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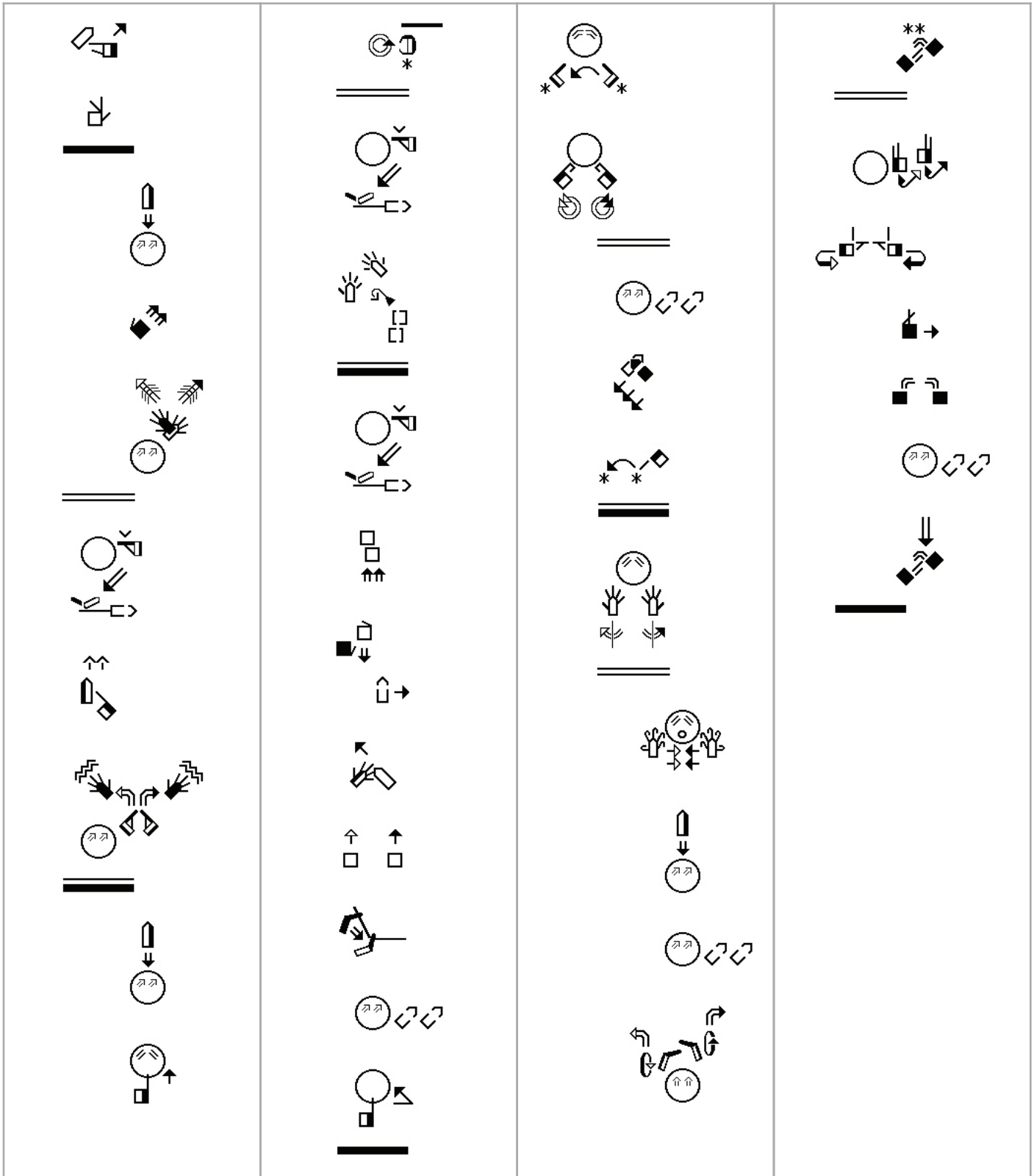
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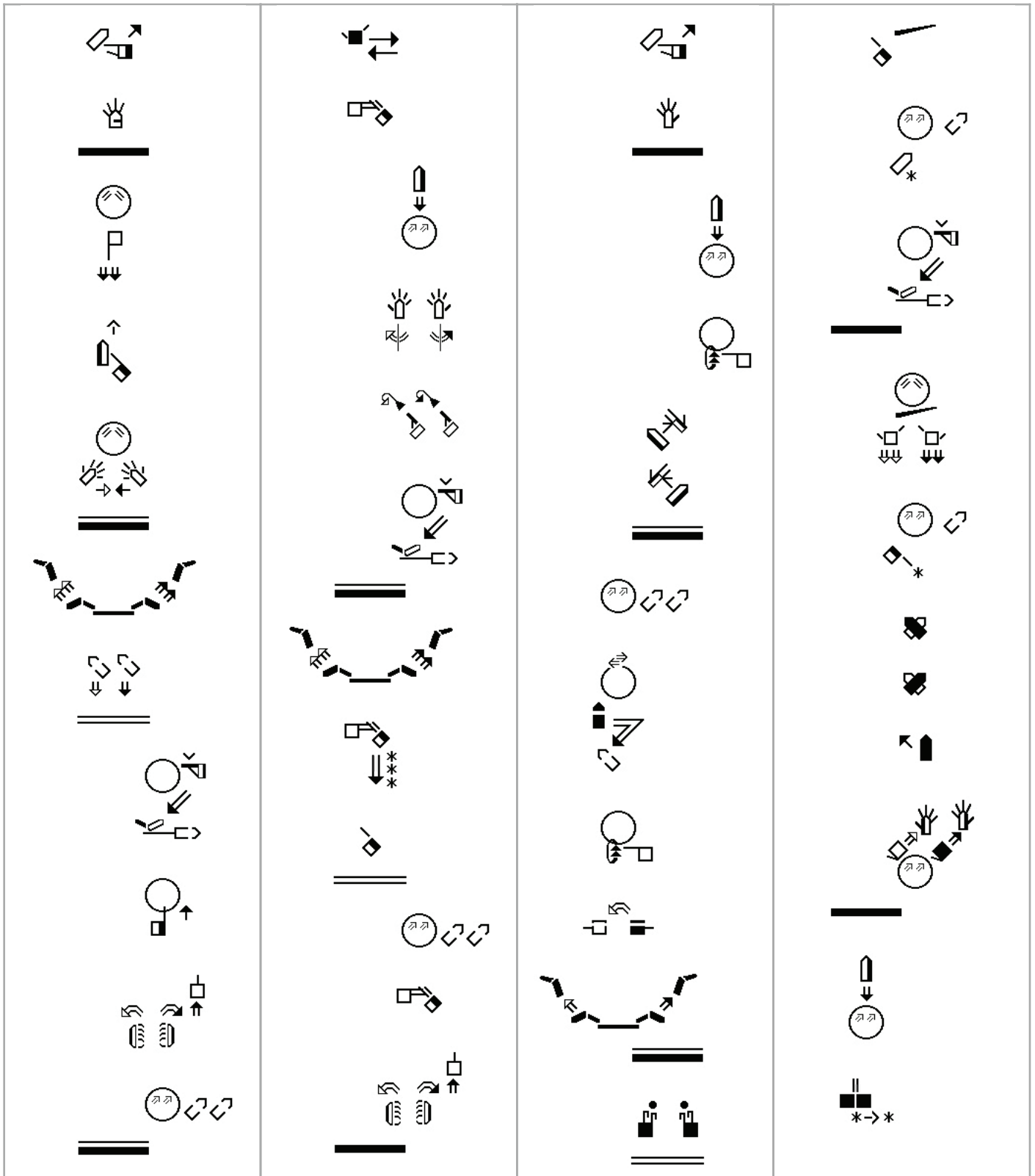
Chapter 1. Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. Verse 2. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

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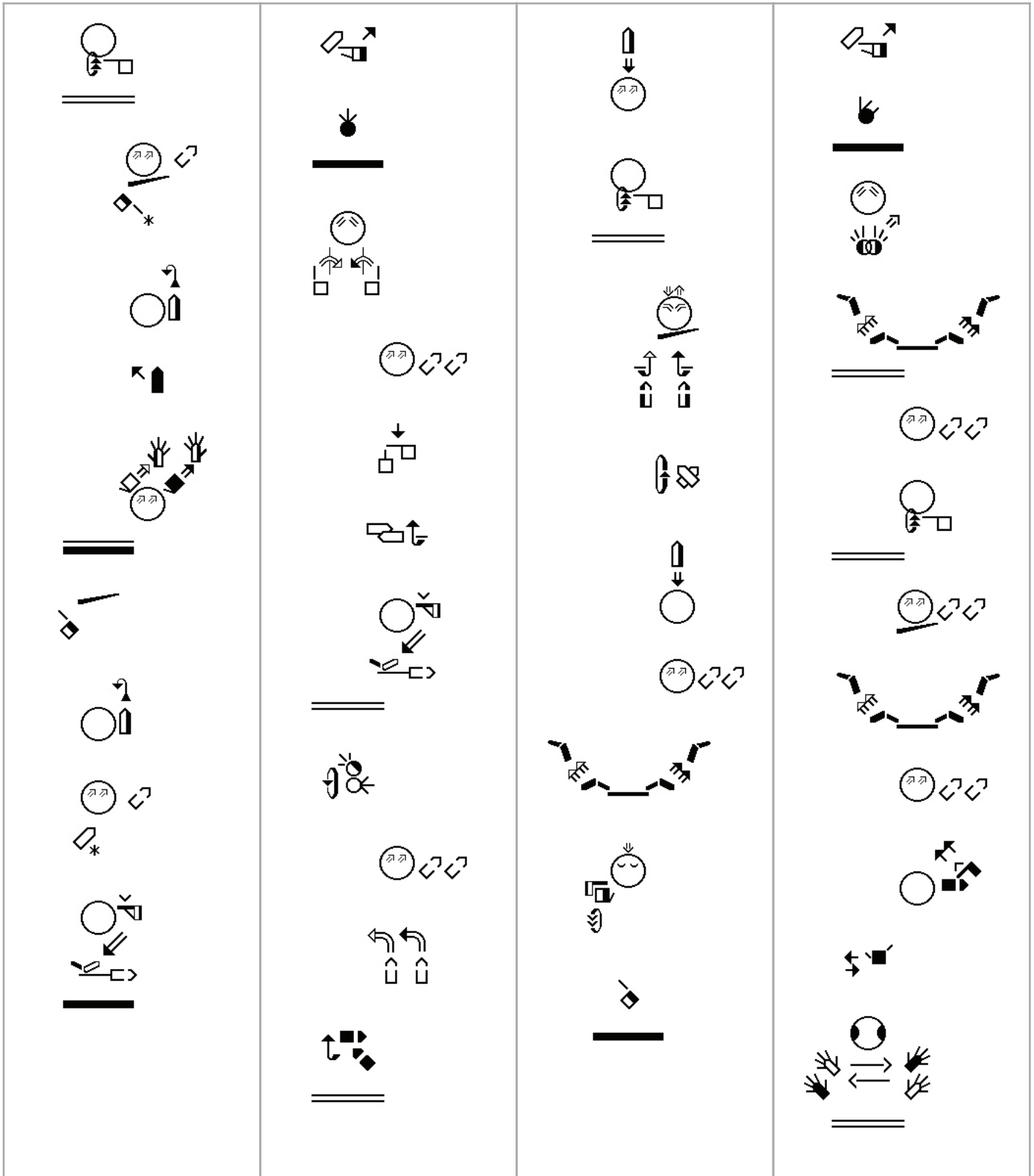
2 Verse 3. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

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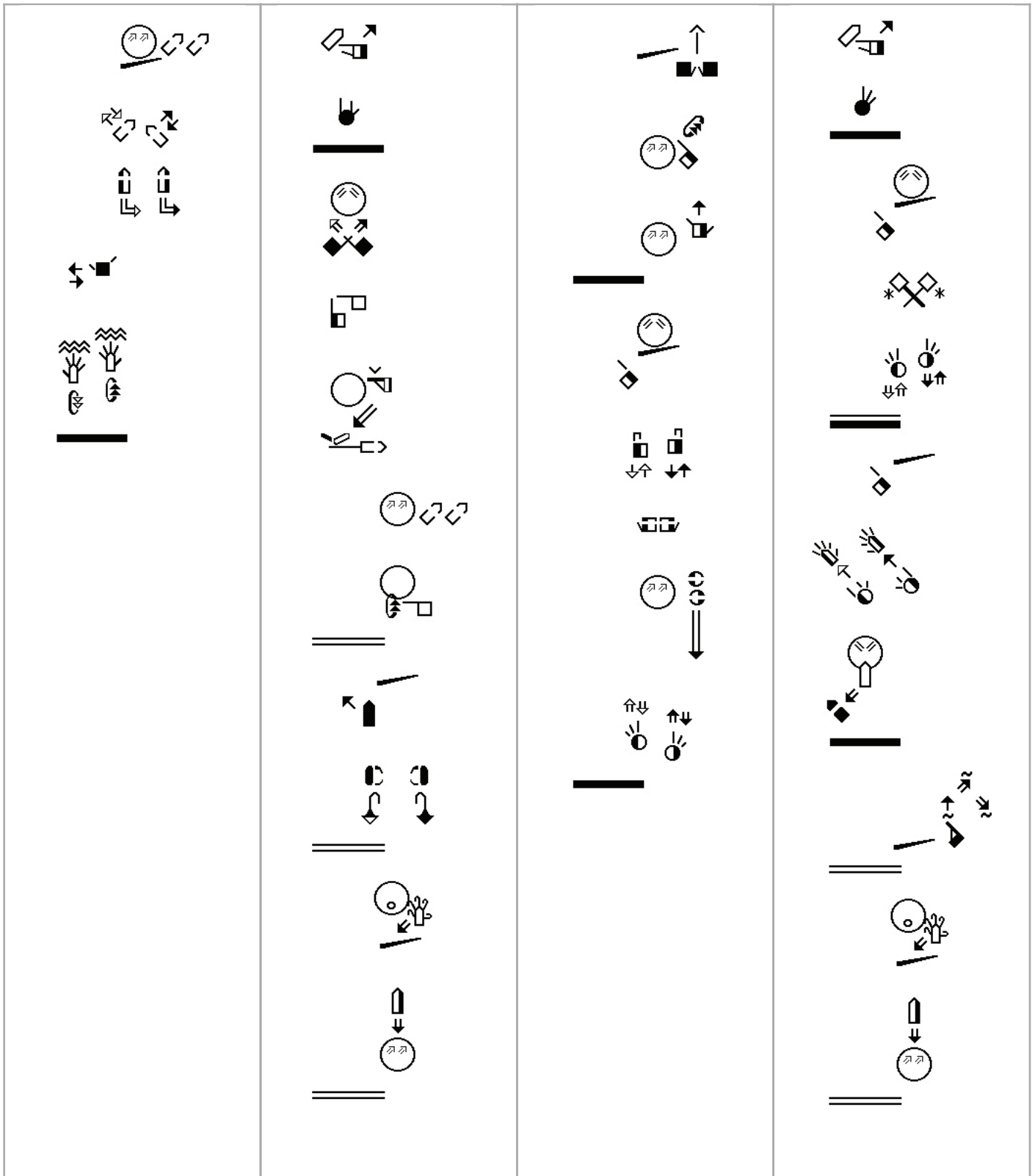


Verse 4. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names. Verse 5. For God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." God also NLT

Hebrews 1:5-7

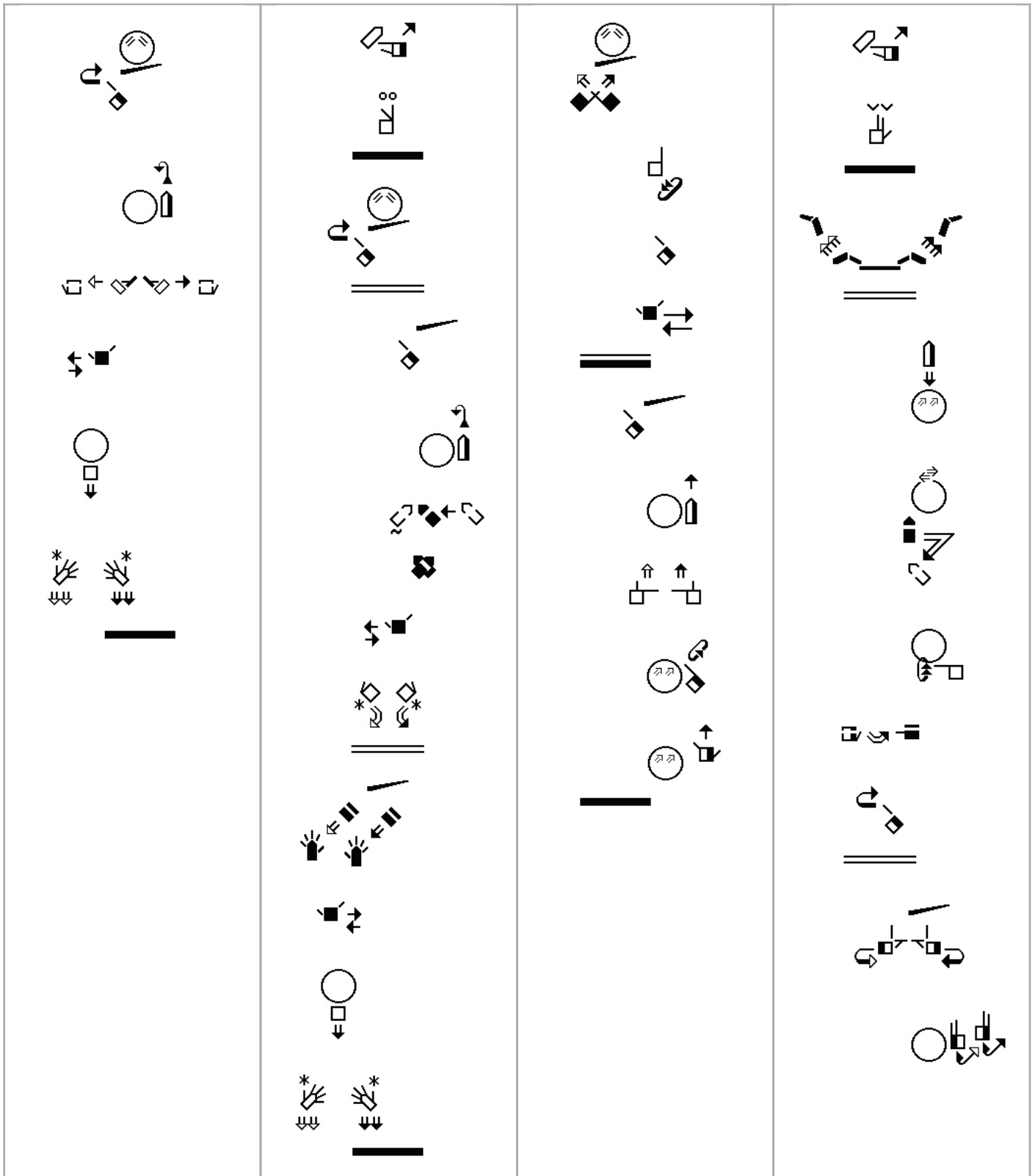


4 said, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son." Verse 6. And when he brought his firstborn Son into the world, God said, "Let all of God's angels worship him." Verse 7. Regarding the angels, he says, "He sends his angels like the winds, NLT



his servants like flames of fire." Verse 8. But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. Verse 9. You love justice and hate evil. Therefore, O God,

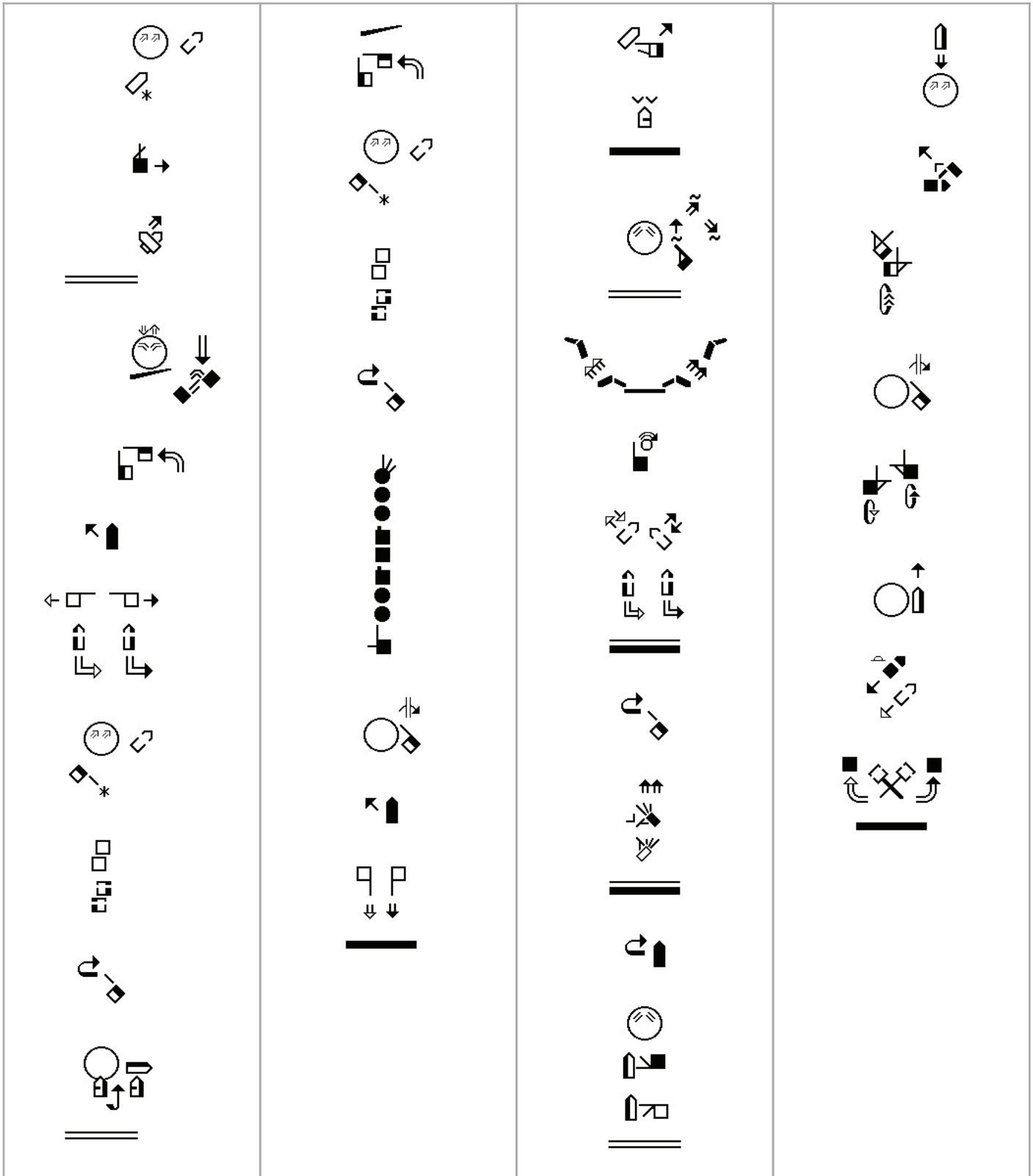
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They will wear out like old clothing. Verse 12. You will fold them up like a cloak and discard them like old clothing. But you are always the same; you will live forever." Verse 13. And God never said to any of the angels,

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Hebrews 1:13-14



8 "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet." Verse 14. Therefore, angels are only servants -- spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation. NLT

Hebrews 2:3-4

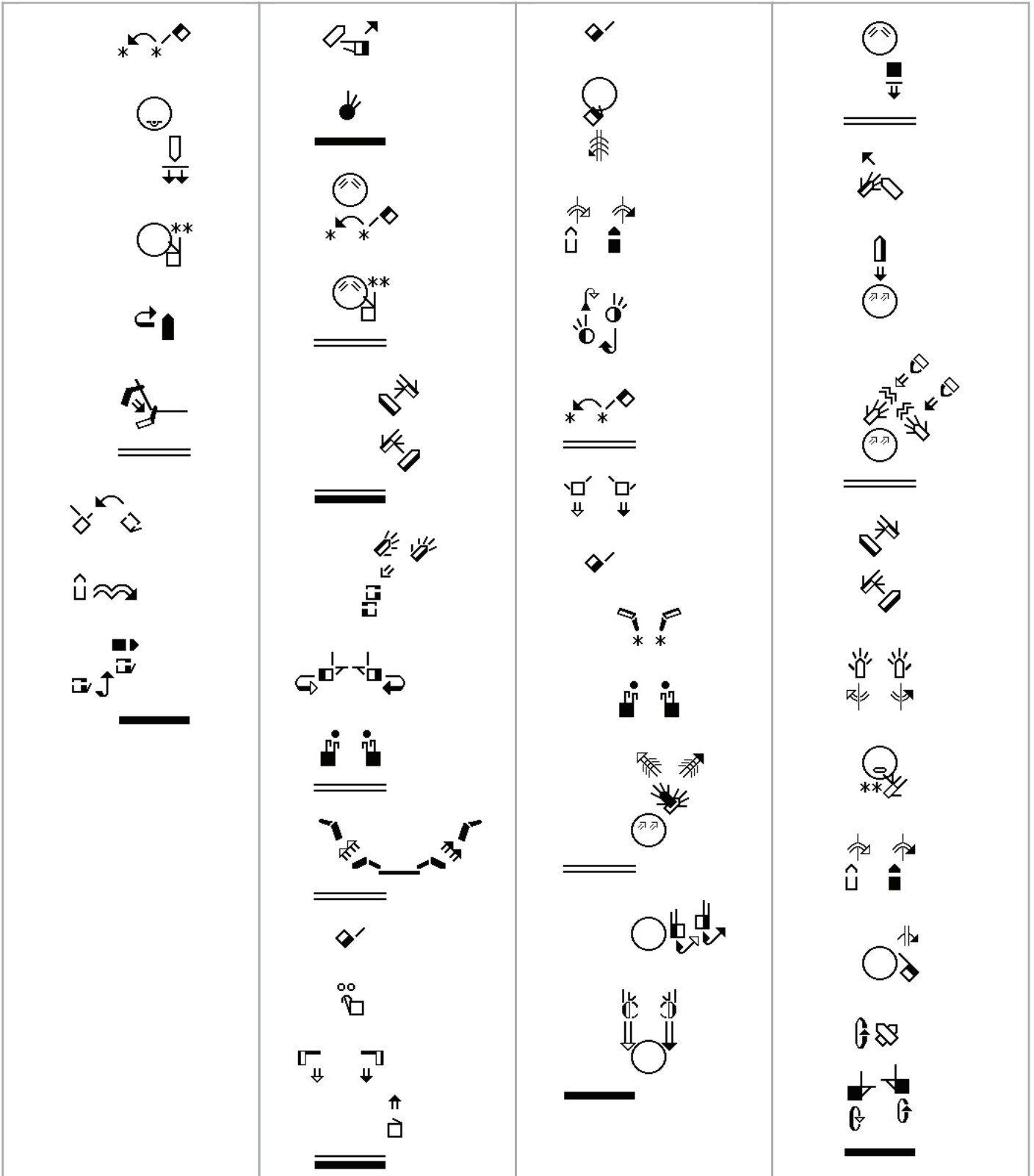
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by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose. Verse 5. And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the world we are talking about. Verse 6. For in one place the Scriptures say, "What are people that you should think of them, or a son of man that you should care for him?" NLT

Hebrews 2:7-8

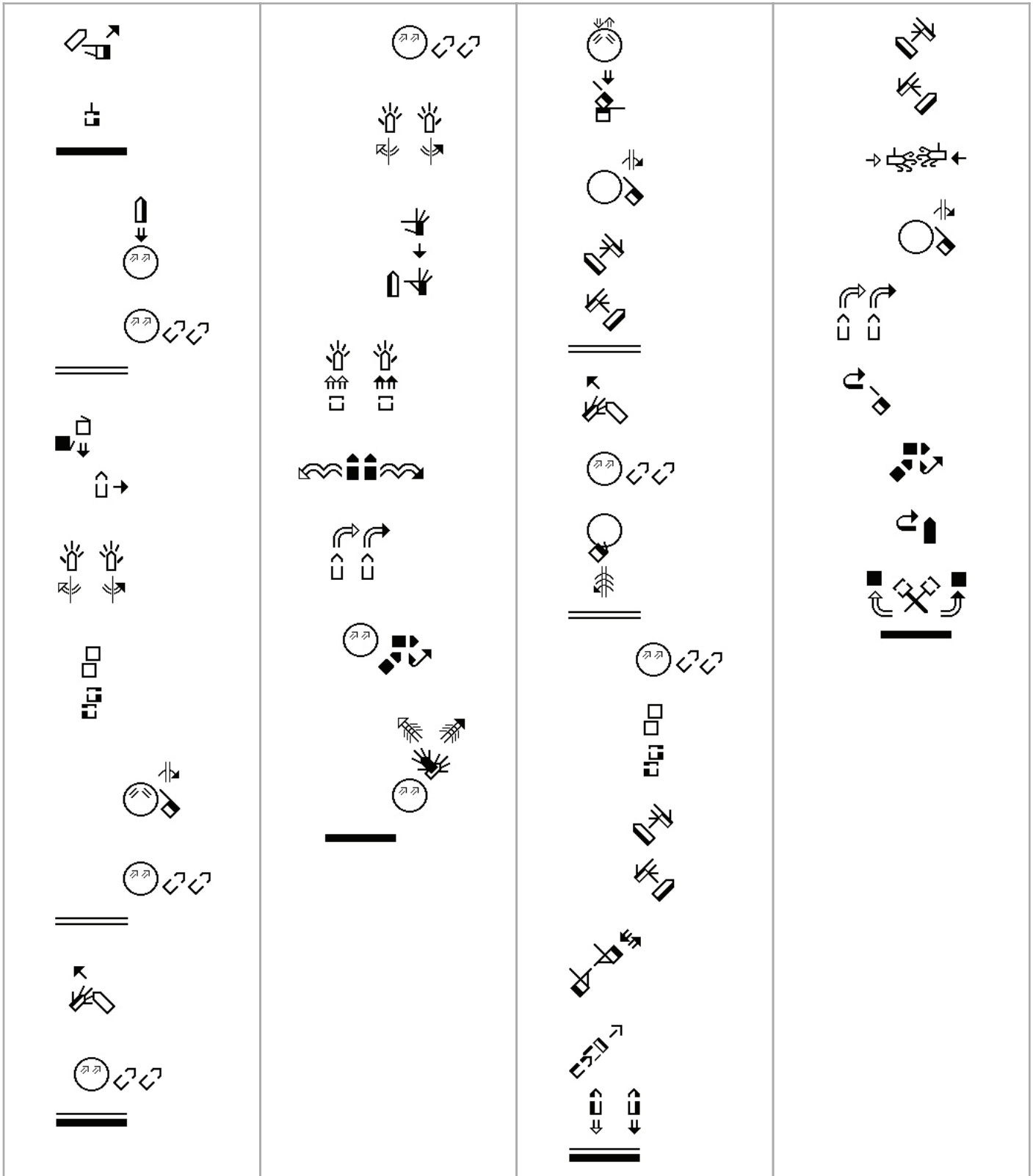
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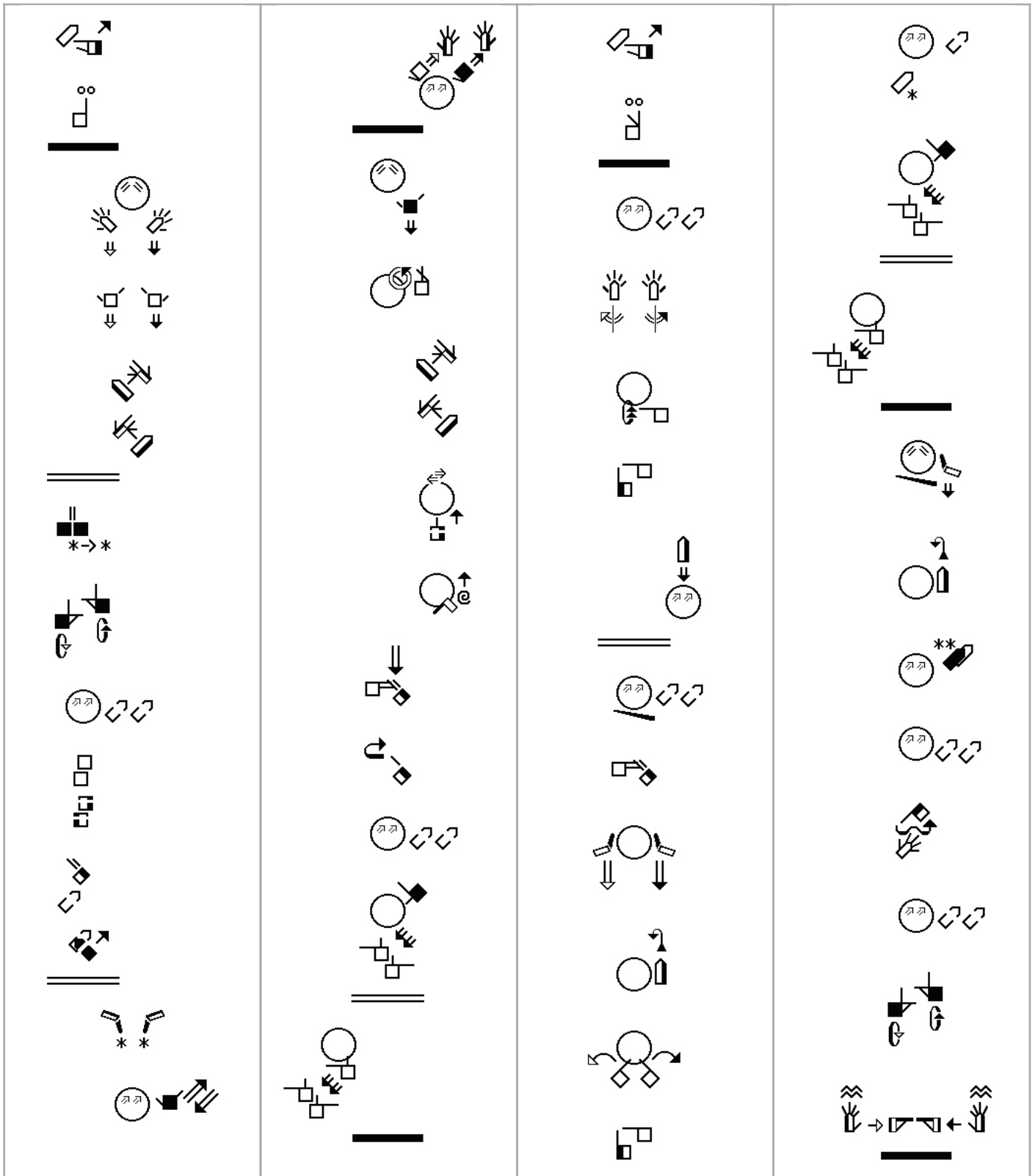


we have not yet seen all things put under their authority. Verse 9. What we do see is Jesus, who was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

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



























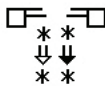
















Verse 11. So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. Verse 12. For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."

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Hebrews 2:13-14

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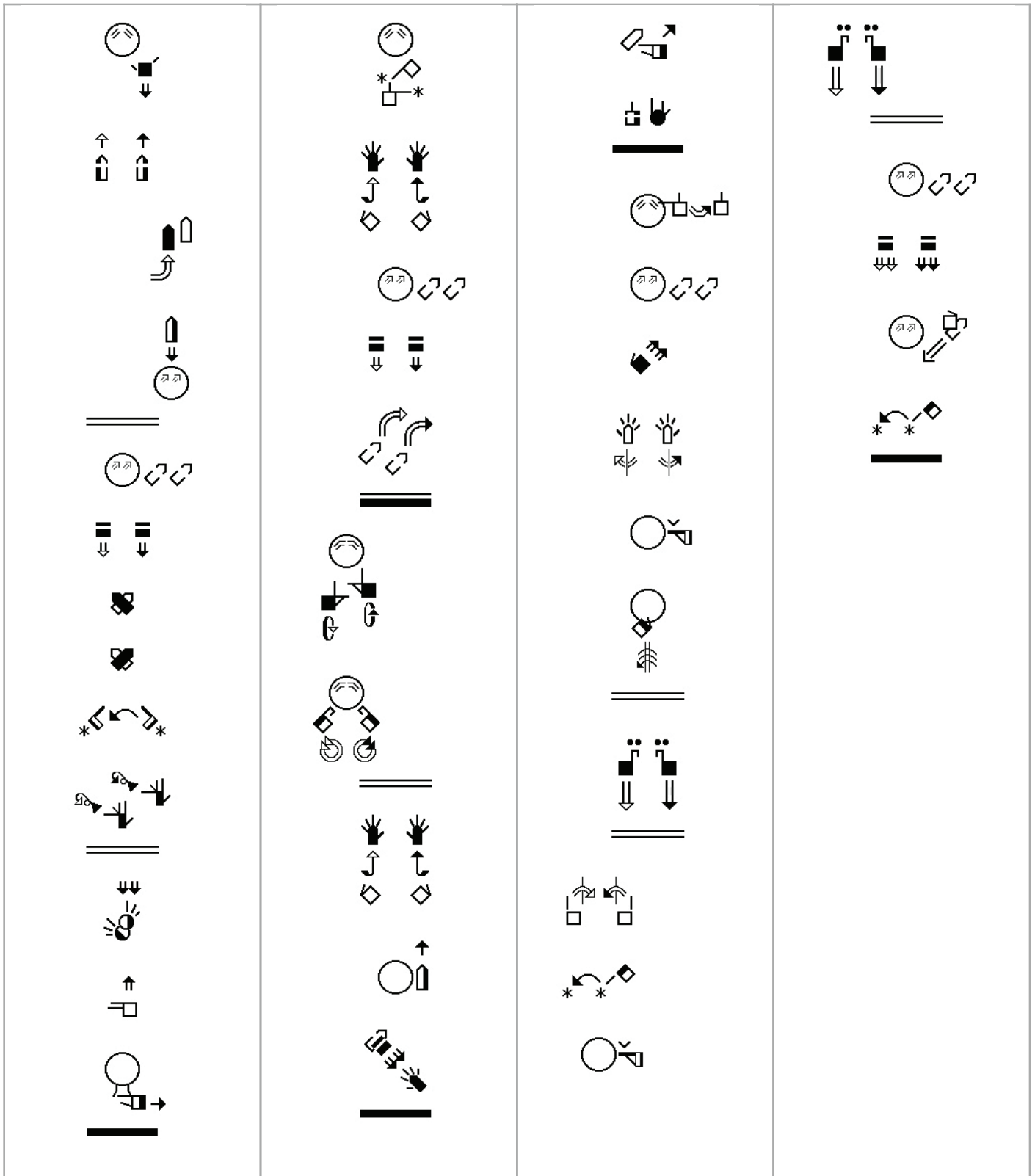
Verse 13. He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me." Verse 14. Because God's children are human beings -- made of flesh and blood -- the Son also became flesh and blood. NLT

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For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil who had the power of death. Verse 15. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

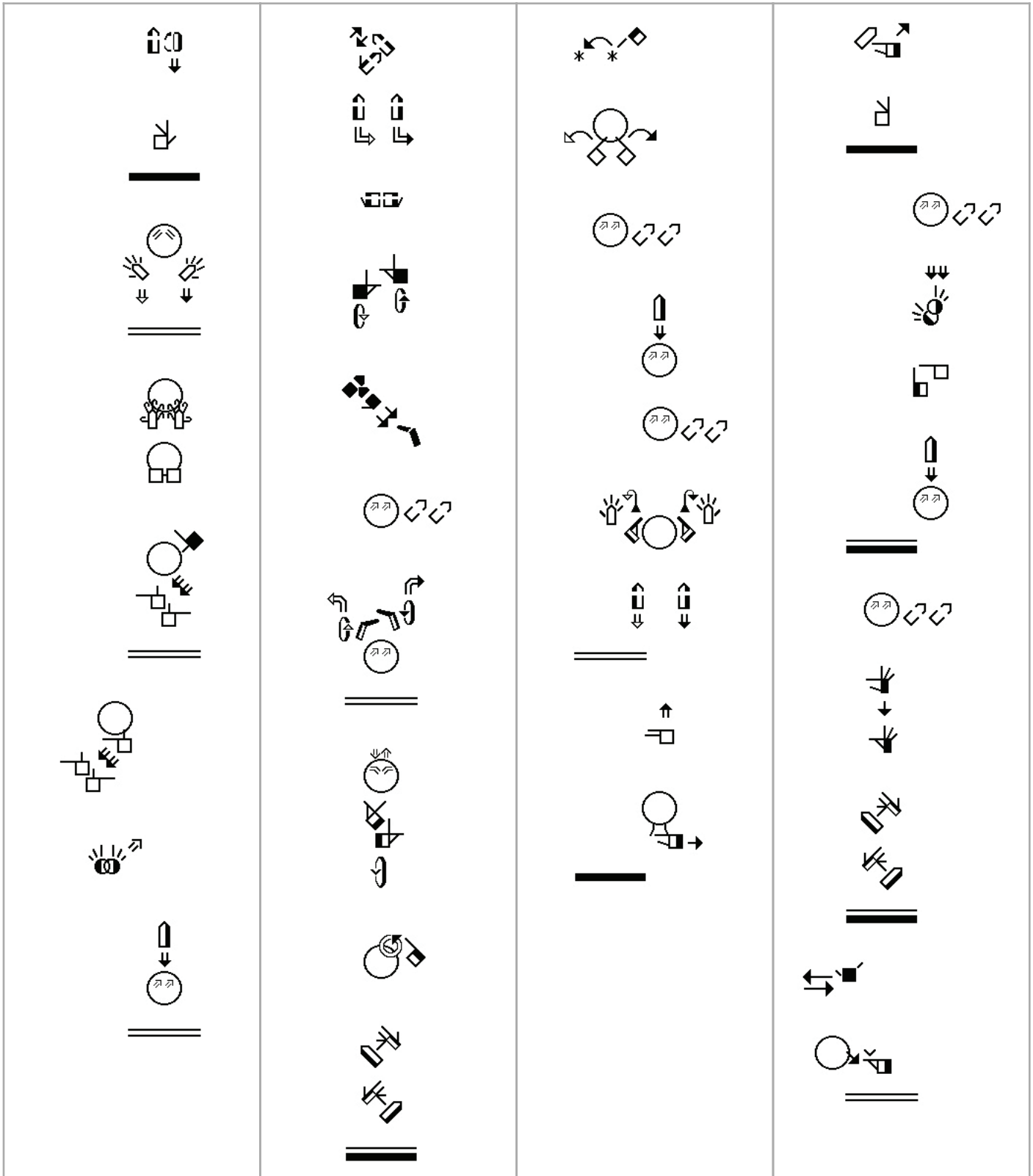
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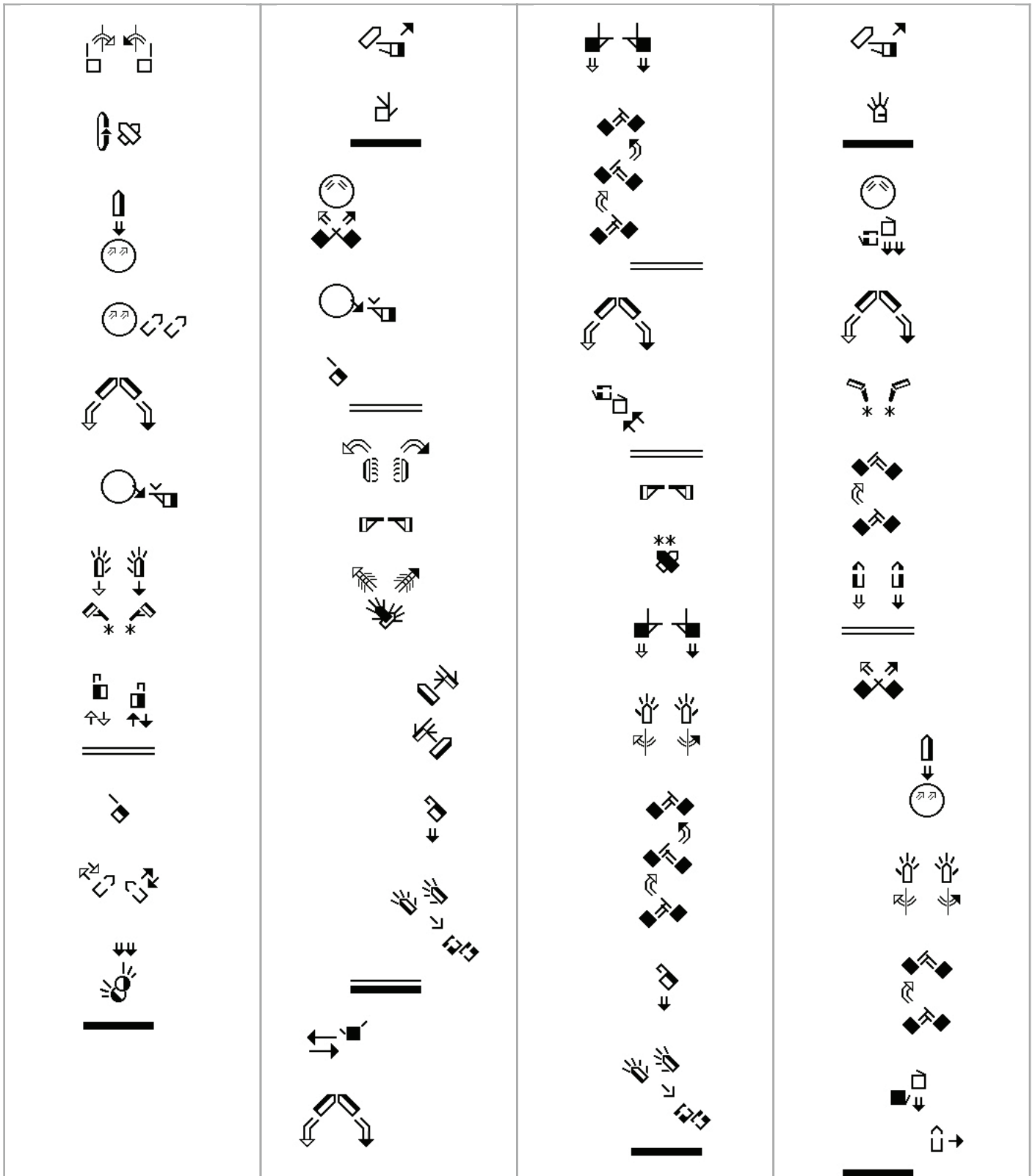


so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Verse 18. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested. NLT

Hebrews 3:1-2



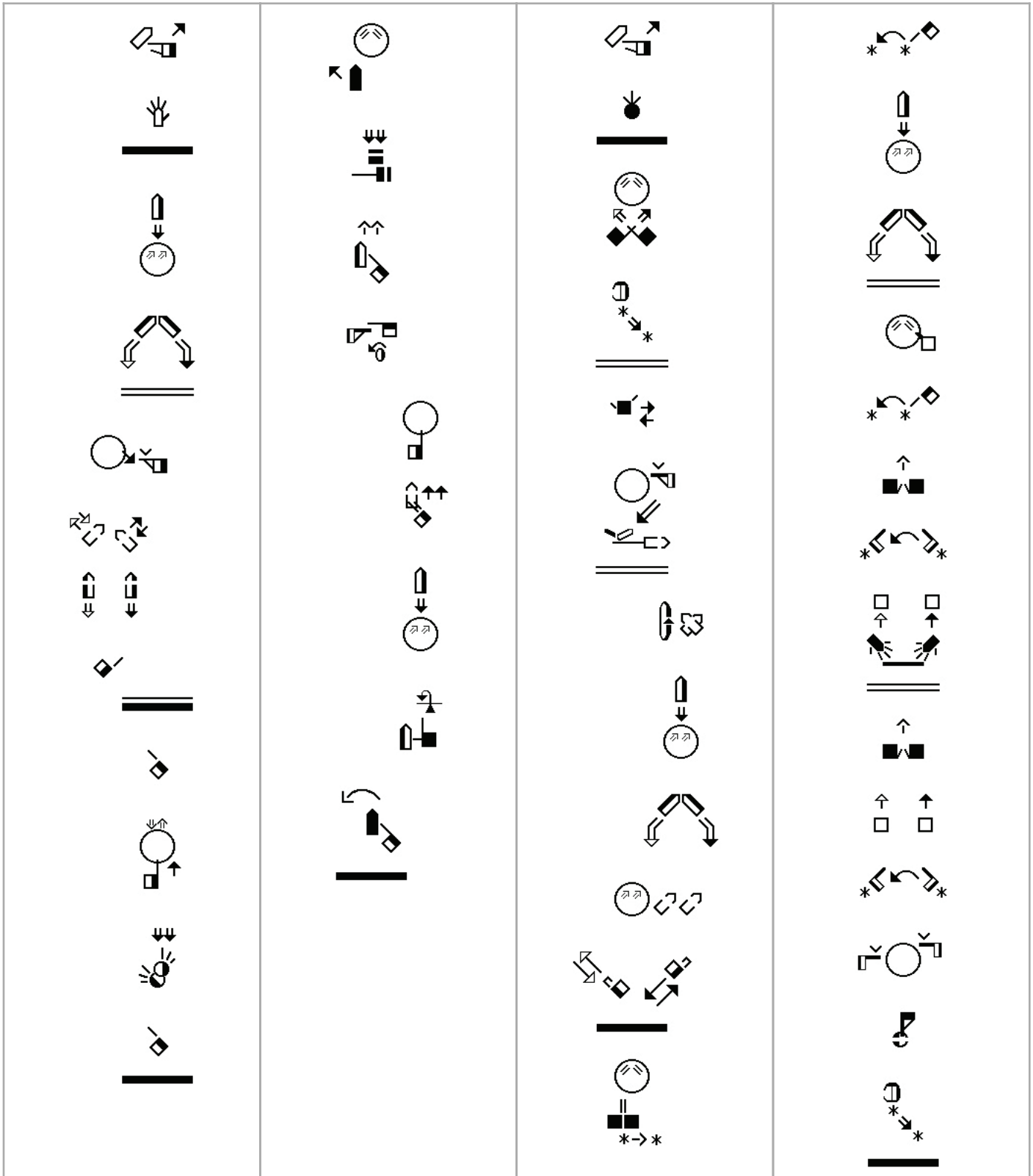
Chapter 3. And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest. Verse 2. For he was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses



served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house. Verse 3. But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself. Verse 4. For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God.

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Hebrews 3:5-6



Verse 5. Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was an illustration of the truths God would reveal later. Verse 6. But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.

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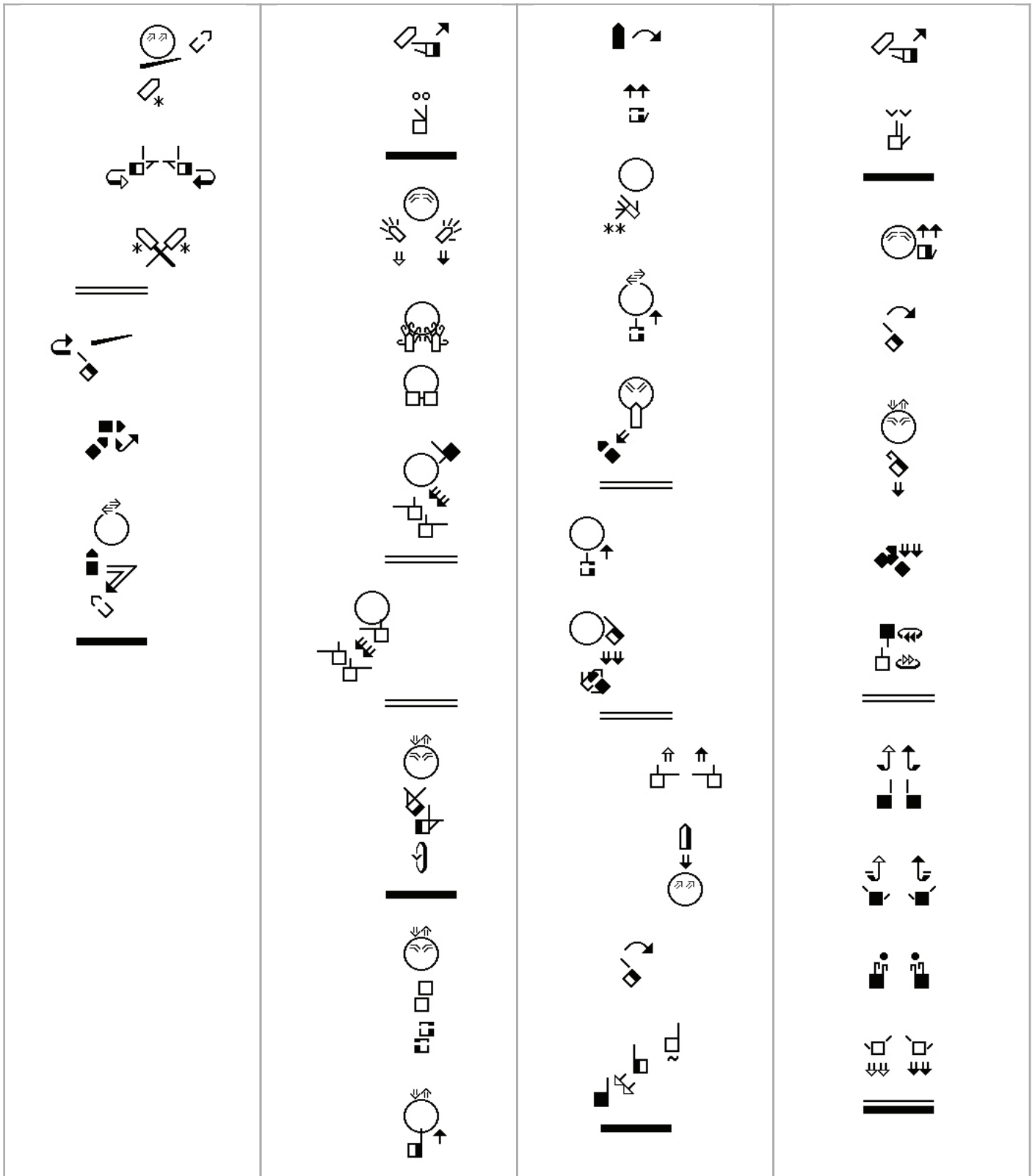
Verse 7. That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, Verse 8. don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. Verse 9. There your ancestors tested and tried

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Hebrews 3:9-11

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my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. Verse 10. So I was angry with them, and I said, 'Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.' Verse 11. So in my anger I took an oath: NLT



"They will never enter my place of rest." Verse 12. Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. Verse 13. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," NLT

Hebrews 3:13-15

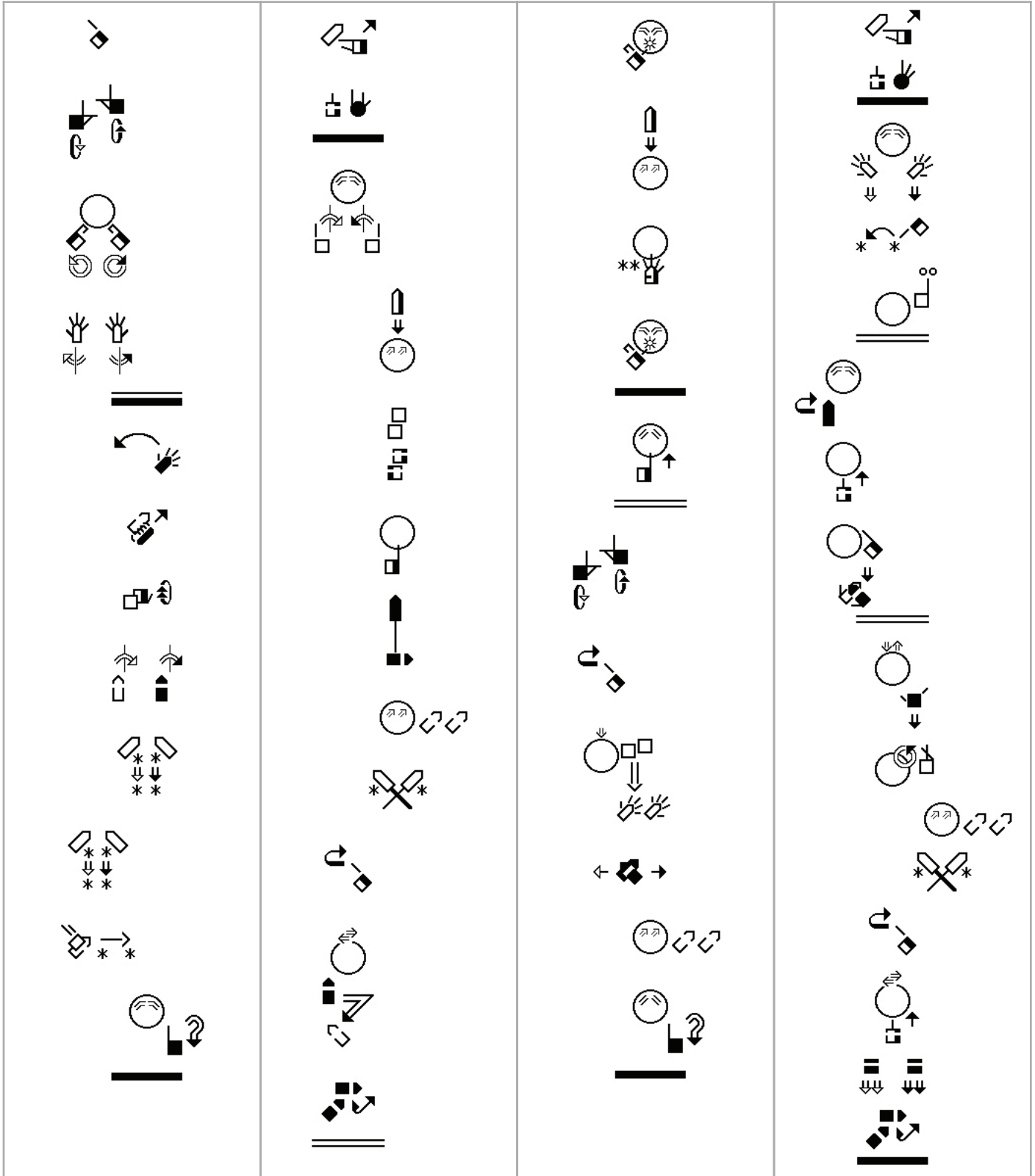
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so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. Verse 14. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Verse 15. Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice,
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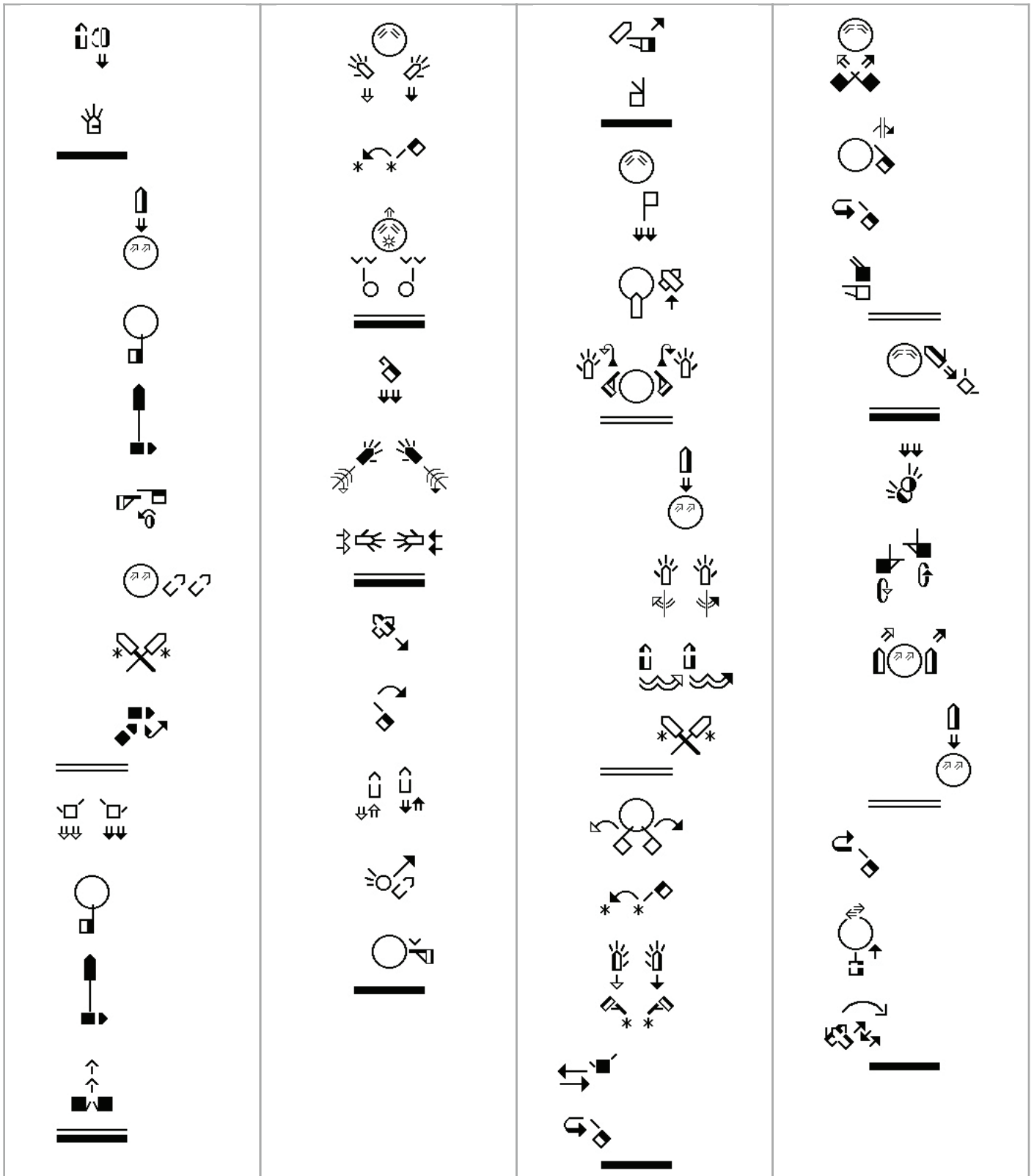
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don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." Verse 16. And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn't it the people Moses led out of Egypt? Verse 17. And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't NLT

Hebrews 3:17-19

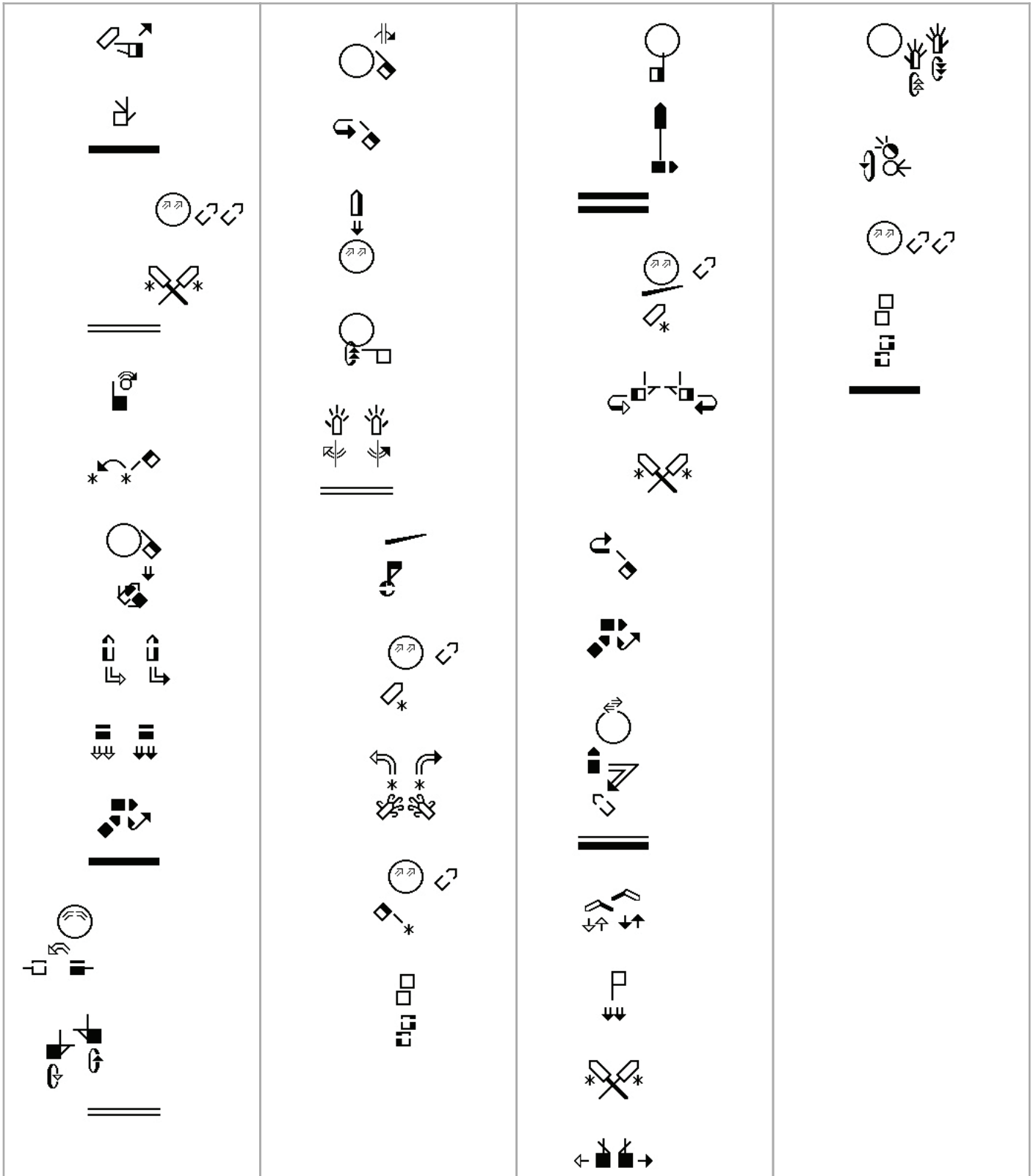


it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? Verse 18. And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? Verse 19. So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. NLT

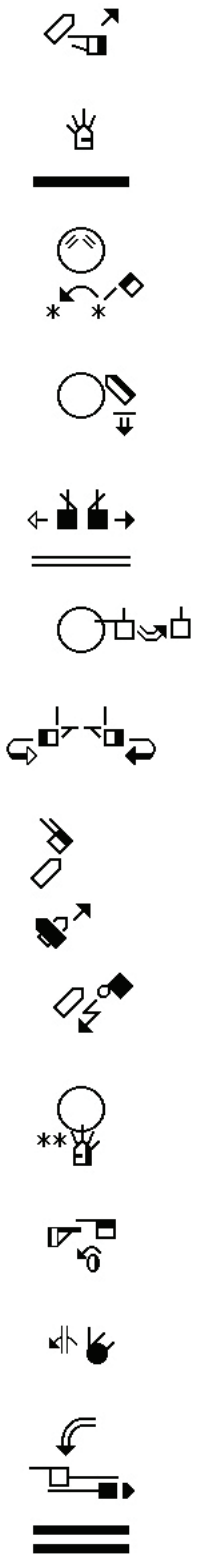
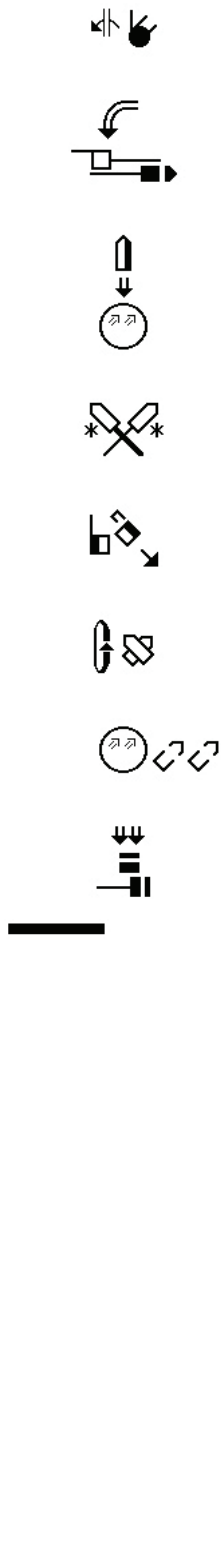
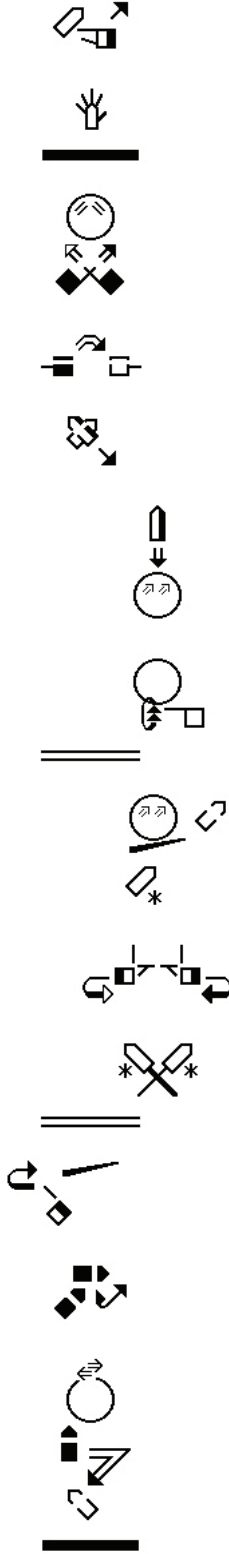
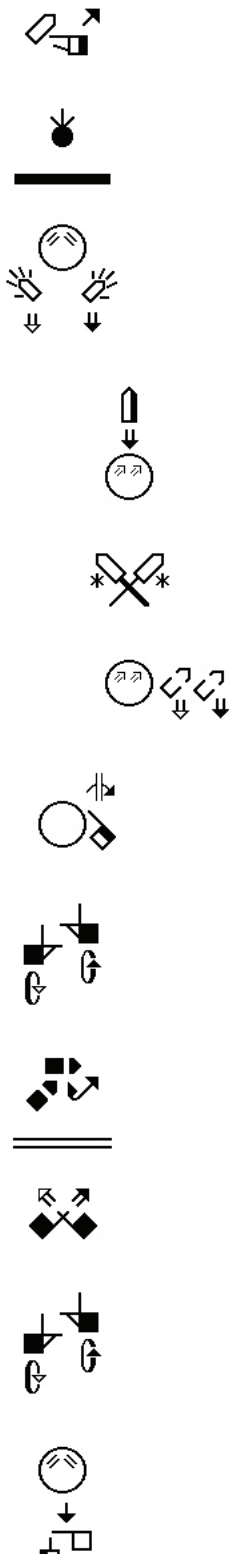


Chapter 4. God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. Verse 2. For this good news -- that God has prepared this rest -- has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. NLT

Hebrews 4:3



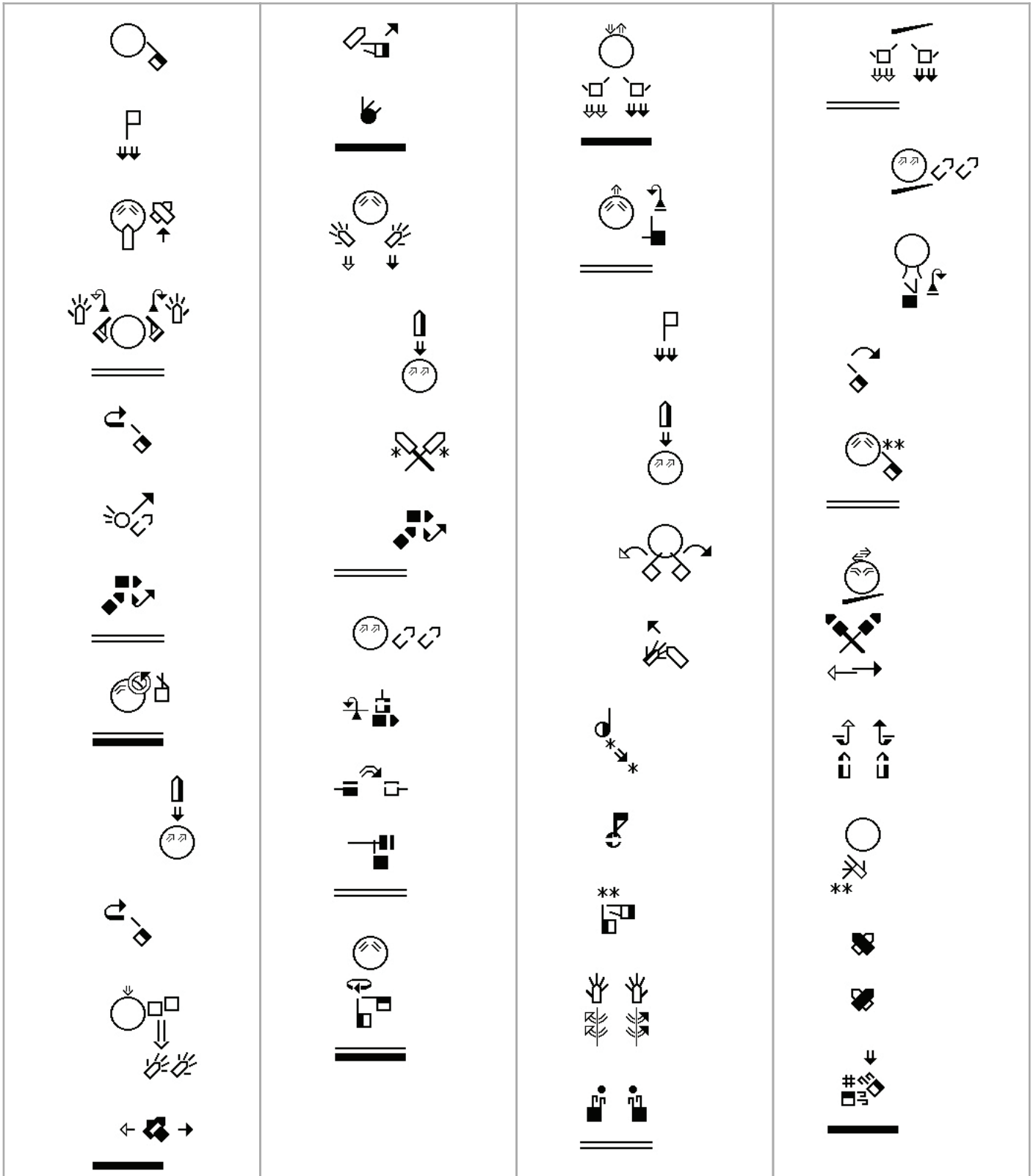
Verse 3. For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest,'" even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. NLT

			
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Verse 4. We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: "On the seventh day God rested from all his work." Verse 5. But in the other passage God said, "They will never enter my place of rest." Verse 6. So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first

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Hebrews 4:6-7



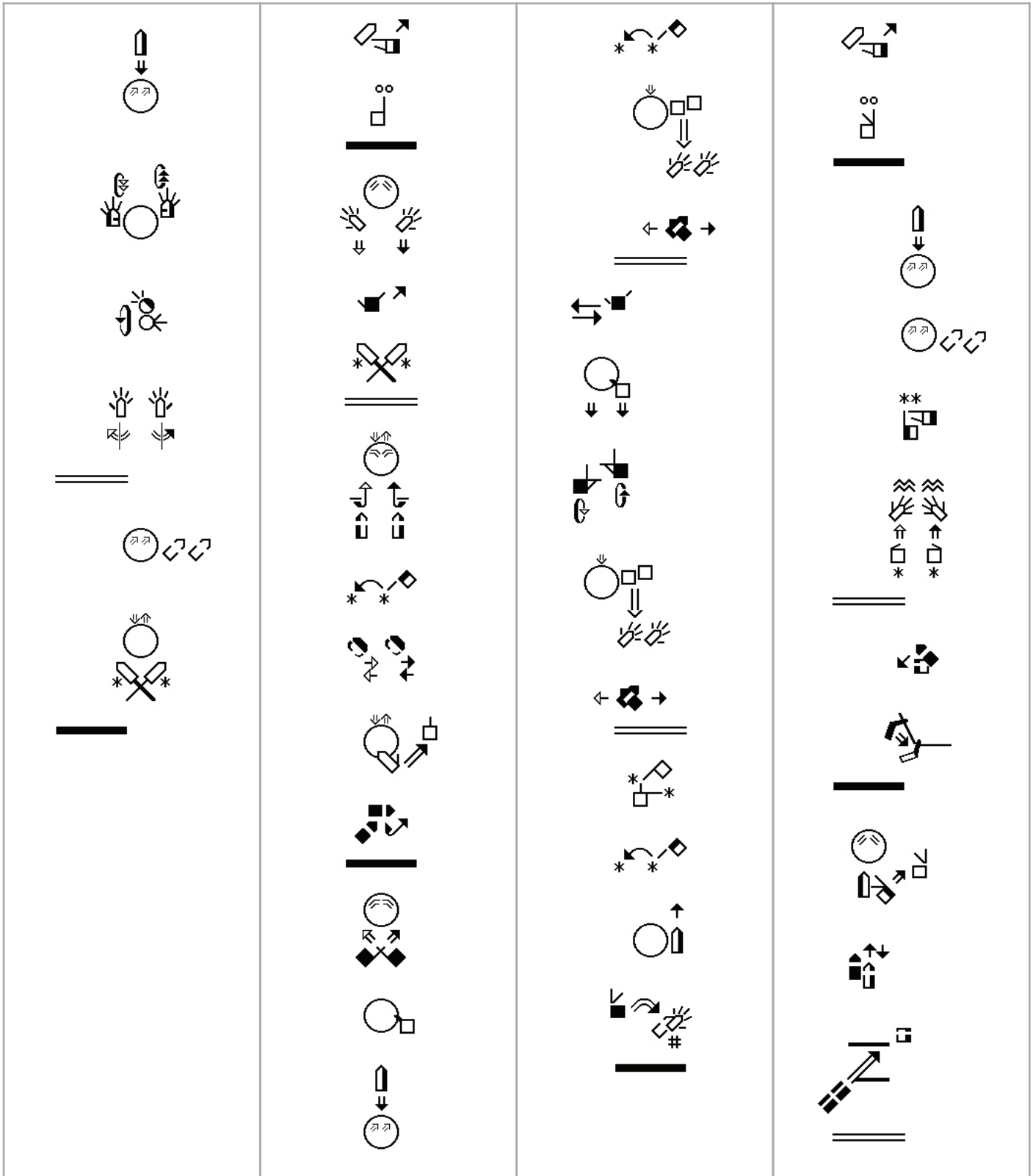
heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. Verse 7. So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: "Today when you hear his voice don't harden your hearts." NLT

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Verse 8. Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. Verse 9. So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. Verse 10. For all who have entered into God's rest have rested from their labors just as

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Hebrews 4:10-12

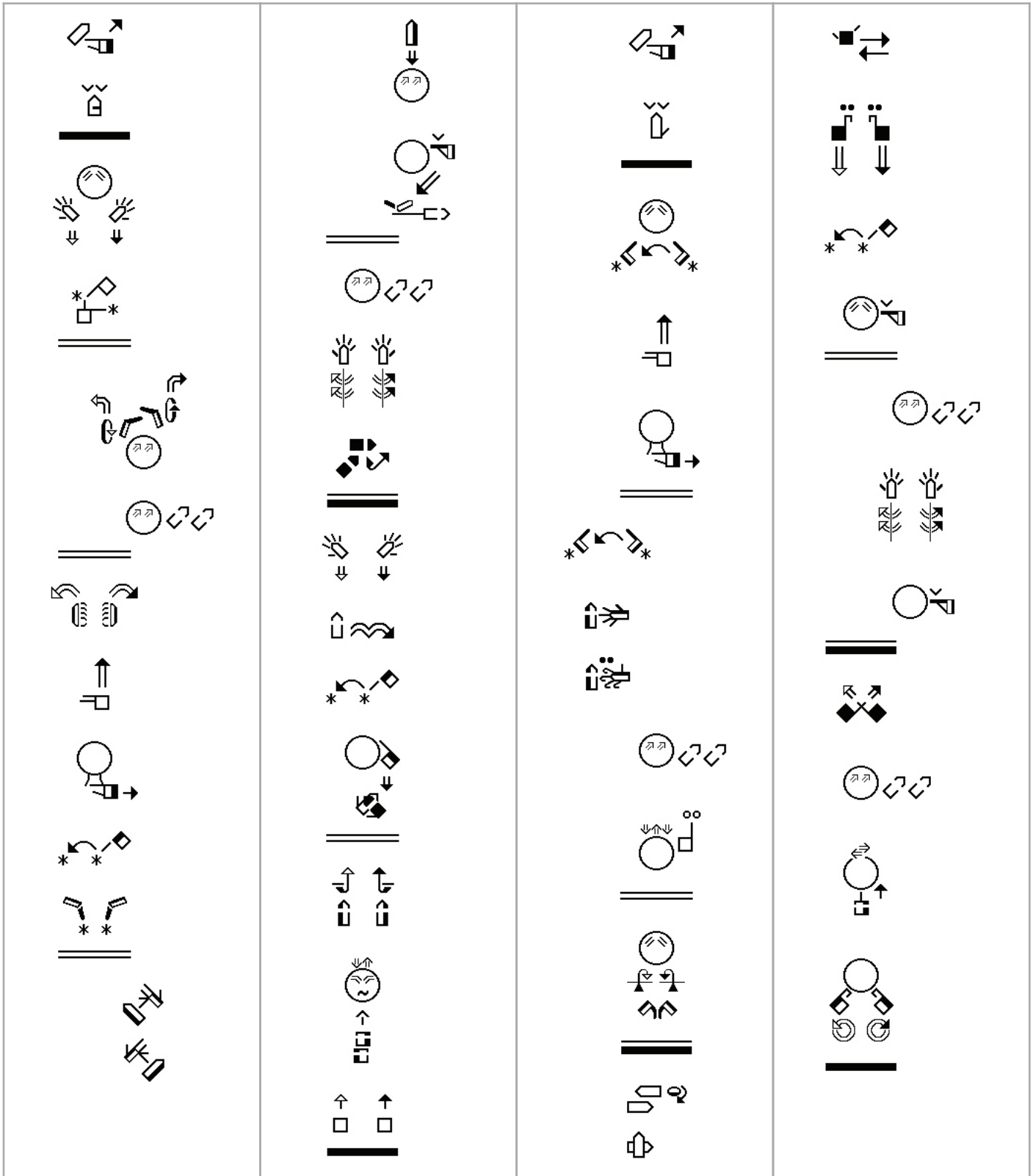


God did after creating the world. Verse 11. So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall. Verse 12. For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, NLT

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cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Verse 13. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. NLT

Hebrews 4:14-15



Verse 14. So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. Verse 15. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. NLT

Hebrews 5:1-2

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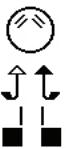




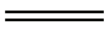




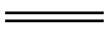




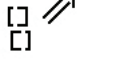













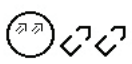
















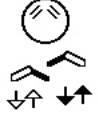





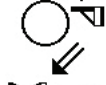
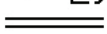
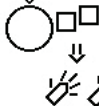
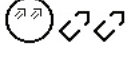






because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses. Verse 3. That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs. Verse 4. And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was.

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Hebrews 5:5-6

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Verse 5. That is why Christ did not honor himself by assuming he could become High Priest. No, he was chosen by God, who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father." Verse 6. And in another passage God said to him, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." NLT

              	                	             	                  
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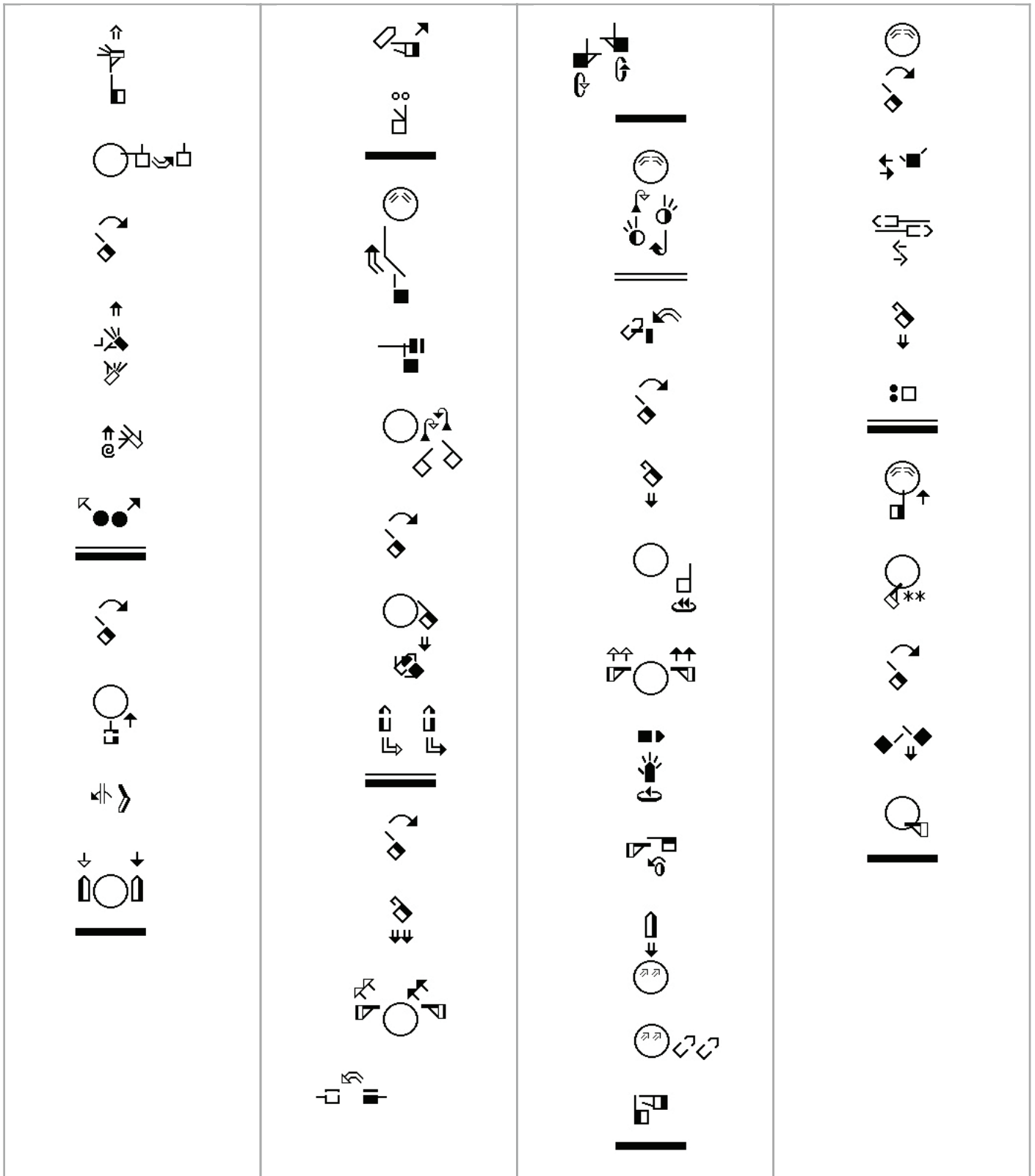
Verse 7. While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. Verse 8. Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.

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Hebrews 5:9-11

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Verse 9. In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. Verse 10. And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Verse 11. There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, NLT



especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. Verse 12. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

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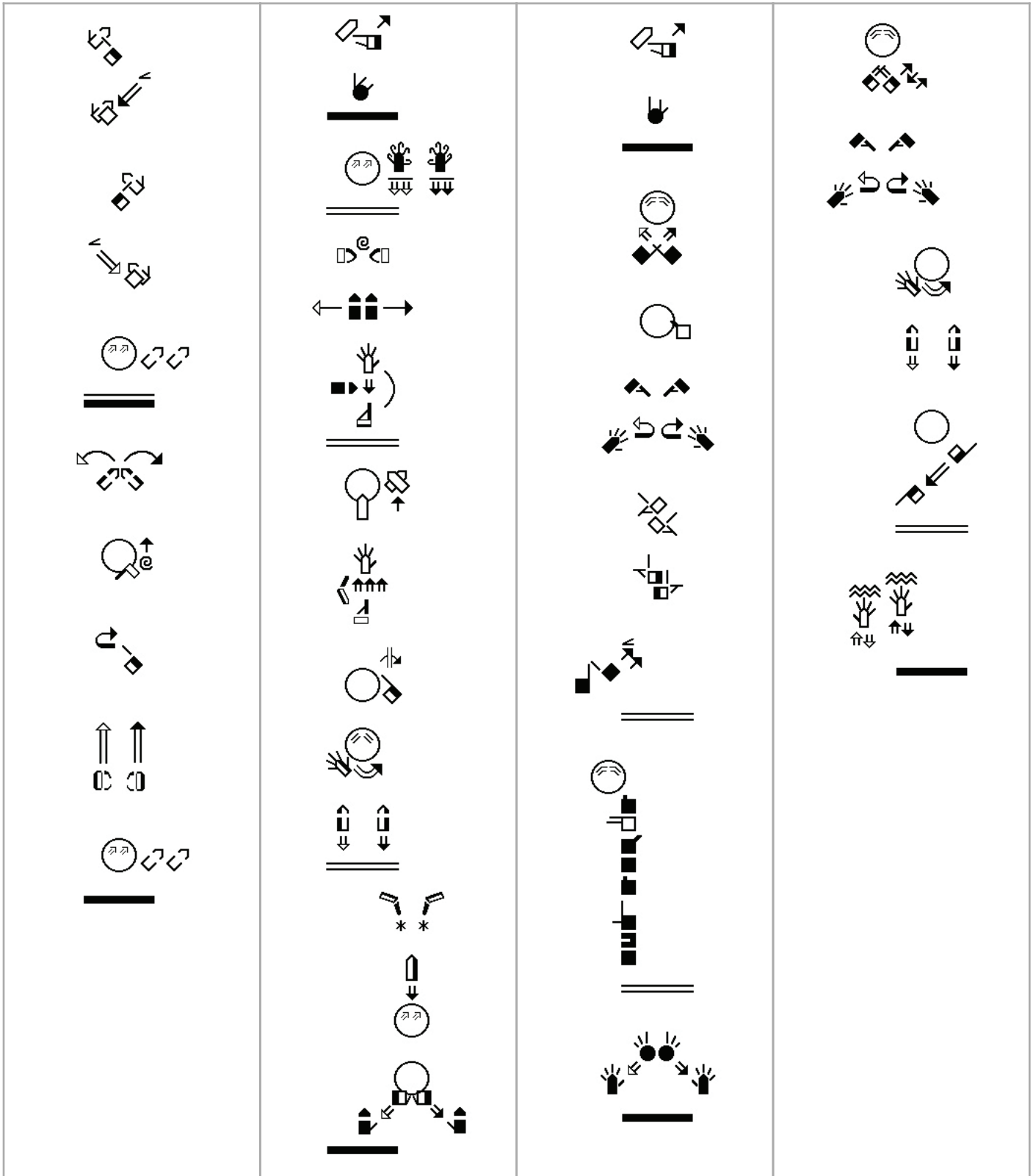
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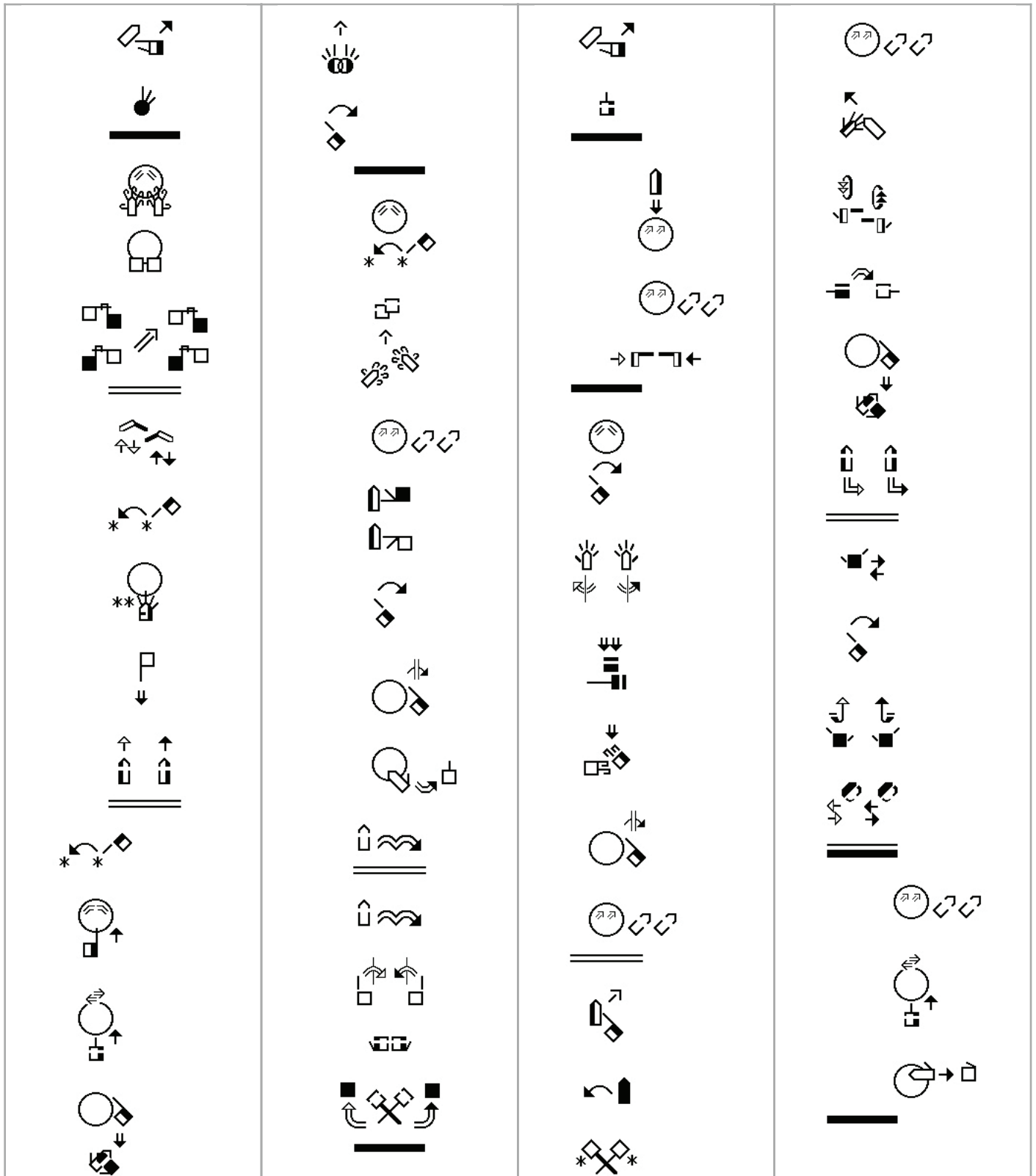
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Chapter 6. So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.

Hebrews 6:6-8



are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame. Verse 7. When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. Verse 8. But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it.



Verse 9. Dear friends, even though we are talking this way, we really don't believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation. Verse 10. For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

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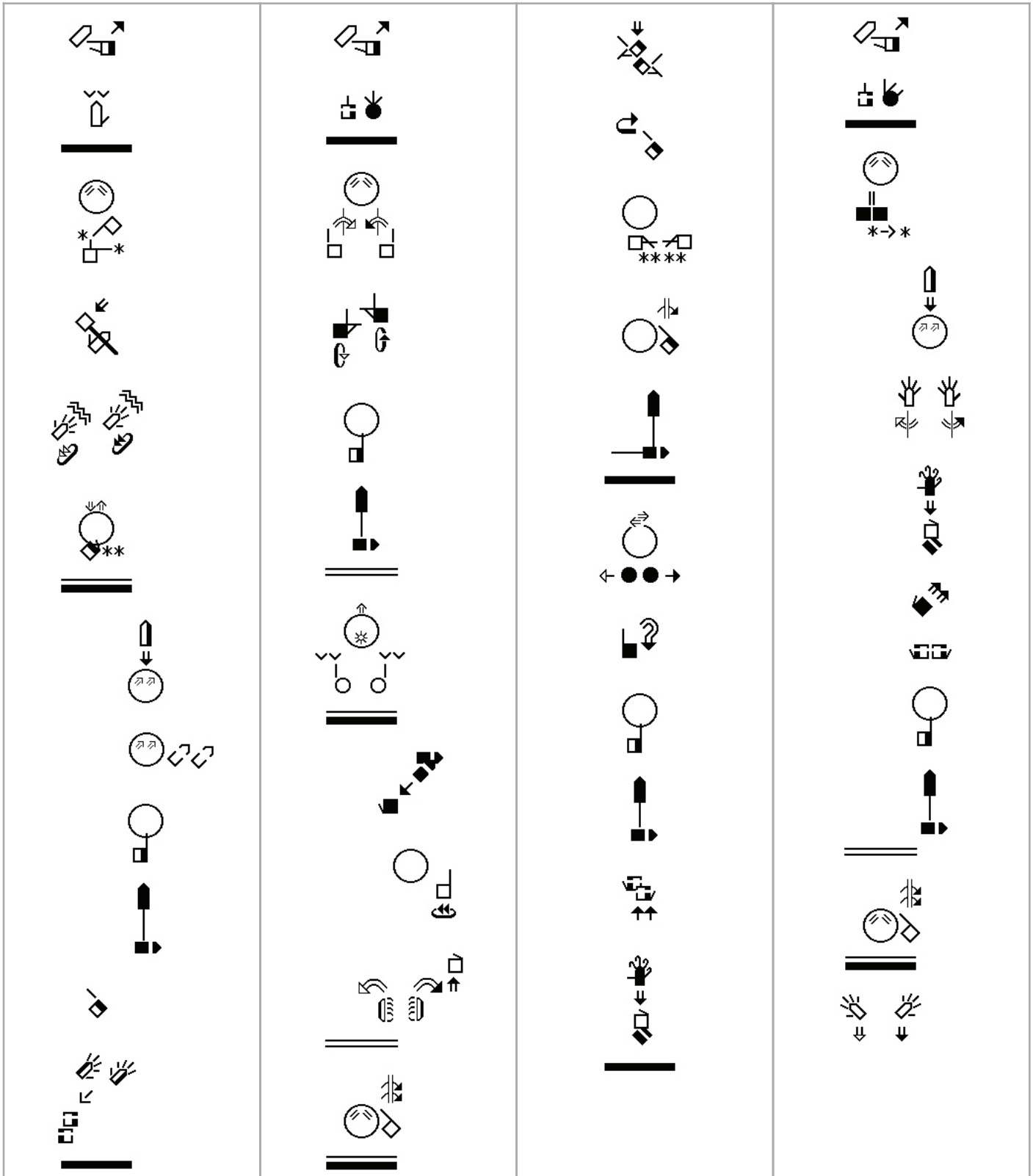
Verse 11. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Verse 12. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance. NLT

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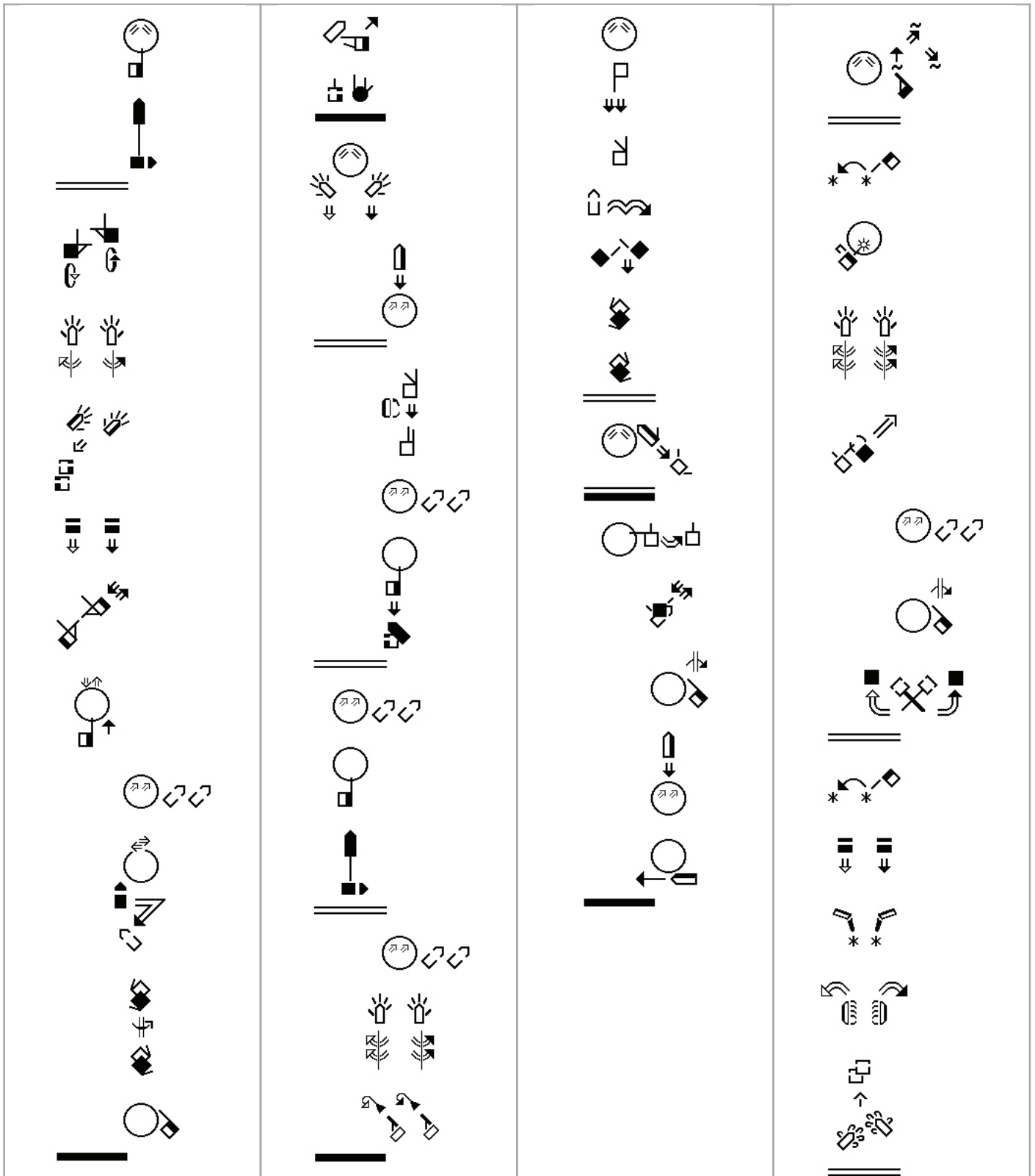
Verse 13. For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: Verse 14. "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."

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Hebrews 6:15-17

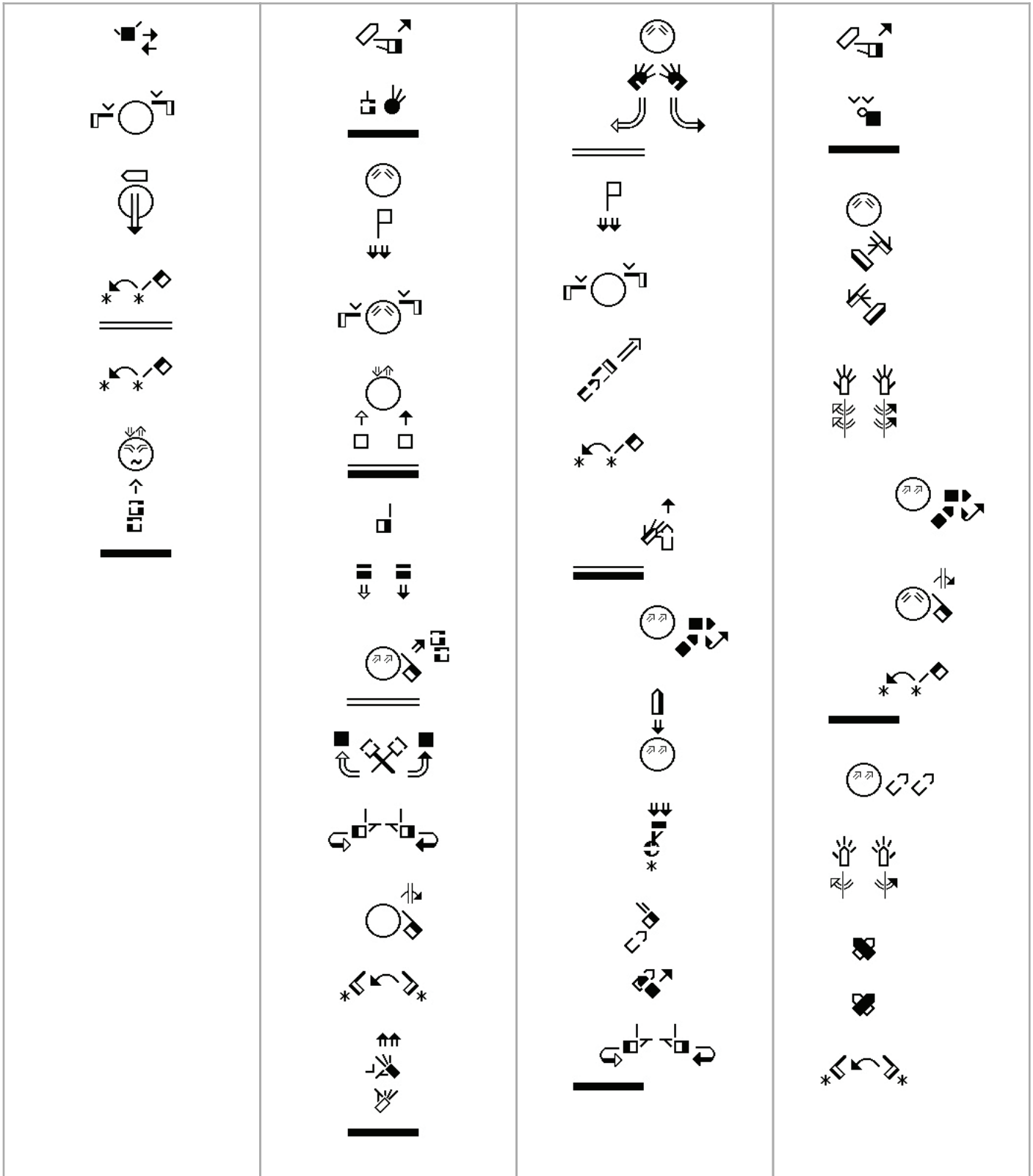


Verse 15. Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. Verse 16. Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. Verse 17. God also bound himself with an oath, so NLT



that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. Verse 18. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence

Hebrews 6:18-20



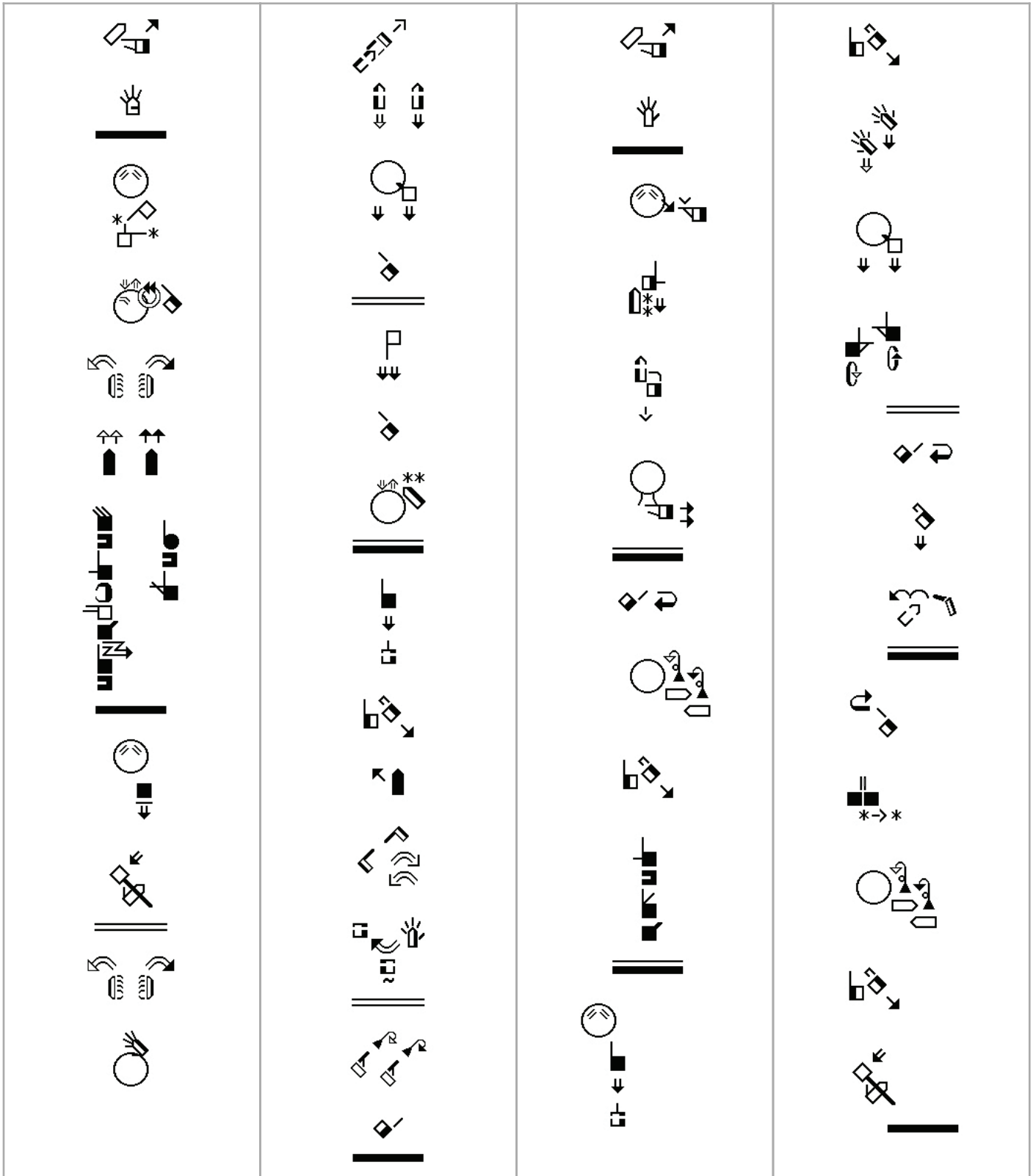
as we hold to the hope that lies before us. Verse 19. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. Verse 20. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our NLT

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and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means "king of justice," and king of Salem means "king of peace." Verse 3. There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors -- no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God.

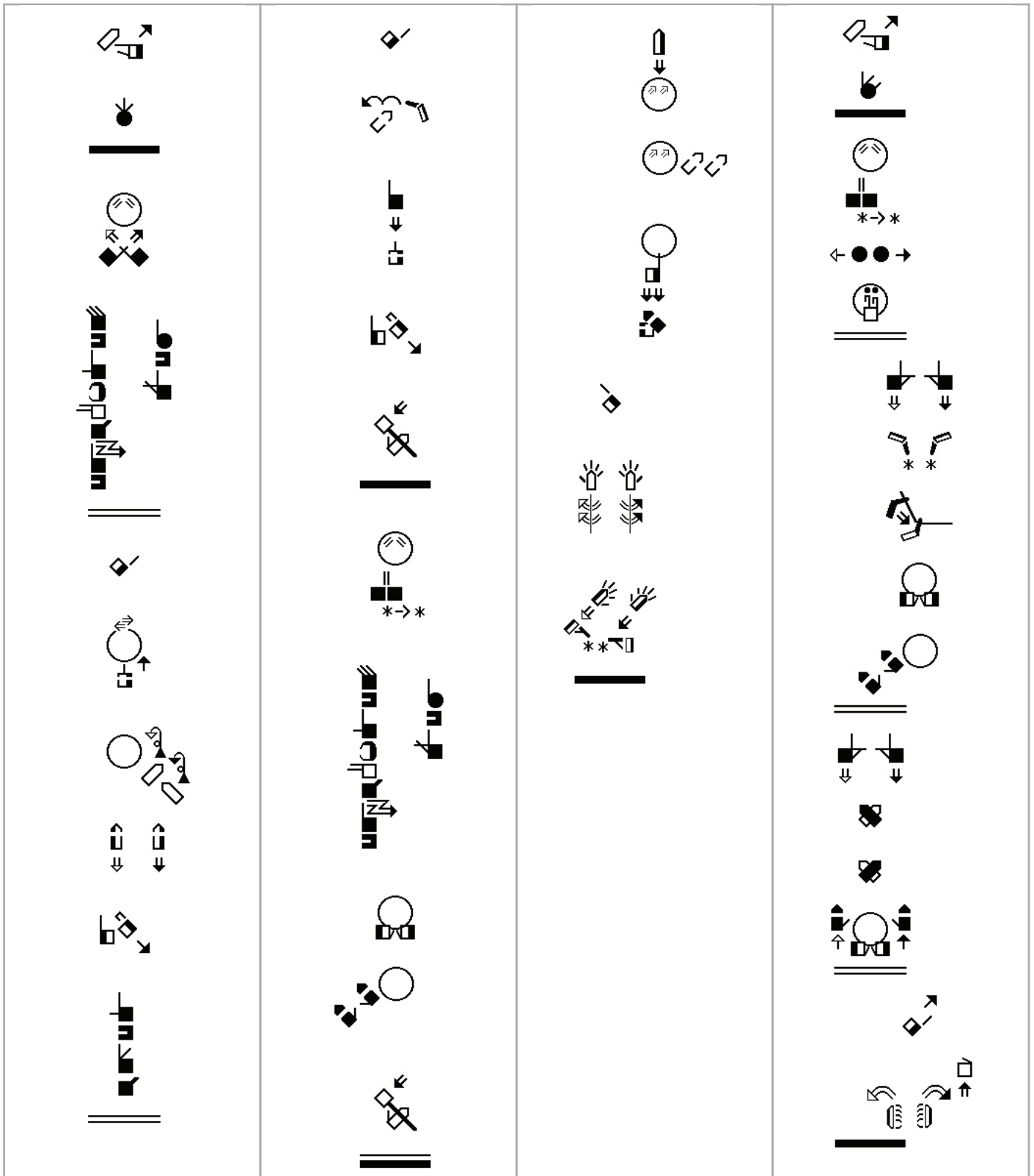
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Hebrews 7:4-5



Verse 4. Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle. Verse 5. Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham.

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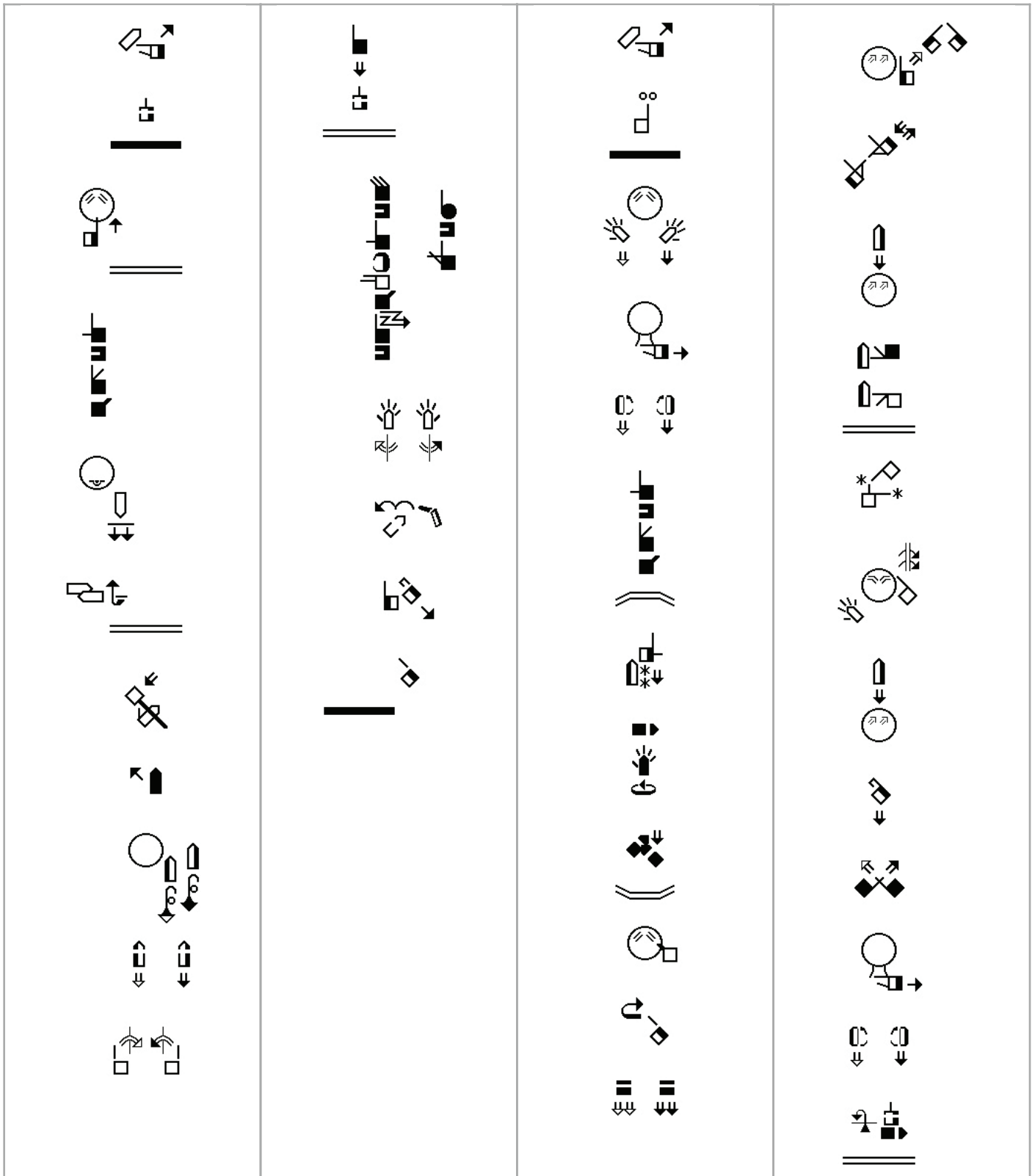


Verse 6. But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God. Verse 7. And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed. NLT

Hebrews 7:8-9

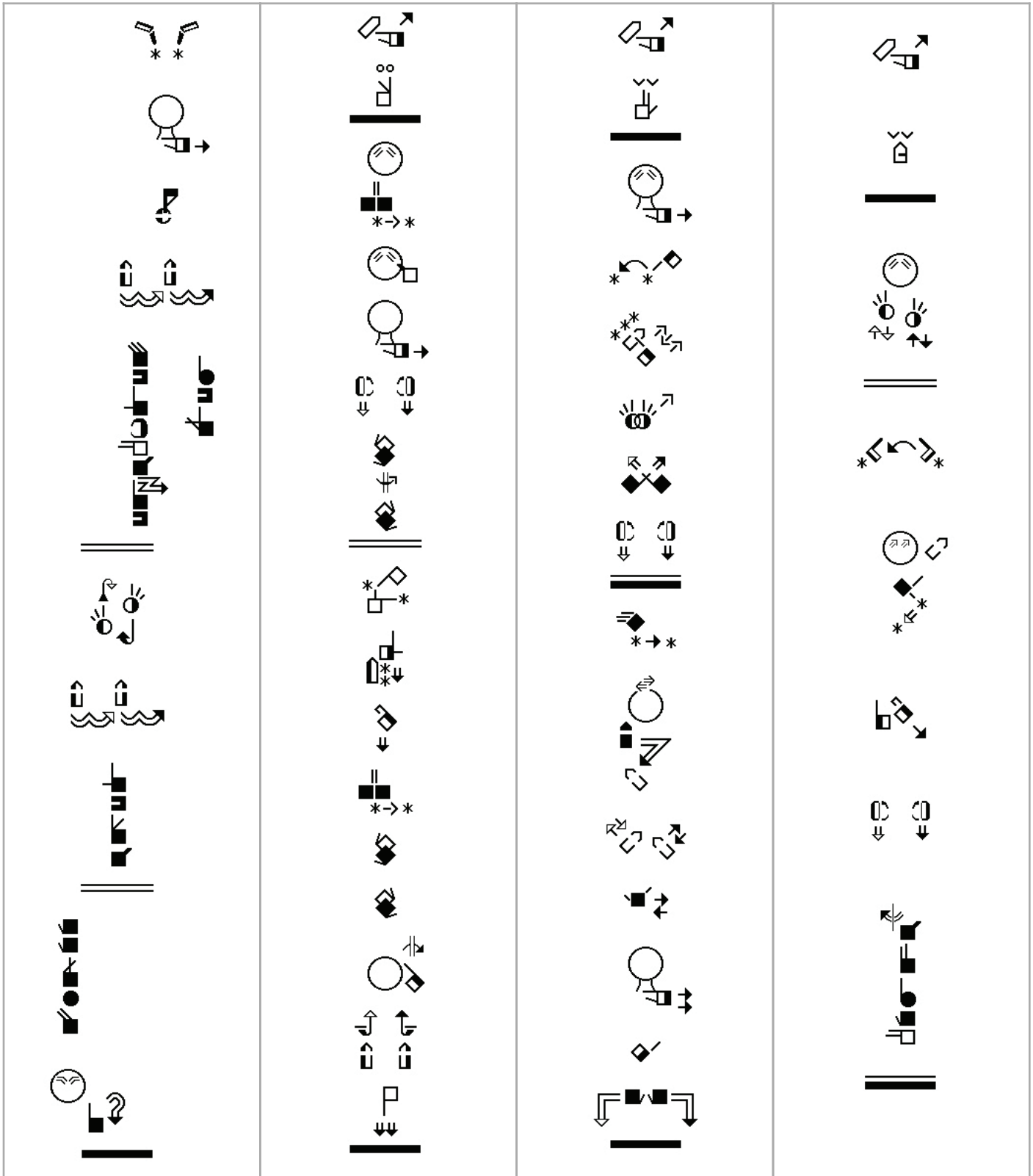
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Verse 8. The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on. Verse 9. In addition, we might even say that these Levites -- the ones who collect the tithe -- paid a tithe to Melchizedek when their ancestor Abraham paid a tithe to him. NLT



Verse 10. For although Levi wasn't born yet, the seed from which he came was in Abraham's body when Melchizedek collected the tithe from him. Verse 11. So if the priesthood of Levi, on which the law was based, could have achieved the perfection God intended, why did God need to establish a different priesthood,

Hebrews 7:11-14



with a priest in the order of Melchizedek instead of the order of Levi and Aaron? Verse 12. And if the priesthood is changed, the law must also be changed to permit it. Verse 13. For the priest we are talking about belongs to a different tribe, whose members have never served at the altar as priests. Verse 14. What I mean is, our Lord came from the tribe of Judah,

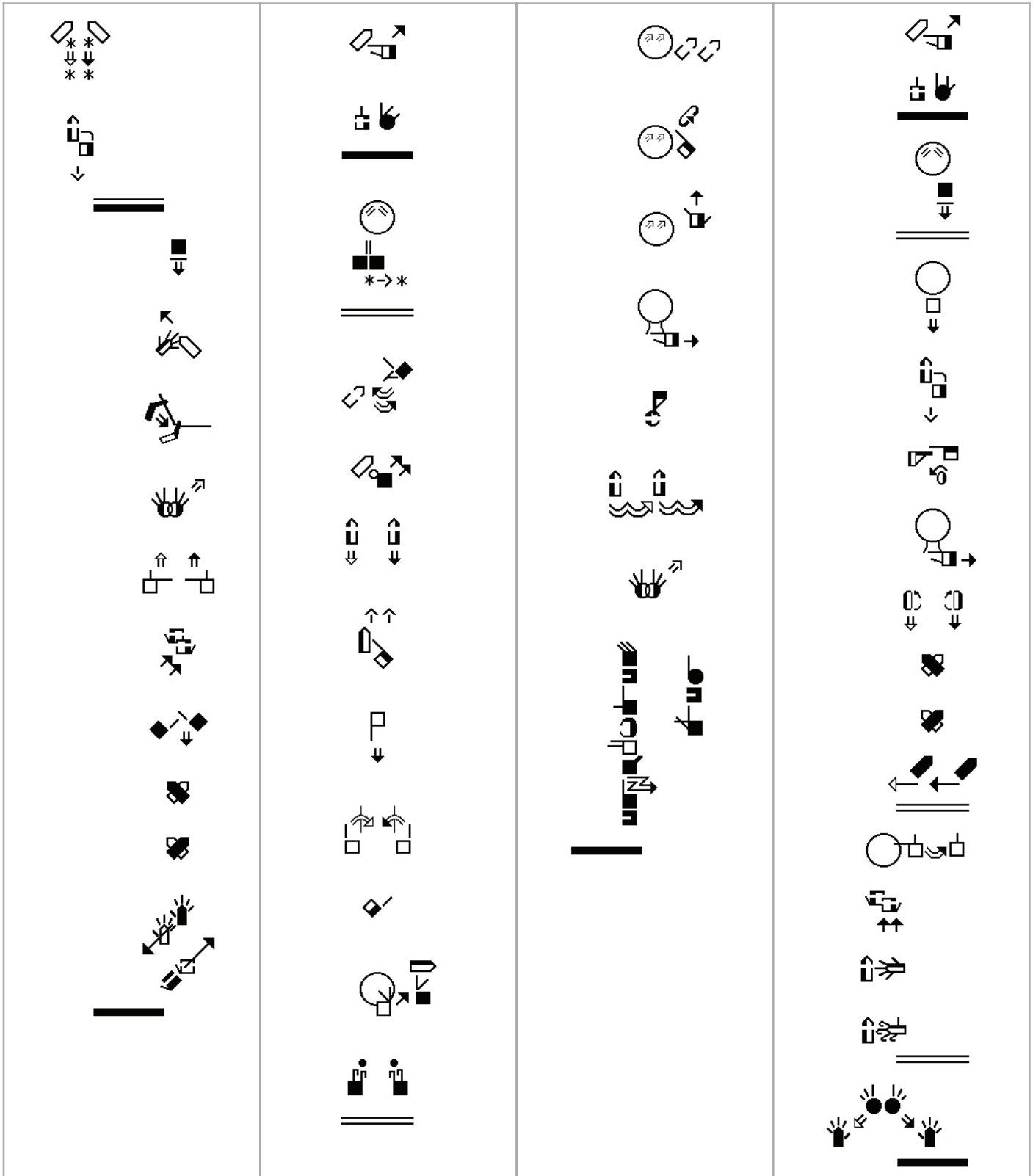
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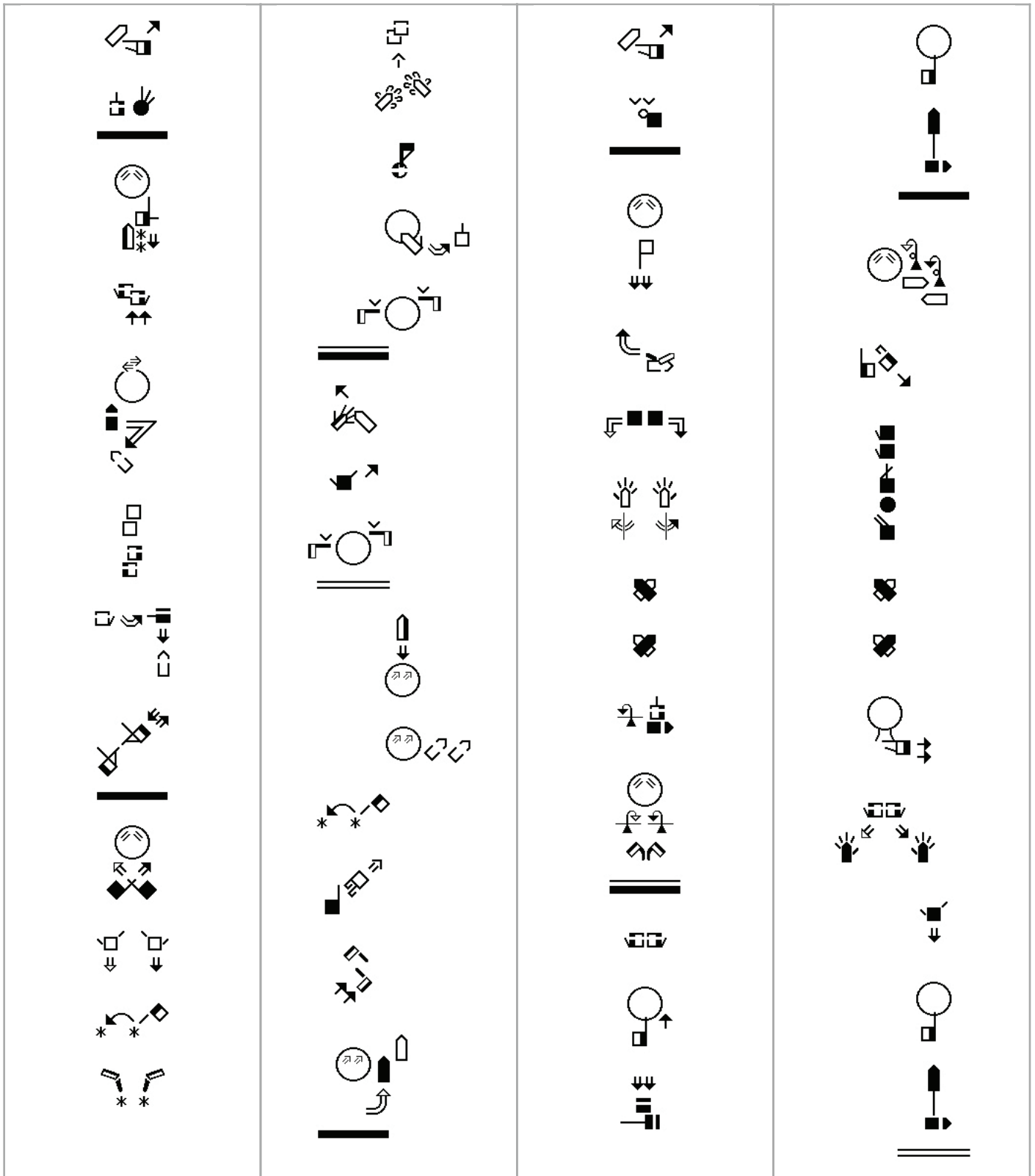
and Moses never mentioned priests coming from that tribe. Verse 15. This change has been made very clear since a different priest, who is like Melchizedek, has appeared. Verse 16. Jesus became a priest, not by meeting the physical requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi,

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Hebrews 7:16-18



but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. Verse 17. And the psalmist pointed this out when he prophesied, "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." Verse 18. Yes, the old requirement about the priesthood was set aside because it was weak and useless.

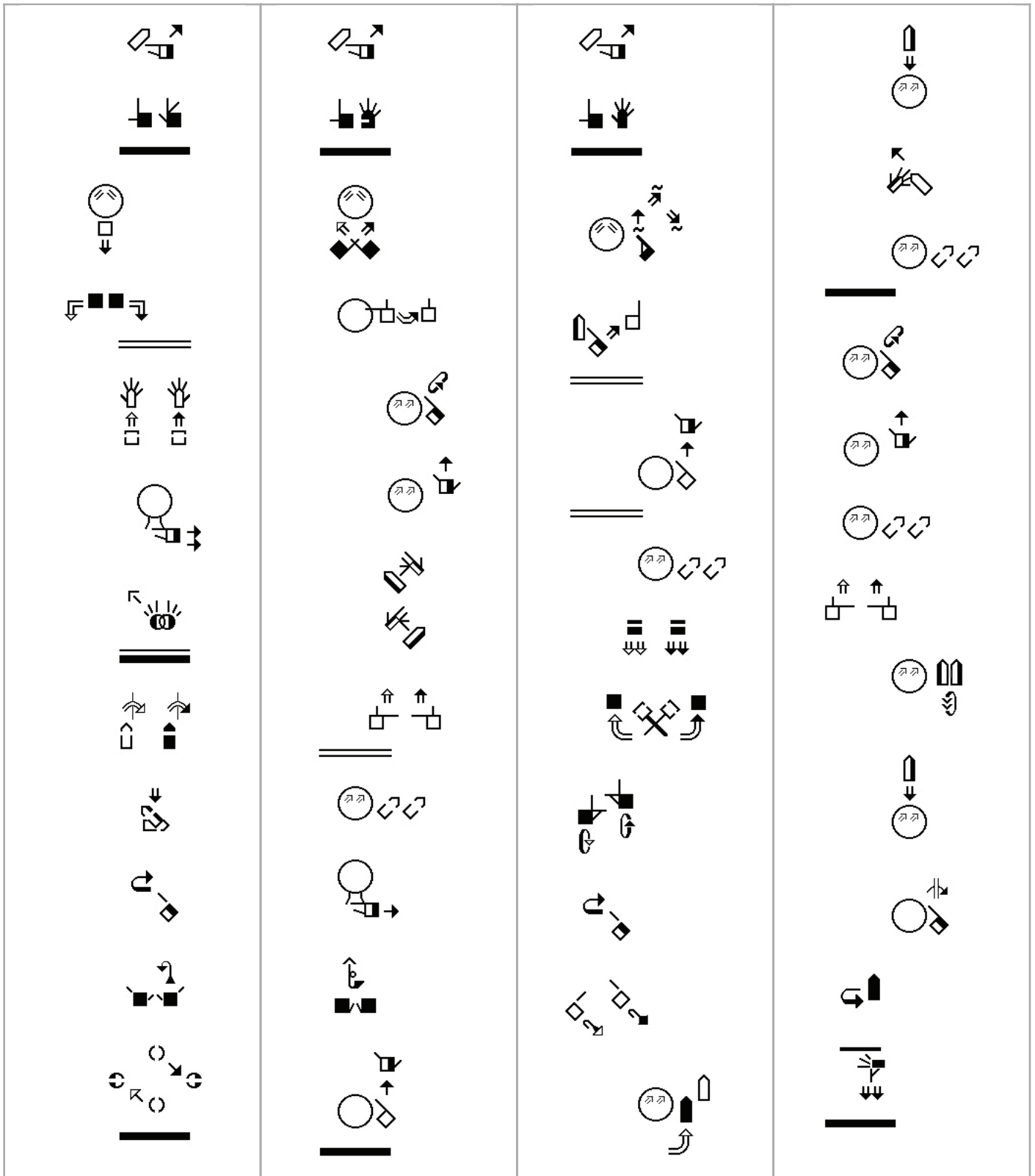


Verse 19. For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God. Verse 20. This new system was established with a solemn oath. Aaron's descendants became priests without such an oath,

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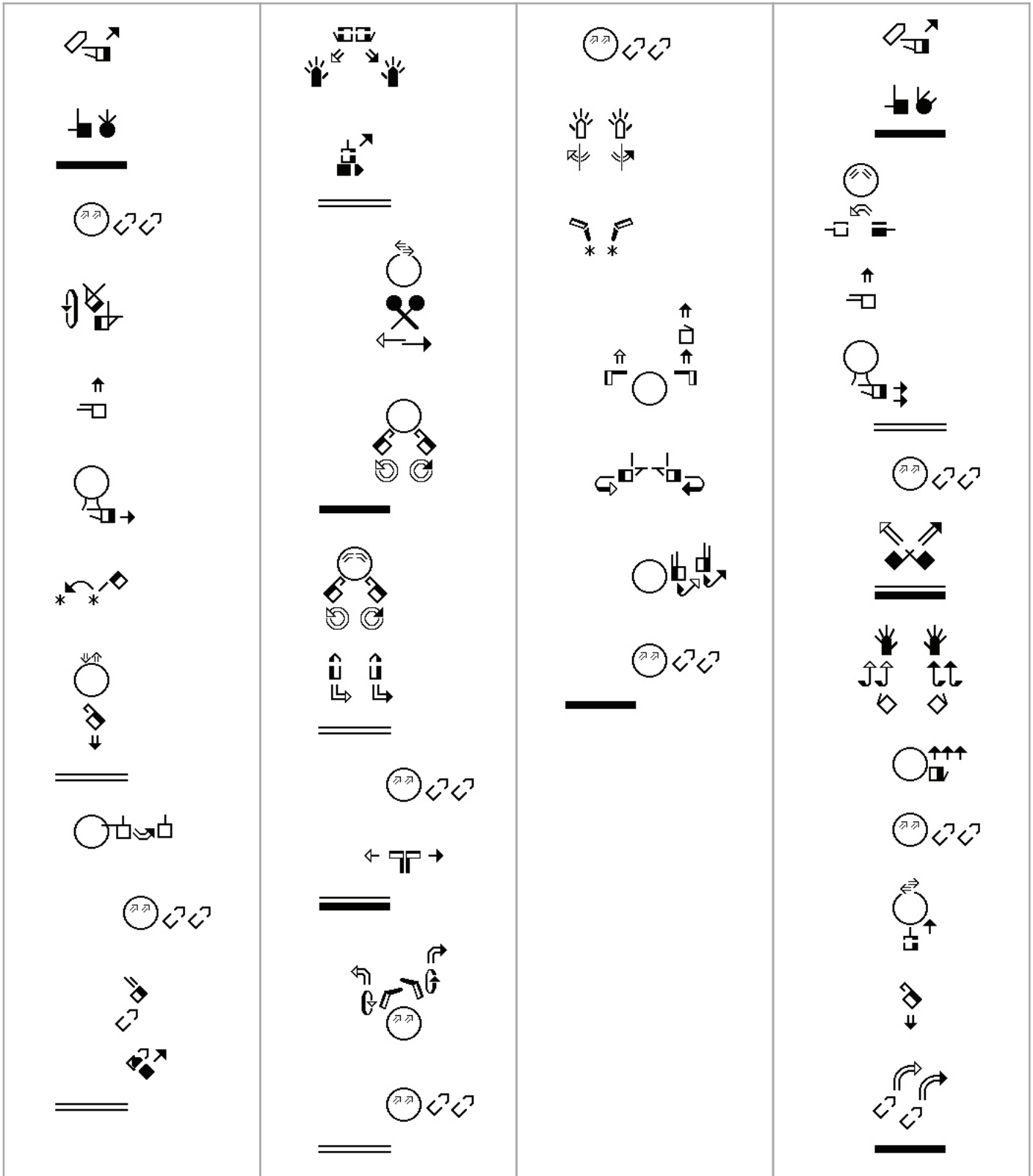
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Verse 21. but there was an oath regarding Jesus. For God said to him, "The LORD has taken an oath and will not break his vow: 'You are a priest forever.'" Verse 22. Because of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God. NLT



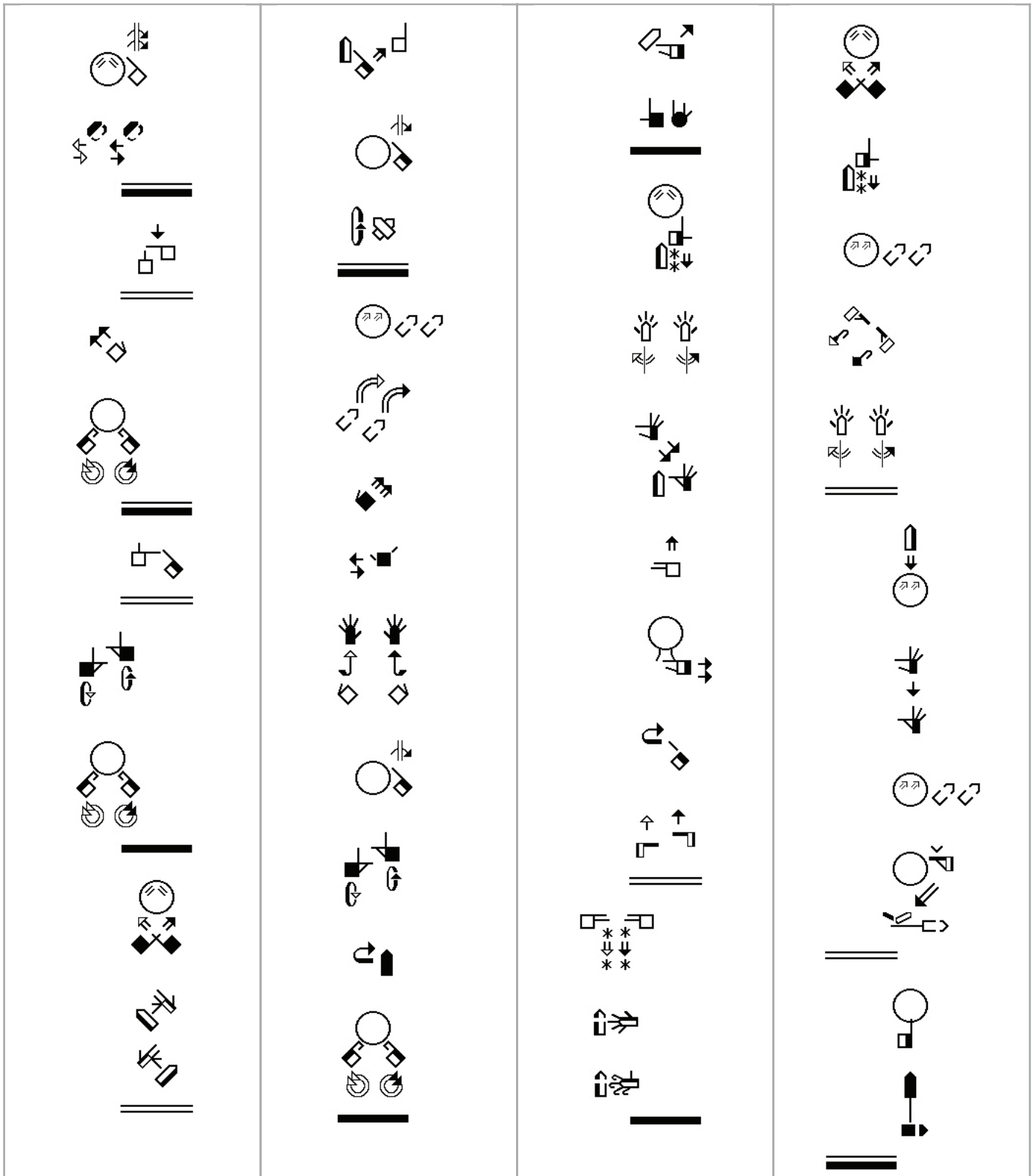
Verse 23. There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. Verse 24. But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Verse 25. Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. NLT

Hebrews 7:26-27




Verse 26. He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. Verse 27. Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day.

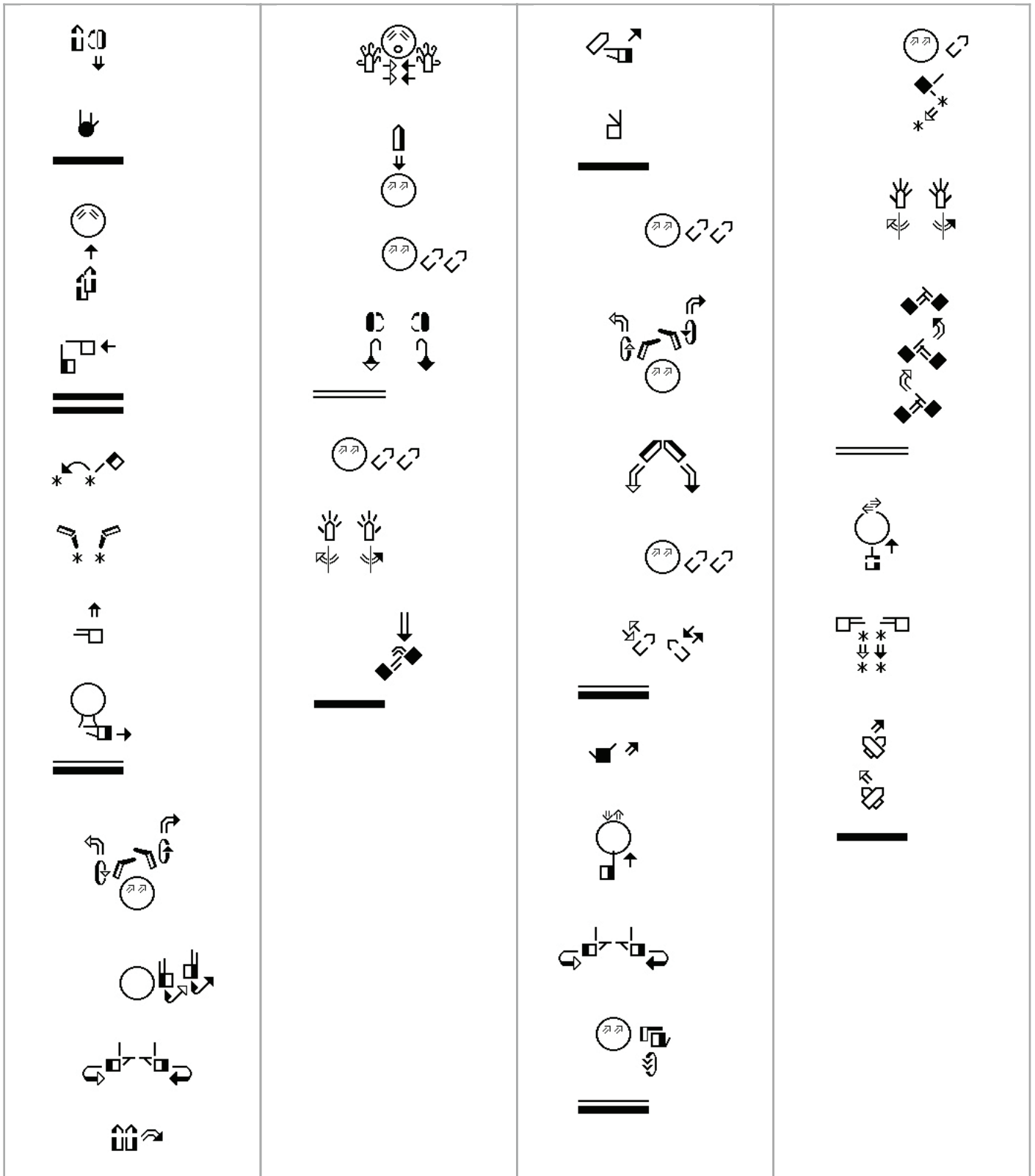
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They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins. Verse 28. The law appointed high priests who were limited by human weakness. But after the law was given, God appointed his Son with an oath,

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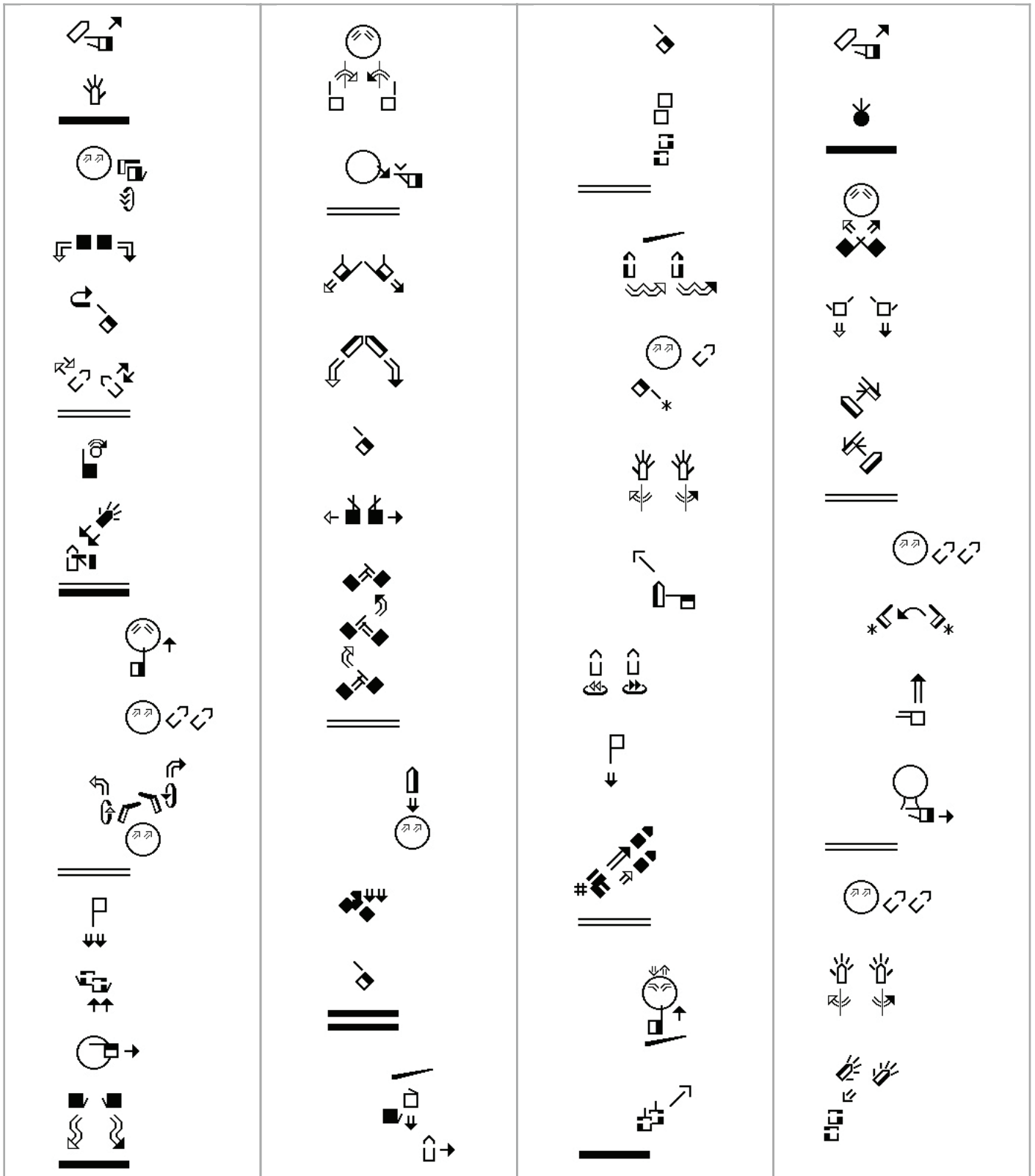
Chapter 8. Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven. Verse 2. There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.

