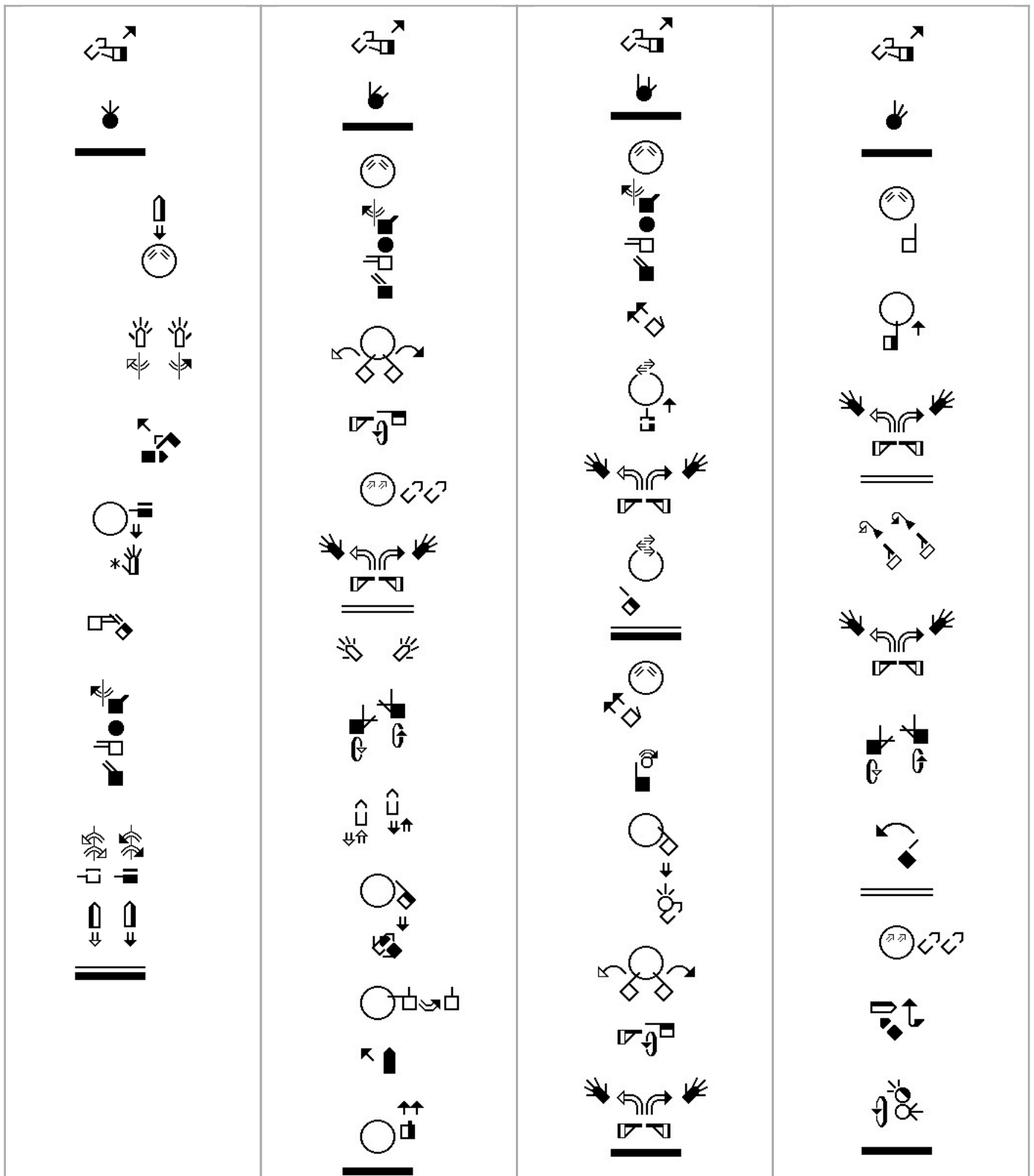


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1. In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He existed in the beginning with God. 3. God created everything through him, NLT

