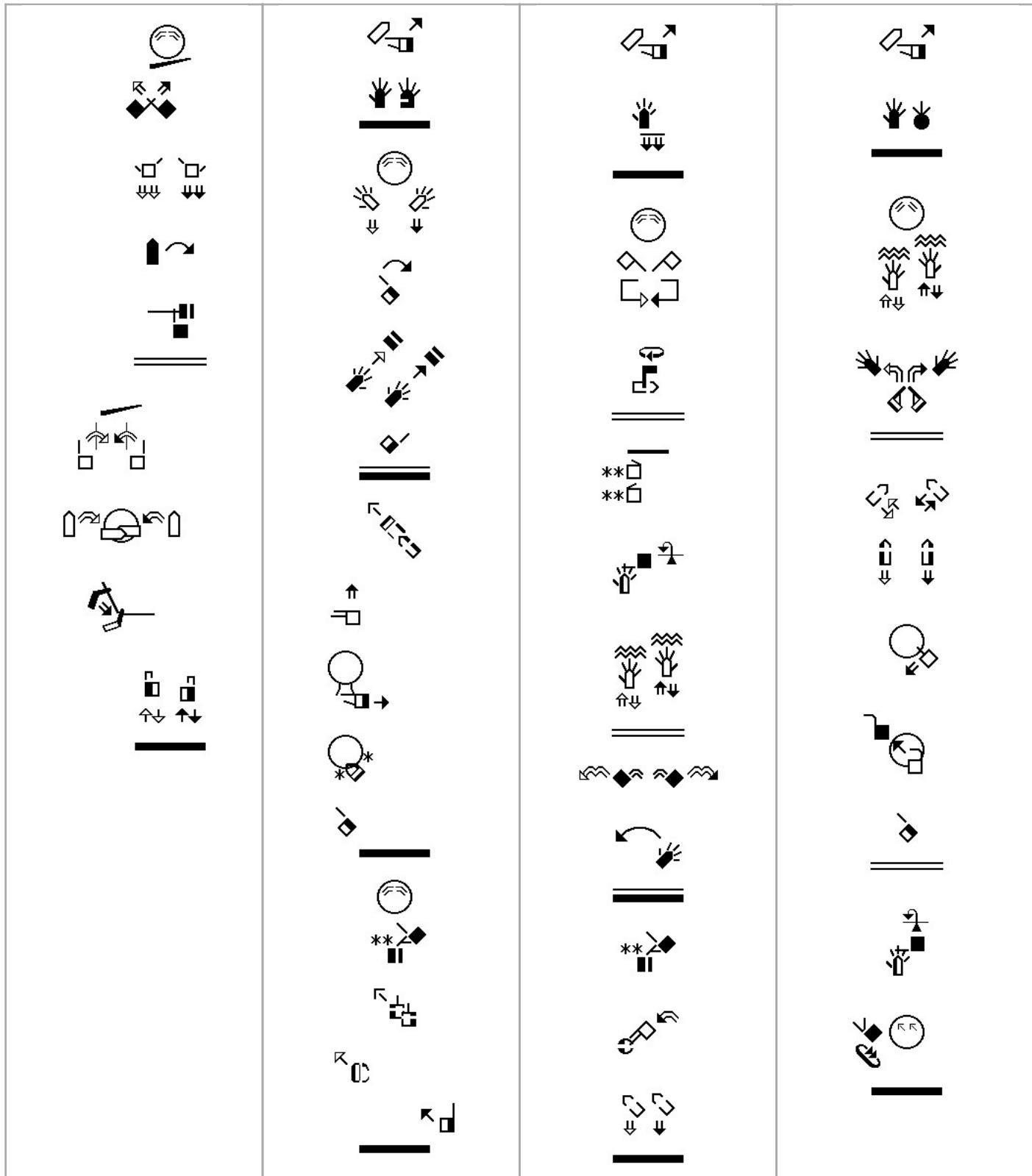


"should we fight? We brought the swords!" Verse 50. And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear. Verse 51. But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him. Verse 52. Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders

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Luke 22:52-53

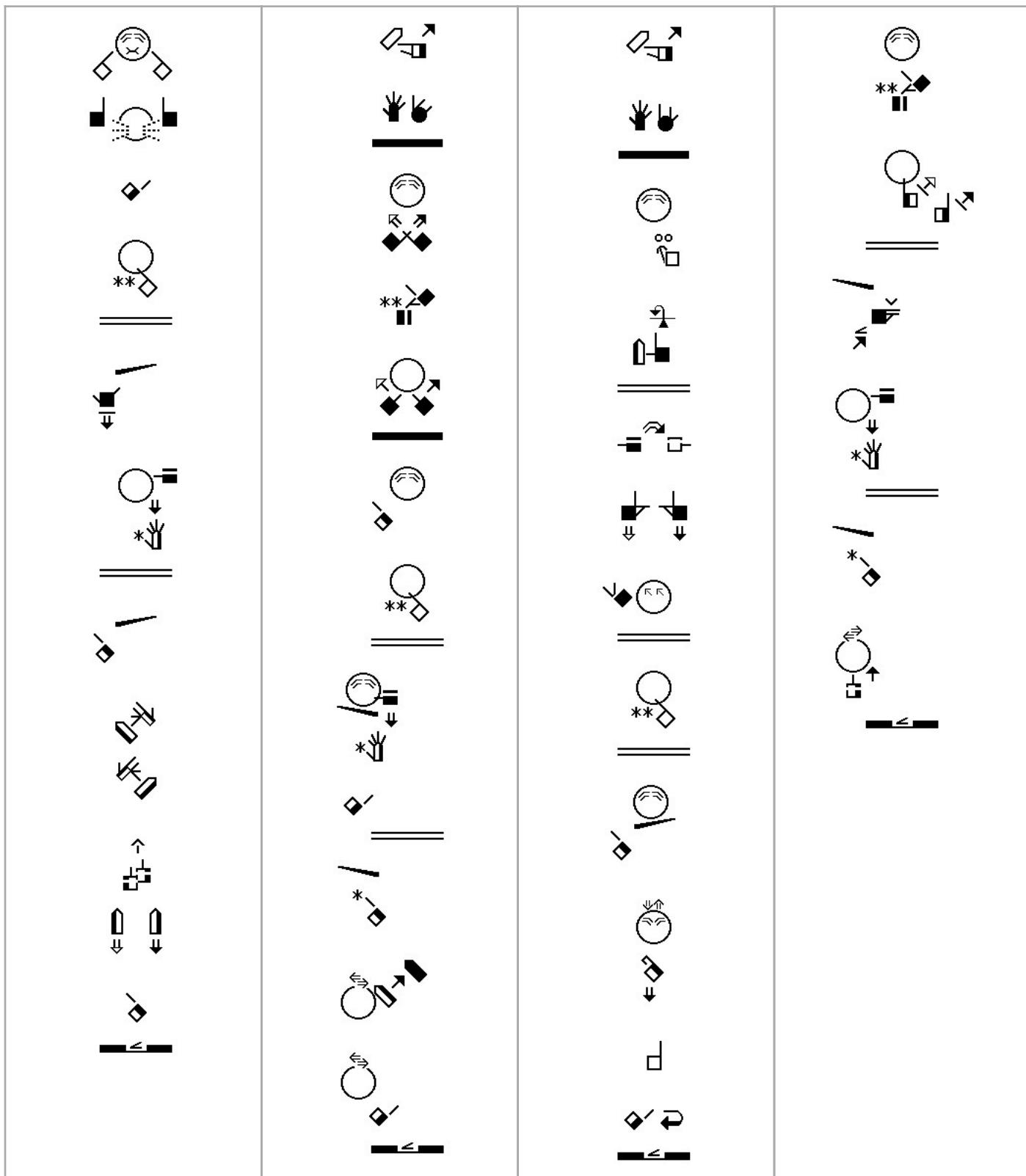




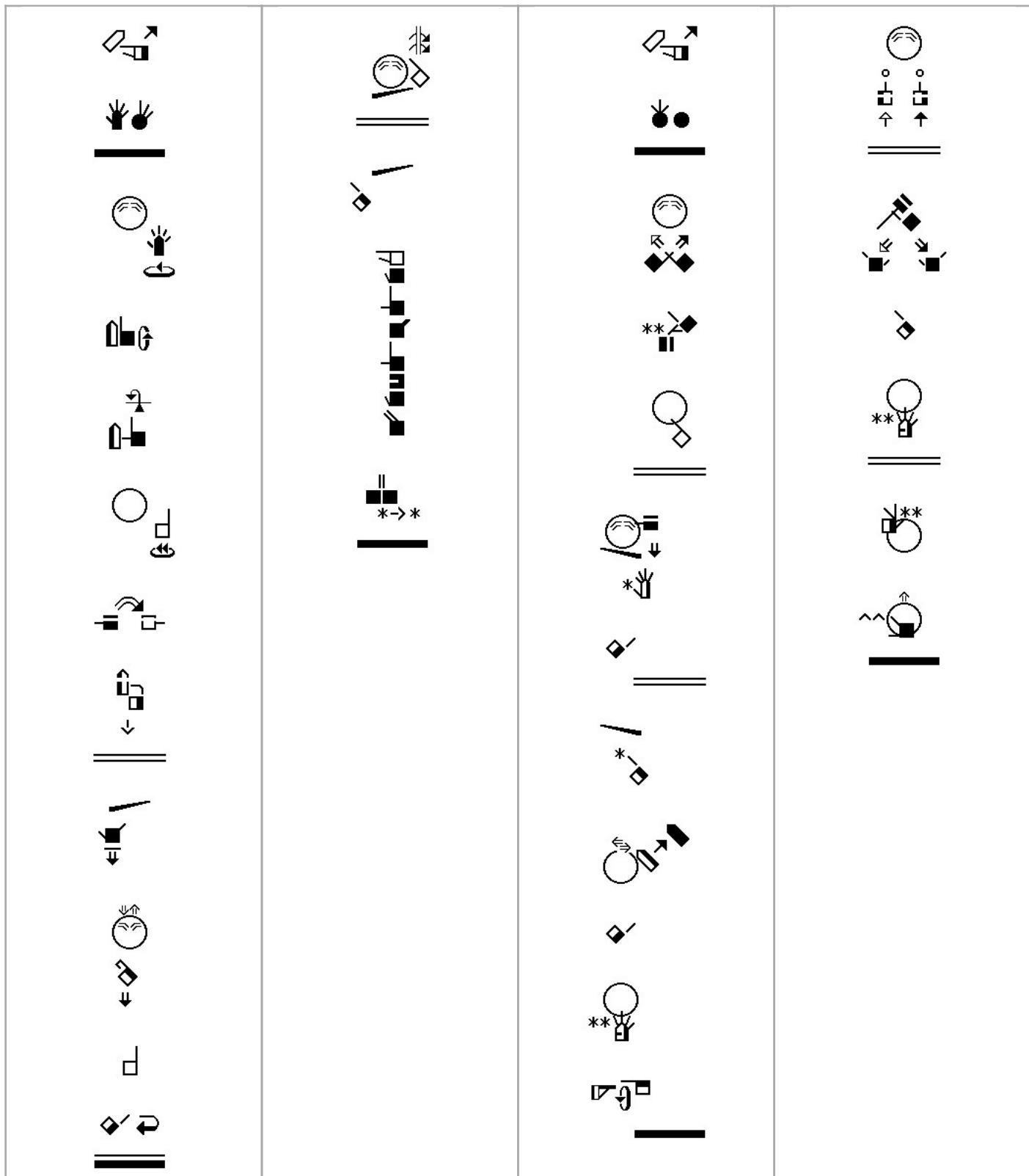
"But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns." Verse 54. So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. Verse 55. The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. Verse 56. A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him.

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Luke 22:56-58

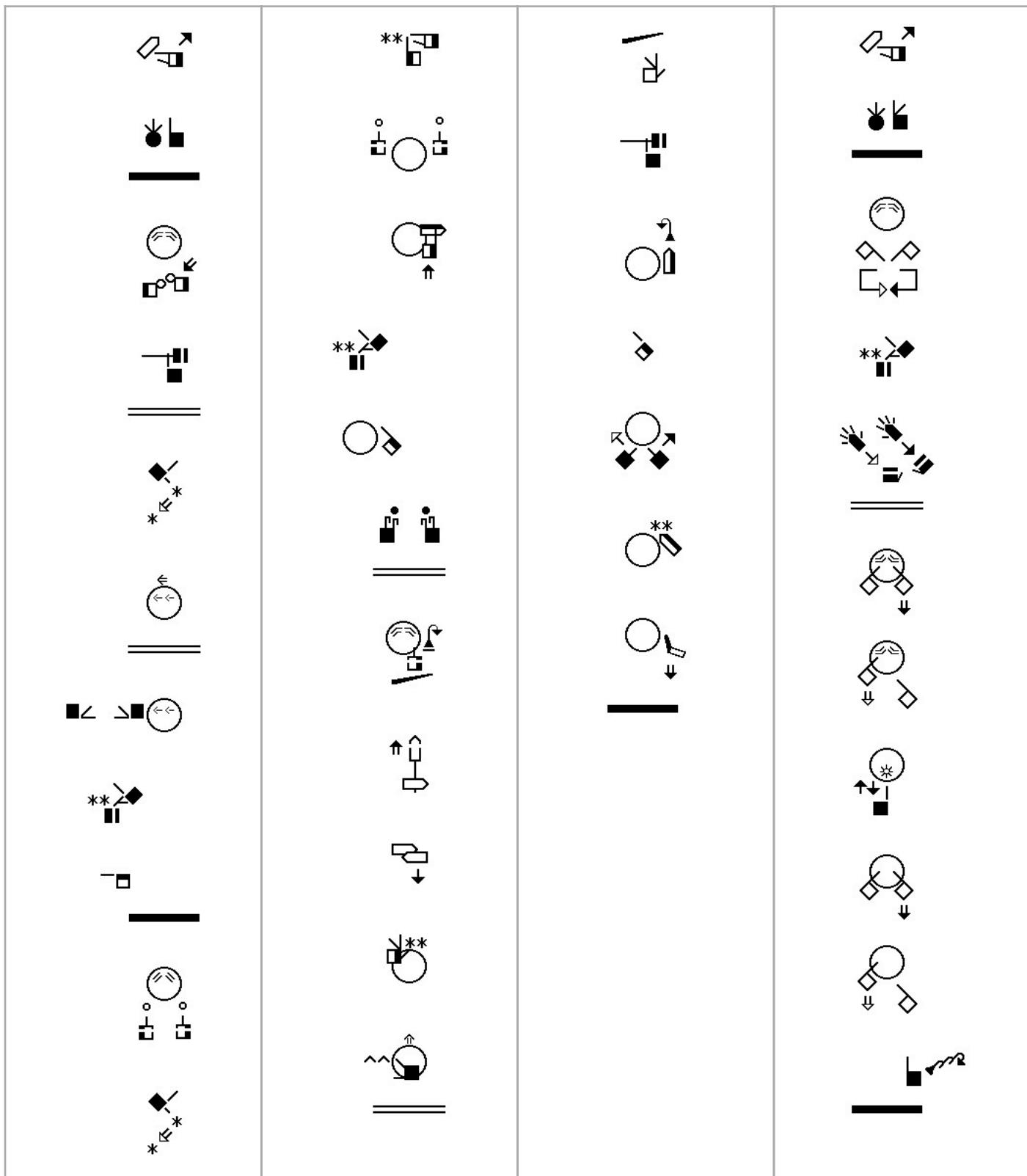


508 Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" Verse 57. But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" Verse 58. After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. NLT

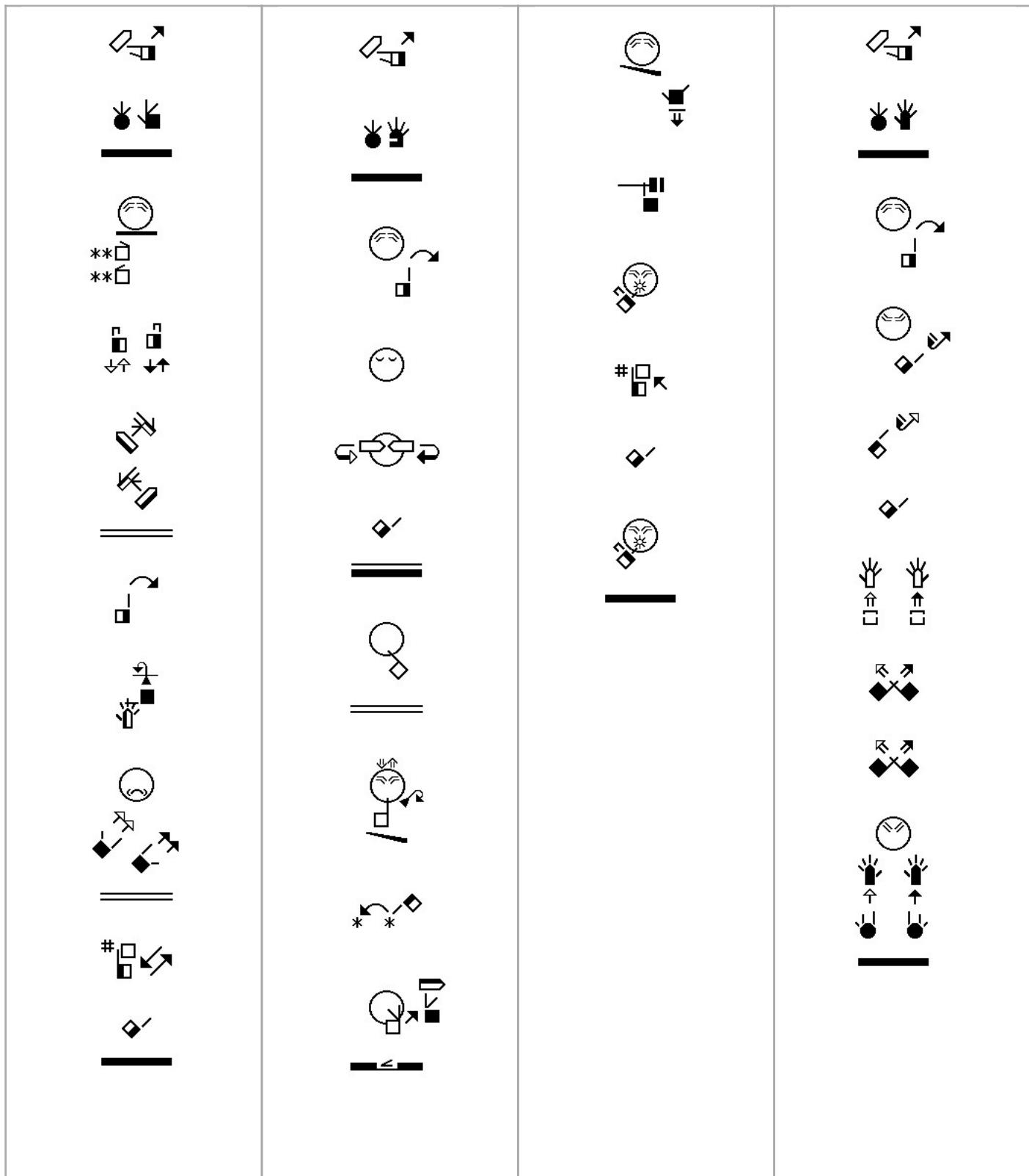


Verse 59. About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." Verse 60. But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. NLT

Luke 22:61-62

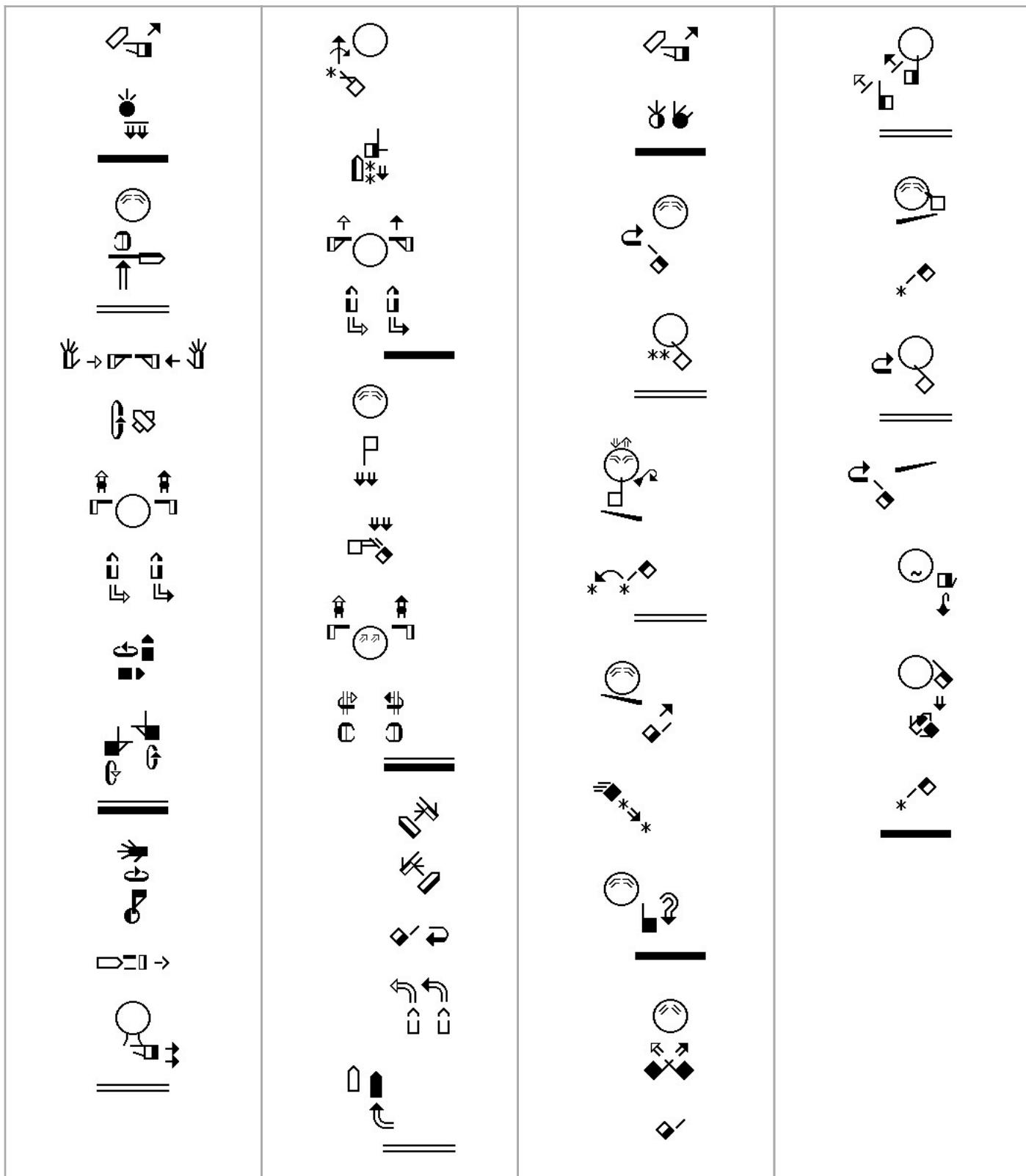


**510** Verse 61. At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." Verse 62. And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. NLT

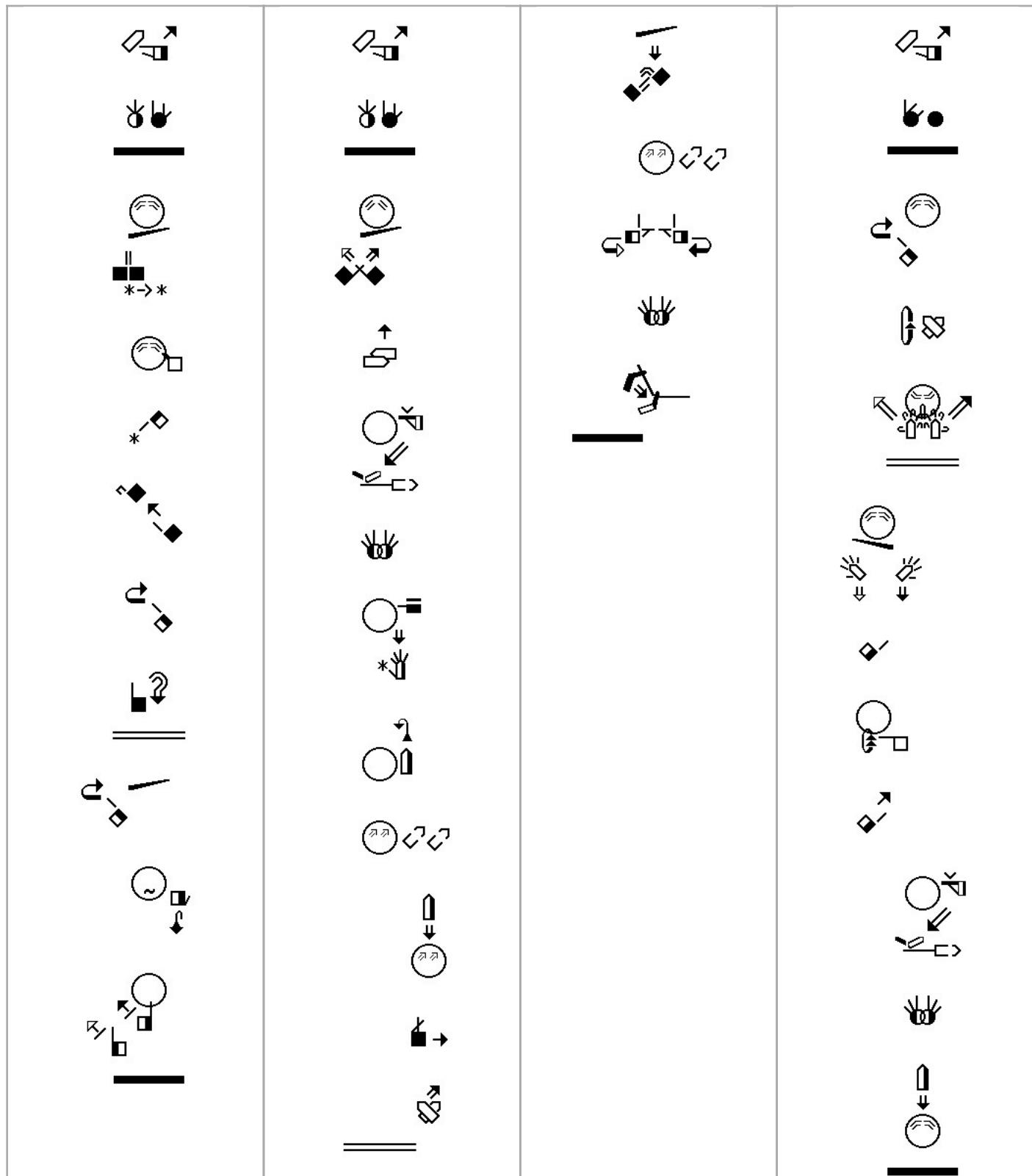


Verse 63. The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. Verse 64. They blindfolded him and said, "Prophesy to us! Who hit you that time?" Verse 65. And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.