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Hebrews 8:3-4

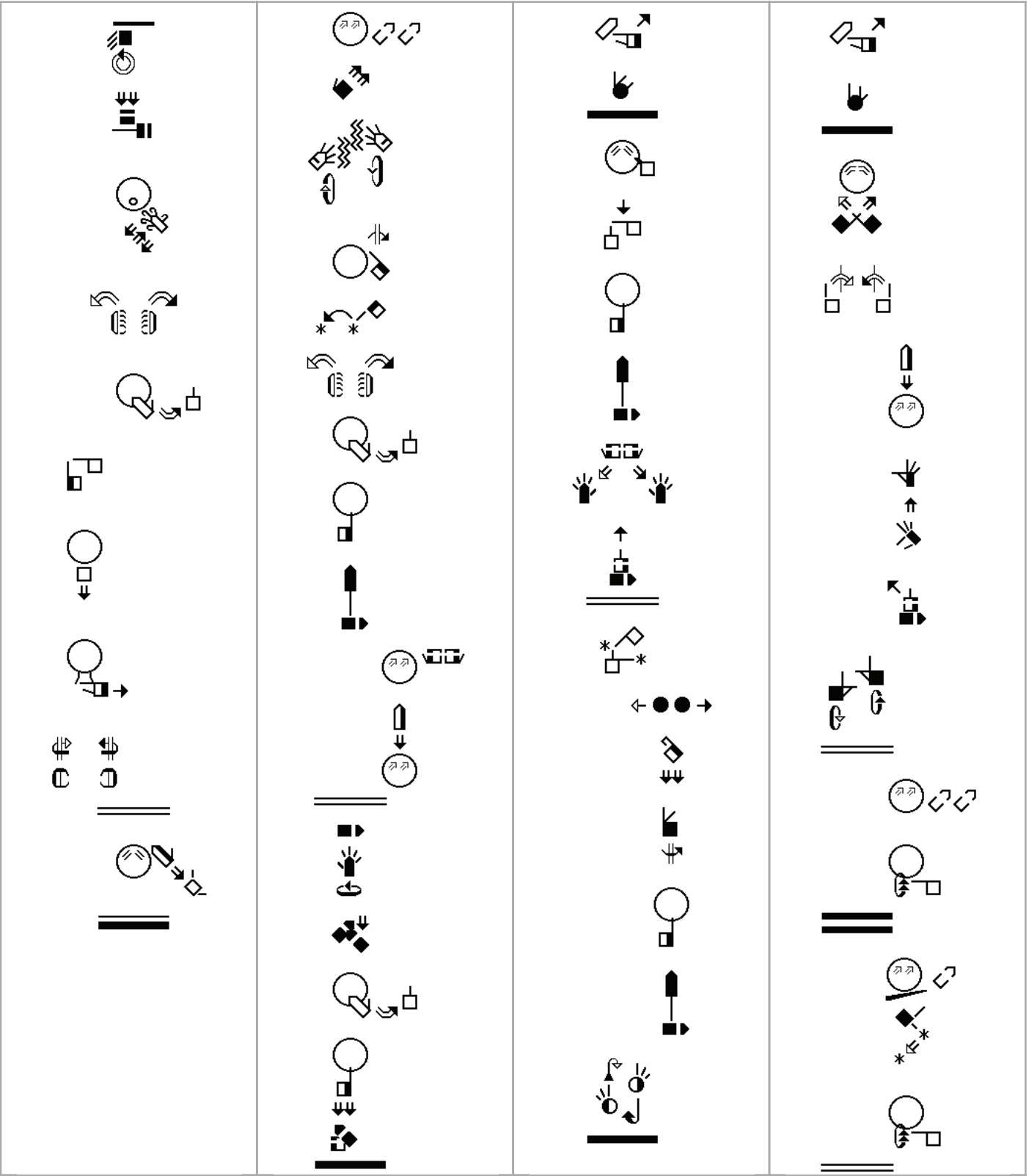
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Verse 3. And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too. Verse 4. If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law. NLT

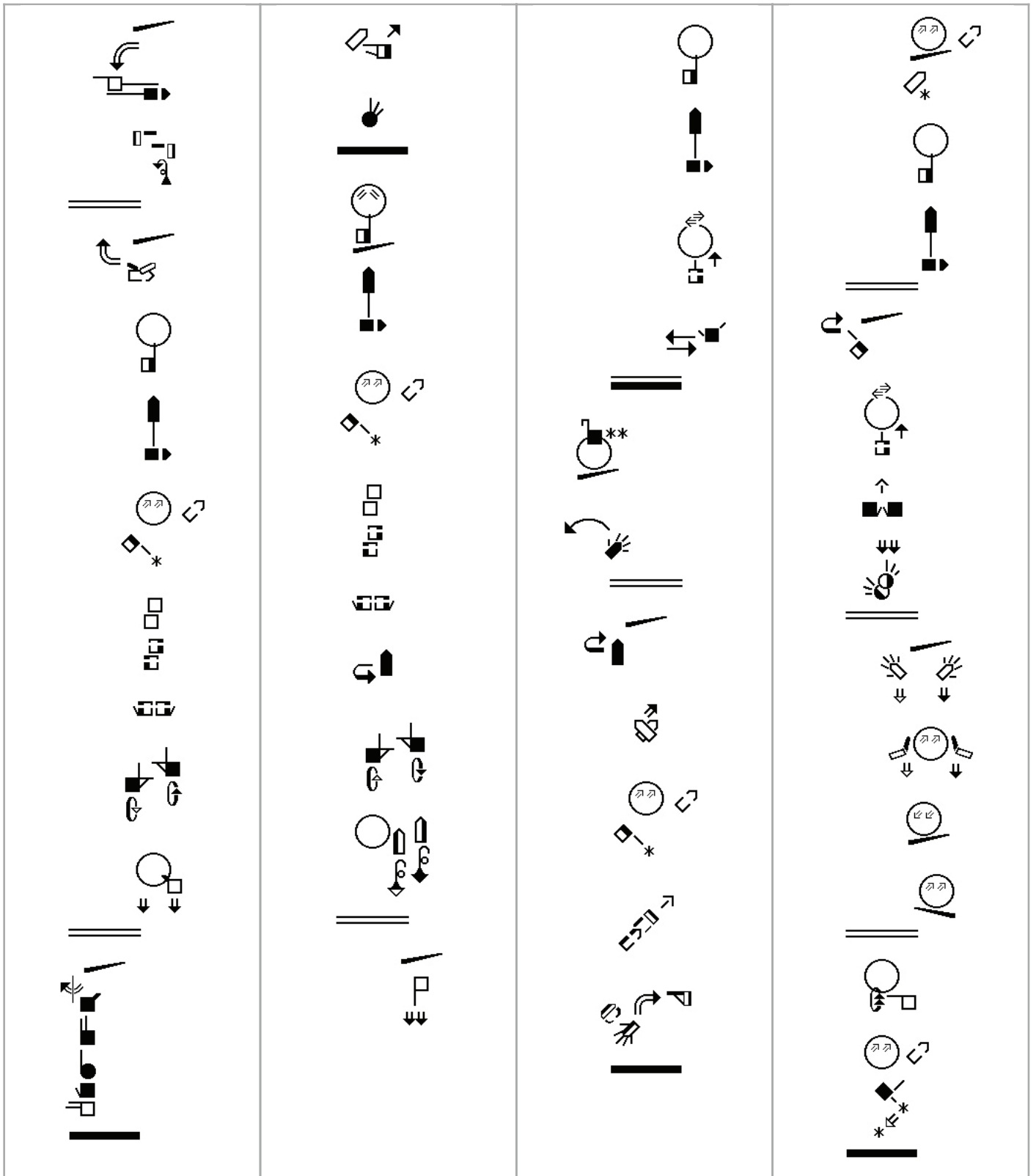


Verse 5. They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain." Verse 6. But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given NLT

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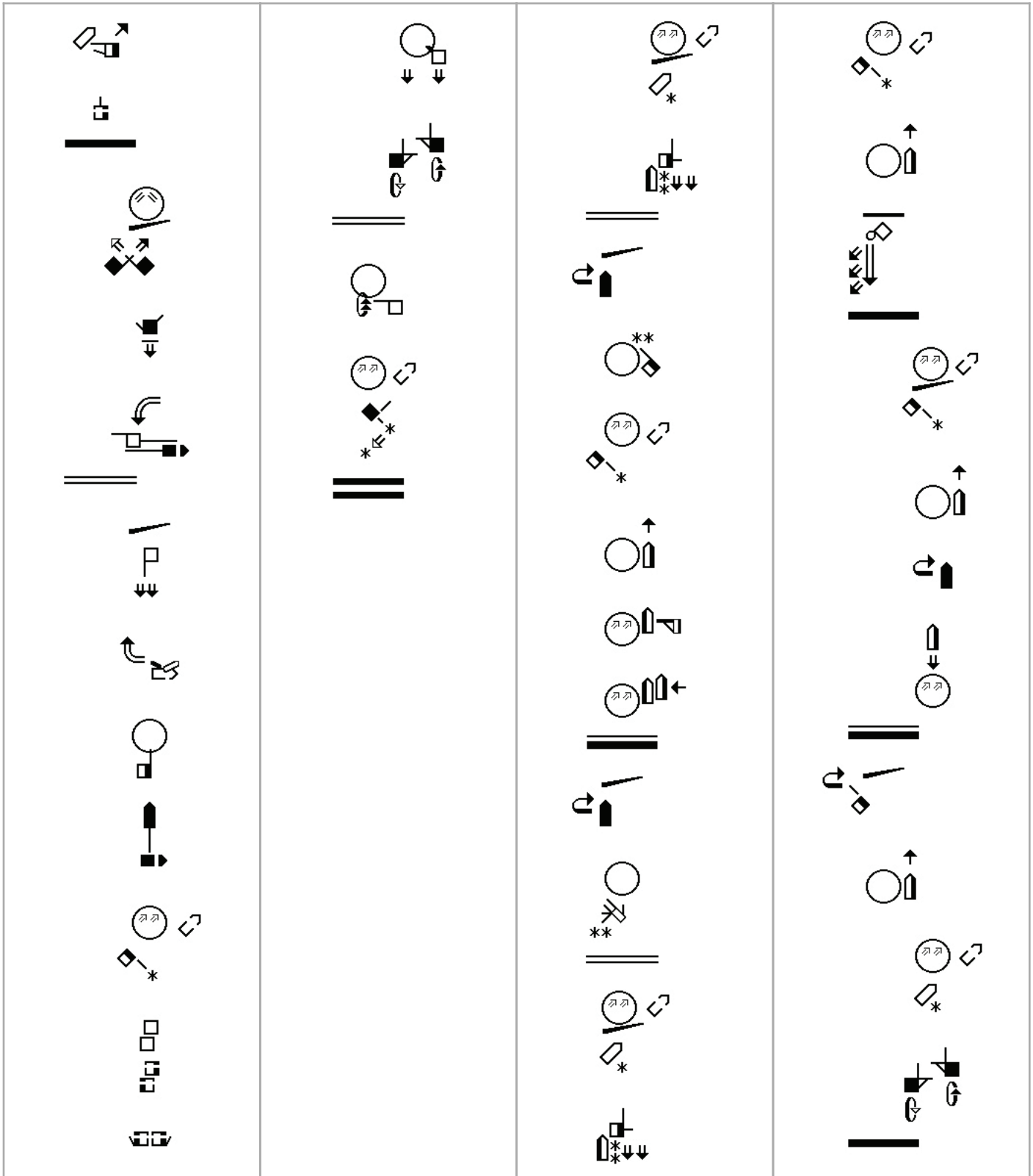


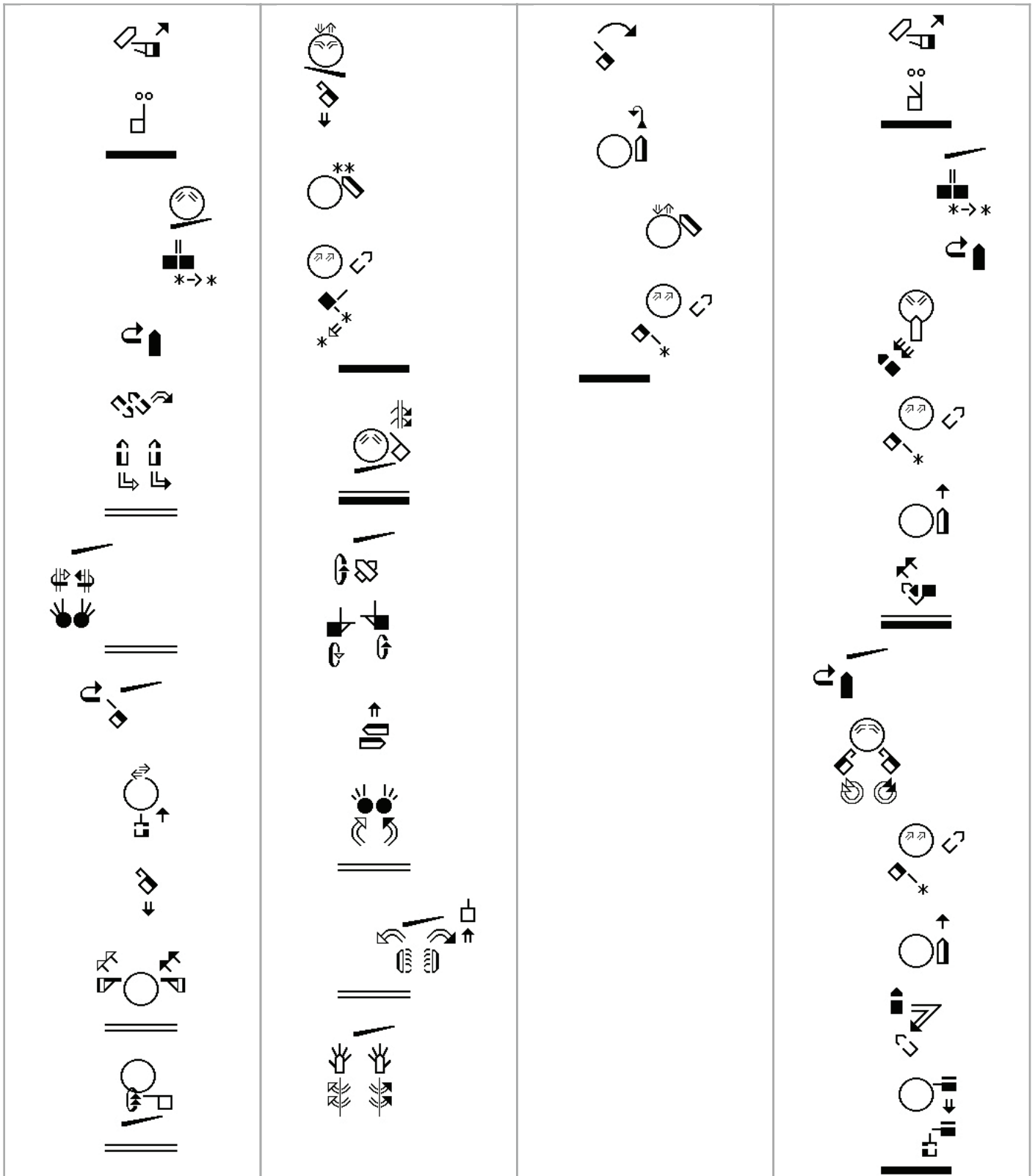
a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises. Verse 7. If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. Verse 8. But when God found fault with the people, he said: NLT



"The day is coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. Verse 9. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the LORD. NLT

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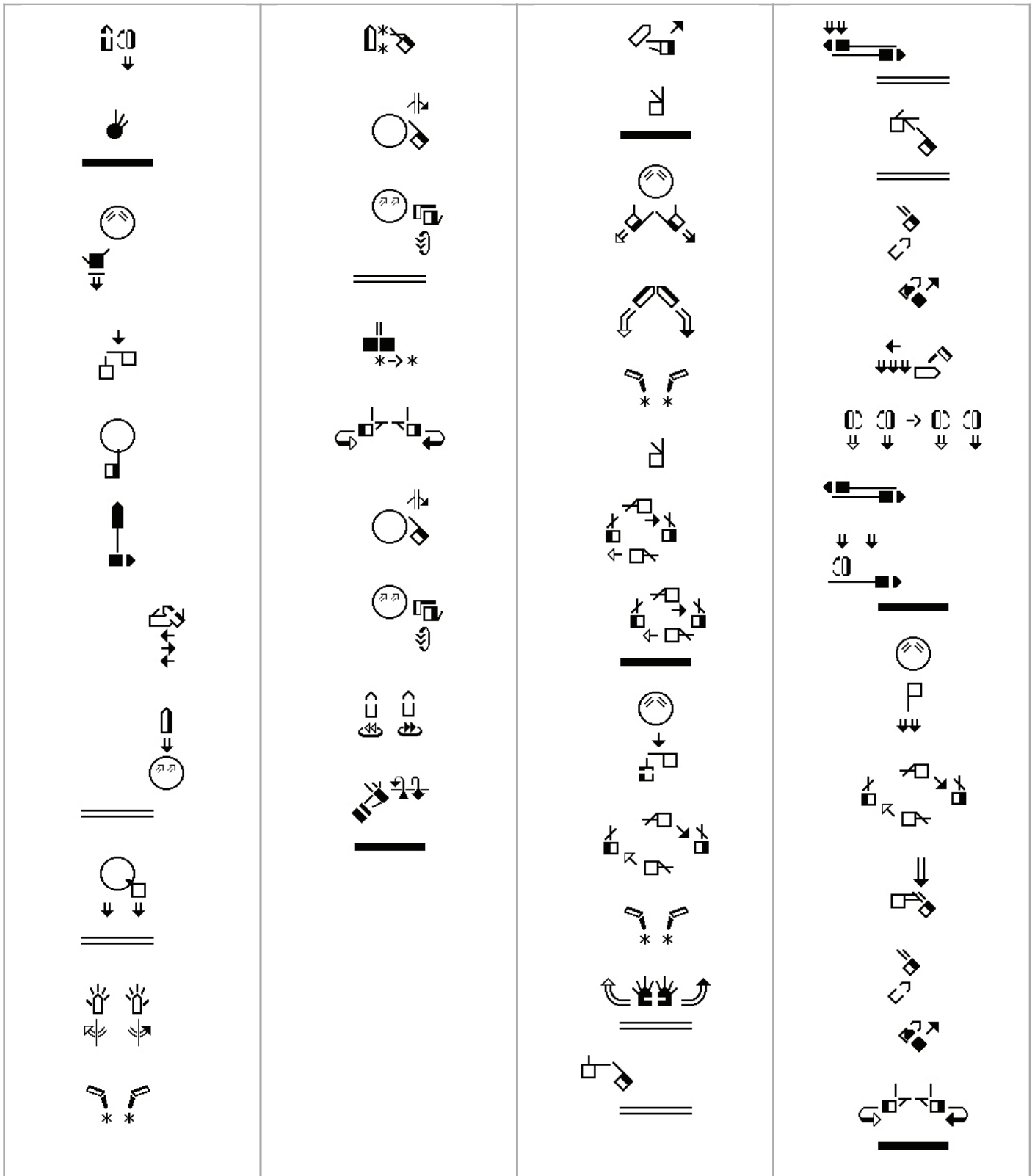


Verse 11. And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the LORD.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already. Verse 12. And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

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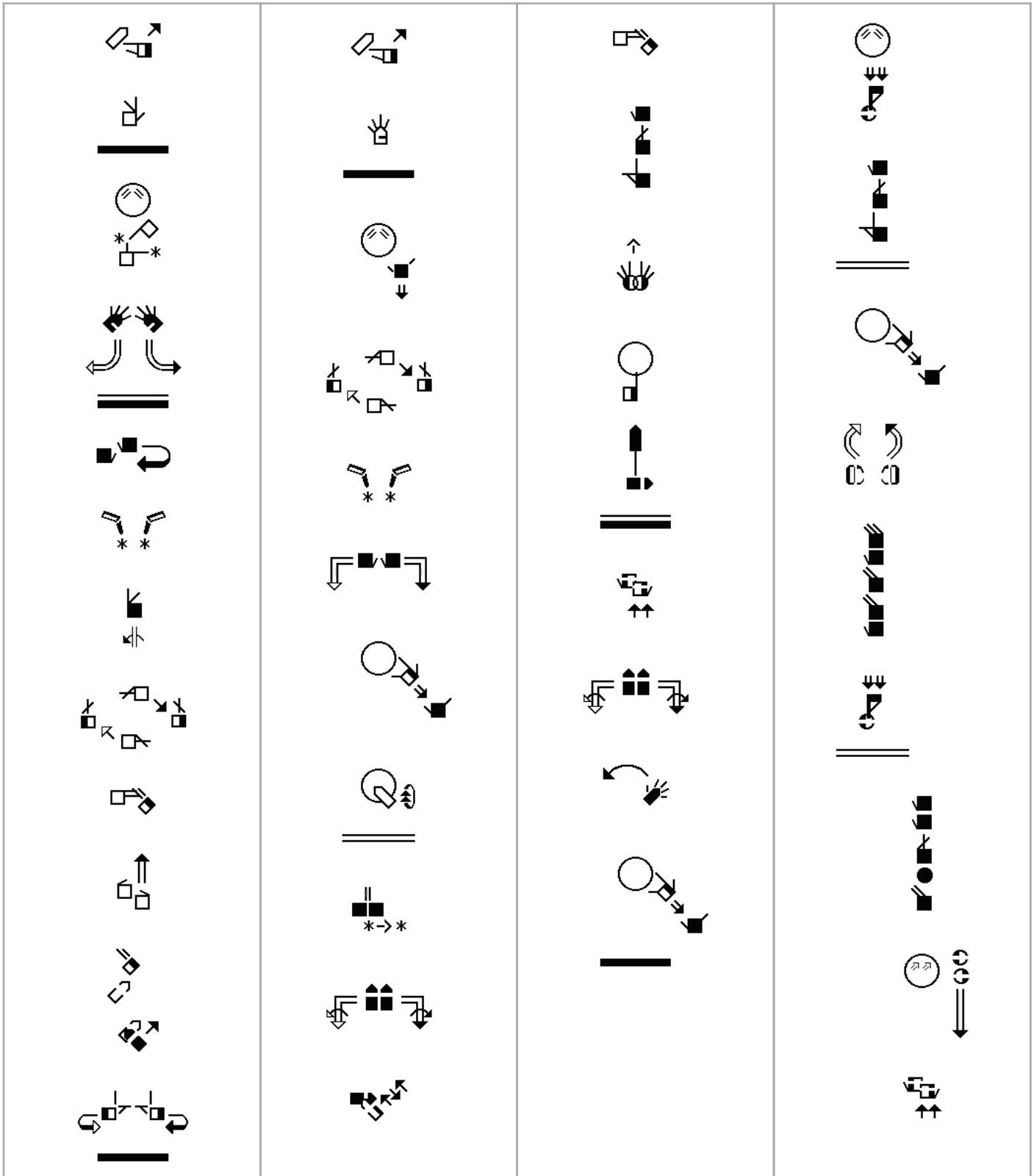
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Chapter 9. That first covenant between God and Israel had regulations for worship and a place of worship here on earth. Verse 2. There were two rooms in that Tabernacle. In the first room were a lampstand, a table, and sacred loaves of bread on the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

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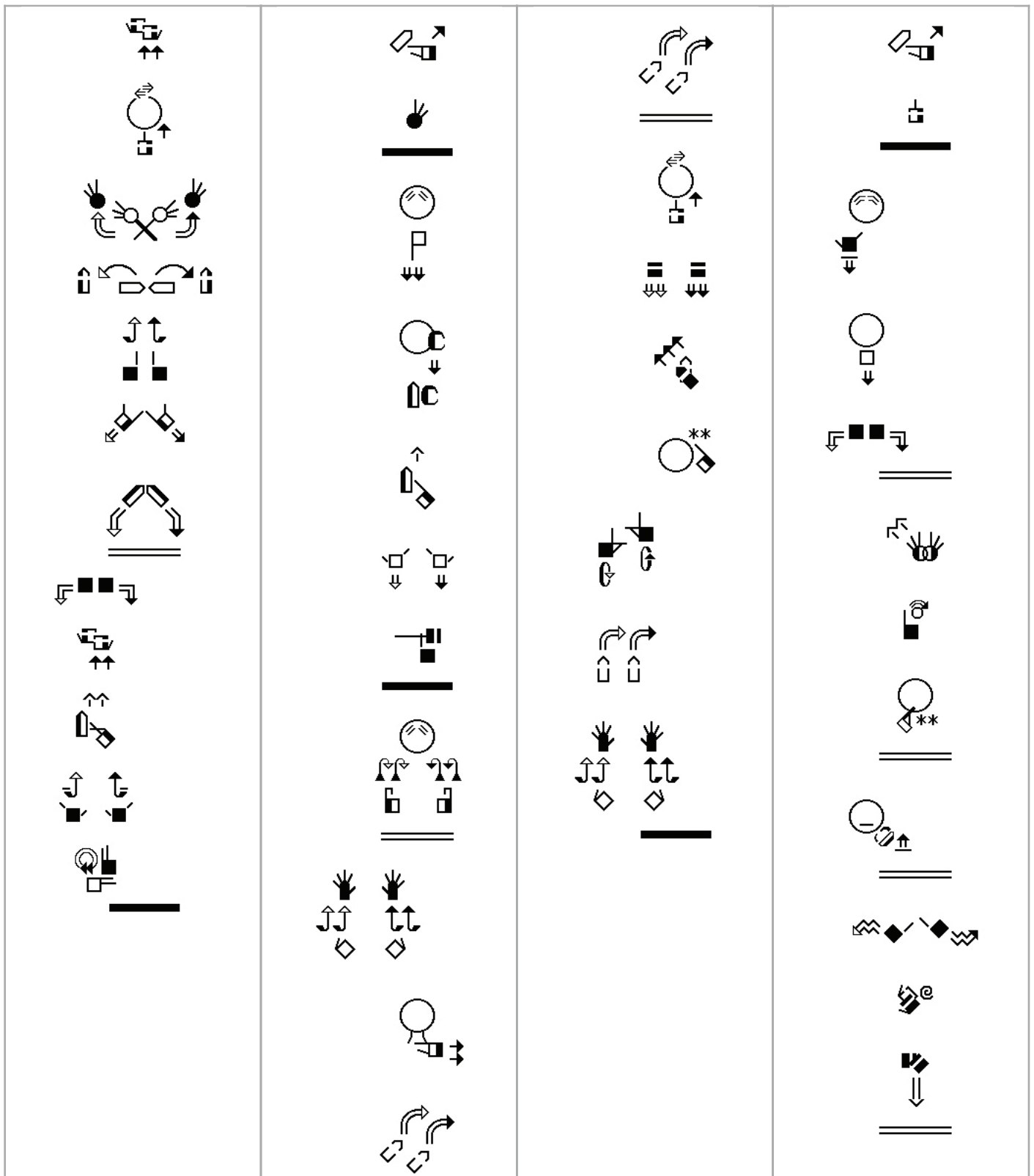


Verse 3. Then there was a curtain, and behind the curtain was the second room called the Most Holy Place. Verse 4. In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's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

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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



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 --

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Hebrews 9:10-11

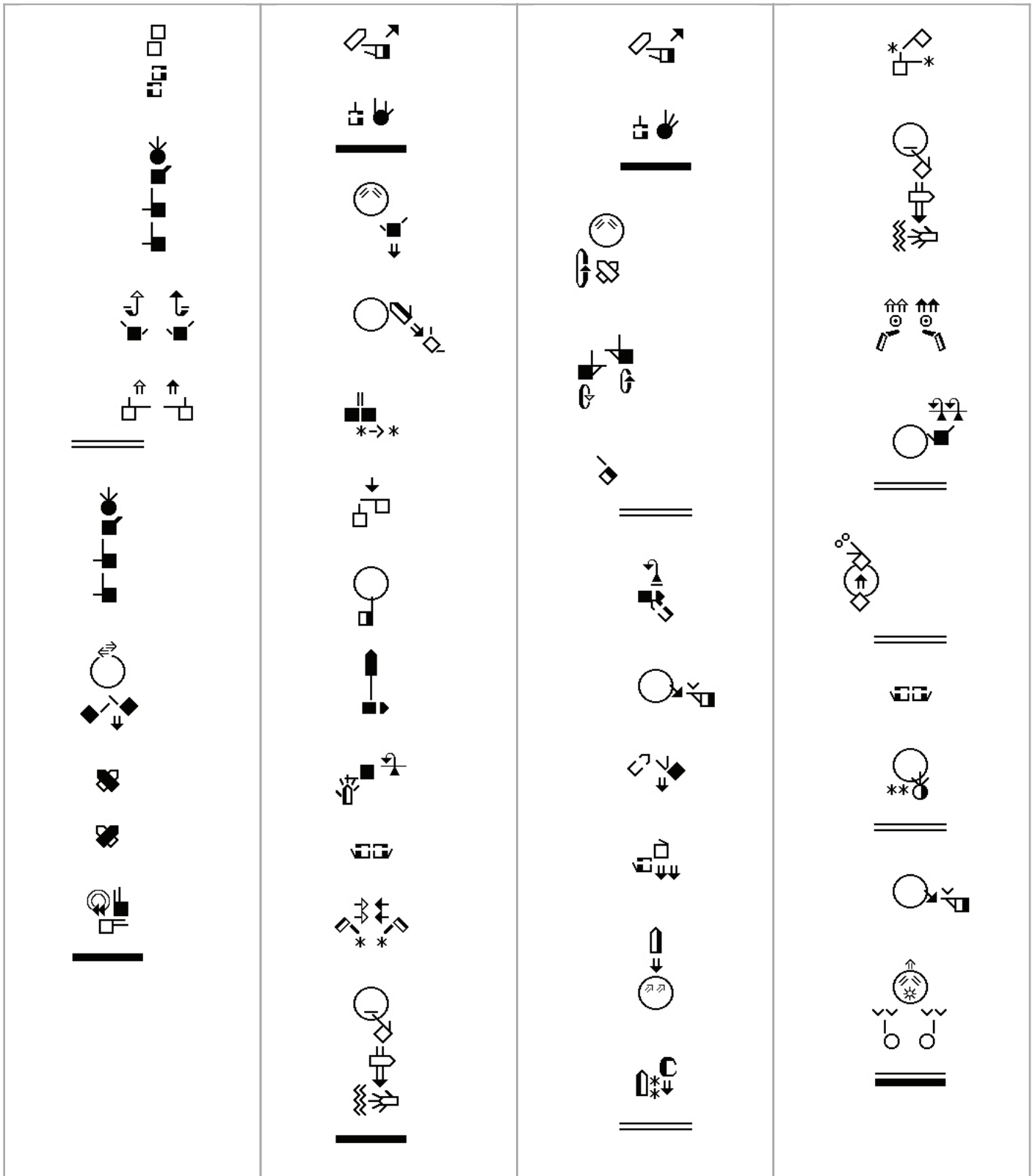
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physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established. Verse 11. So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which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

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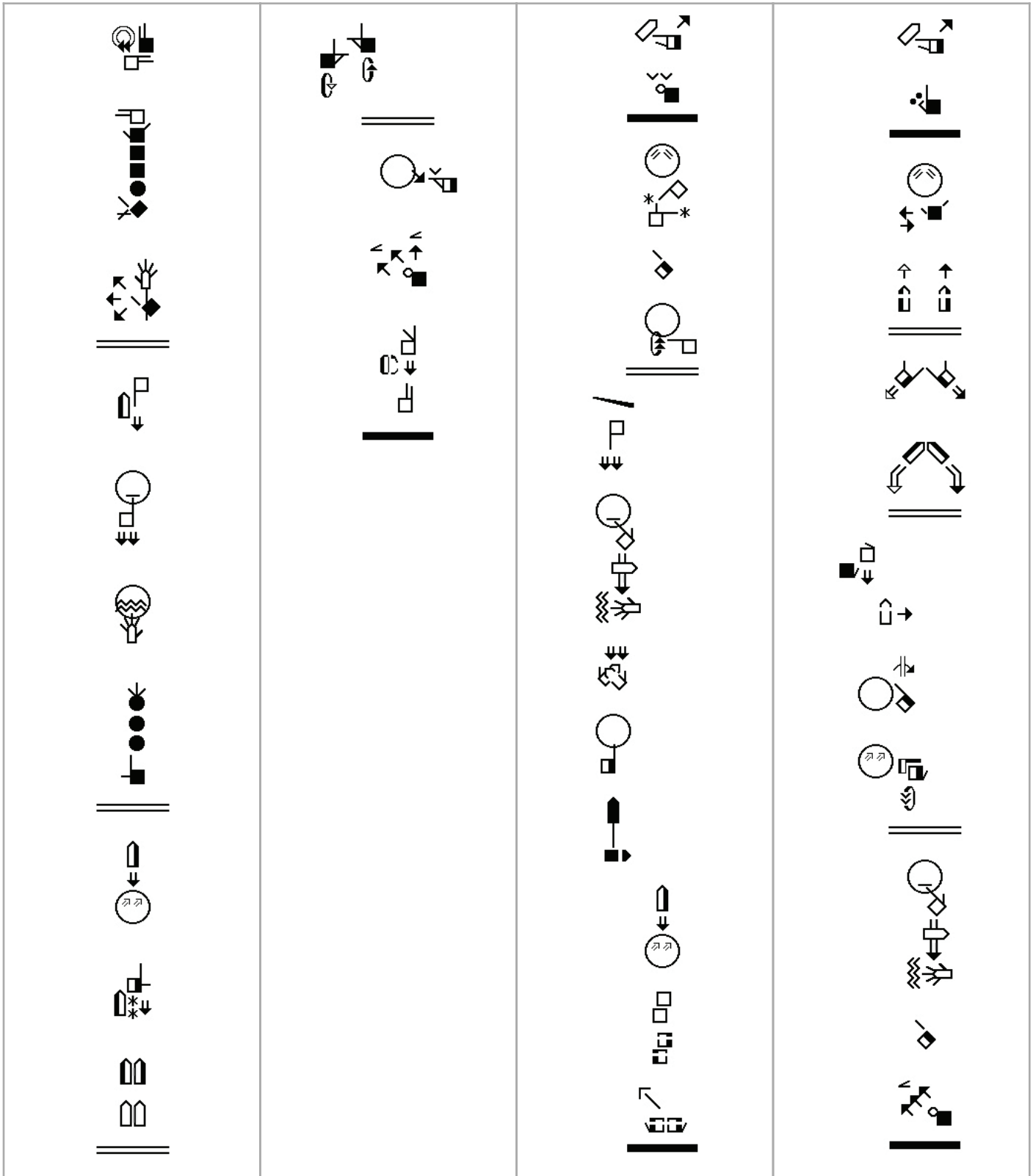
For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. Verse 16. Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. Verse 17. The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person



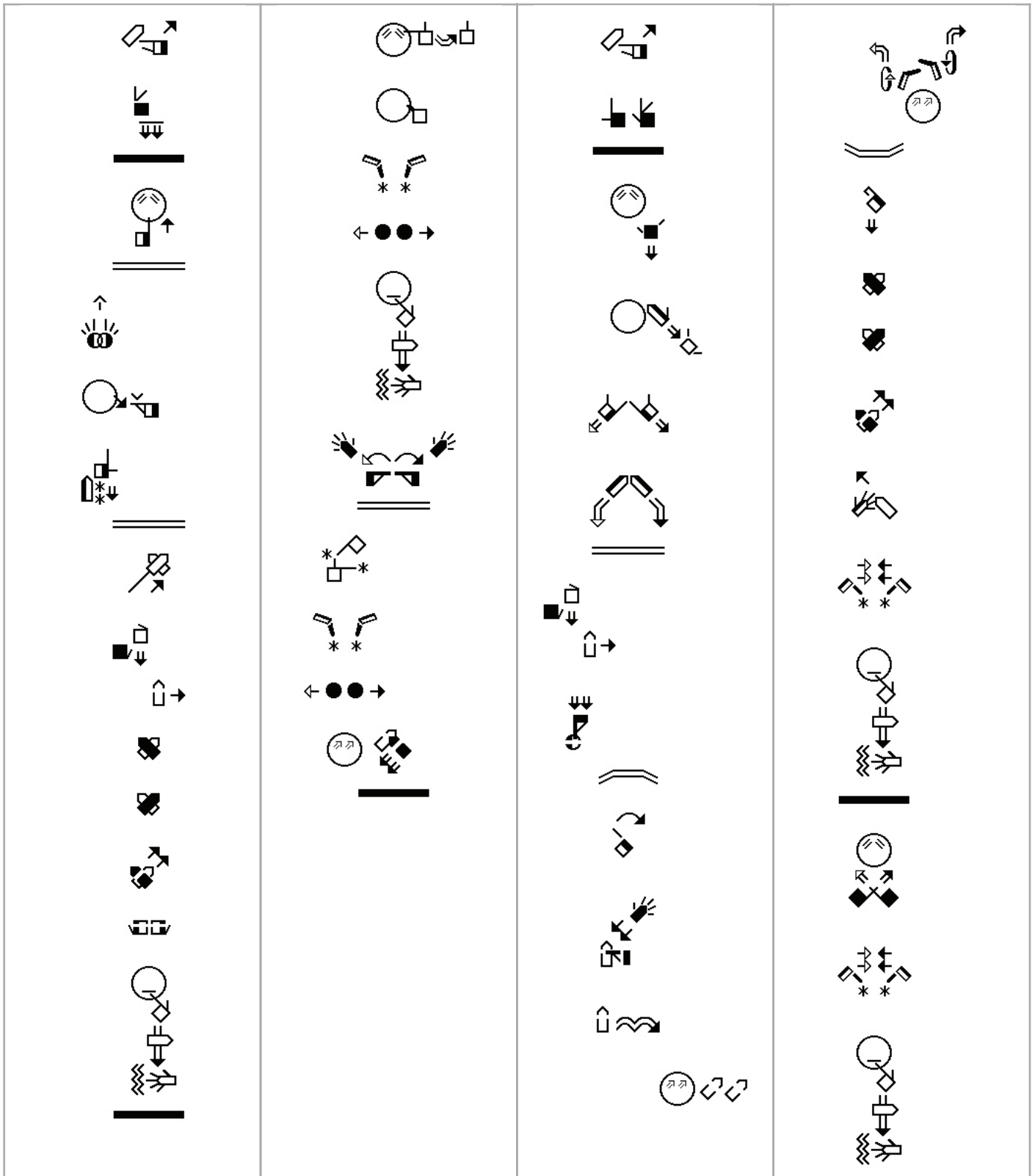
who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect. Verse 18. That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal. Verse 19. For after Moses had read each of God's commandments to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water,

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Hebrews 9:19-21



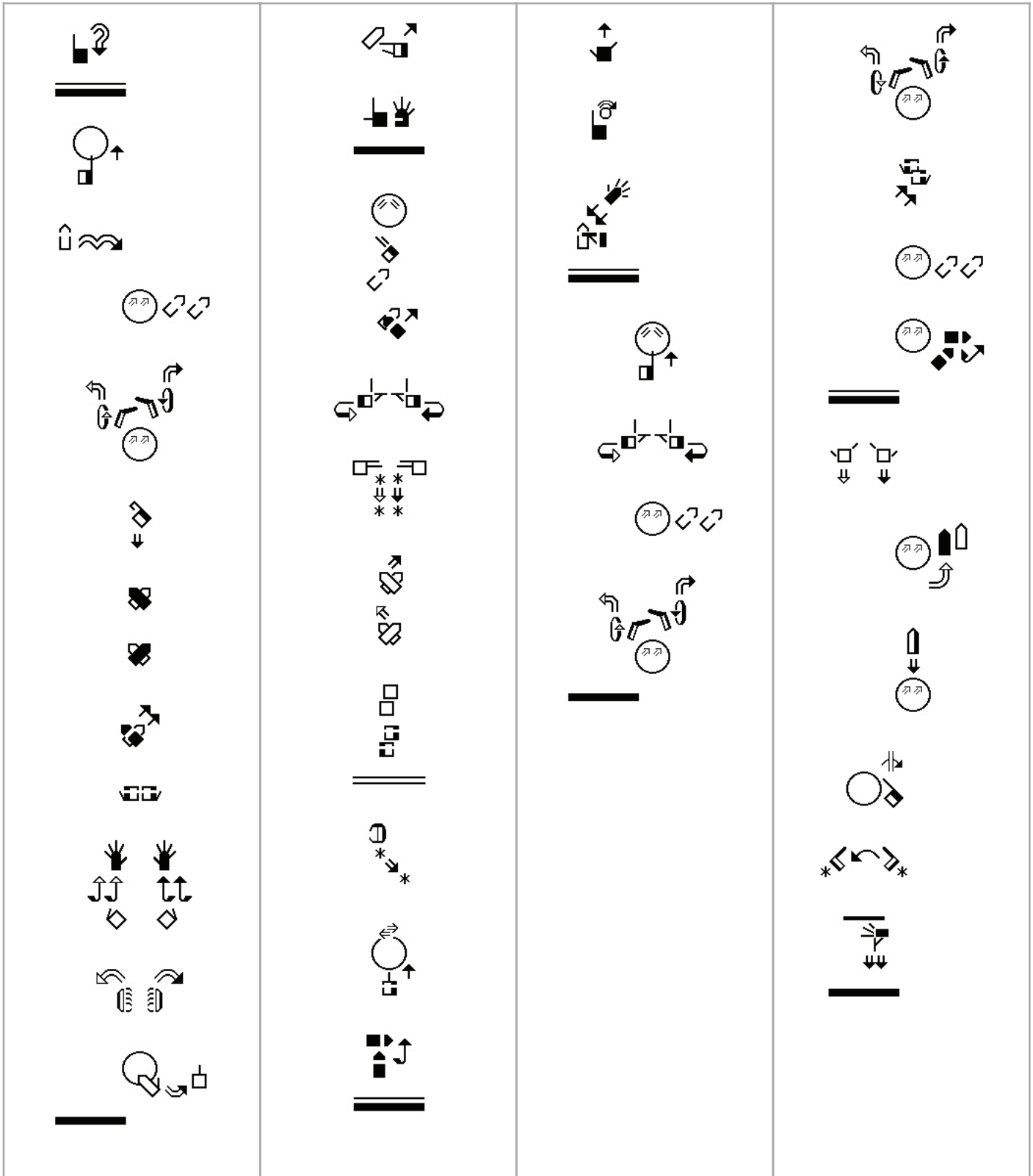
and sprinkled both the book of God's law and all the people, using hyssop branches and scarlet wool. Verse 20. Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you." Verse 21. And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship.



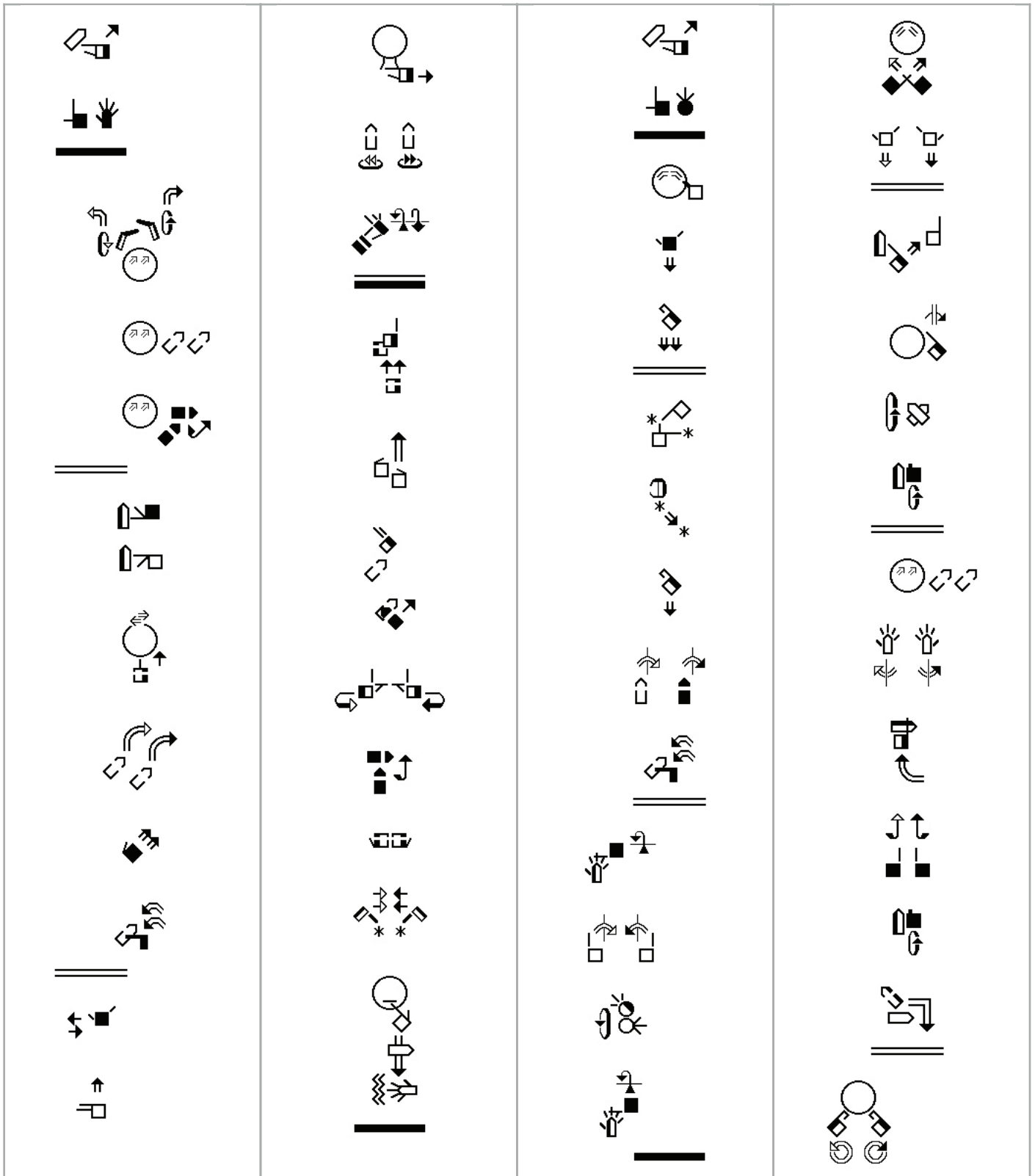
Verse 22. In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. Verse 23. That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But

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Hebrews 9:23-24



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. NLT



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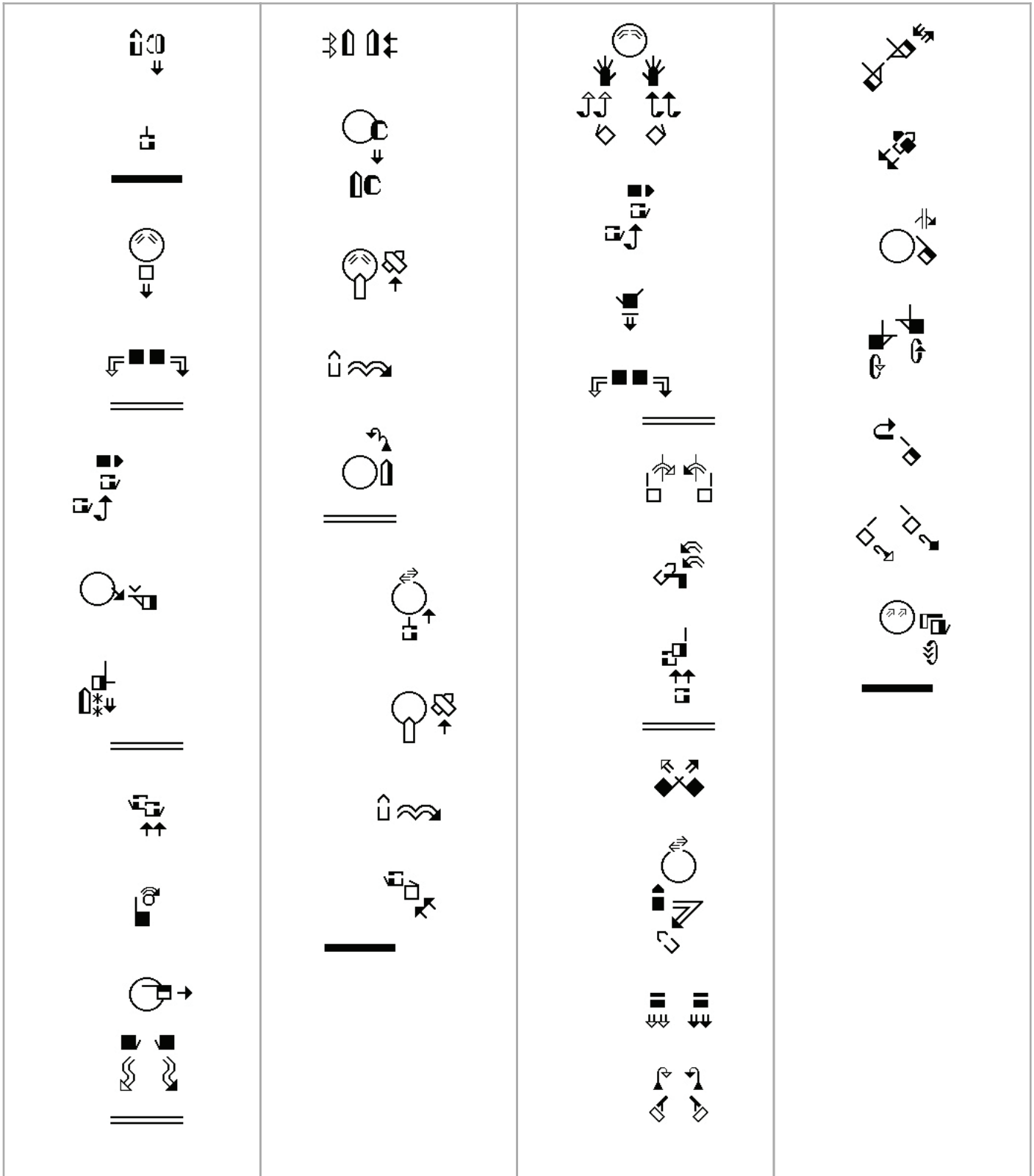
to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. Verse 27. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, Verse 28. so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. NLT

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He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

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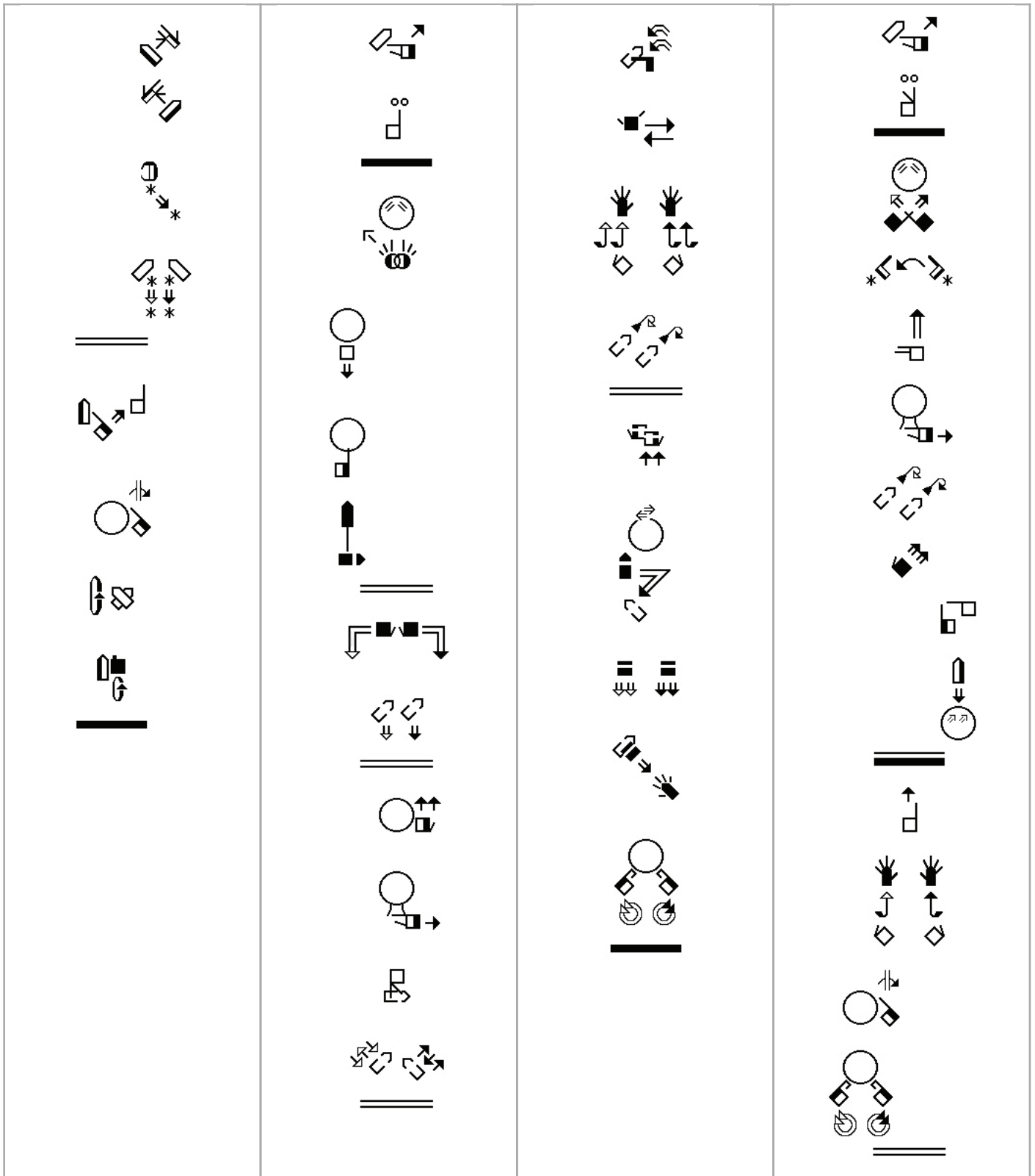


Chapter 10. The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. NLT

Hebrews 10:8-10

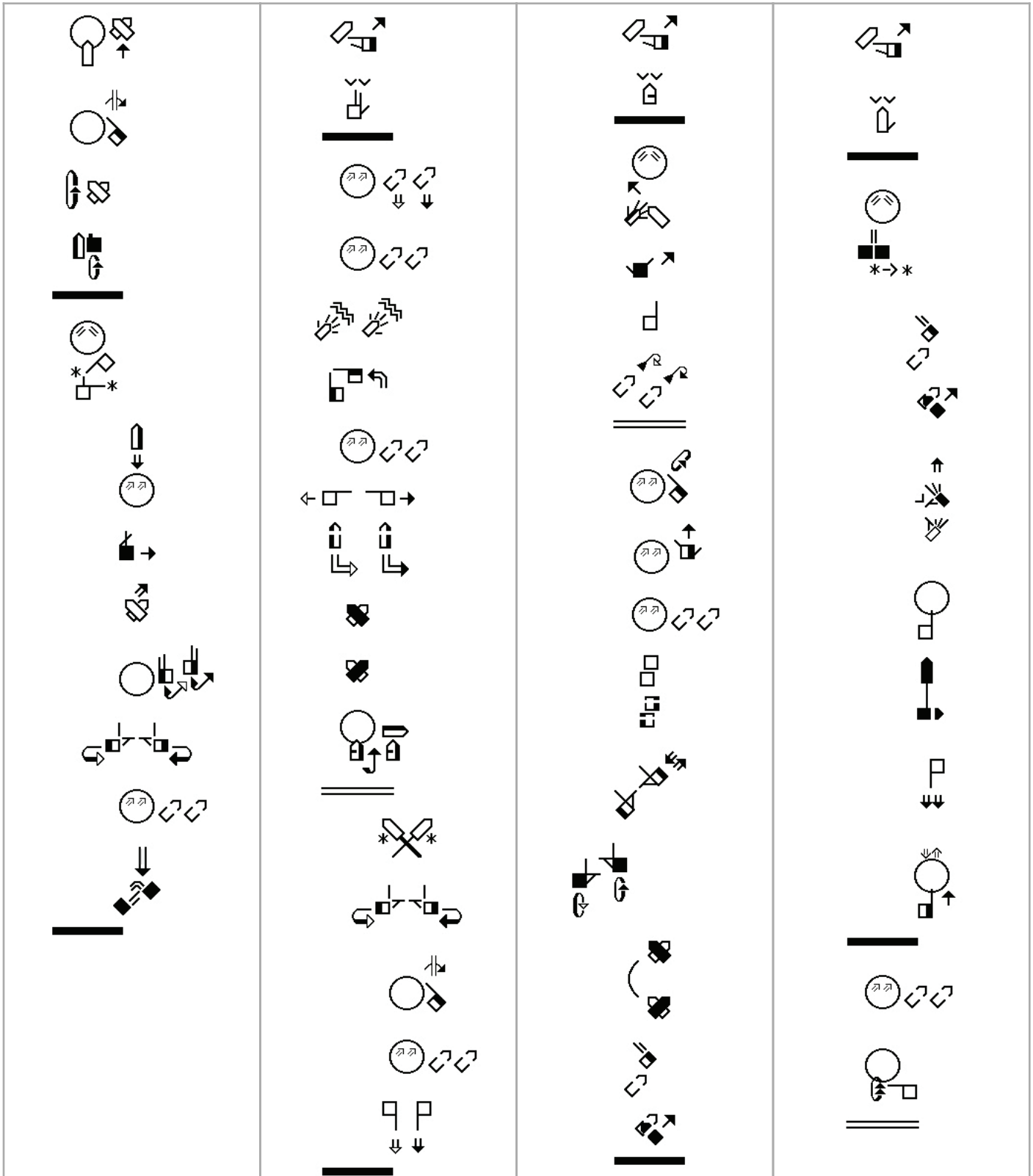
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nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). Verse 9. Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. Verse 10. For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of
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the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Verse 11. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. Verse 12. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins,
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Hebrews 10:12-14



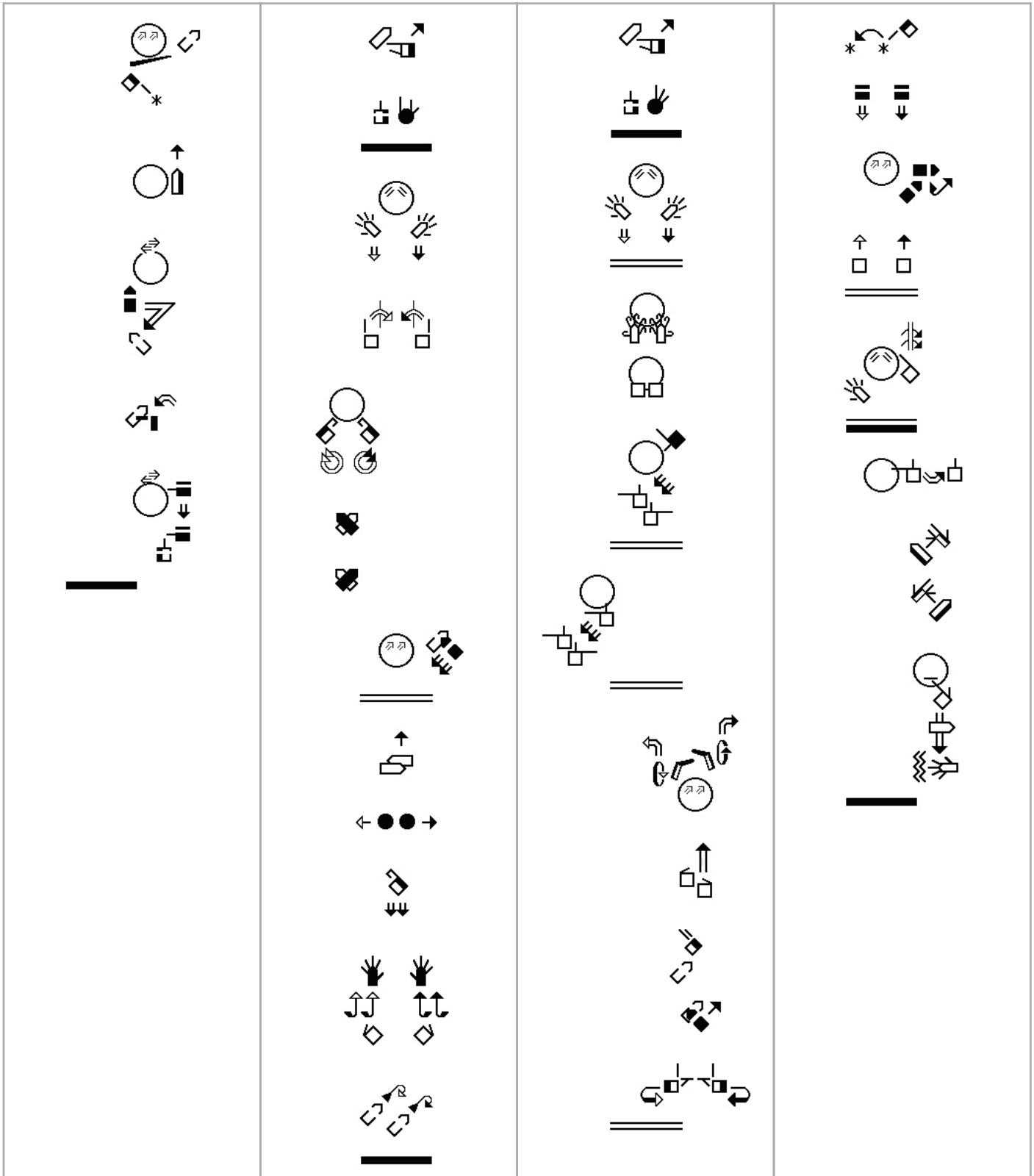
good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. Verse 13. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. Verse 14. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. Verse 15. And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, NLT

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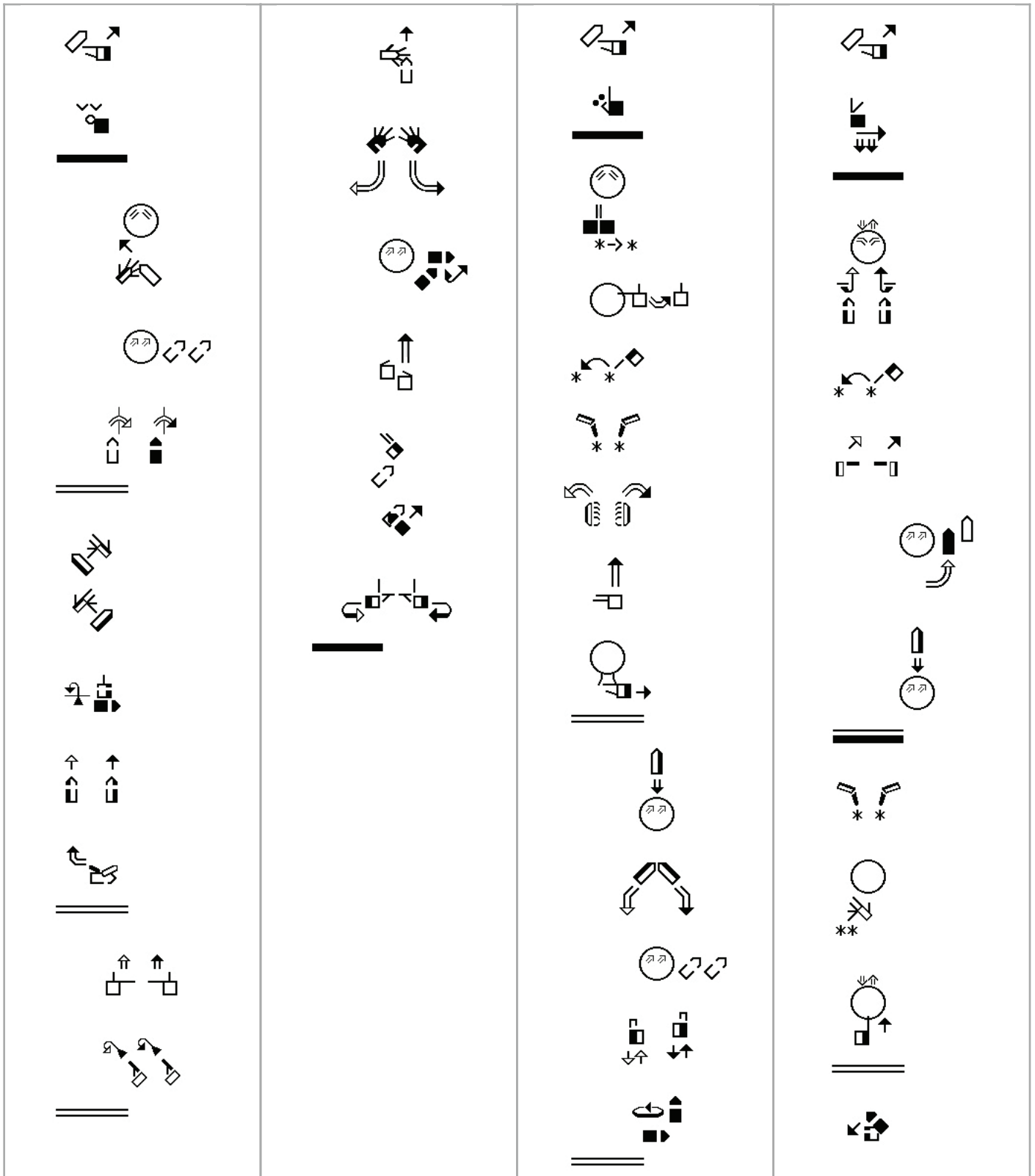
Verse 16. "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Verse 17. Then he says,

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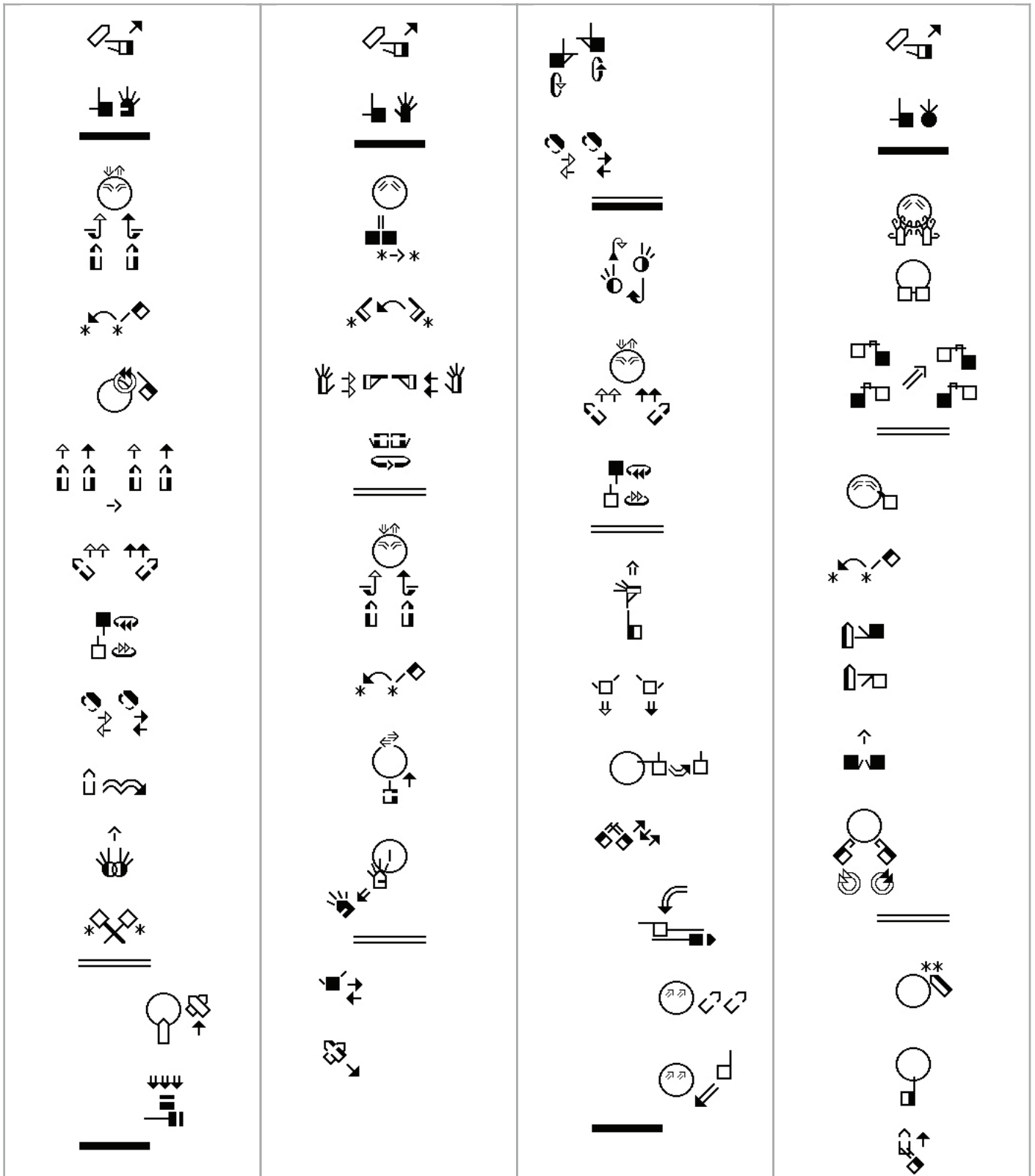
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"I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." Verse 18. And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. Verse 19. And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.



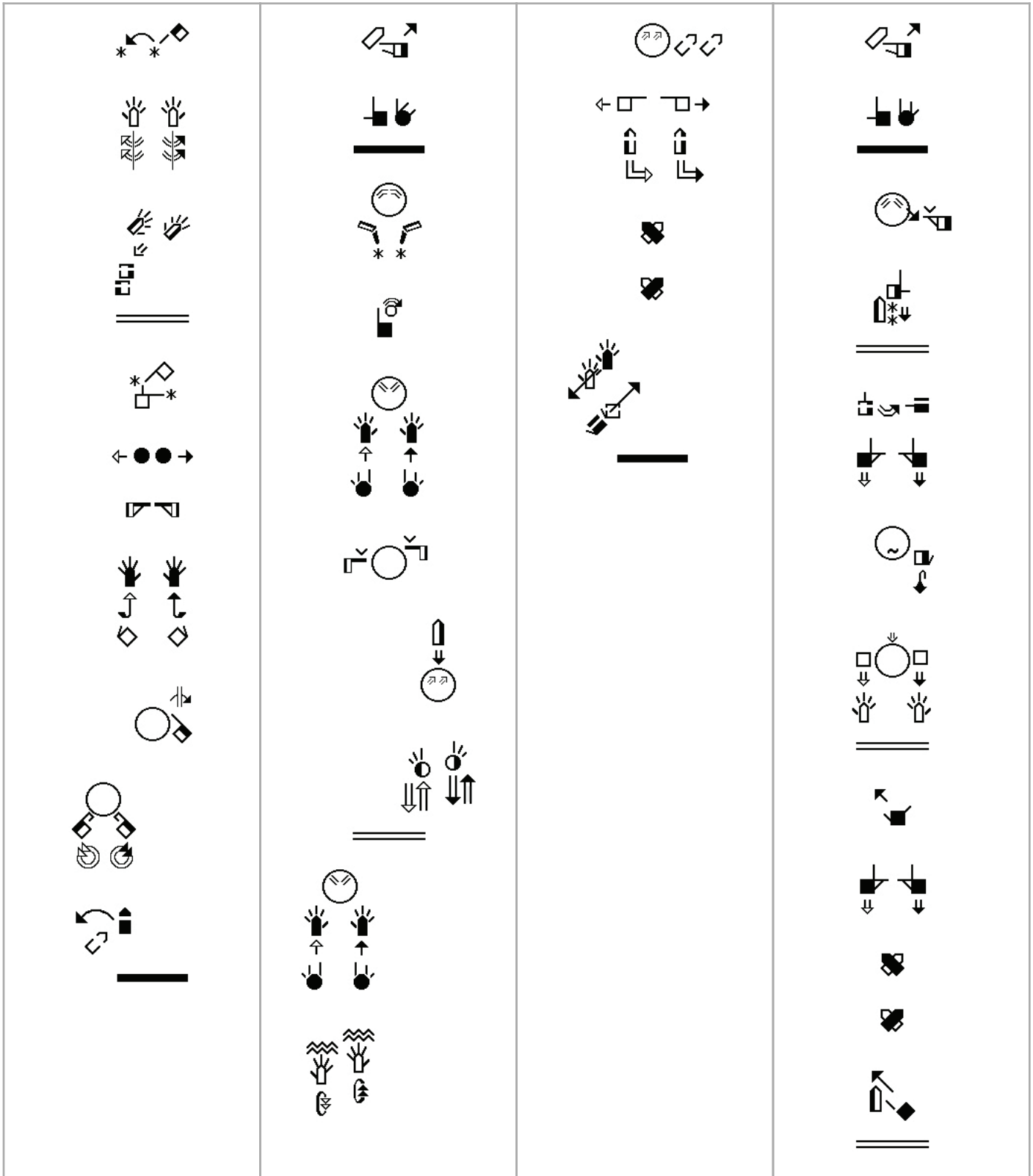
Verse 20. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. Verse 21. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, Verse 22. let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully NLT



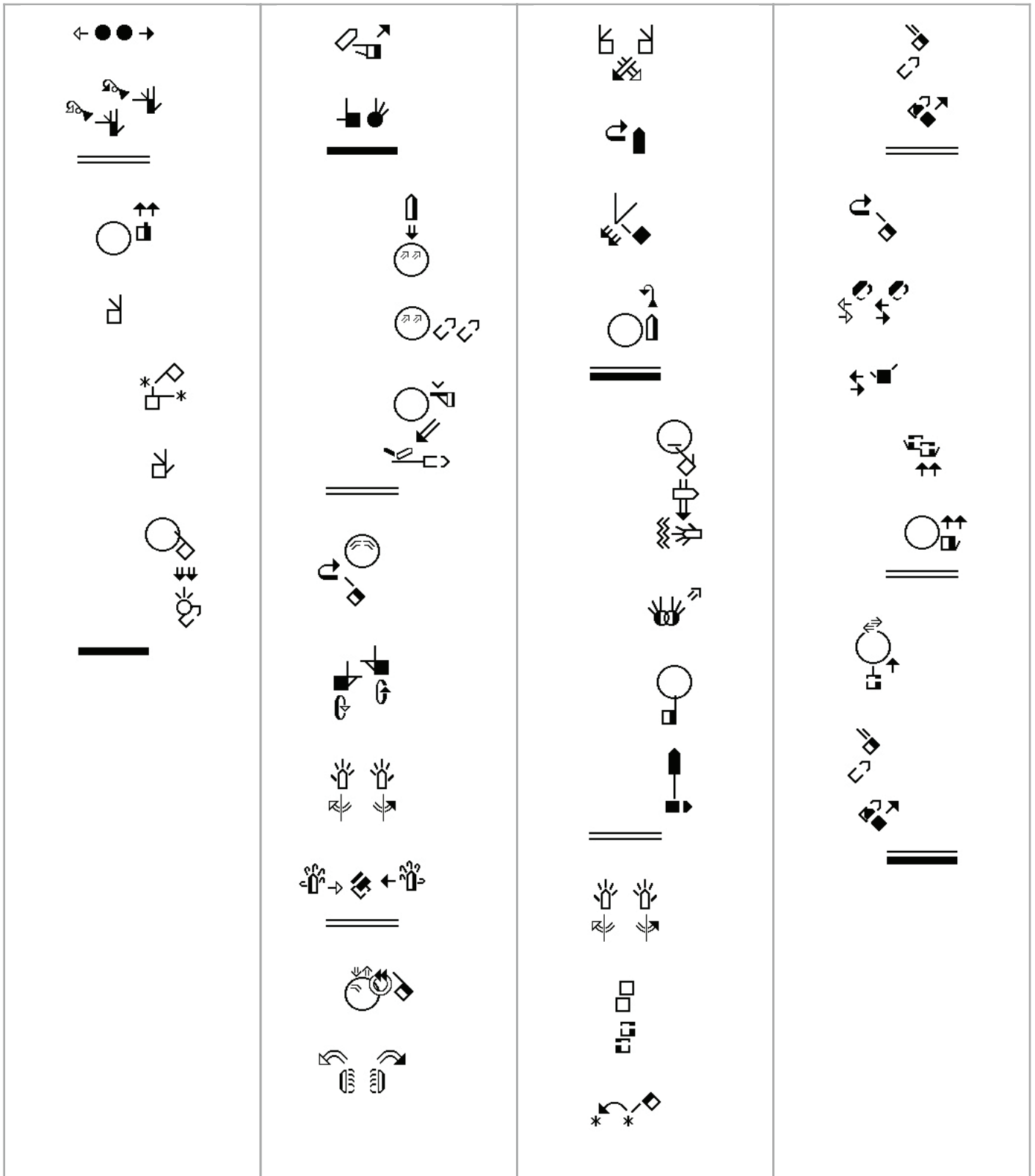
Verse 24. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.
 Verse 25. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Verse
 26. Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning

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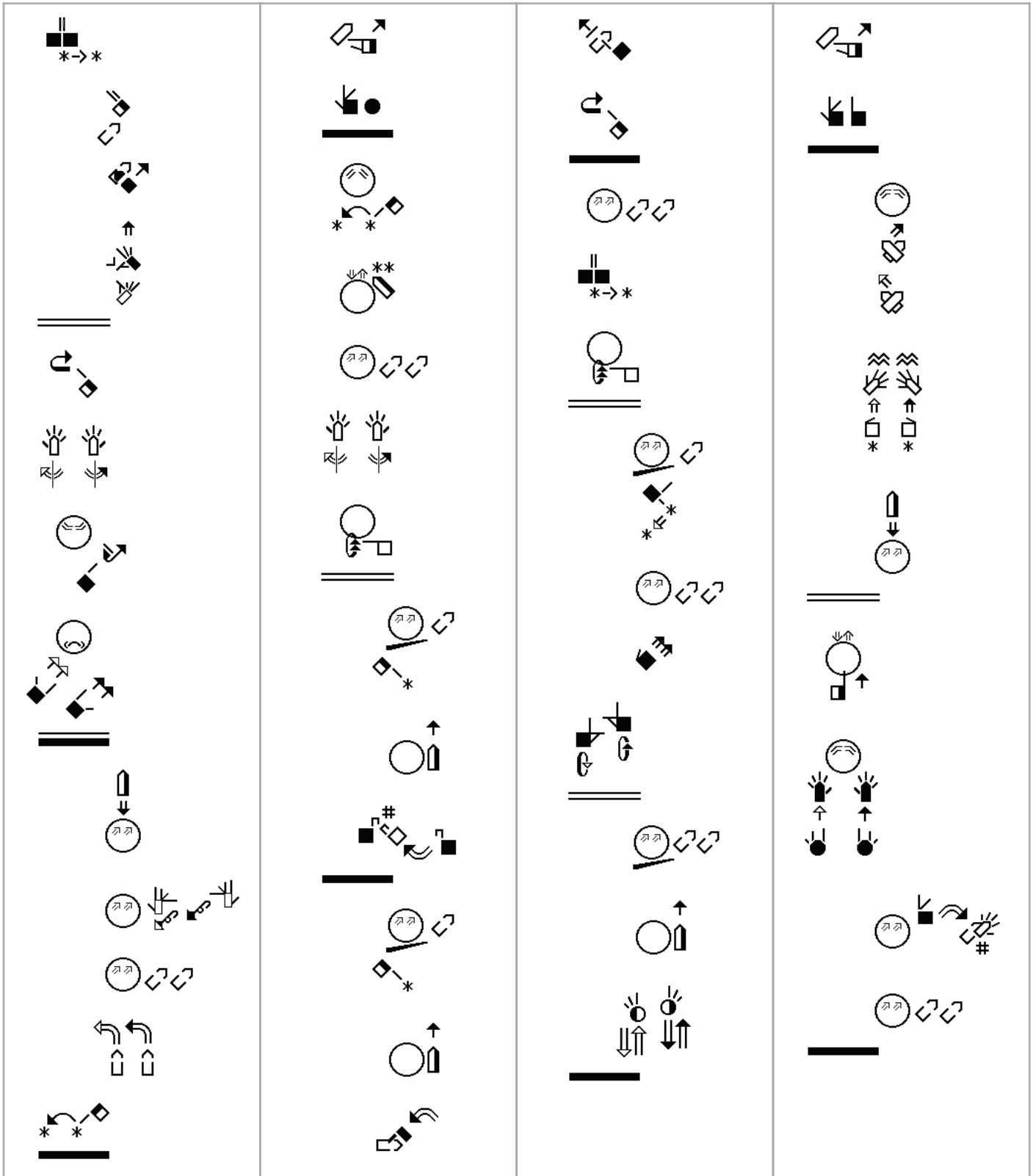


after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. Verse 27. There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. Verse 28. For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death
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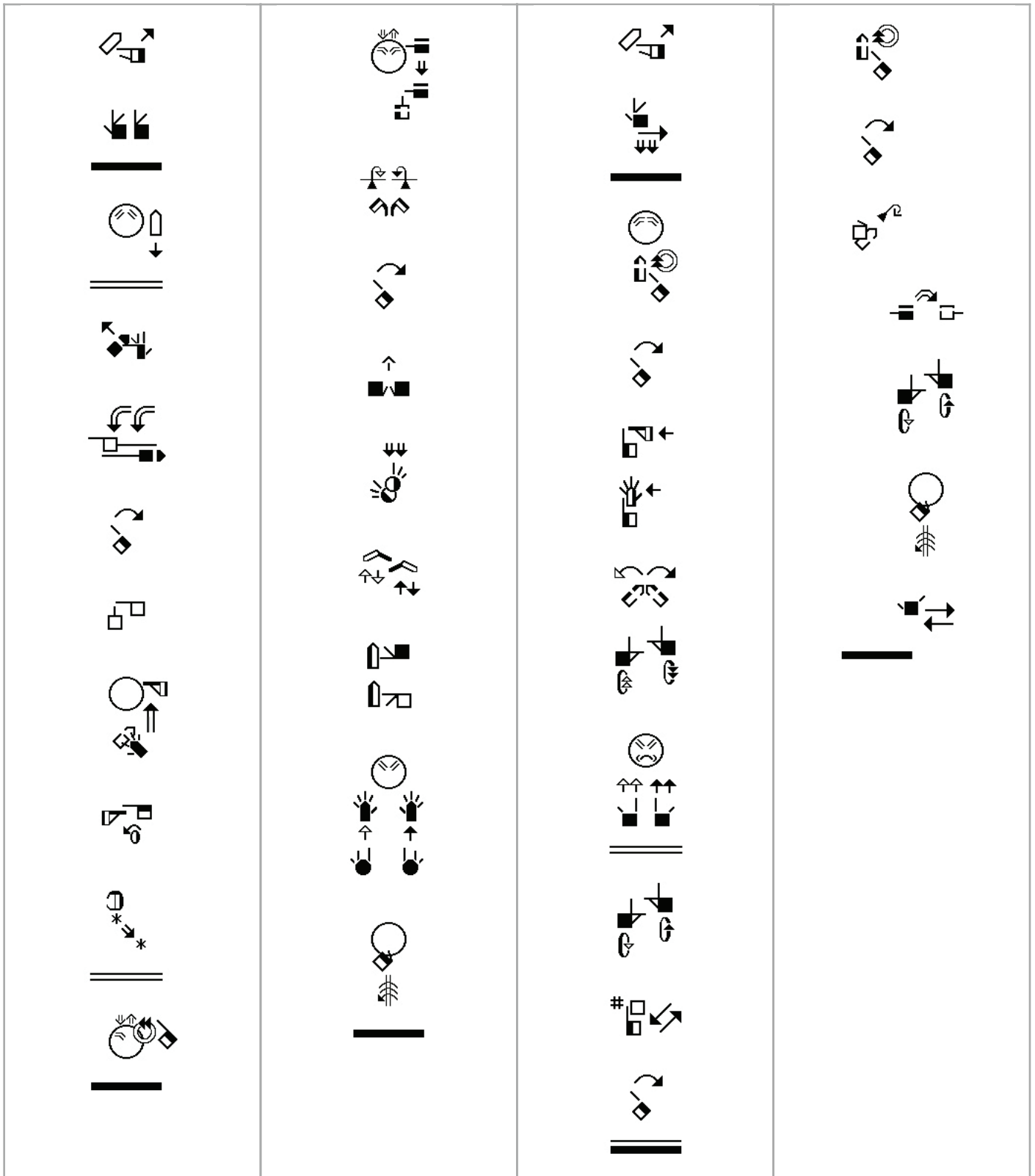


without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Verse 29. Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy,

Hebrews 10:29-31



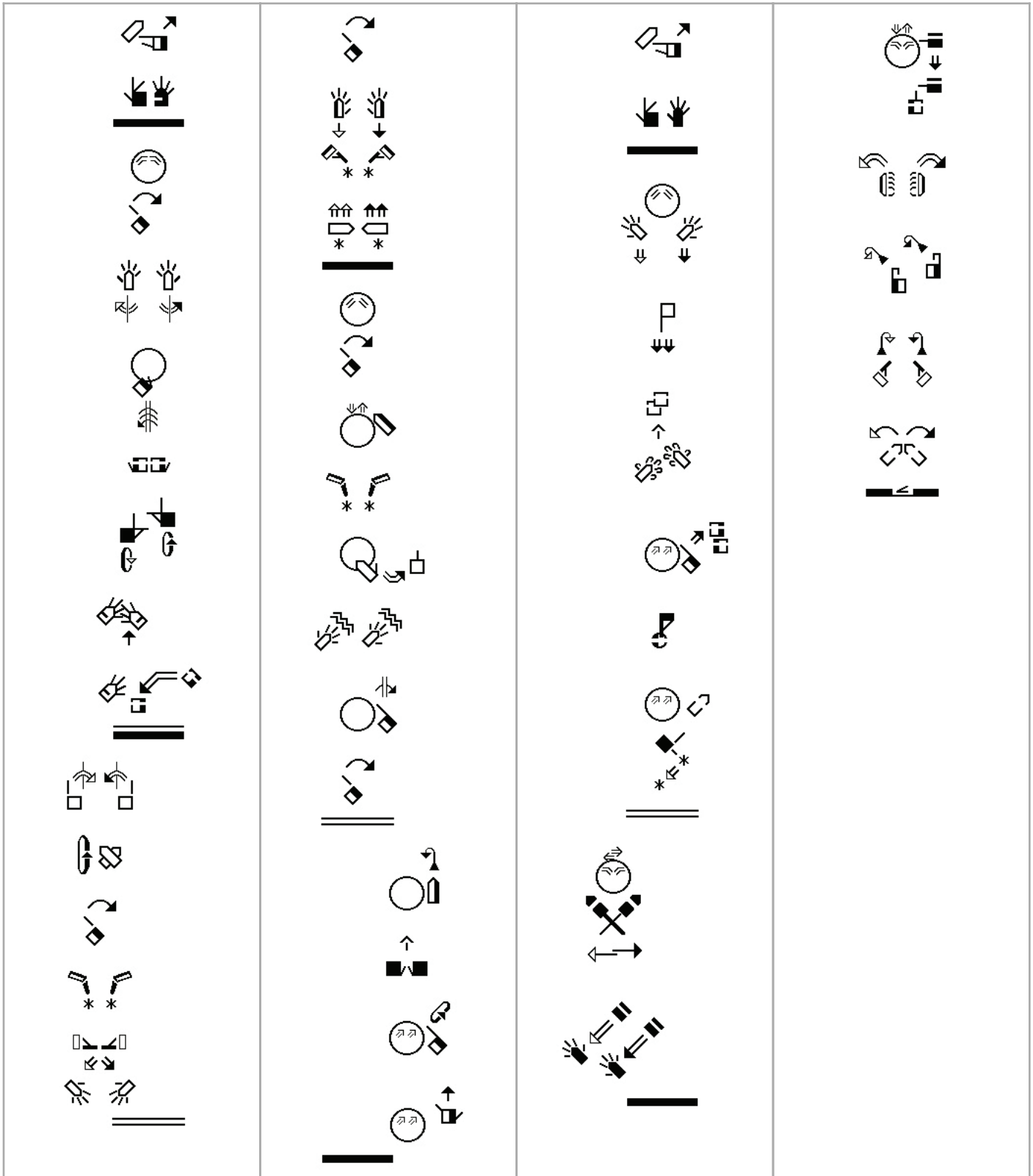
and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us. Verse 30. For we know the one who said, "I will take revenge. I will pay them back." He also said, "The LORD will judge his own people." Verse 31. It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God. NLT



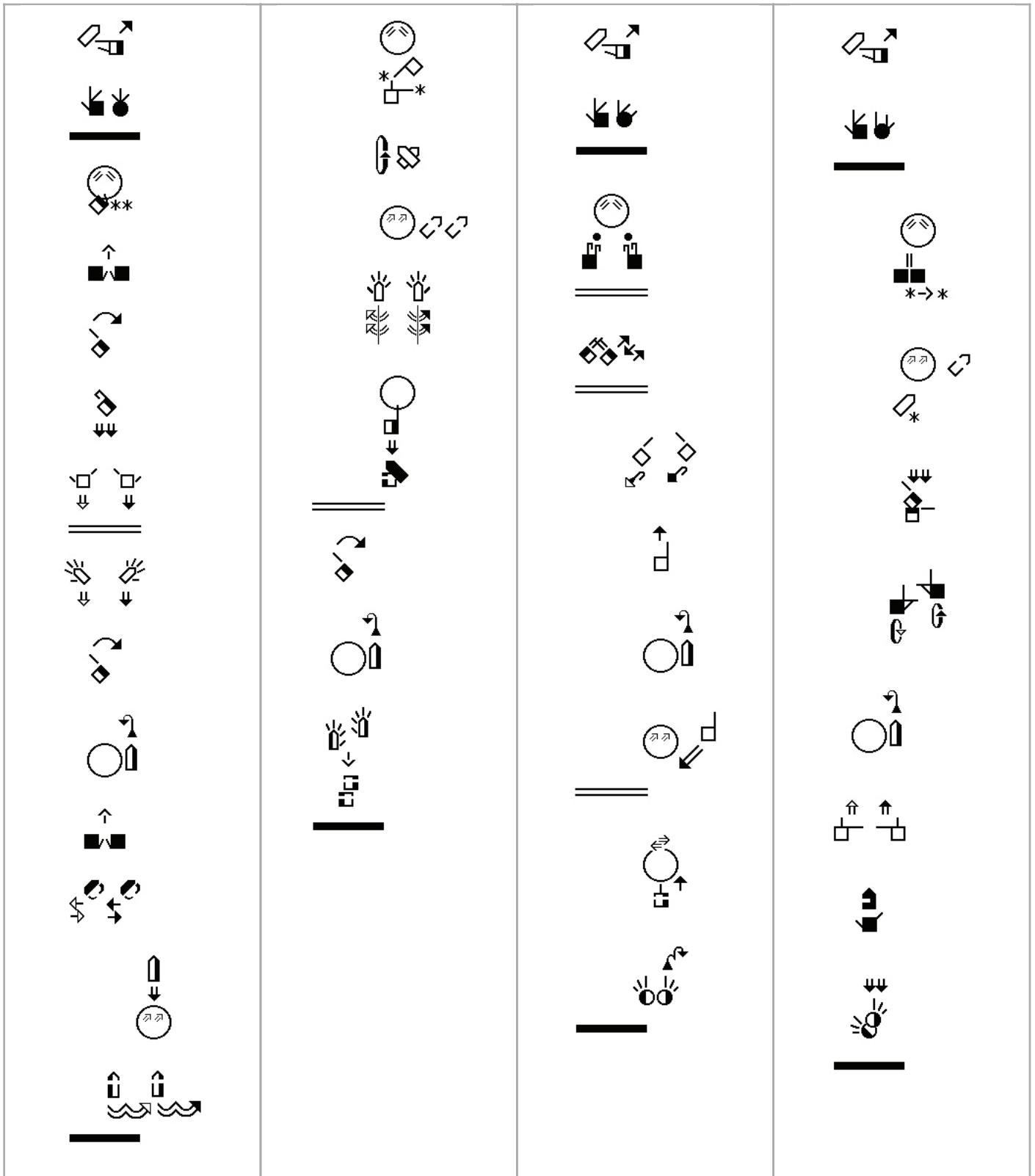
Verse 32. Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. Verse 33. Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.

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Hebrews 10:34-35



Verse 34. You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. Verse 35. So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!



Verse 36. Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. Verse 37. "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. Verse 38. And my righteous ones will live by faith.

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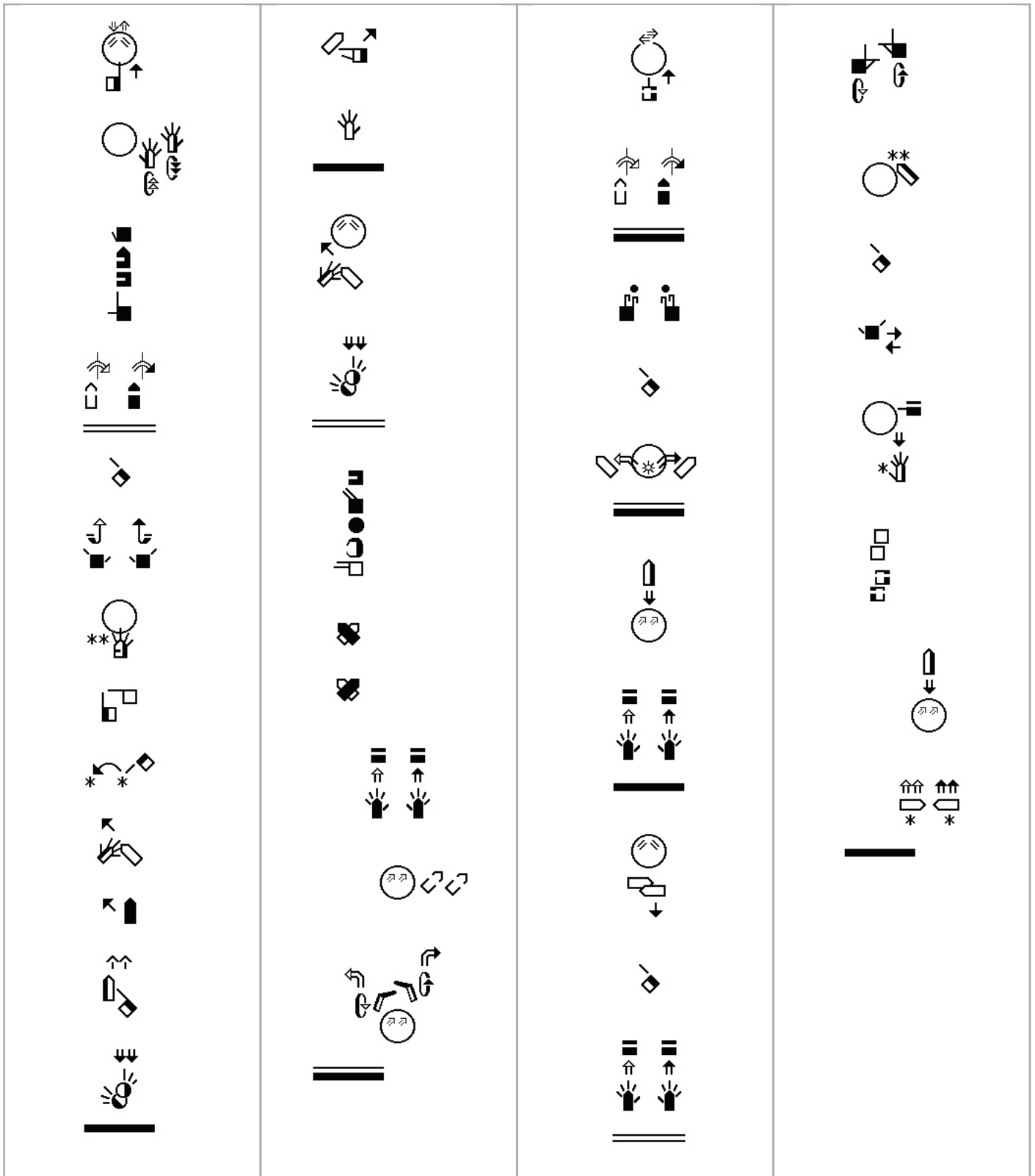
Chapter 11. Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Verse 2. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. Verse 3. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command,

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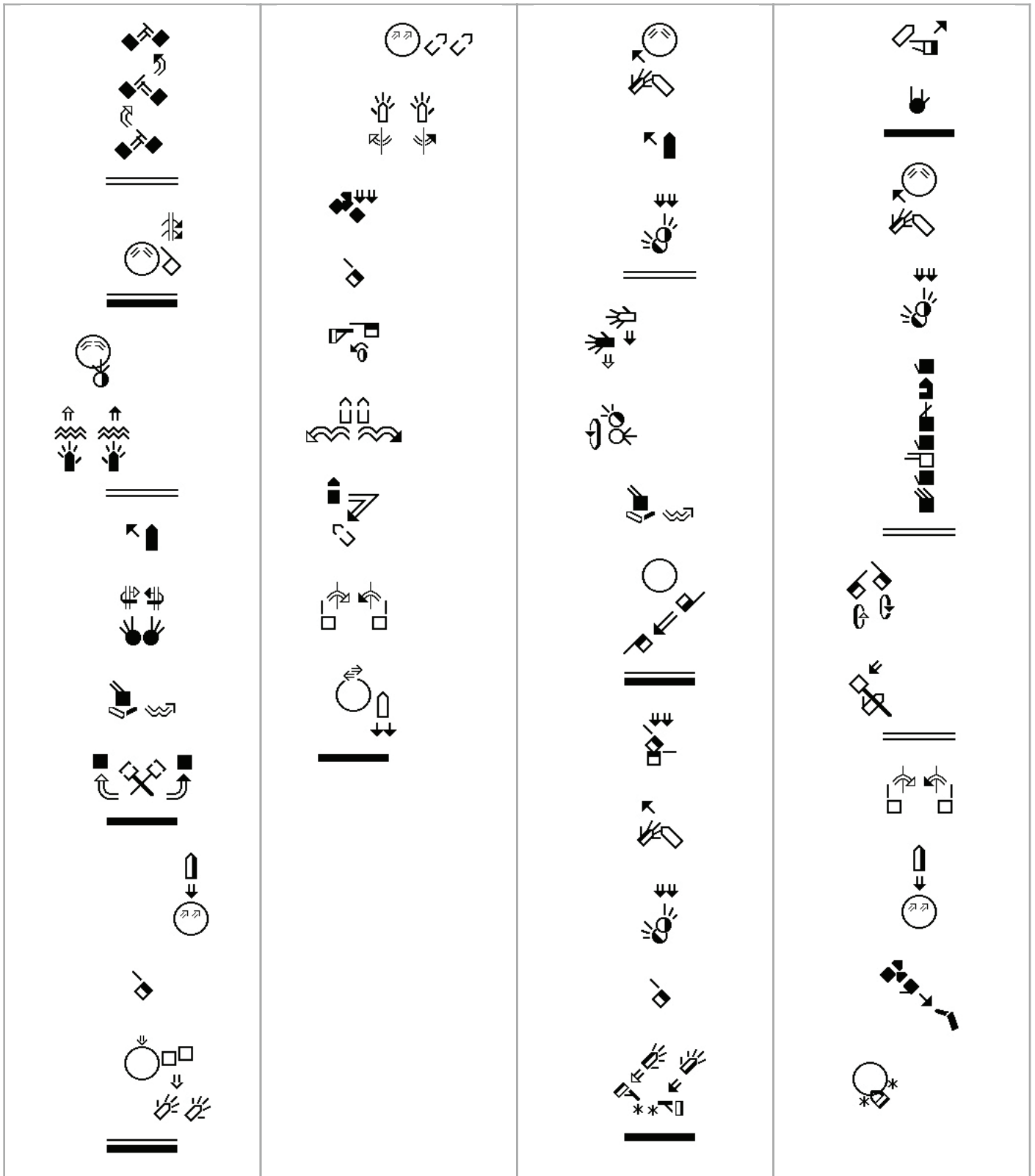
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that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. Verse 4. It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. NLT



Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. Verse 5. It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying -- "he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.

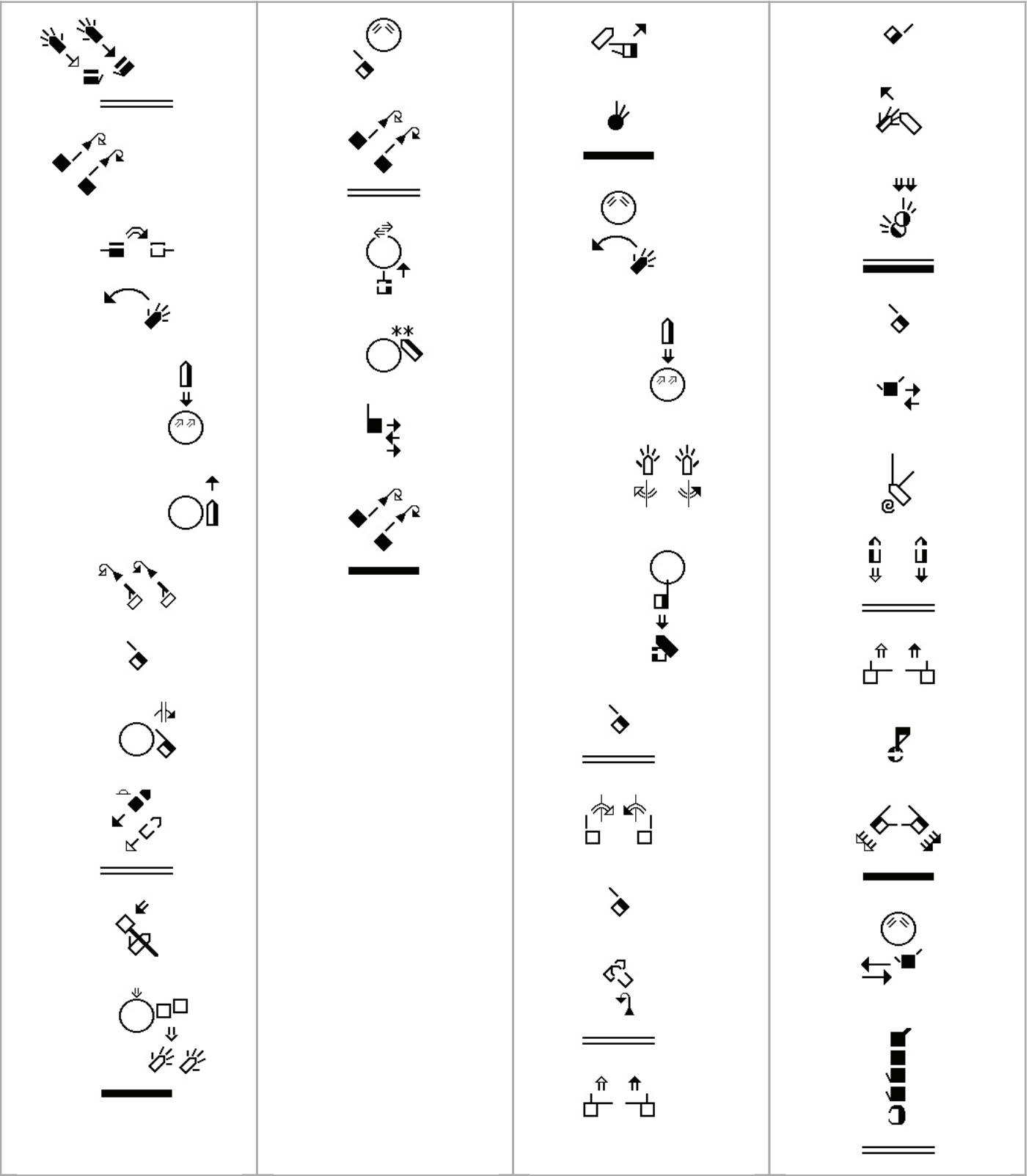
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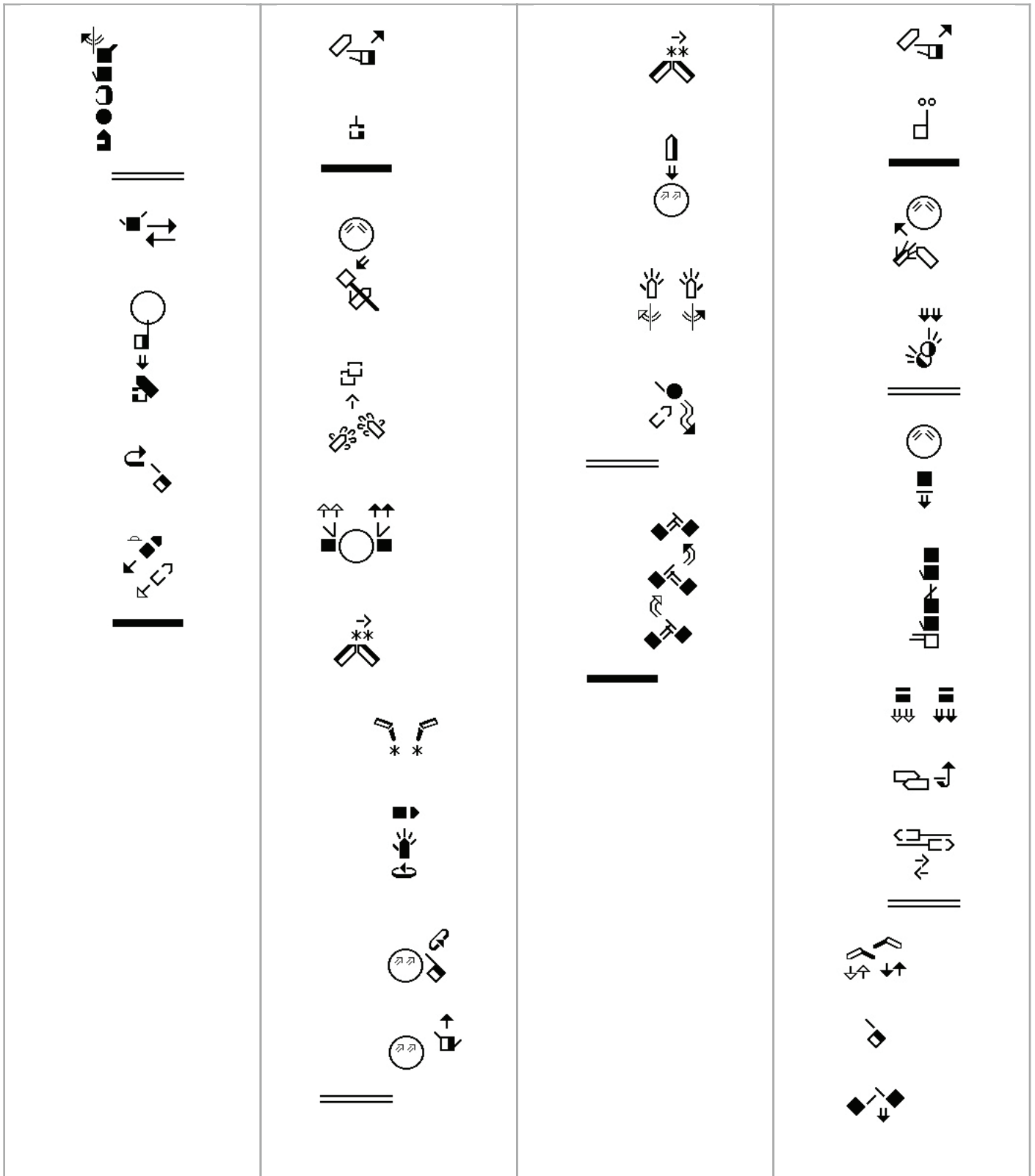
built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. Verse 8. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him

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Hebrews 11:8-9

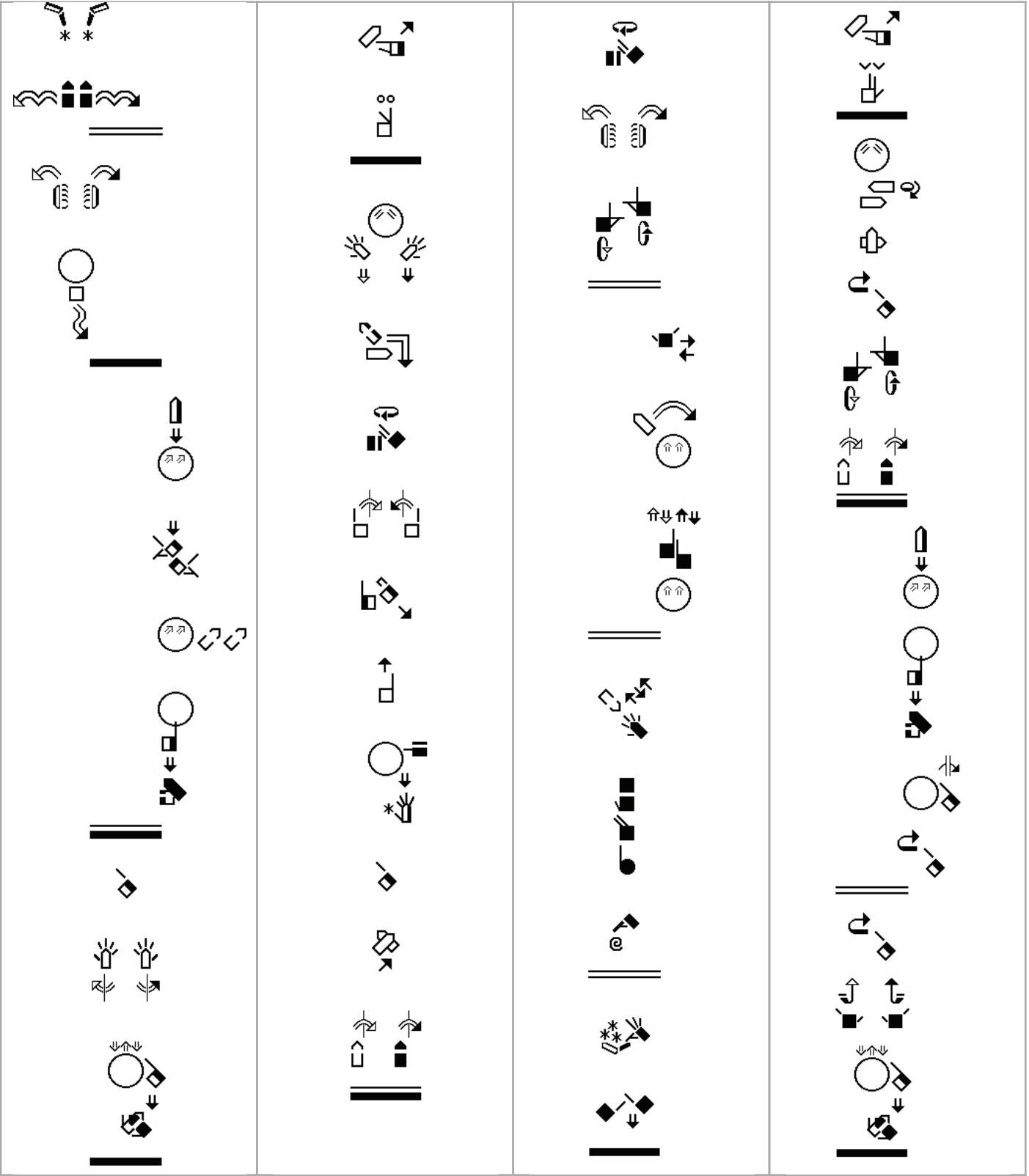


to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Verse 9. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith -- for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac



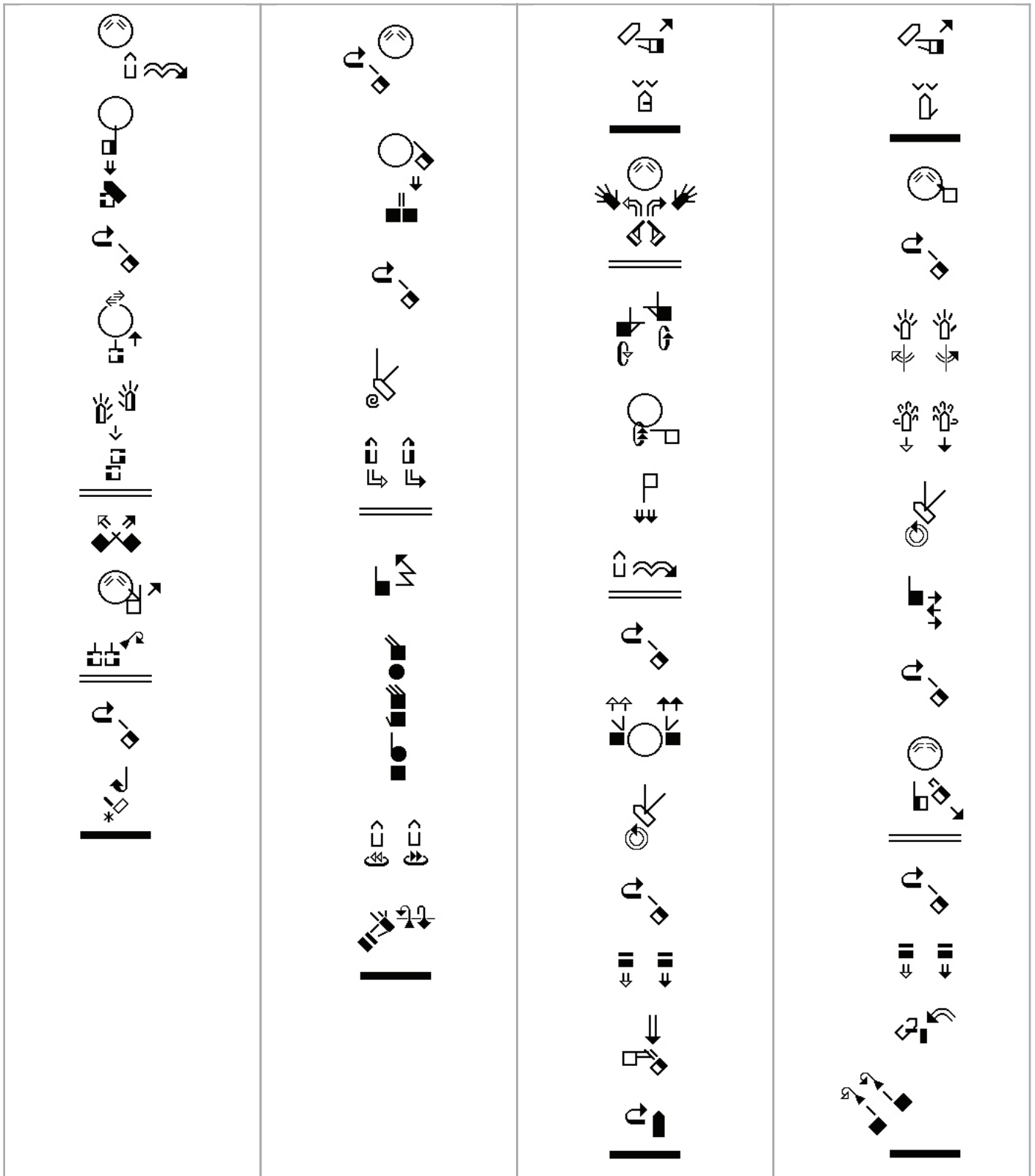
and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Verse 10. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. Verse 11. It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was NLT

Hebrews 11:11-13



barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. Verse 12. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead -- a nation with so many people that like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them. Verse 13. All these people died still believing what God had promised them.

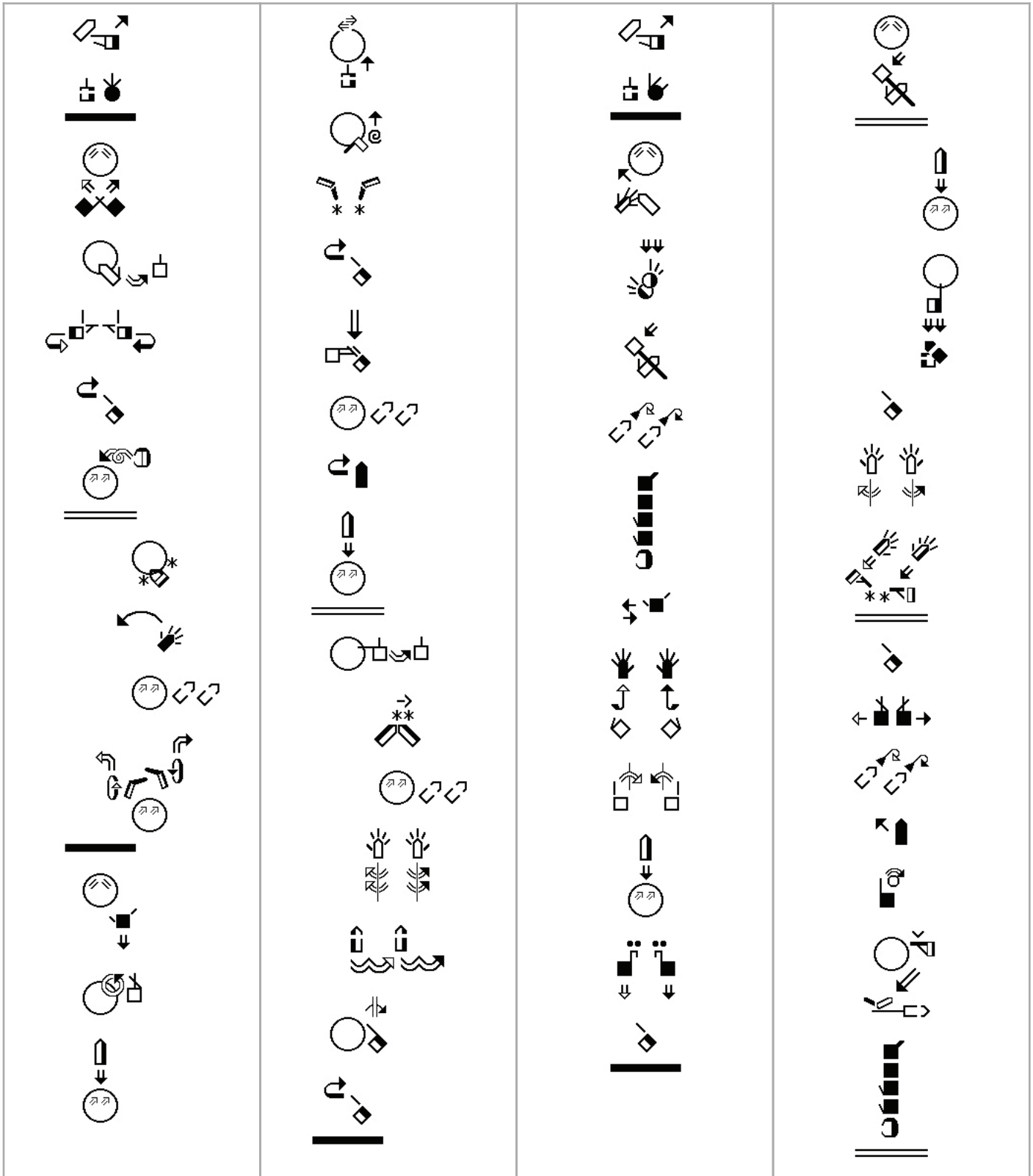
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They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Verse 14. Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. Verse 15. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back.

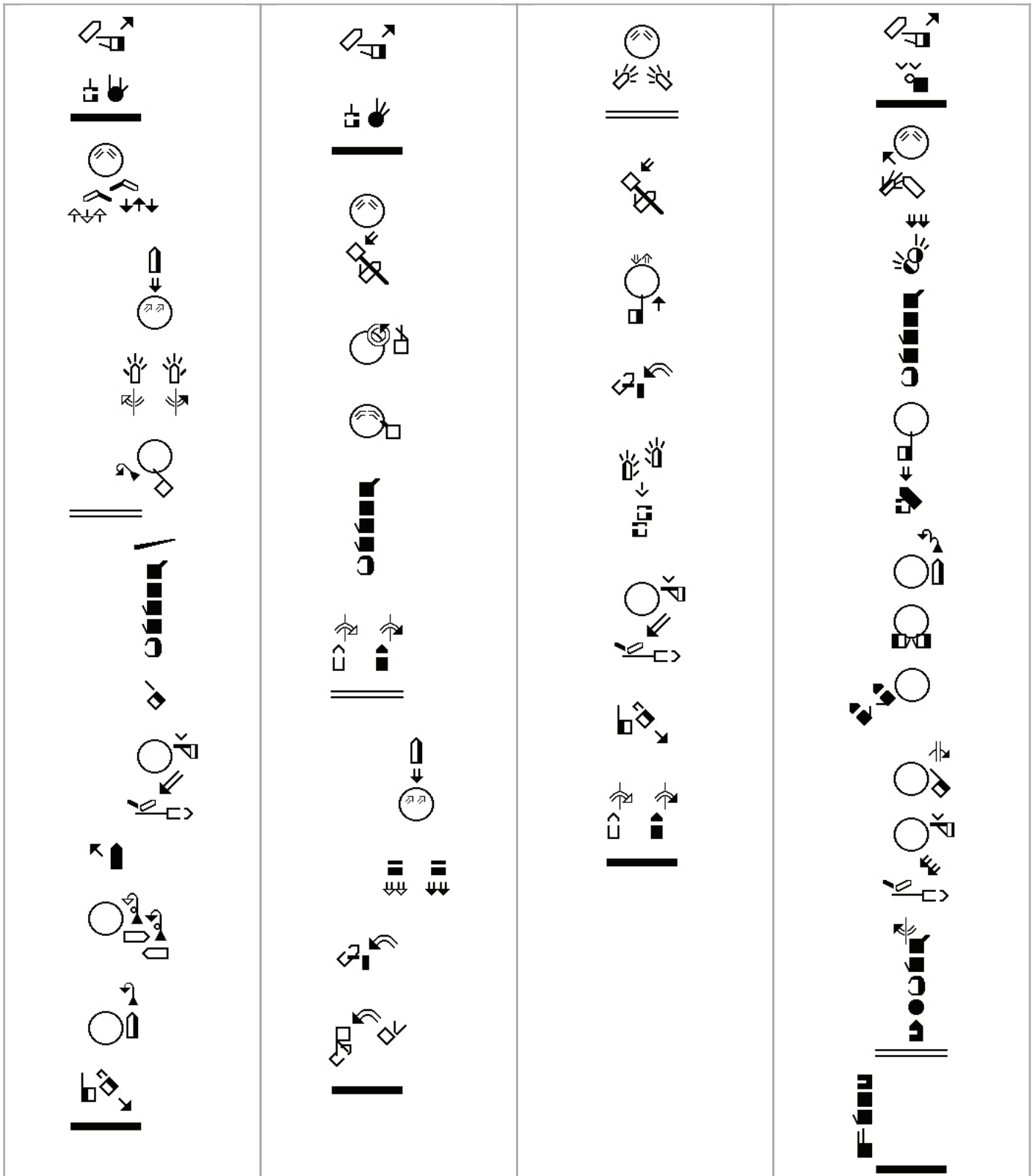
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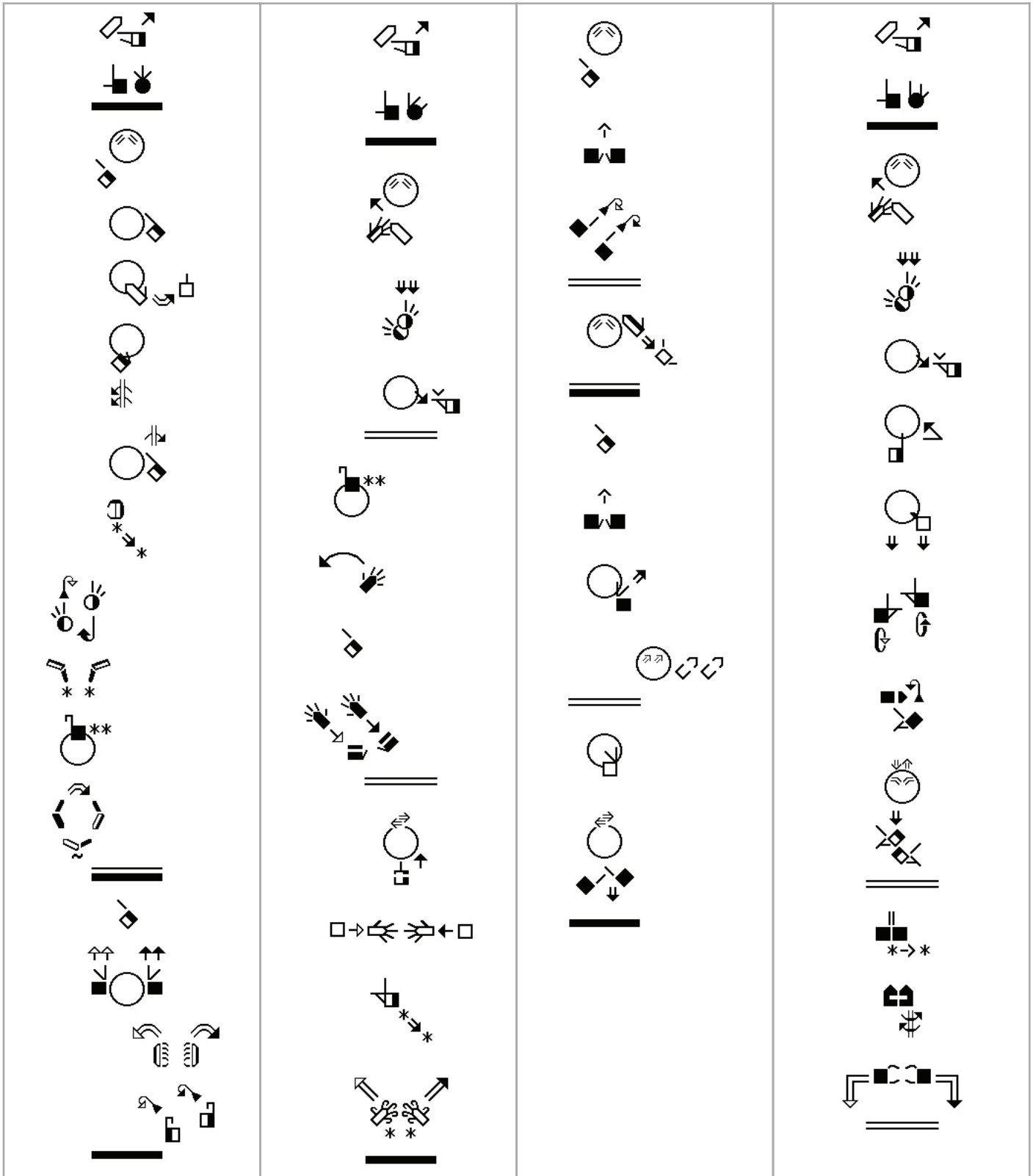
Verse 16. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Verse 17. It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac,

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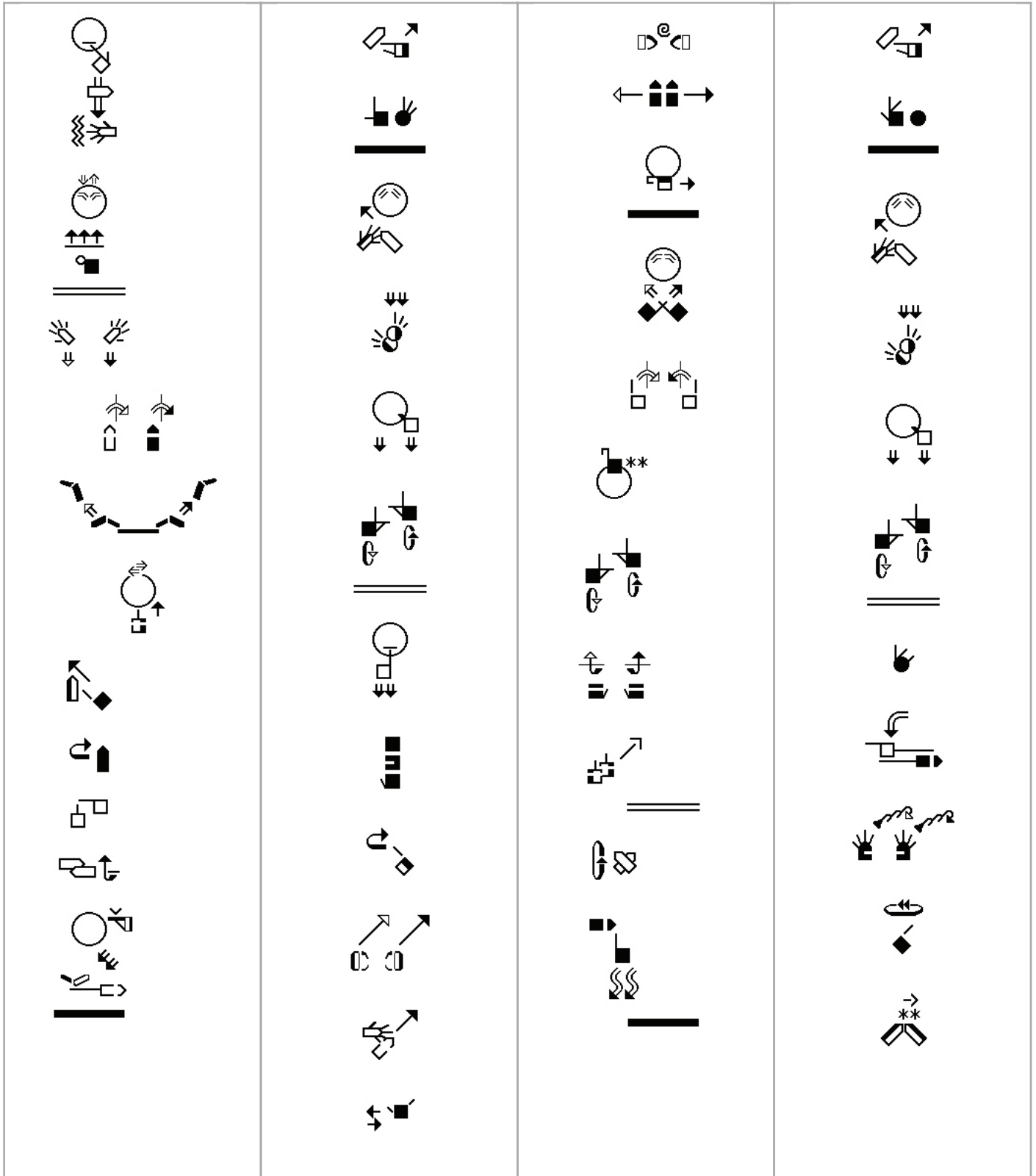
Verse 18. even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Verse 19. Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead. Verse 20. It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. NLT

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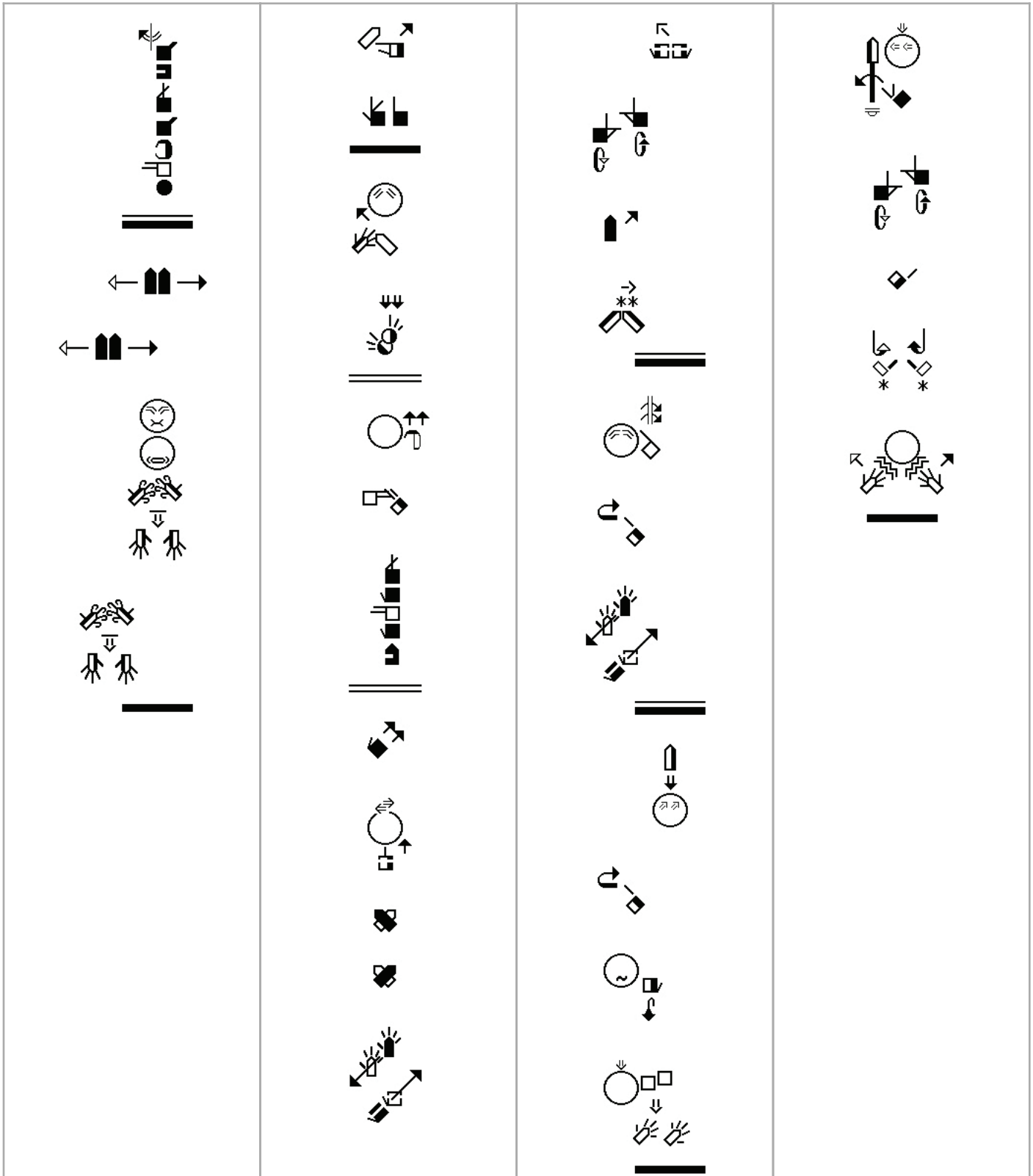
Verse 26. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. Verse 27. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. Verse 28. It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and

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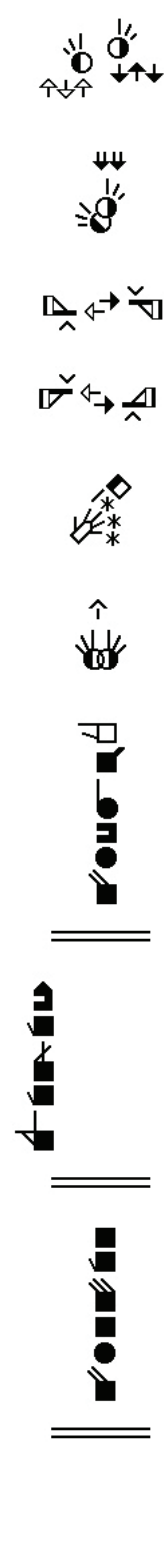
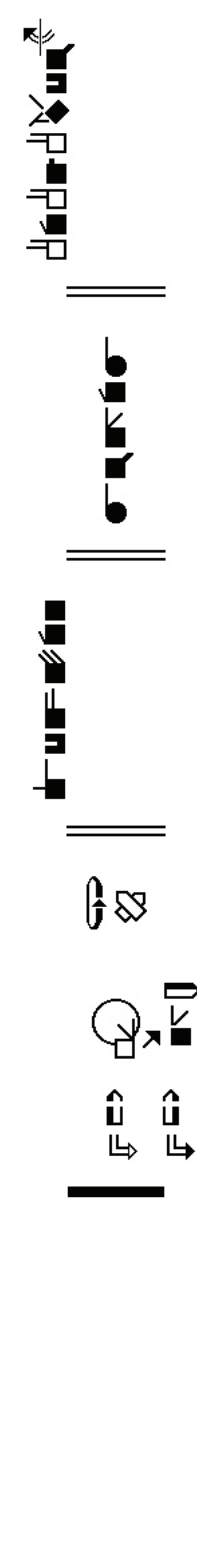
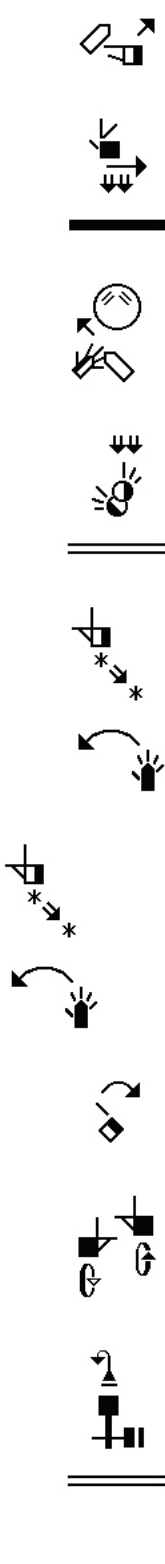


to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons. Verse 29. It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned. Verse 30. It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around NLT

Hebrews 11:30-31



Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down. Verse 31. It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. NLT

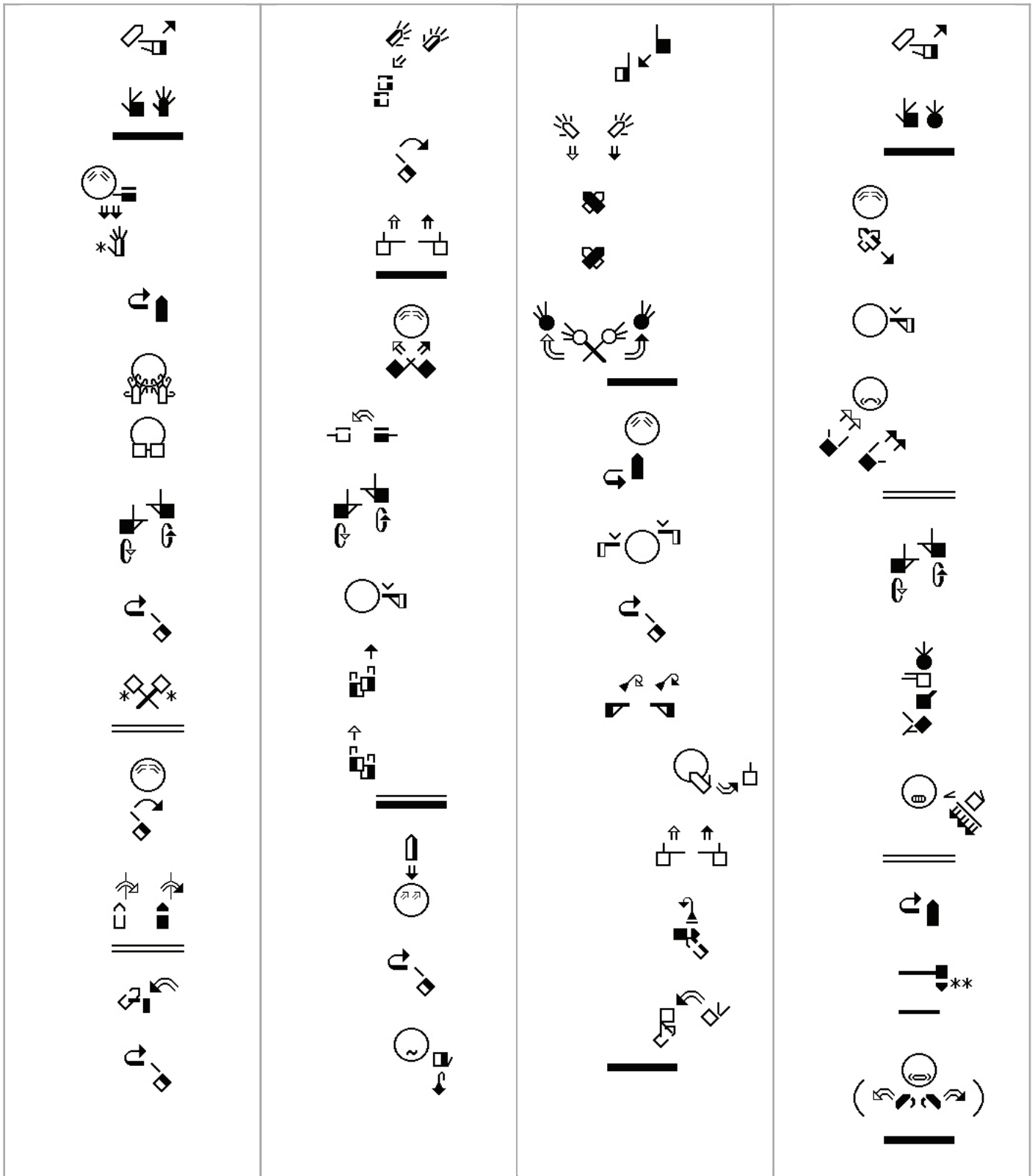
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Verse 32. How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.
 Verse 33. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, NLT

Hebrews 11:33-34

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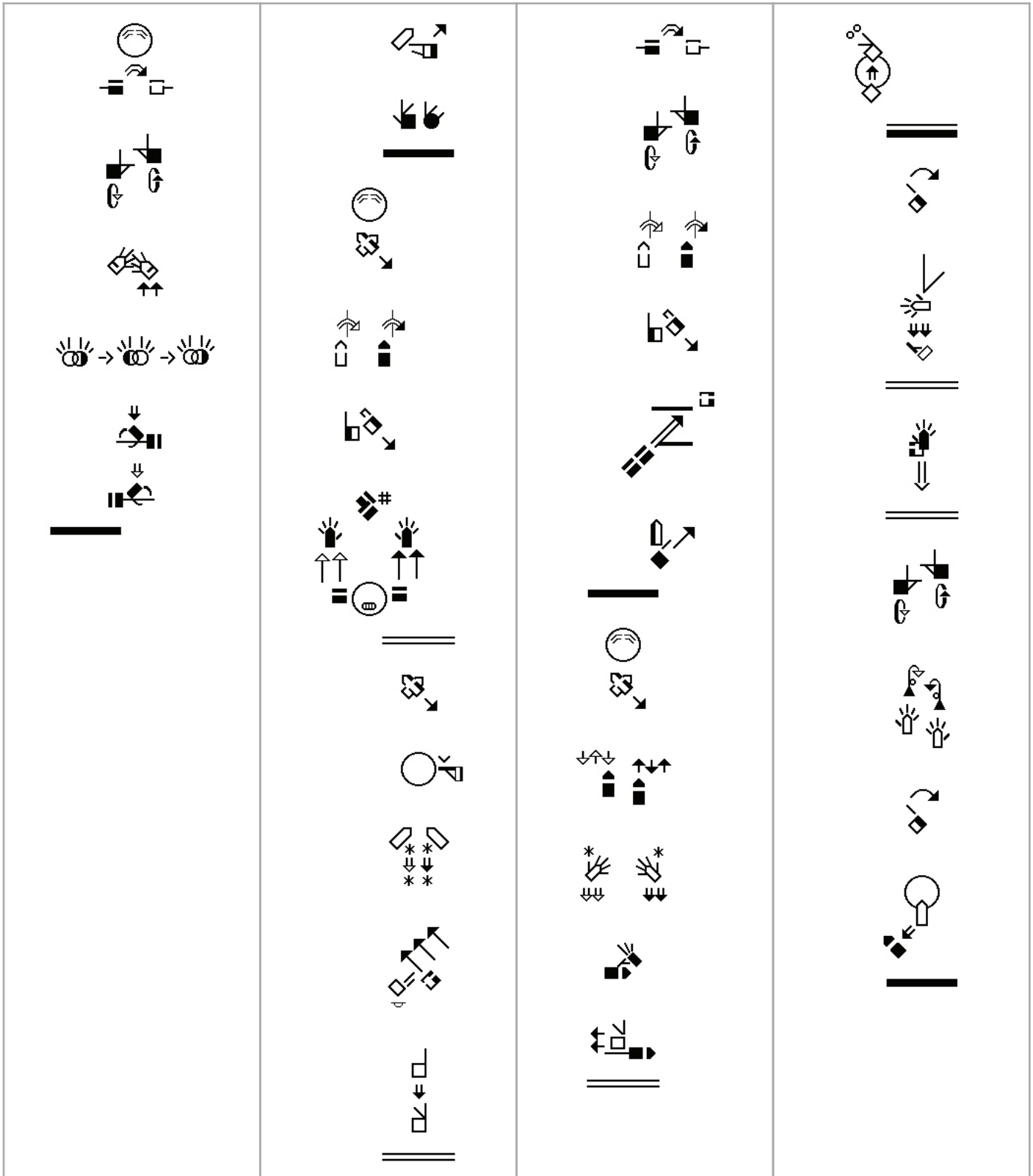
ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. NLT

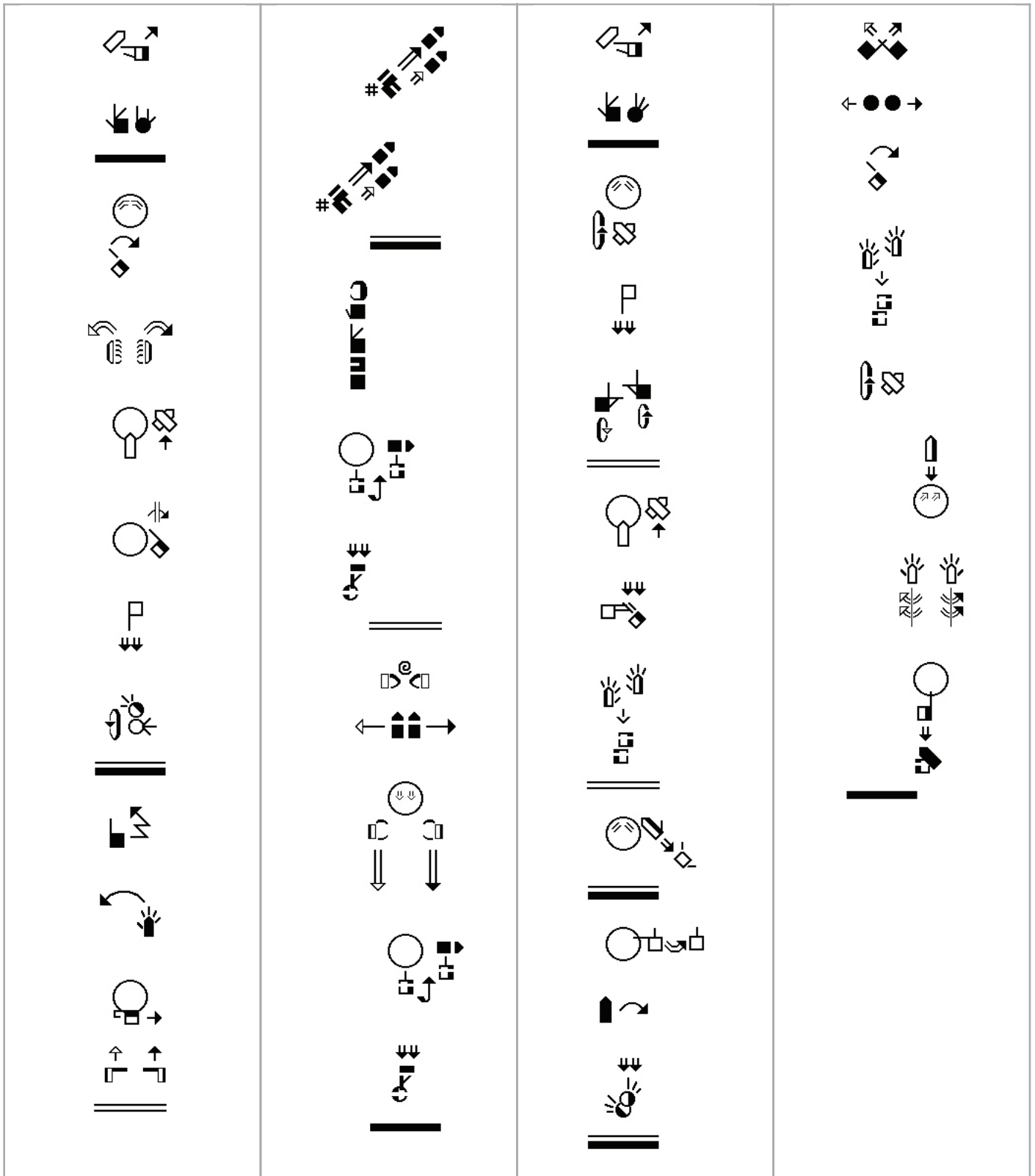


Verse 35. Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. Verse 36. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips.

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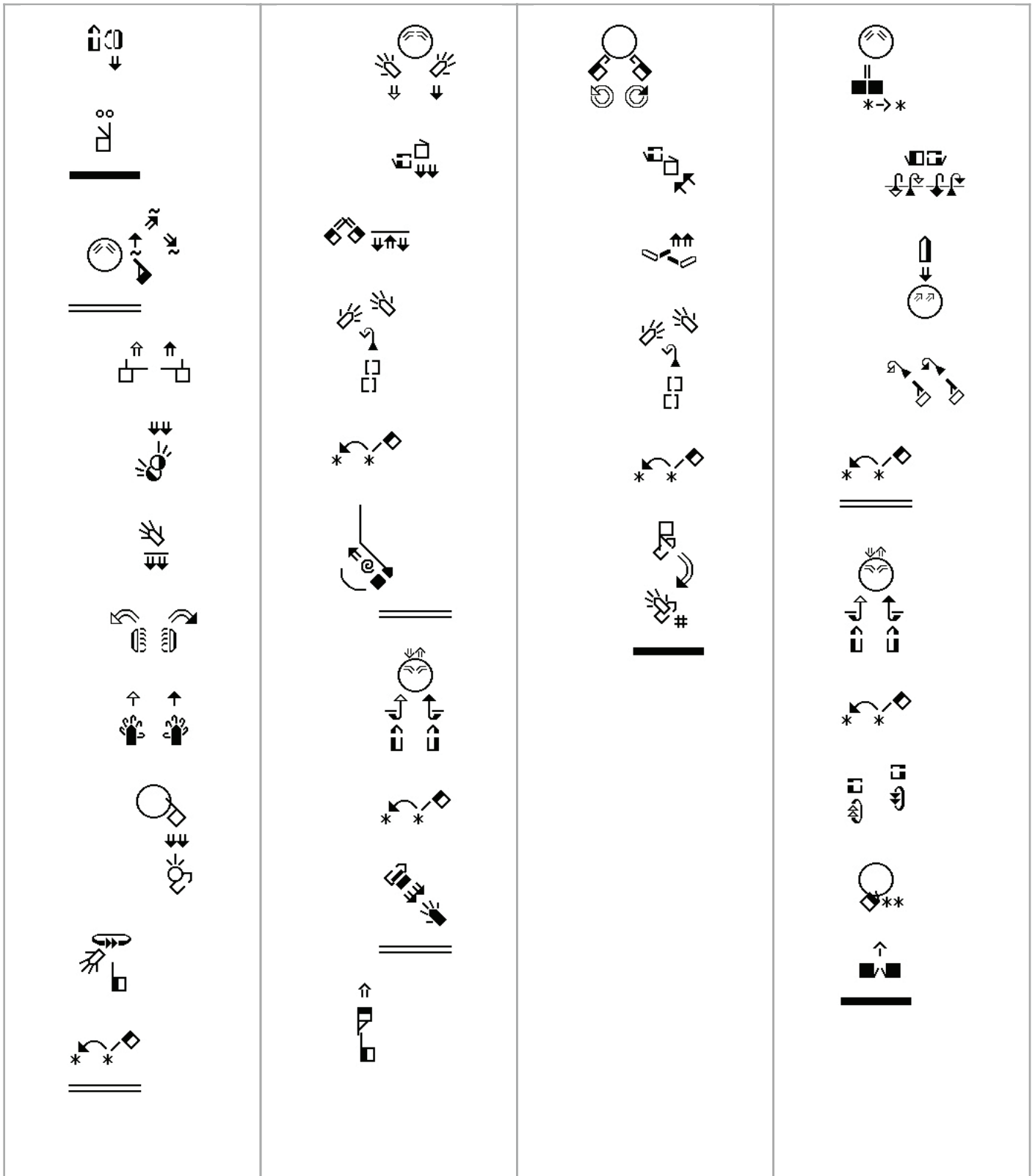




Verse 38. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. Verse 39. All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. NLT

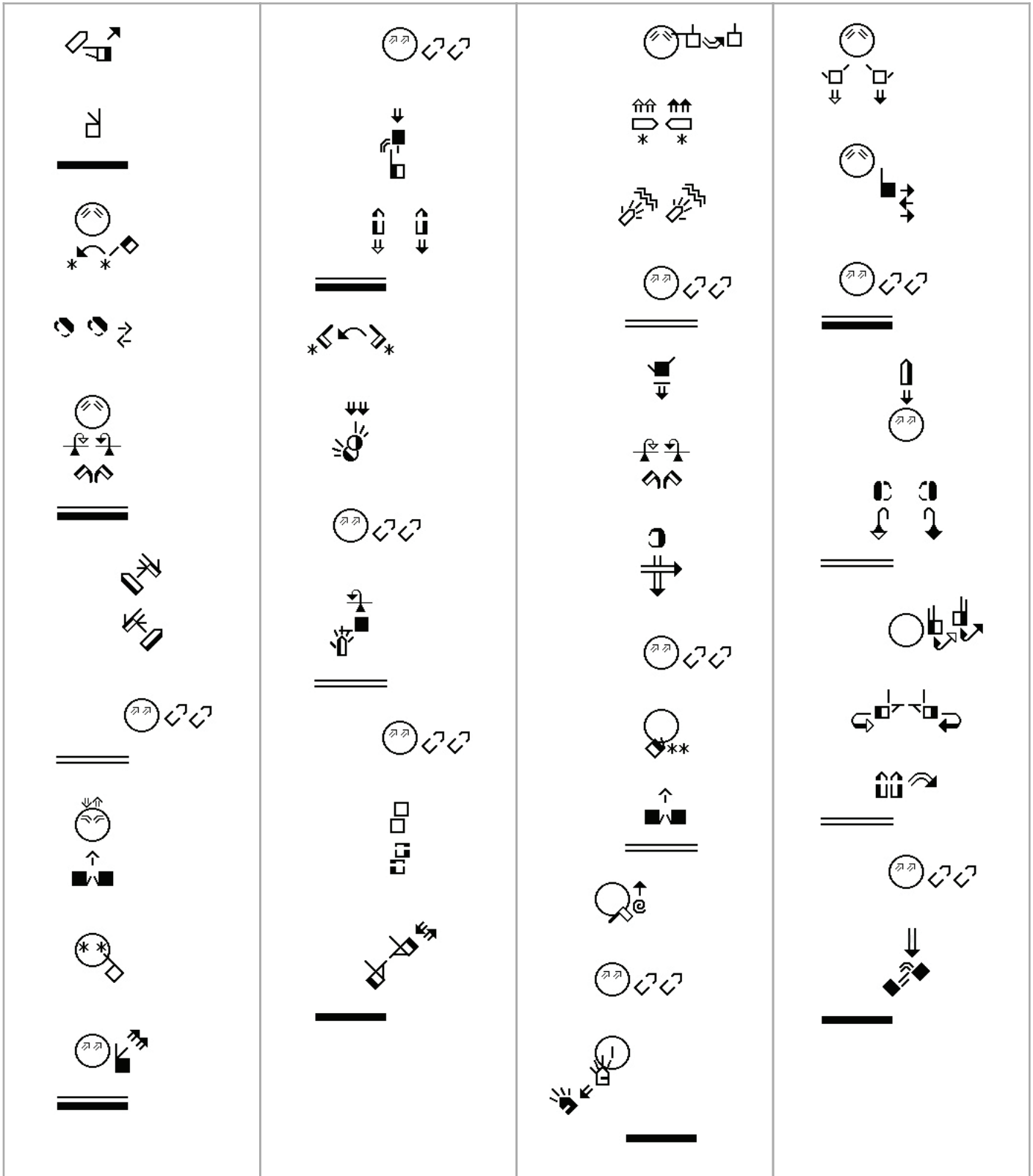
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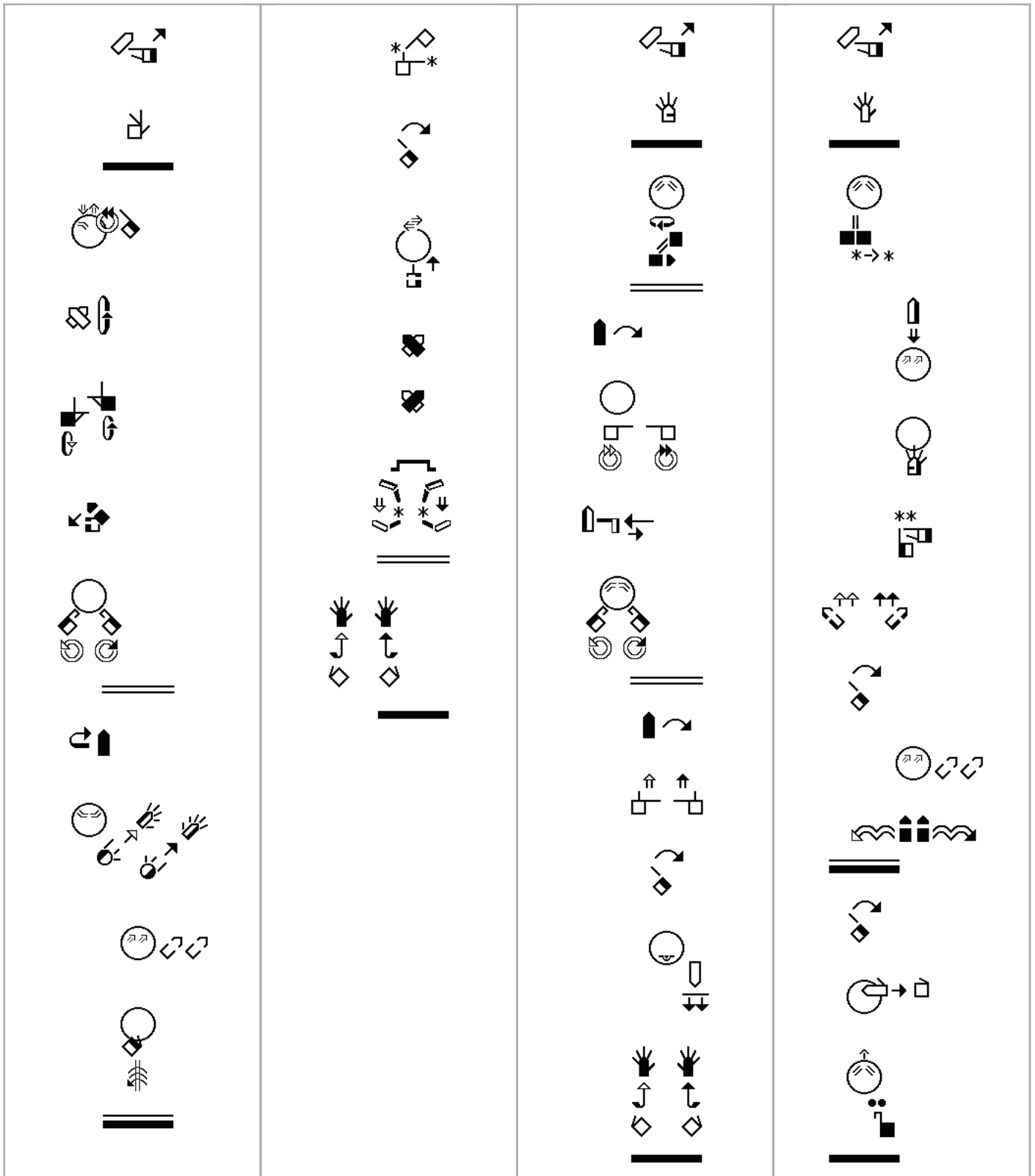


Chapter 12. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. NLT

Hebrews 12:2



Verse 2. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. NLT



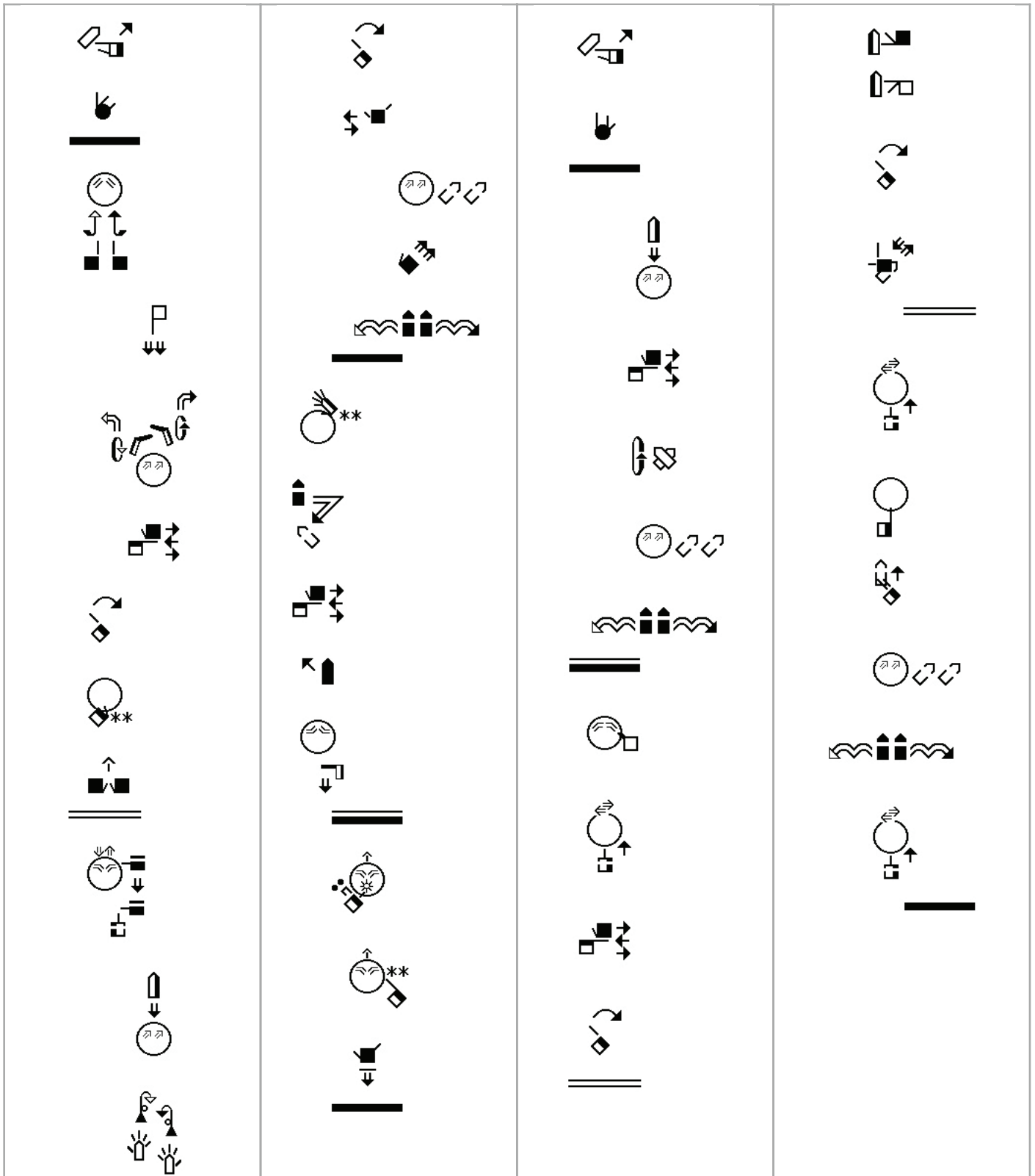
Verse 3. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. Verse 4. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. Verse 5. And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children?

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Hebrews 12:5-6

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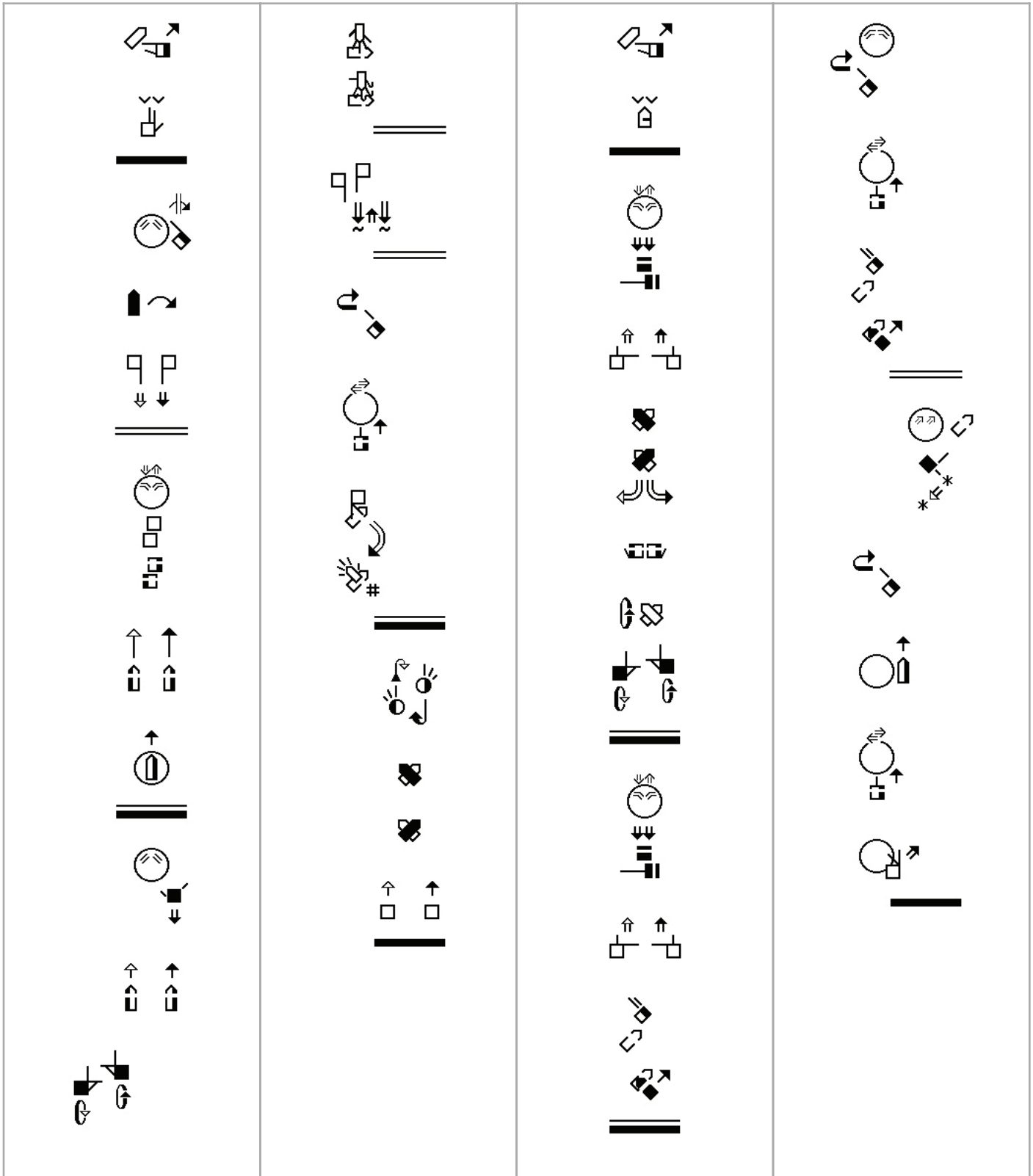
He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD'S discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. Verse 6. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."
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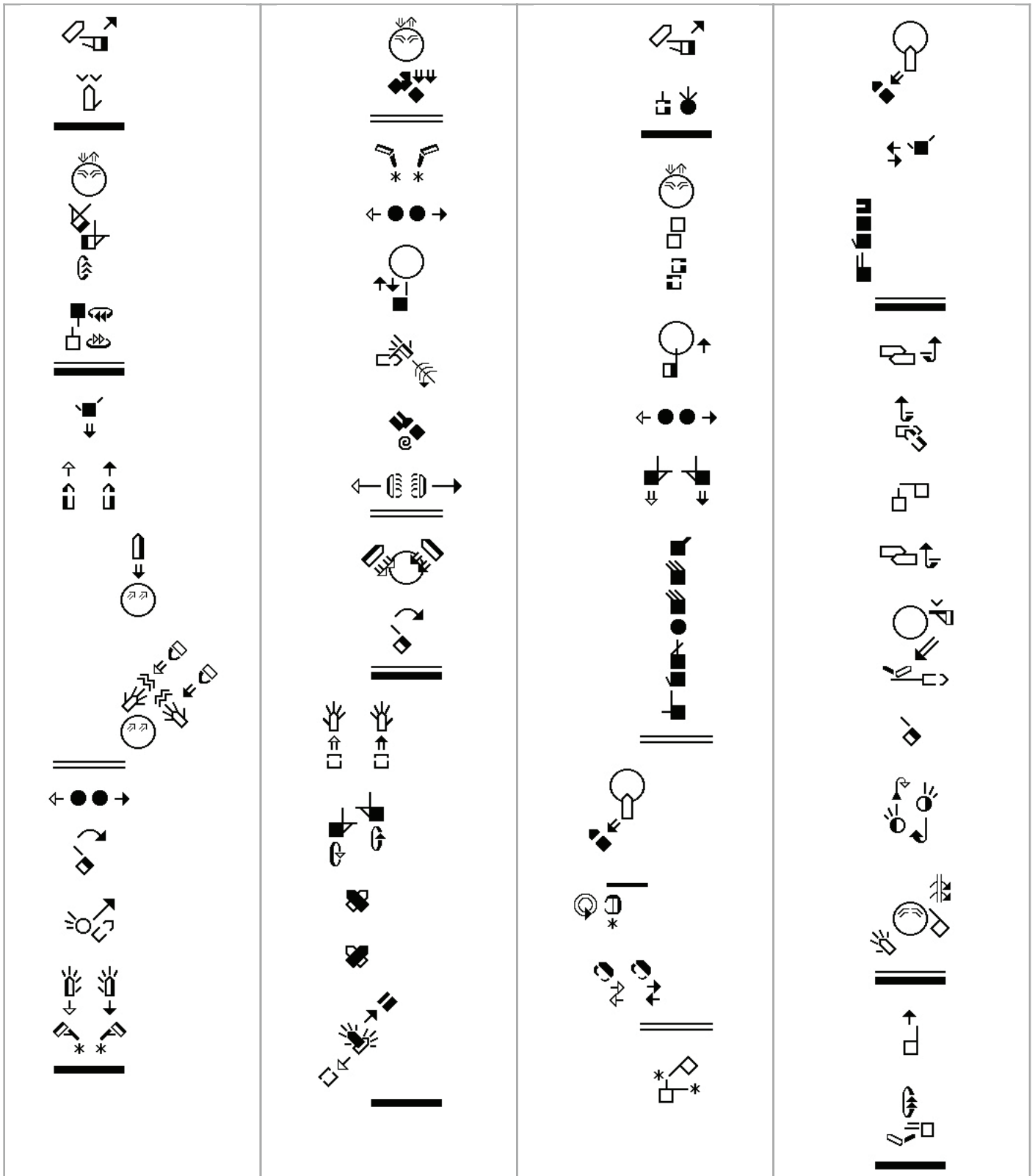


Verse 7. As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? Verse 8. If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

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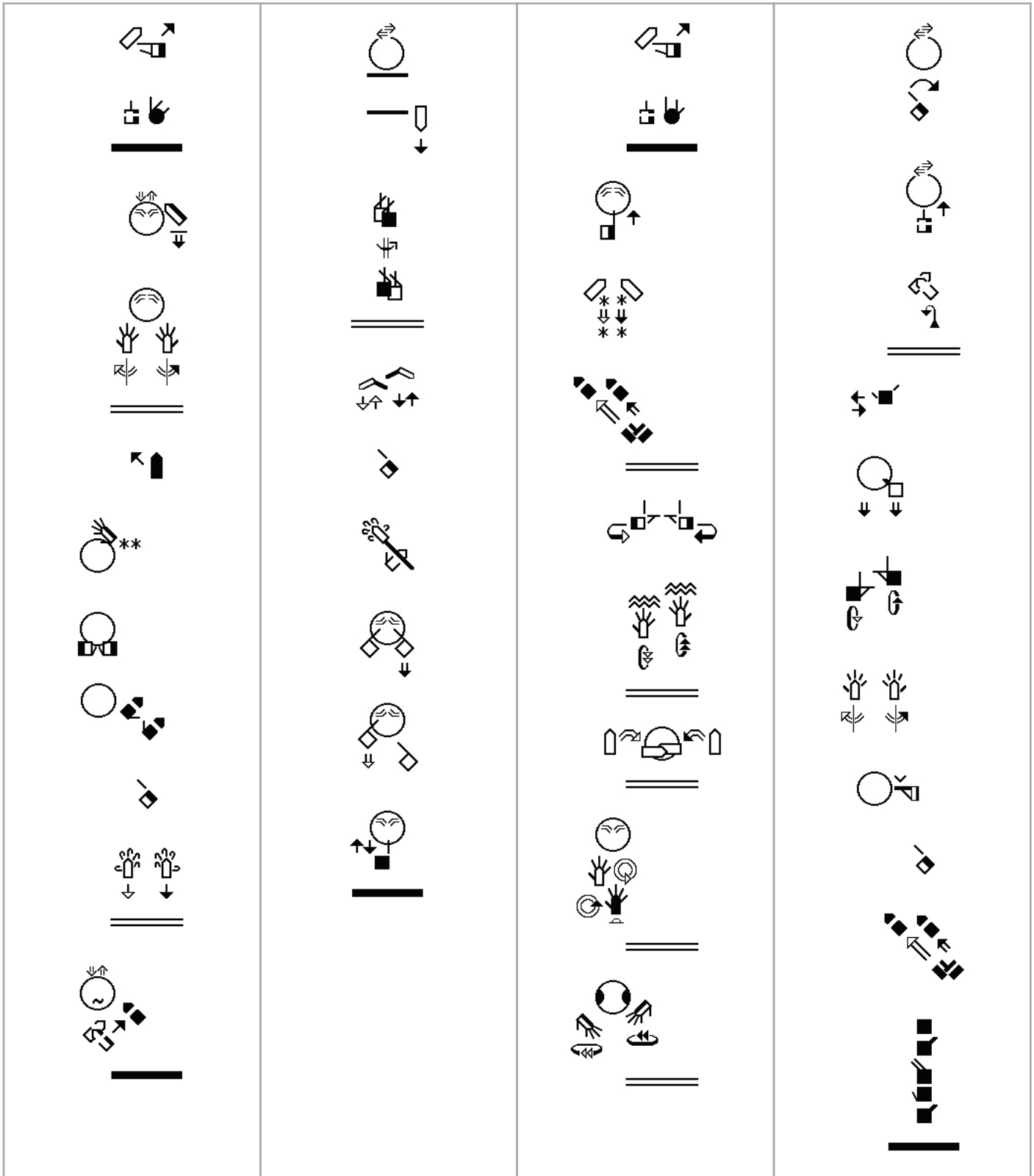




Verse 15. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. Verse 16. Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal.