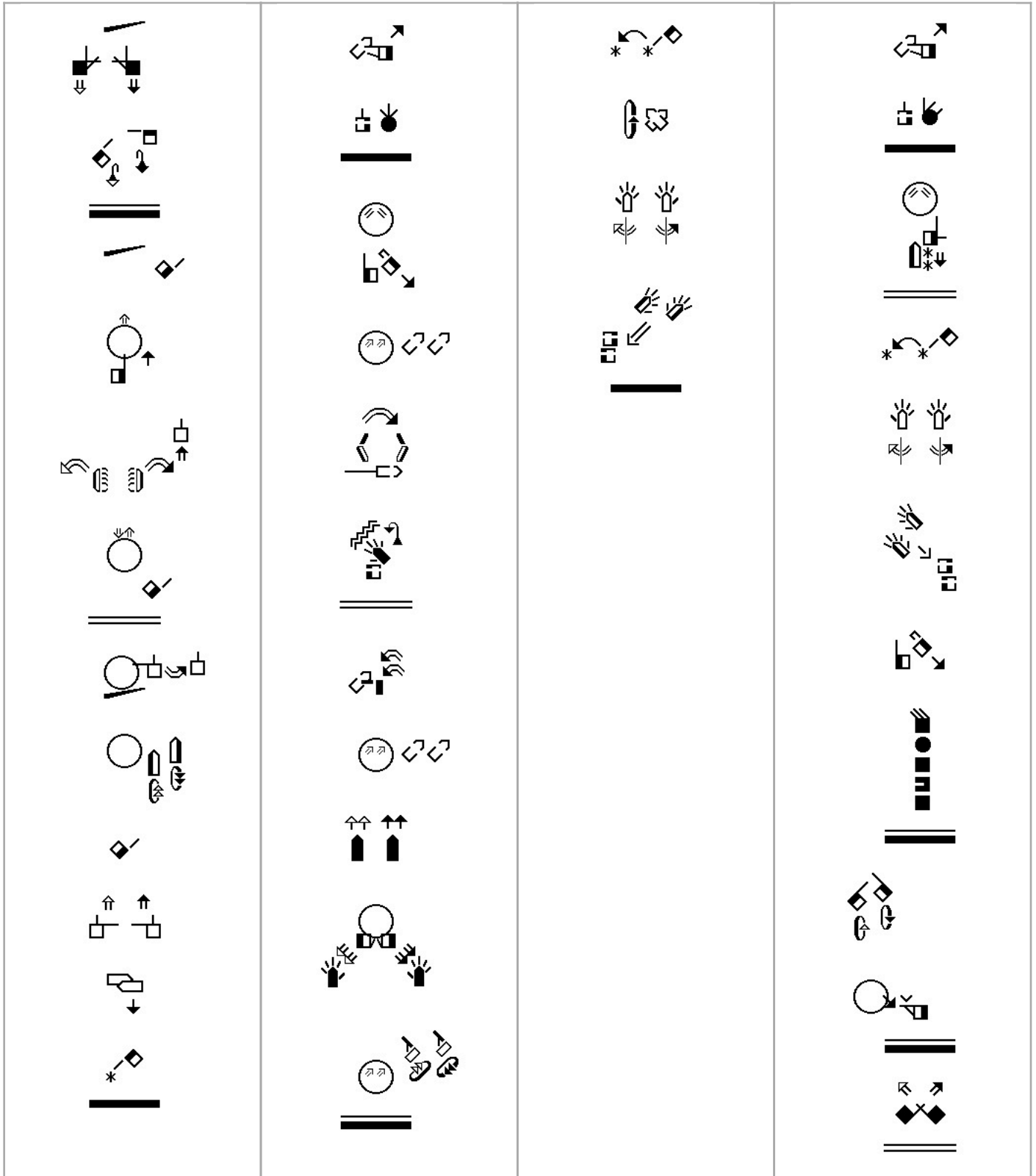


6. God sent a man, John the Baptist, 7. to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. 8. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. 9. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

