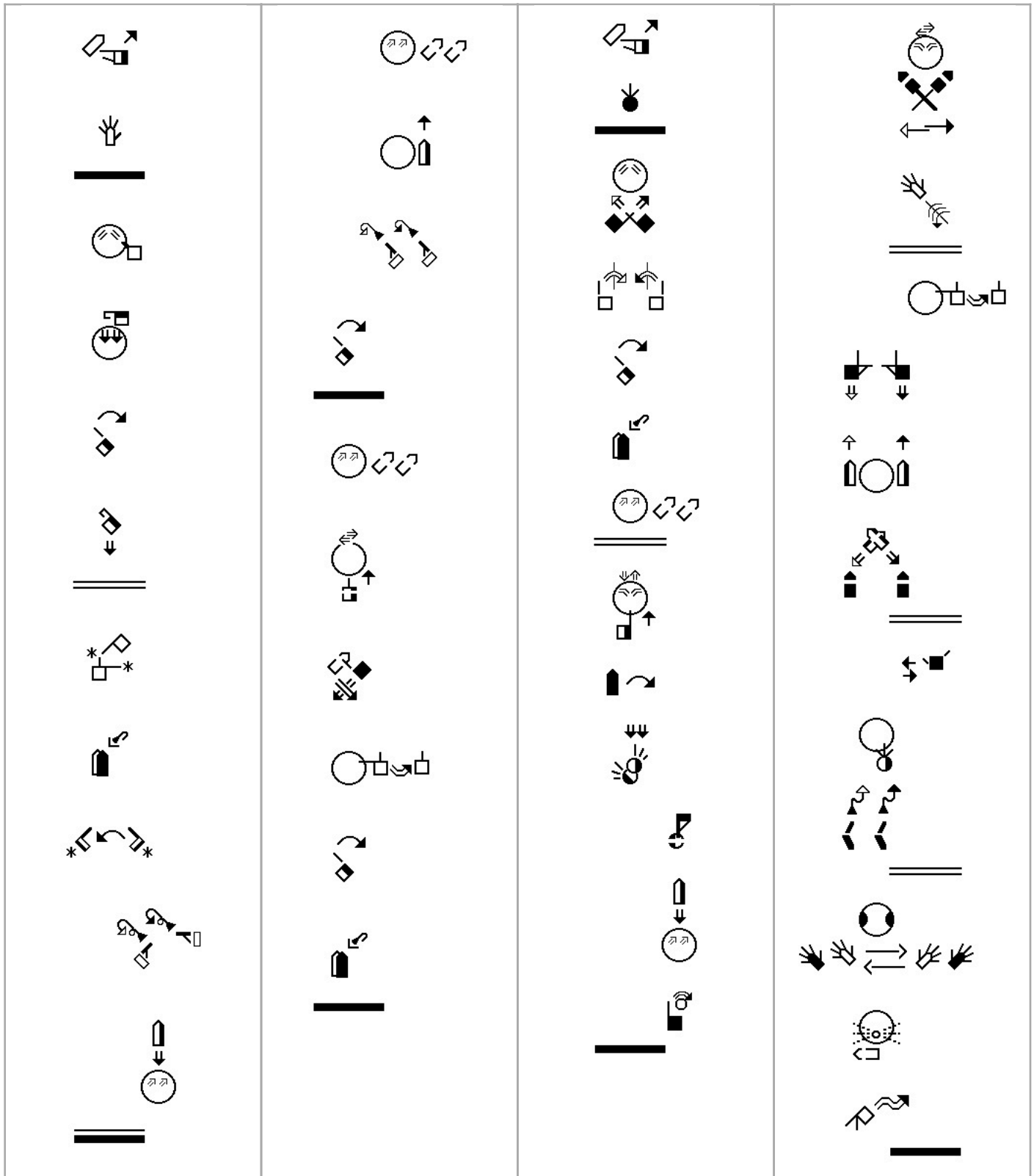




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Verse 5. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. Verse 6. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled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

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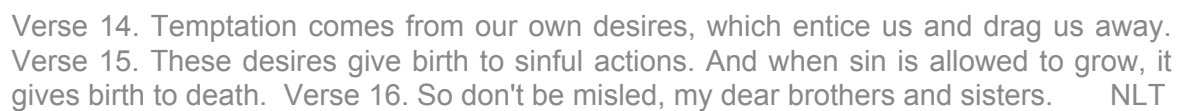
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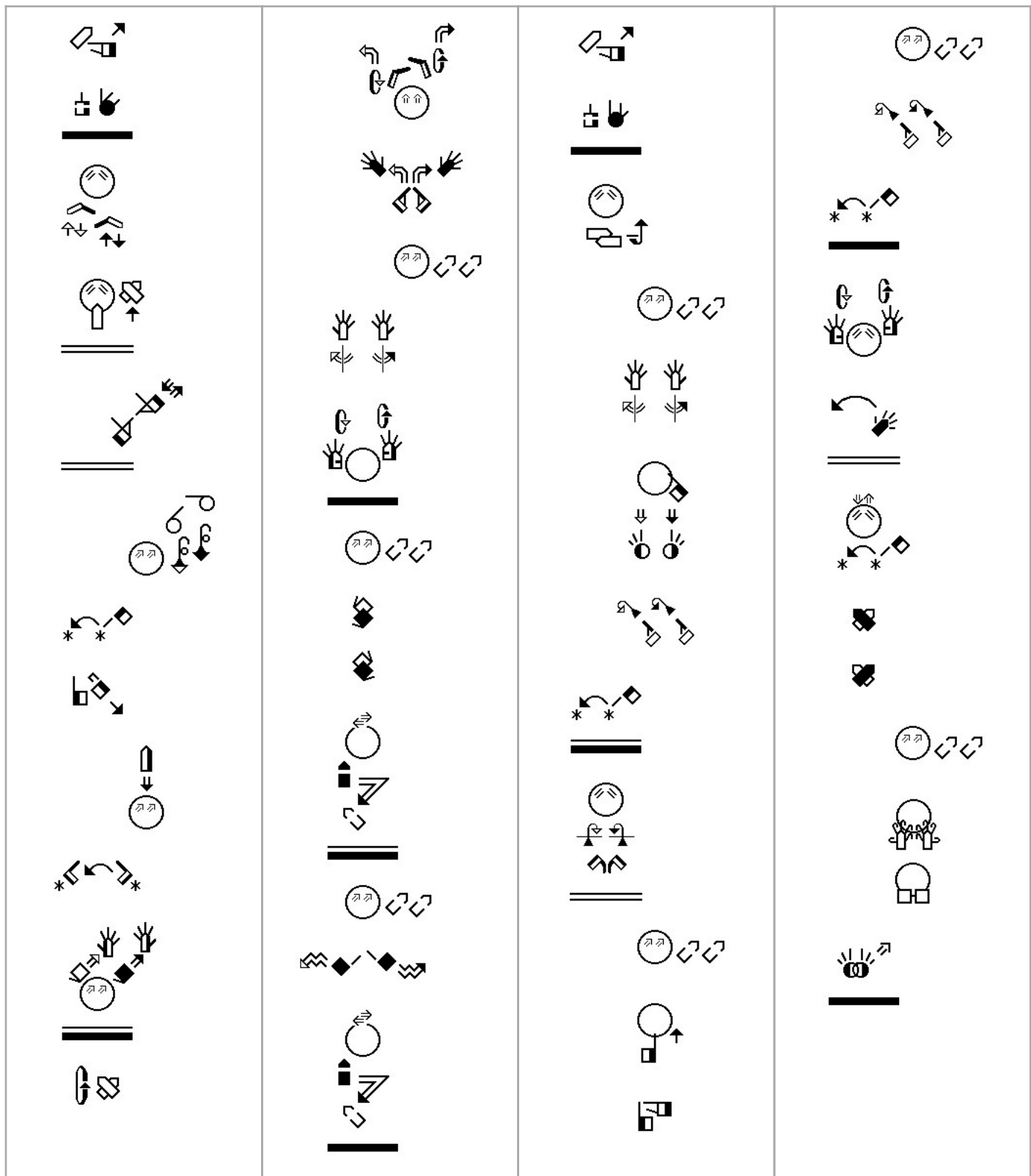
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They will fade away like a little flower in the field. Verse 11. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements. Verse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