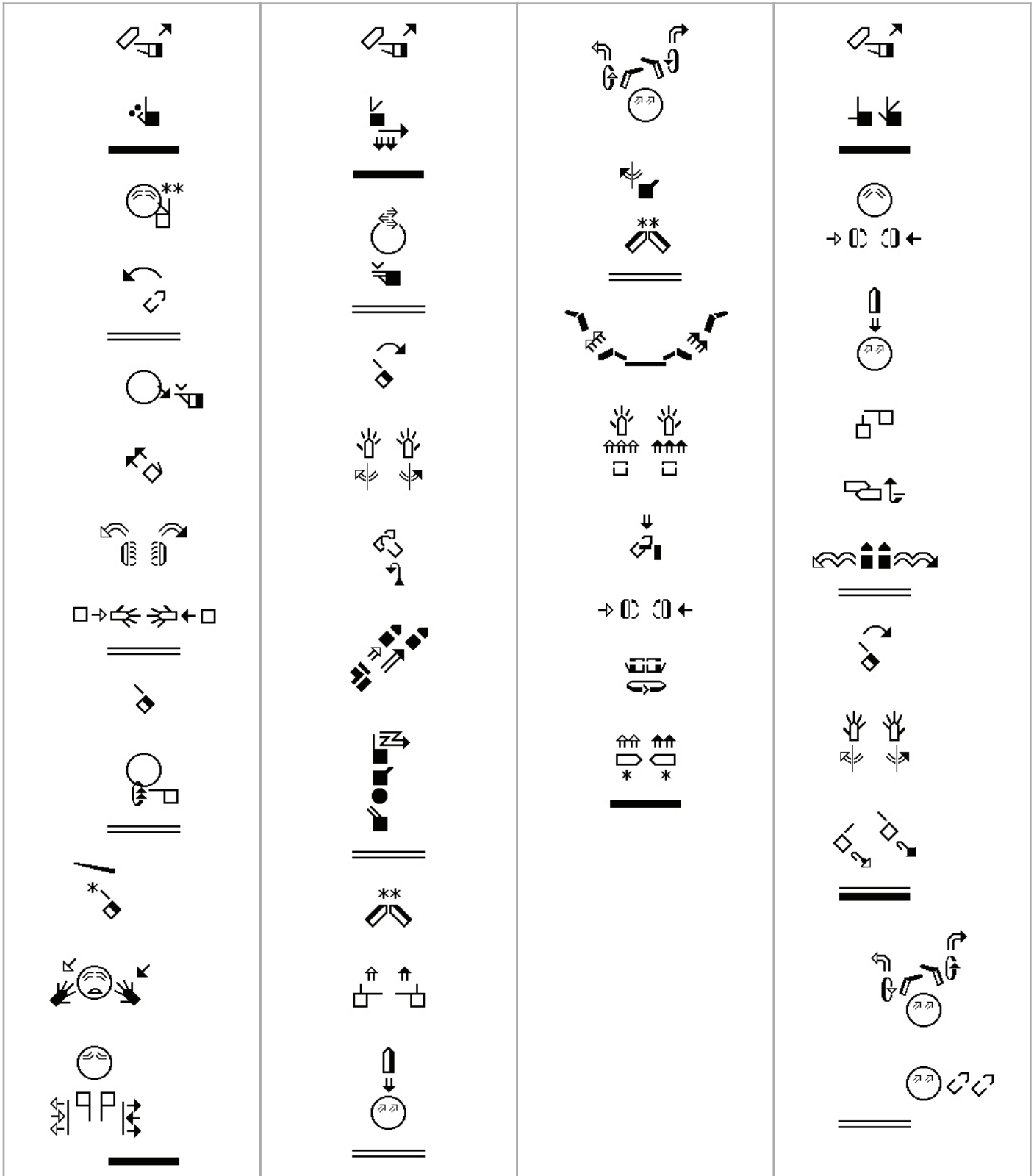
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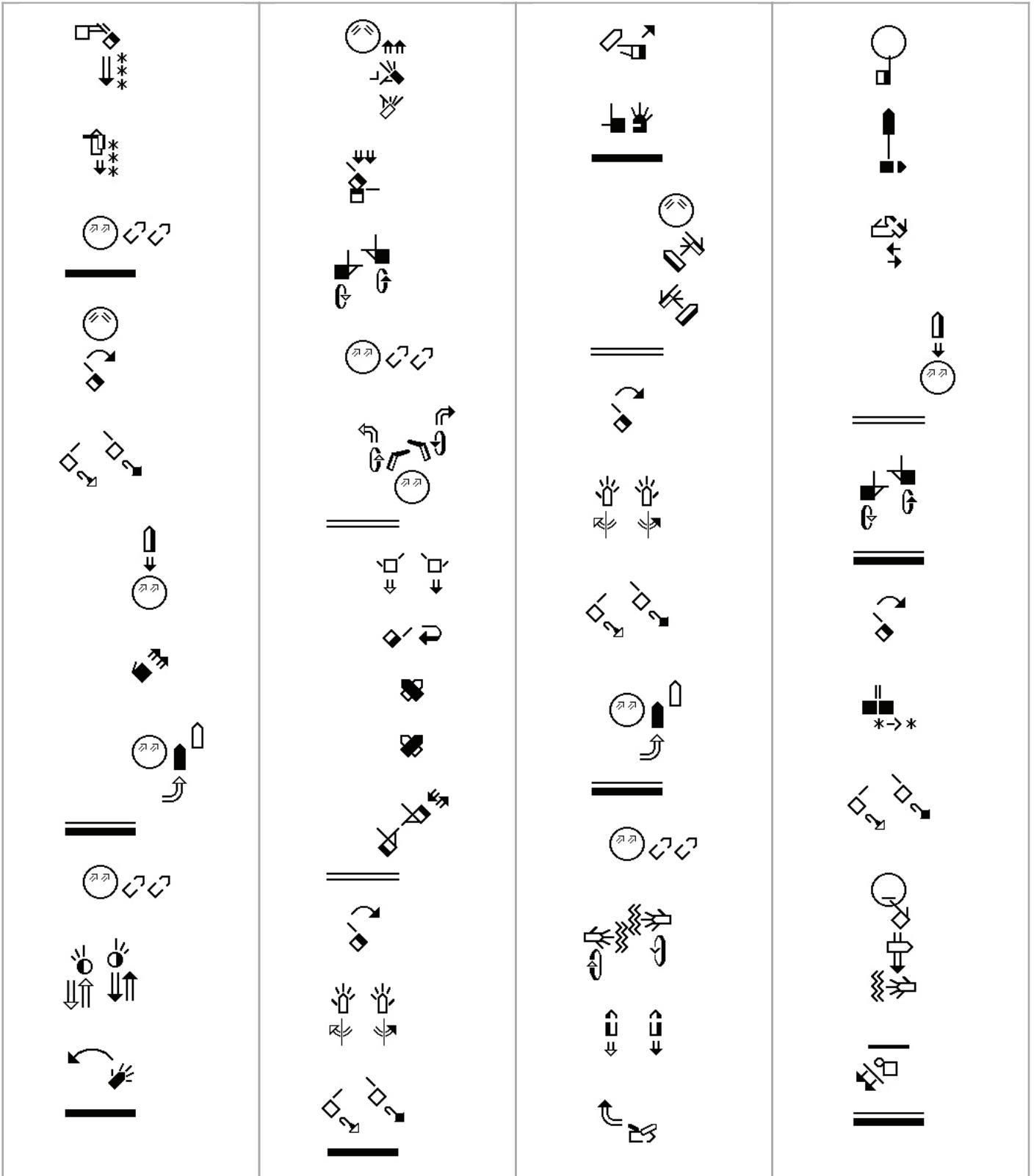


Verse 17. You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears. Verse 18. You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. NLT

Hebrews 12:21-23

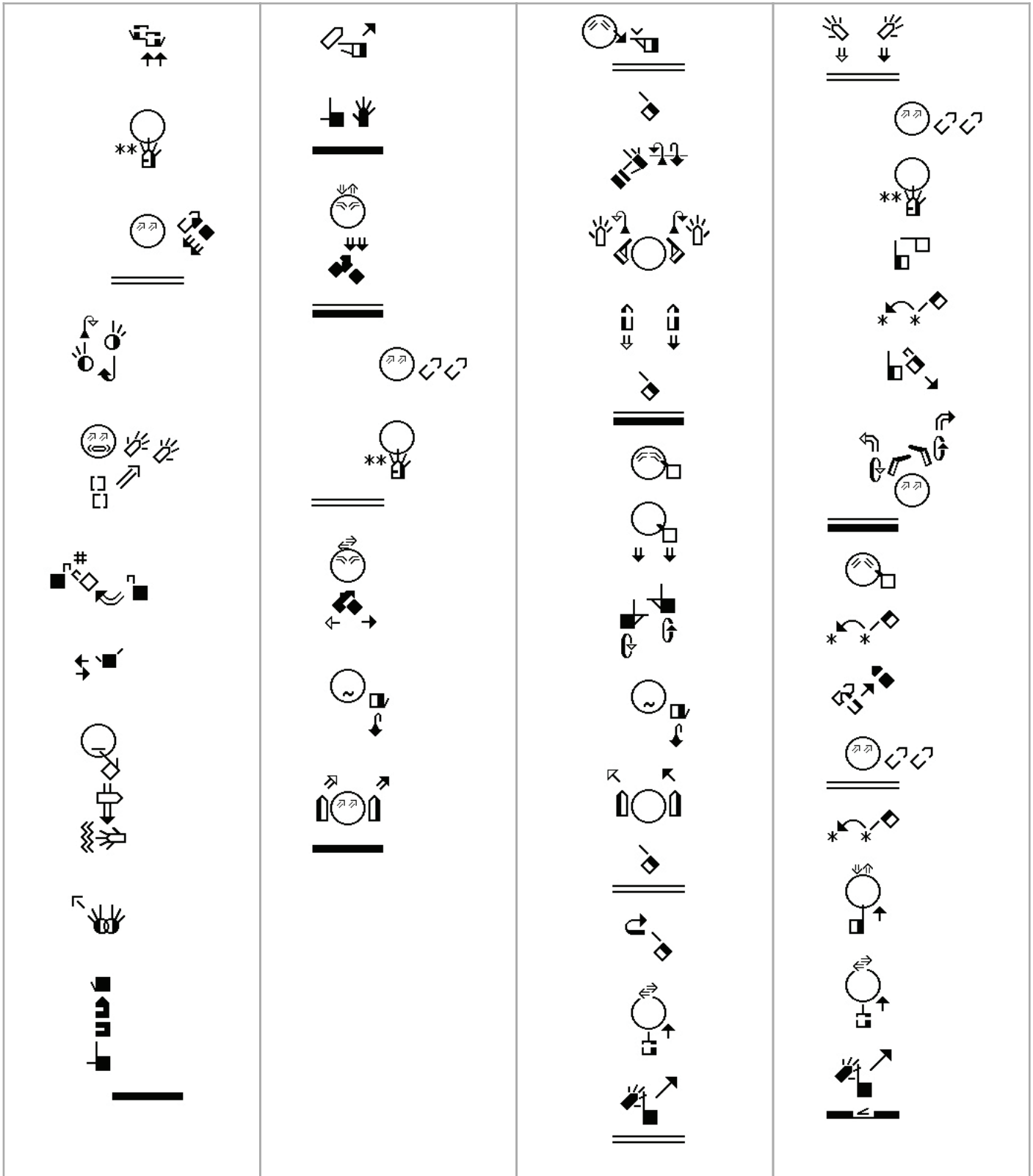


Verse 21. Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling." Verse 22. No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. Verse 23. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, NLT



whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. Verse 24. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood,

Hebrews 12:24-25

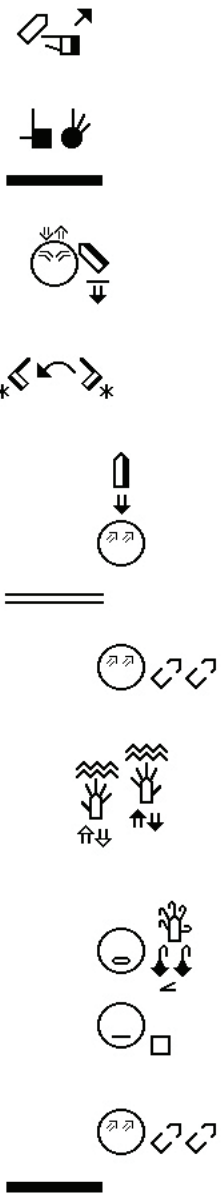


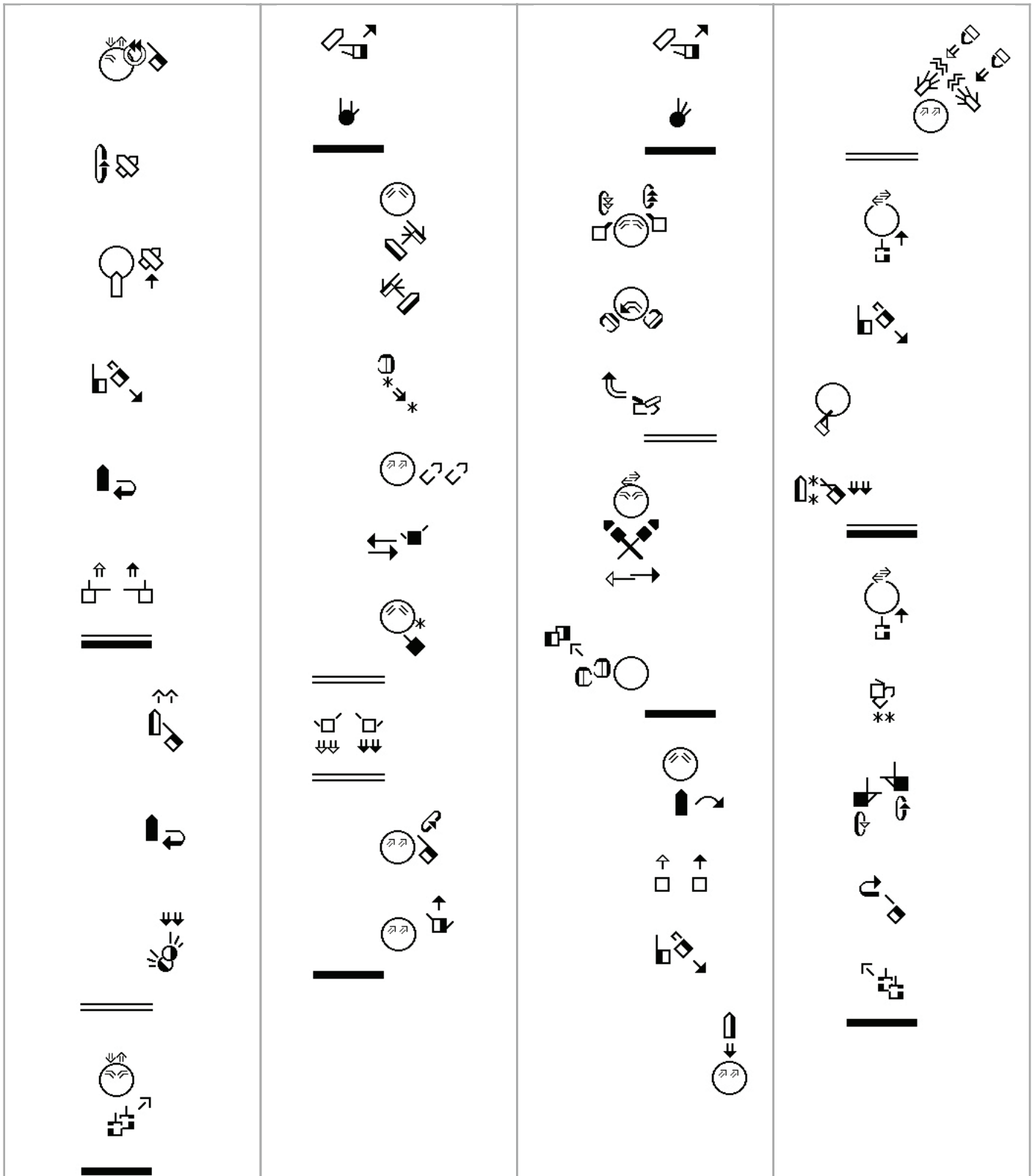
which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel. Verse 25. Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!

Hebrews 12:27-28

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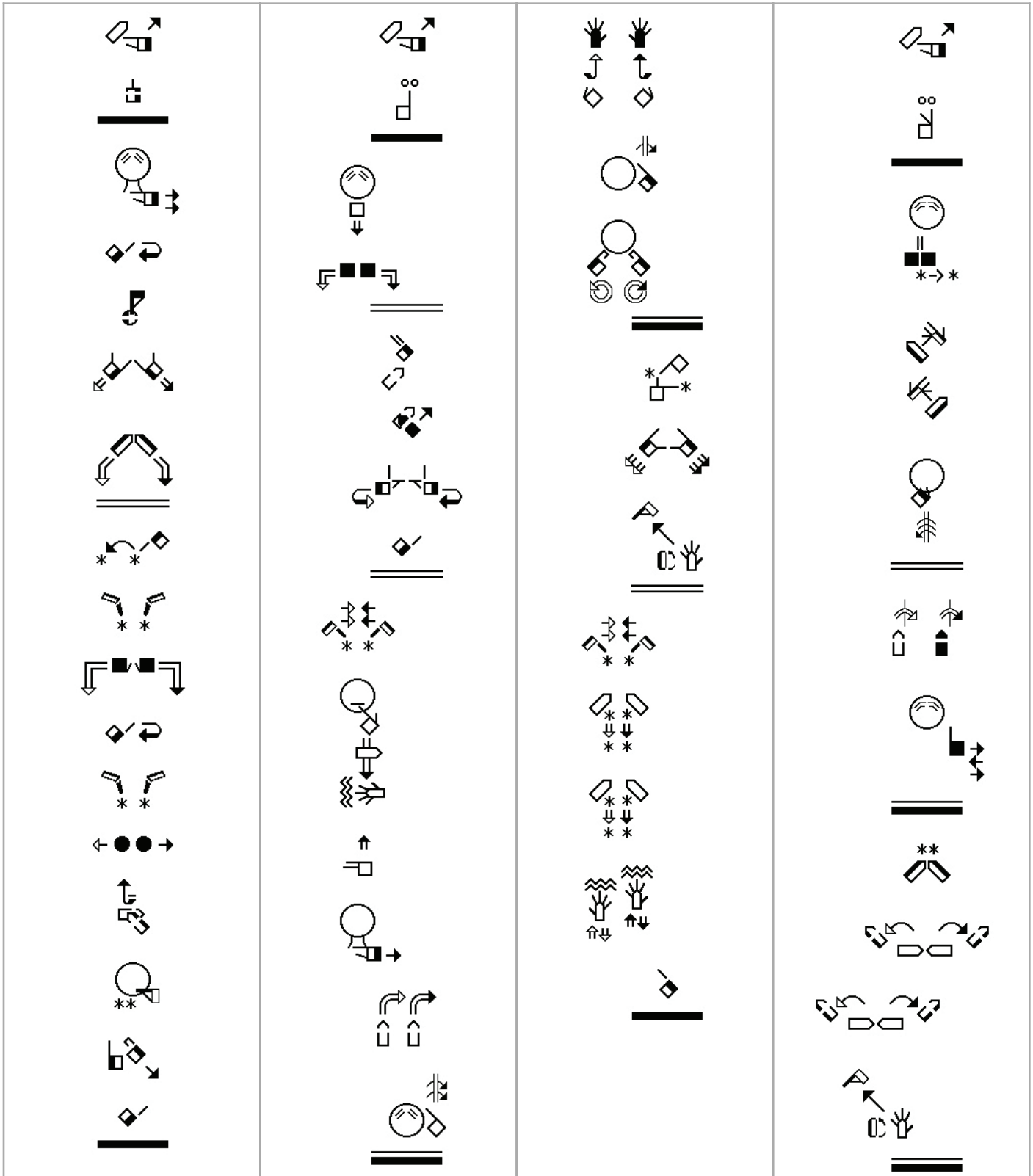
so that only unshakable things will remain. Verse 28. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

			
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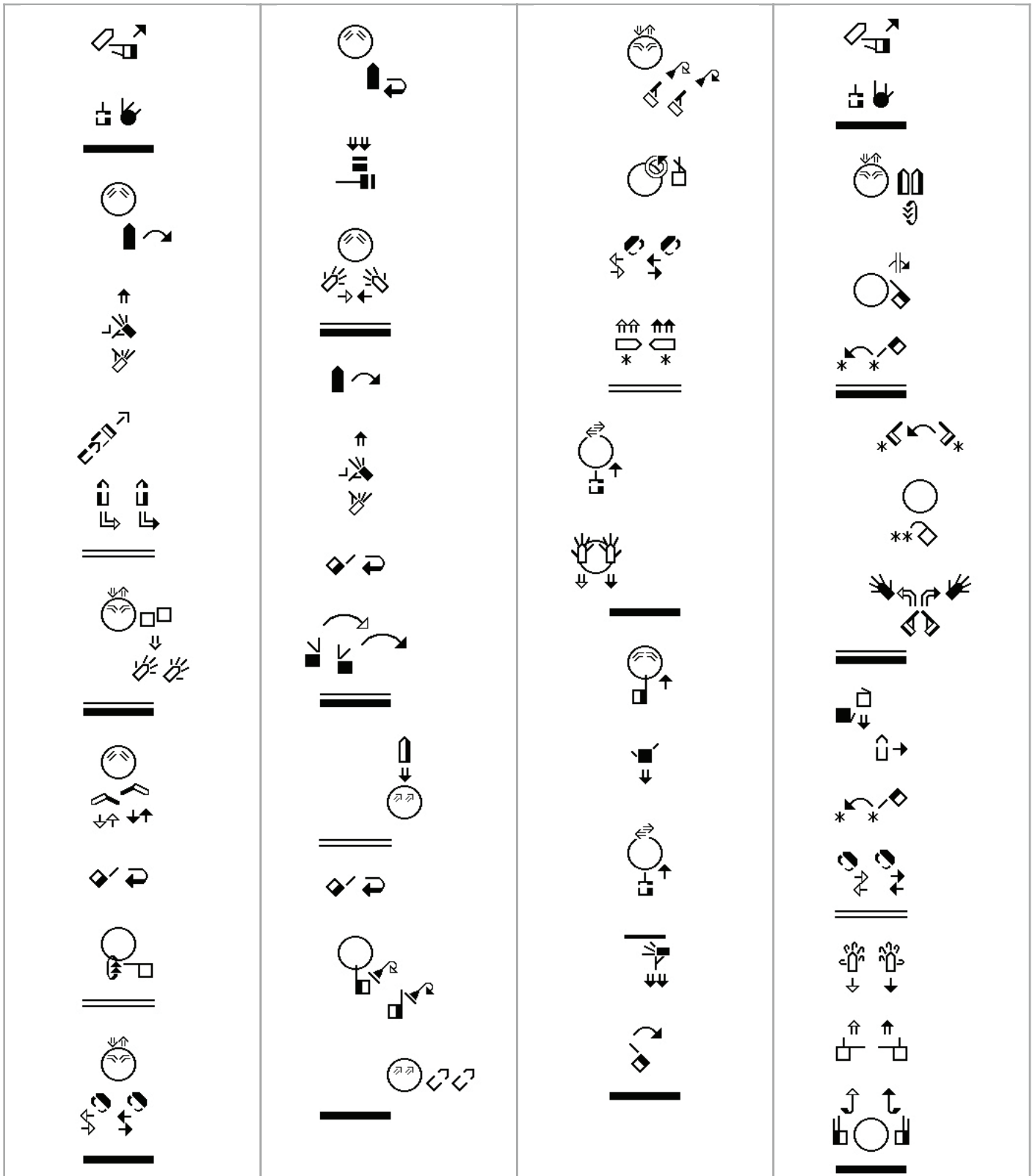


Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Verse 8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Verse 9. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace, not from rules about food, which don't help those who follow them. NLT

Hebrews 13:10-12



Verse 10. We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat. Verse 11. Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. Verse 12. So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates NLT

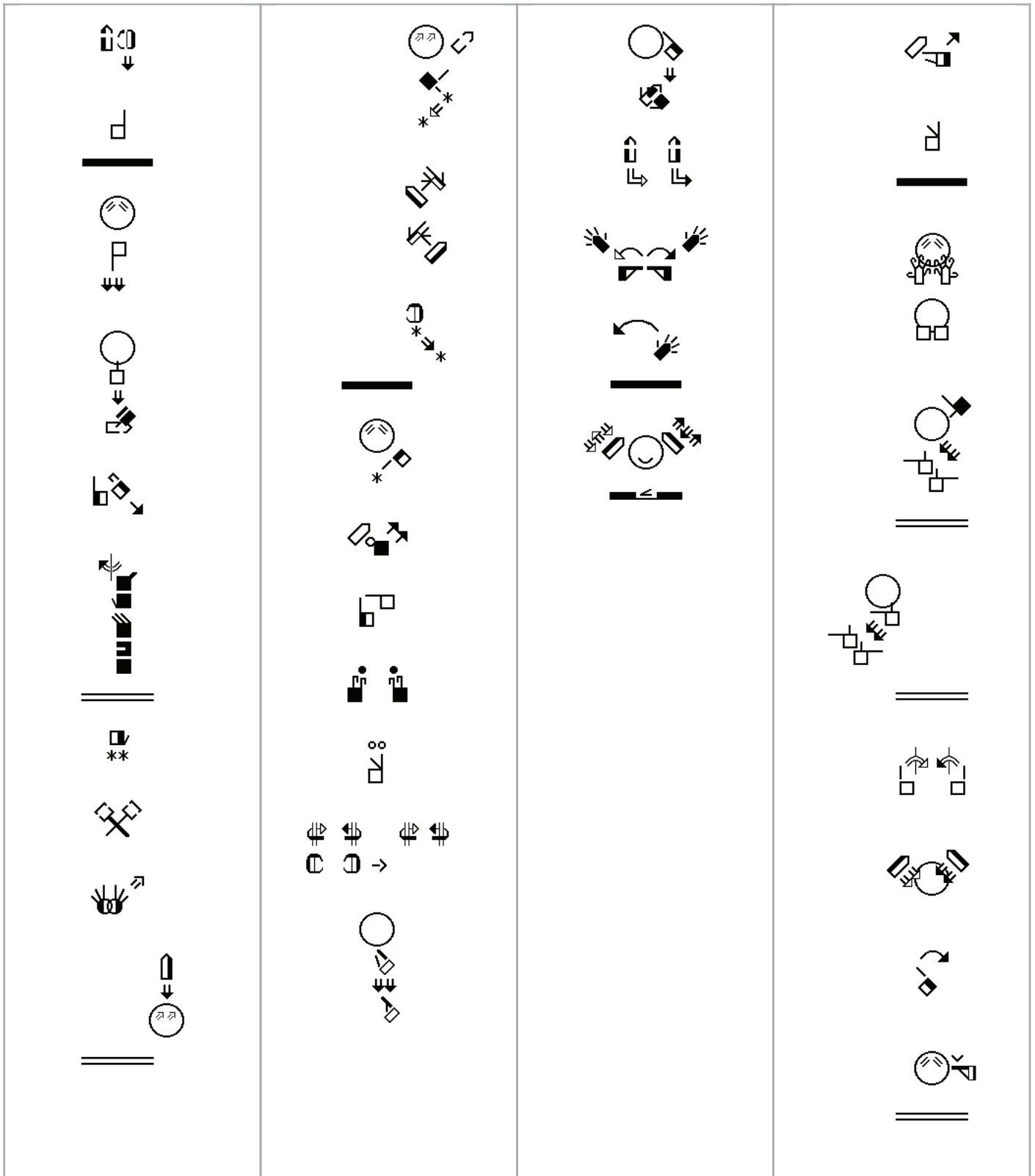


Verse 17. Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. Verse 18. Pray for us, for our conscience is clear and we want to live honorably in everything we do. NLT

Hebrews 13:22-24

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to pay attention to what I have written in this brief exhortation. Verse 23. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released from jail. If he comes here soon, I will bring him with me to see you. Verse 24. Greet all your leaders and all the believers there.

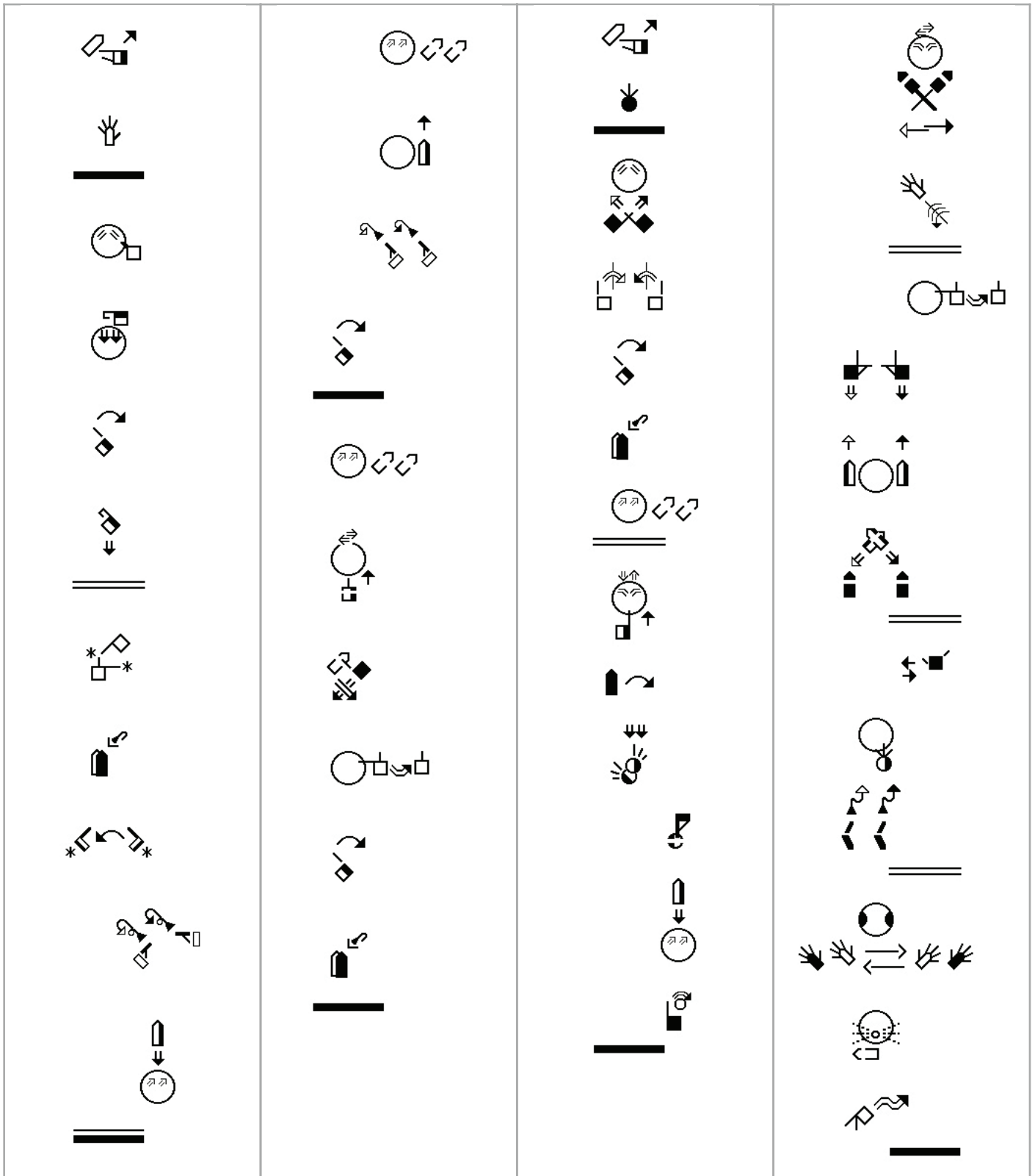


Chapter 1. This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes" -- Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings! Verse 2. Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, NLT

James 1:2-4

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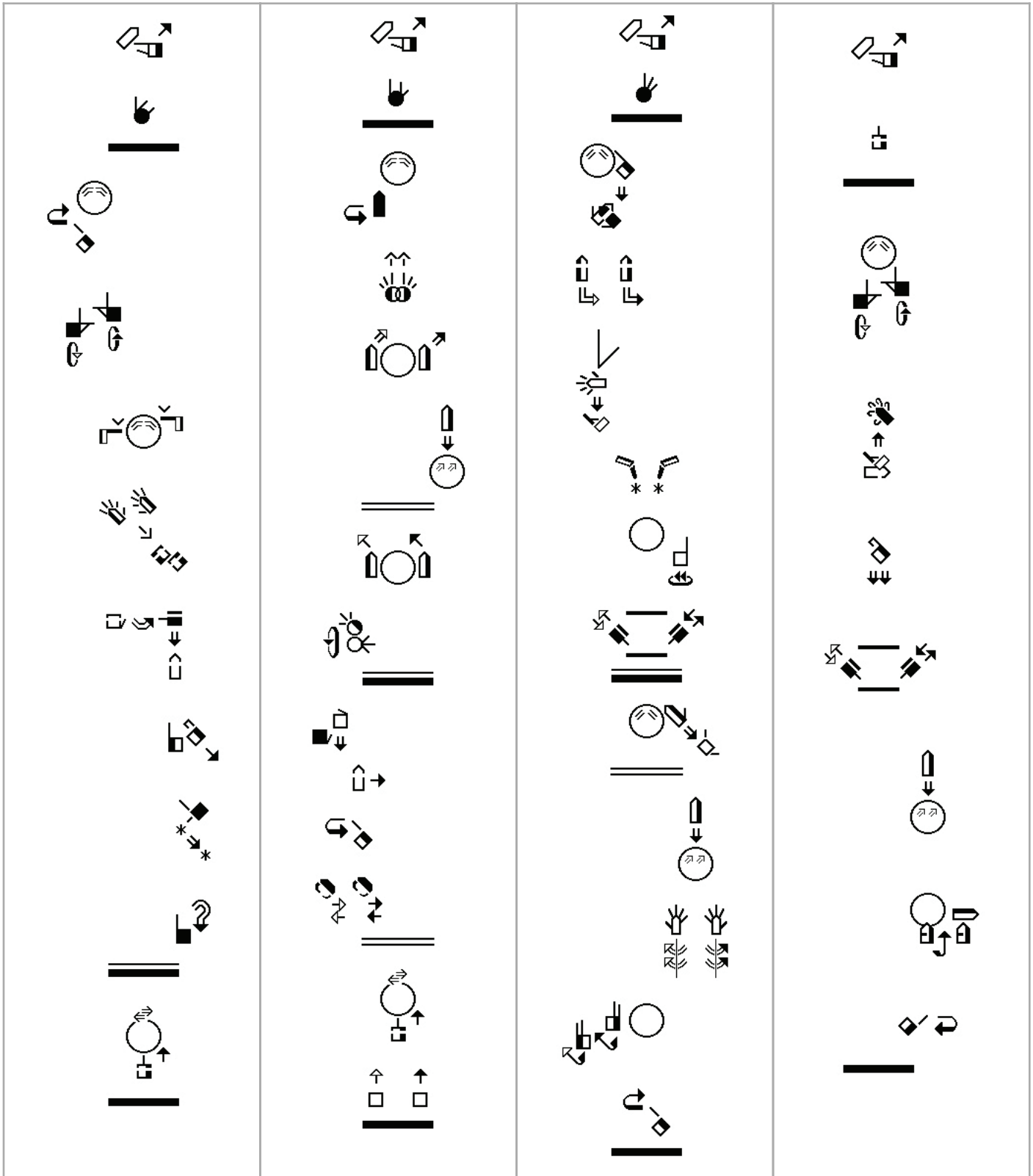
consider it an opportunity for great joy. Verse 3. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. Verse 4. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. NLT



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.

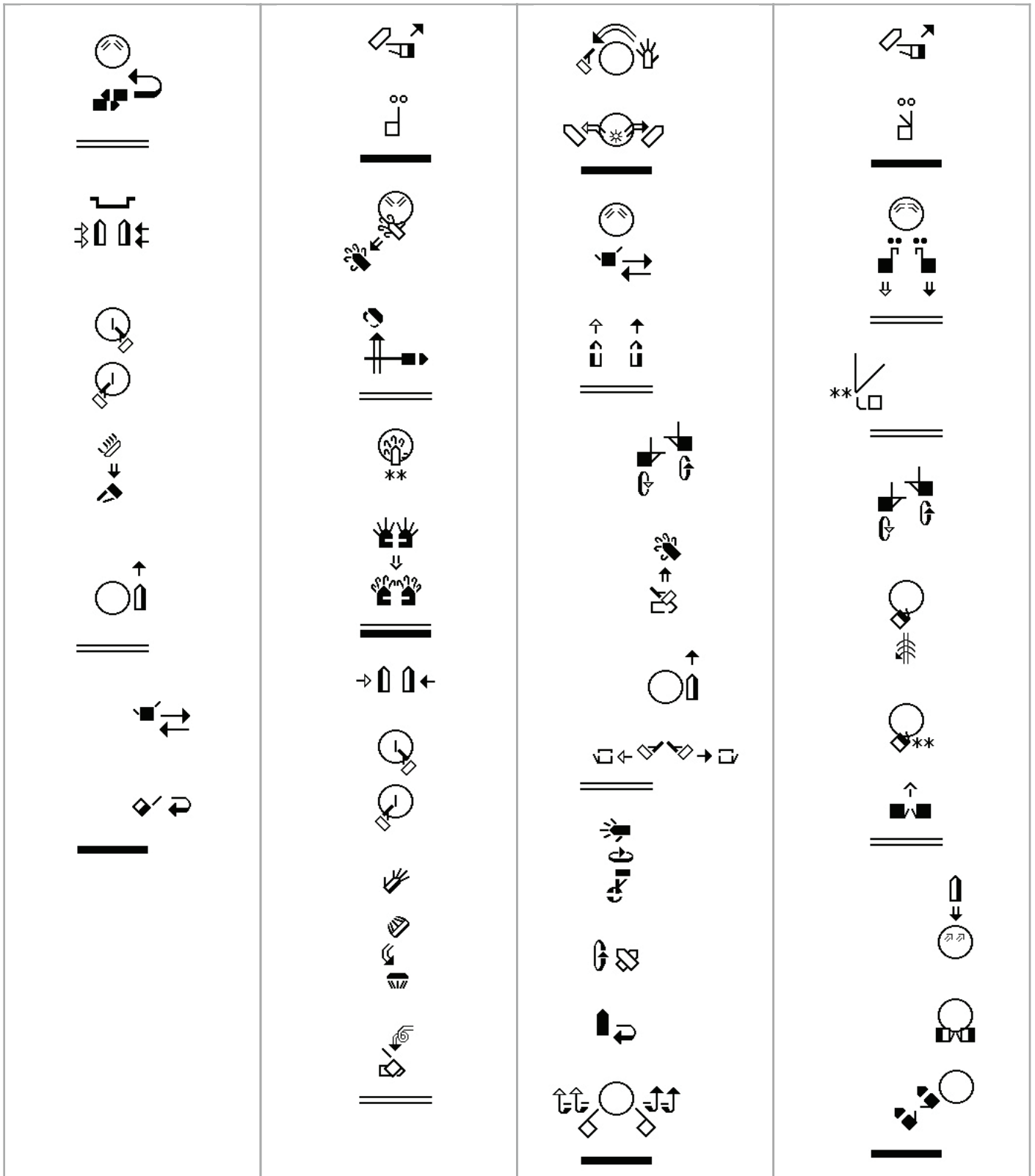
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James 1:7-10



Verse 7. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Verse 8. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. Verse 9. Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. Verse 10. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them.

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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.

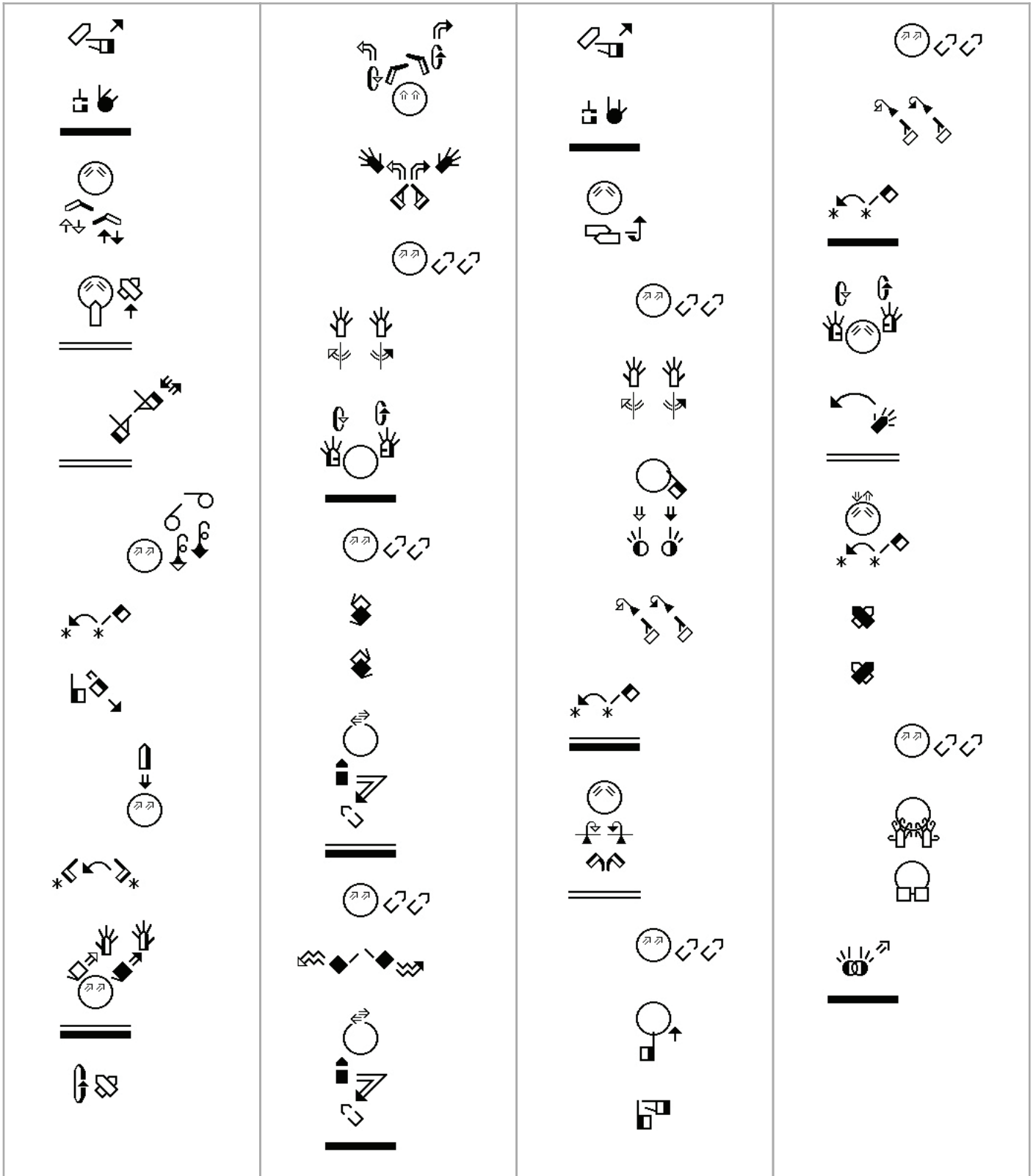
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James 1:12-13

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Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Verse 13. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. NLT

James 1:17-18



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

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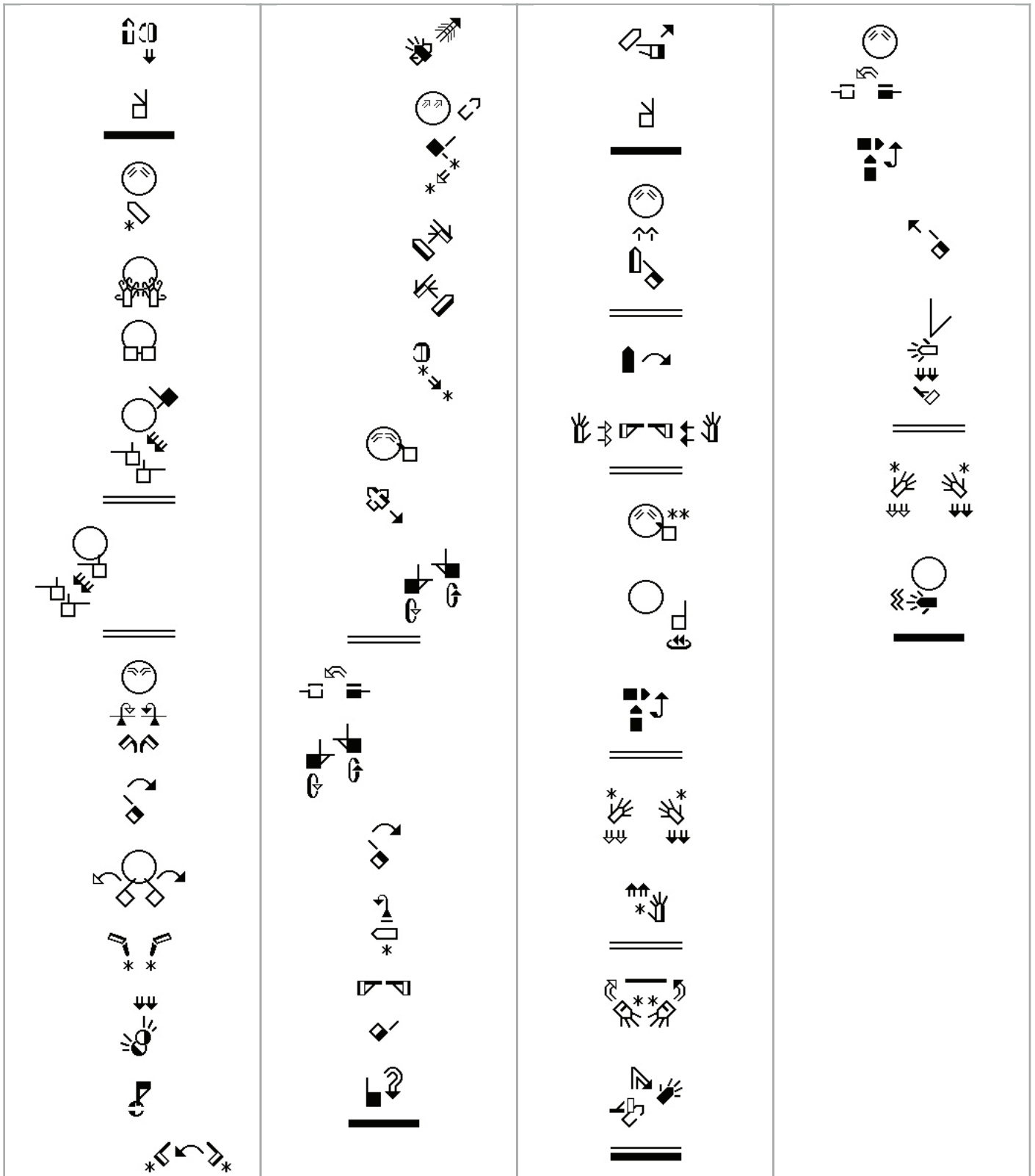
Verse 24. You see yourself, walk away and forget what you look like. Verse 25. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. Verse 26. If you claim to be religious but don't control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

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James 1:26-27

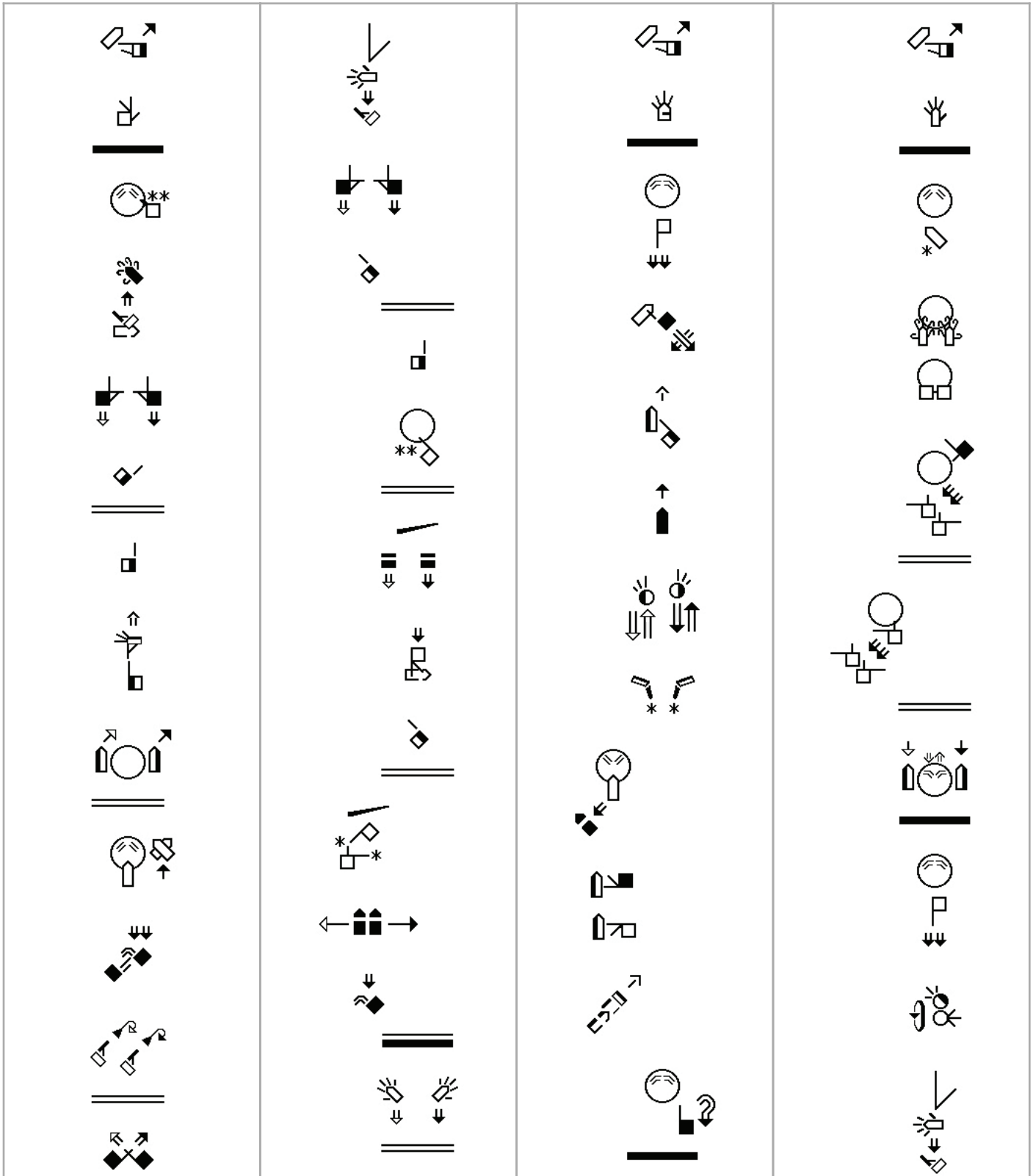
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you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Verse 27. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. NLT



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

James 2:3-5



Verse 3. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor" -- well, Verse 4. doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? Verse 5. Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters.

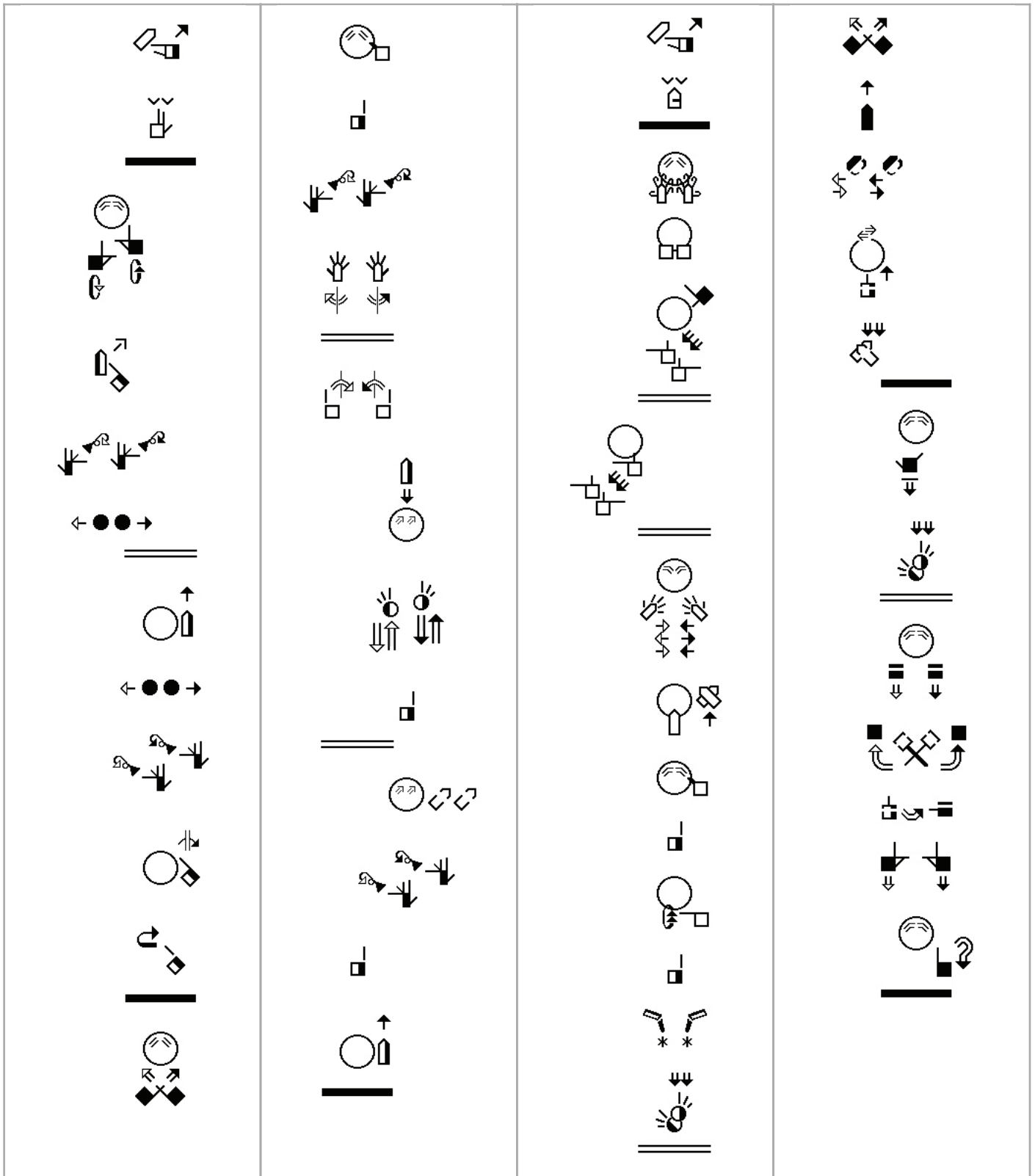
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you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. Verse 10. For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. Verse 11. For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," NLT

James 2:11-12

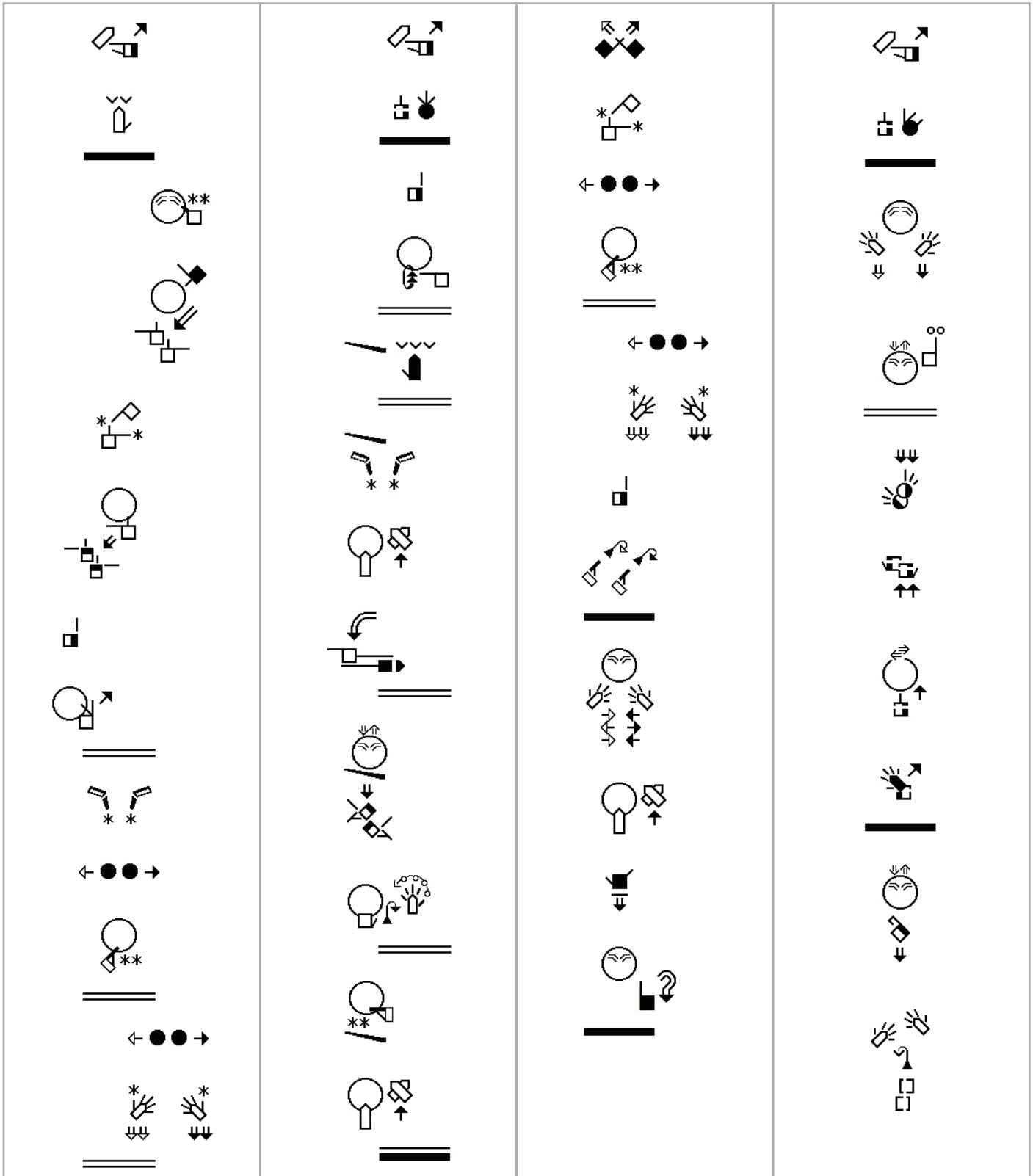
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also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law. Verse 12. So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. NLT



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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James 2:15-17

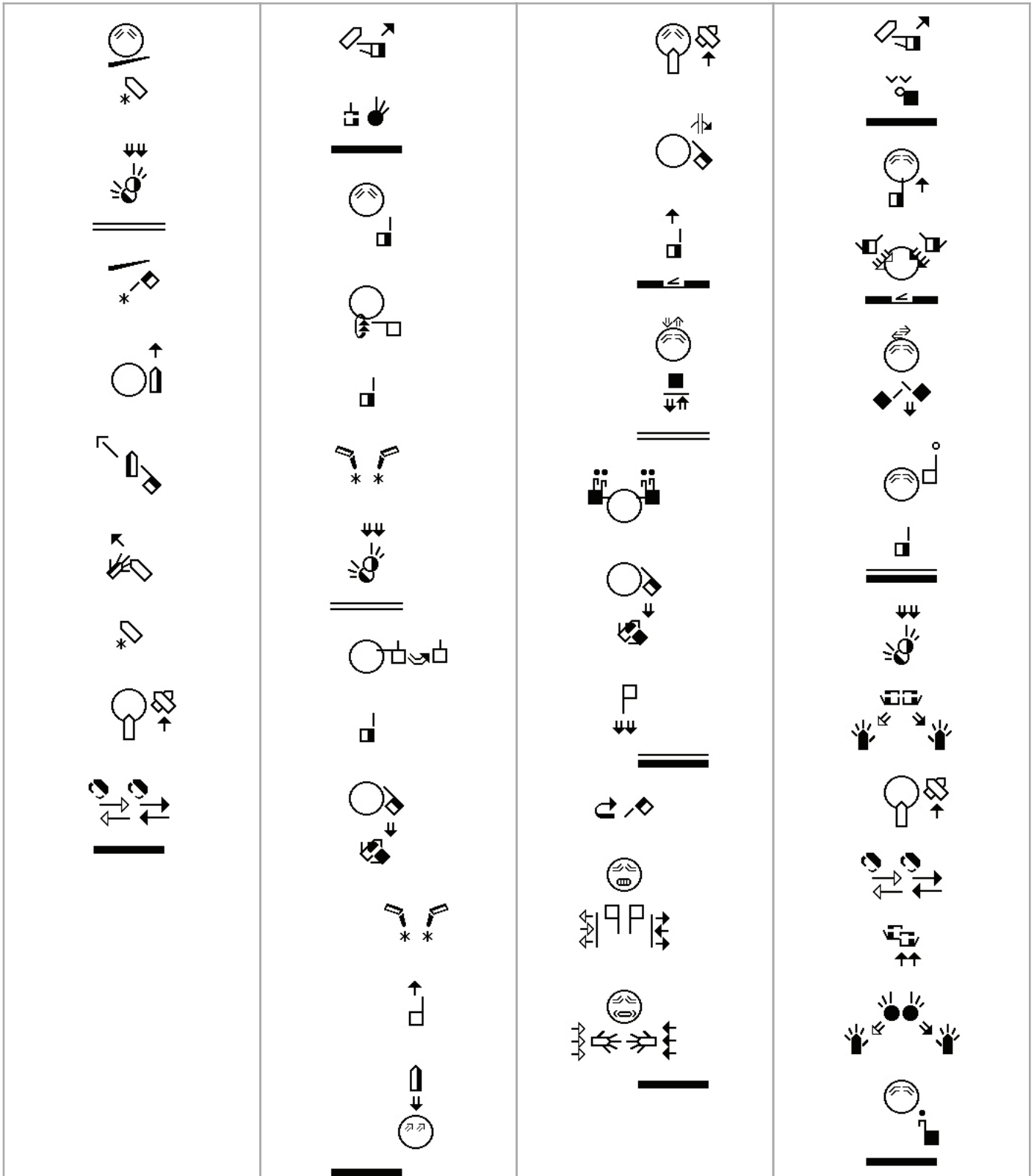


Verse 15. Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, Verse 16. and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well" -- but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? Verse 17. So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces NLT

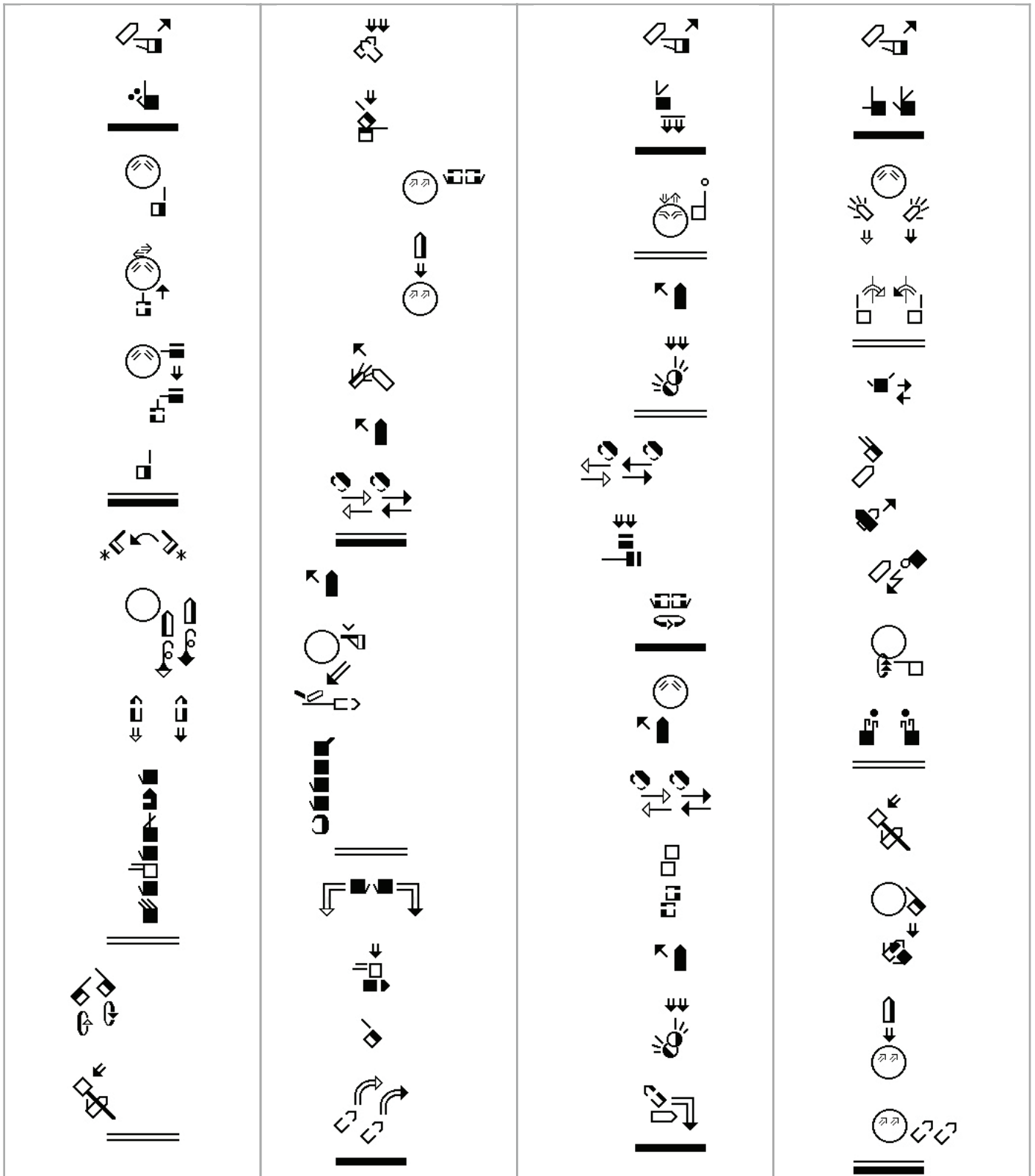
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good deeds, it is dead and useless. Verse 18. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds?"

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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?



Verse 21. Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? Verse 22. You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. Verse 23. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God,

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James 2:23-25

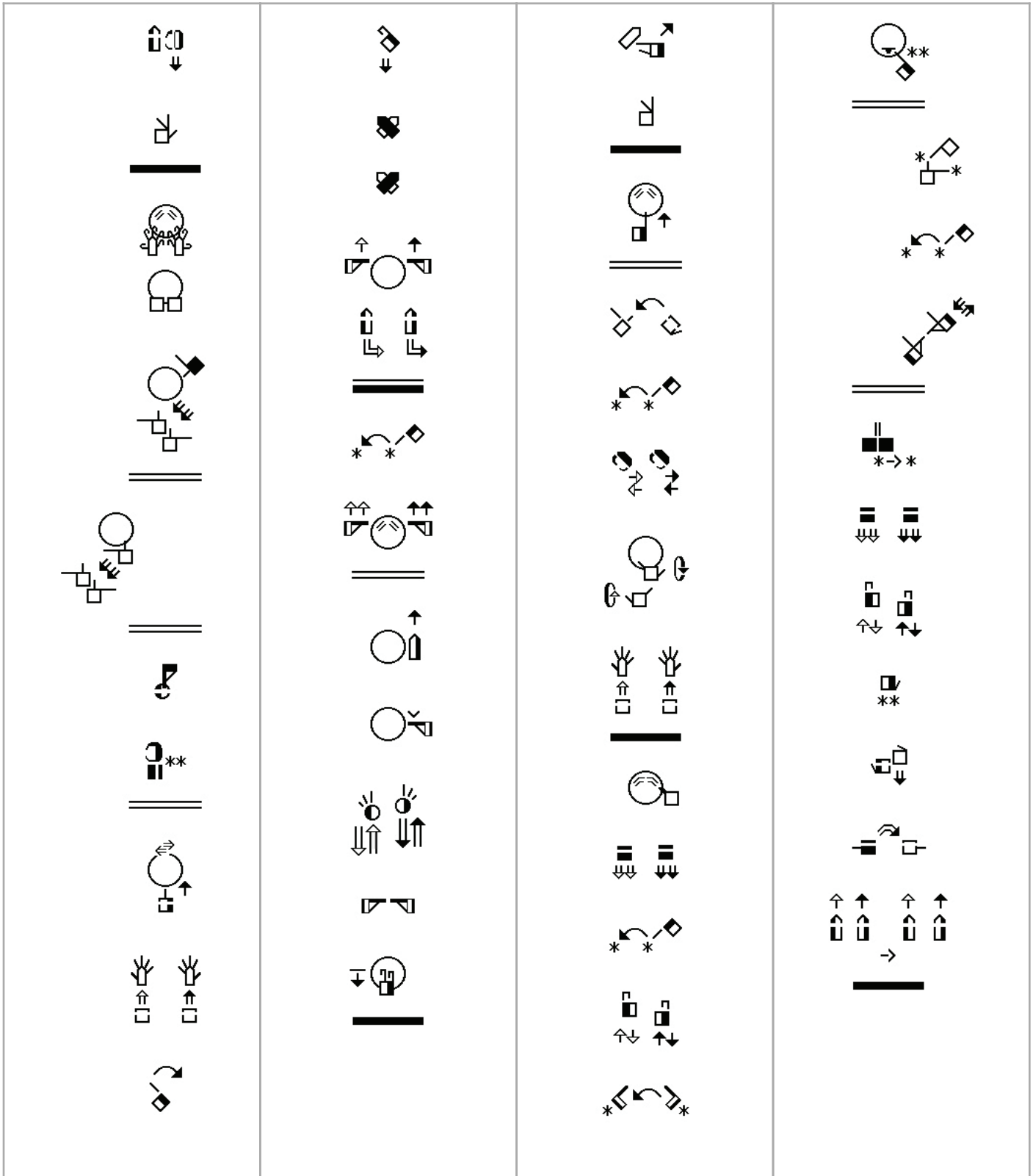
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and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. Verse 24. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Verse 25. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by

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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.
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James 3:1-2



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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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

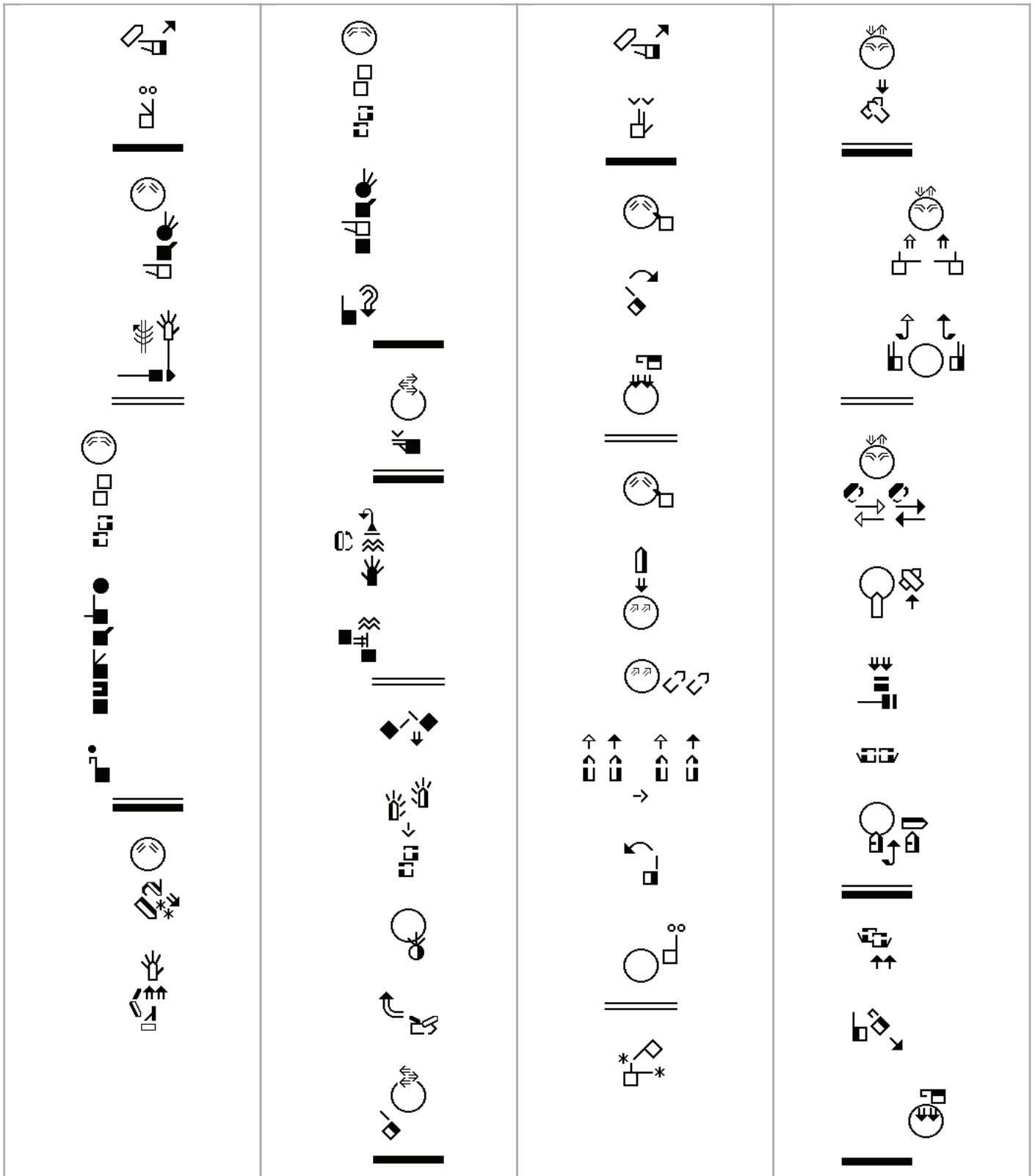
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for it is set on fire by hell itself. Verse 7. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, Verse 8. but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Verse 9. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father,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

James 3:9-11

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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? NLT



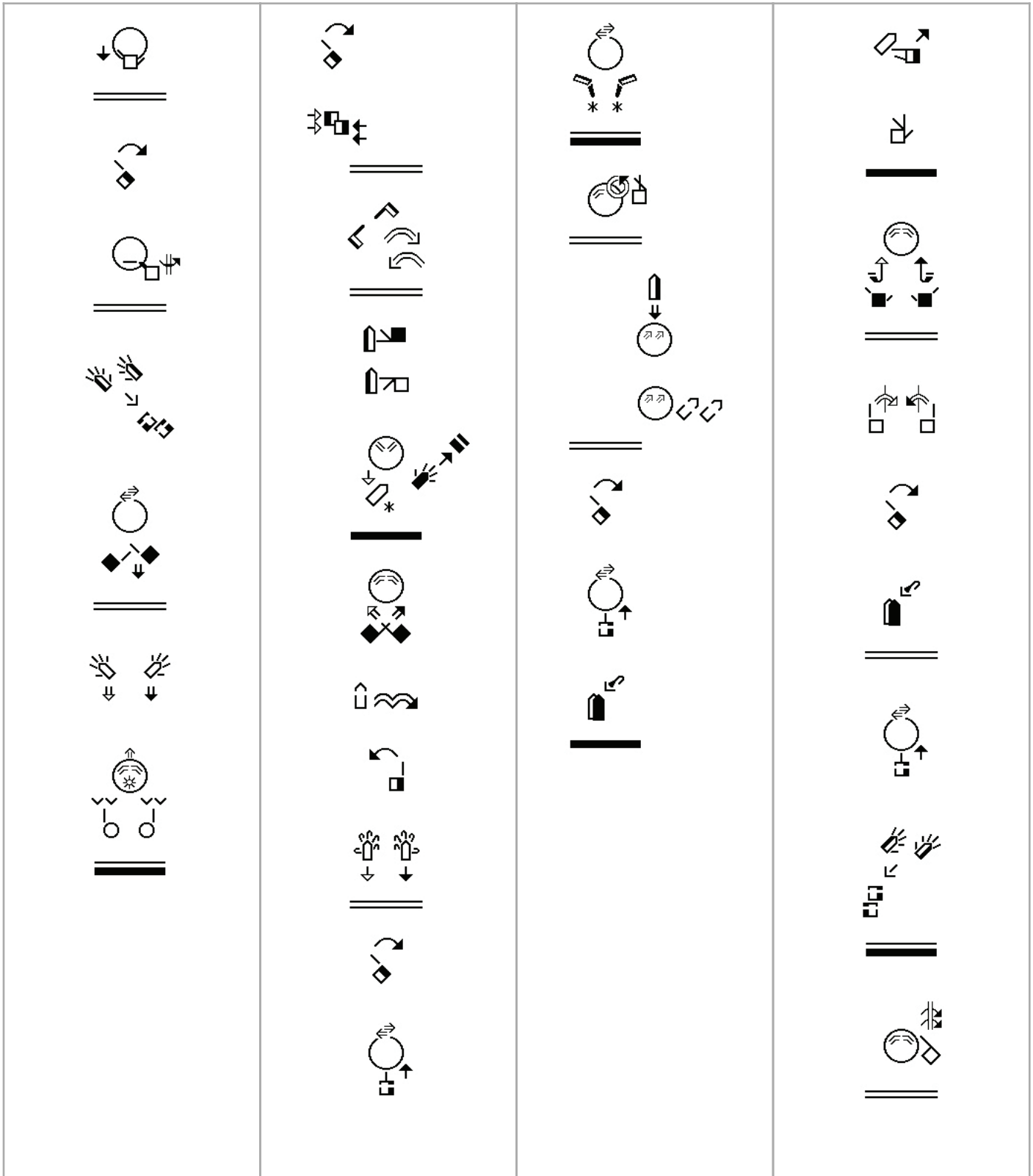
Verse 12. Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. Verse 13. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

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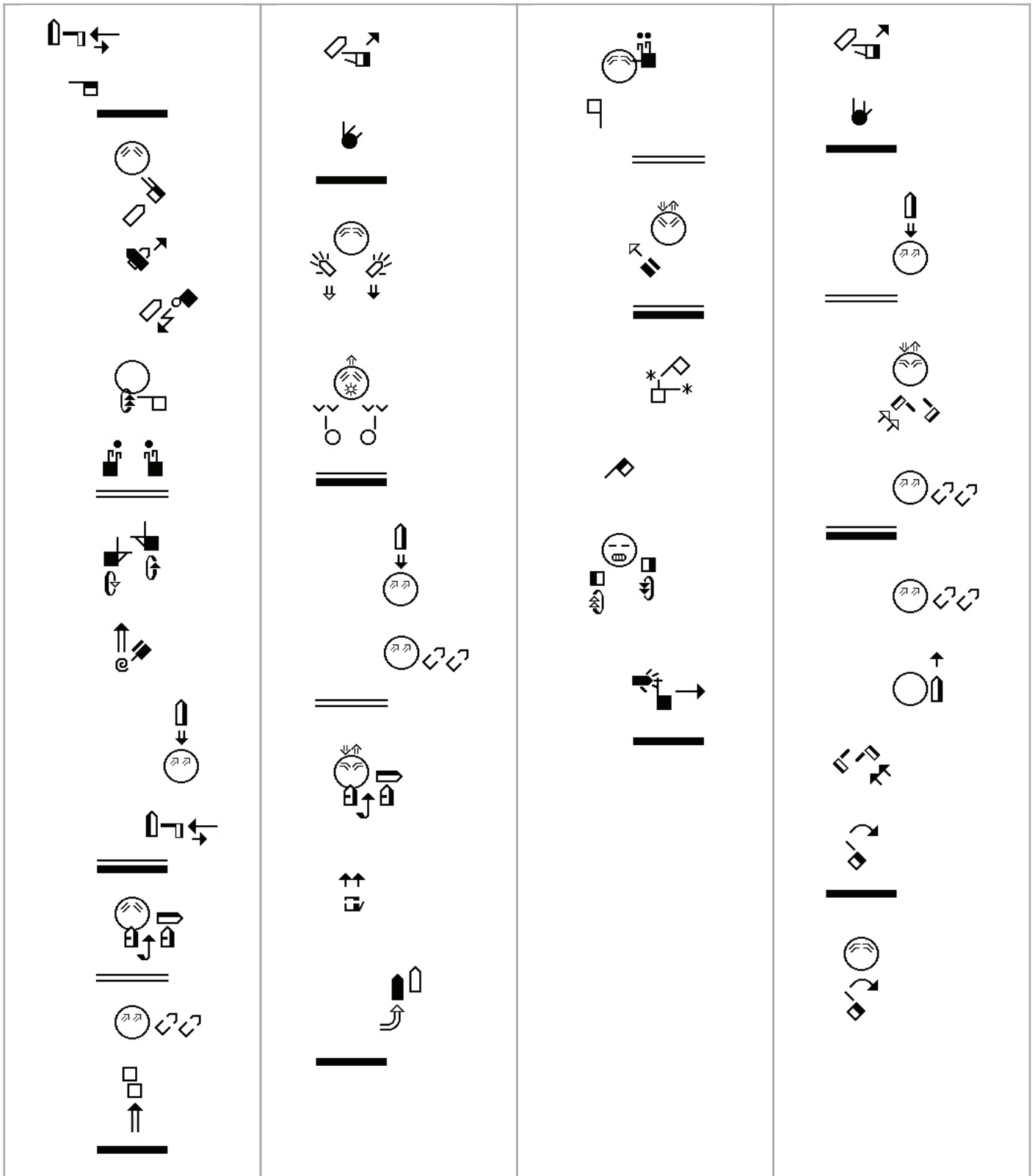


but you cant get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. Verse 3. And even when you ask, you don't get it

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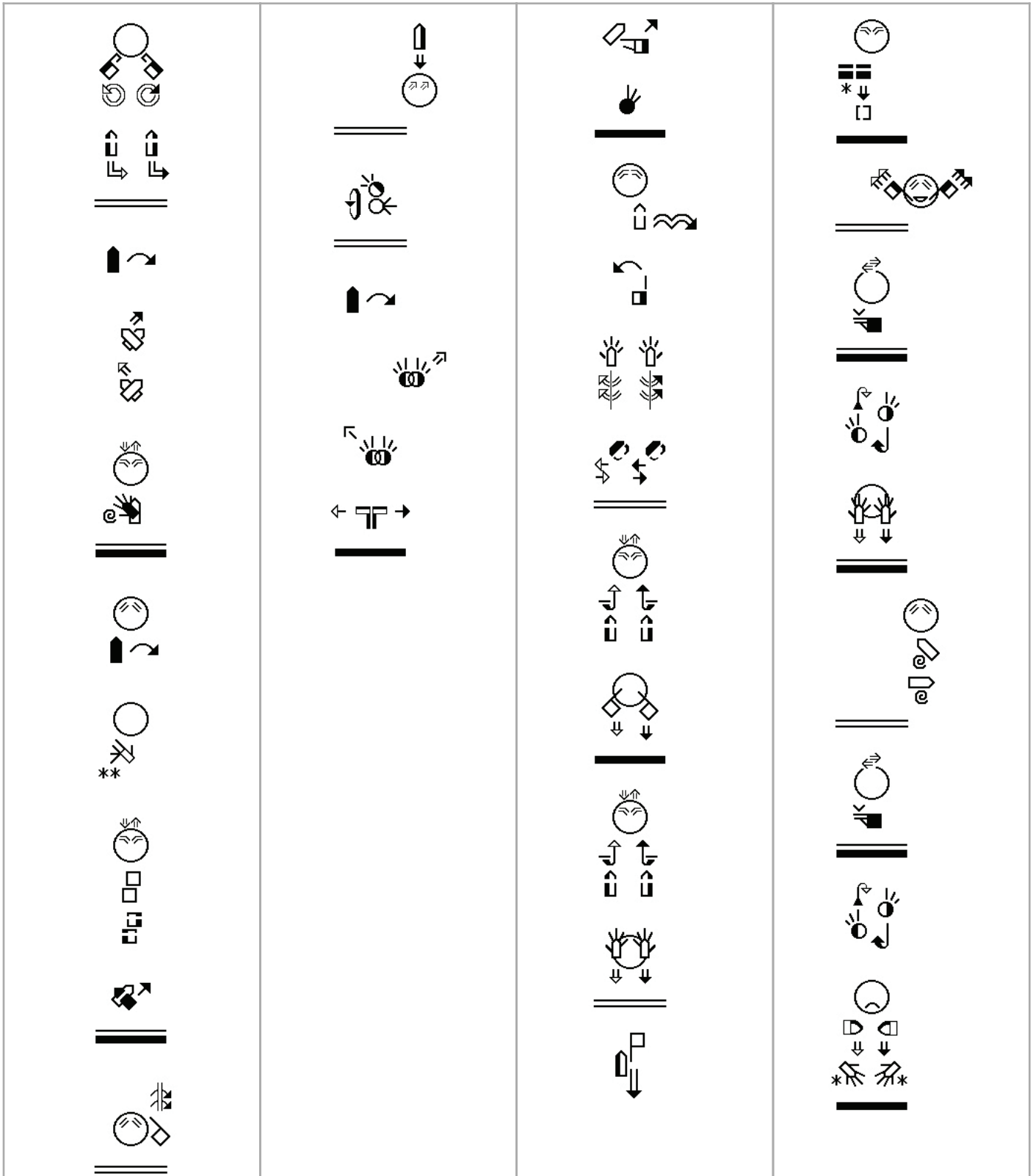
because your motives are all wrong -- you want only what will give you pleasure. Verse 4. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world,

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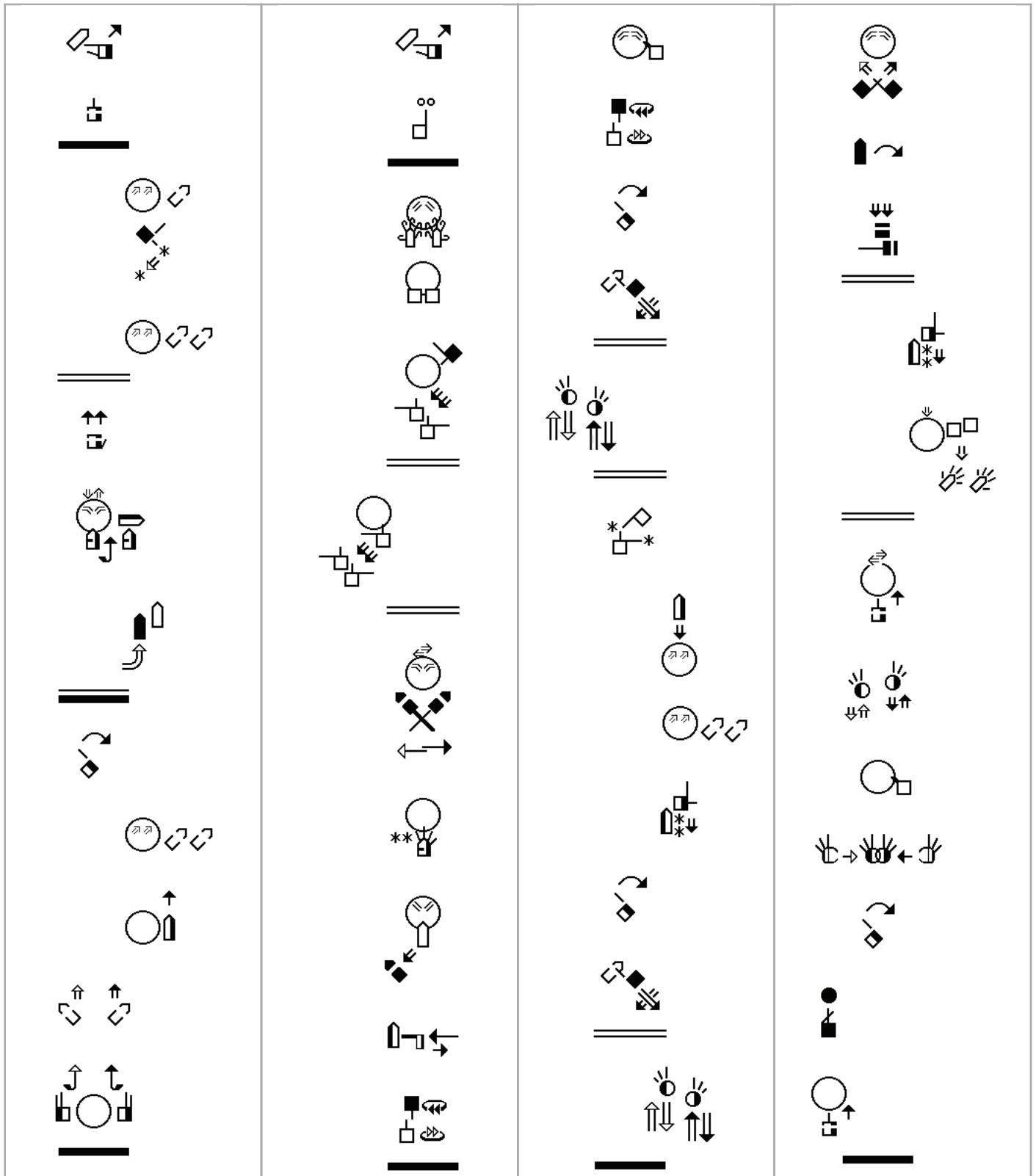


stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." Verse 7. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Verse 8. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. NLT

James 4:8-9



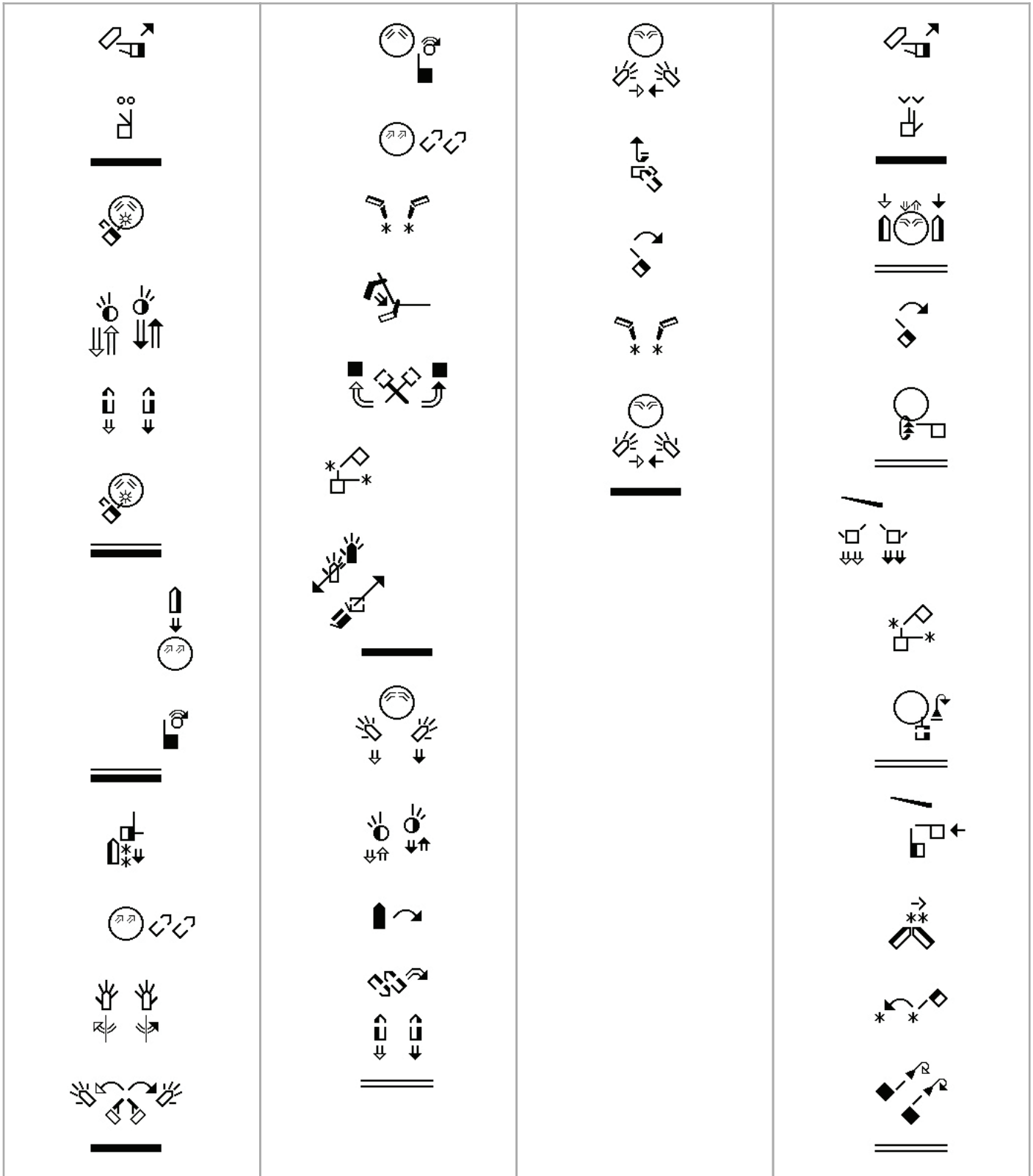
Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Verse 9. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.



Verse 10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. Verse 11. Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

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James 4:12-13



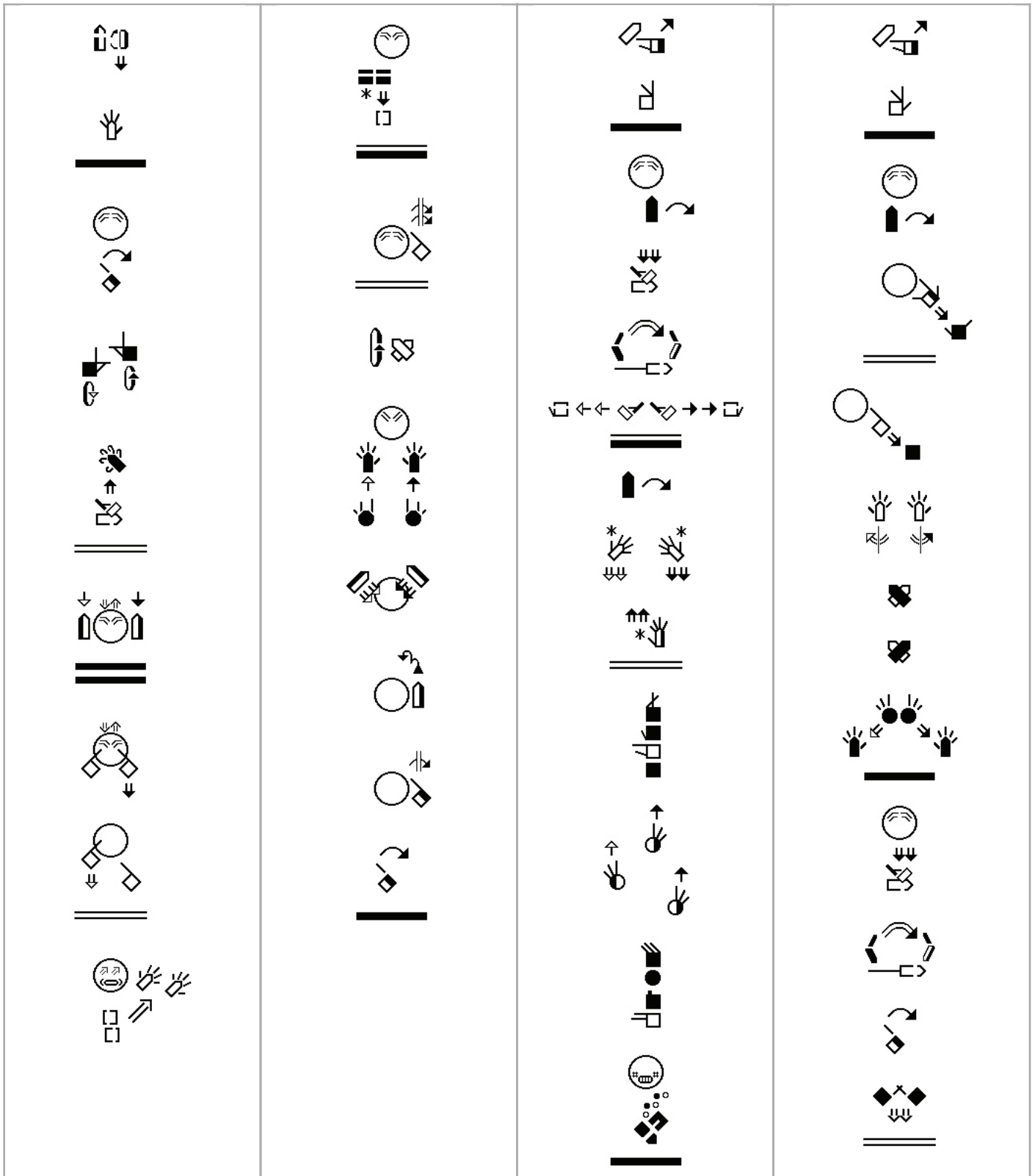
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and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." Verse 14. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog -- it's here a little while, then it's gone. Verse 15. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

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James 4:16-17

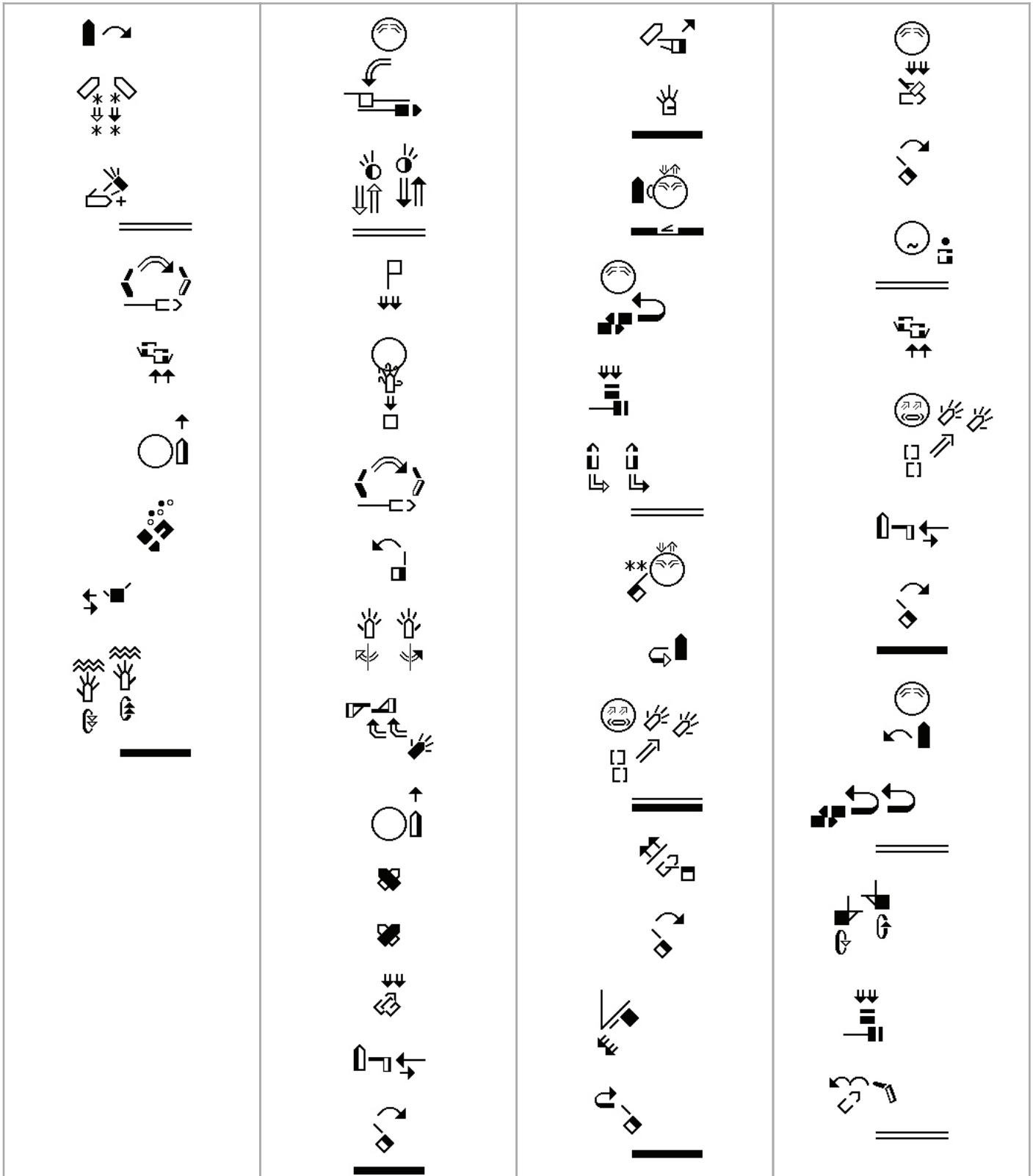
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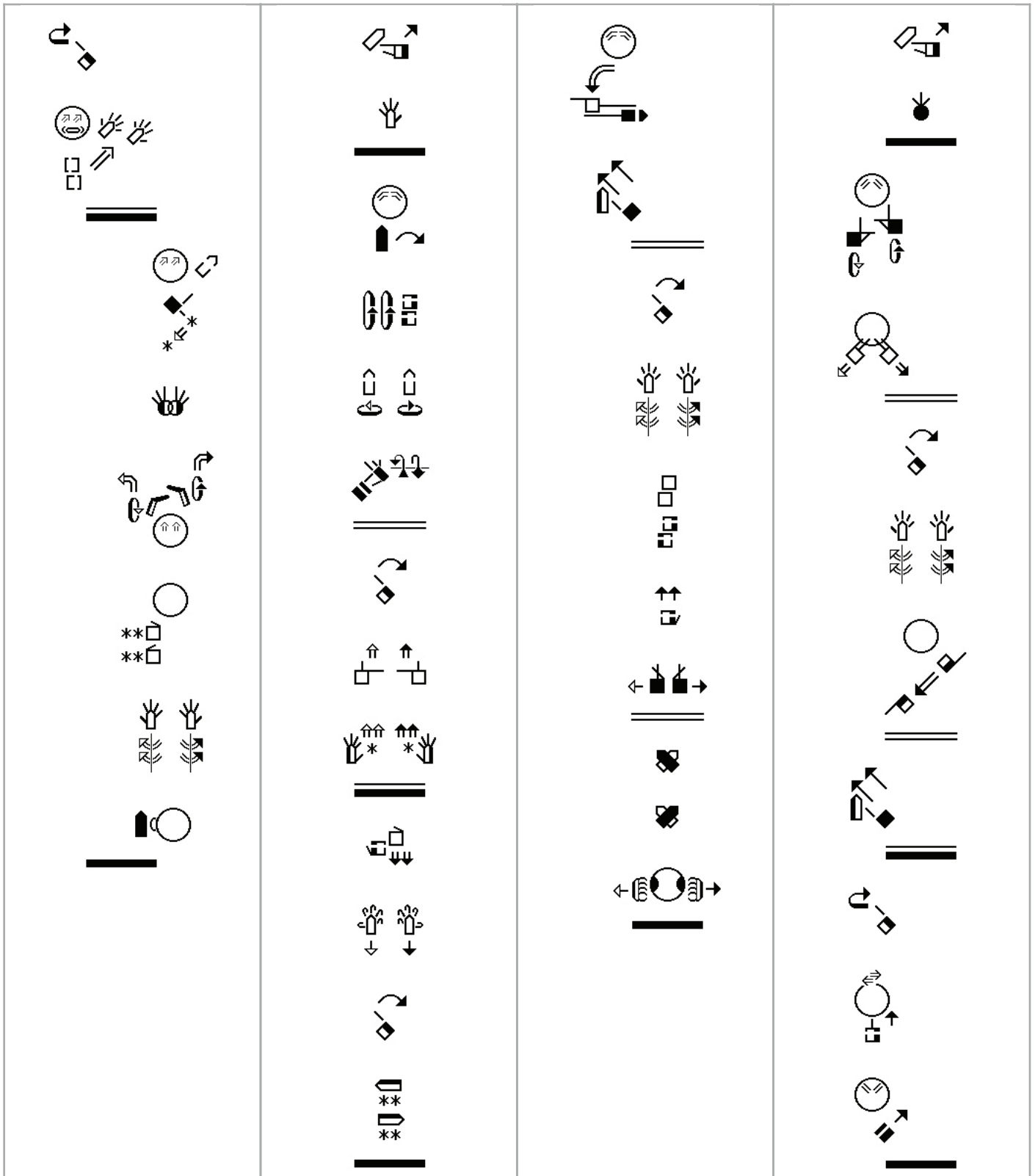
Chapter 5. Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Verse 2. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Verse 3. Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on

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James 5:3-4



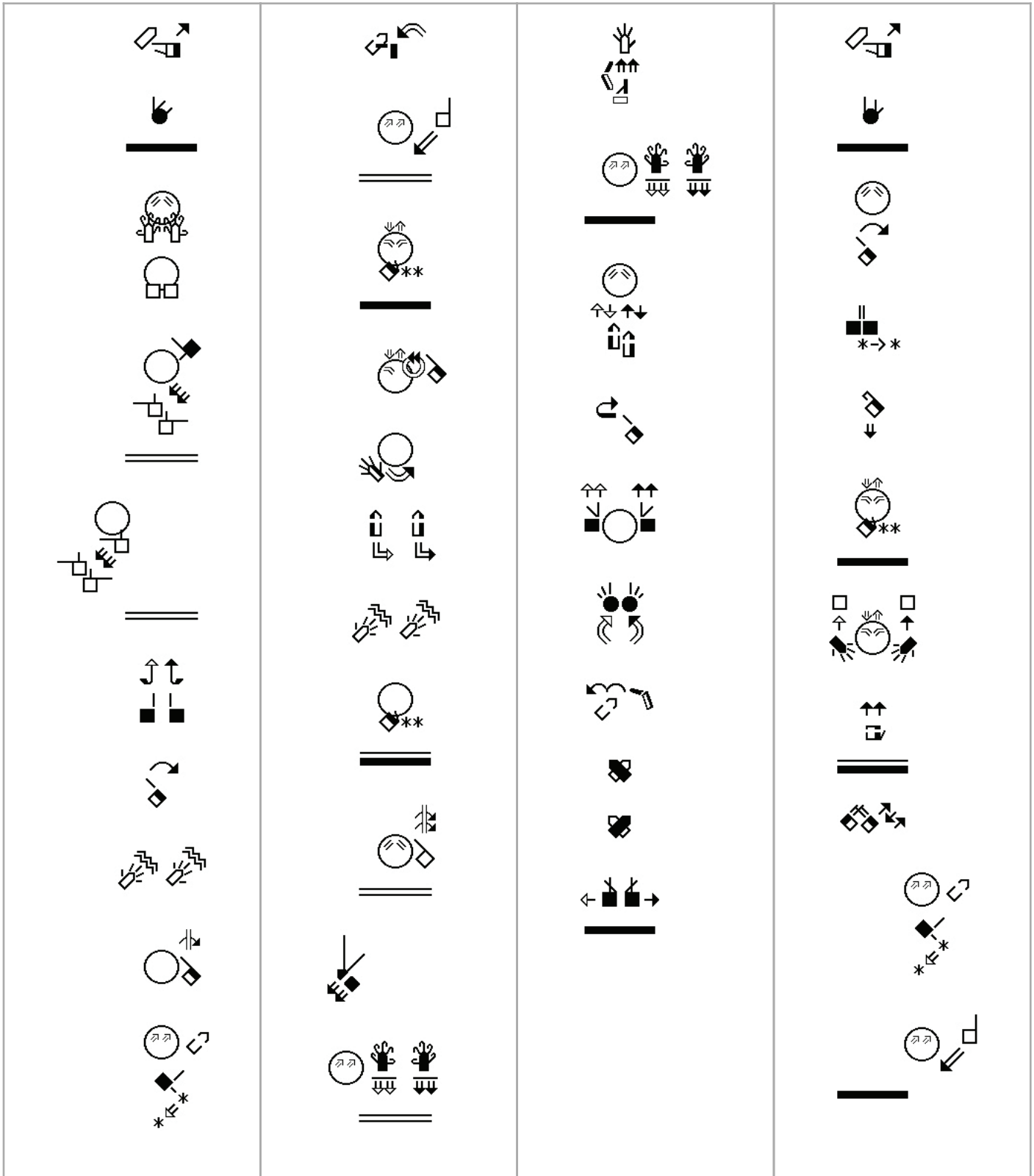
will eat away your flesh like fire. This treasure you have accumulated will stand as evidence against you on the day of judgment. Verse 4. For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The wages you held back cry out against you. The cries of those who harvest your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



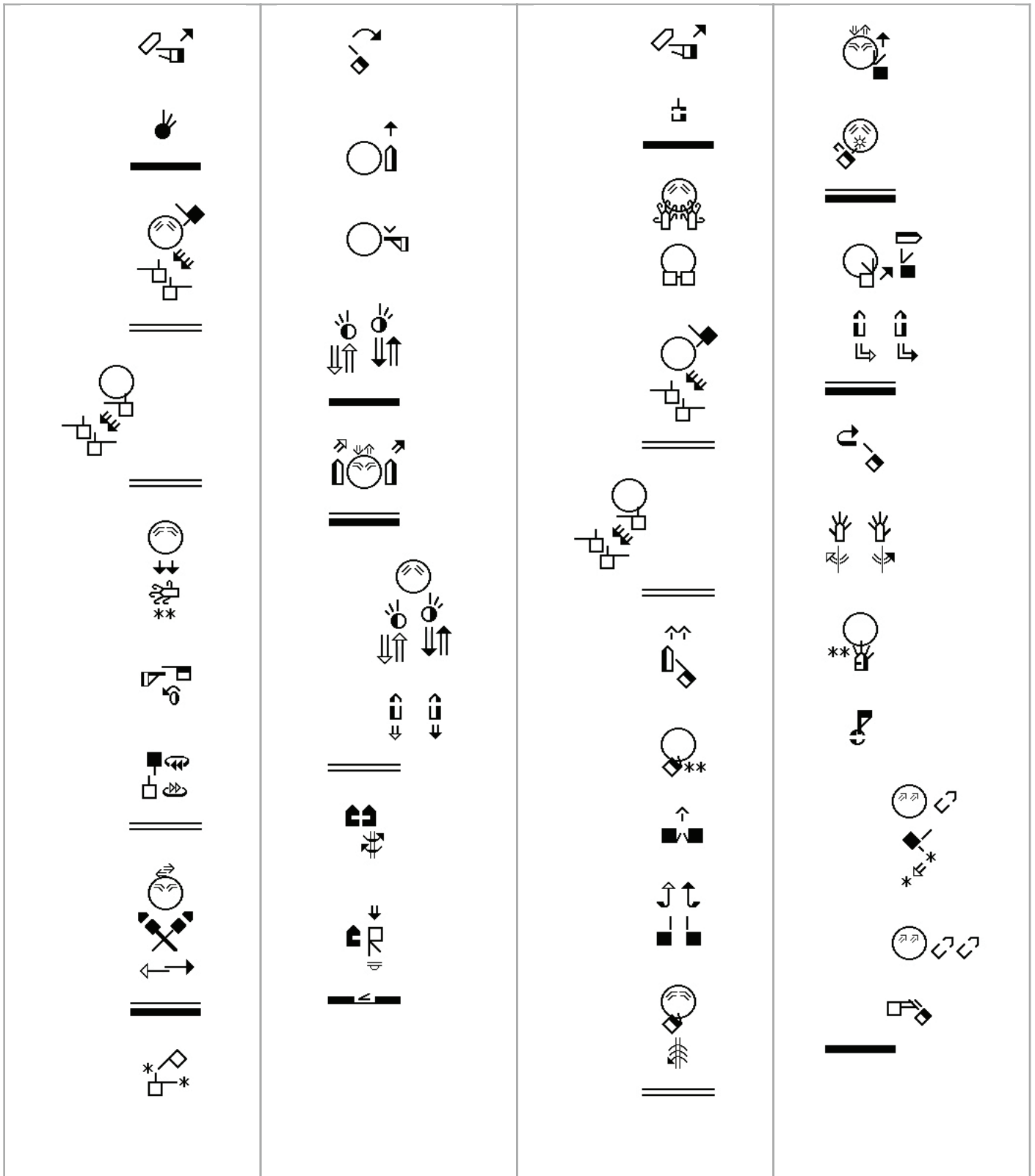
have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Verse 5. You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. Verse 6. You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.

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James 5:7-8



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.



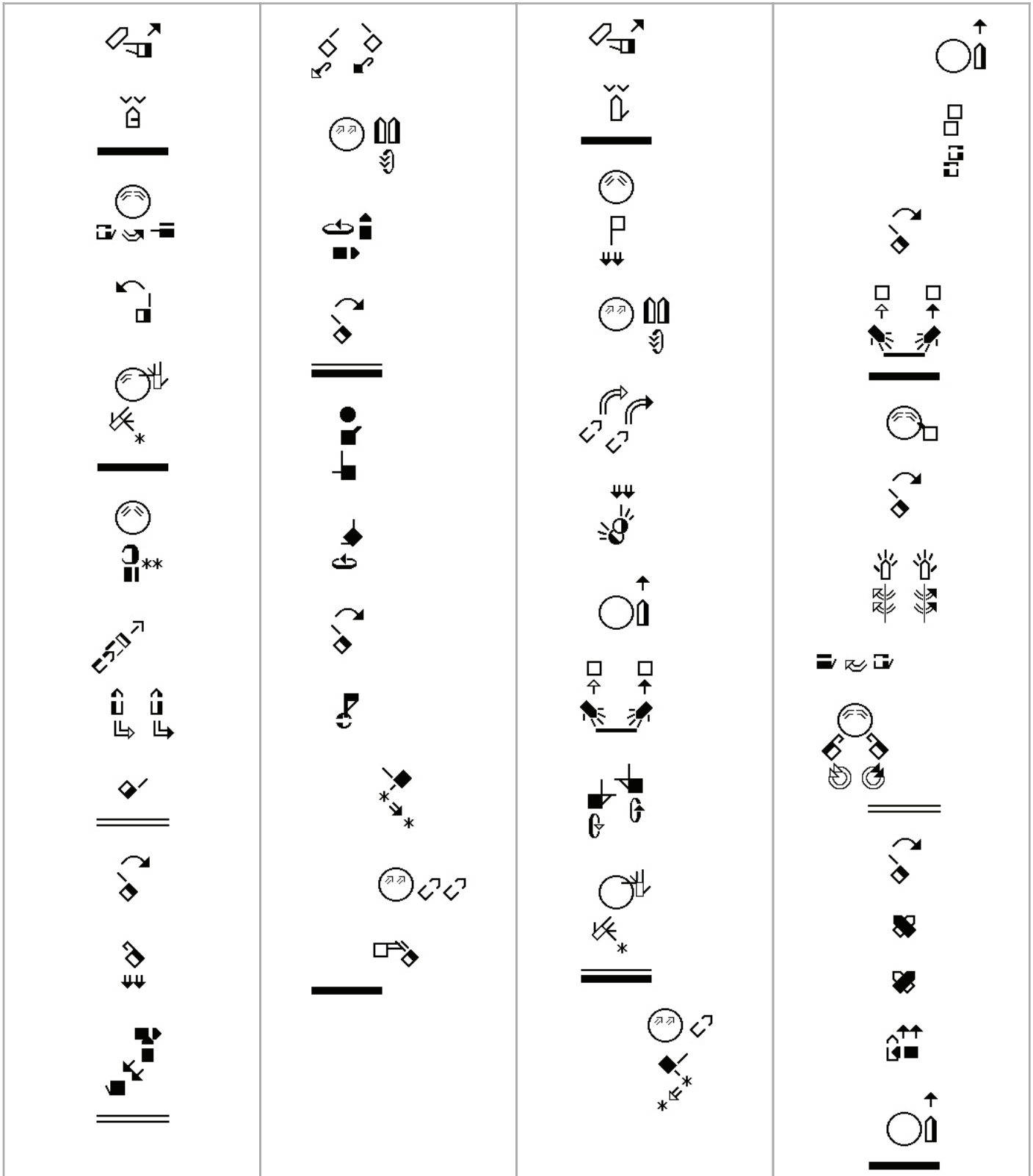
Verse 9. Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look -- the Judge is standing at the door! Verse 10. For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Verse 11. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy. Verse 12. But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, NLT

James 5:14-15



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. NLT

James 5:17-19

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prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Verse 18. Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. Verse 19. My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back,

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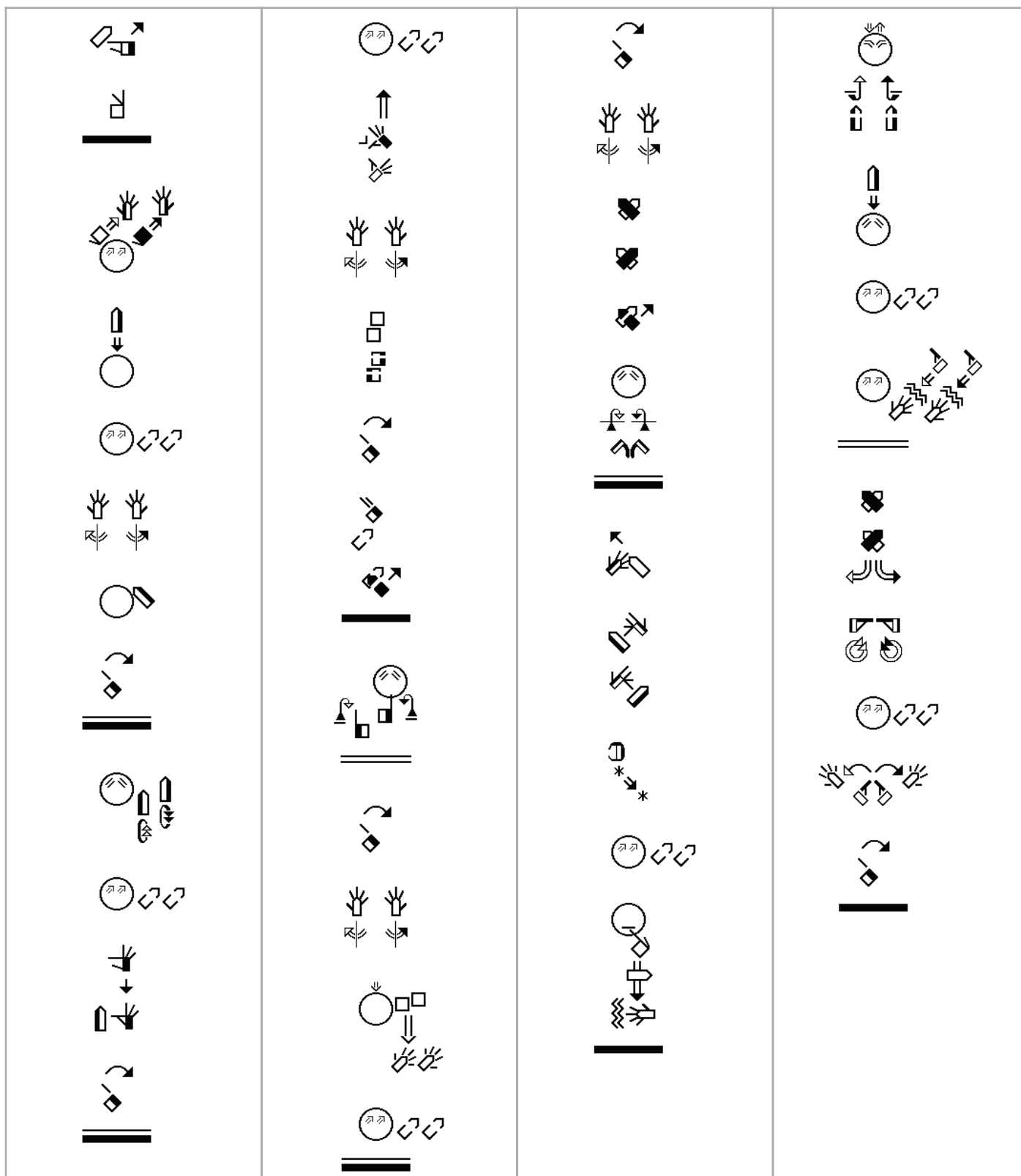
Verse 20. you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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Chapter 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. NLT 223

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













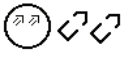


















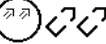







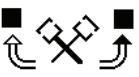








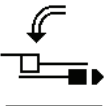




Verse 2. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. NLT

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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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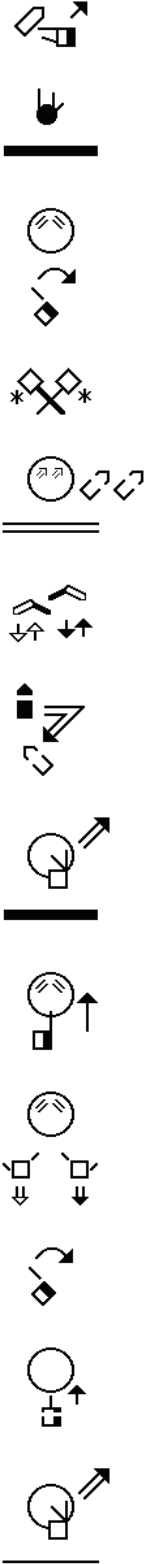
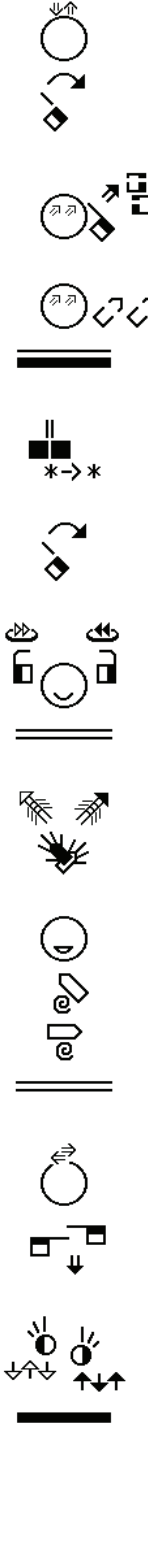

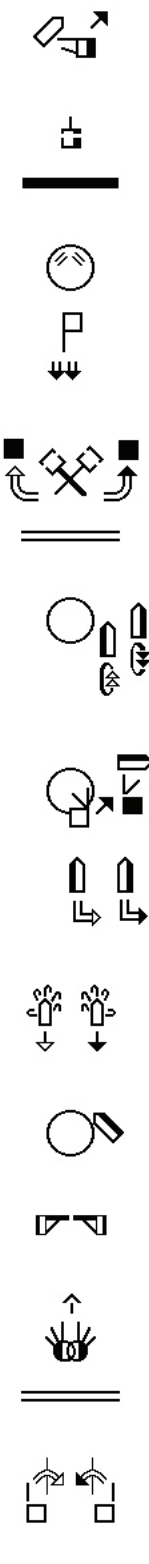
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Verse 4. and we have a priceless inheritance -- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. Verse 5. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. NLT

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though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. NLT

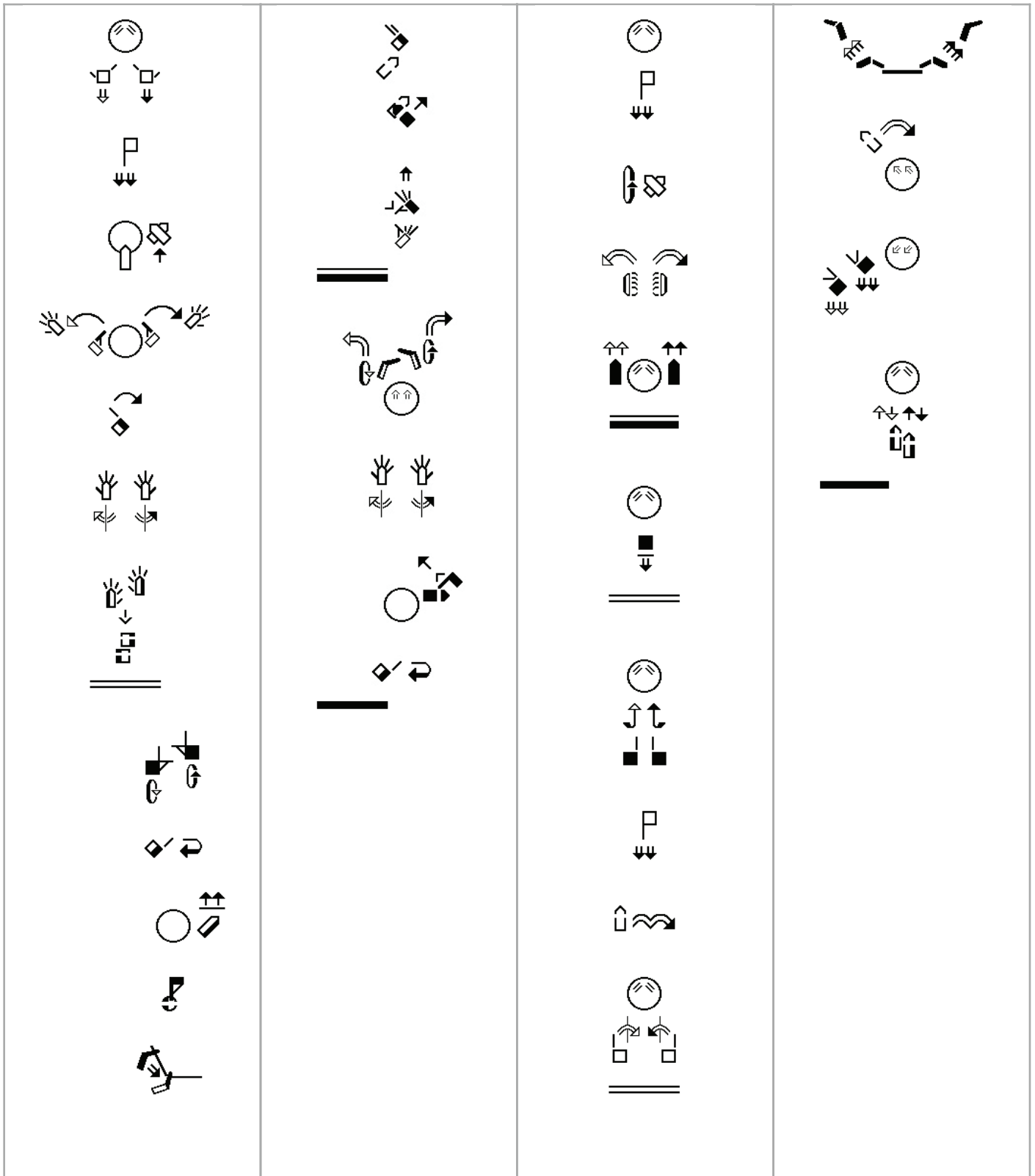
			
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Verse 8. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Verse 9. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. Verse 10. This salvation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

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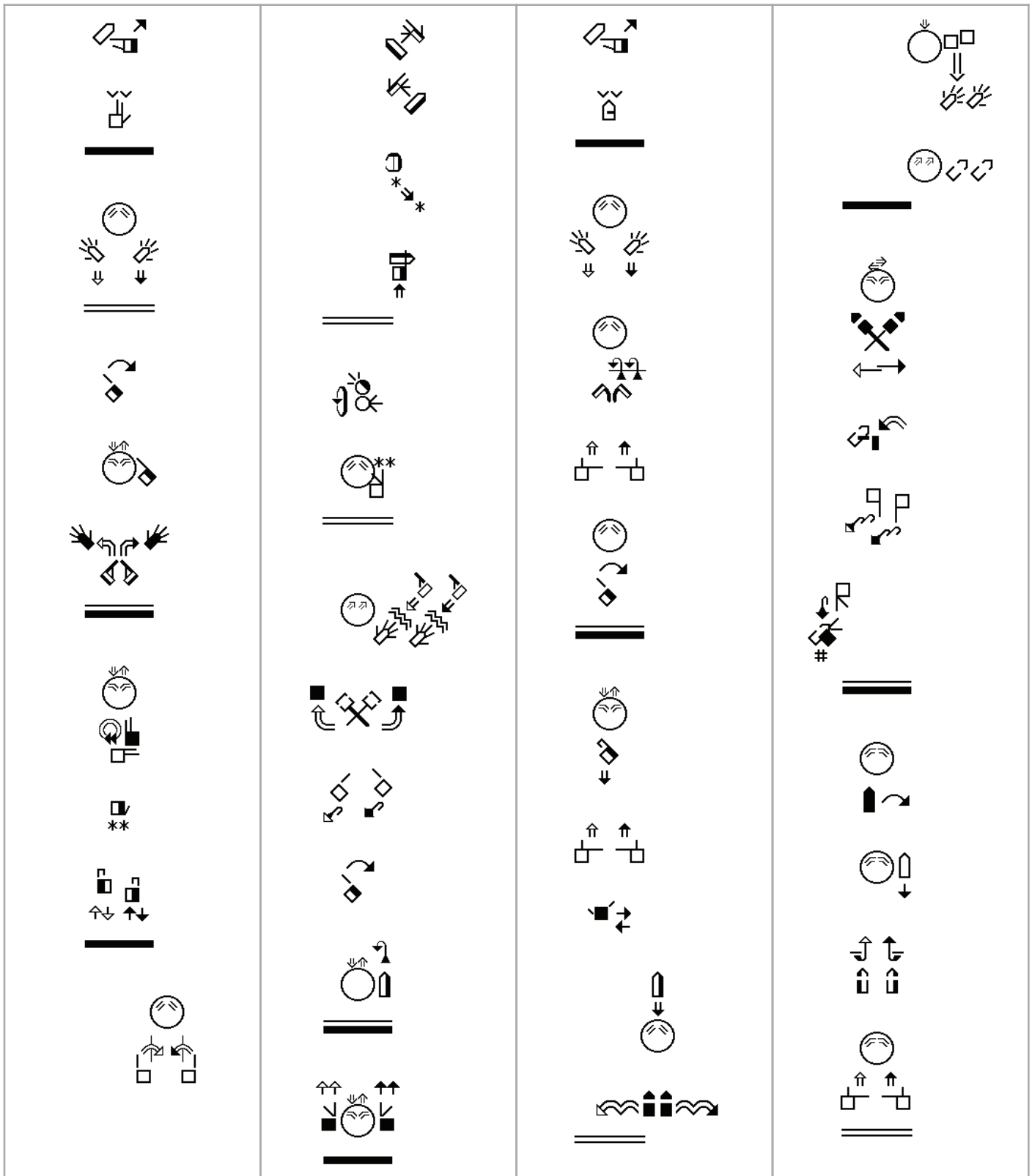
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they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. Verse 11. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. Verse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



And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

1 Peter 1:13-14



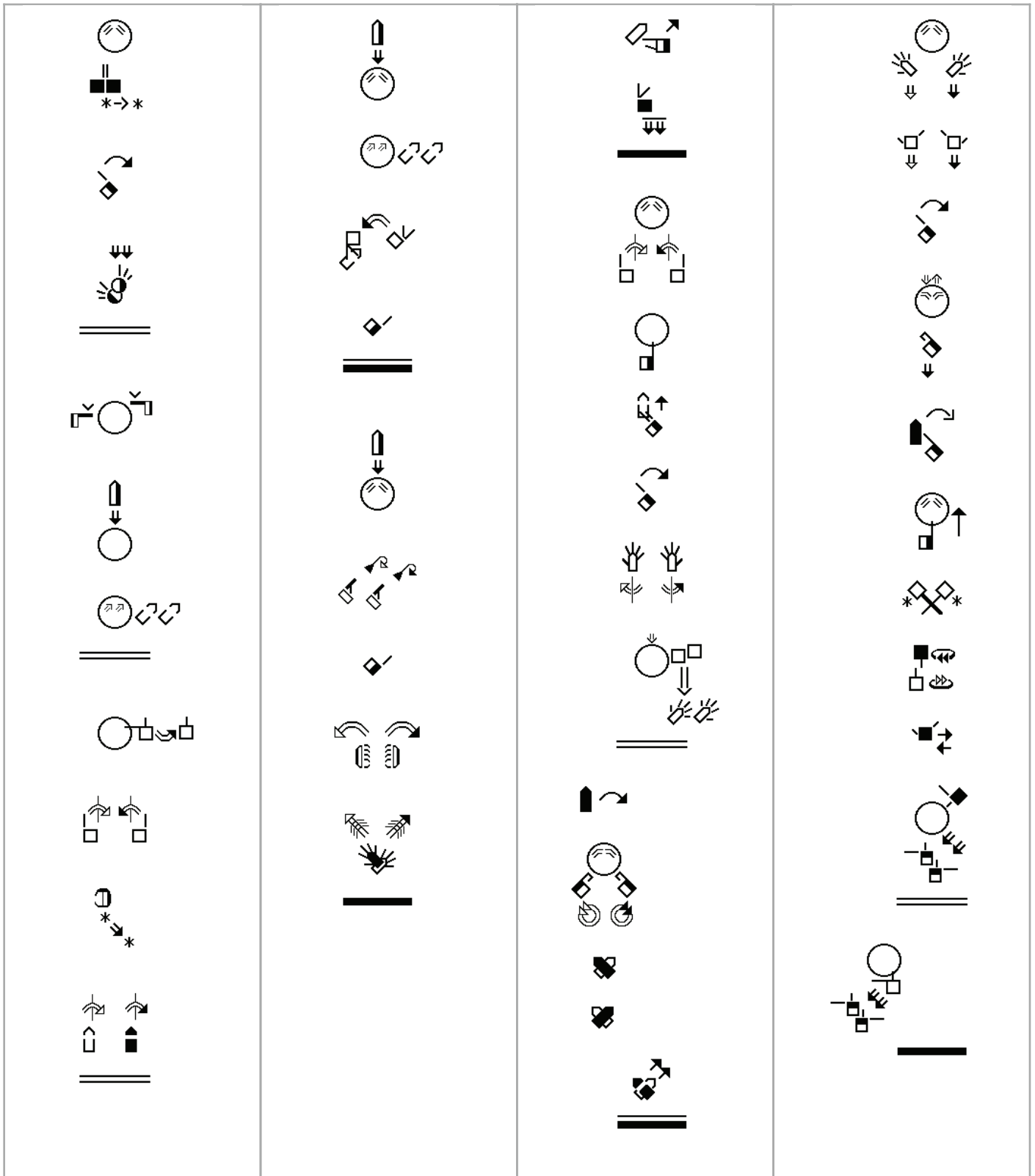
Verse 13. So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. Verse 14. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living NLT

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to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. Verse 15. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. Verse 16. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

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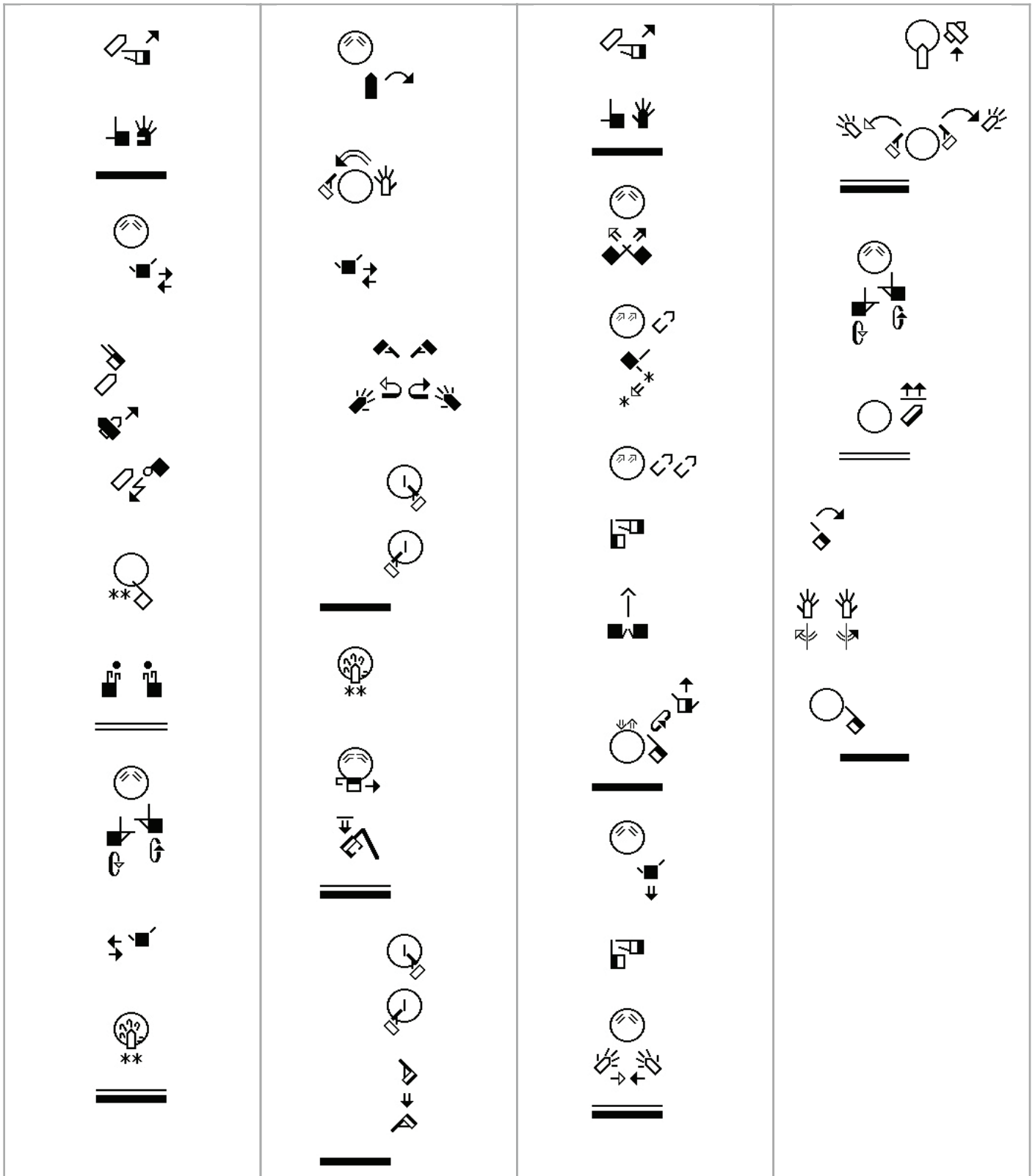


And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Verse 22. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.

1 Peter 1:22-23

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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.



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.


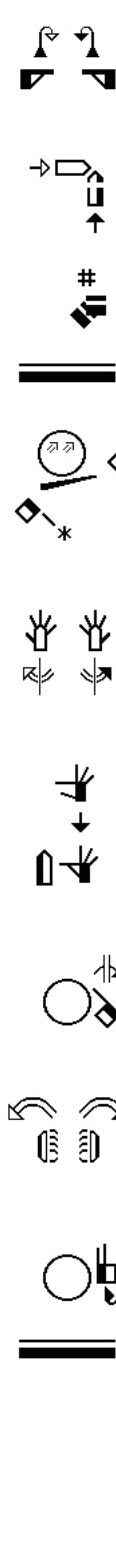
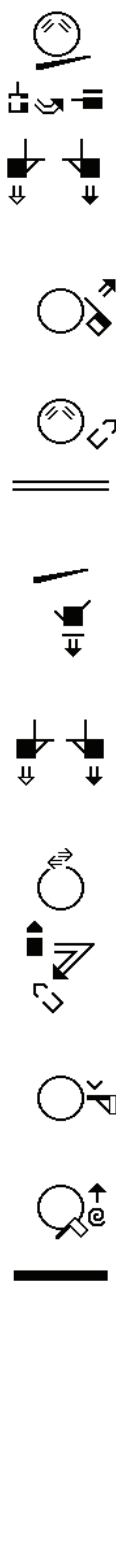
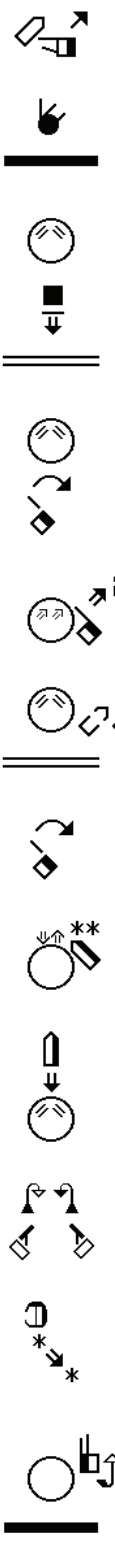
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Chapter 2. So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Verse 2. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for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

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Verse 3. now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. Verse 4. You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.
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<p>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.</p>			

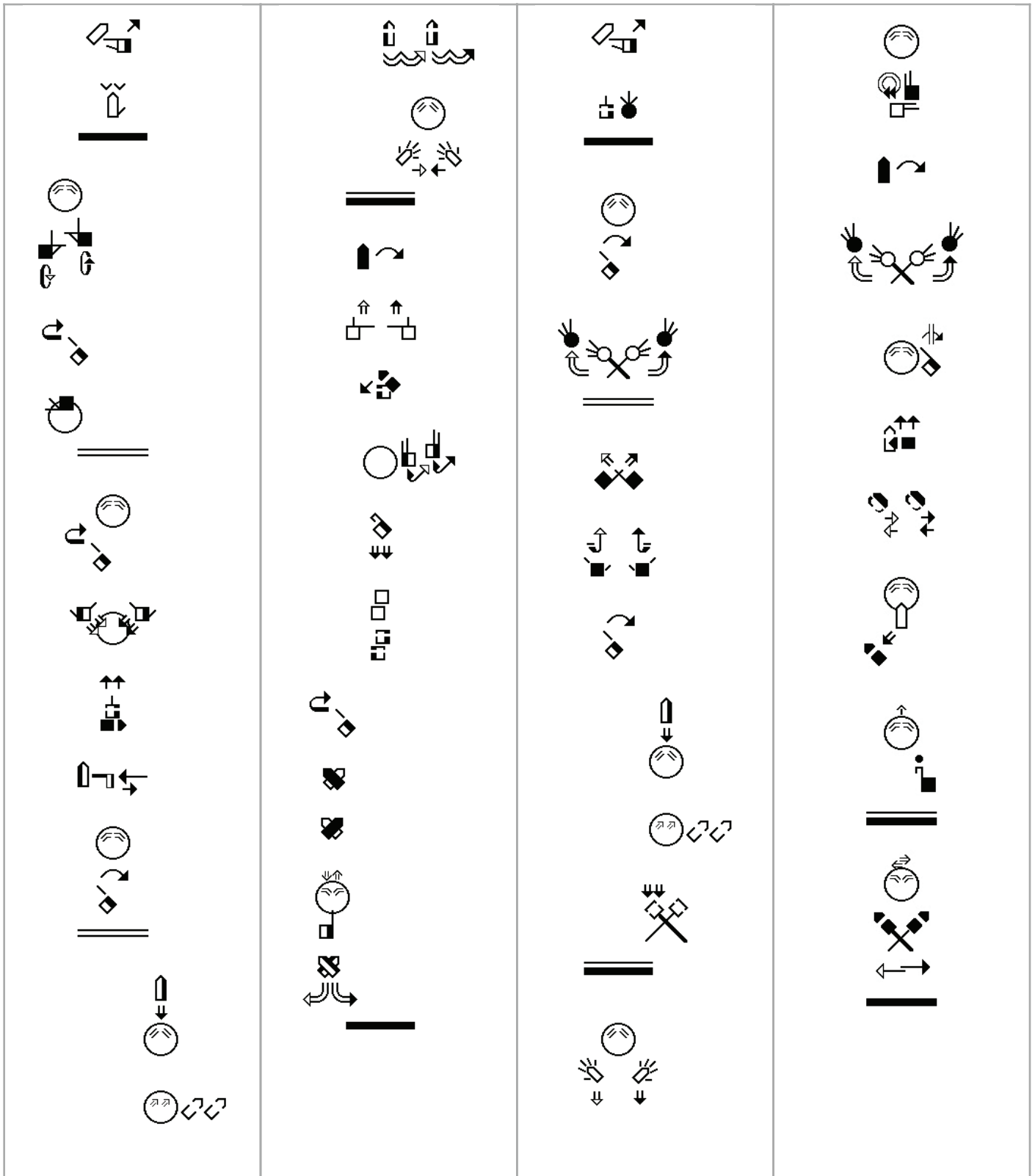
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they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. Verse 9. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result,

1 Peter 2:9-10

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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



Verse 15. It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. Verse 16. For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. 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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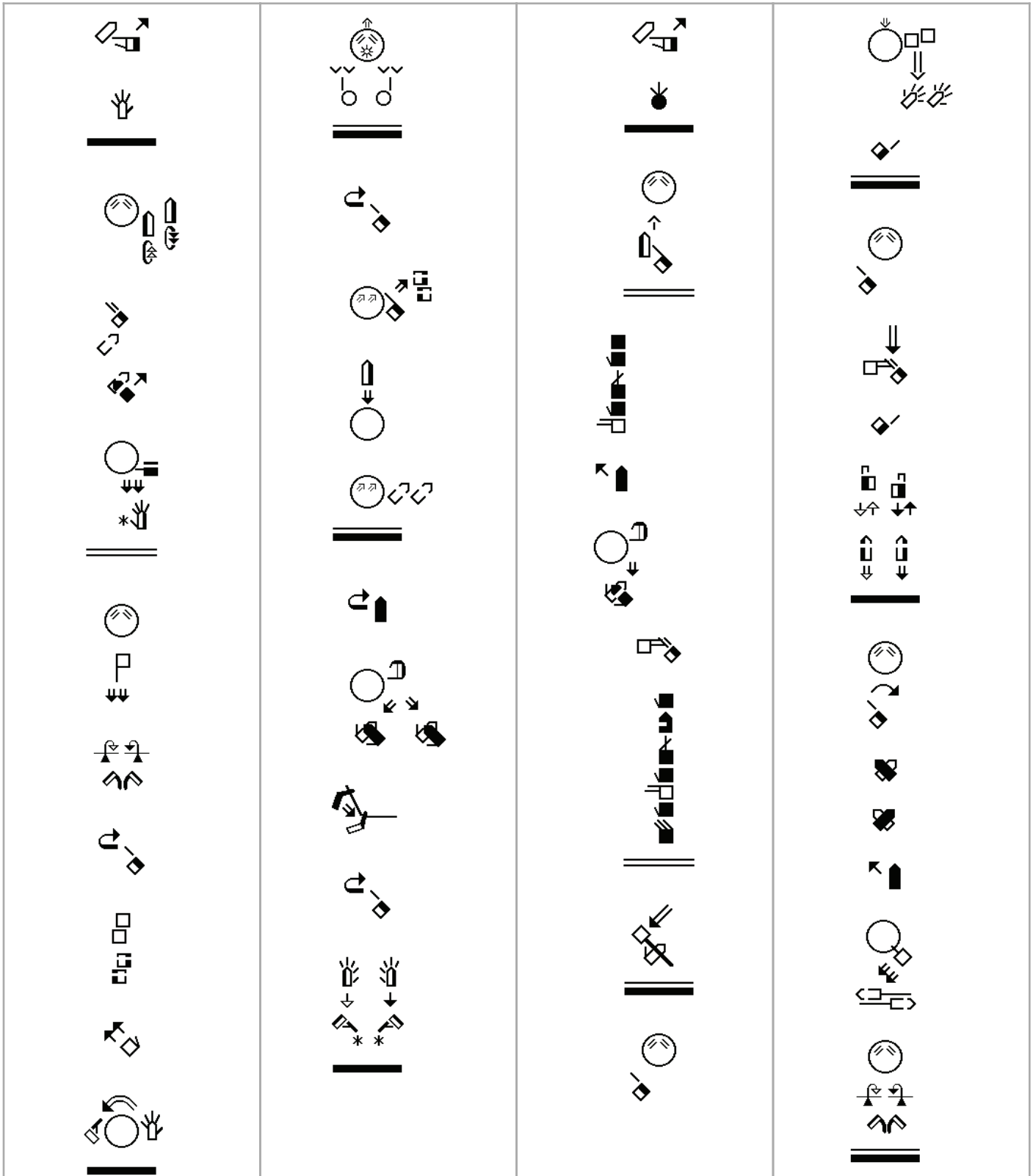
Verse 25. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

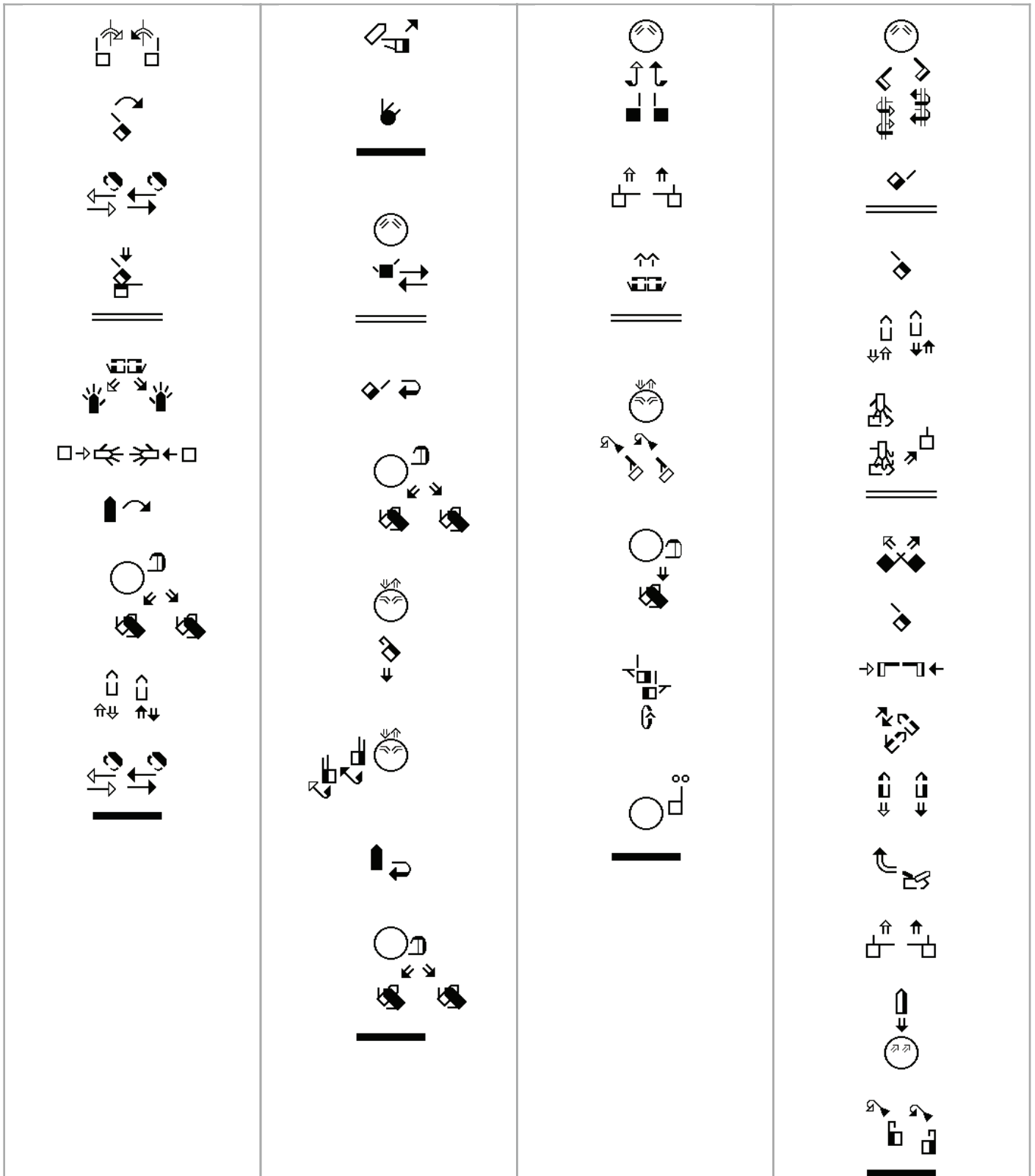
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Verse 3. Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. Verse 4. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,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

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1 Peter 3:5-6





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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1 Peter 3:7-8

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Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. Verse 8. Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Verse 9. Don't repay evil for evil.
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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

1 Peter 3:11-12

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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." NLT

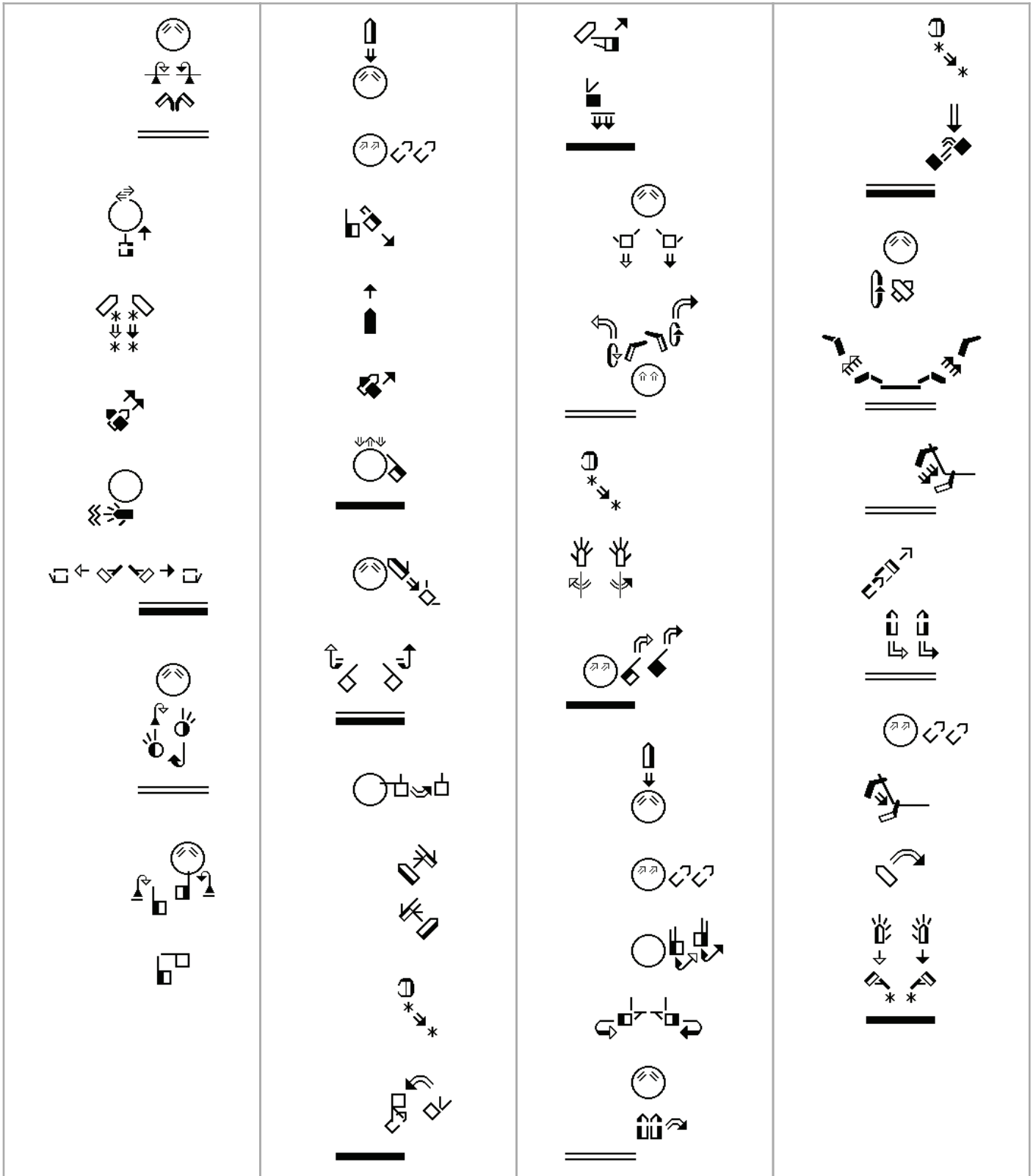
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Verse 13. Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? Verse 14. But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.
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1 Peter 3:18-19

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1 Peter 3:21-22



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. NLT

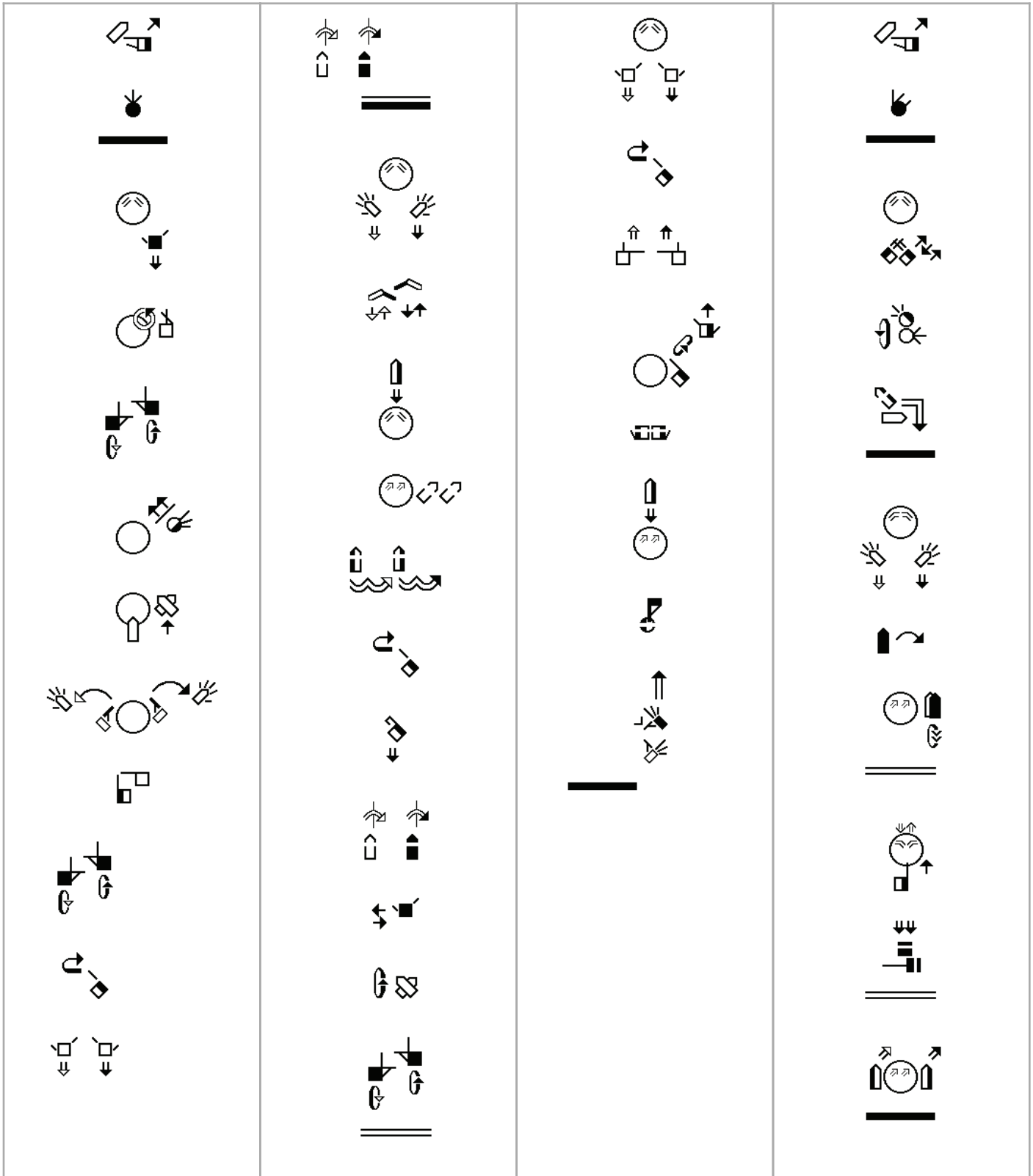
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Verse 4. Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. Verse 5. But remember that they will have to face God, who will judge everyone, both the living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

1 Peter 4:6-7



Verse 6. That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead -- so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit. Verse 7. The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

1 Peter 4:10-11

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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

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Verse 15. If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. Verse 16. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

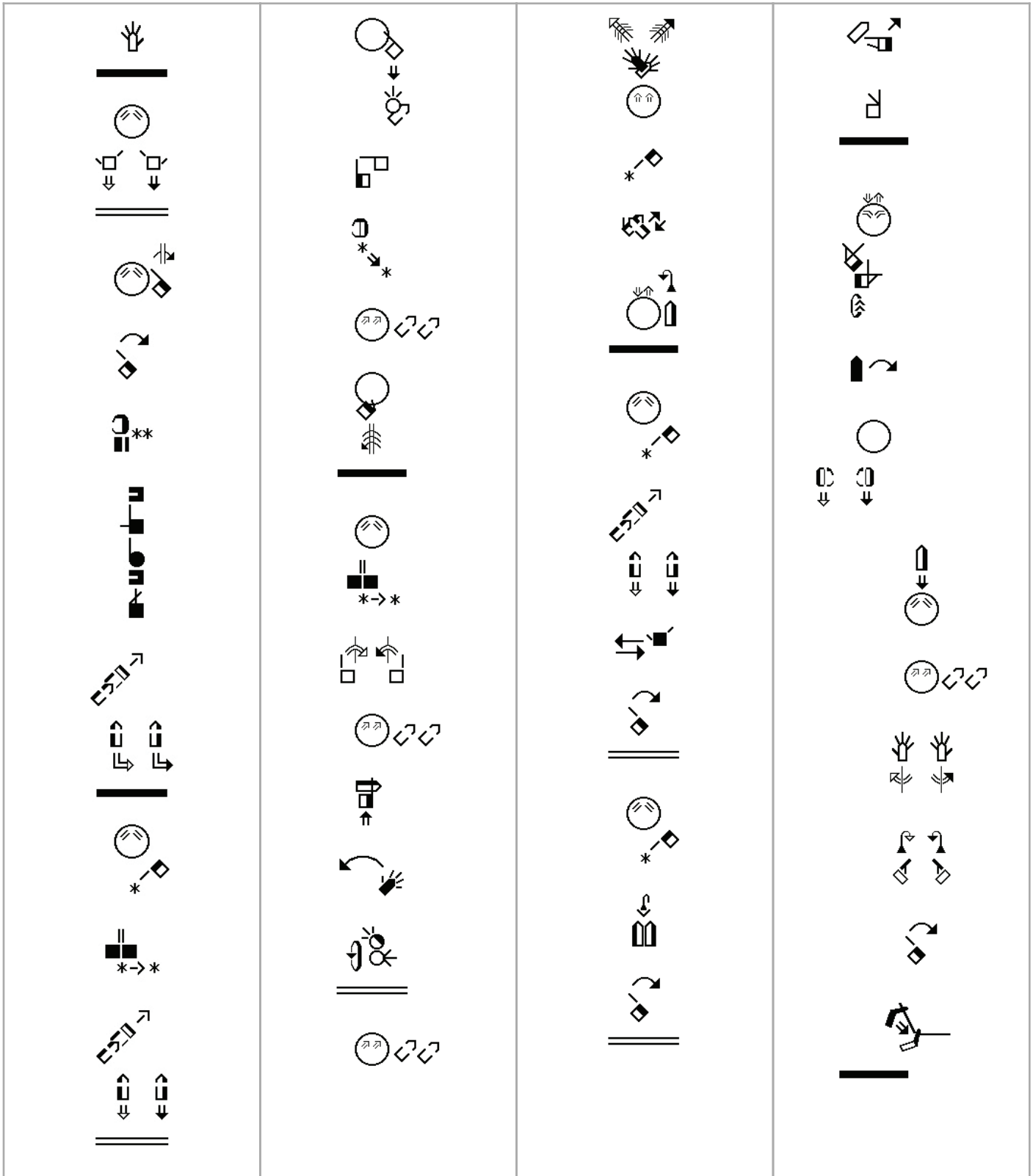
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what will happen to godless sinners?" Verse 19. So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

1 Peter 5:1-2



Chapter 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. NLT

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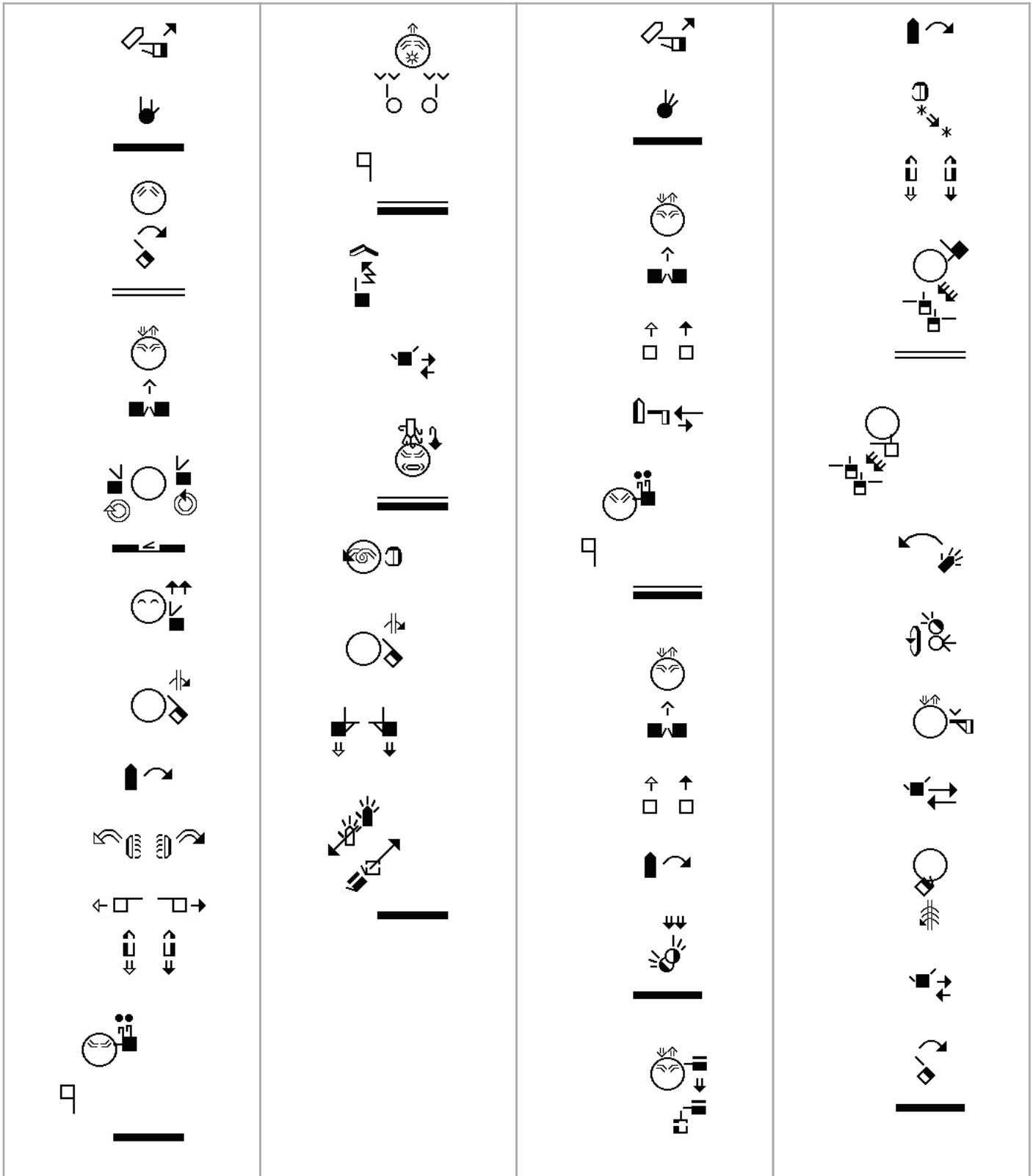
Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly -- not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Verse 3. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

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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.

