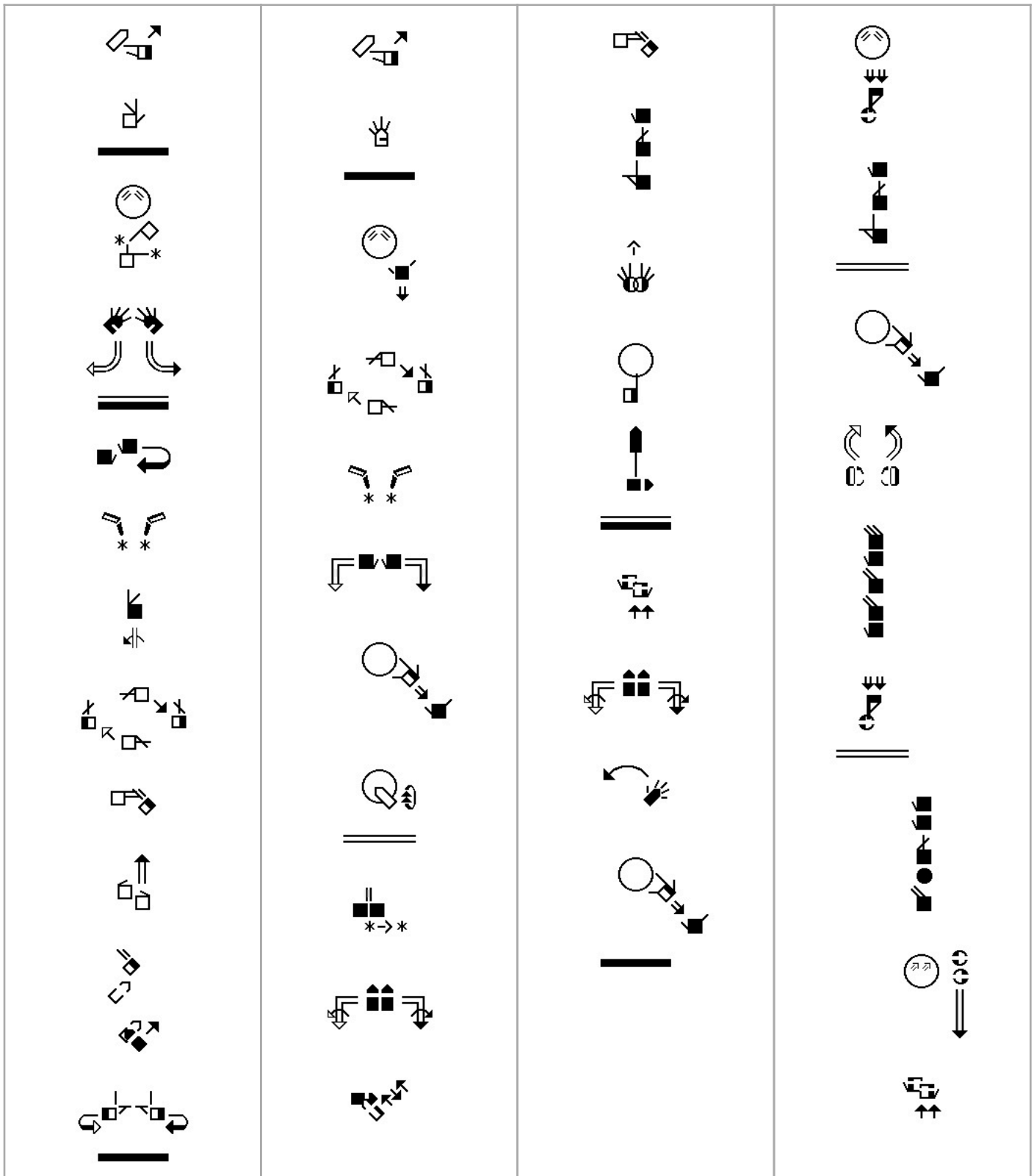


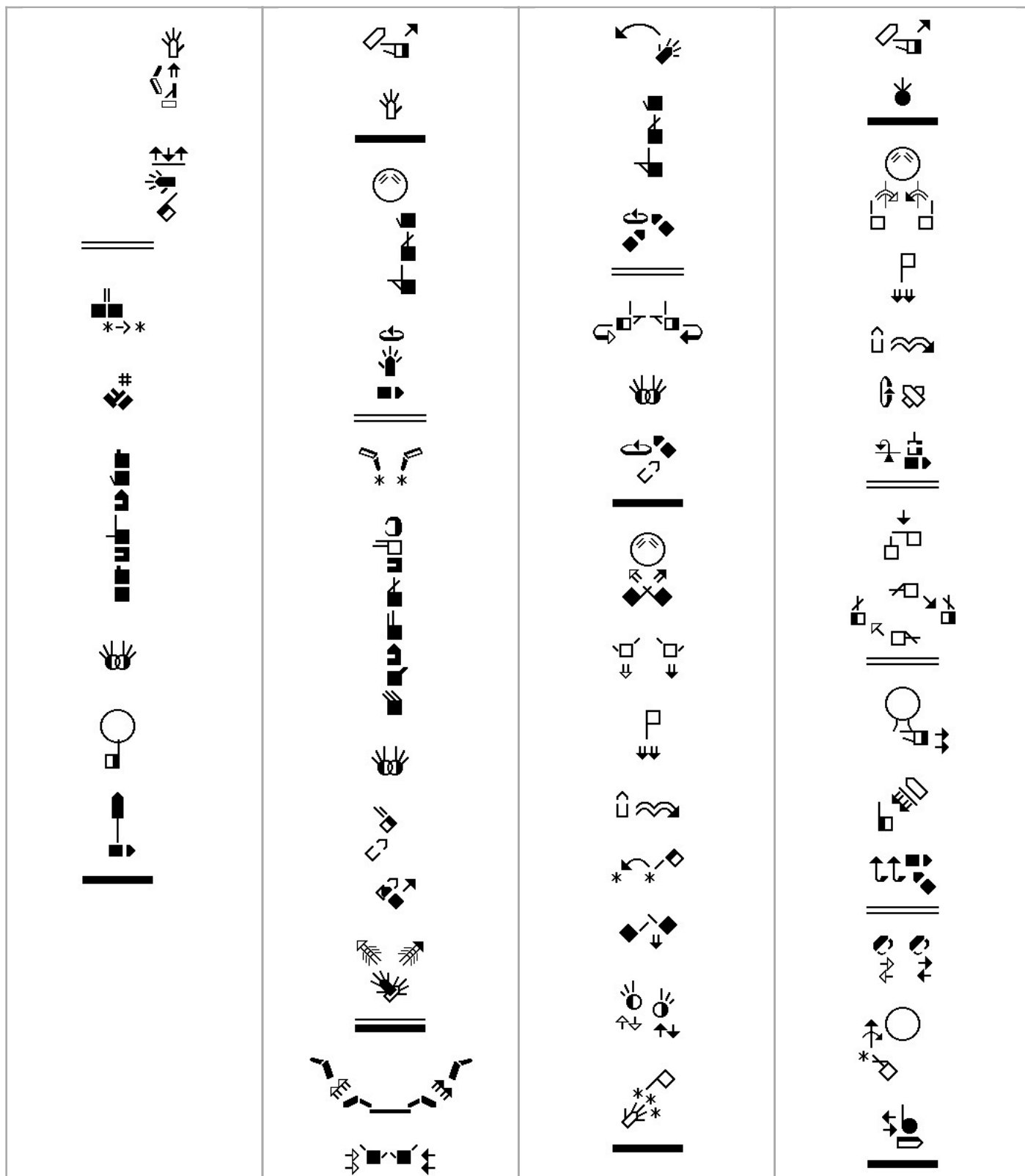
Chapter 9. That first covenant between God and Israel had regulations for worship and a place of worship here on earth. Verse 2. There were two rooms in that Tabernacle. In the first room were a lampstand, a table, and sacred loaves of bread on the table. This room was called the Holy Place.