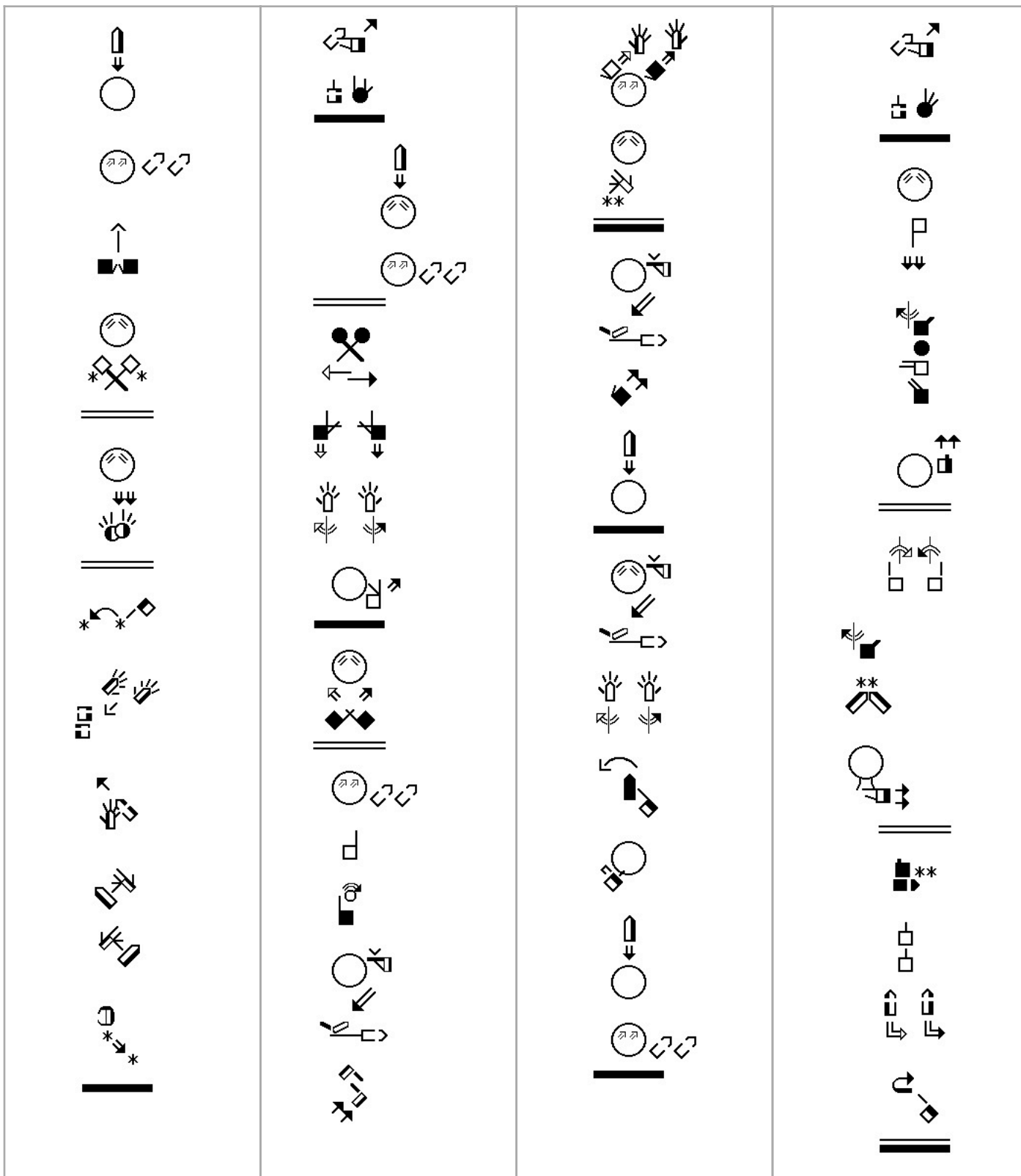
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10. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. 11. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12. But to all who believed him and accepted him,

among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. 15. John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me



