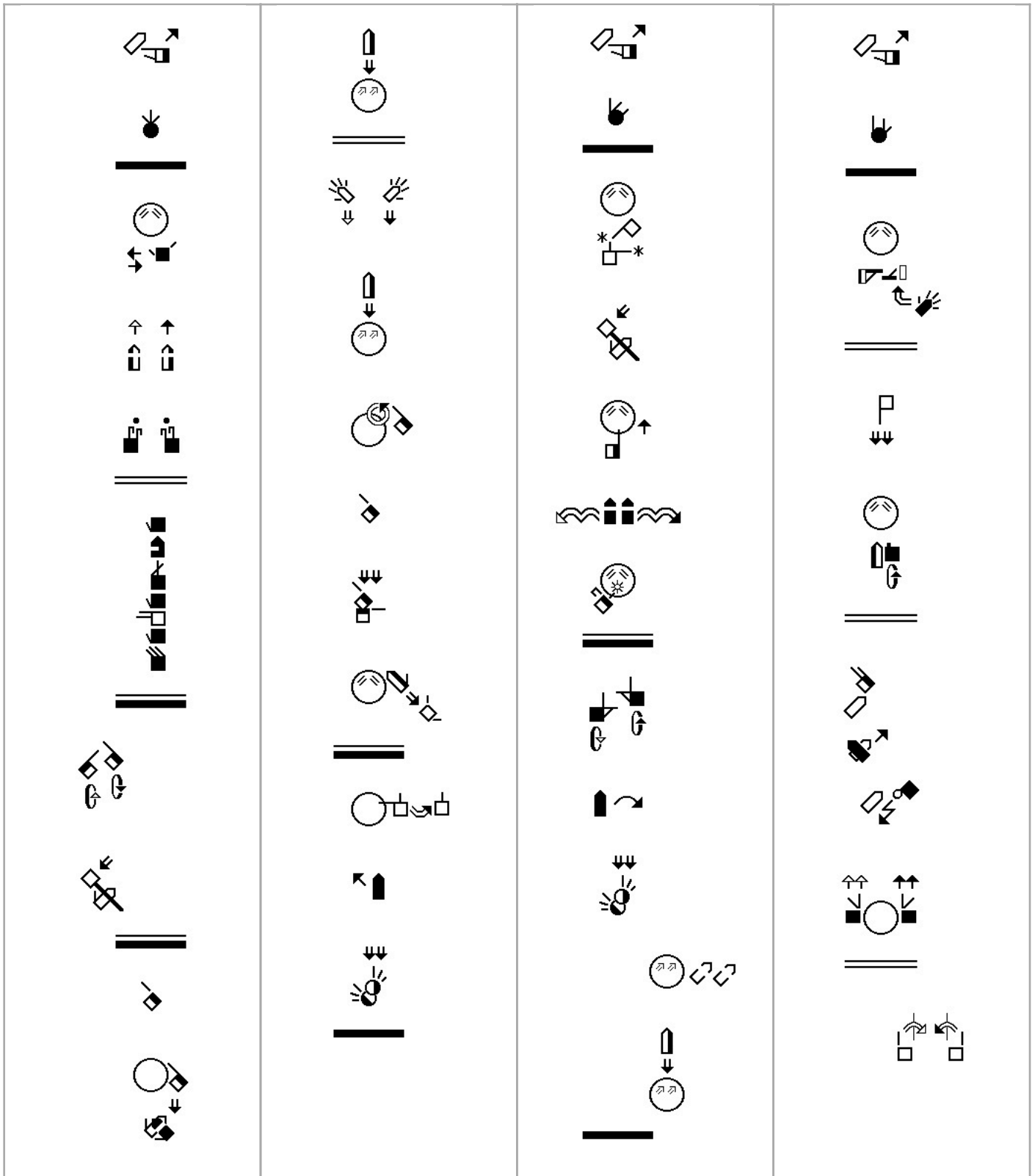


Chapter 3. Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Verse 2. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit NLT

