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
















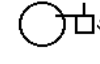













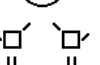















1 Peter 1. This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

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Verse 2. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.

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Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,

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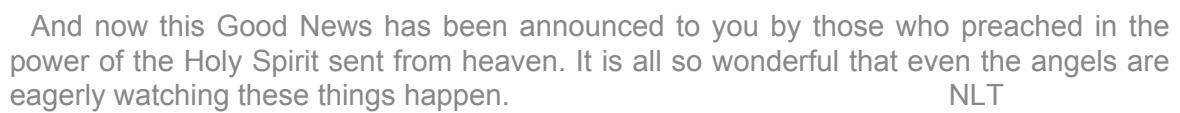
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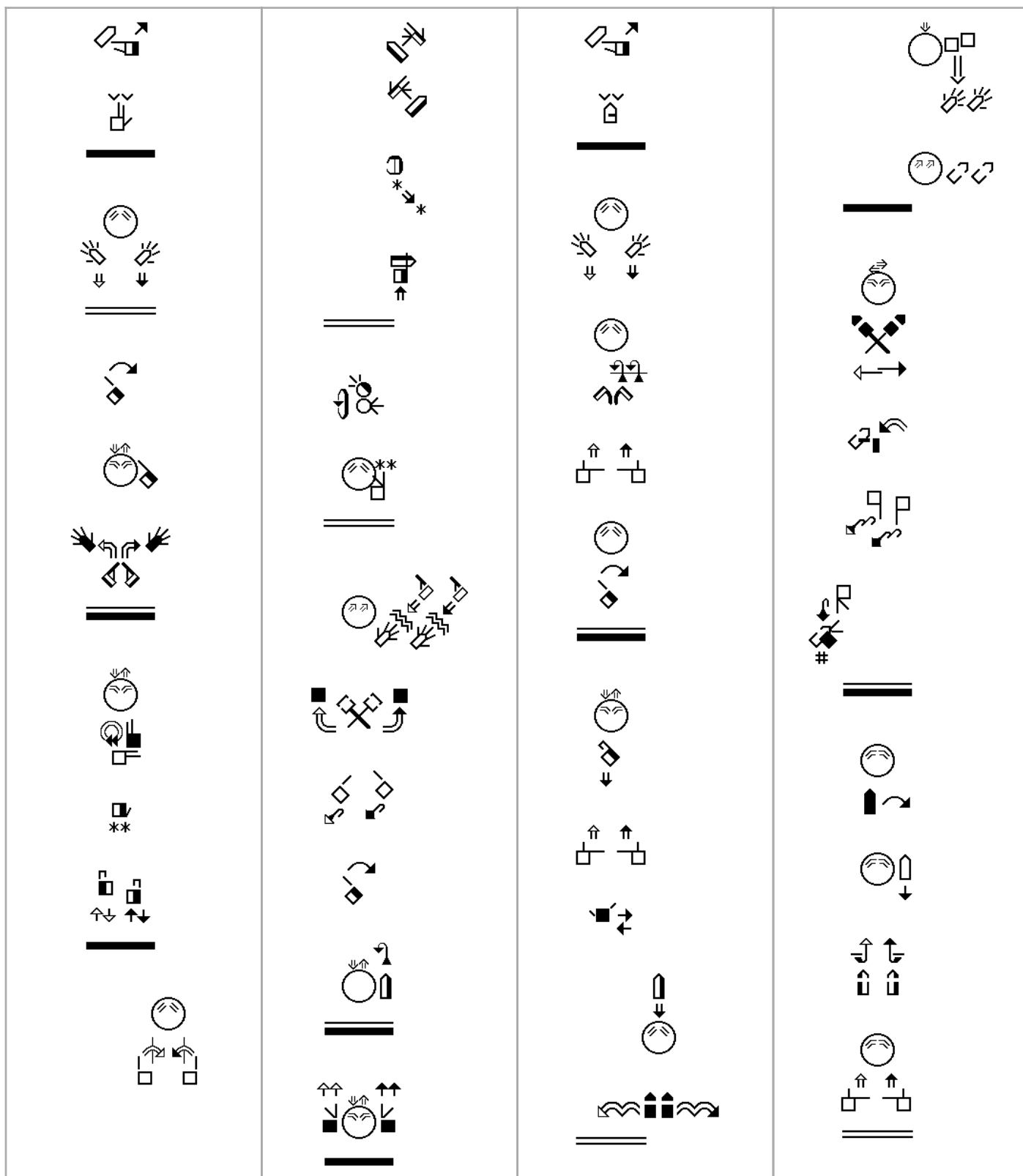
Verse 8. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Verse 9. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. Verse 10. This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when

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































































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they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. Verse 11. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. Verse 12. They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. NLT





















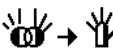







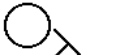









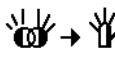





Verse 13. So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. Verse 14. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living NLT

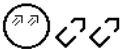






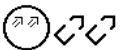



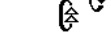




















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Verse 17. And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as "foreigners in the land."

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Verse 18. For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. Verse 19. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, NLT

       	       	       	       
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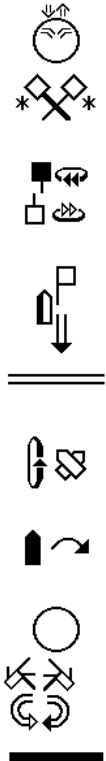
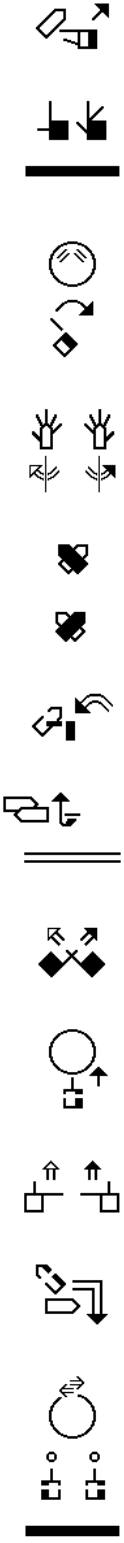

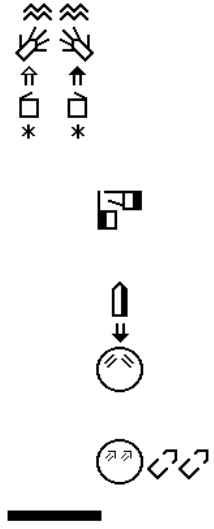
spotless Lamb of God. Verse 20. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. Verse 21. Through Christ you have come to trust in God.