...who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me." 16. From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. 17. For the law was given through Moses, but



God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. 18. No one has ever seen God. But the one and only Son is himself God and is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. 19. This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem

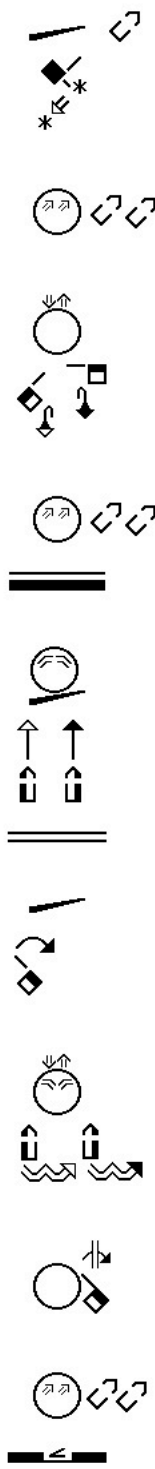
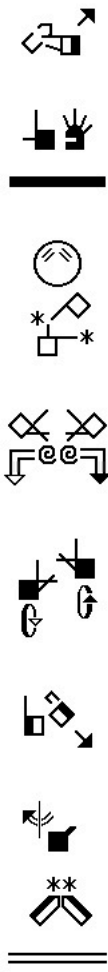
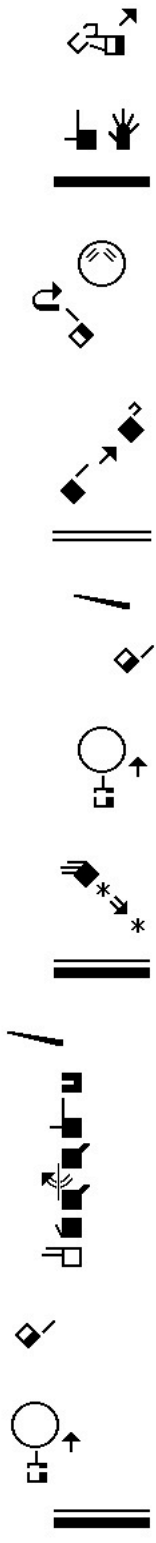
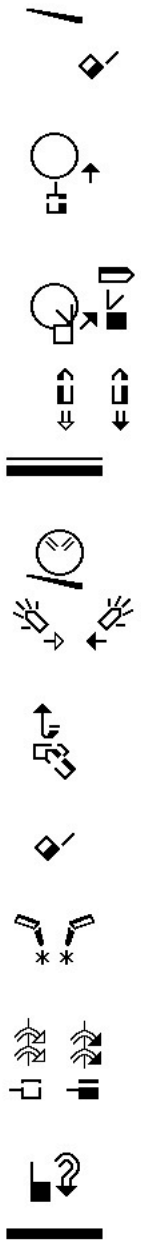
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to ask John, "Who are you?" 20. He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah." 21. "Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied. "Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No." NLT