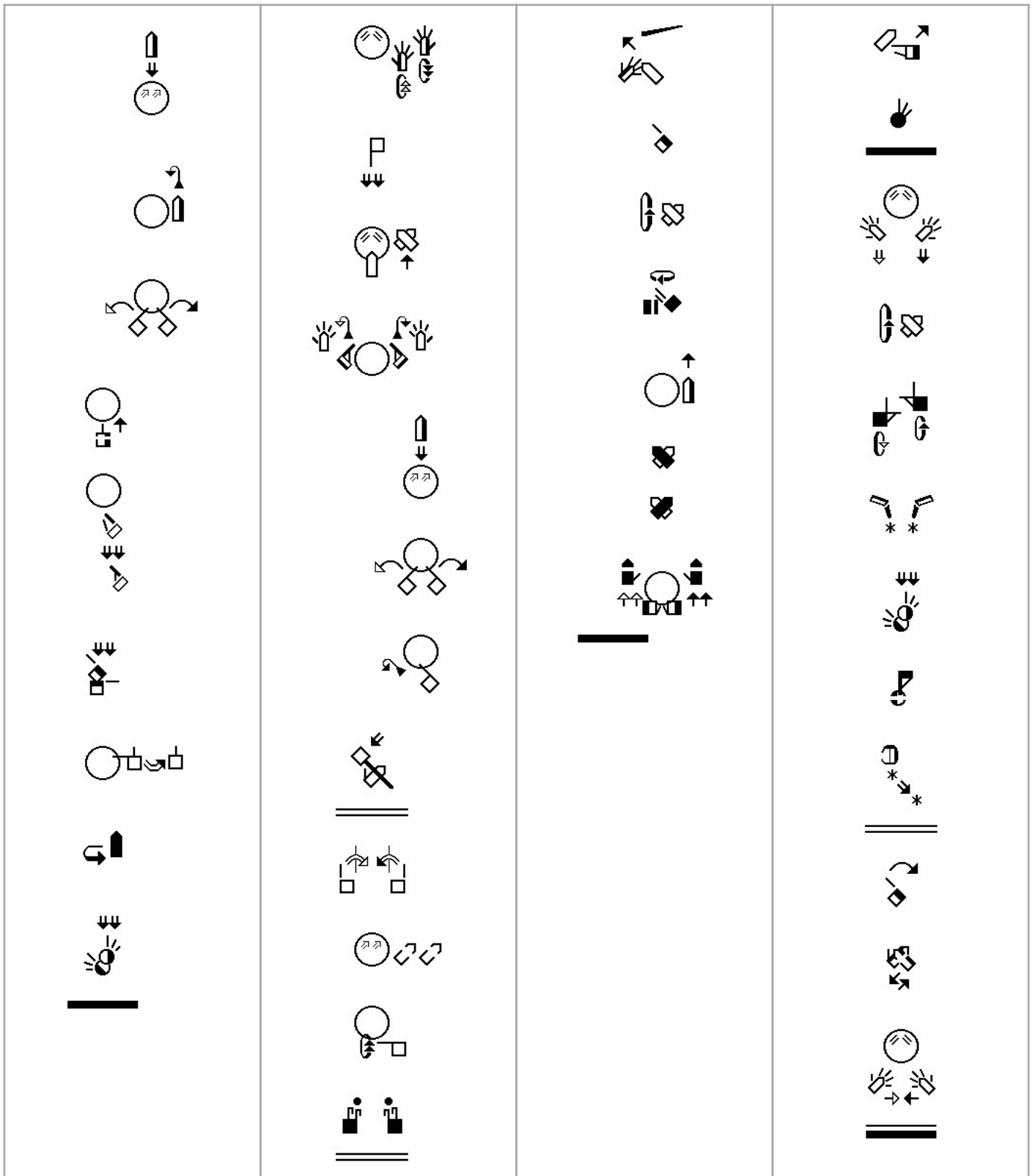
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by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. Verse 3. How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect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

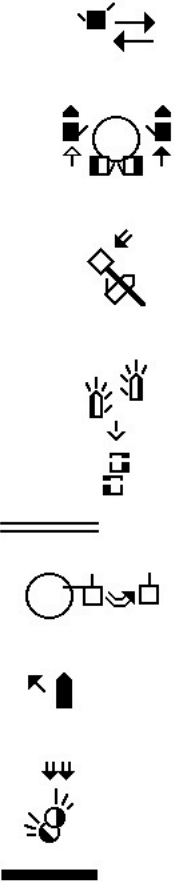

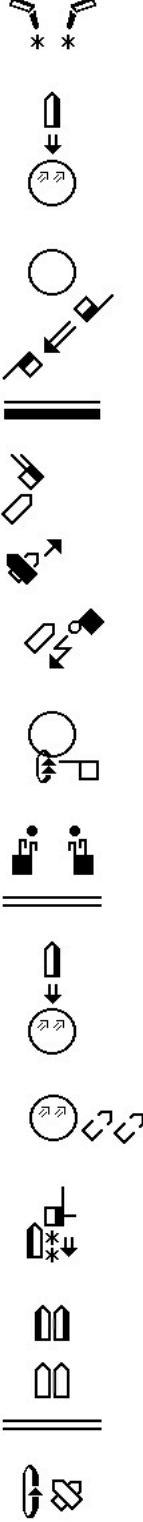
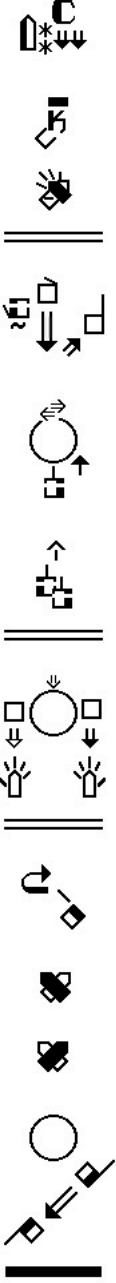
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<p>Verse 4. Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? Verse 5. I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.</p>			



