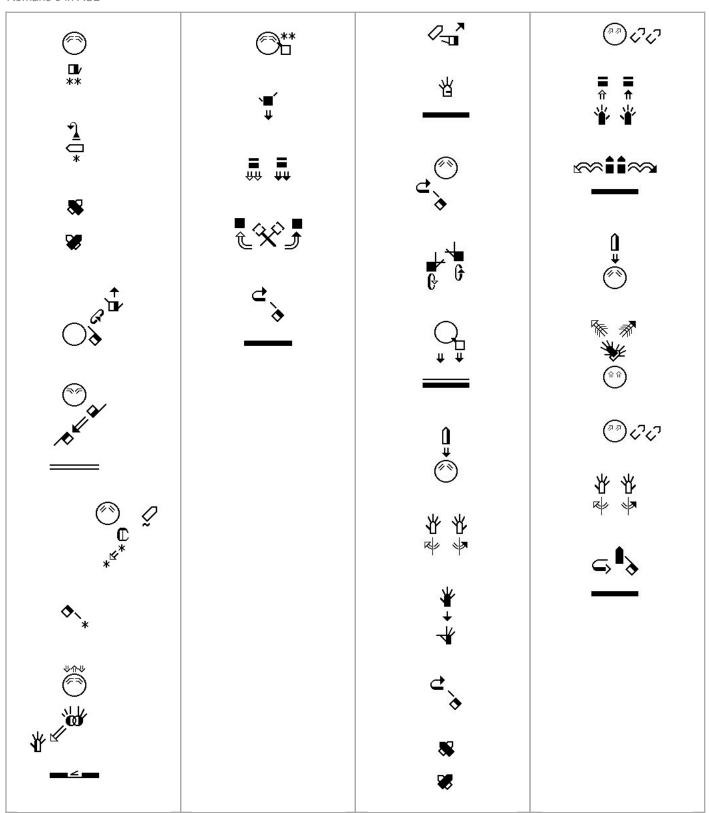
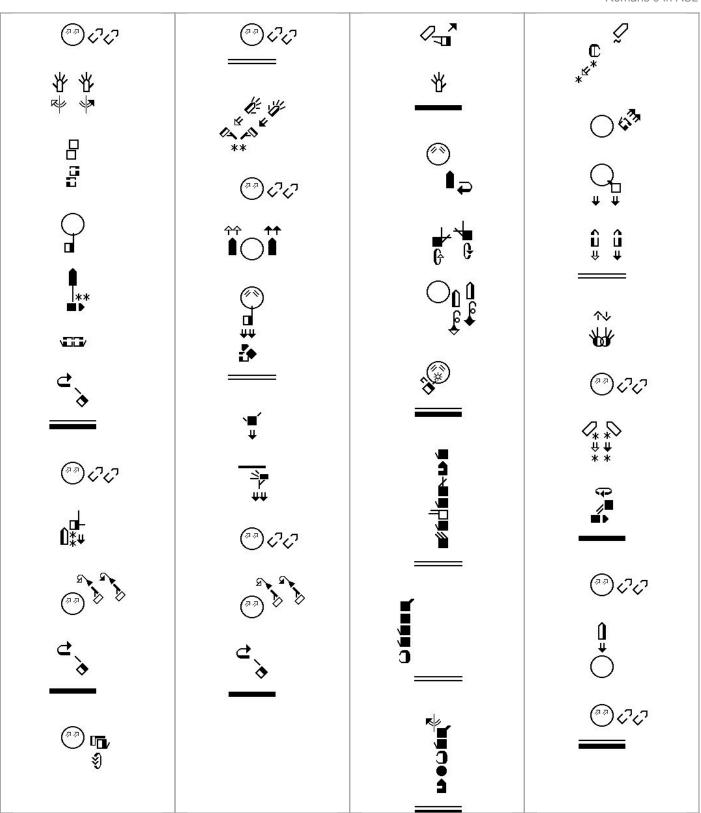
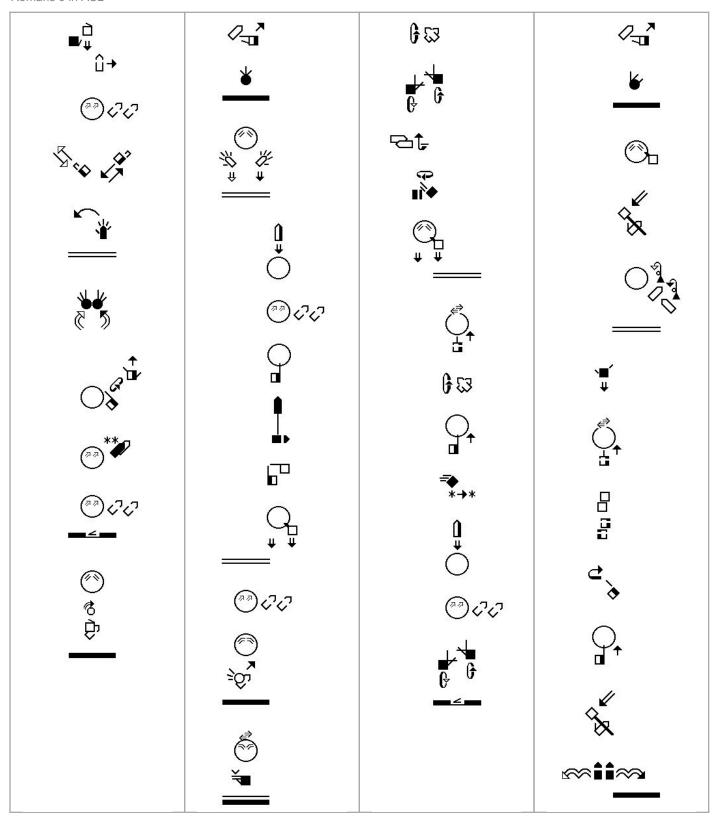
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 $9\,$ With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. 2. My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief 3. for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters.