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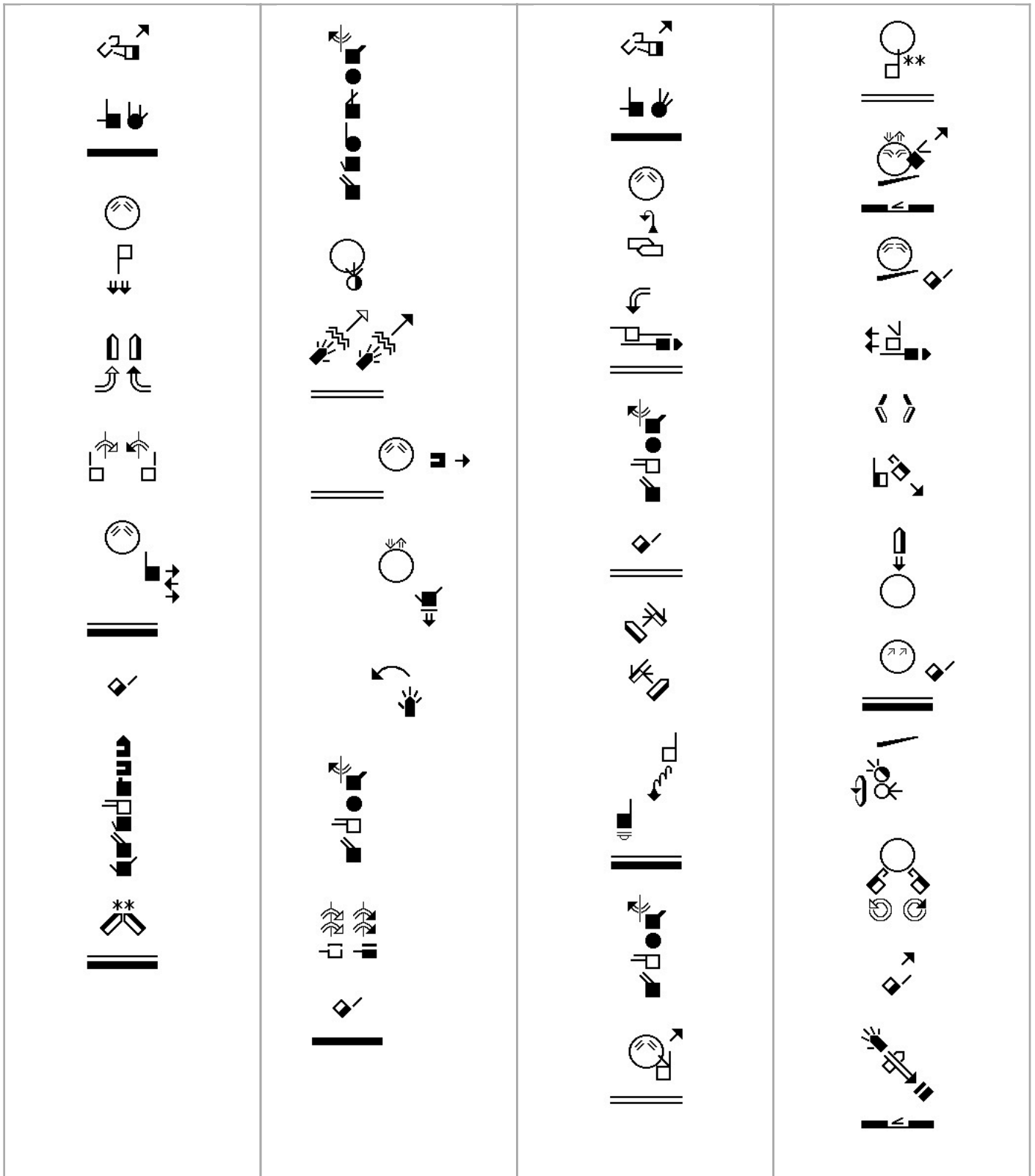
22. "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?" 23. John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: NLT

			
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11 "I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'" 24. Then the Pharisees who had been sent 25. asked him, "If you aren't the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?" NLT

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26. John told them, "I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize." 27. Though his ministry follows mine, I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal."