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1 Peter 5:8-9



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.

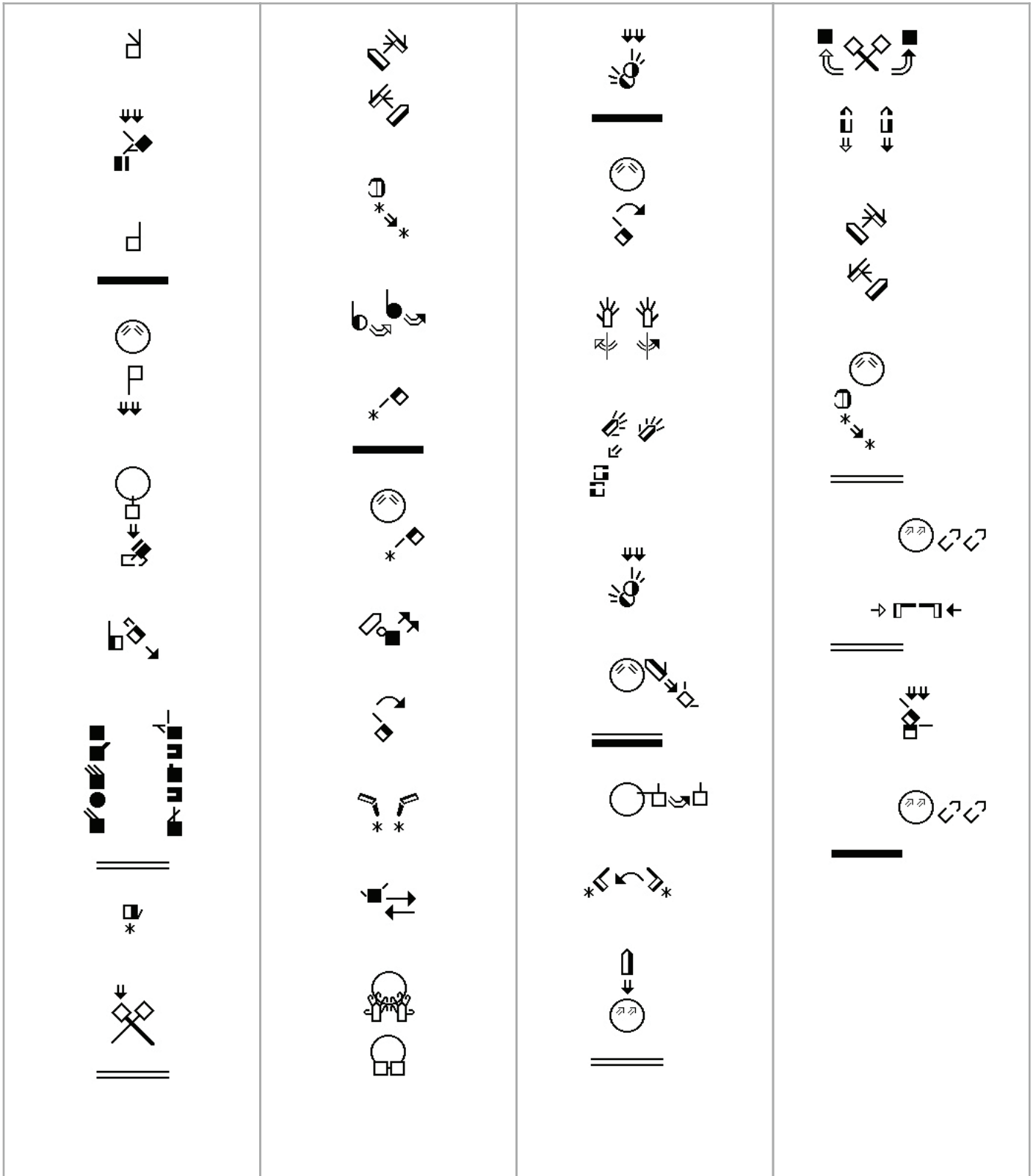
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Verse 12. I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for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



Chapter 1. This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.

2 Peter 1:2-3

Verse 2. May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. Verse 3. By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him,
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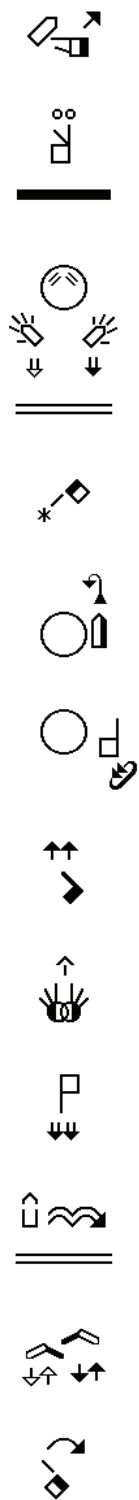
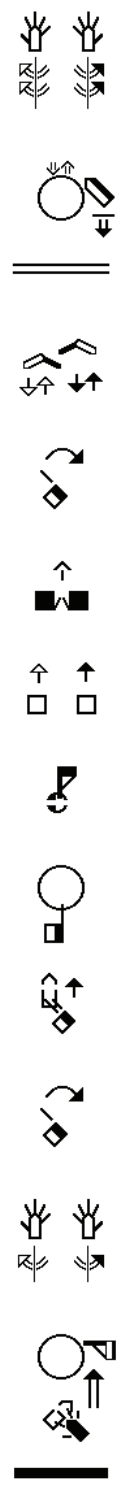
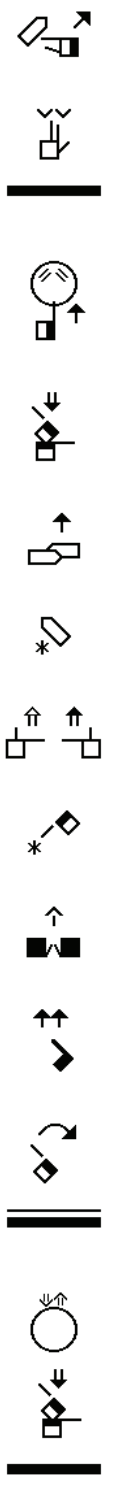

the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. Verse 4. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

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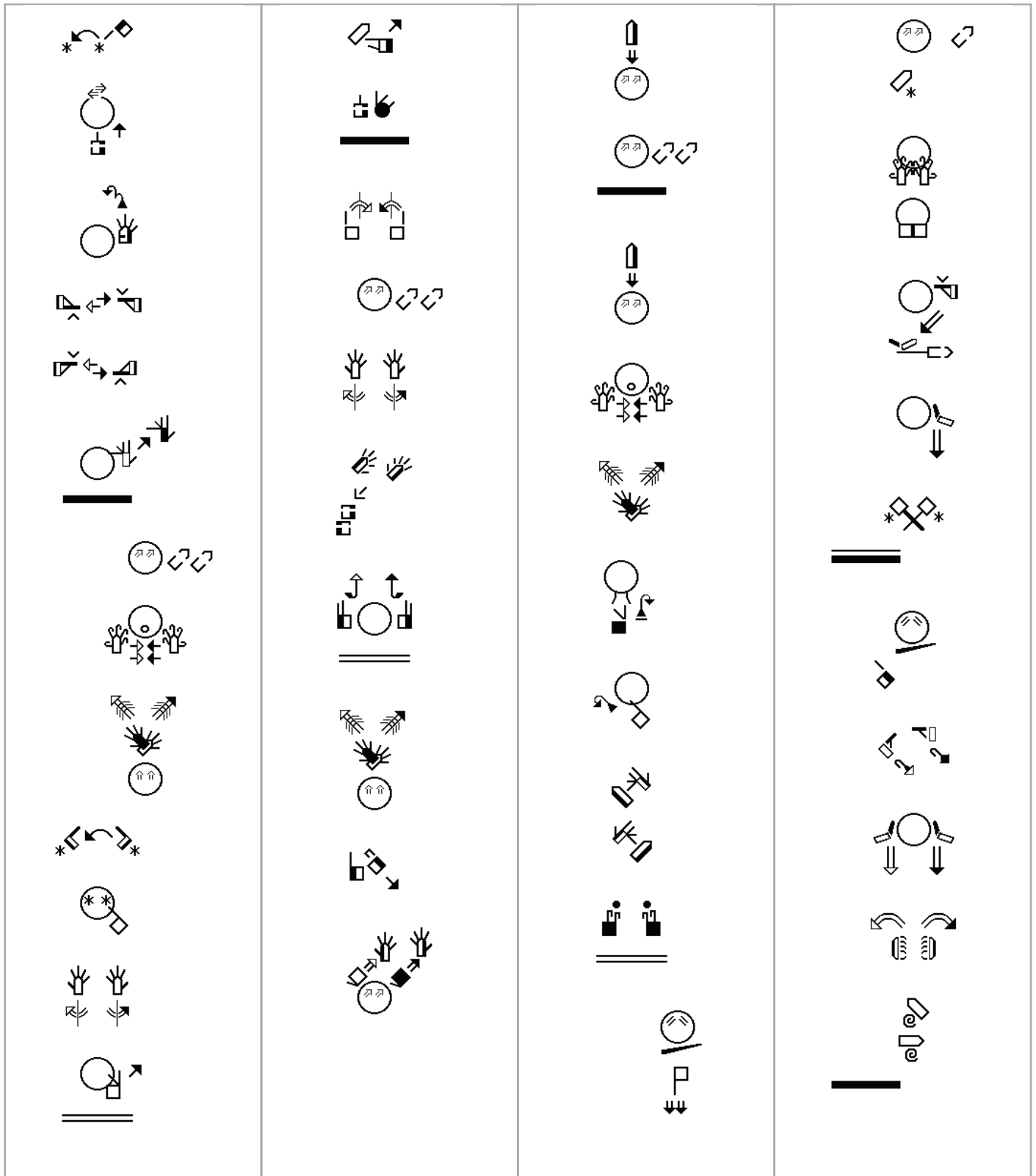
productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 9. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. Verse 10. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard

2 Peter 1:12-14

			
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Verse 12. Therefore, I will always remind you about these things -- even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. Verse 13. And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live. Verse 14. For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me

2 Peter 1:16-17



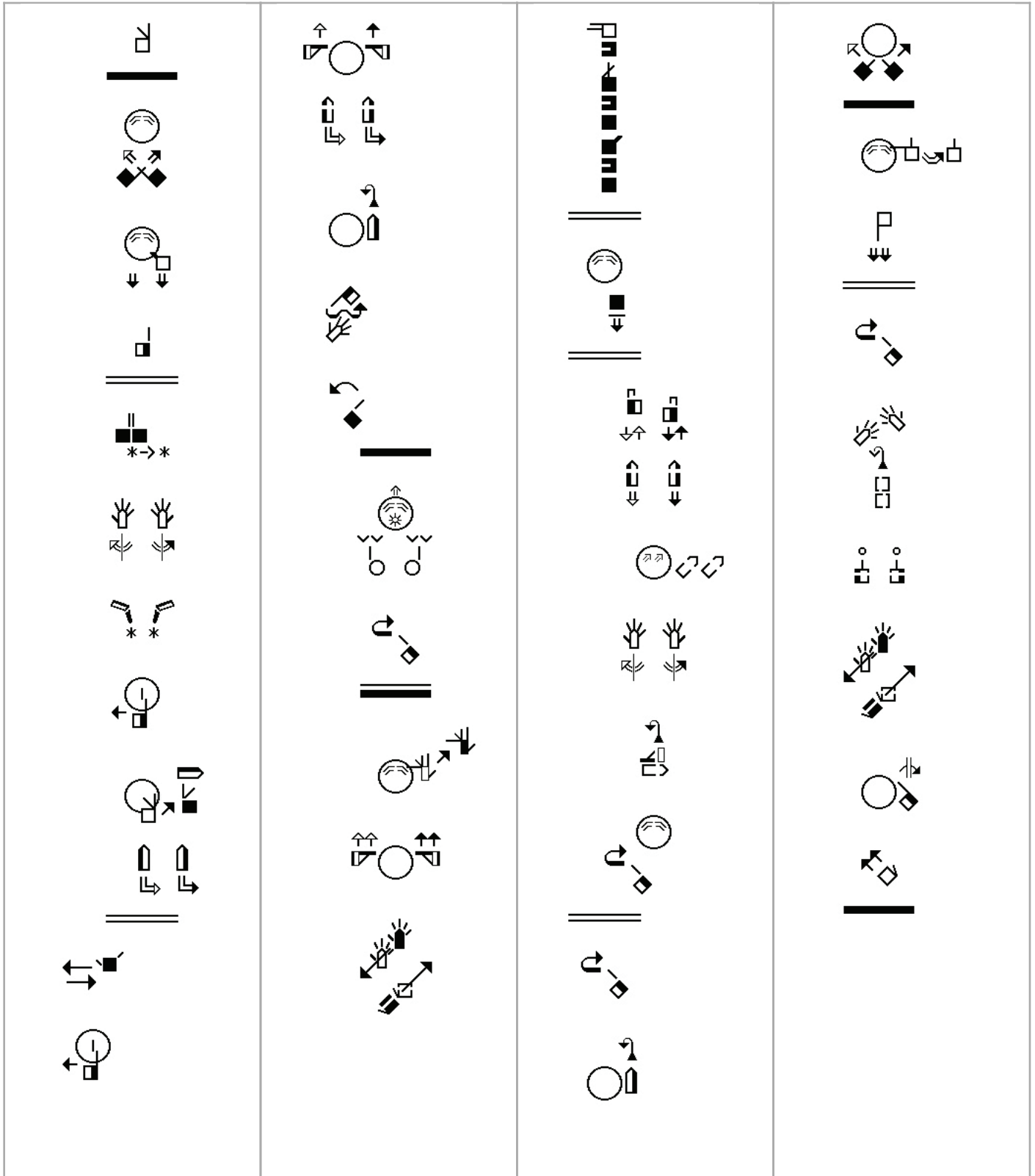
were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes Verse 17. when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." NLT

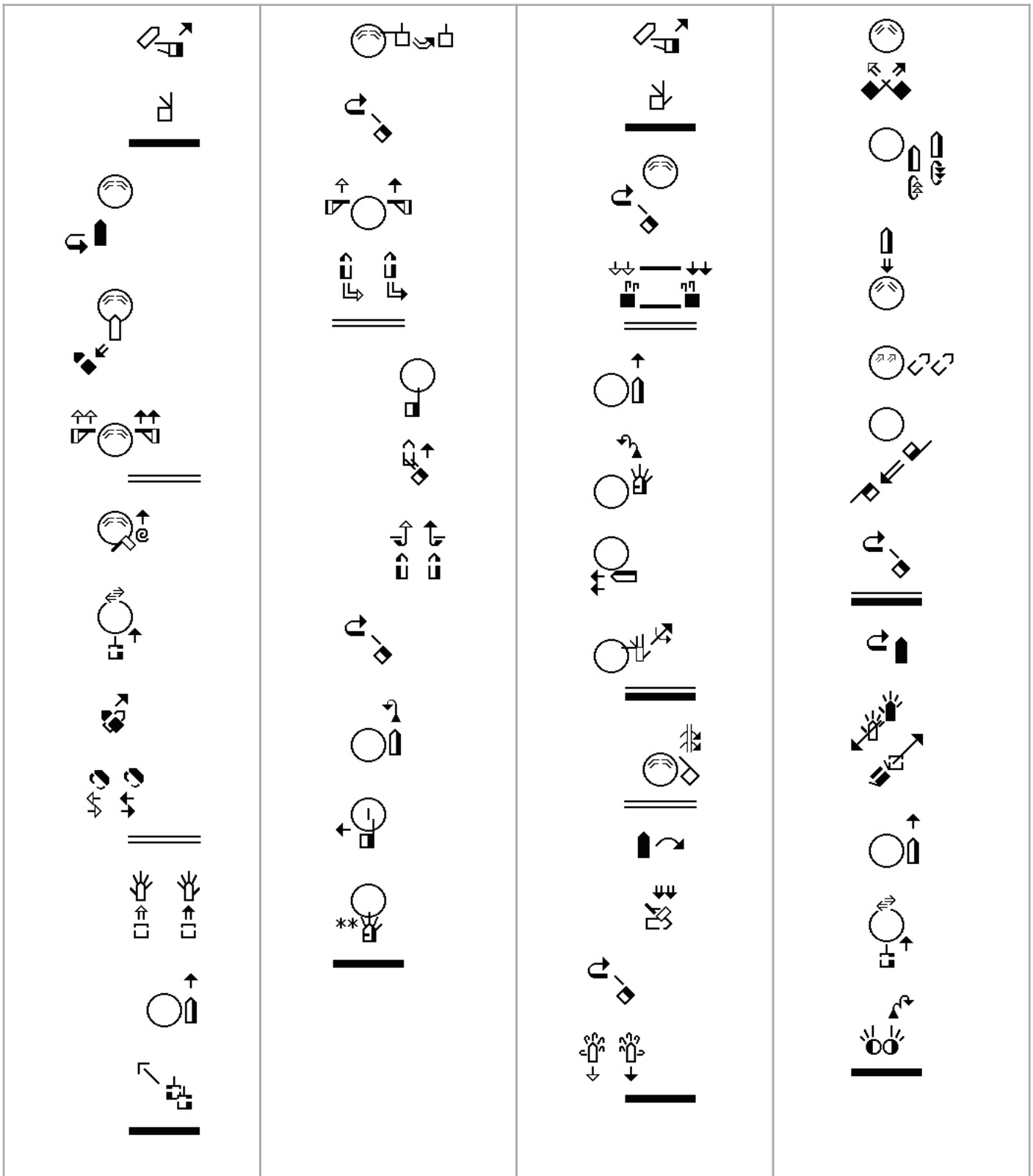
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Verse 21. or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

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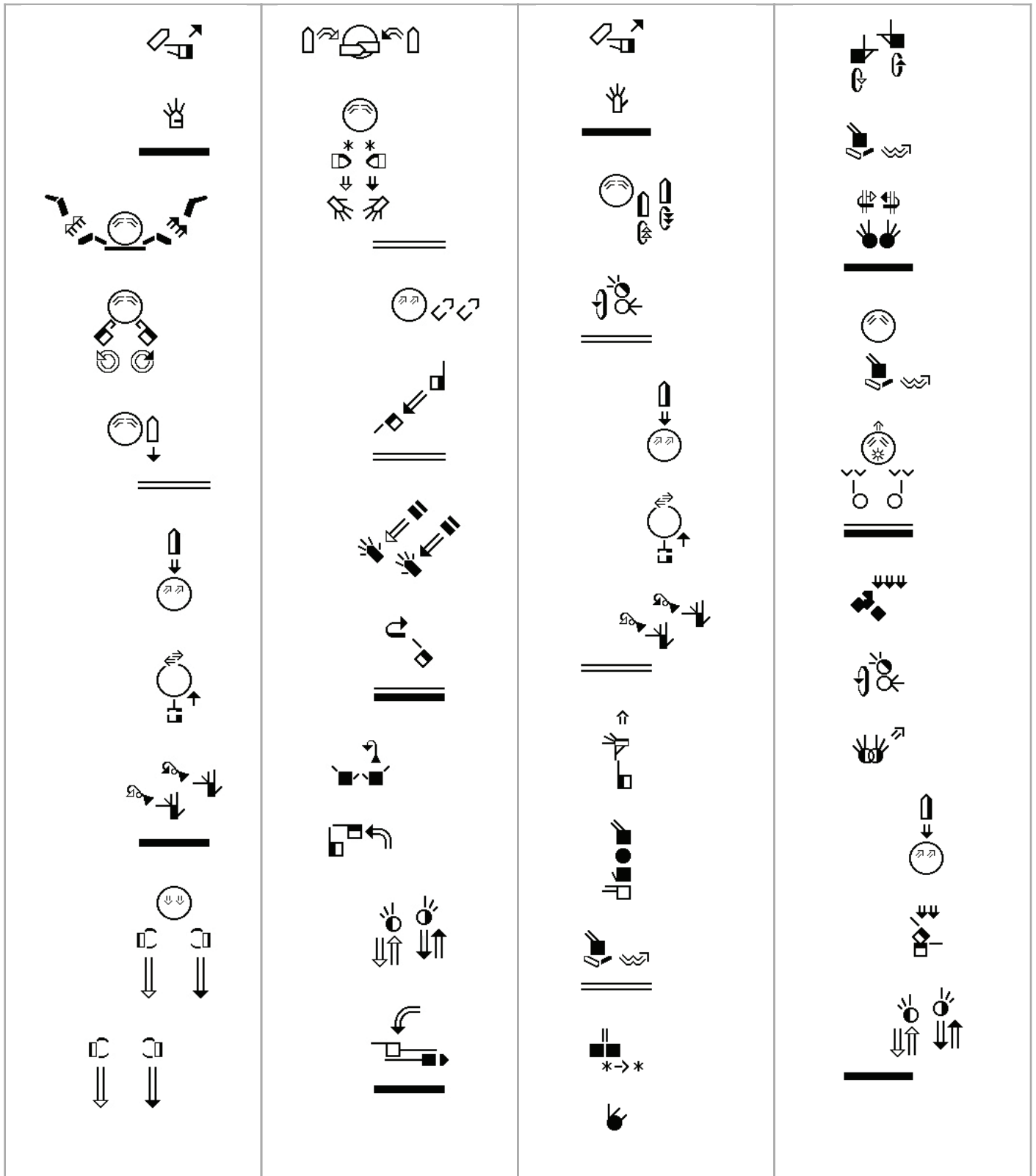




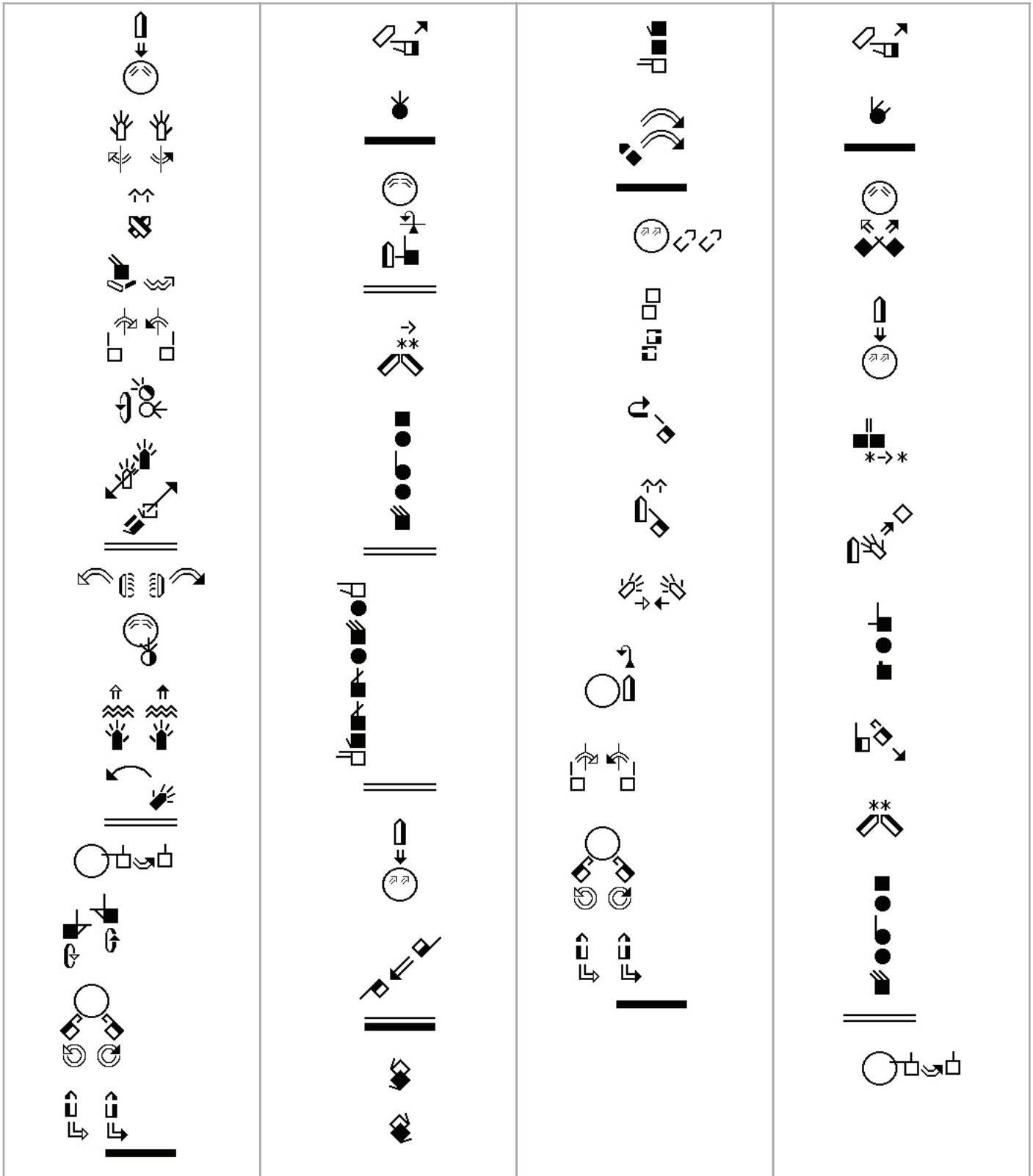
Verse 2. Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. Verse 3. In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

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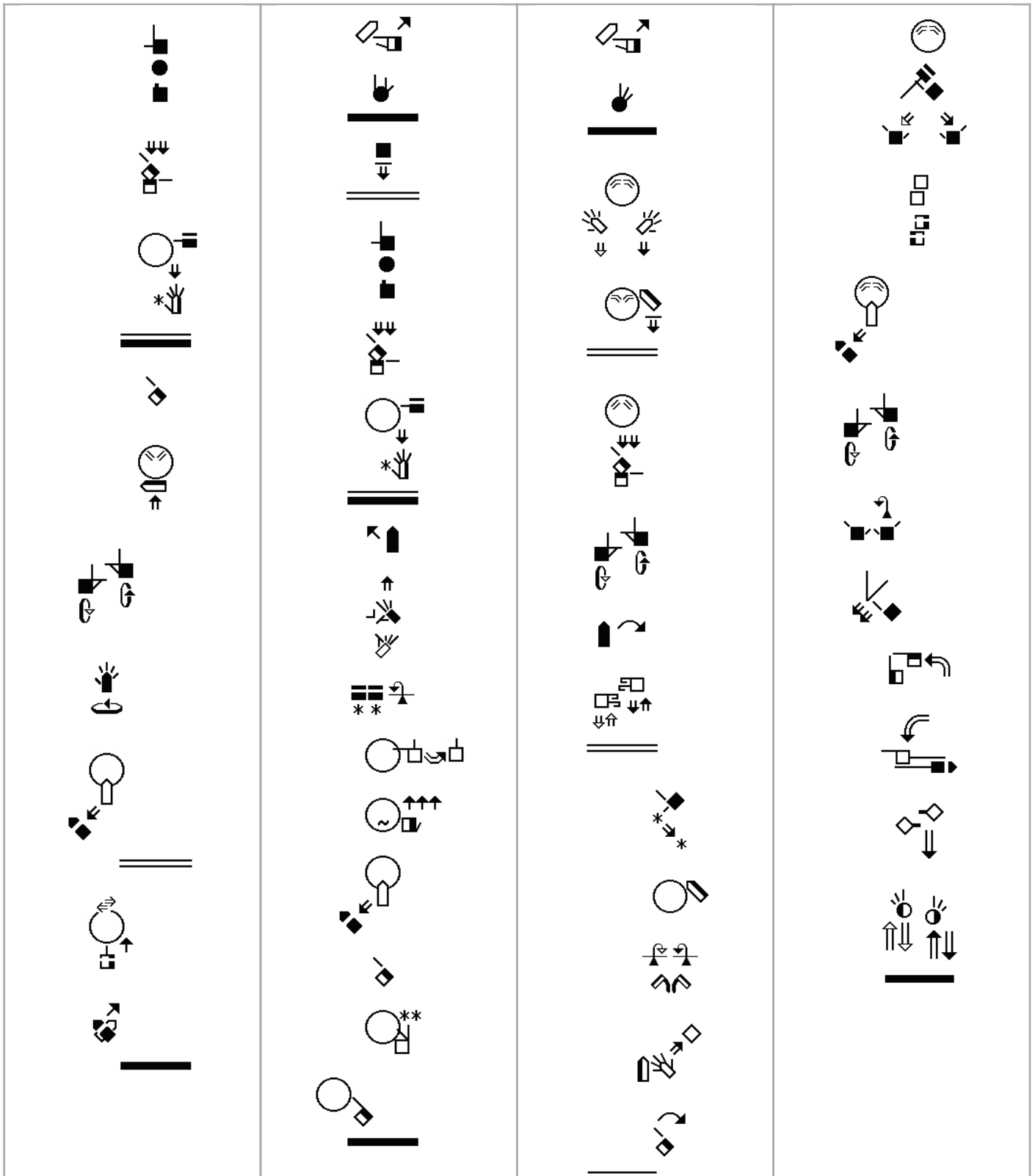
2 Peter 2:4-5



Verse 4. For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment. Verse 5. And God did not spare the ancient world -- except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God's righteous judgment. NLT



So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood. Verse 6. Later, God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and turned them into heaps of ashes. He made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people. Verse 7. But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who



Verse 8. Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he saw and heard day after day. Verse 9. So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment.

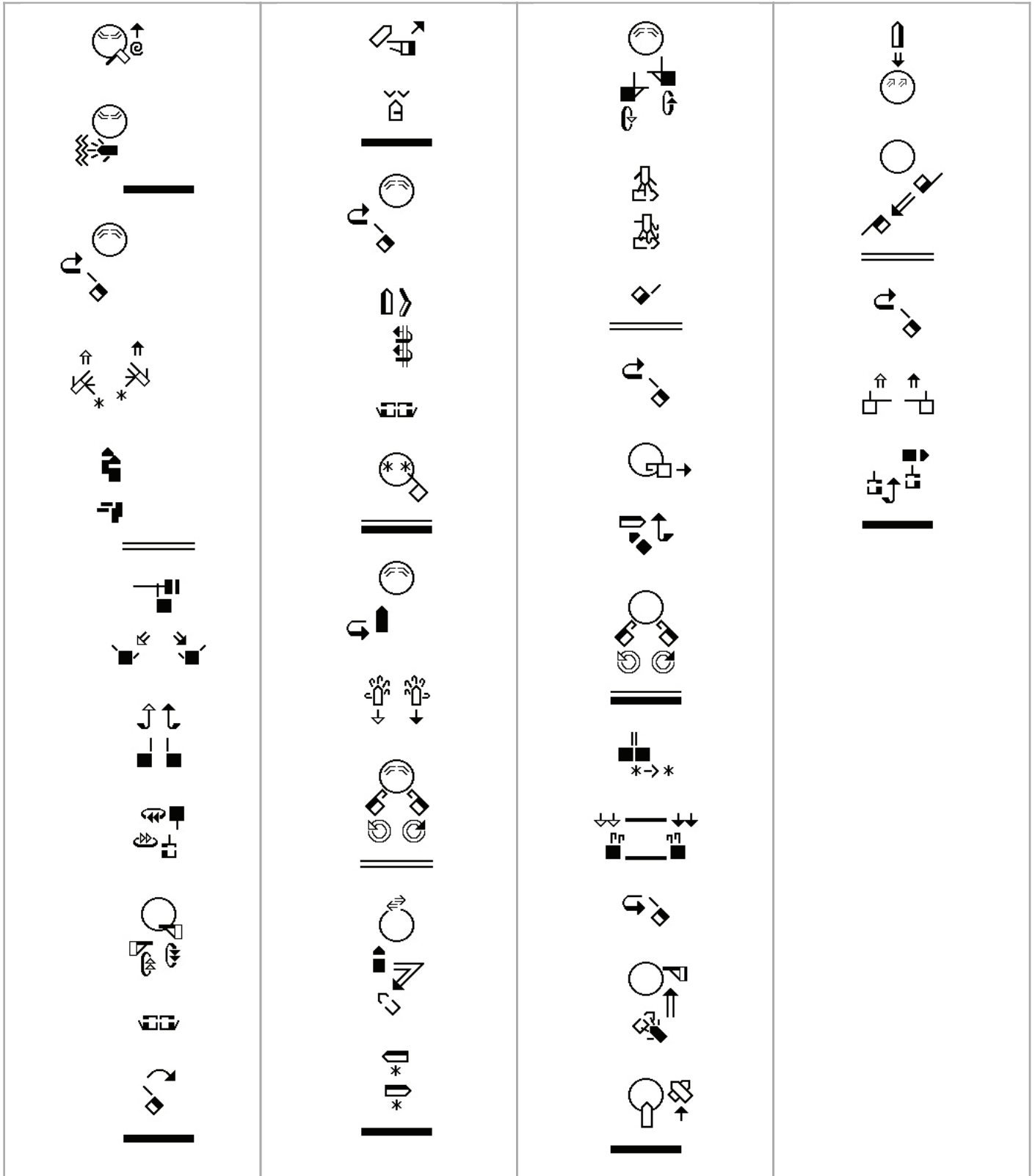
2 Peter 2:11-12

Verse 11. But the angels, who are far greater in power and strength, do not dare to bring from the Lord a charge of blasphemy against those supernatural beings. Verse 12. These false teachers are like unthinking animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed. They

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scoff at things they do not understand, and like animals, they will be destroyed. Verse 13. Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. NLT

2 Peter 2:13-14

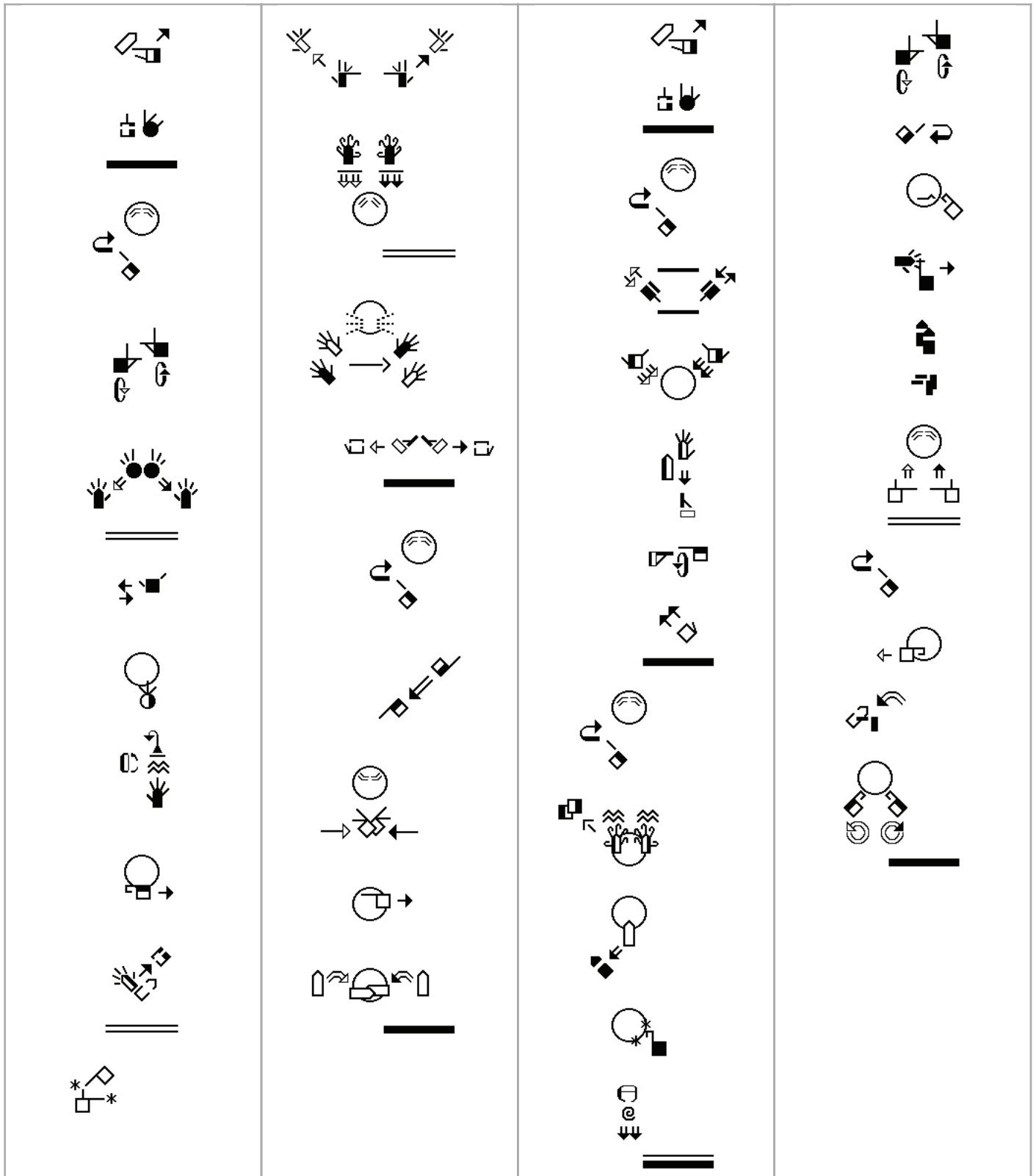


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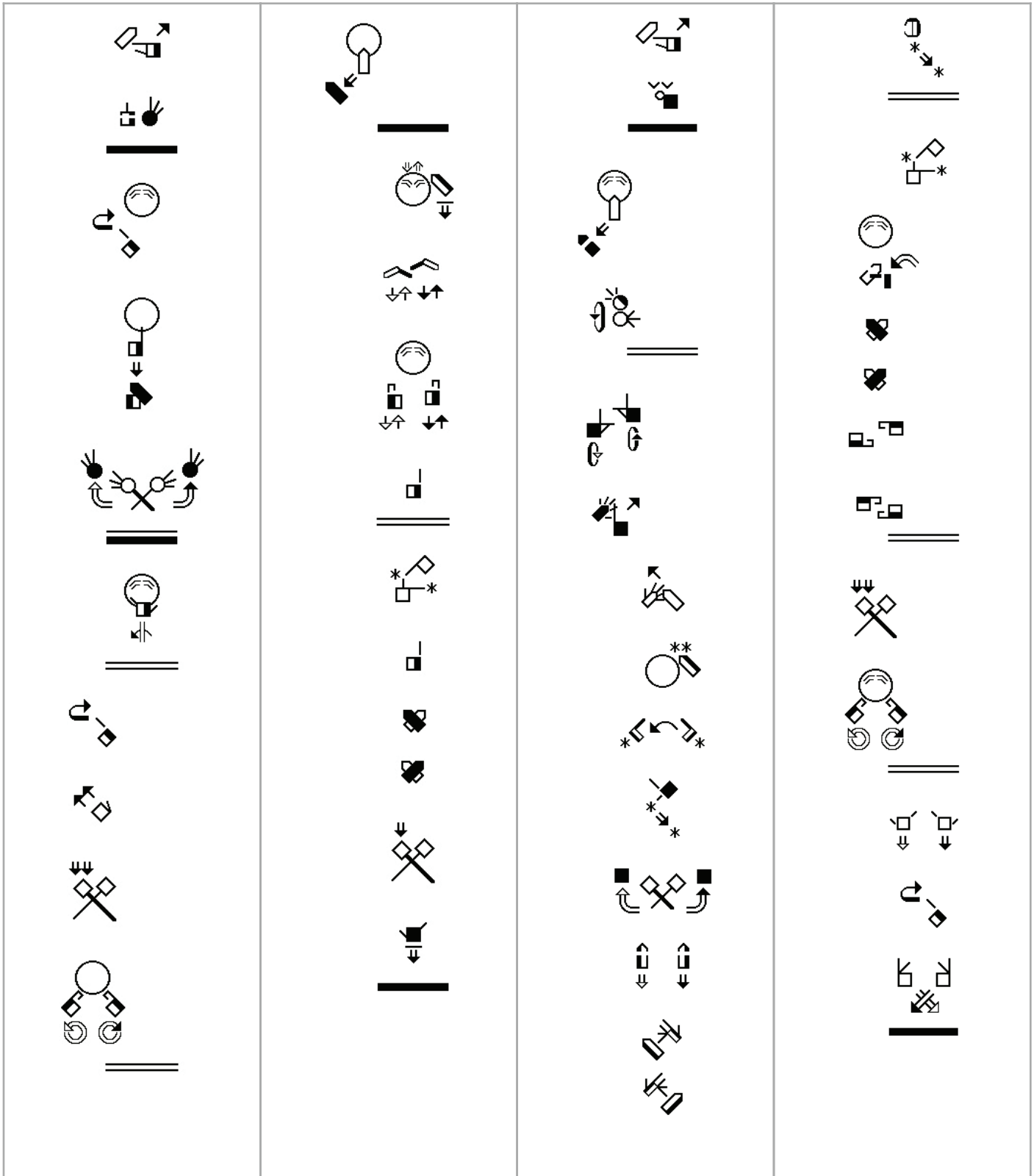
They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. Verse 14. They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse. NLT

Verse 15. They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong. Verse 16. But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice. NLT

2 Peter 2:17-18



Verse 17. These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are doomed to blackest darkness. Verse 18. They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception. NLT



Verse 19. They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. Verse 20. And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. NLT

2 Peter 2:21-22

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Chapter 3. This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. Verse 2. I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.

2 Peter 3:4-5

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A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. Verse 9. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

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Verse 10. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. Verse 11. Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy NLT

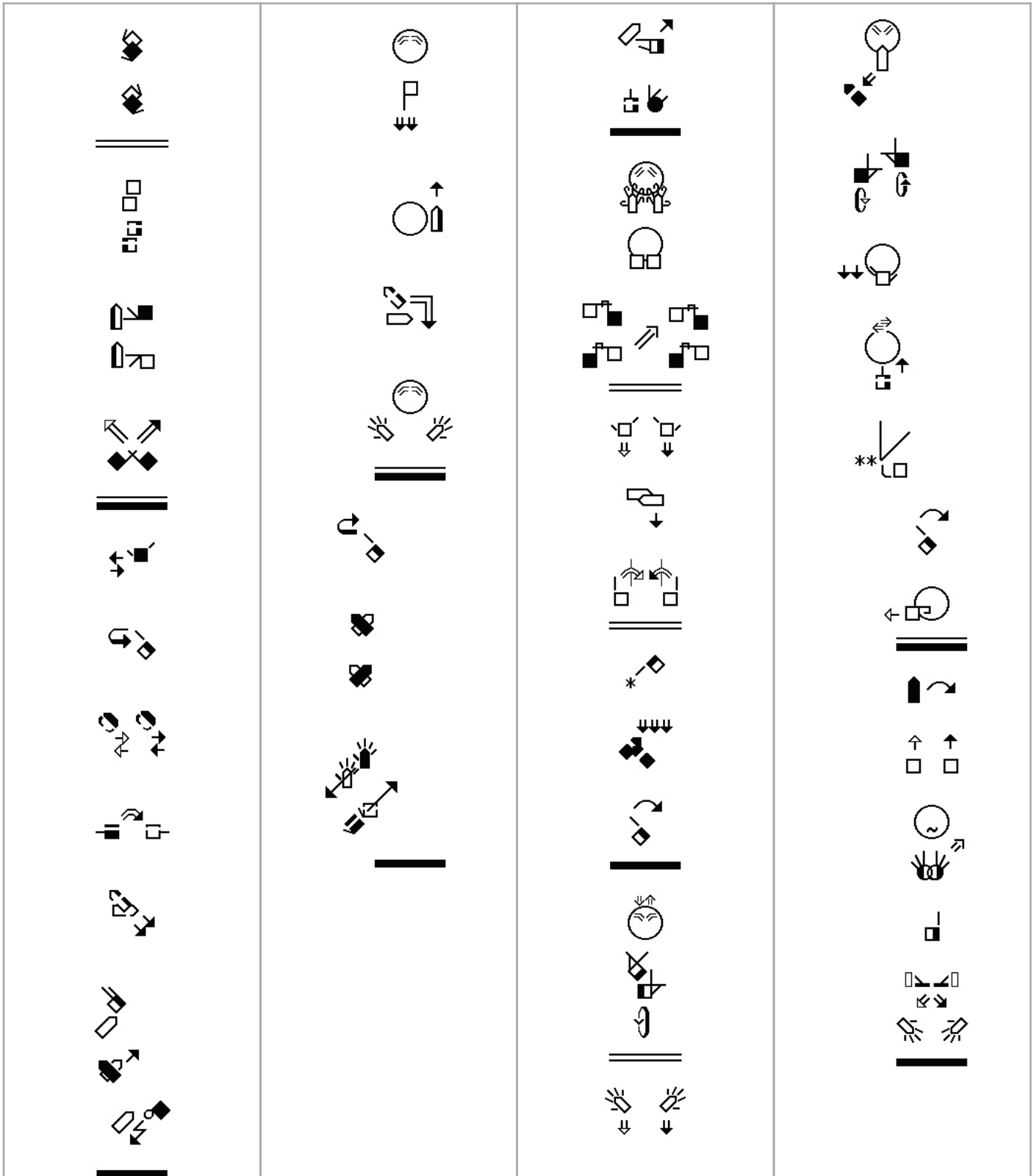
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and godly lives you should live, Verse 12. looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. Verse 13. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised,
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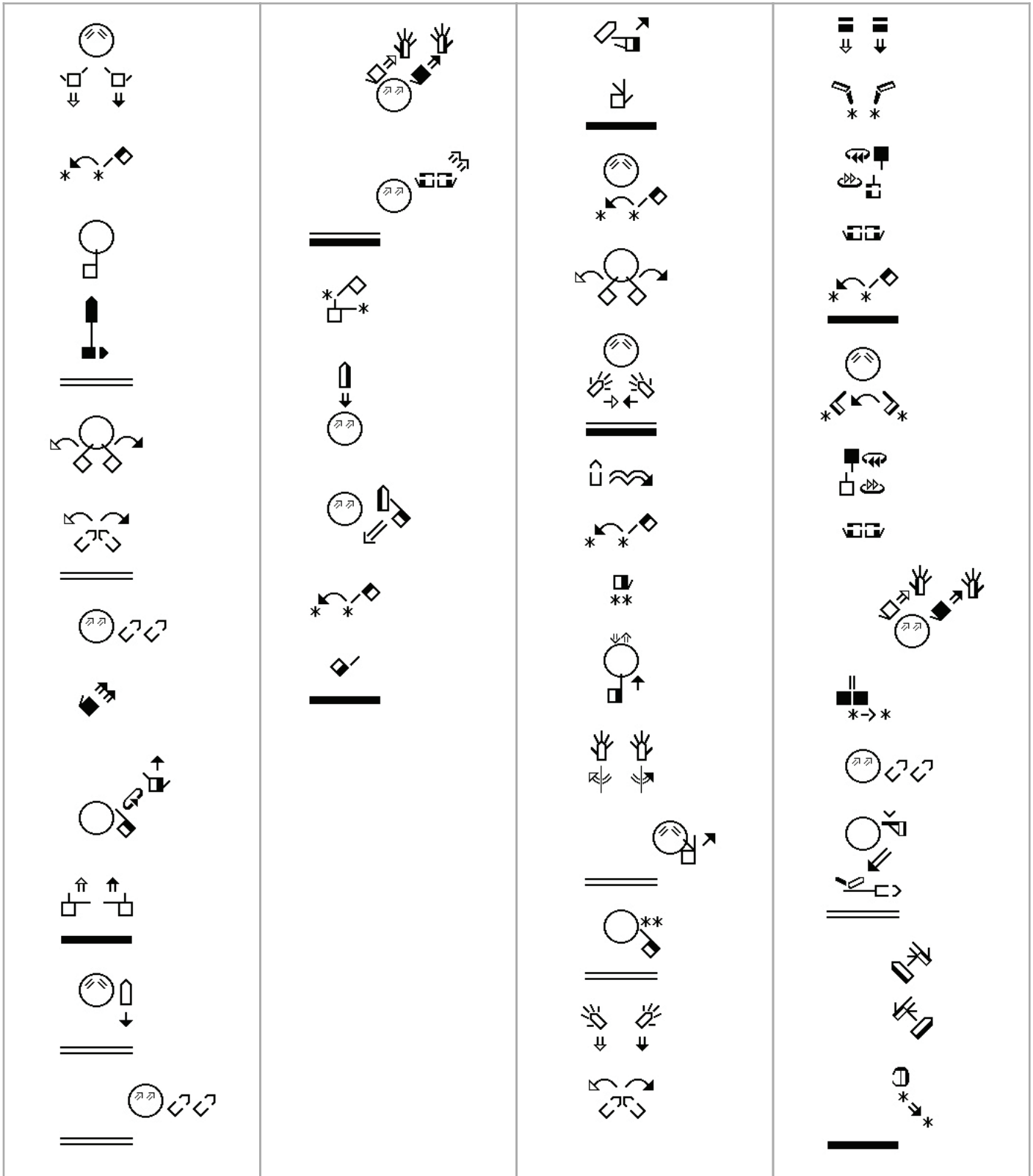
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a world filled with God's righteousness. Verse 14. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight. Verse 15. And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time



have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction. Verse 17. I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. NLT

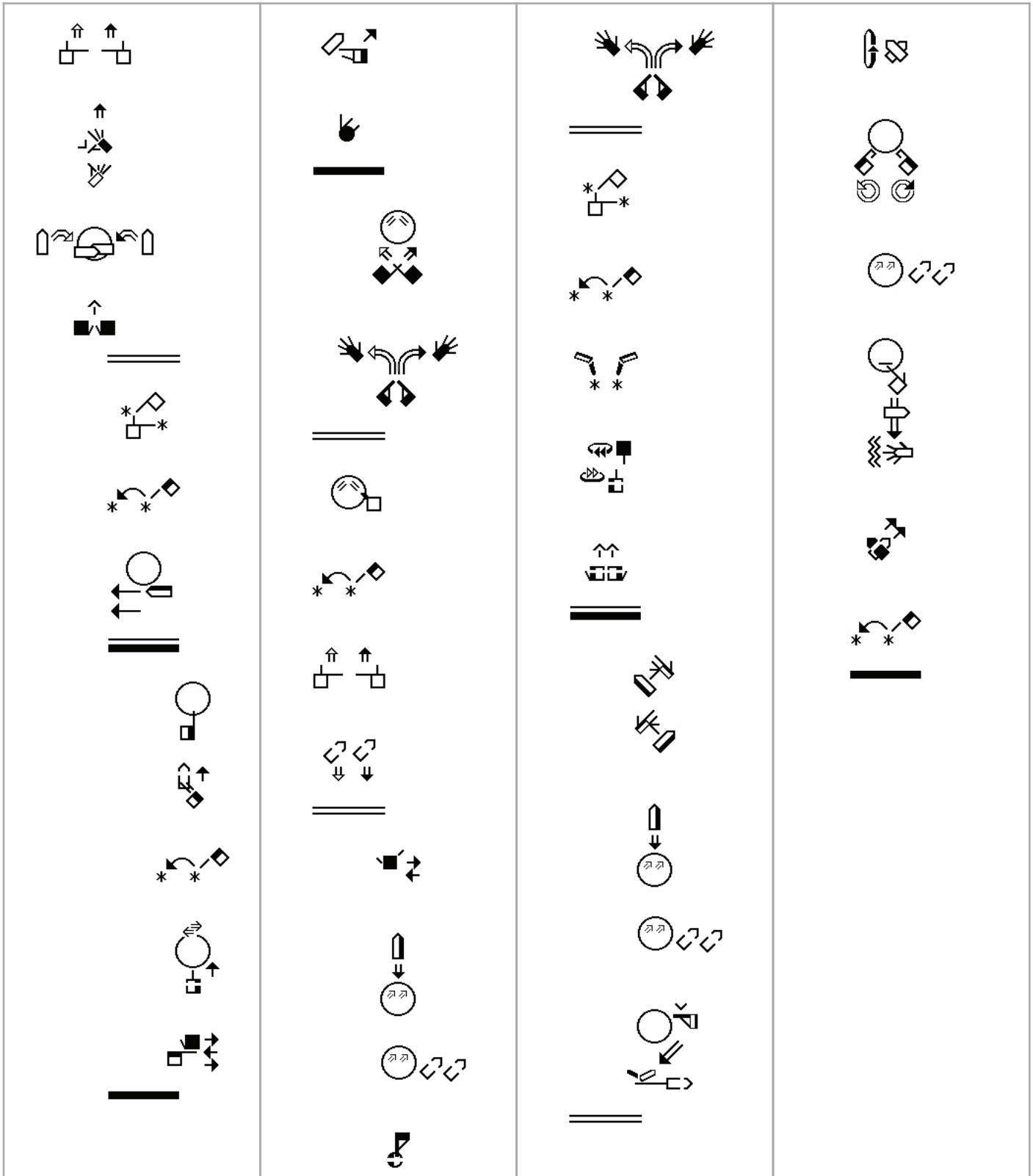
1 John 1:2-3



And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. Verse 3. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. NLT

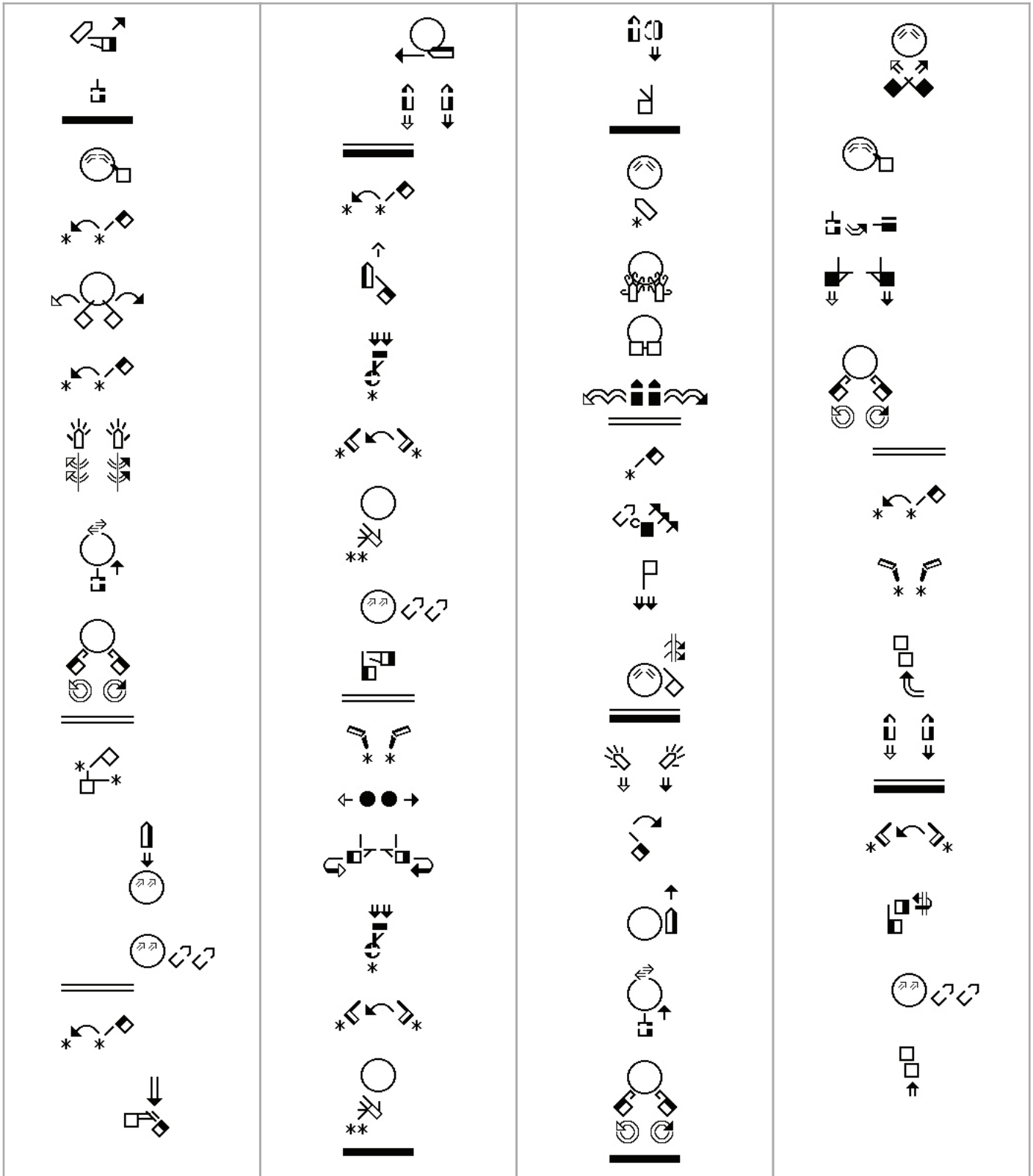
<p>Verse 4. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. Verse 5. This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. Verse 6. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on</p>			

1 John 1:6-7



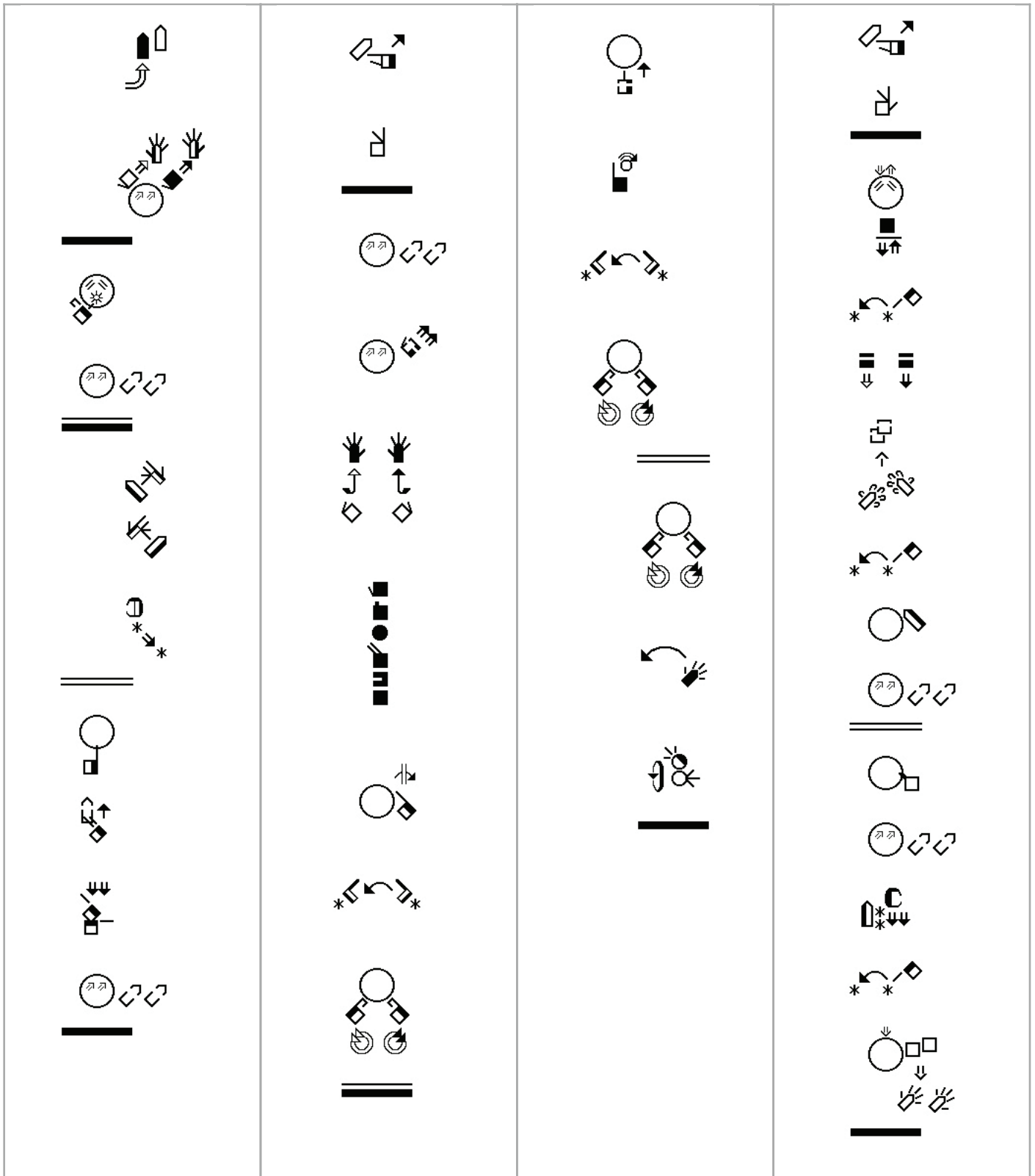
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Verse 8. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. Verse 9. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.



Verse 10. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

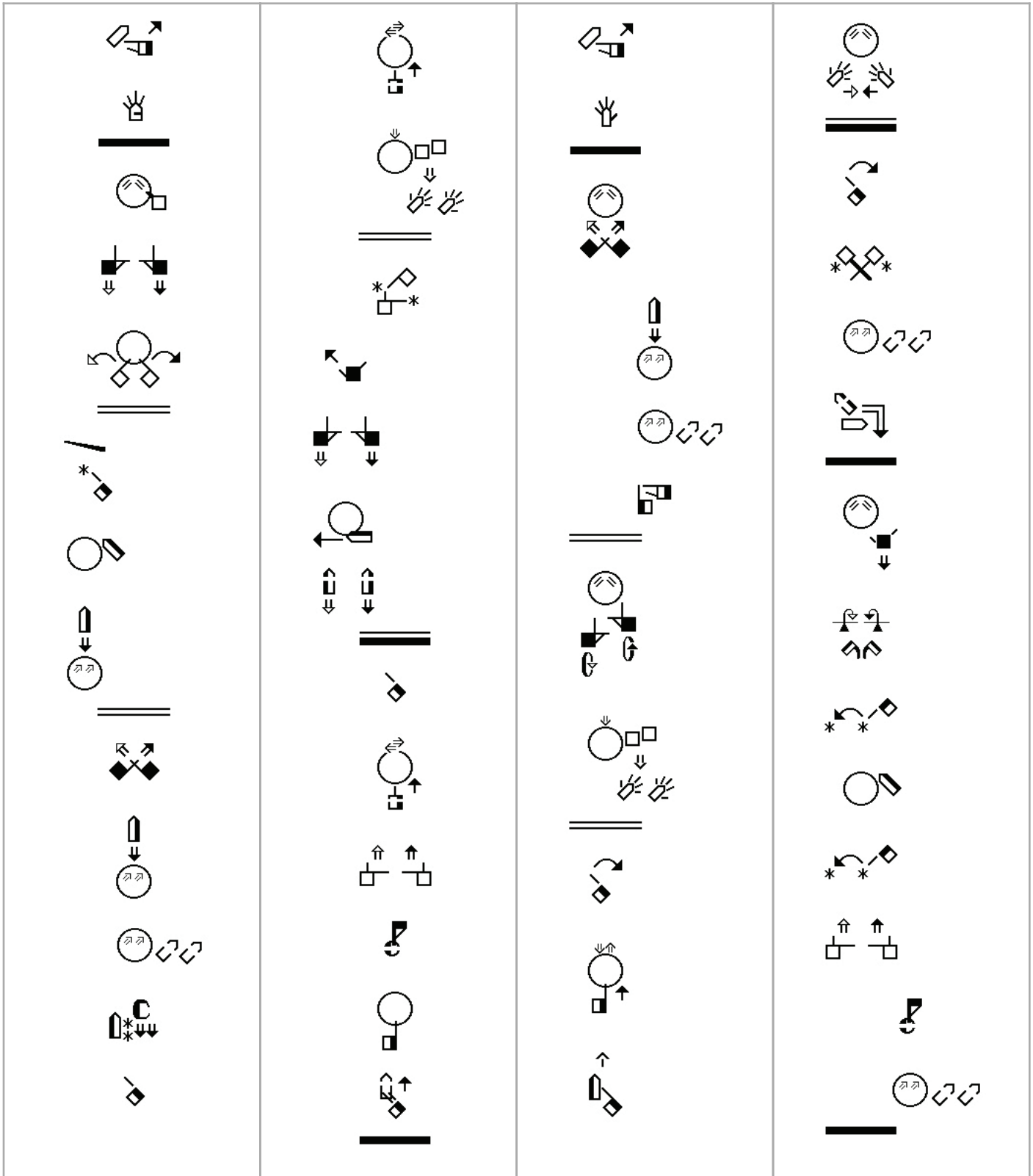
Chapter 2. My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case



before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. Verse 2. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins -- and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. Verse 3. And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.

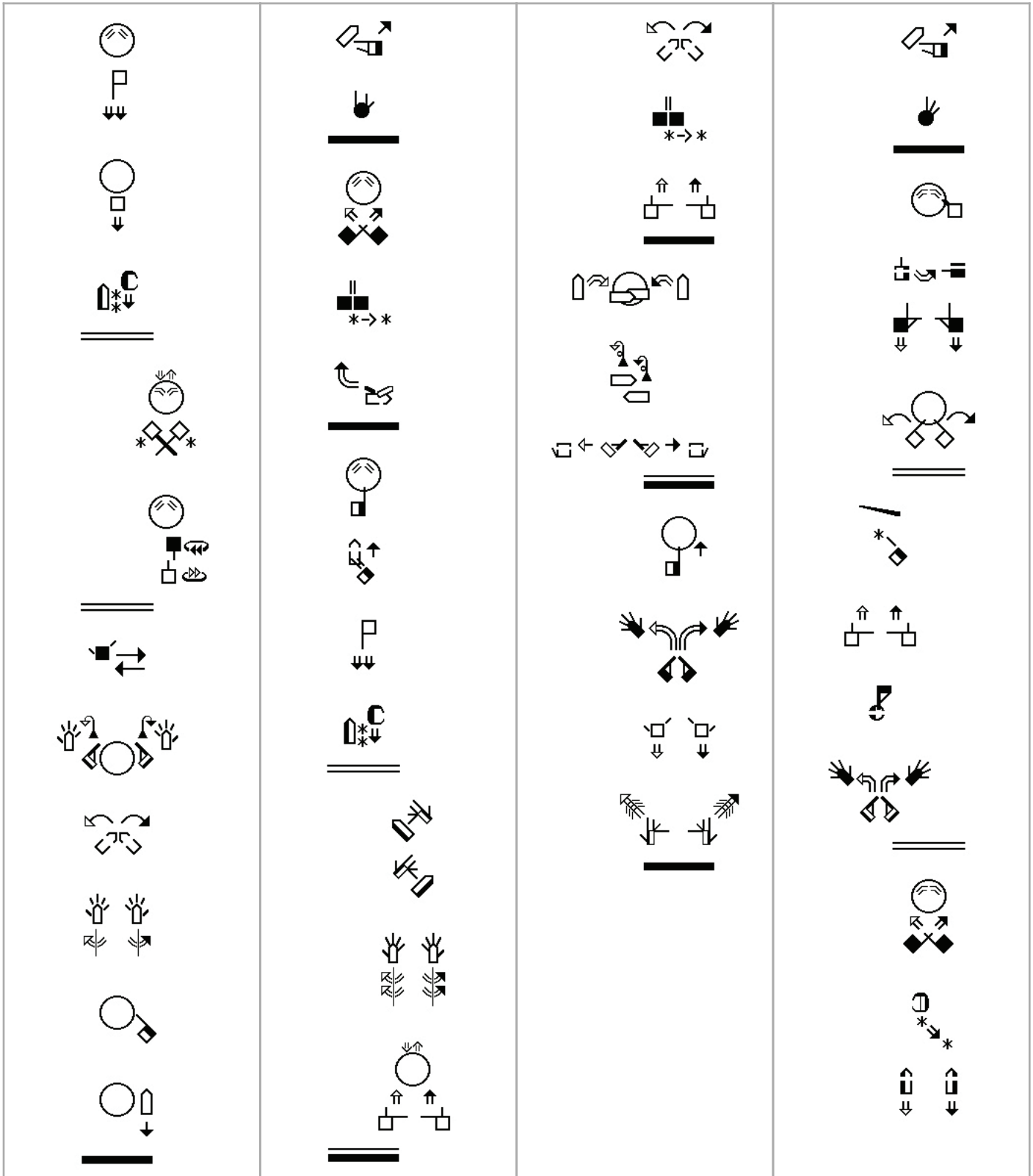
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1 John 2:4-5



Verse 4. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. Verse 5. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. NLT

1 John 2:7-9



This old commandment -- to love one another -- is the same message you heard before. Verse 8. Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. Verse 9. If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian

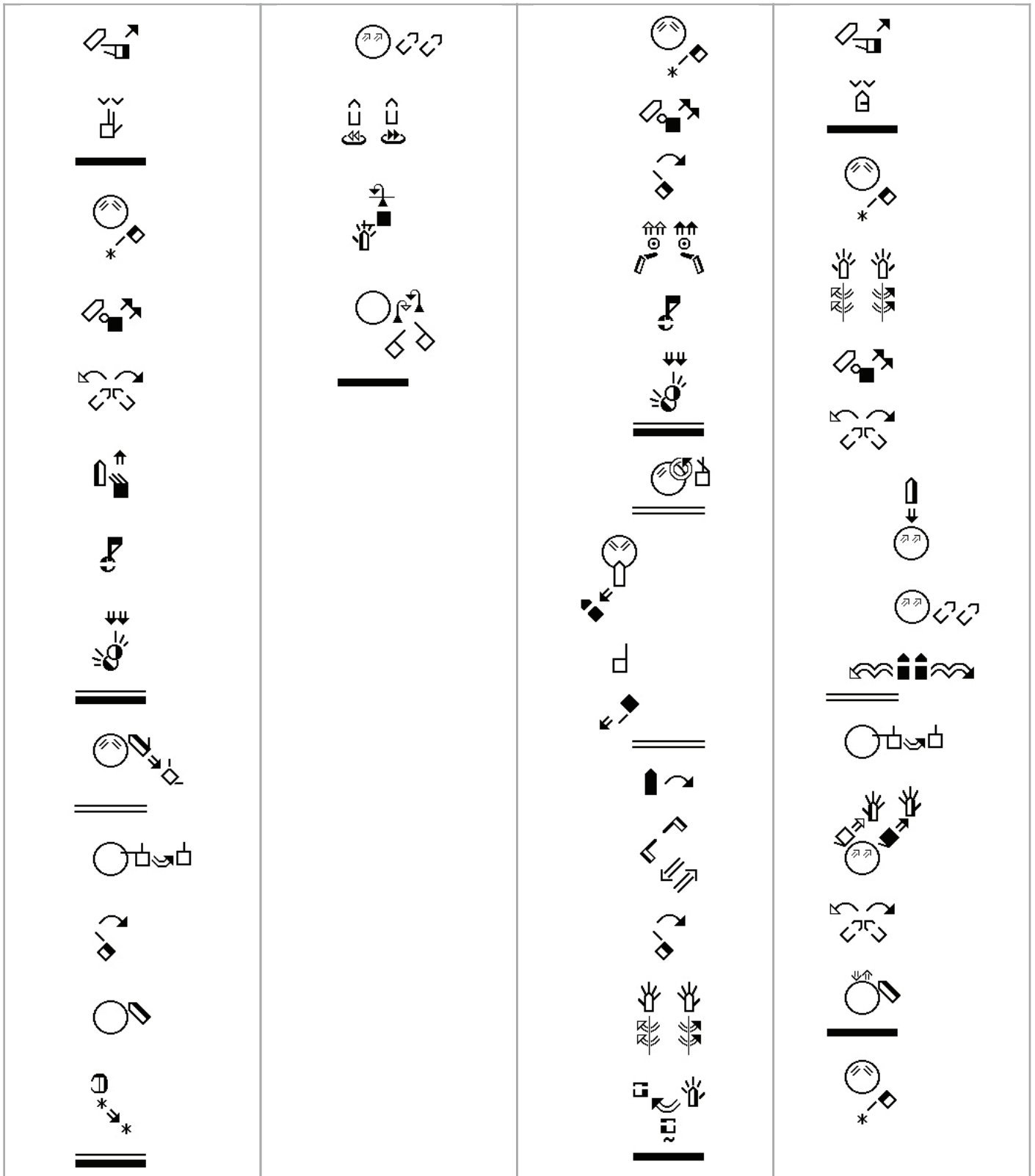
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brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. Verse 10. Anyone who loves another brother or sister is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. Verse 11. But anyone who hates another brother or sister
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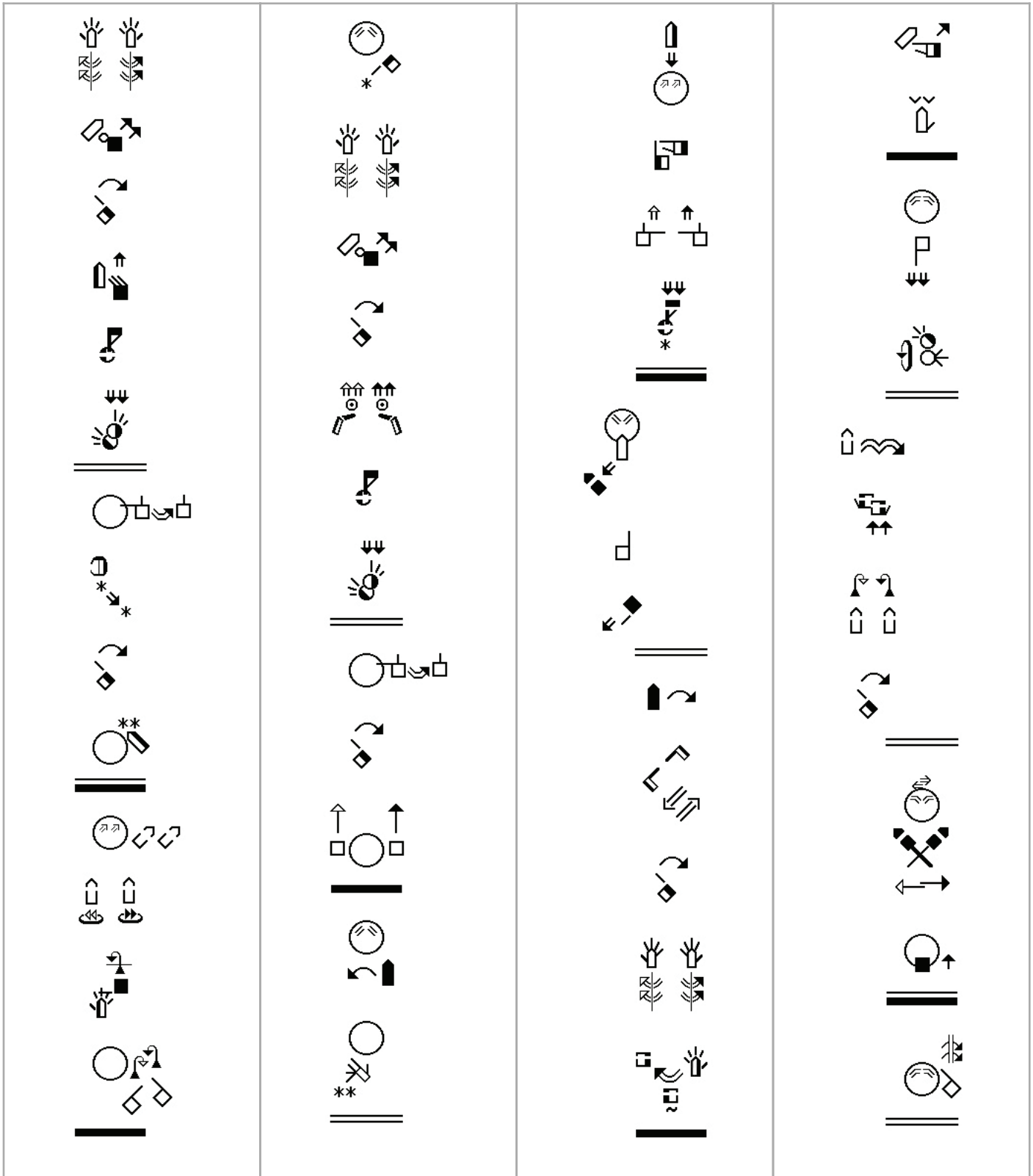
is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness. Verse 12. I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus. NLT



Verse 13. I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one. Verse 14. I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I

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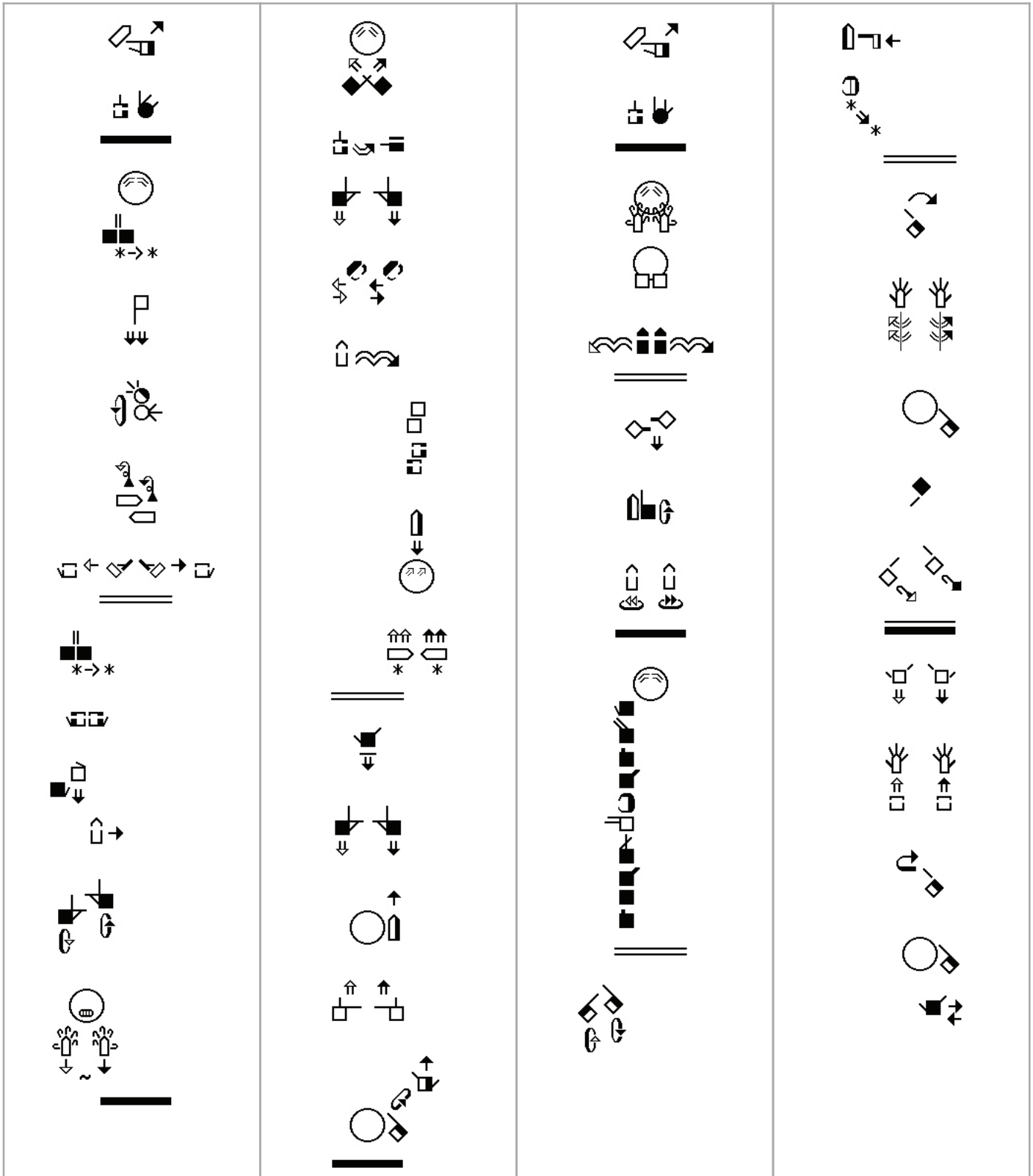


have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one. Verse 15. Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, NLT

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for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. Verse 16. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

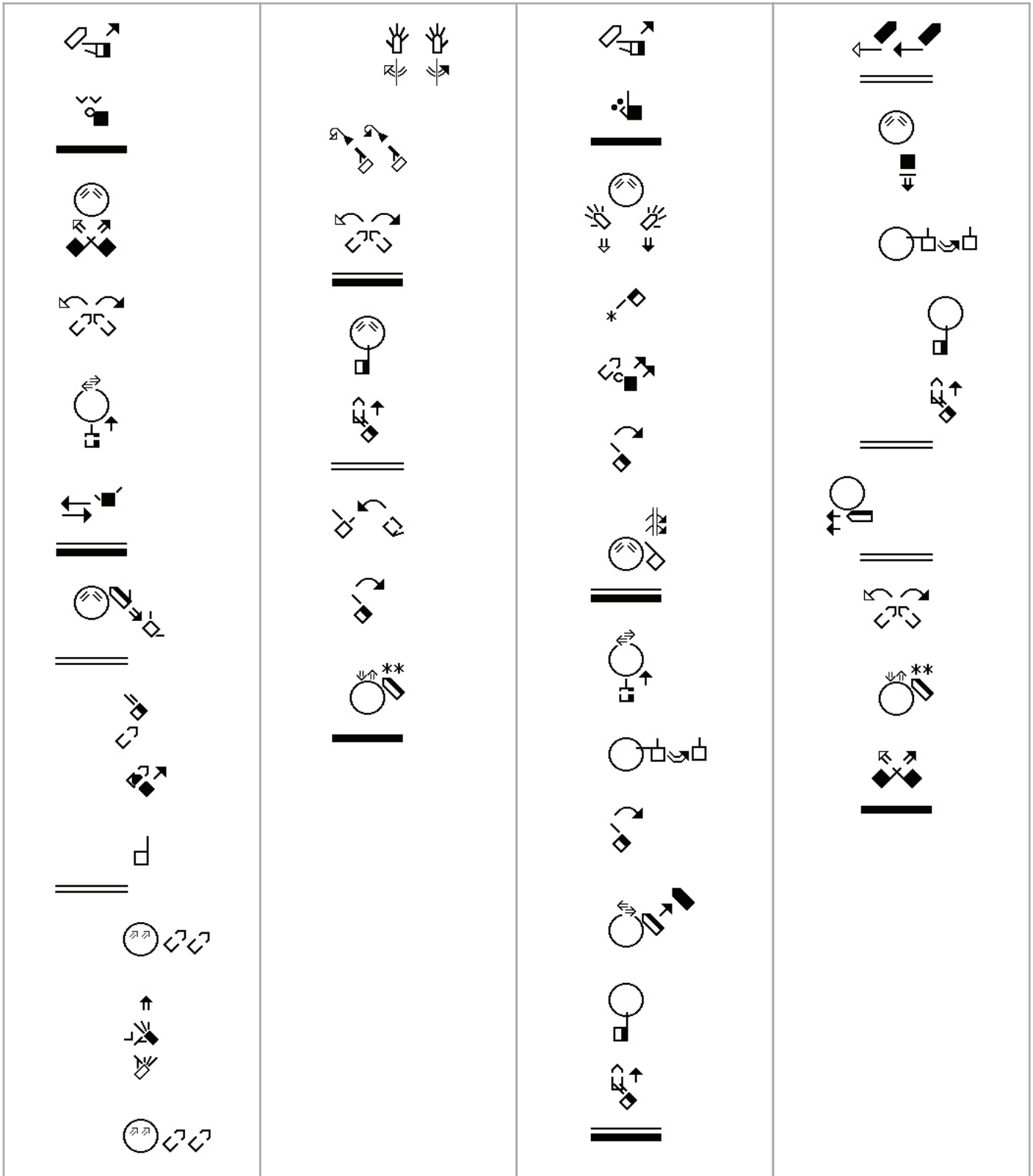
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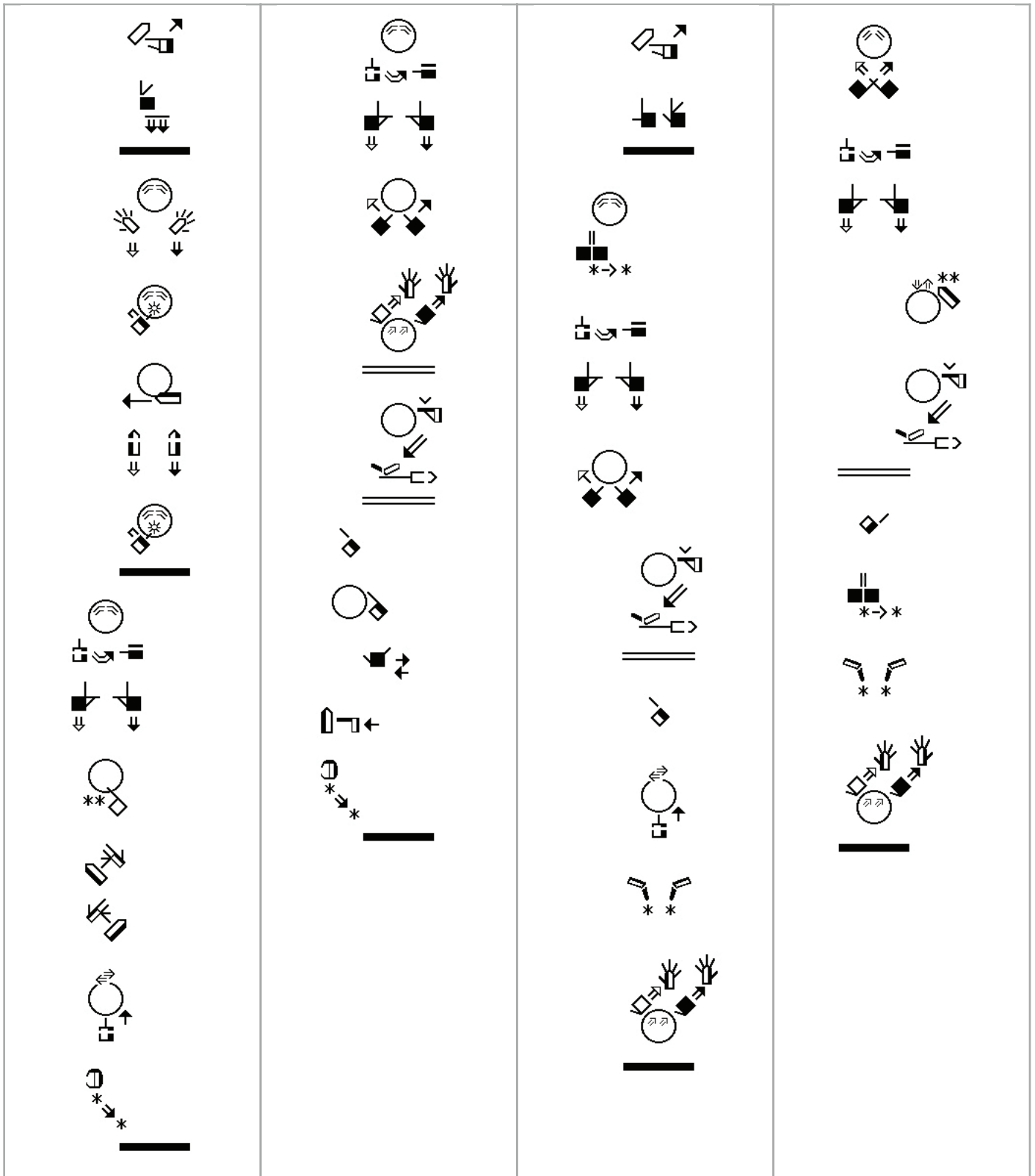


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antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. Verse 19. These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us. NLT

1 John 2:20-21

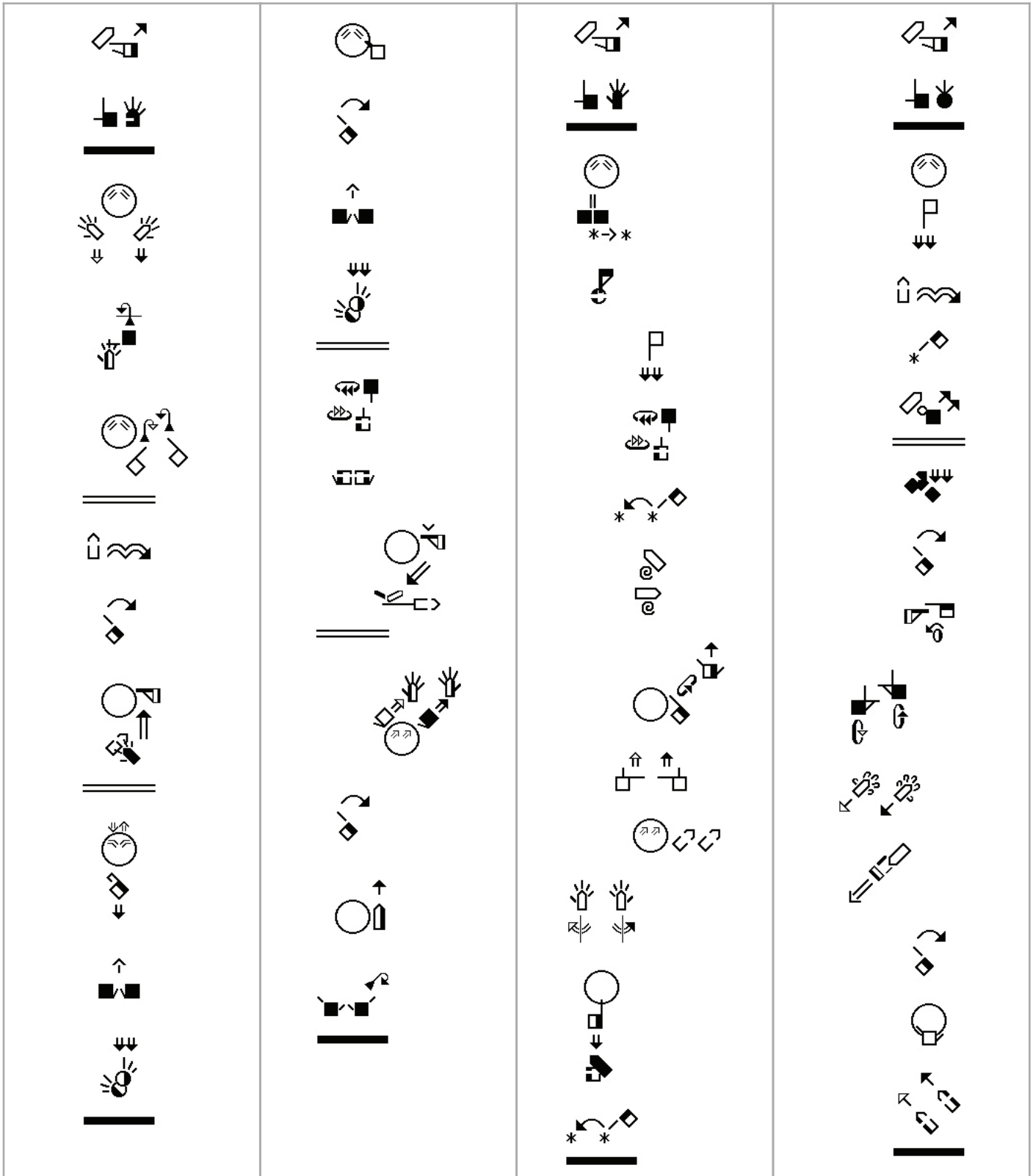




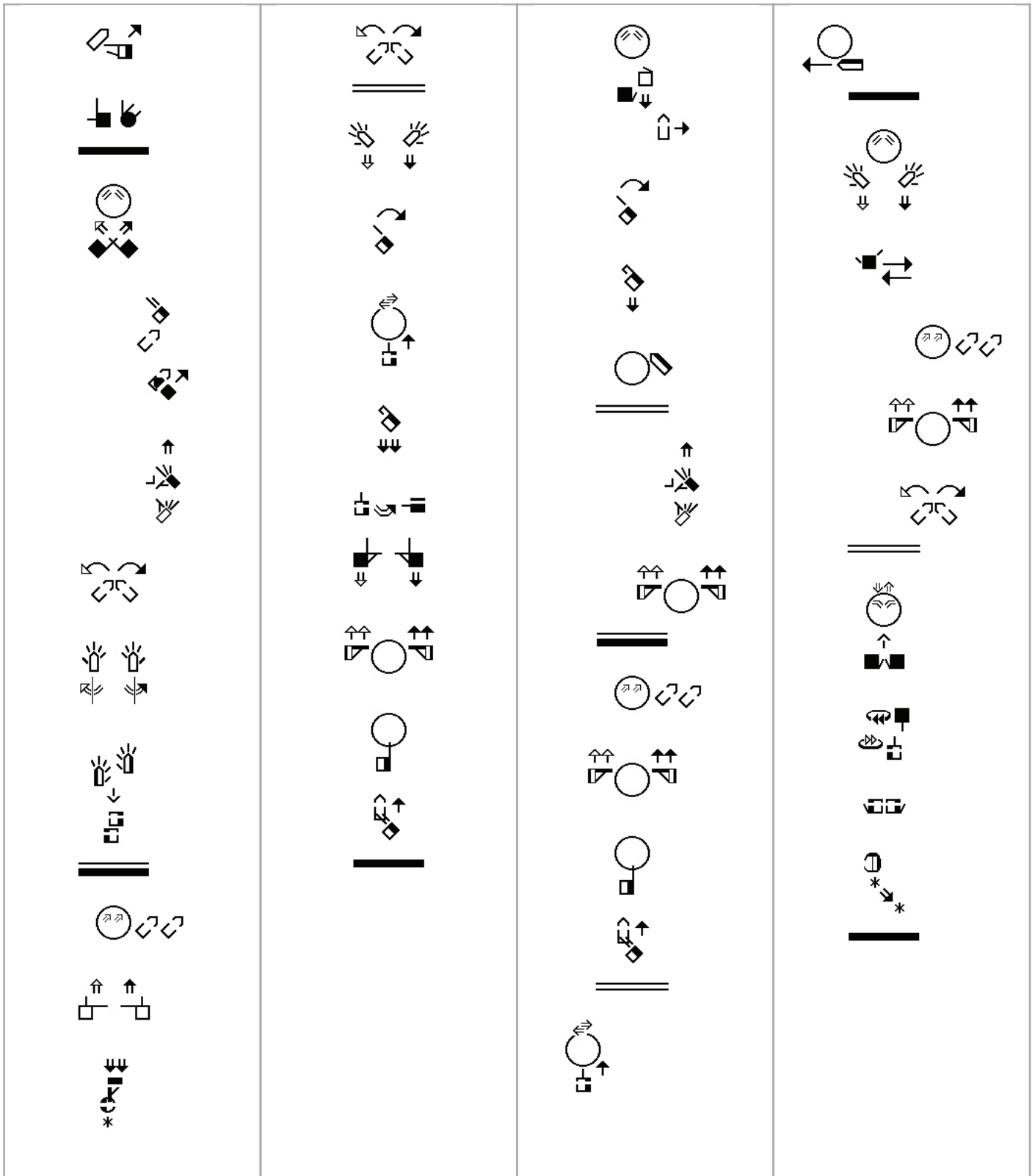
Verse 22. And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. Verse 23. Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

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1 John 2:24-26



Verse 24. So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. Verse 25. And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us. Verse 26. I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. NLT



Verse 27. But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true -- it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

1 John 2:28-29

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Verse 28. And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. Verse 29. Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.
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Chapter 3. See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Verse 2. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but

1 John 3:2-3

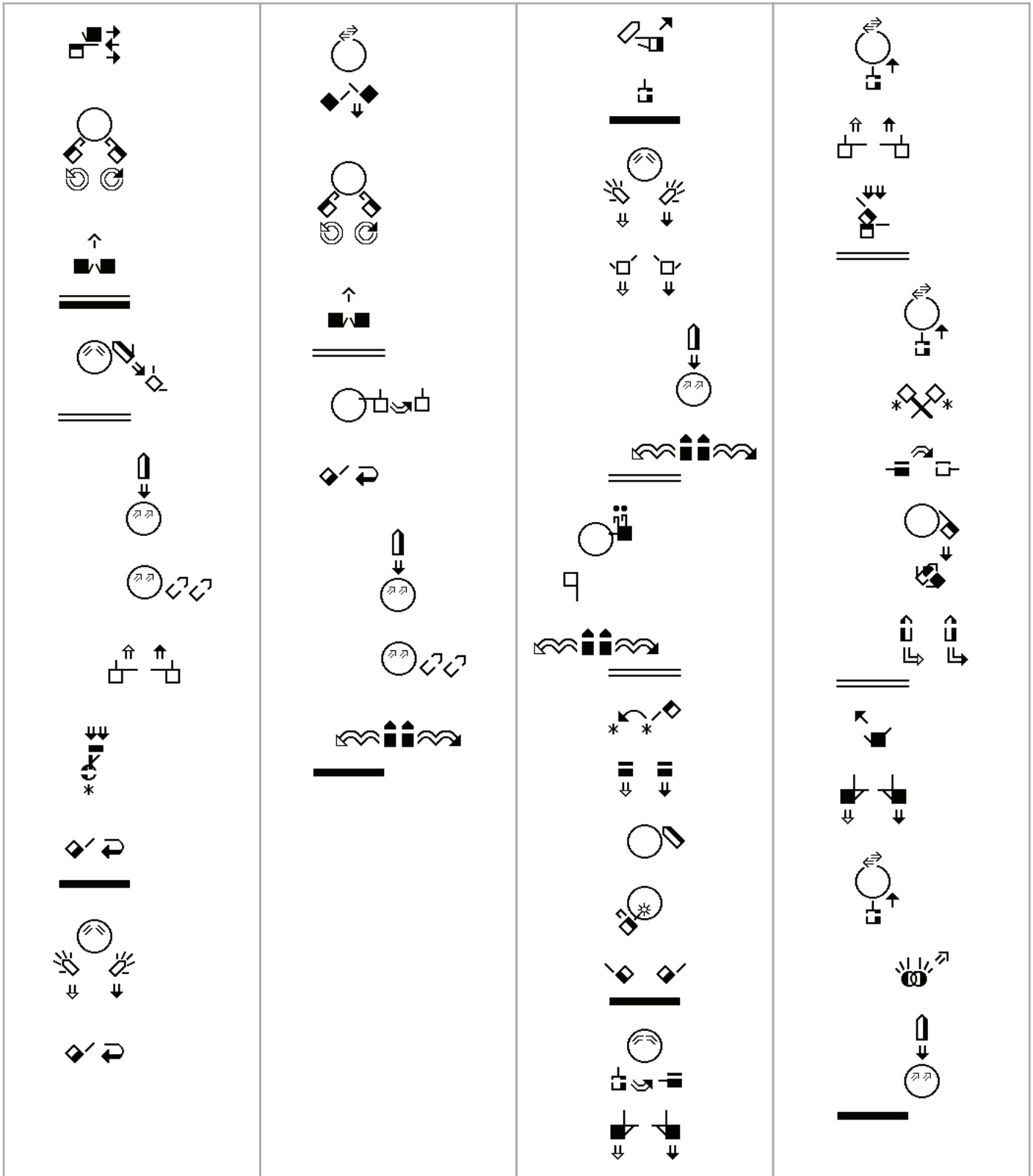
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he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. Verse 3. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. NLT

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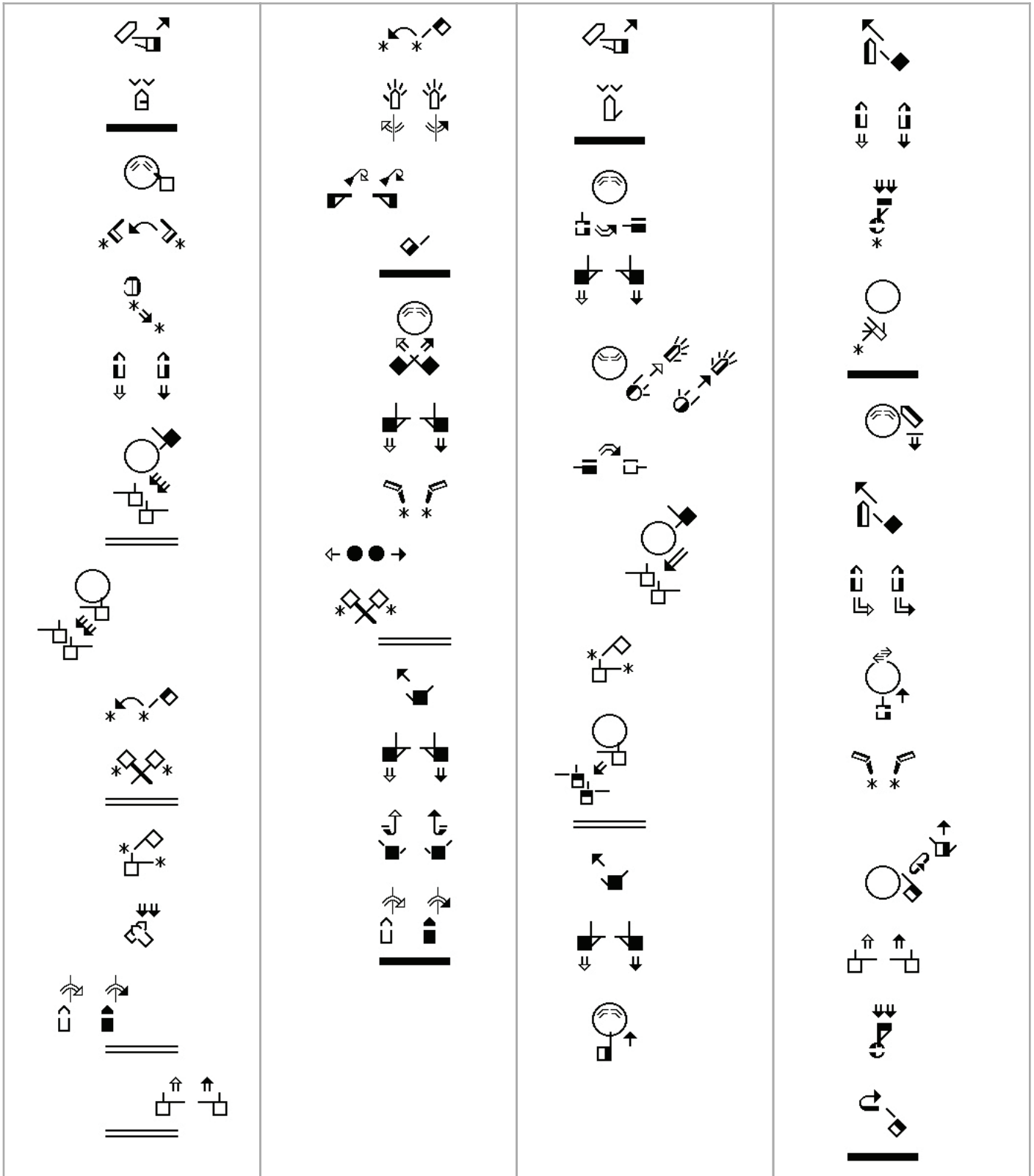
Verse 4. Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. Verse 5. And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.

1 John 3:9-10



a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. Verse 10. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. NLT

1 John 3:14-15



Verse 14. If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Verse 15. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. NLT

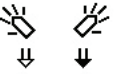
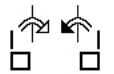


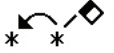







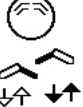

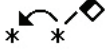




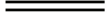

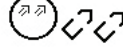
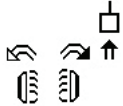
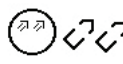

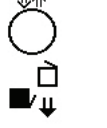














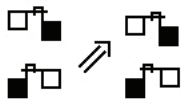







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Verse 16. We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. Verse 17. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion -- NLT

1 John 3:17-18

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how can God's love be in that person? Verse 18. Dear children, lets not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Verse 19. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, NLT

         	            	            	           
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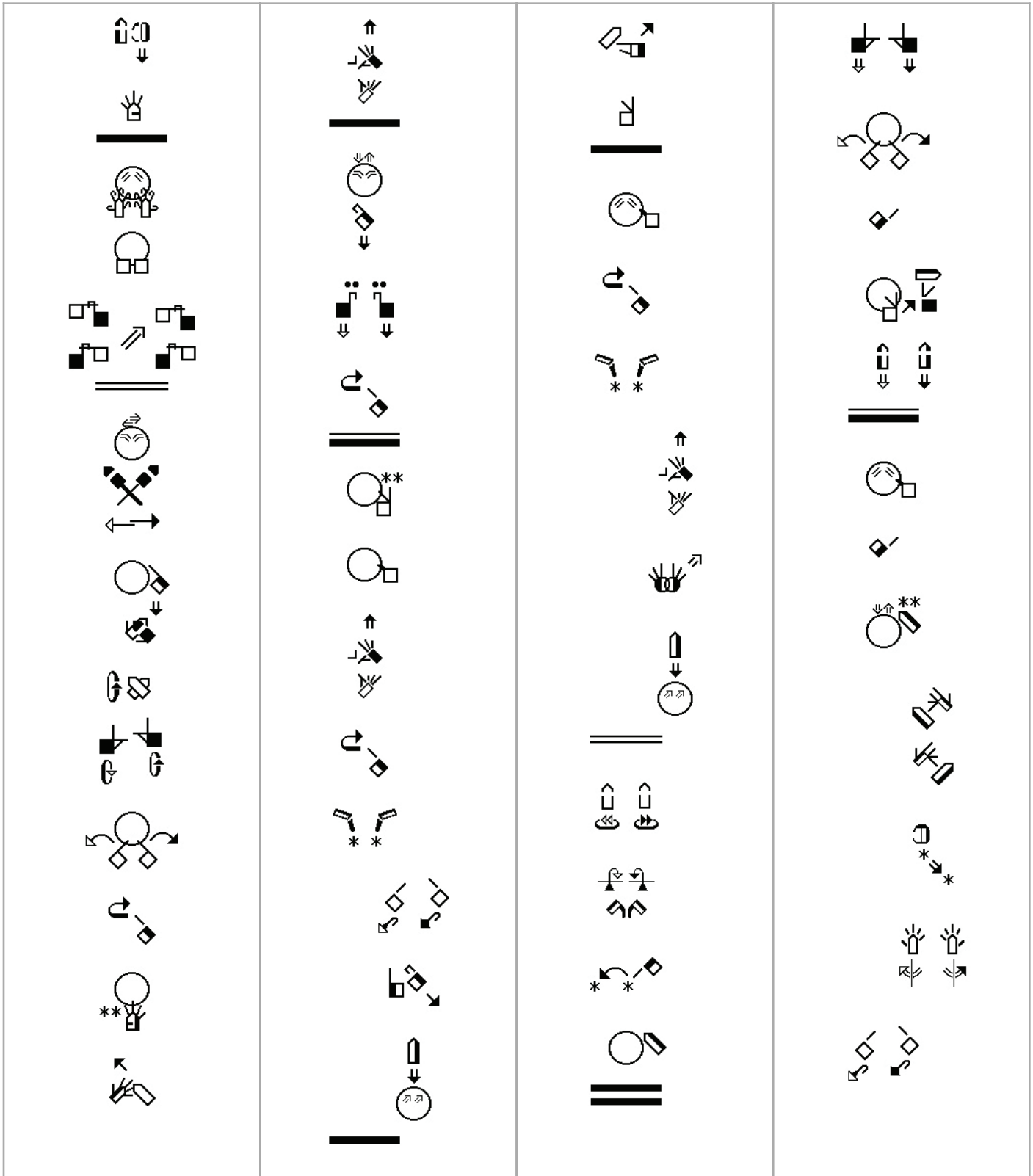
so we will be confident when we stand before God. Verse 20. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. Verse 21. Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty,

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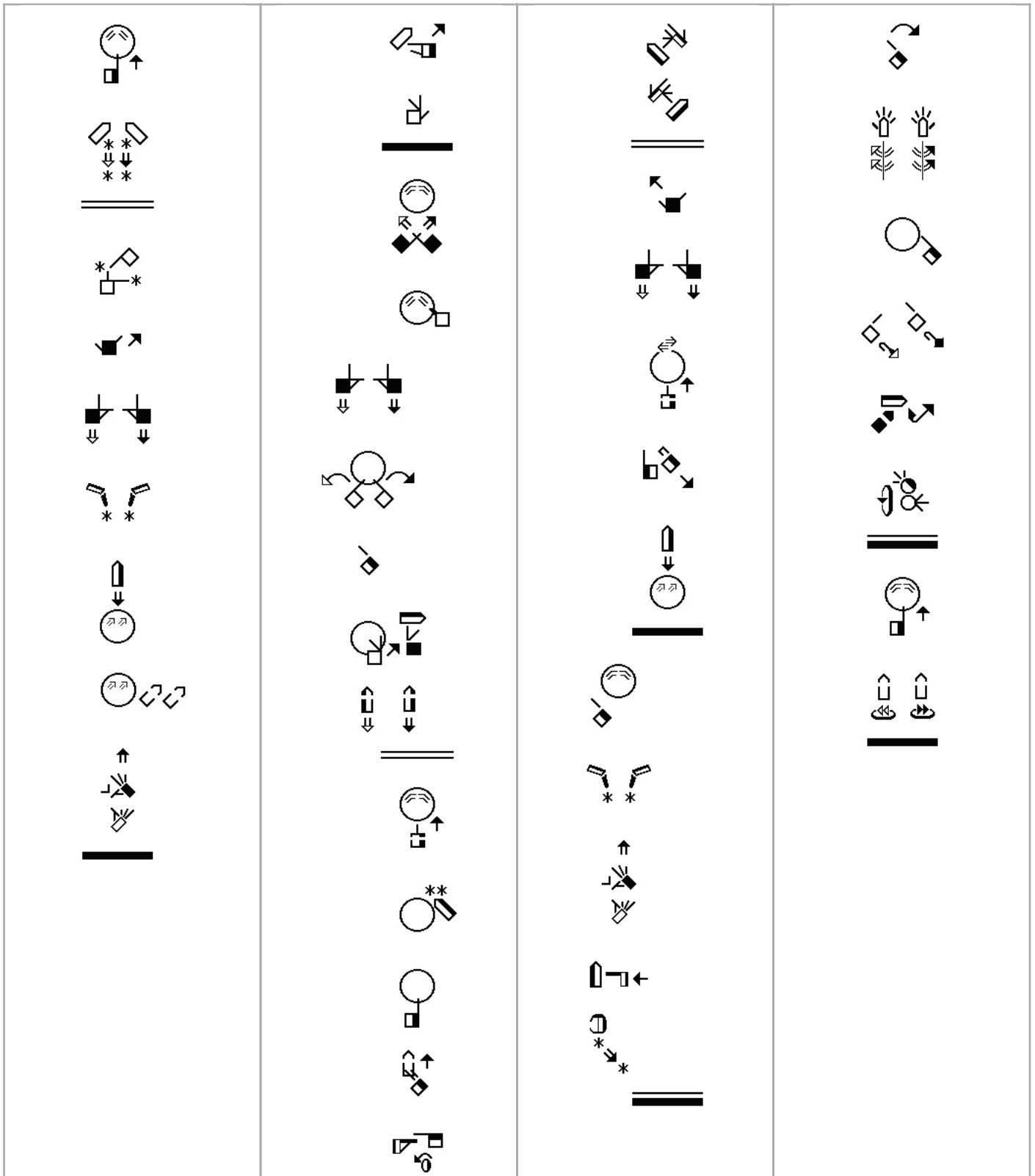
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and love one another, just as he commanded us. Verse 24. Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

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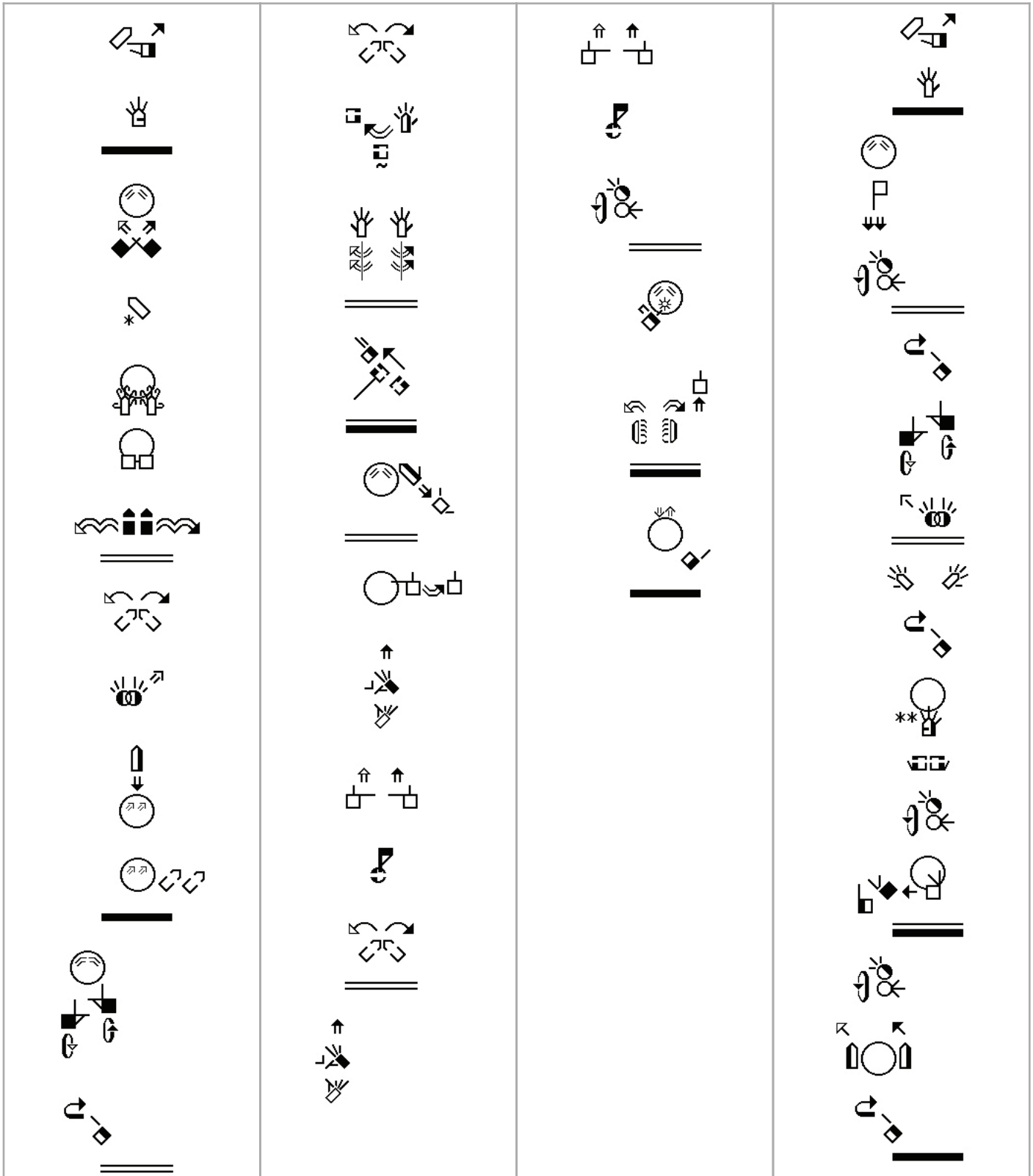
Chapter 4. Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. Verse 2. This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came



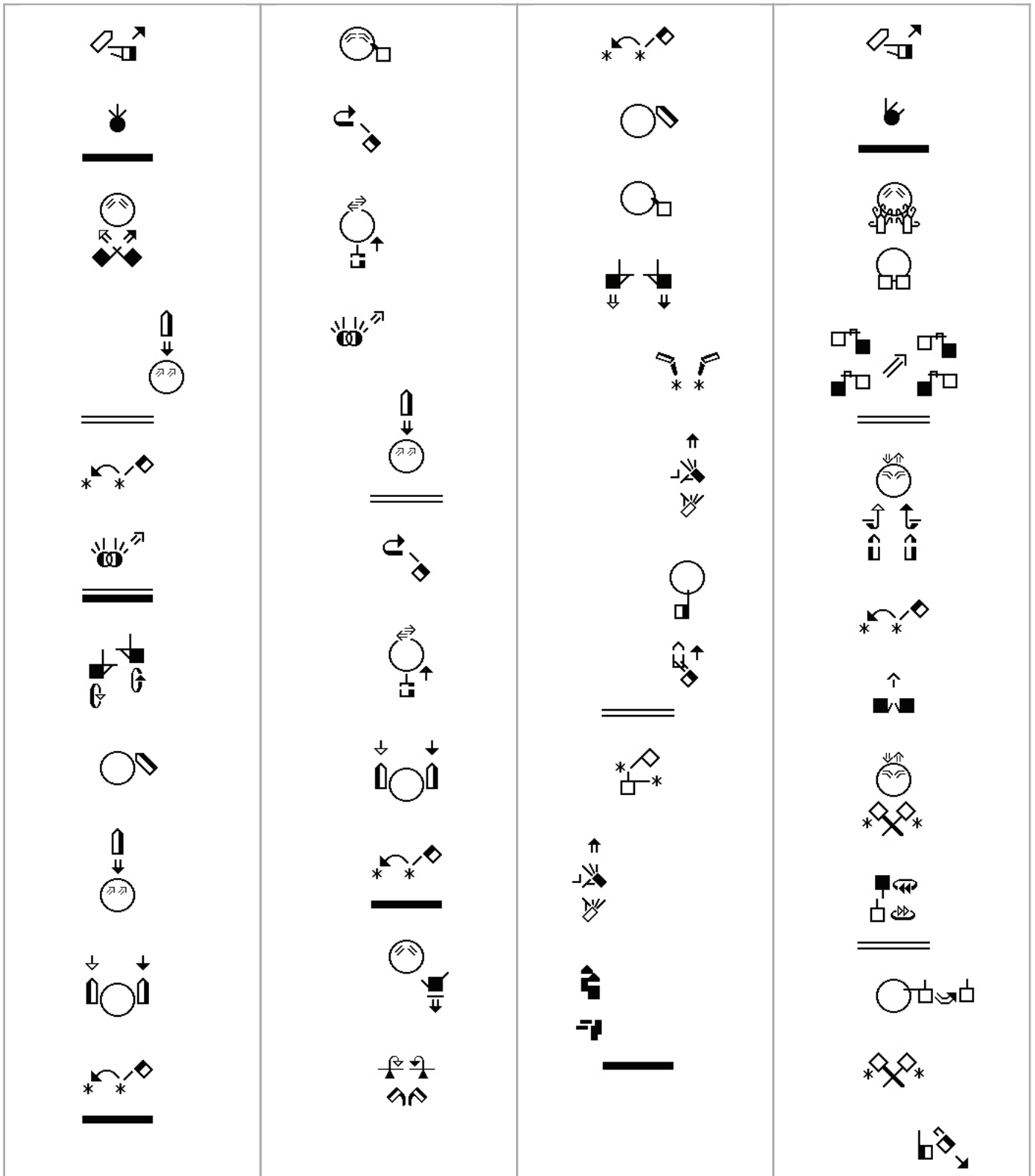
in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. Verse 3. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

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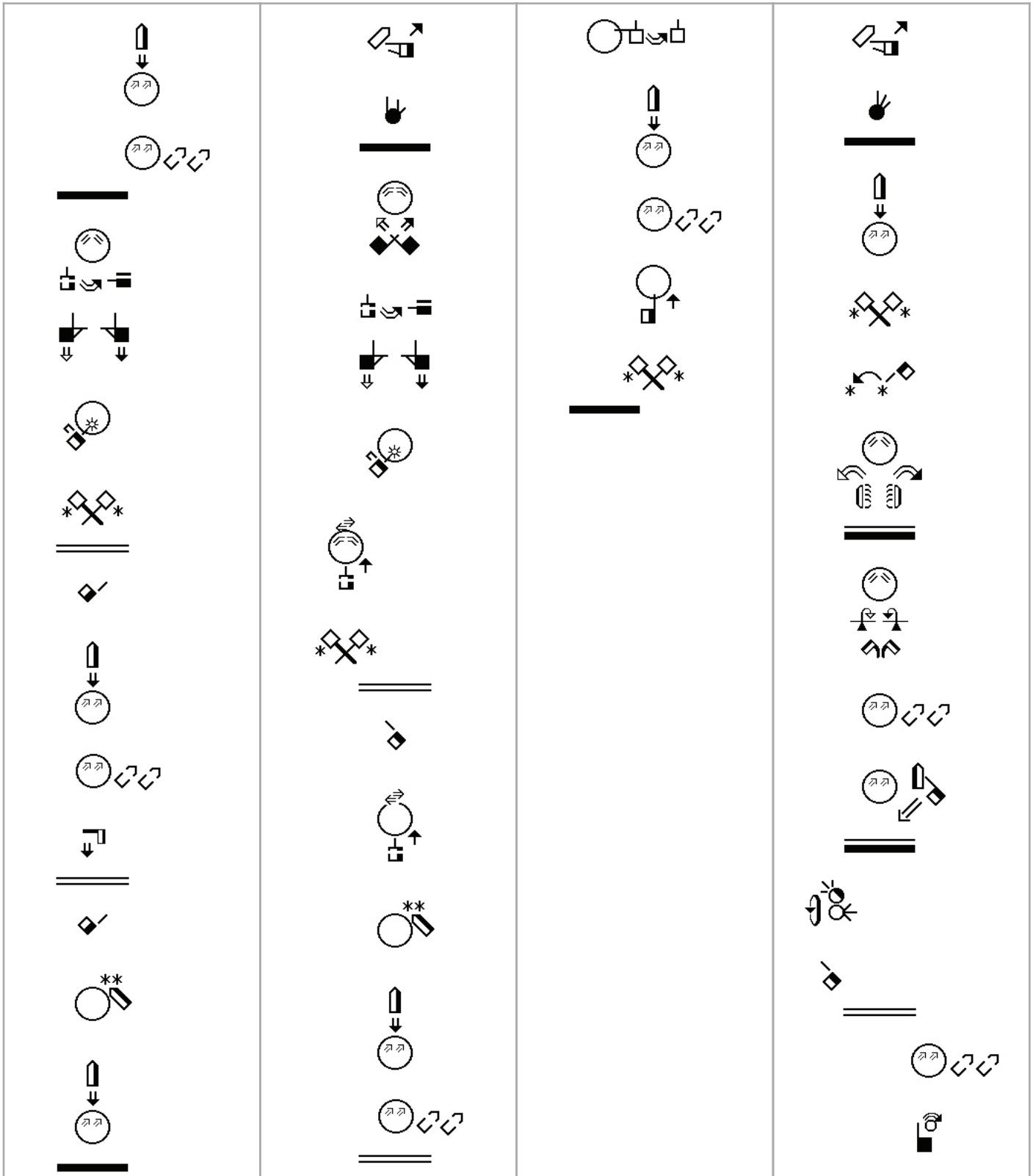
Verse 4. But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Verse 5. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them.

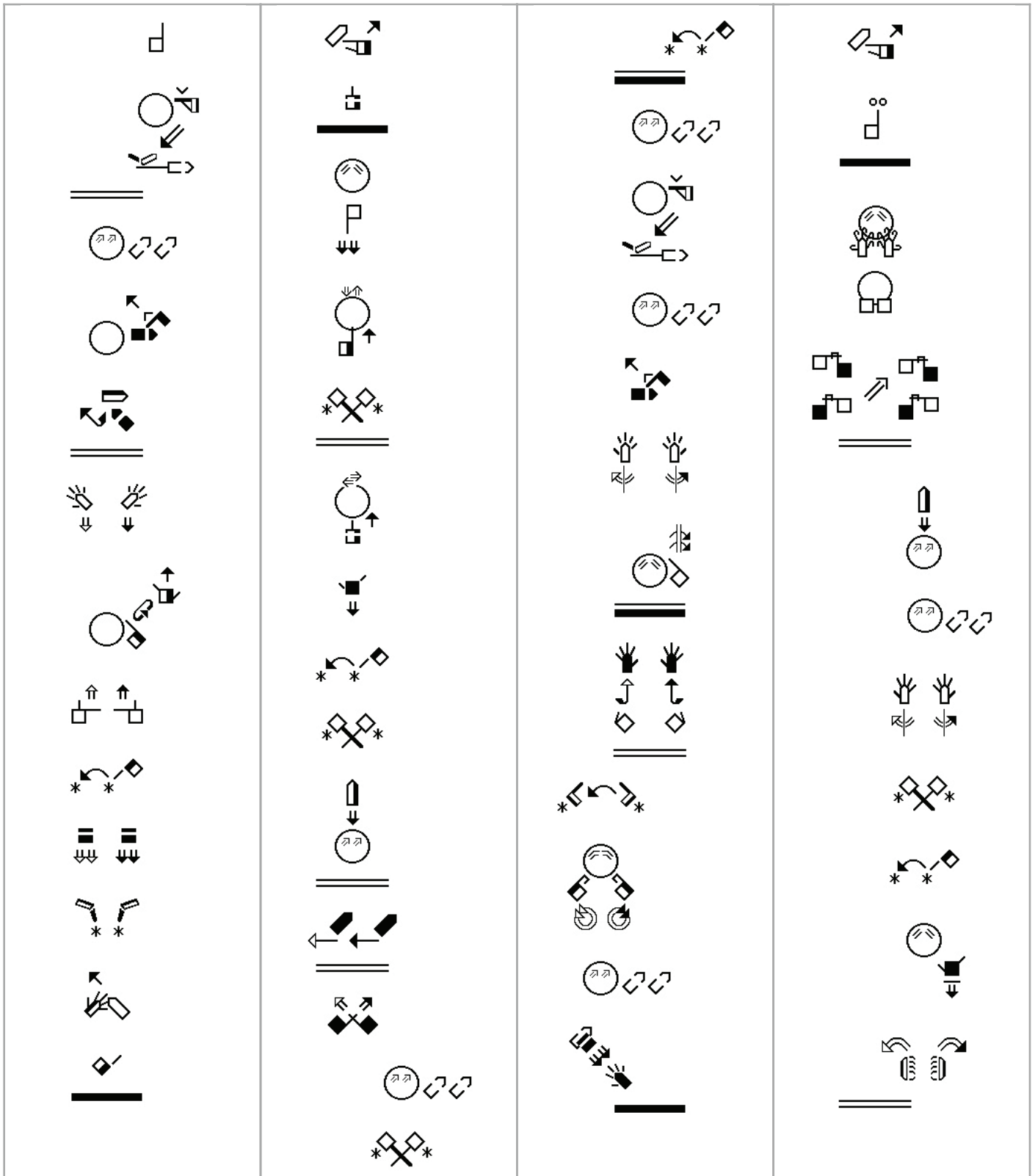


Verse 6. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. Verse 7. Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from

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1 John 4:7-9





Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. Verse 10. This is real love -- not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Verse 11. Dear friends, since God loved us that much,

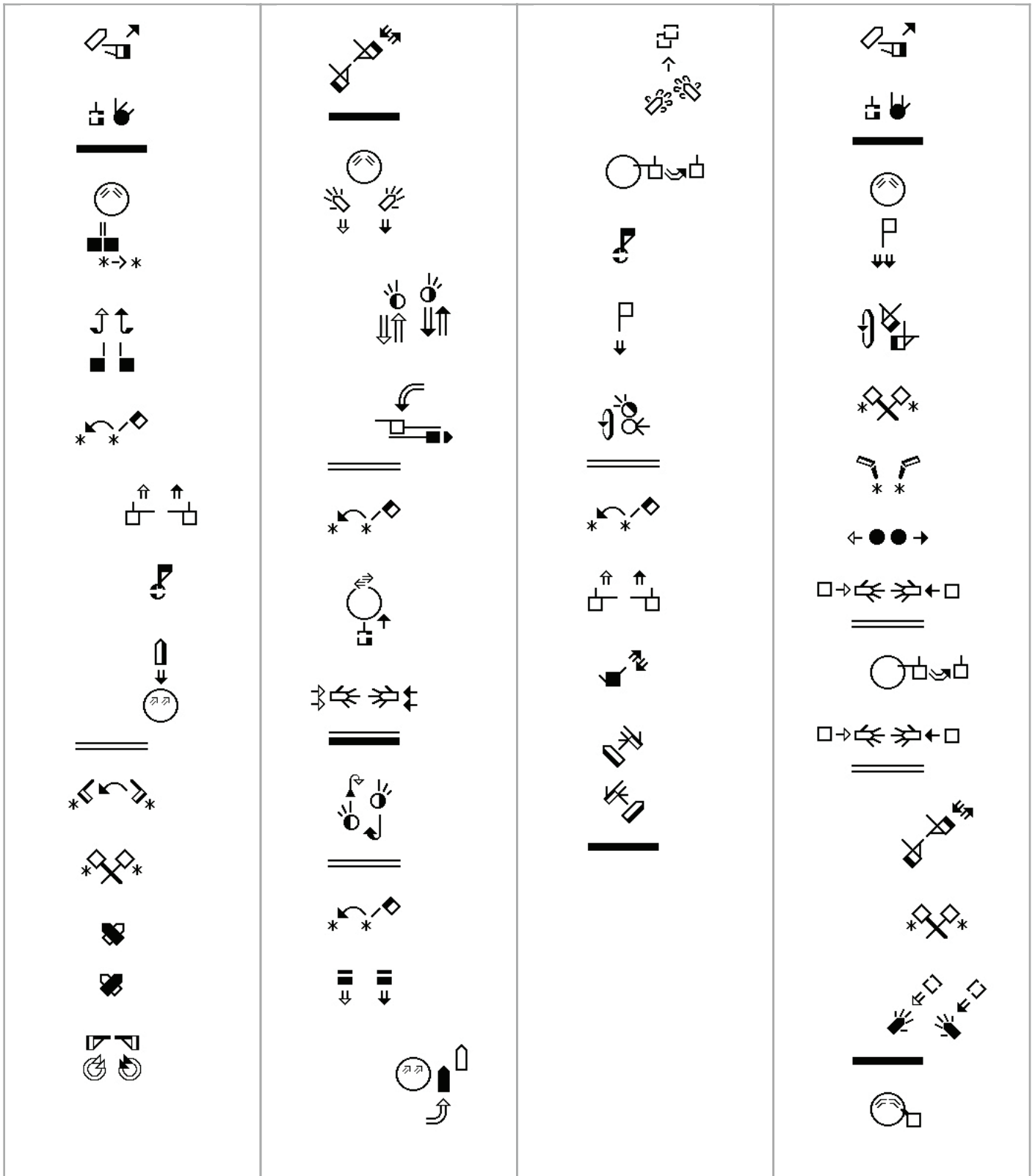
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we surely ought to love each other. Verse 12. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. Verse 13. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live NLT

1 John 4:15-16

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Verse 17. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Verse 18. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.

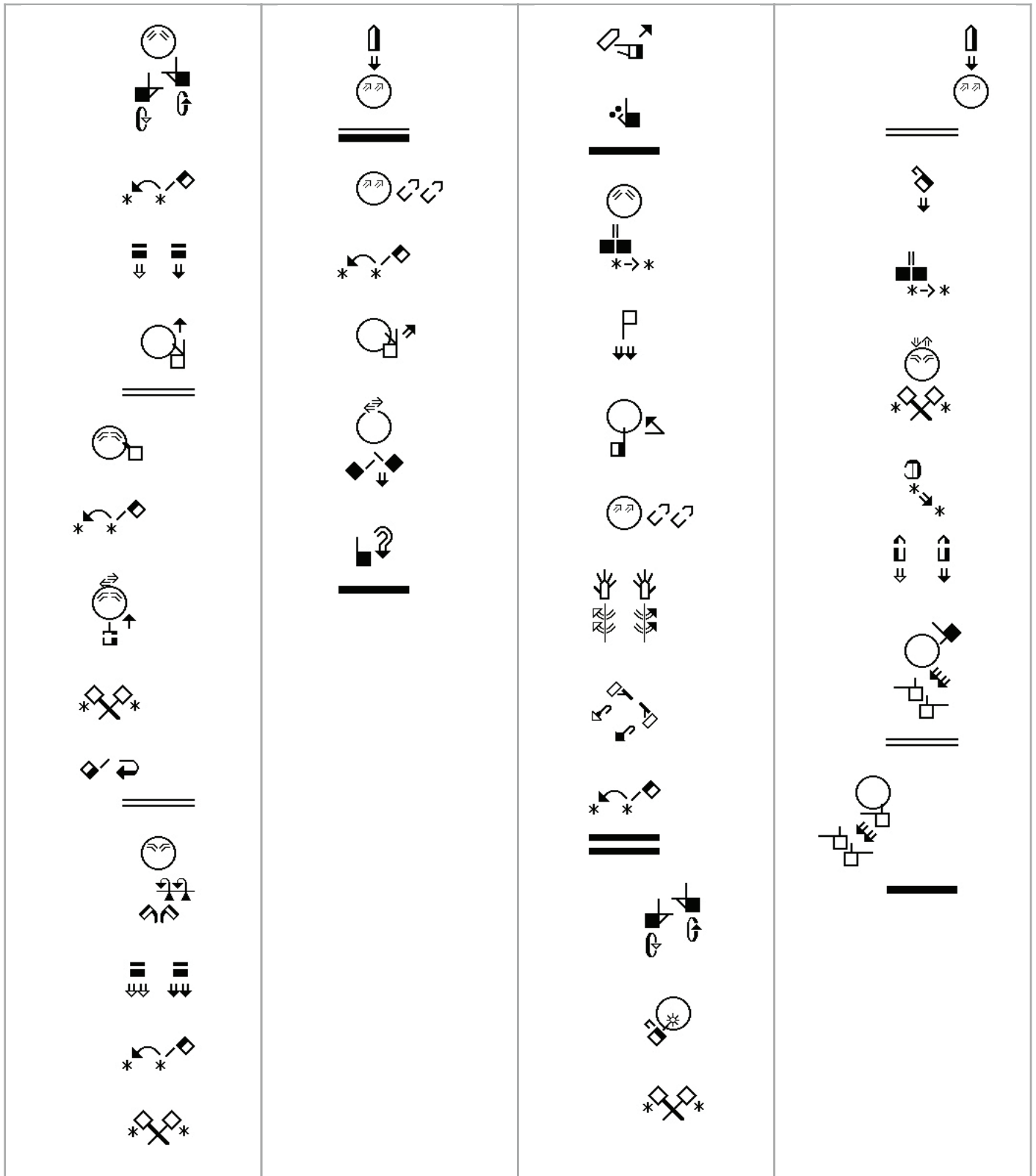
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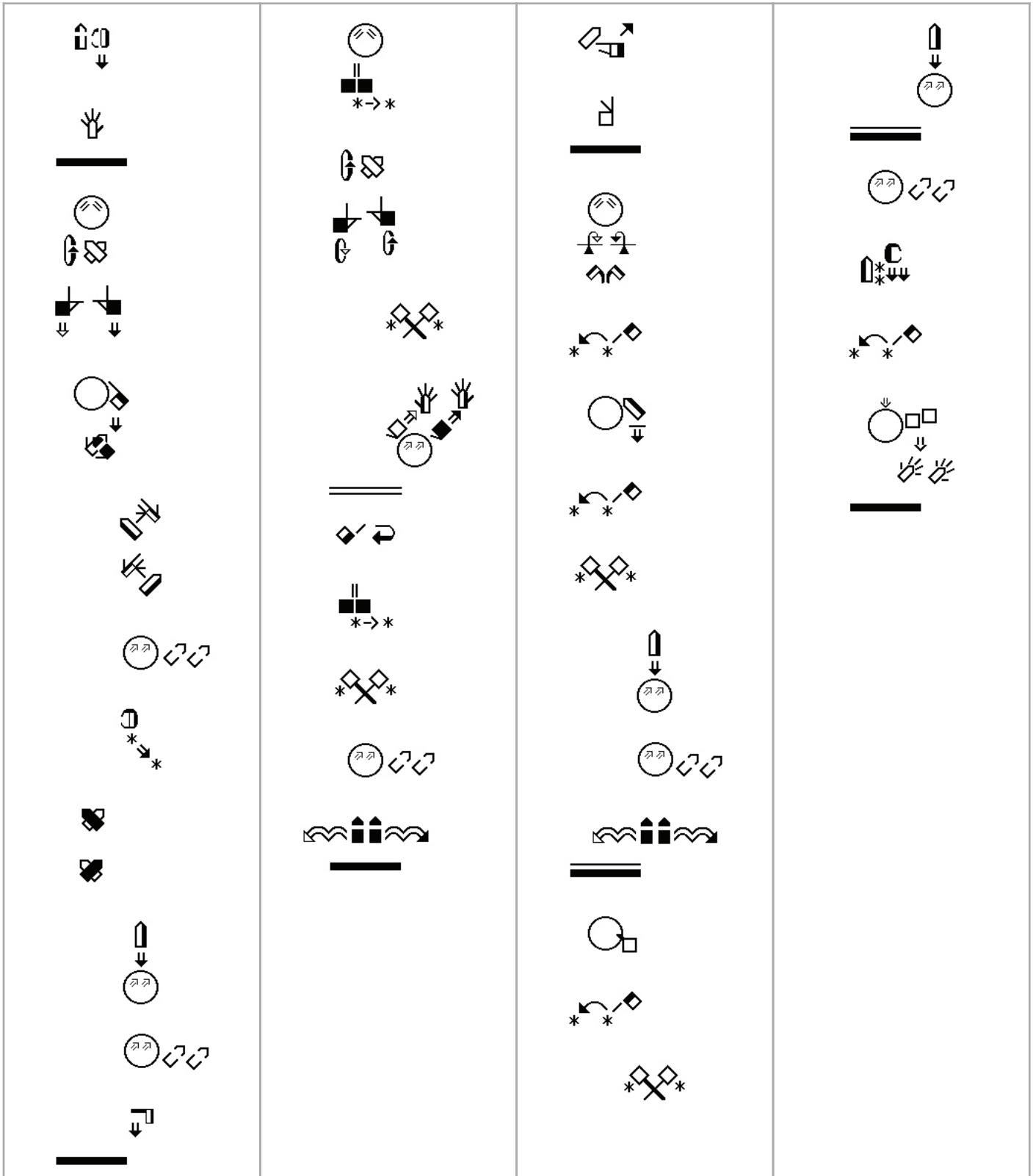
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we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. Verse 19. We love each other because he loved us first. Verse 20. If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar;



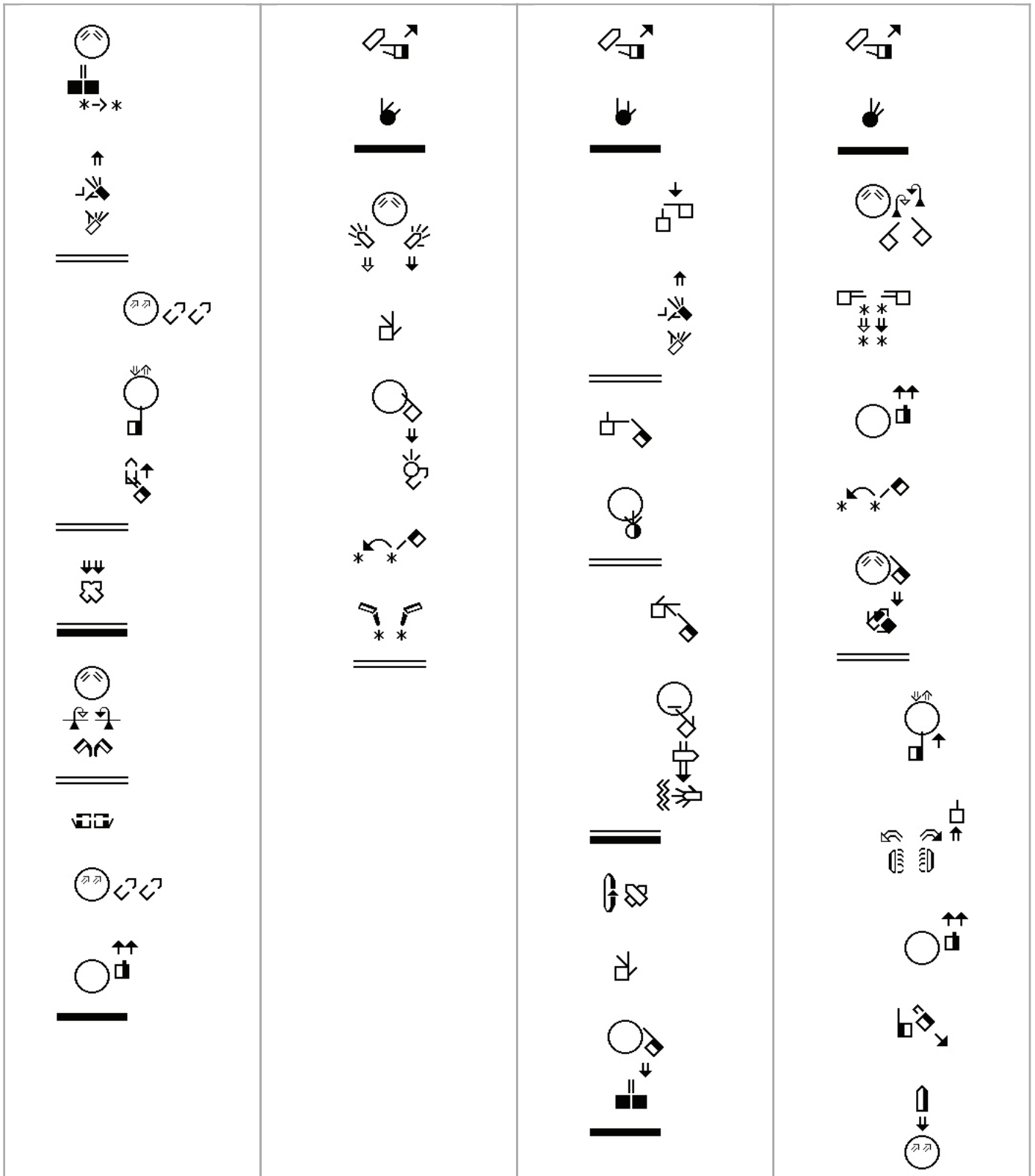
for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?
 Verse 21. And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their
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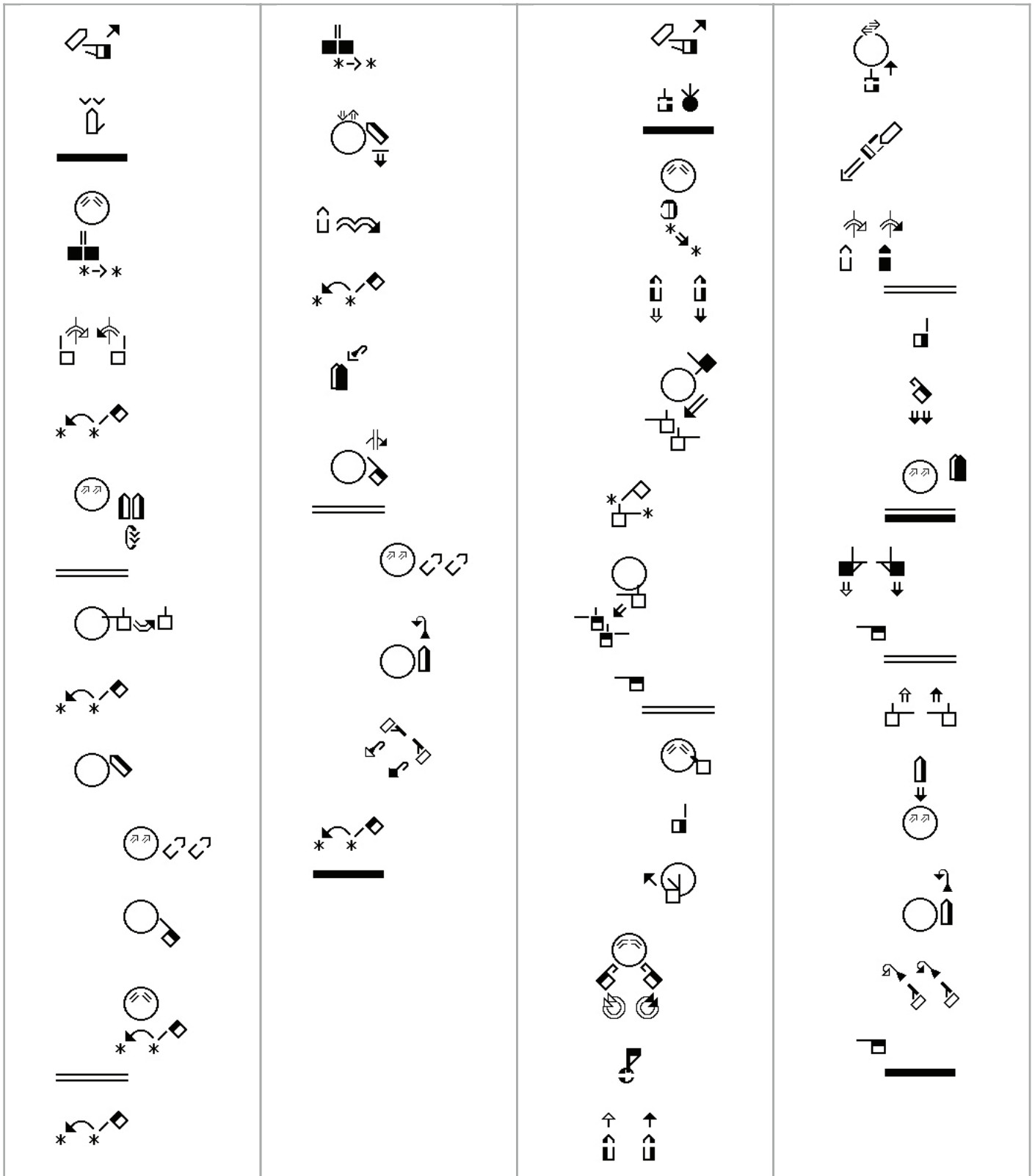
And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. Verse 7. So we have these three witnesses -- Verse 8. the Spirit, the water, and the blood -- and all three agree. Verse 9. Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God.

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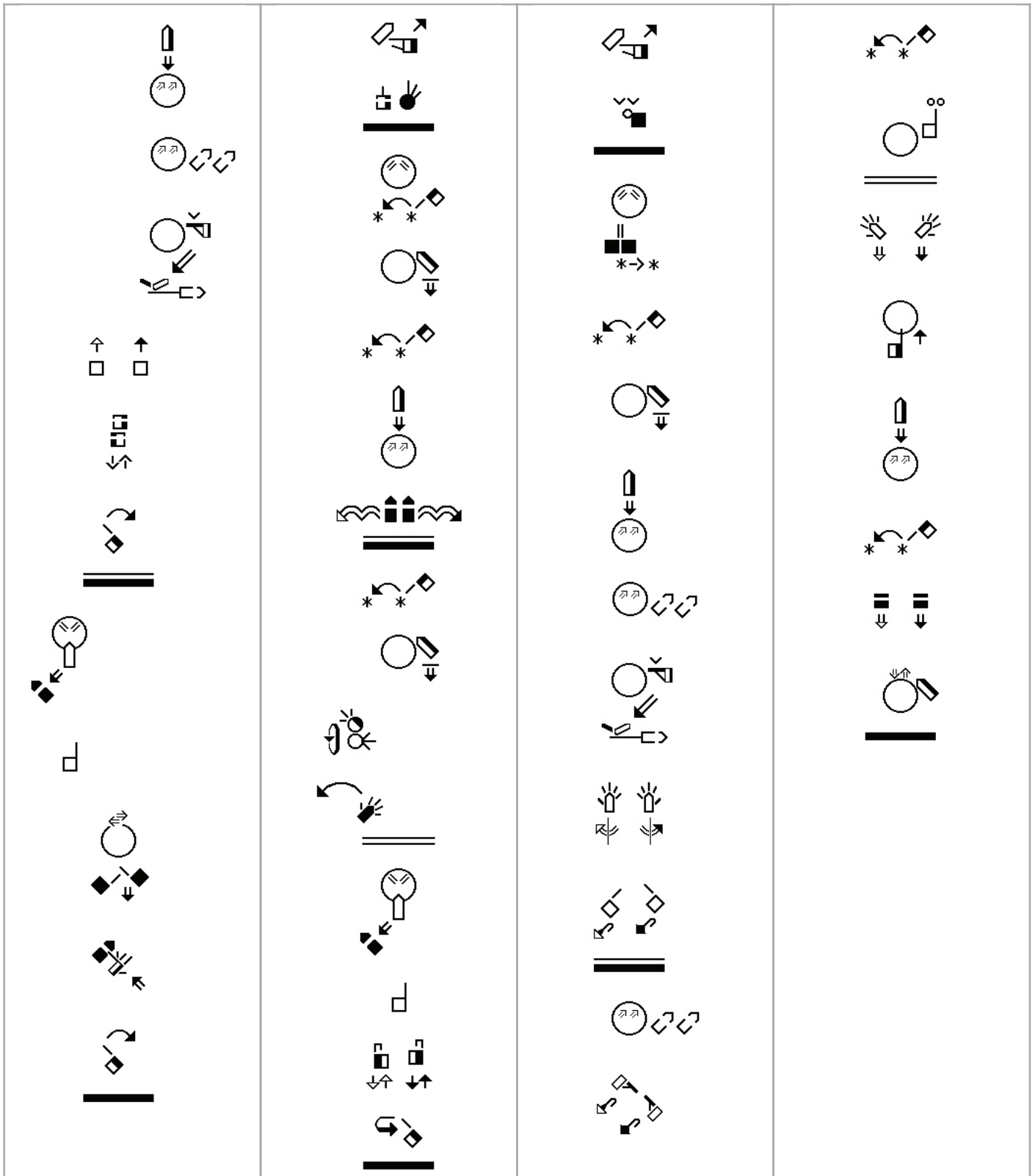
Verse 15. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. Verse 16. If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life.