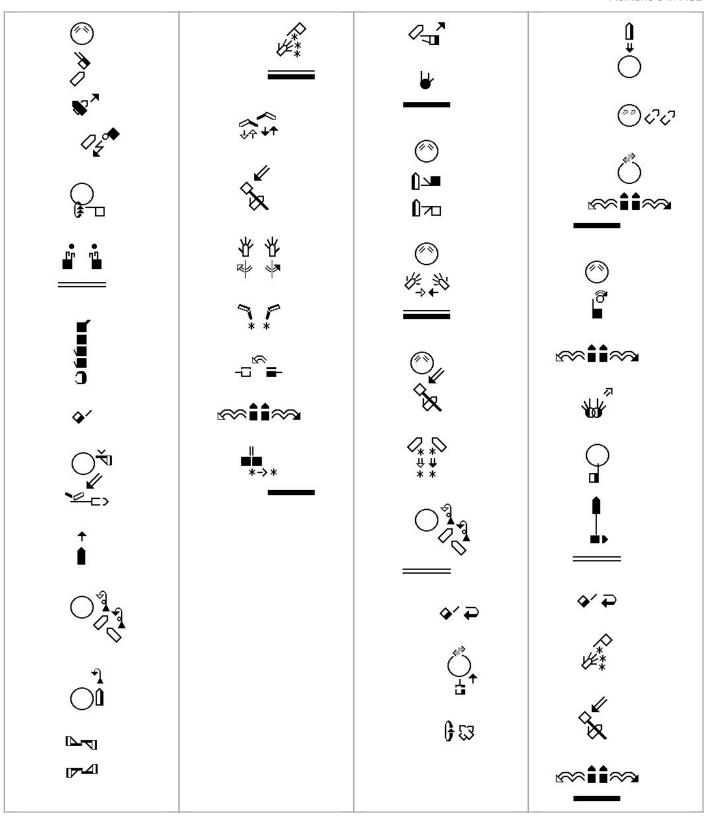


I would be willing to be forever cursed -- cut off from Christ! -- if that would save them. 4. They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God's adopted children. God revealed his glory to them. NLT