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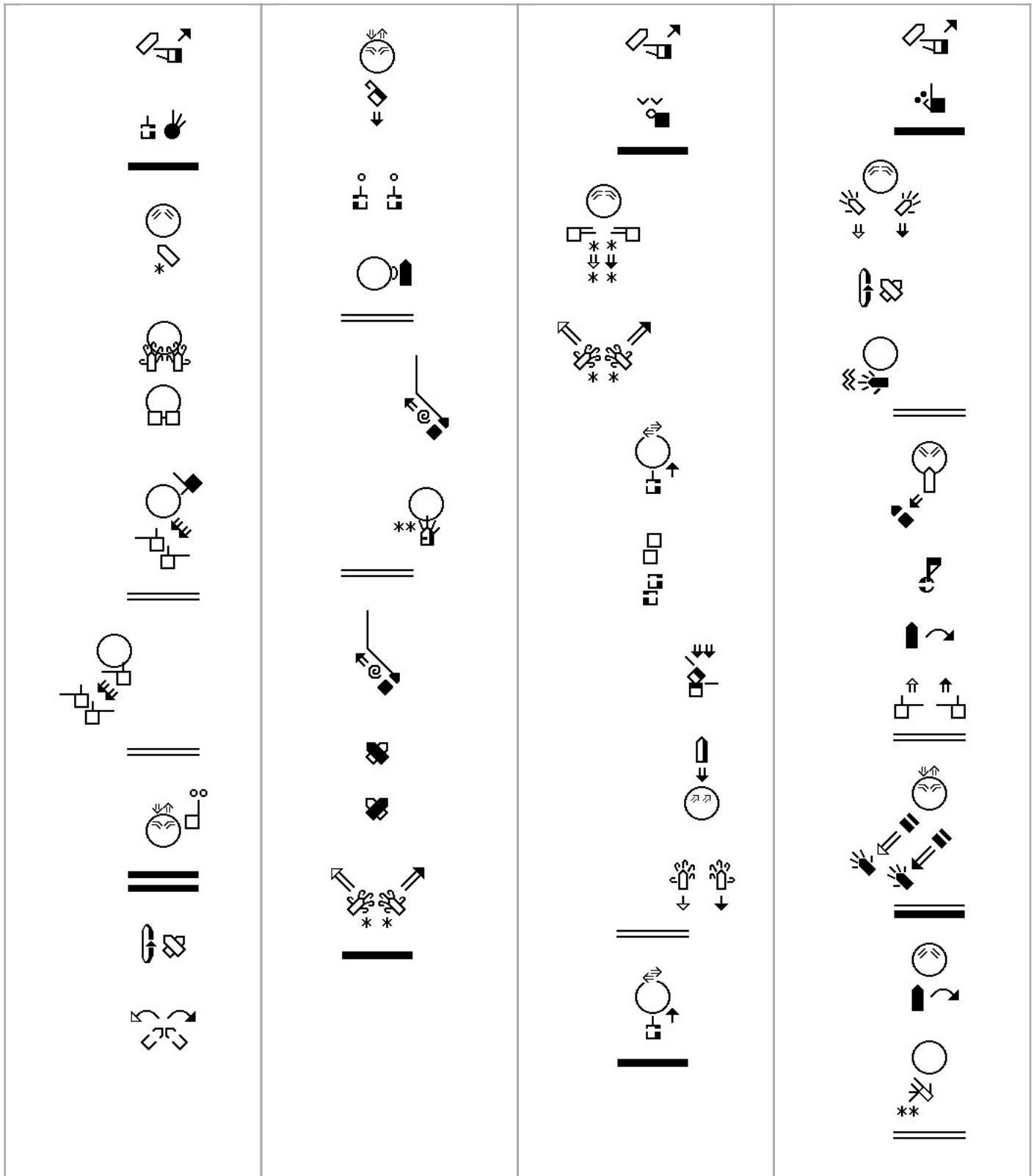
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Verse 17. Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. Verse 18. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all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









































