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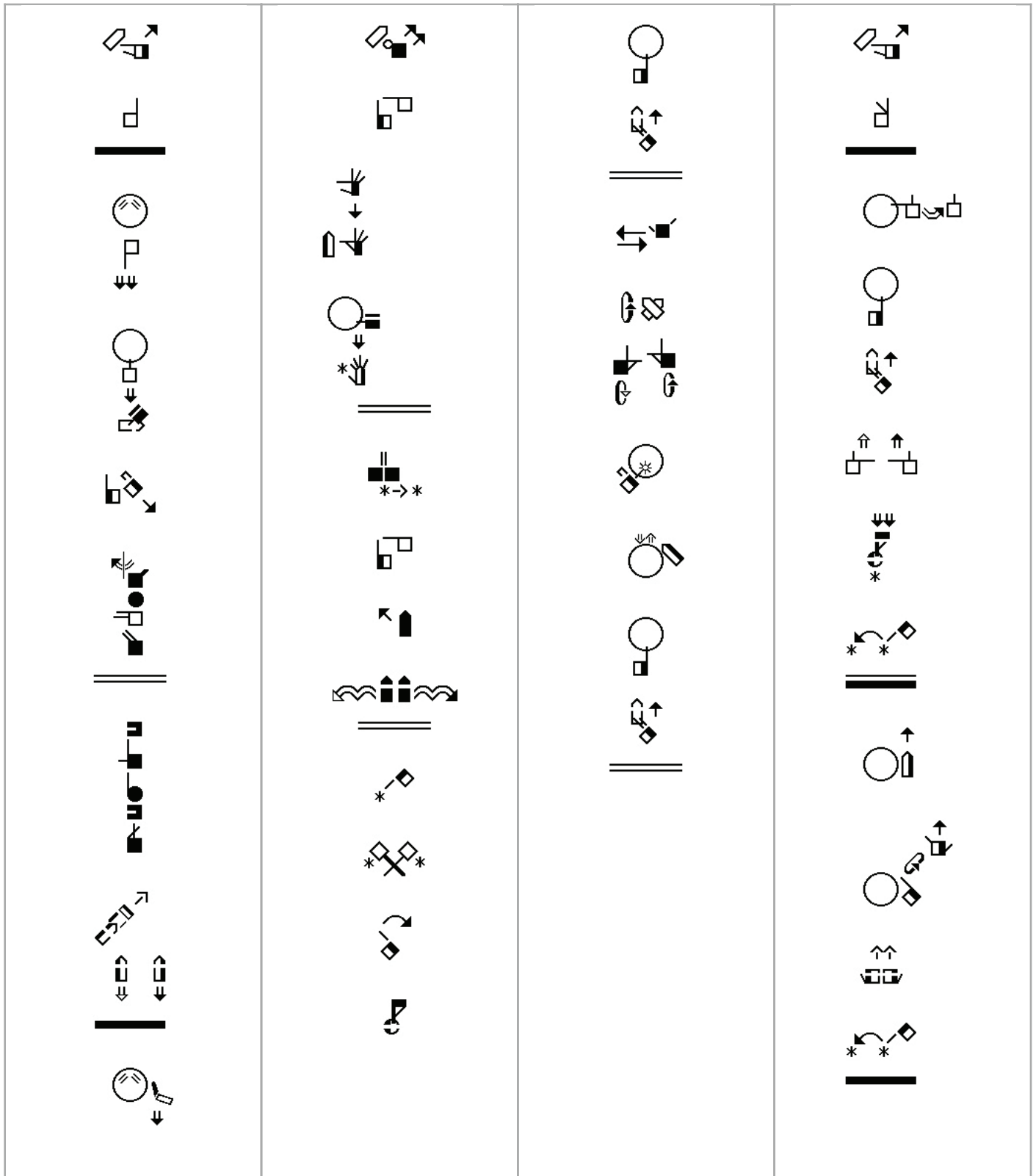
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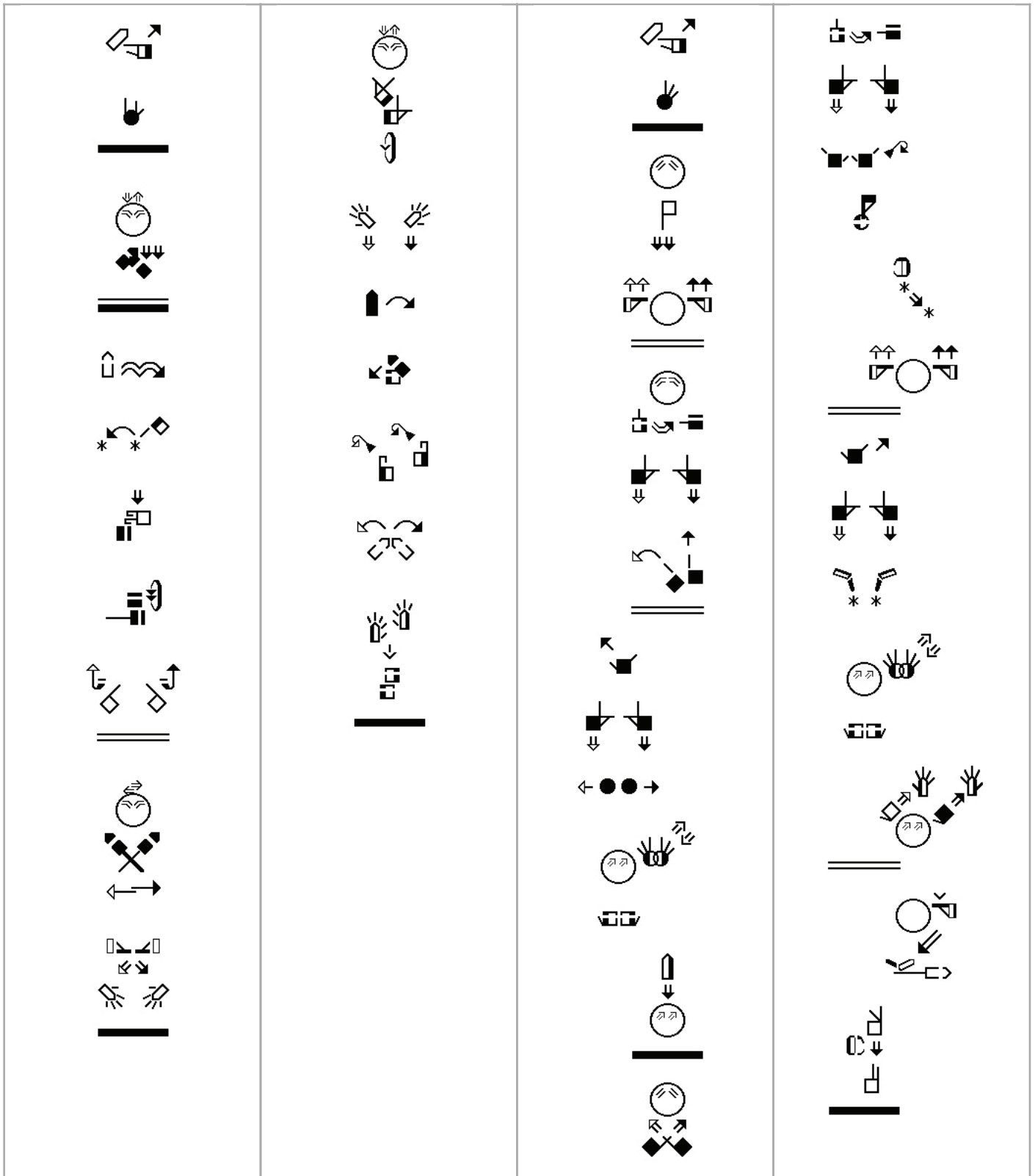
But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. Verse 17. All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death. Verse 18. We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, NLT



for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. Verse 19. We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. Verse 20. And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.



Verse 1. This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the truth -- as does everyone else who knows the truth -- Verse 2. because the truth lives in us and will be with us forever.

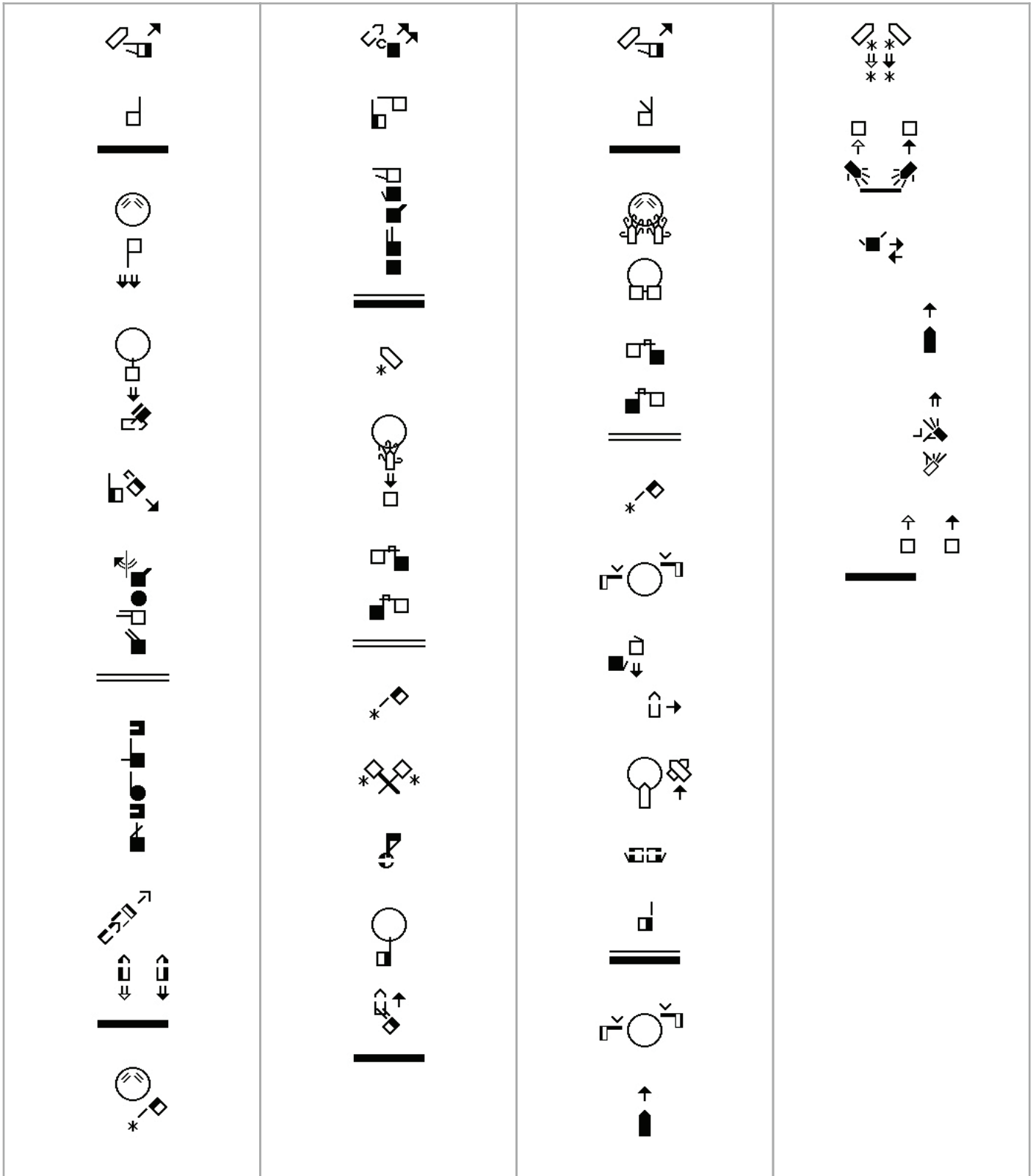


Verse 8. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. Verse 9. Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son.

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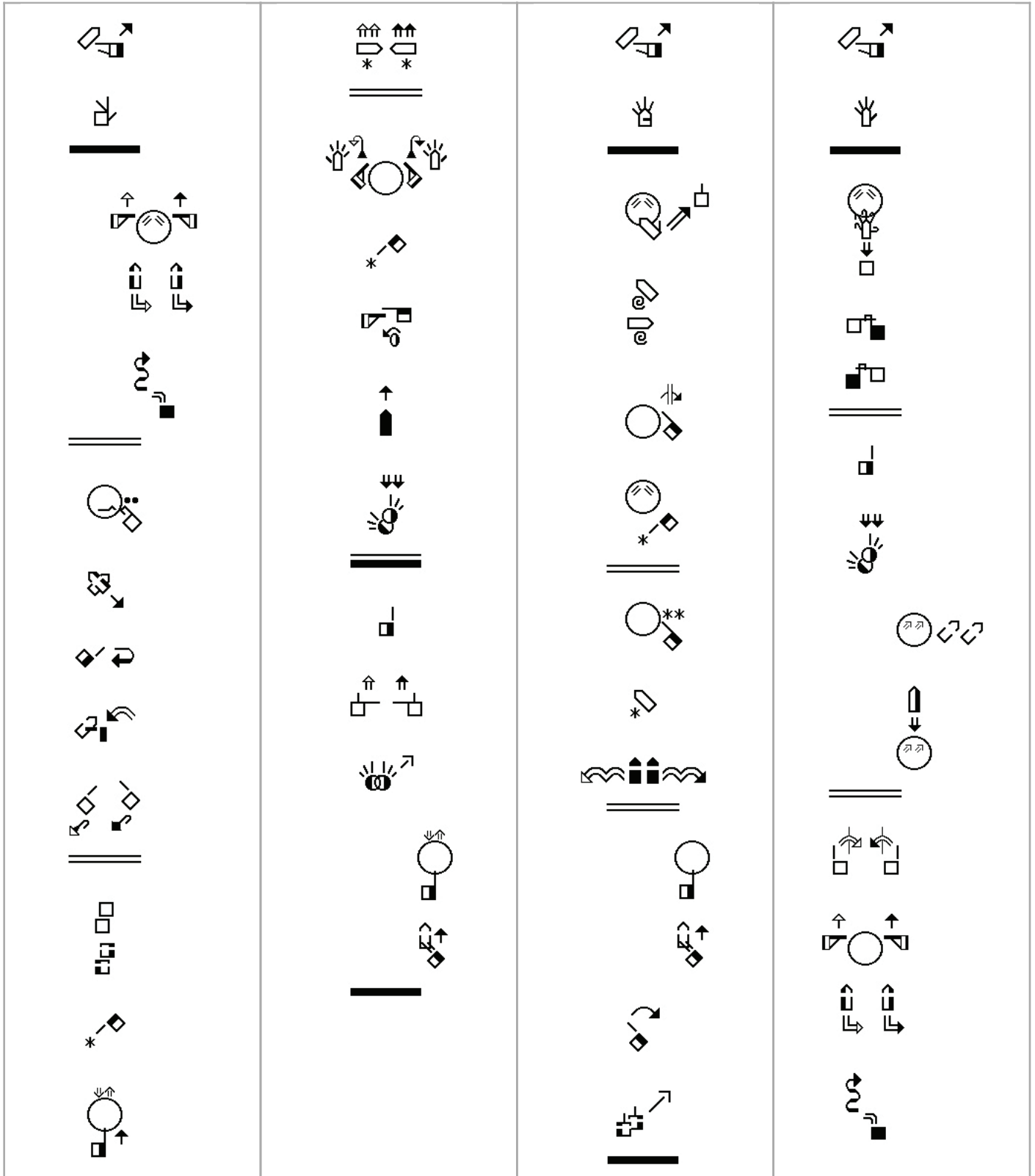
For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. Verse 13. Greetings from the children of your sister, chosen by God. NLT



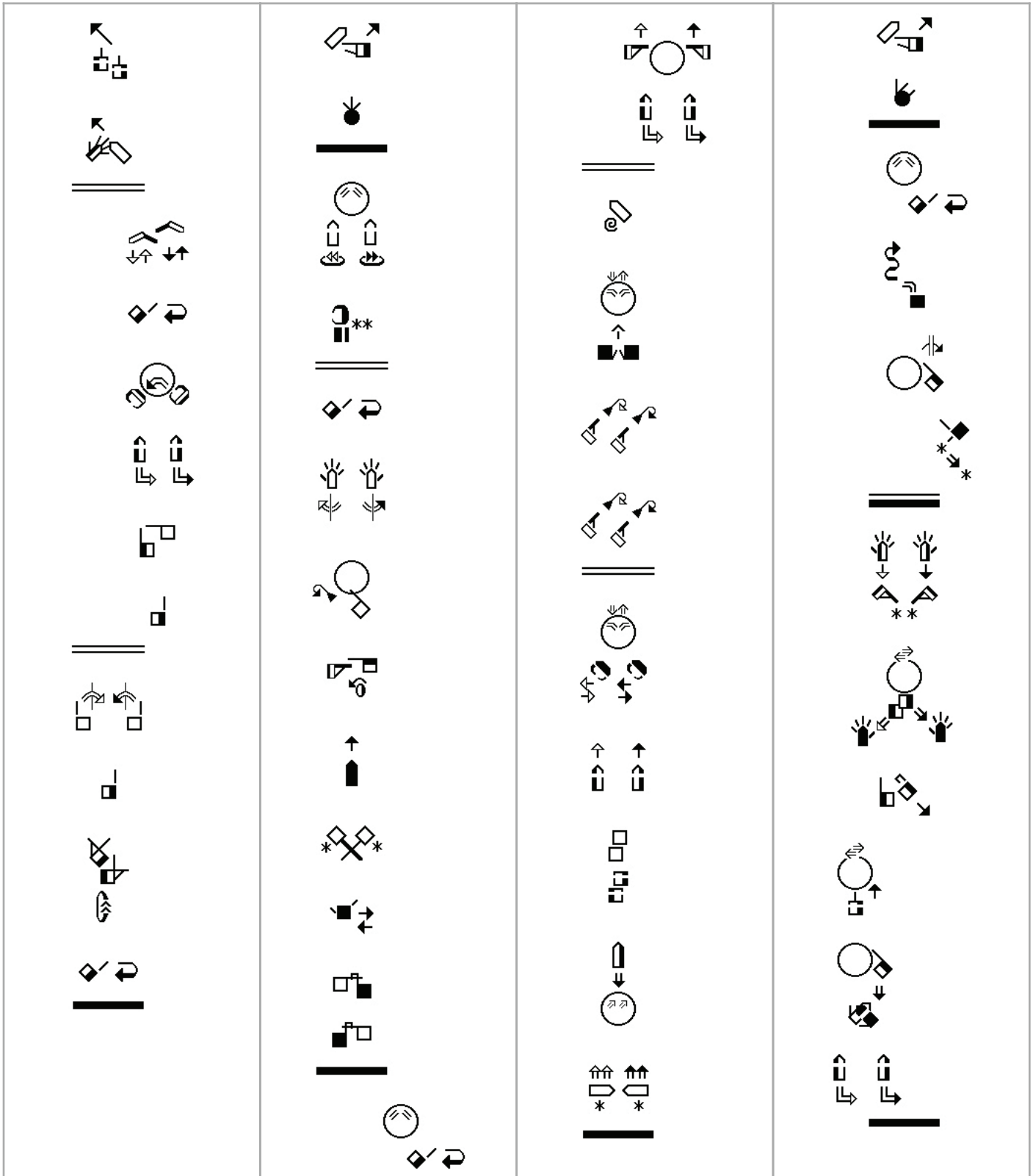
Verse 1. This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to Gaius, my dear friend, whom I love in the truth. Verse 2. Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.

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3 John 3-5

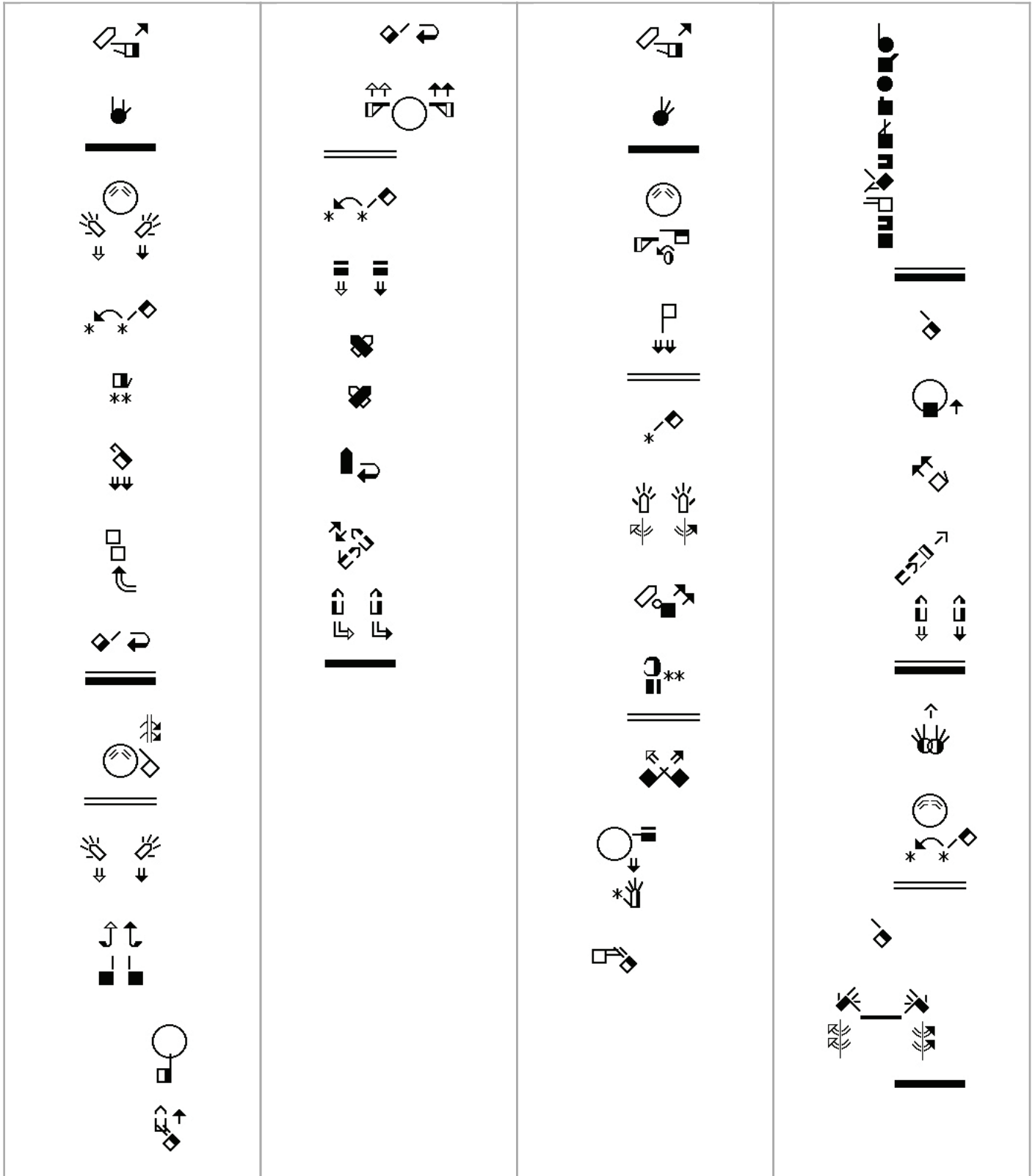


Verse 3. Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. Verse 4. I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth. Verse 5. Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers NLT



who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. Verse 6. They have told the church here of your loving friendship. Please continue providing for such teachers in a manner that pleases God. Verse 7. For they are traveling for the Lord, and they accept nothing from people who are not believers.

3 John 8-9



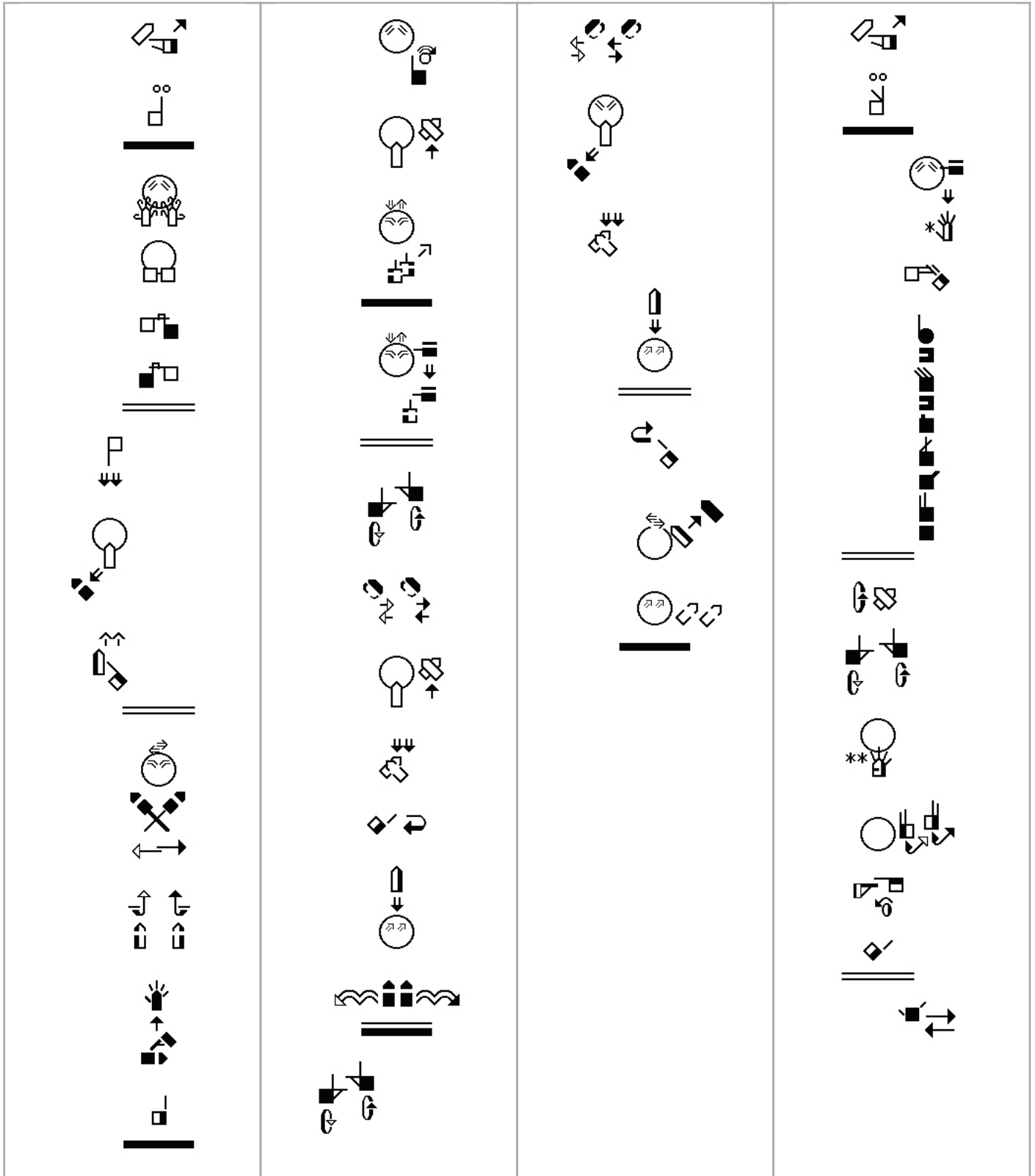
Verse 8. So we ourselves should support them so that we can be their partners as th
 teach the truth. Verse 9. I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to
 the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us. NLT

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Verse 10. When I come, I will report some of the things he is doing and the evil accusations he is making against us. Not only does he refuse to welcome the traveling teachers, he also tells others not to help them. And when they do help, he puts them out of the church.

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3 John 11-12

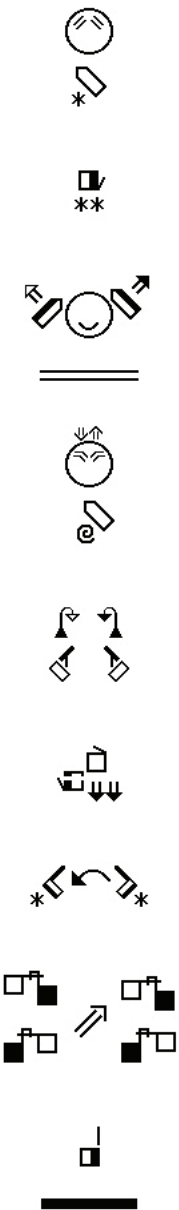


Verse 11. Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God. Verse 12. Everyone speaks highly of Demetrius, as

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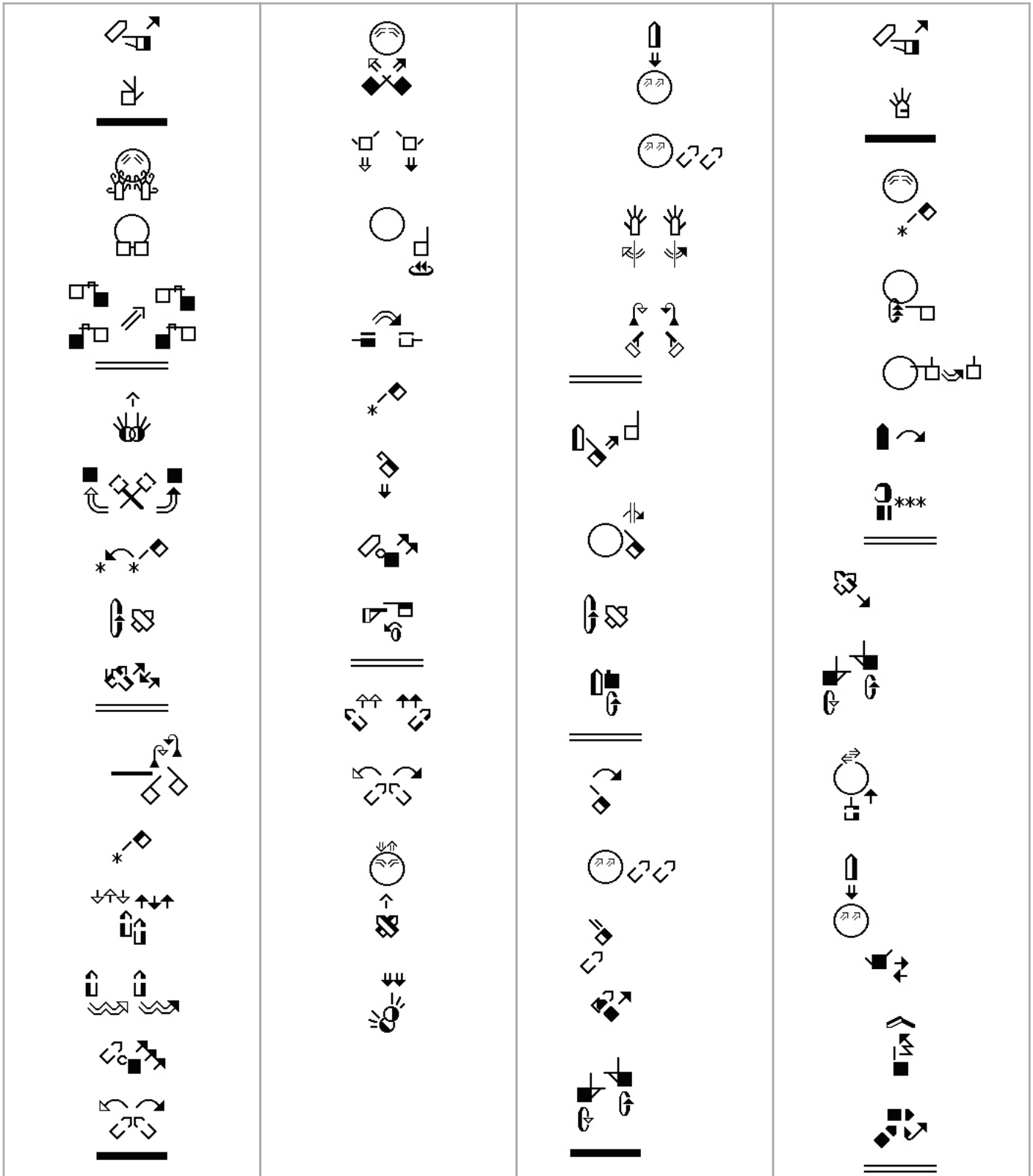
does the truth itself. We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the truth. Verse 13. I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to write it with pen and ink. Verse 14. For I hope to see you soon, and then we will talk face to face. Verse 15. Peace be with you. Your friends here send you their greetings. NLT

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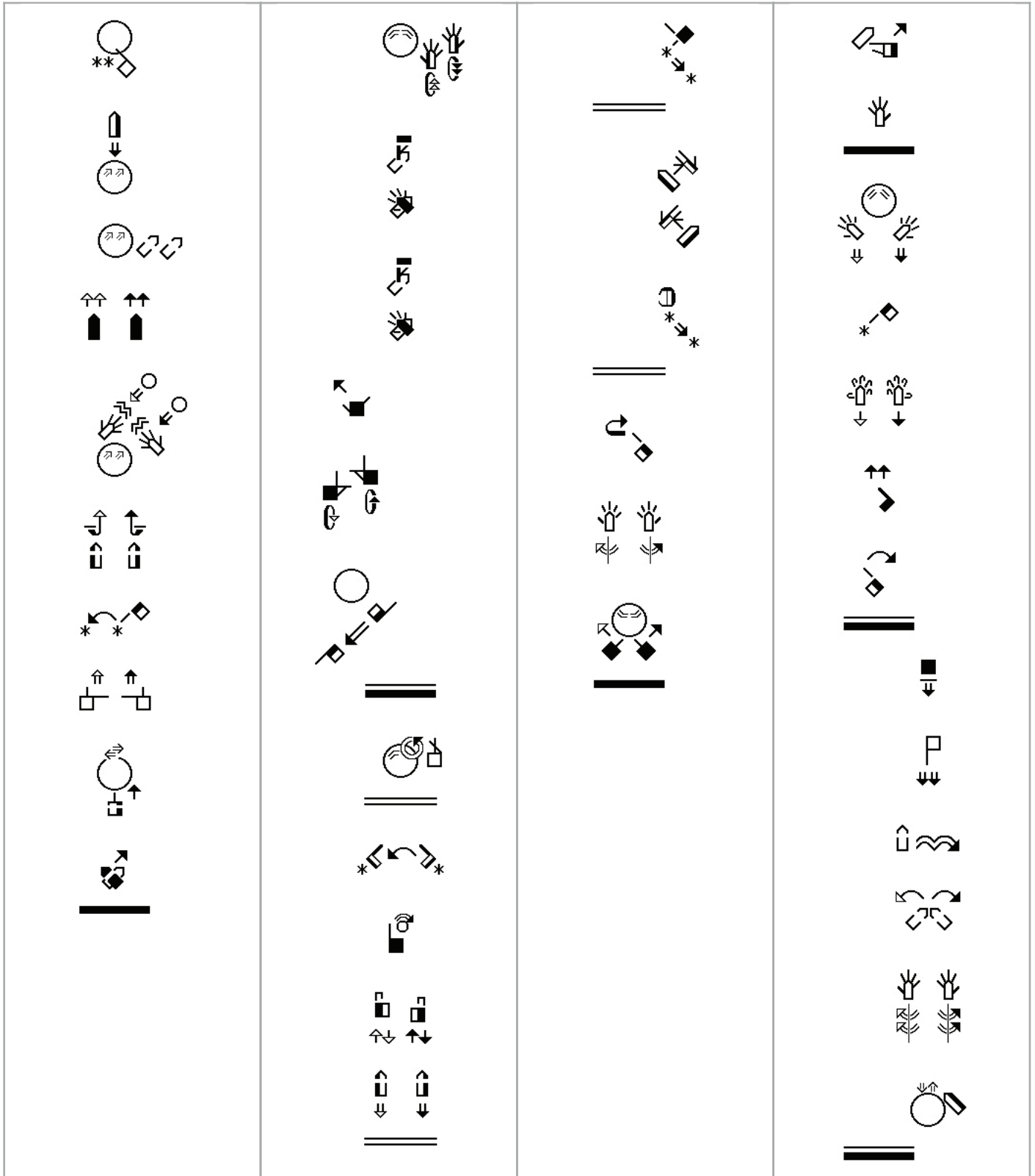
			
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Verse 1. This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. Verse 2. May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love.

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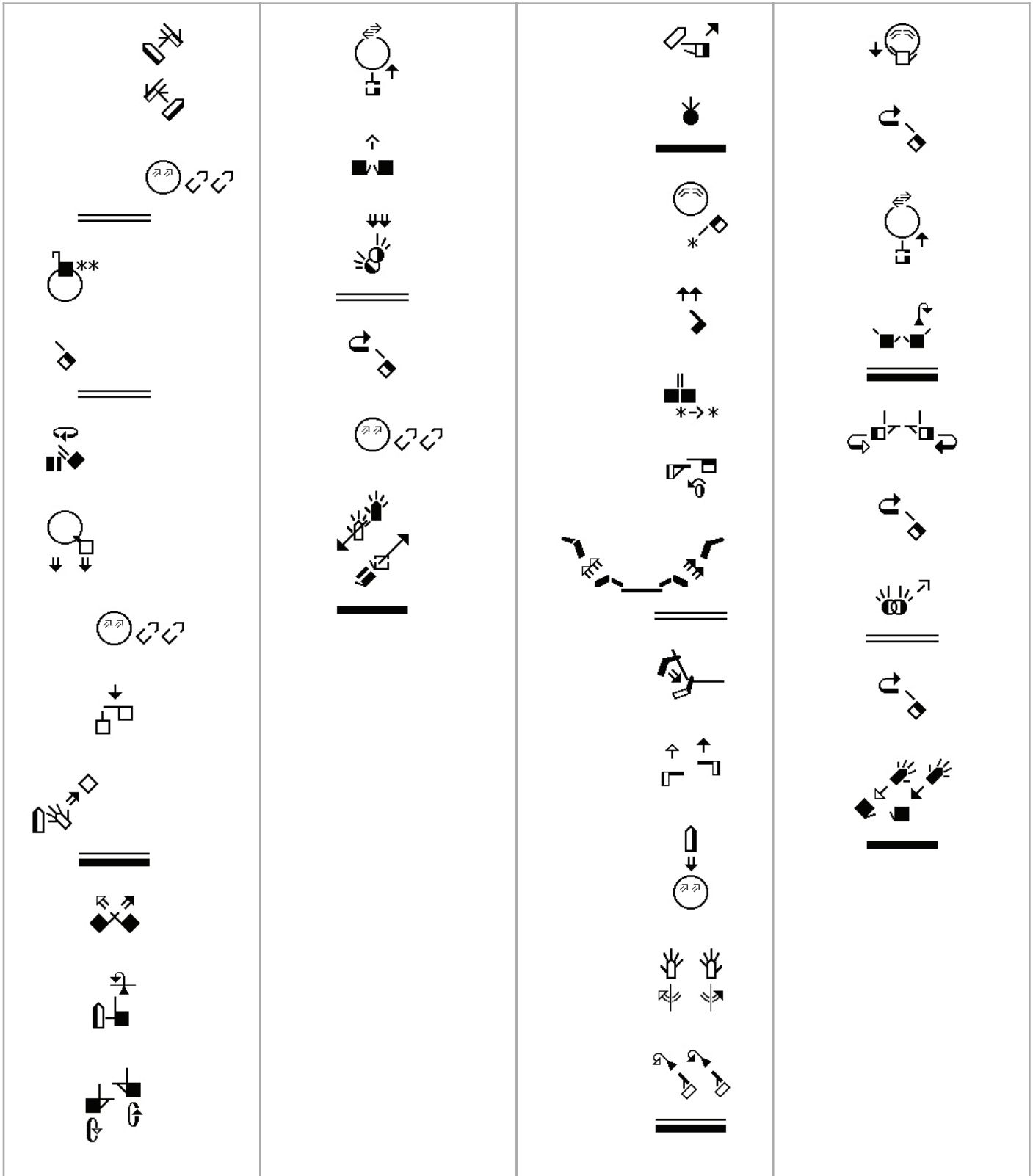


Verse 3. Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. Verse 4. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, NLT

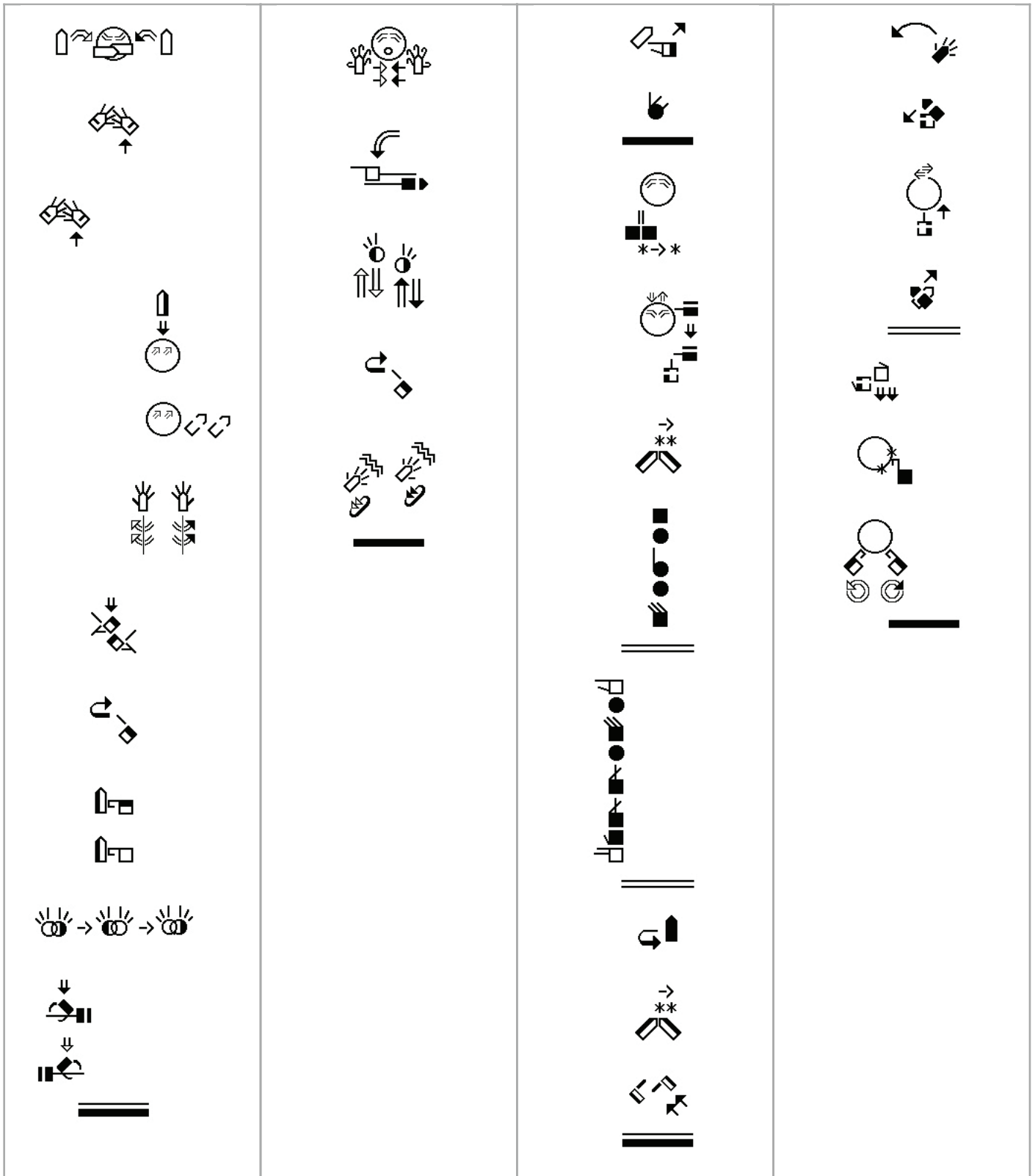


saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Verse 5. So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, NLT

Jude 5-6

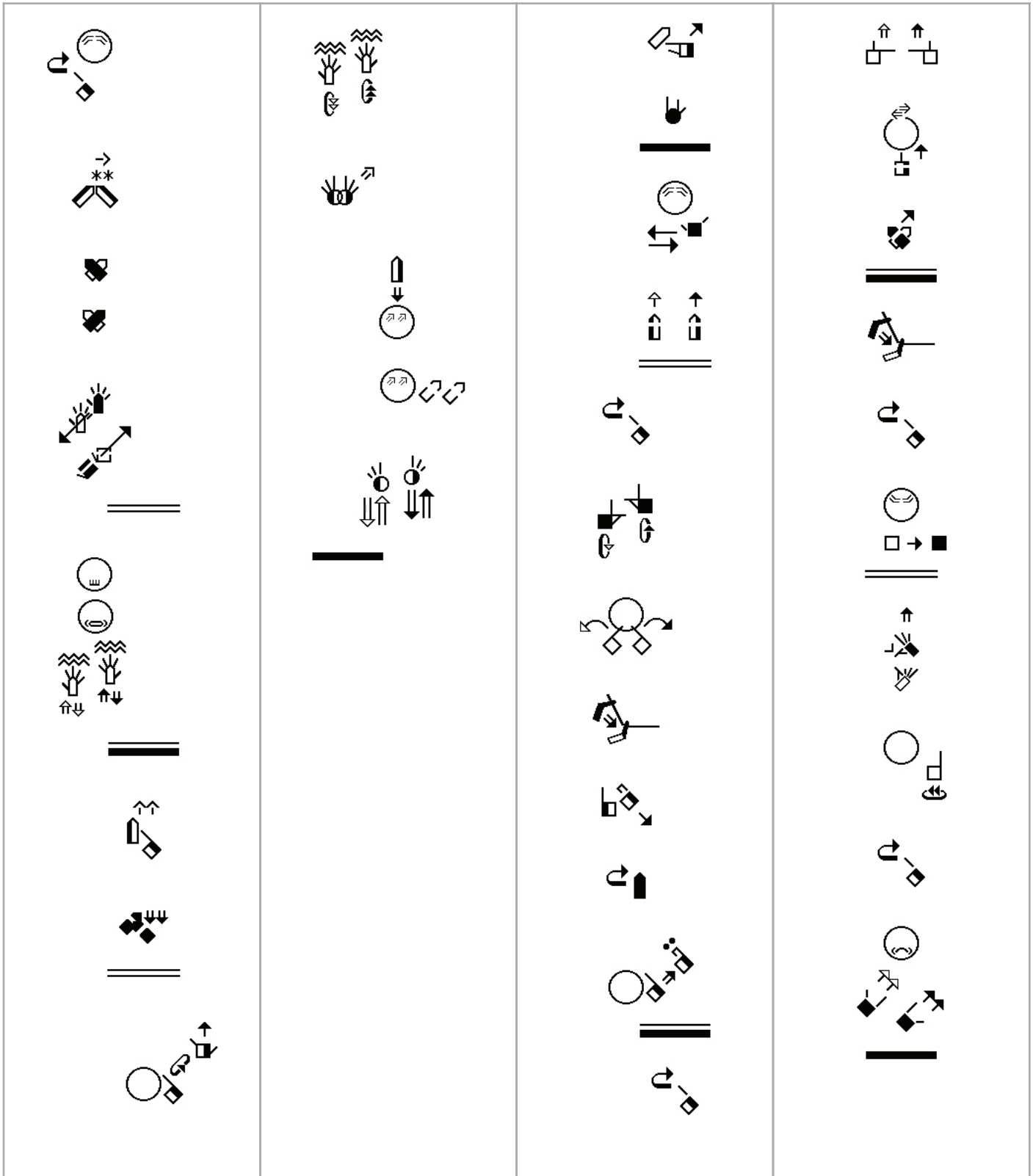


that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. Verse 6. And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. NLT

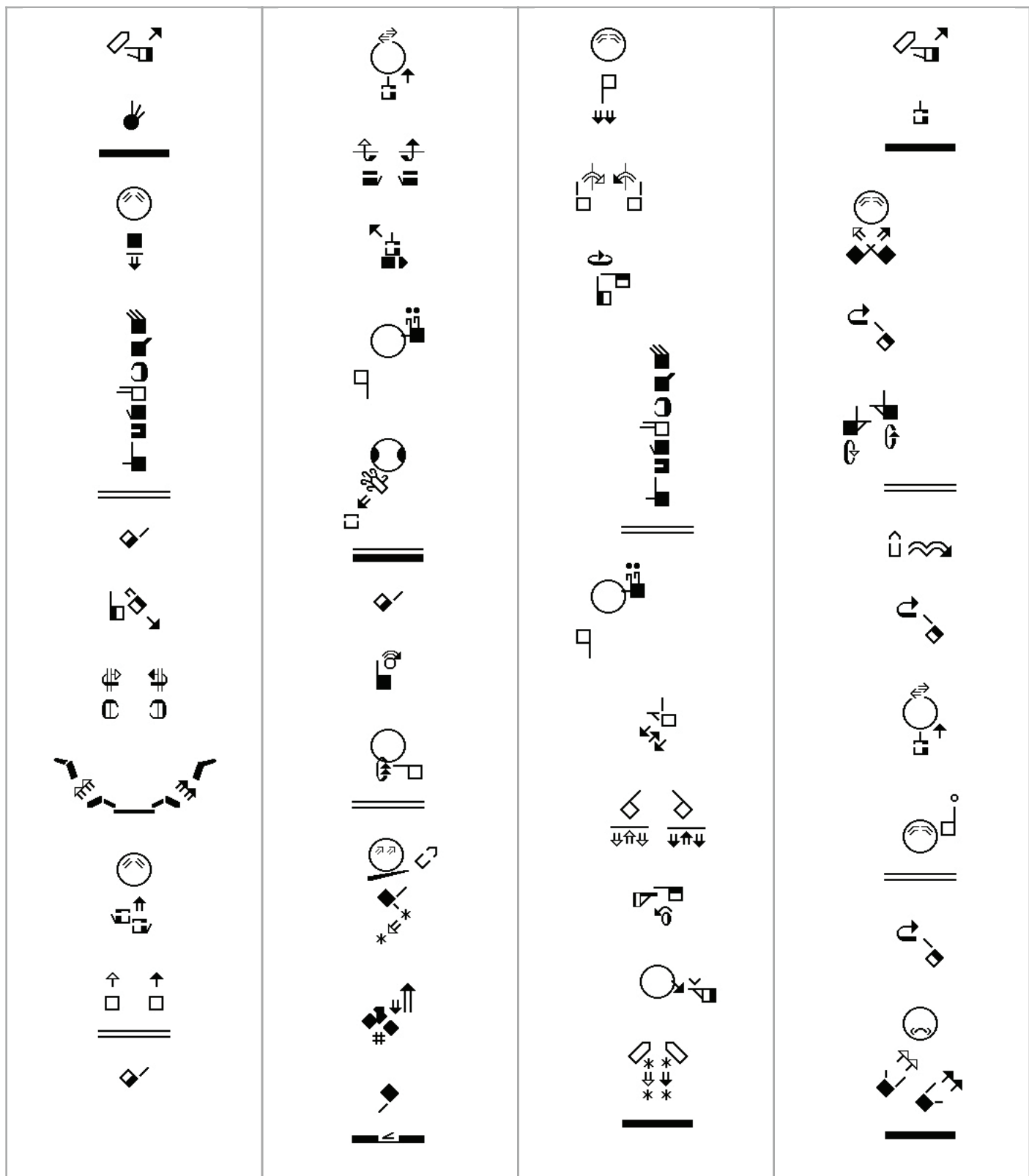


God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. Verse 7. And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. NLT

Jude 7-8

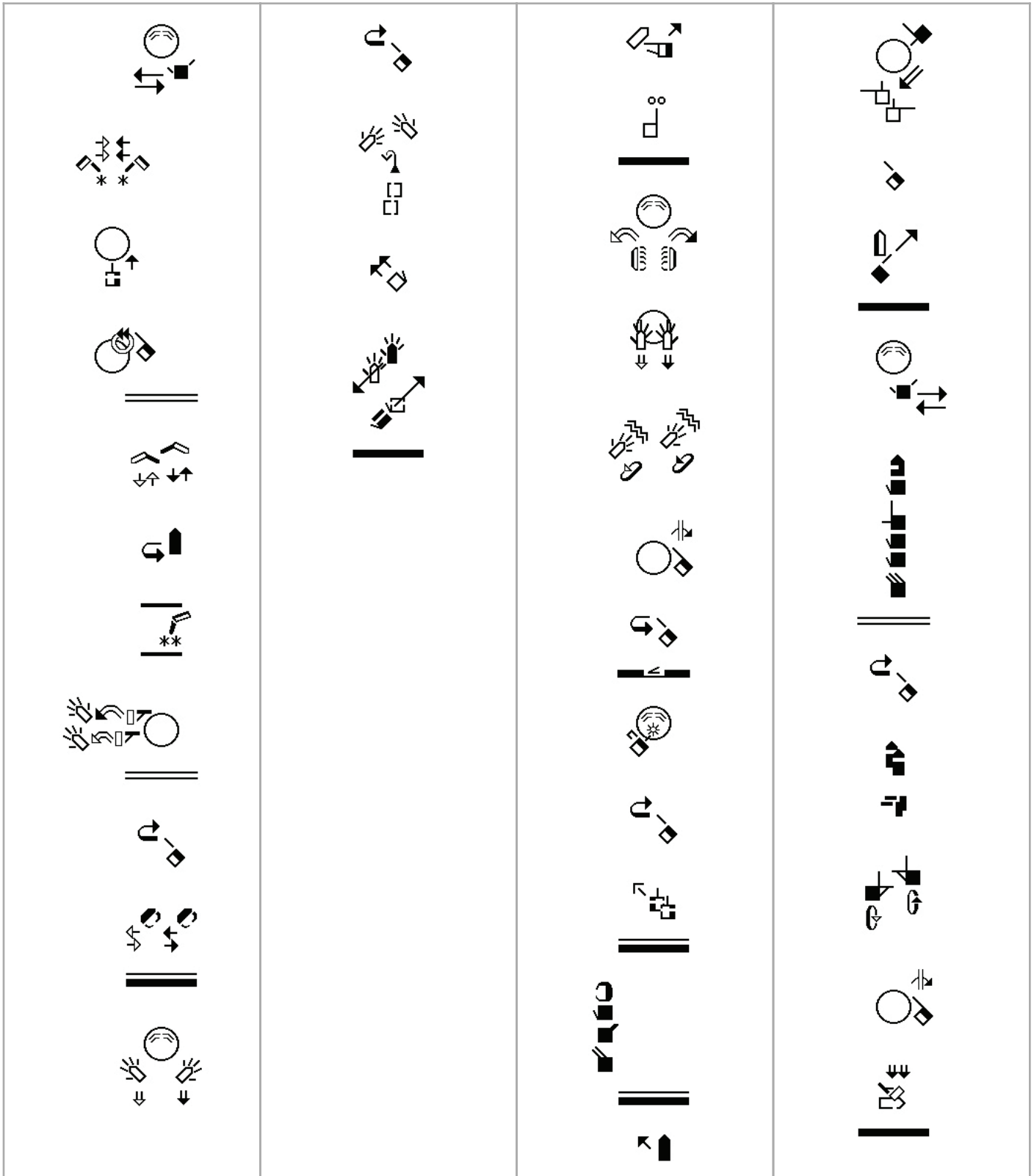


Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment. Verse 8. In the same way, these people -- who claim authority from their dreams -- live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings. NLT

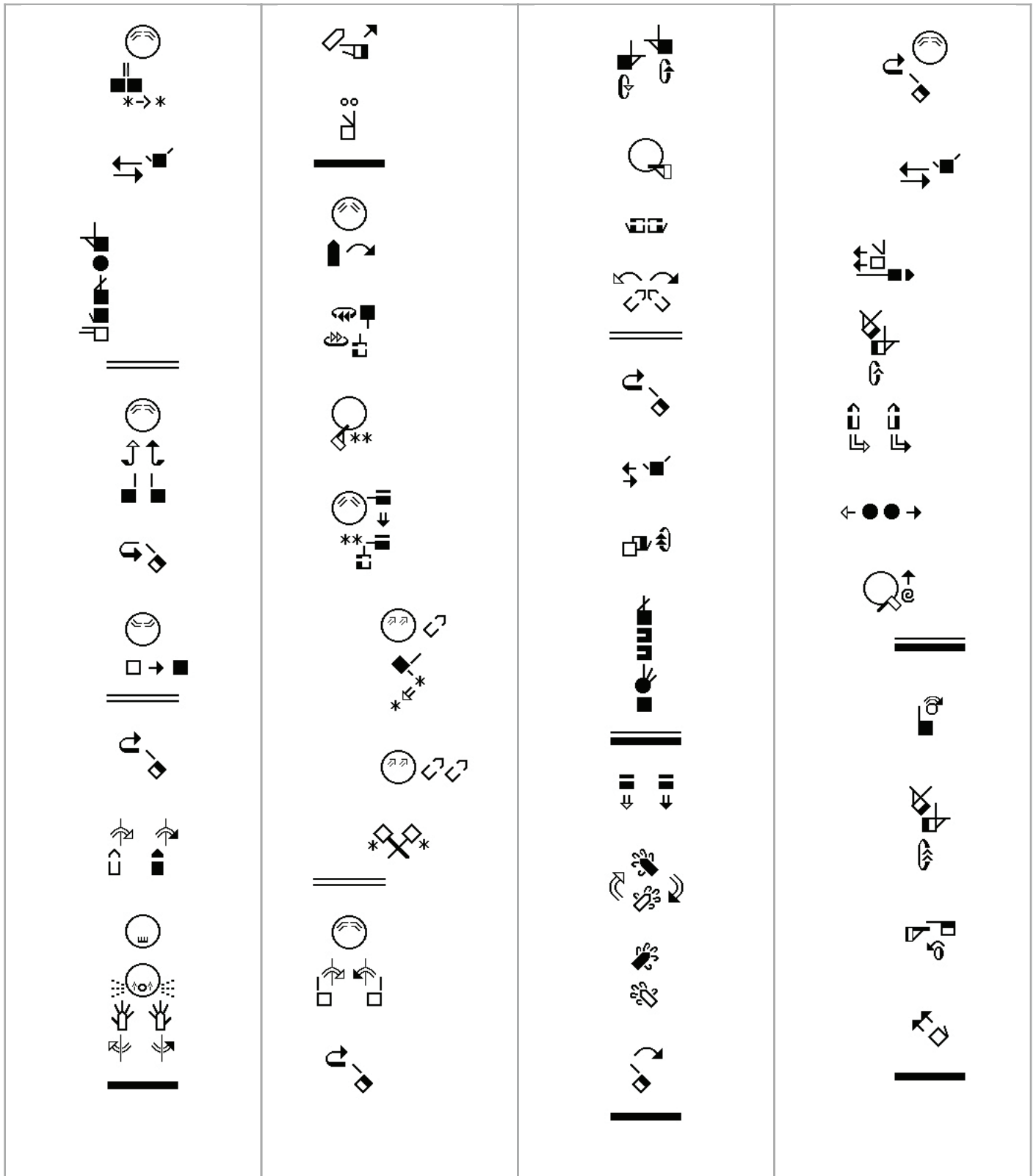


Verse 9. But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses' body.) Verse 10. But these people scoff at things they do not understand.

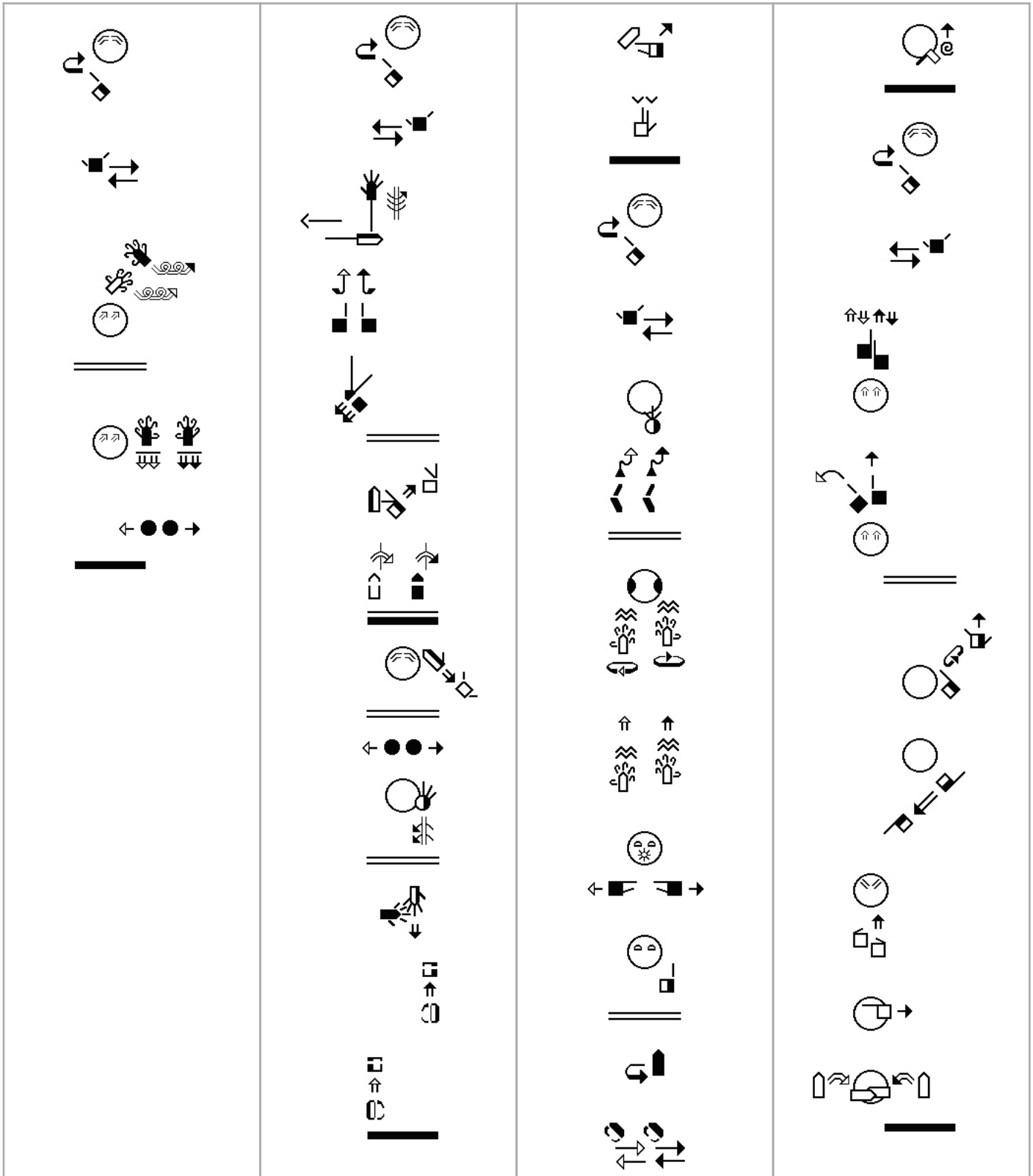
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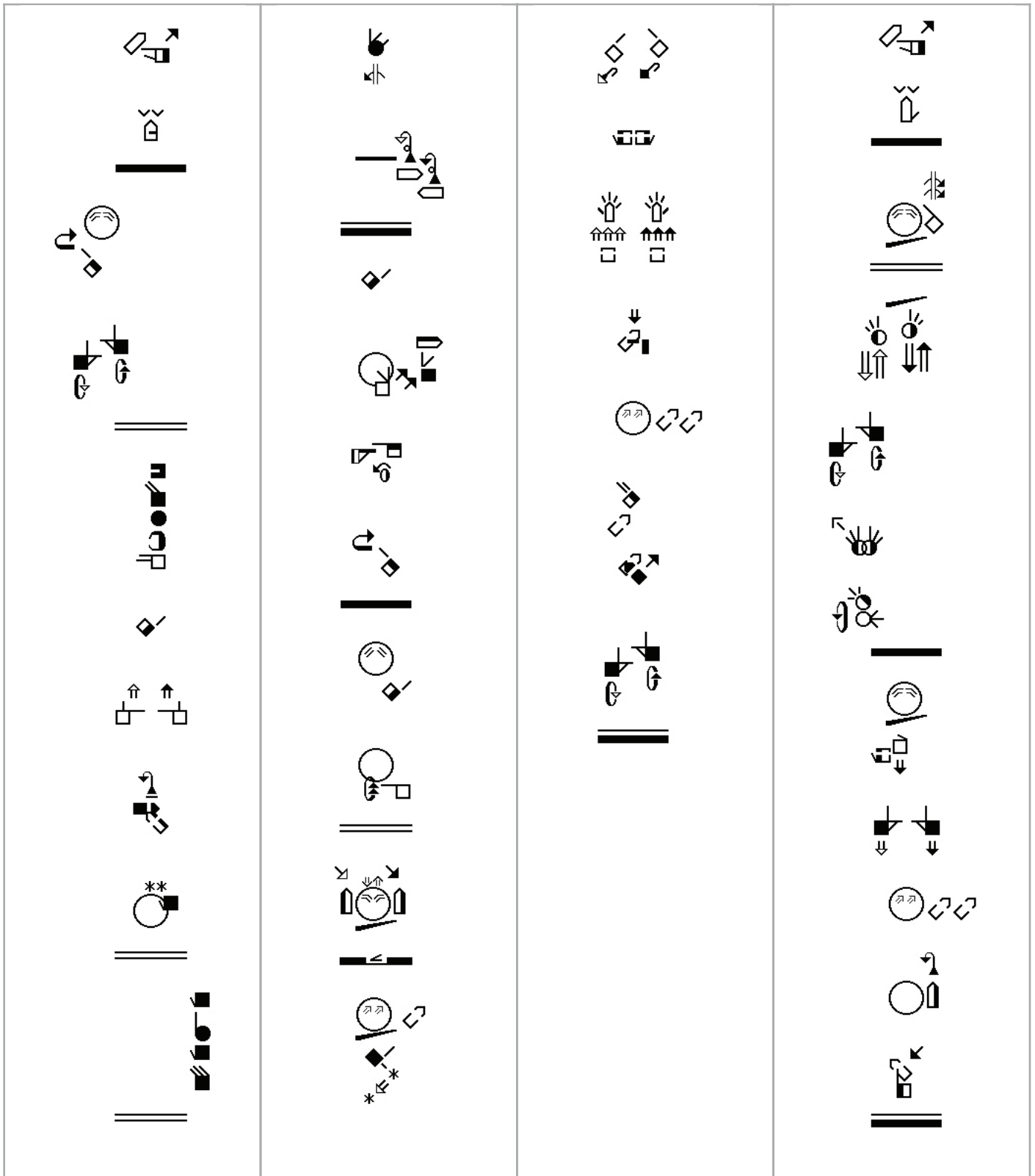
Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. Verse 11. What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. NLT



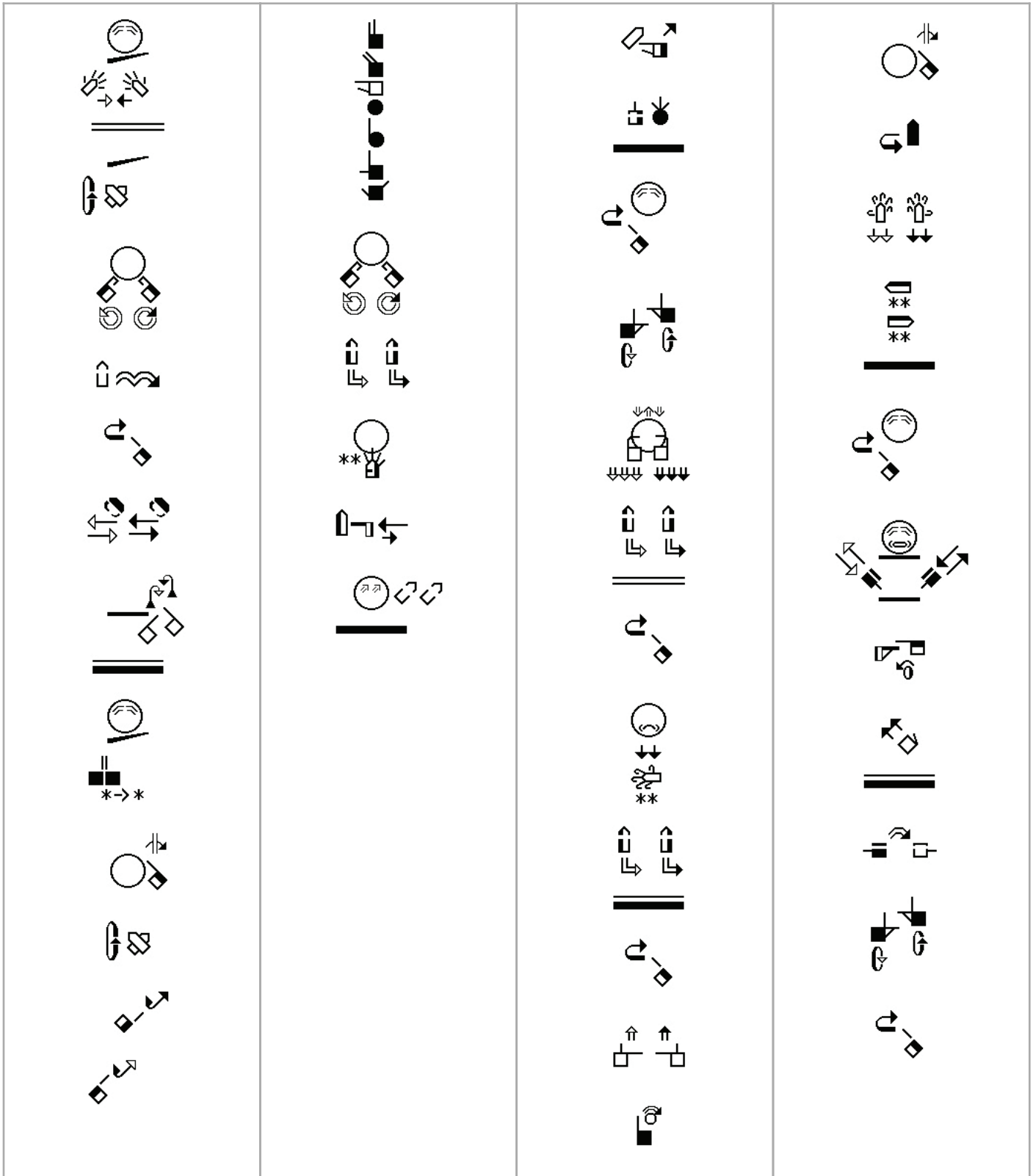
And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion. Verse 12. When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves.



They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots. Verse 13. They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness. NLT



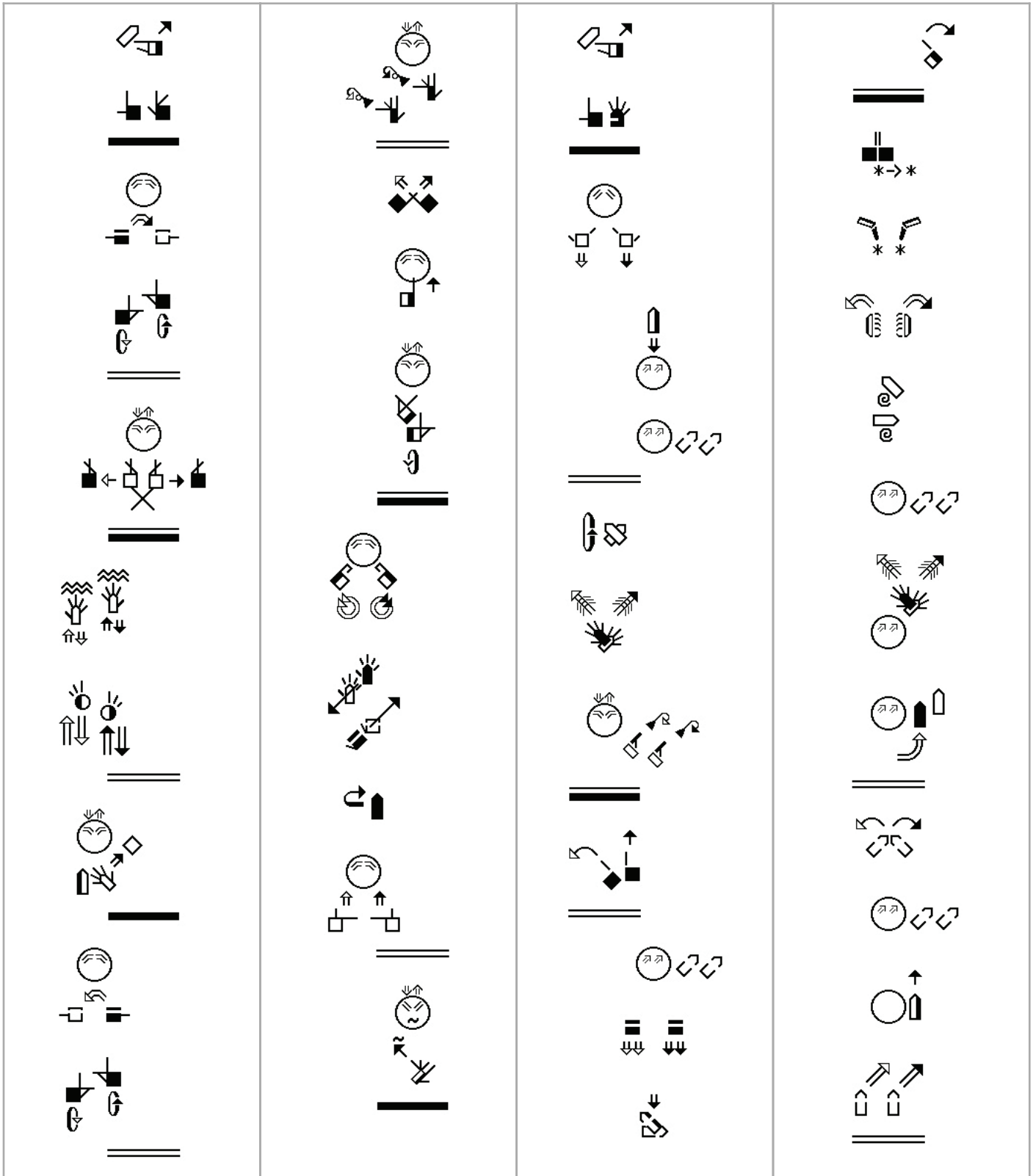
Verse 14. Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about these people. He said, "Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones Verse 15. to execute judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person



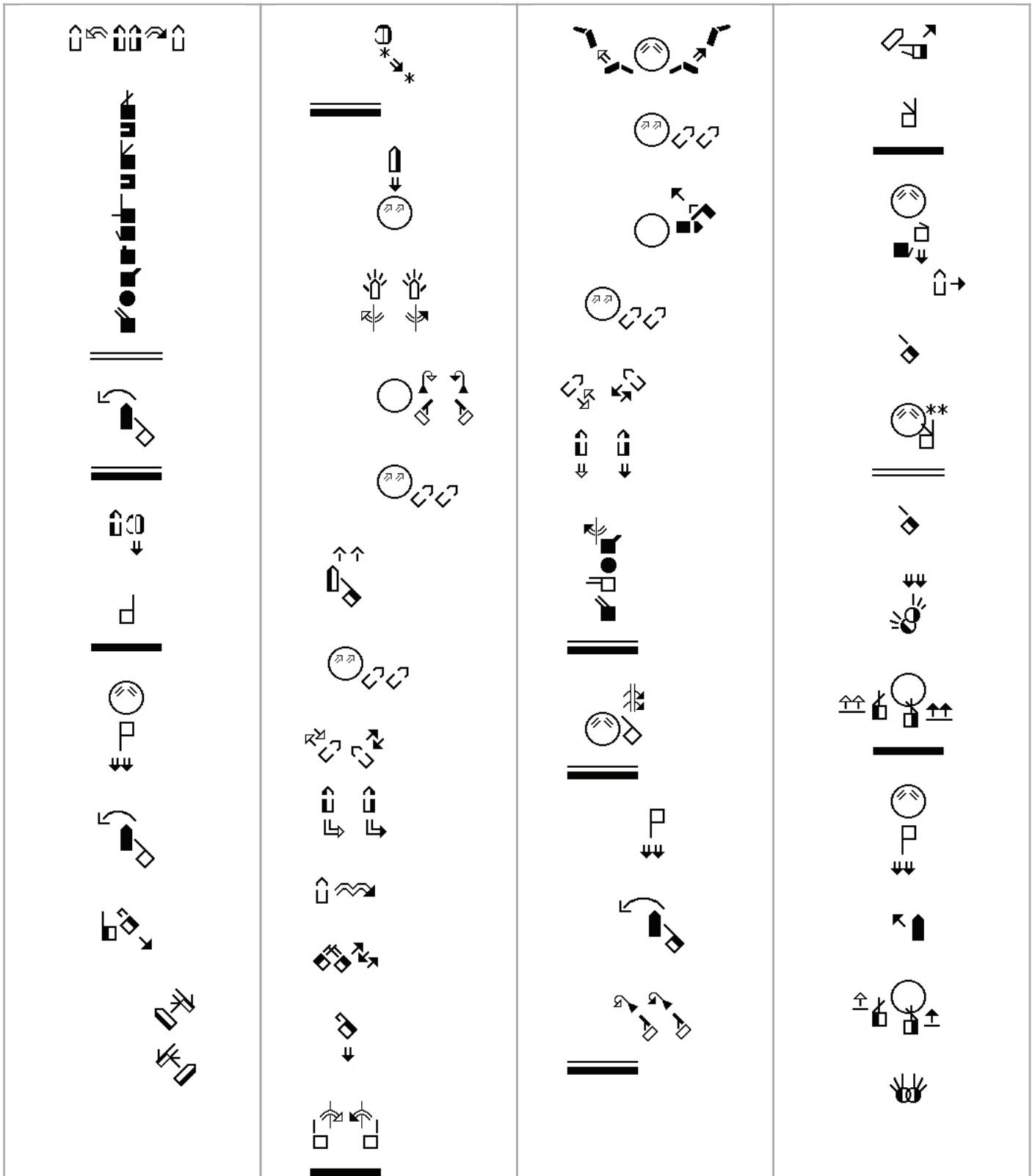
of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Verse 16. These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they

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flatter others to get what they want. Verse 17. But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said. Verse 18. They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers
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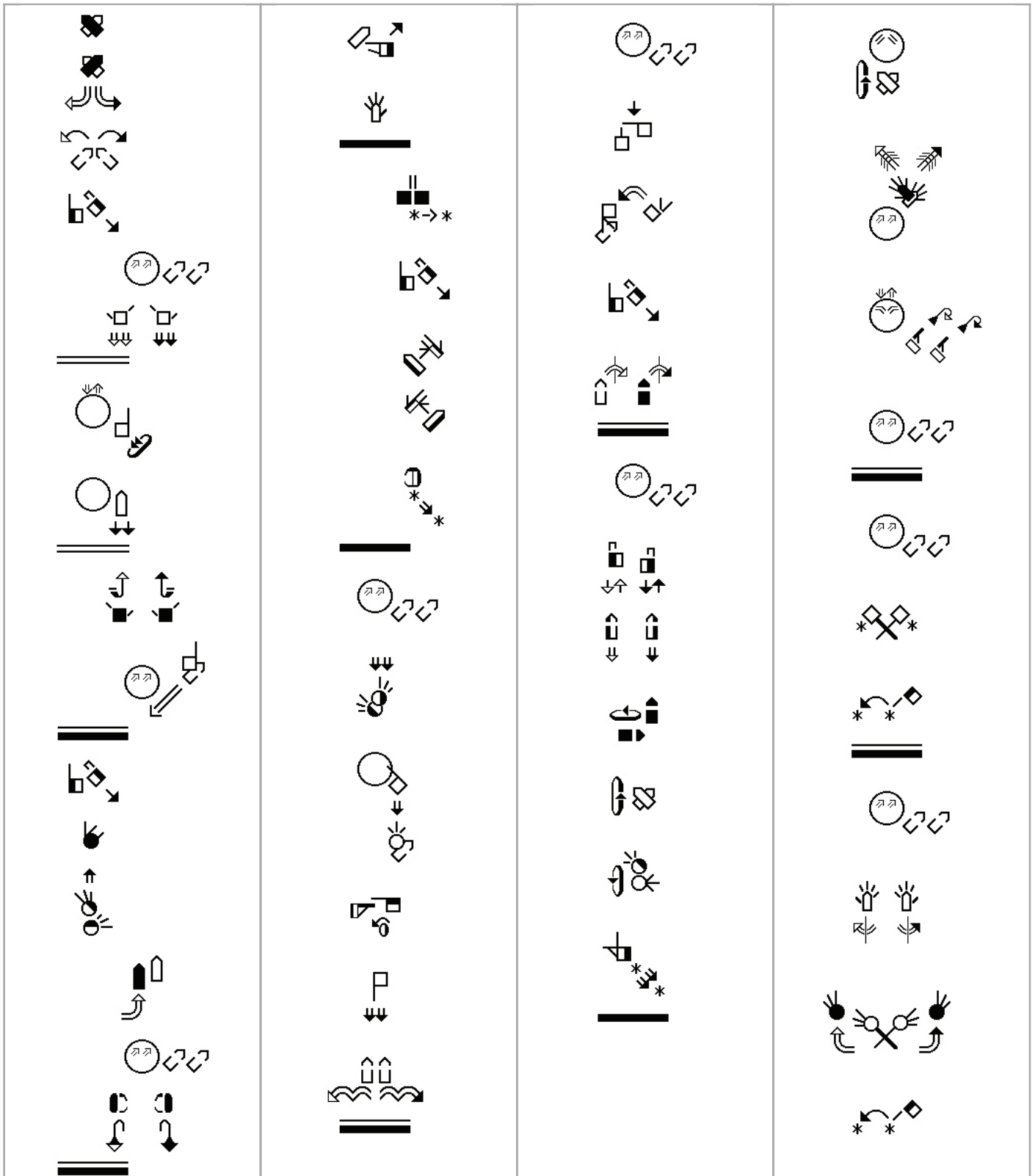


Verse 23. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. Verse 24. Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence NLT



Chapter 1. This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, Verse 2. who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of

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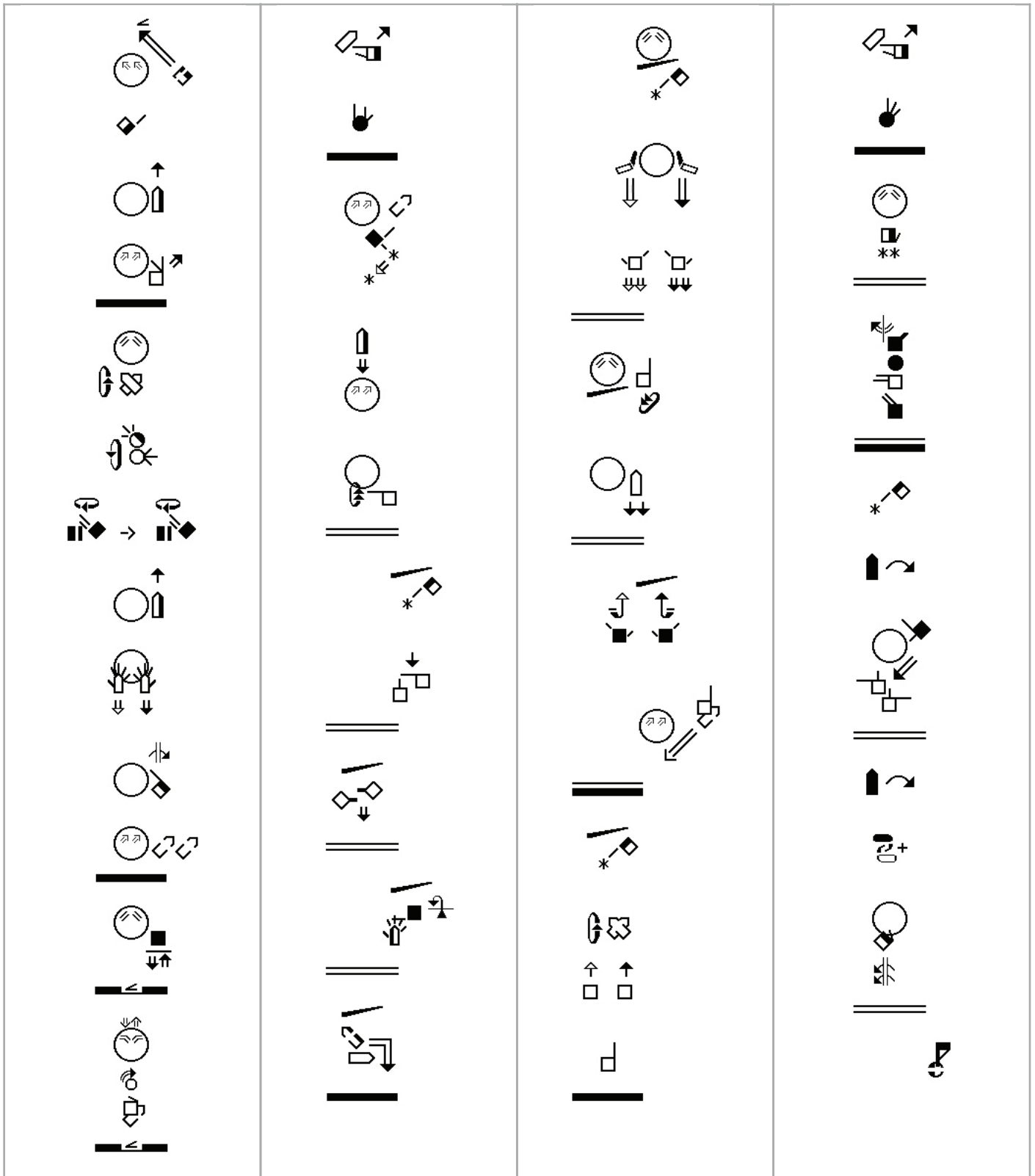


and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come, from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; Verse 5. and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us

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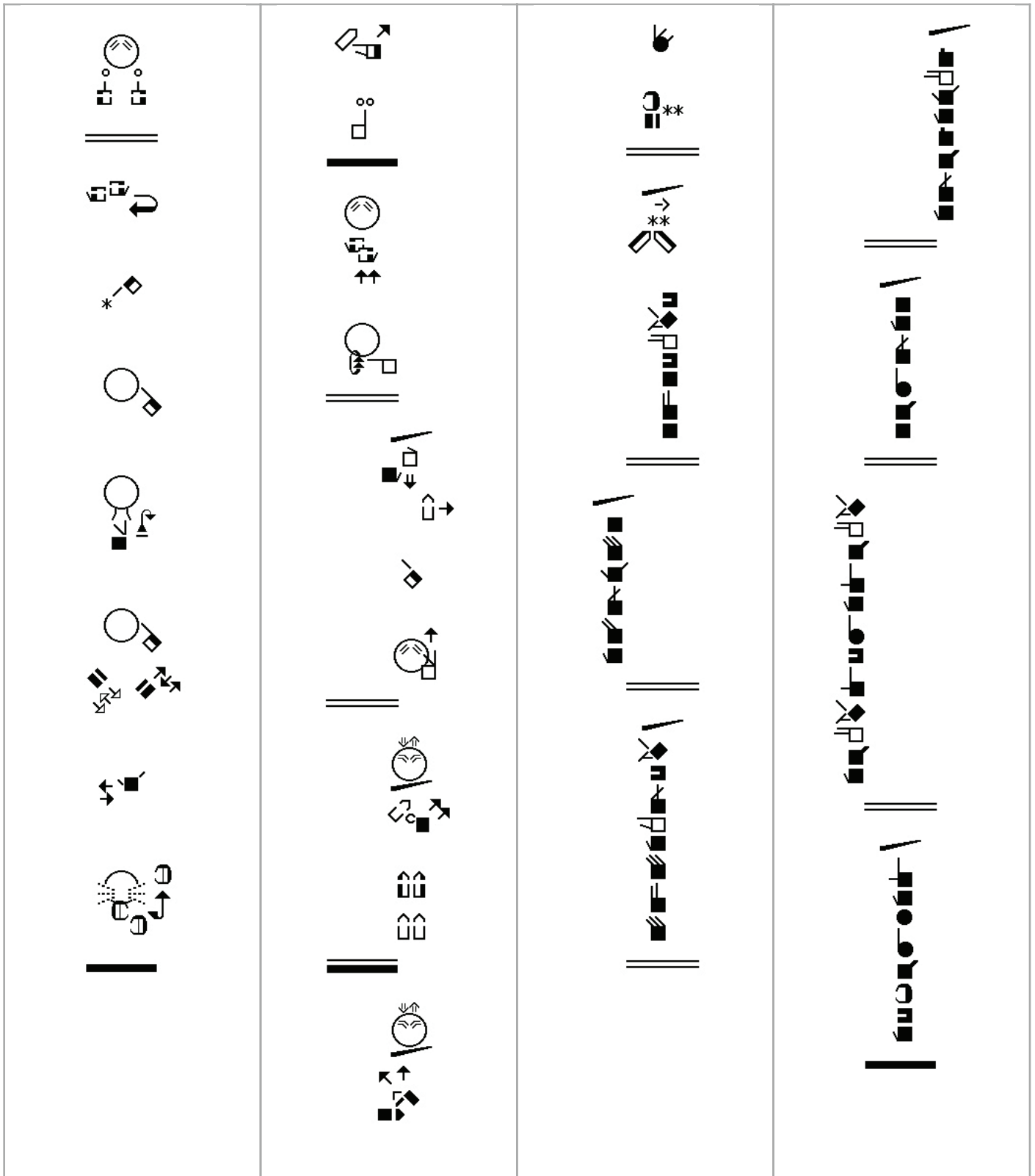
from our sins by shedding his blood for us. Verse 6. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. Verse 7. Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him -- even those NLT



who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen! Verse 8. "I am the Alpha and the Omega -- the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come -- the Almighty One." Verse 9. I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in

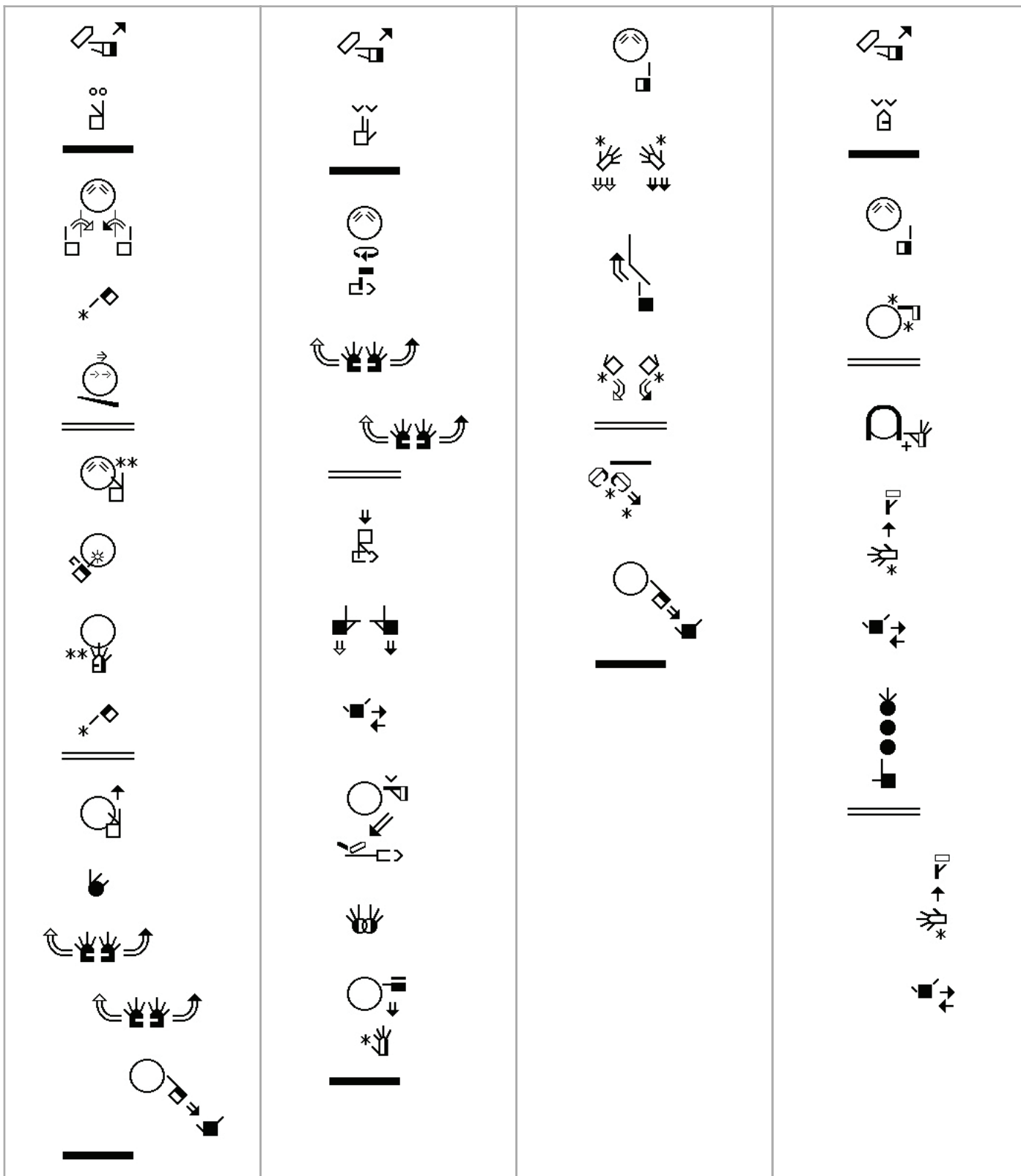
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Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. Verse 11. It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."
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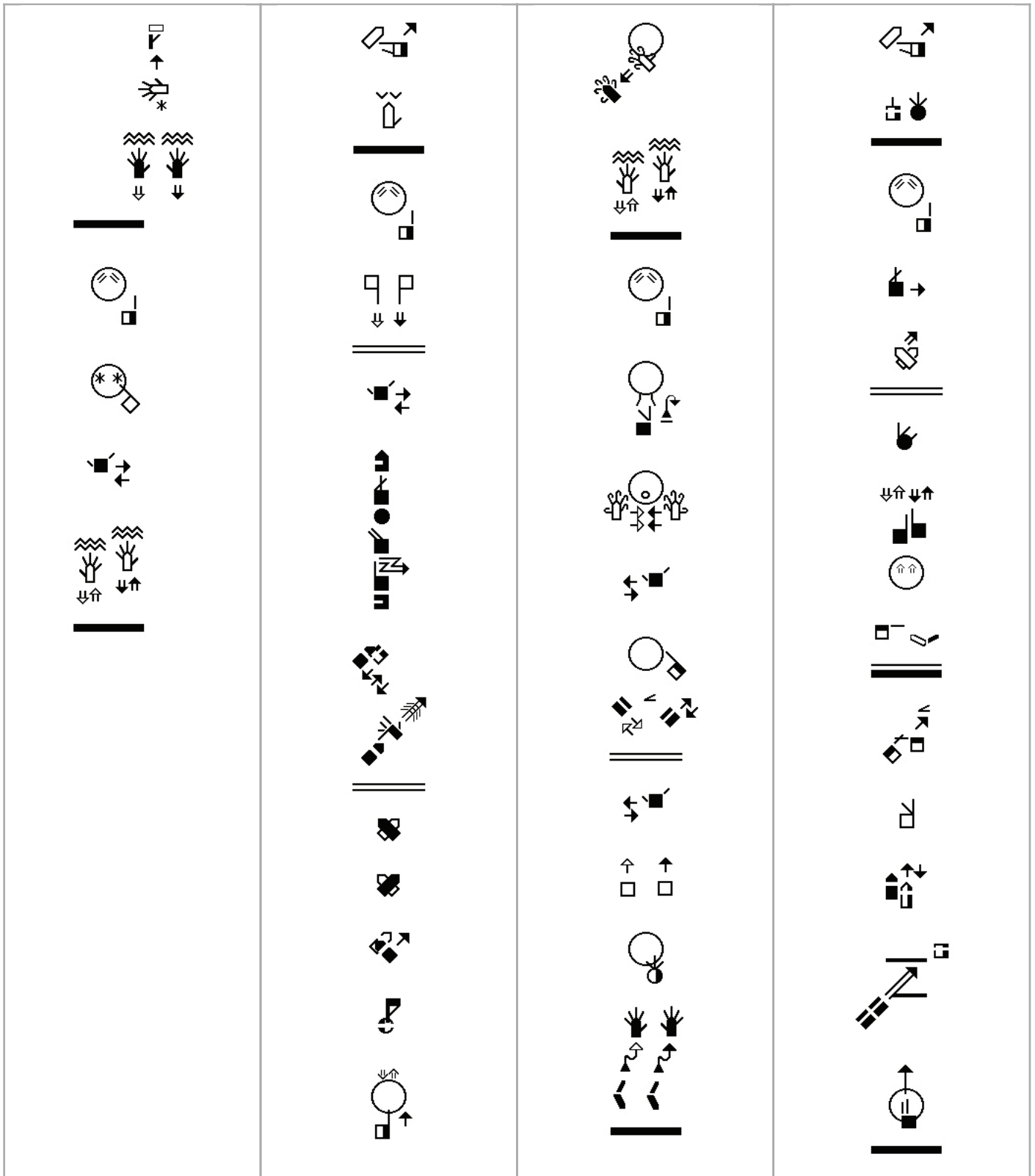
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Verse 12. When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. Verse 13. And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. Verse 14. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as

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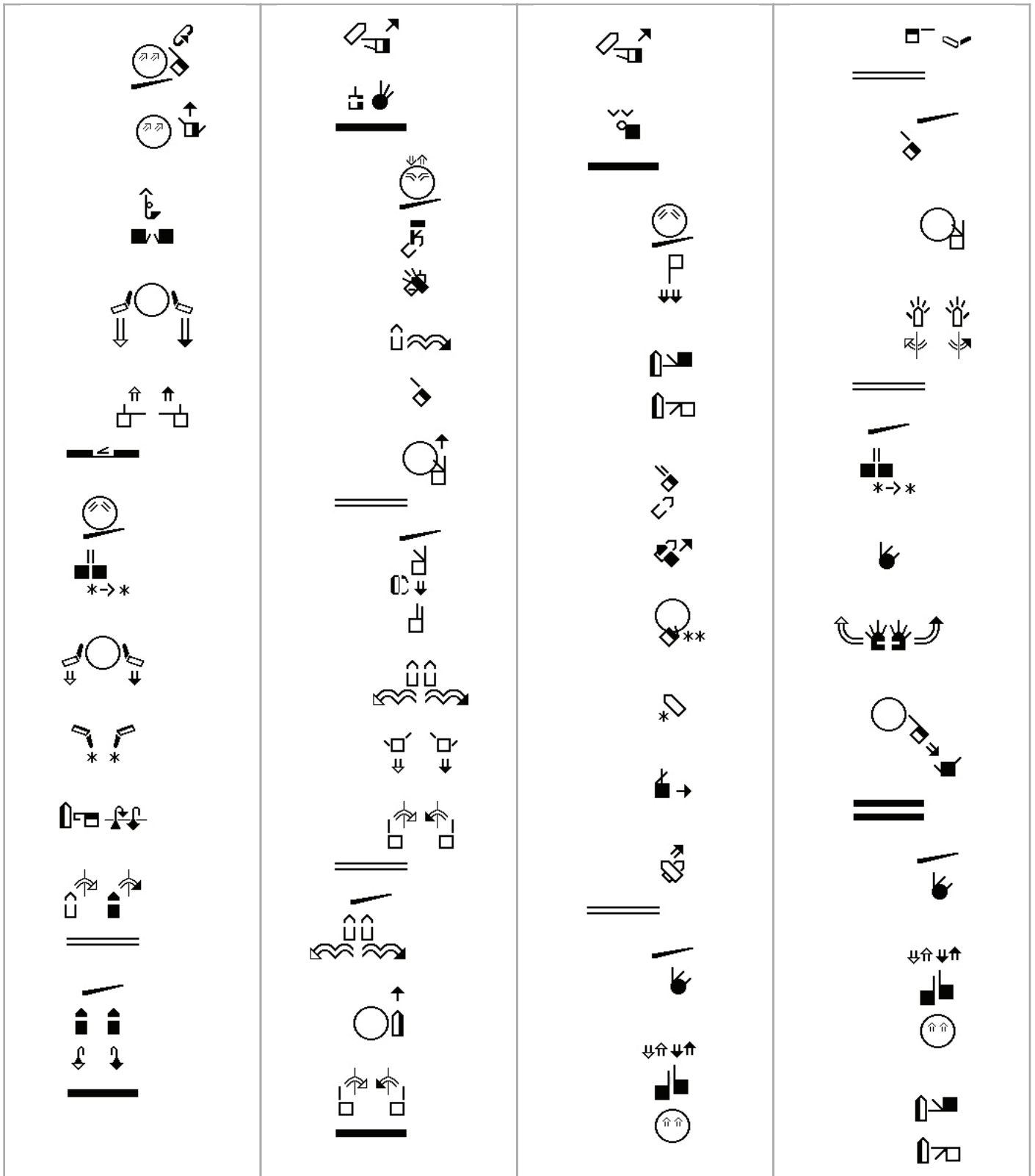


snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. Verse 15. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. Verse 16. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth.

Revelation 1:16-18

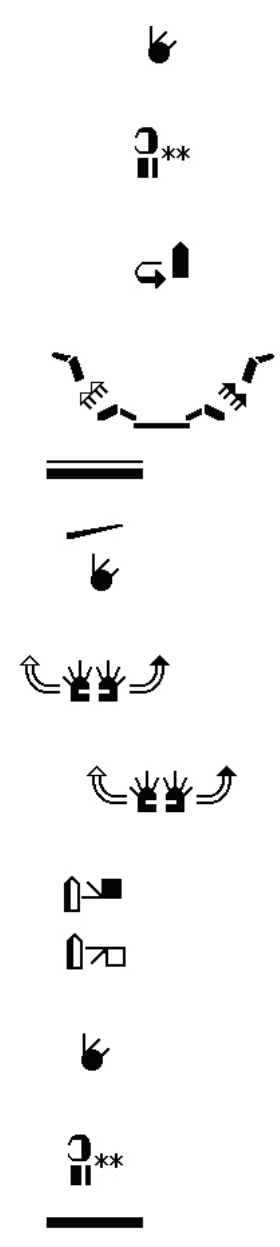
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And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. Verse 17. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. Verse 18. I am the living one. I died, but look -- NLT

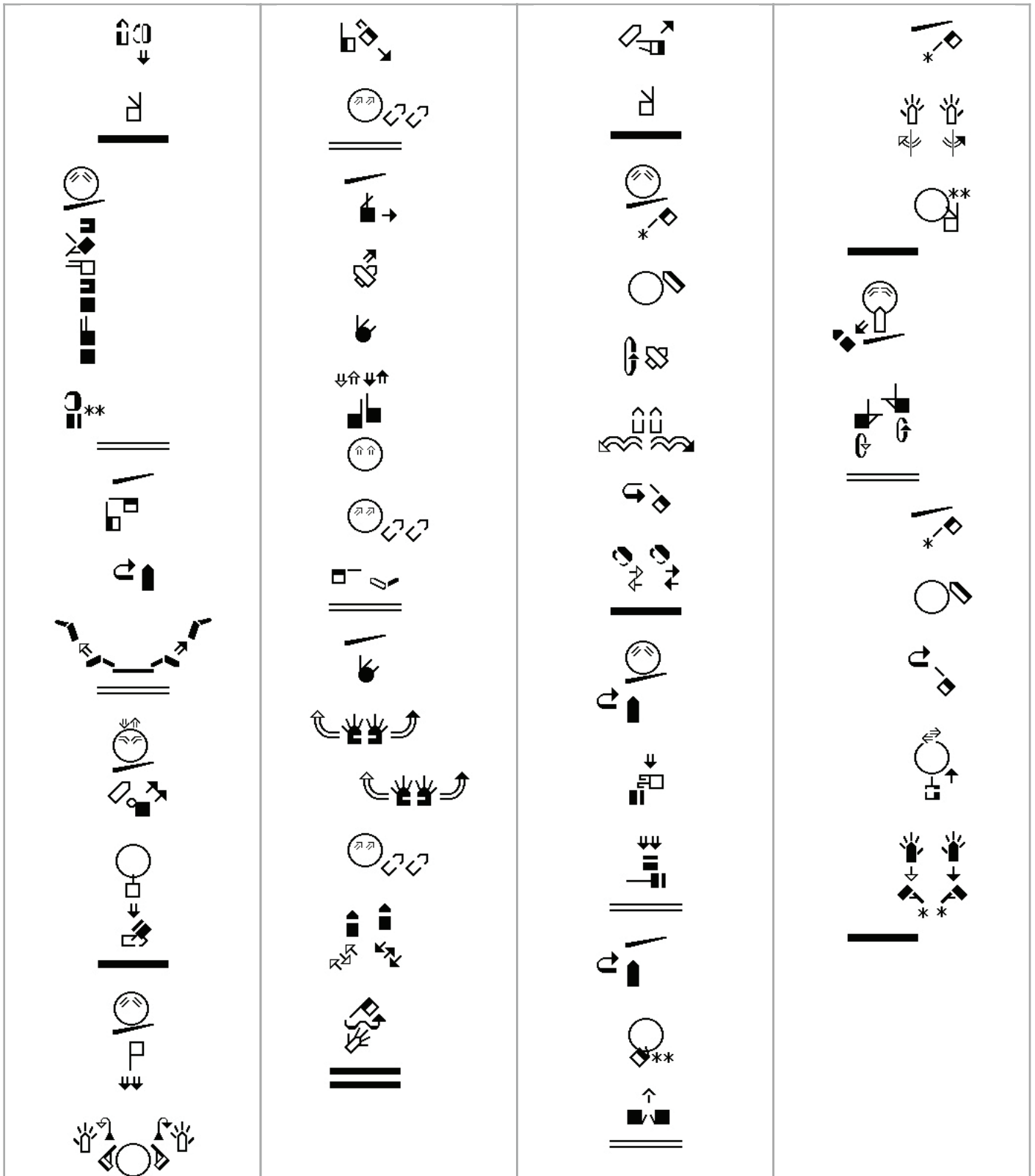


I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. Verse 19. "Write down what you have seen -- both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen. Verse 20. This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands: The seven stars are NLT

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436 the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
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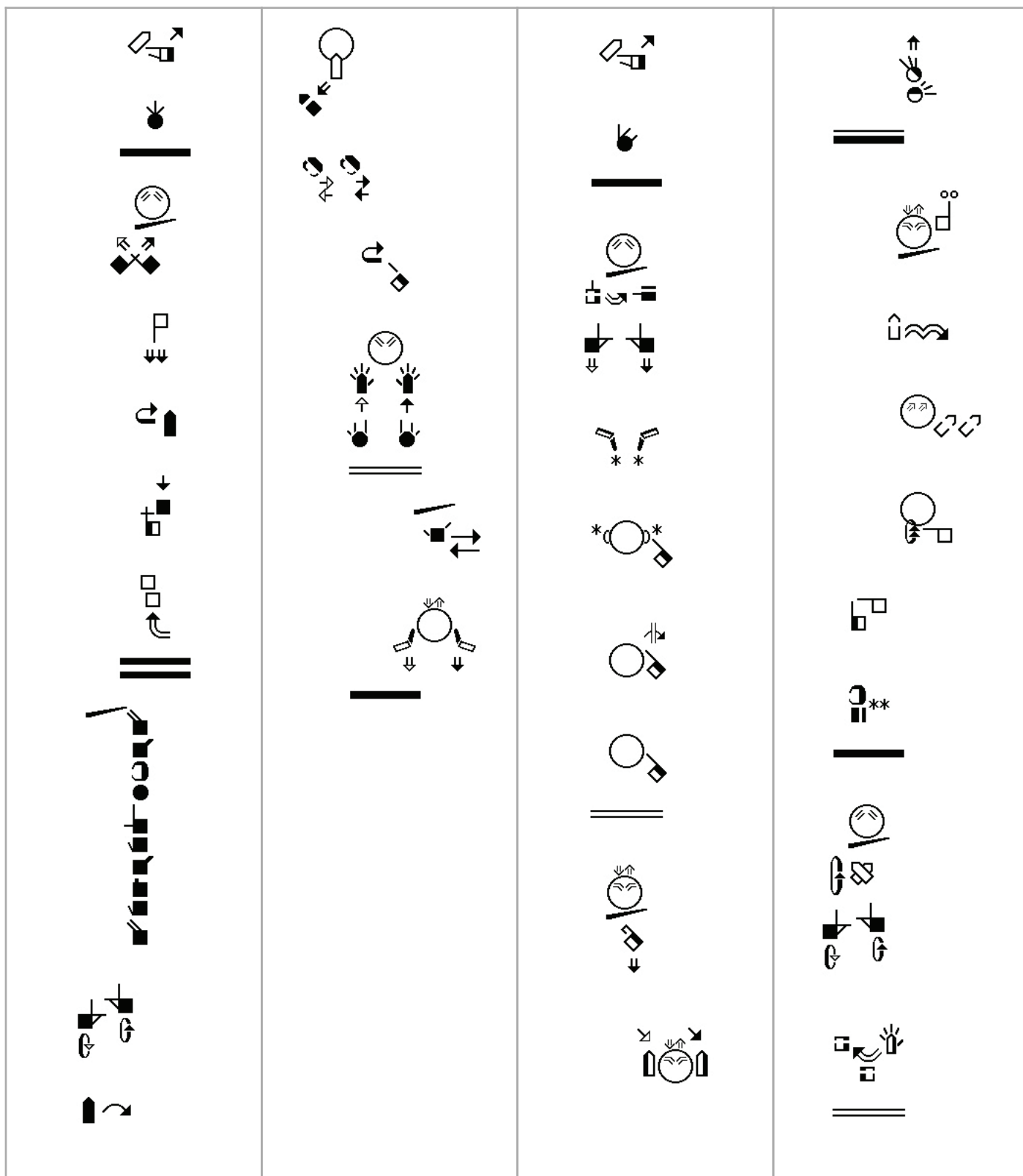


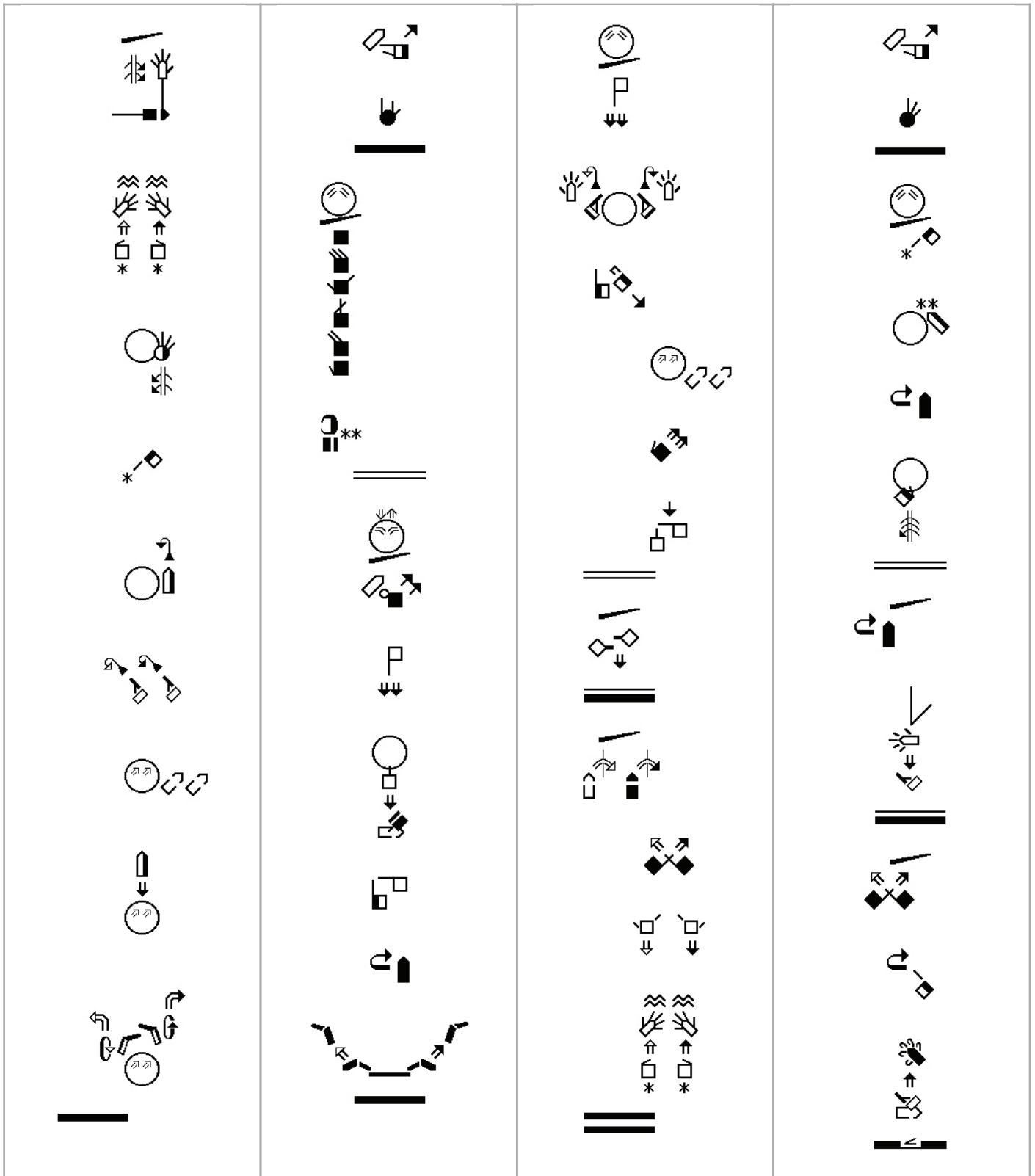
Chapter 2. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: Verse 2. "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. NLT

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or each other as you did at first! Verse 5. Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.
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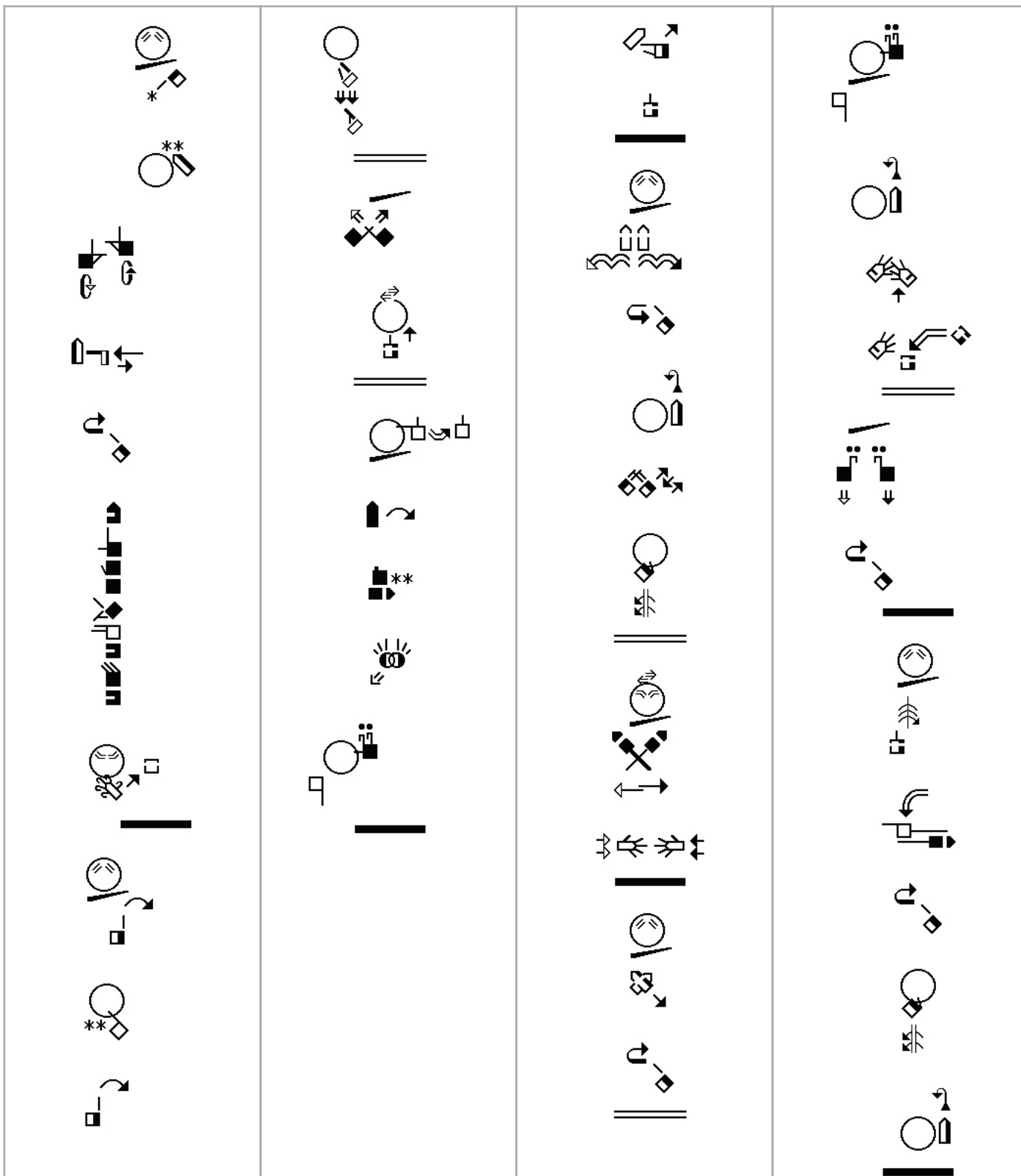




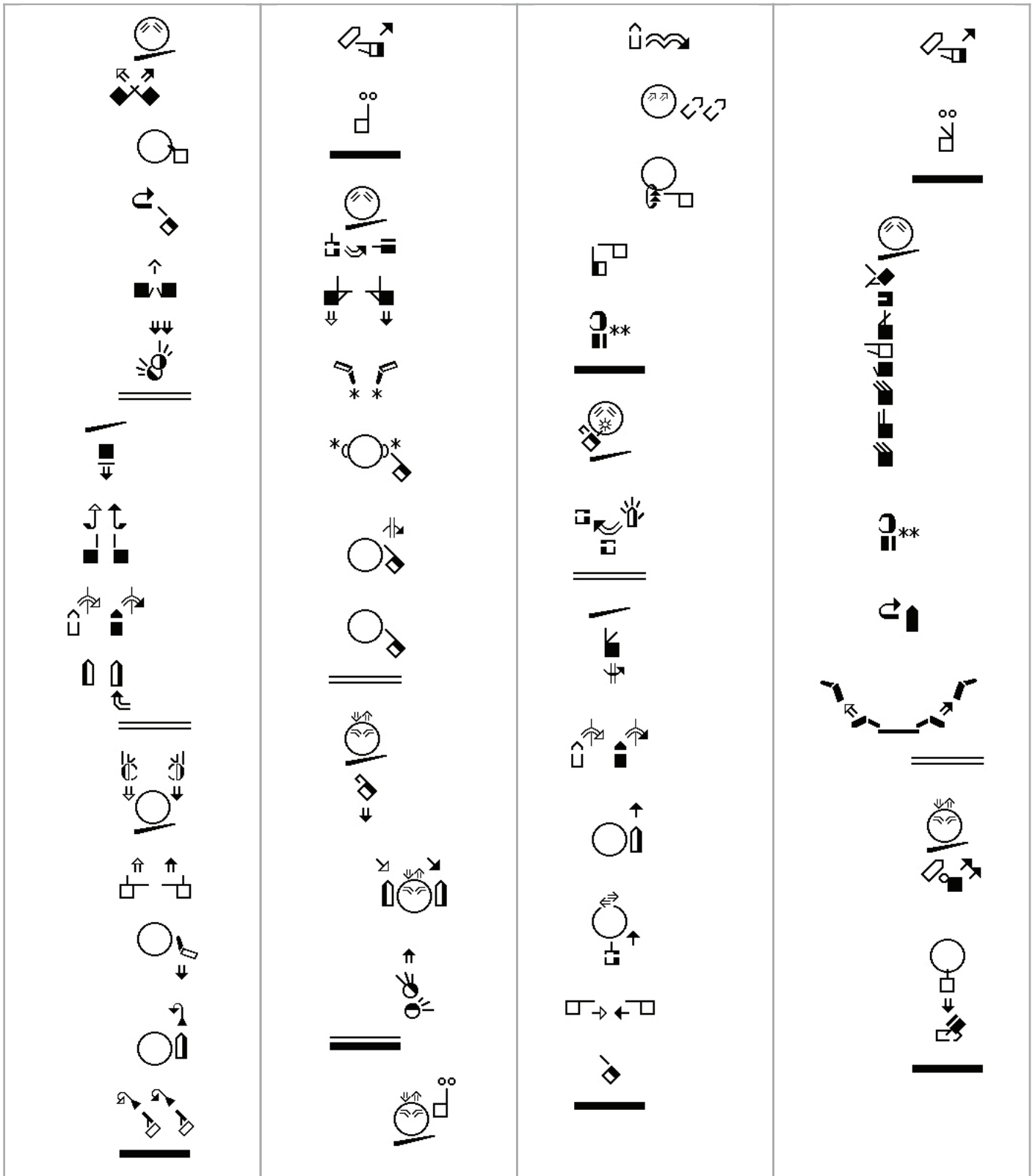
I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God. Verse 8. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive: Verse 9. "I know about your suffering and your poverty -- but you are rich!"

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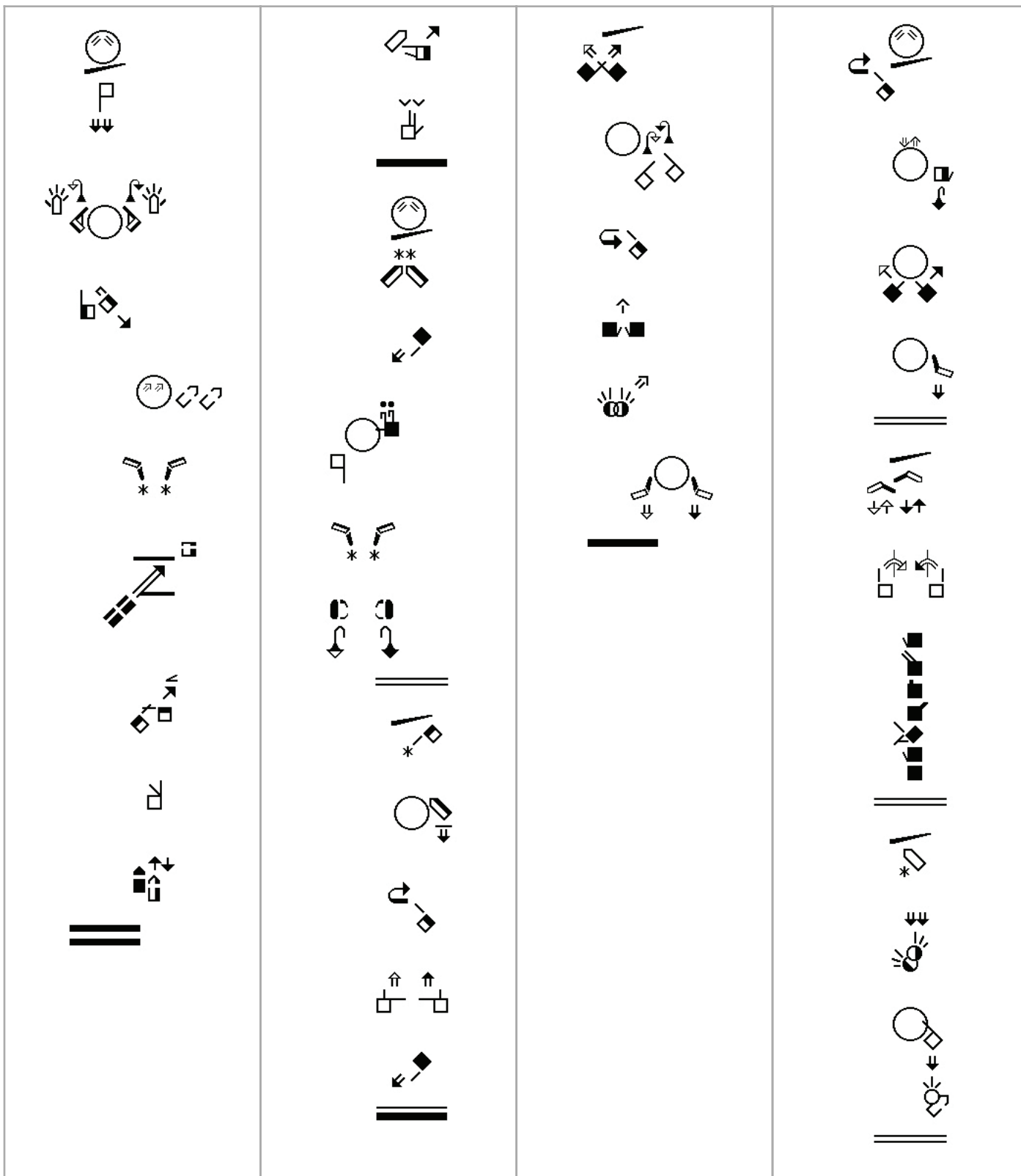


I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. Verse 10. Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days.

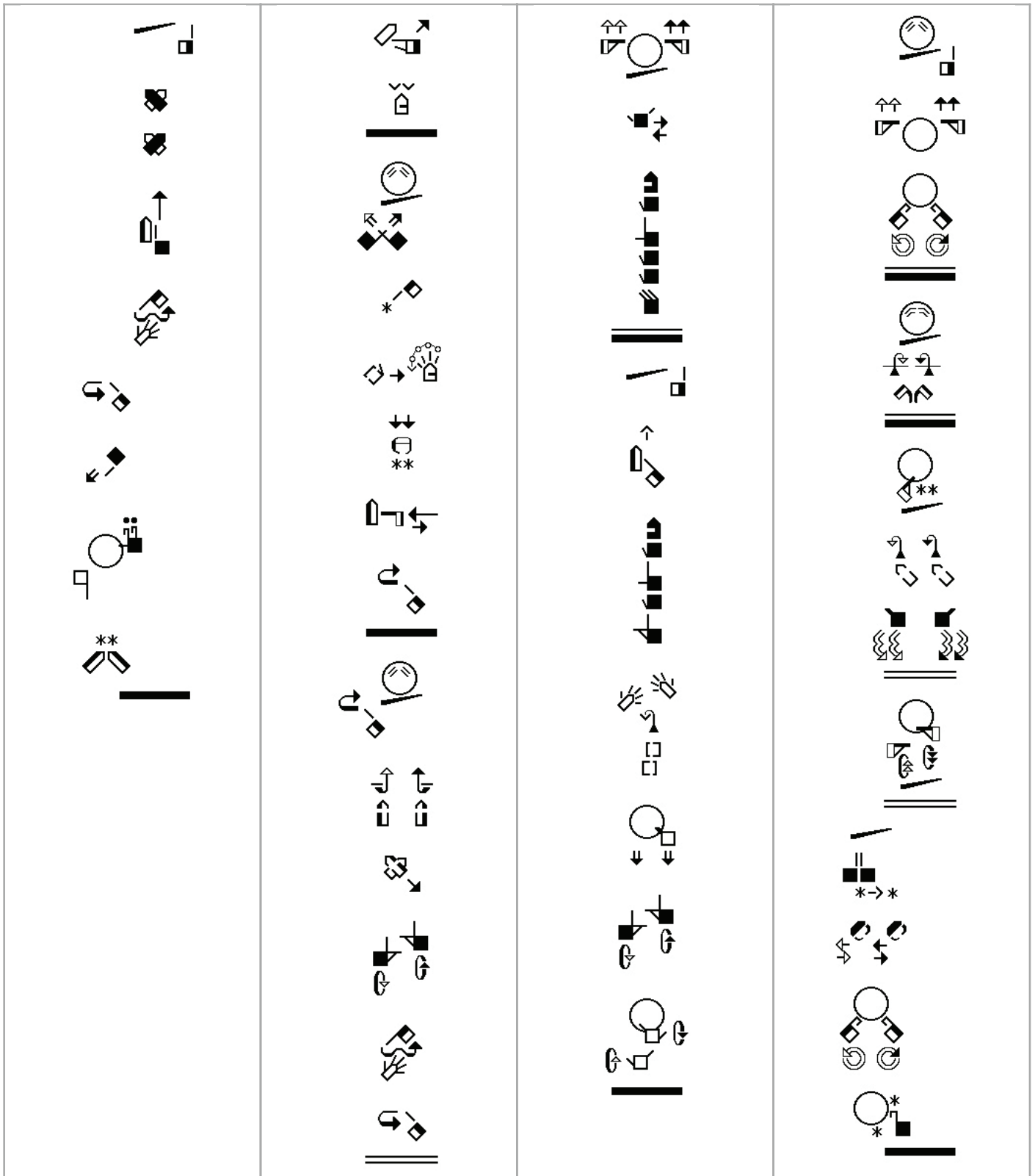


But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life. Verse 11. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death. Verse 12. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum.

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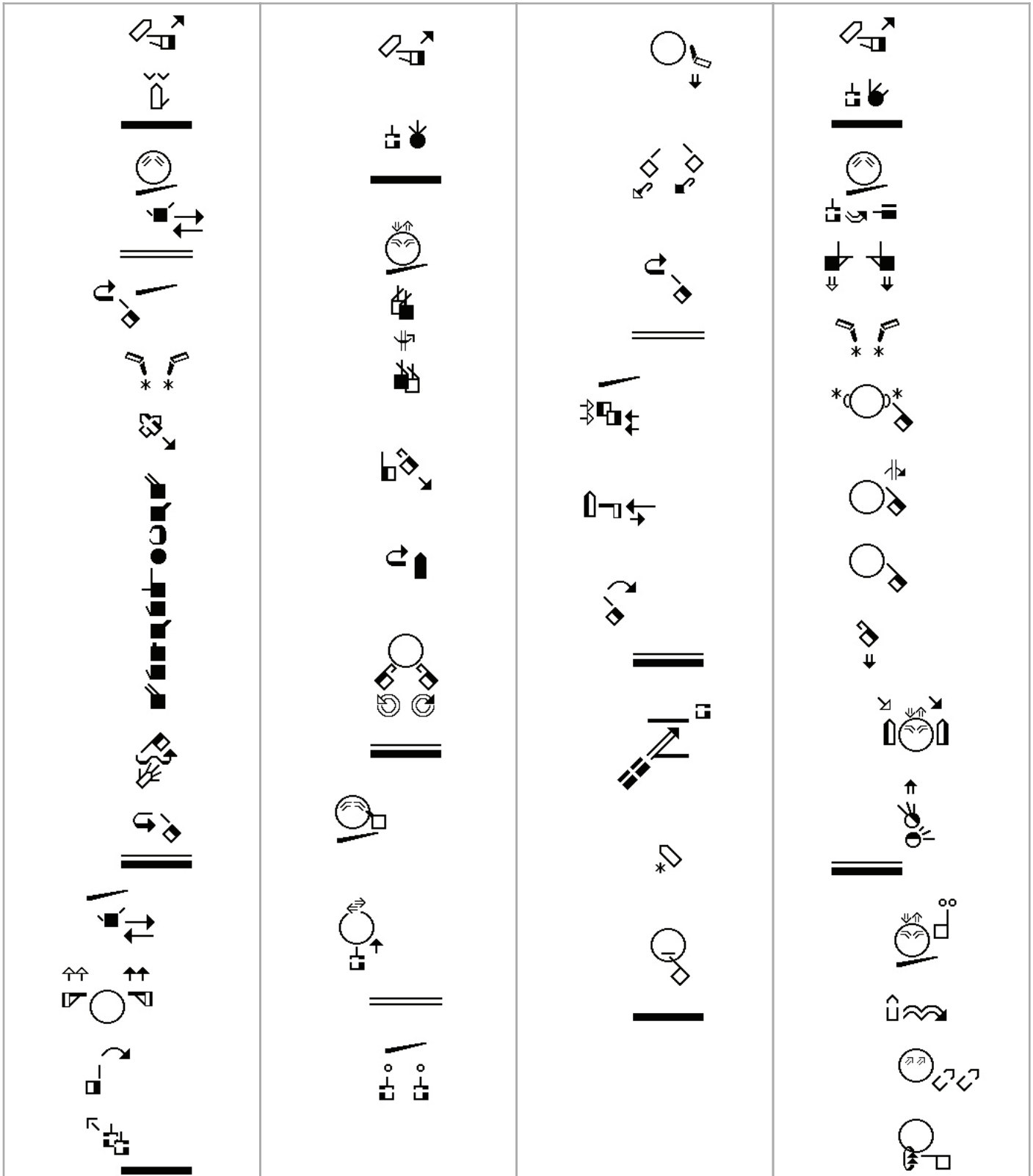
This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword: Verse 13. "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, NLT



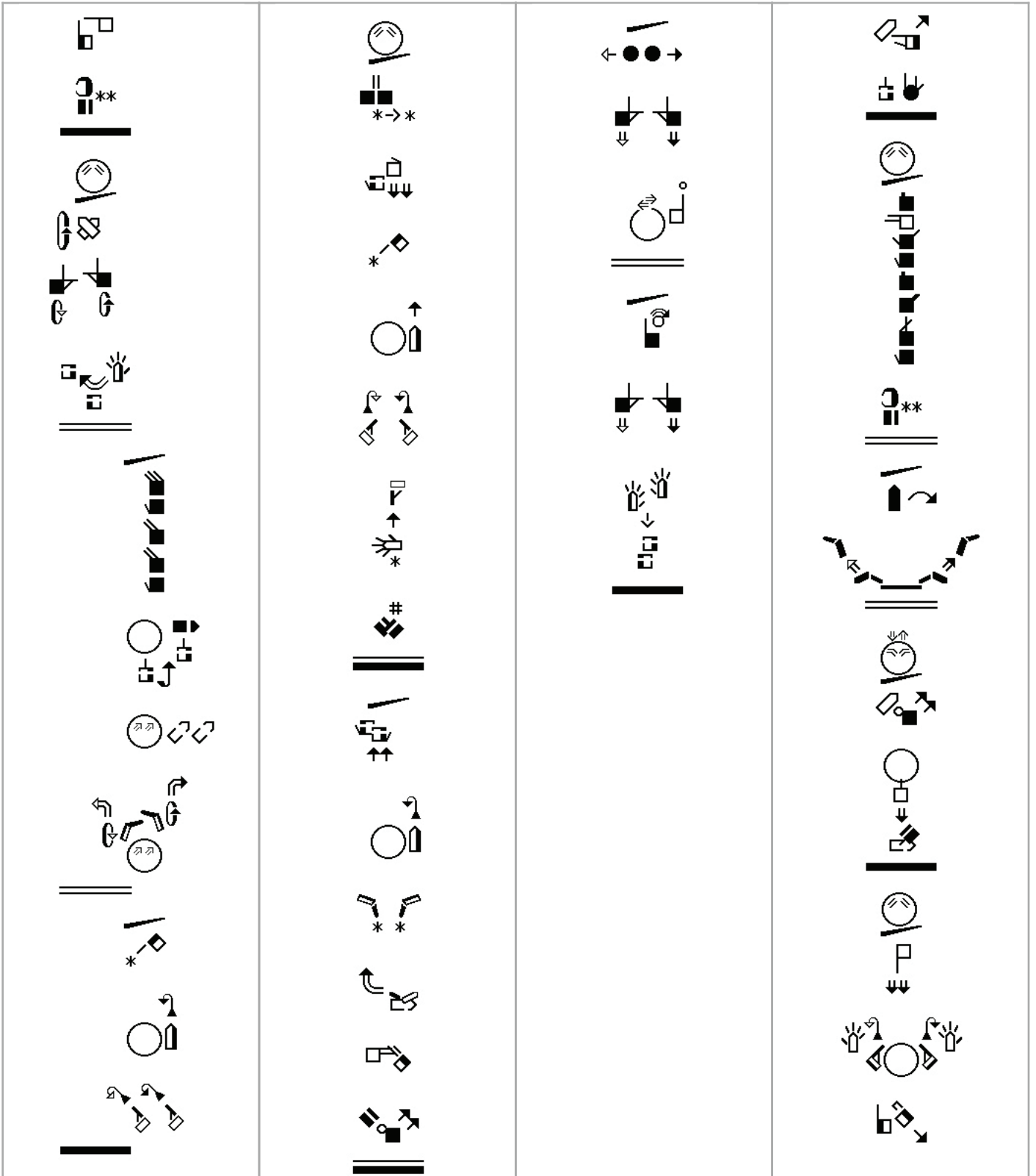
was martyred among you there in Satan's city. Verse 14. "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.

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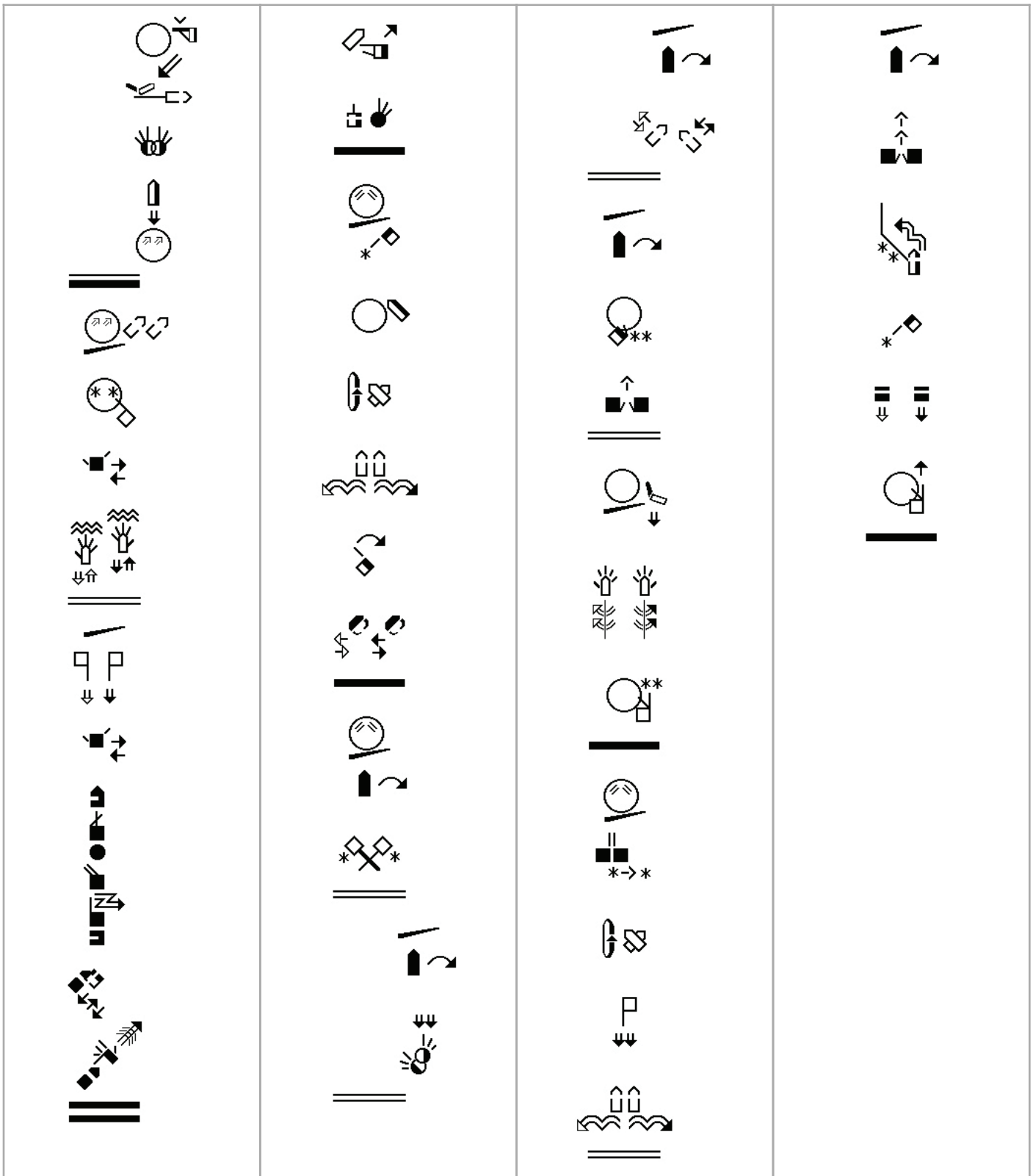


Verse 15. In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. Verse 16. Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Verse 17. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying

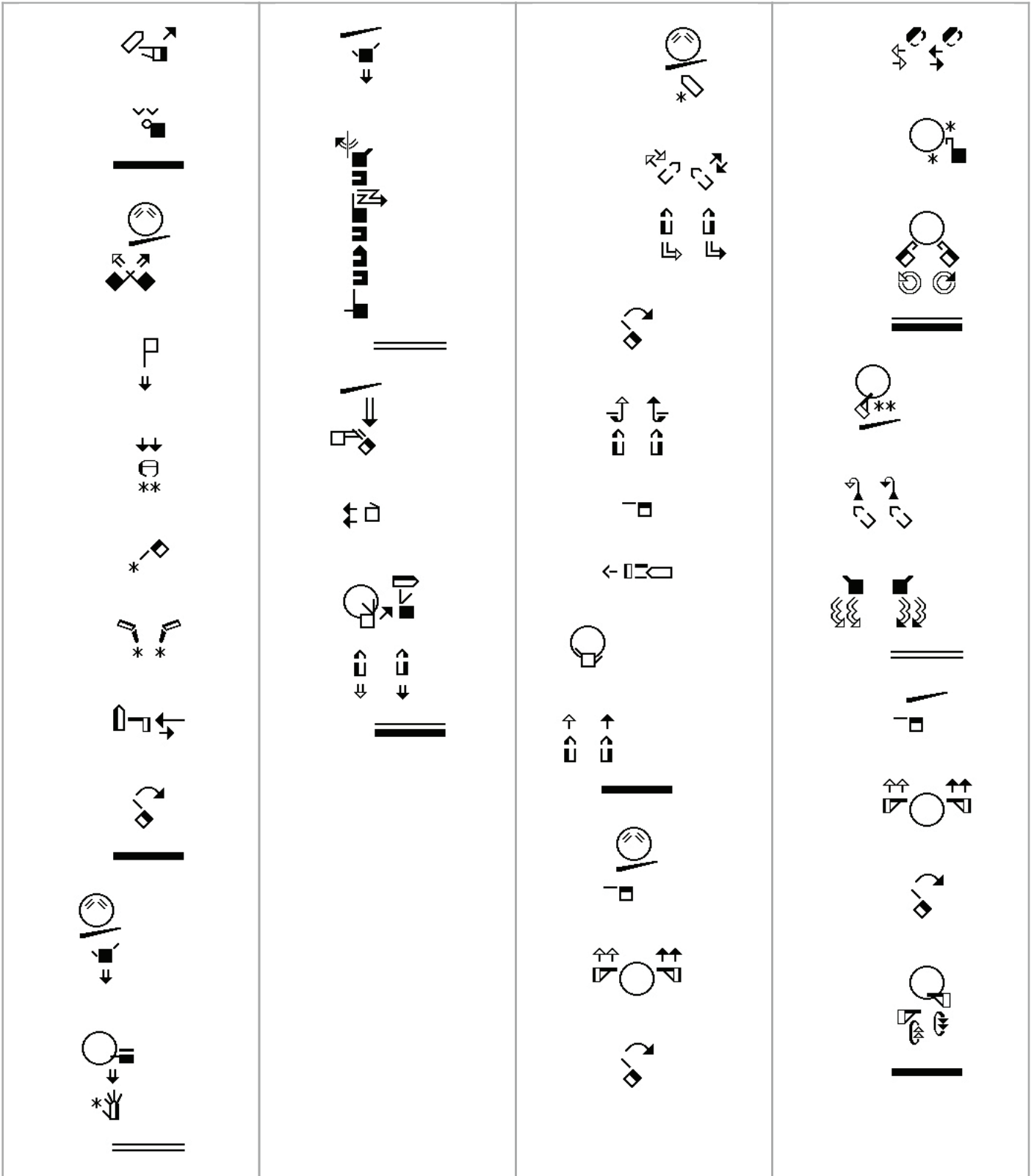


to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it. Verse 18. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from NLT

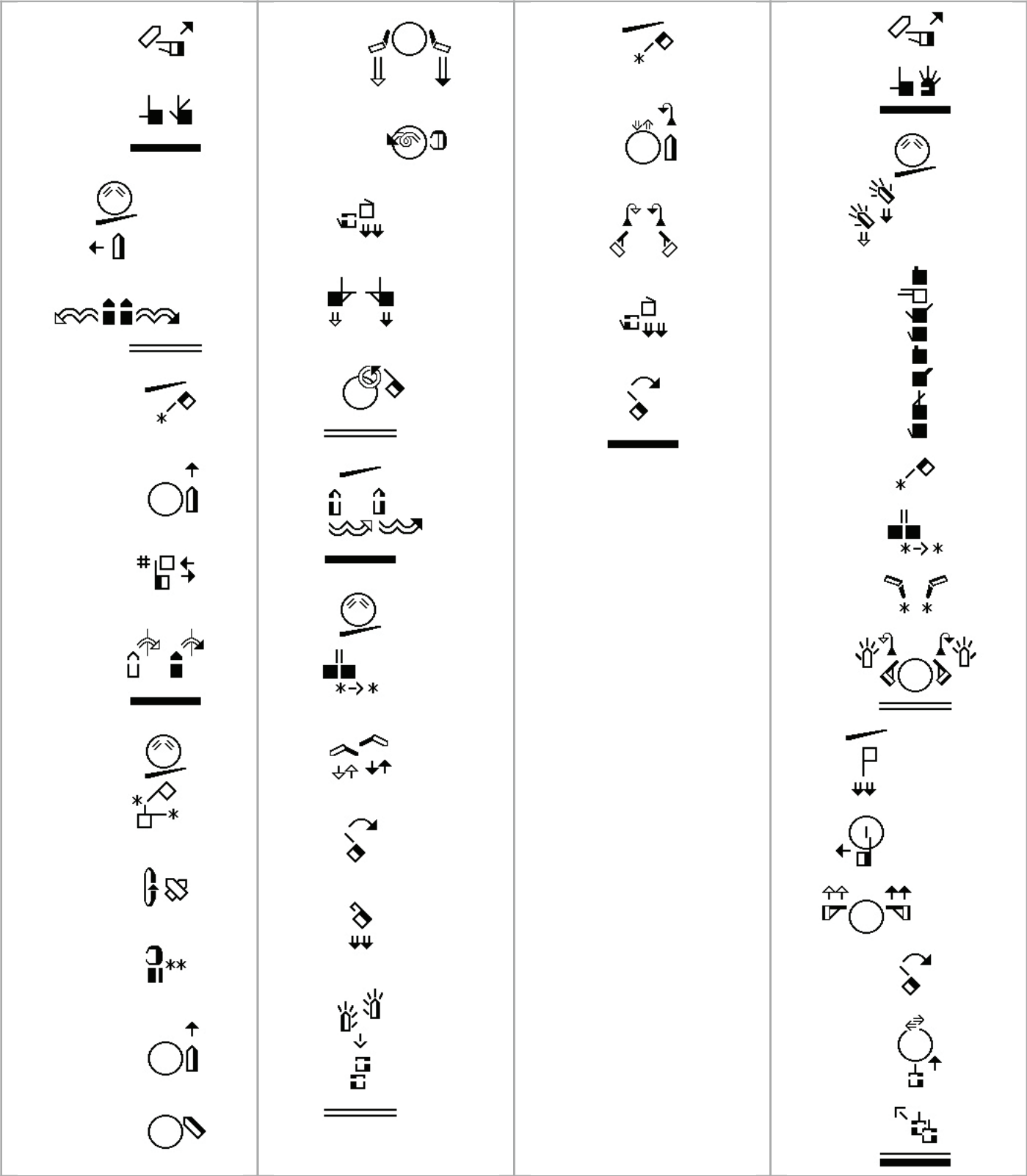
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the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze:
 Verse 19. "I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service,
 and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things.
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Verse 20. "But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman -- that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet -- to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols.



Verse 23. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. Verse 24. "But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching

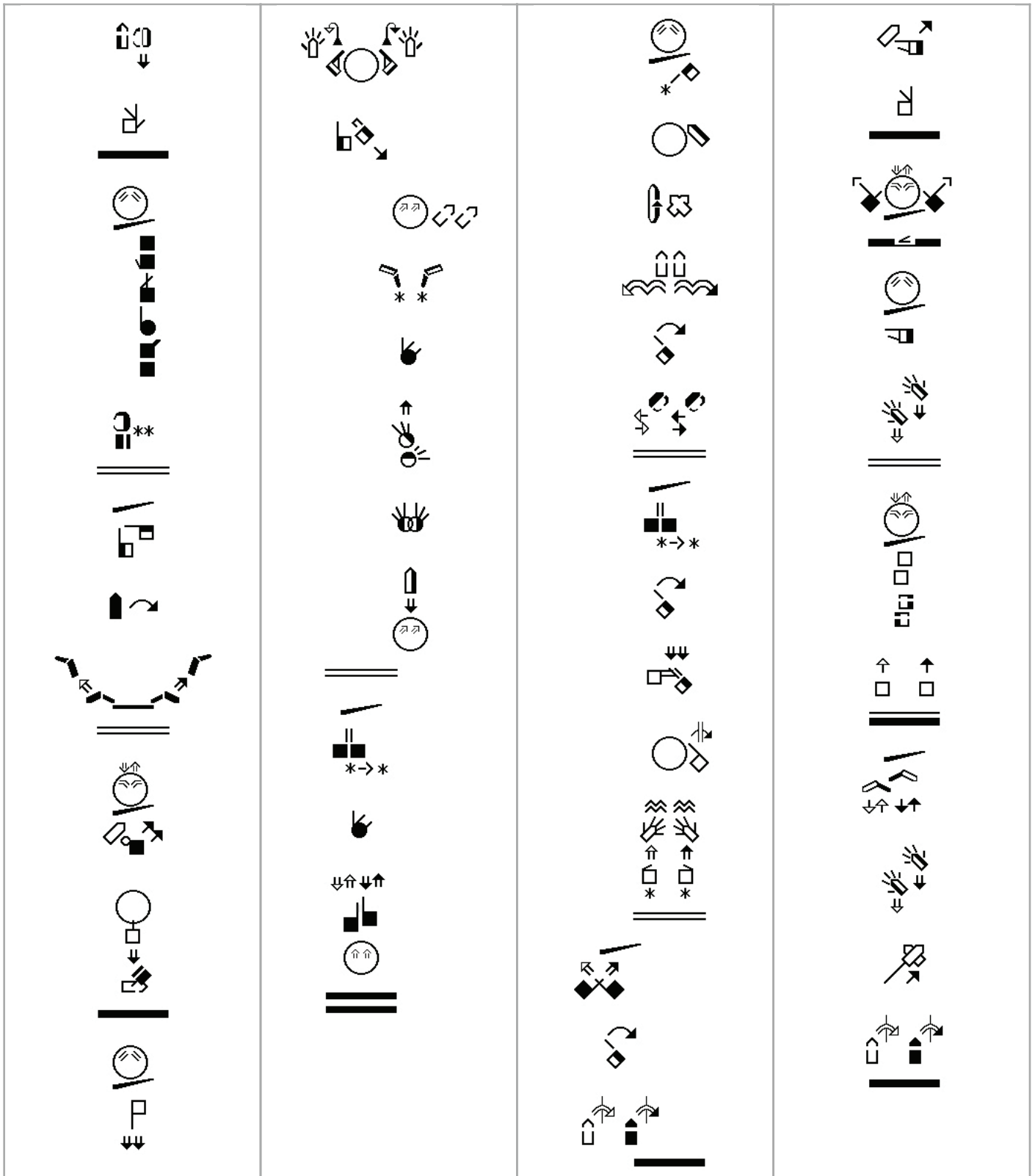
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('deeper truths,' as they call them -- depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you Verse 25. except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. Verse 26. To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them NLT

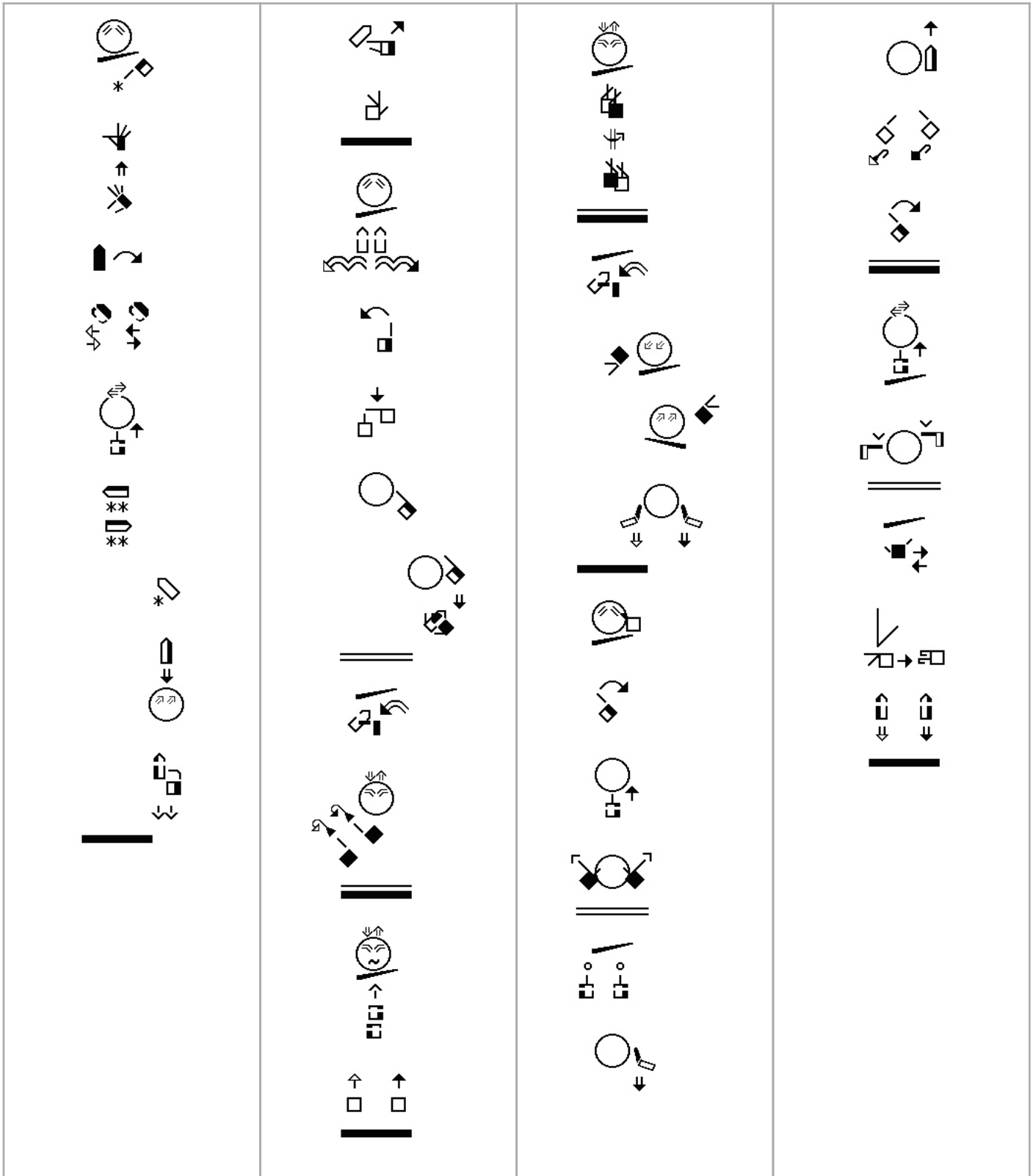
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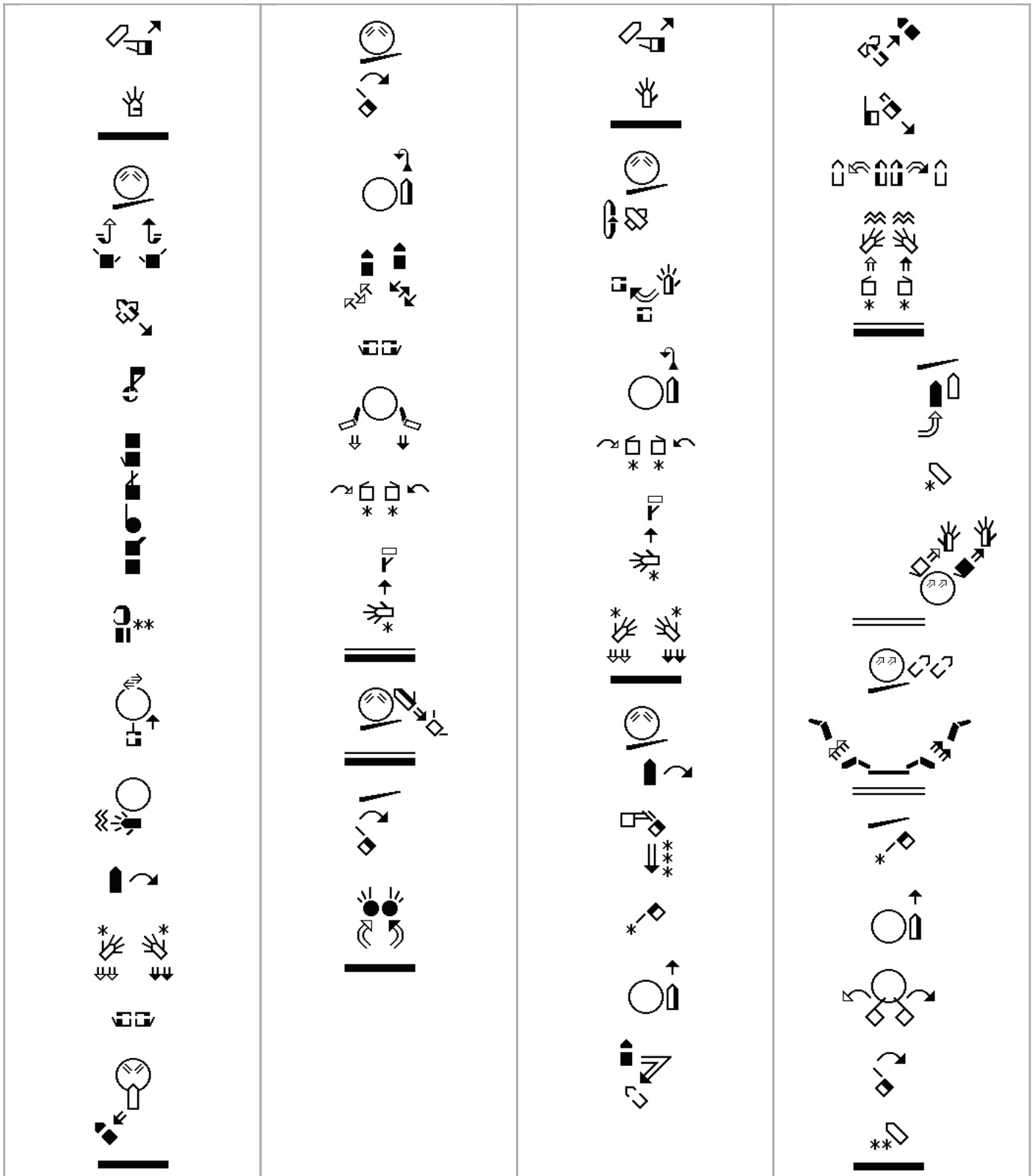


Chapter 3. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: "I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive -- but you are dead. Verse 2. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. NLT

Revelation 3:2-3



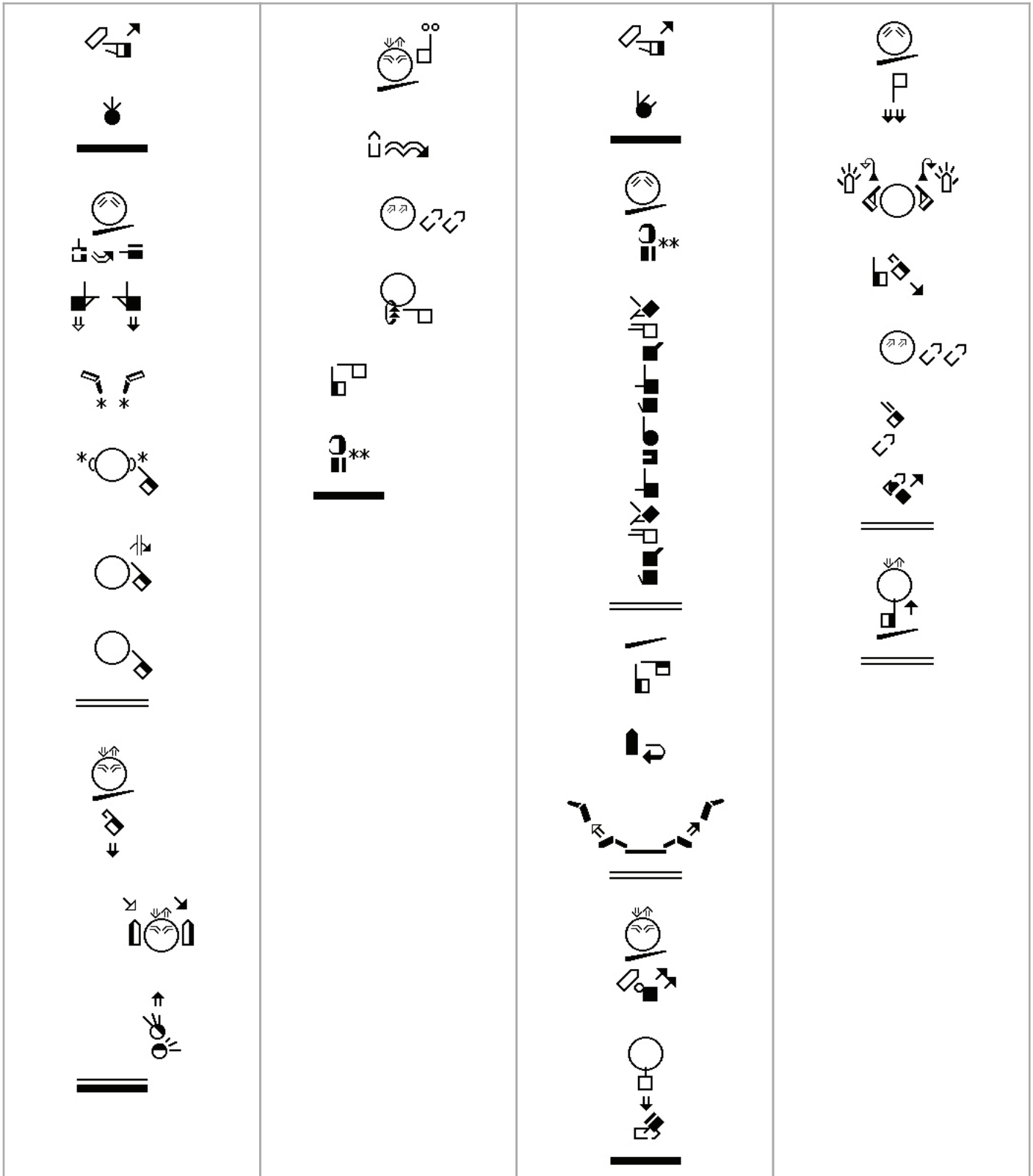
I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. Verse 3. Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief. NLT

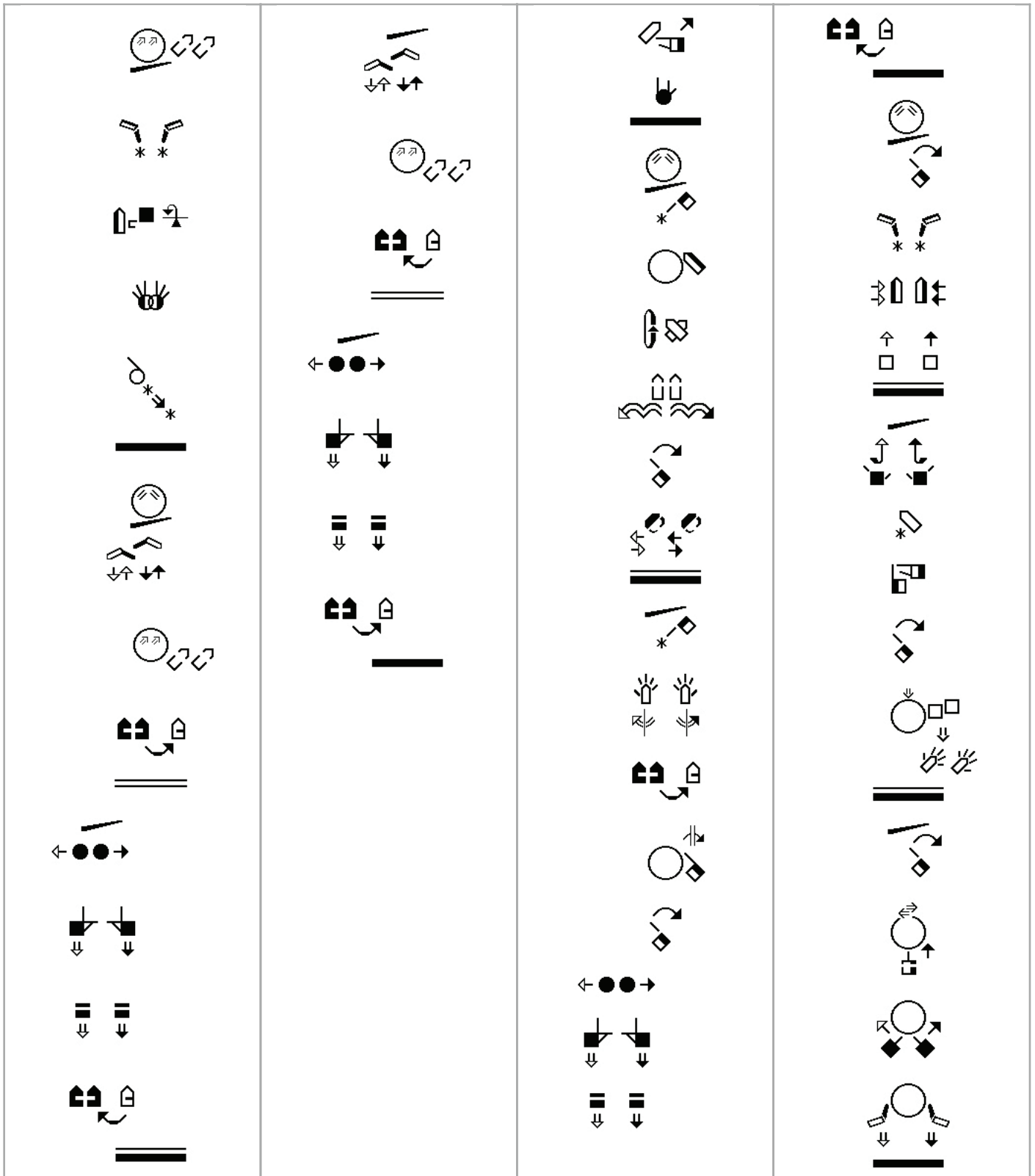


Verse 4. "Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. Verse 5. All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.