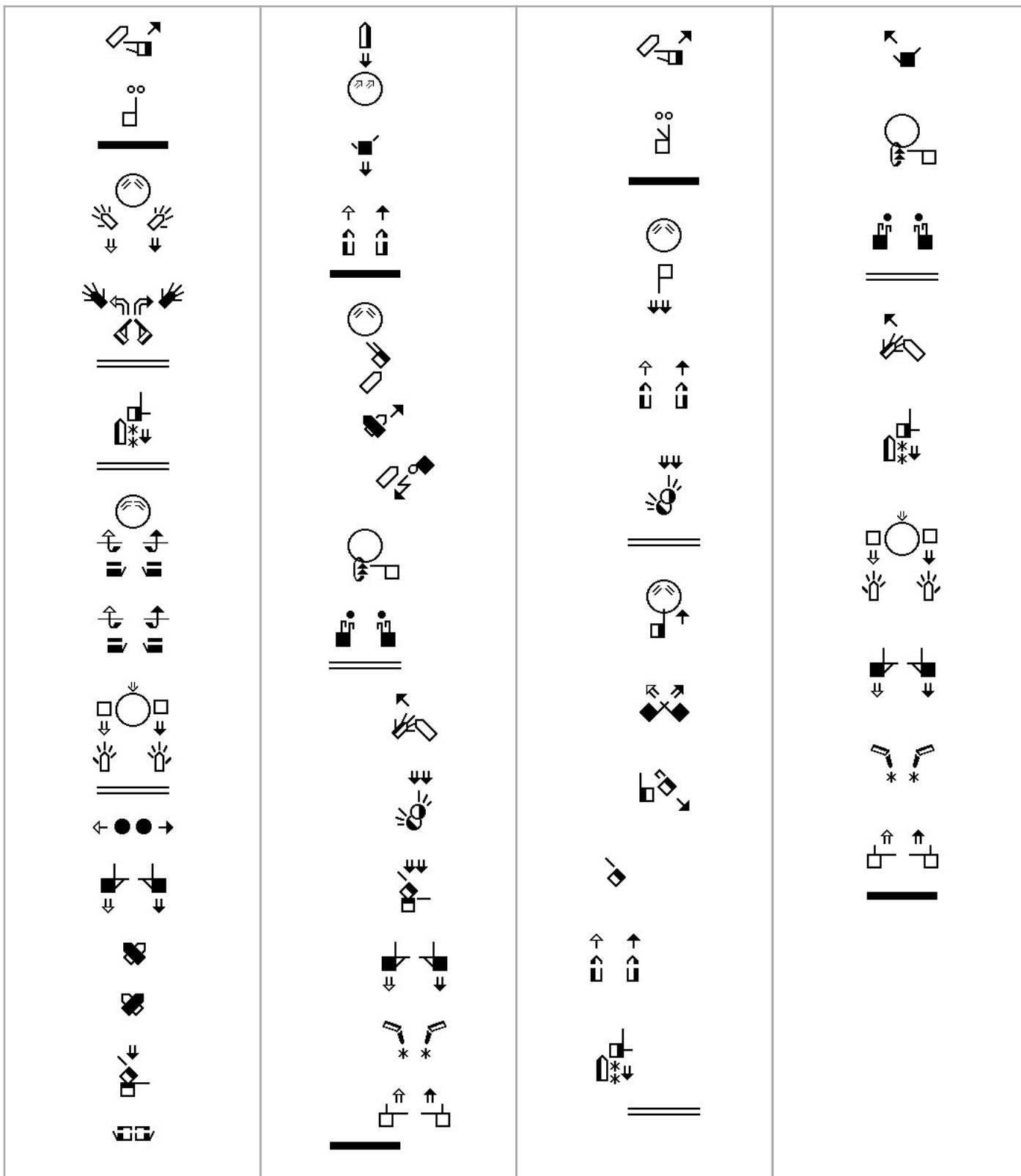
Verse 6. In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." Verse 7. The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. Verse 8. What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when NLT