Luke 22:66-67

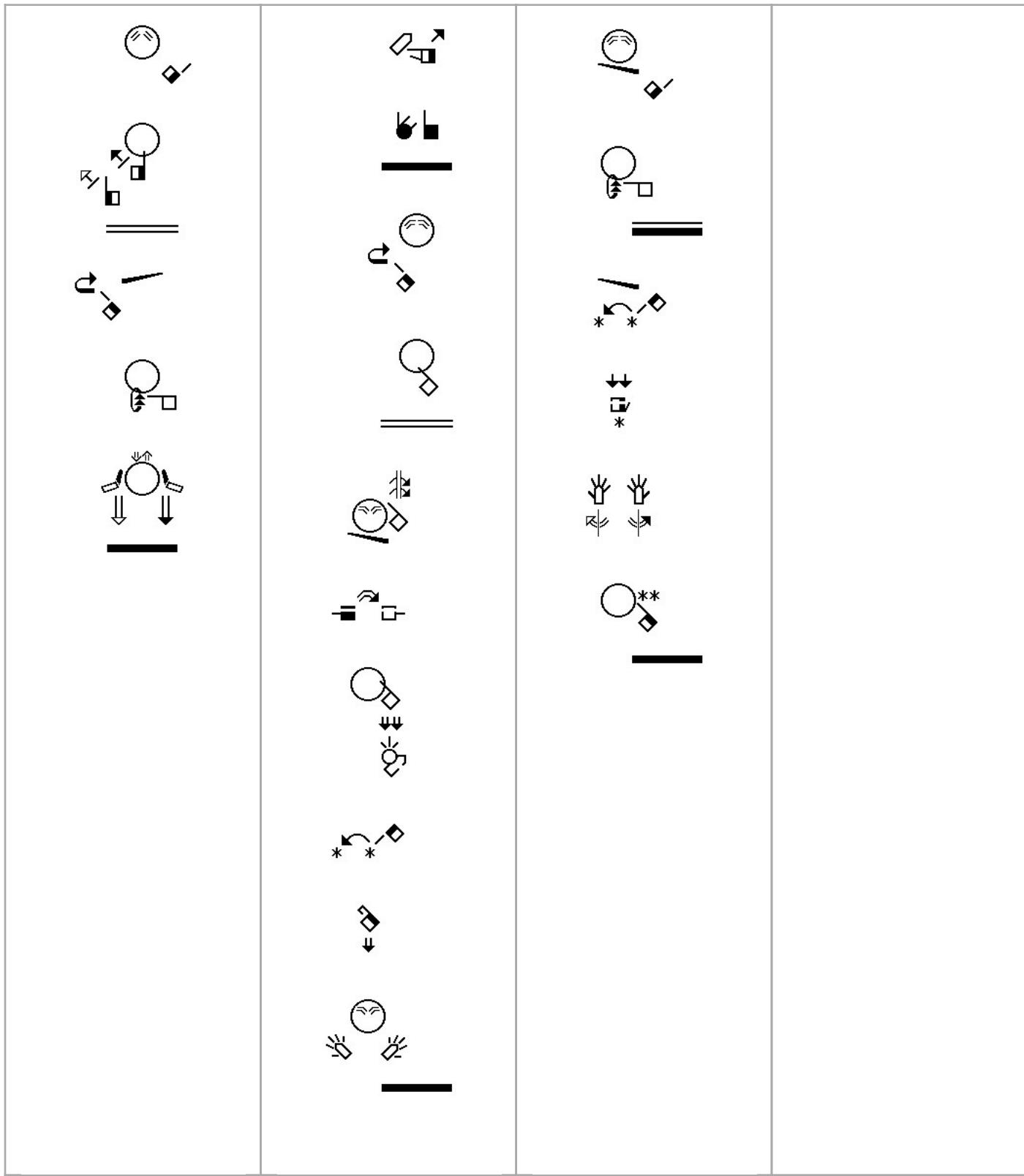


512 Verse 66. At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council. Verse 67. and they said, "Tell us are you the Messiah?" But he replied, "If I tell you, you won't believe me.  
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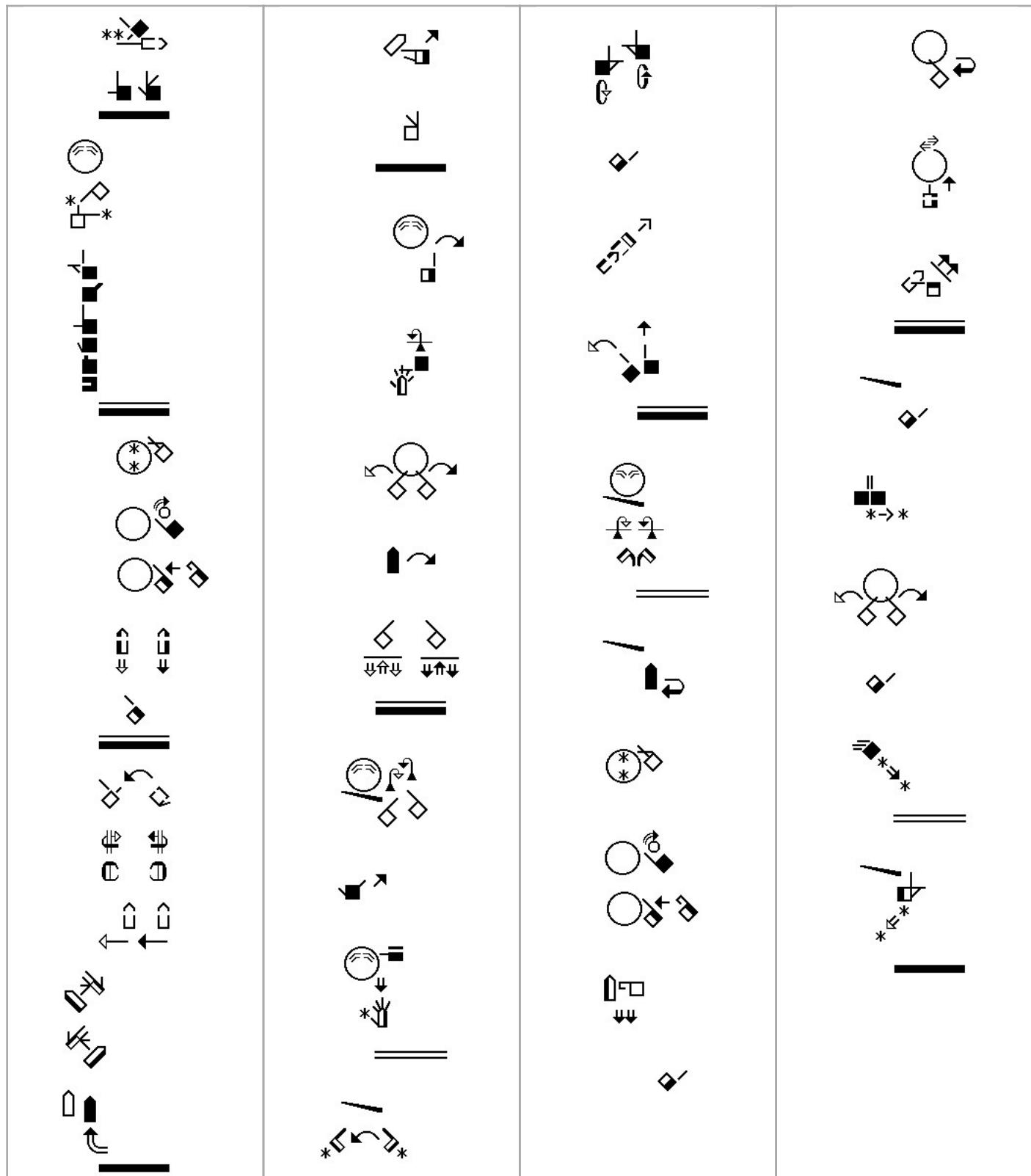


Verse 68. And if I ask you a question, you won't answer. Verse 69. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand." Verse 70. They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?"

Luke 22:70-71

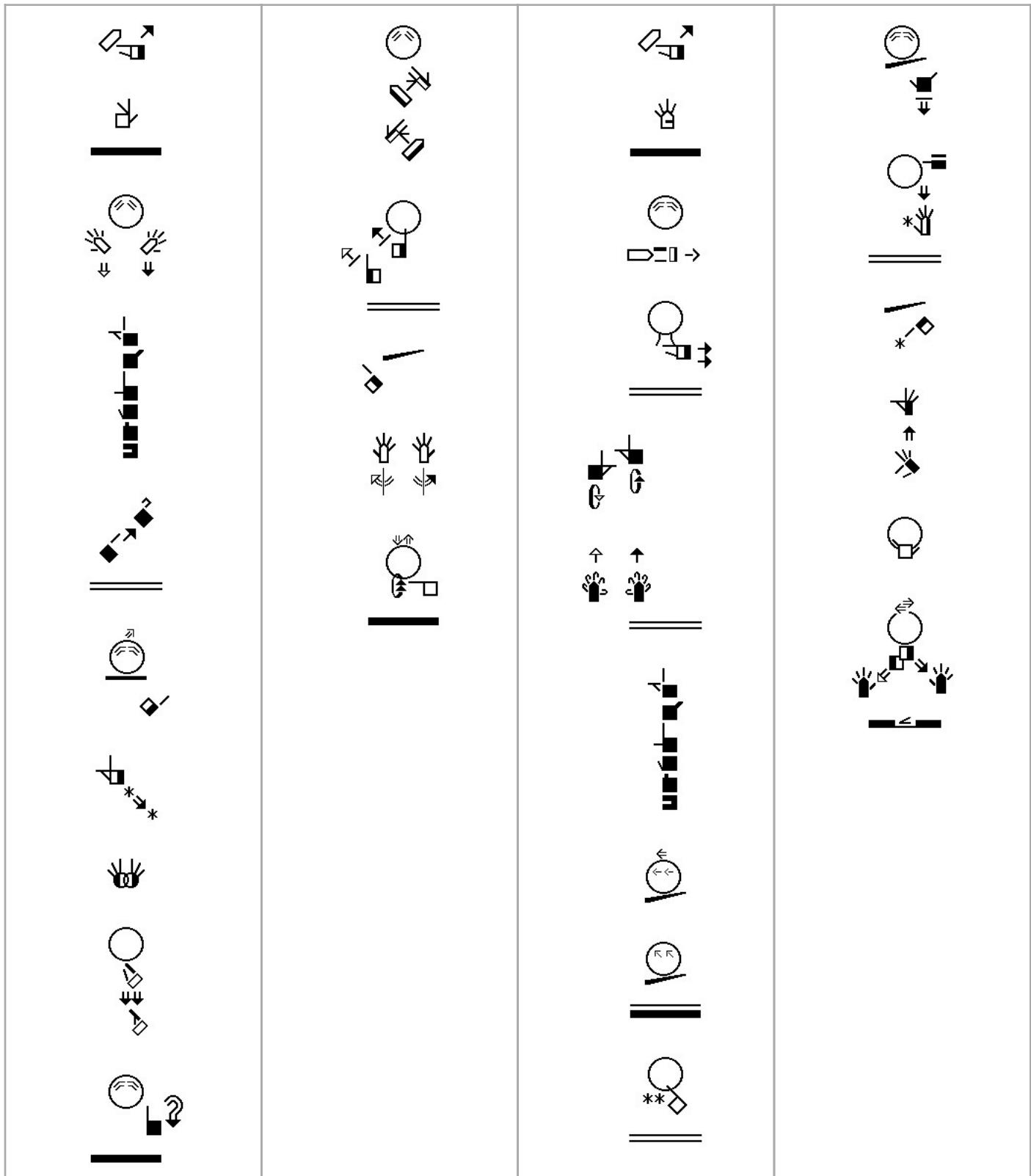


514 And he replied, "You say that I am." Verse 71. "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it." NLT

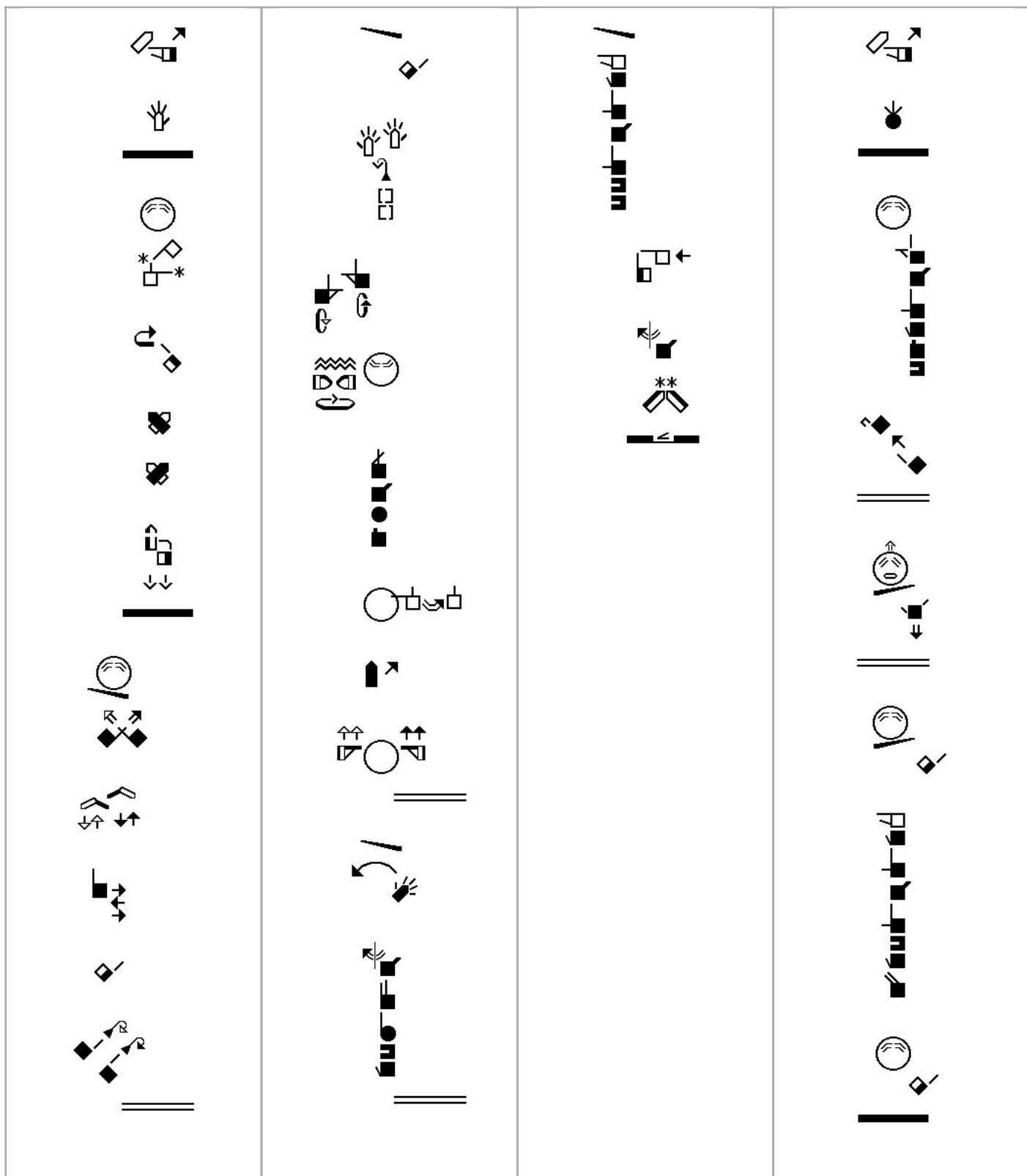


**Luke 23.** Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. Verse 2. They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king."

Luke 23:3-4

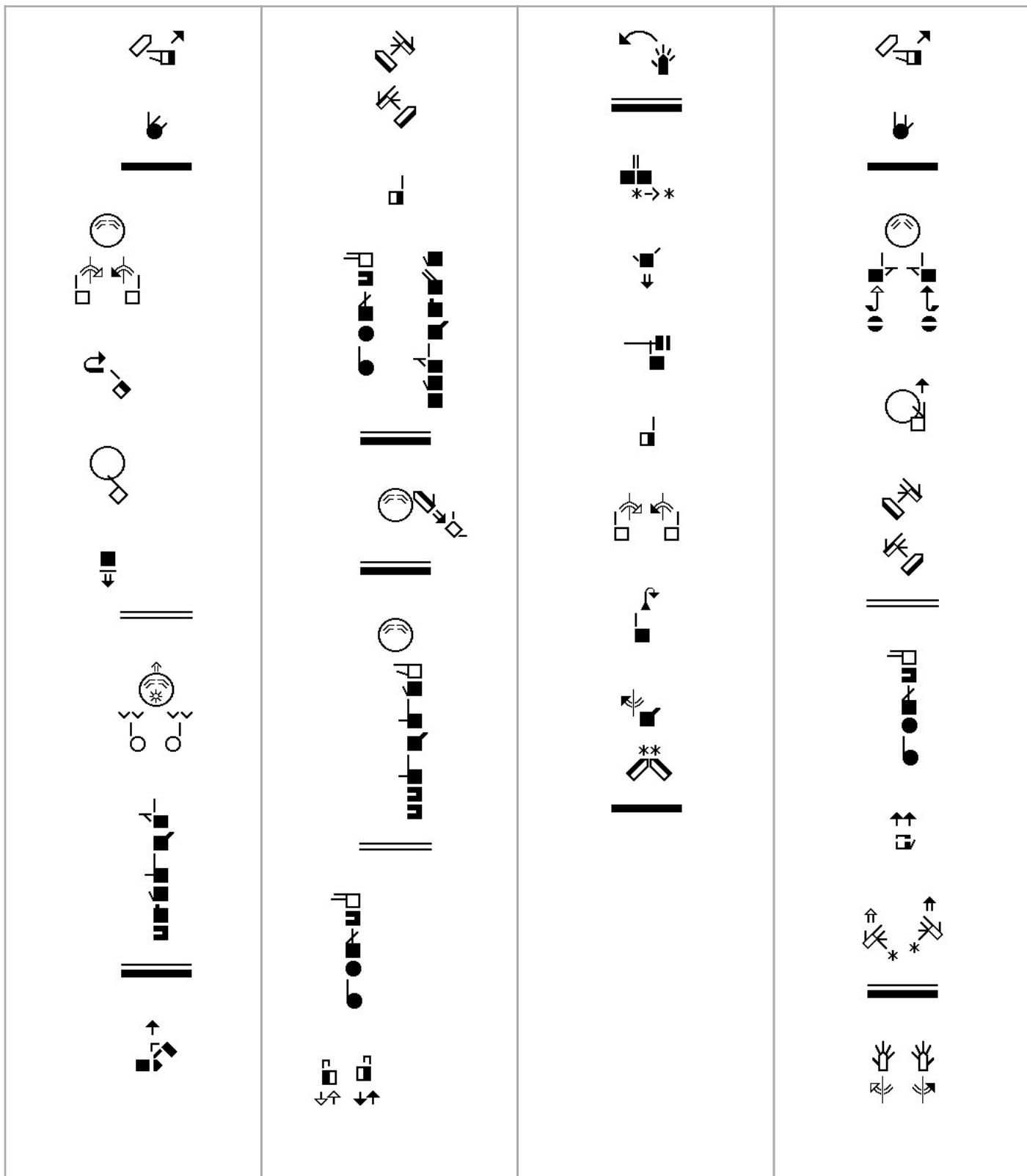


**516** Verse 3. So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You have said it." Verse 4. Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!" NLT



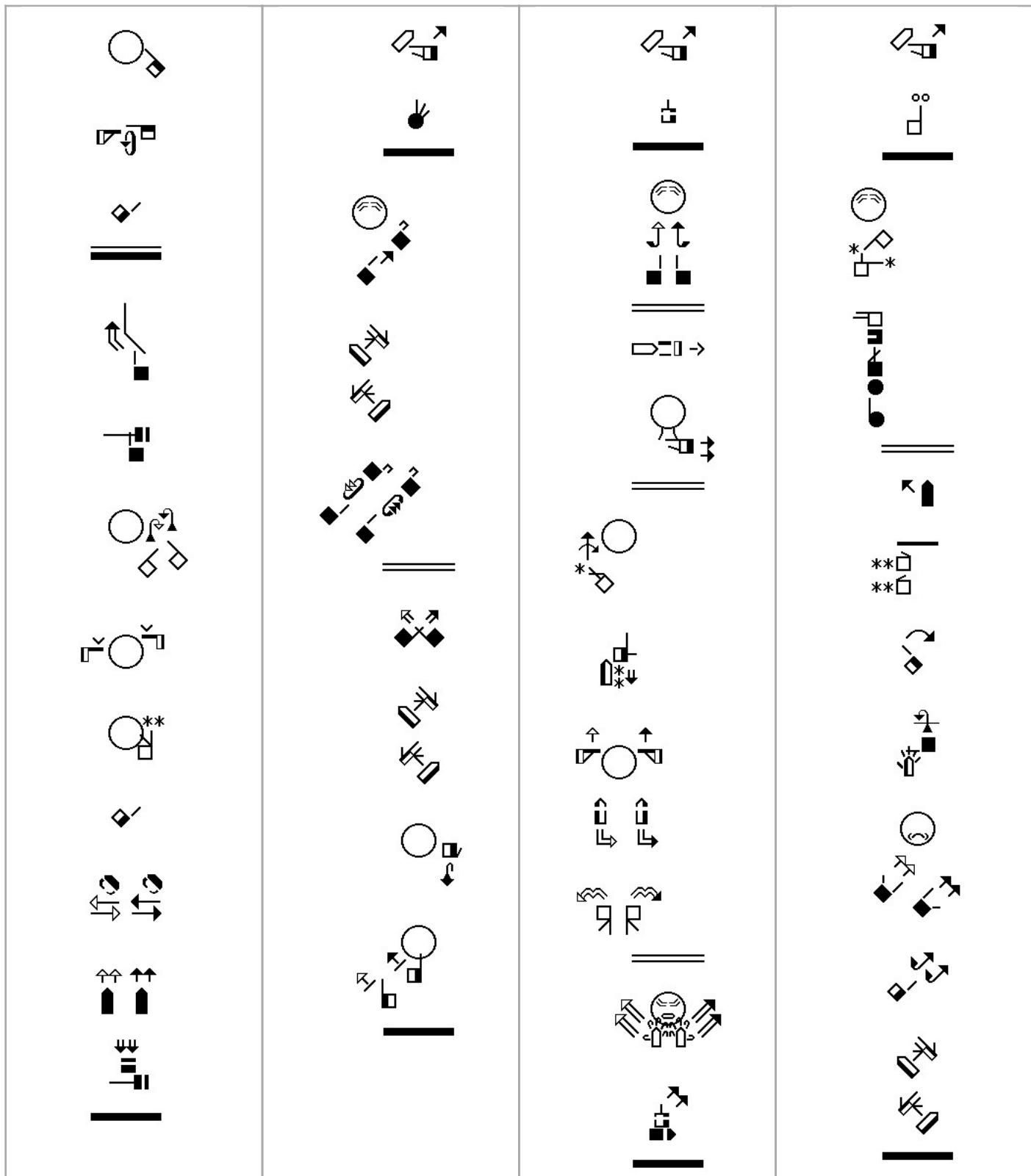
Verse 5. Then they became insistent. "But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes -- all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!" Verse 6. "Oh, is he a Galilean?" Pilate asked.