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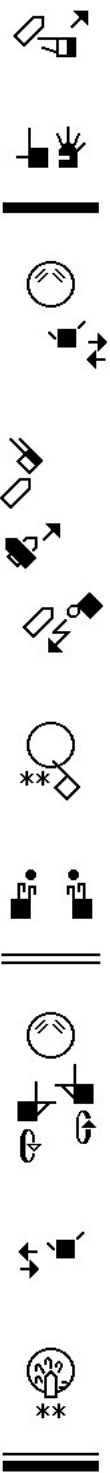
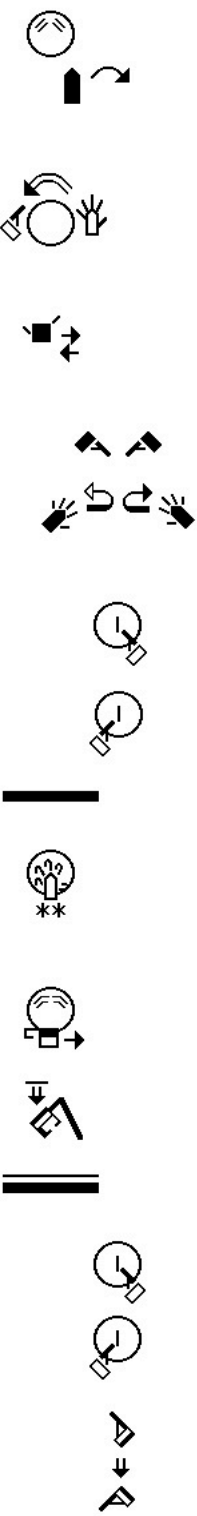
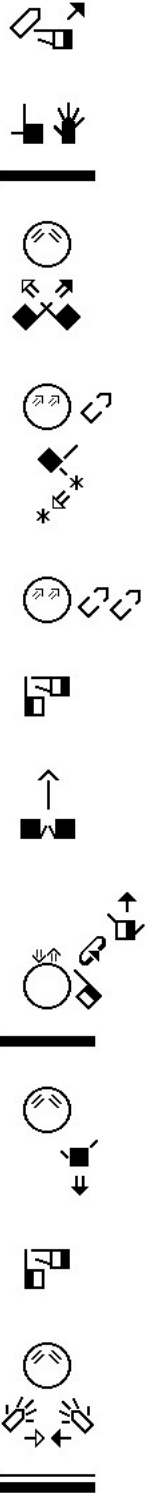
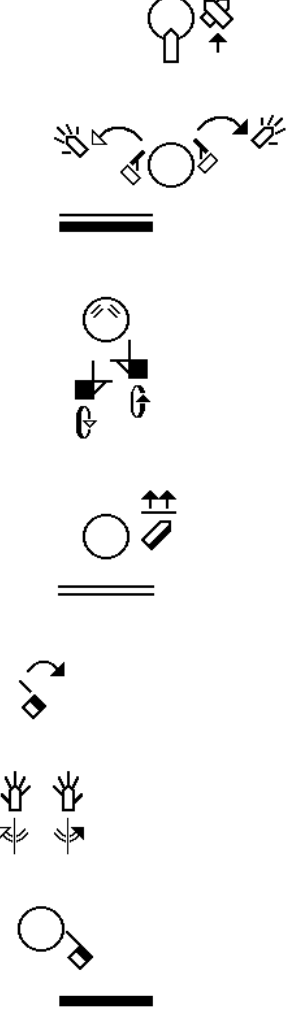
And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Verse 22. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.

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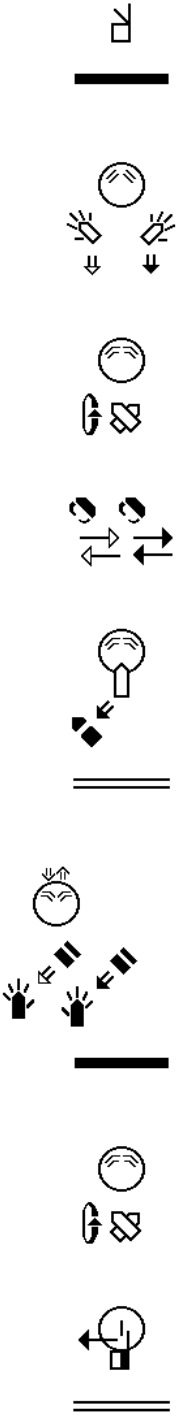
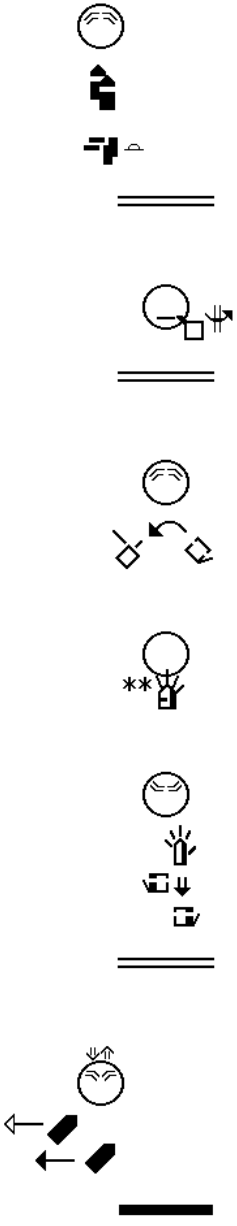
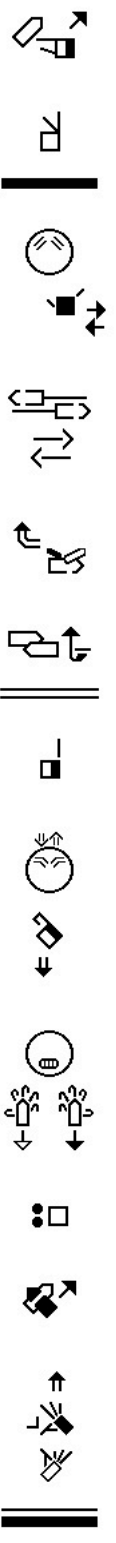
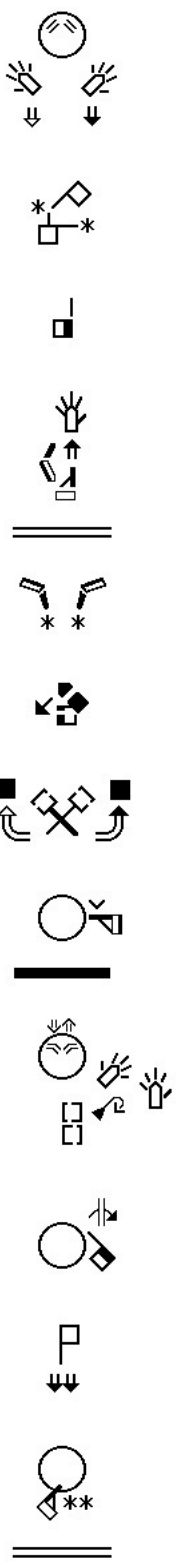
			
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Love each other deeply with all your heart. Verse 23. For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

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







































































17 Verse 24. As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. Verse 25. But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you. NLT

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2. So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Verse 2. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, NLT