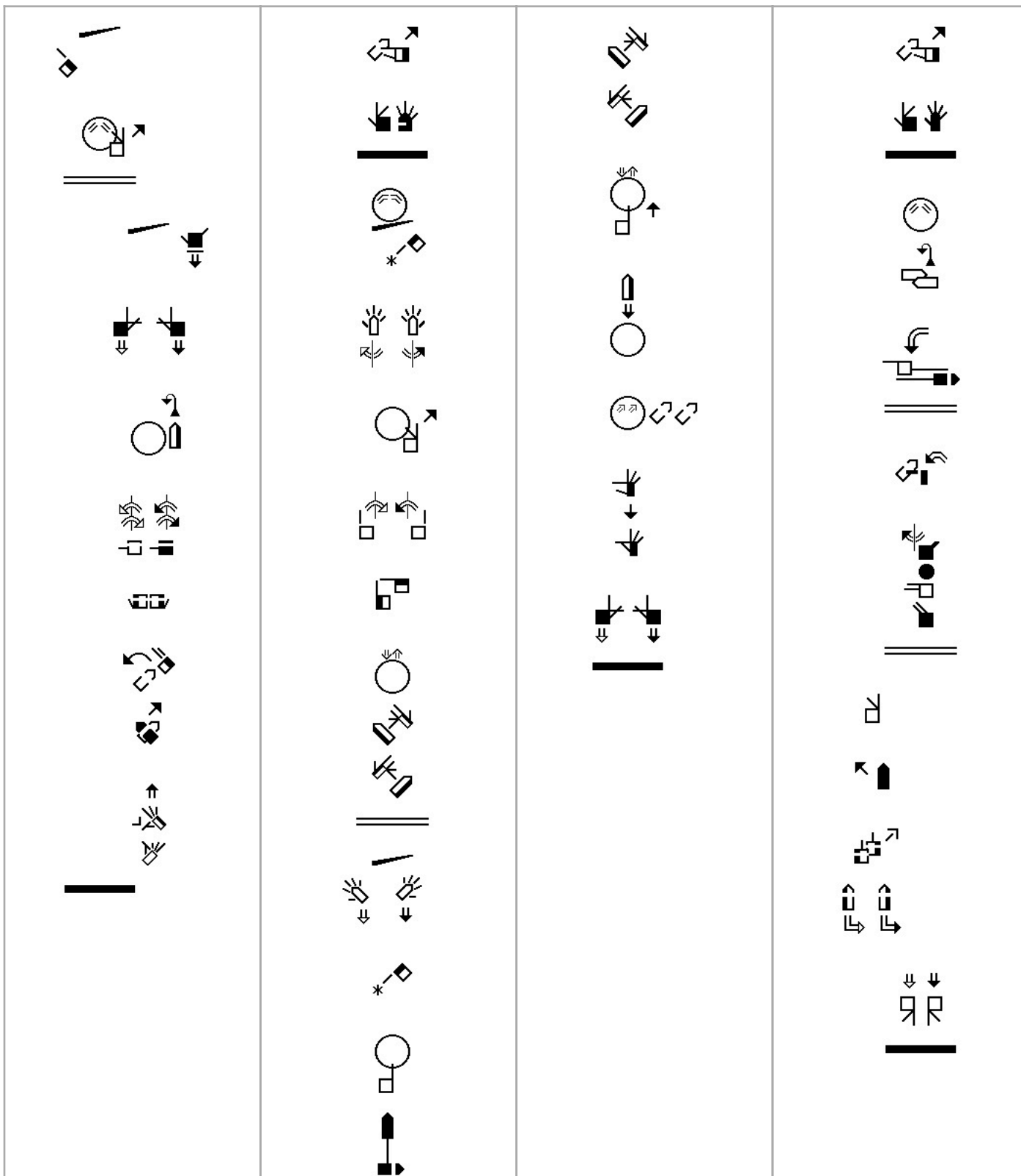
28. This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing. 29. The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" NLT