Luke 23:7-8



518 Verse 7. When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod's jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.  
Verse 8. Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus,

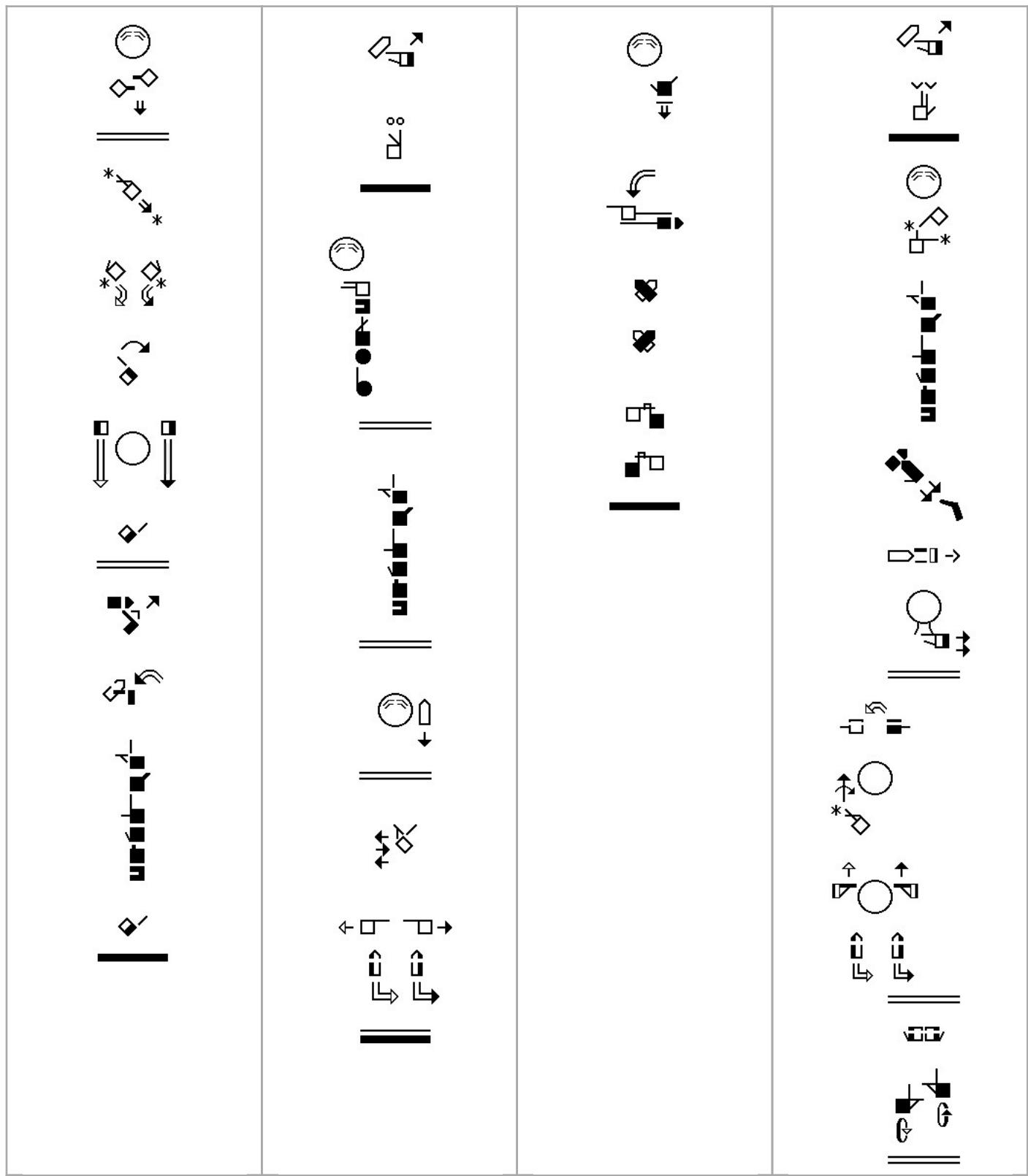
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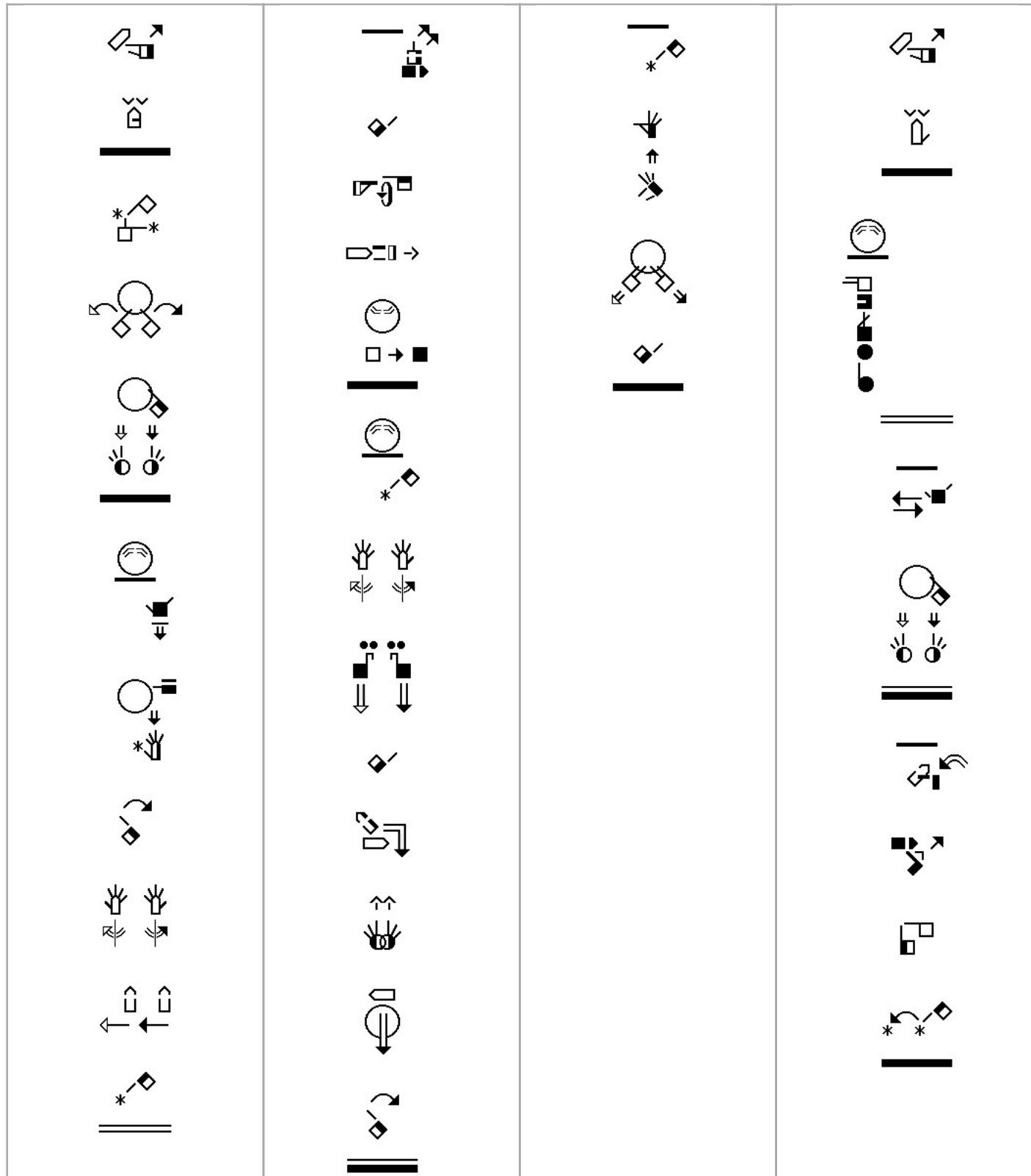


because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle. Verse 9. He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer. Verse 10. Meanwhile, the leading priests and the teachers of religious law stood there shouting their accusations. Verse 11. Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus.

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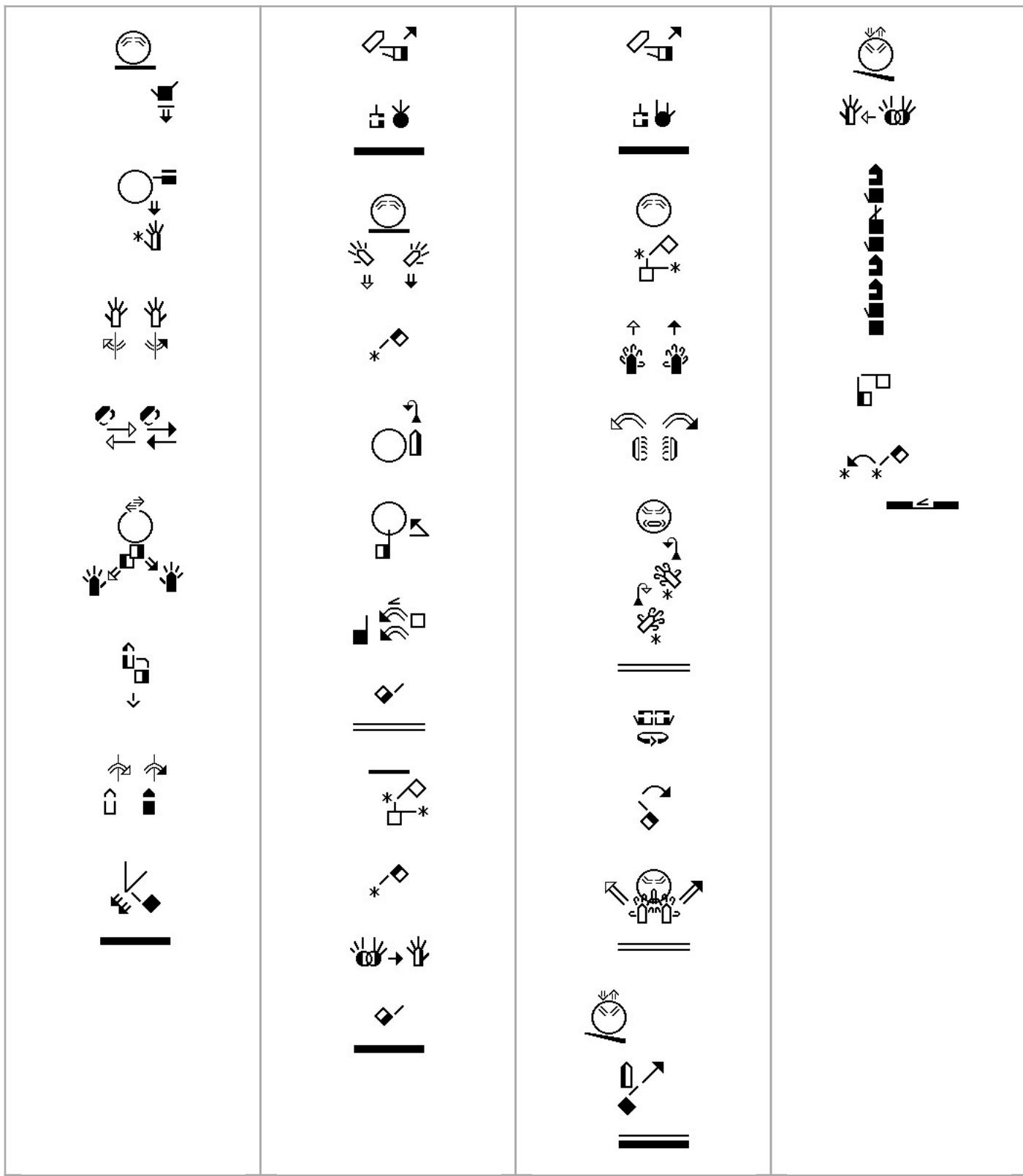
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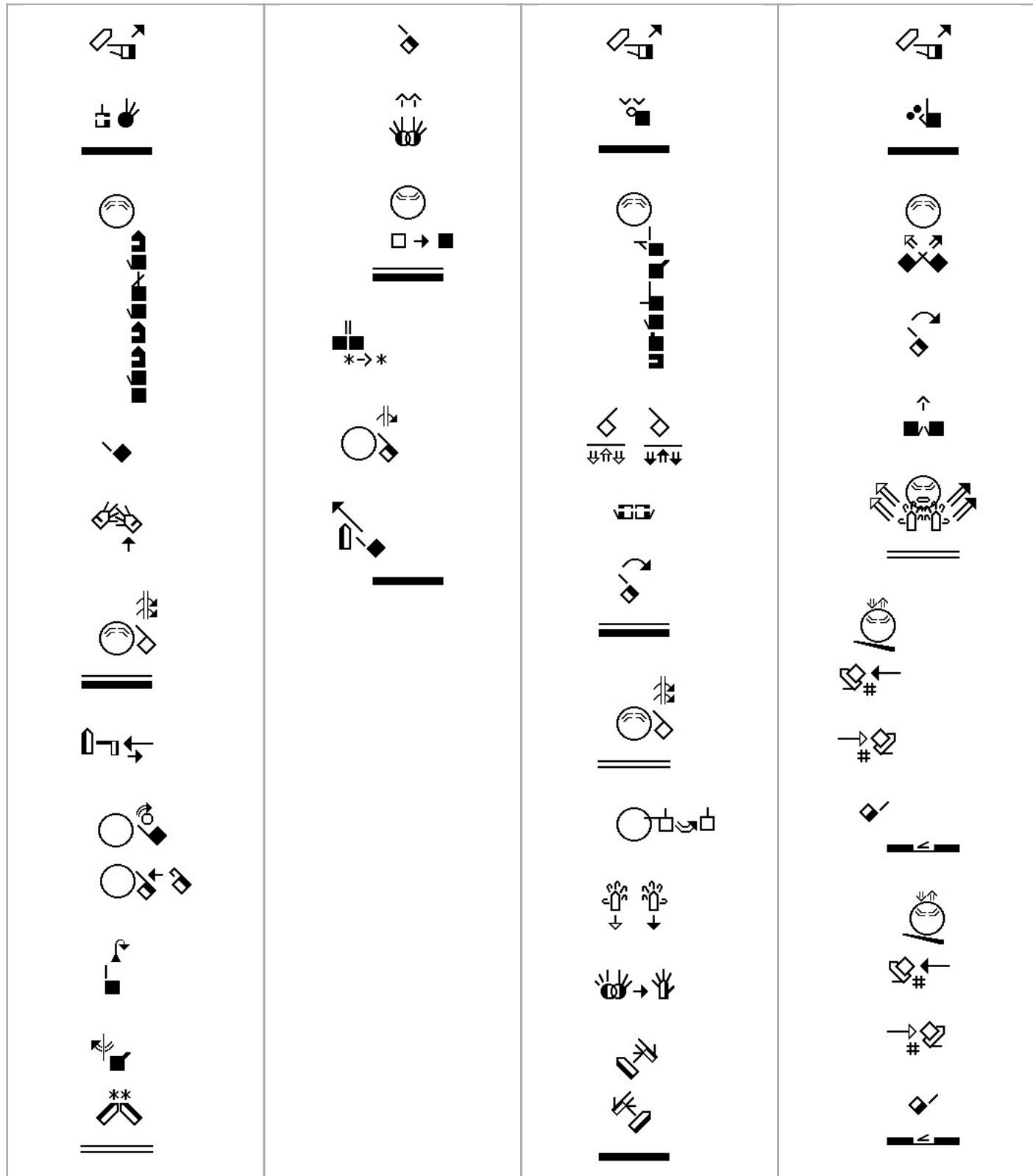




Verse 14. and he announced his verdict. "You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. Verse 15. Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us.  
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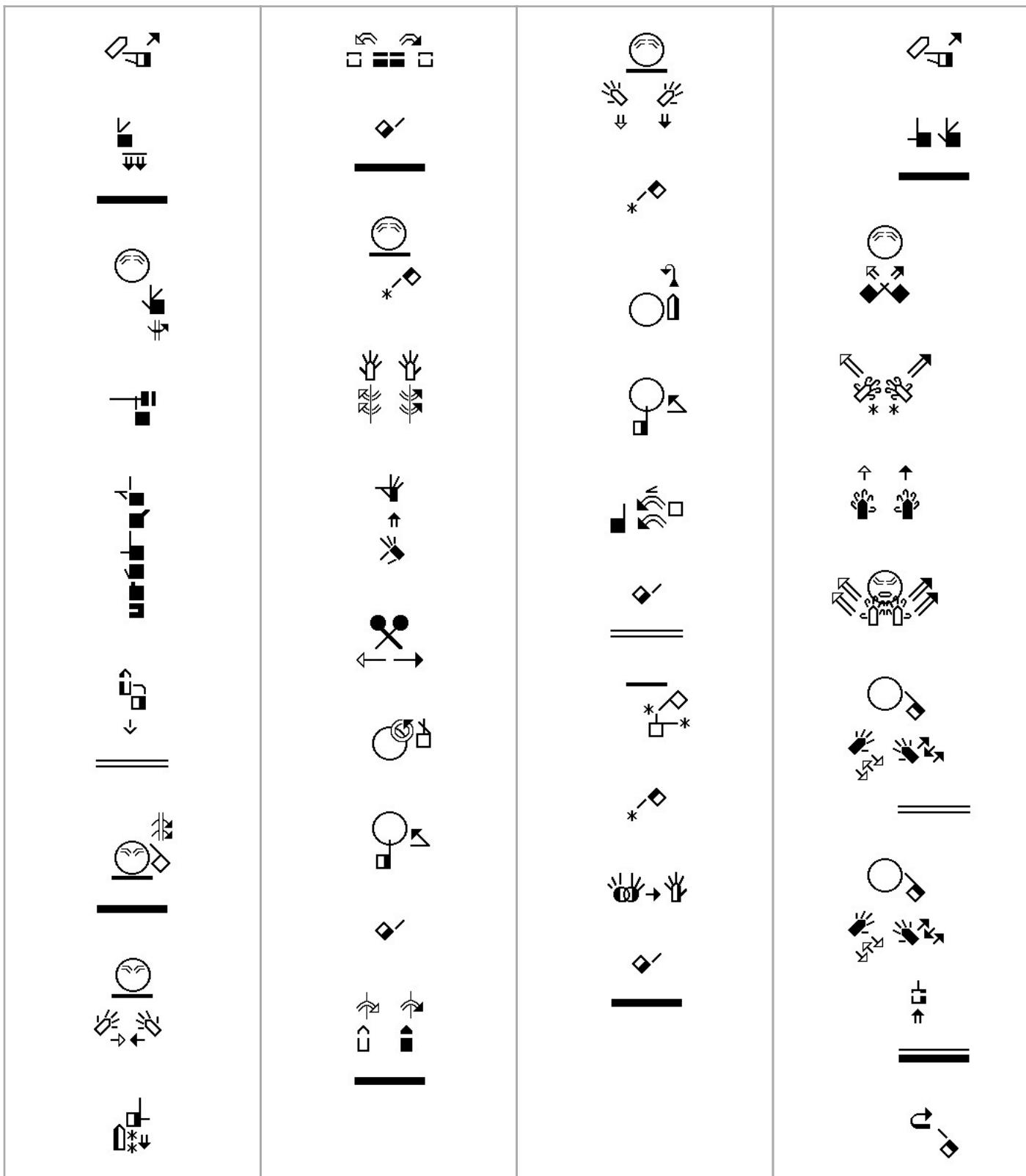
Luke 23:15-18





Verse 19. (Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.) Verse 20. Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus. Verse 21. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" NLT

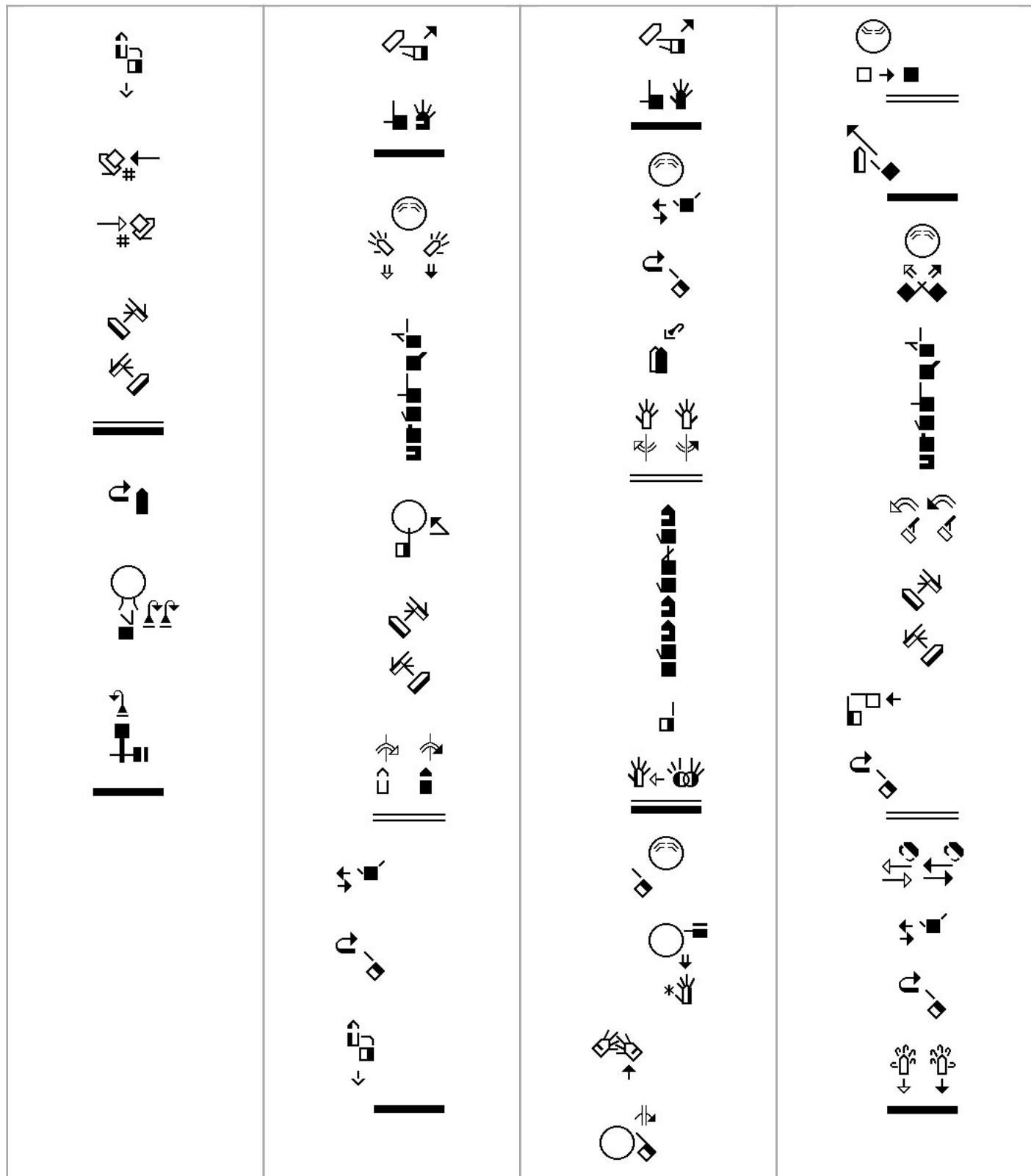
Luke 23:22-23



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Verse 22. For the third time he demanded, "Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him." Verse 23. But the mob shouted louder and louder,

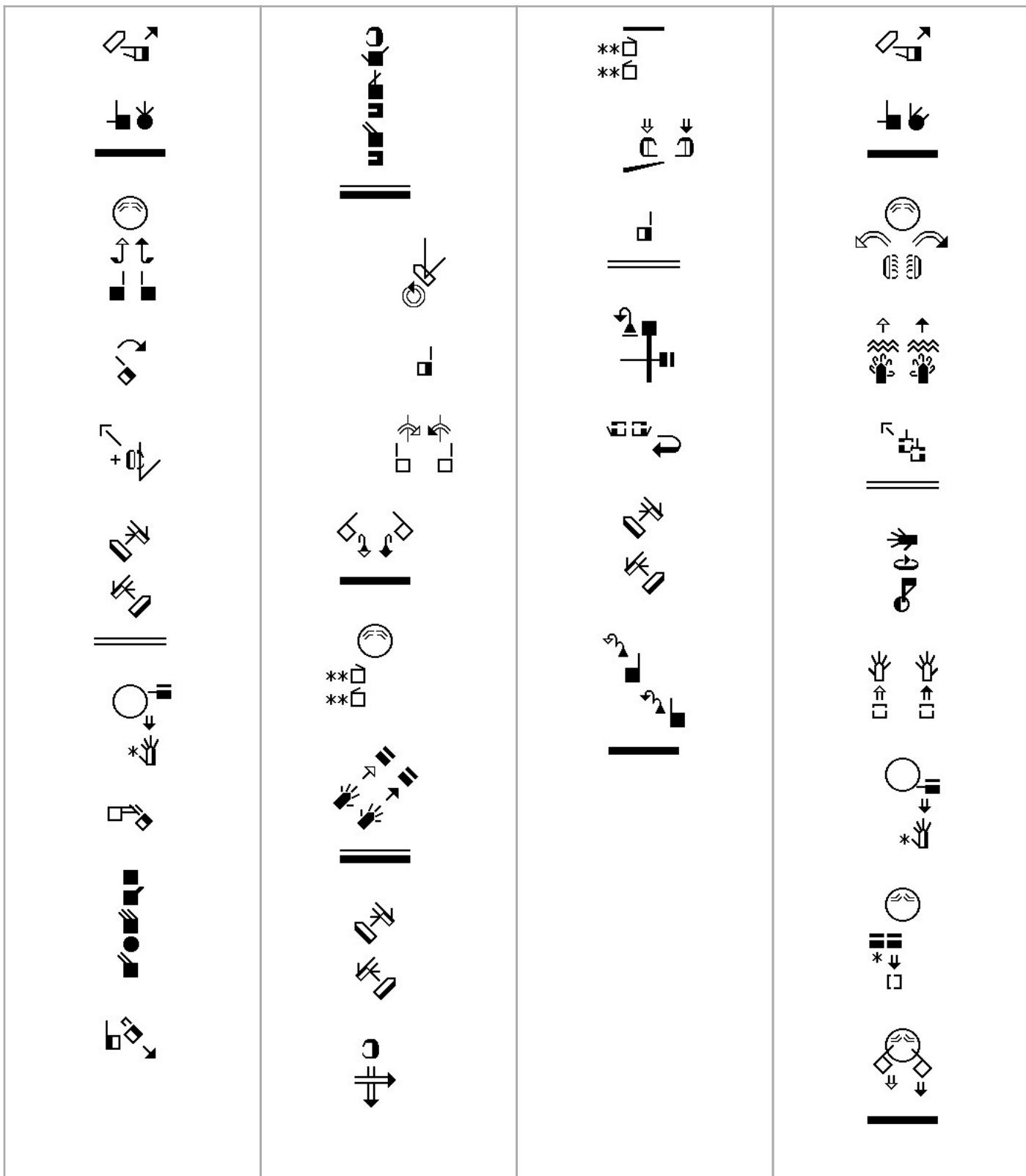
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demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. Verse 24. So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. Verse 25. As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

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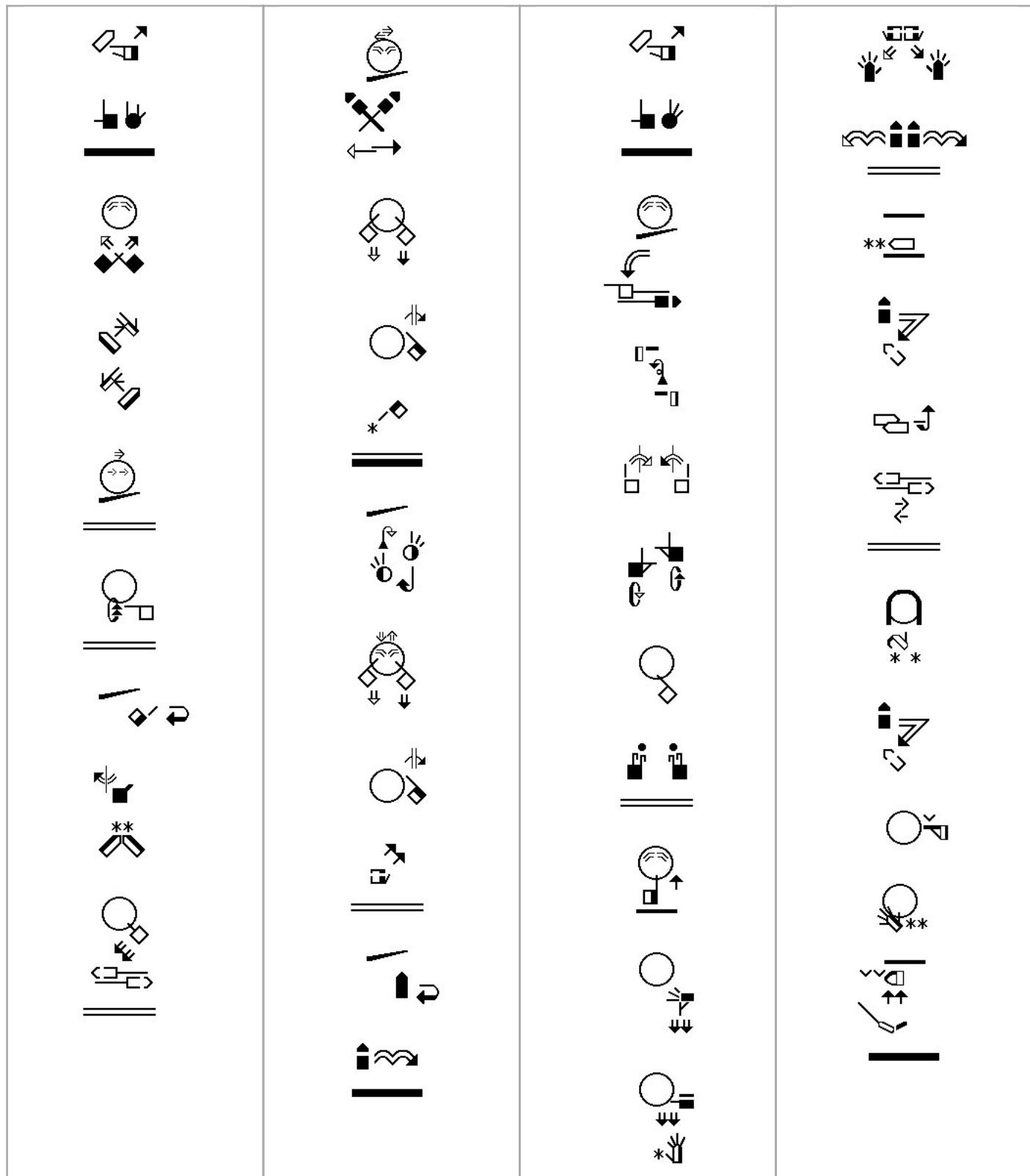
Luke 23:26-27



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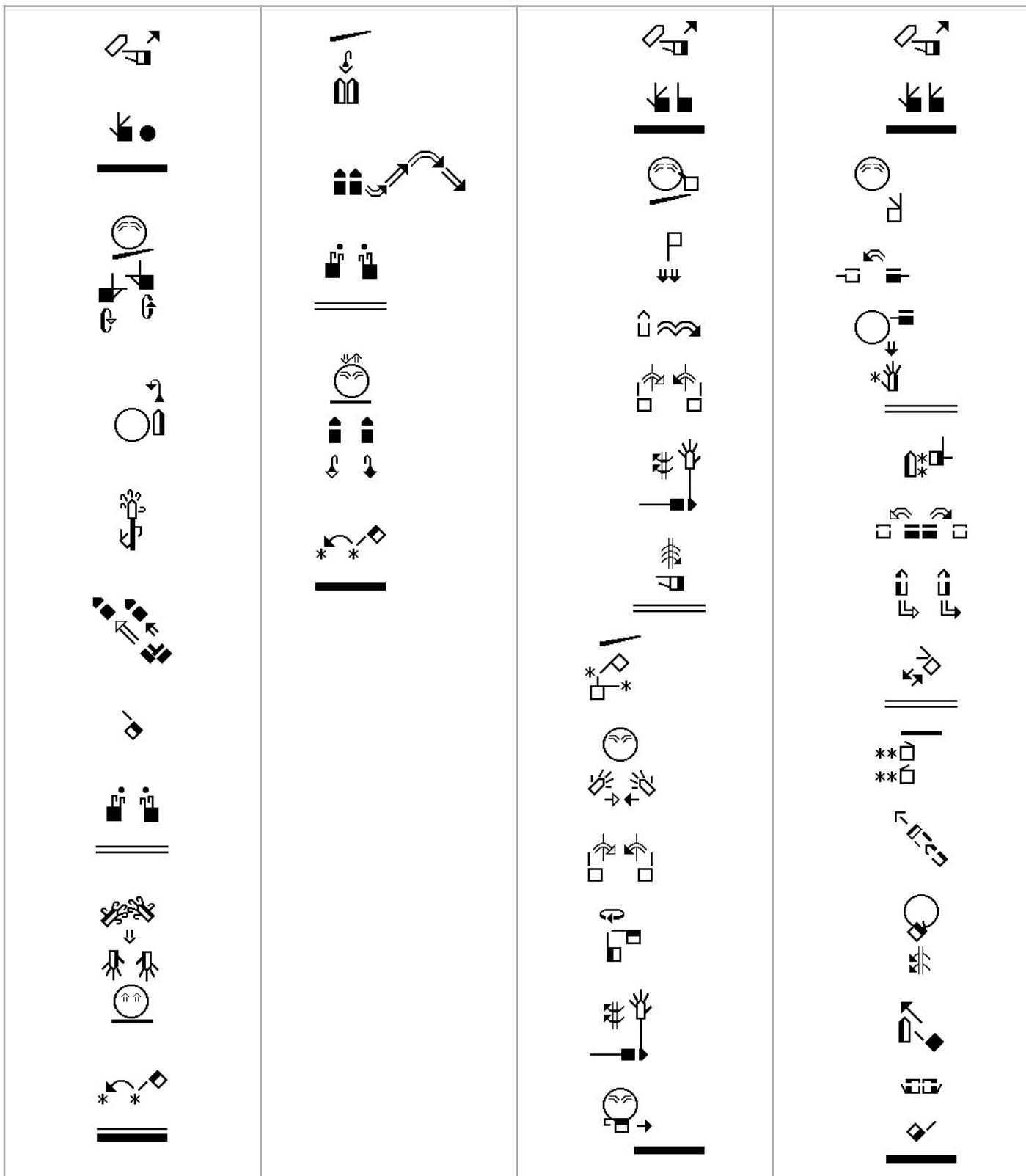
Verse 26. As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. Verse 27. A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women.