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

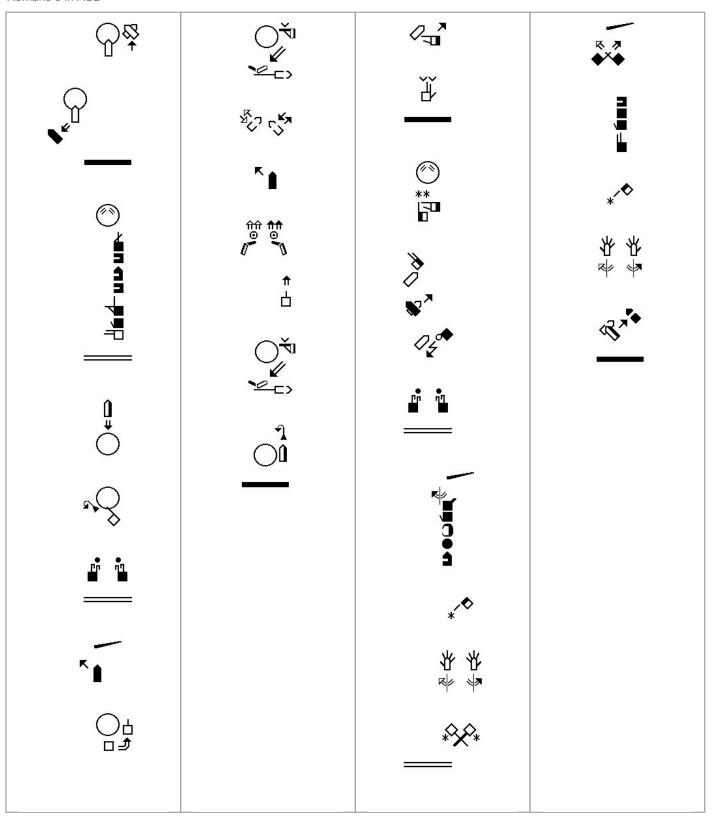


For the Scriptures say, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted," though Abraham had other children, too. 8. This means that Abraham's physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham's children.