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

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

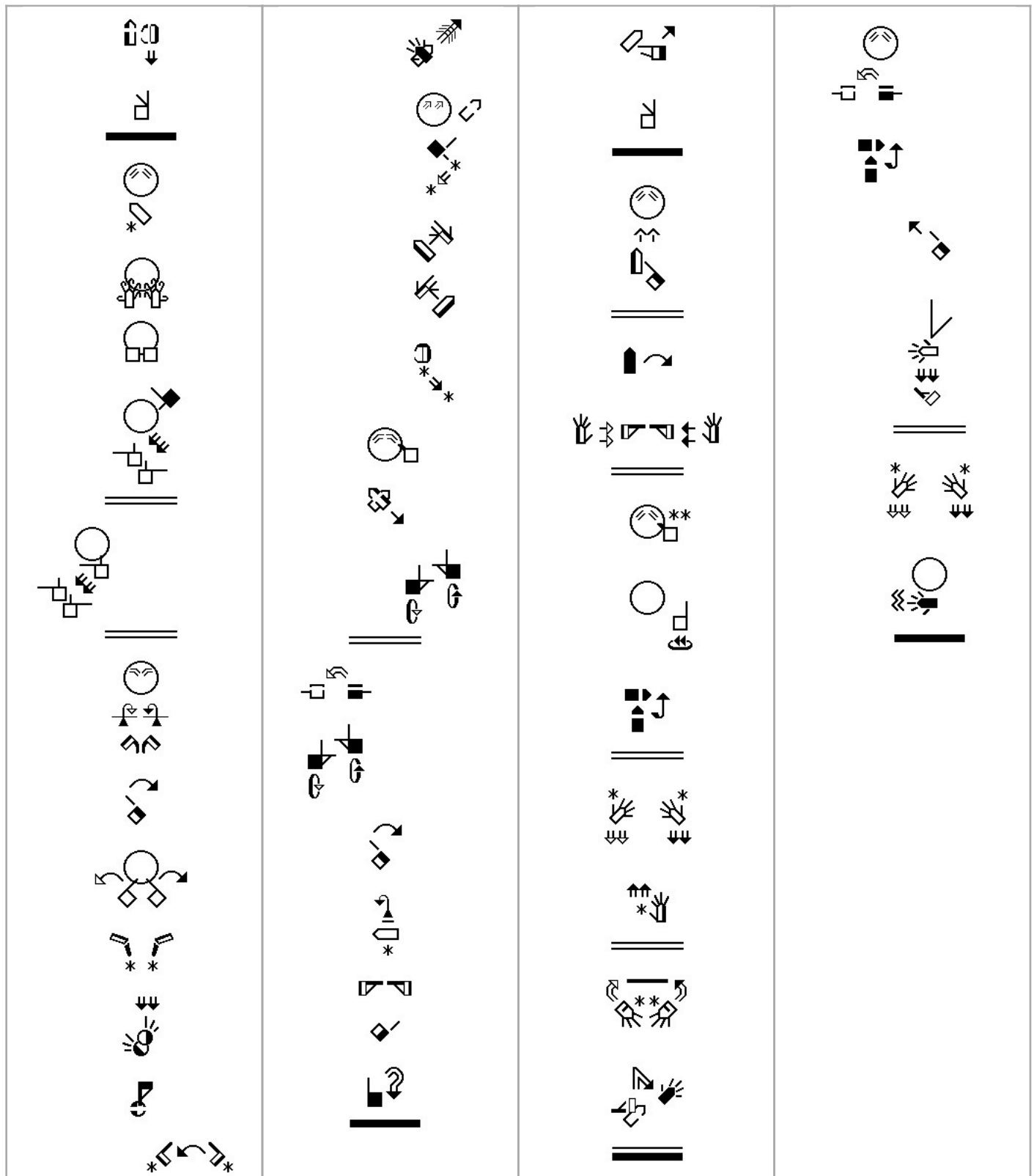
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Verse 24. You see yourself, walk away and forget what you look like. Verse 25. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. Verse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

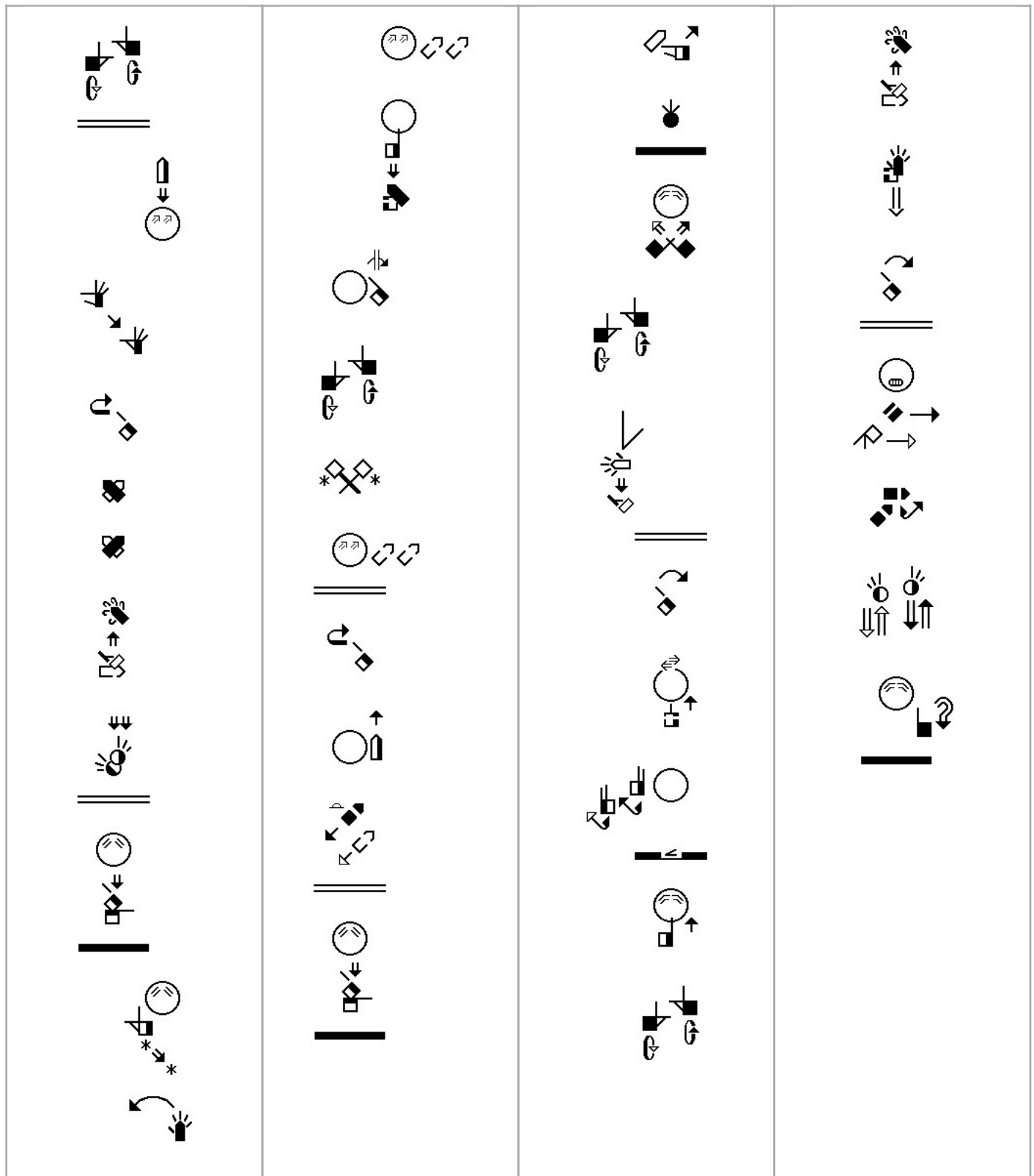
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Chapter 2. My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? Verse 2. For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry,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

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
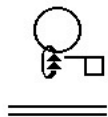


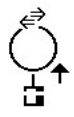


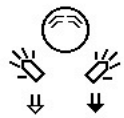



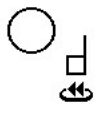


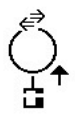
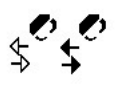


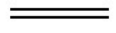
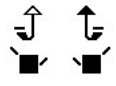