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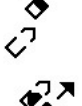




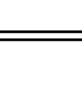


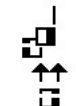



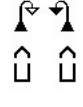
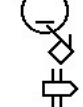














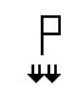


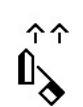
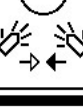





Verse 3. Then there was a curtain, and behind the curtain was the second room called the Most Holy Place. Verse 4. In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's staff that

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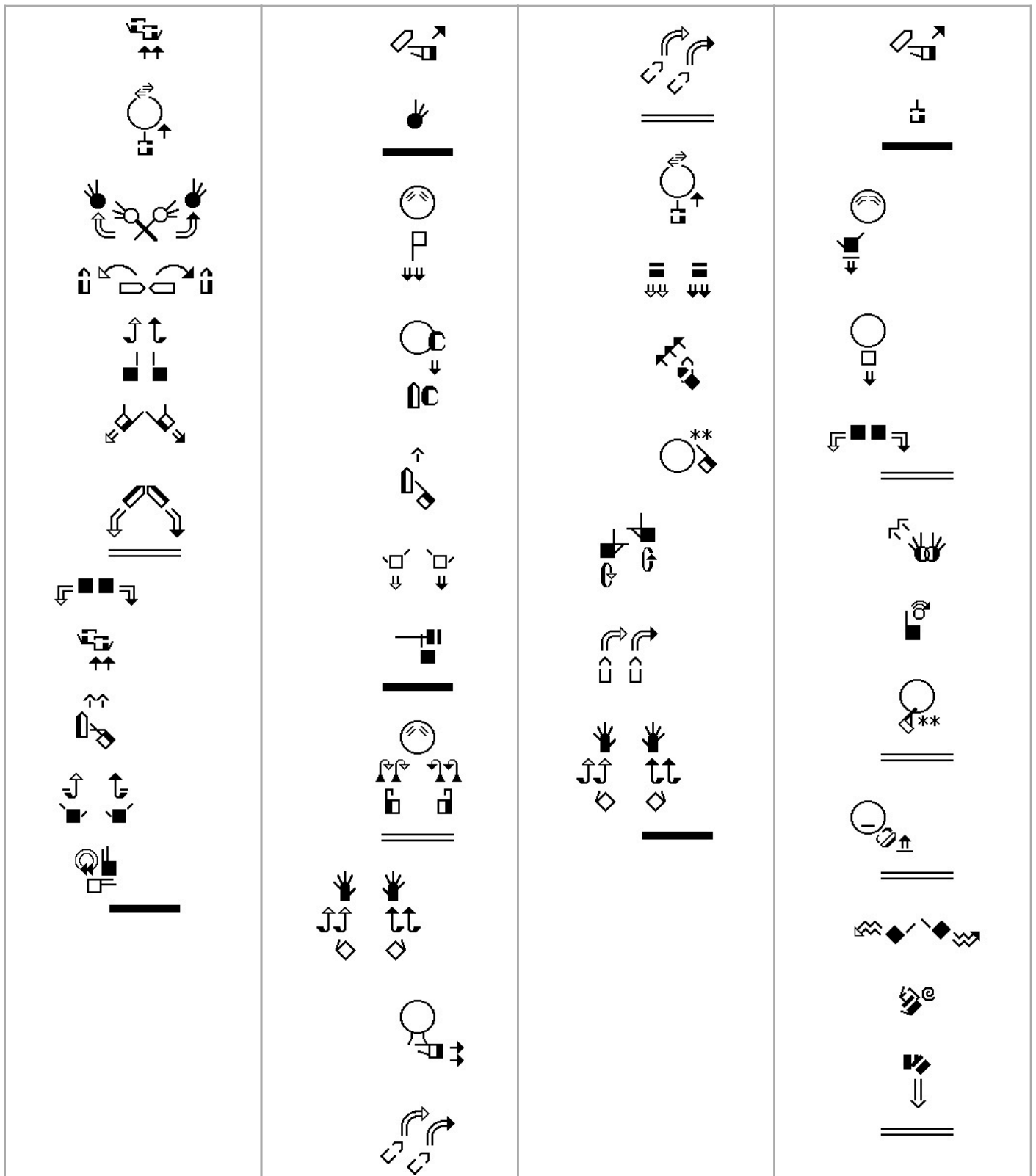


sprouted leaves, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Verse 5. Above the Ark were the cherubim of divine glory, whose wings stretched out over the Ark's cover, the place of atonement. But we cannot explain these things in detail now. Verse 6. When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. NLT