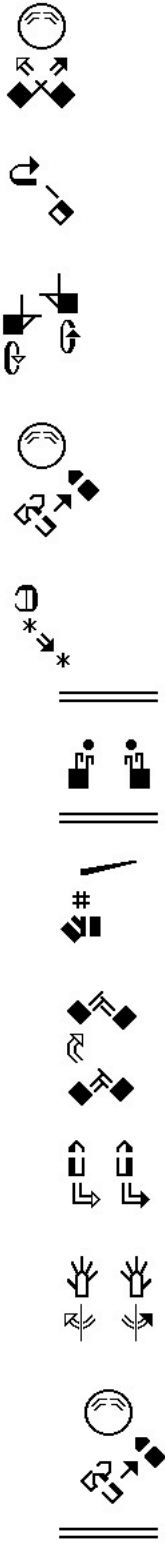


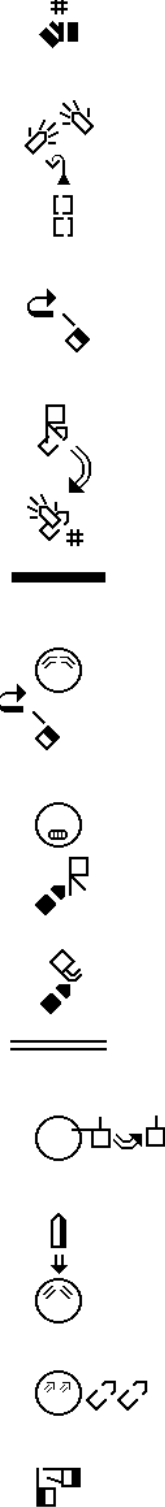
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Verse 6. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Verse 7. Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him.

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But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." Verse 8. And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because





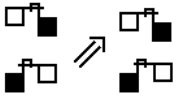



























































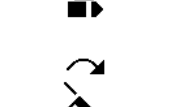















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23 they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.
 Verse 9. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a
 holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, NLT









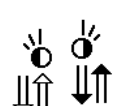

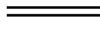


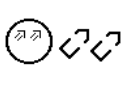

























































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you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Verse 10. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." NLT

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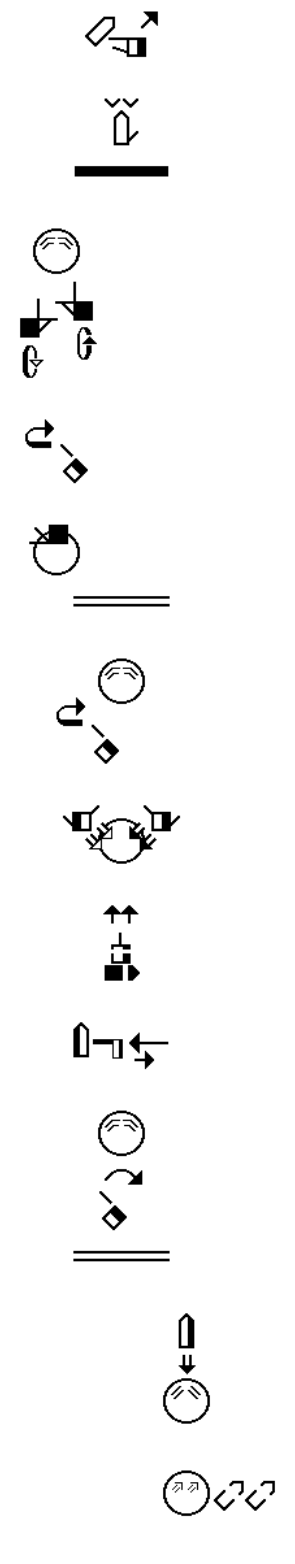
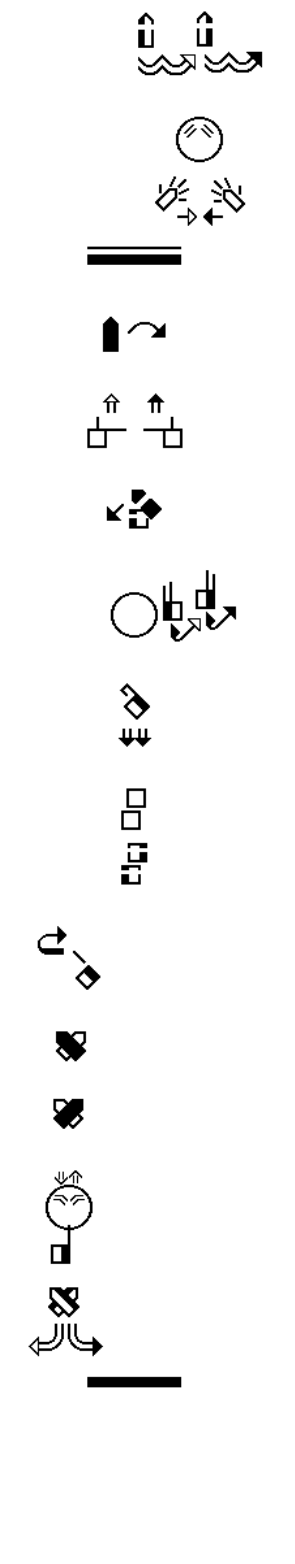
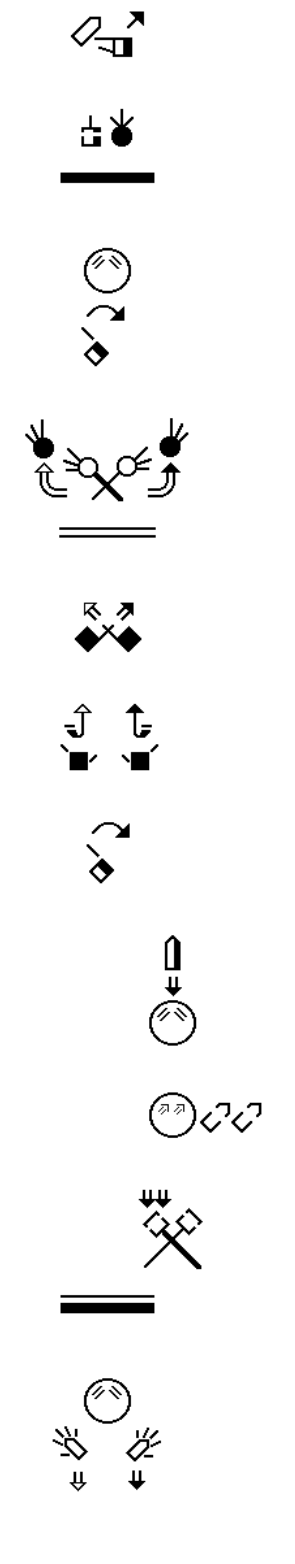
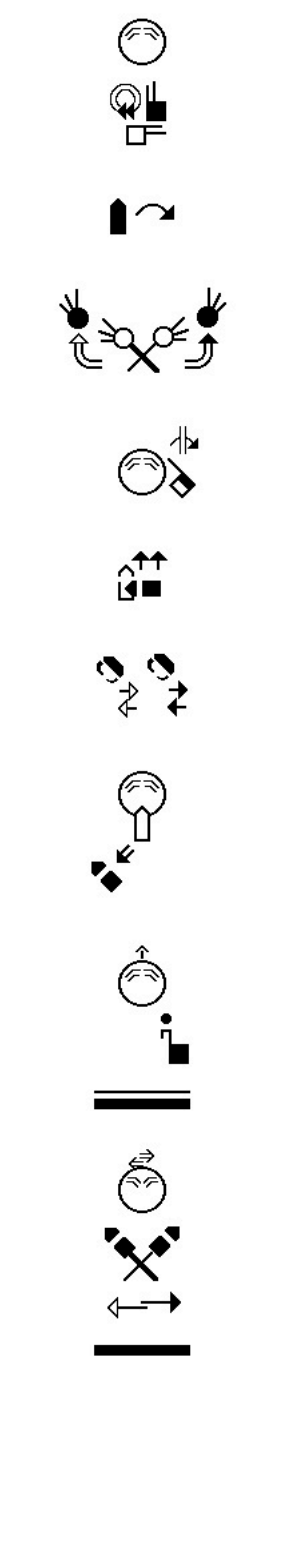
Verse 11. Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Verse 12. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior,