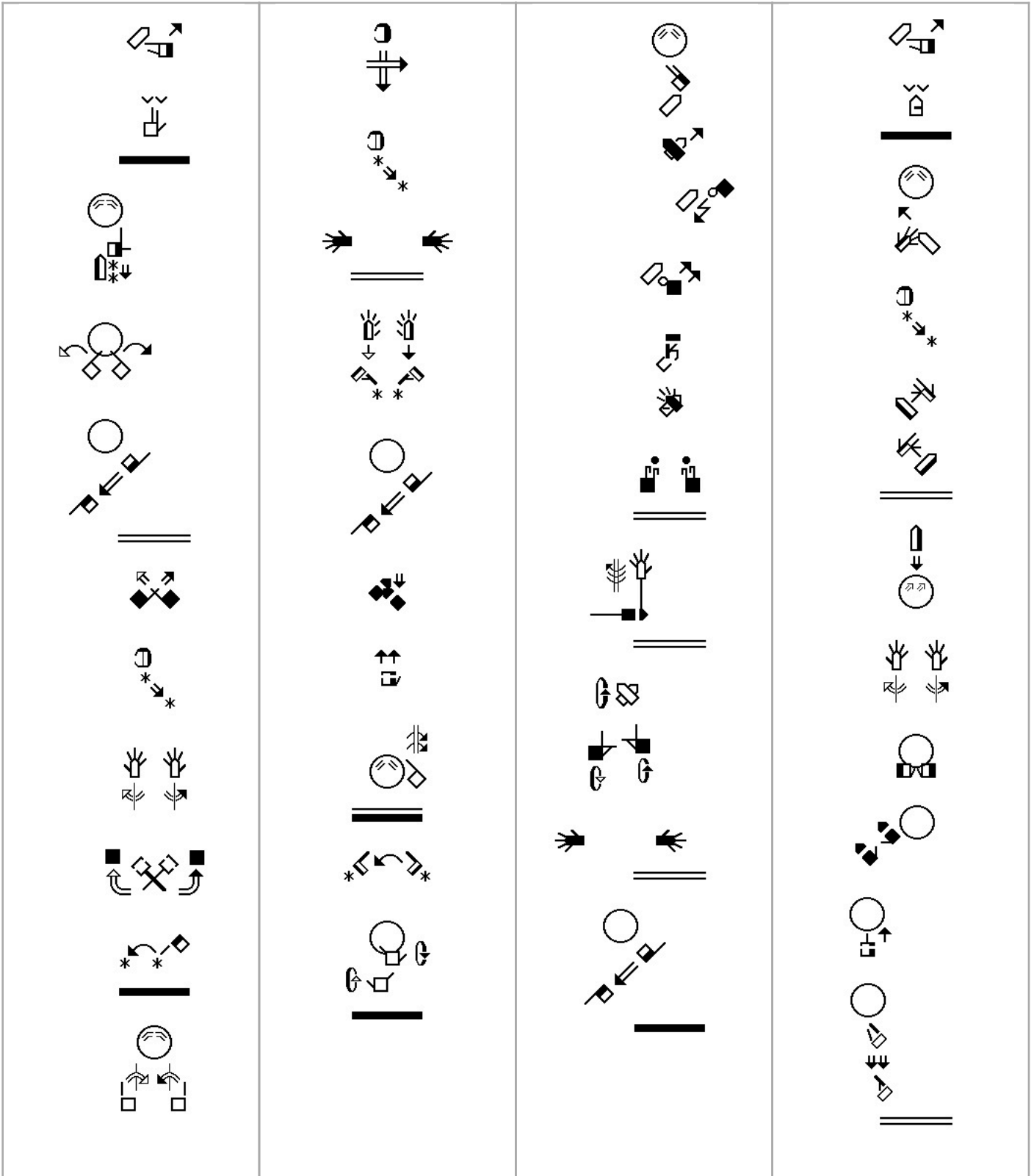
God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." Verse 9. So all who put their faith in Christ share