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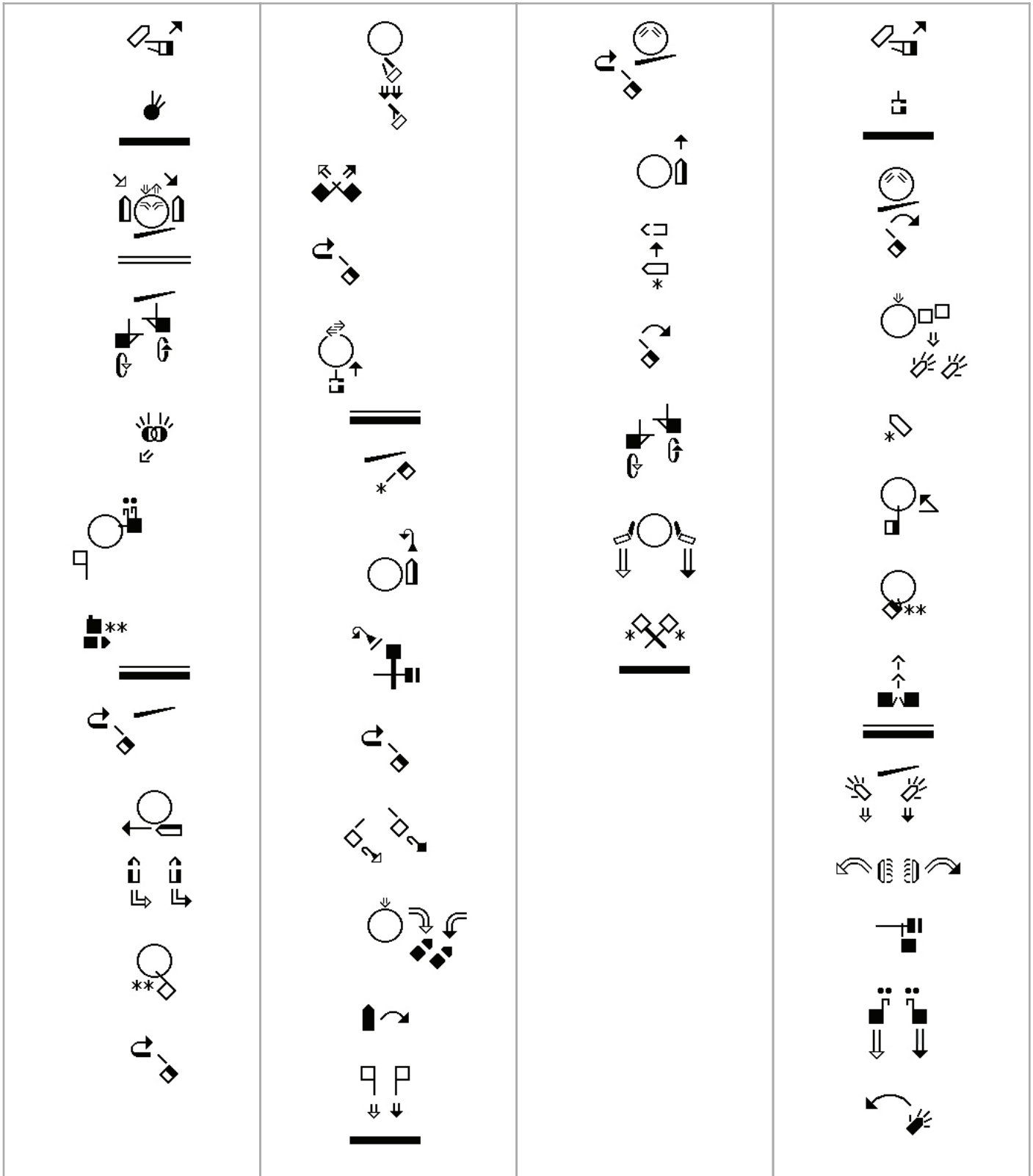




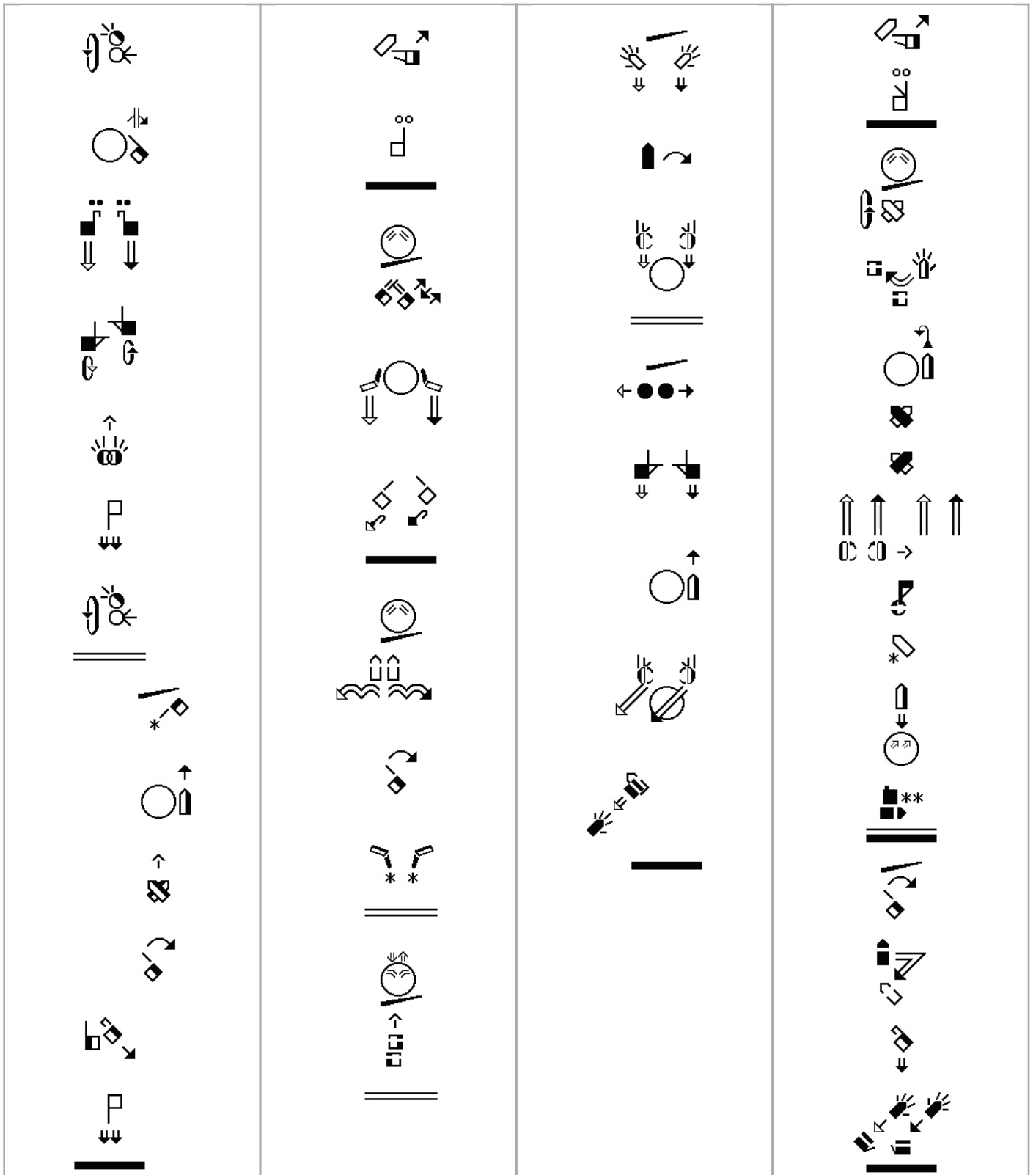
the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open. Verse 8. "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me.

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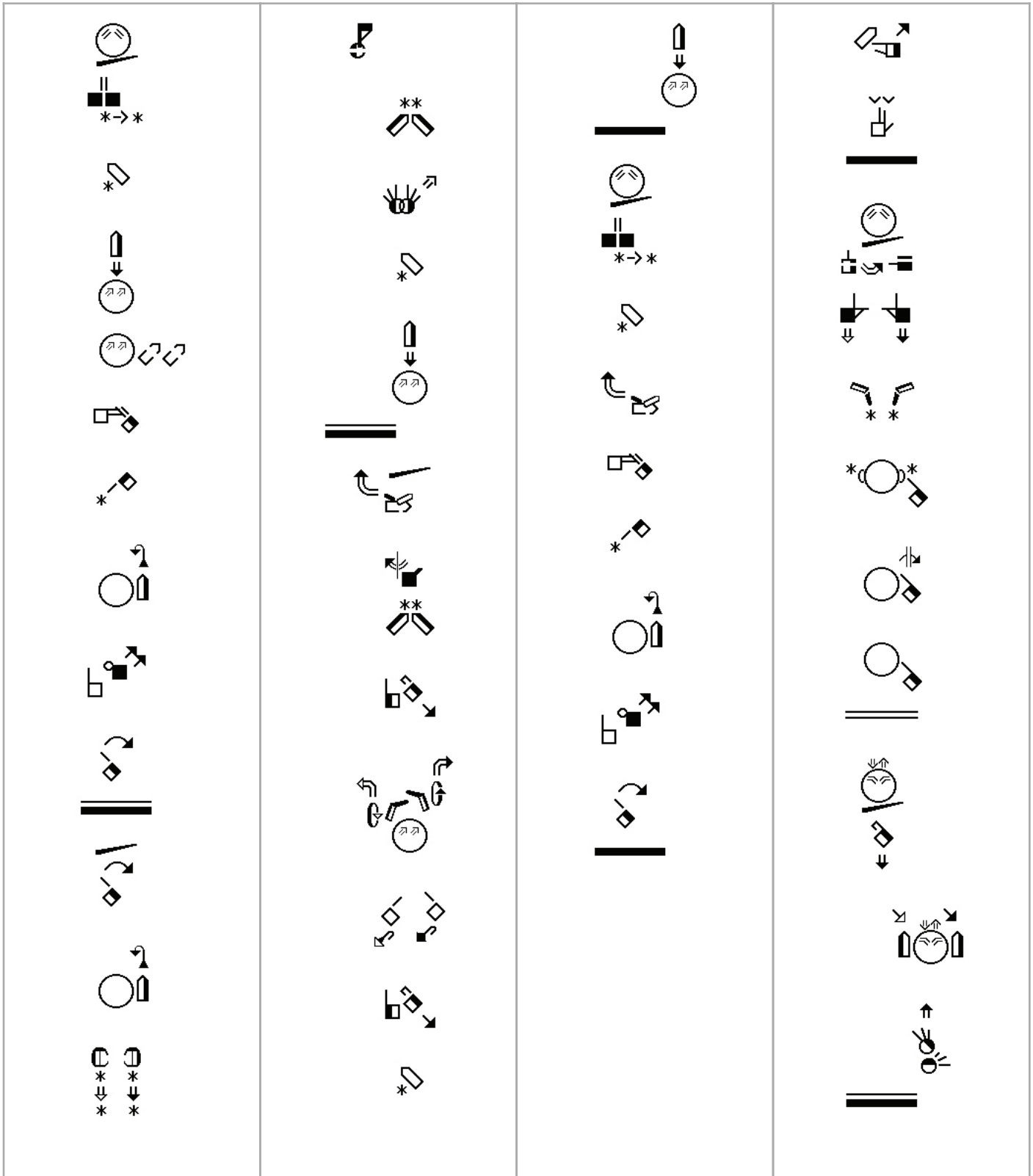
Verse 9. Look, I will force those who belong to Satan's synagogue -- those liars who say they are Jews but are not -- to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love. Verse 10. "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole NLT



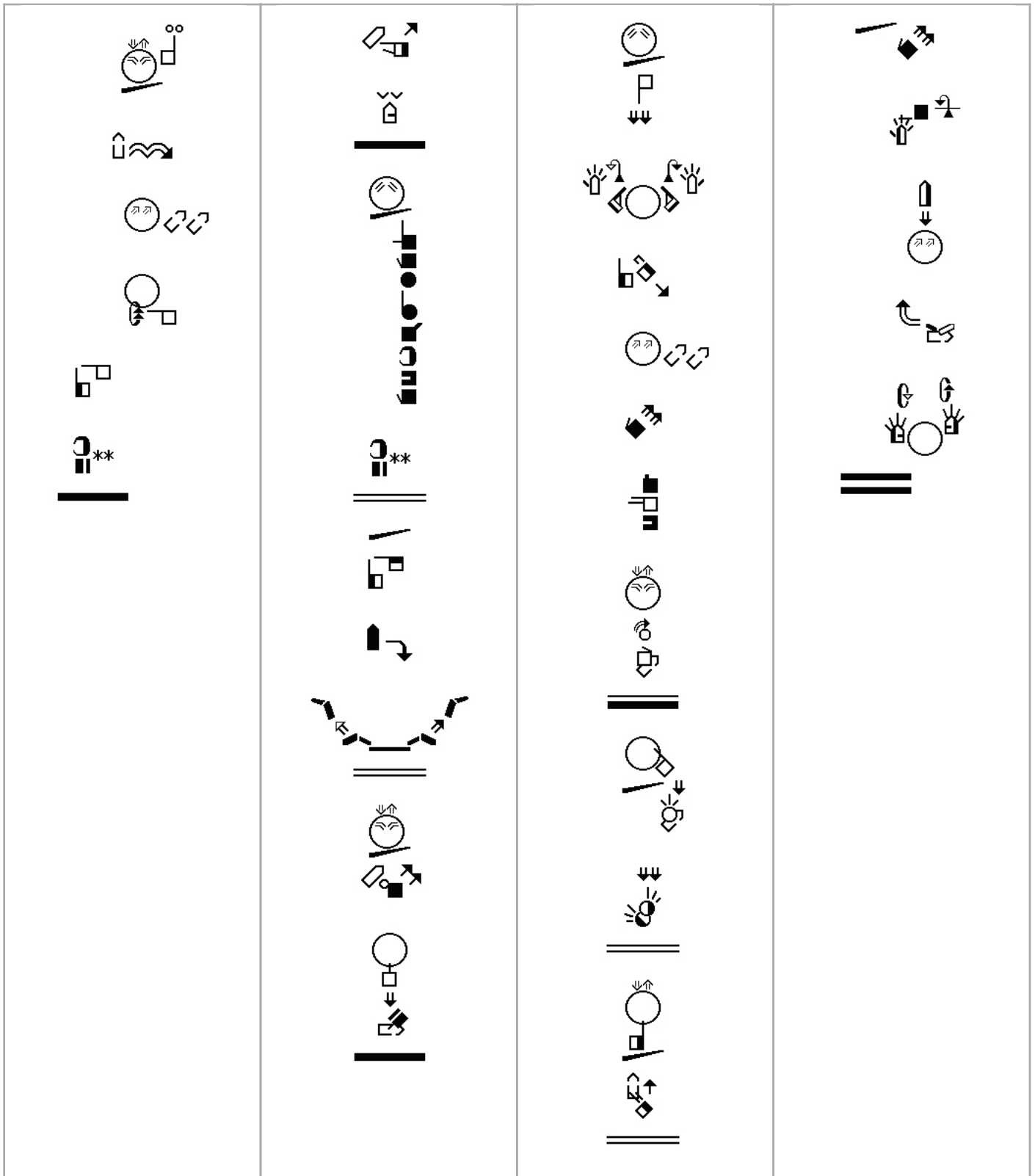
world to test those who belong to this world. Verse 11. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. Verse 12. All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it.

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Revelation 3:12-13



And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God -- the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. Verse 13. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit
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and understand what he is saying to the churches. Verse 14. "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen -- the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation:

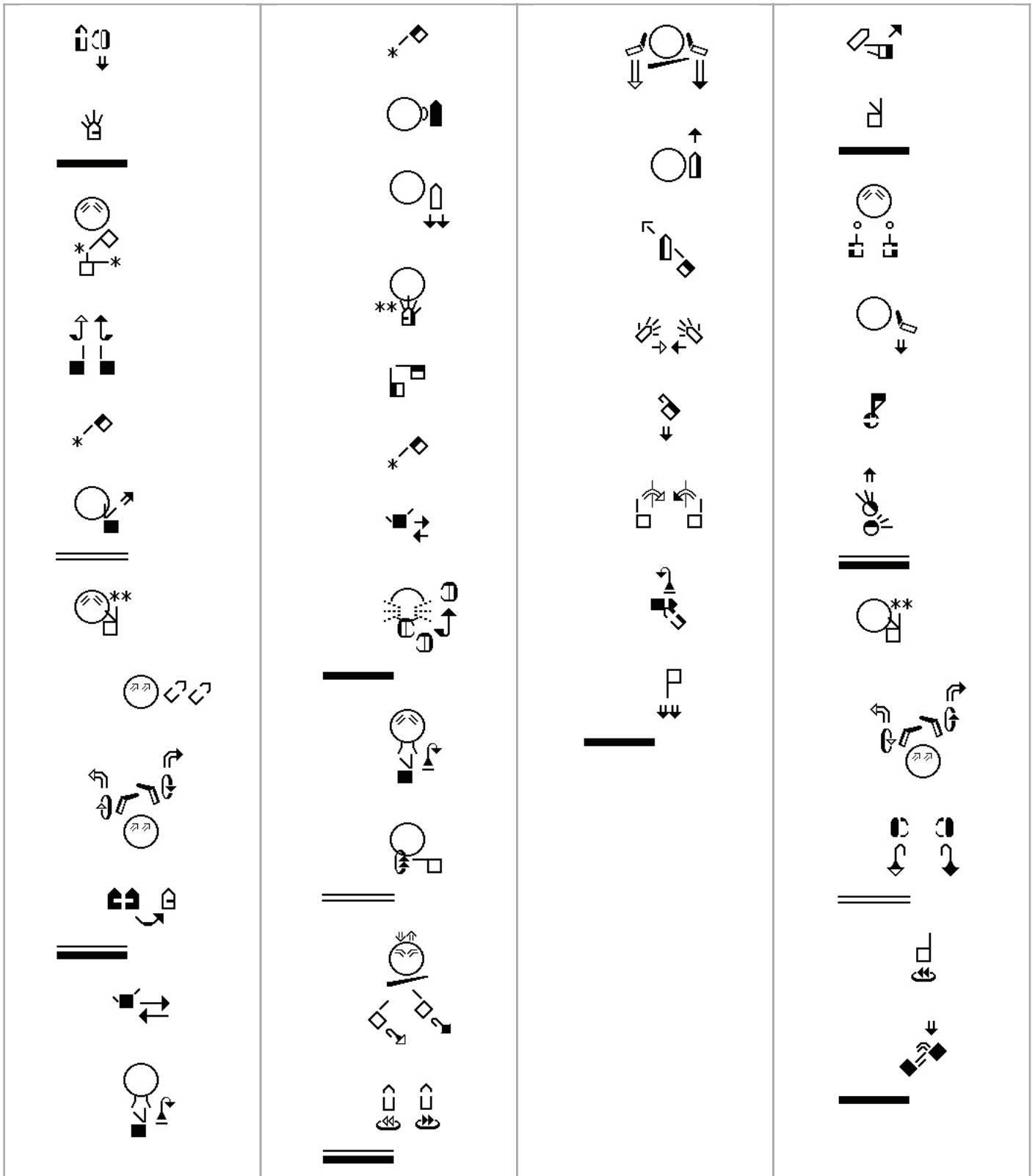
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Verse 15. "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! Verse 16. But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!

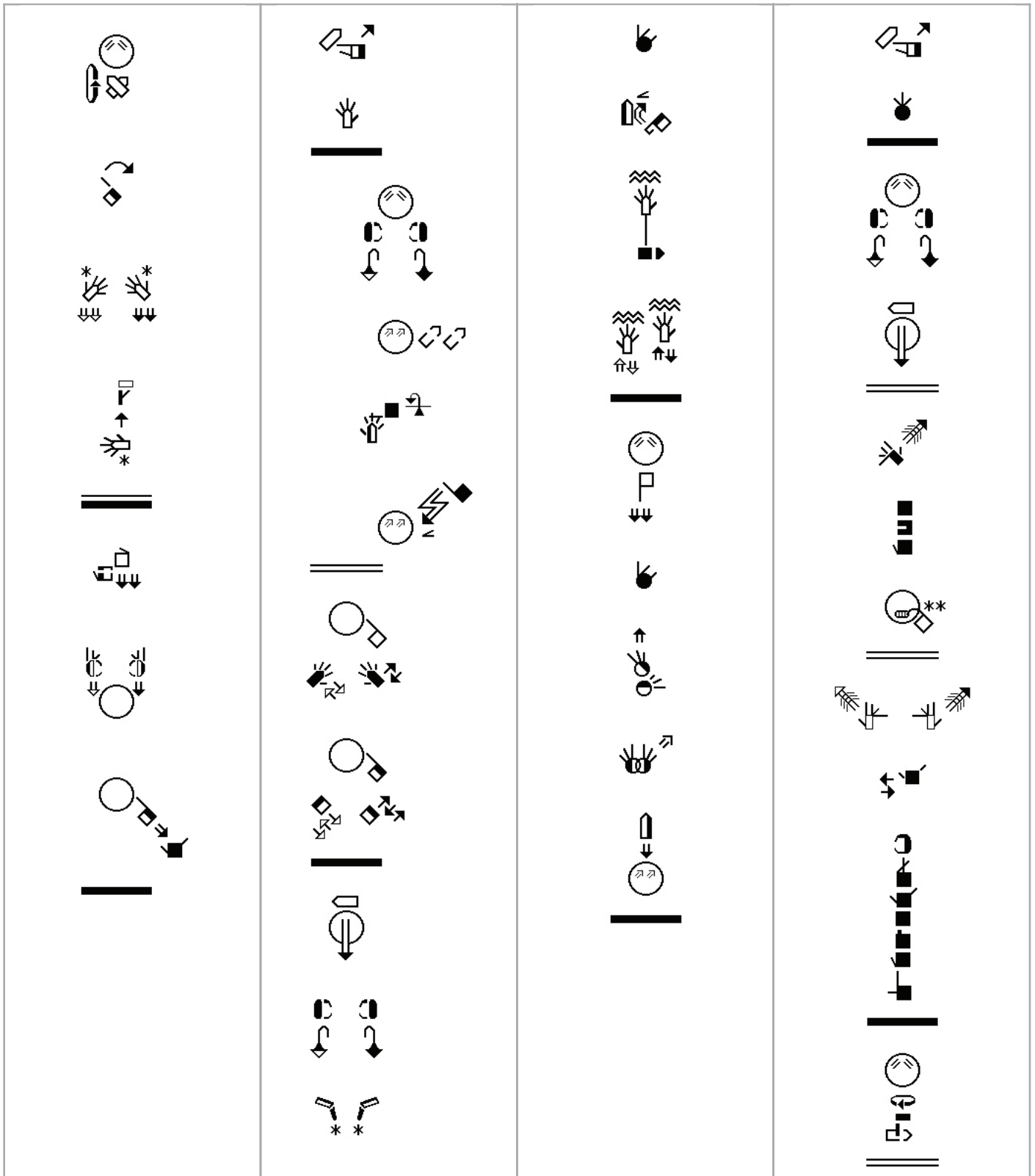
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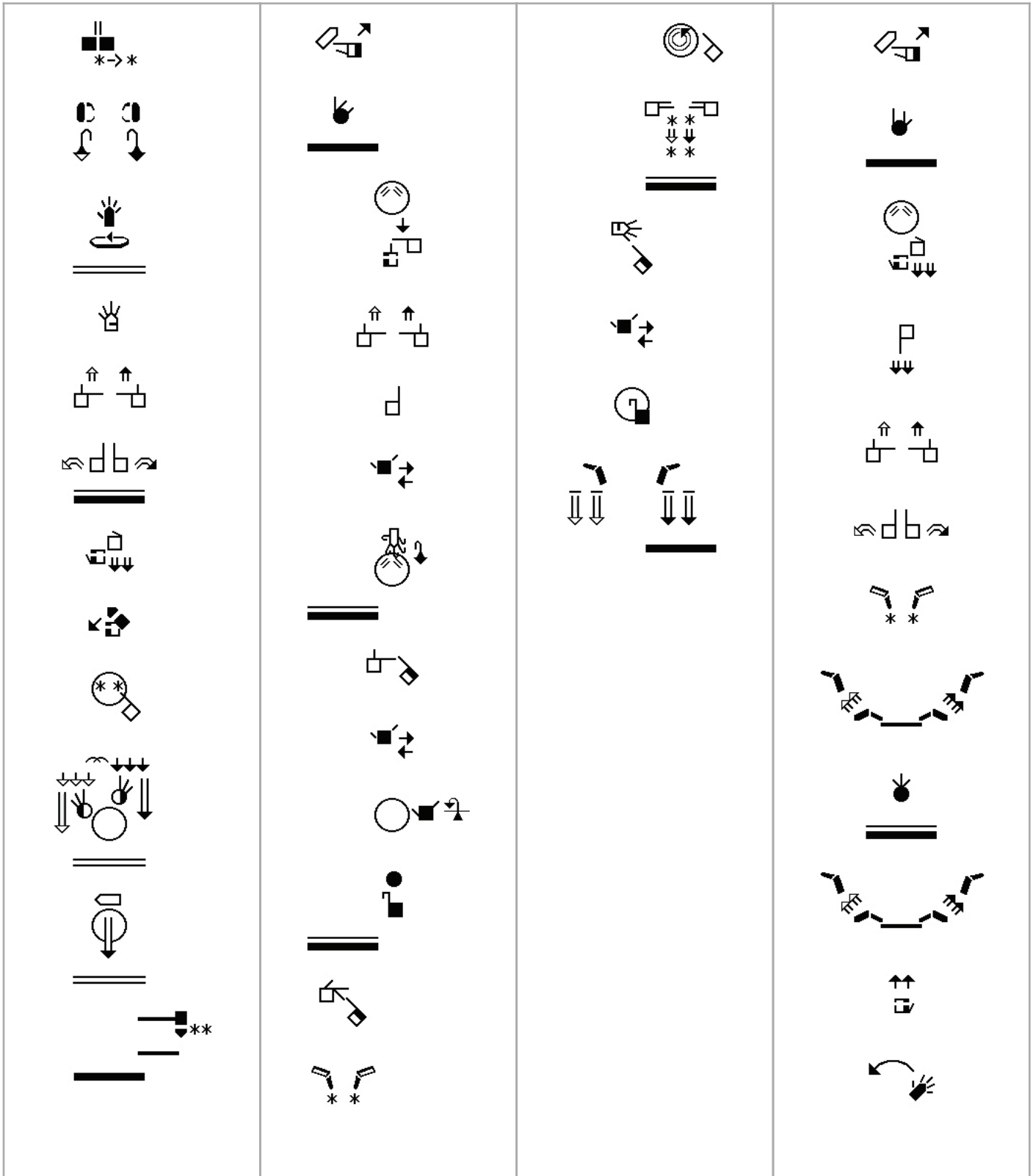
Chapter 4. Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." Verse 2. And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it.

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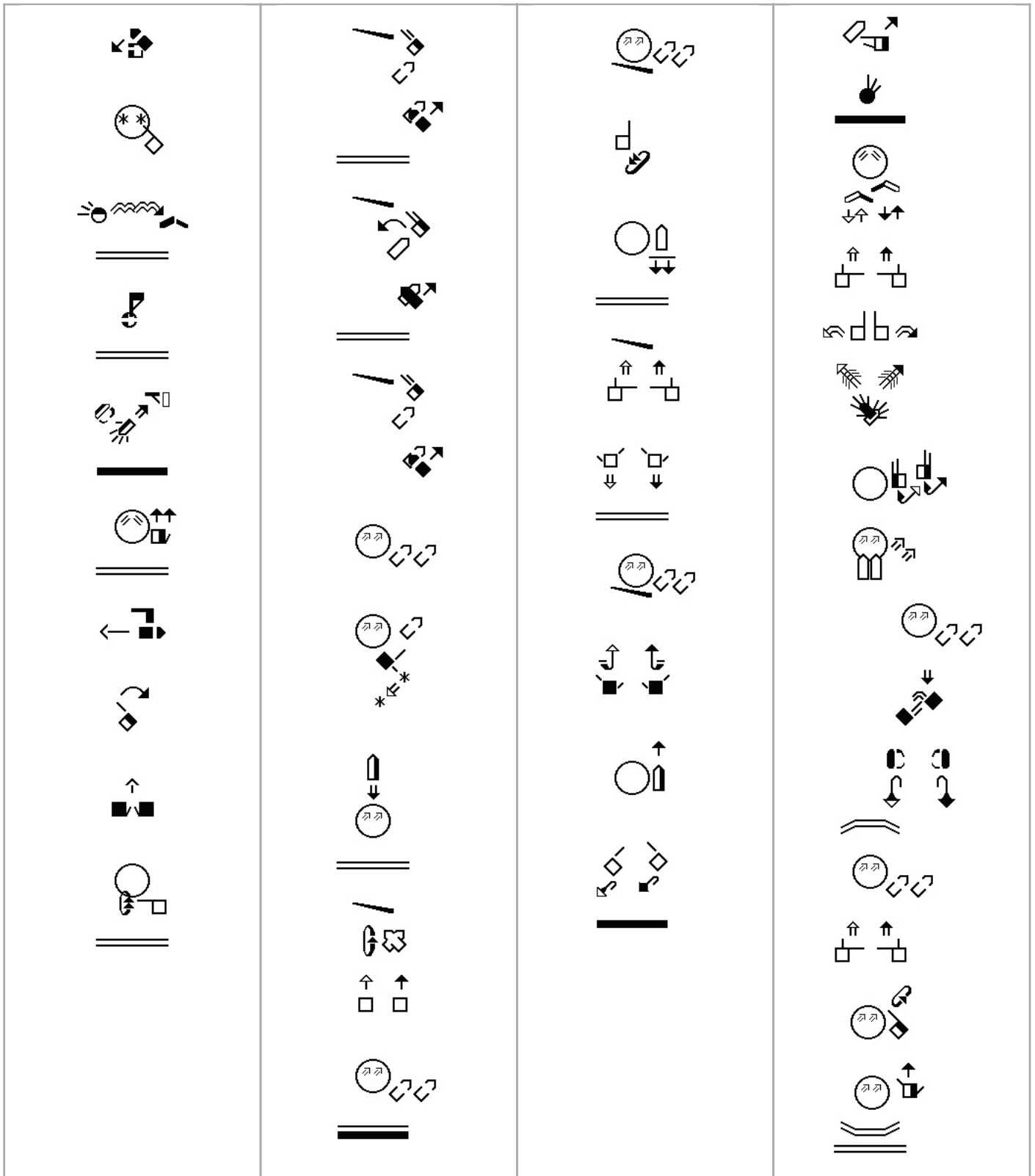


They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. Verse 5. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. Verse 6. In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. NLT

Revelation 4:6-8



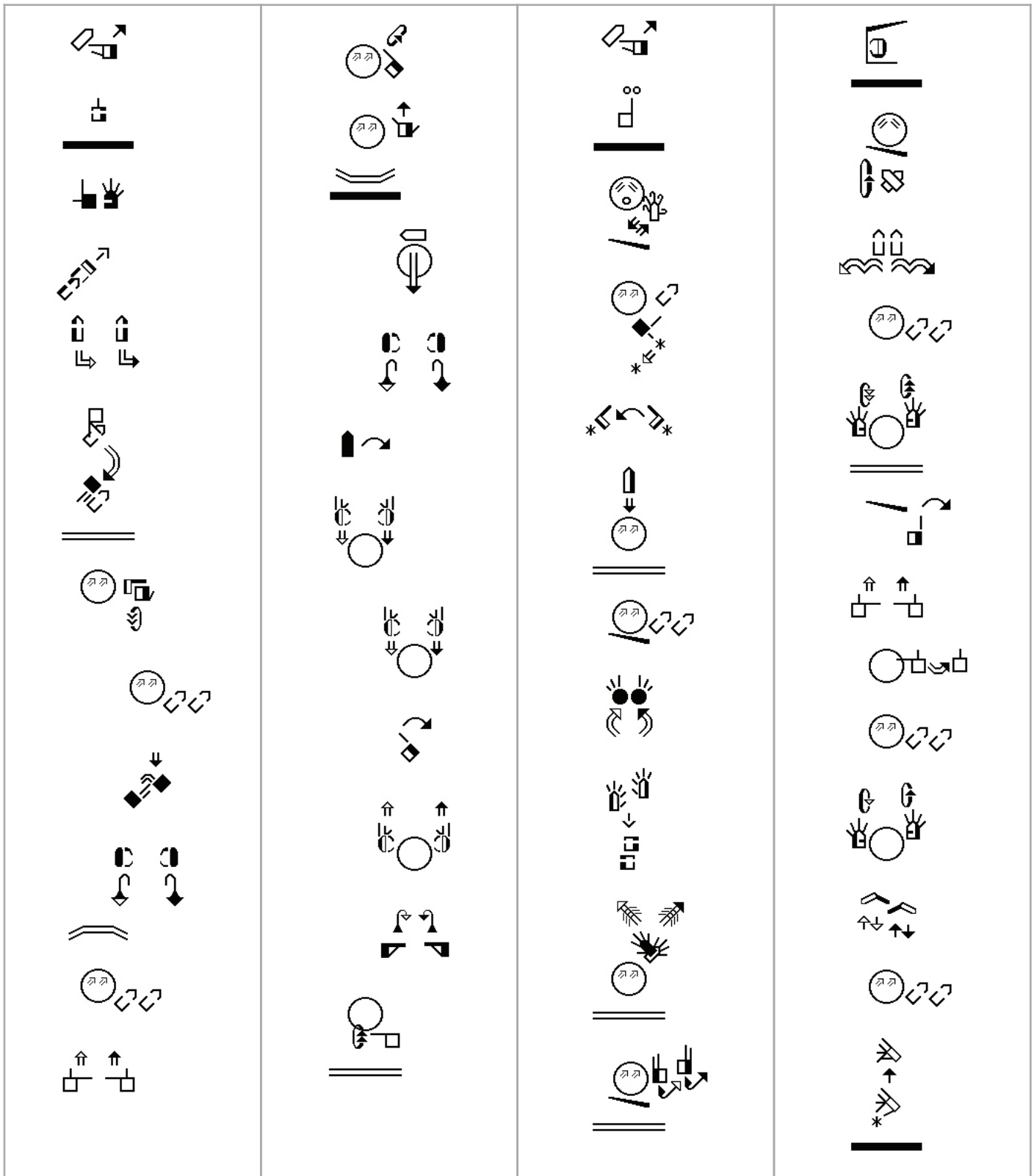
In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. Verse 7. The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. Verse 8. Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were



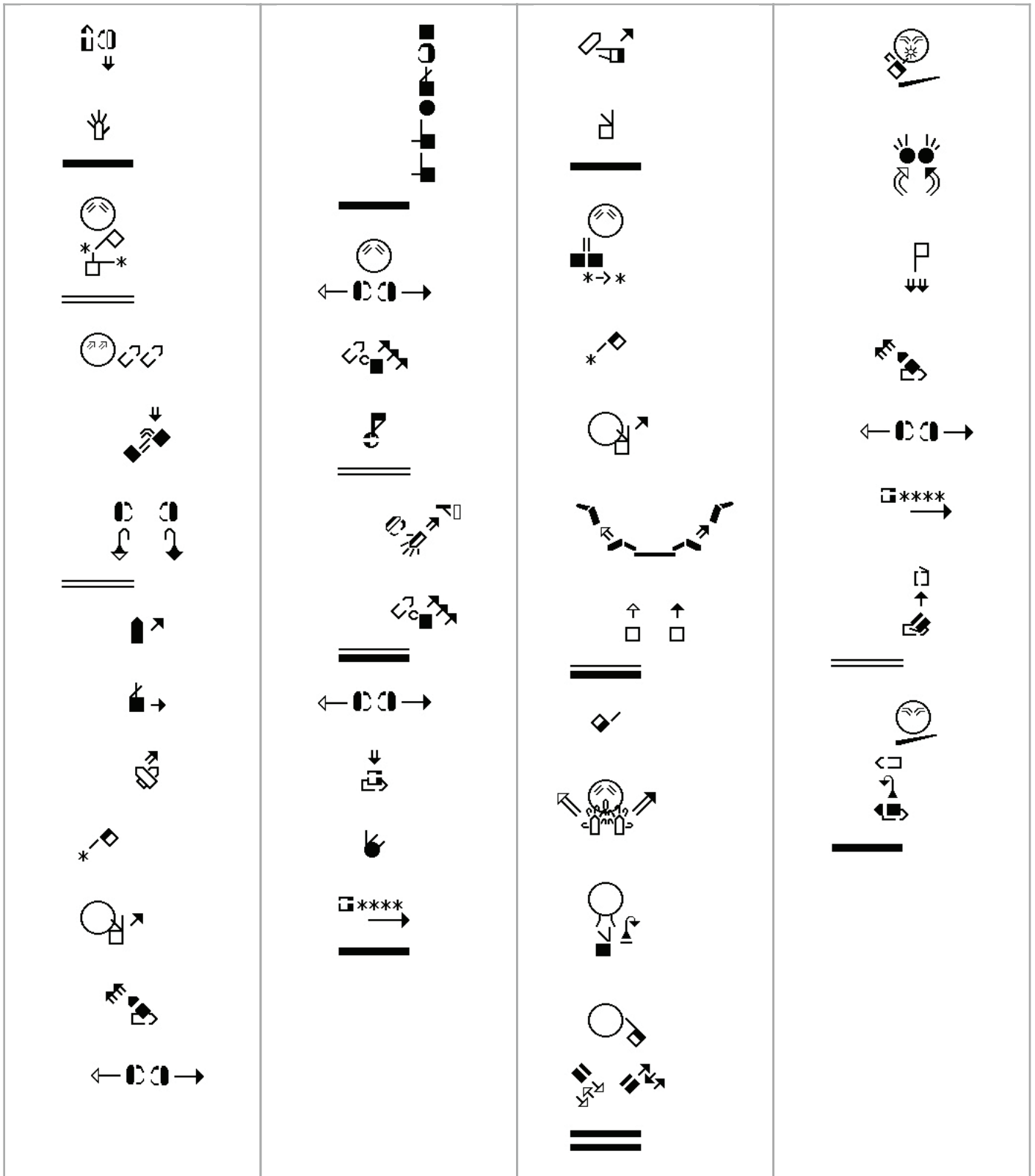
covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty -- the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come." Verse 9. Whenever the living beings give glory and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever),

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Revelation 4:10-11



Verse 10. the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, Verse 11. "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased." NLT

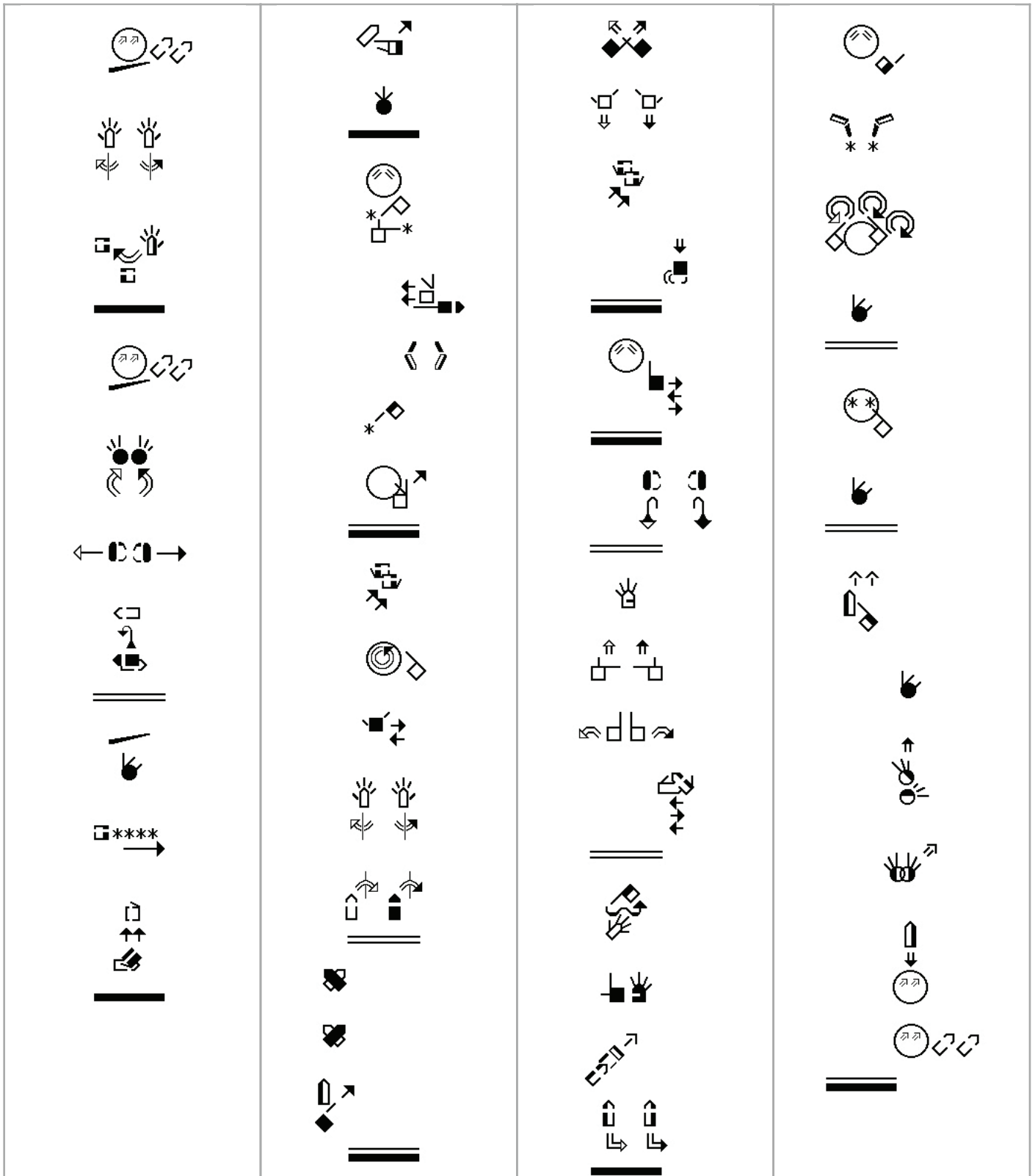


Chapter 5. Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. Verse 2. And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?" NLT

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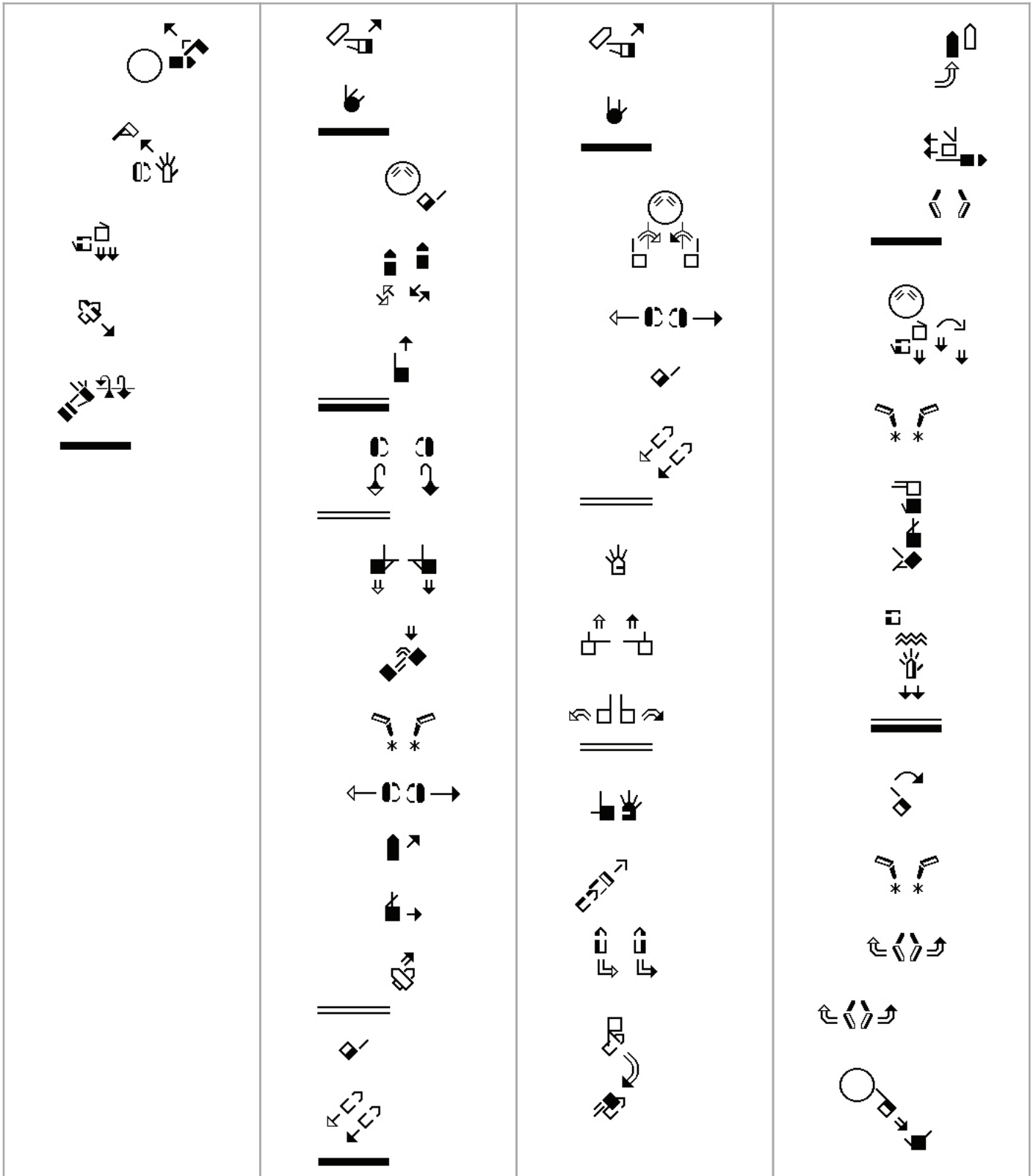
Verse 3. But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it. Verse 4. Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. Verse 5. But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne,



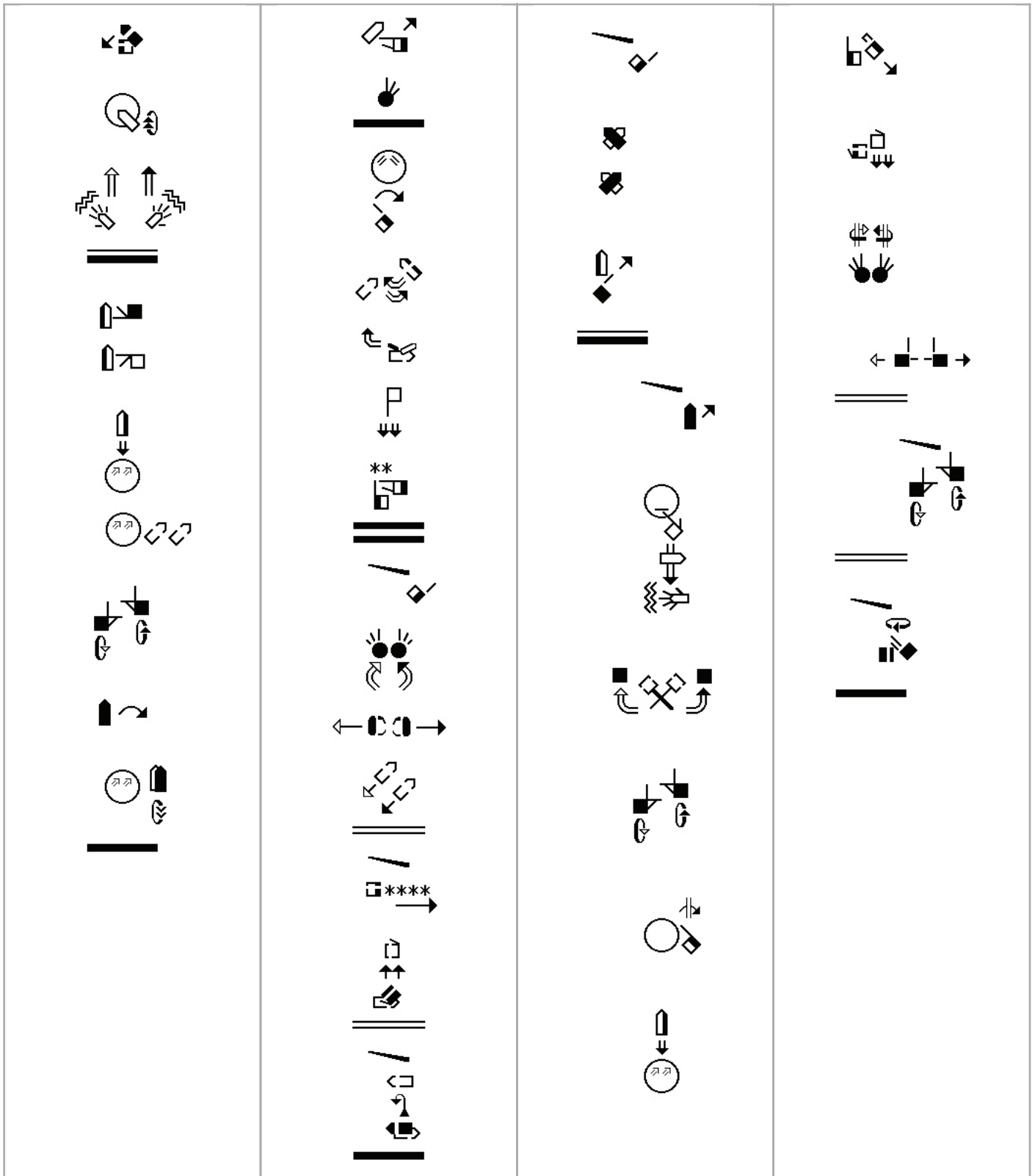
has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals." Verse 6. Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God

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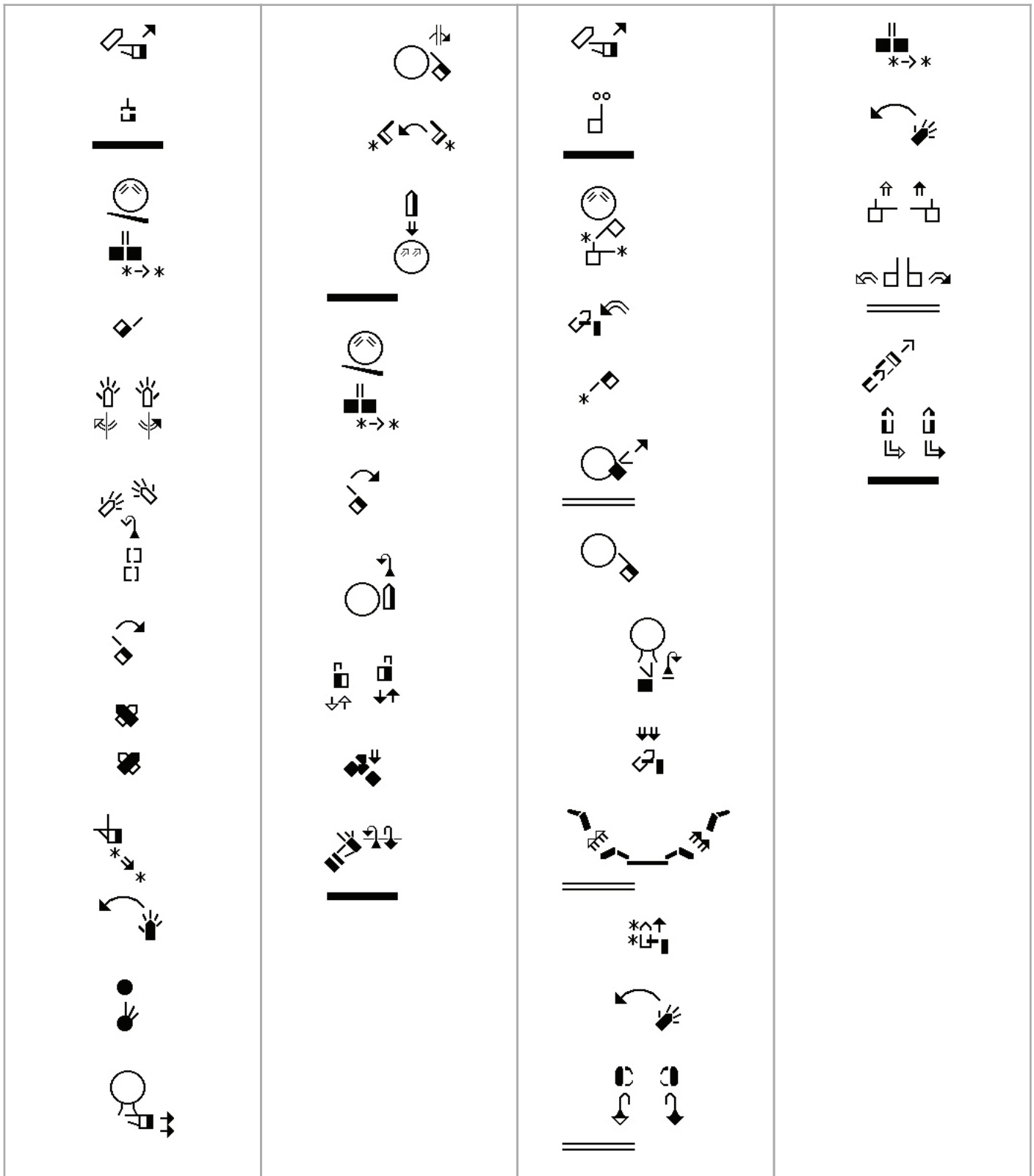


that is sent out into every part of the earth. Verse 7. He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. Verse 8. And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls



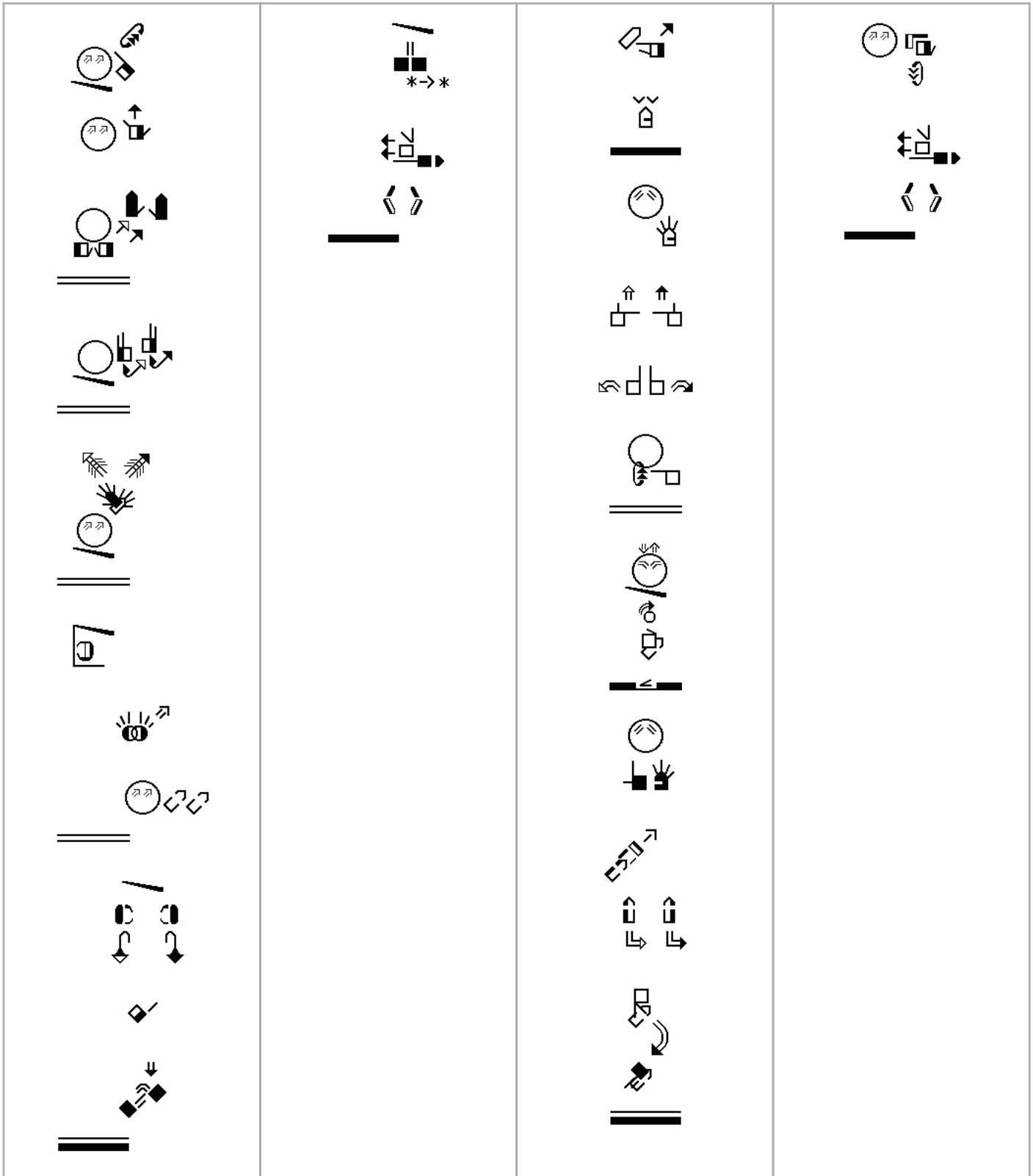
filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people. Verse 9. And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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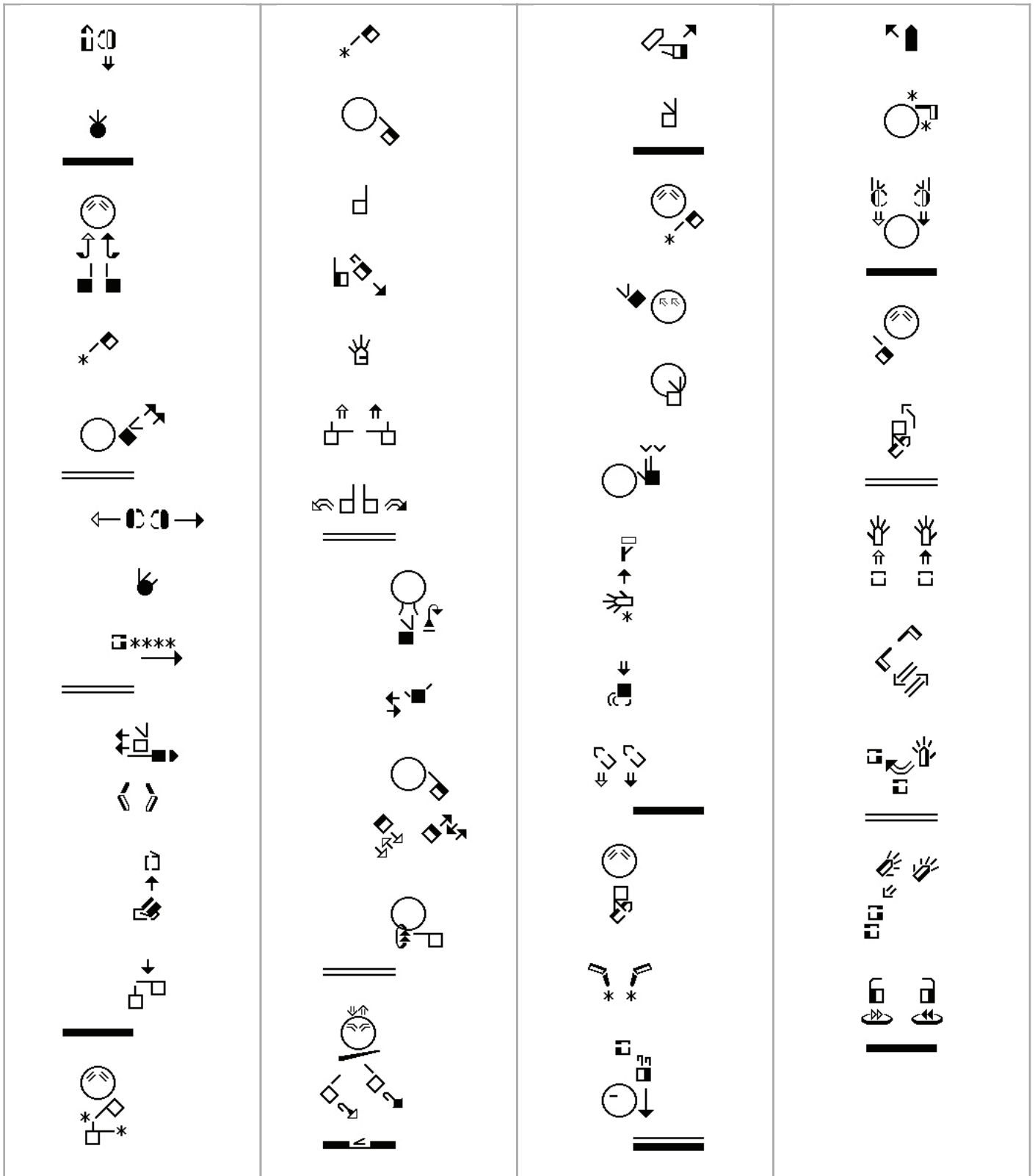


Verse 10. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." Verse 11. Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders.

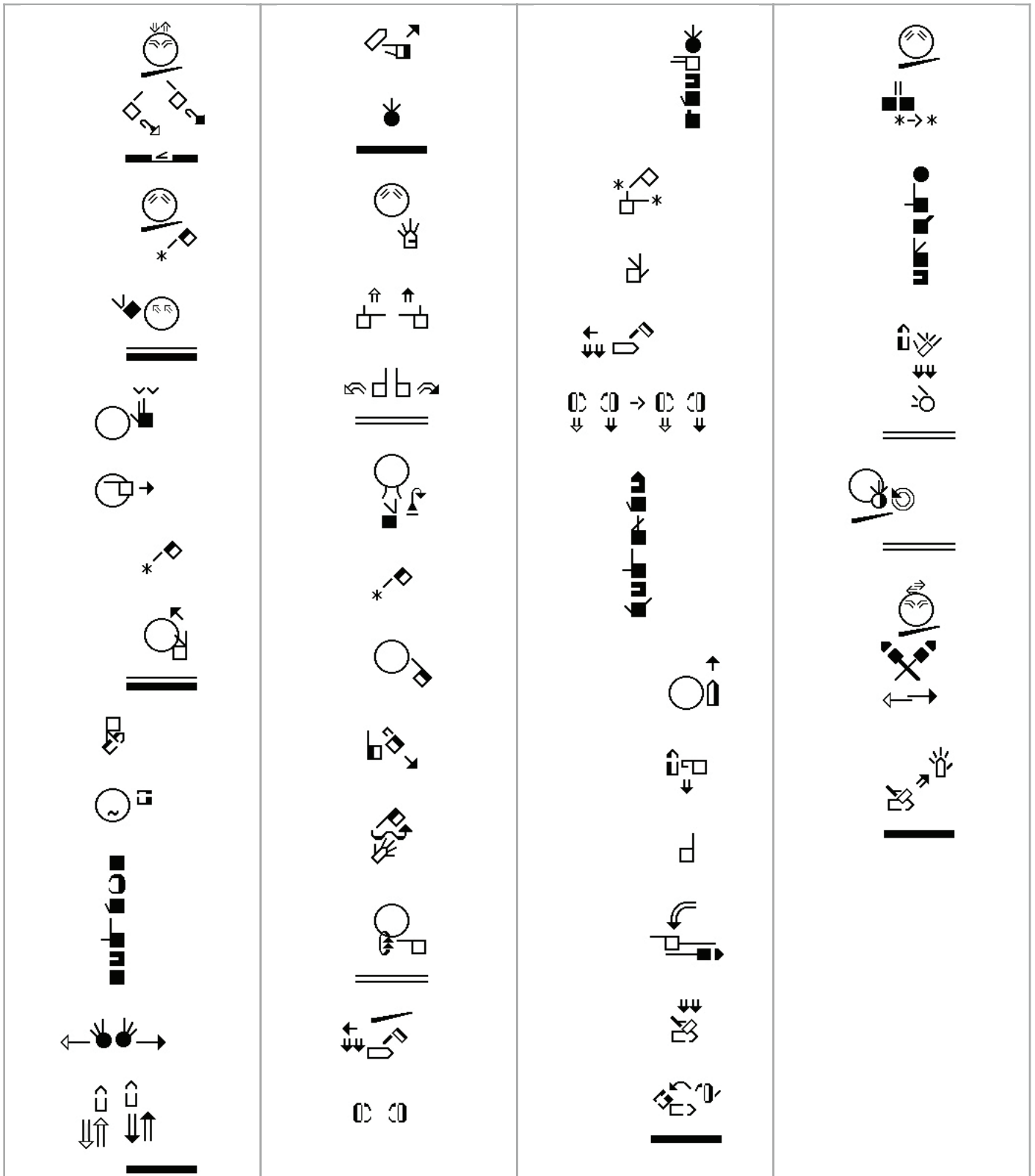
Revelation 5:13-14



"Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." Verse 14. And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.



Chapter 6. As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" Verse 2. I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory. NLT



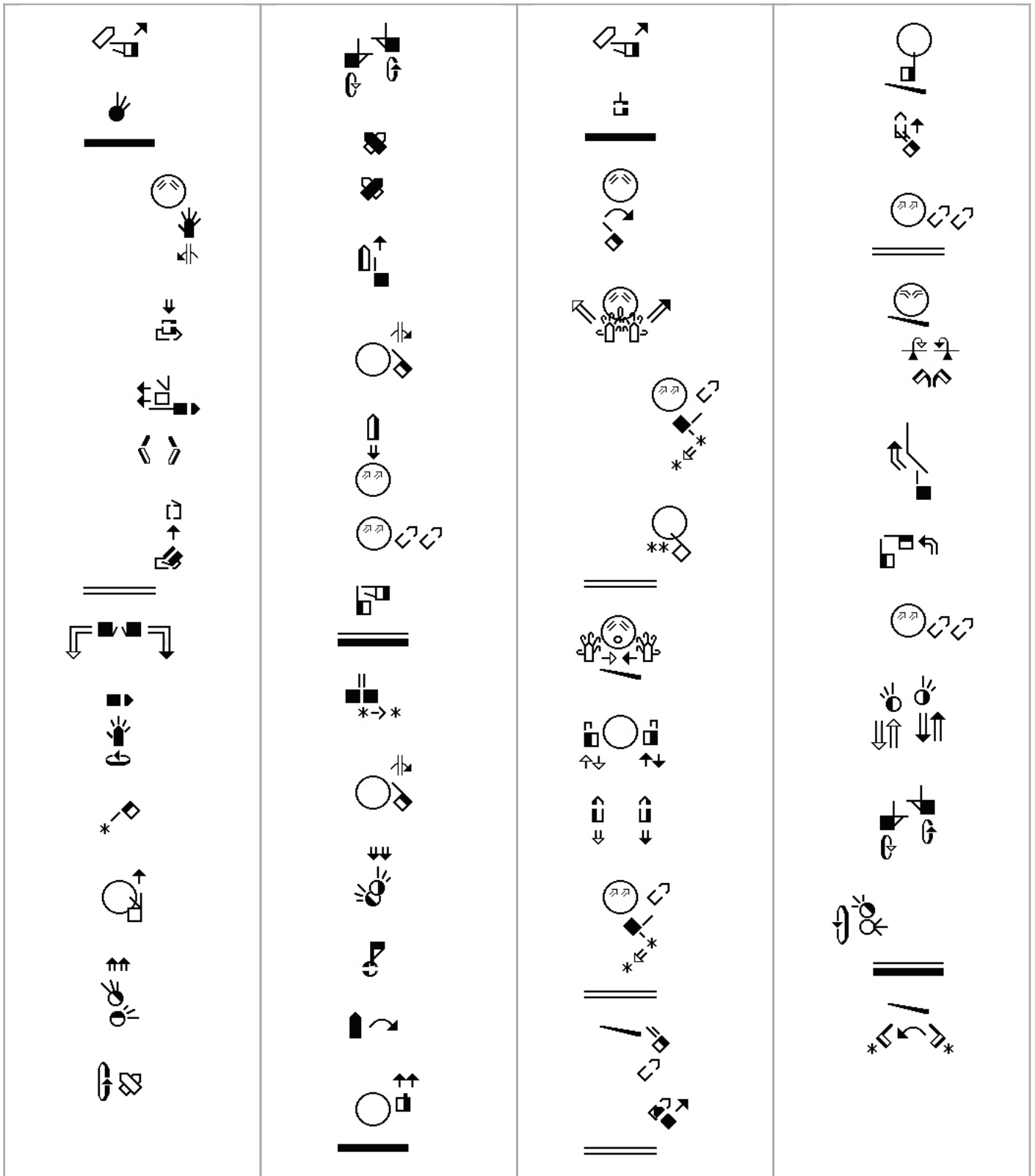
"Come!" I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Verse 6. And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, "A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine."

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Verse 7. When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, "Come!" Verse 8. I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.



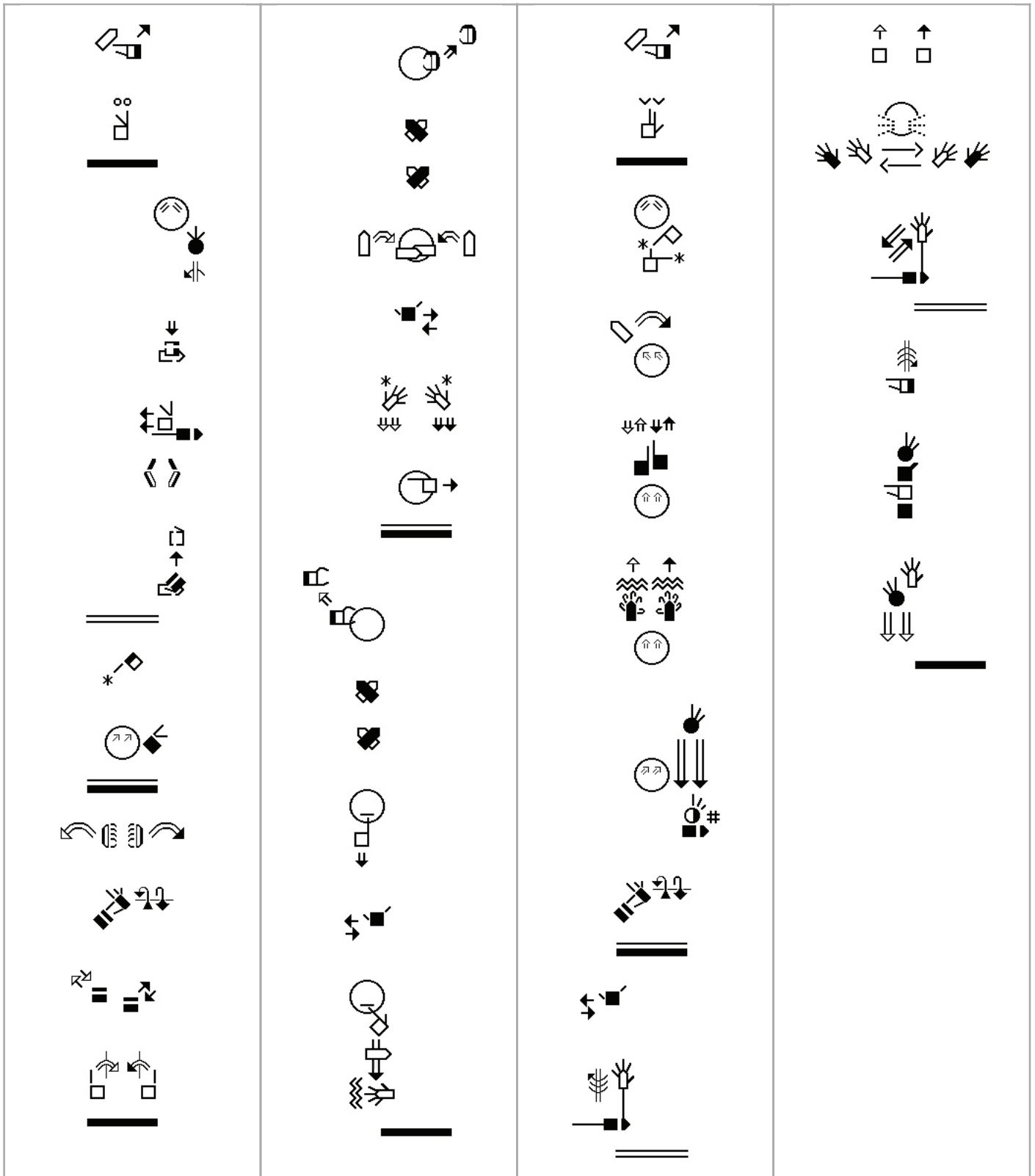
Verse 9. When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony. Verse 10. They shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world

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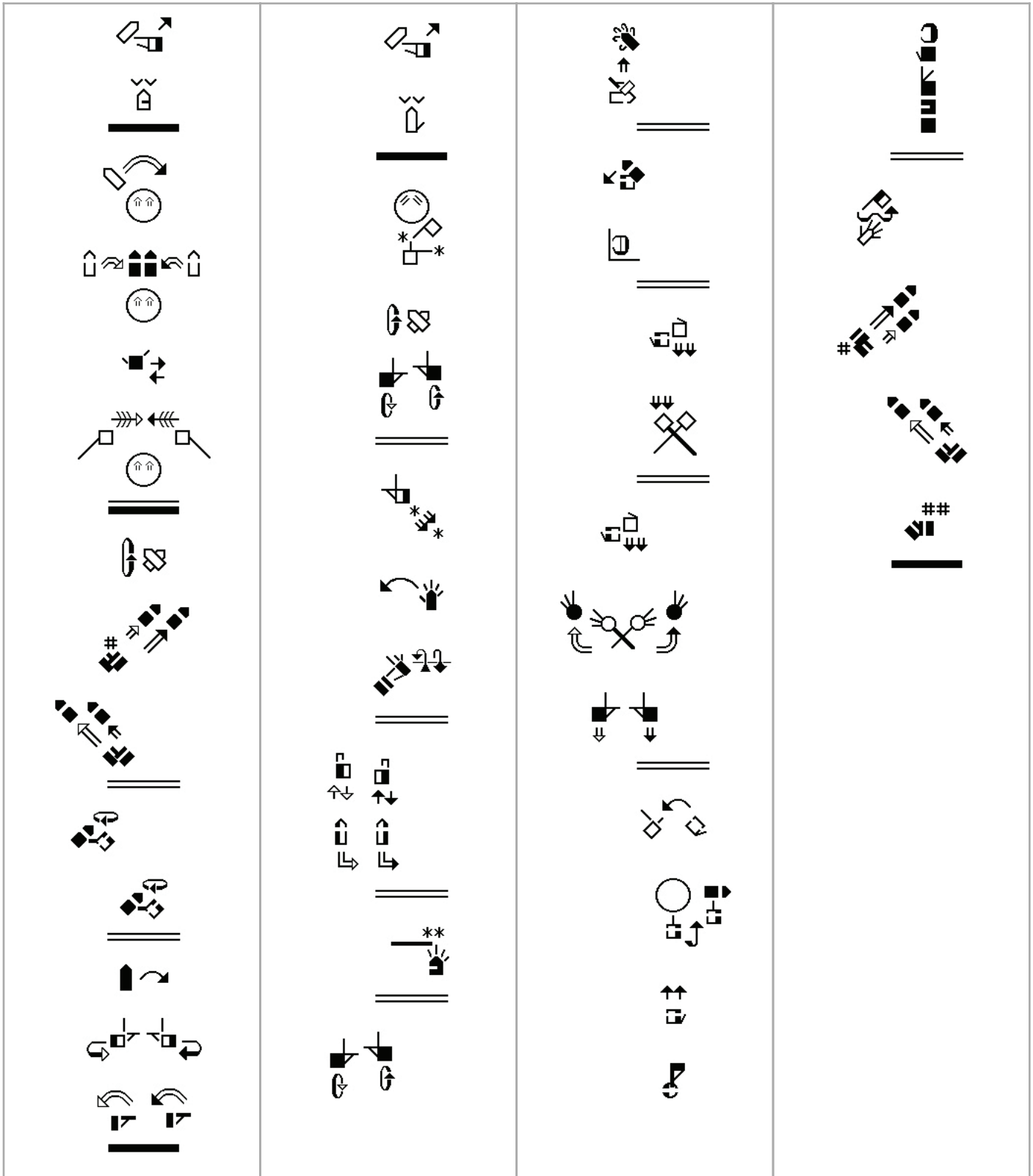
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and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?" Verse 11. Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters -- their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred -- had joined them.



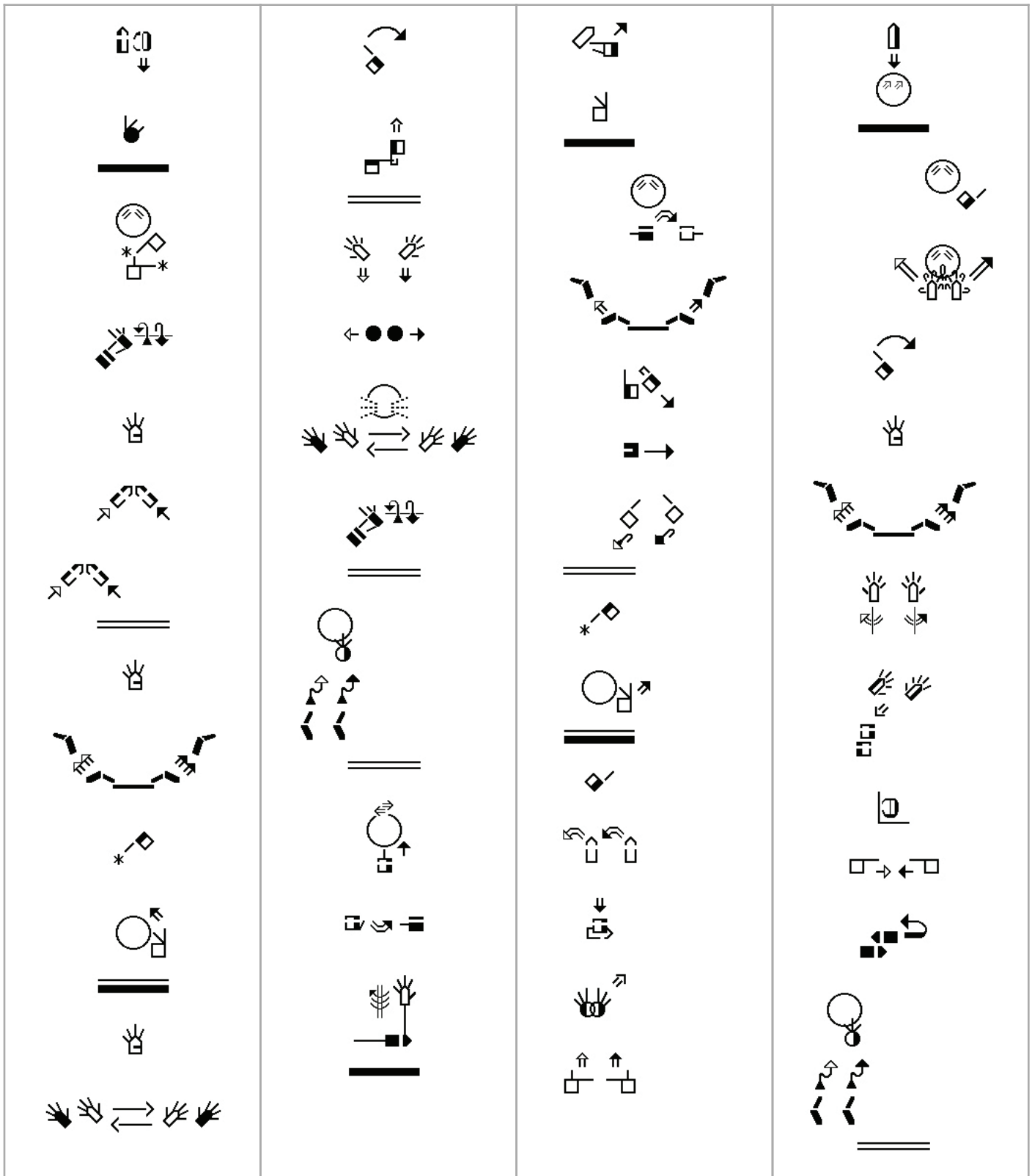
Verse 12. I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. Verse 13. Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind.

Revelation 6:14-15



Verse 14. The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places. Verse 15. Then everyone -- the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person -- all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. NLT

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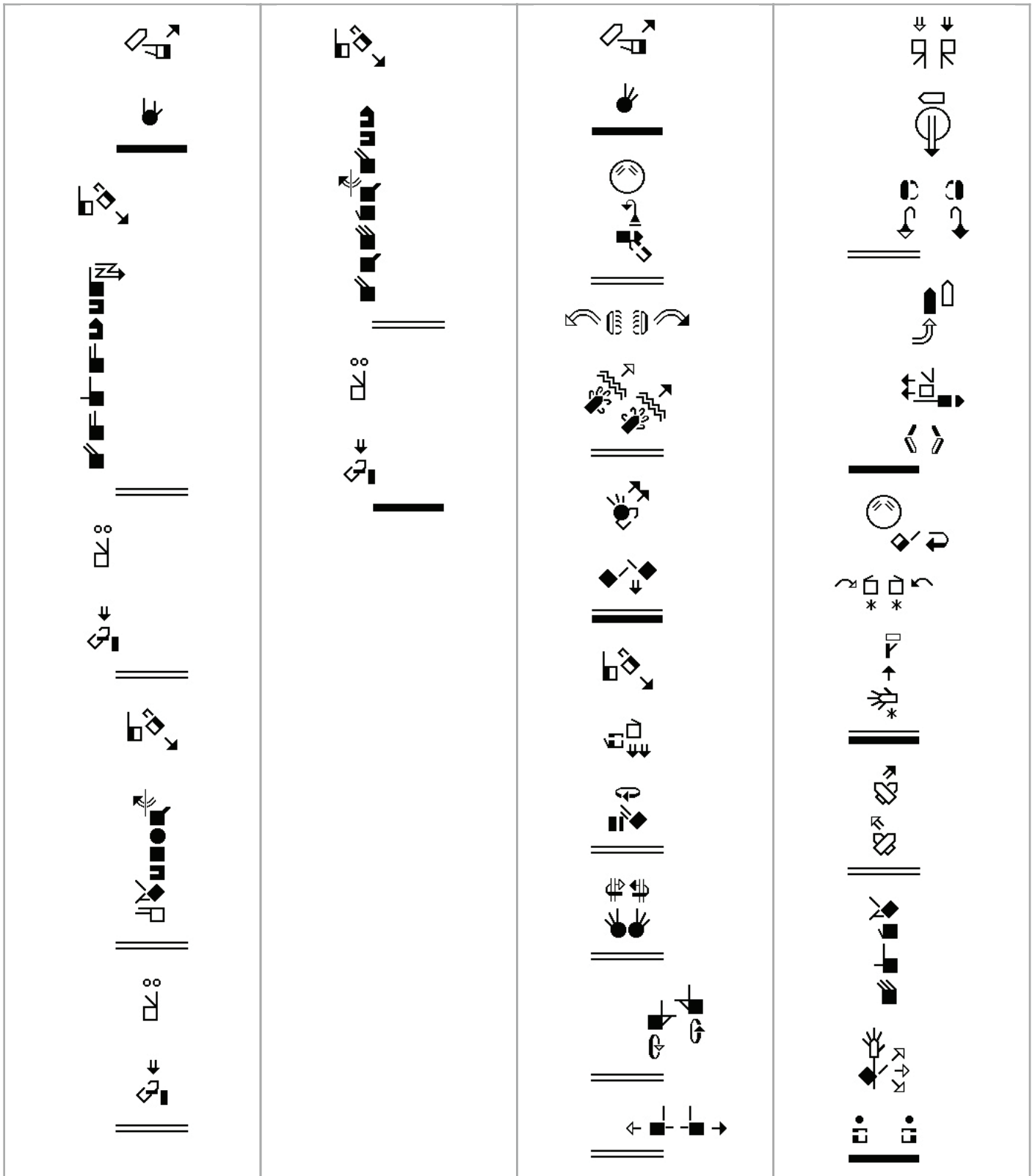
Chapter 7. Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so they did not blow on the earth or the sea, or even on any tree. Verse 2. And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given power to harm land and sea,

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Verse 3. "Wait! Don't harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants." Verse 4. And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God -- 144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel: NLT

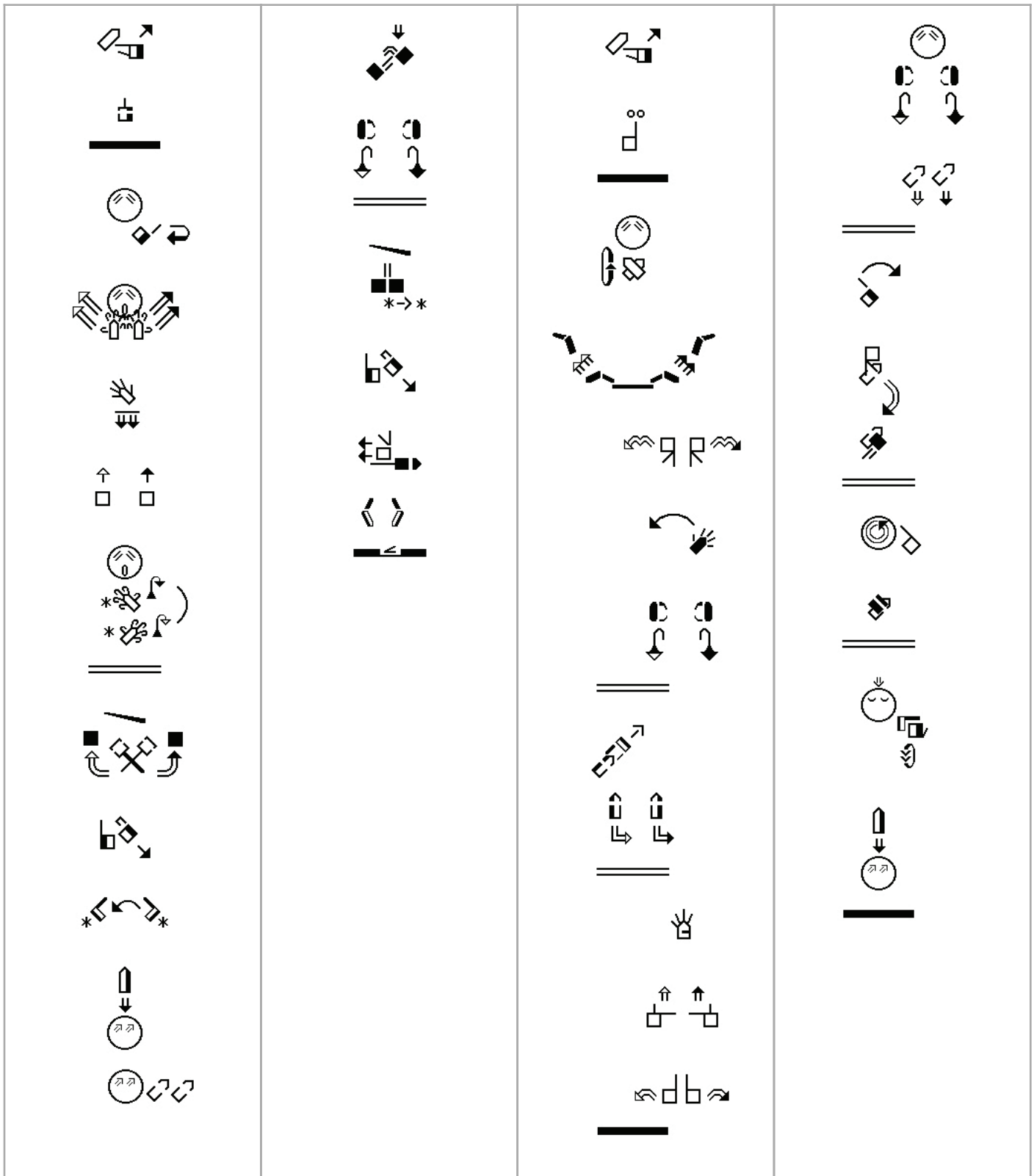
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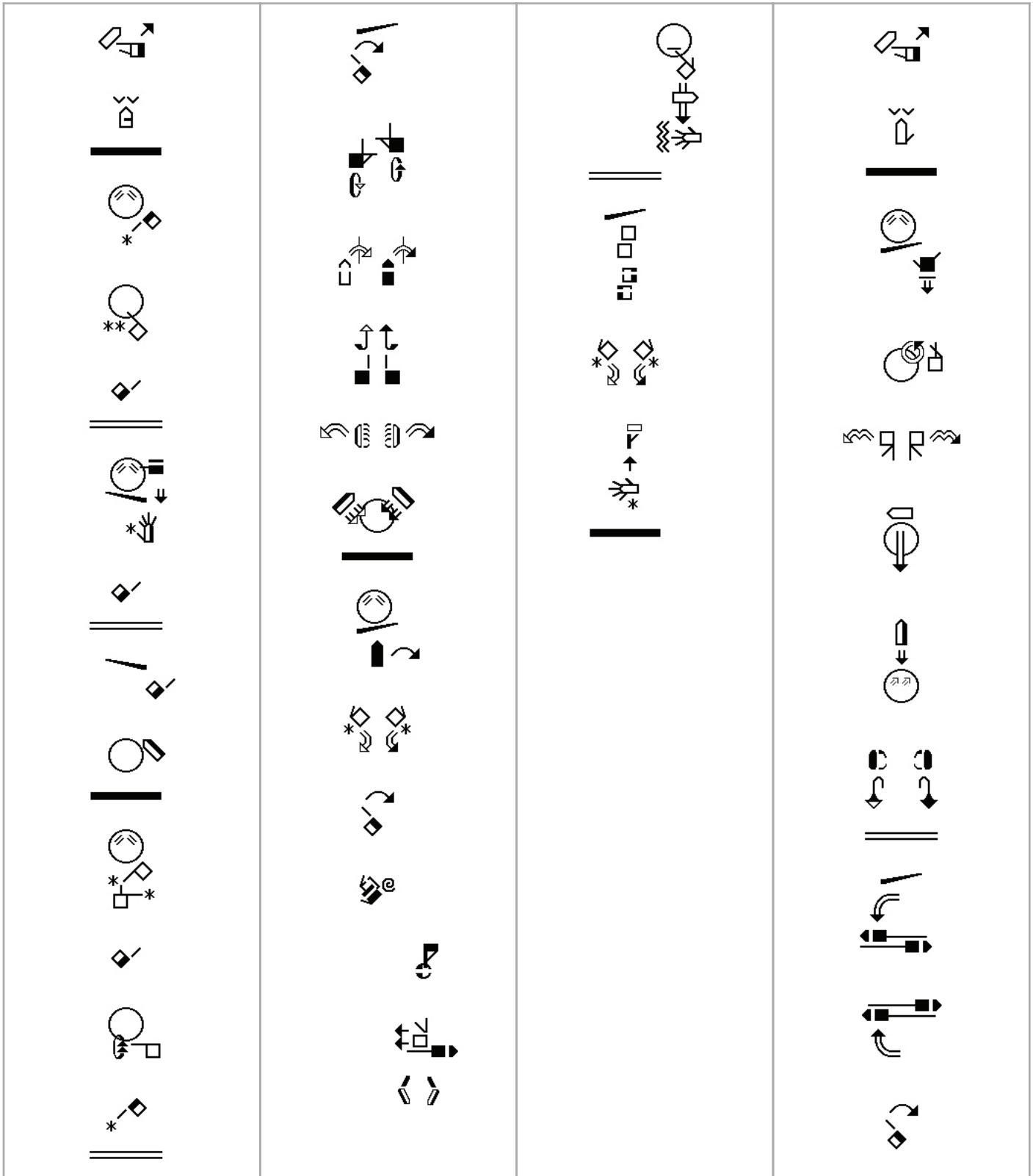
Verse 8. from Zebulun, 12,000, from Joseph, 12,000, from Benjamin, 12,000. Verse 9. After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. NLT

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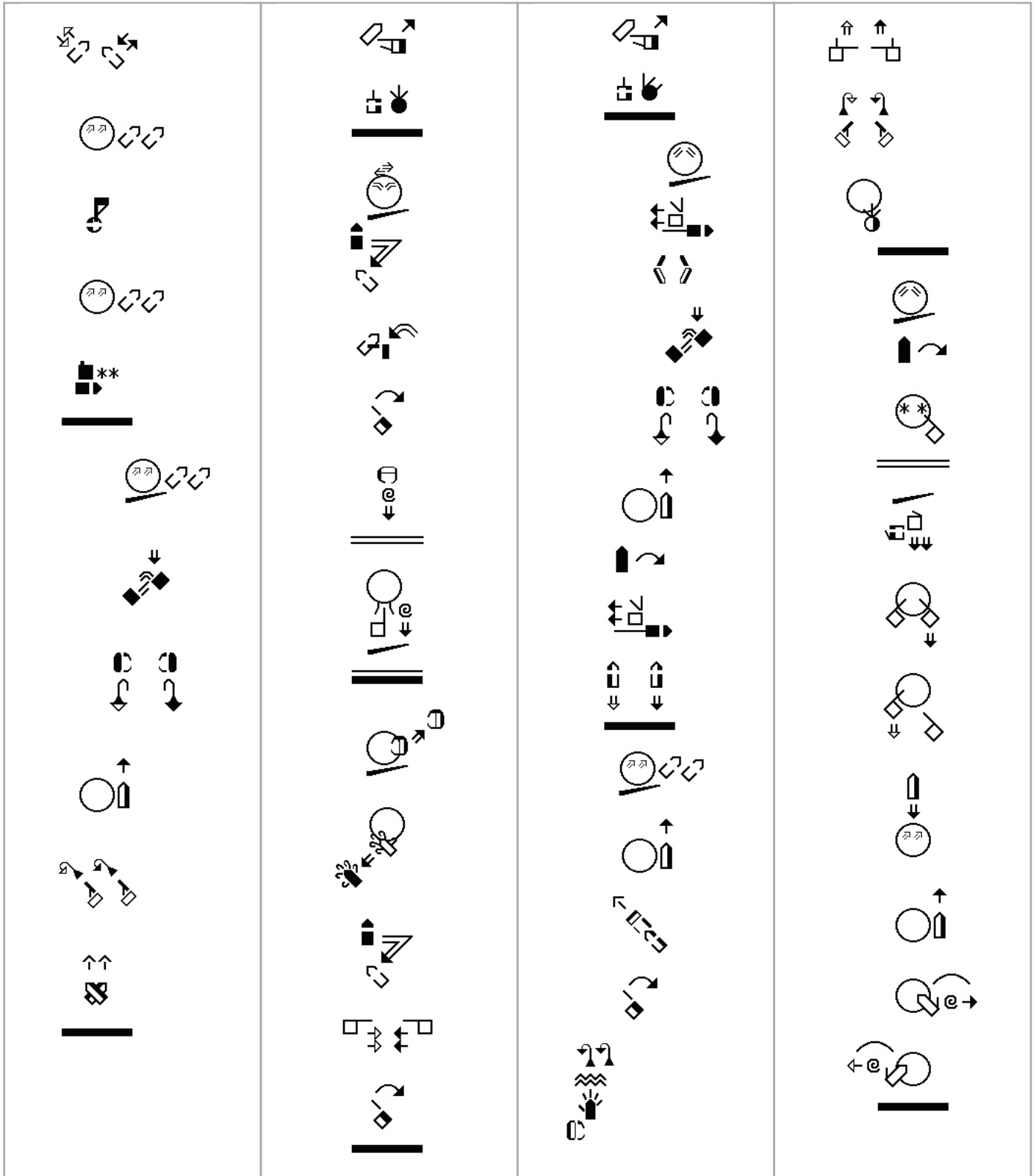


Verse 10. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" Verse 11. And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God.

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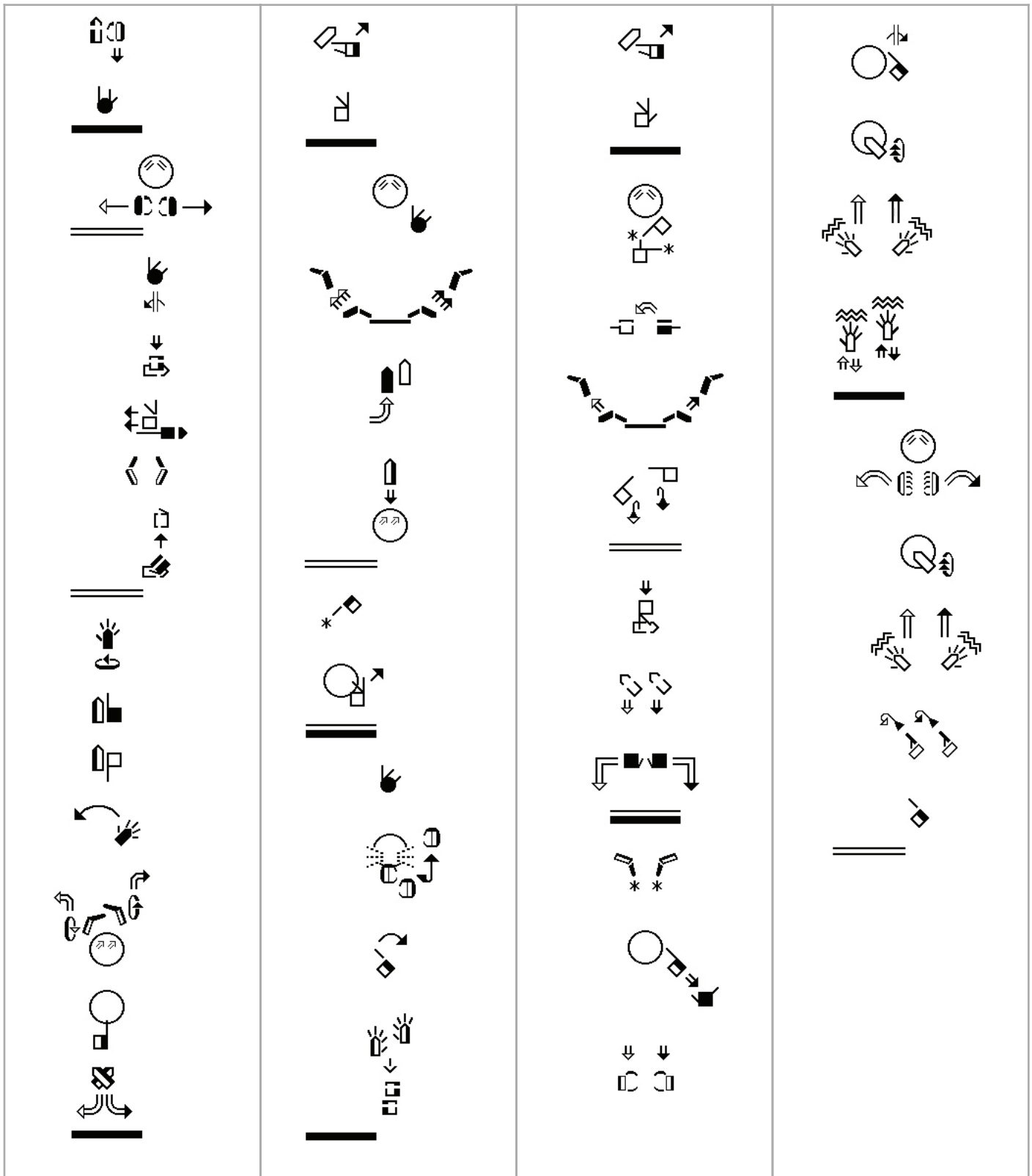
Verse 14. And I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. Verse 15. "That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night



in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. Verse 16. They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. Verse 17. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

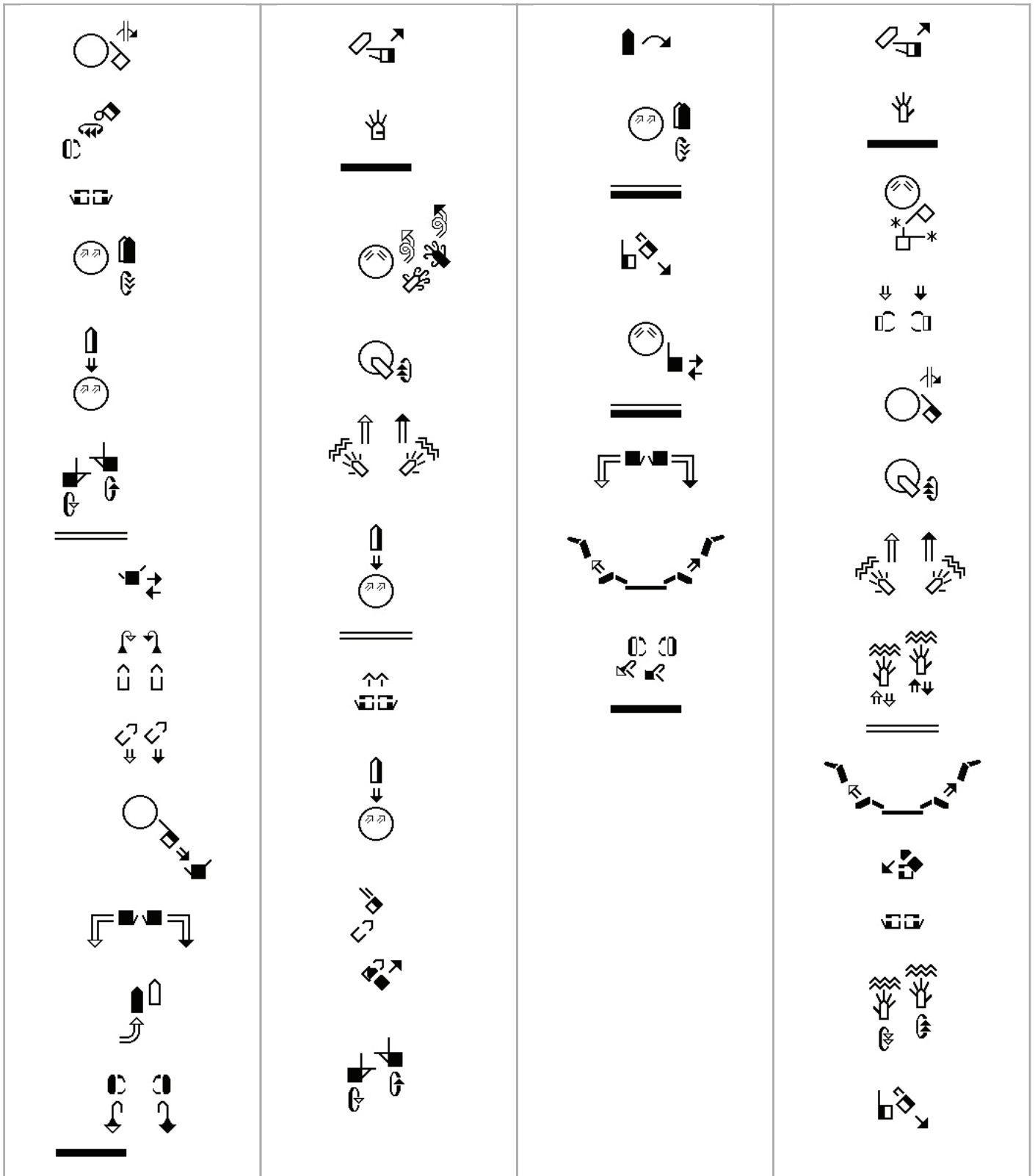
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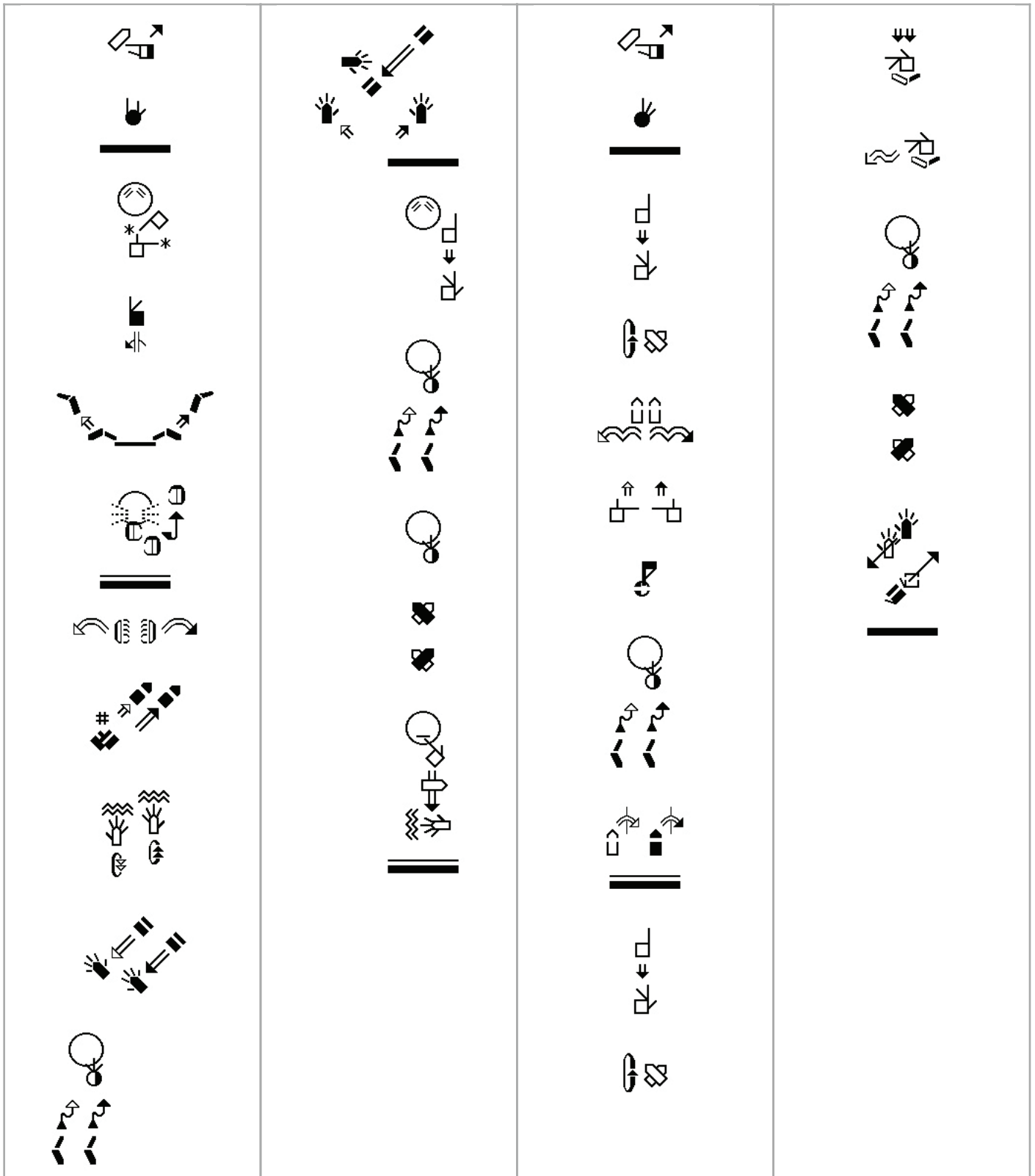


Chapter 8. When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. Verse 2. I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets. Verse 3. Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him

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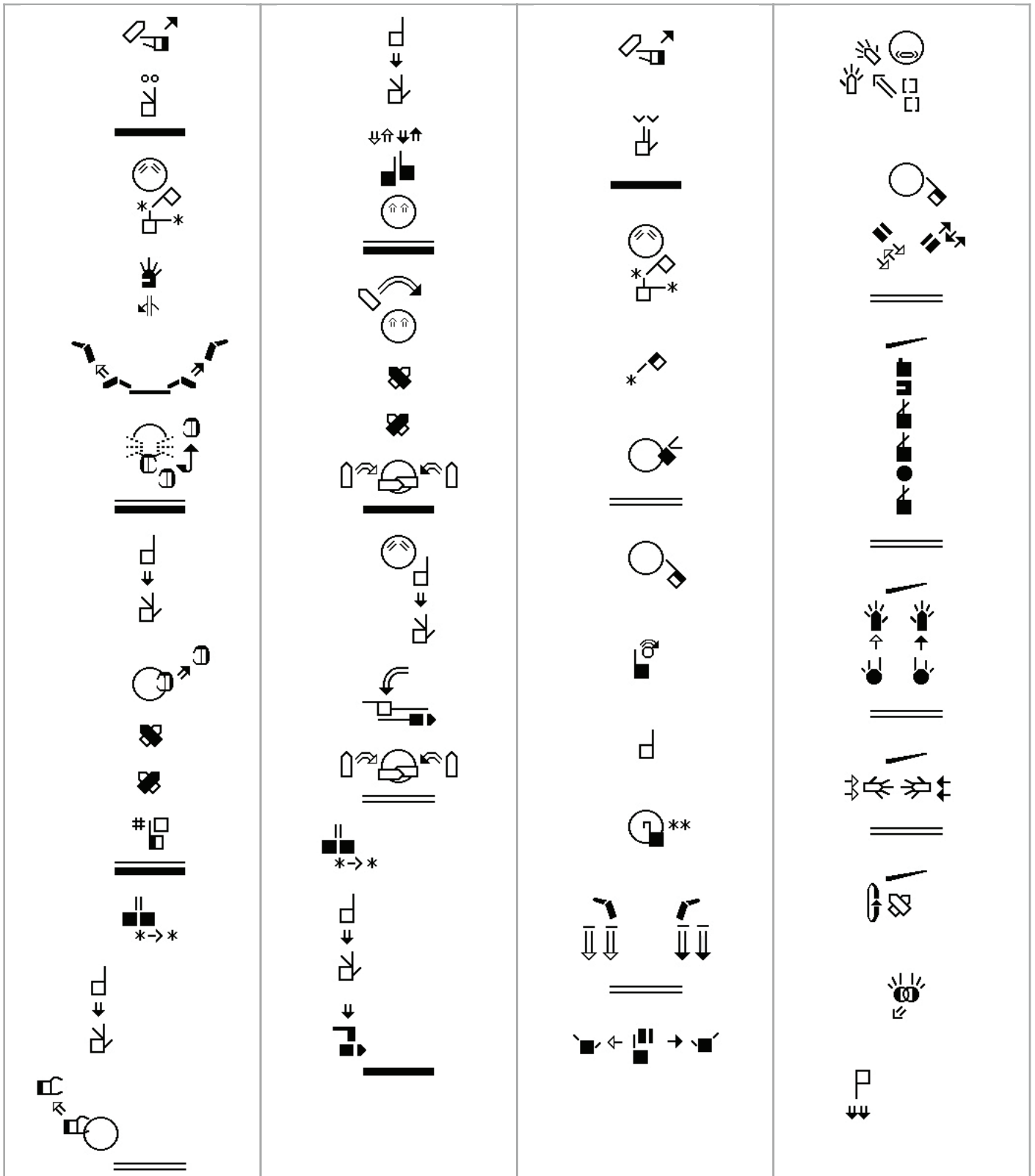


to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. Verse 4. The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. Verse 5. Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from



Verse 8. Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood, Verse 9. one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed.

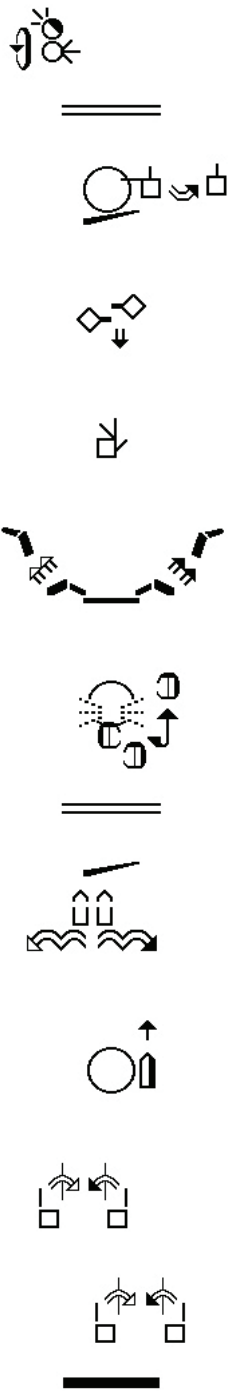
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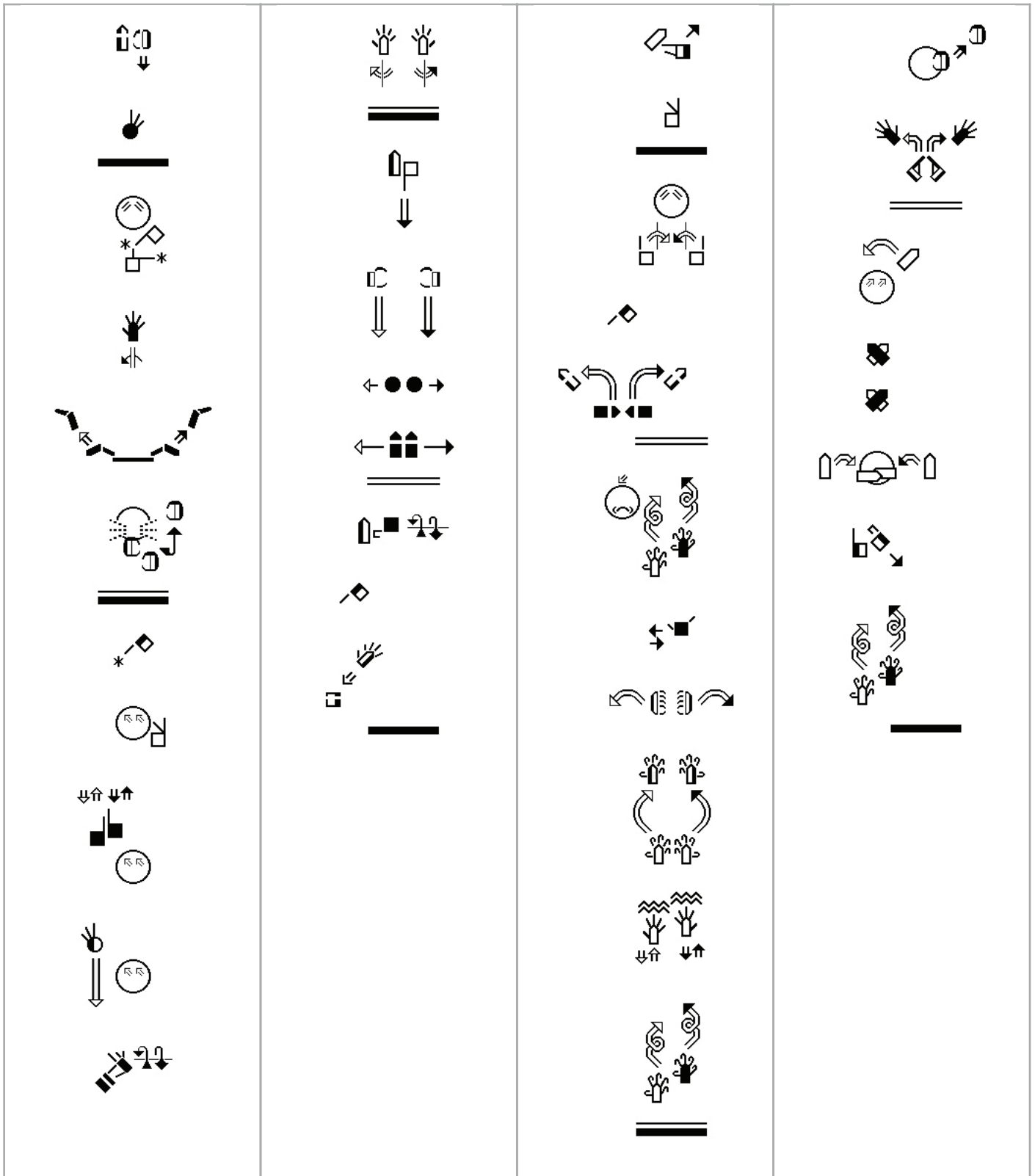


Verse 12. Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night. Verse 13. Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this

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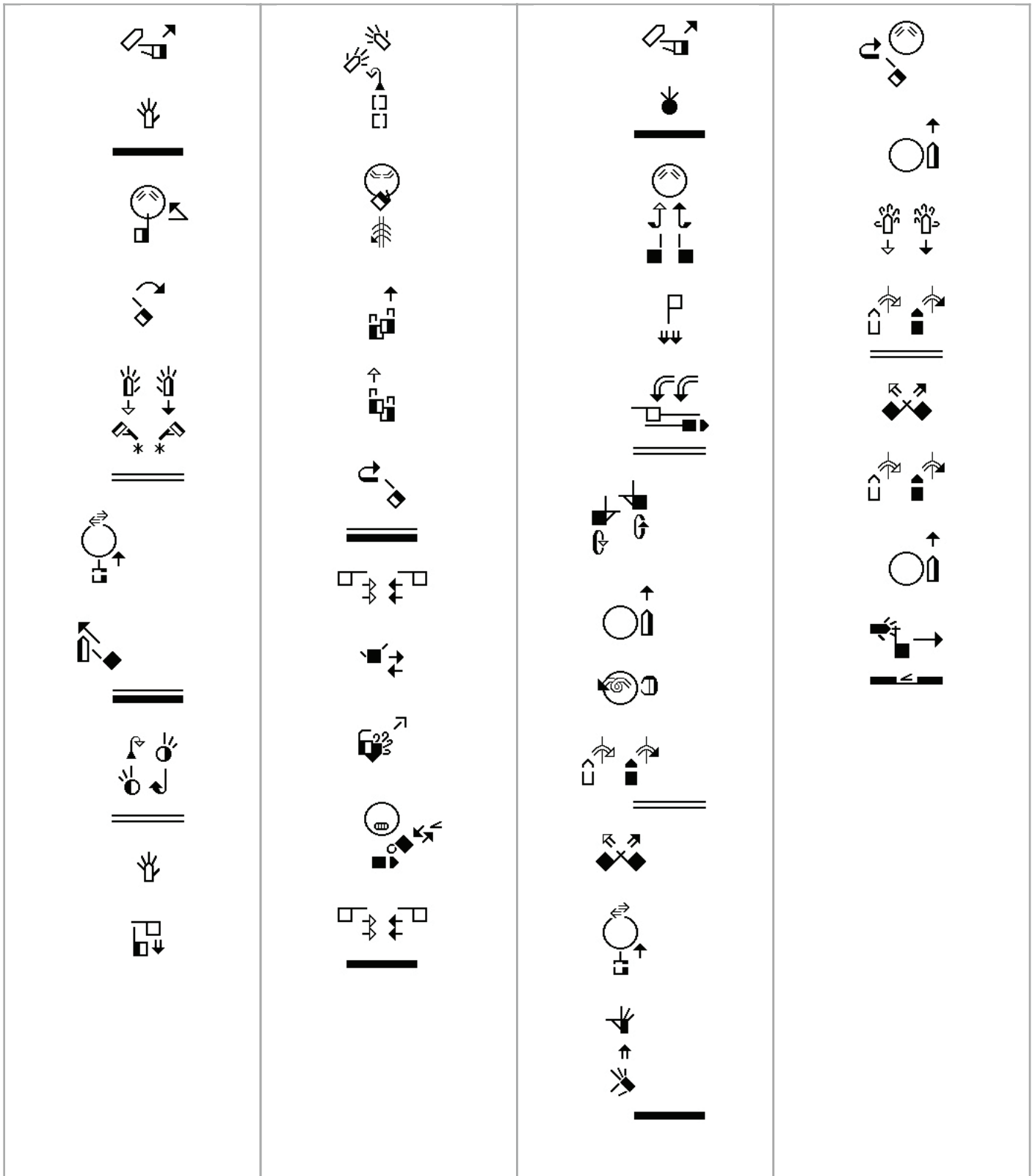
Chapter 9. Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. Verse 2. When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke.

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Verse 3. Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. Verse 4. They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. NLT

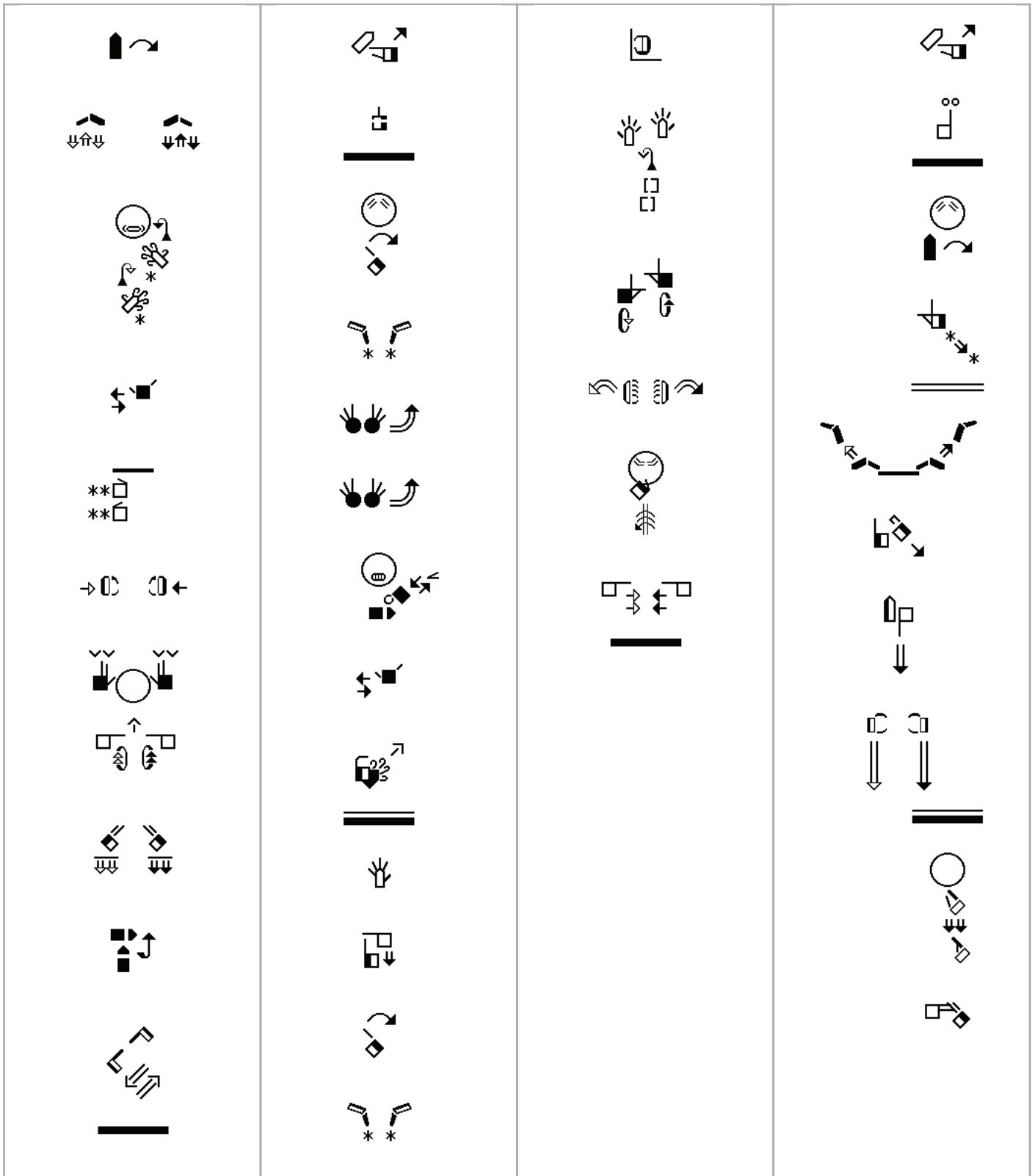


Verse 5. They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. Verse 6. In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them!

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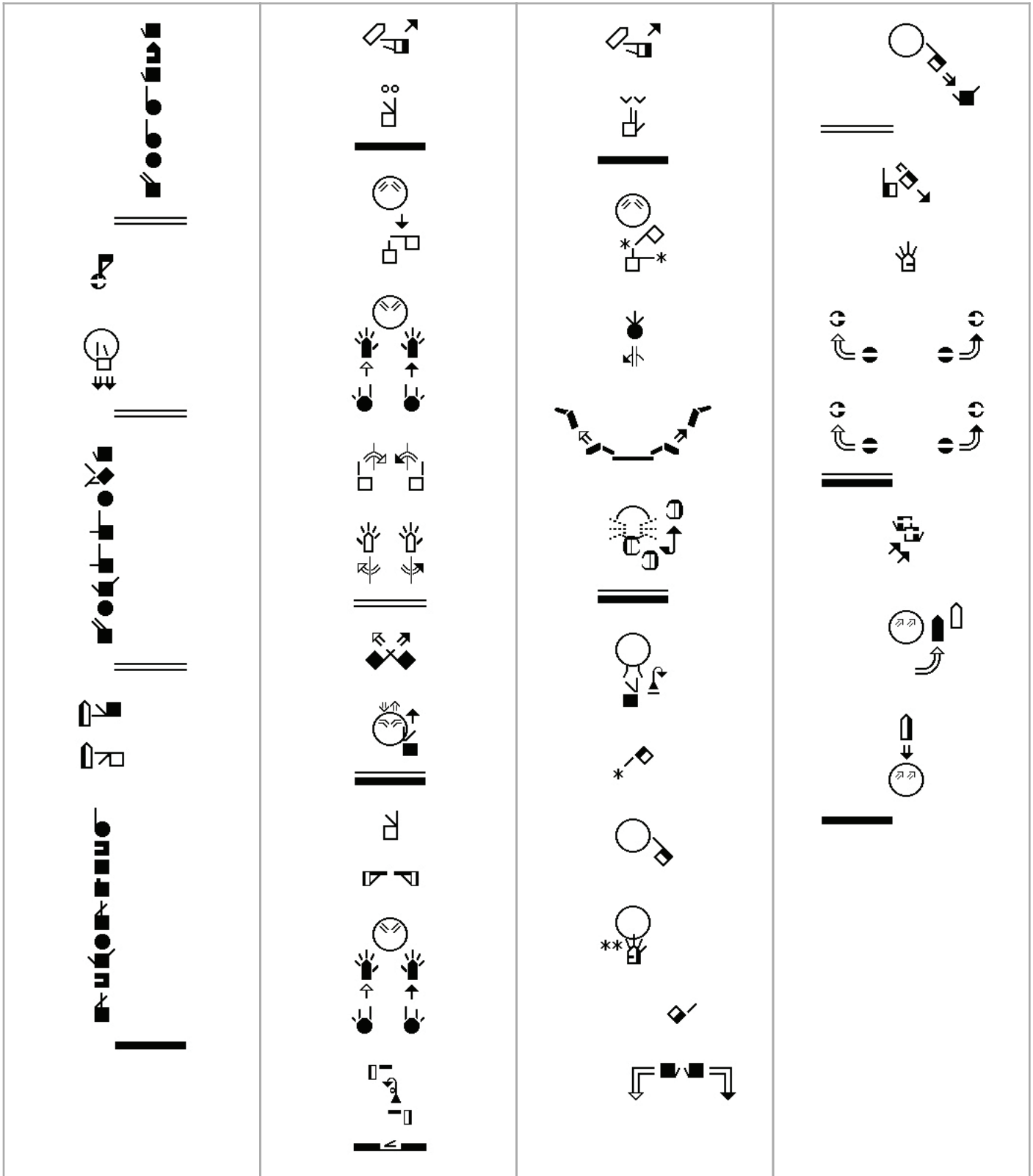
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Verse 7. The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. Verse 8. They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion. Verse 9. They wore armor made of iron,
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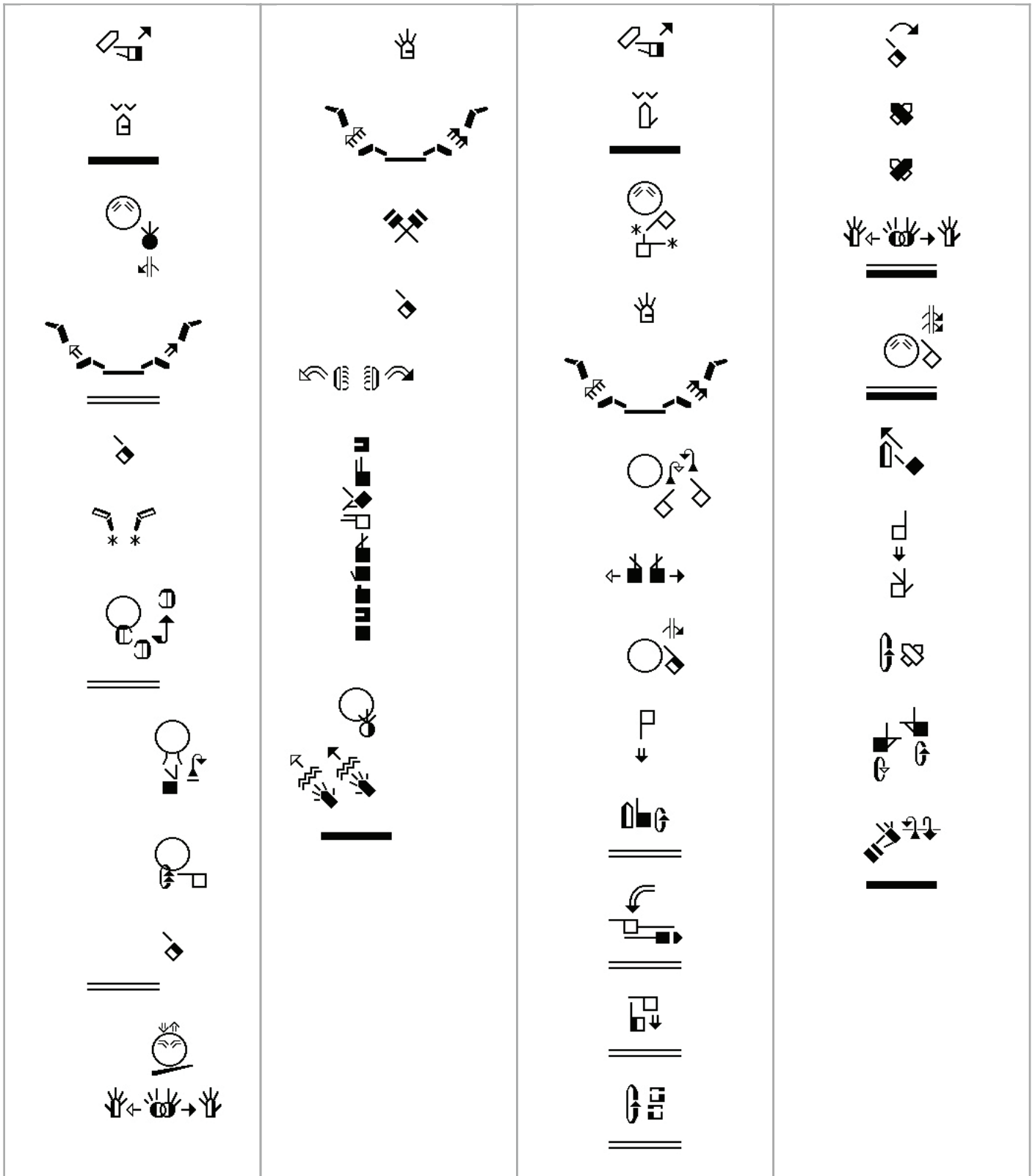


and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle. Verse 10. They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people. Verse 11. Their king is the angel from the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew

Revelation 9:11-13



is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon -- the Destroyer. Verse 12. The first terror is past, but look, two more terrors are coming! Verse 13. Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God.



Verse 14. And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River." Verse 15. Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth.

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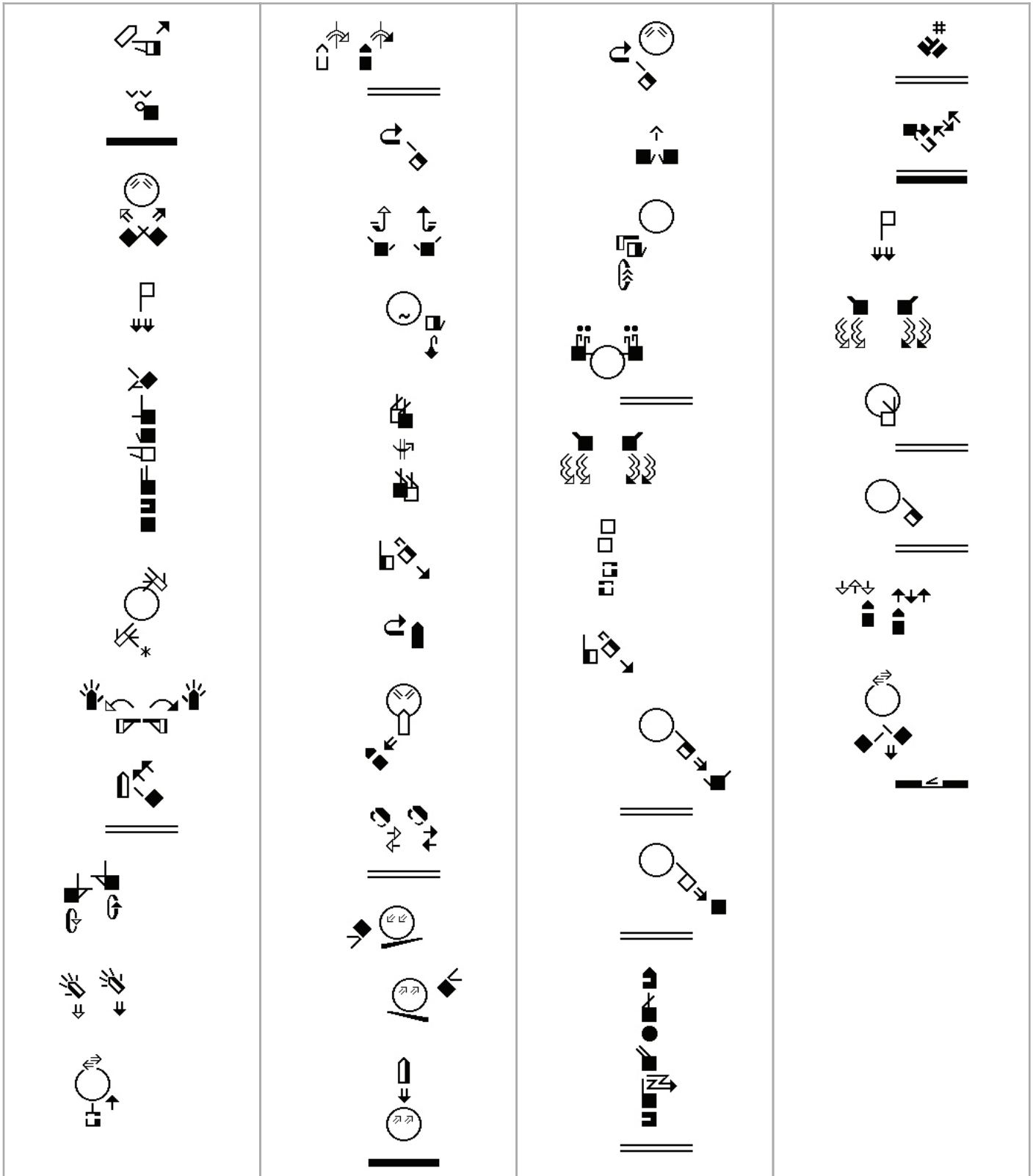
Verse 16. I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops. Verse 17. And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. NLT

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Verse 18. One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues -- by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. Verse 19. Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

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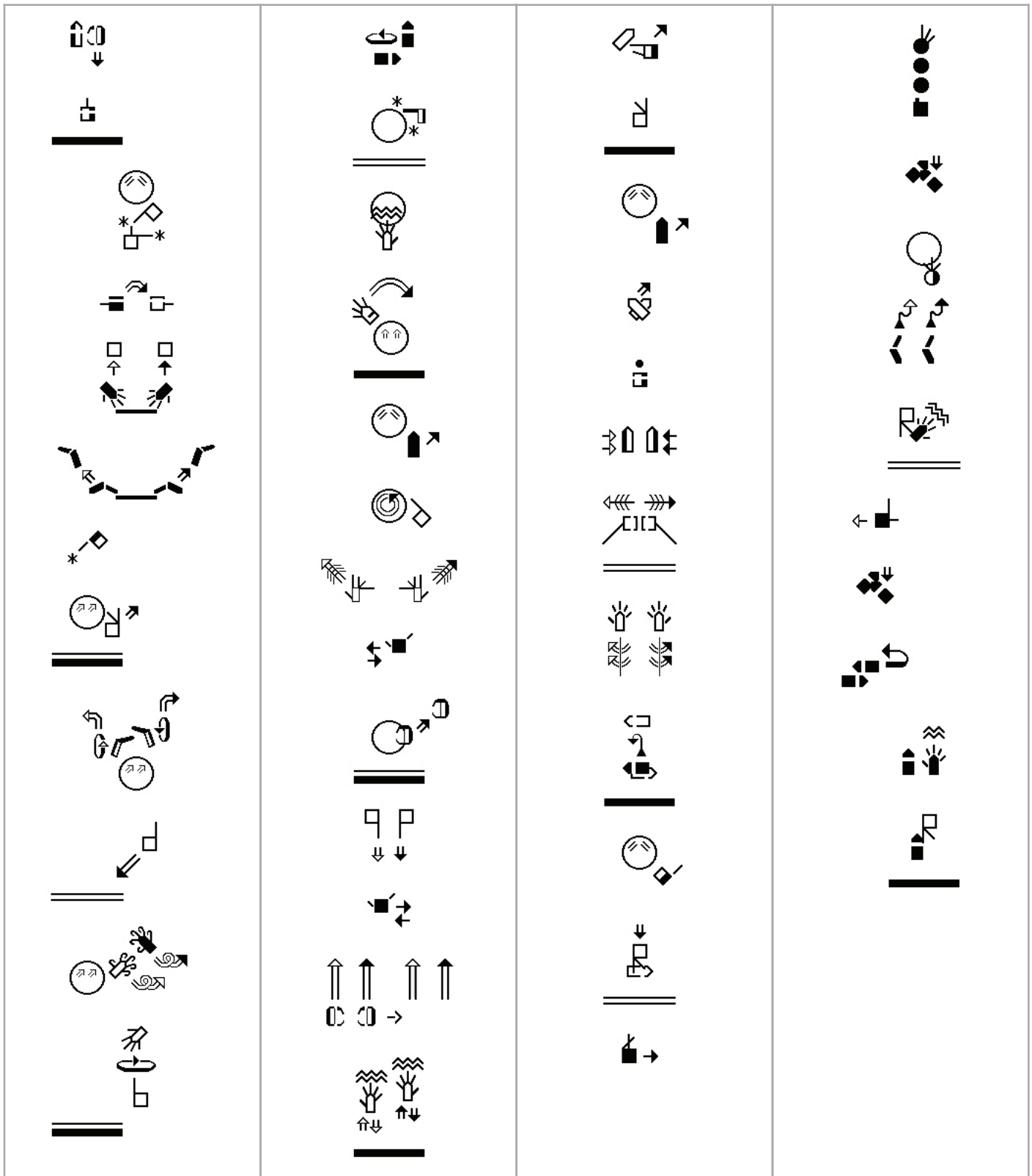


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Verse 21. And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.





























































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Revelation 10:1-2



Chapter 10. Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face shone like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire. Verse 2. And in his hand was a small scroll that had been opened. He stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. NLT

Revelation 10:5-6

              	       	                	                   
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Verse 5. Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven. Verse 6. He swore an oath in the name of the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it.

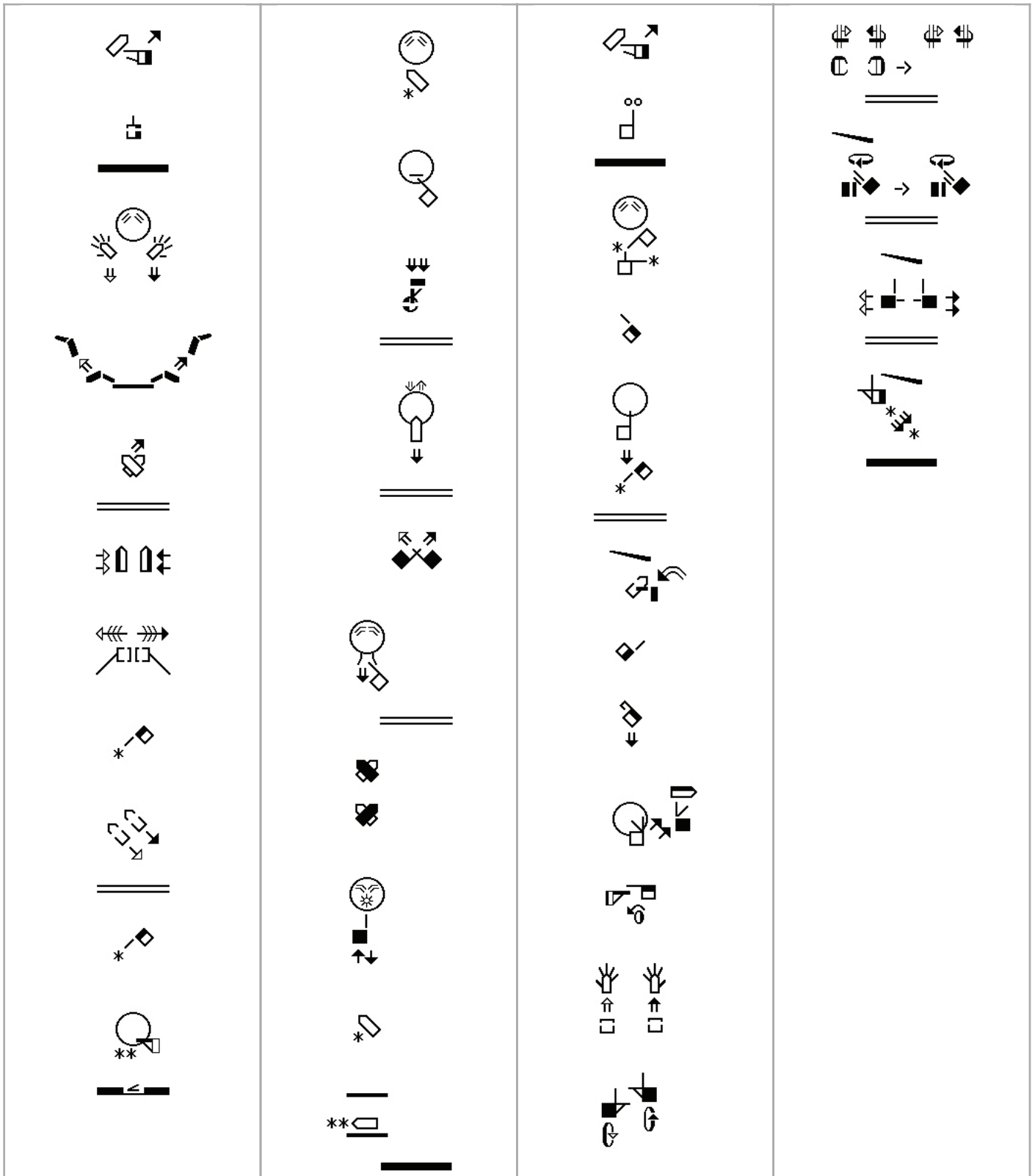
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He said, "There will be no more delay. Verse 7. When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets." Verse 8. Then the voice from heaven spoke to me again: "Go NLT

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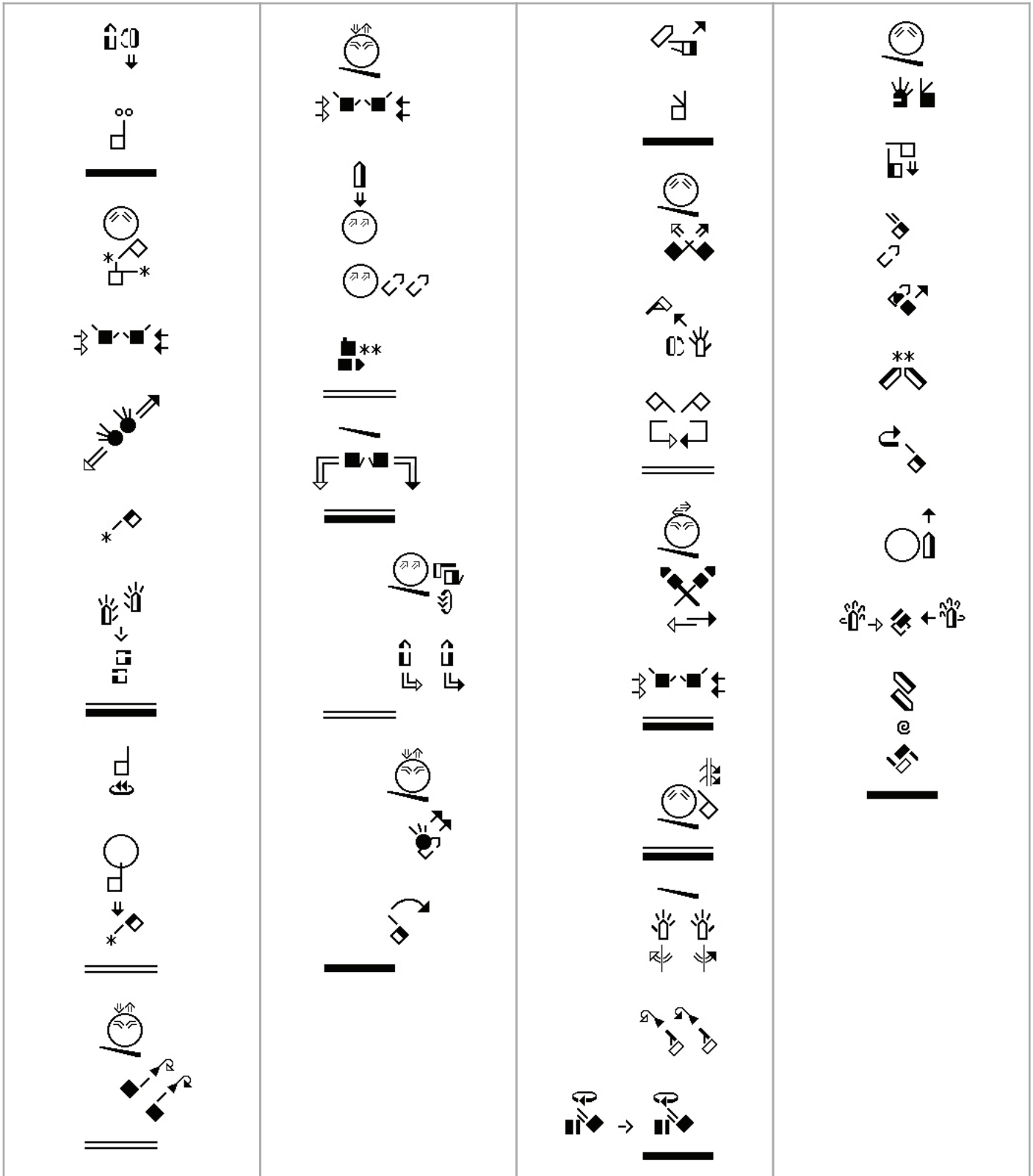
and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." Verse 9. So I went to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll. "Yes, take it and eat it," he said. "It will be sweet as honey in your mouth, but it will turn sour in your stomach!" NLT



Verse 10. So I took the small scroll from the hand of the angel, and I ate it! It was sweet in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it turned sour in my stomach. Verse 11. Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings."