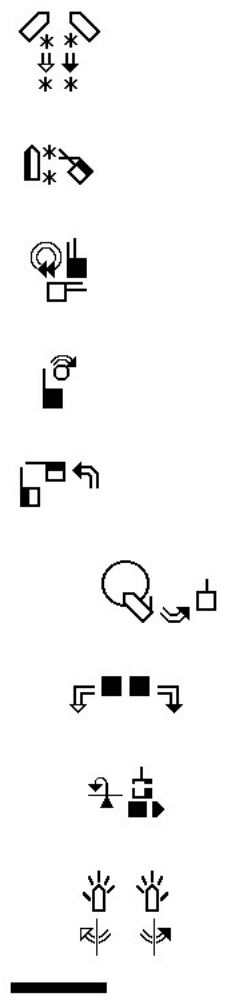

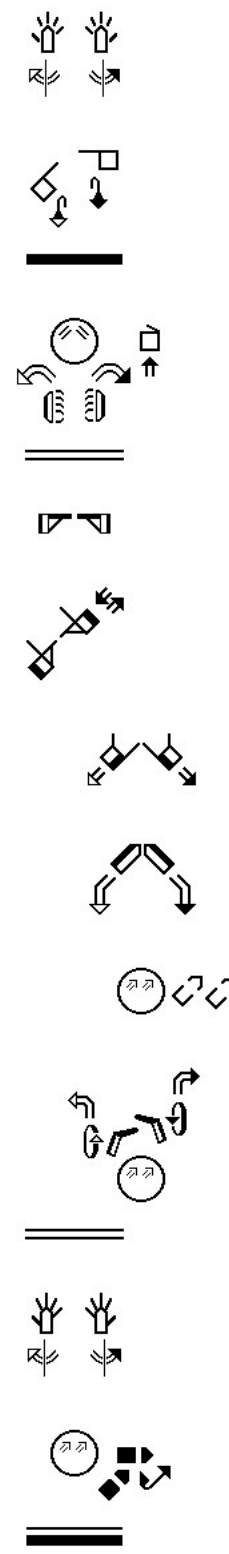
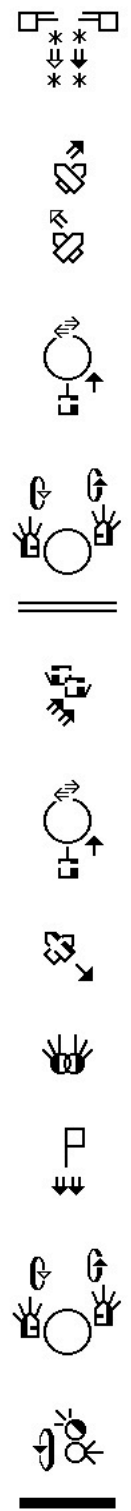
         	         	         	         
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Verse 7. But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. Verse 8. By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place