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

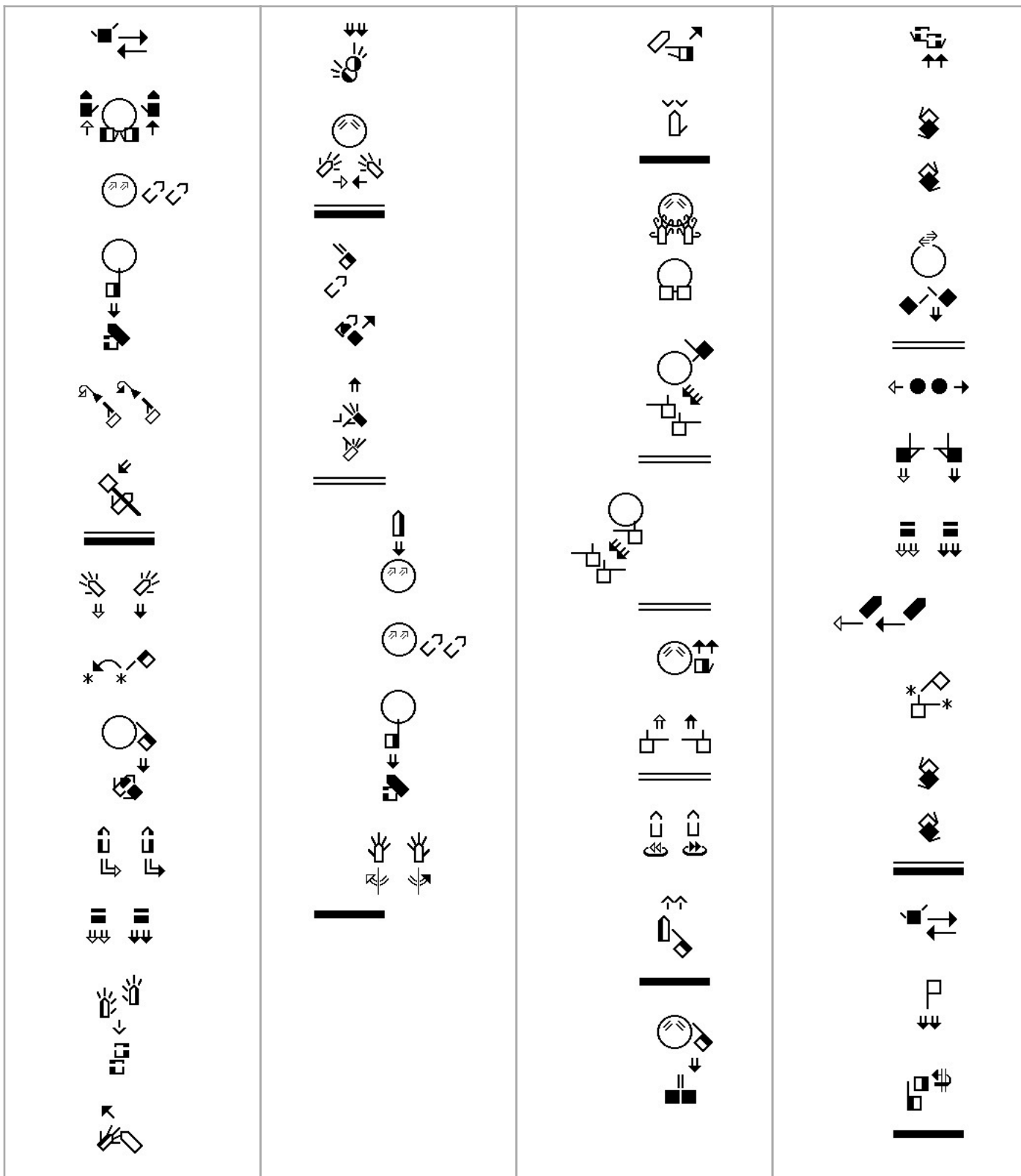


Verse 11. So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." Verse 12. This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."  
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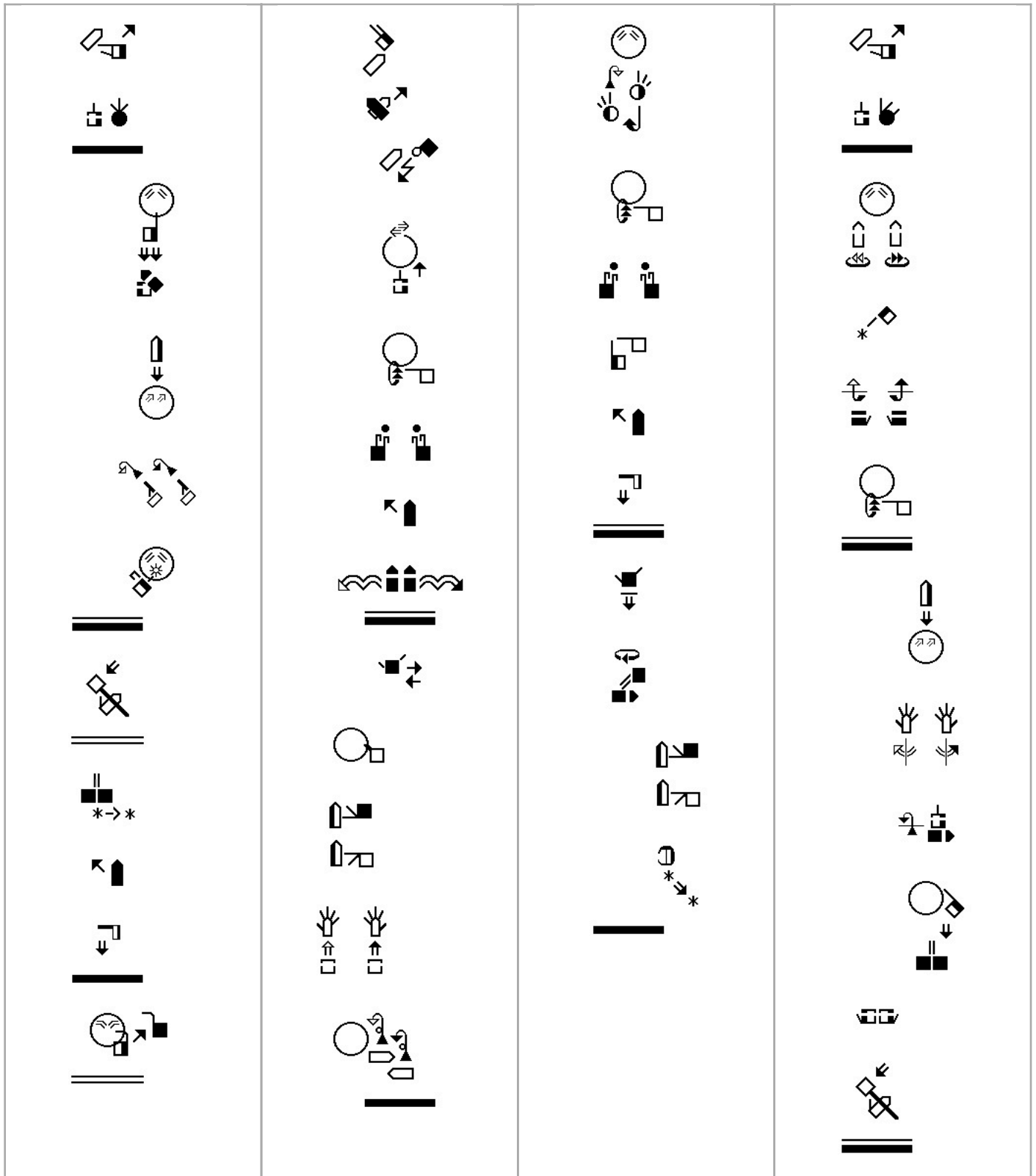