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and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. Verse 13. For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority -- whether the king as head of state, Verse 14. or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

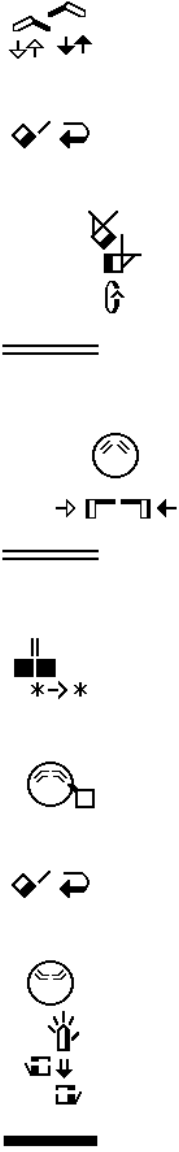

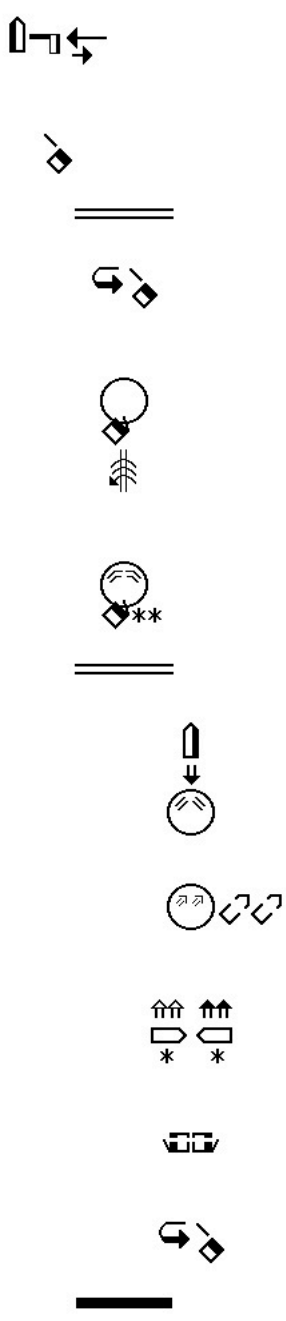
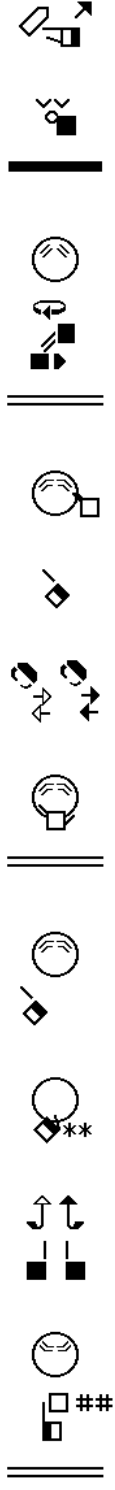
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Verse 17. Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king. Verse 18. You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you --

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not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. Verse 19. For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. Verse 20. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong.

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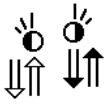



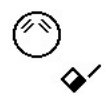

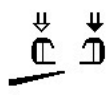

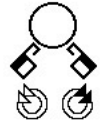


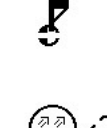

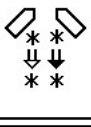




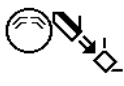
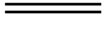








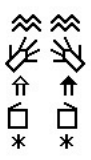





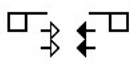

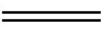



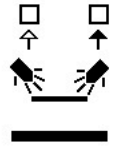
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But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. Verse 21. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example,

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31 and you must follow in his steps. Verse 22. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. Verse 23. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the NLT

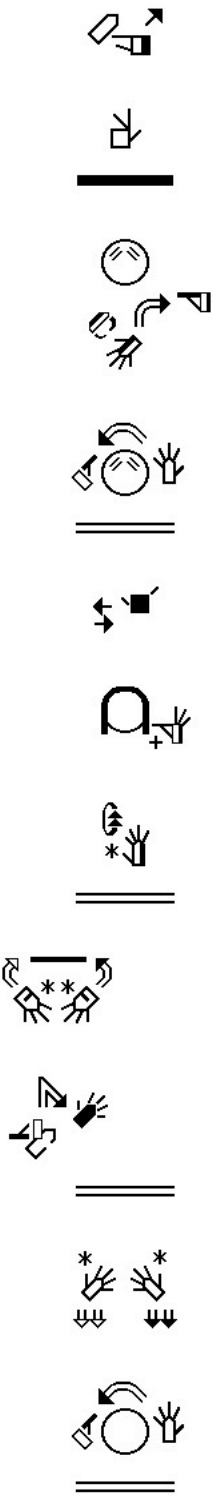
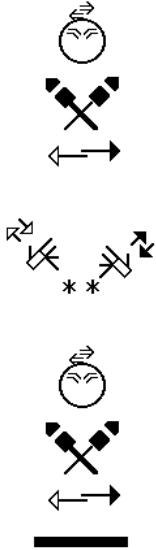