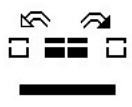




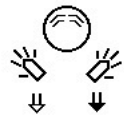



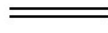


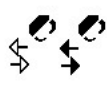
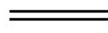

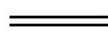



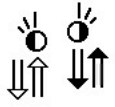



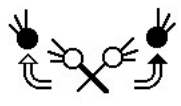


15 Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? Verse 6. But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? NLT


Verse 7. Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?  
 Verse 8. Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures:  
 "Love your neighbor as yourself." Verse 9. But if you favor some people over others,  
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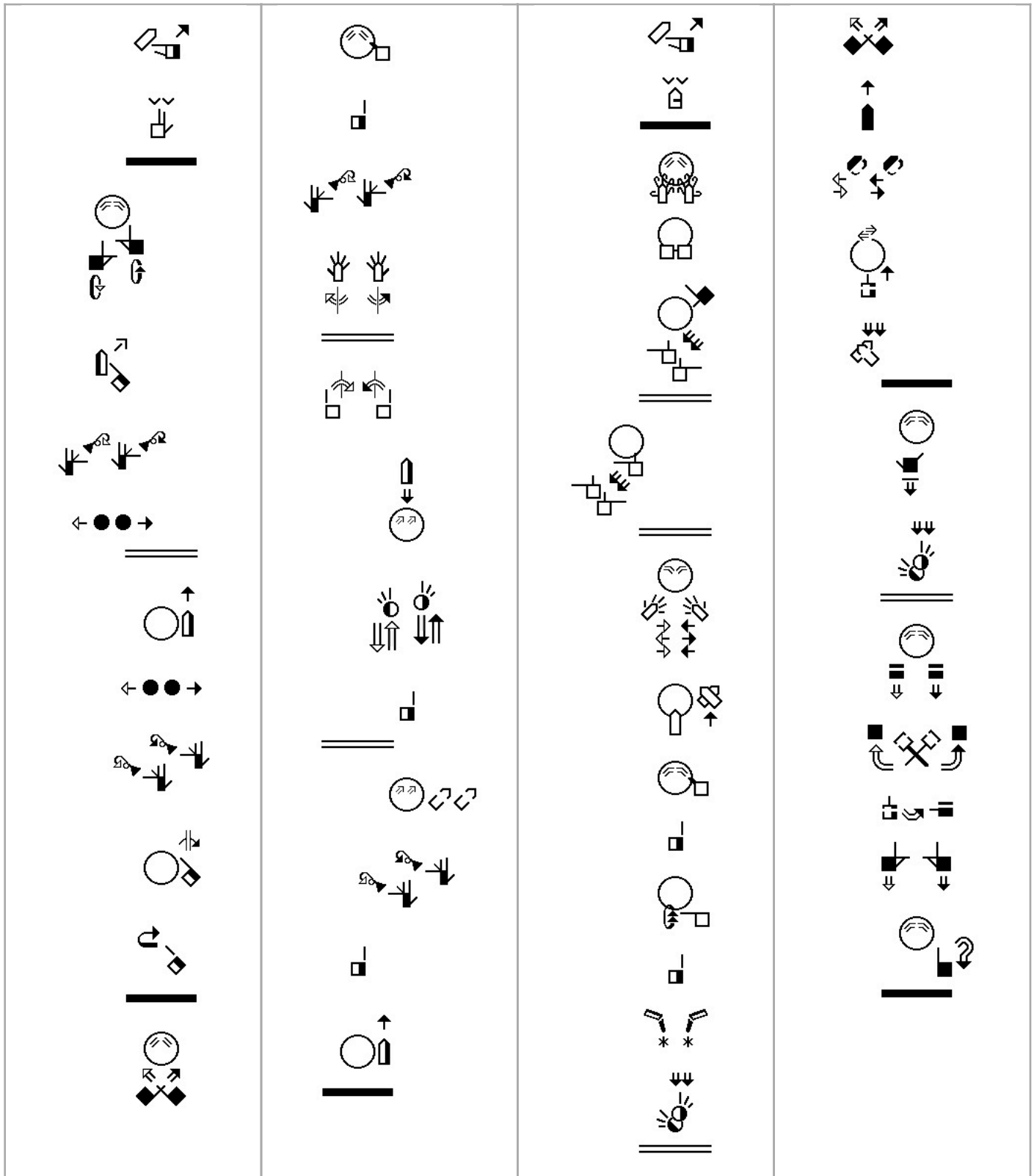
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17 you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. Verse 10. For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. Verse 11. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," NLT

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

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

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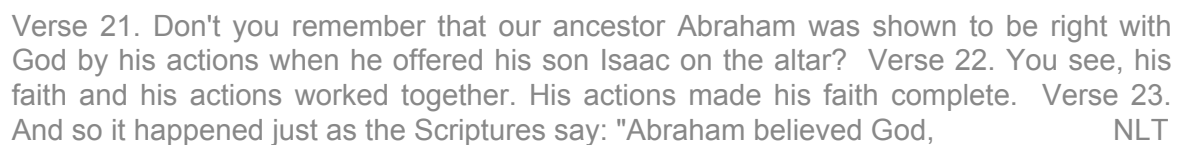
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I will show you my faith by my good deeds." Verse 19. You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. Verse 20. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good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

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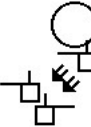














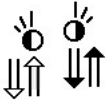








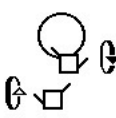
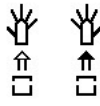