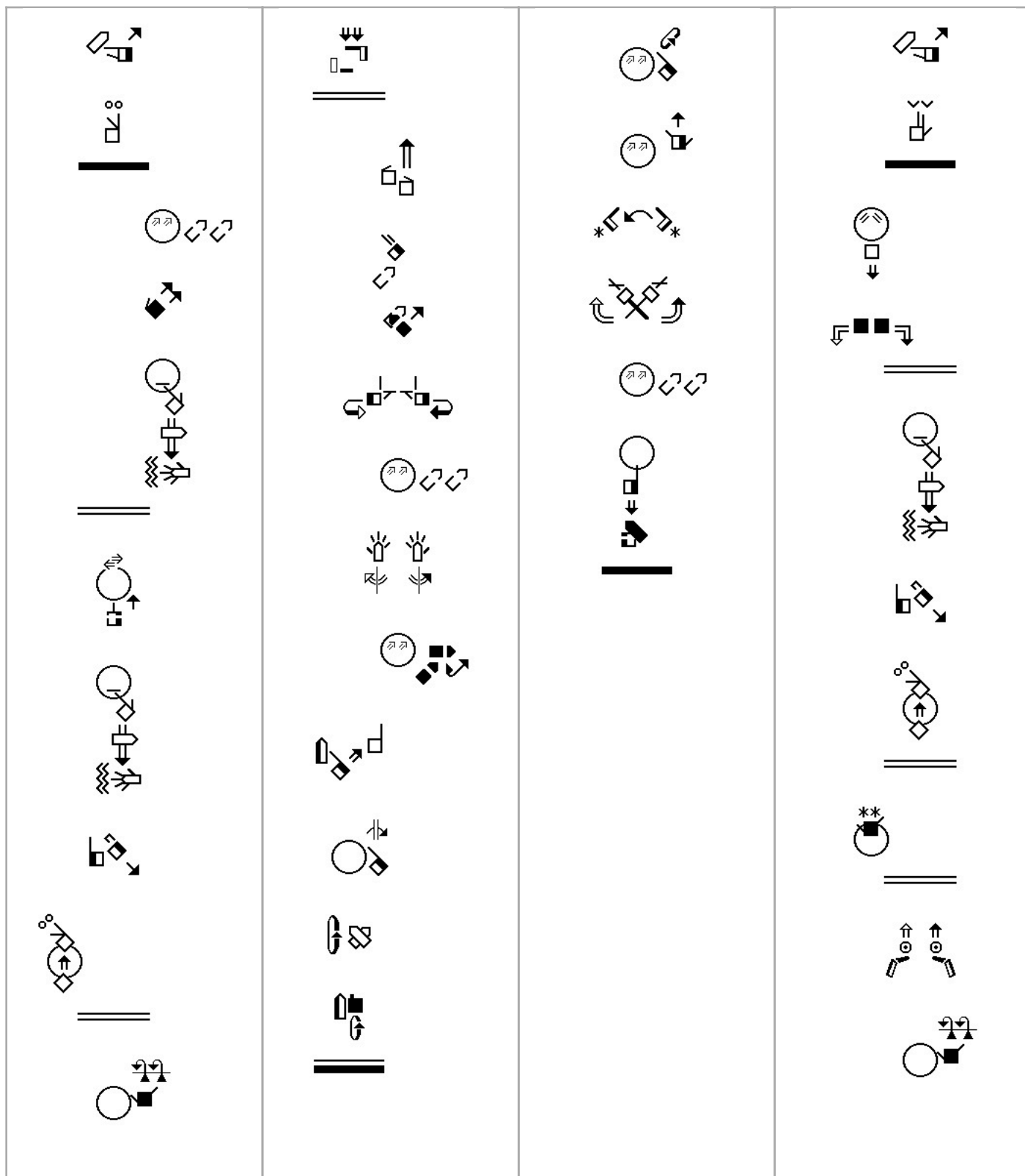
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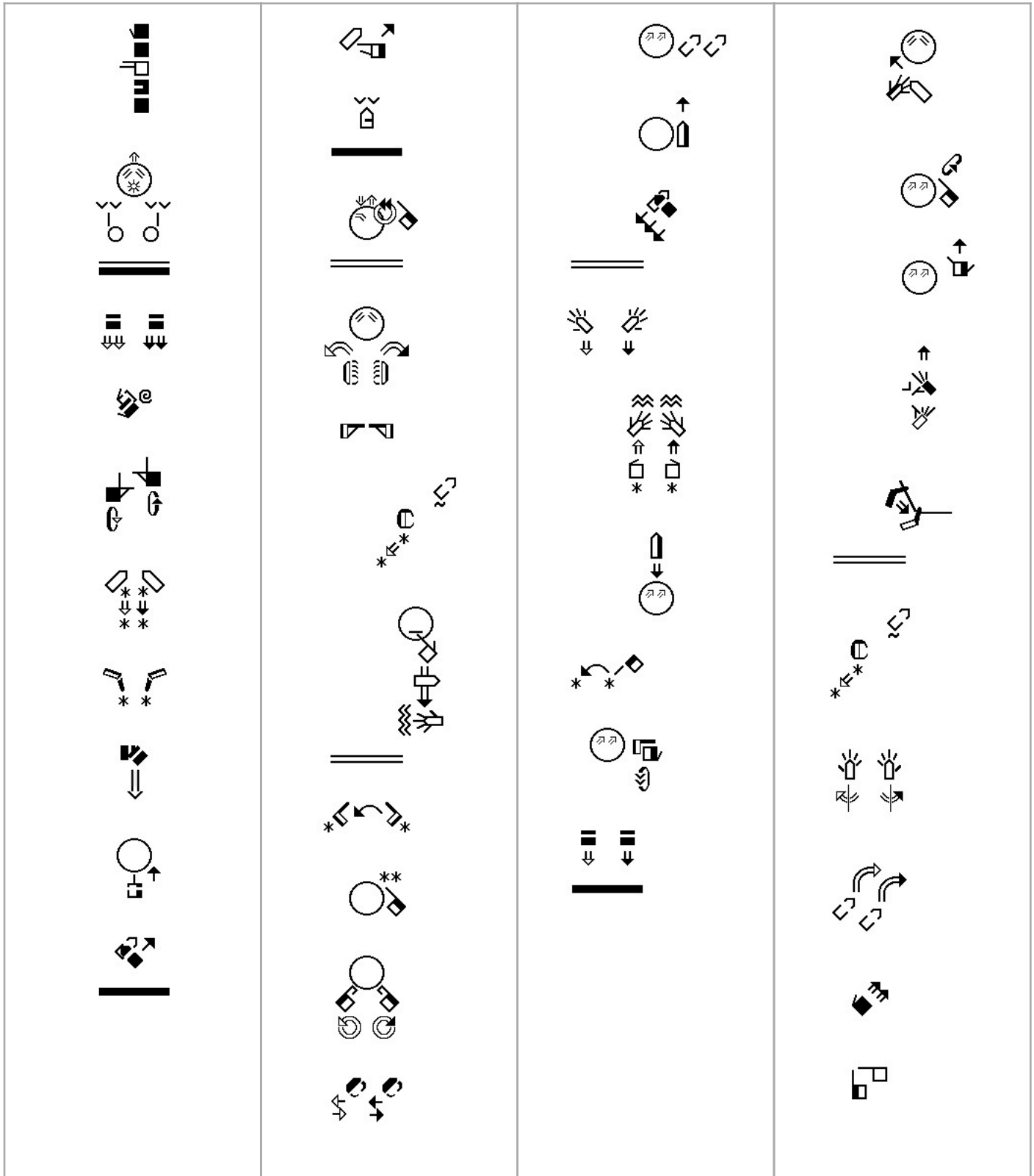
83 was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. Verse 9. This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. Verse 10. For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies -- NLT