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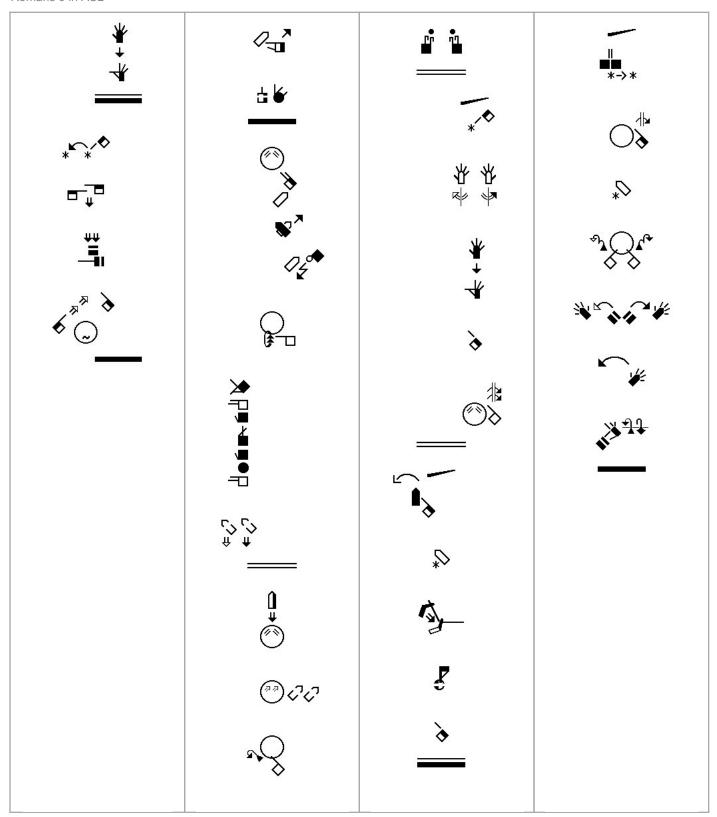
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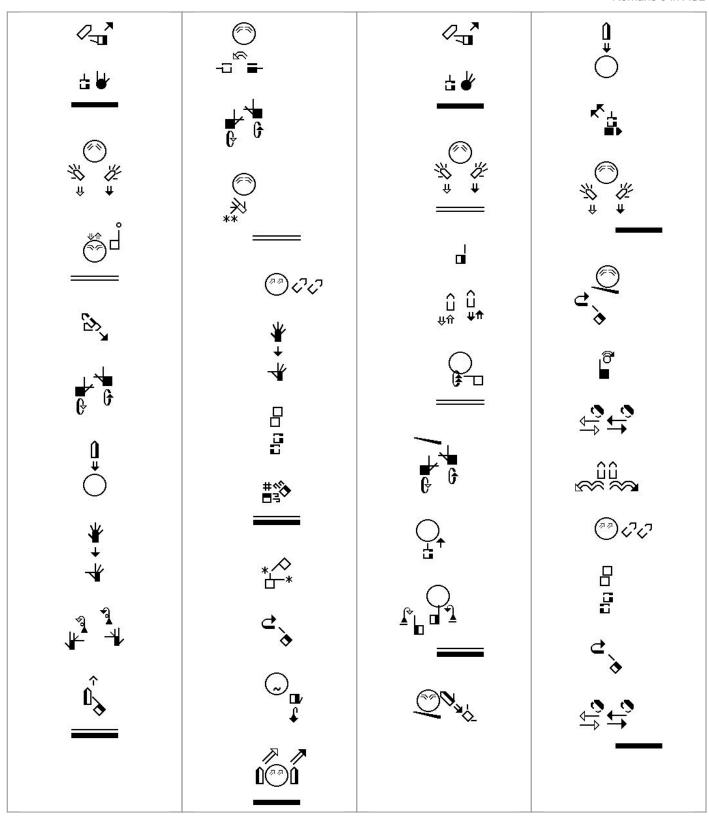
11. But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; 12. he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.)



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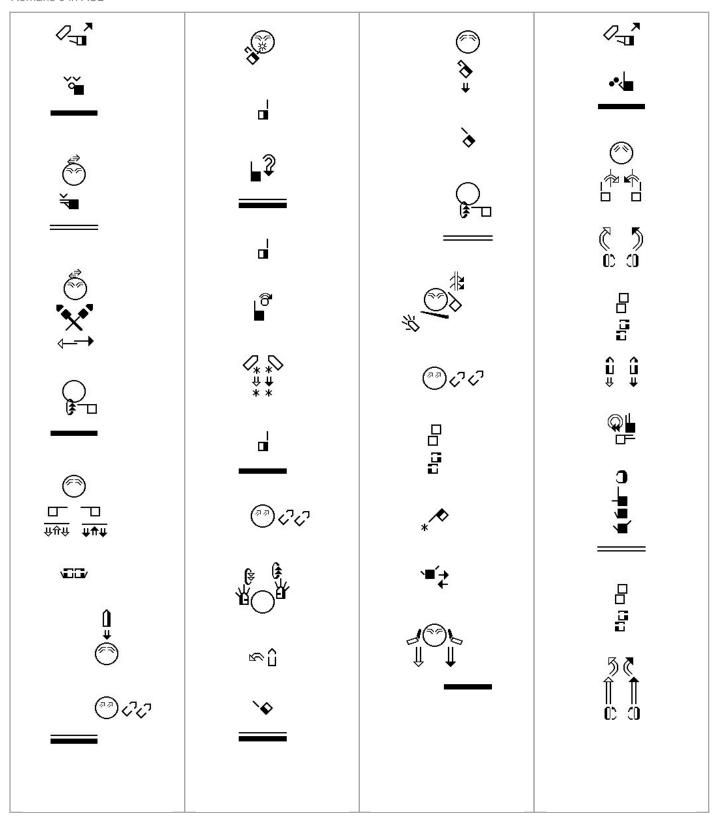
14. Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! 15. For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose." 16. So it is God who decides to show mercy. We