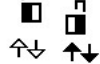











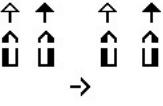


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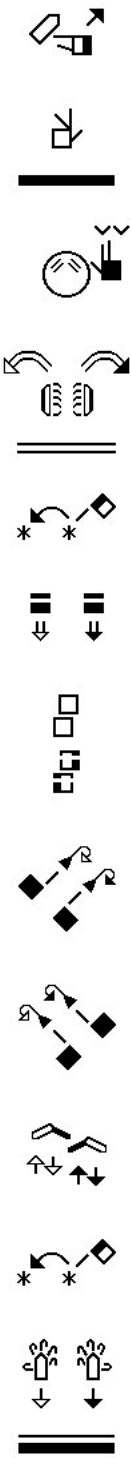
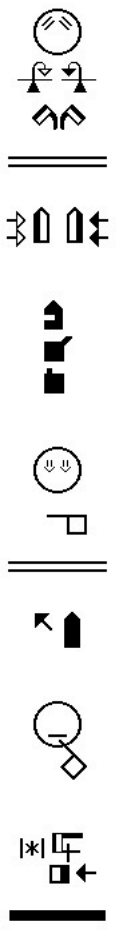
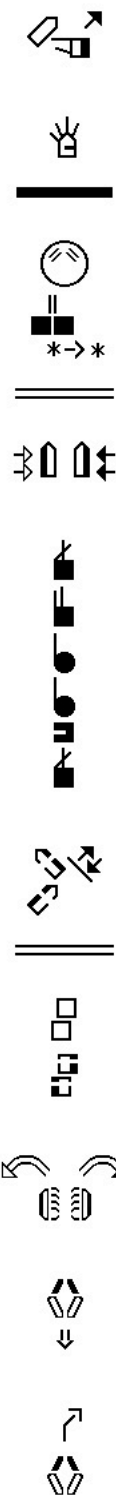
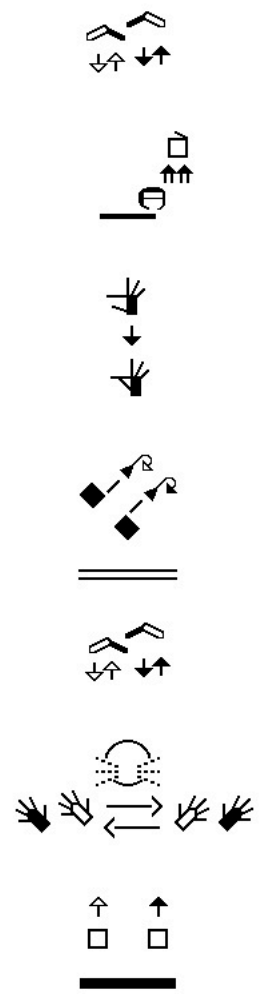
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her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Verse 26. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. NLT

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

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

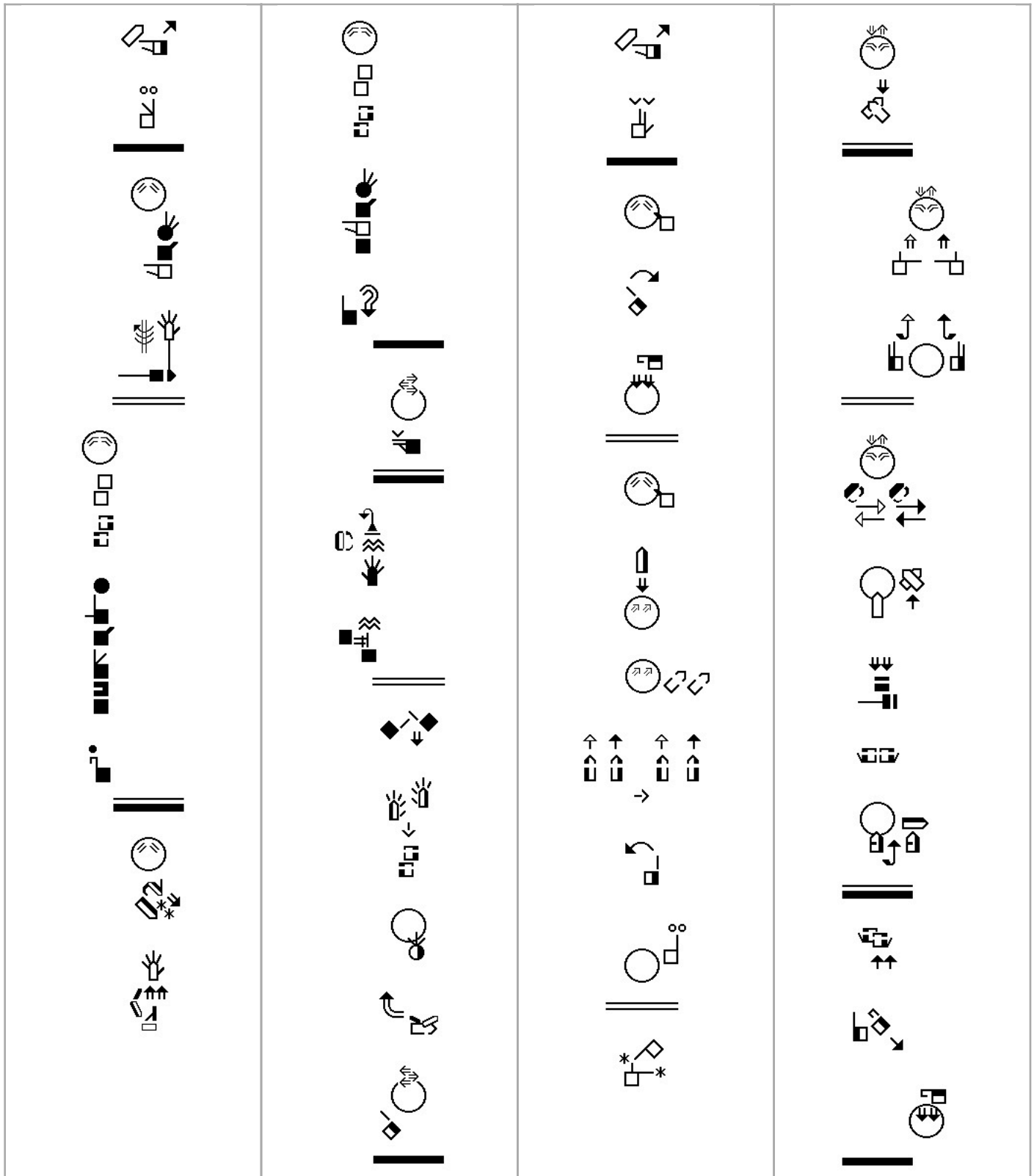
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for it is set on fire by hell itself. Verse 7. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, Verse 8. but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Verse 9. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father,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

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those who have been made in the image of God. Verse 10. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Verse 11. Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water?  
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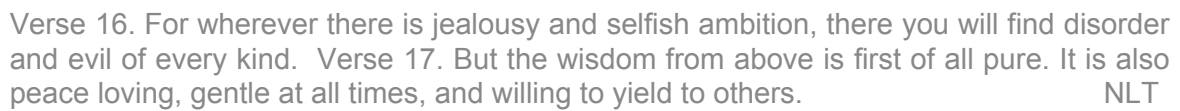
Verse 12. Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. Verse 13. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