			
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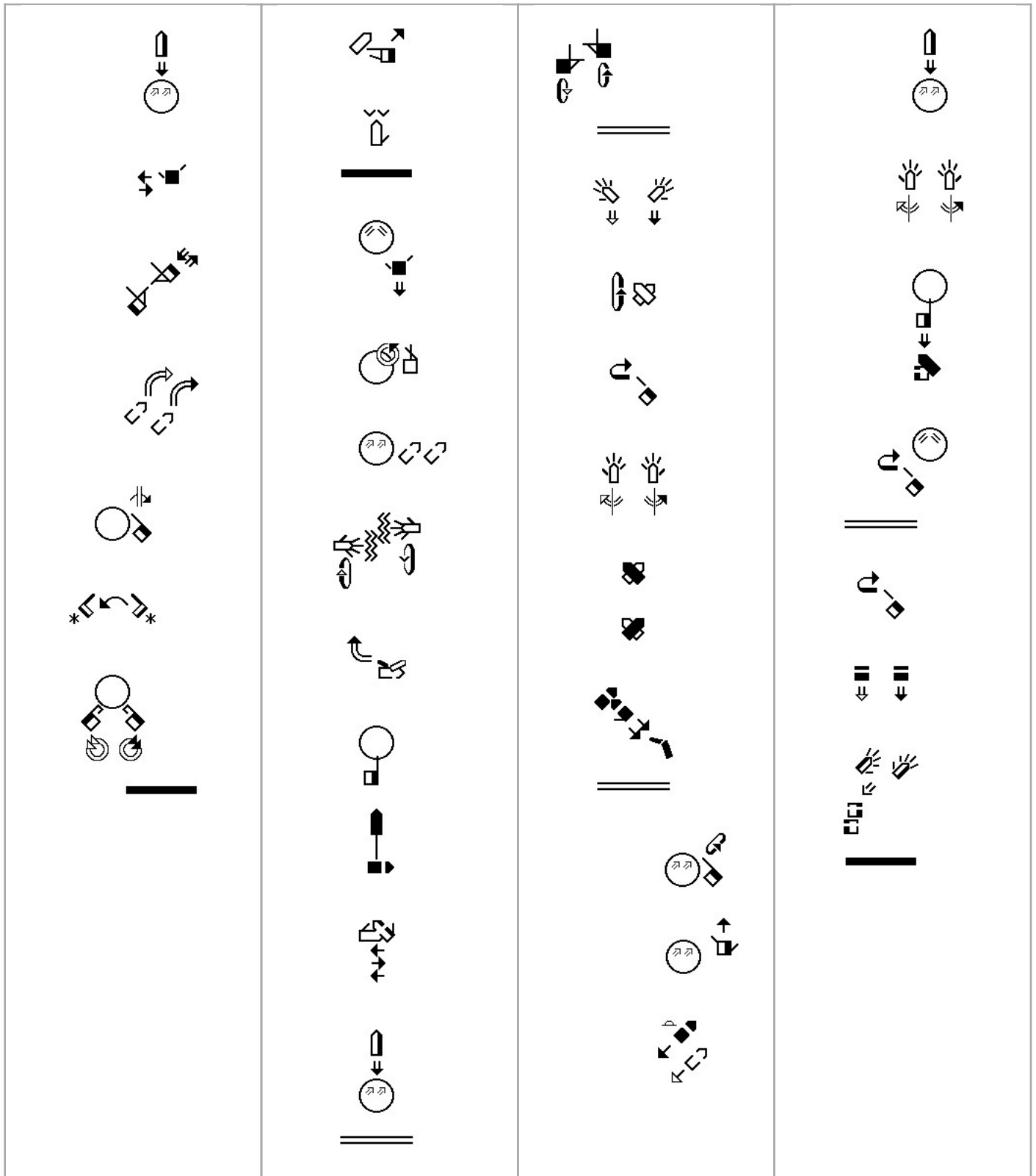
physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. Verse 11. So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.



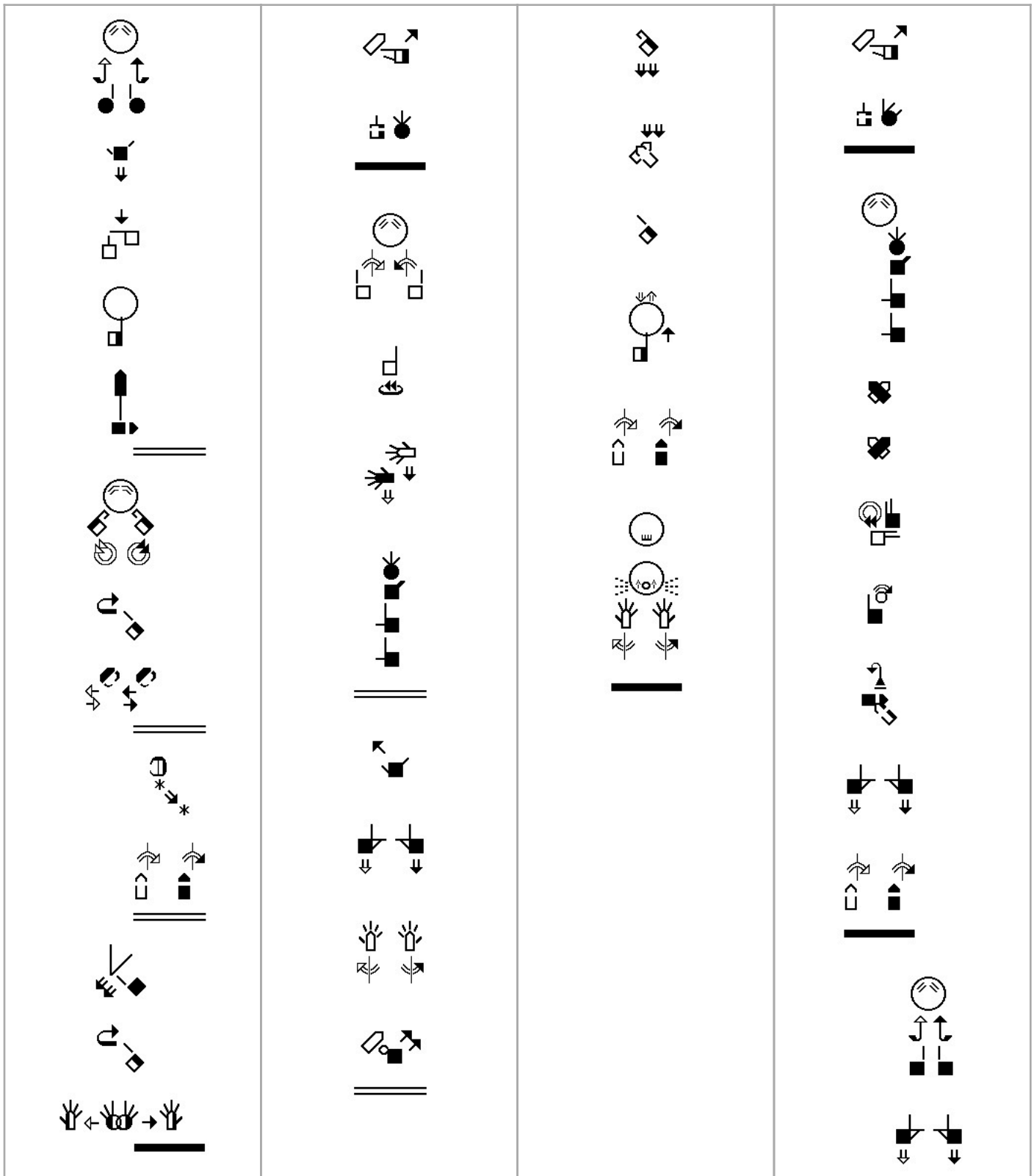
Verse 12. With his own blood -- not the blood of goats and calves -- he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Verse 13. Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow



could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. Verse 14. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to NLT



God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Verse 15. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. NLT