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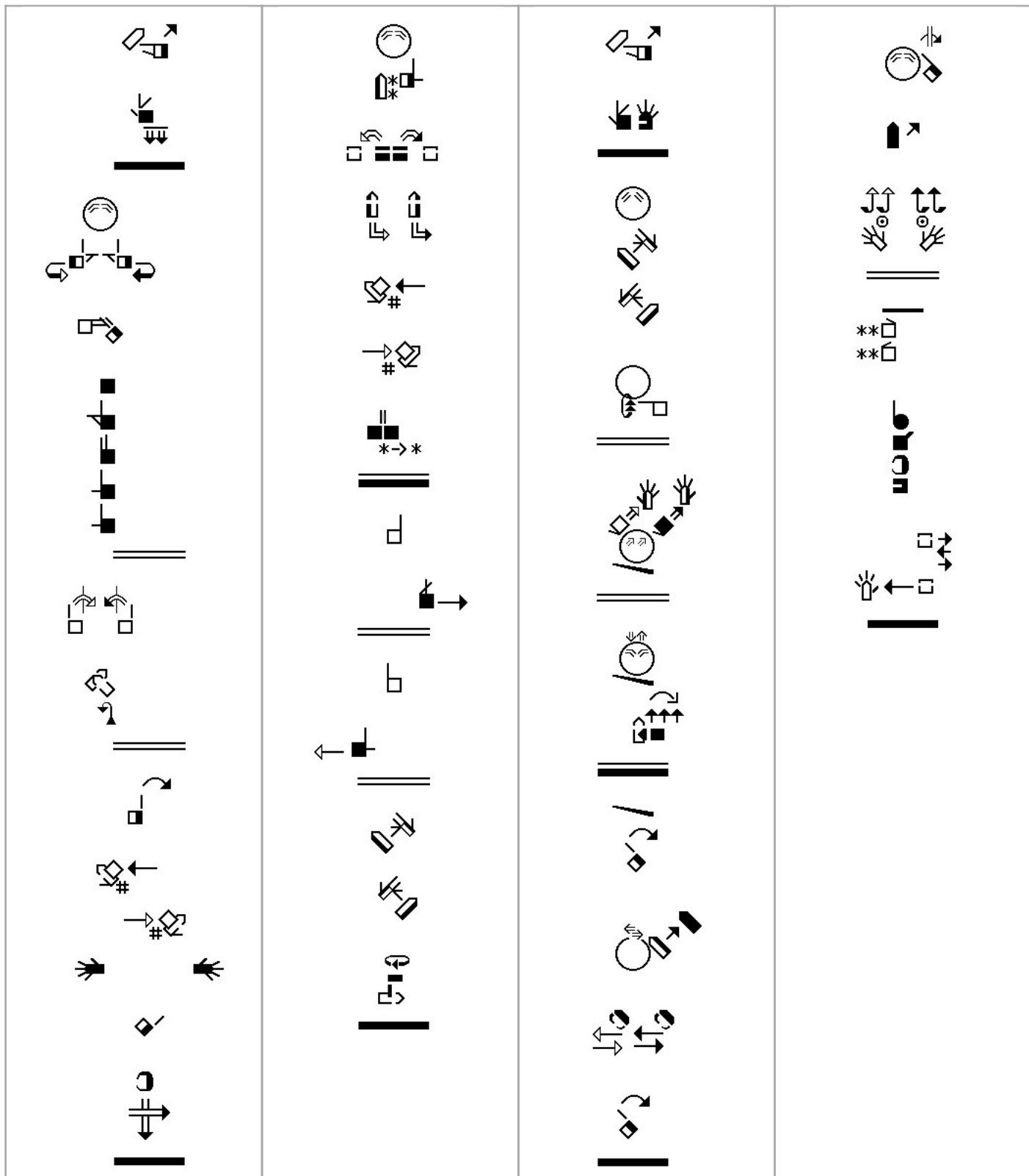
Verse 28. But Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Verse 29. For the days are coming when they will say, 'Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.' NLT

Luke 23:30-32



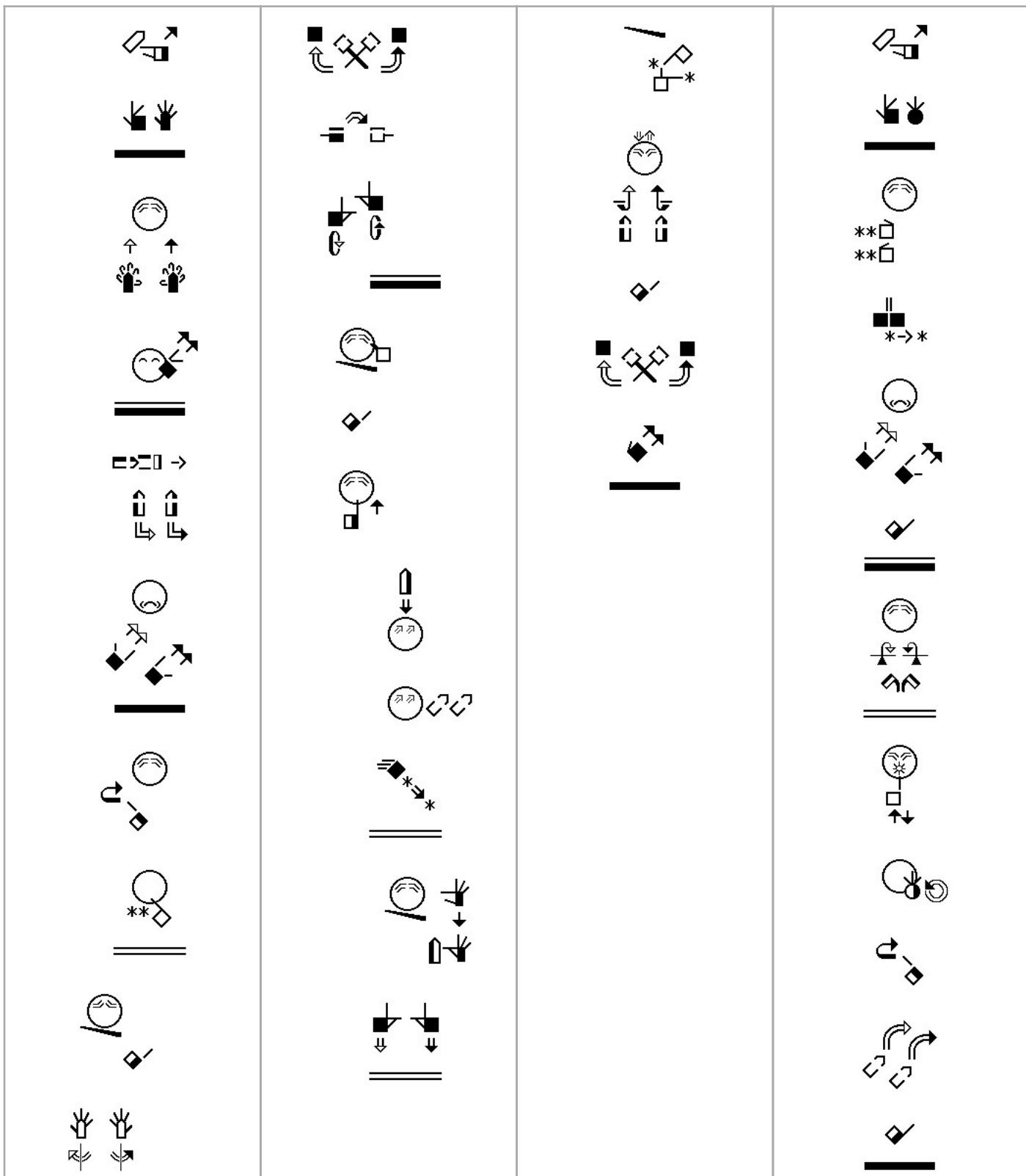
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Verse 30. People will beg the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and plead with the hills, 'Bury us.' Verse 31. For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Verse 32. Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. NLT



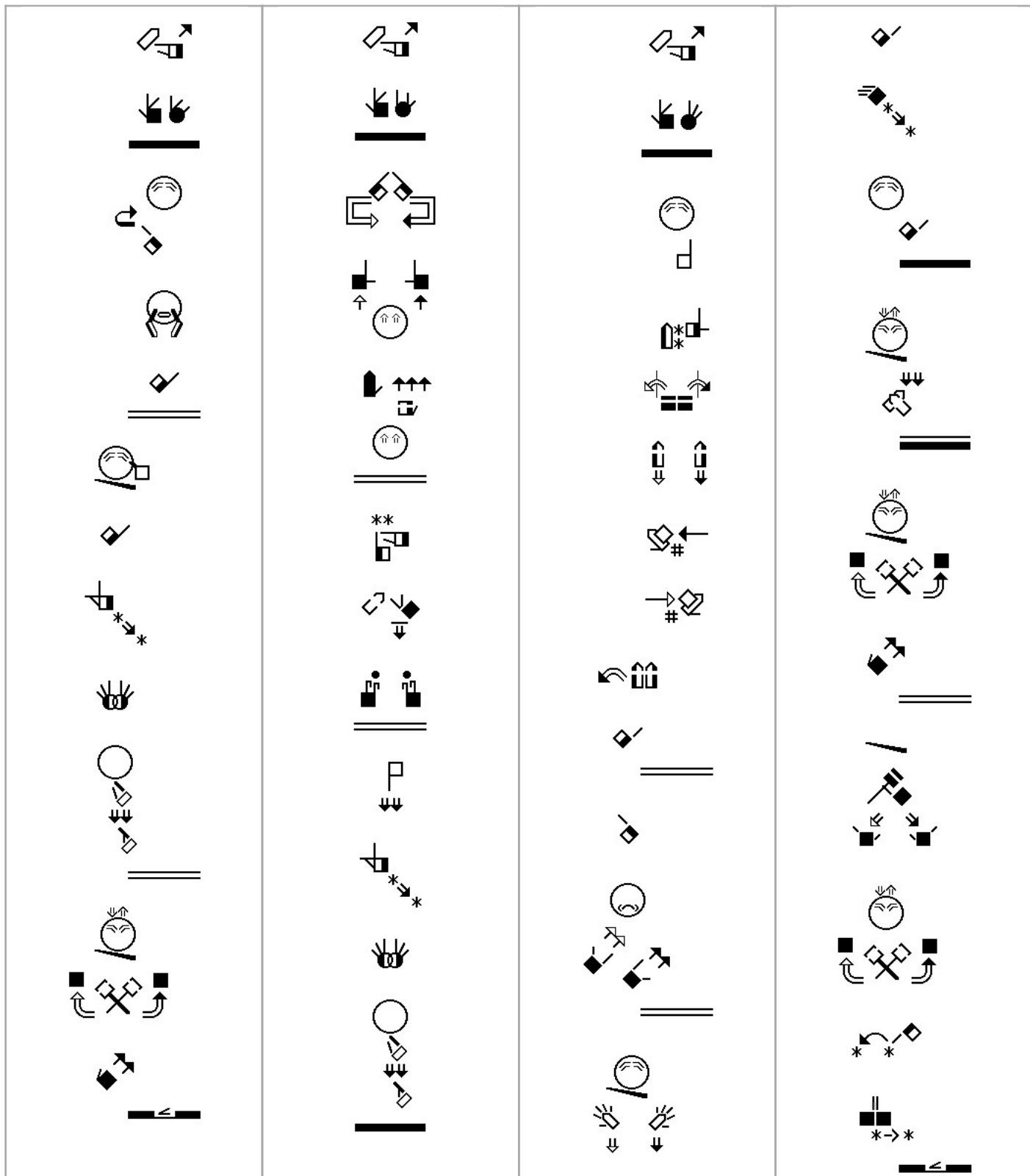
Verse 33. When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified -- one on his right and one on his left. Verse 34. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Luke 23:35-36



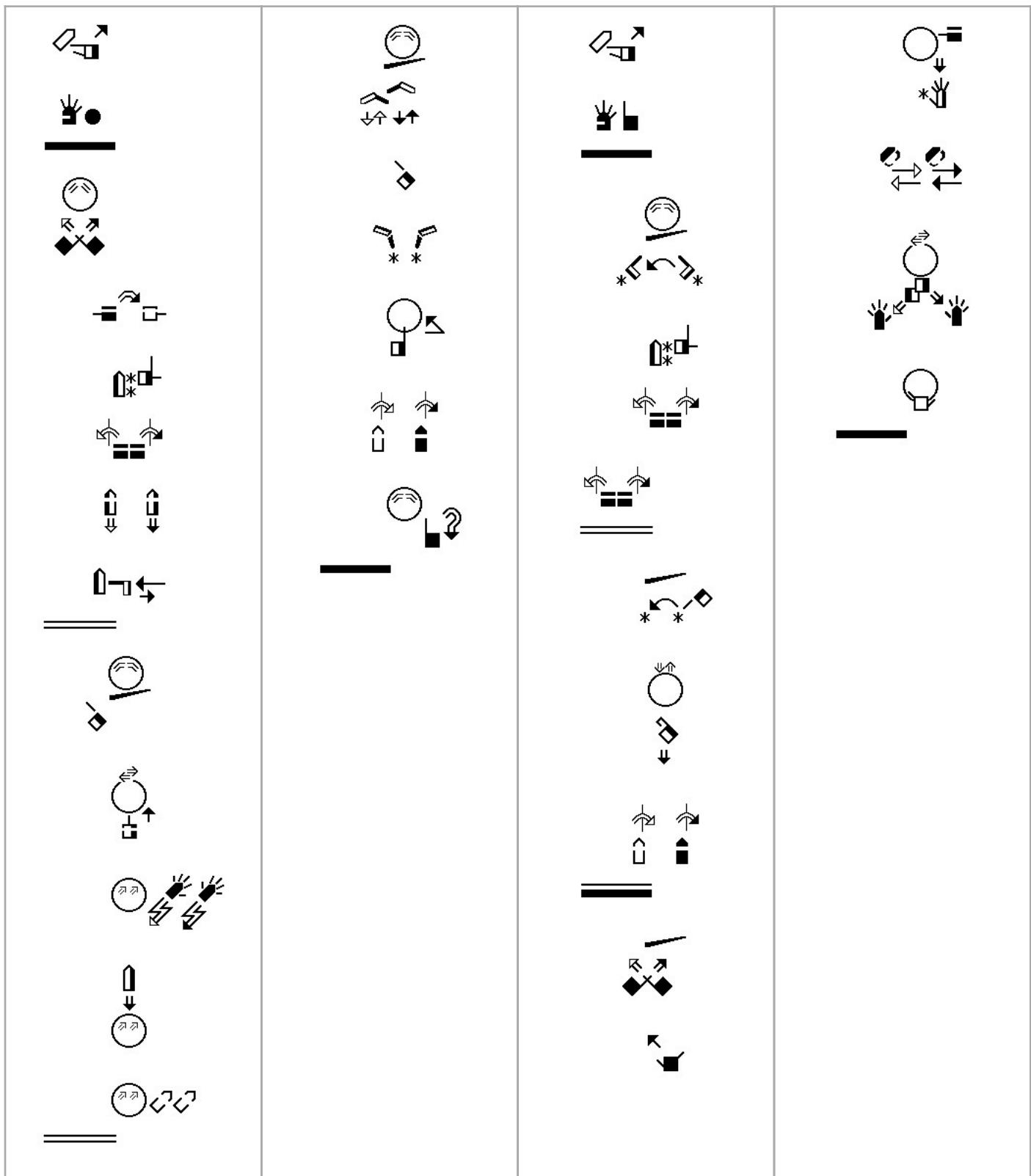
530 Verse 35. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." Verse 36. The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.

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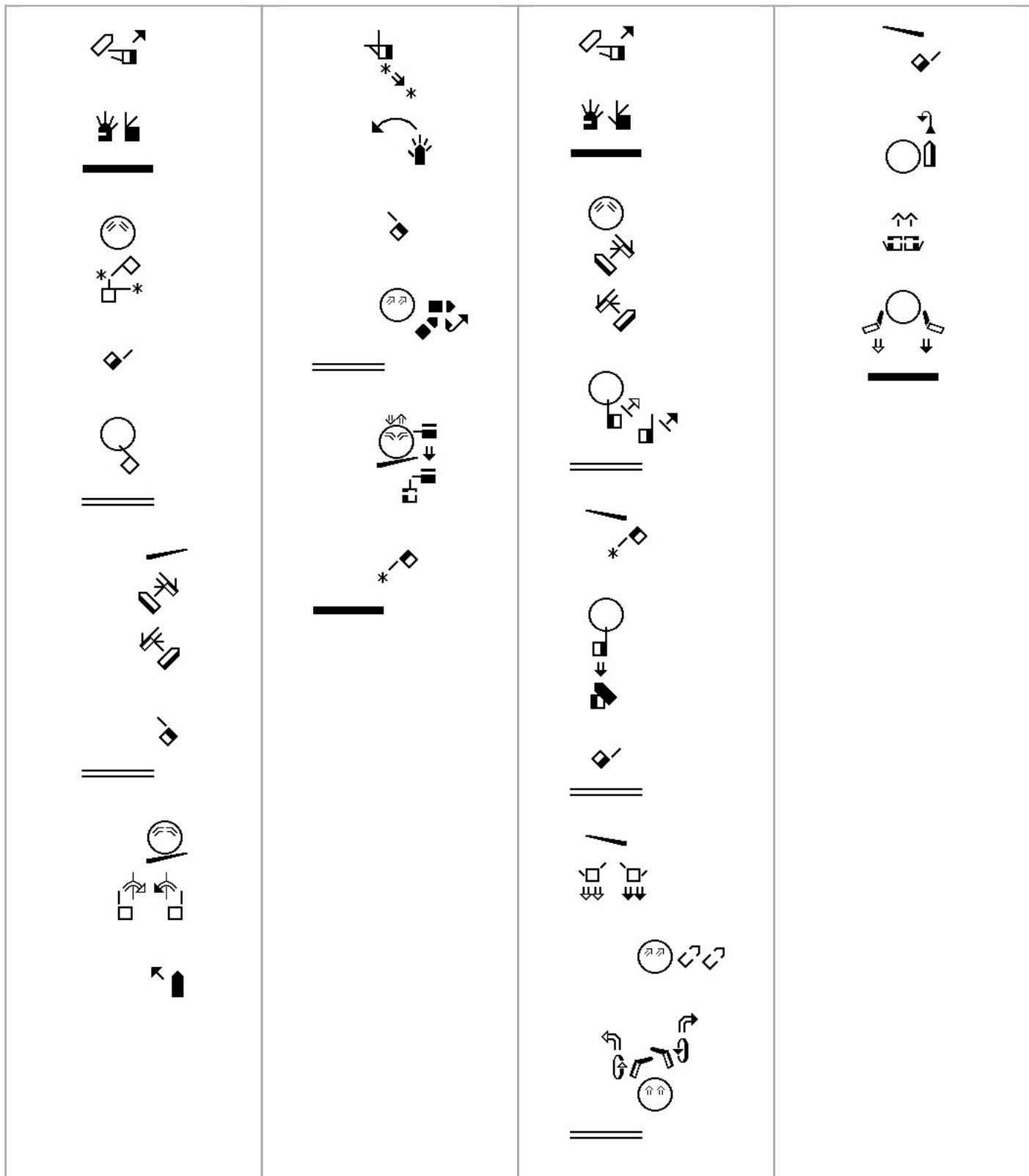


Verse 37. They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" Verse 38. A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." Verse 39. One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself -- and us, too, while you're at it!" NLT

Luke 23:40-41

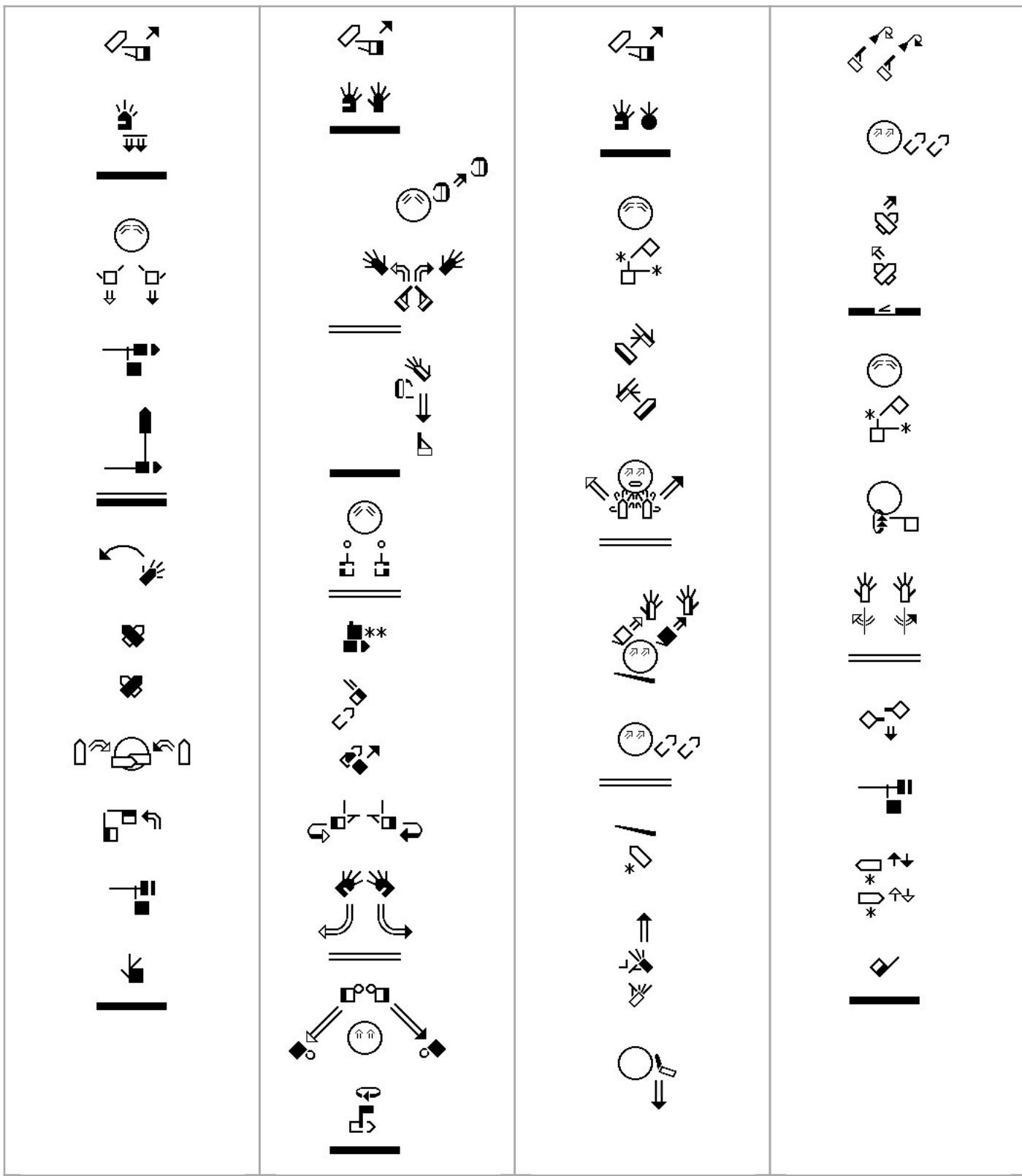


532 Verse 40. But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? Verse 41. We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." NLT