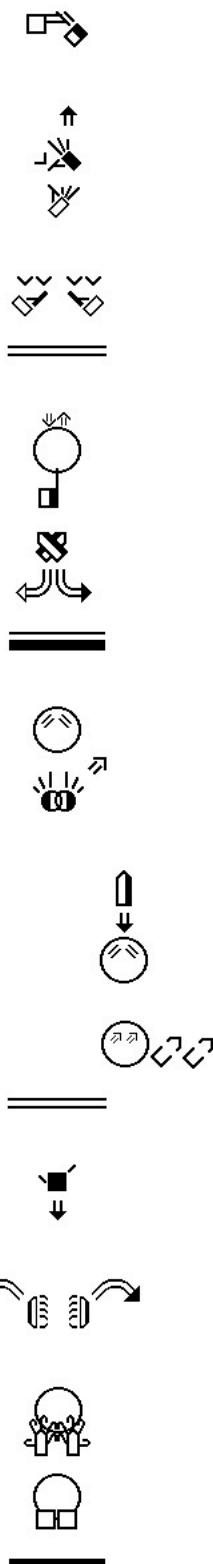
       	           	             	            
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hands of God, who always judges fairly. Verse 24. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

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3. In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over Verse 2. by observing your pure and reverent lives. NLT

			
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Verse 3. Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. Verse 4. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

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Verse 5. This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They trusted God and accepted the authority of their husbands. Verse 6. For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters

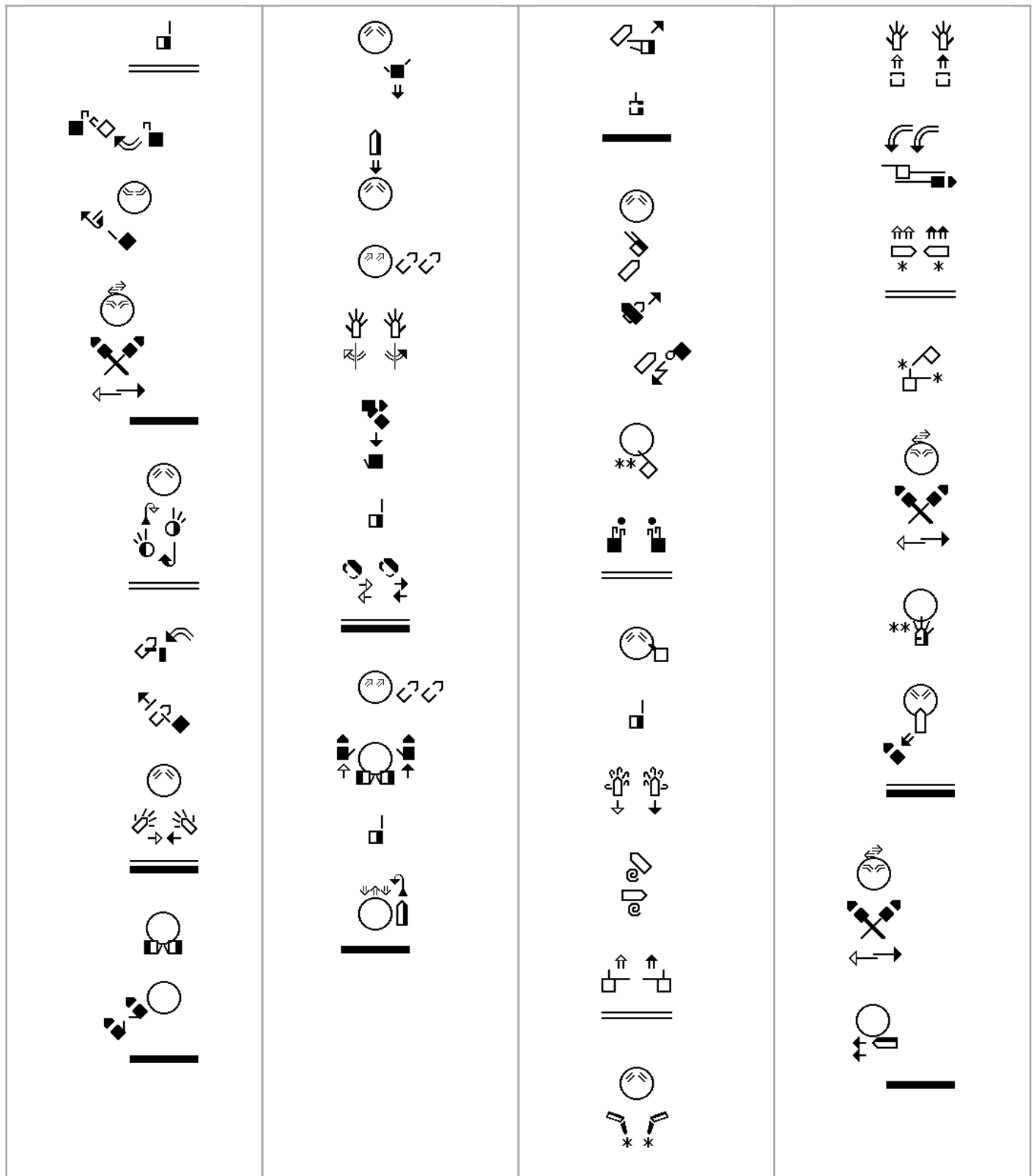
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when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do. Verse 7. In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life.

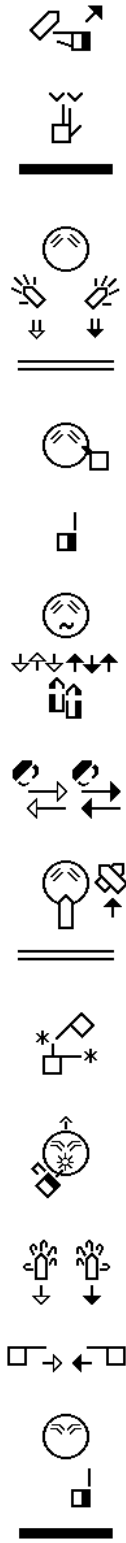

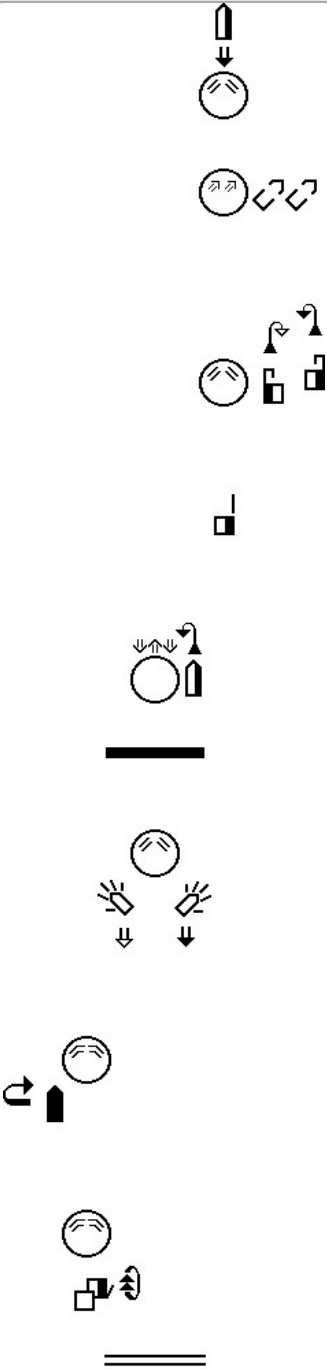
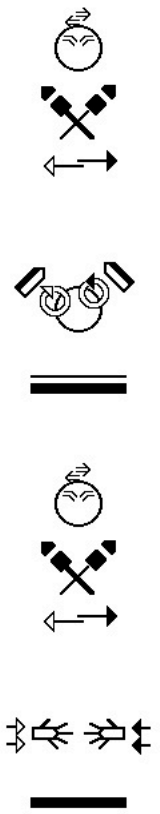
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Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. Verse 10. For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. NLT