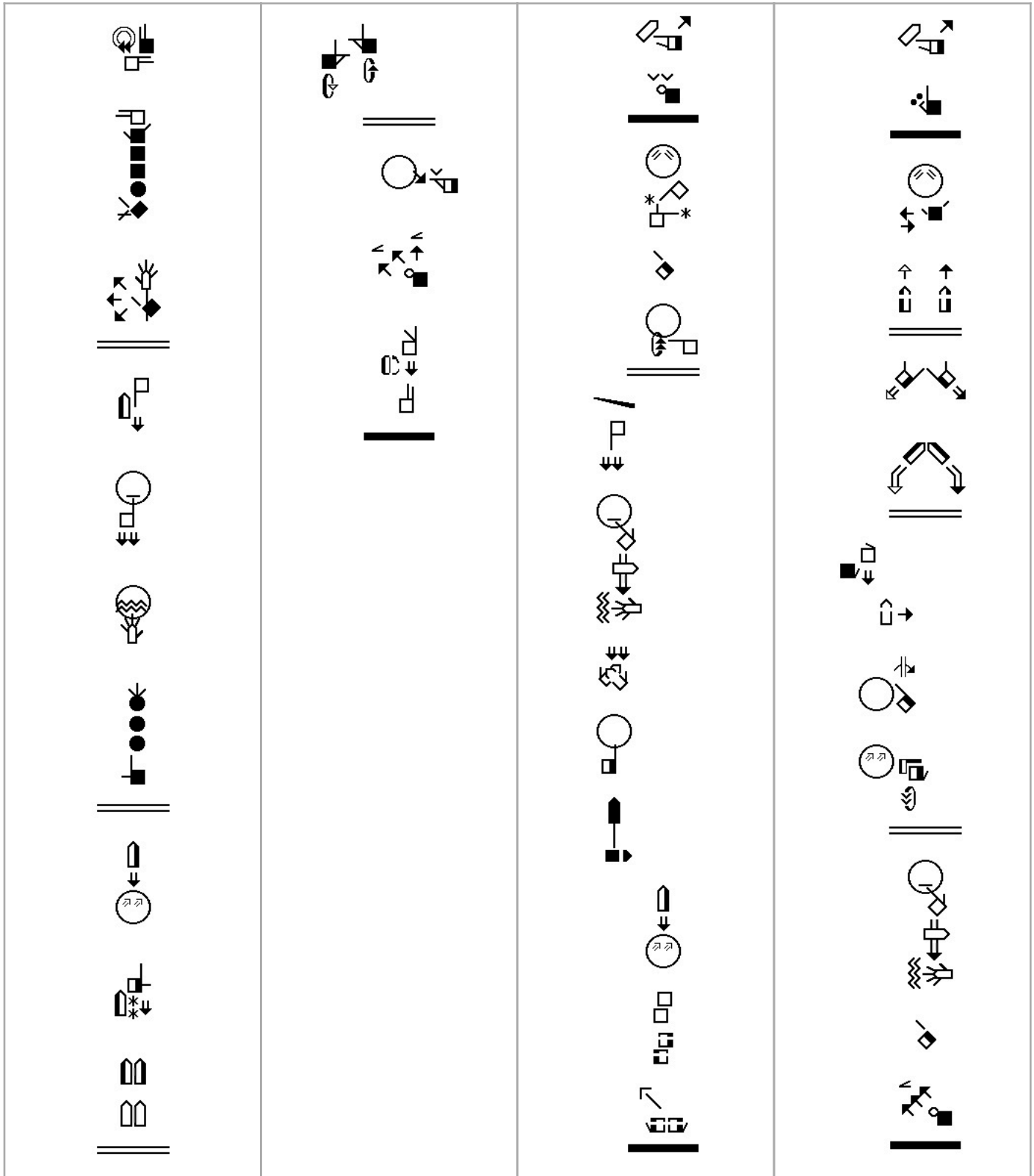


For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. Verse 16. Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. Verse 17. The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person

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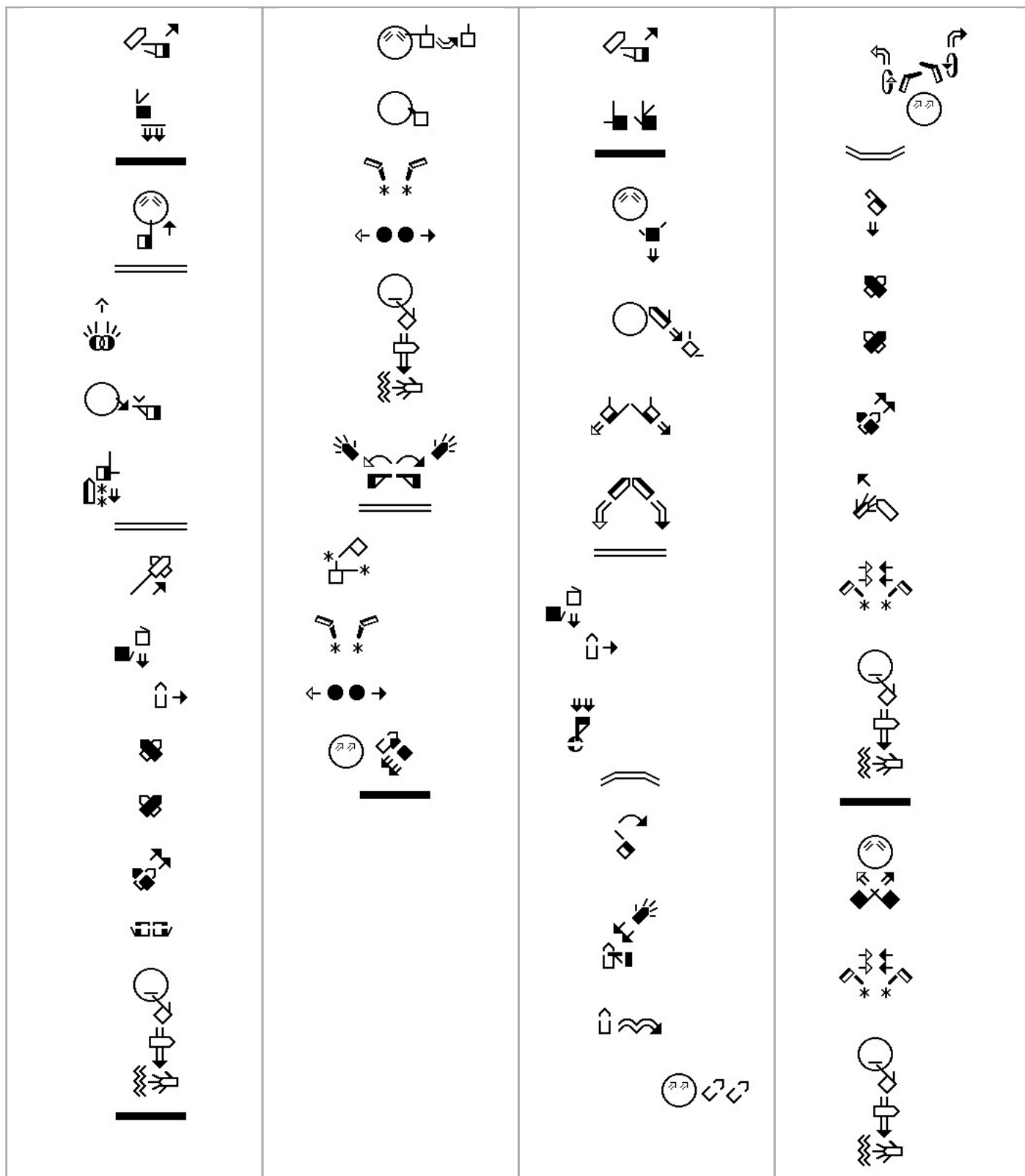
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who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect. Verse 18. That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal. Verse 19. For after Moses had read each of God's commandments to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water,