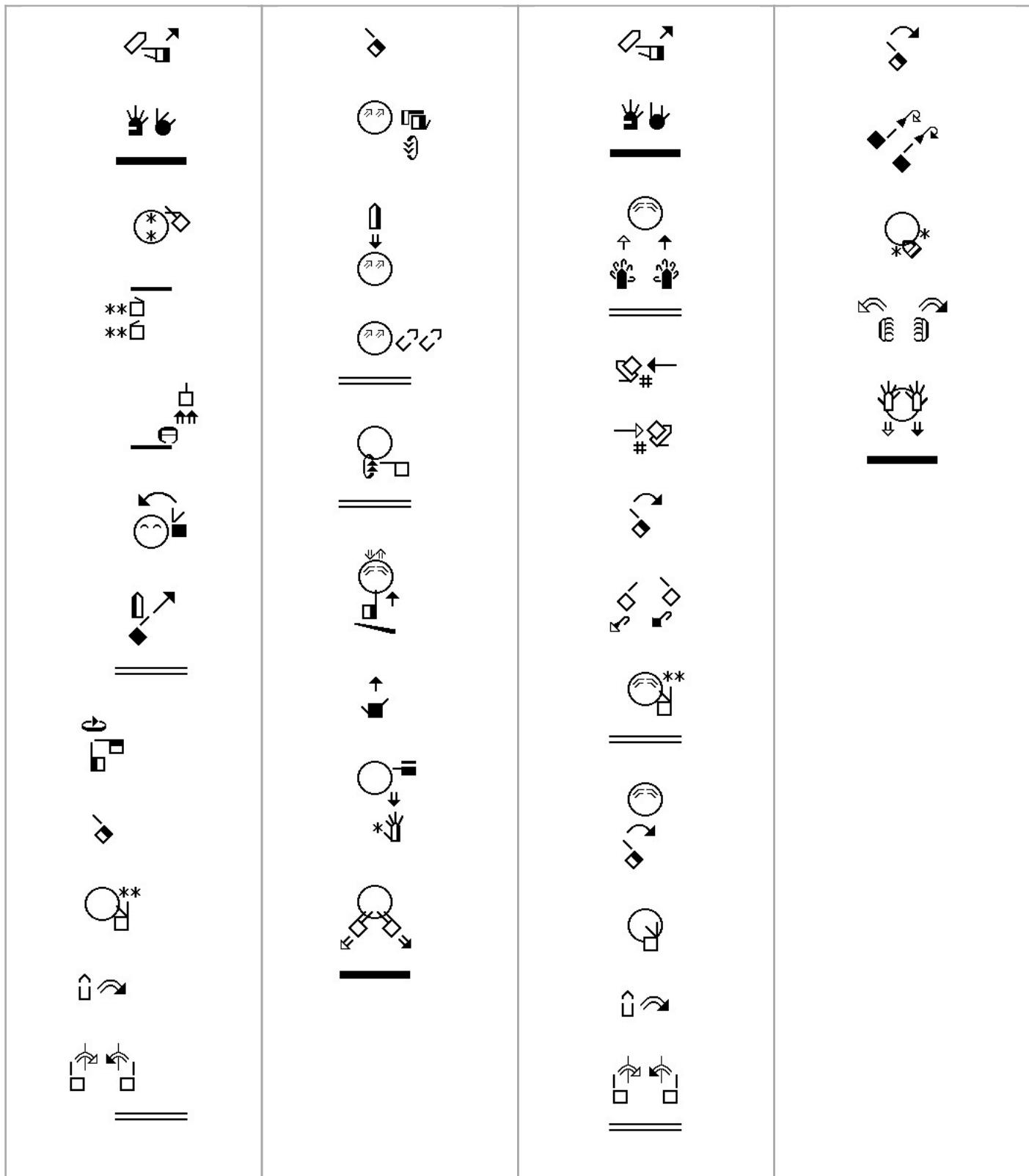


Verse 42. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."  
 Verse 43. And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."  
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Luke 23:44-46

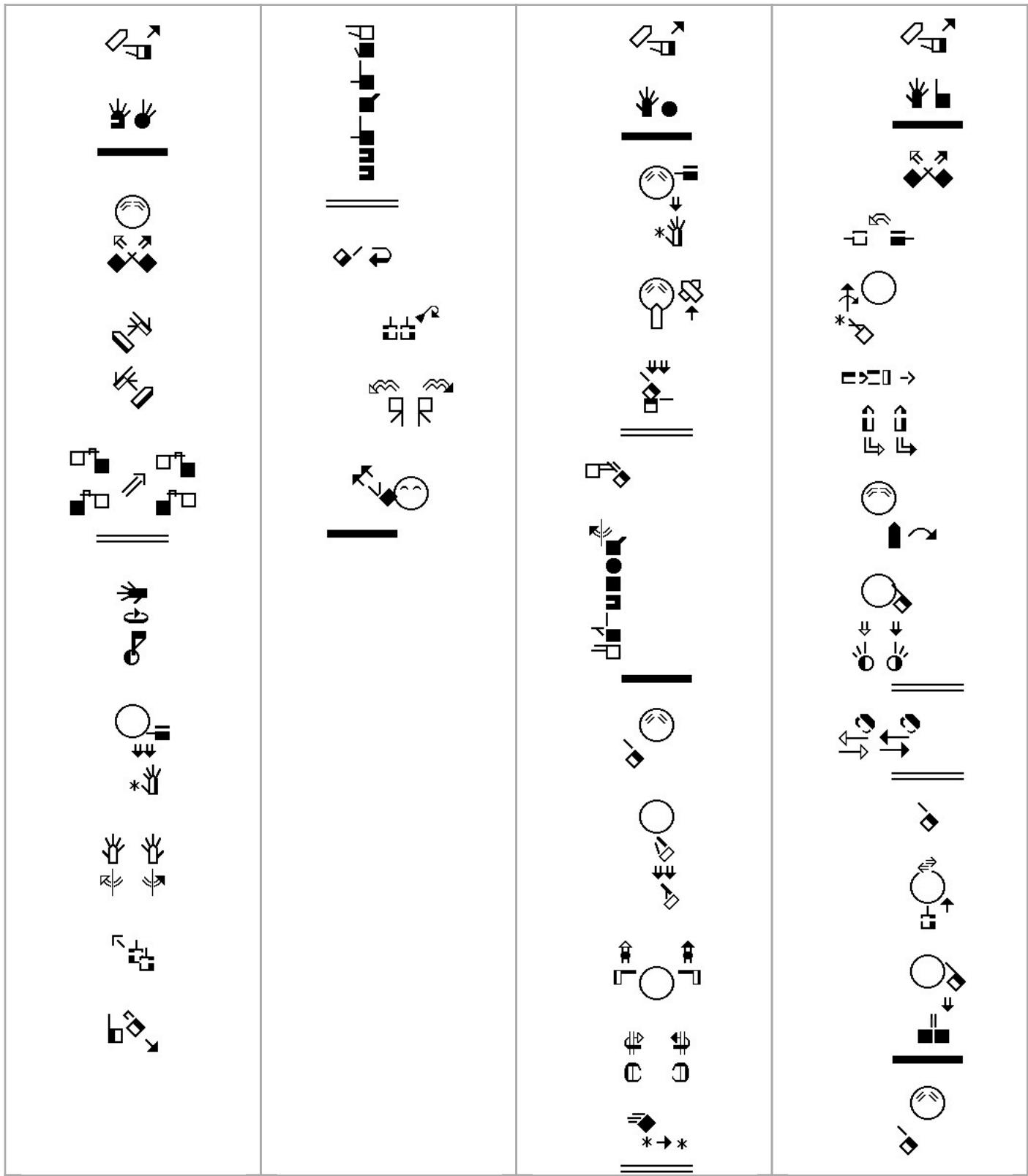


534 Verse 44. By this time it was noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Verse 45. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Verse 46. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. NLT



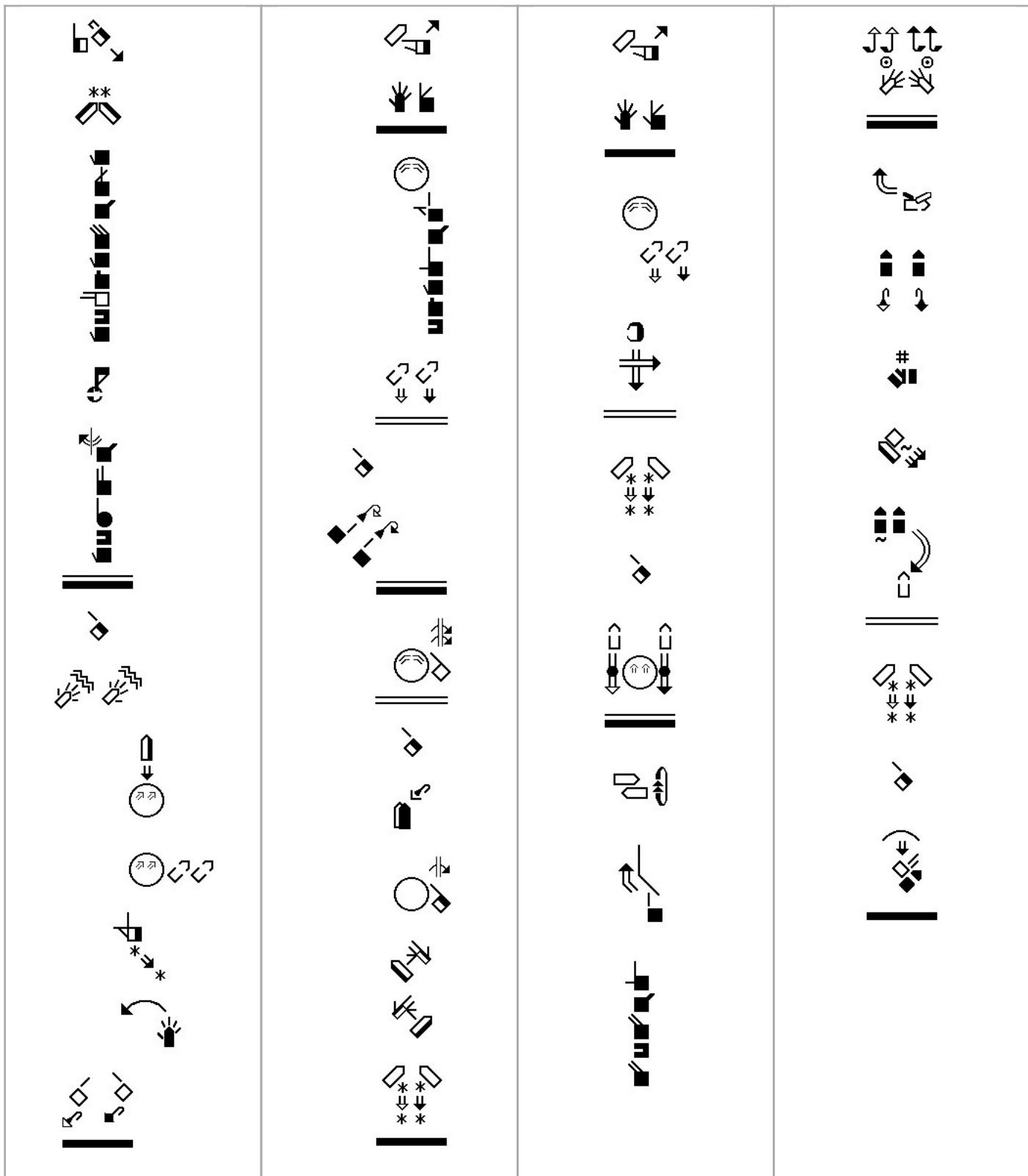
Verse 47. When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent." Verse 48. And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

Luke 23:49-51



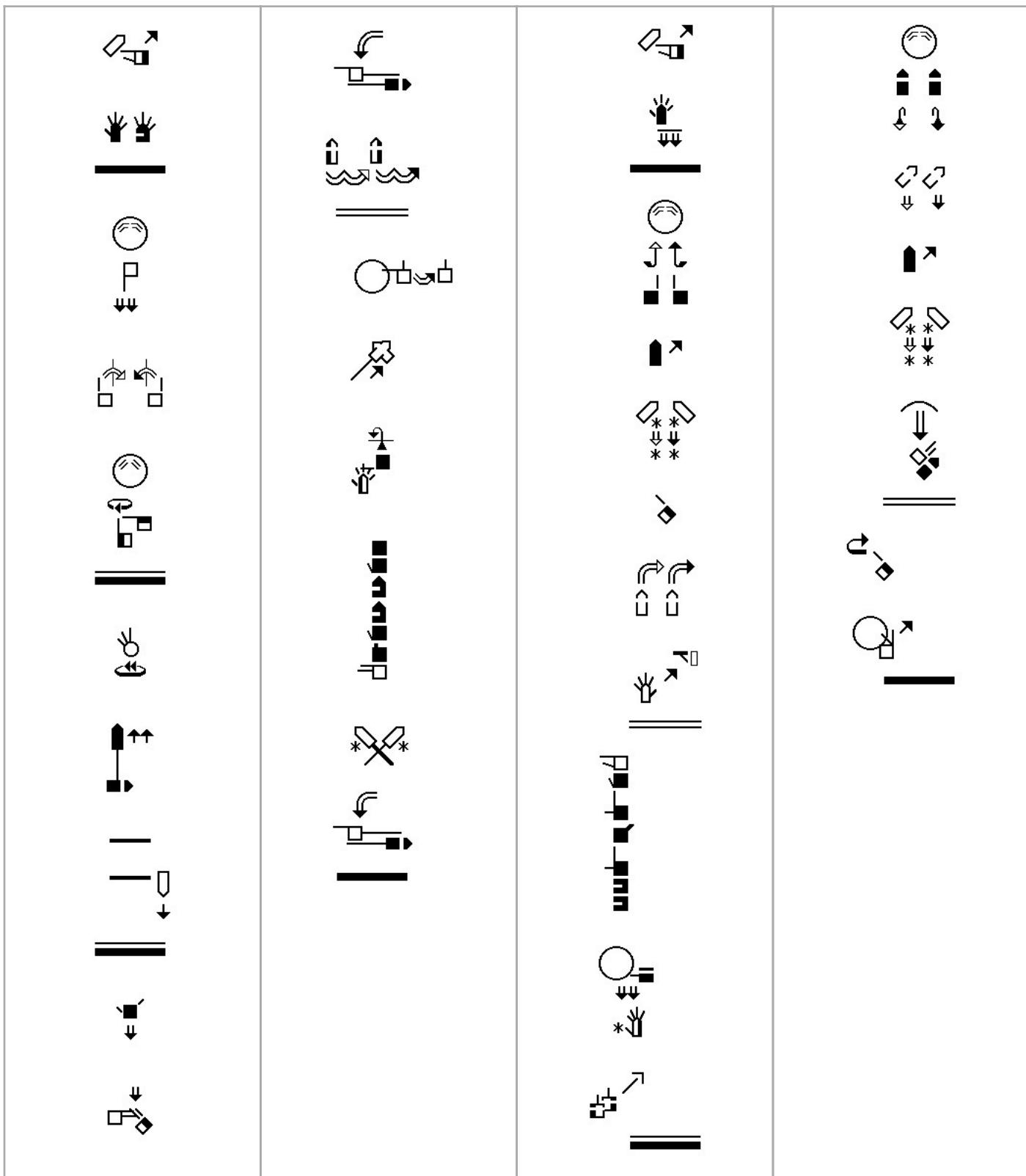
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Verse 49. But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching. Verse 50. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council, Verse 51. but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He NLT



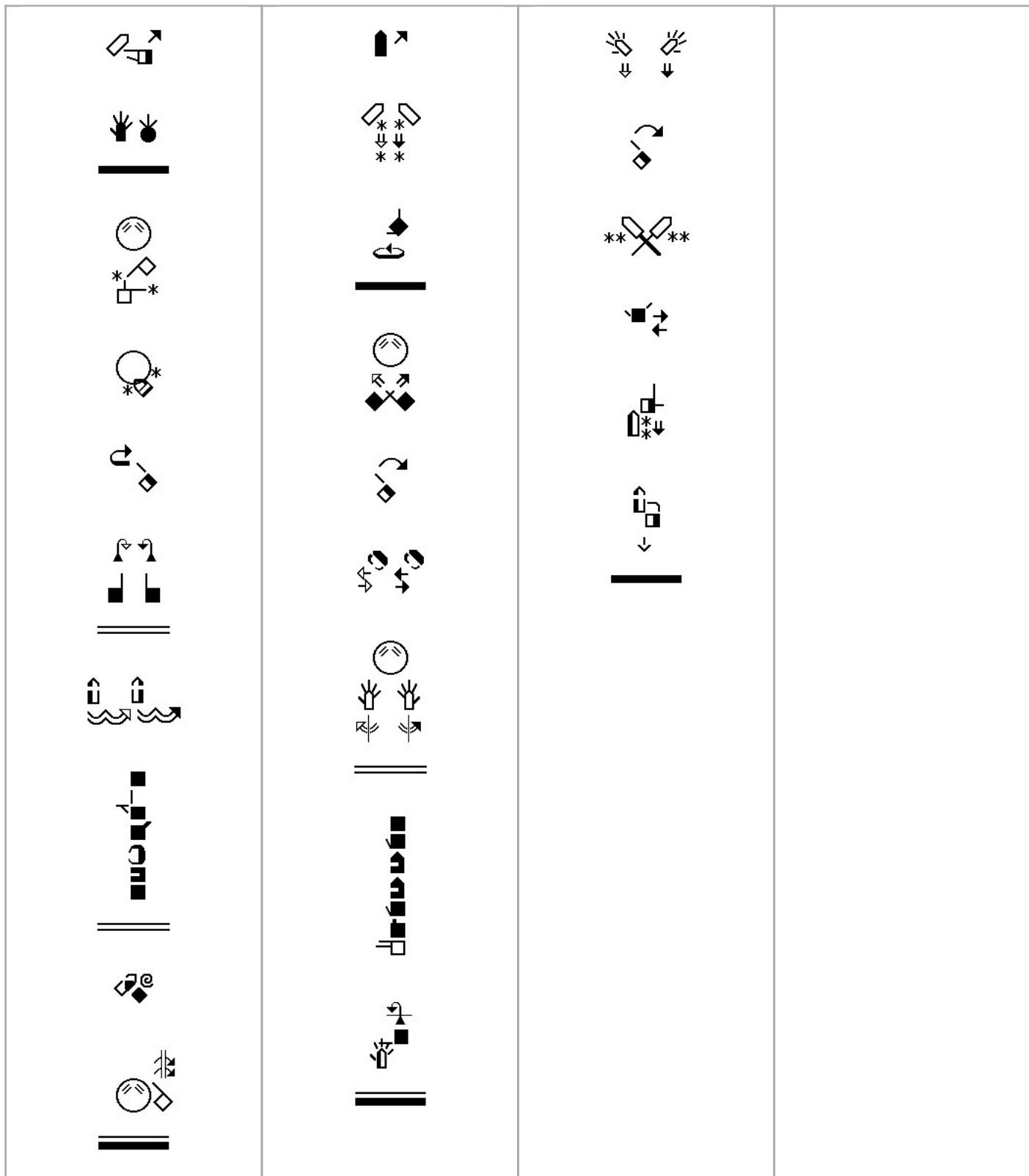
was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come. Verse 52. He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Verse 53. Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock.

Luke 23:54-55



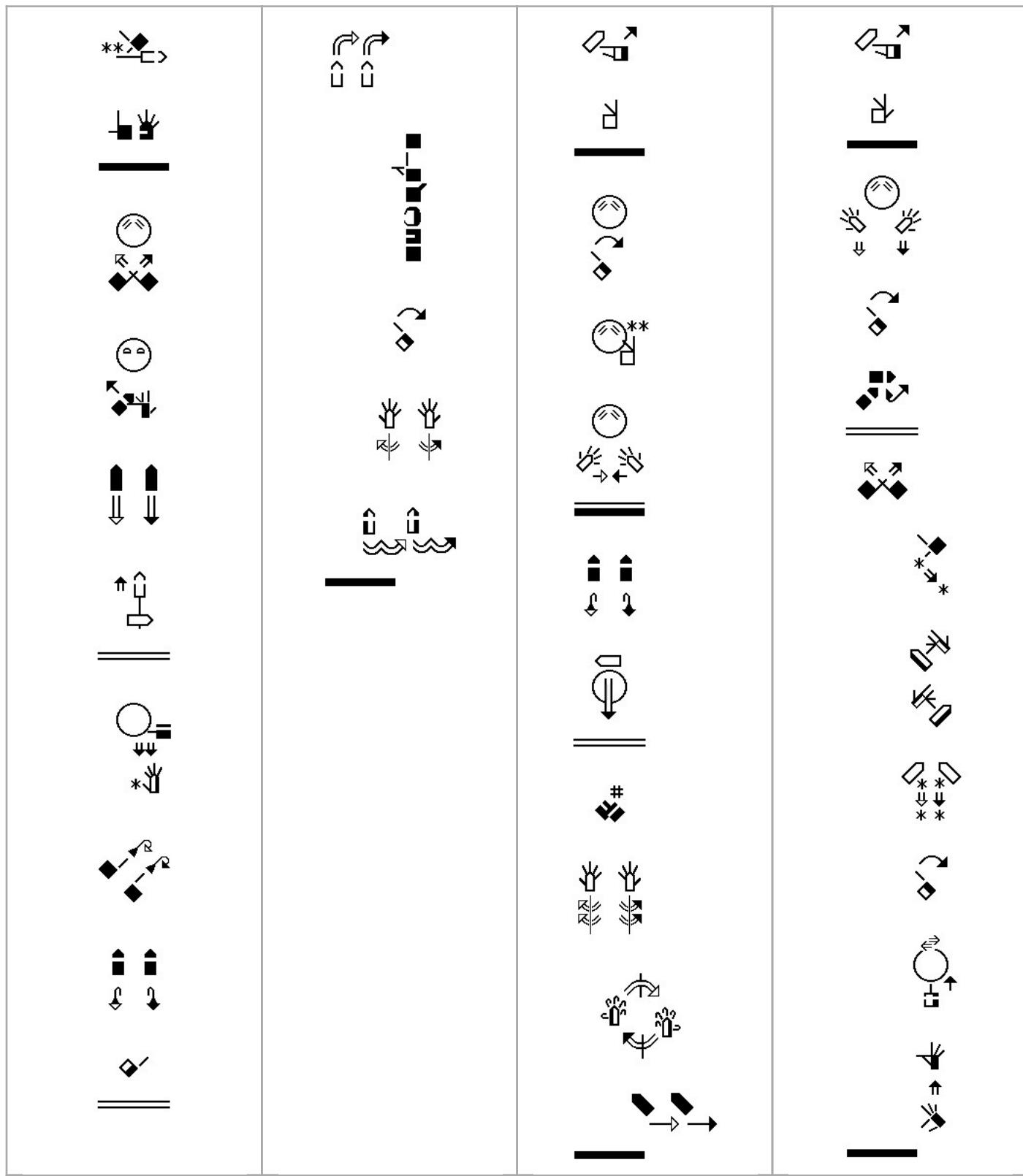
538 Verse 54. This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin. Verse 55. As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed.