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




















































































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

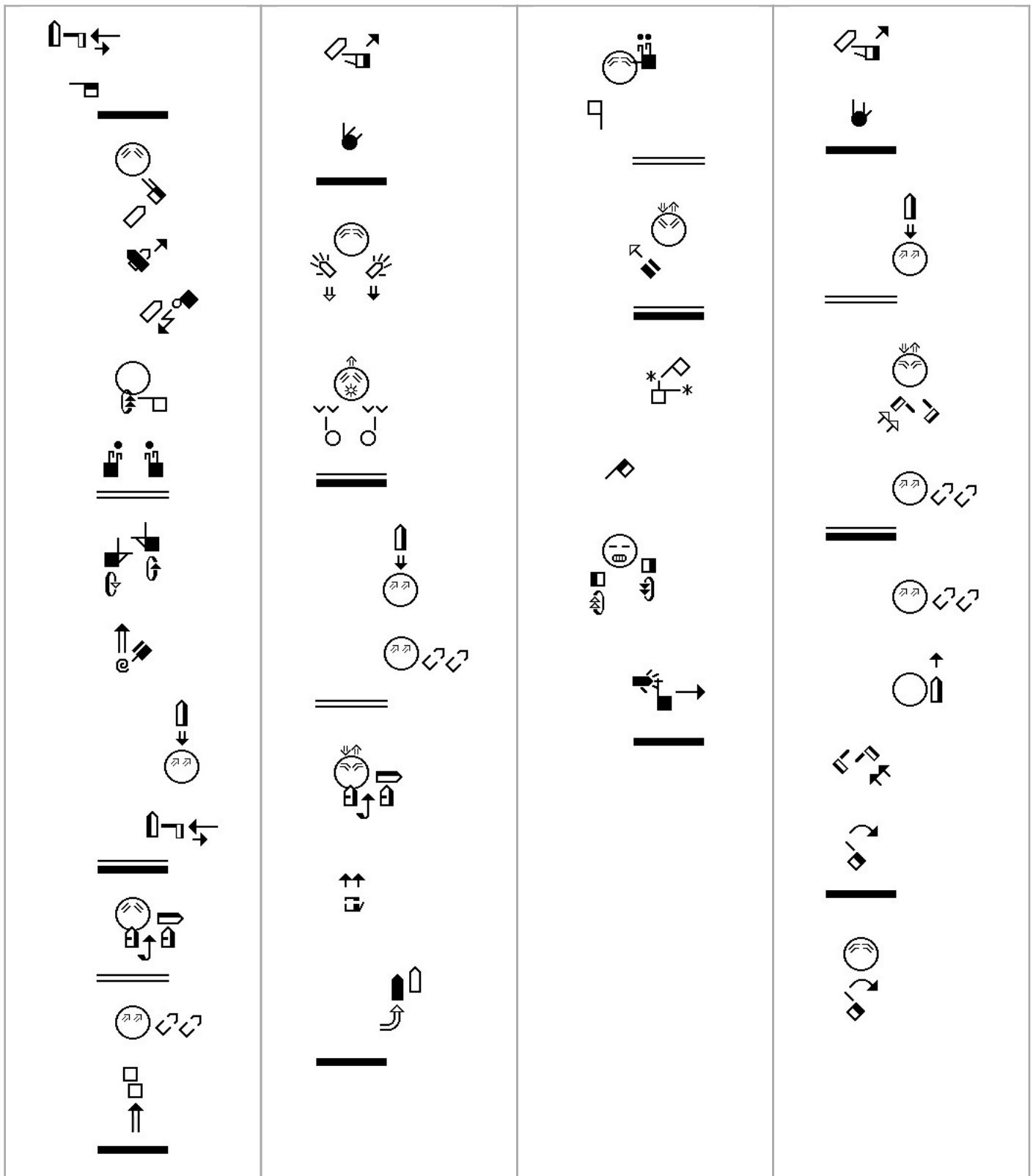
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because your motives are all wrong -- you want only what will give you pleasure. Verse 4. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world,

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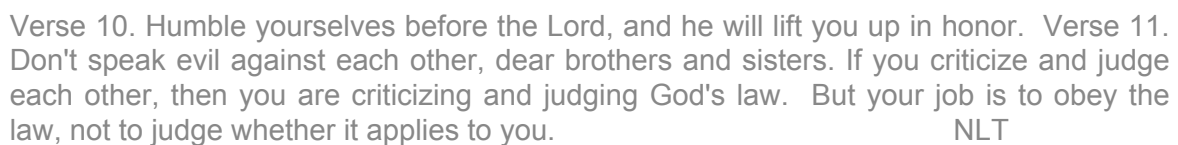
stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." Verse 7. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Verse 8. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. NLT

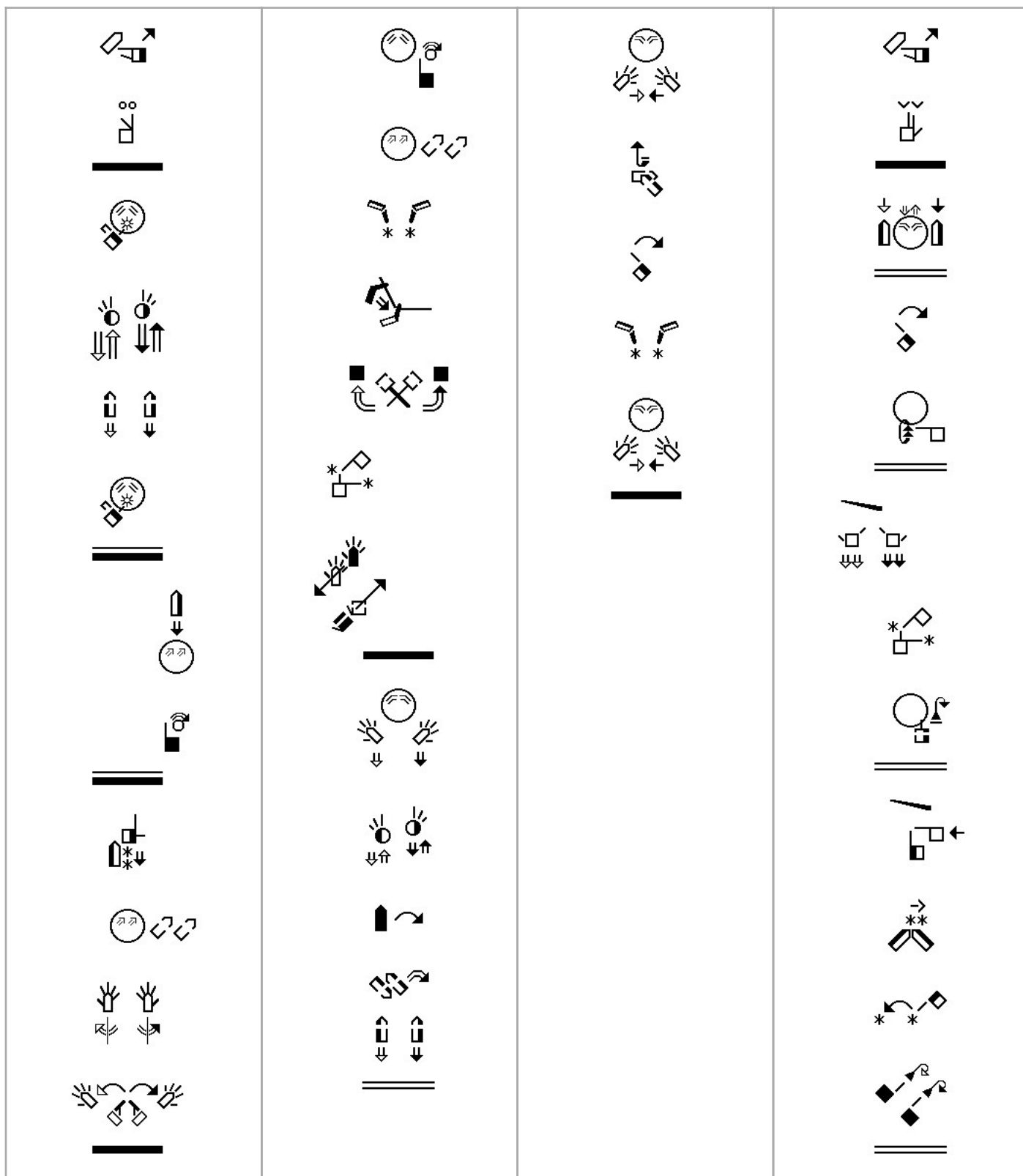
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Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Verse 9. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead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