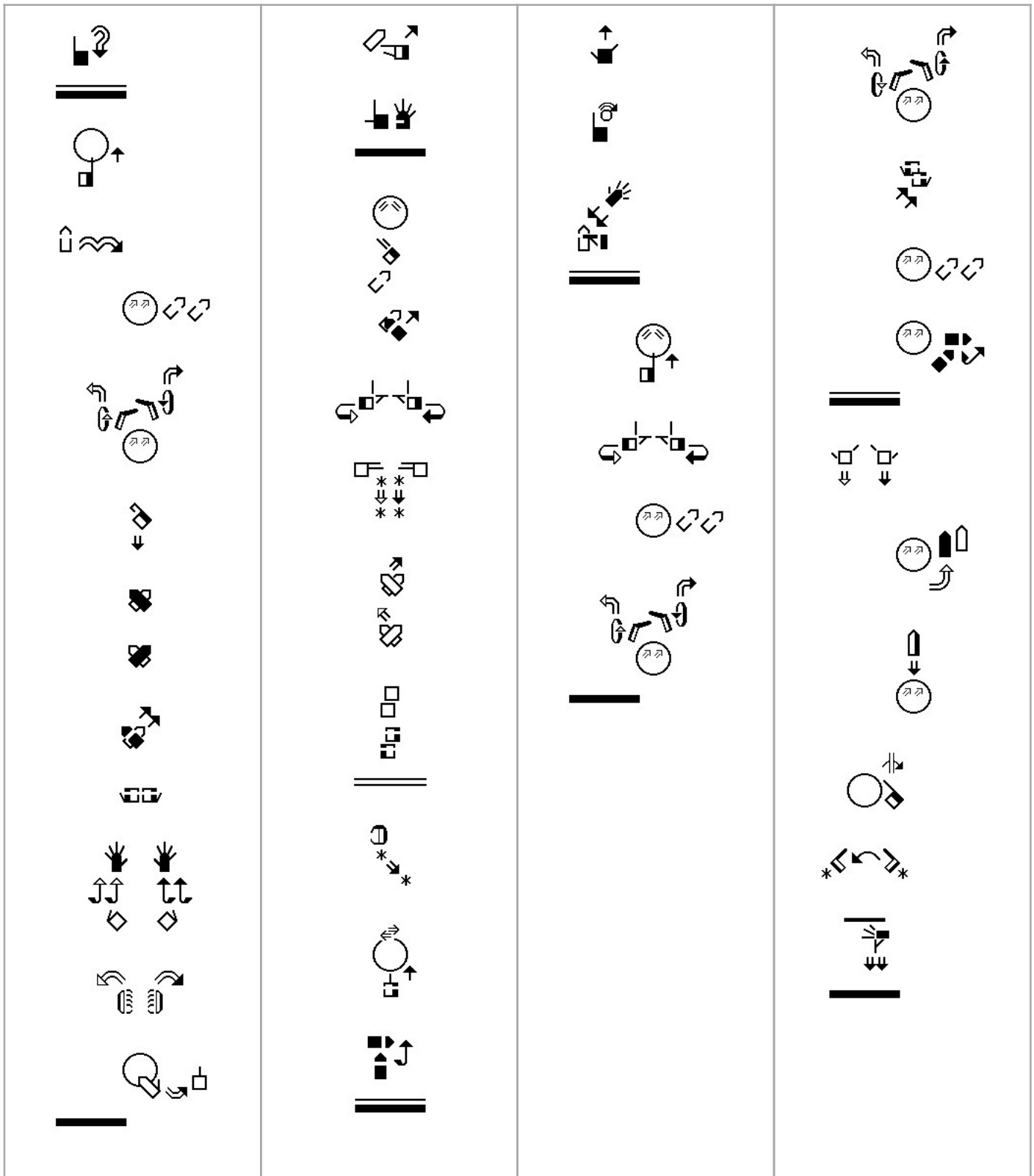


and sprinkled both the book of God's law and all the people, using hyssop branches and scarlet wool. Verse 20. Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you." Verse 21. And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship.