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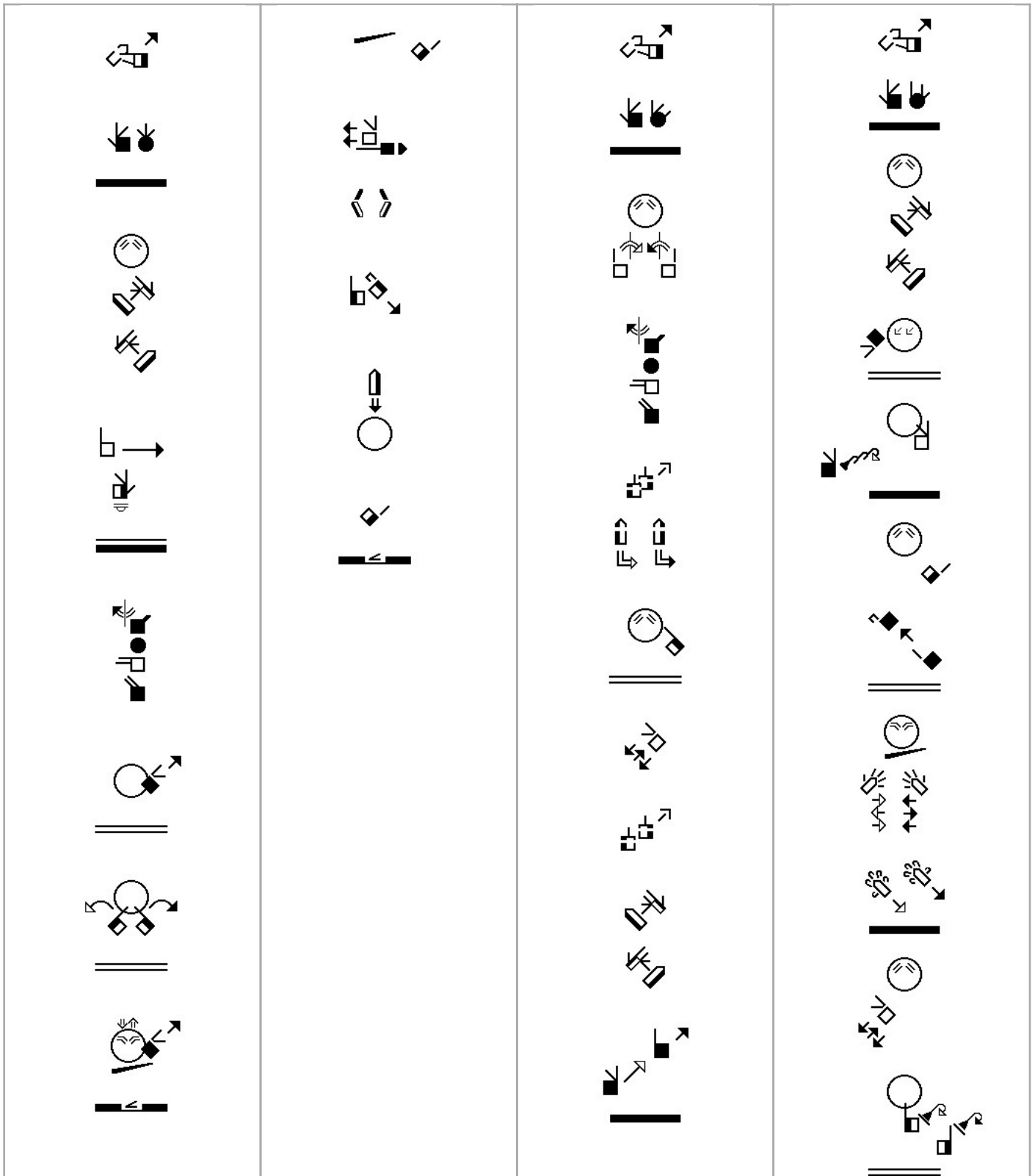
30. He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' 31. I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel." NLT