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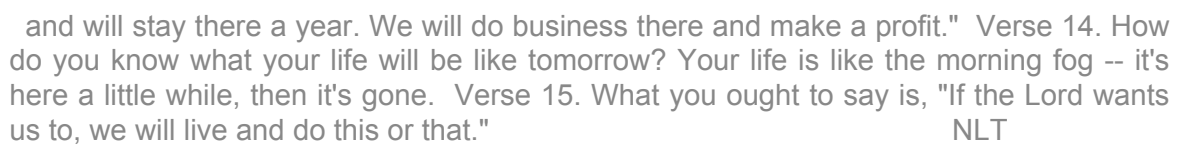




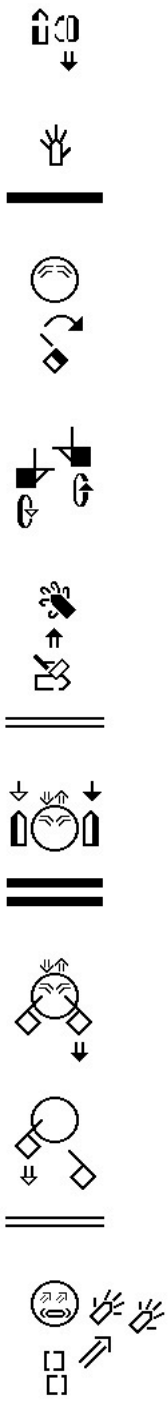
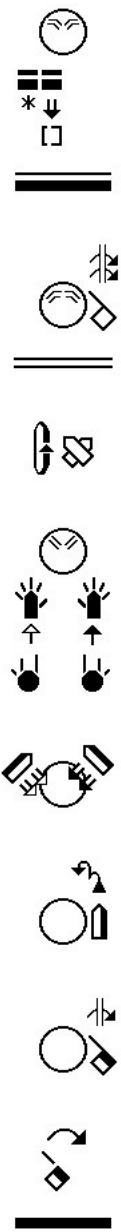
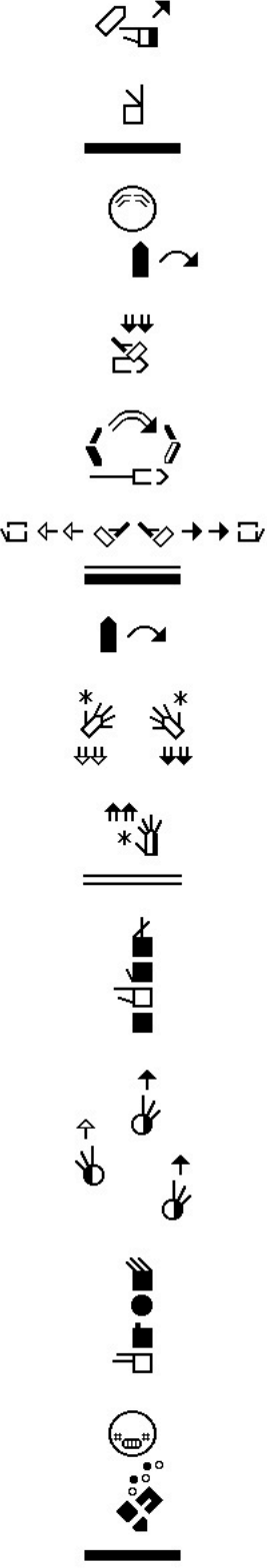
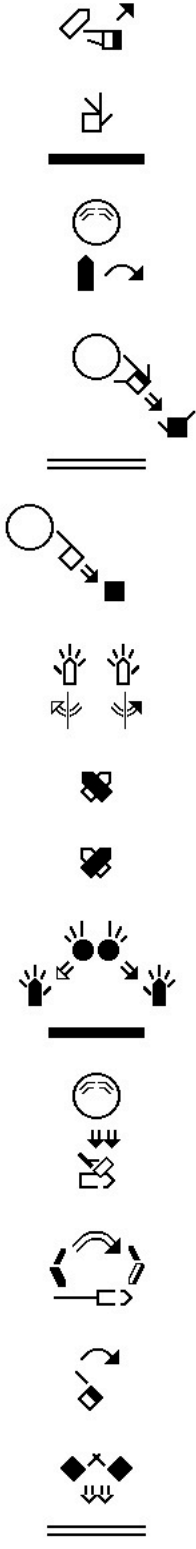


Verse 12. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? Verse 13. Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town