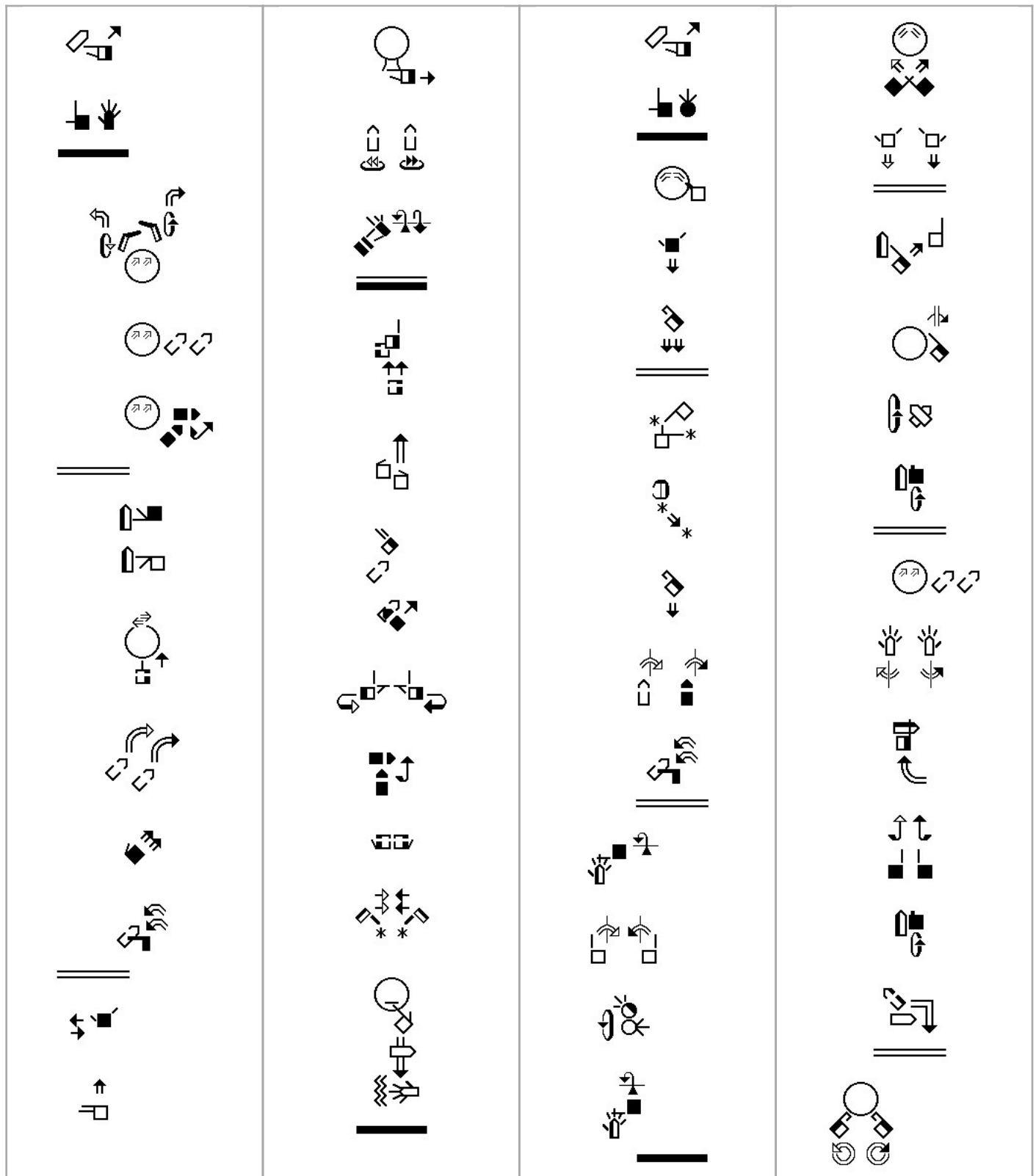
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Verse 22. In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. Verse 23. That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But
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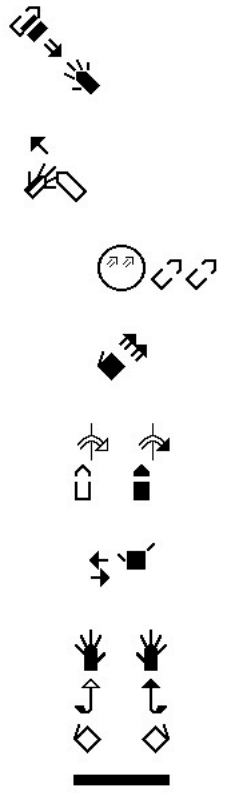
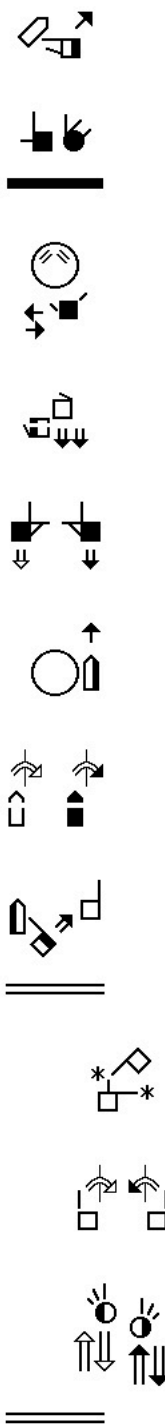
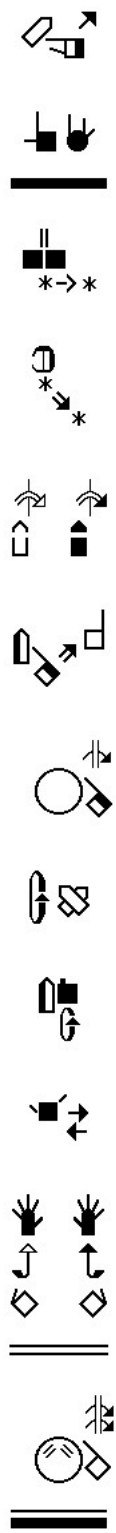
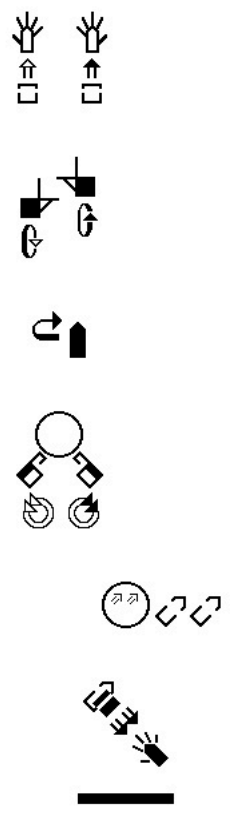


the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals. Verse 24. For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.
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Verse 25. And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. Verse 26. If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age

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to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. Verse 27. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, Verse 28. so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. NLT