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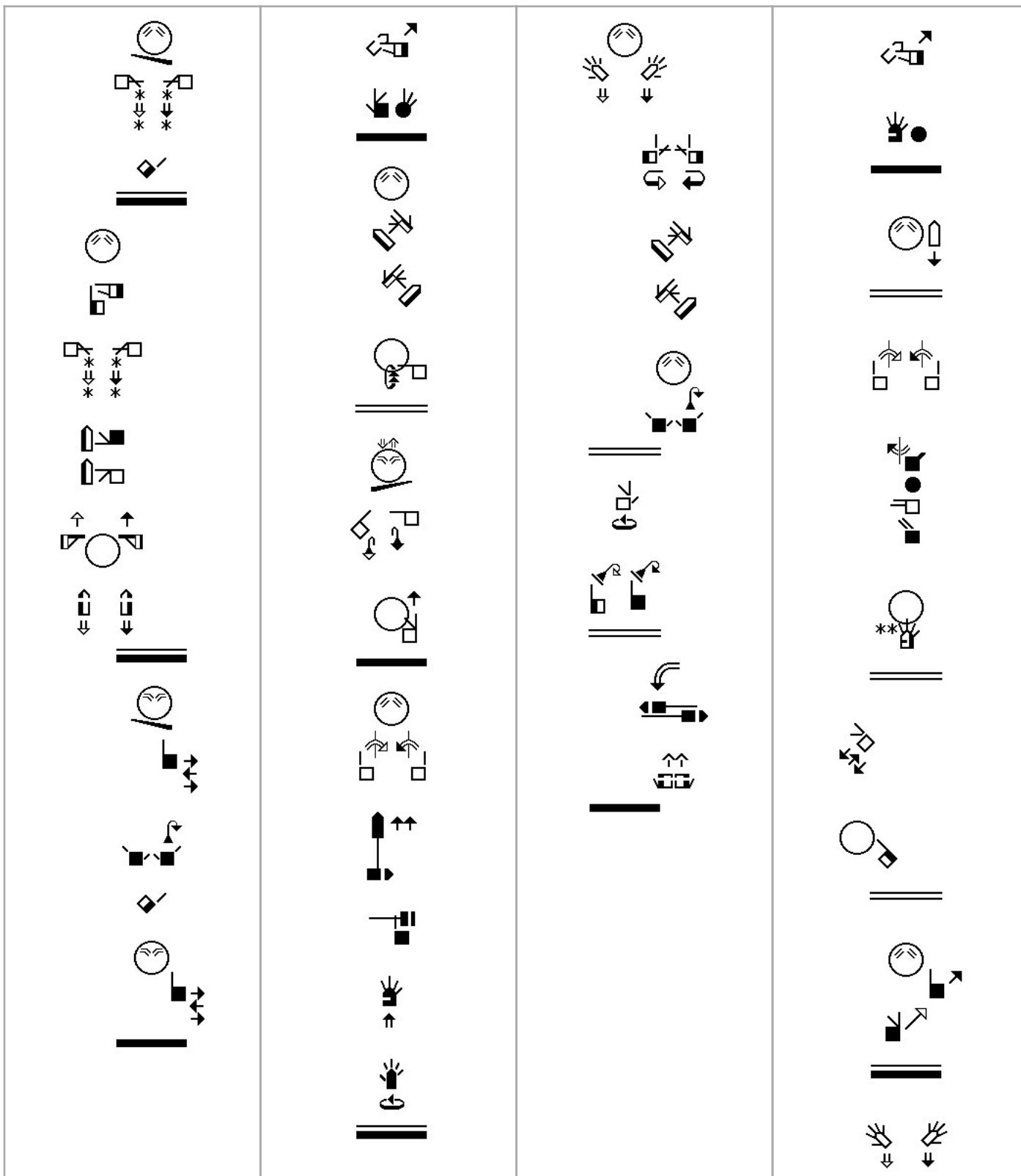
32. Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. 33. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Holy Spirit descend and rest



is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34. I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God." 35. The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples.




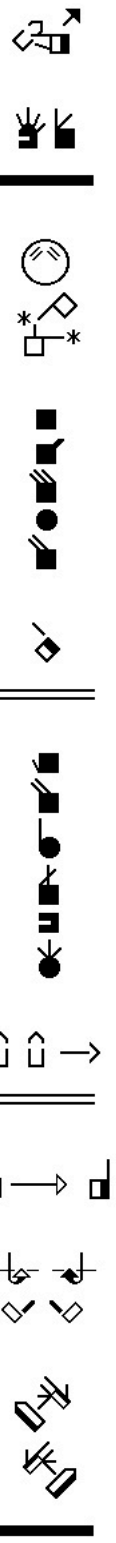


36. As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" 37. When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. 38. Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, NLT



"Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" 39. "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. 40. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was

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one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. 41. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). 42. Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. NLT

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Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John -- but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"). 43. The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me."

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37 44. Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. 45. Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, NLT

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the son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46. "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. 47. As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son

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49. Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God -- the King of Israel!" 50. Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this."