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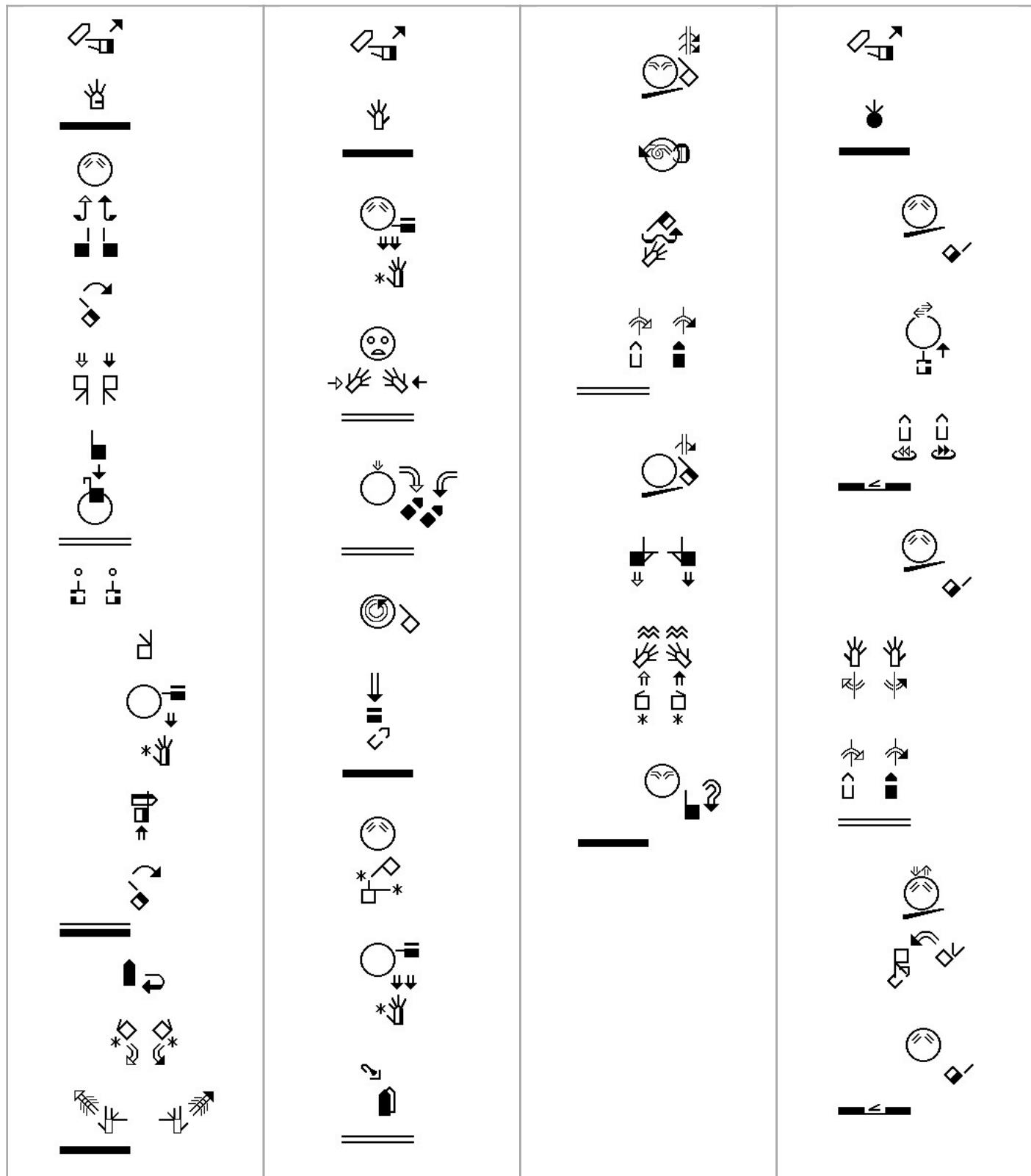


Verse 56. Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law. NLT

Luke 24:1-3

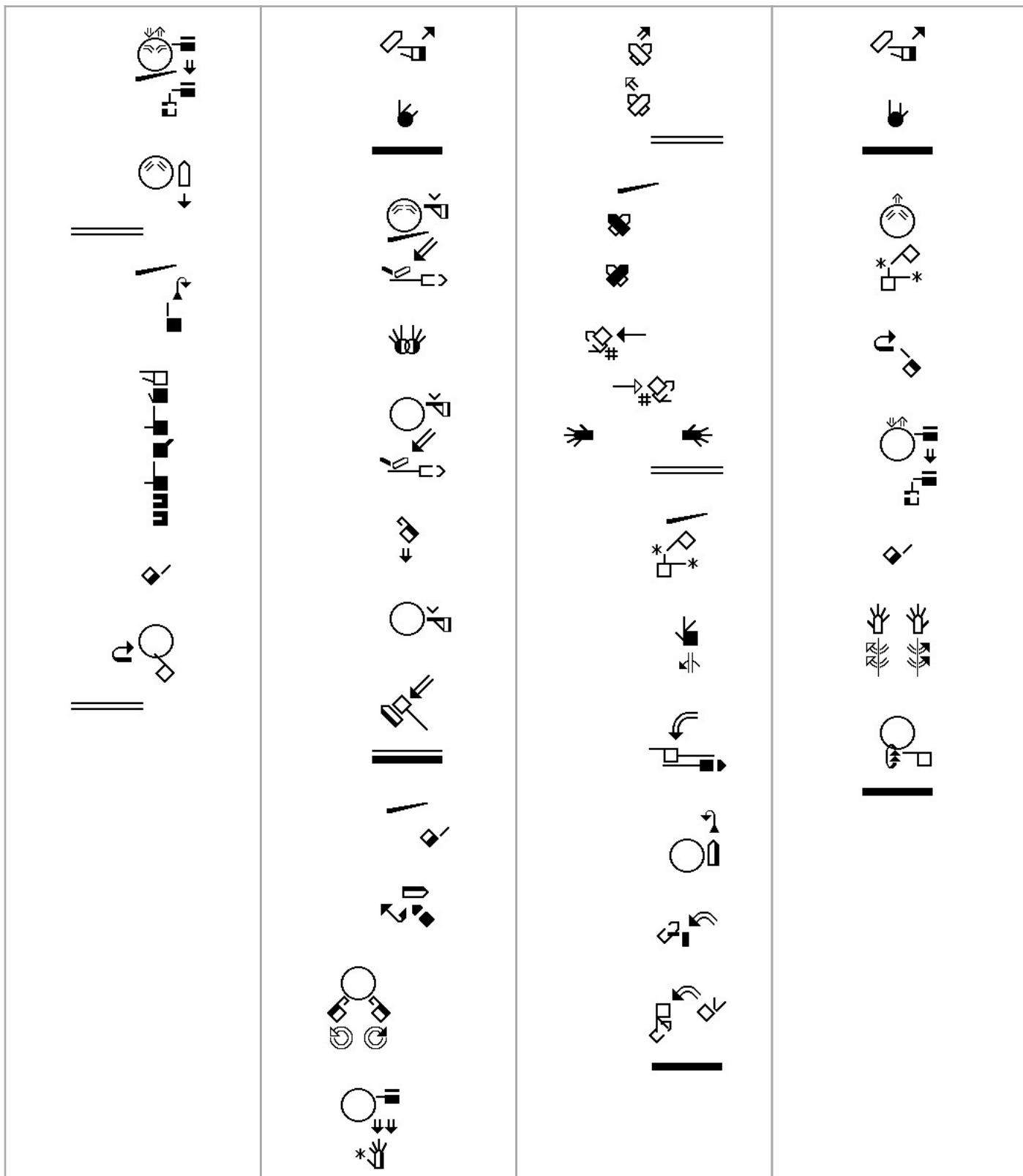


**540** Luke 24. But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. Verse 2. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Verse 3. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.  
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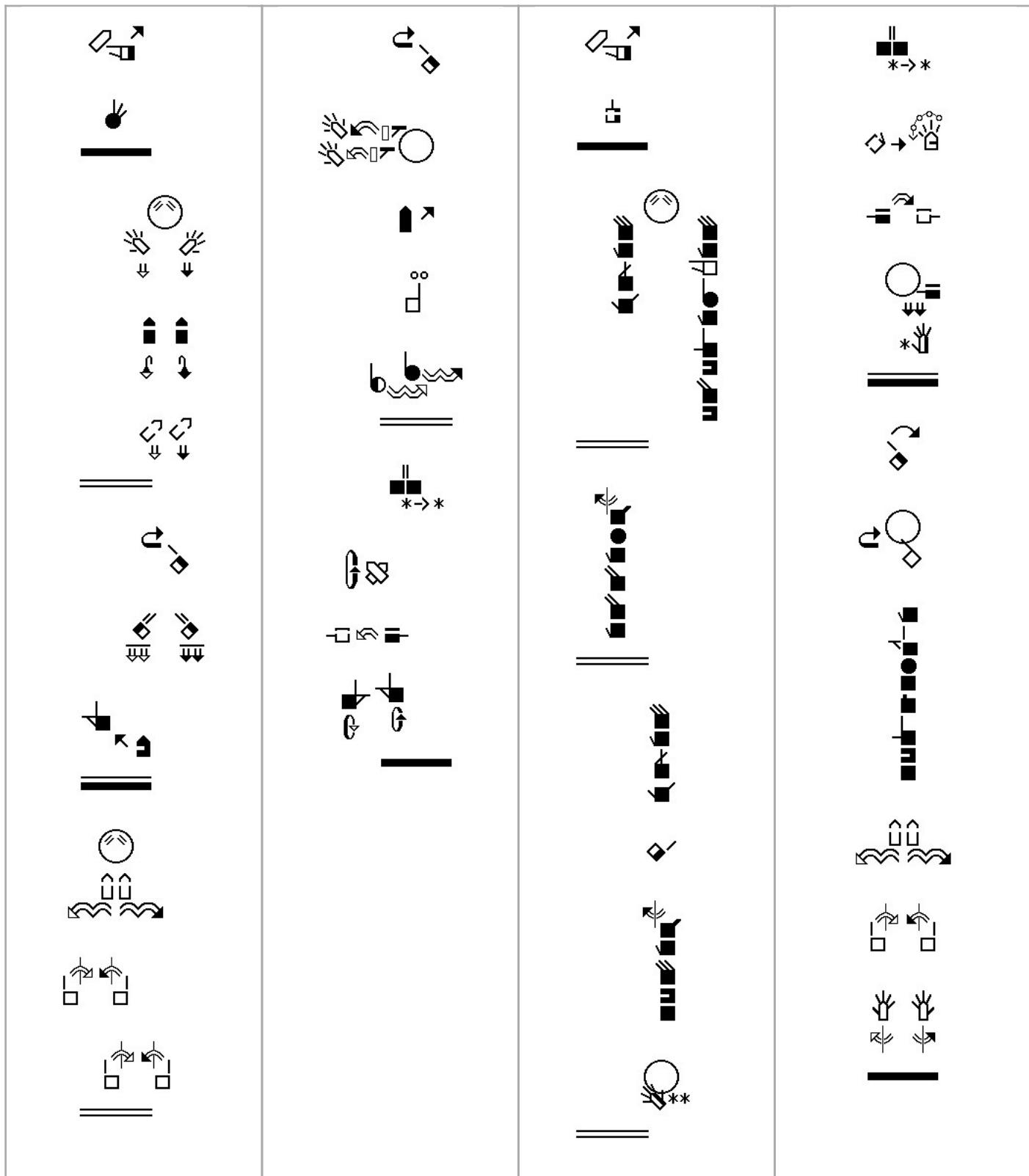


Verse 4. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. Verse 5. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? Verse 6. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!"

Luke 24:6-8

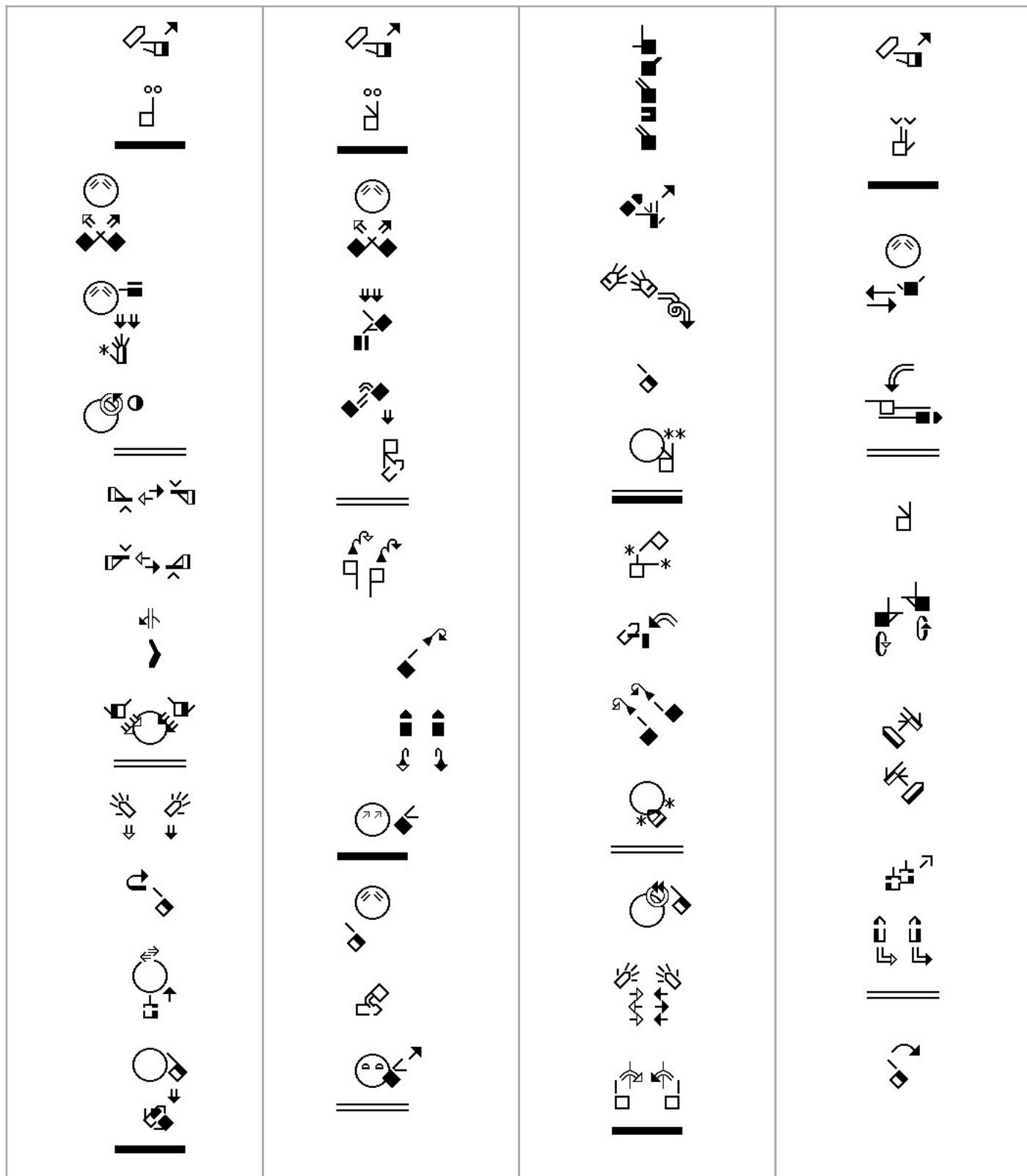


542 Remember what he told you back in Galilee, Verse 7. that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." Verse 8. Then they remembered that he had said this. NLT



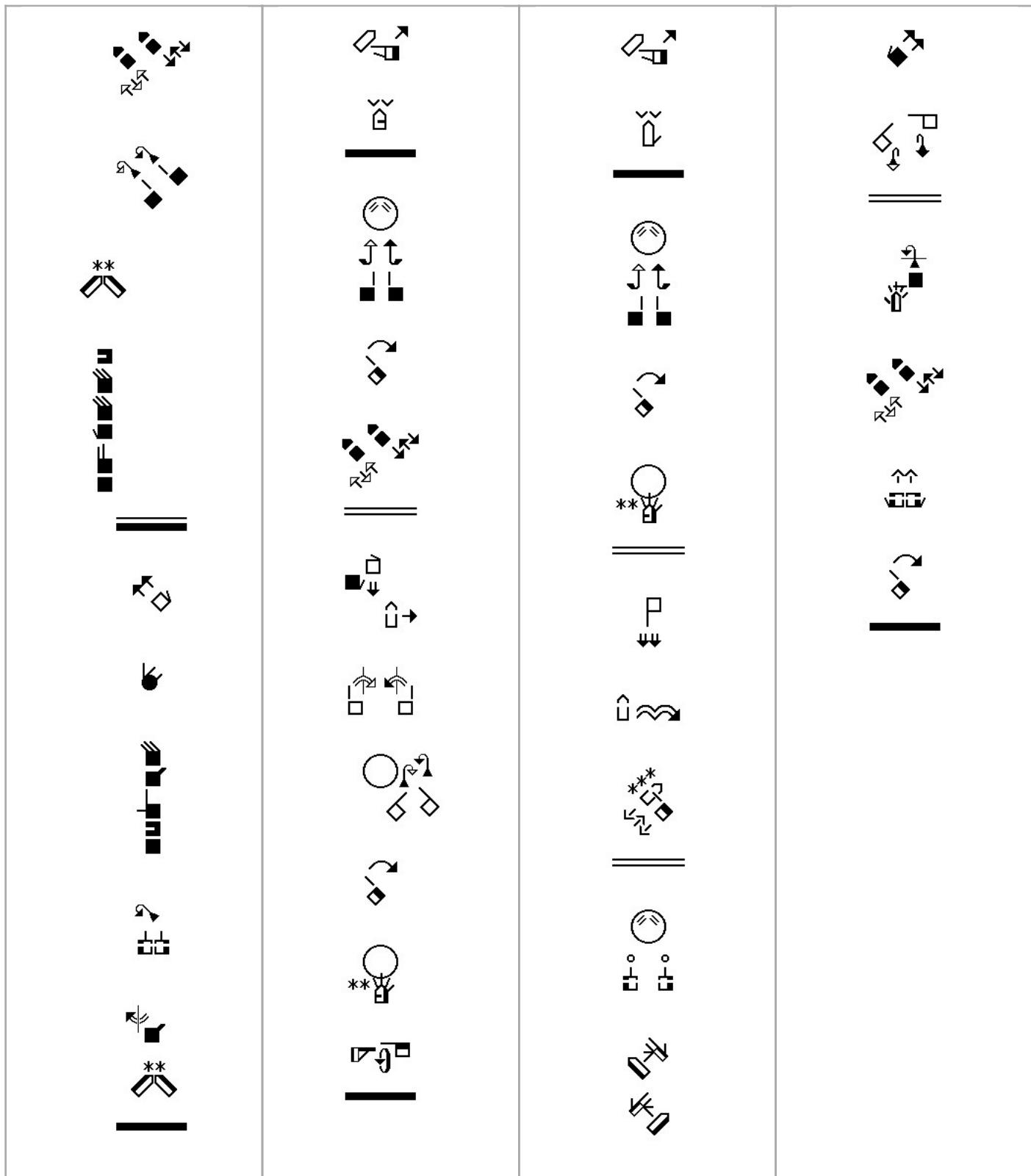
Verse 9. So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples -- and everyone else -- what had happened. Verse 10. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. NLT

Luke 24:11-13



**544** Verse 11. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.  
Verse 12. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in  
and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again wondering what had  
happened. Verse 13. That same day two of Jesus' followers

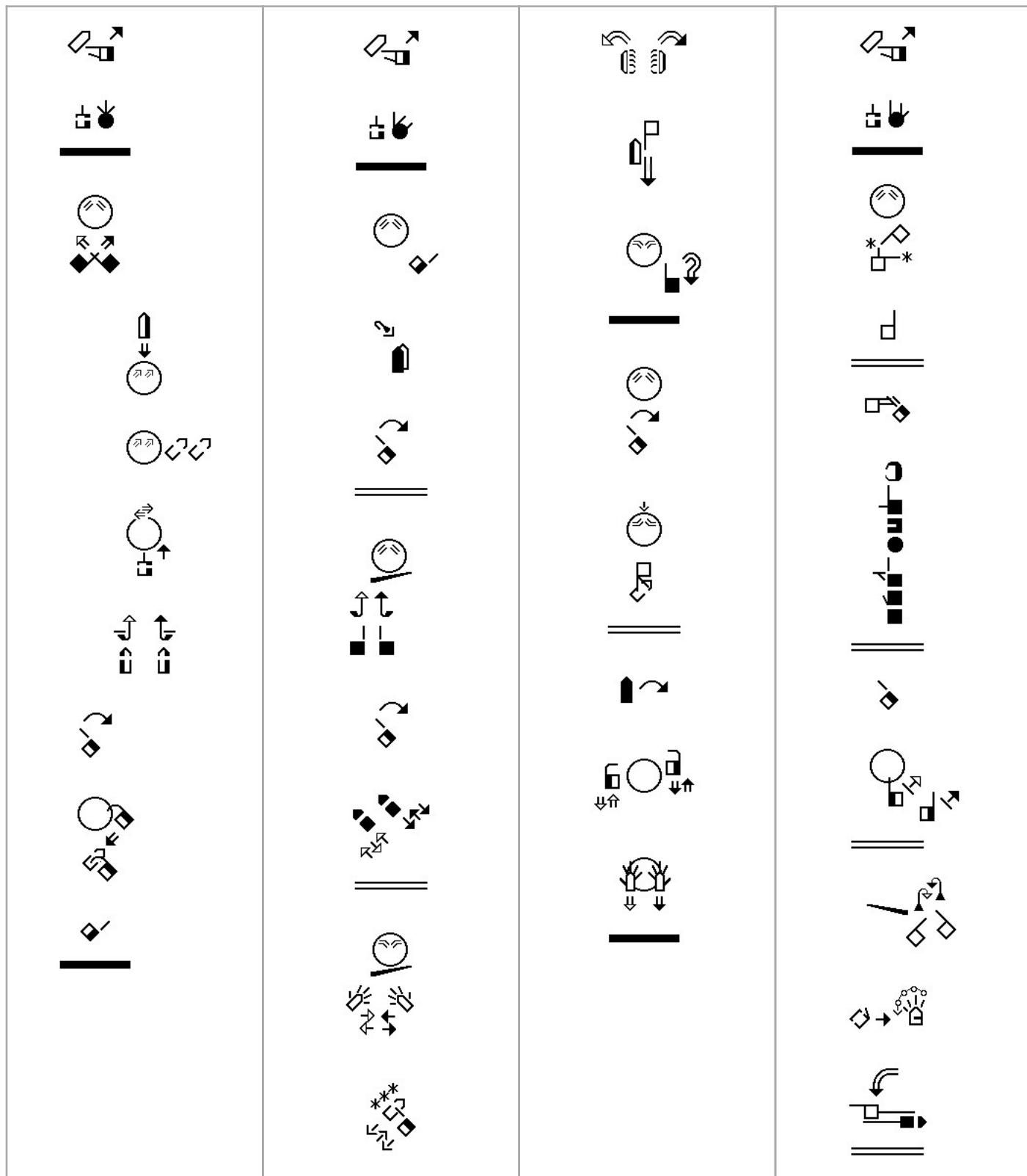
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were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. Verse 14. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. Verse 15. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.

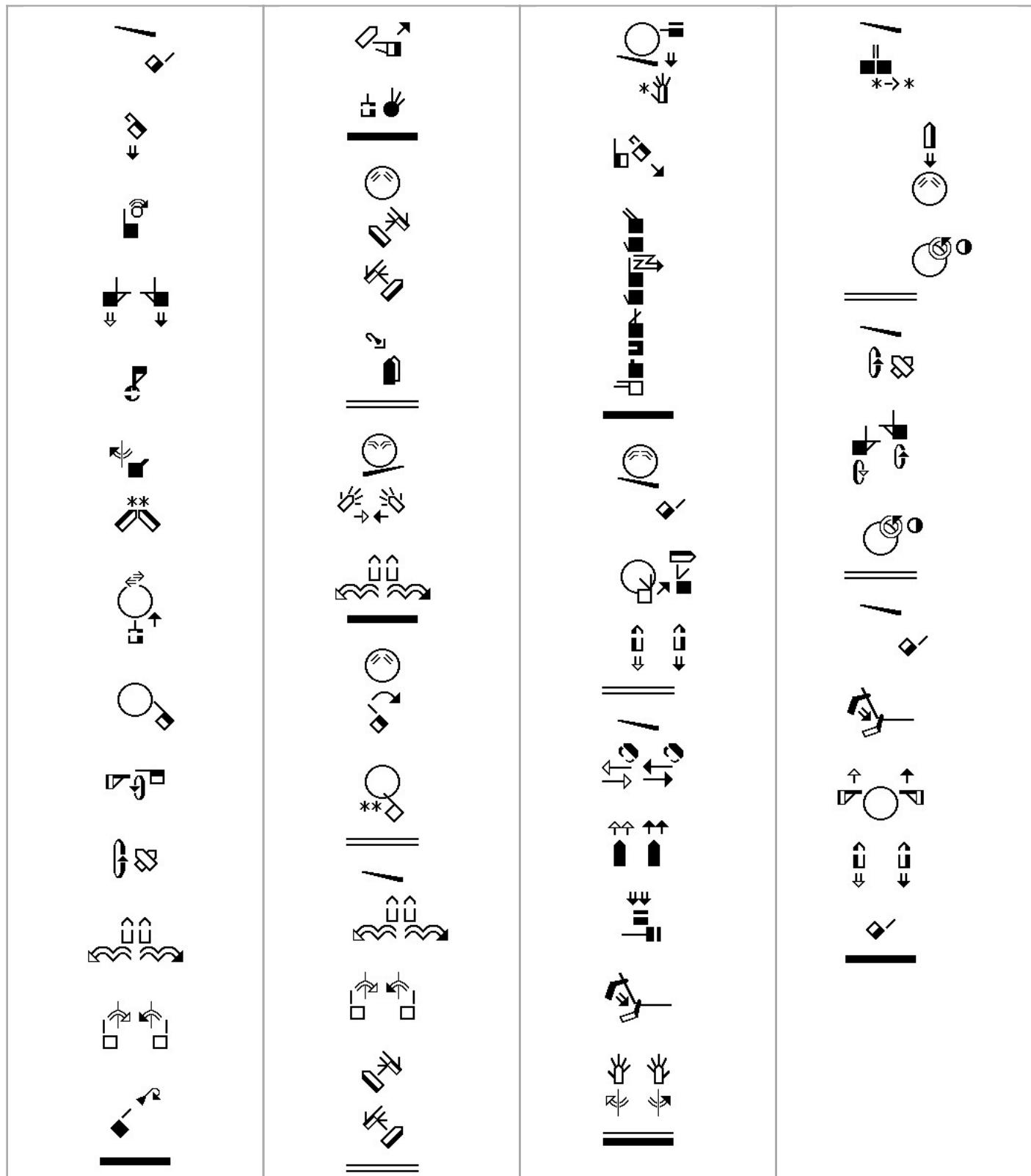
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Luke 24:16-18



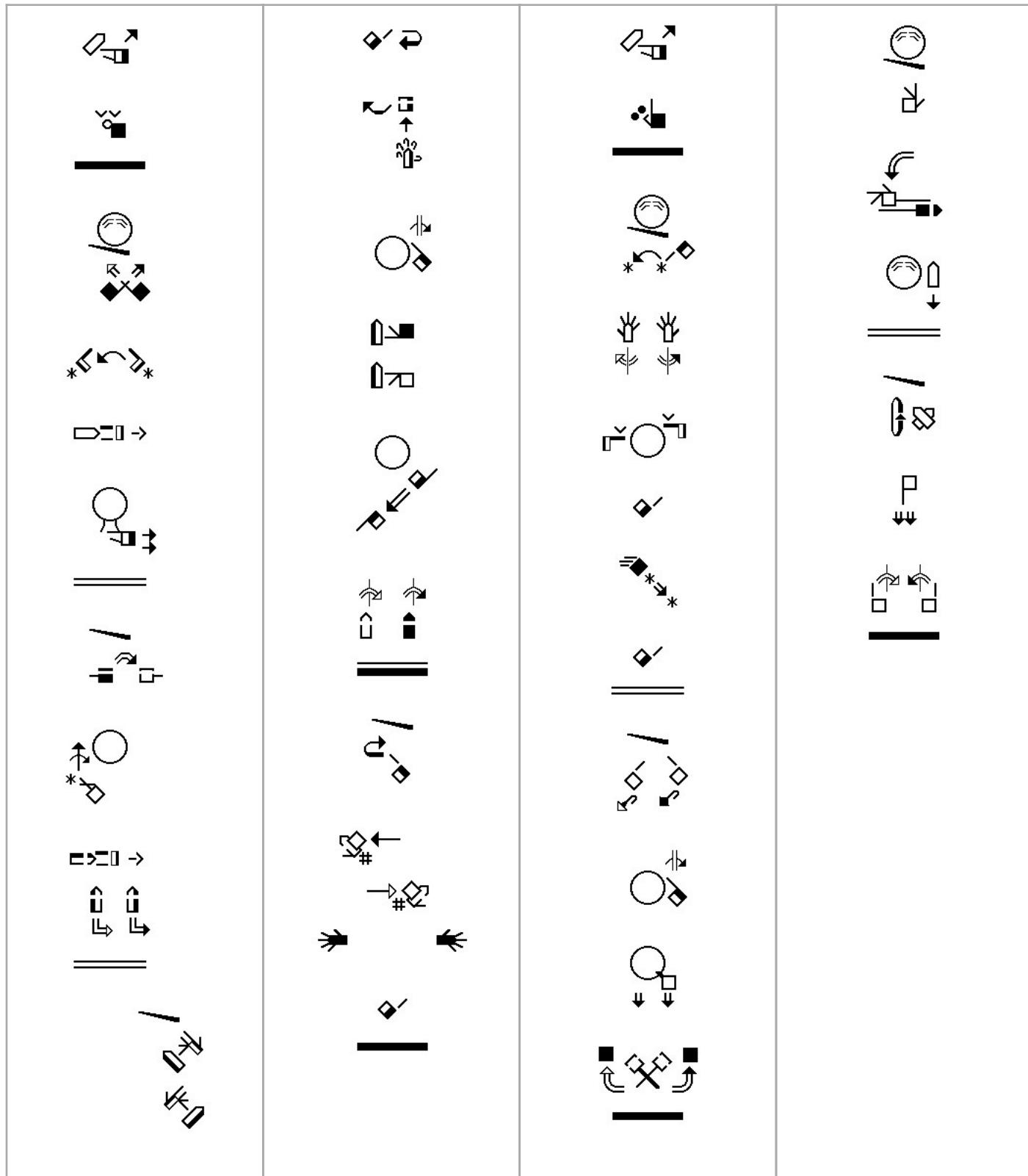
546 Verse 16. But God kept them from recognizing him. Verse 17. He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Verse 18. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied,