Verse 13. But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Verse 14. Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles  
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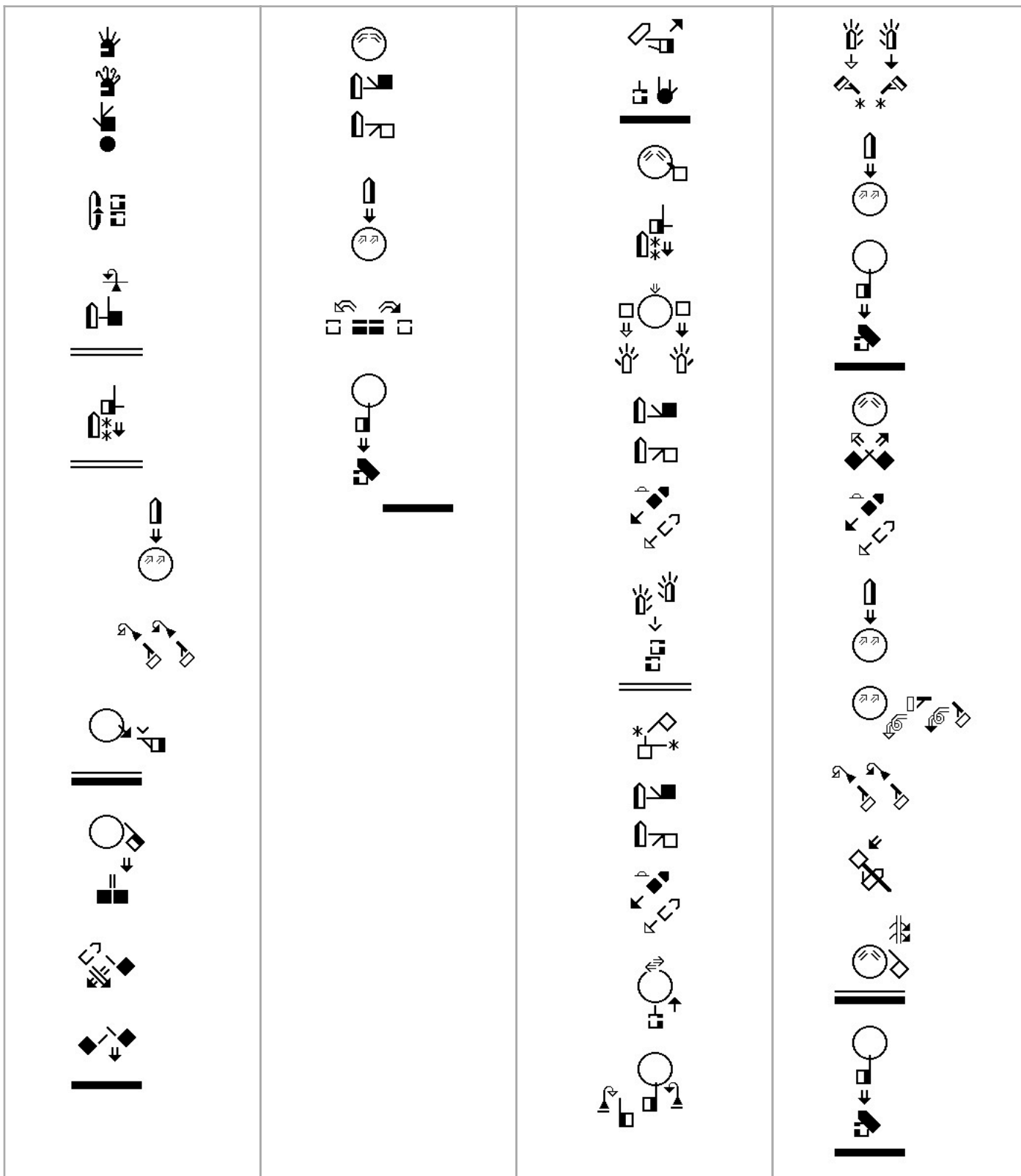


with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith. Verse 15. Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case. NLT