Verse 11. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.
 Verse 12. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."
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


















































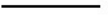



Verse 13. Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? Verse 14. But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

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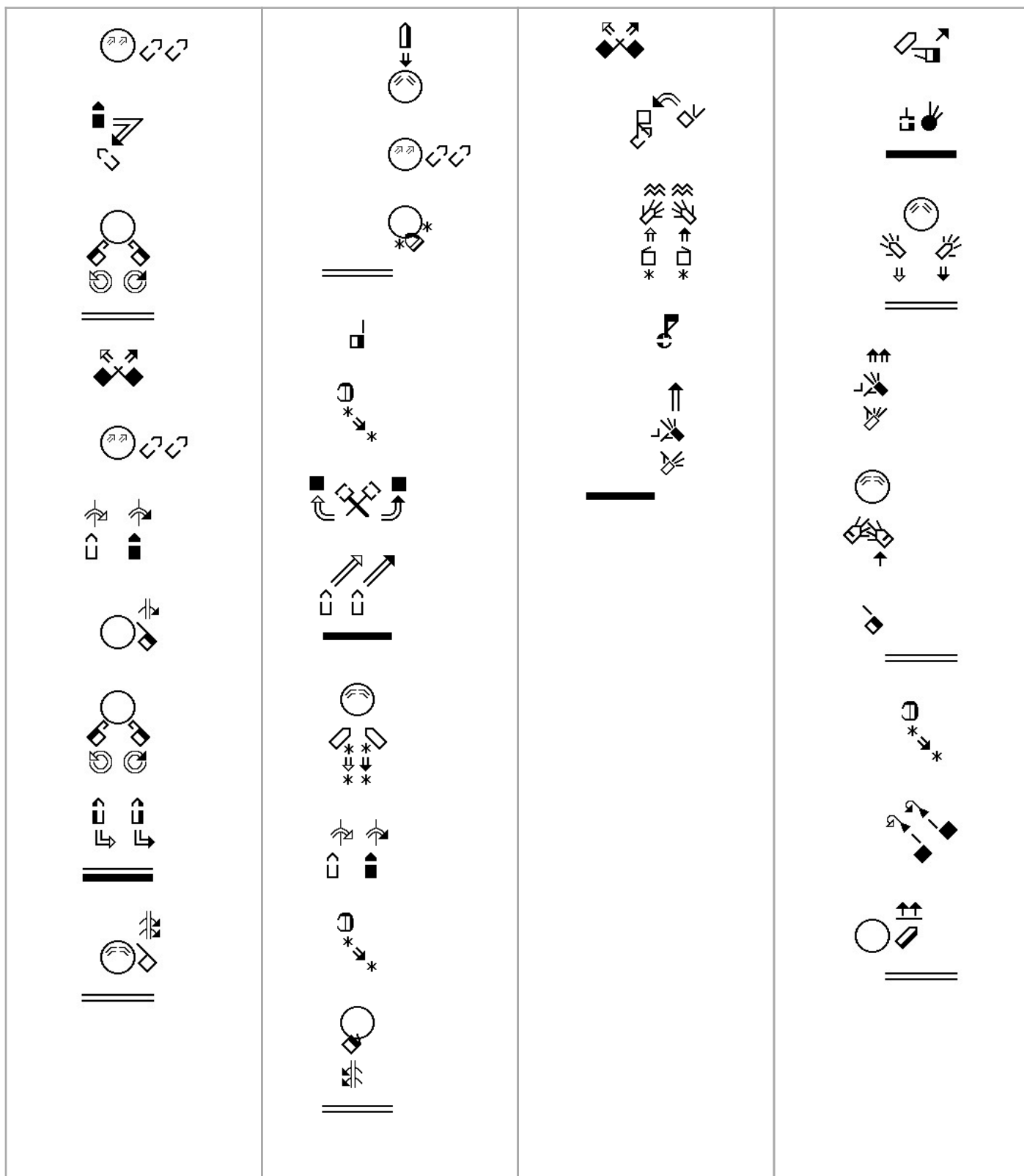
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Verse 15. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. Verse 16. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good

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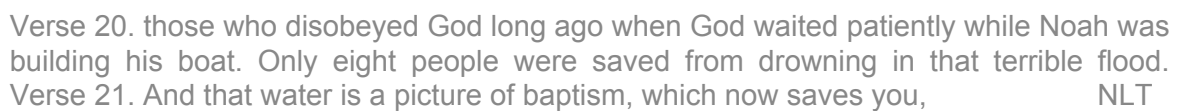
         	              	                	               
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43 life you live because you belong to Christ. Verse 17. Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! Verse 18. Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. NLT



He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. Verse 19. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison --


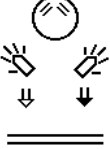
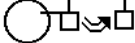


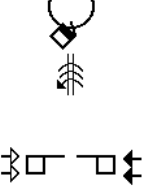
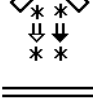






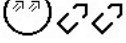

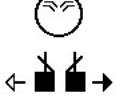








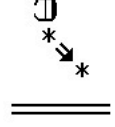




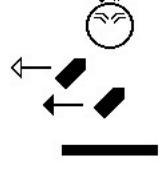





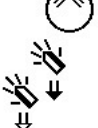

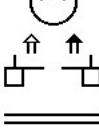






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not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Verse 22. Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