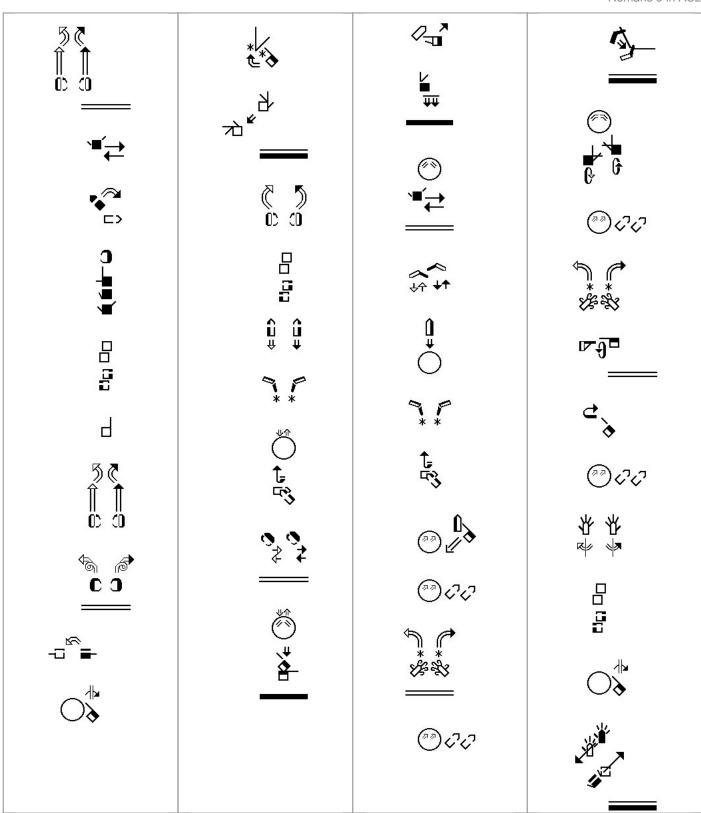


18. So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen. 19. Well then, you might say, "Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven't they simply done what he makes them do?"