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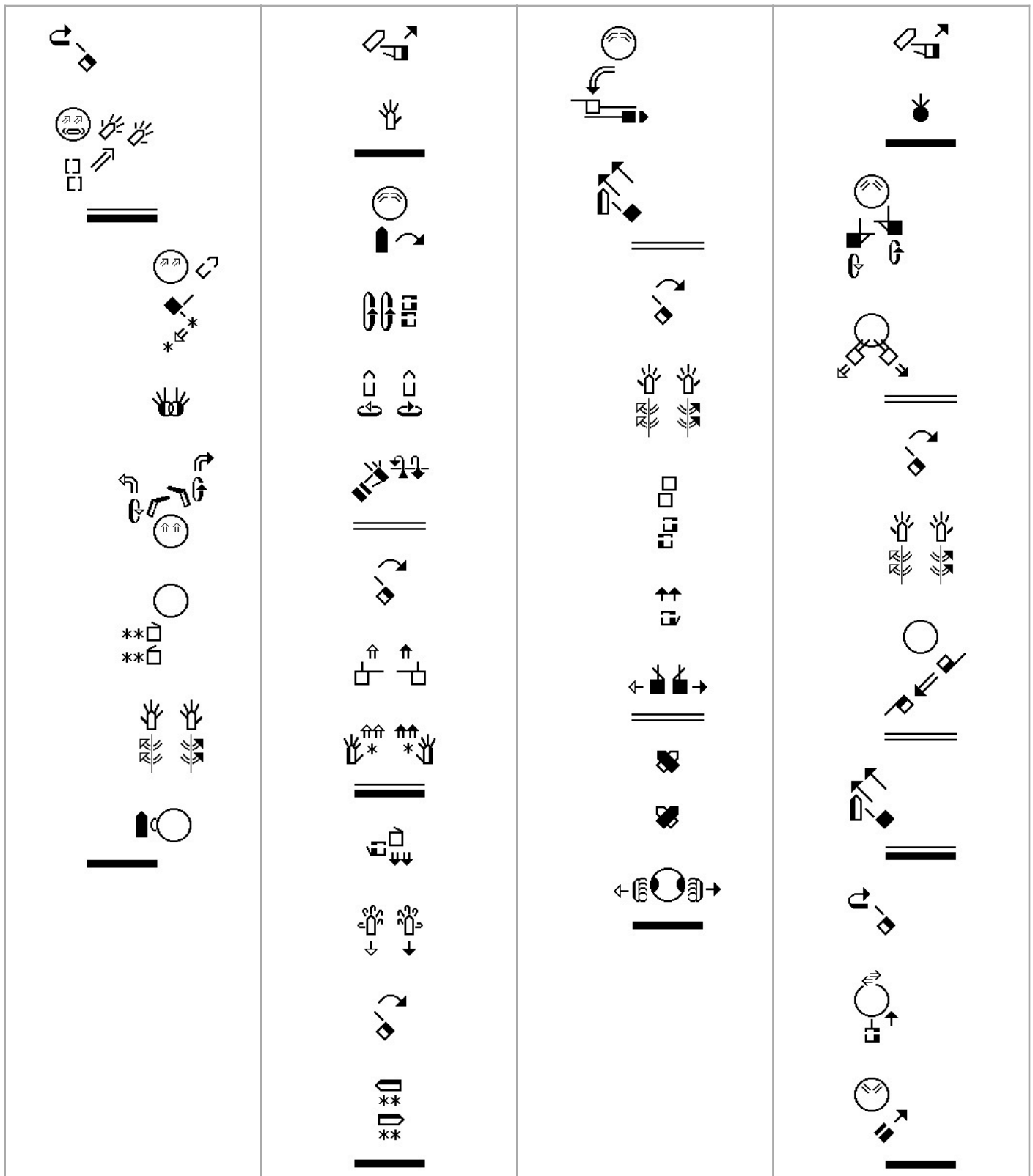
Chapter 5. Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Verse 2. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Verse 3. Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on

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






























































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

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





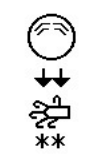




















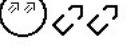






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Verse 7. Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. Verse 8. You, too, must be patient.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

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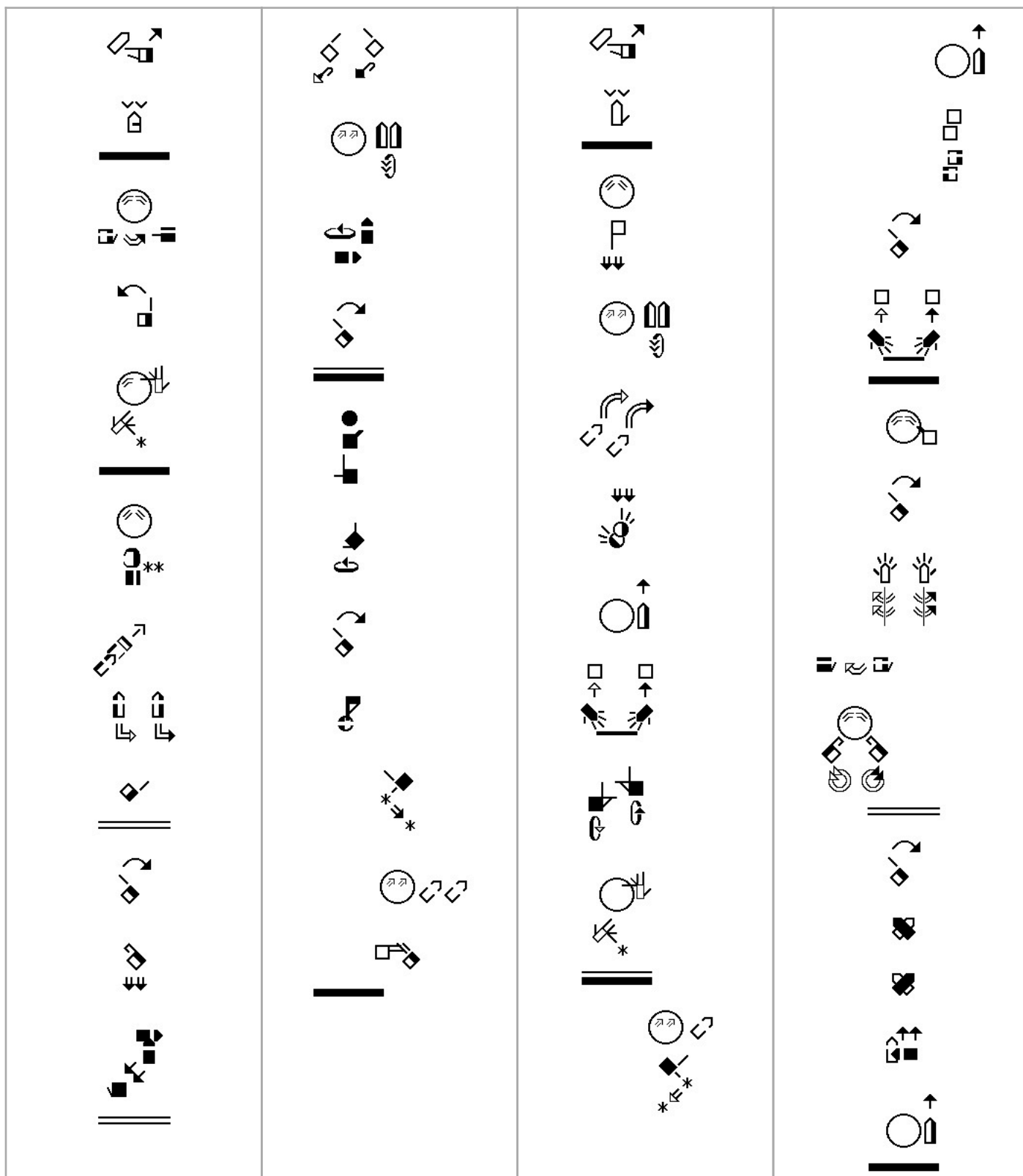
       	       	       	       
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Verse 9. Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look -- the Judge is standing at the door! Verse 10. For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name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

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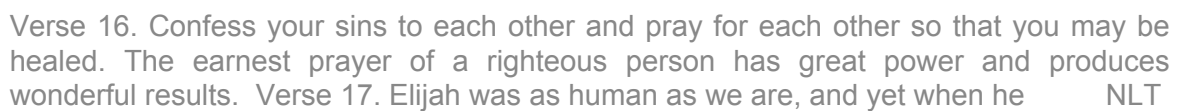
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51 by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned. Verse 13. Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. NLT



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

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