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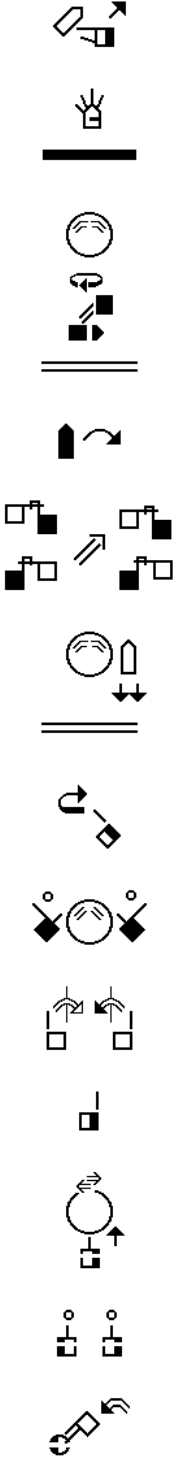
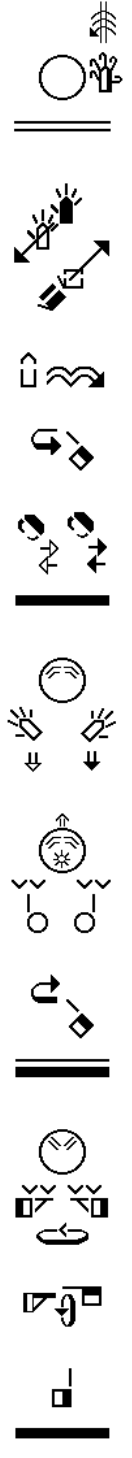
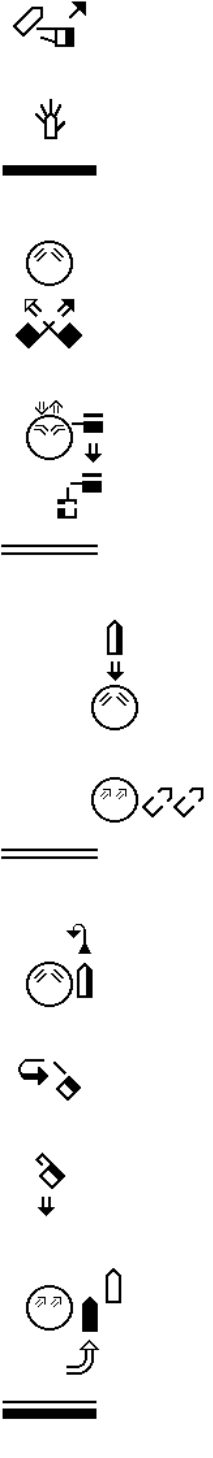
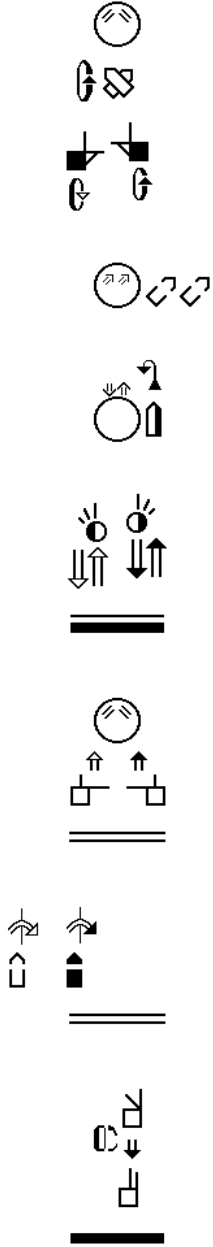
4. So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. Verse 2. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires,

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but you will be anxious to do the will of God. Verse 3. You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy -- their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

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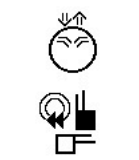
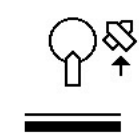

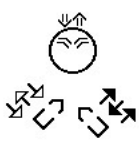
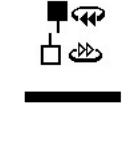
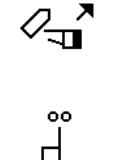

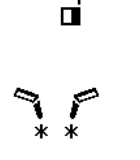
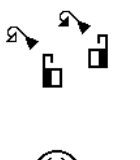

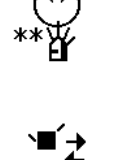
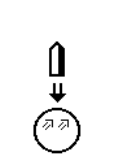


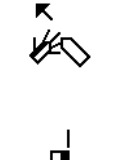

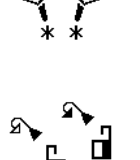

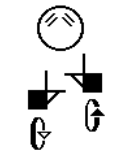

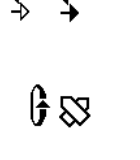
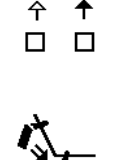
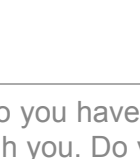
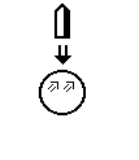
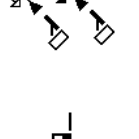

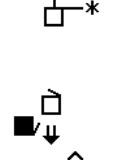


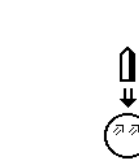
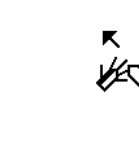
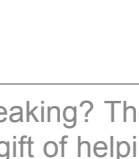
			
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Verse 4. Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. Verse 5. But remember that they will have to face God, who will judge everyone, both the living and the dead. NLT






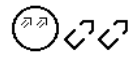






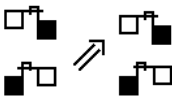


























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Verse 8. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Verse 9. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. Verse 10. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.

    	        	        	        
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













































Use them well to serve one another. Verse 11. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through NLT

































































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Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. Verse 12. Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Verse 13. Instead, be very glad -- for these trials

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make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. Verse 14. So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. NLT

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Verse 17. For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News? Verse 18. And also, "If the righteous are barely saved,

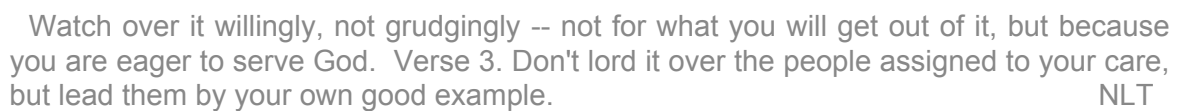
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









































































































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5. And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: Verse 2. Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.