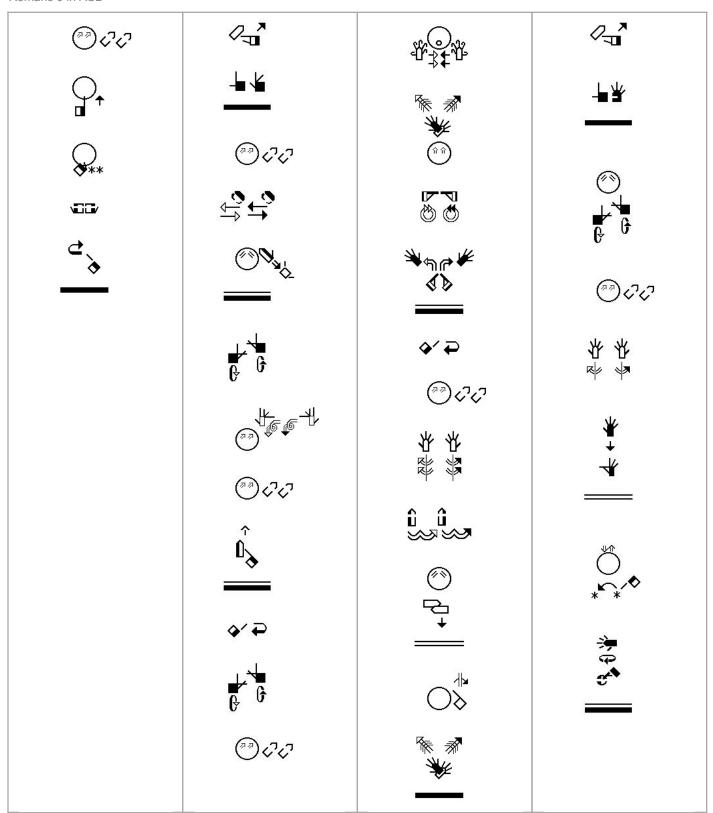
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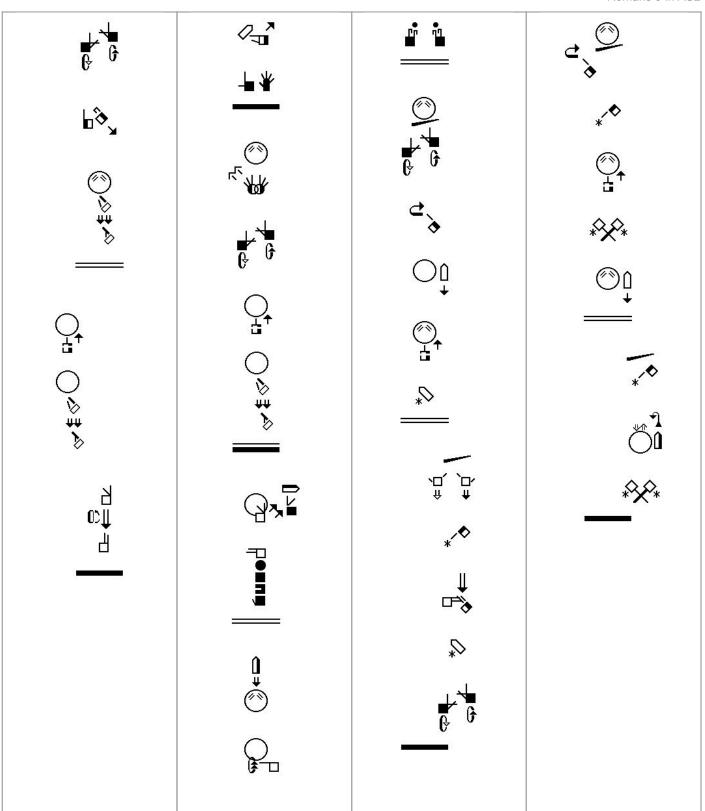
20. No, don't say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21. When a potter makes jars out of clay,



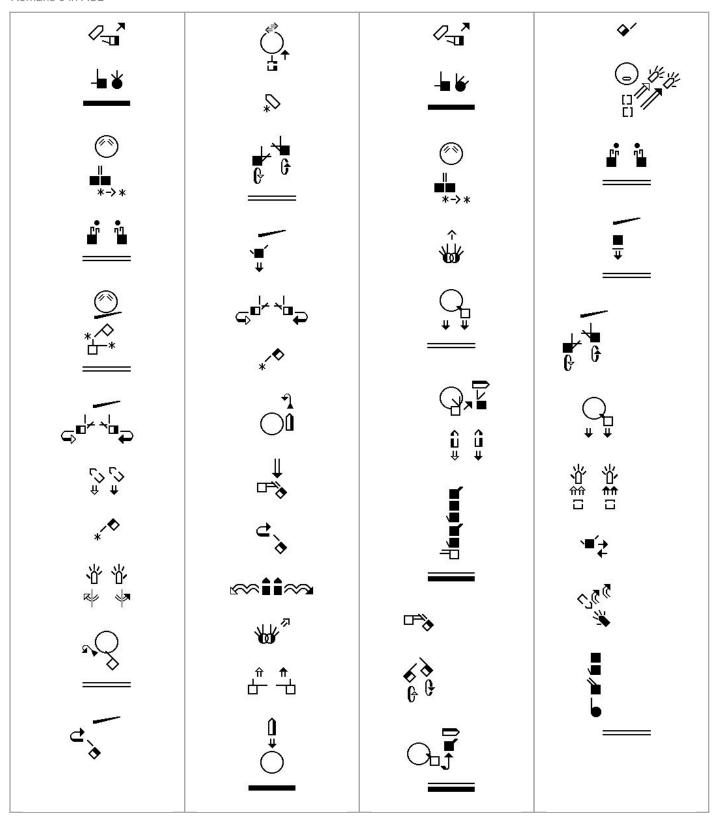
doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? 22. In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who were made for destruction.