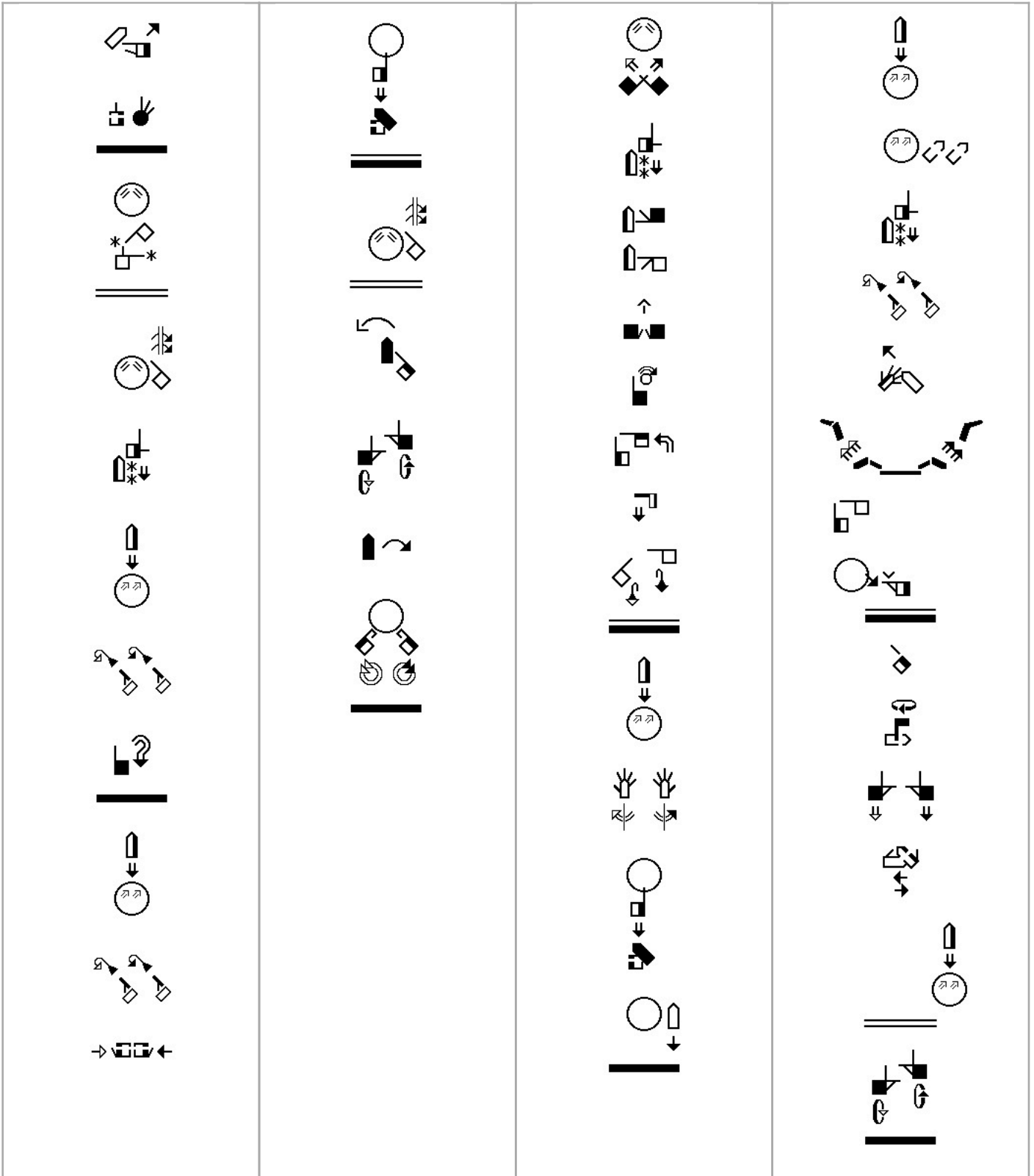


Verse 16. God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child" -- and that, of course, means Christ. Verse 17. This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham

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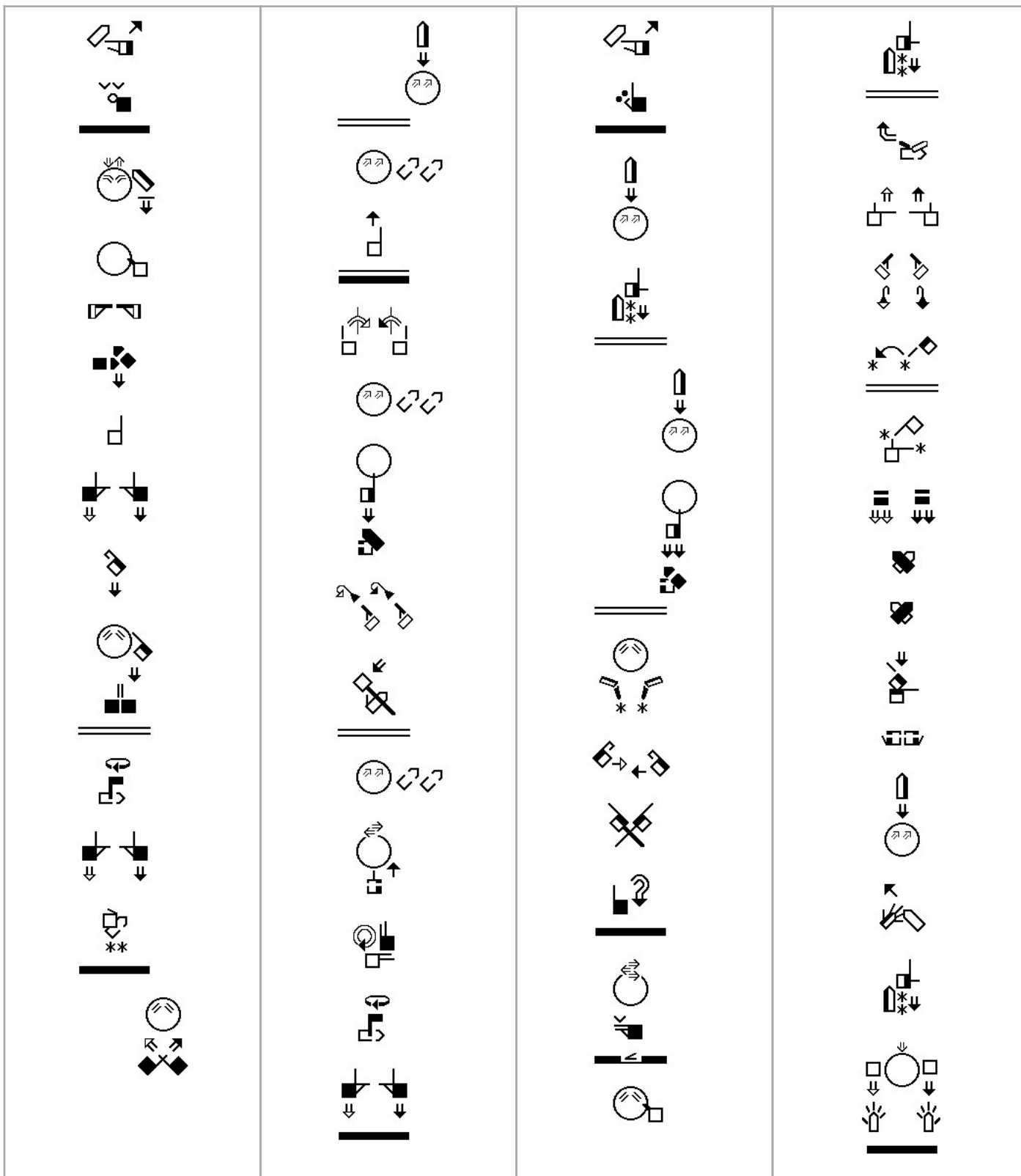