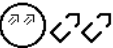


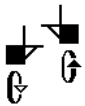




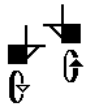



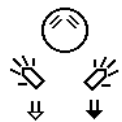


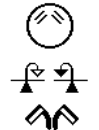










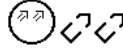


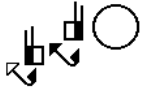



















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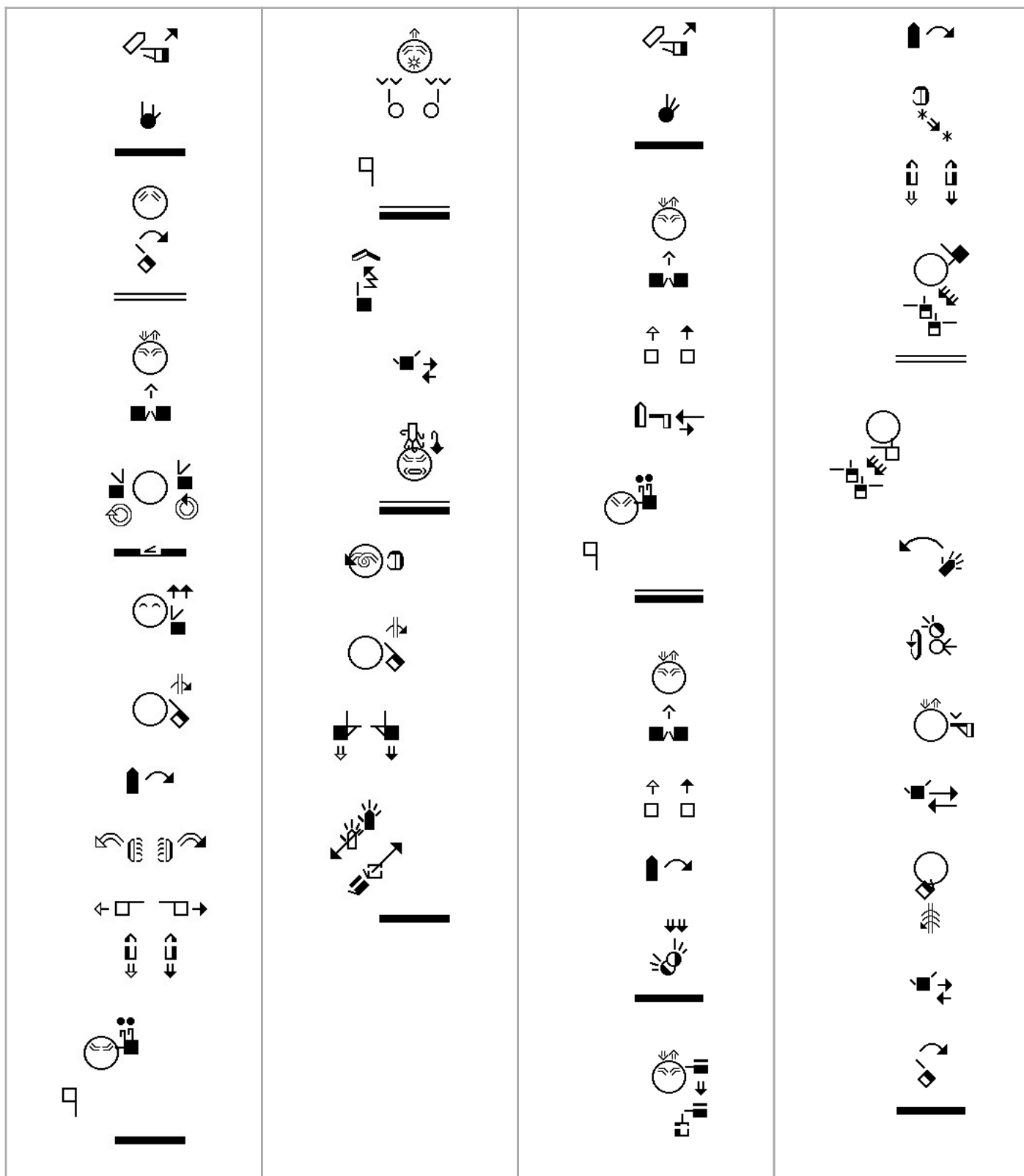
                             	                             	                             	                            
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Verse 4. And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor. Verse 5. In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for

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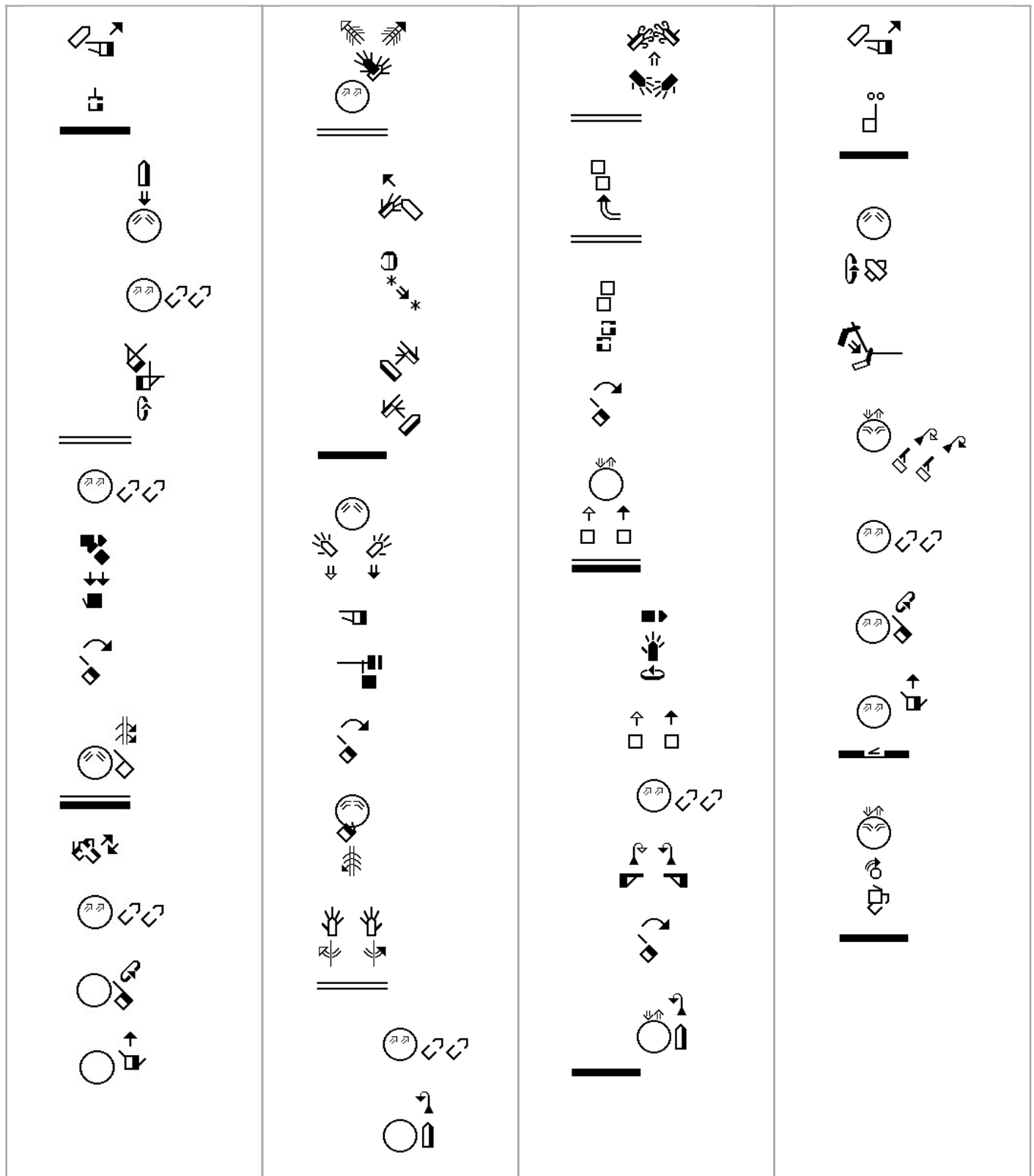
          	           	          	               
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"God opposes the proud but favors the humble." Verse 6. So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Verse 7. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. NLT



Verse 8. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Verse 9. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

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


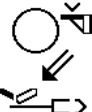























Verse 10. In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. Verse 11. All power to him forever! Amen.

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Verse 12. I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

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Verse 13. Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. Verse 14. Greet each other with Christian love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.

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