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Revelation 11:1-2

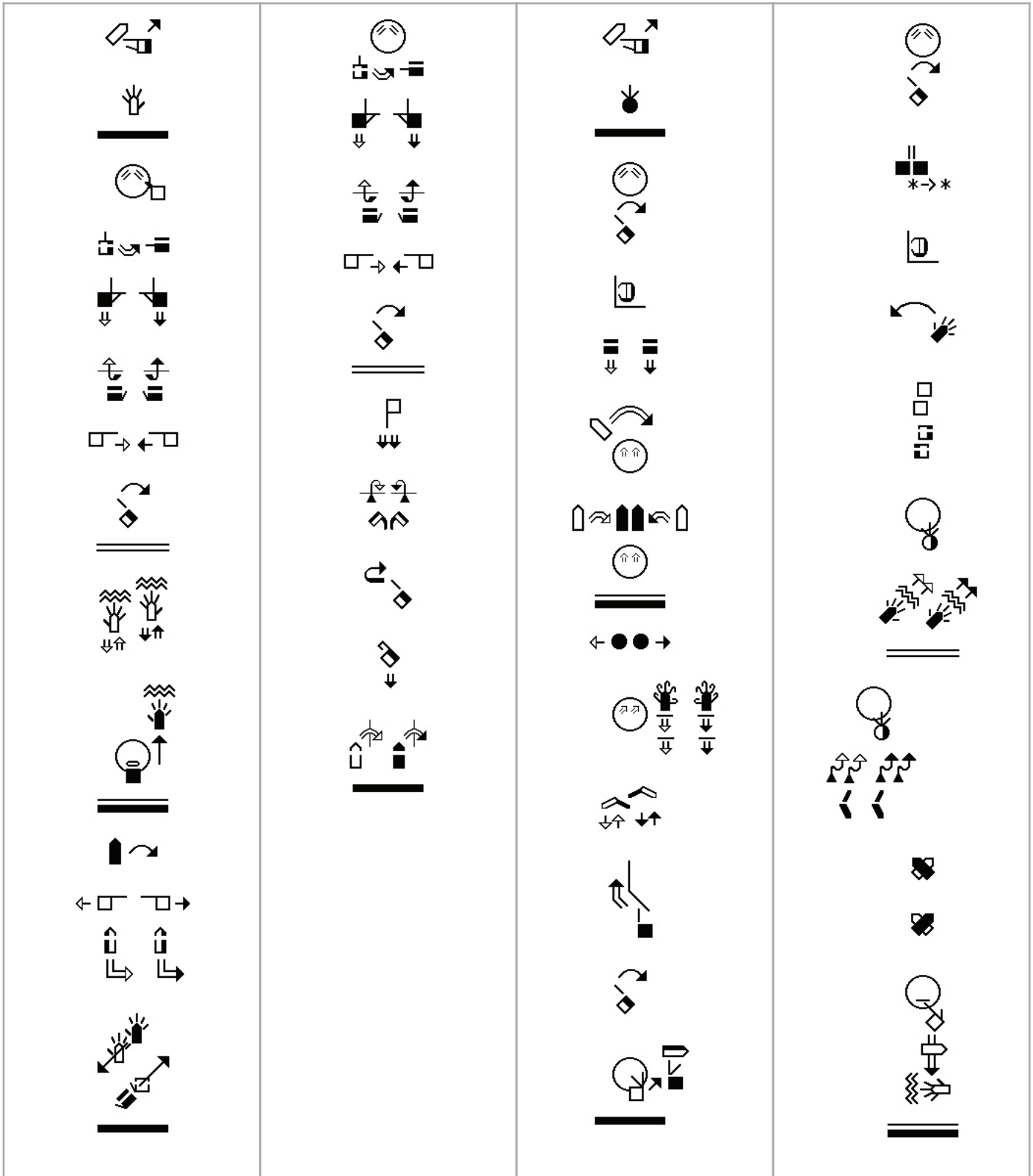


Chapter 11. Then I was given a measuring stick, and I was told, "Go and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshipers. Verse 2. But do not measure the outer courtyard, for it has been turned over to the nations. They will trample the holy city for 42 months.























































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Verse 3. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days." Verse 4. These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. NLT

Revelation 11:5-6

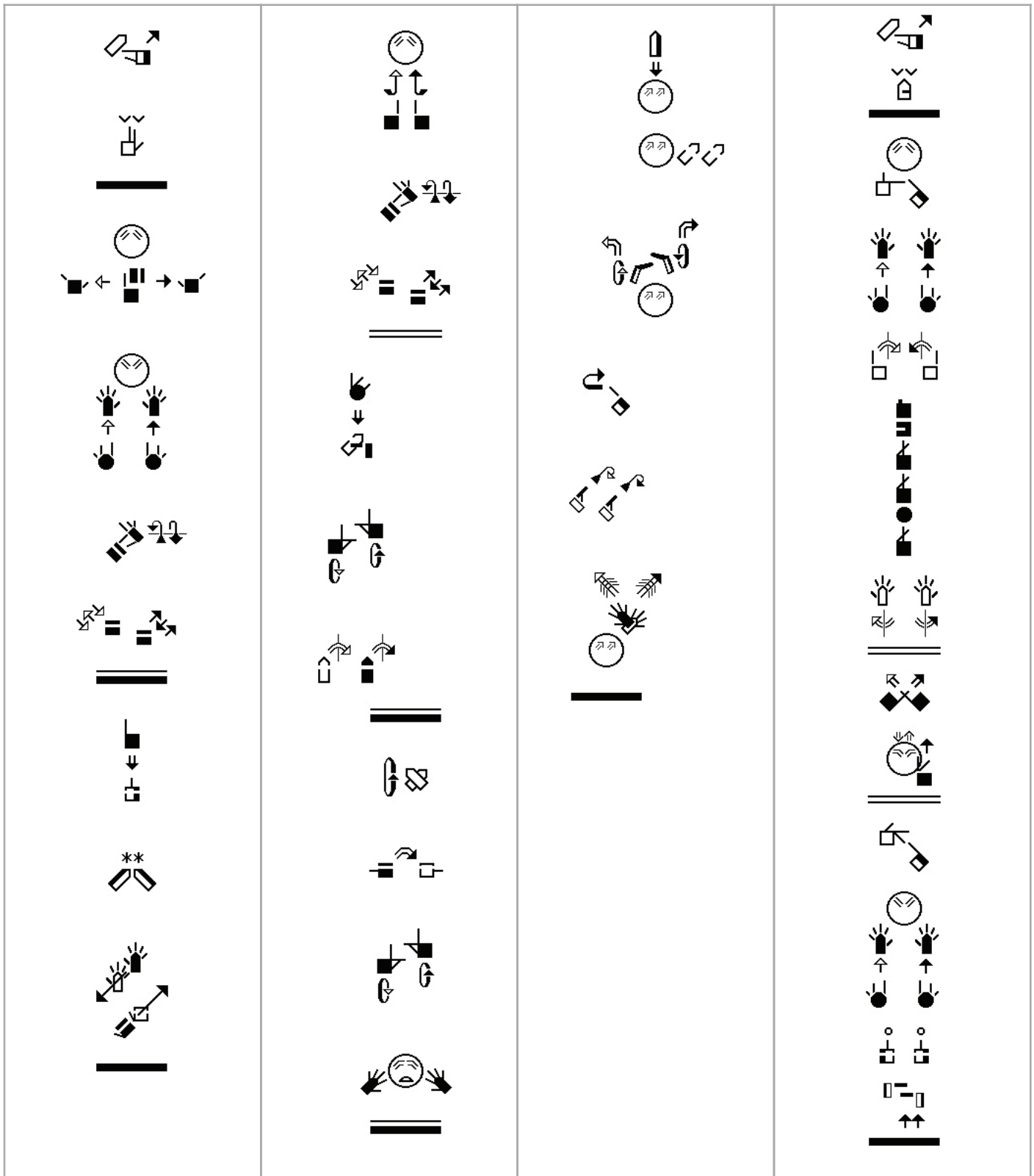


Verse 5. If anyone tries to harm them, fire flashes from their mouths and consumes their enemies. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die. Verse 6. They have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood,

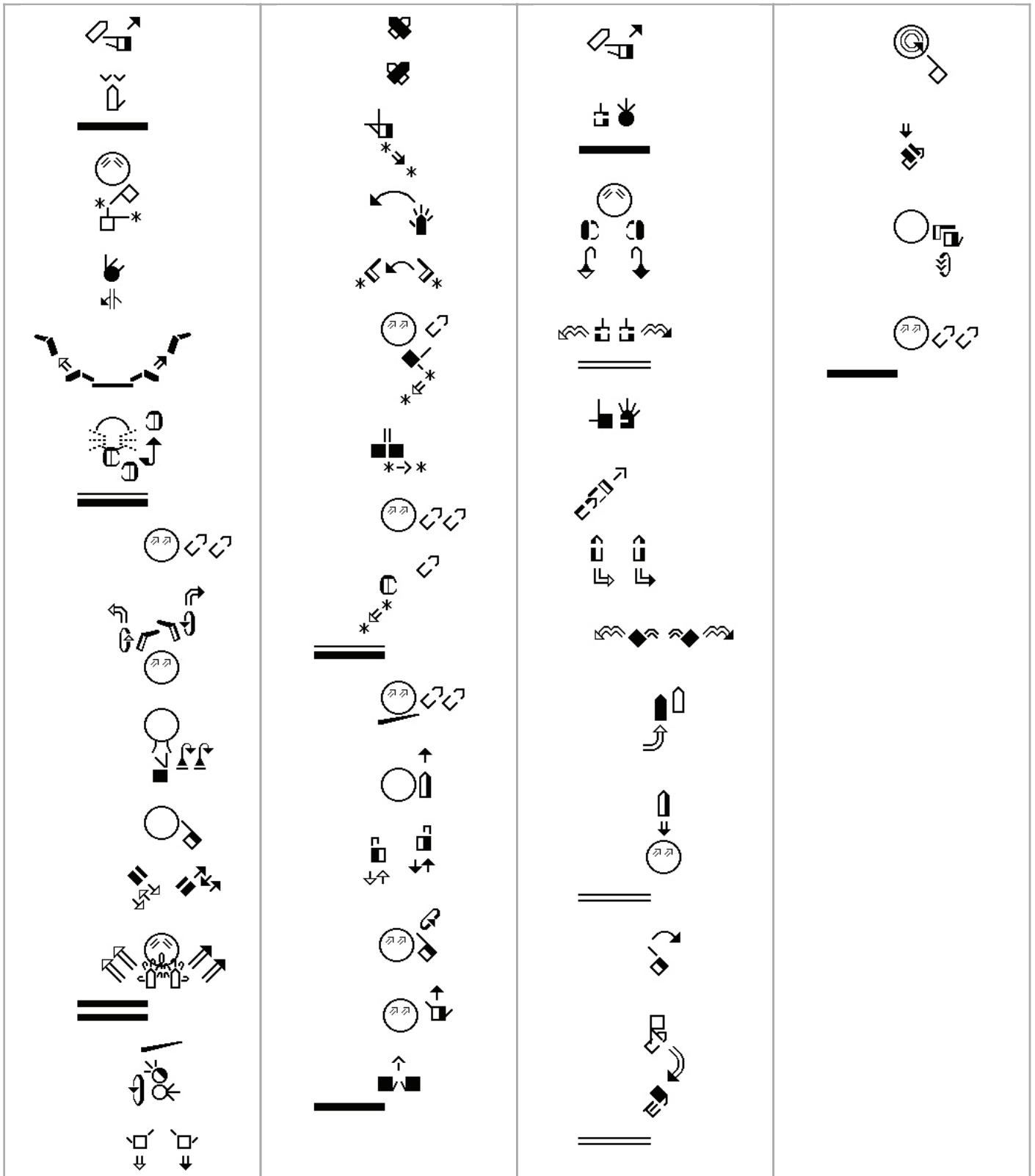
             	            	            	             
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and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish. Verse 7. When they complete their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit will declare war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them. Verse 8. And their bodies will lie in the main street of Jerusalem, the city that is figuratively called NLT

Revelation 11:13-14

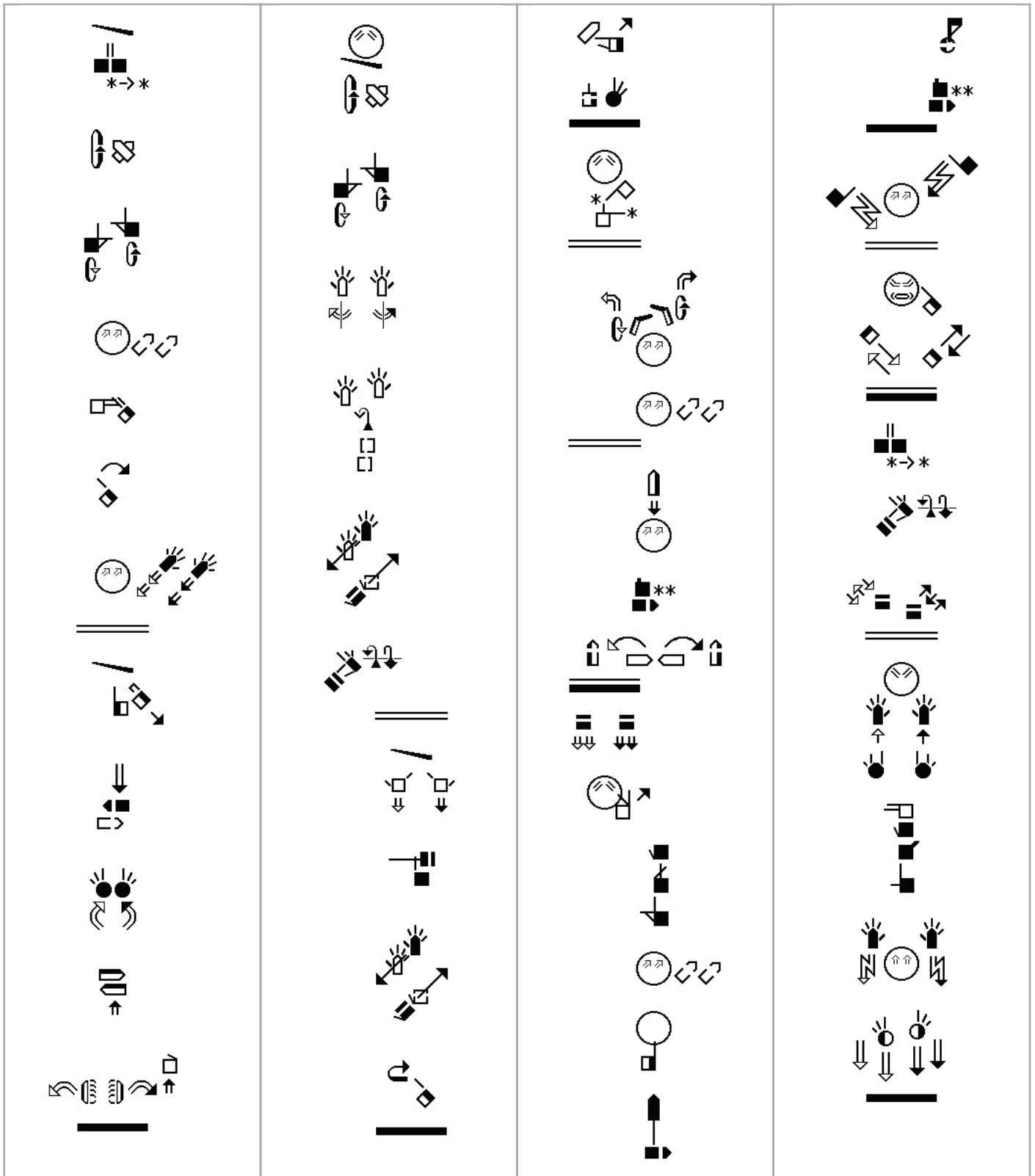


Verse 13. At the same time there was a terrible earthquake that destroyed a tenth of the city. Seven thousand people died in that earthquake, and everyone else was terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. Verse 14. The second terror is past, but look, the third terror is coming quickly. NLT



Verse 15. Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever." Verse 16. The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell with their faces to the ground and worshiped him.

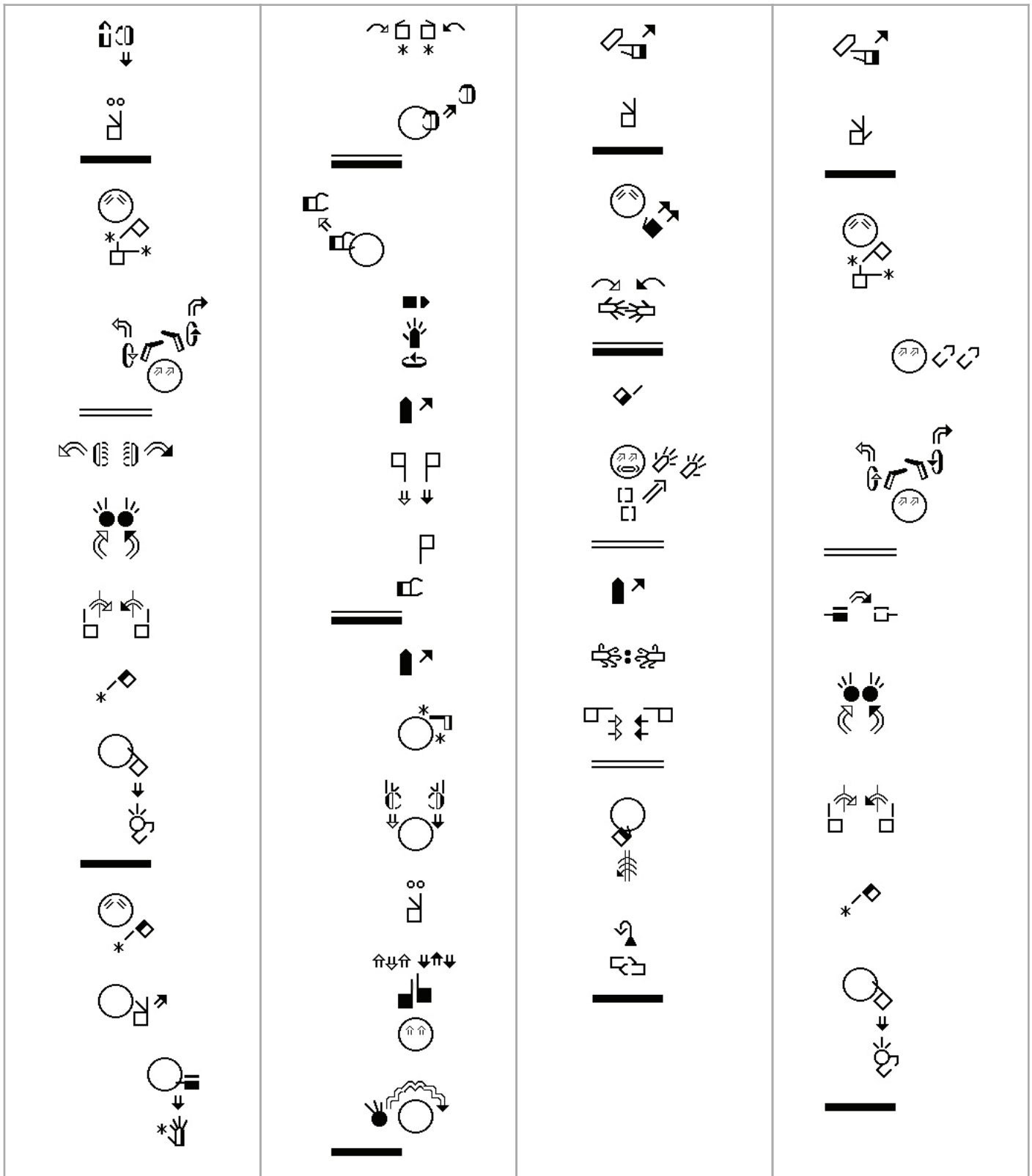
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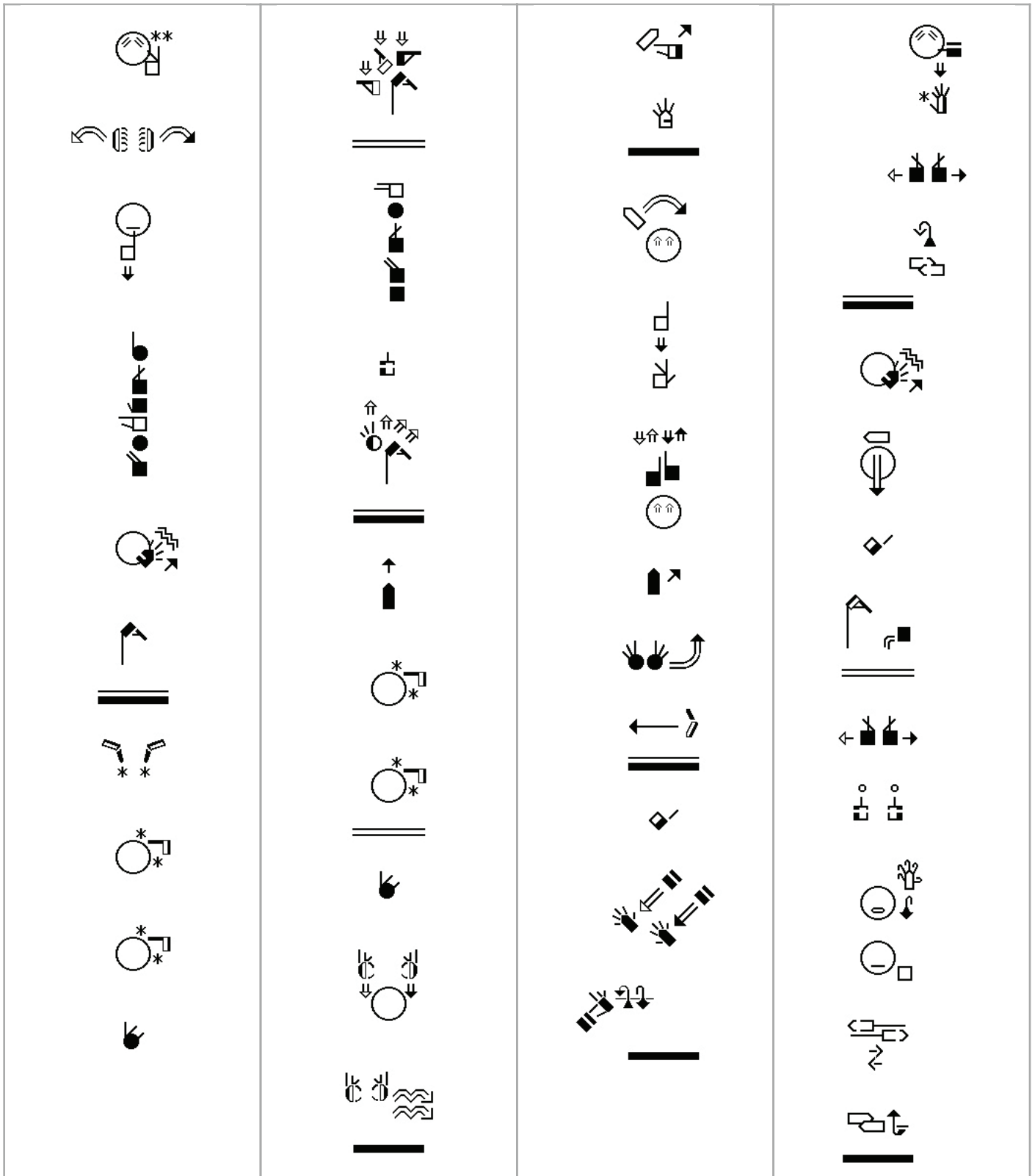
and all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest. It is time to destroy all who have caused destruction on the earth." Verse 19. Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared, and there was an earthquake and a terrible hailstorm.

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Revelation 12:1-3



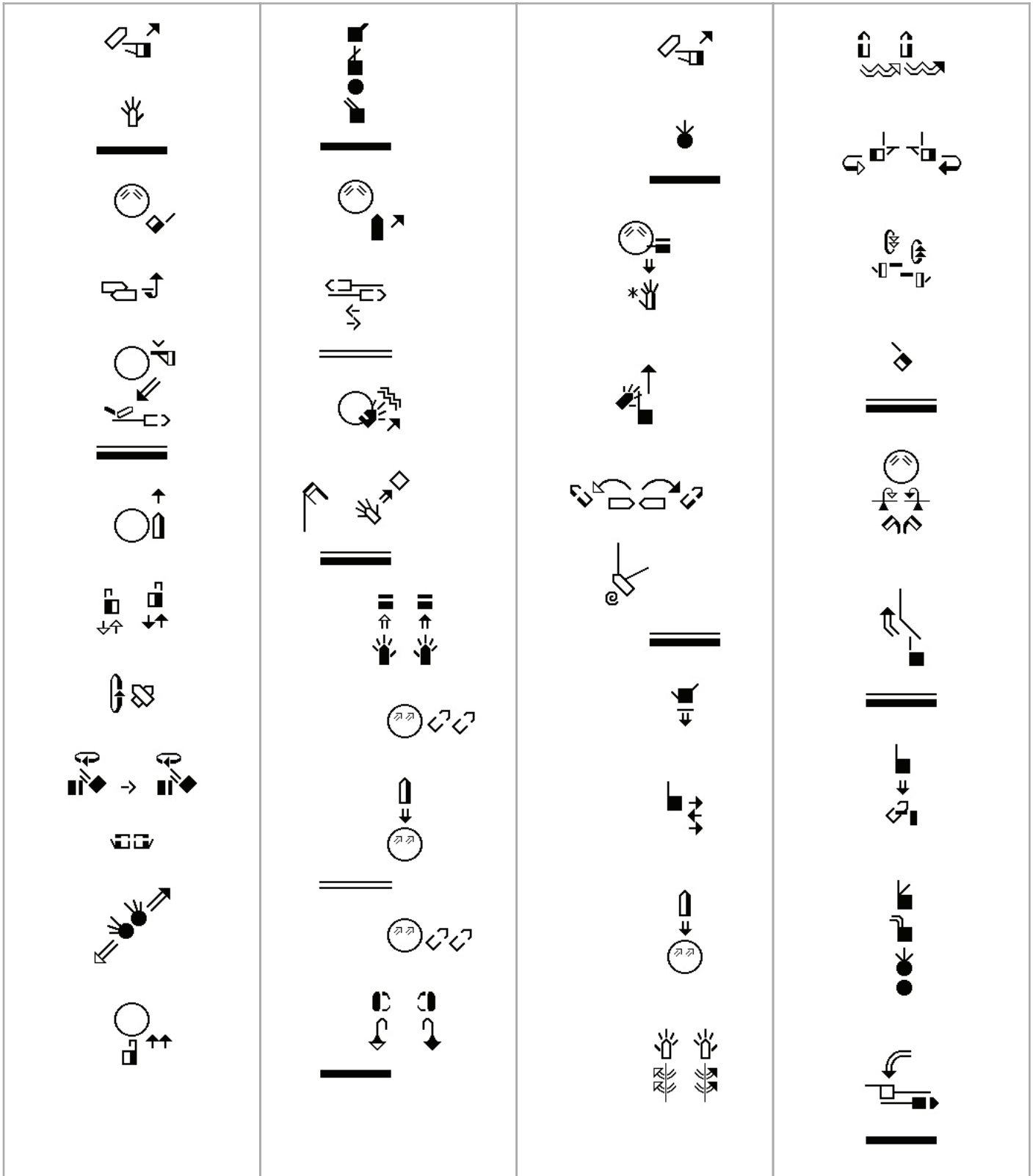
Chapter 12. Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. Verse 2. She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth. Verse 3. Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event.
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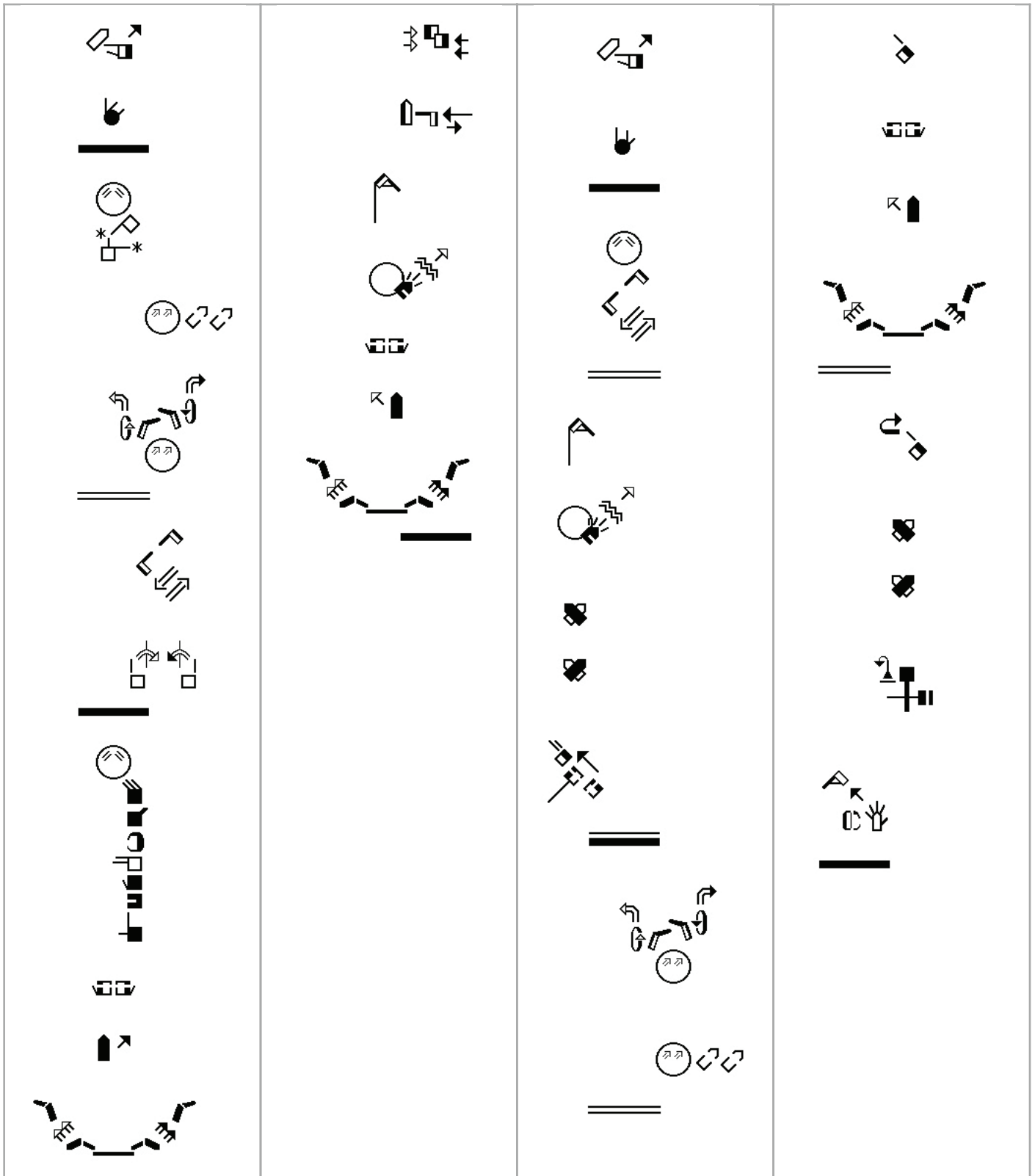
I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. Verse 4. His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky, and he threw them to the earth. He stood in front of the woman as she was about to give birth, ready to devour her baby as soon as it was born.

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Revelation 12:5-6

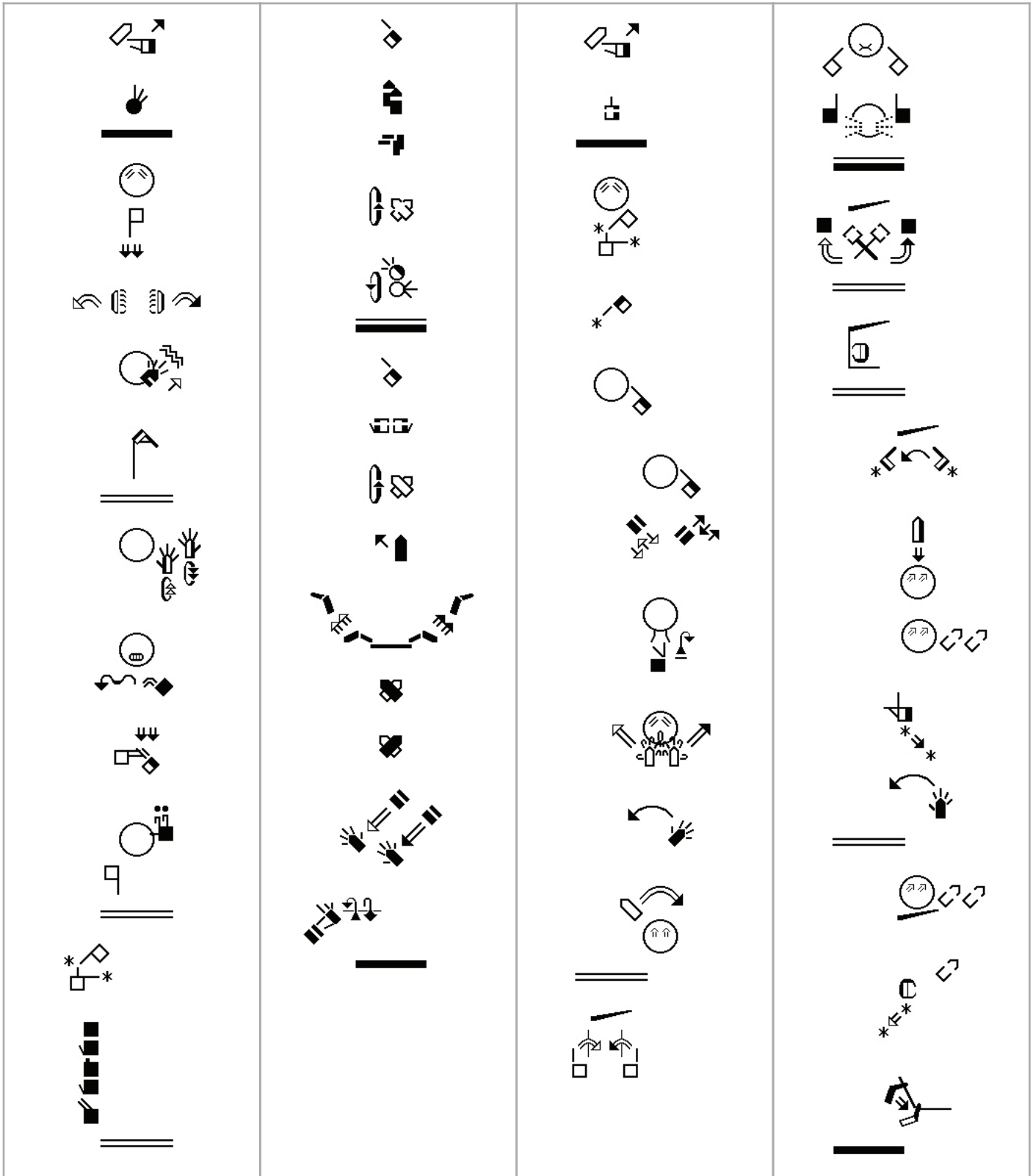


Verse 5. She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. Verse 6. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

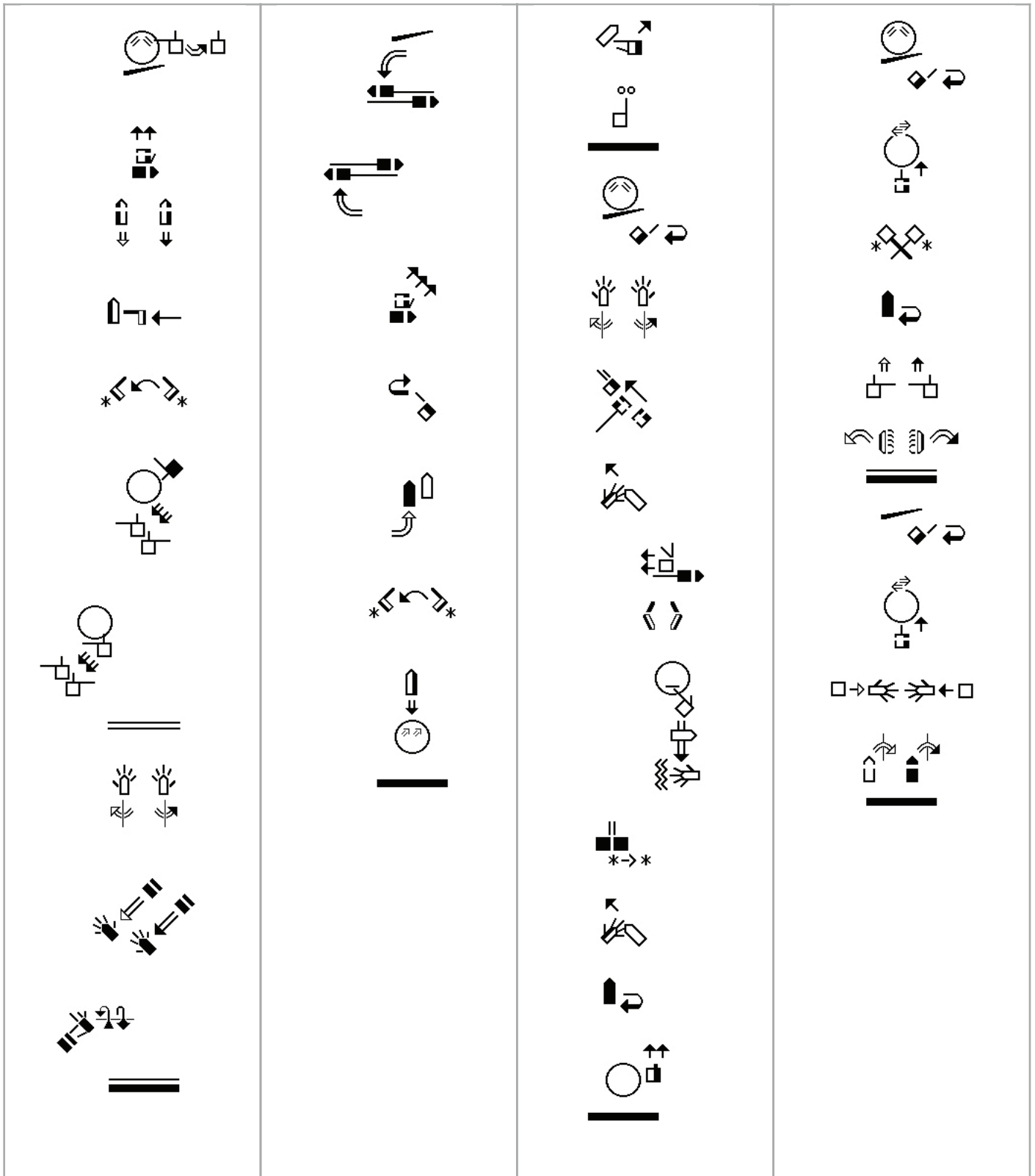


Verse 7. Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. Verse 8. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven.

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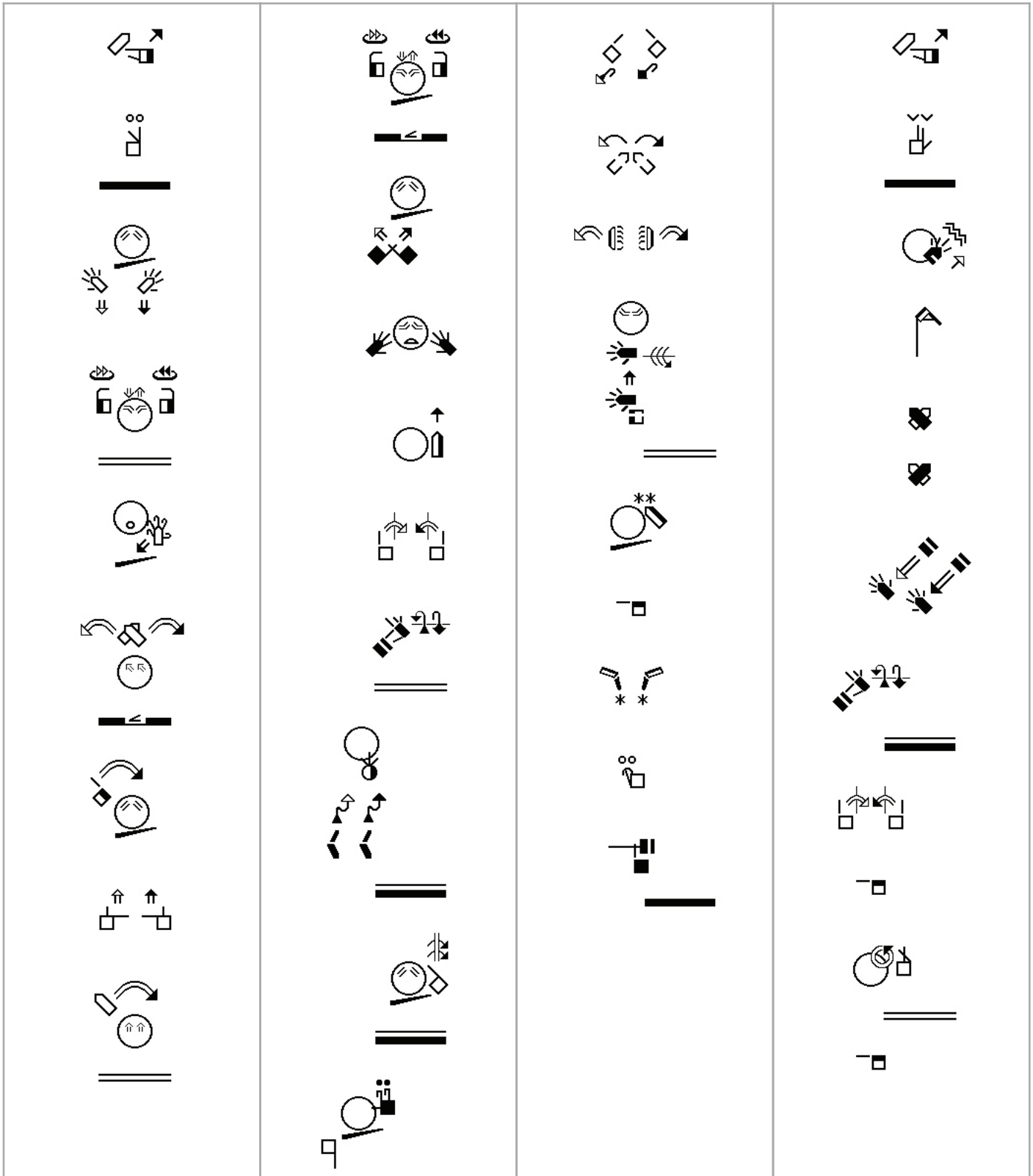
Verse 9. This great dragon -- the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world -- was thrown down to the earth with all his angels. Verse 10. Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last -- salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. NLT



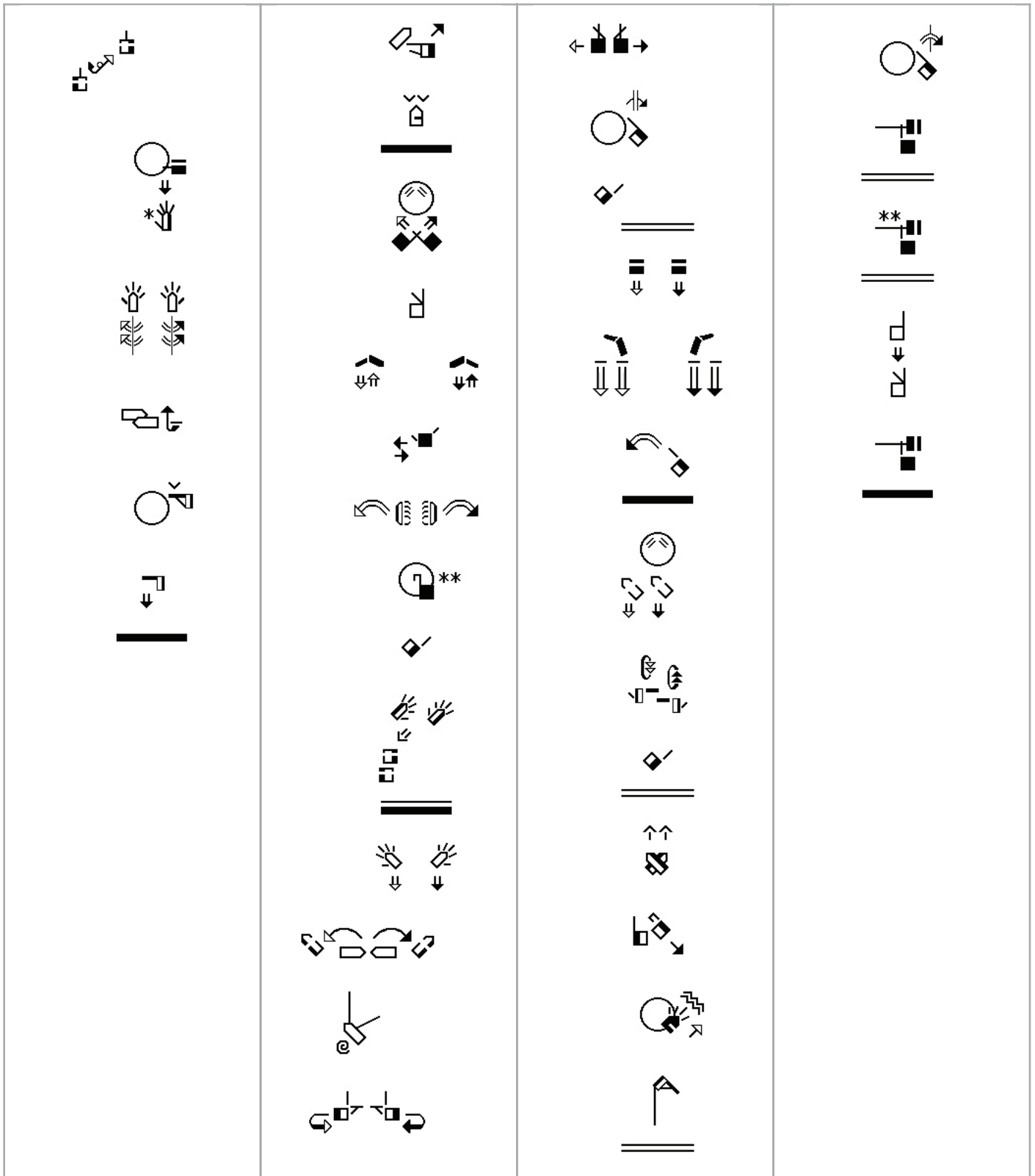
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth -- the one who accuses them before our God day and night. Verse 11. And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

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Revelation 12:12-13



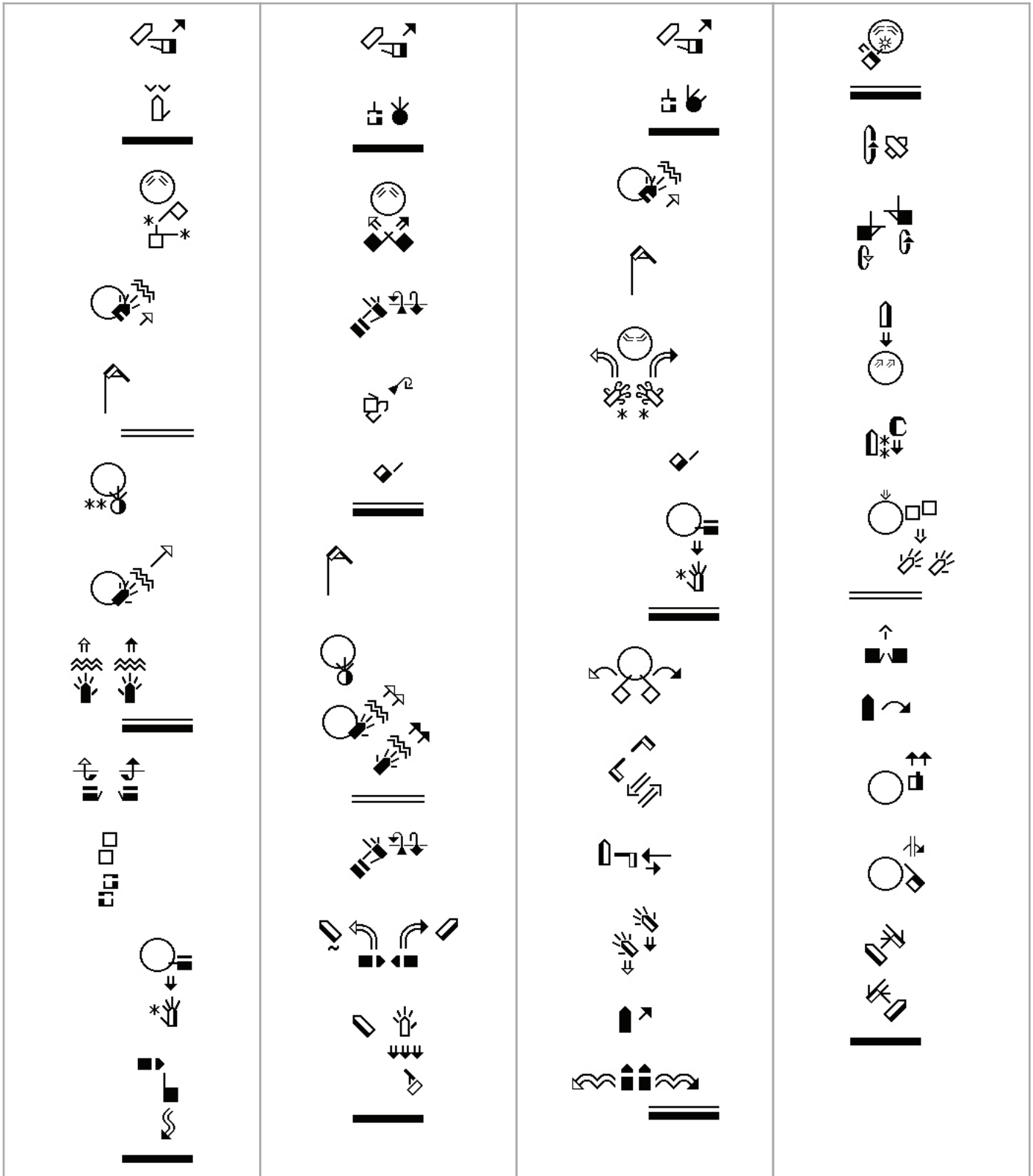
Verse 12. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time." Verse 13. When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he



pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. Verse 14. But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.

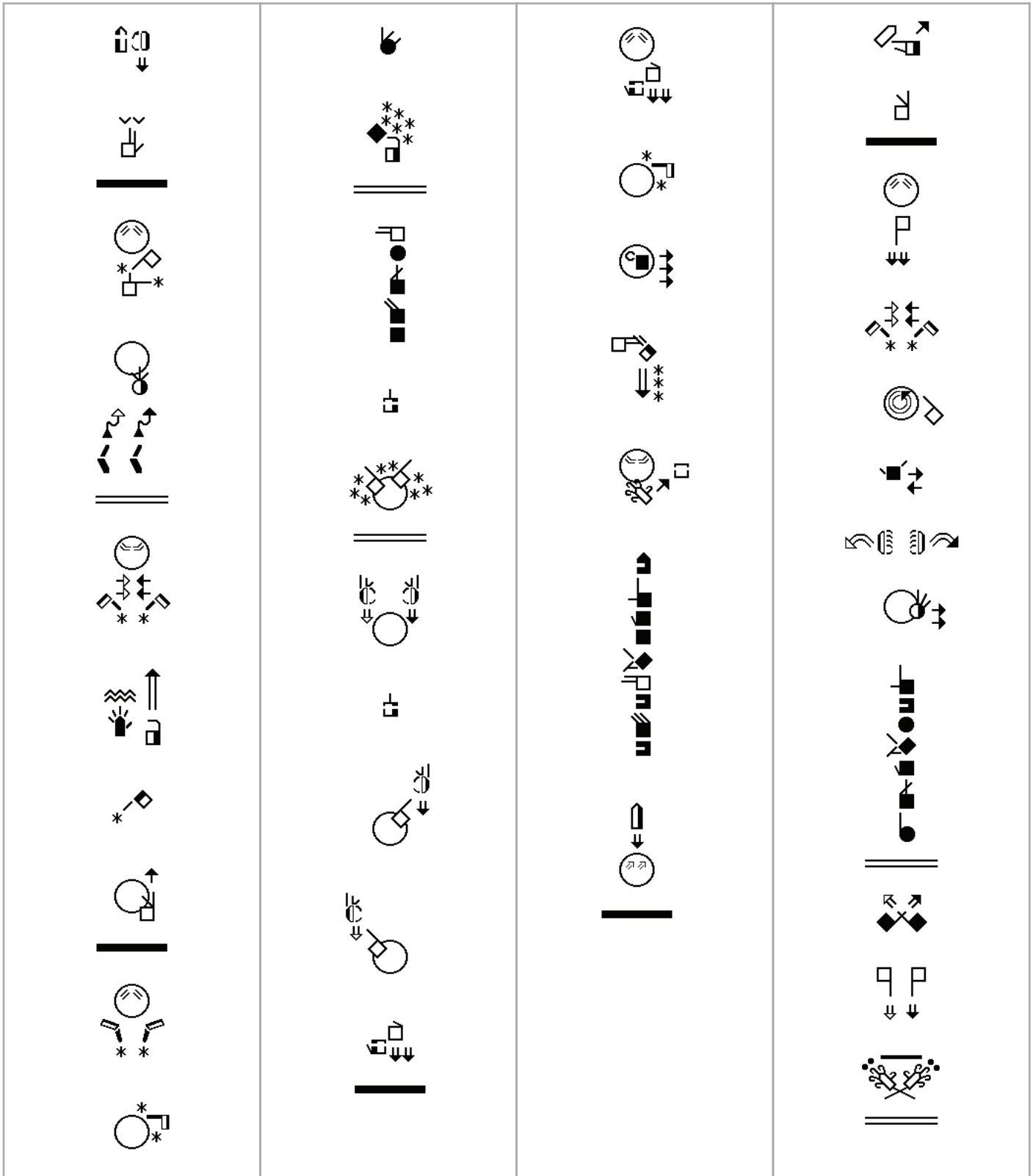
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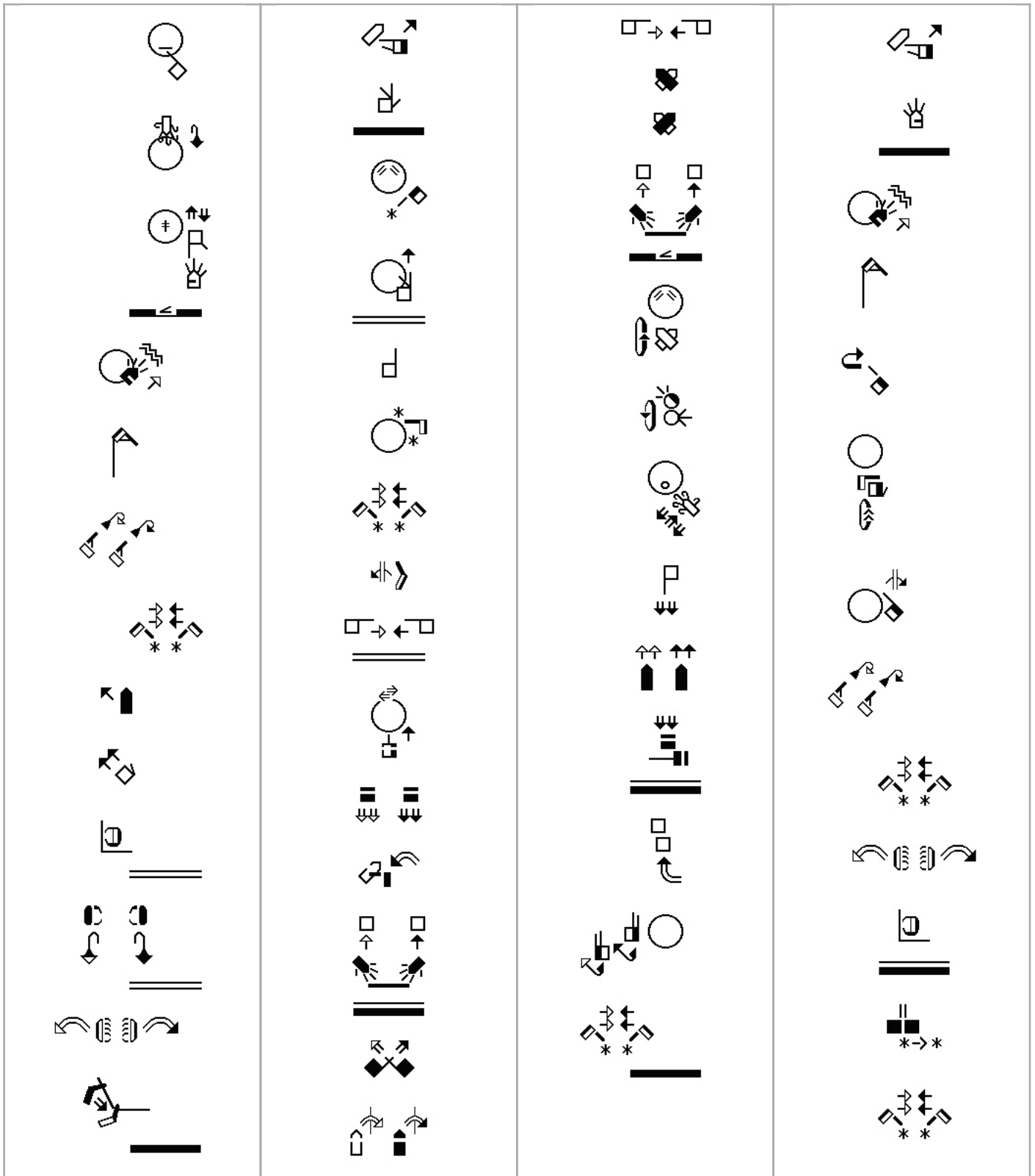


Verse 15. Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. Verse 16. But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. Verse 17. And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children -- all who keep God's commands and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

Revelation 13:1-2



Chapter 13. Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. Verse 2. This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear NLT



and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority. Verse 3. I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery --but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. Verse 4. They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and

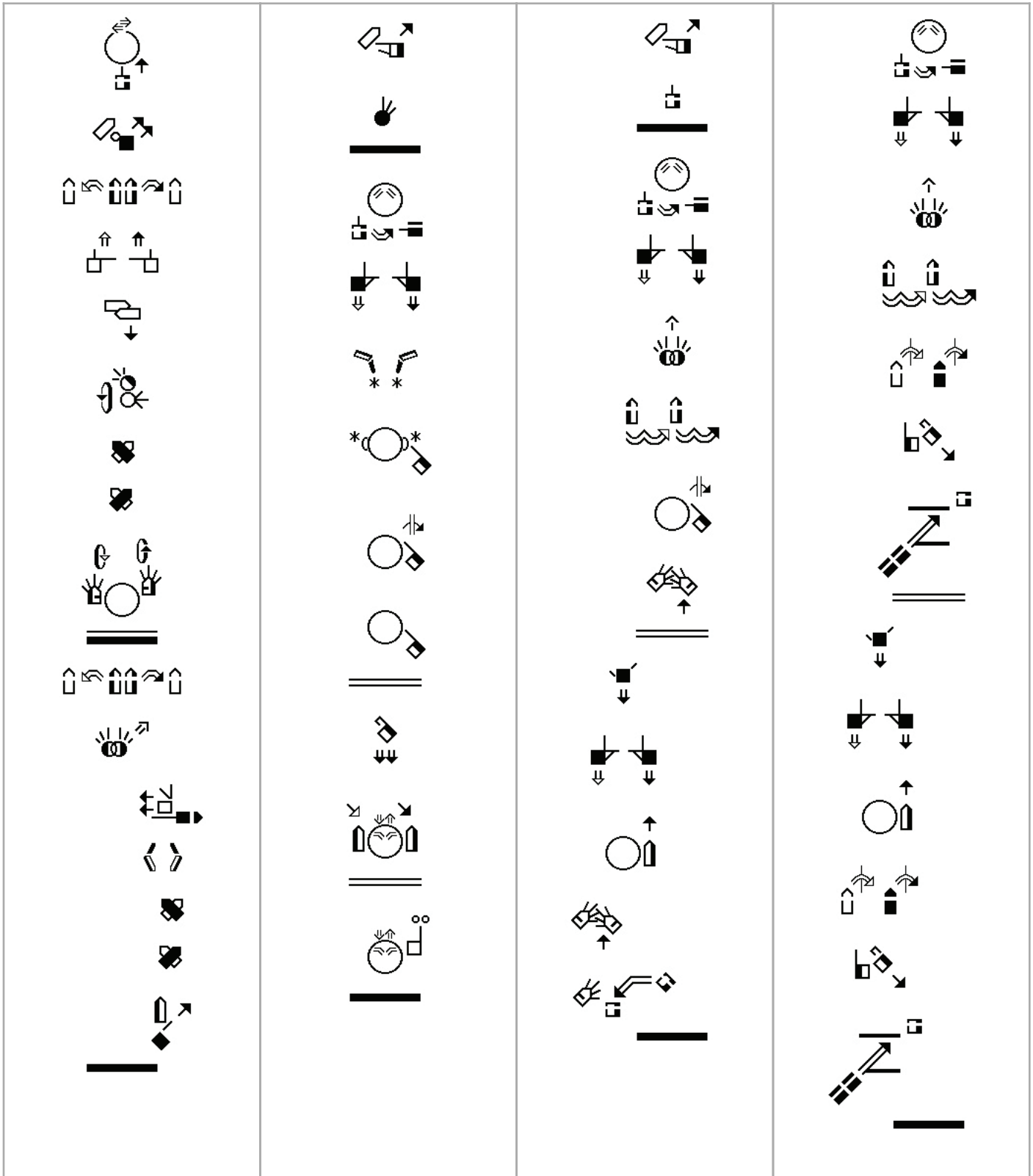
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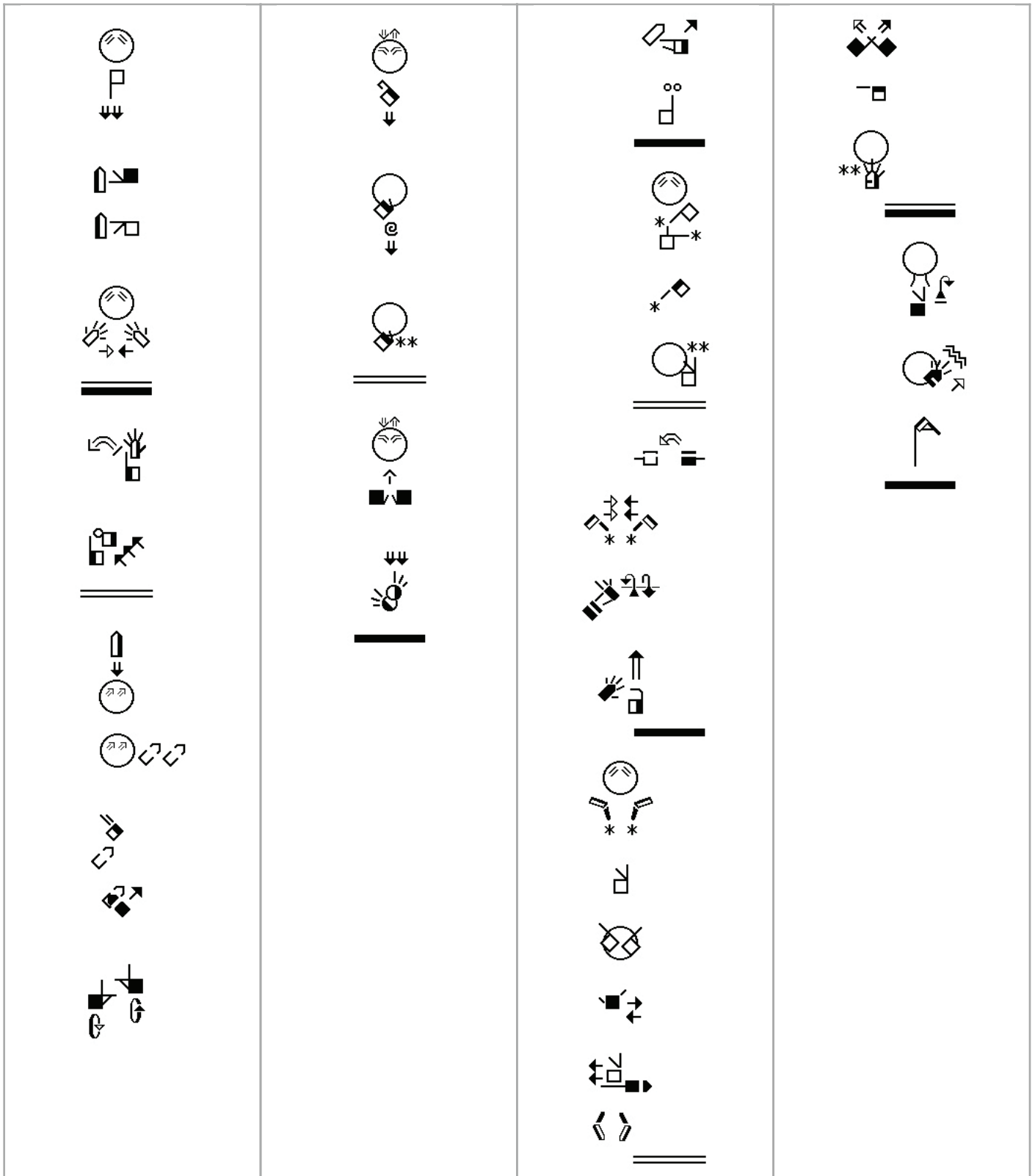
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they also worshiped the beast. "Who is as great as the beast?" they exclaimed. "Who is able to fight against him?" Verse 5. Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. Verse 6. And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering

Revelation 13:8-10

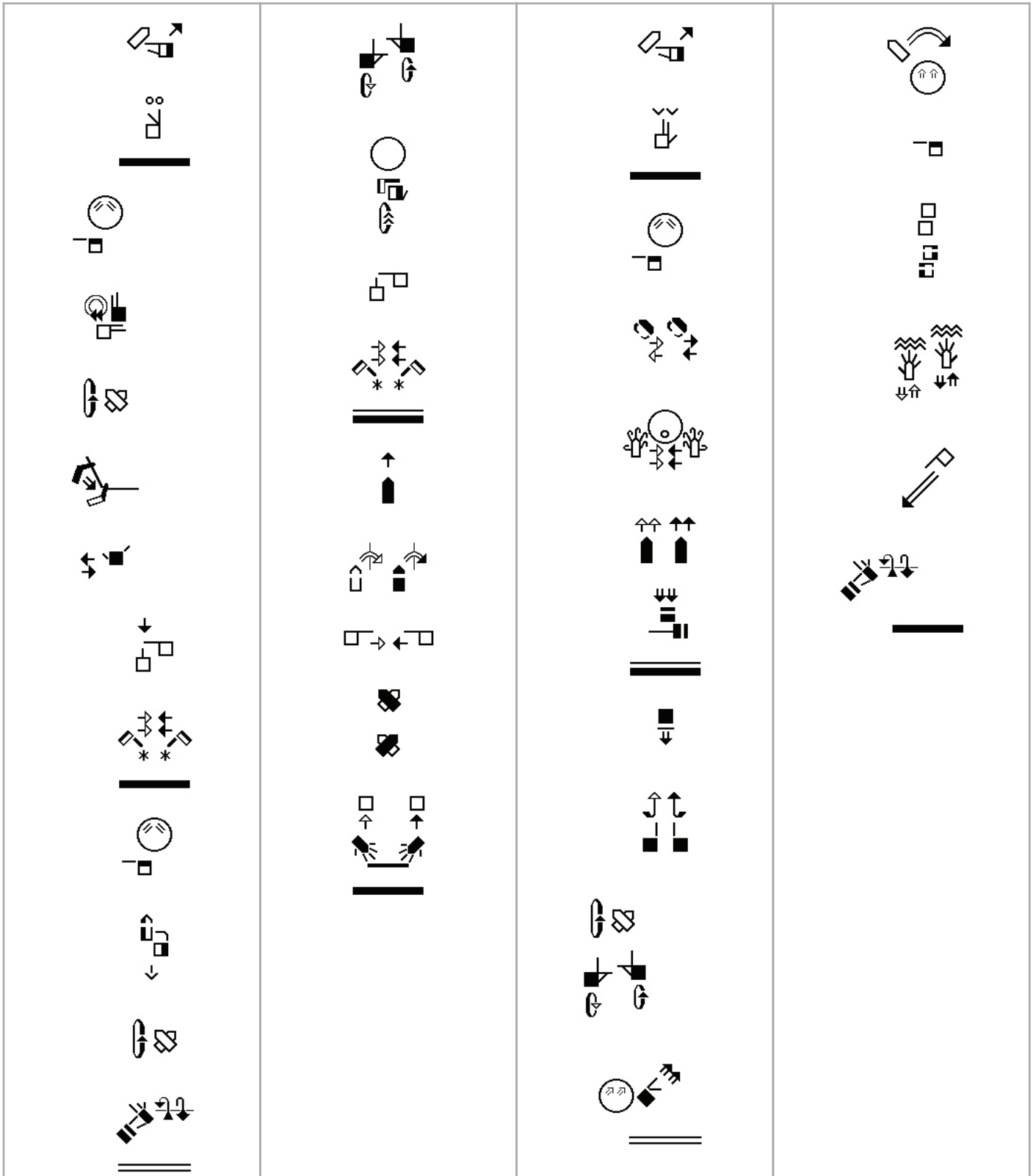


were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made -- the Book that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered. Verse 9. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand. Verse 10. Anyone who is destined for prison will be taken to prison. Anyone destined to die by the sword will die by the sword.



This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful. Verse 11. Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon.

Revelation 13:12-13



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Verse 12. He exercised all the authority of the first beast. And he required all the earth and its people to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. Verse 13. He did astounding miracles, even making fire flash down to earth from the sky while everyone was watching. NLT

Revelation 13:15-17

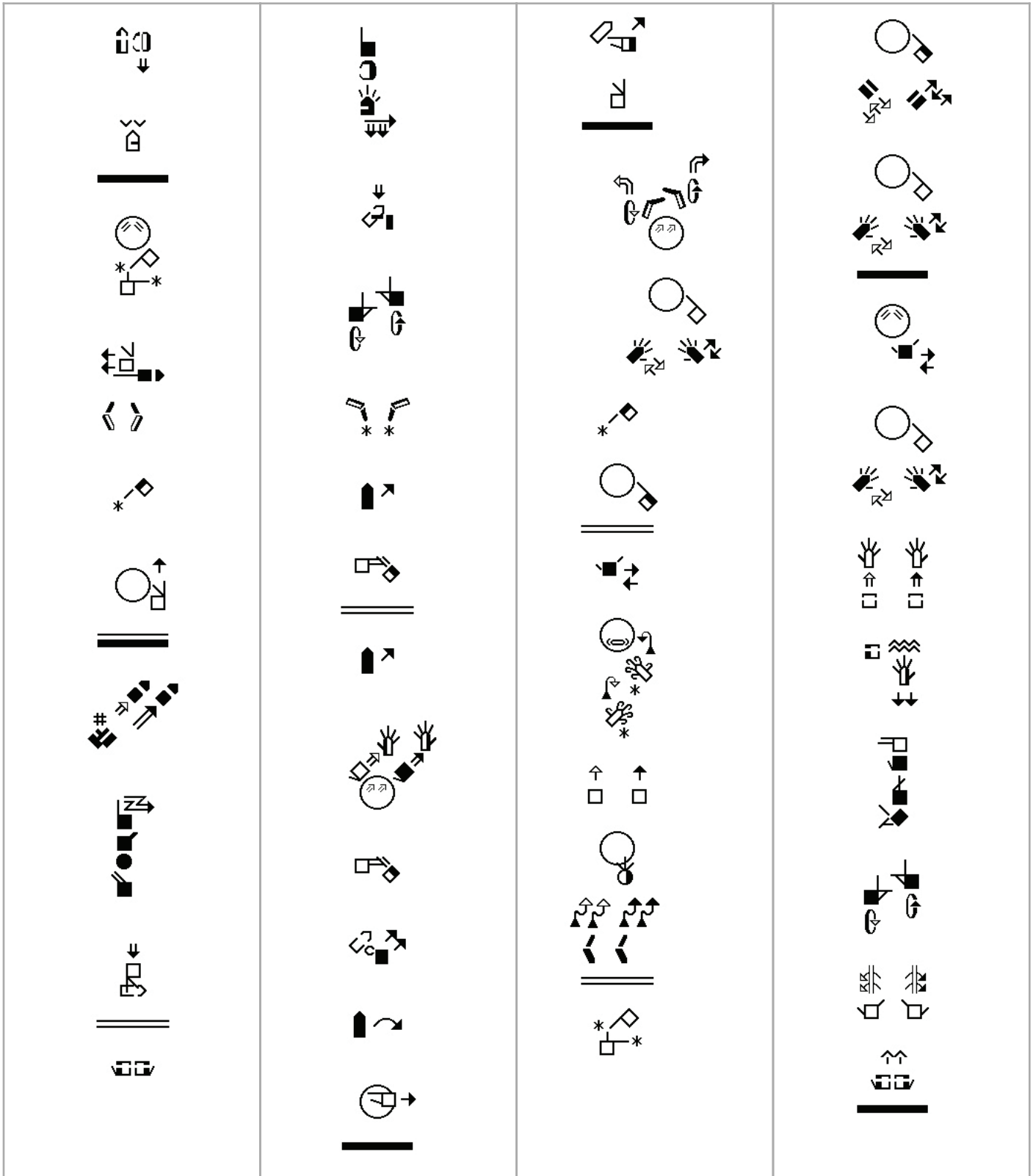
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Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die. Verse 16. He required everyone -- small and great, rich and poor, free and slave -- to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. Verse 17. And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark,

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which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name. Verse 18. Wisdom is needed here. Let the one with understanding solve the meaning of the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666. NLT

Revelation 14:1-2

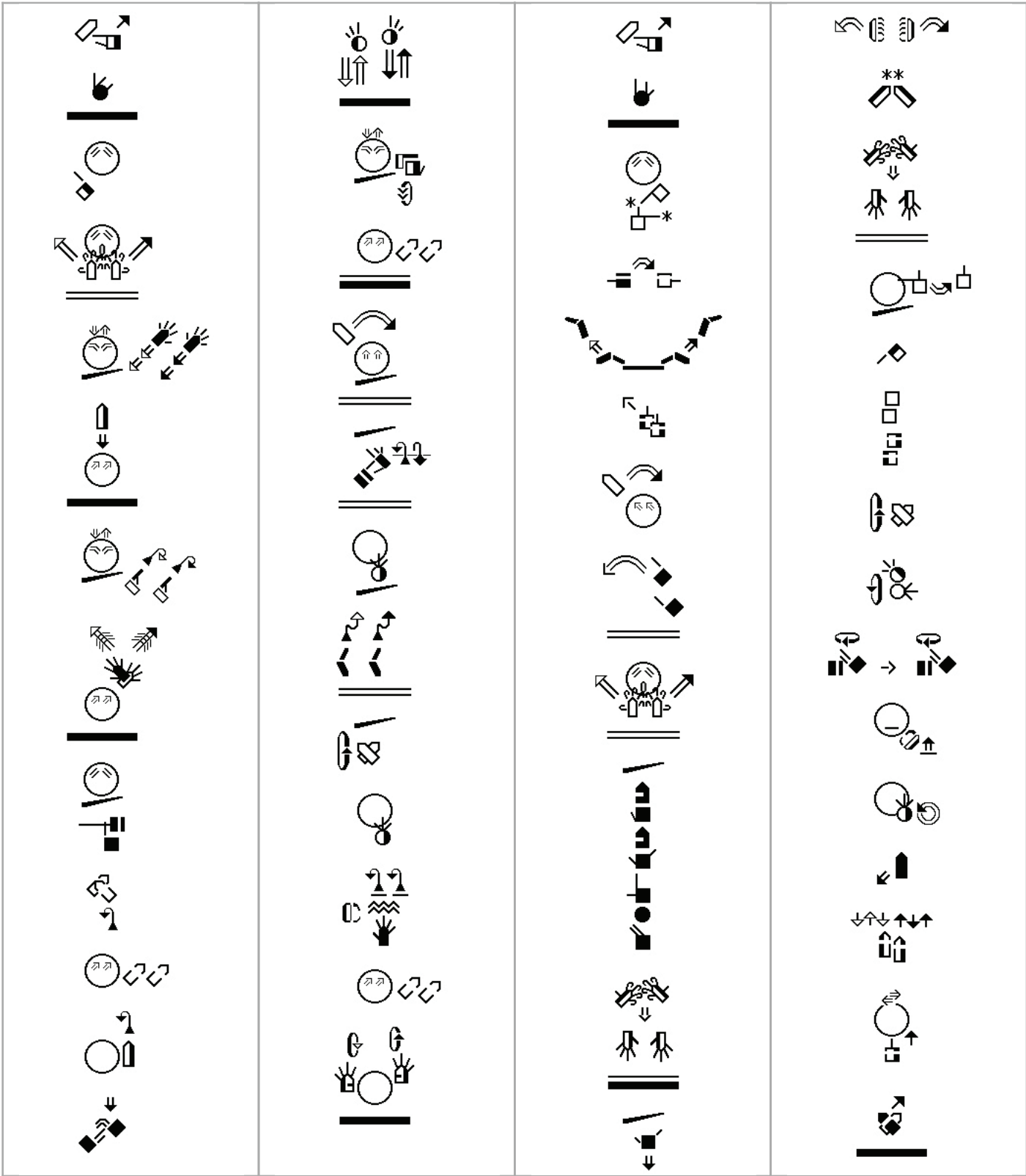


Chapter 14. Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Verse 2. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together. NLT

Revelation 14:4-6

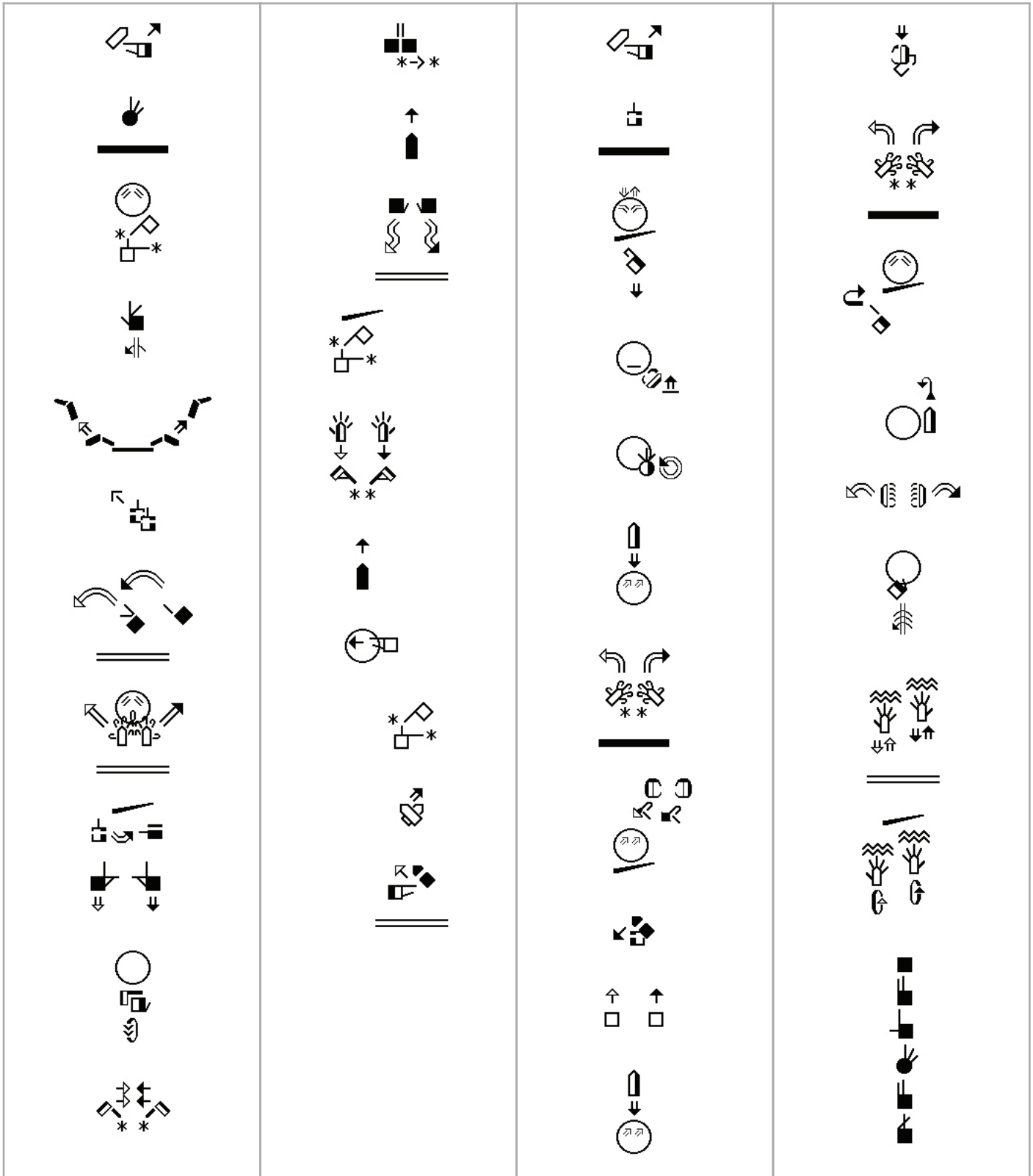
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They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb. Verse 5. They have told no lies; they are without blame. Verse 6. And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world -- to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

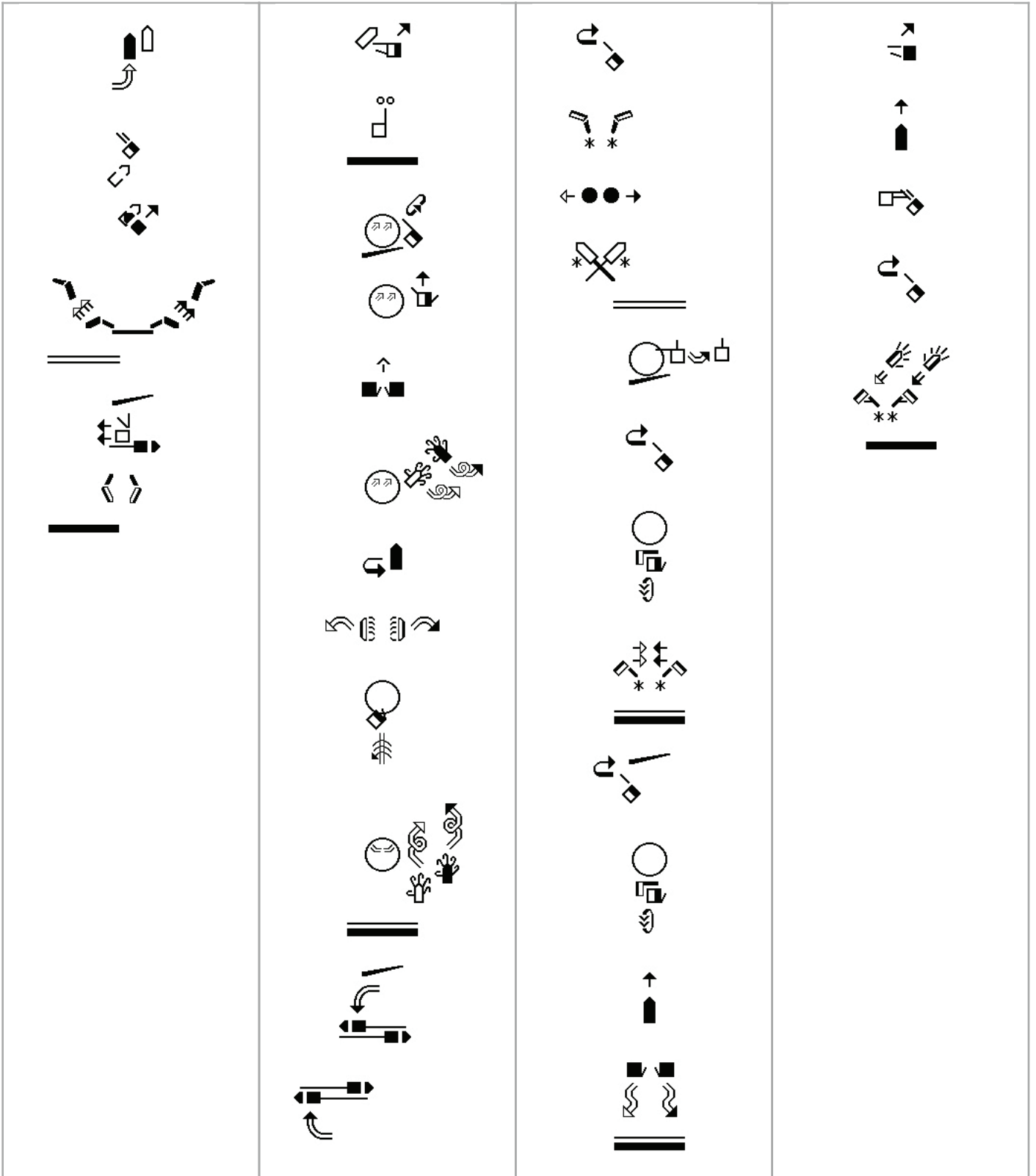


Verse 7. "Fear God," he shouted. "Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water." Verse 8. Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, "Babylon is fallen -- that great city is fallen -- because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality." NLT

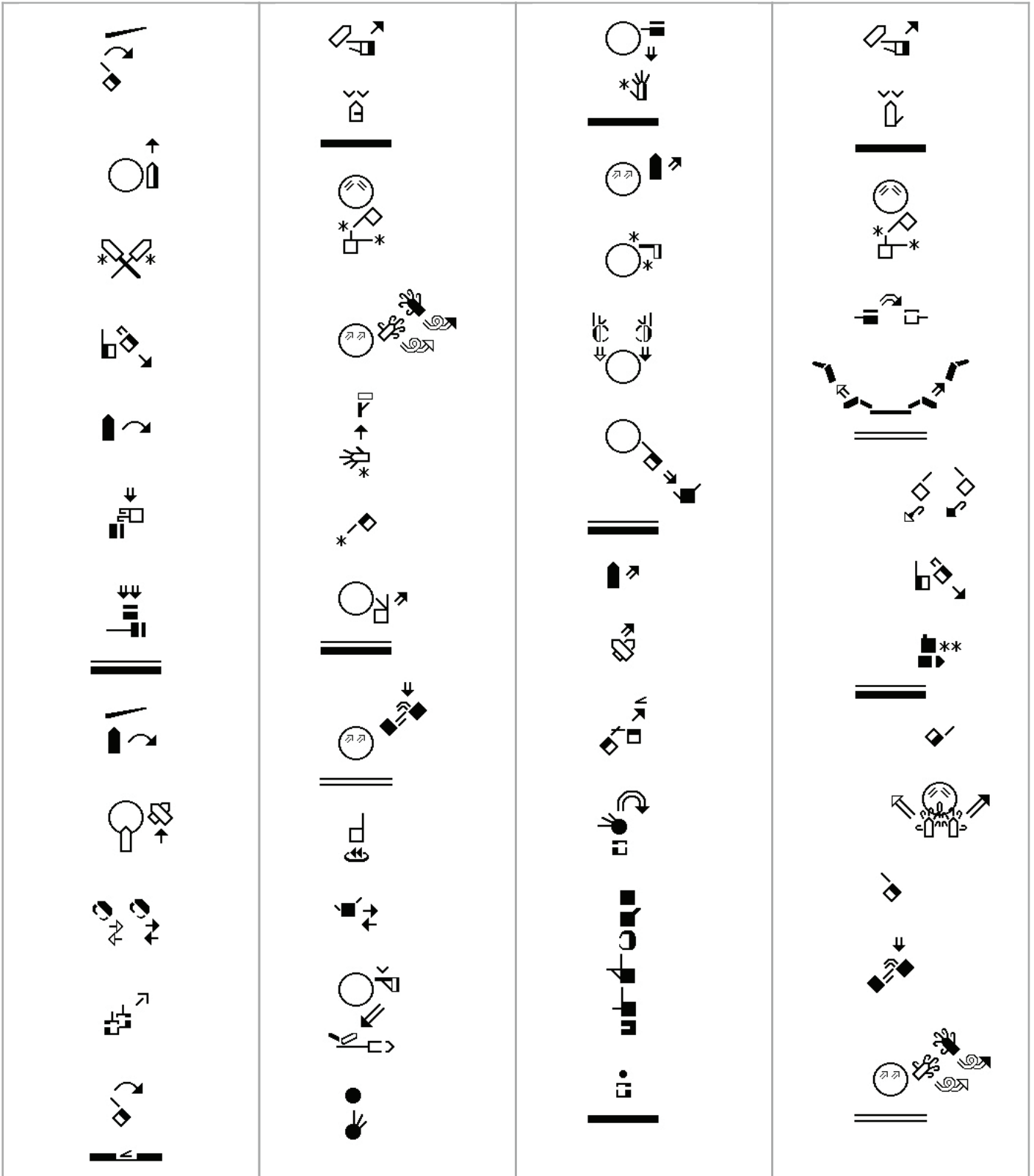
Revelation 14:9-10



Verse 9. Then a third angel followed them, shouting, "Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand Verse 10. must drink the wine of God's anger. It has been poured full strength into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur NLT

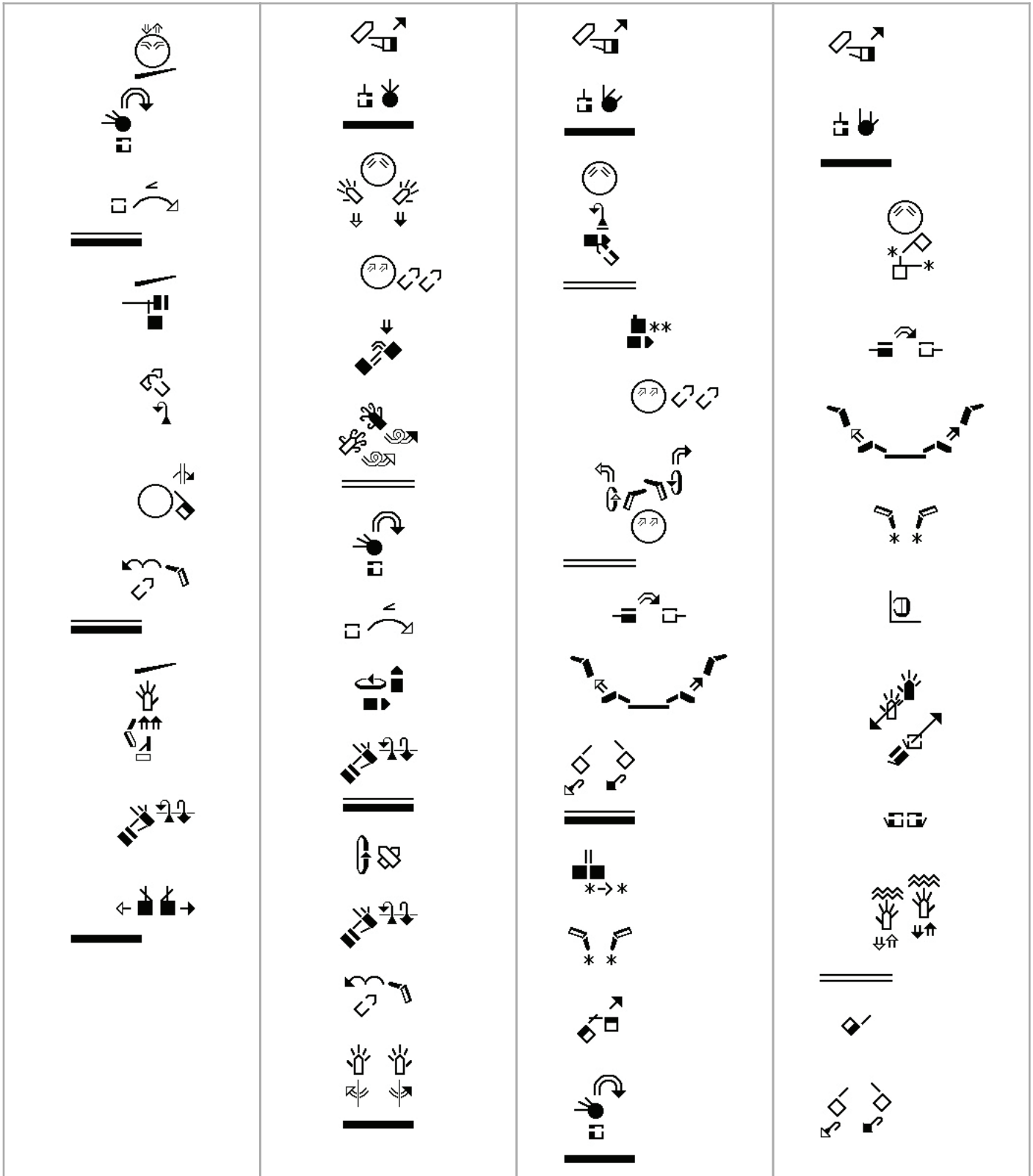


in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. Verse 11. The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name." NLT

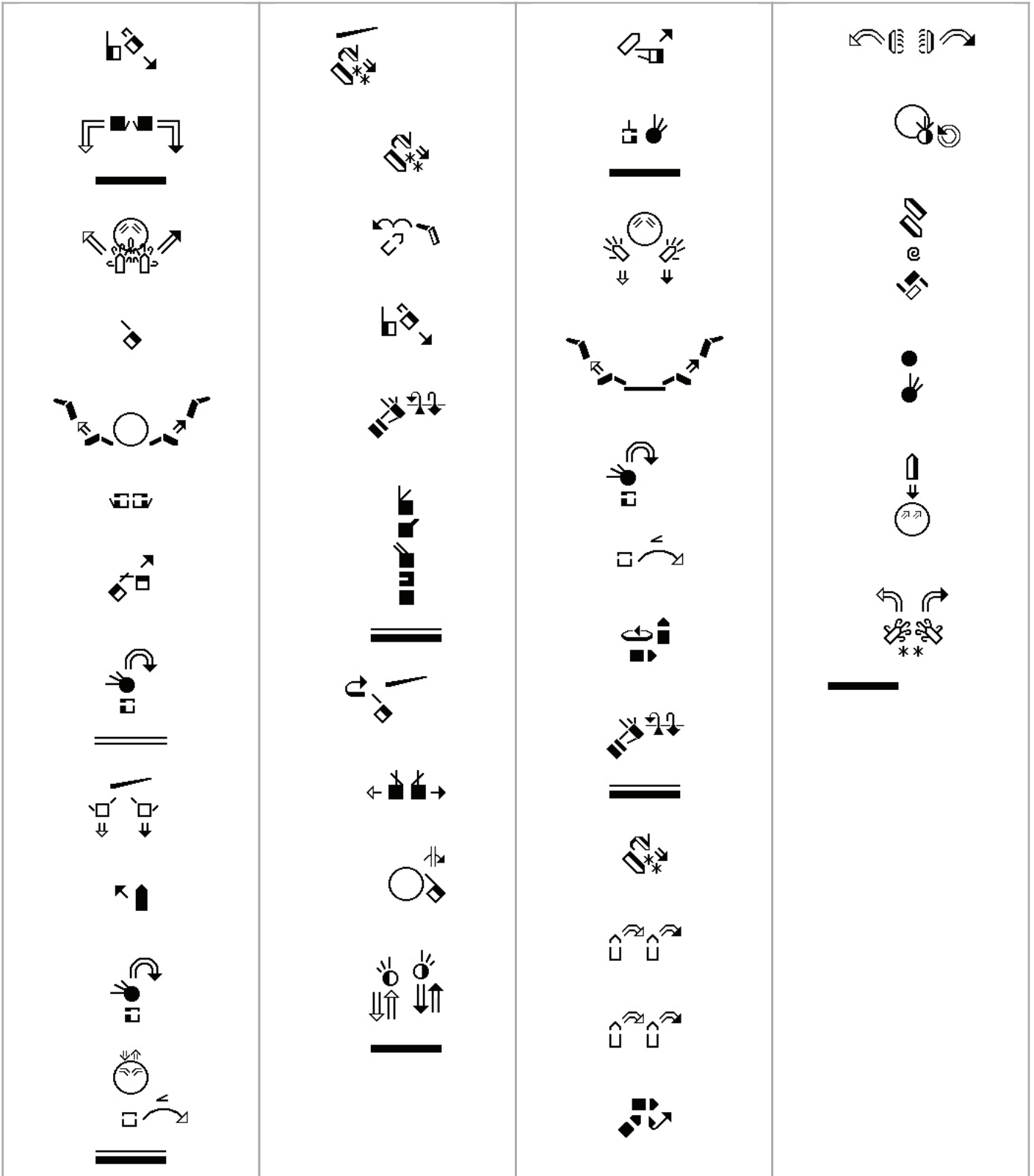


for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!" Verse 14. Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Verse 15. Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud,

Revelation 14:15-18



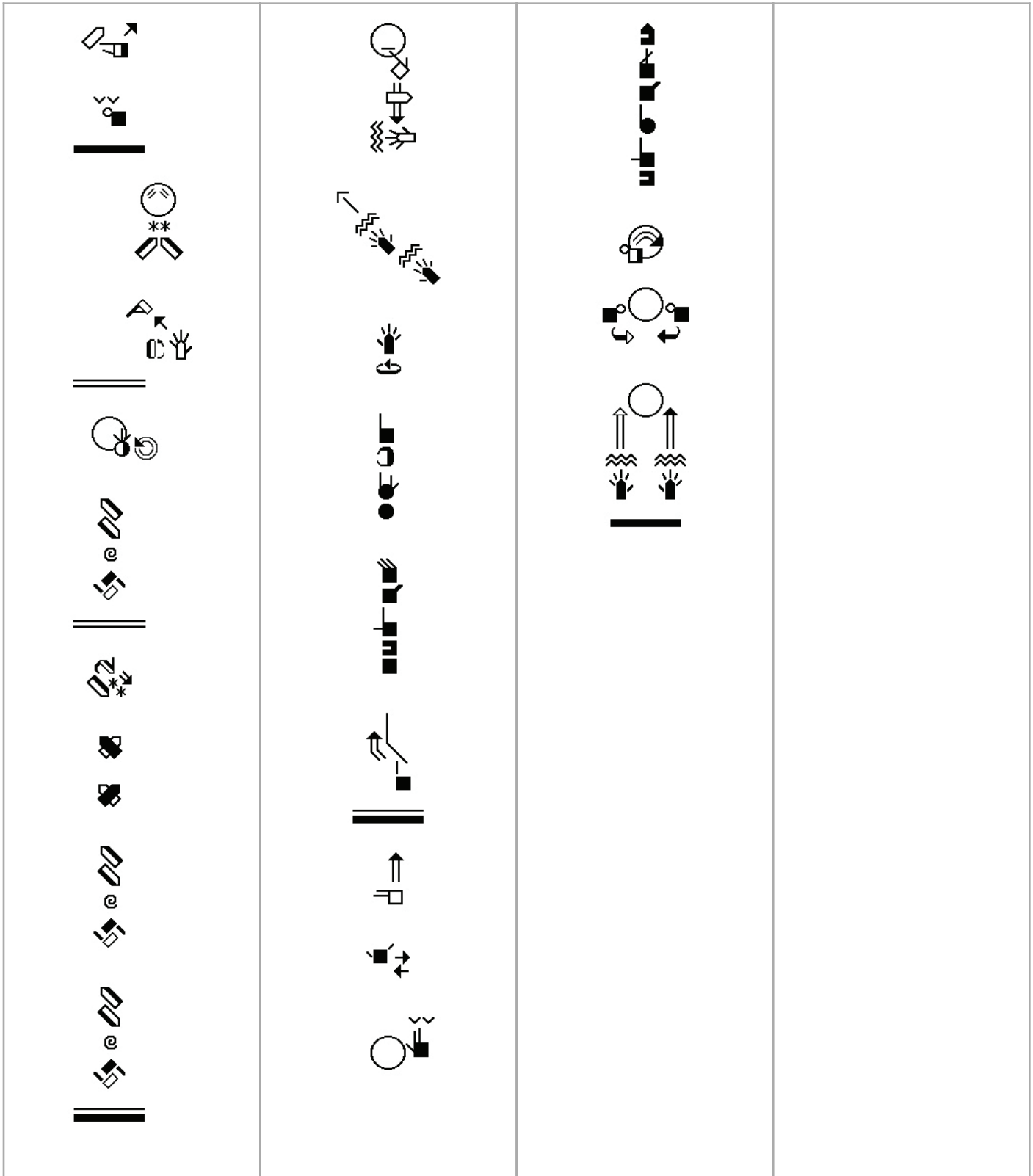
"Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe." Verse 16. So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested. Verse 17. After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Verse 18. Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came NLT

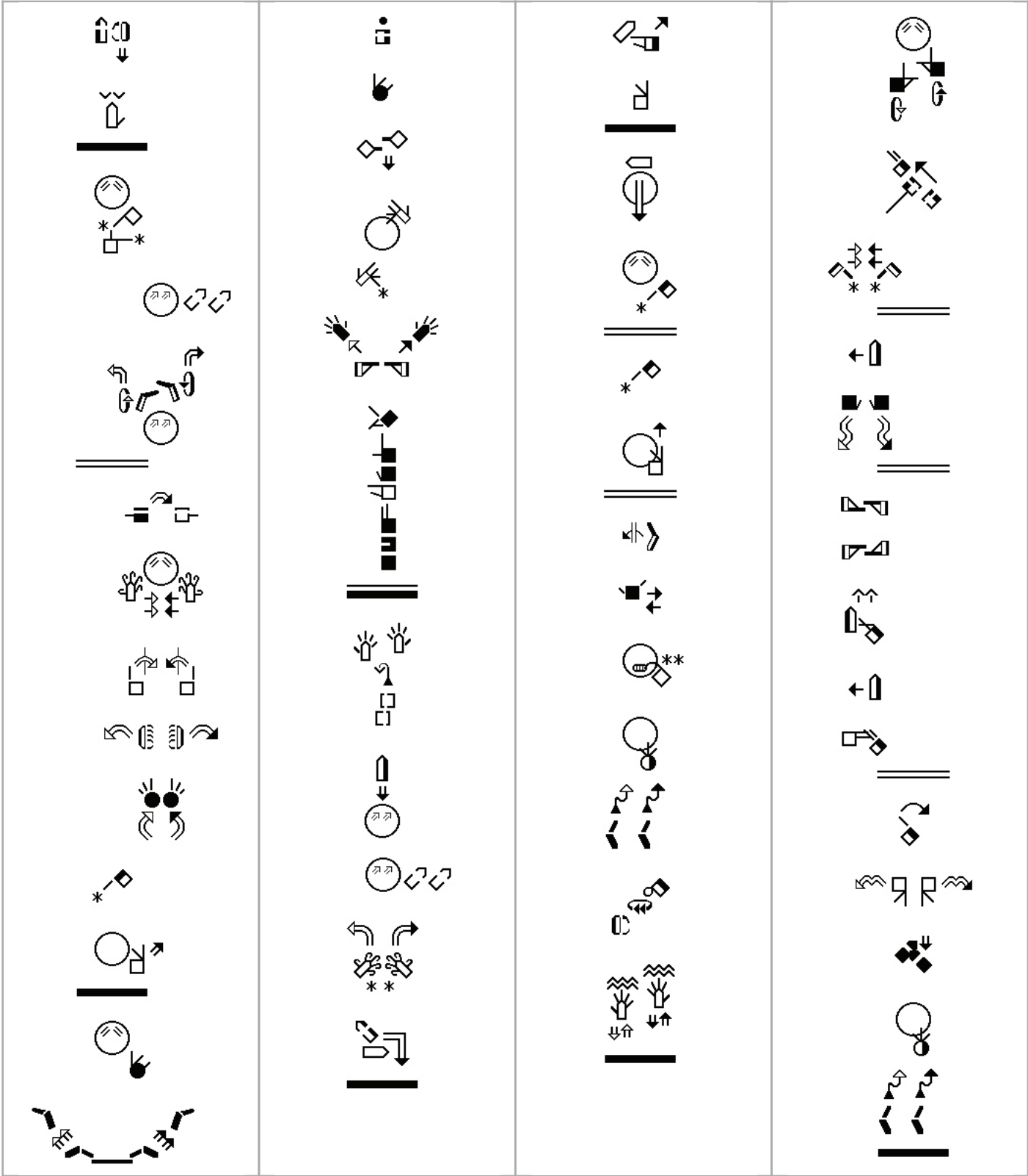


from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment." Verse 19. So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath.

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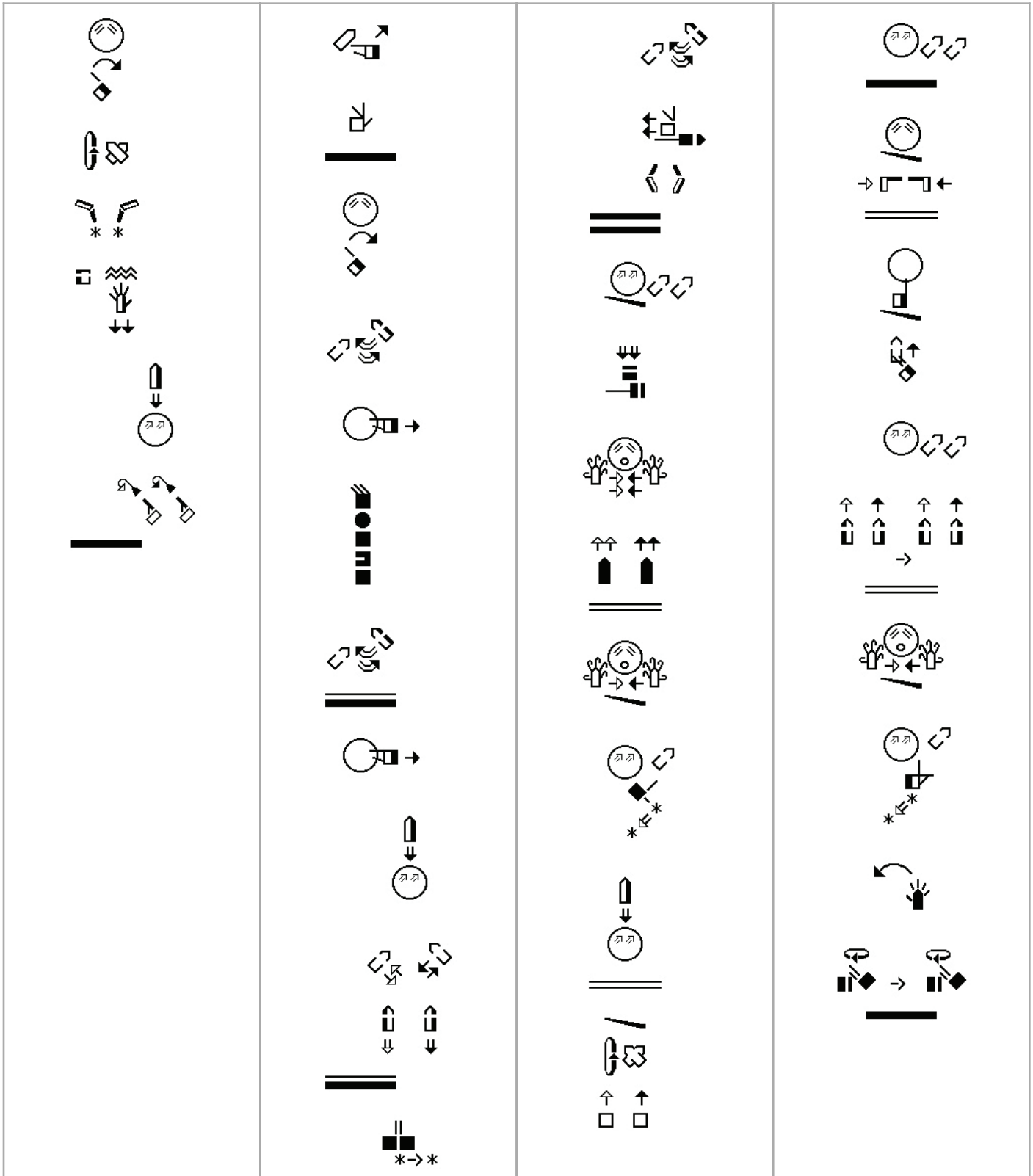
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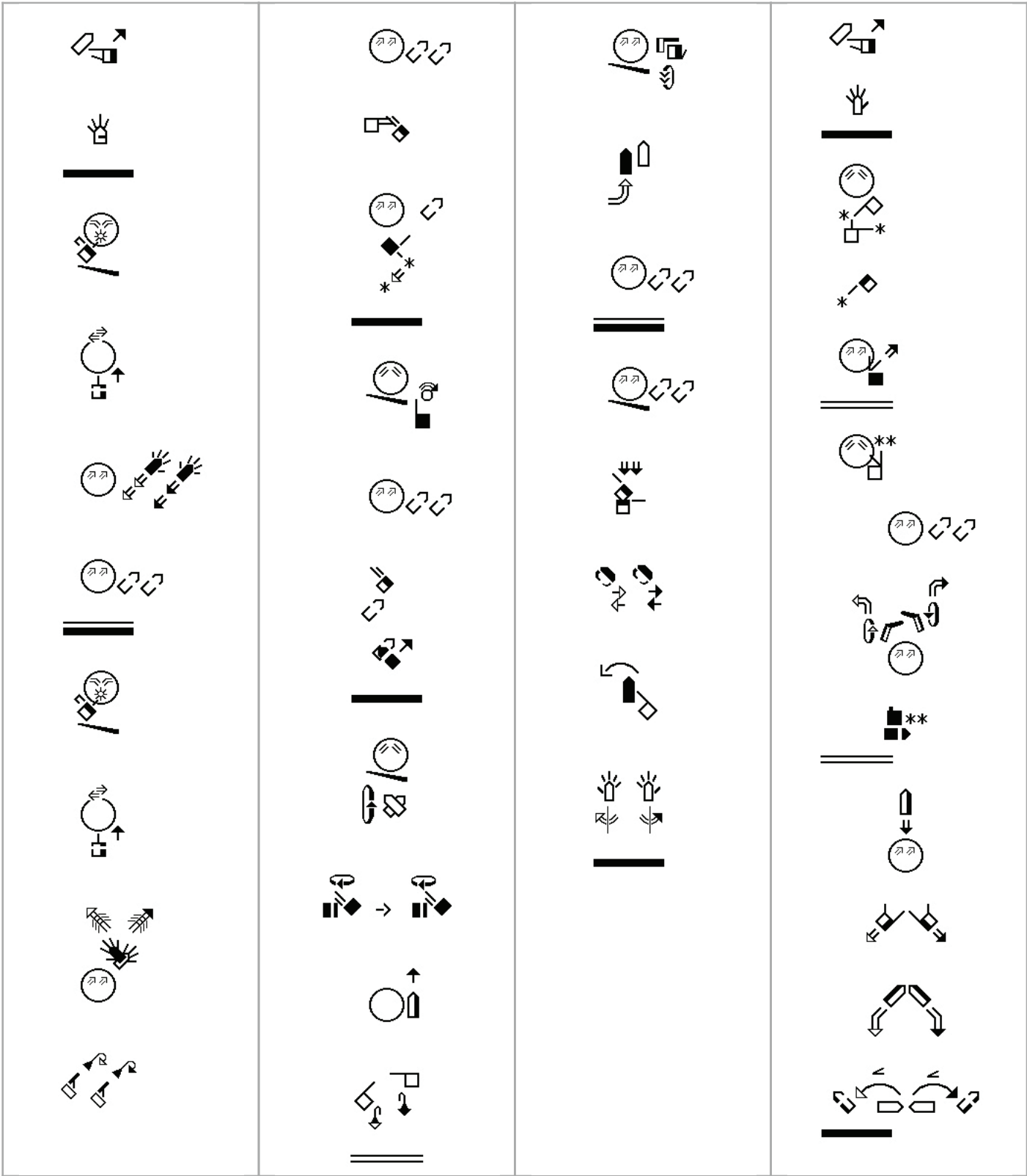


Chapter 15. Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God's wrath to completion. Verse 2. I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. NLT

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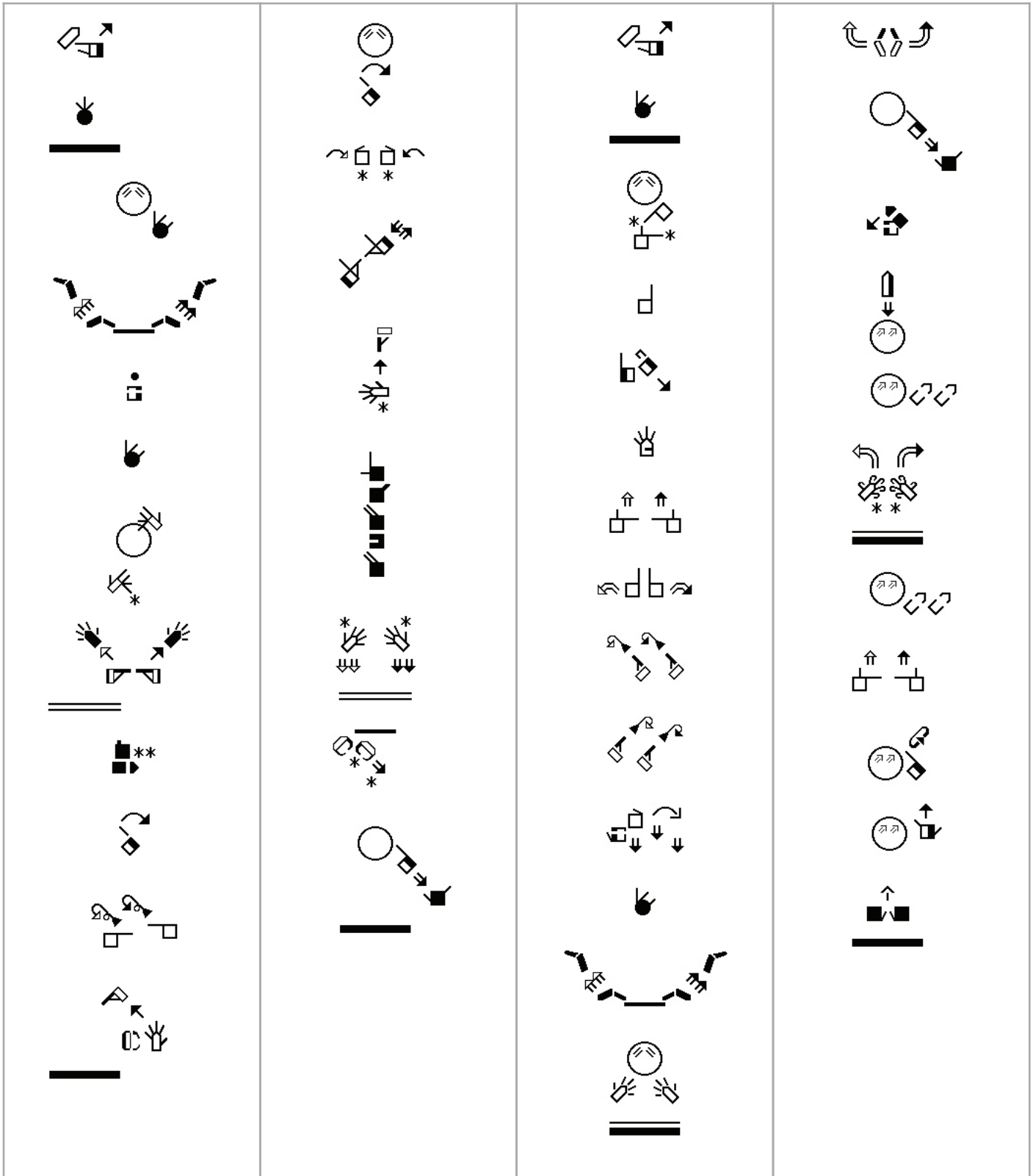


They were all holding harps that God had given them. Verse 3. And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. NLT

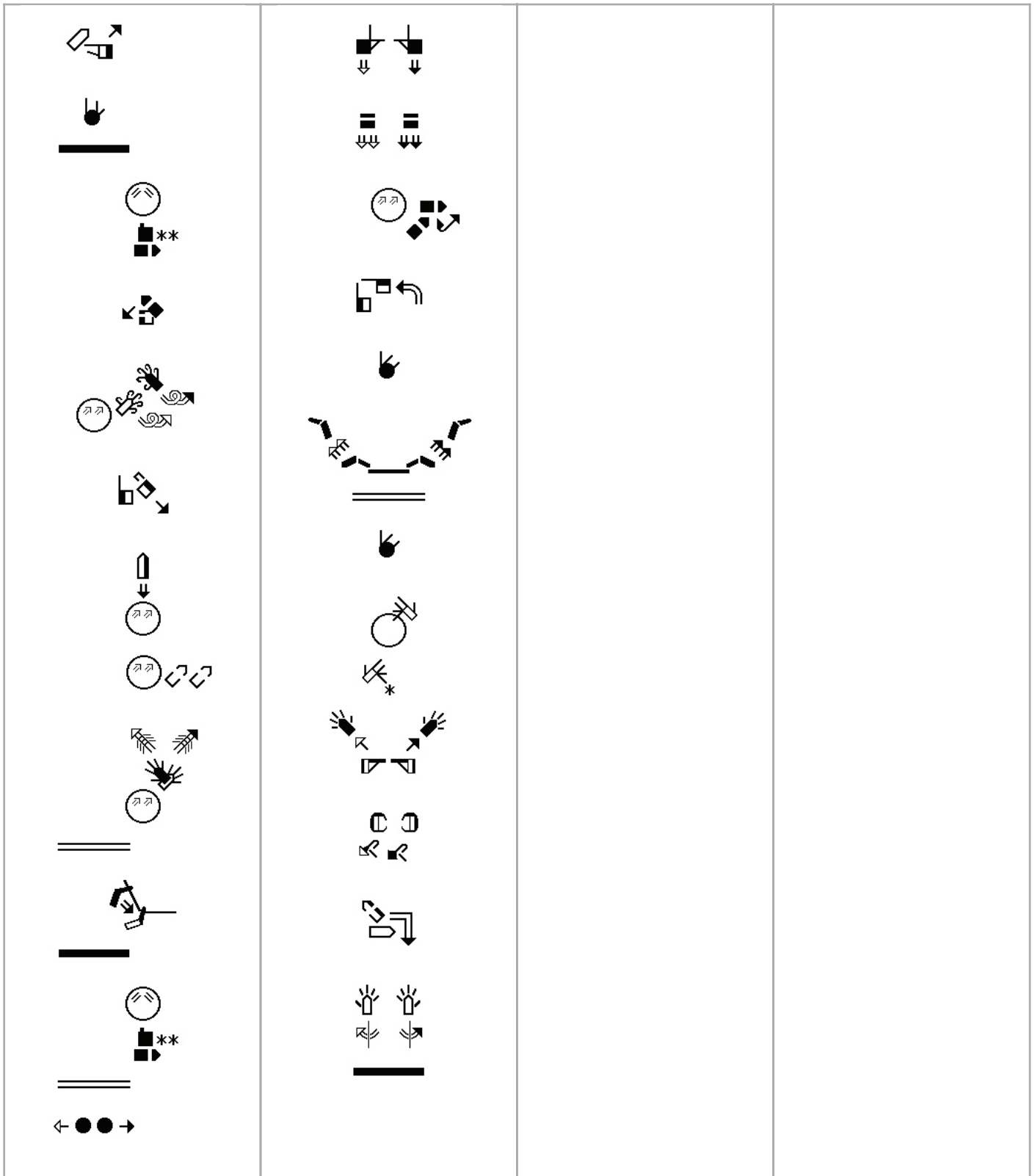


Verse 4. Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed."
 Verse 5. Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God's Tabernacle, was thrown wide open.
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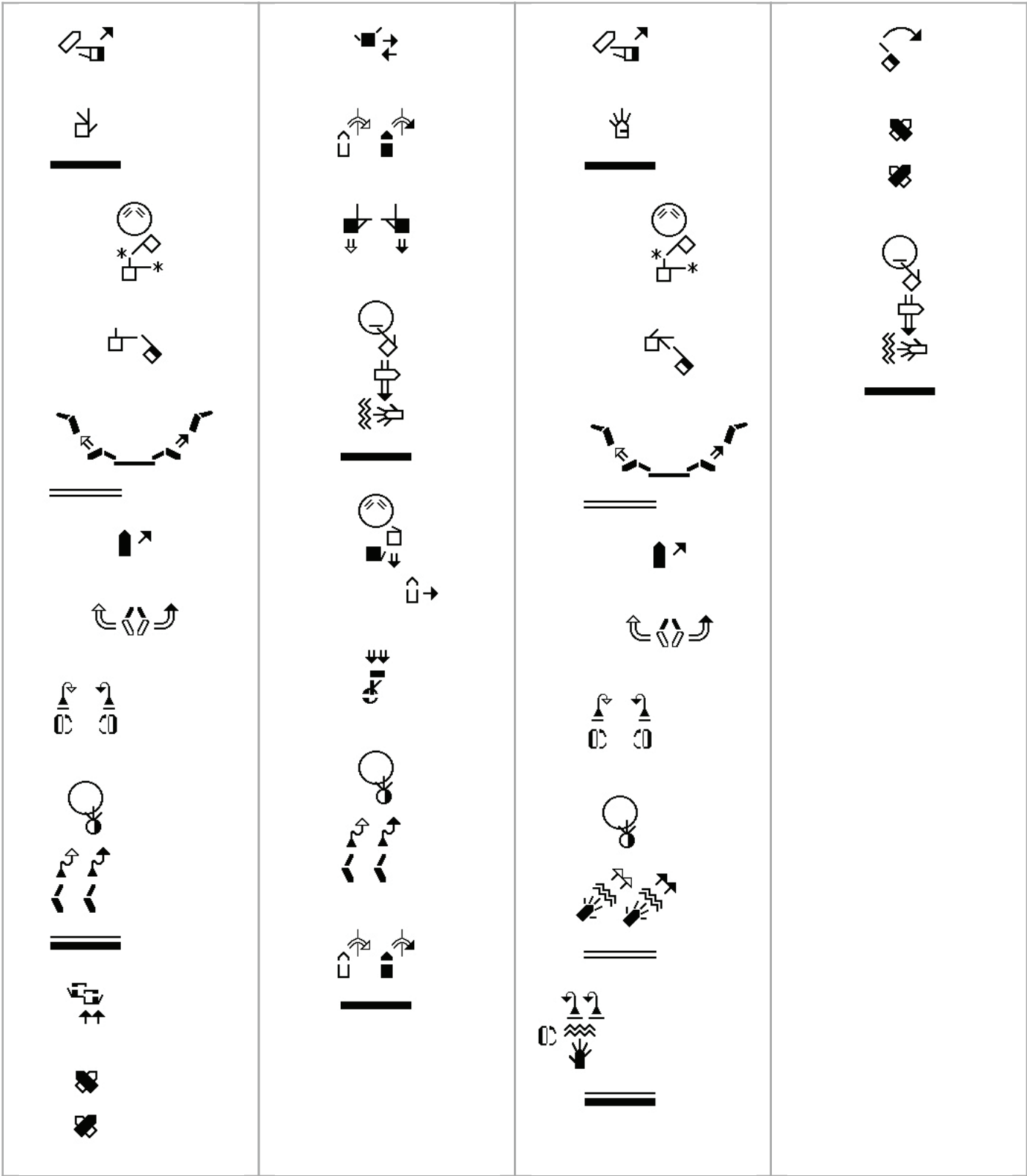
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Verse 6. The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. Verse 7. Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

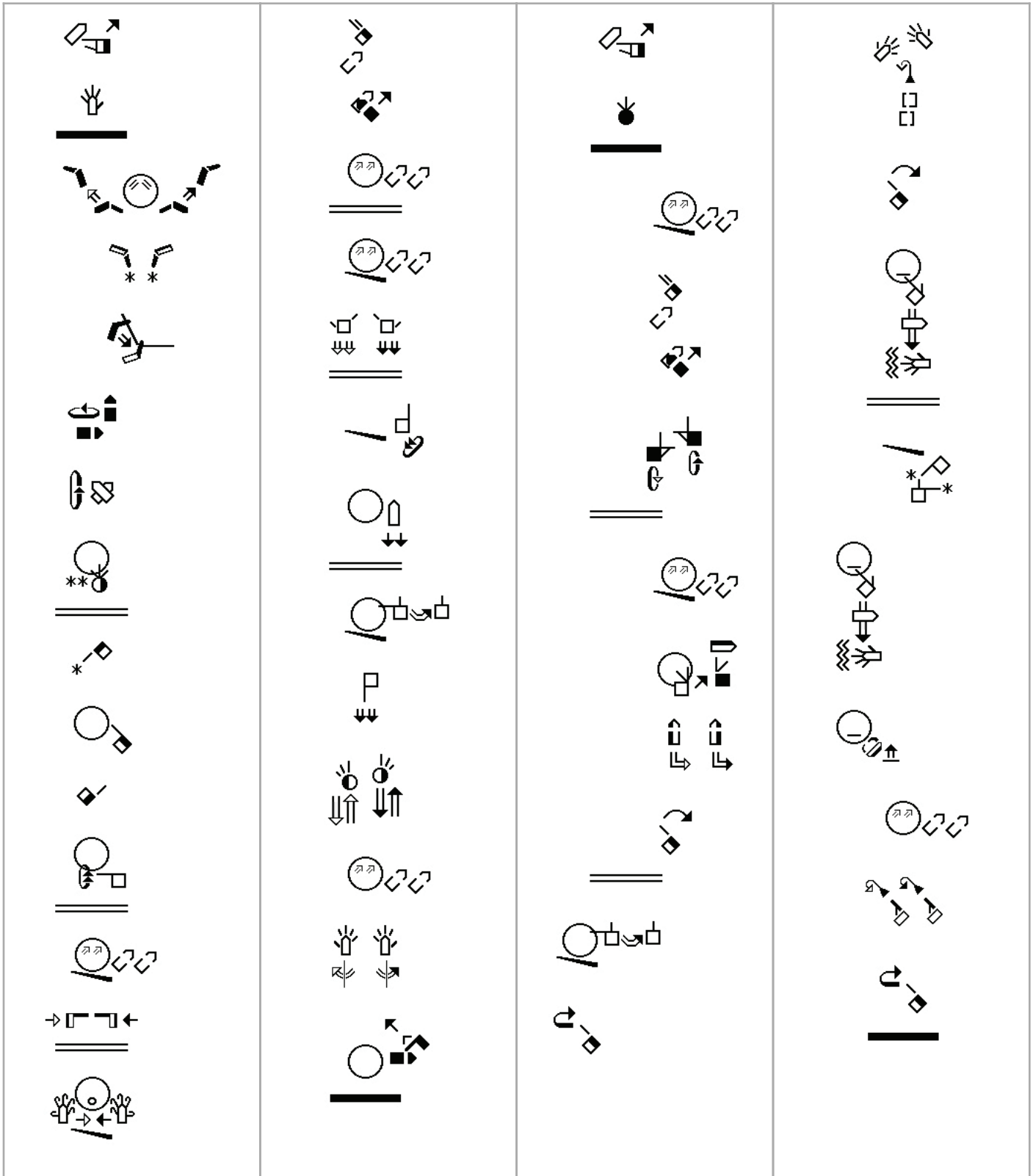


Verse 8. The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues. NLT

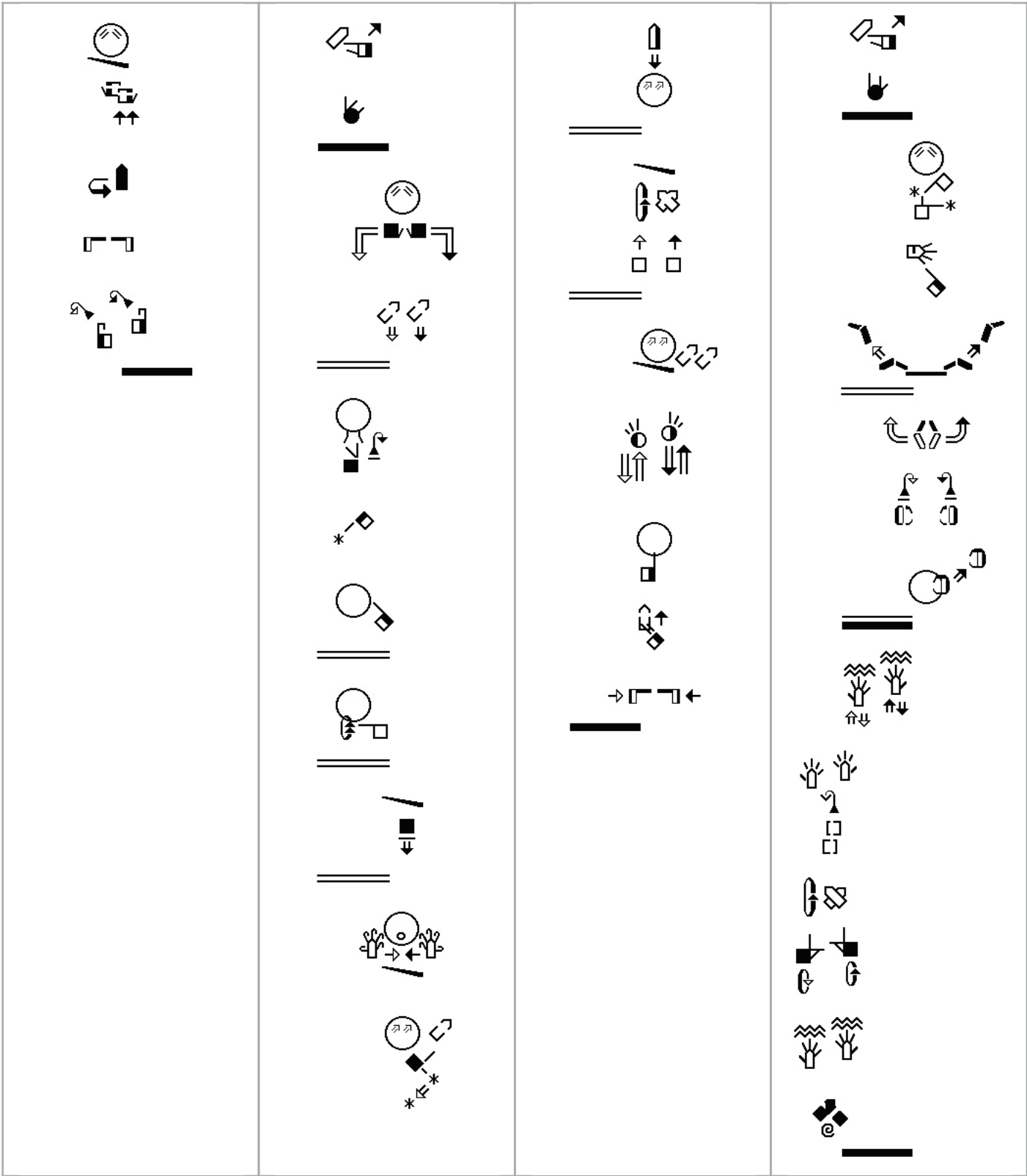


Verse 3. Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died. Verse 4. Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood. NLT

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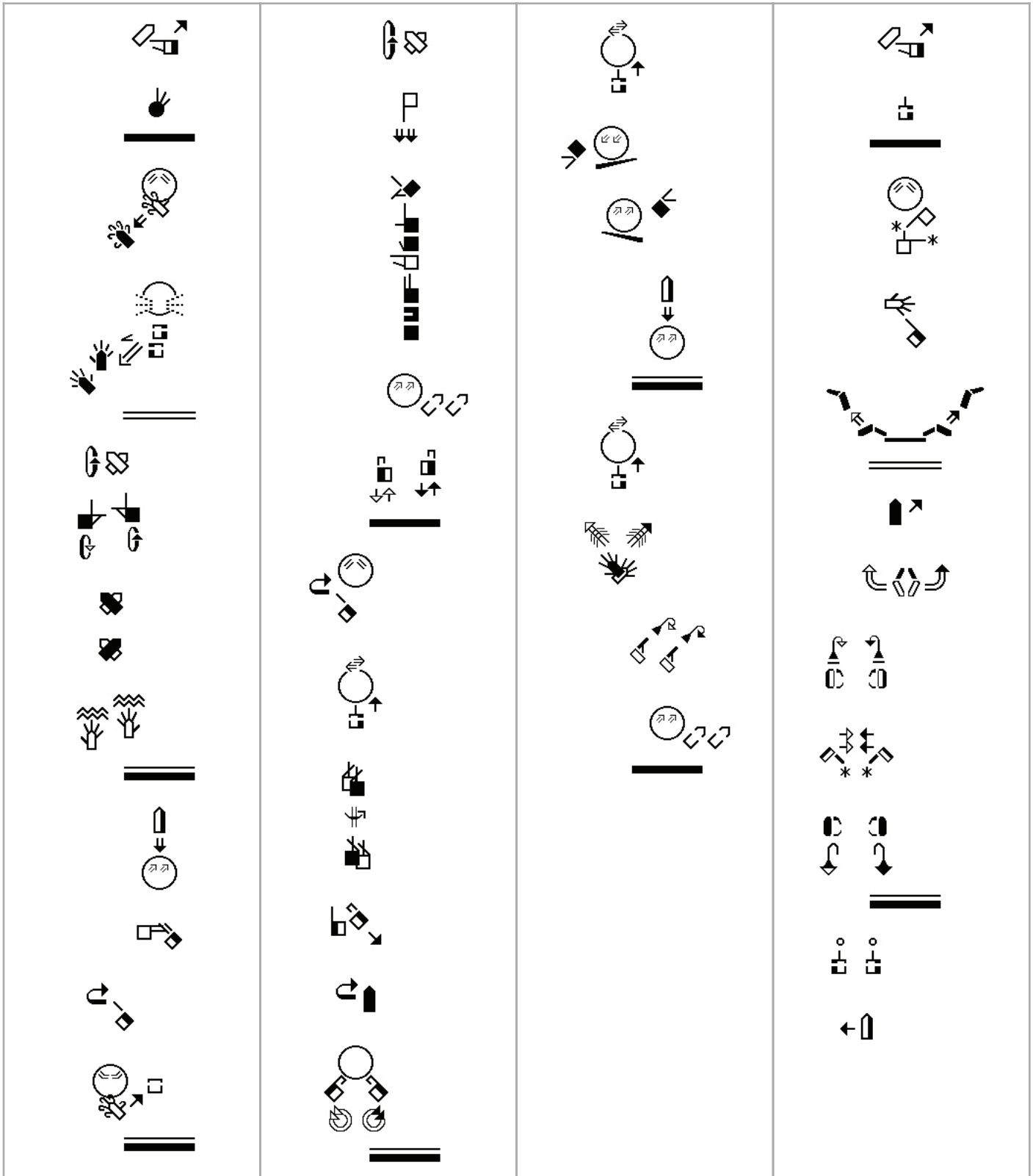
Verse 5. And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, "You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was, because you have sent these judgments. Verse 6. Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, you have given them blood to drink. NLT



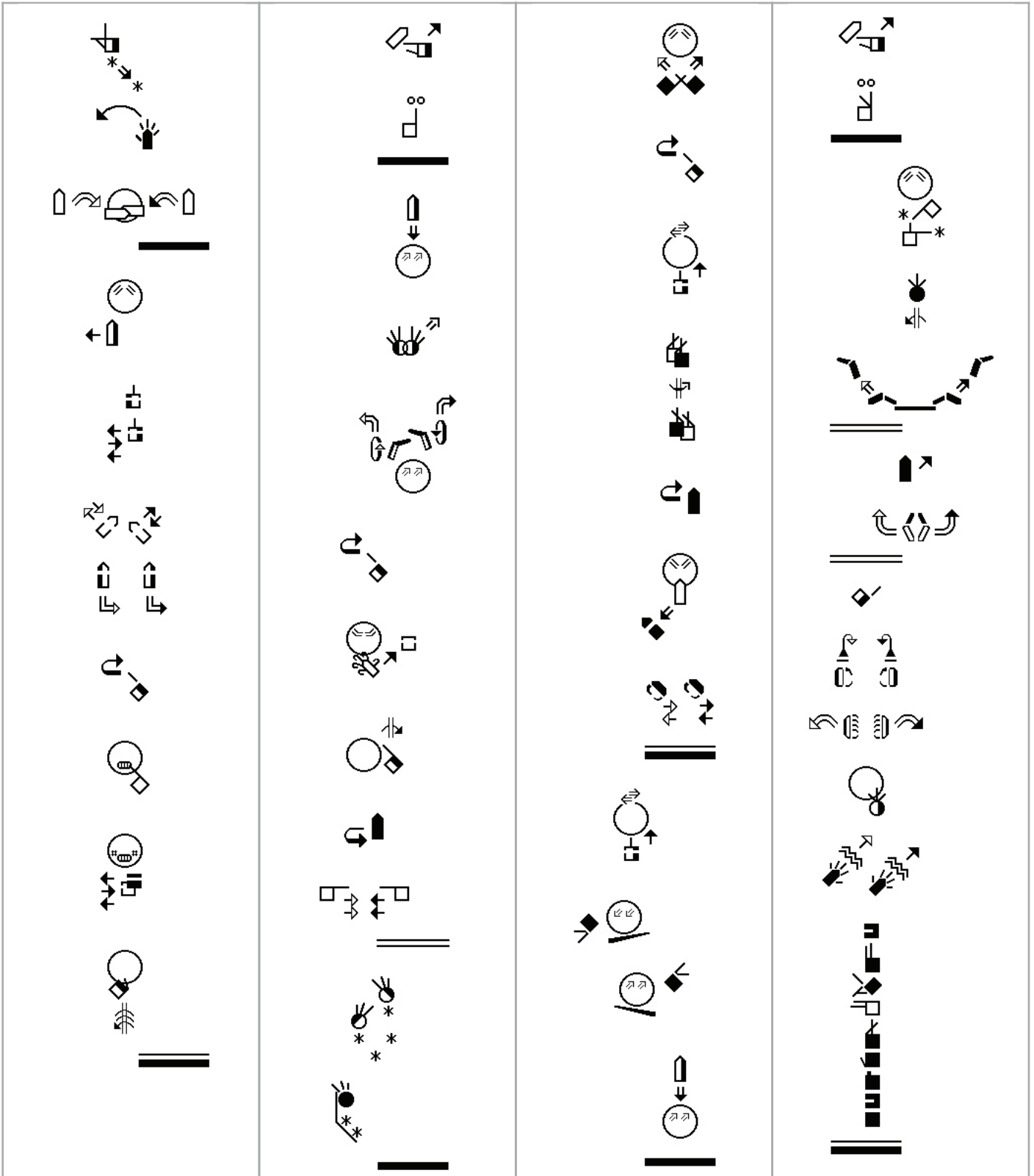
It is their just reward." Verse 7. And I heard a voice from the altar, saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just." Verse 8. Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire.

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Revelation 16:9-10

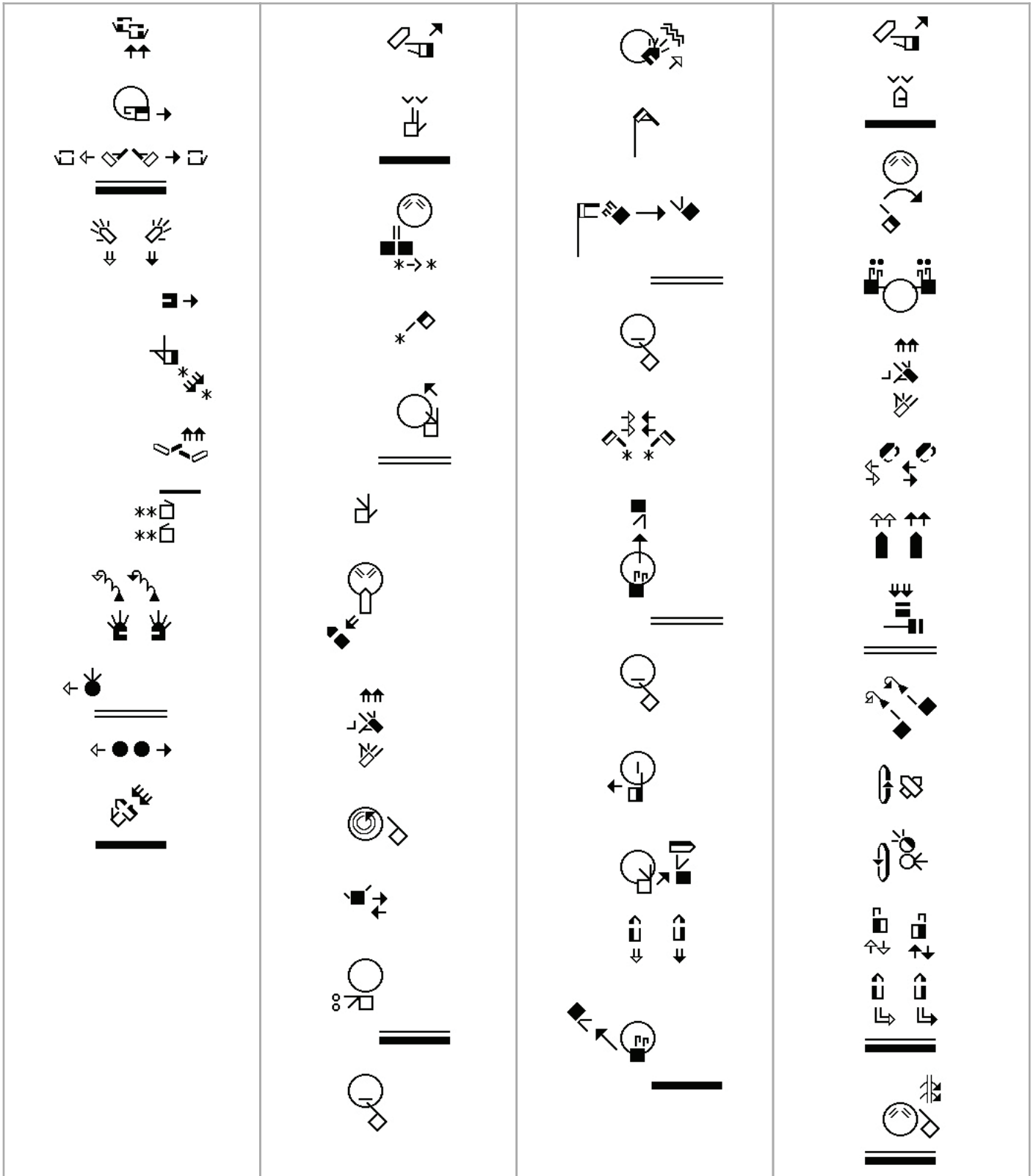


Verse 9. Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory. Verse 10. Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his

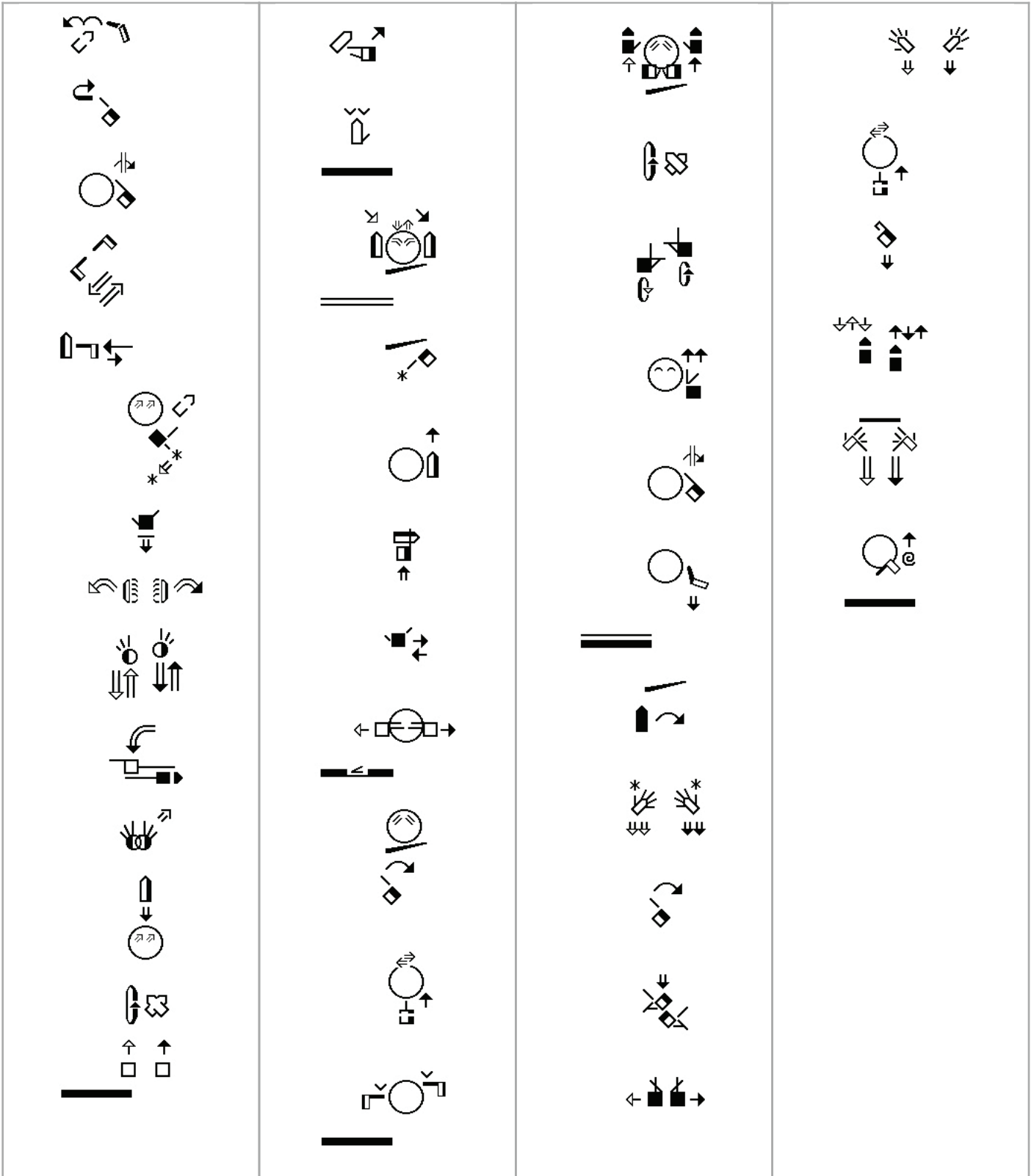


kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, Verse 11, and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. Verse 12. Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River,

Revelation 16:12-14



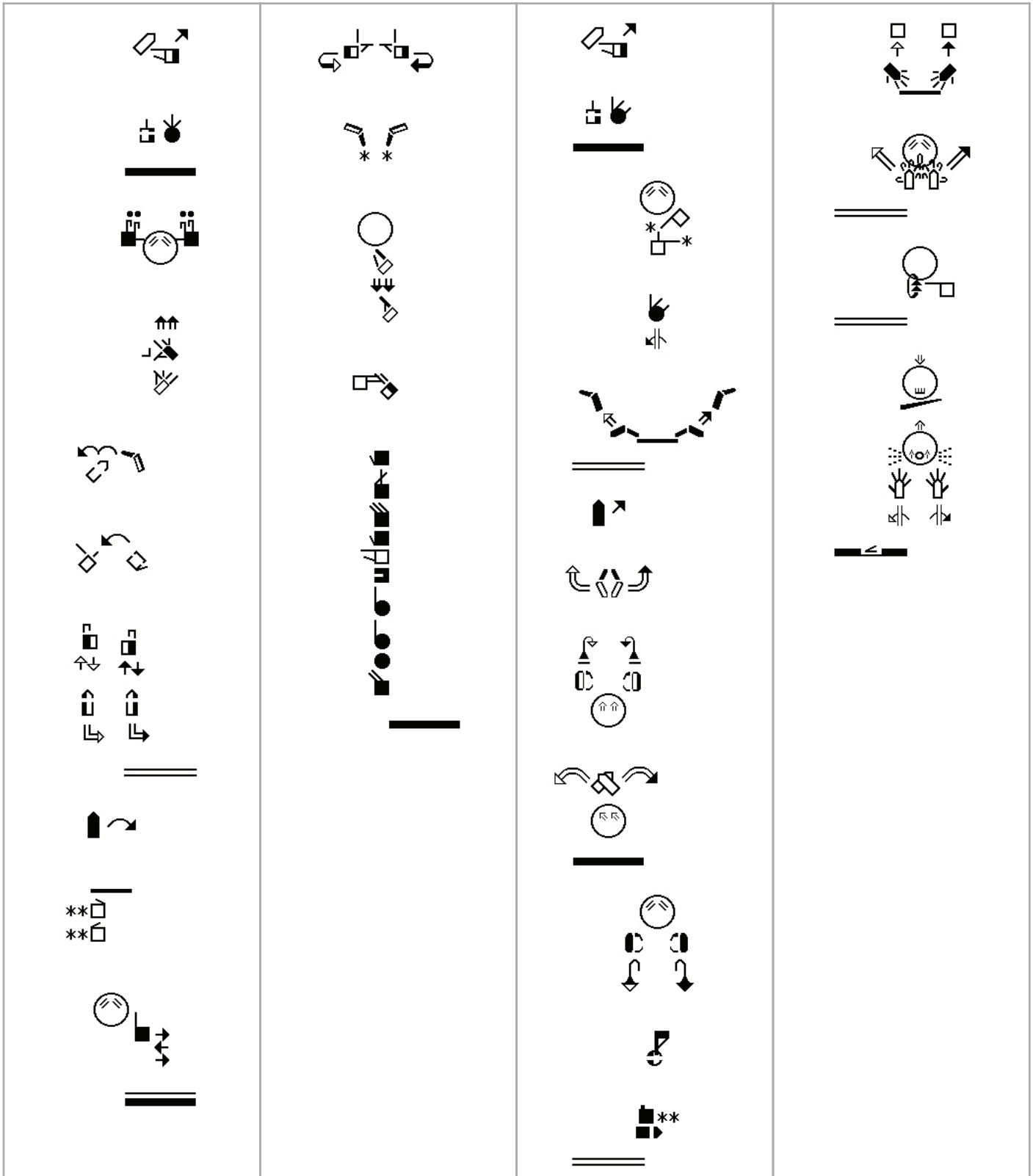
and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. Verse 13. And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. Verse 14. They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world



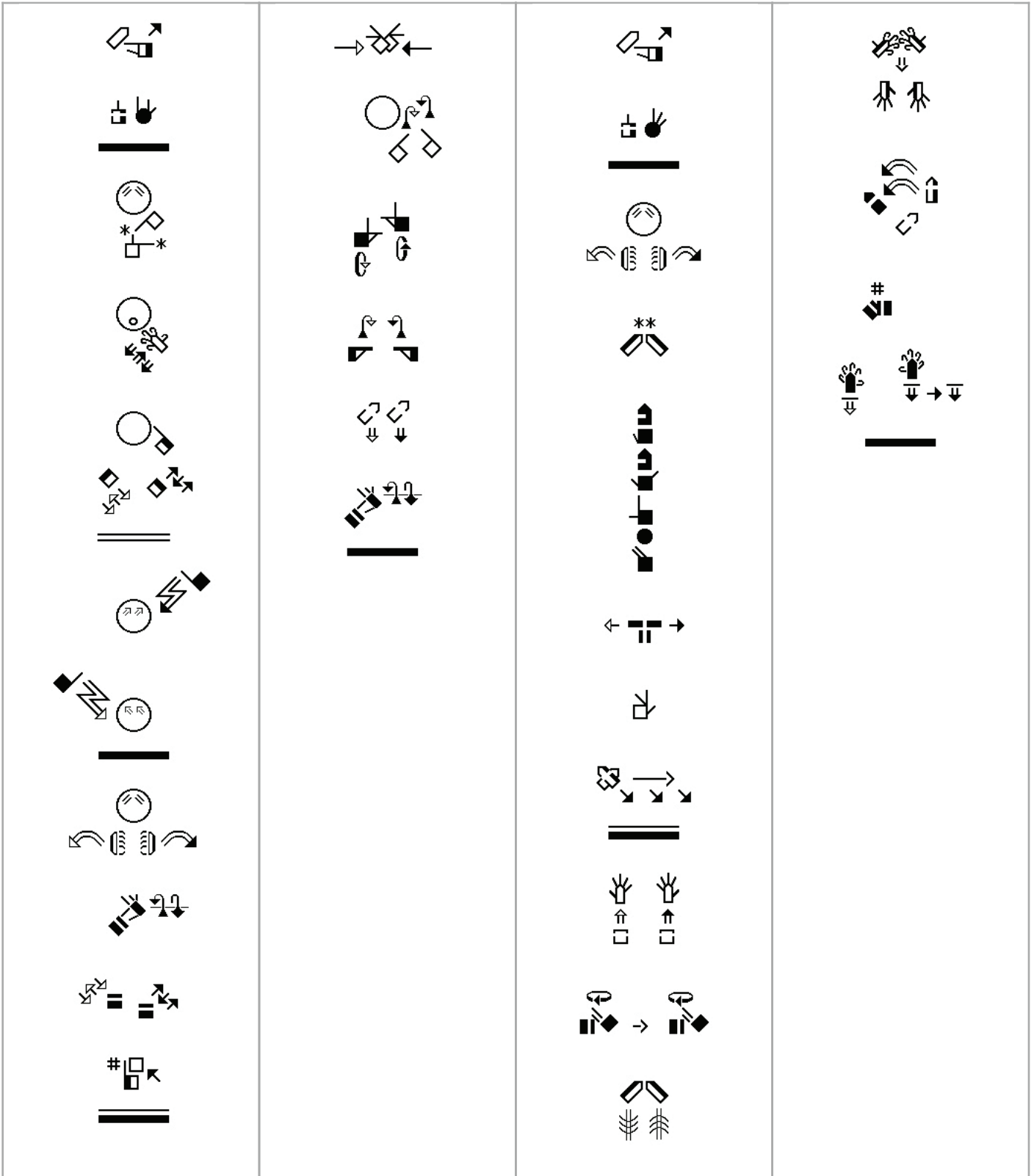
to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty. Verse 15. "Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed."

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Revelation 16:16-17



Verse 16. And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon. Verse 17. Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!"



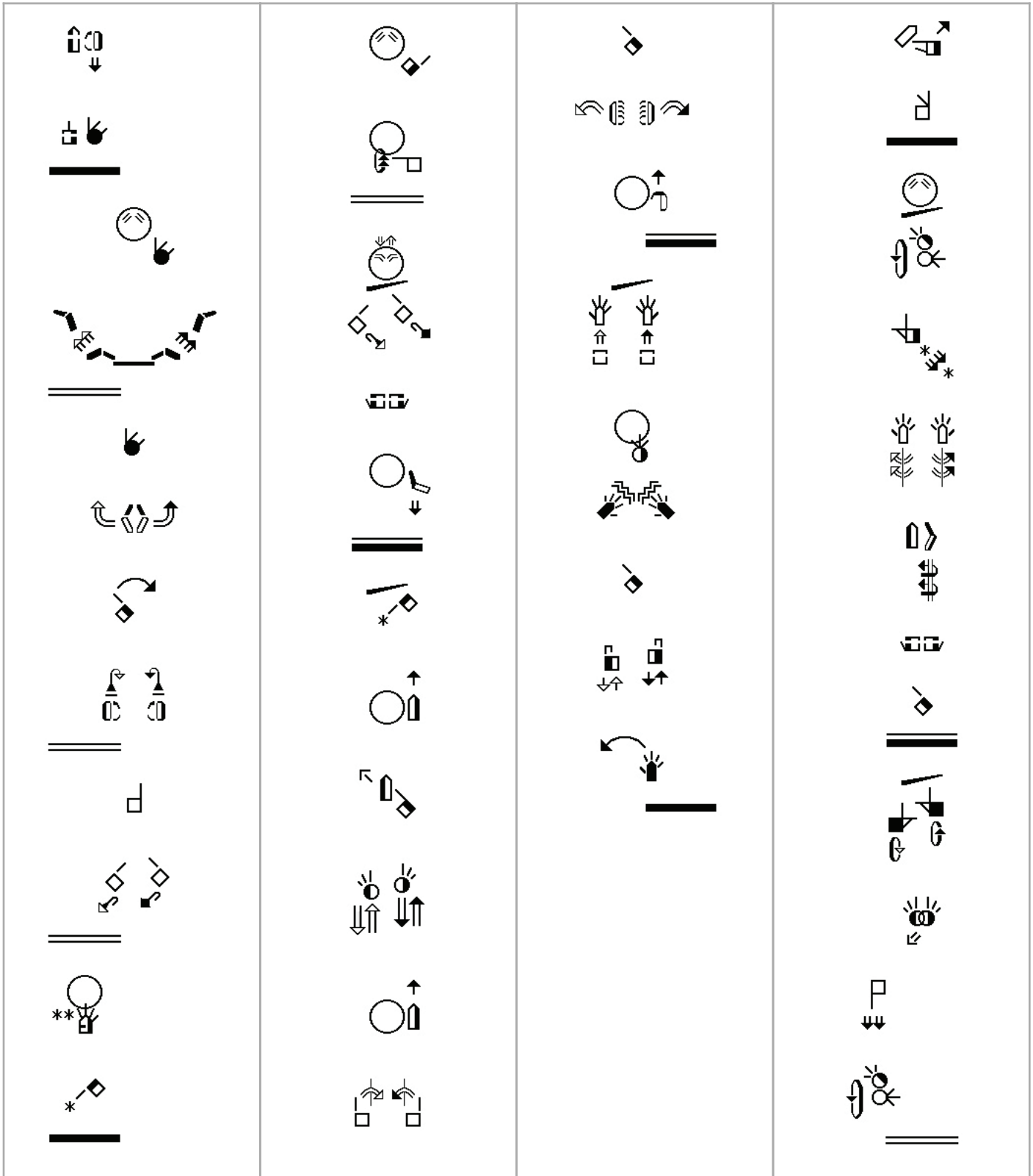
Verse 18. Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck -- the worst since people were placed on the earth. Verse 19. The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble.