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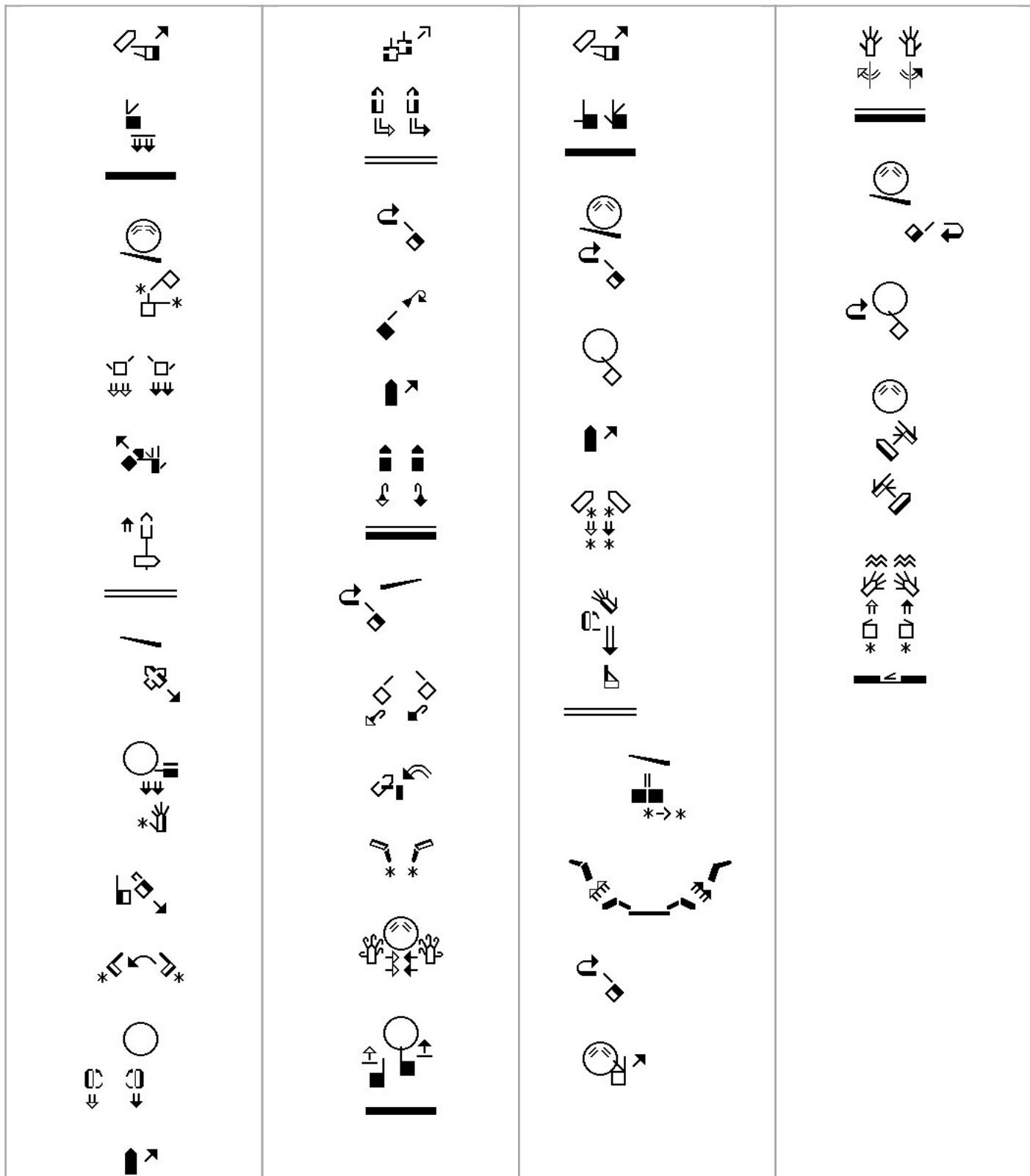


"You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." Verse 19. "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the

Luke 24:20-21

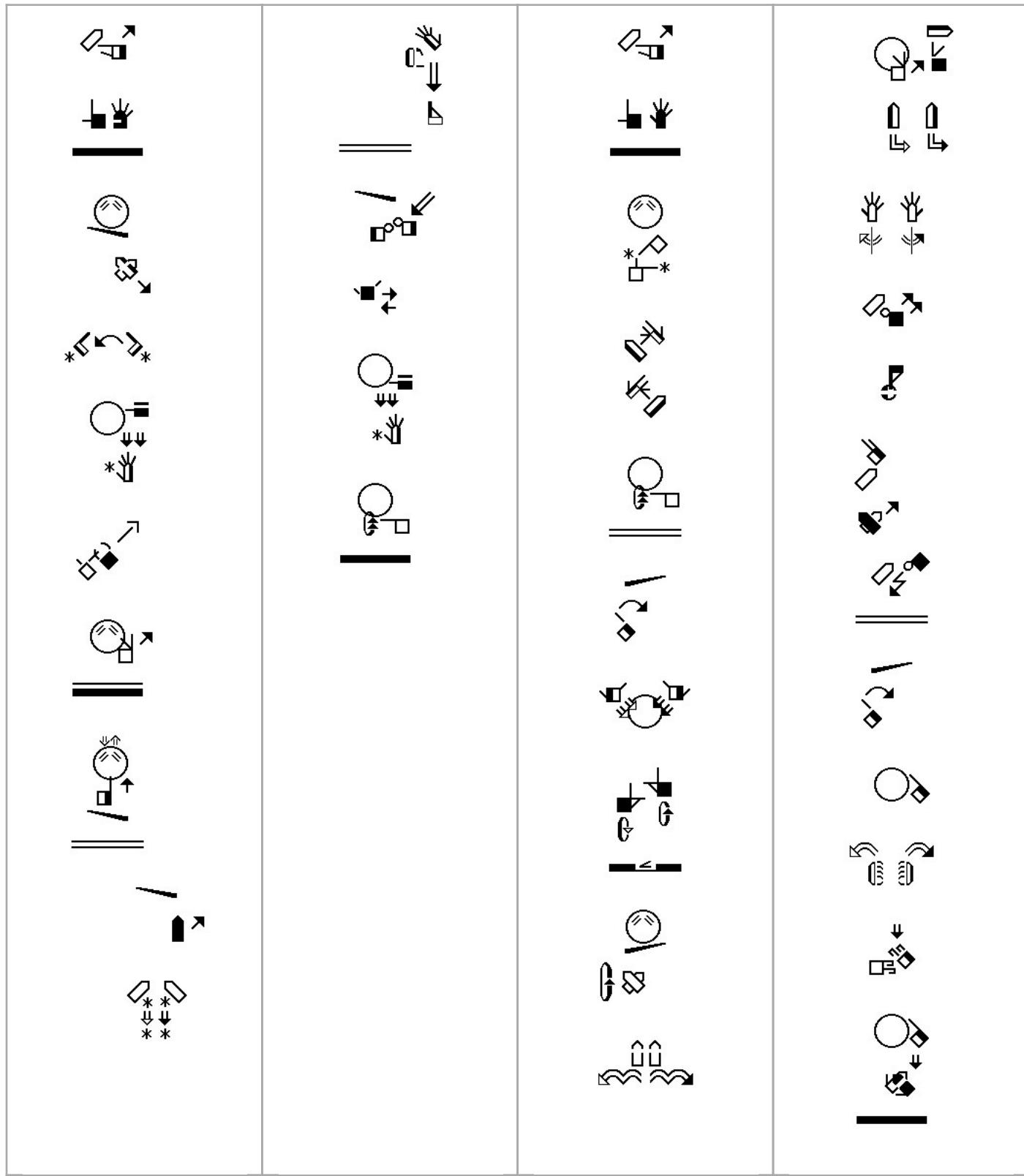


548 Verse 20. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. Verse 21. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. NLT

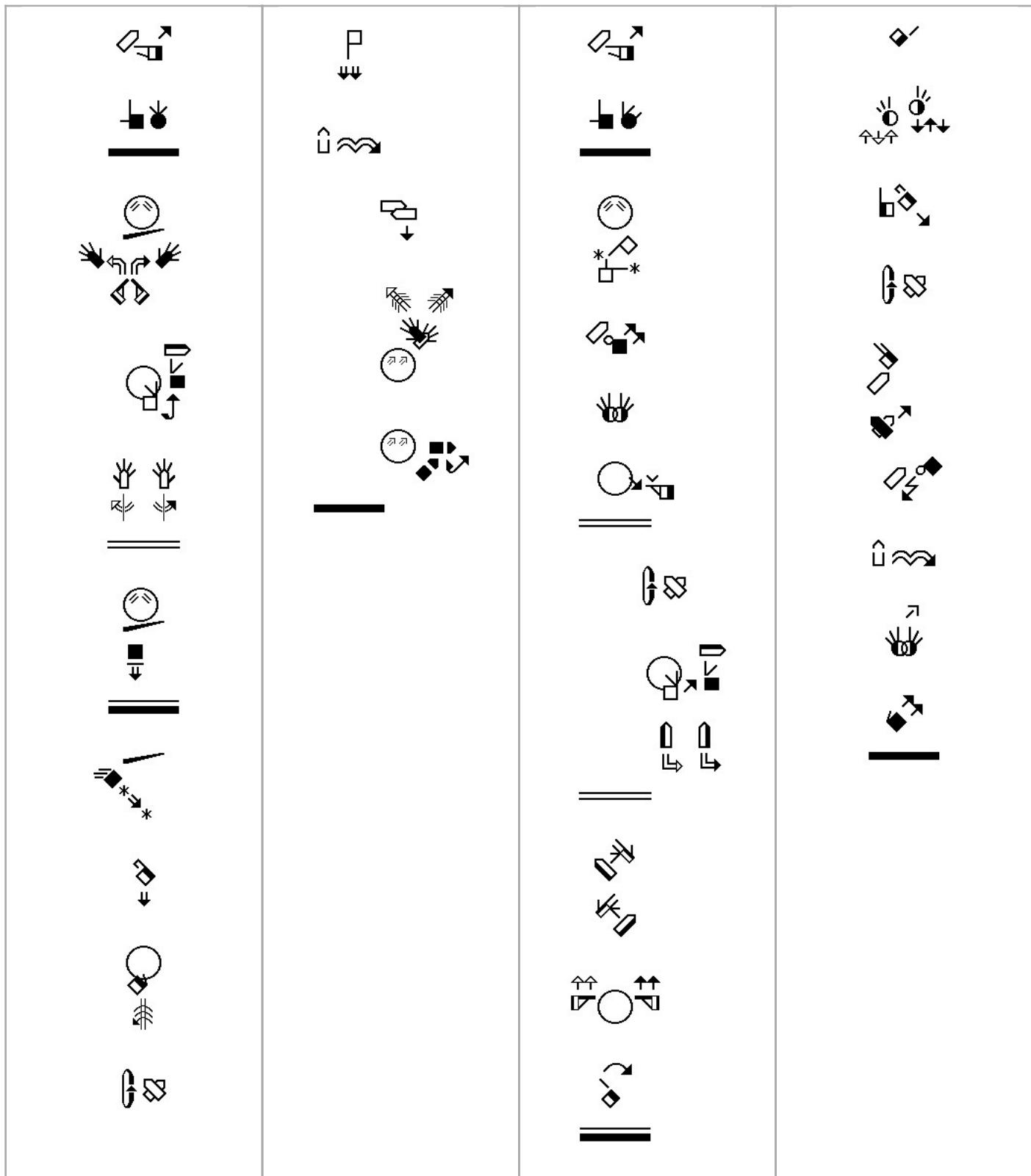


Verse 22. "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. Verse 23. They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive!"

Luke 24:24-25

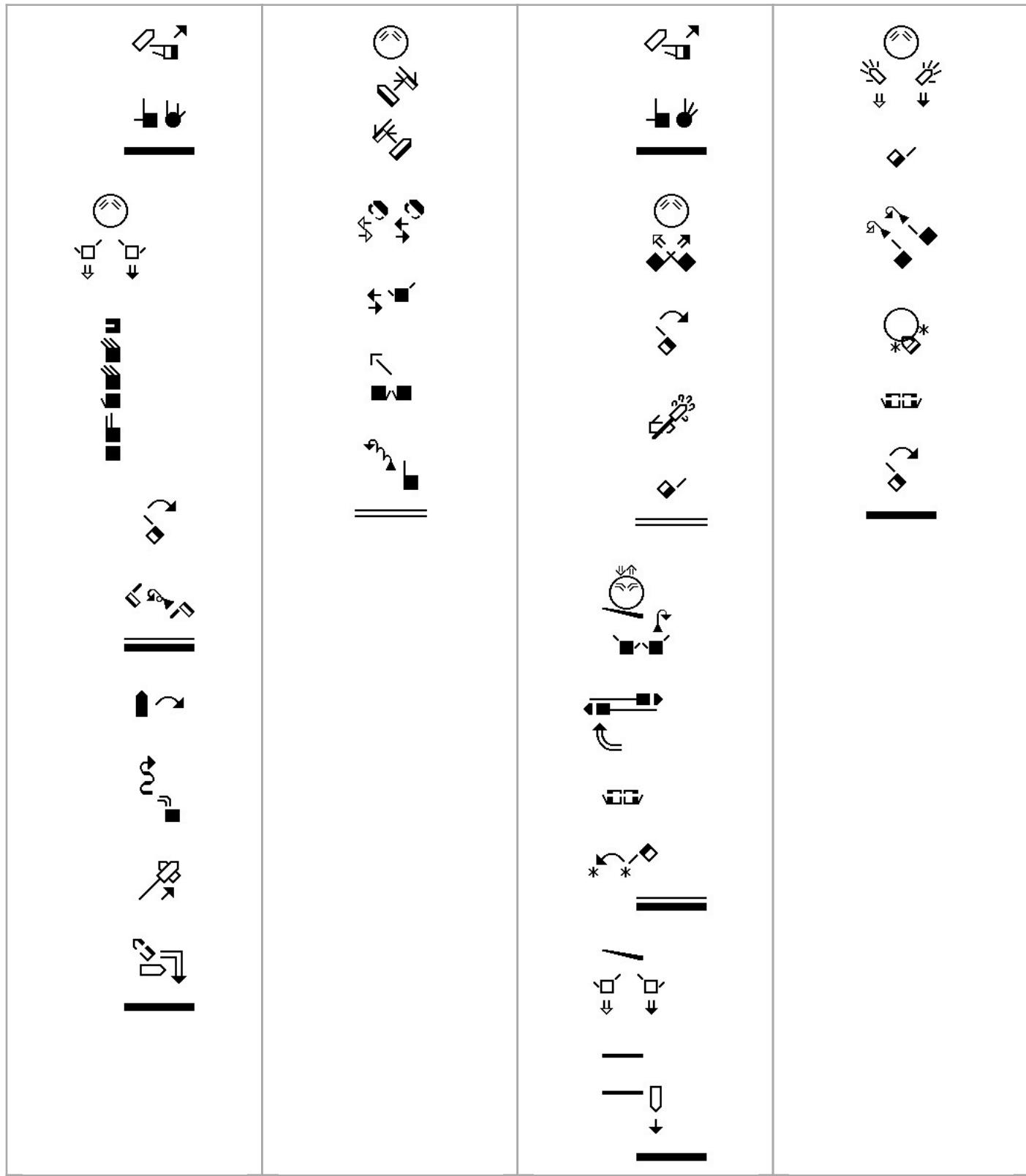


550 Verse 24. Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said." Verse 25. Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. NLT



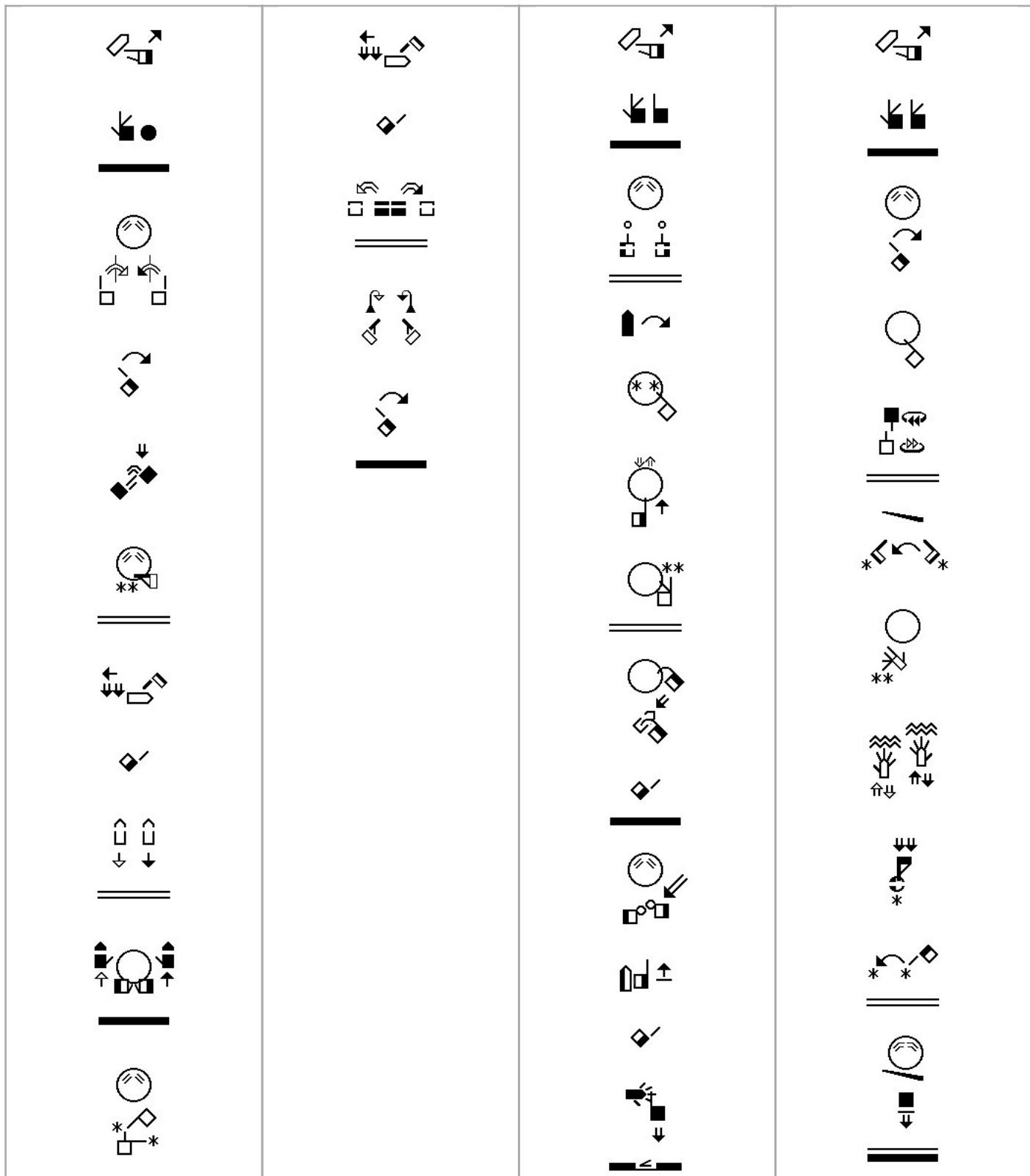
Verse 26. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" Verse 27. Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:28-29



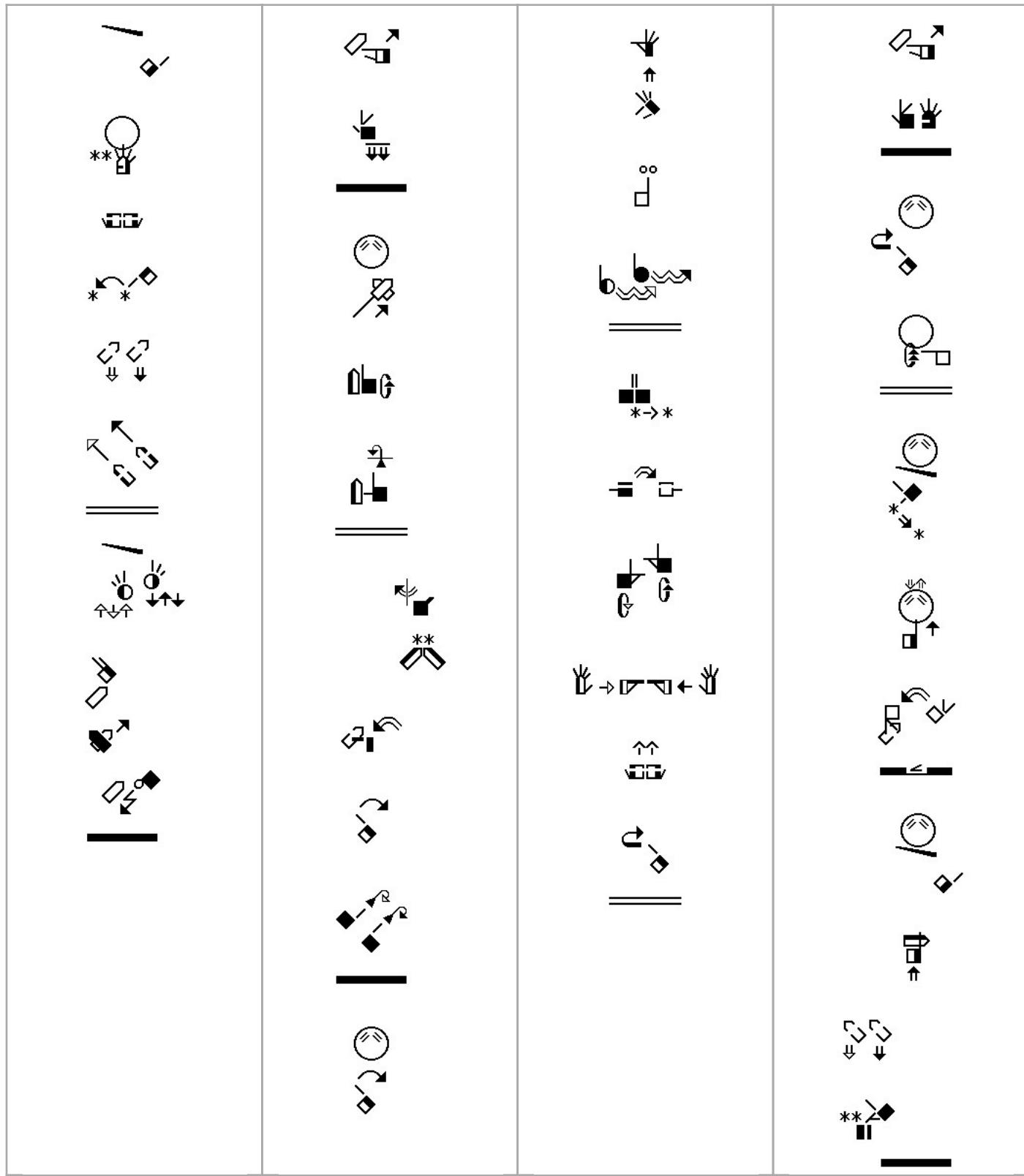
552 Verse 28. By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, Verse 29. but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them.