could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. Verse 18. For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.  
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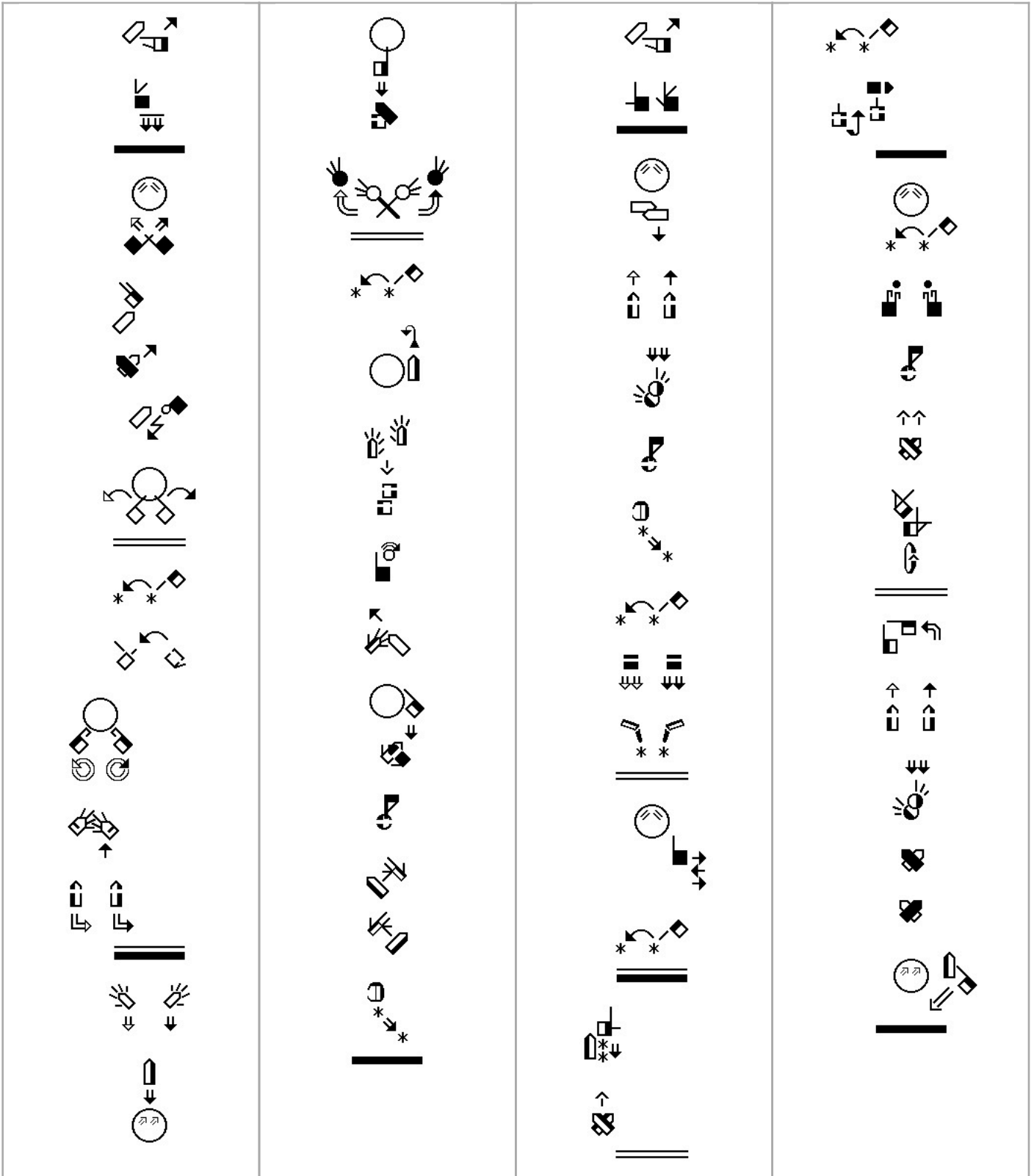


Verse 19. Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people.

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



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



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



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