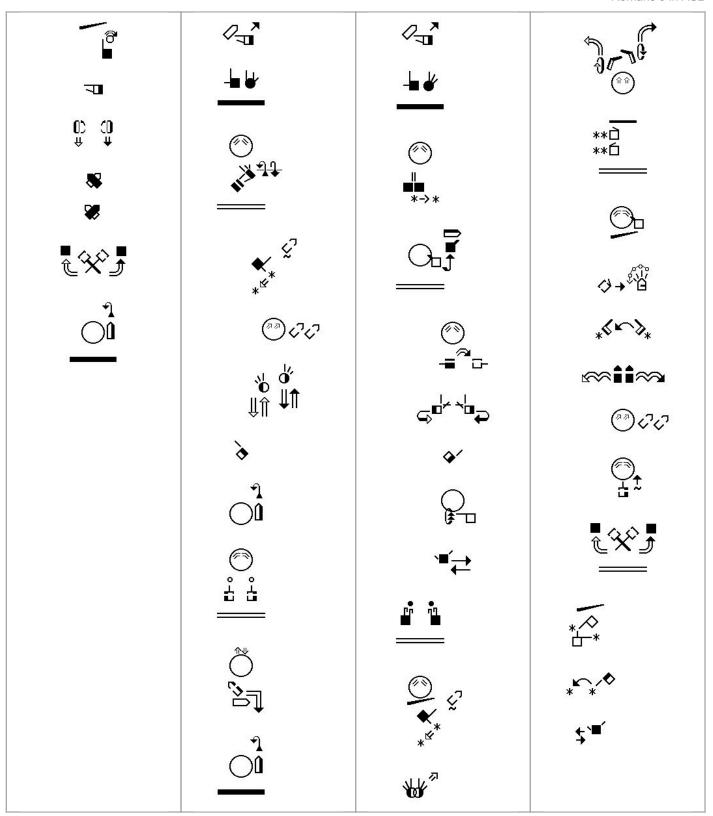
23. He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. 24. And we are among those whom he selected, NLT



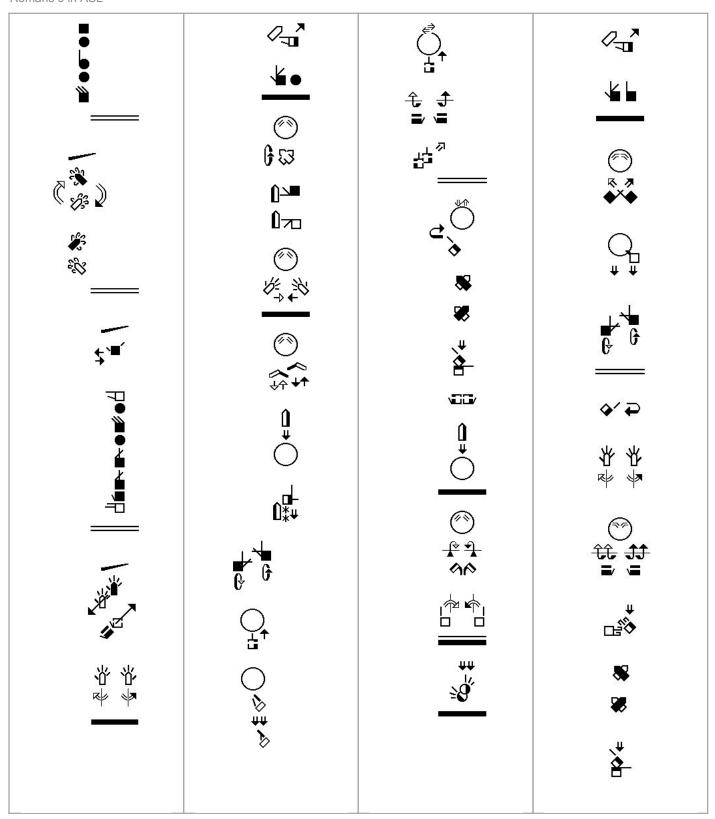
both from the Jews and from the Gentiles. 25. Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, "Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before."



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



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



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