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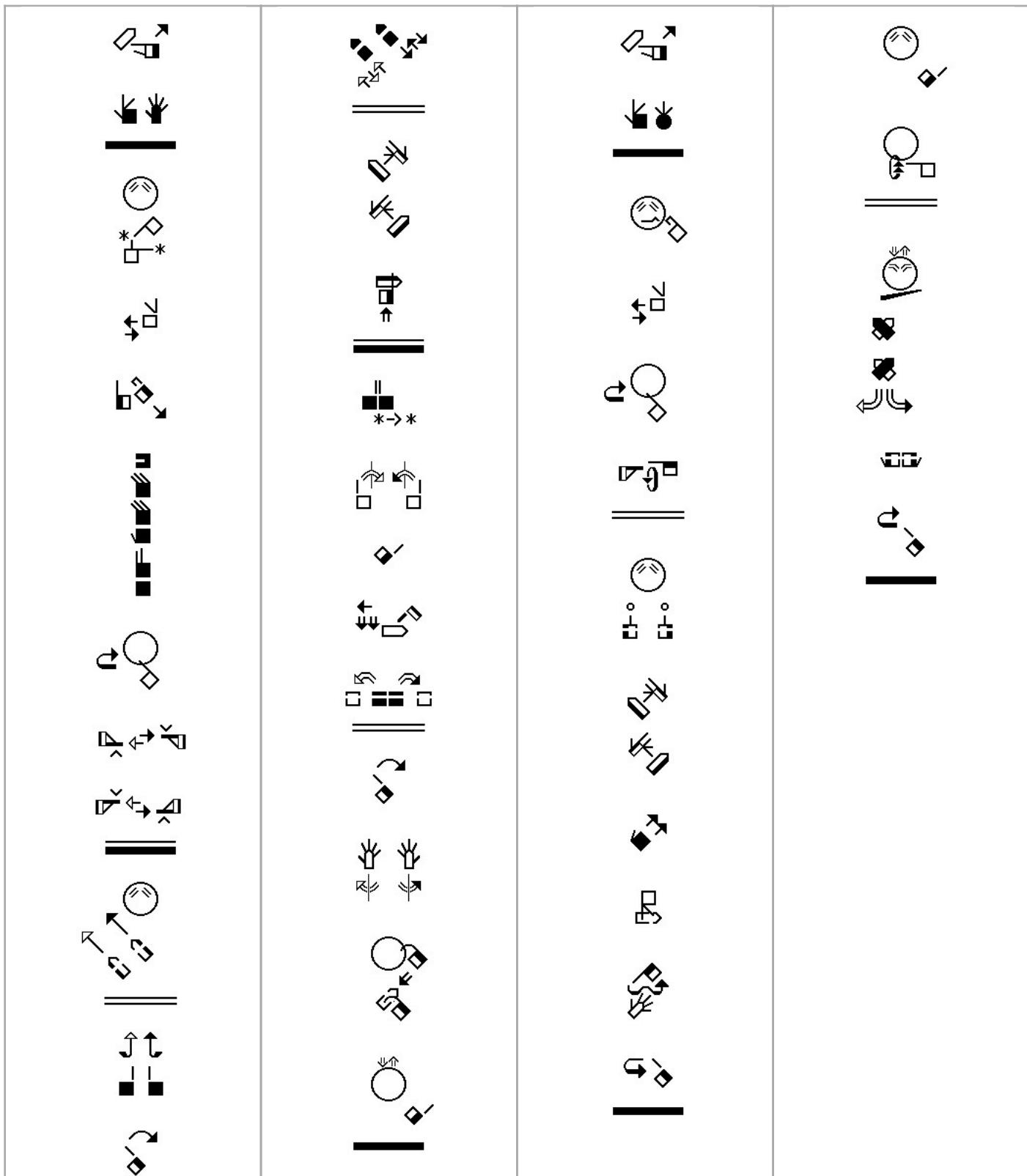


Verse 30. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it Then he broke it and gave it to them. Verse 31. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! Verse 32. They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us  
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Luke 24:32-34

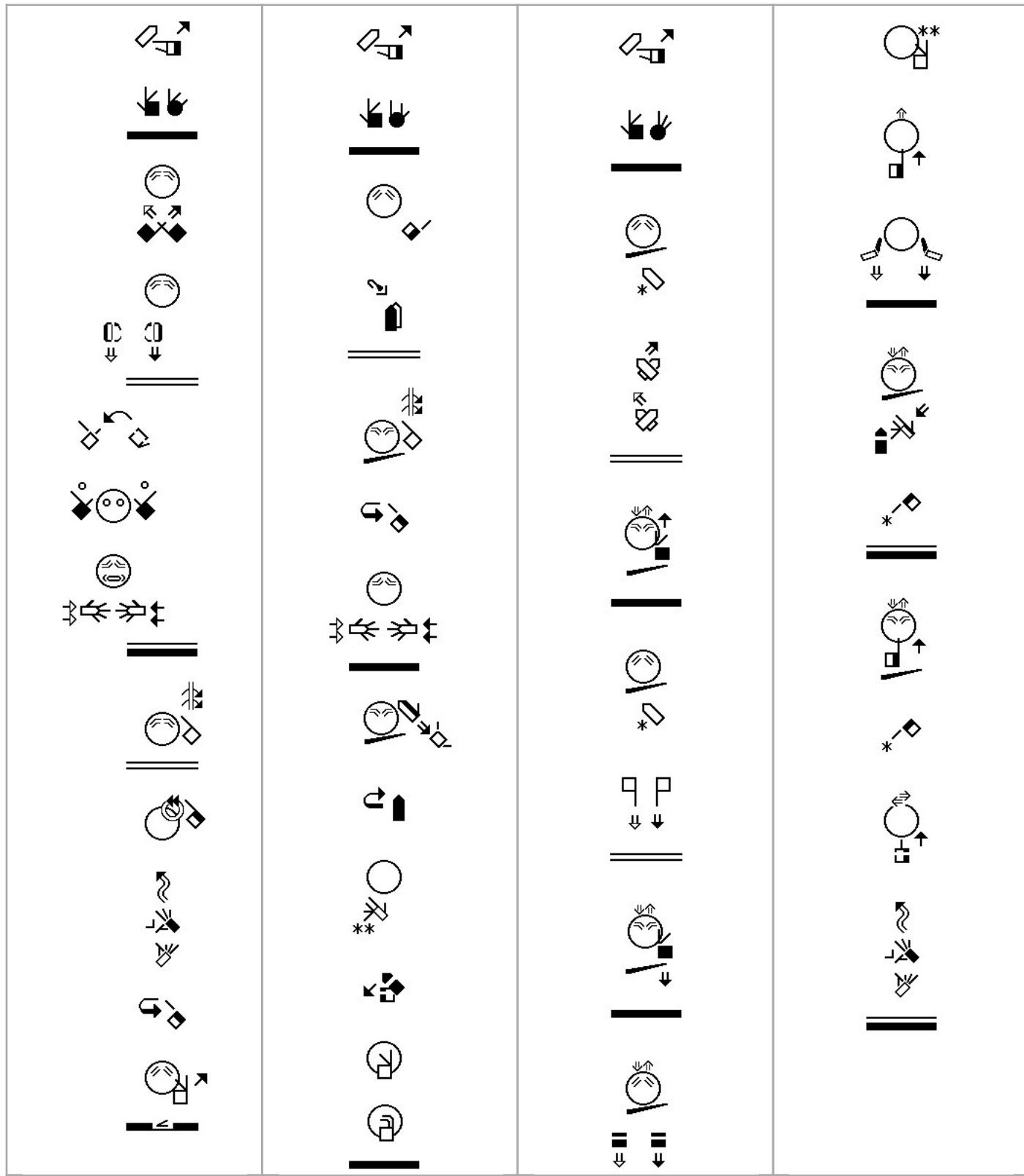


554 as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Verse 33. And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, Verse 34. who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter." NLT



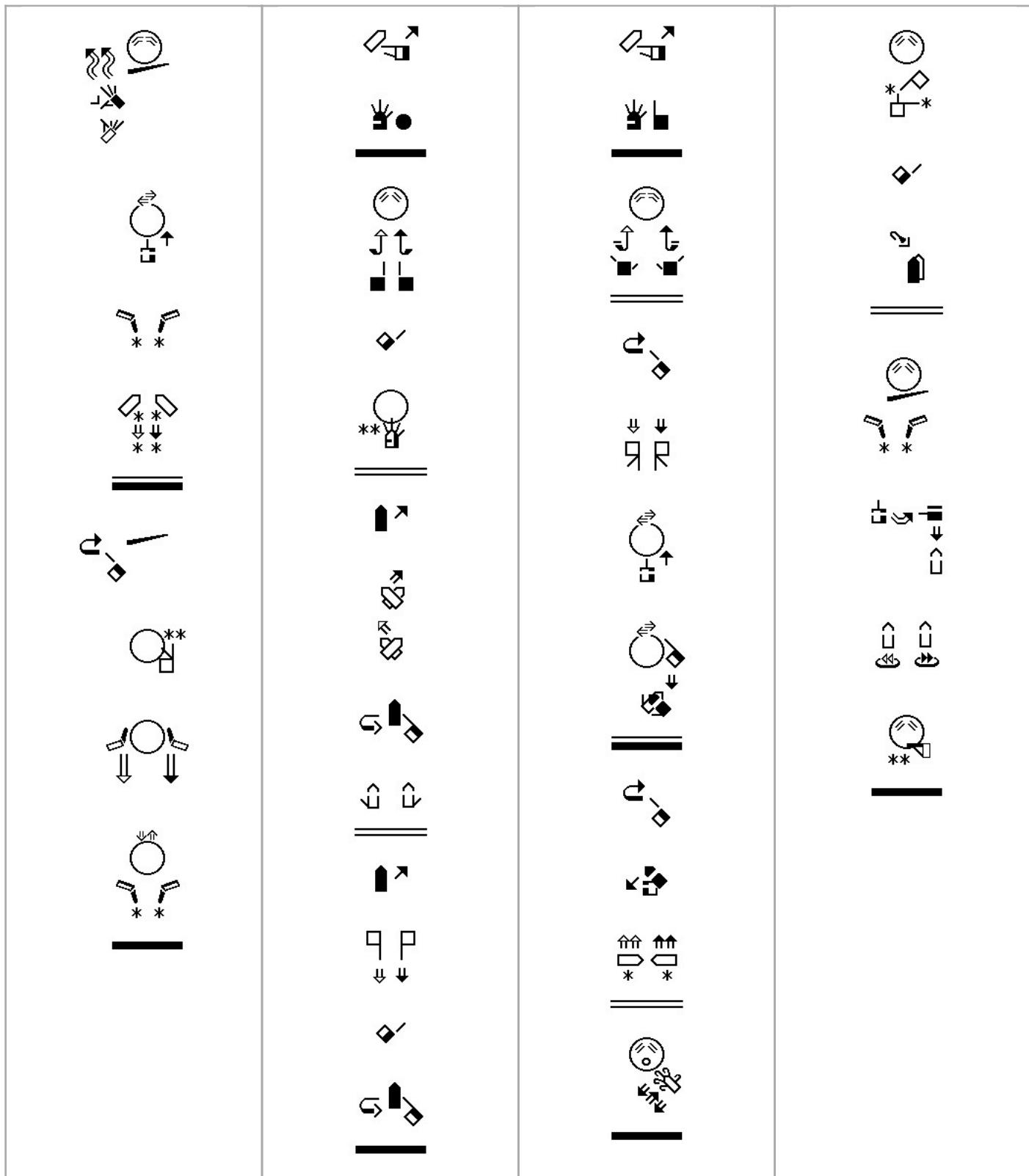
Verse 35. Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. Verse 36. And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. NLT

Luke 24:37-39



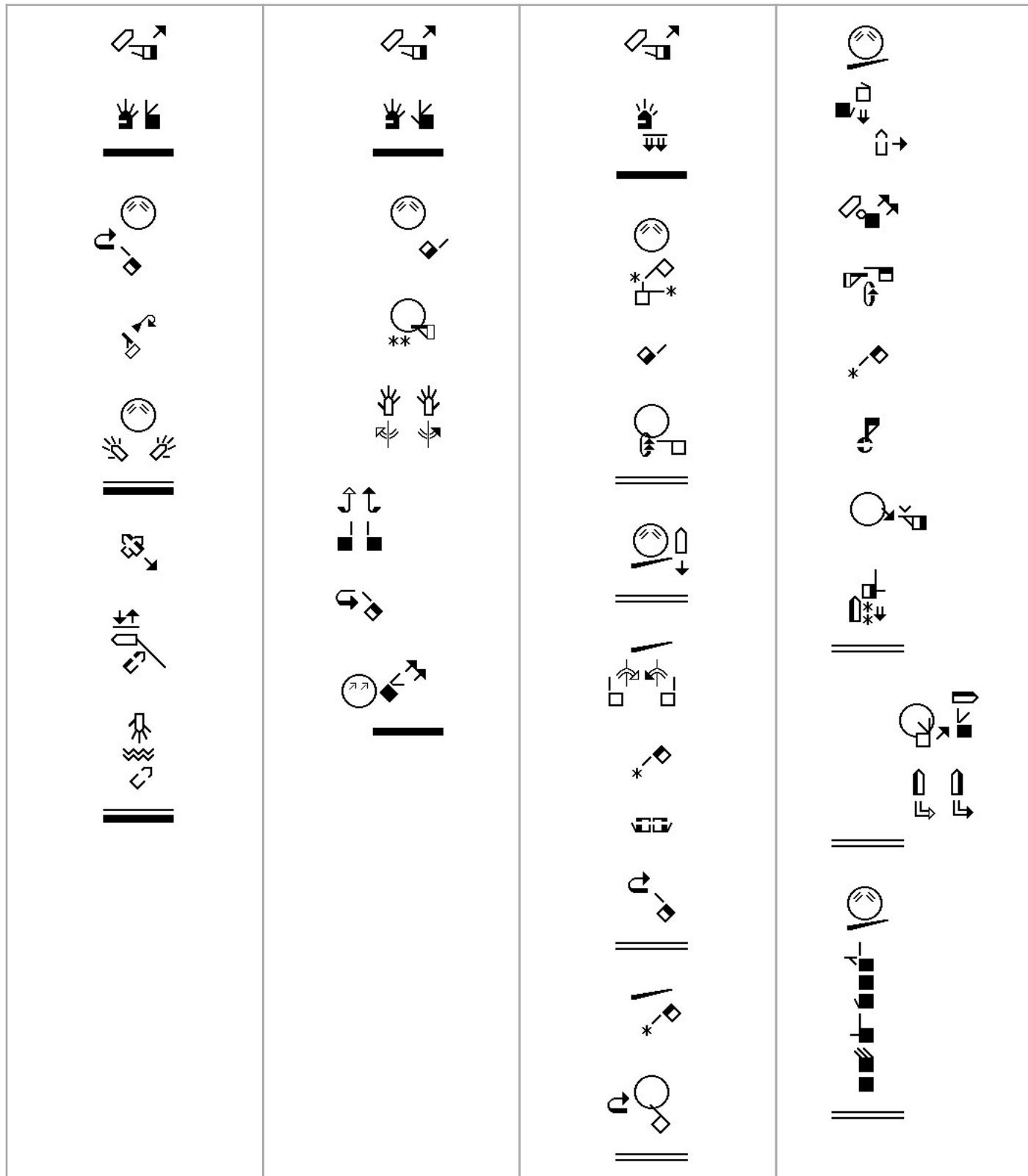
**556** Verse 37. But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! Verse 38. "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Verse 39. Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost,

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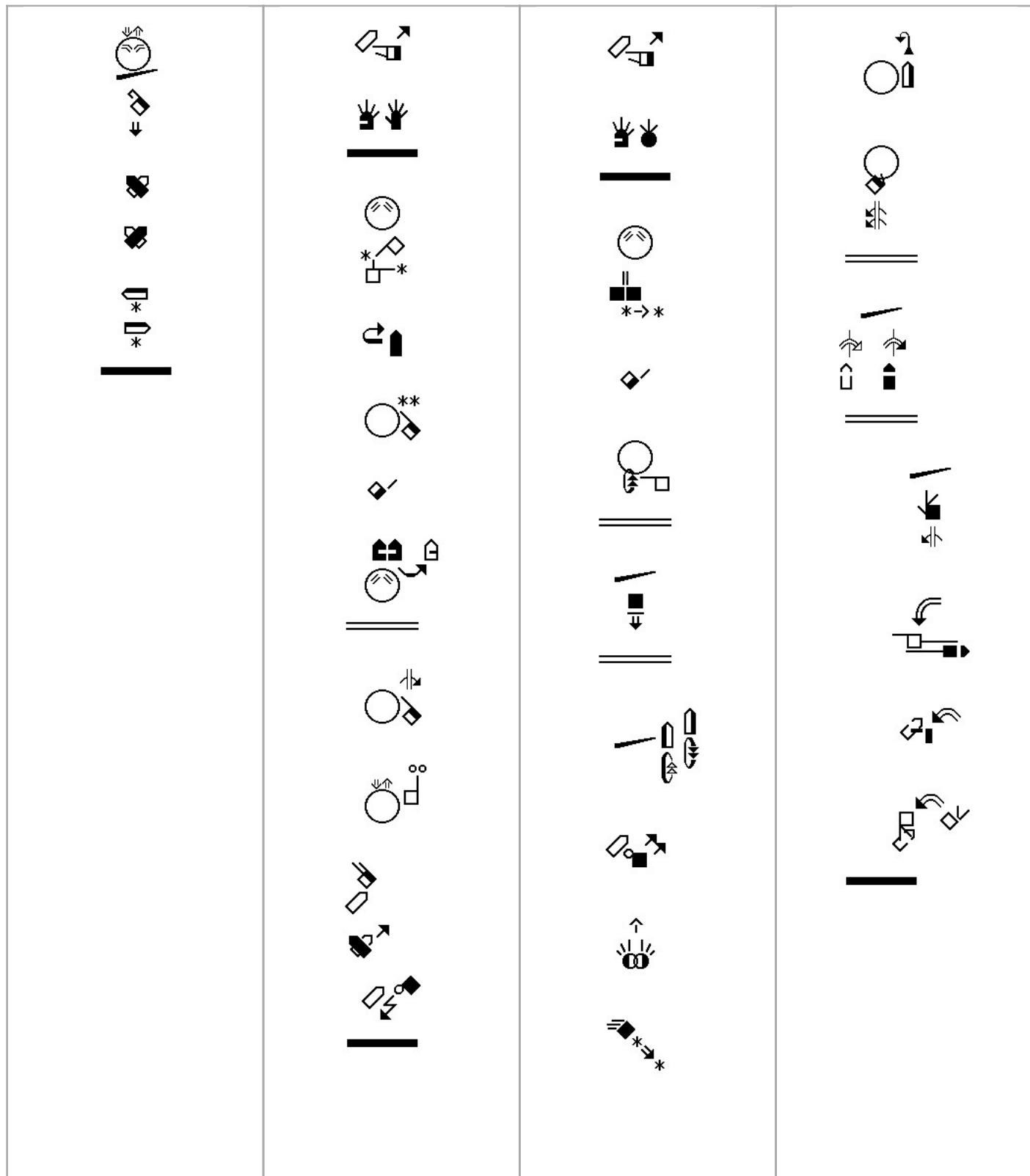


because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." Verse 40. As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. Verse 41. Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" NLT

Luke 24:42-44

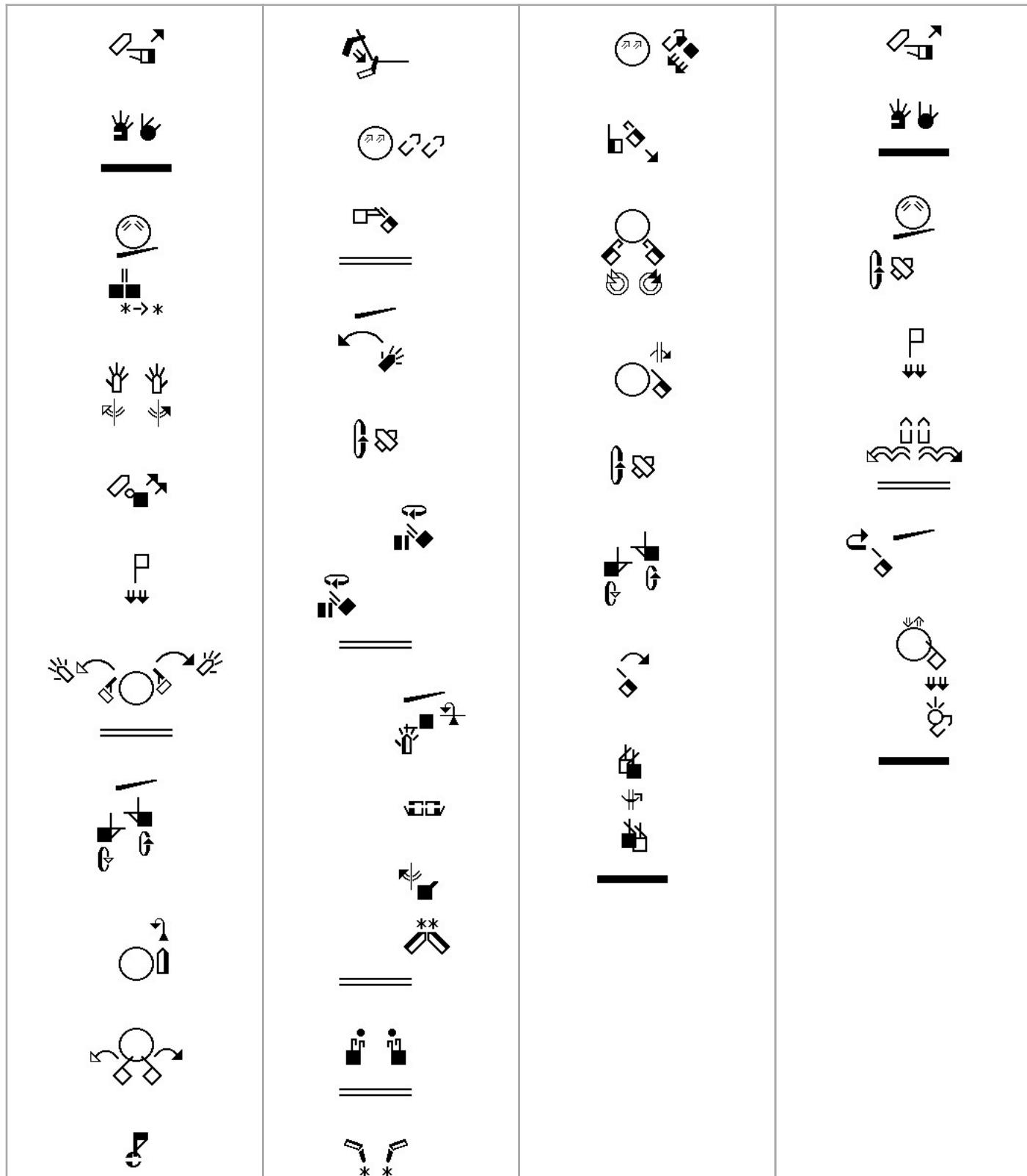


558 Verse 42. They gave him a piece of broiled fish, Verse 43. and he ate it as they watched.  
Verse 44. Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written  
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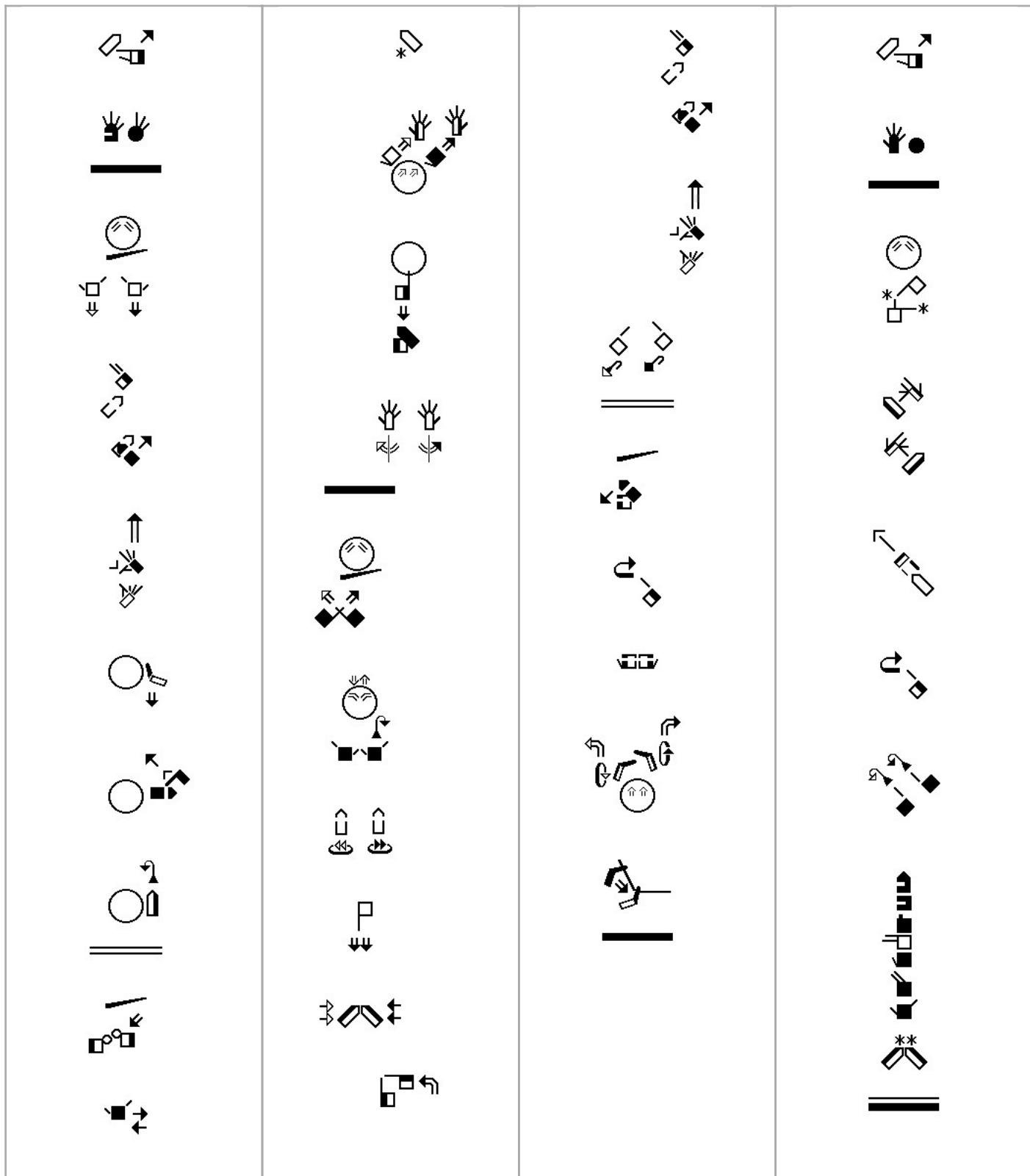


must be fulfilled." Verse 45. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Verse 46. And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day."

Luke 24:47-48

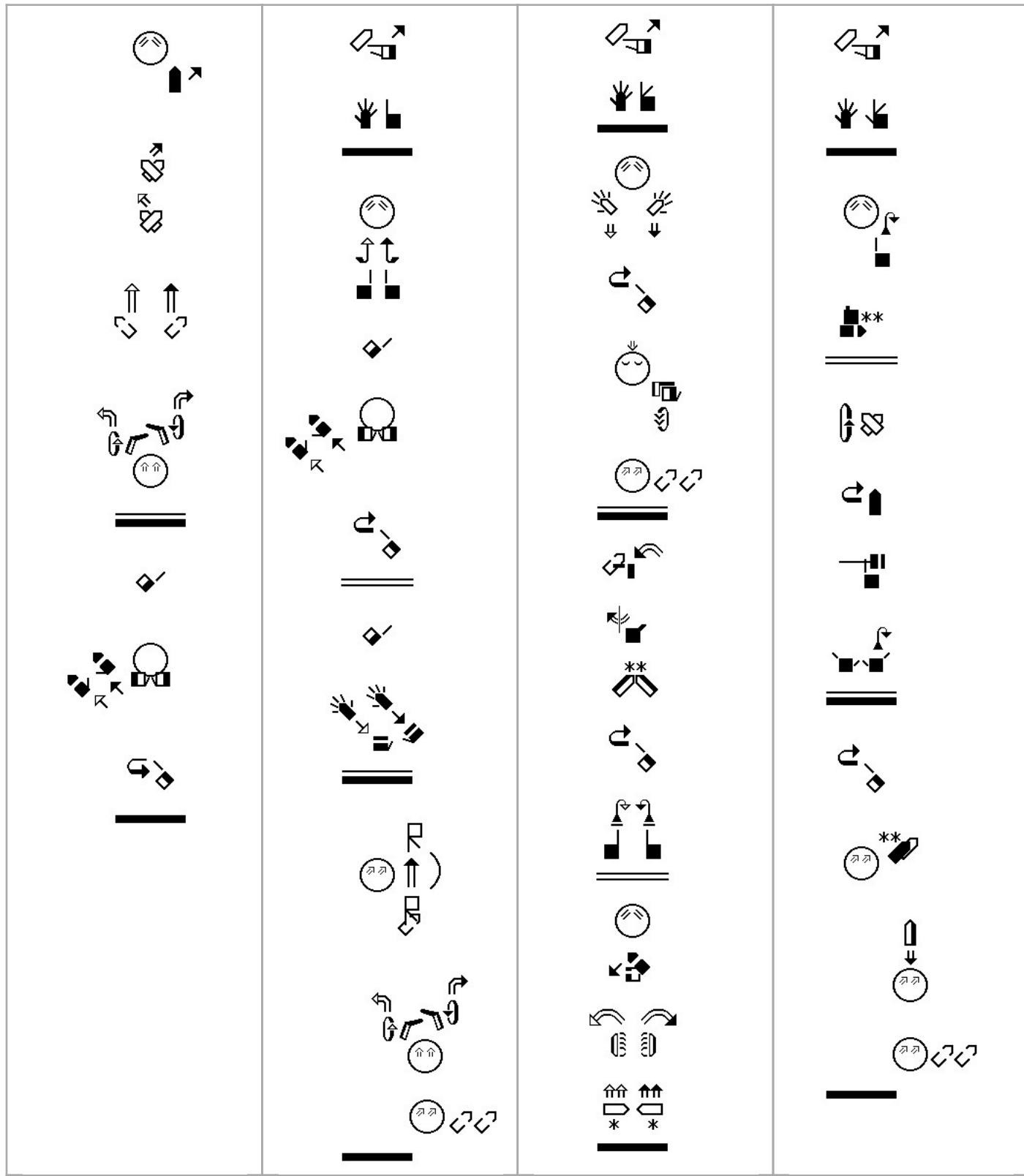


560 Verse 47. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' Verse 48. You are witnesses of all these things. NLT



Verse 49. "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Verse 50. Then Jesus led them to Bethany,

Luke 24:50-53













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