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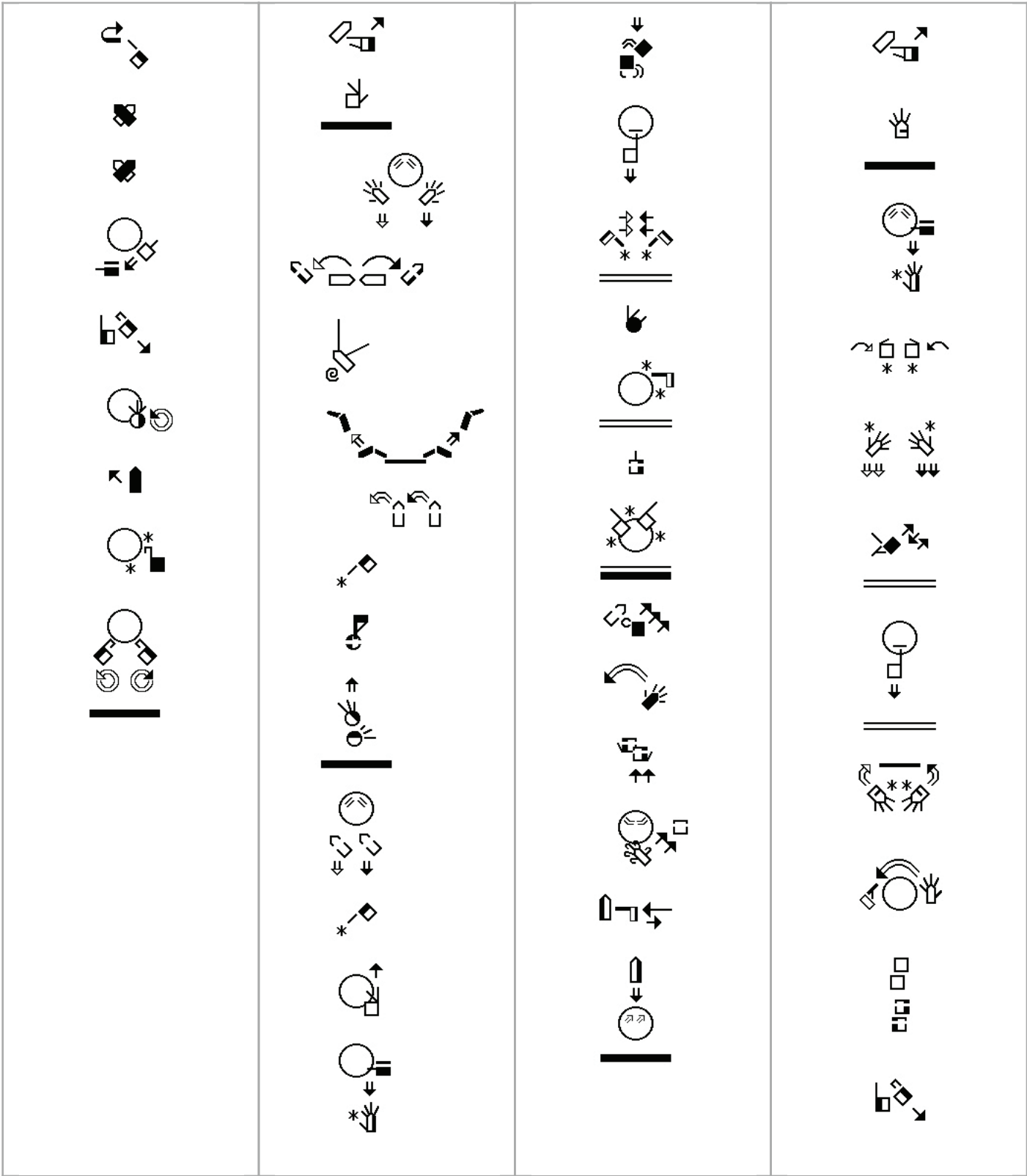
pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm. NLT

Revelation 17:1-2



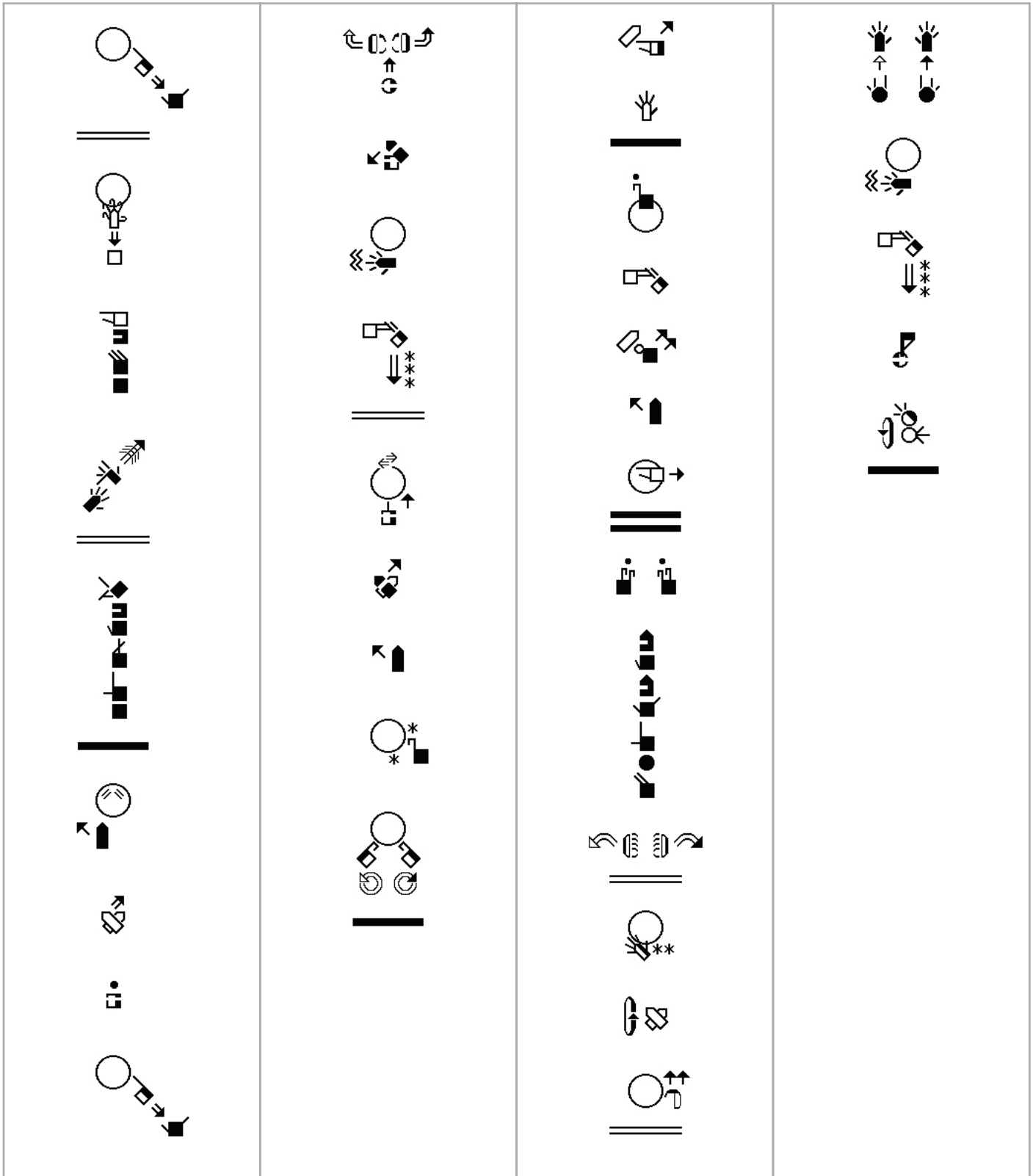
582 Chapter 17. One of the seven angels who had poured out the seven bowls came over and spoke to me. "Come with me," he said, "and I will show you the judgment that is going to come on the great prostitute, who rules over many waters. Verse 2. The kings of the world have committed adultery with her, and the people who belong to this world

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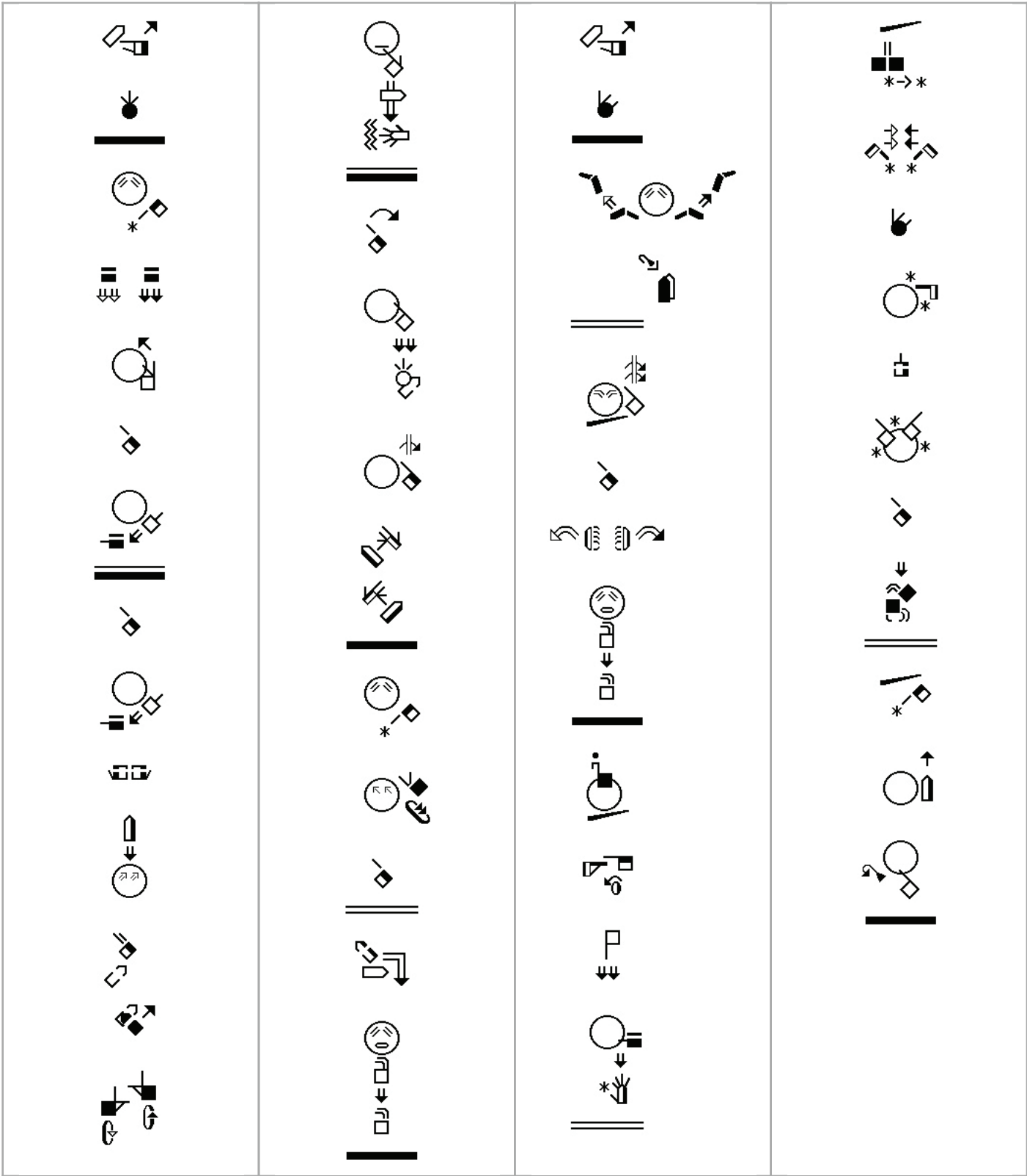


have been made drunk by the wine of her immorality." Verse 3. So the angel took me in the Spirit into the wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, and blasphemies against God were written all over it. Verse 4. The woman wore purple and scarlet clothing and beautiful jewelry made of NLT

Revelation 17:4-5



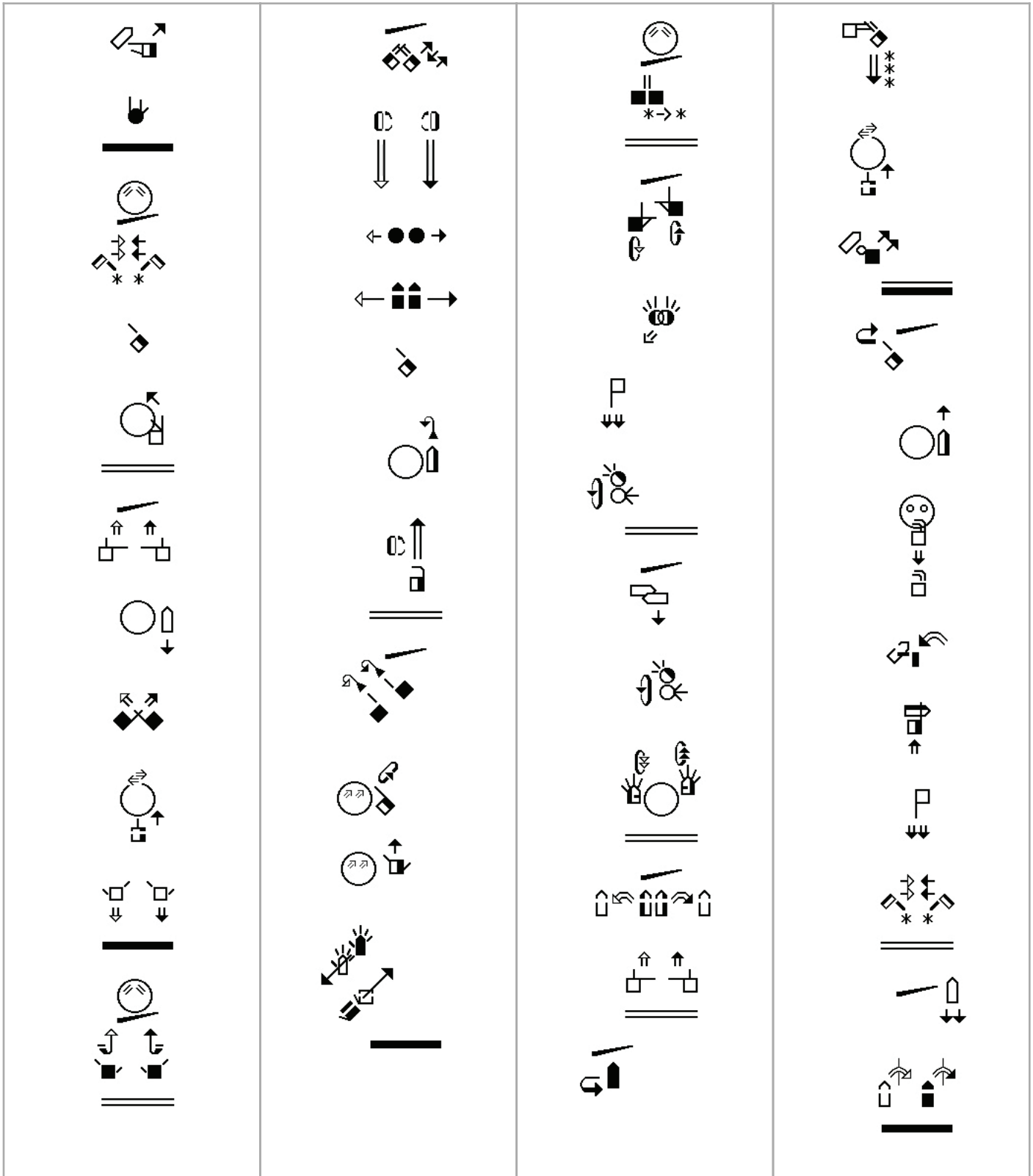
gold and precious gems and pearls. In her hand she held a gold goblet full of obscenities and the impurities of her immorality. Verse 5. A mysterious name was written on her forehead: "Babylon the Great, Mother of All Prostitutes and Obscenities in the World."
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Verse 6. I could see that she was drunk -- drunk with the blood of God's holy people who were witnesses for Jesus. I stared at her in complete amazement. Verse 7. "Why are you so amazed?" the angel asked. "I will tell you the mystery of this woman and of the beast with the seven heads and ten horns on which she sits.

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Revelation 17:8



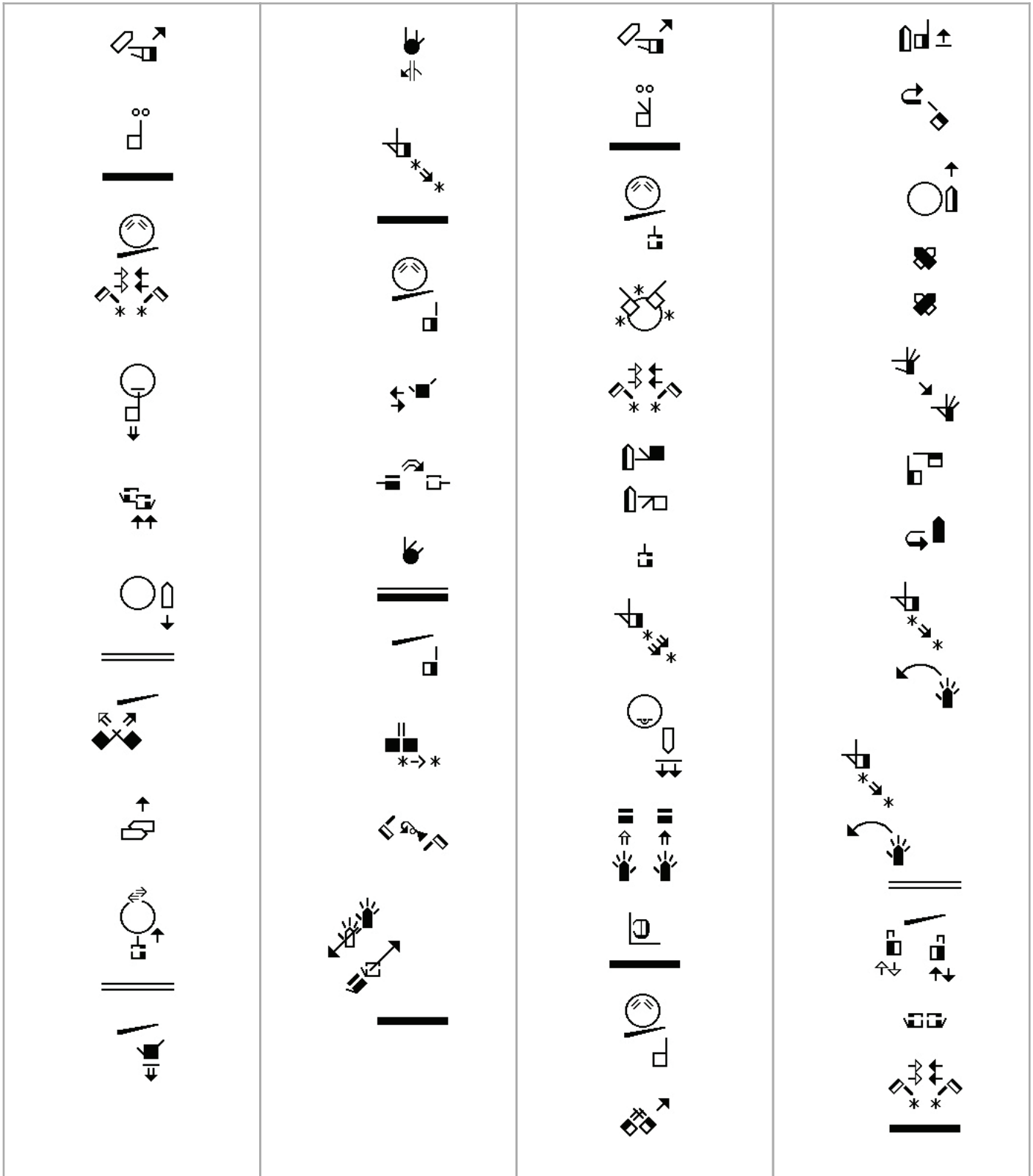
Verse 8. The beast you saw was once alive but isn't now. And yet he will soon come up out of the bottomless pit and go to eternal destruction. And the people who belong to this world, whose names were not written in the Book of Life before the world was made, will be amazed at the reappearance of this beast who had died. NLT

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Verse 9. "This calls for a mind with understanding: The seven heads of the beast represent the seven hills where the woman rules. They also represent seven kings. Verse 10. Five kings have already fallen, the sixth now reigns, and the seventh is yet to come, but his reign will be brief.

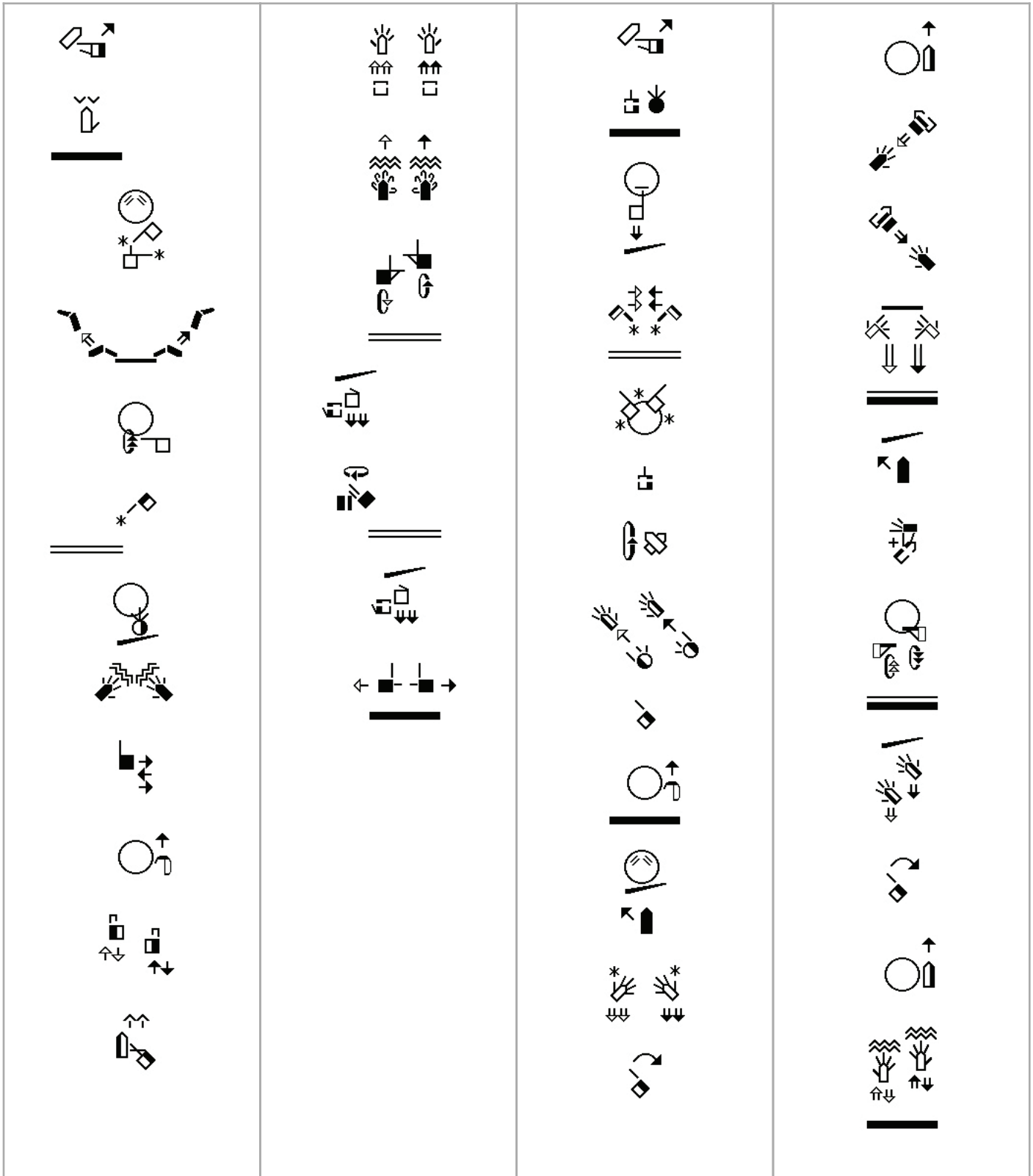
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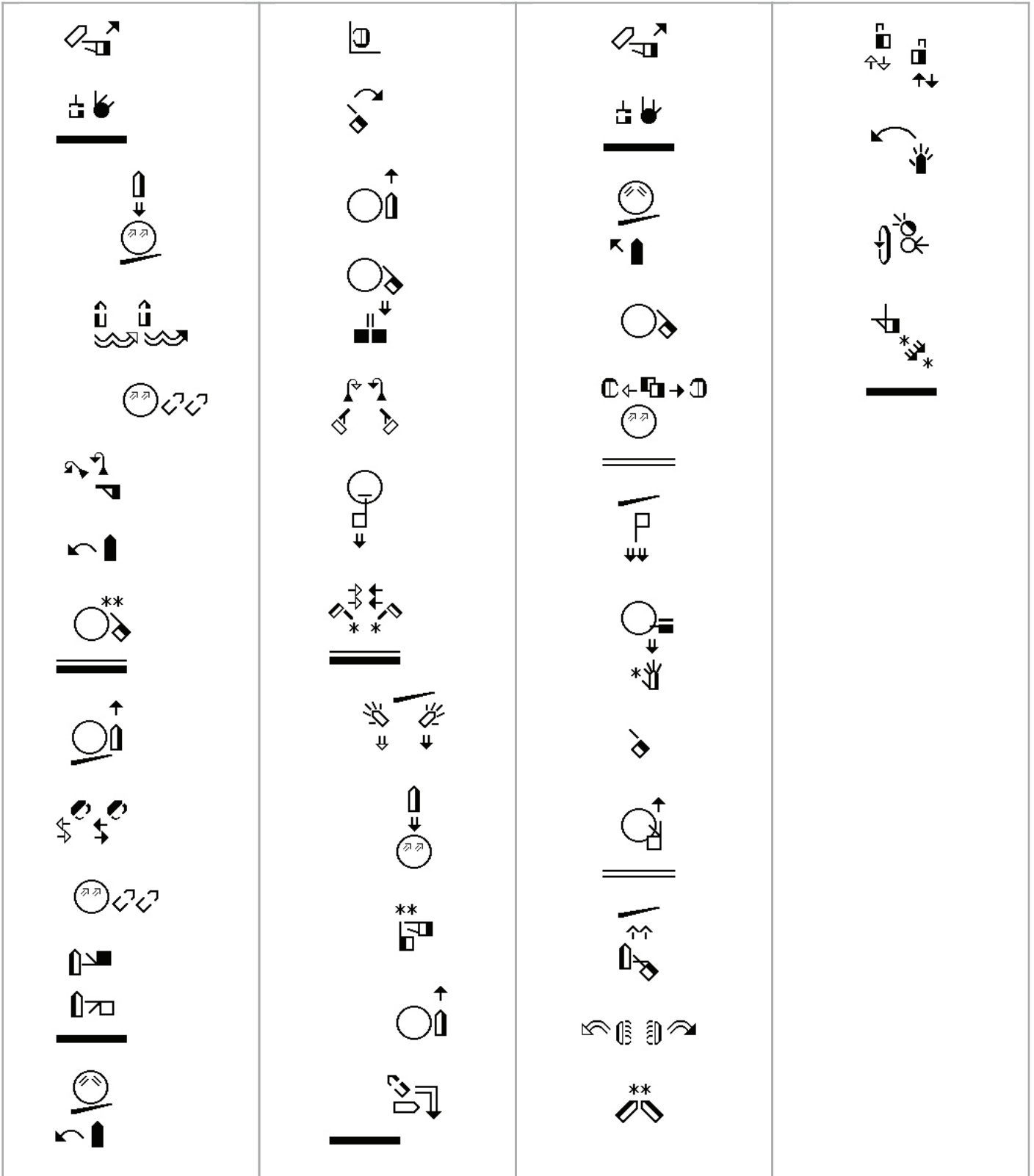


Verse 11. "The scarlet beast that was, but is no longer, is the eighth king. He is like the other seven, and he, too, is headed for destruction. Verse 12. The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast. NLT

Revelation 17:15-16



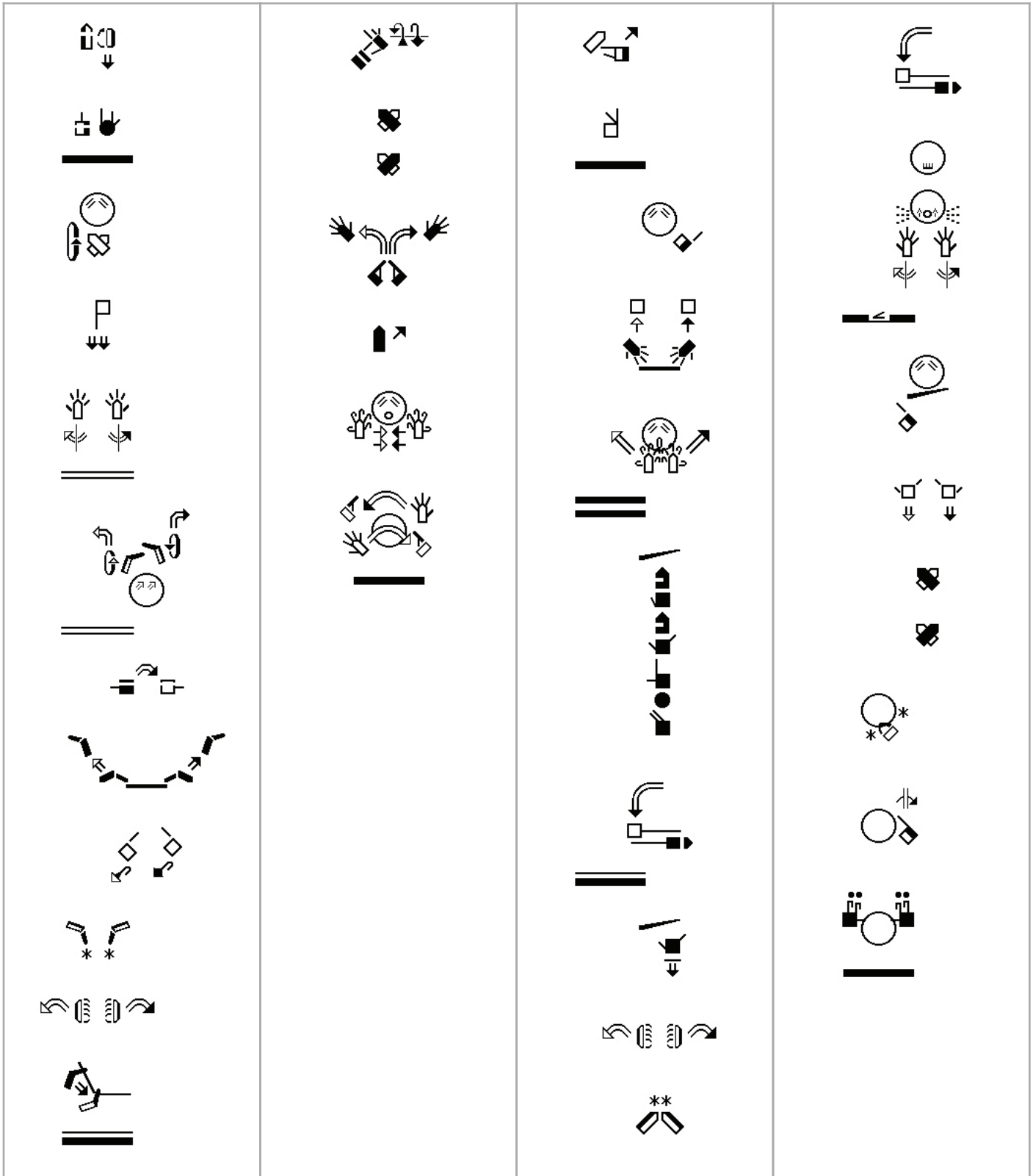
Verse 15. Then the angel said to me, "The waters where the prostitute is ruling represent masses of people of every nation and language. Verse 16. The scarlet beast and his ten horns all hate the prostitute. They will strip her naked, eat her flesh, and burn her remains with fire.
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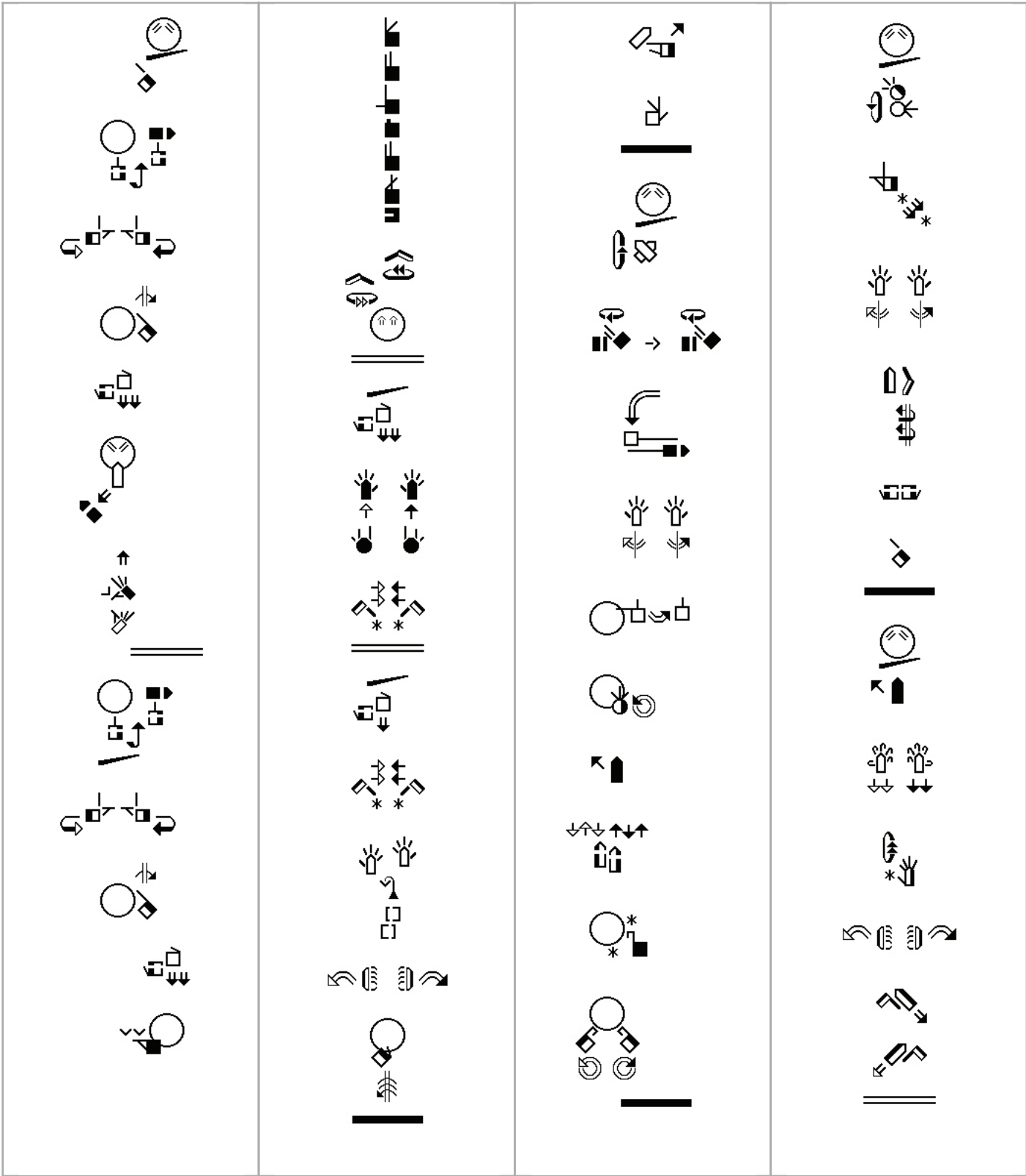
Verse 17. For God has put a plan into their minds, a plan that will carry out his purposes. They will agree to give their authority to the scarlet beast, and so the words of God will be fulfilled. Verse 18. And this woman you saw in your vision represents the great city that rules over the kings of the world."

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Revelation 18:1-2



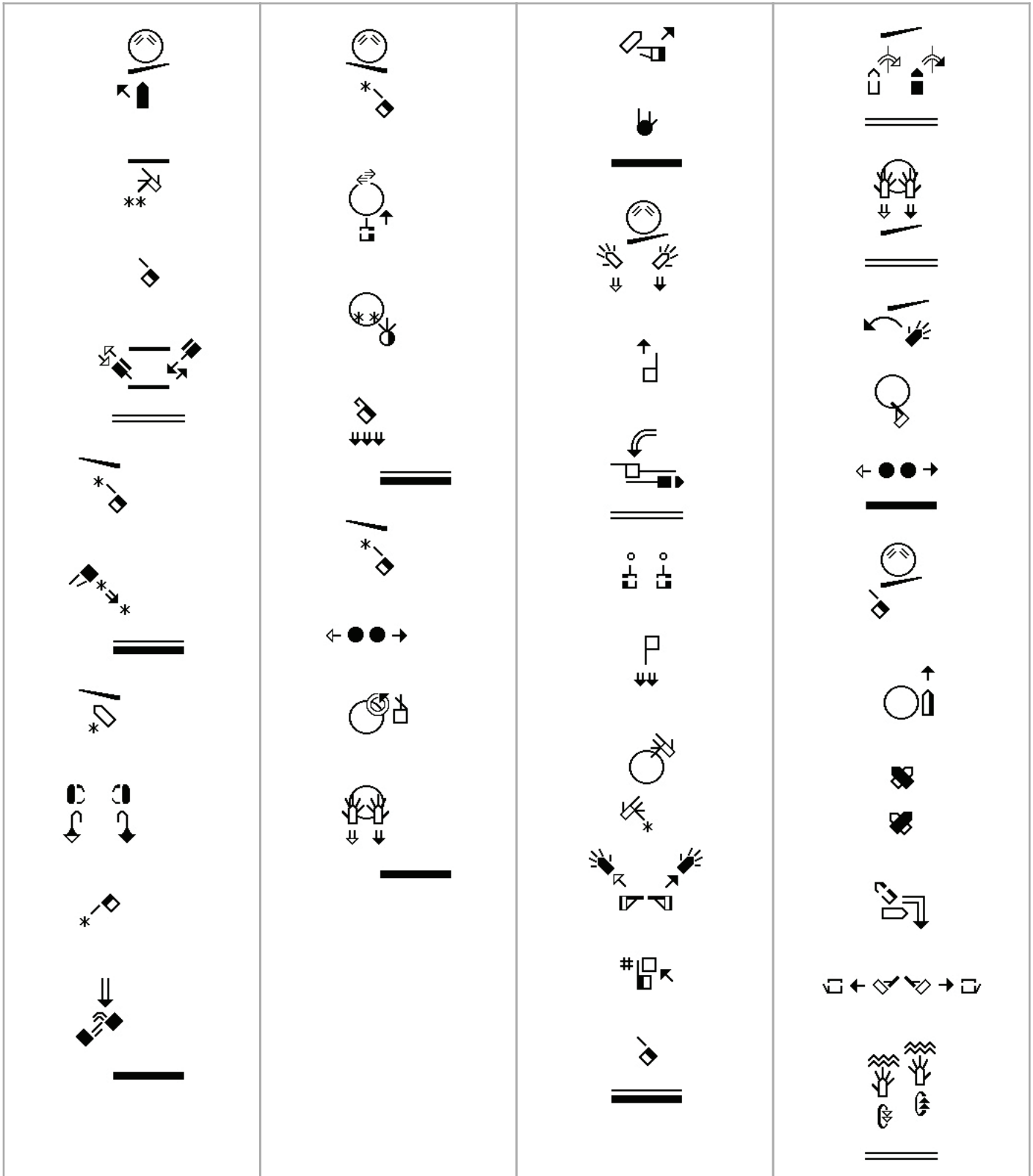
592 Chapter 18. After all this I saw another angel come down from heaven with great authority, and the earth grew bright with his splendor. Verse 2. He gave a mighty shout: "Babylon is fallen -- that great city is fallen! She has become a home for demons. NLT



She is a hideout for every foul spirit, a hideout for every foul vulture and every foul and dreadful animal. Verse 3. For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of her passionate immorality. The kings of the world have committed adultery with her. Because of her desires for extravagant luxury,

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Revelation 18:7-8



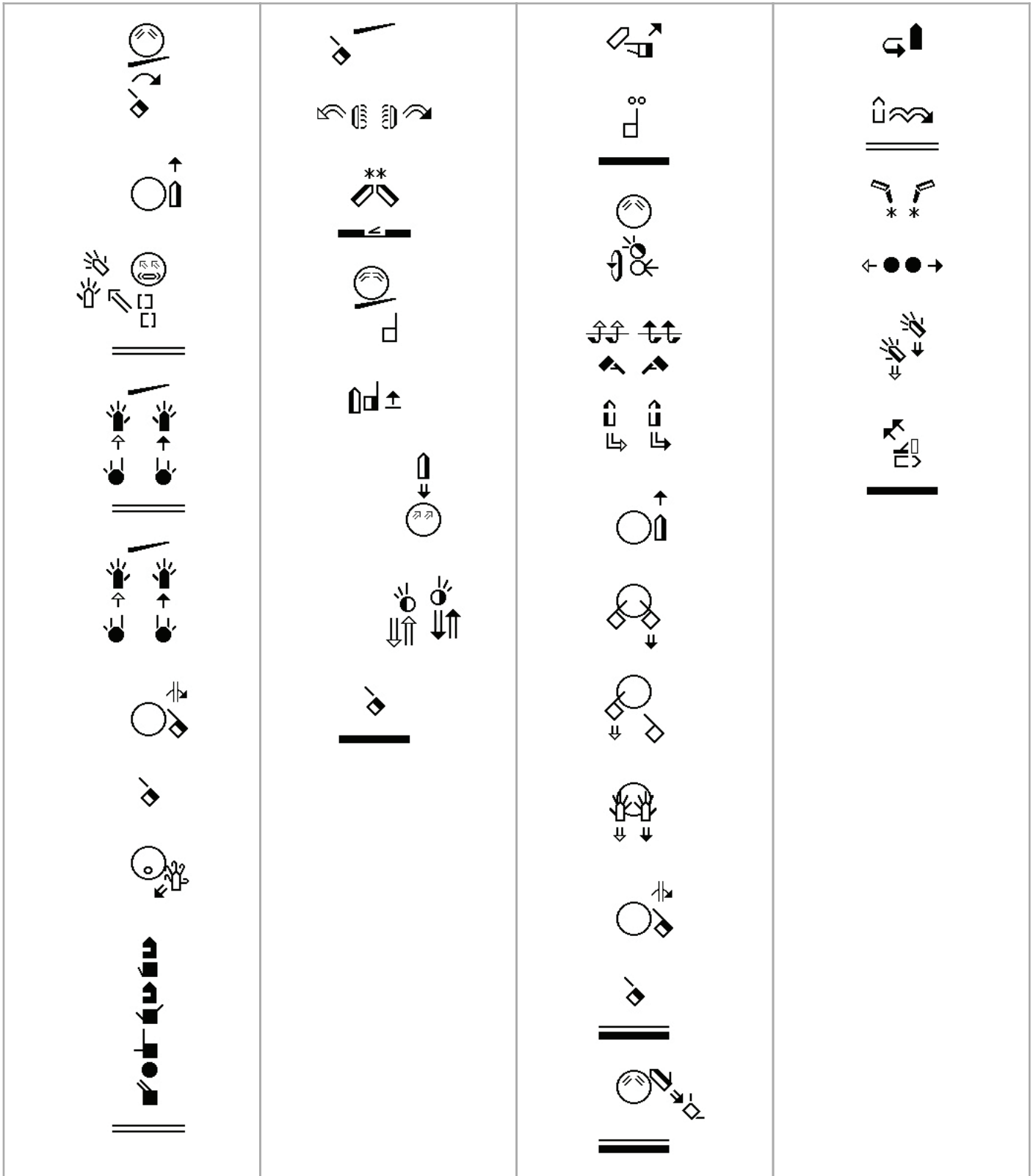
She boasted in her heart, 'I am queen on my throne. I am no helpless widow, and I have no reason to mourn.' Verse 8. Therefore, these plagues will overtake her in a single day -- death and mourning and famine. She will be completely consumed by fire, NLT

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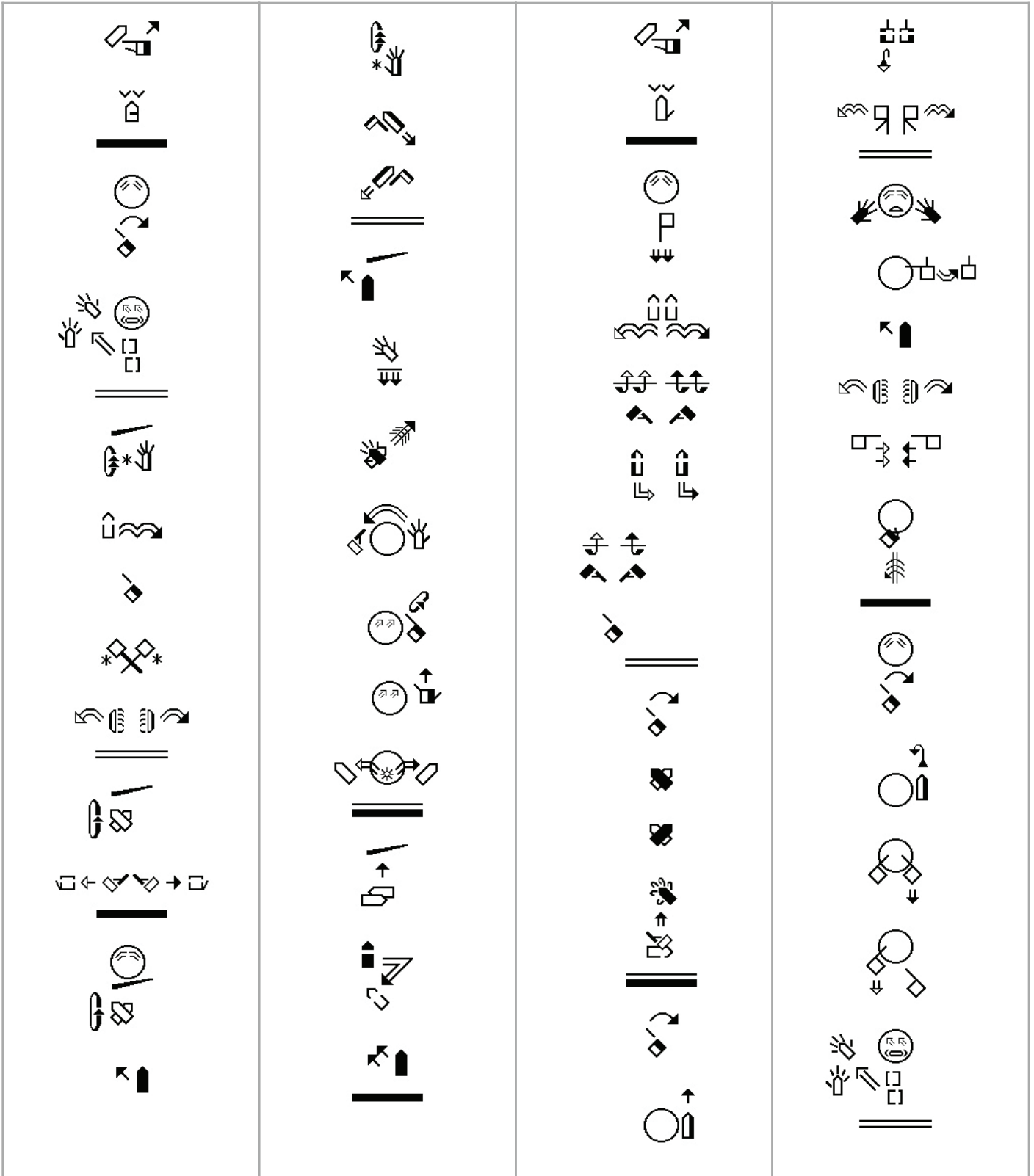
for the Lord God who judges her is mighty." Verse 9. And the kings of the world who committed adultery with her and enjoyed her great luxury will mourn for her as they see the smoke rising from her charred remains. Verse 10. They will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment.

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Revelation 18:10-11



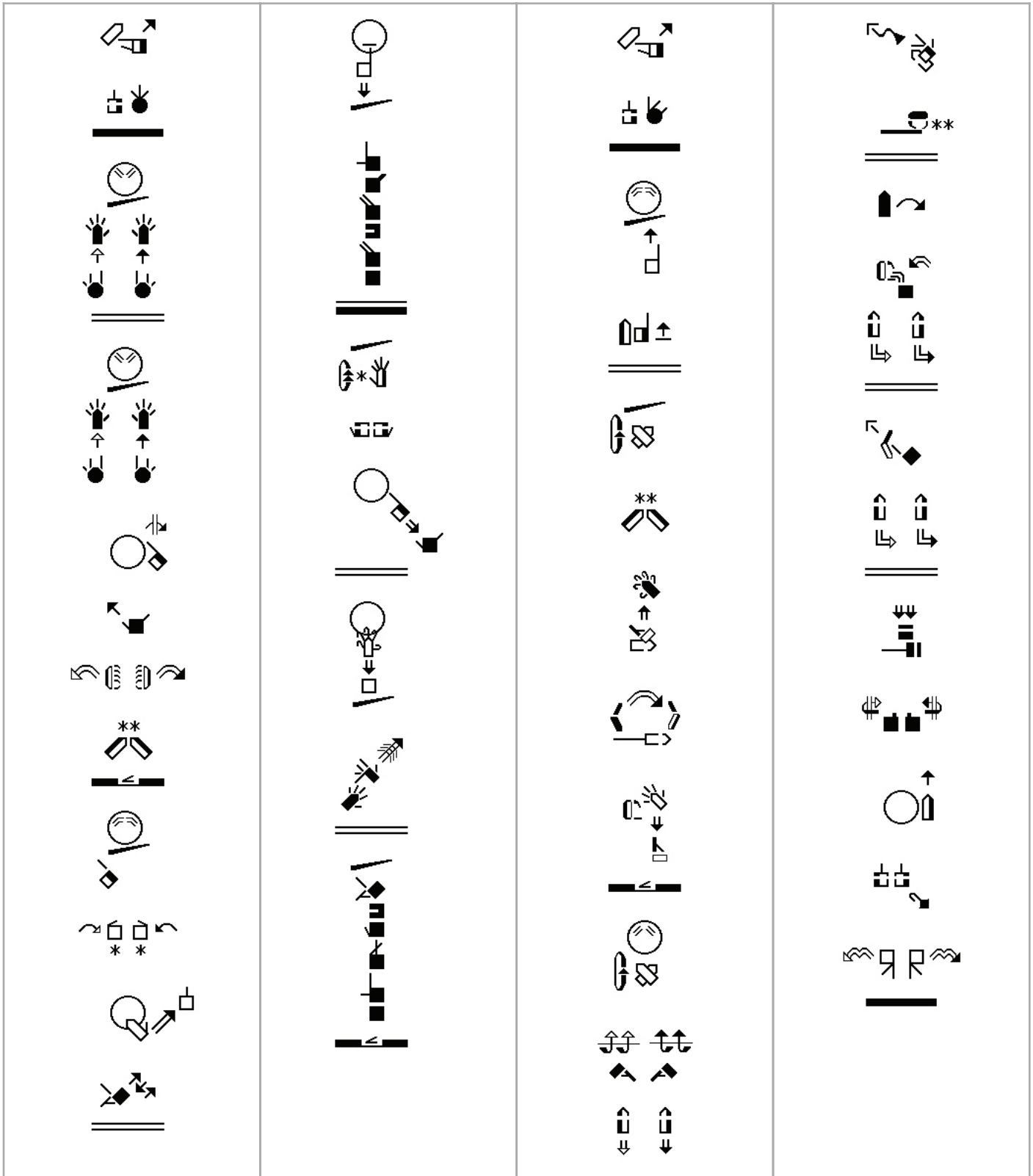
They will cry out, "How terrible, how terrible for you, O Babylon, you great city! In a single moment God's judgment came on you." Verse 11. The merchants of the world will weep and mourn for her, for there is no one left to buy their goods. NLT



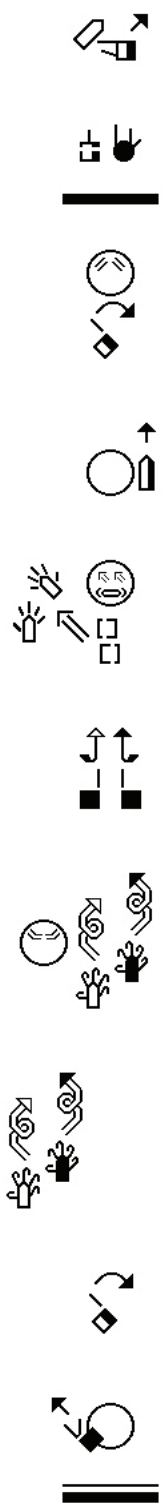
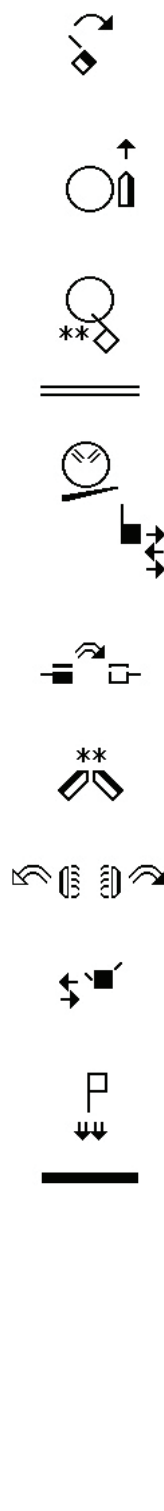
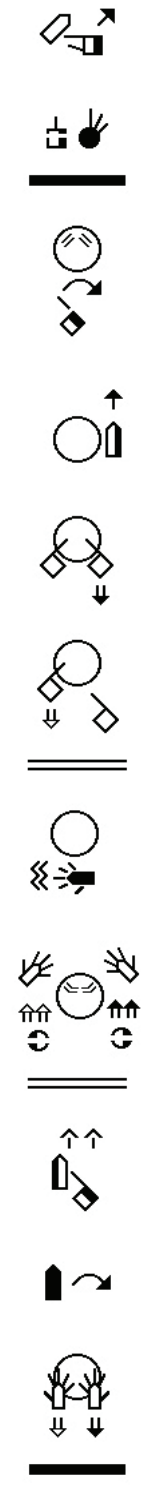

Verse 14. "The fancy things you loved so much are gone," they cry. "All your luxuries and splendor are gone forever, never to be yours again." Verse 15. The merchants who became wealthy by selling her these things will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment. They will weep and cry out,

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Revelation 18:16-17



Verse 16. "How terrible, how terrible for that great city! She was clothed in finest purple and scarlet linens, decked out with gold and precious stones and pearls! Verse 17. In a single moment all the wealth of the city is gone!" And all the captains of the merchant ships and their passengers and sailors and crews will stand at a distance. NLT

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Verse 18. They will cry out as they watch the smoke ascend, and they will say, "Where is there another city as great as this?" Verse 19. And they will weep and throw dust on their heads to show their grief. And they will cry out, "How terrible, how terrible for that great city!"

Revelation 18:19-20

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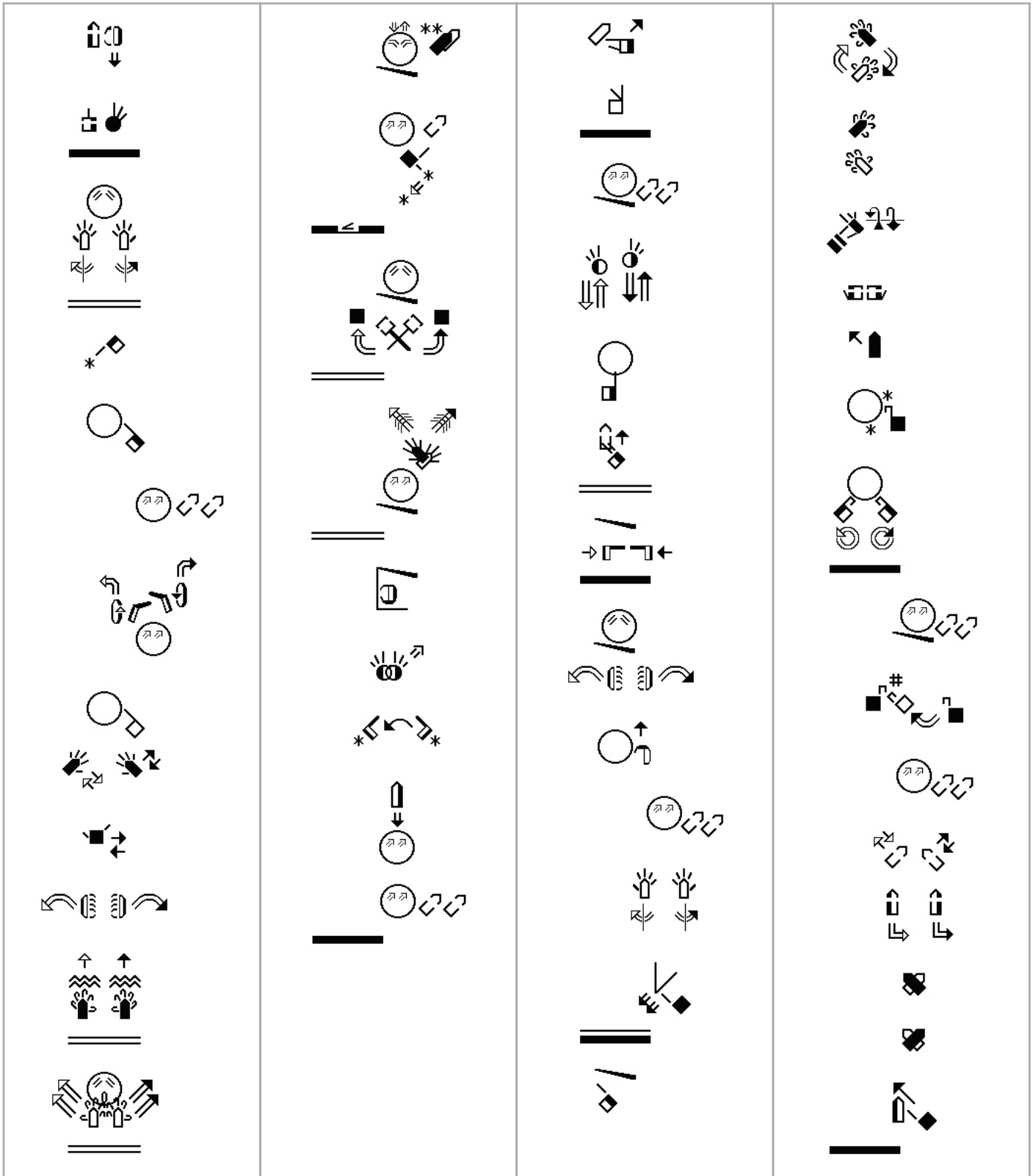
The shipowners became wealthy by transporting her great wealth on the seas. In a single moment it is all gone." Verse 20. Rejoice over her fate, O heaven and people of God and apostles and prophets! For at last God has judged her for your sakes. NLT

Revelation 18:22-23

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No craftsmen and no trades will ever be found in you again. The sound of the mill will never be heard in you again. Verse 23. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The happy voices of brides and grooms will never be heard in you again. NLT

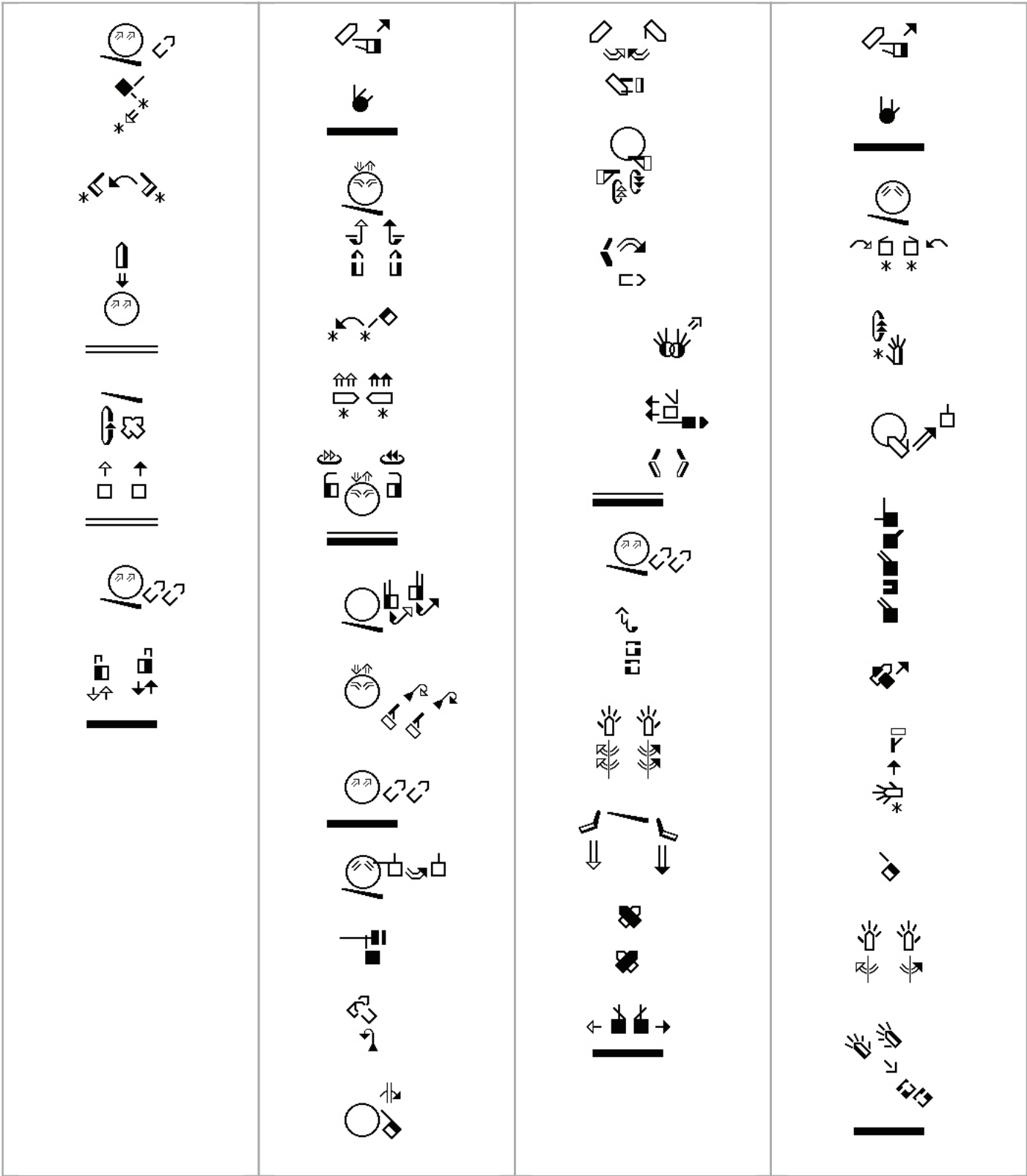
Revelation 19:1-2



Chapter 19. After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the LORD! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Verse 2. His judgments are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants." NLT

Verse 3. And again their voices rang out: "Praise the LORD! The smoke from that city ascends forever and ever!" Verse 4. Then the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God, who was sitting on the throne. They cried out, "Amen! Praise the LORD!"

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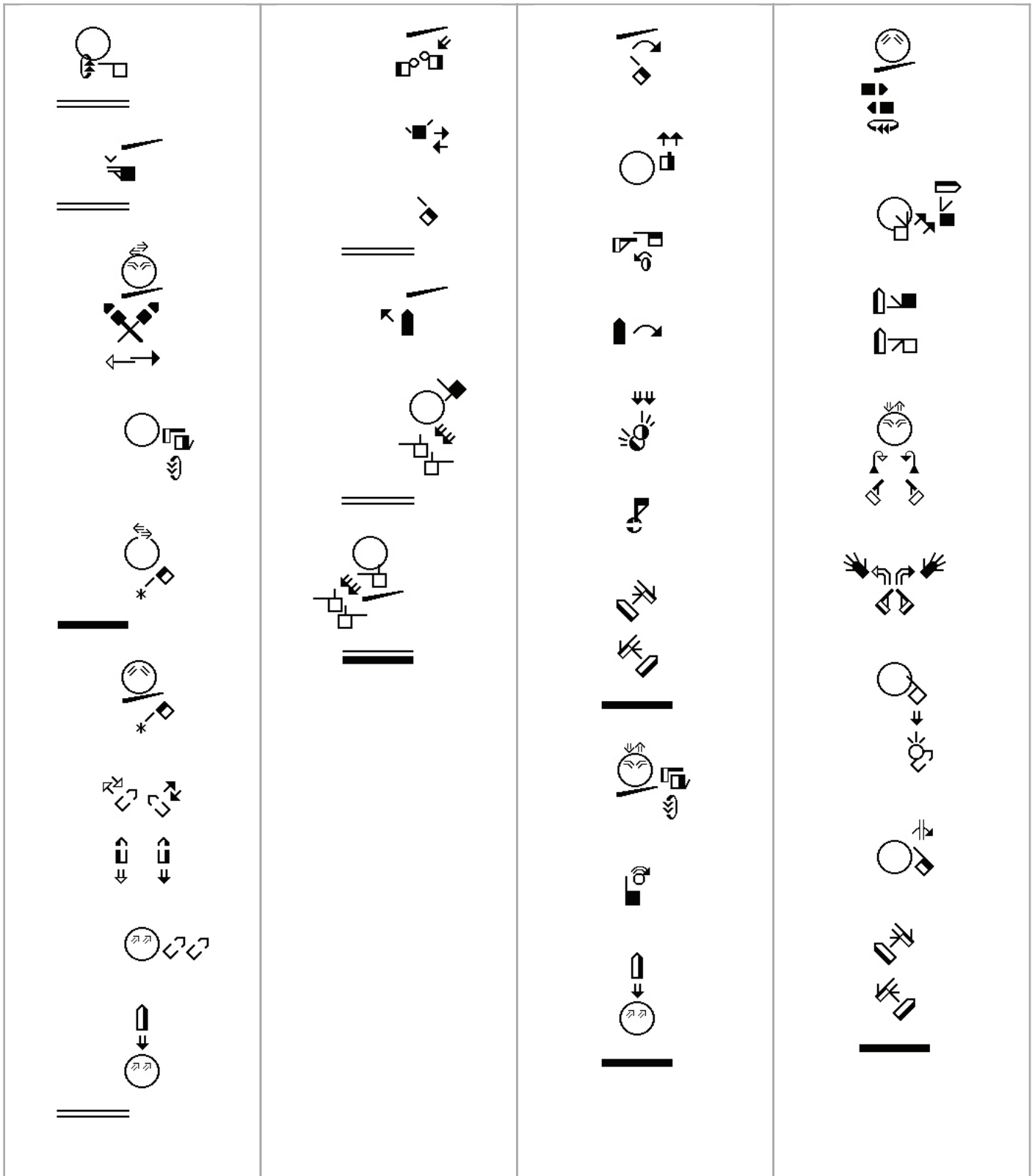
For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Verse 7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. Verse 8. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear."

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Revelation 19:8-10

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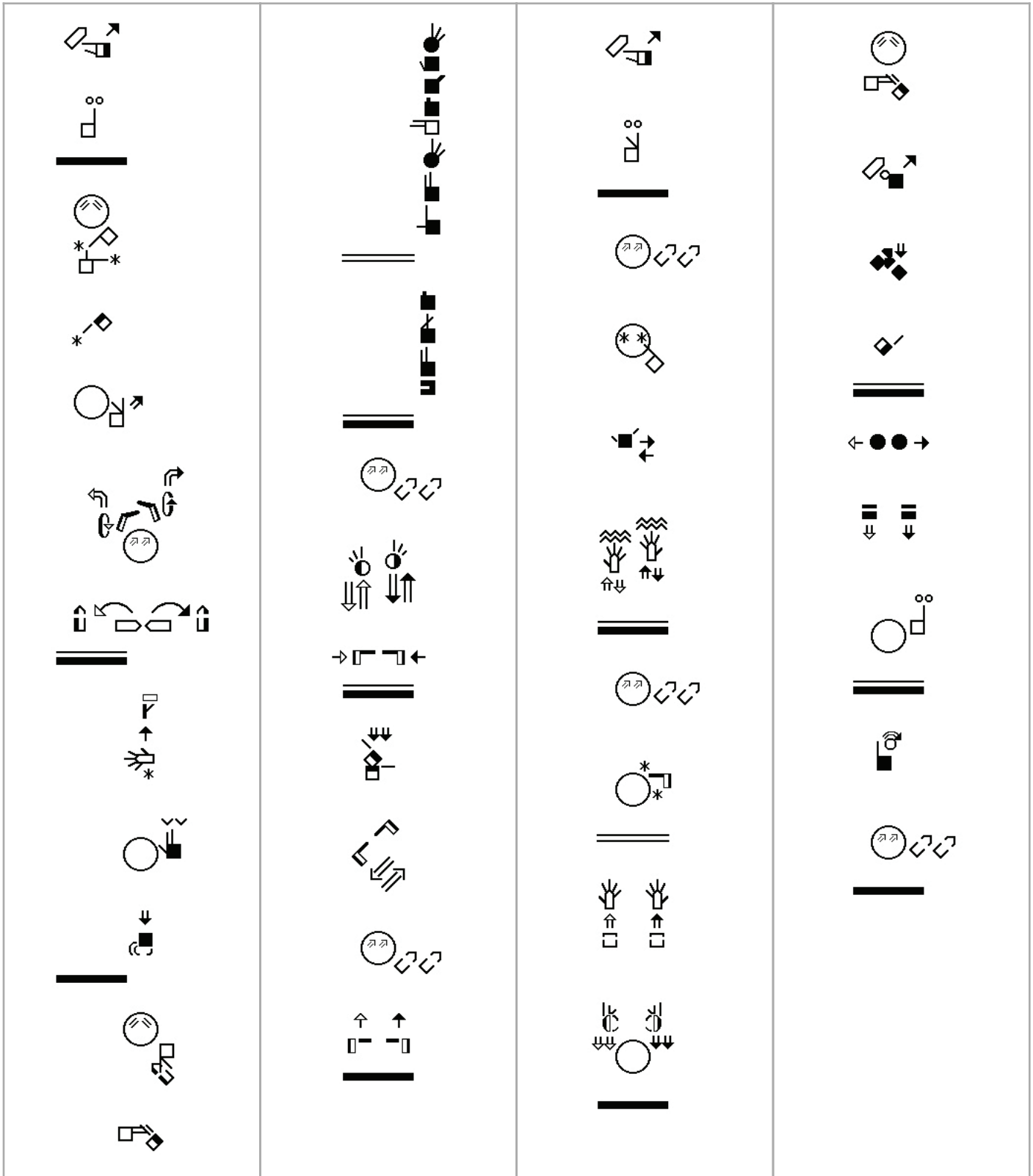
For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. Verse 9. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." Verse 10. Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he



said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."

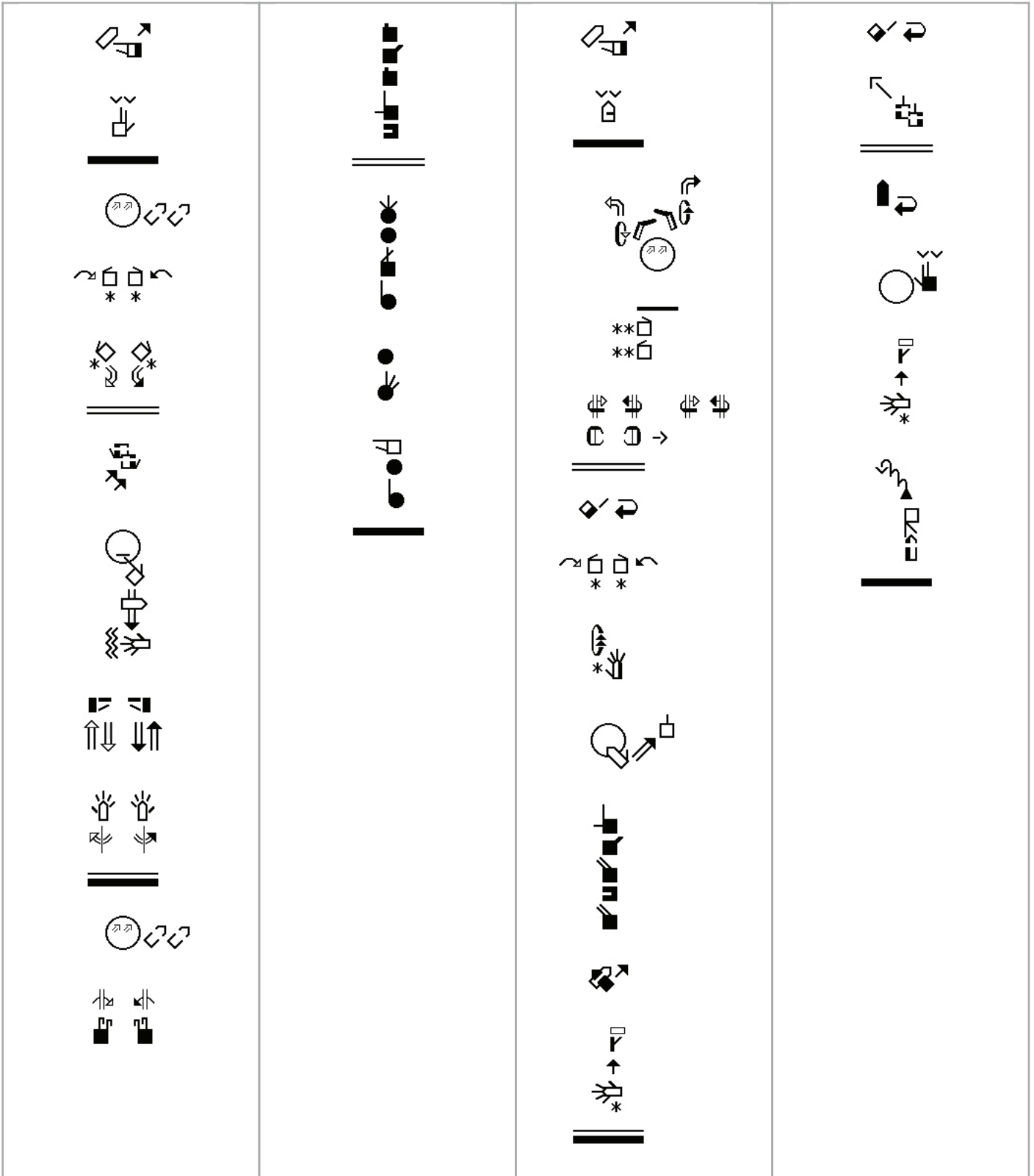
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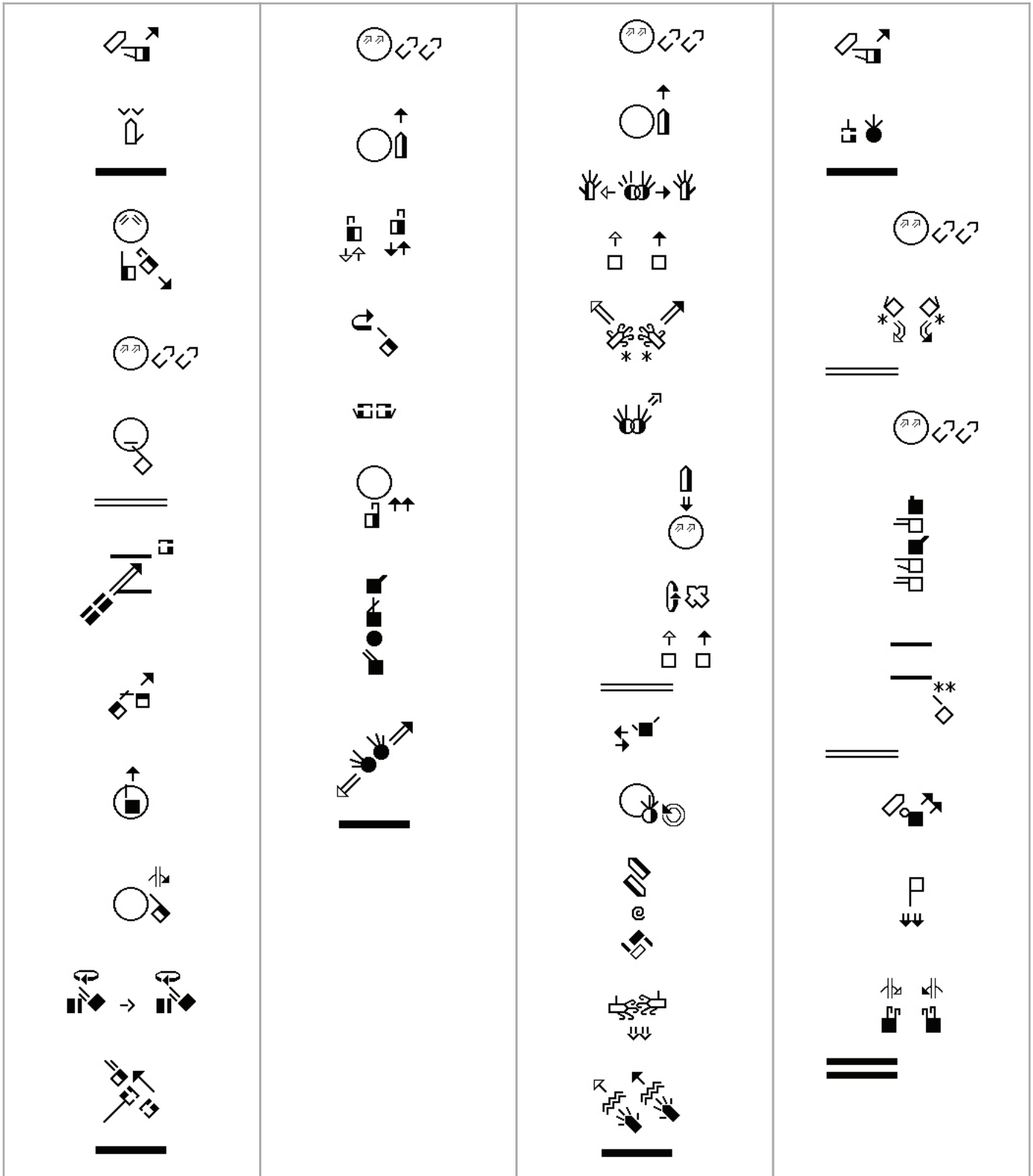
Verse 11. Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. Verse 12. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. NLT



Verse 13. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. Verse 14. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.

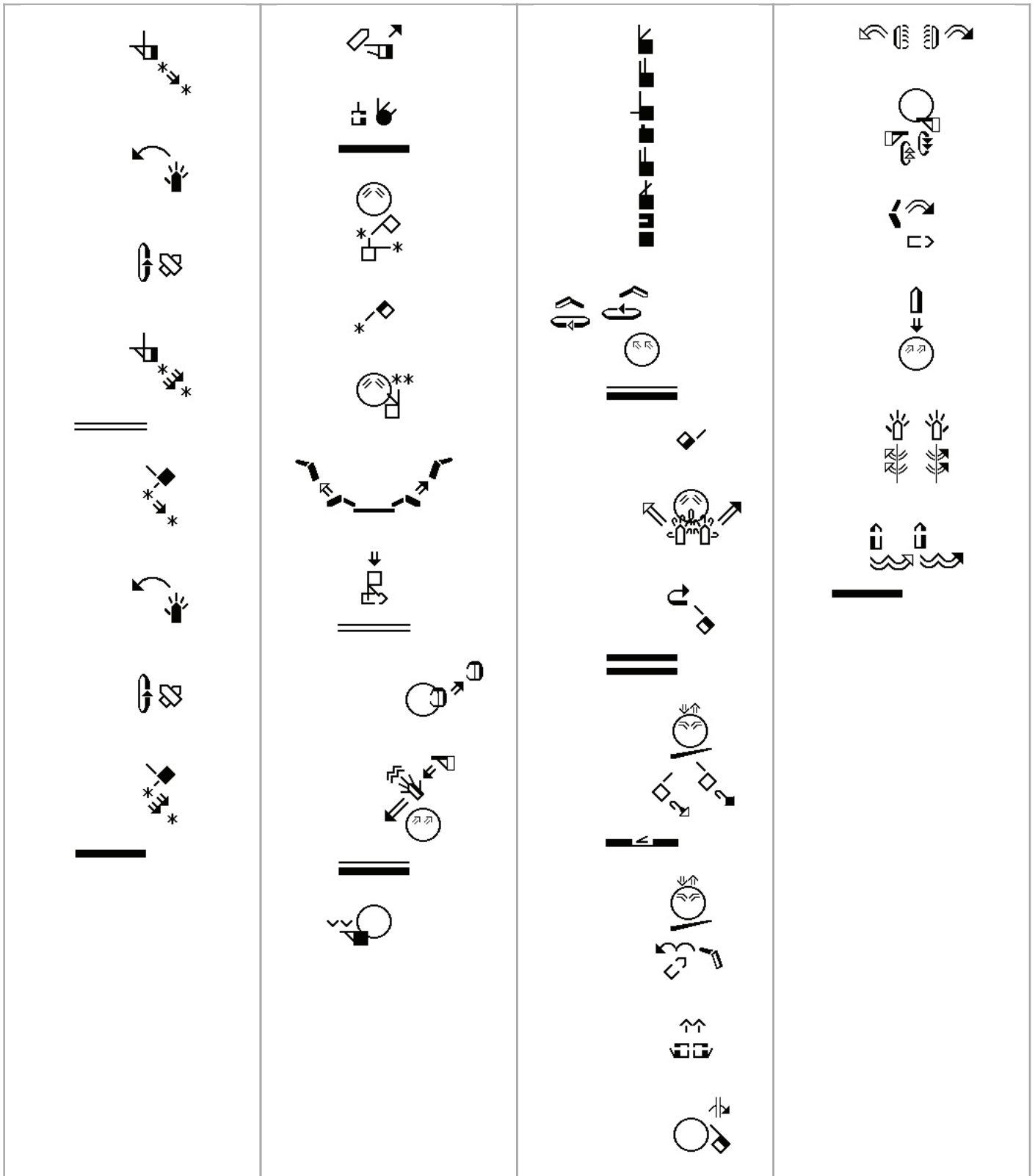
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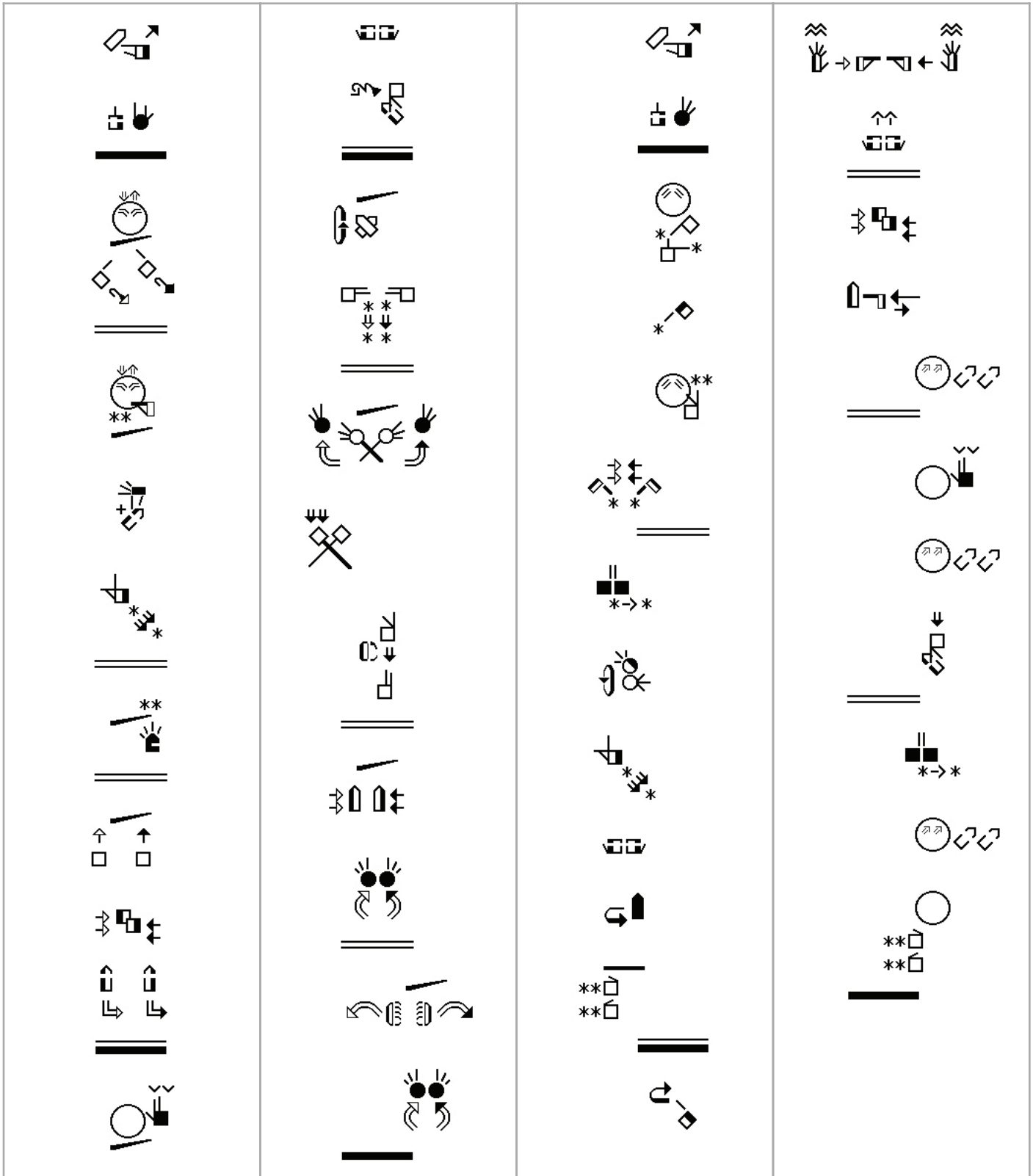
Verse 15. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. Verse 16. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: NLT



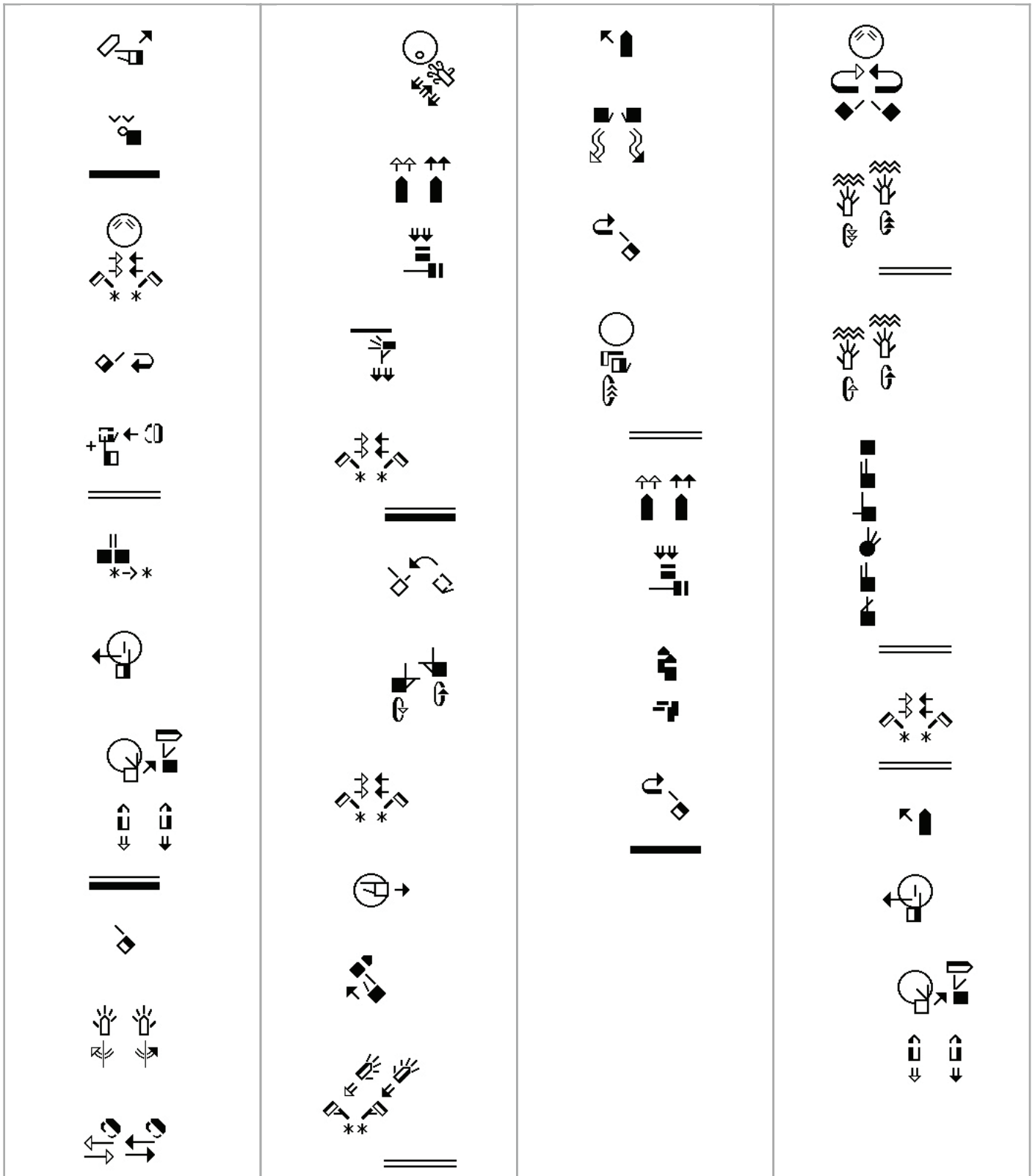
King of all kings and Lord of all lords. Verse 17. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared.

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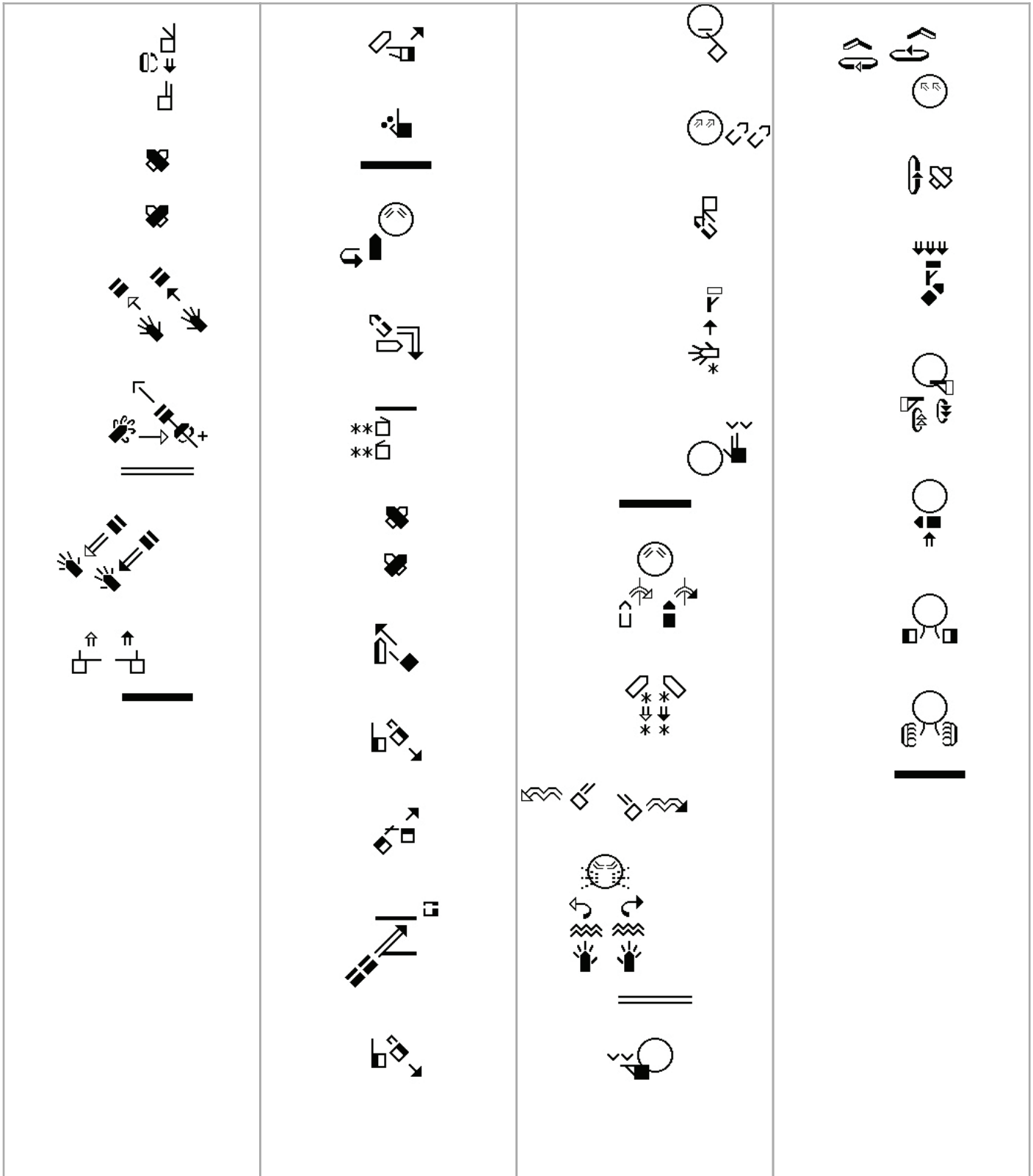


Verse 18. Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great." Verse 19. Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army.
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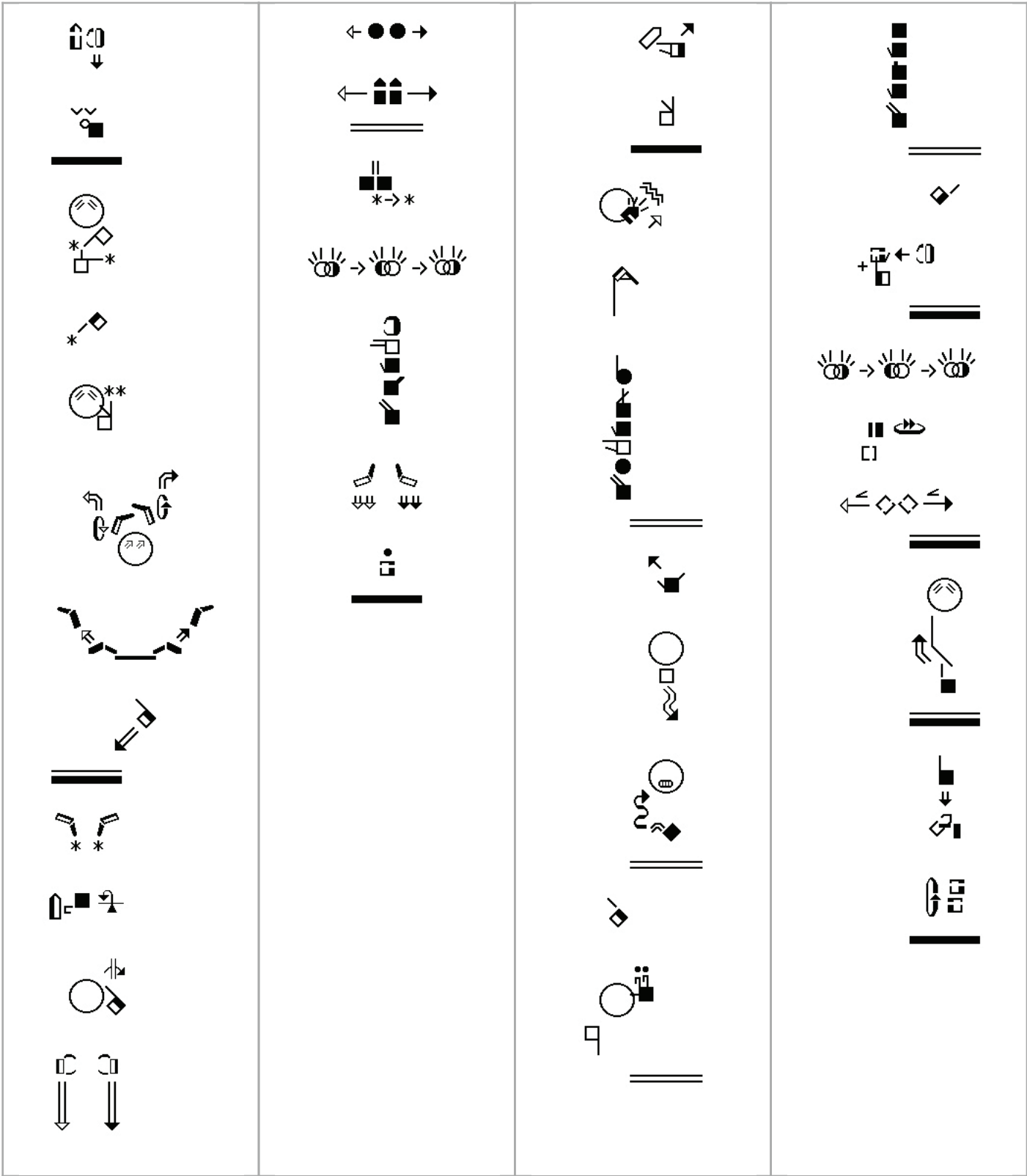


Verse 20. And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast -- miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet NLT

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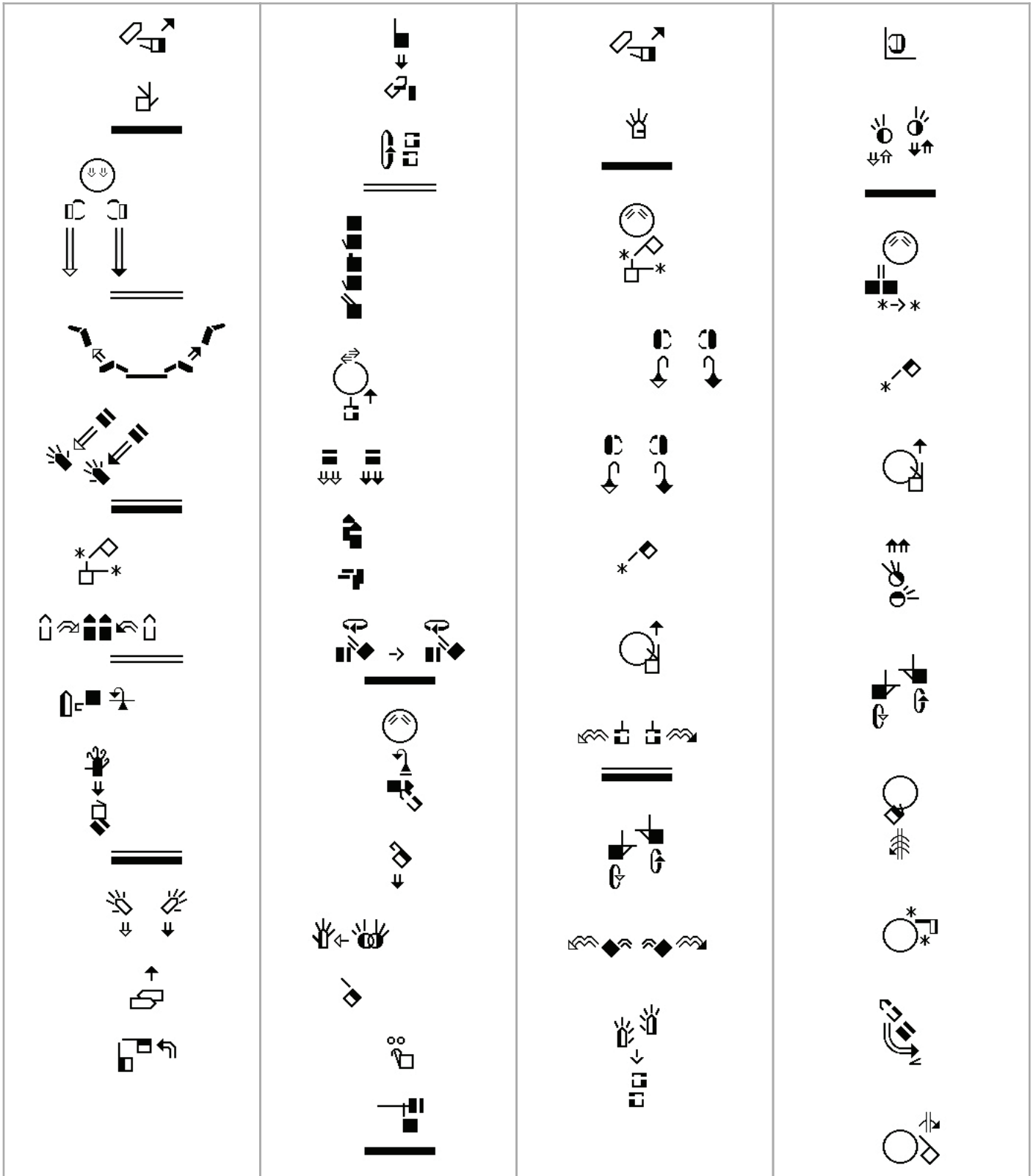


were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Verse 21. Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies. NLT



Chapter 20. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. Verse 2. He seized the dragon -- that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan -- and bound him in chains for a thousand years. NLT

Revelation 20:3-4



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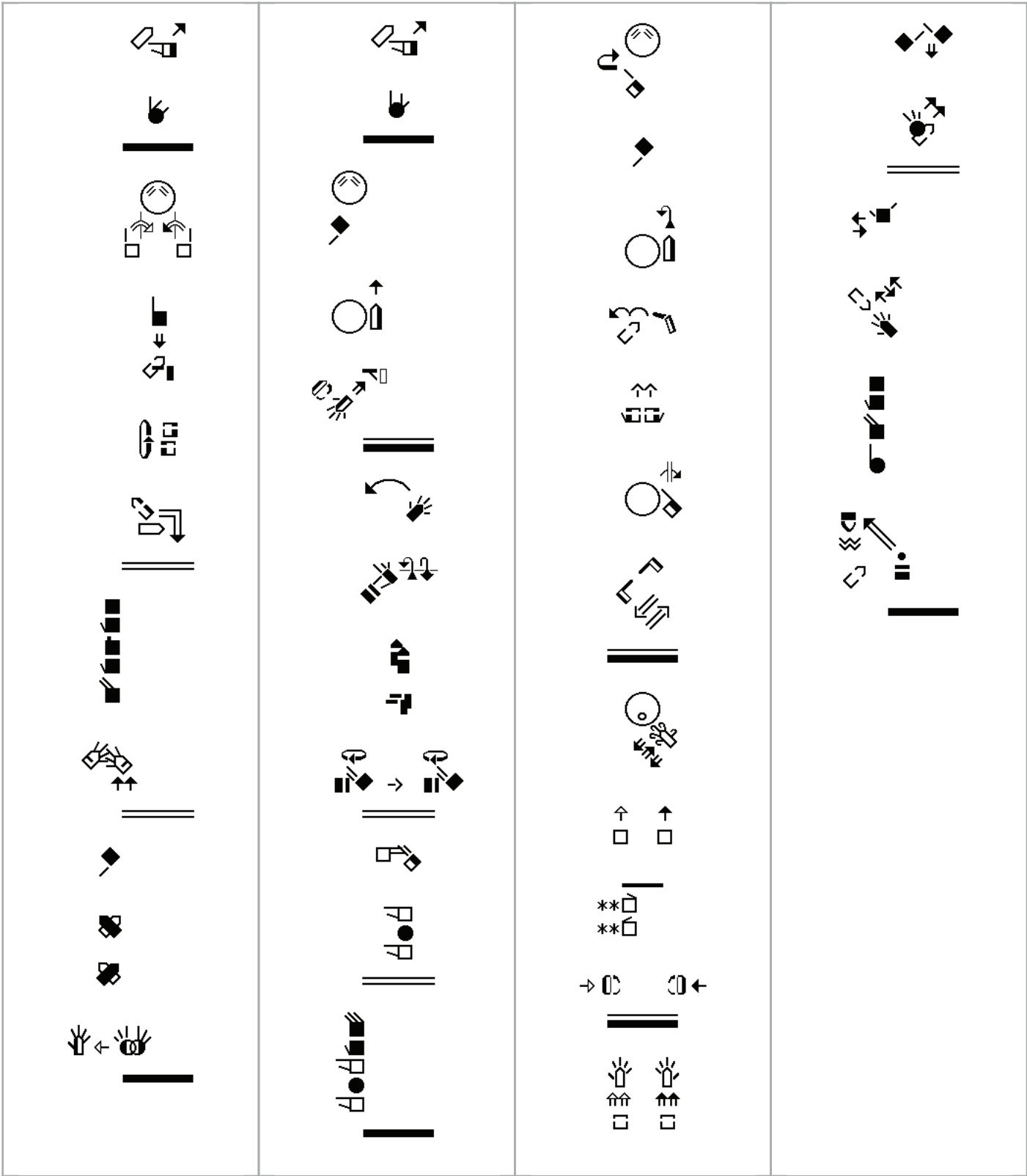
Verse 3. The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while. Verse 4. Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for NLT

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their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Verse 5. This is the first resurrection.(The rest of the dead did not come back to life NLT

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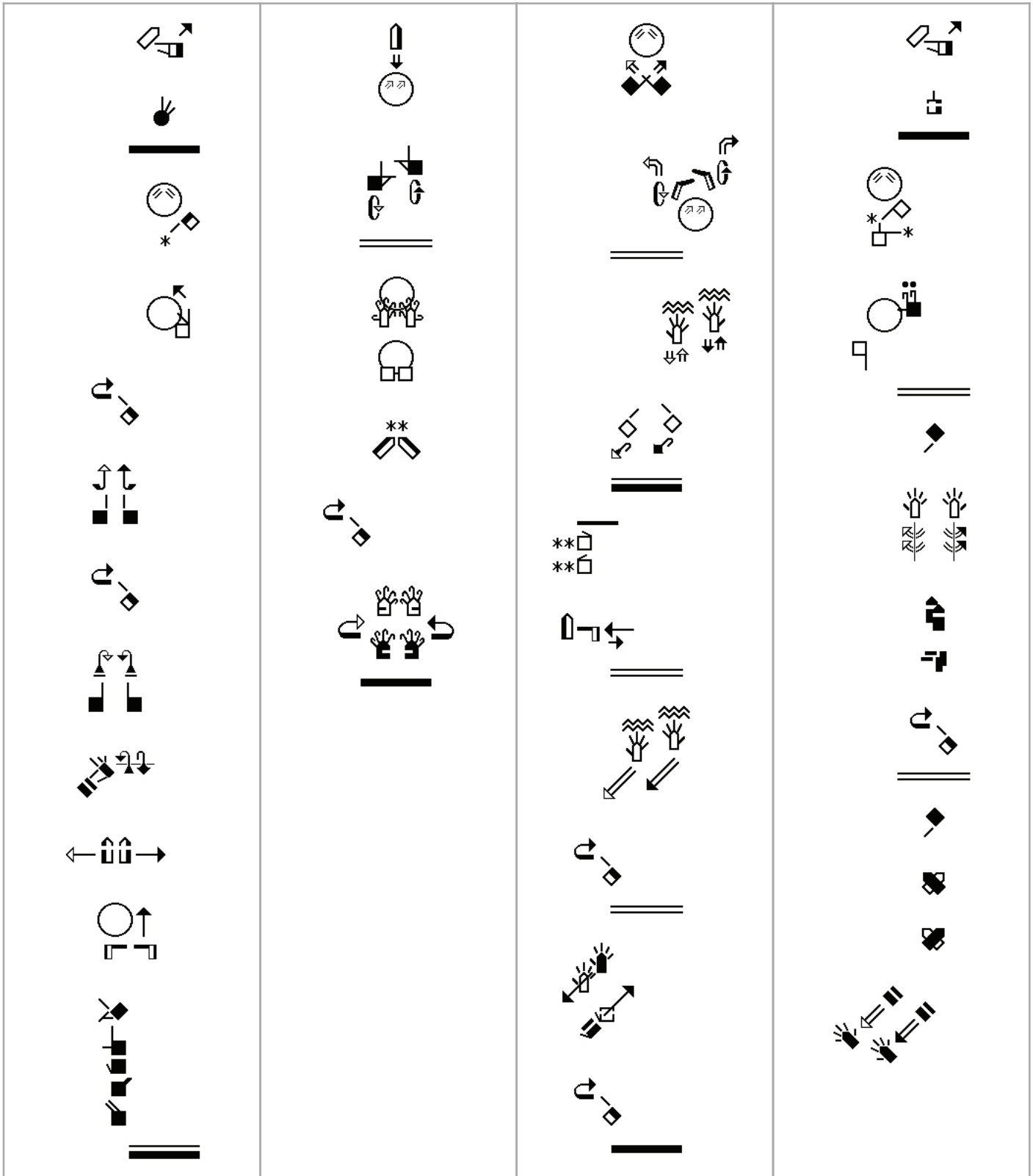
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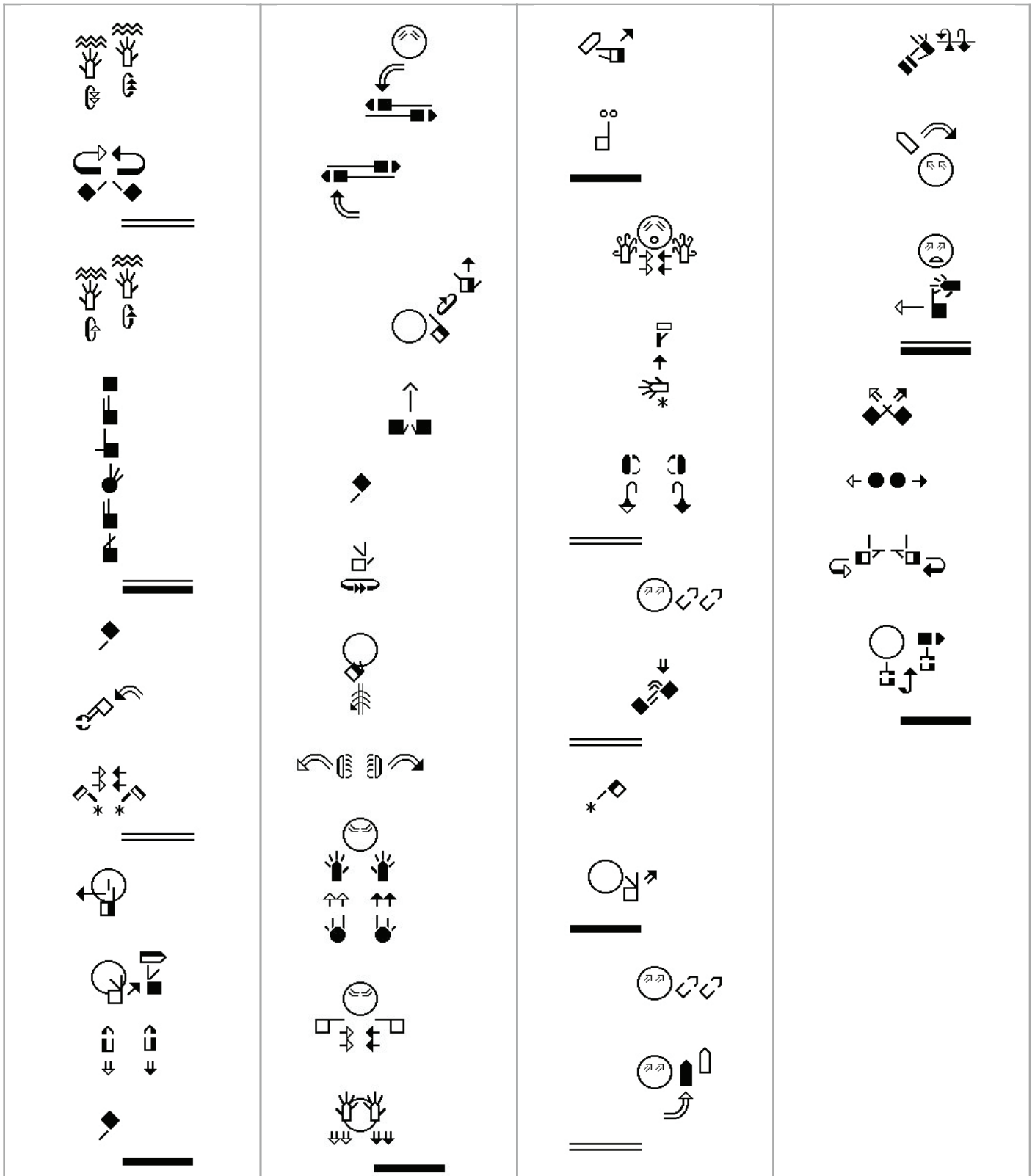
Verse 7. When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. Verse 8. He will go out to deceive the nations -- called Gog and Magog -- in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle -- a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore.

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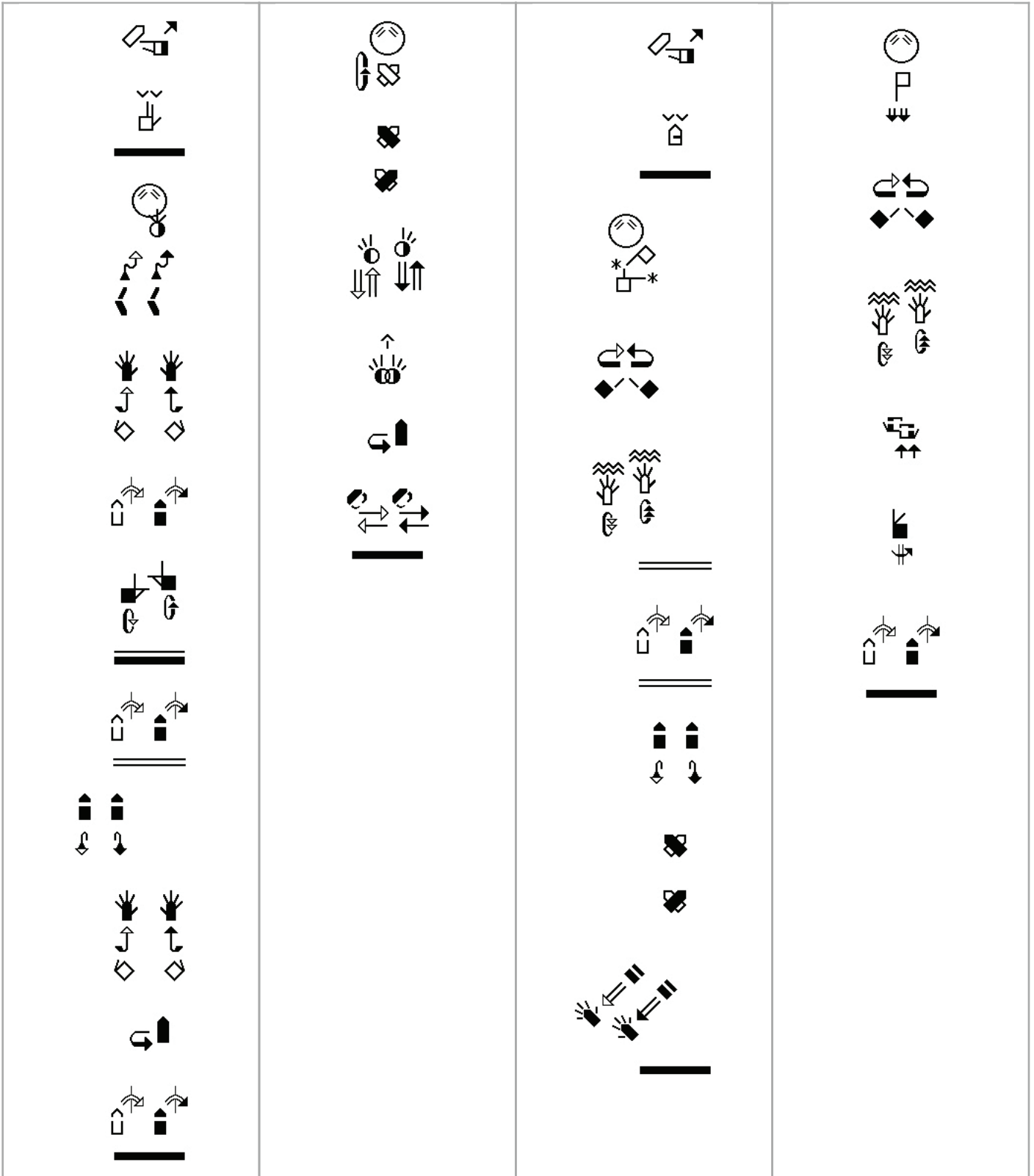


Verse 9. And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. Verse 10. Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown



into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Verse 11. And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide.

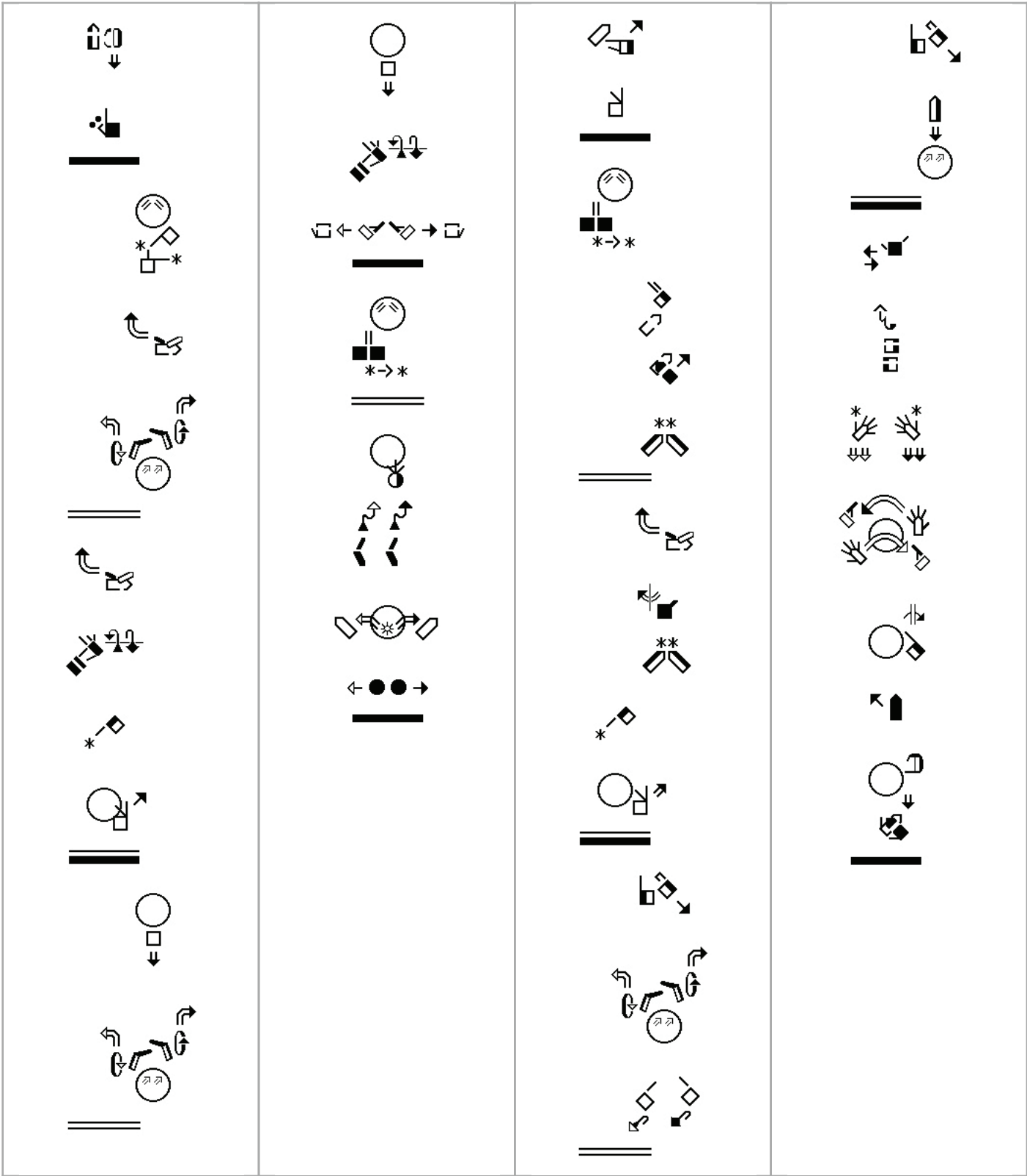
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Verse 13. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Verse 14. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. NLT

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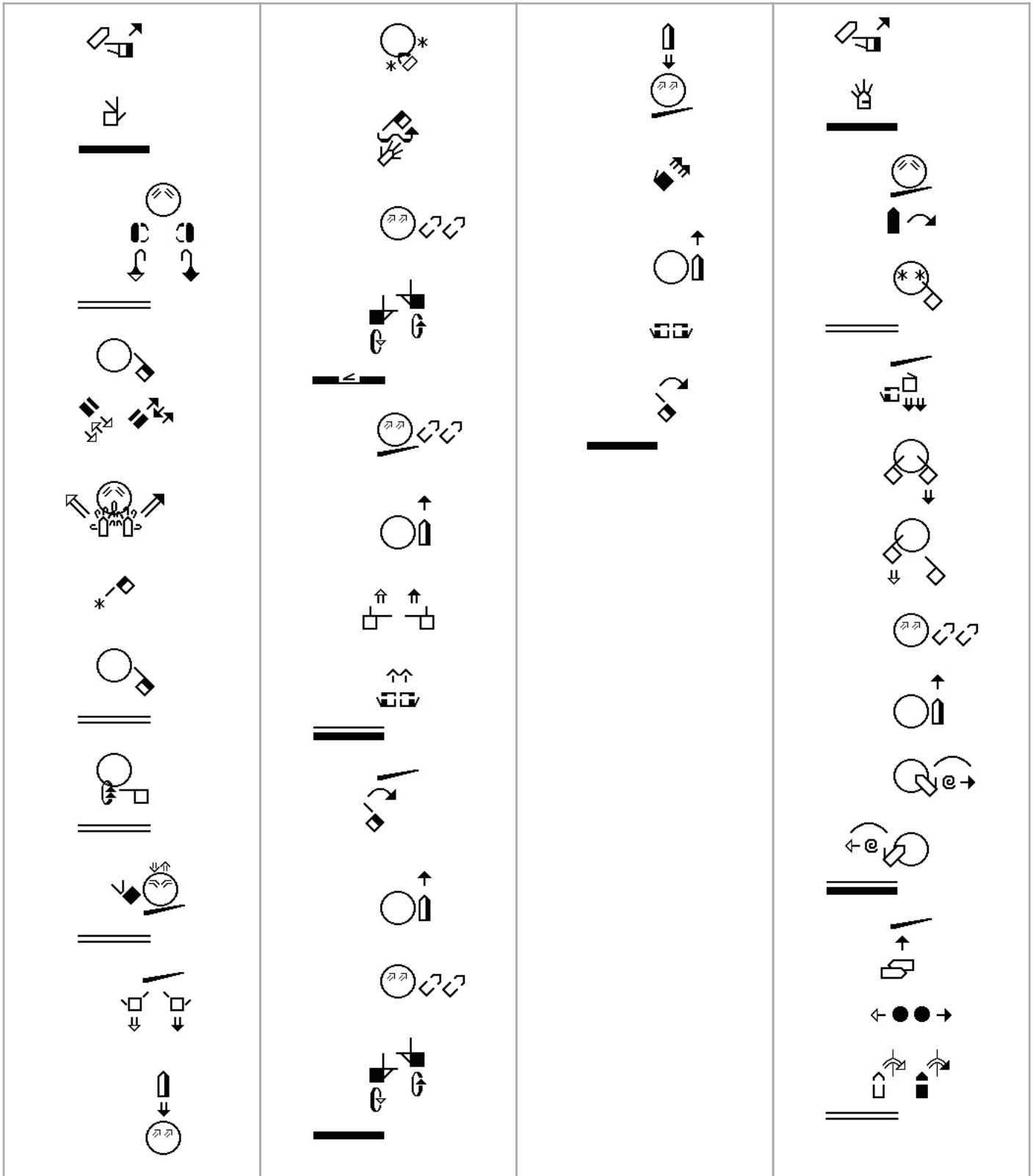
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Chapter 21. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. Verse 2. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

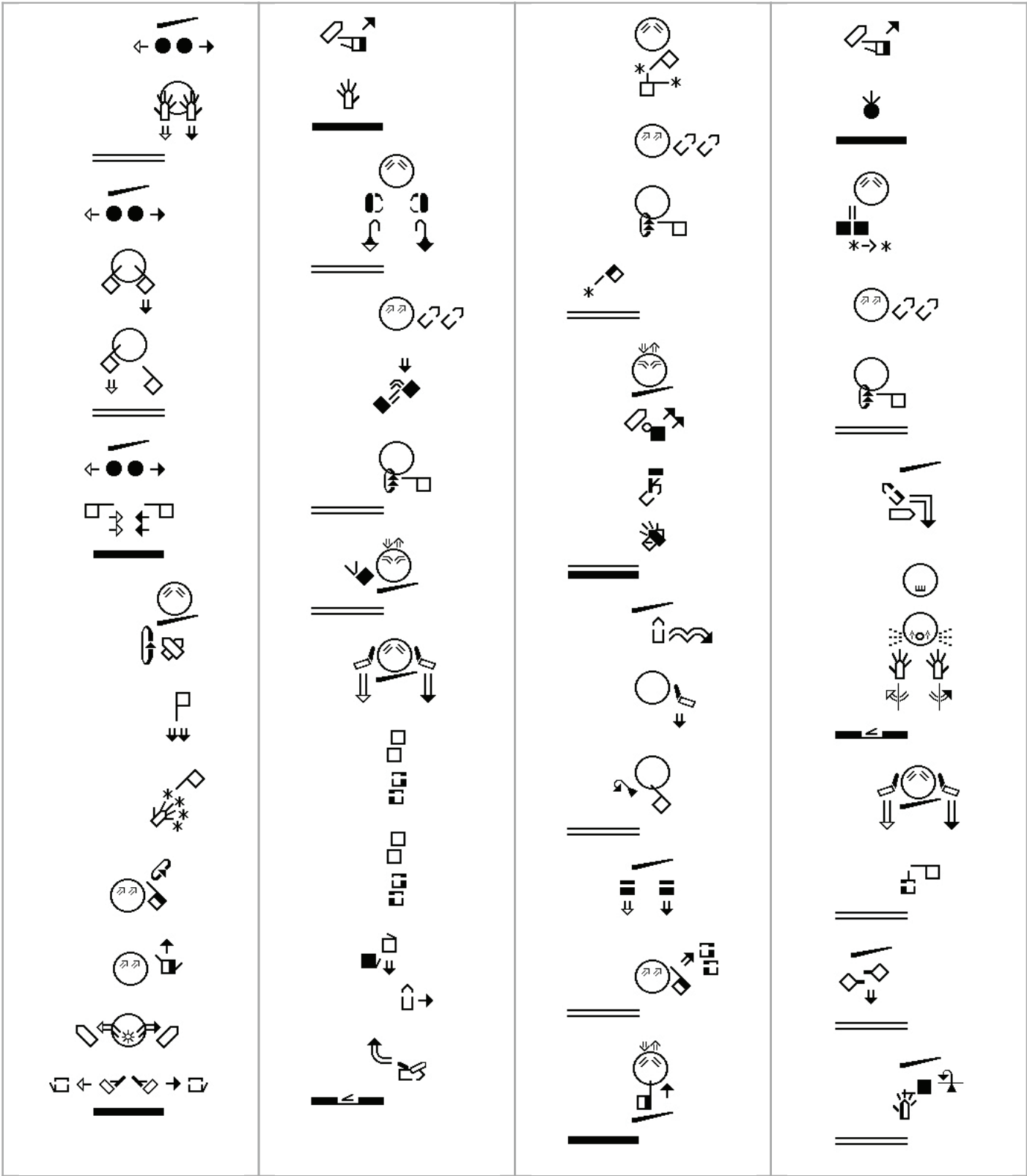
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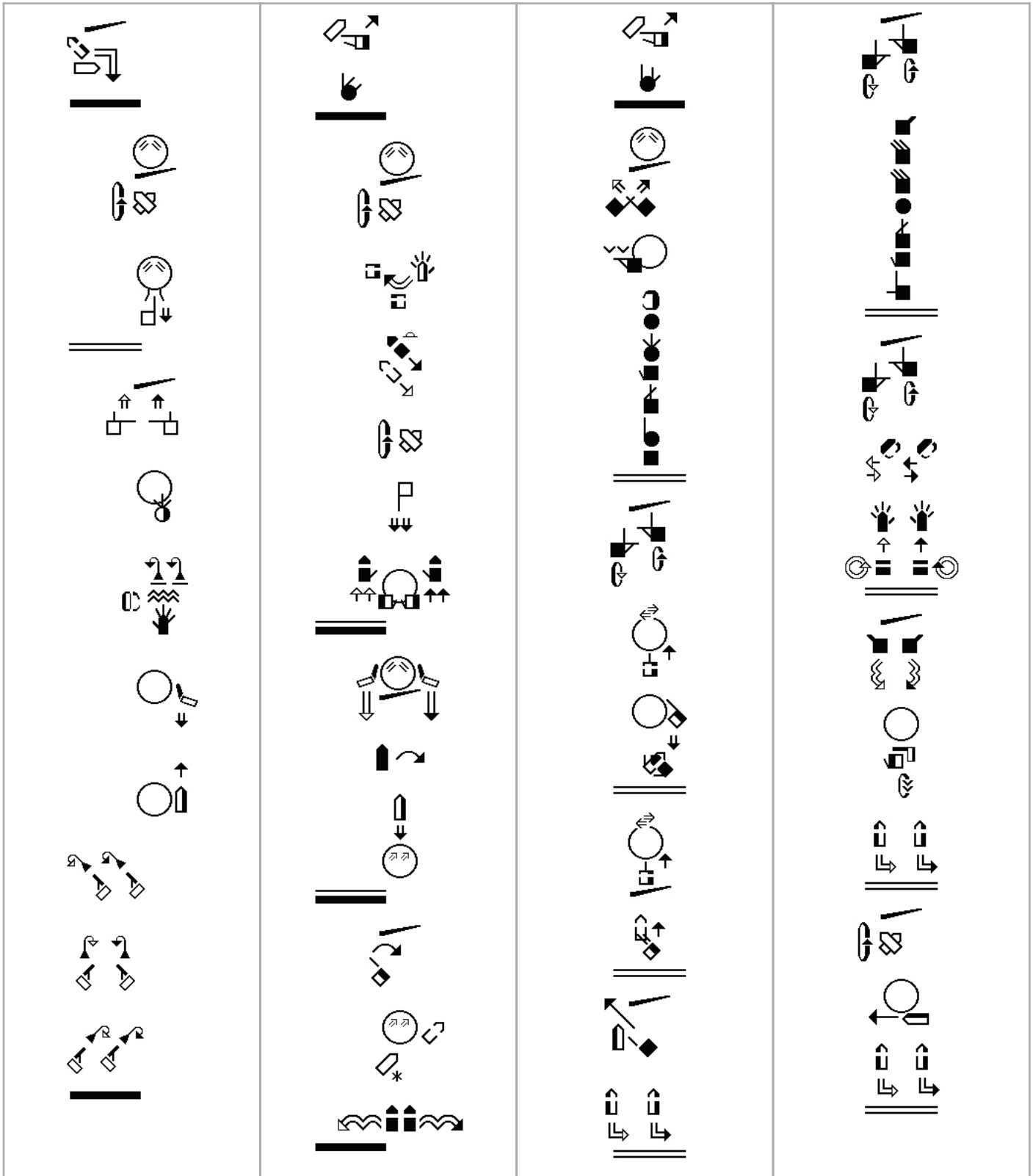
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Verse 3. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. Verse 4. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death NLT

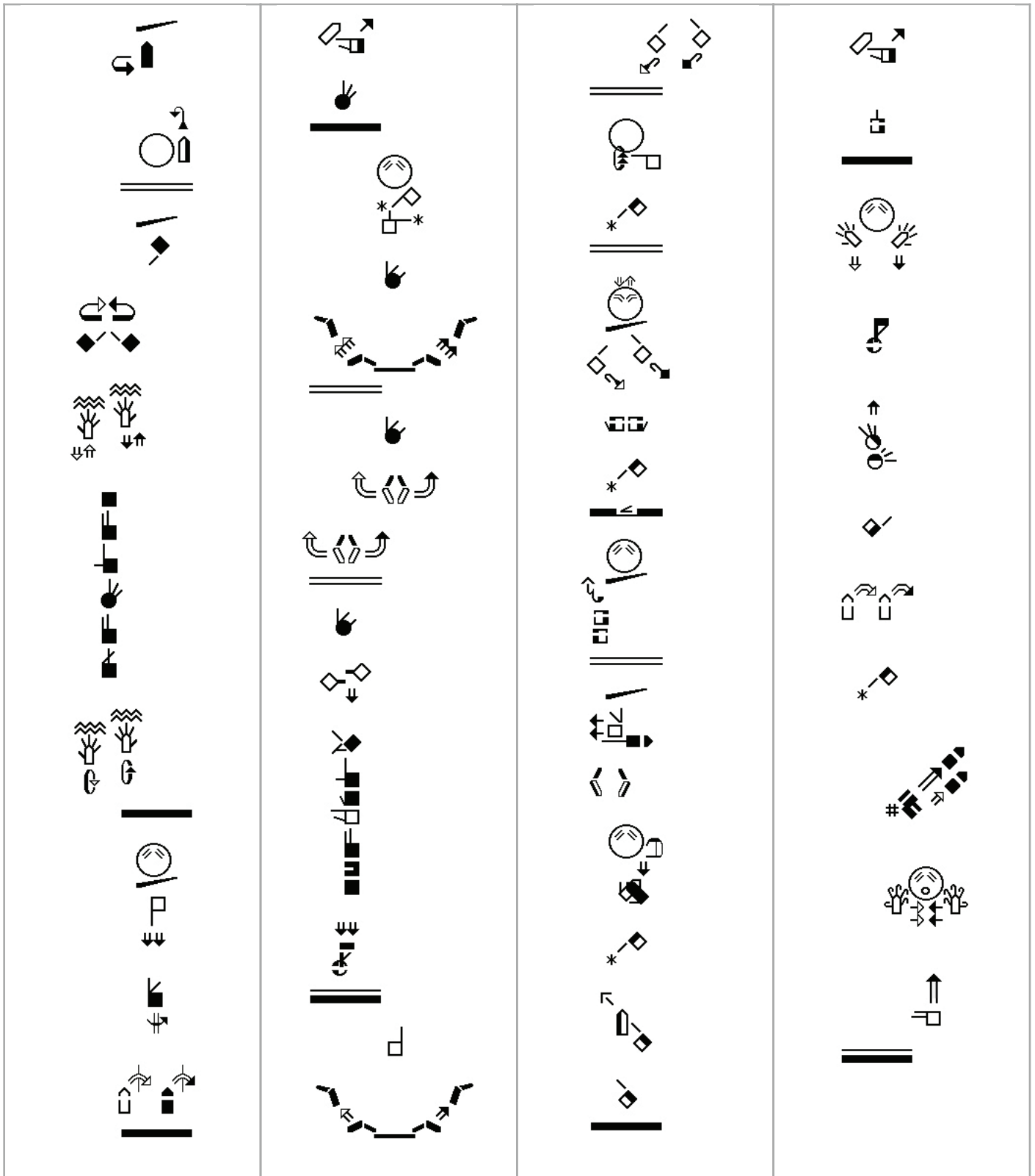


or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Verse 5. And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." Verse 6. And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega -- the Beginning

Revelation 21:6-8

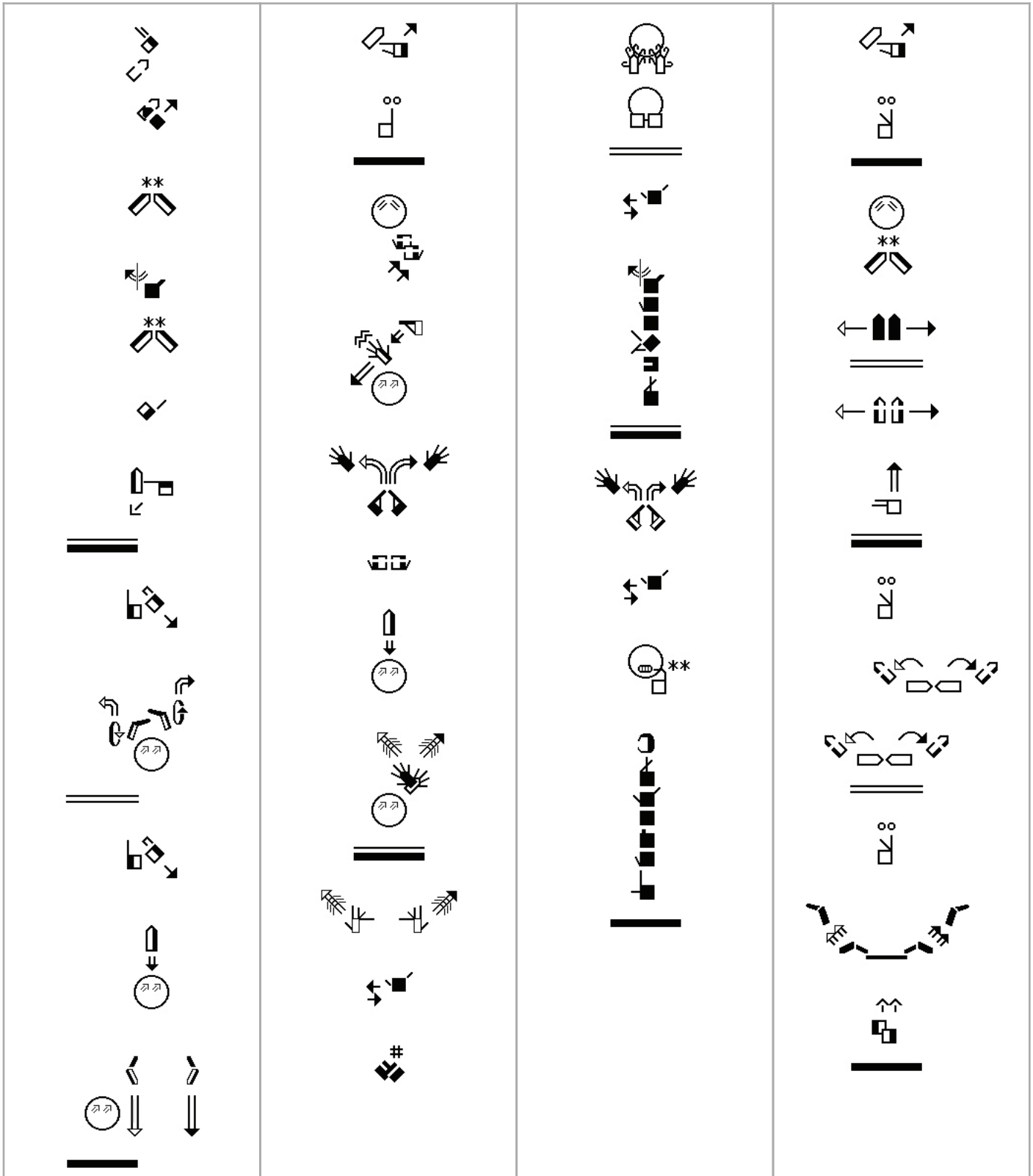


and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. Verse 7. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. Verse 8. But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars -- NLT



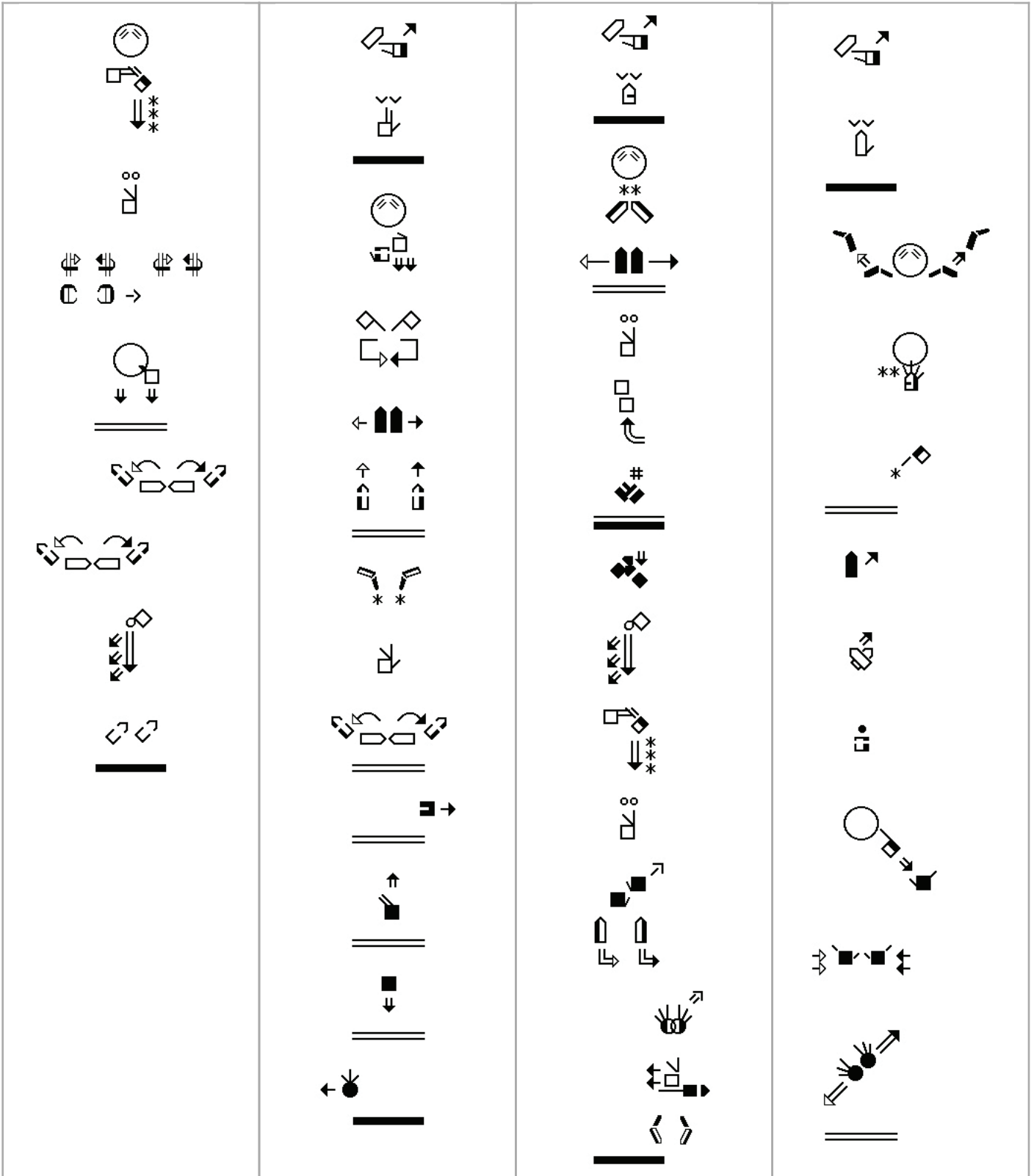
their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." Verse 9. Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." Verse 10. So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain,

Revelation 21:10-12

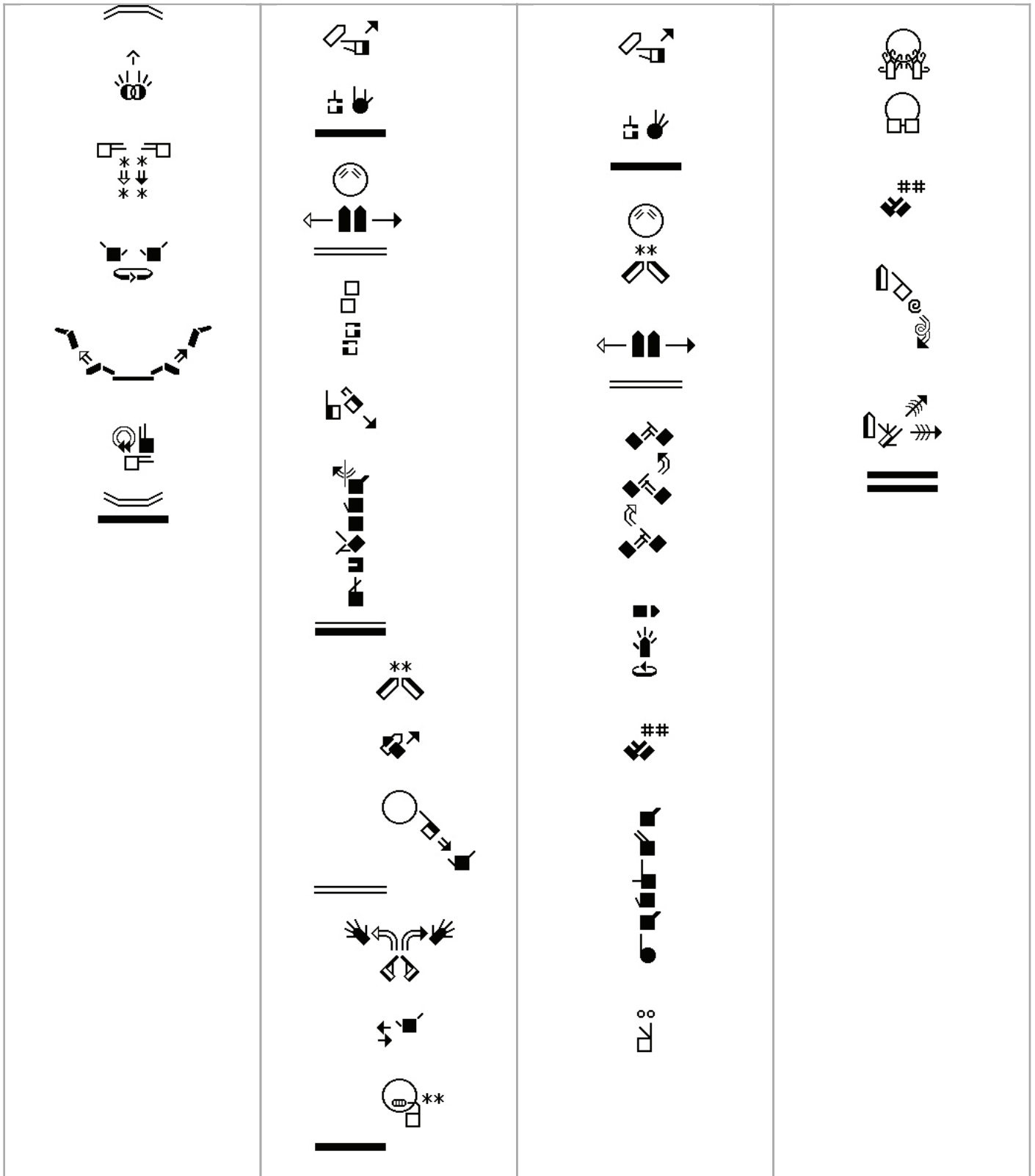


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and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Verse 11. It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone -- like jasper as clear as crystal. Verse 12. The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. NLT



And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. Verse 13. There were three gates on each side -- east, north, south, and west. Verse 14. The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Verse 15. The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick
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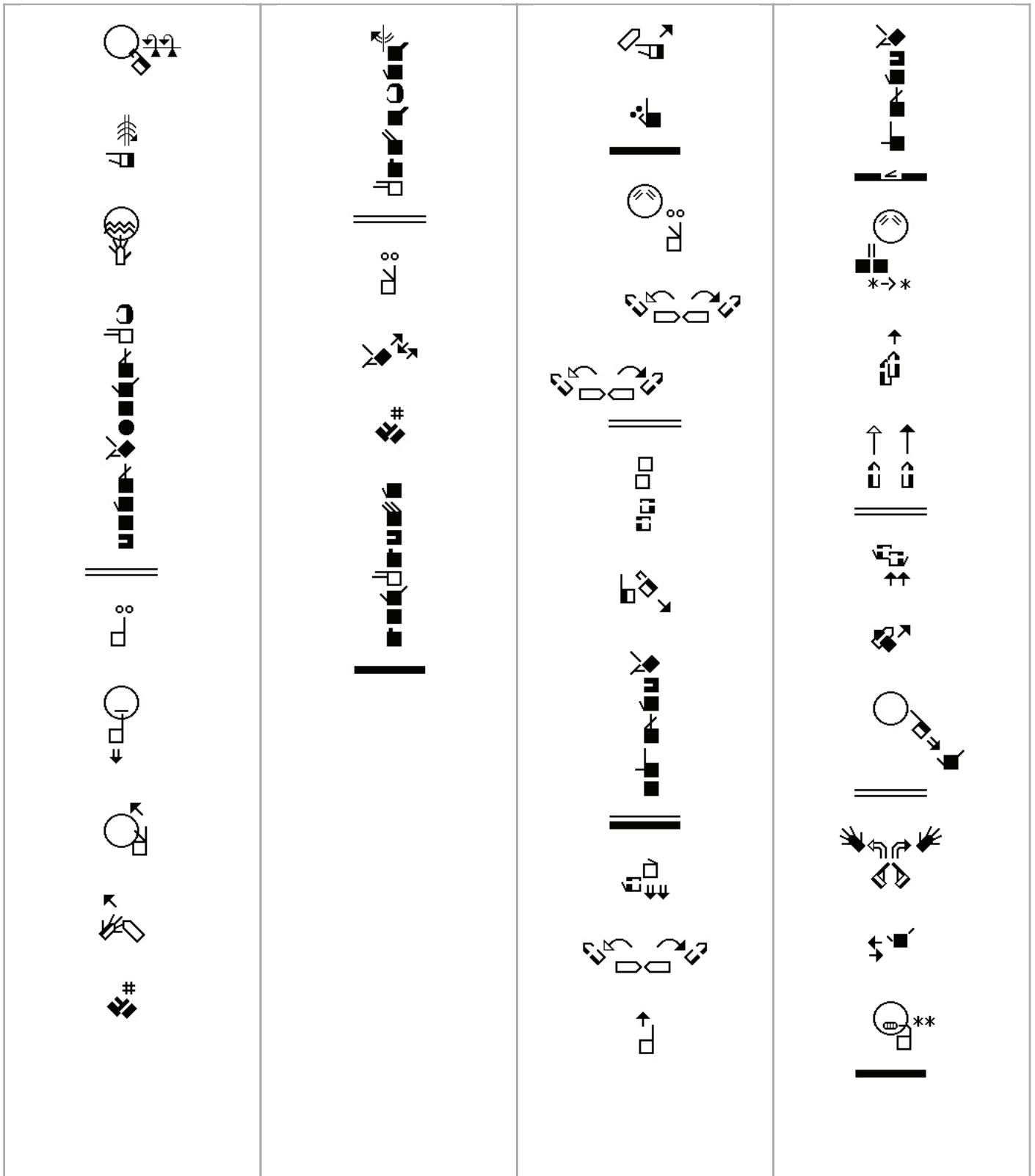


(according to the human standard used by the angel). Verse 18. The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass. Verse 19. The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones:

Revelation 21:19-20

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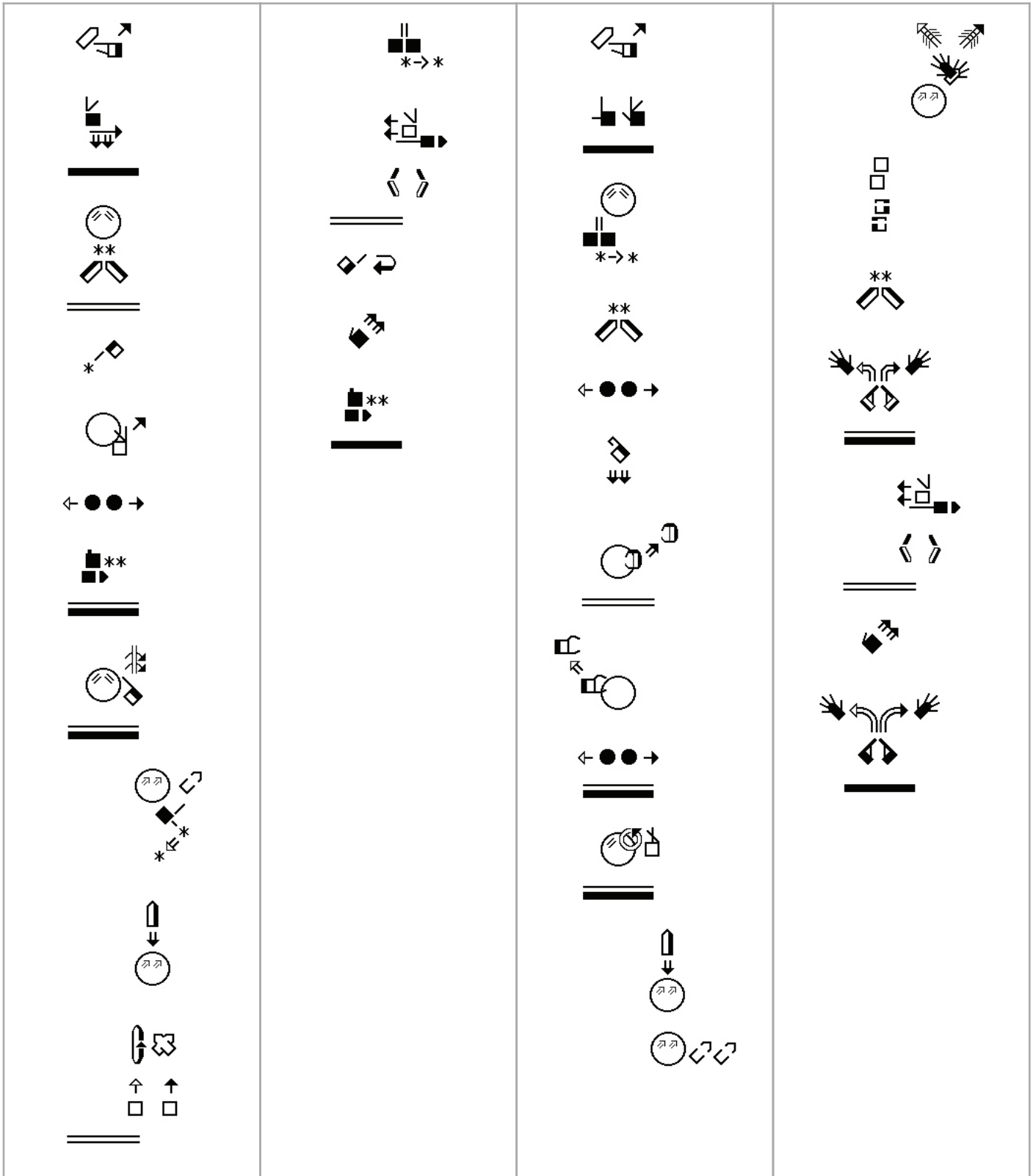
the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, Verse 20. the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth



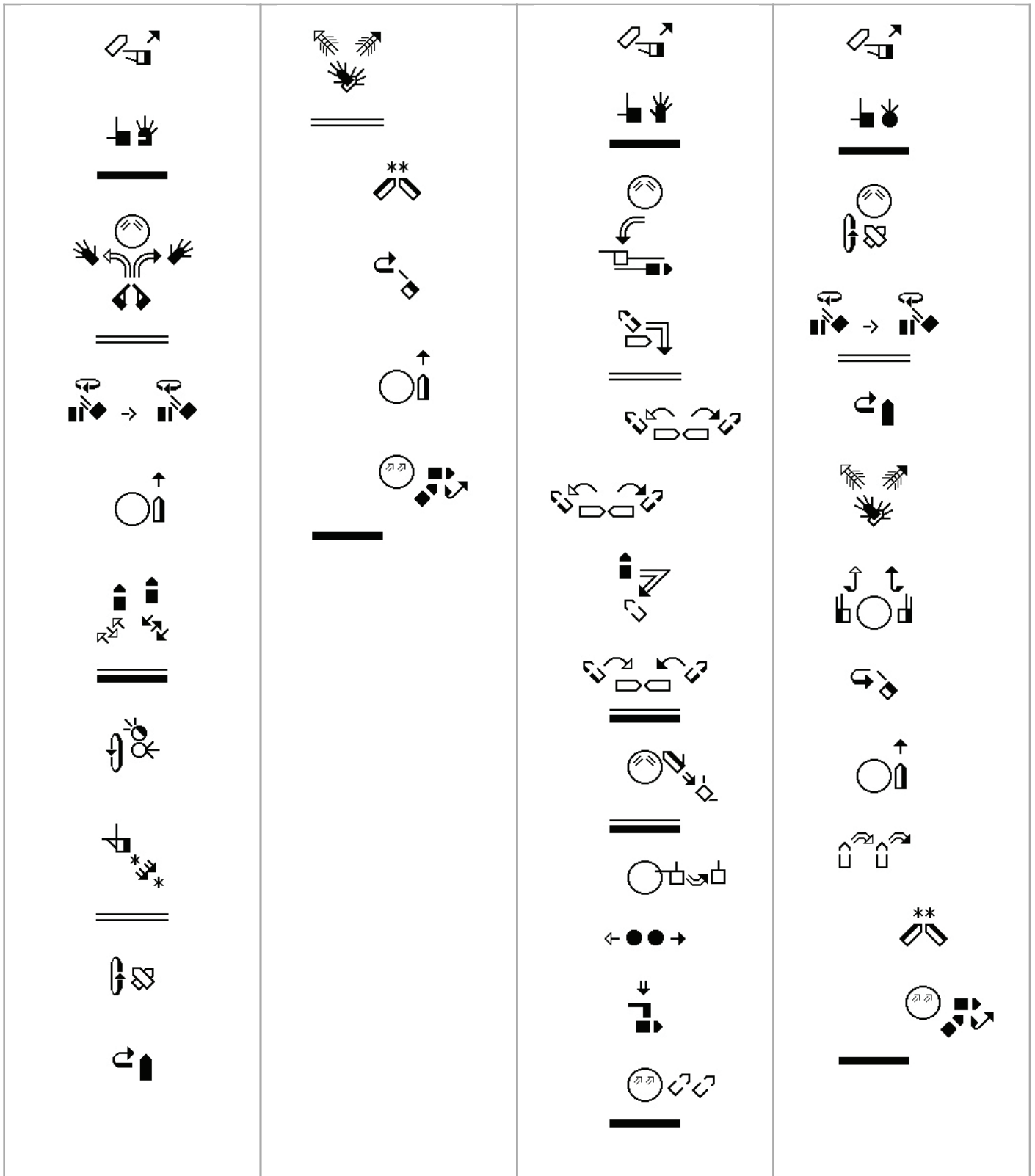
chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. Verse 21. The twelve gates were made of pearls -- each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.

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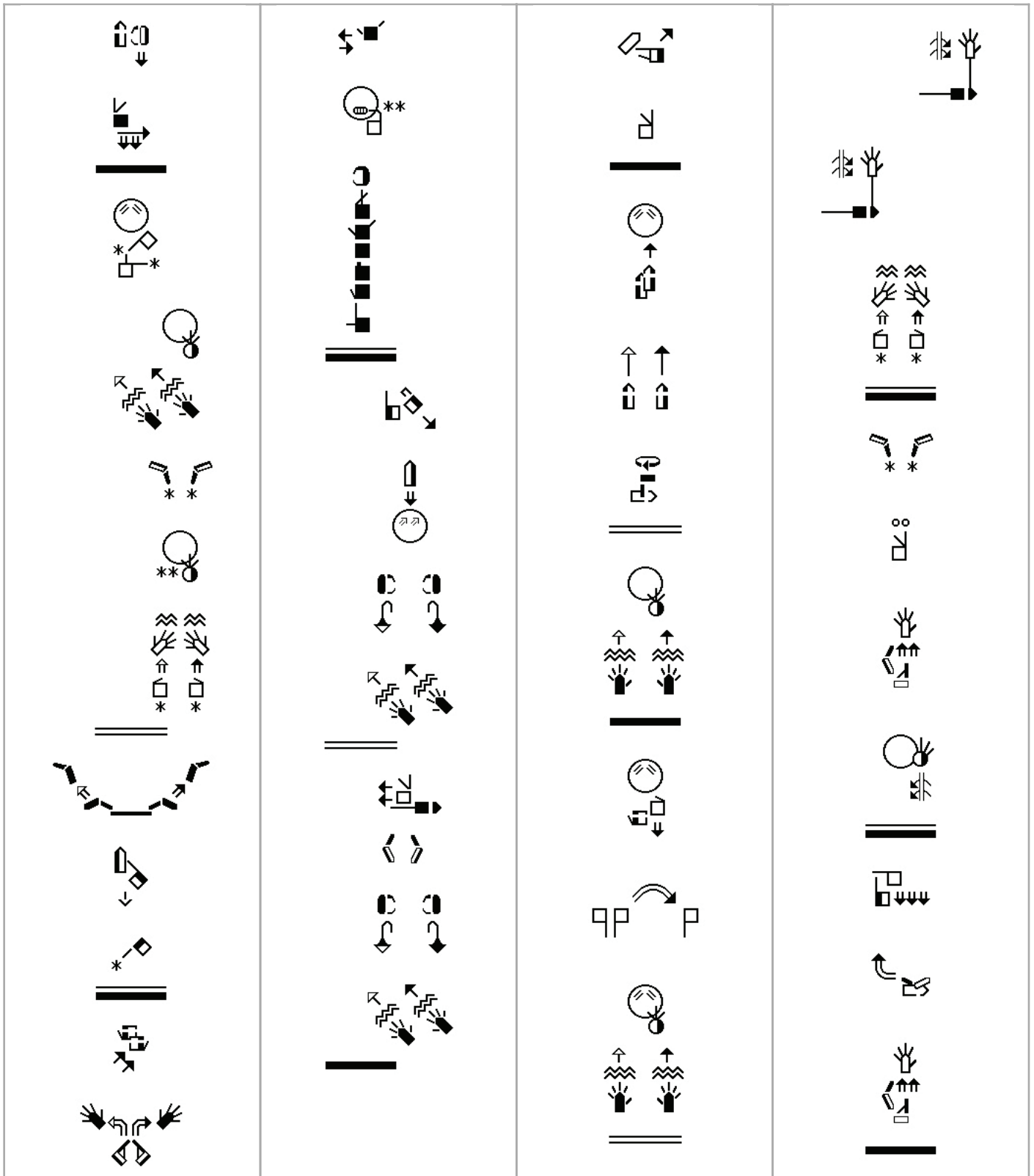
Revelation 21:22-23



Verse 22. I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Verse 23. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. NLT

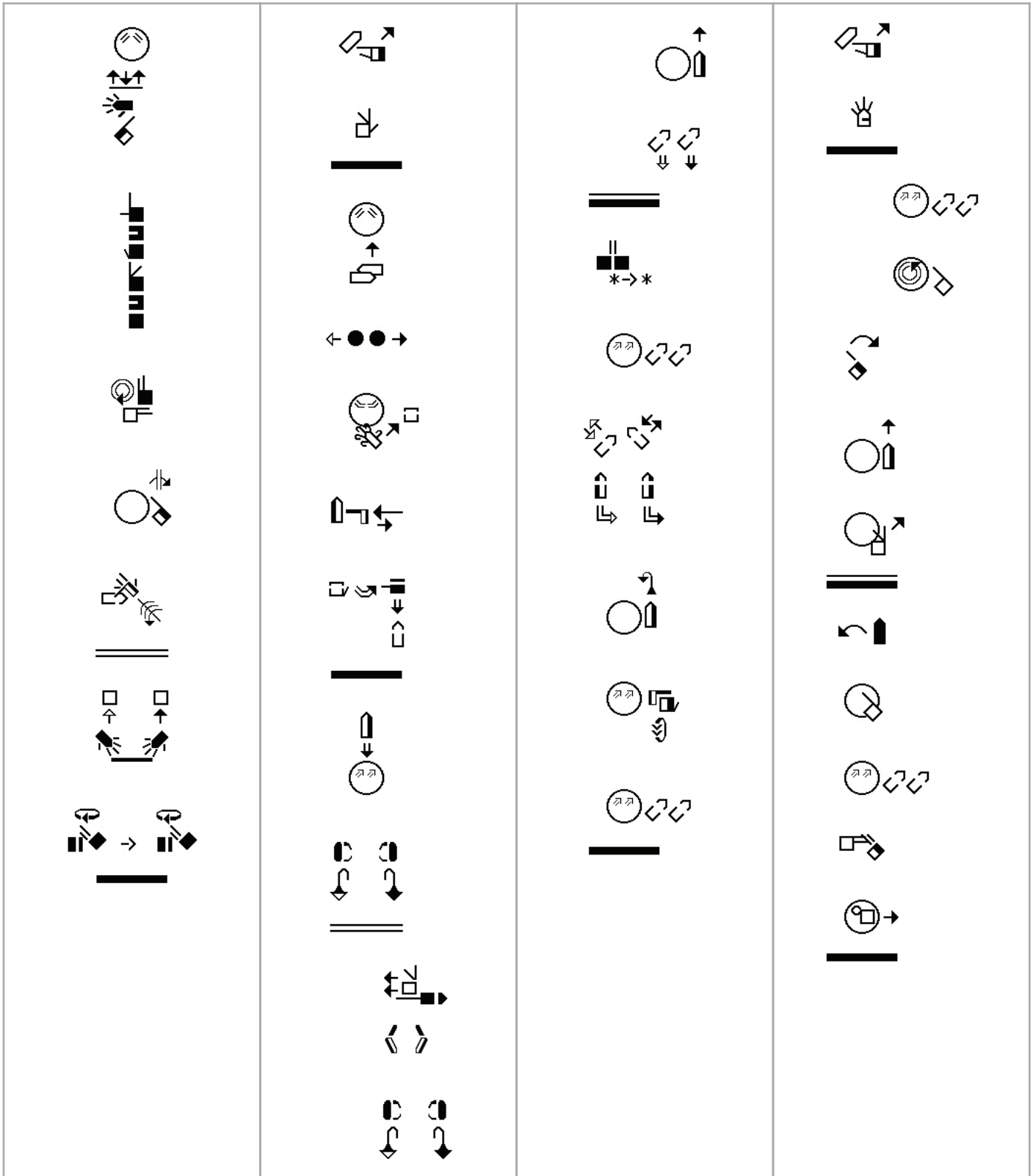


Verse 24. The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. Verse 25. Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. Verse 26. And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. NLT

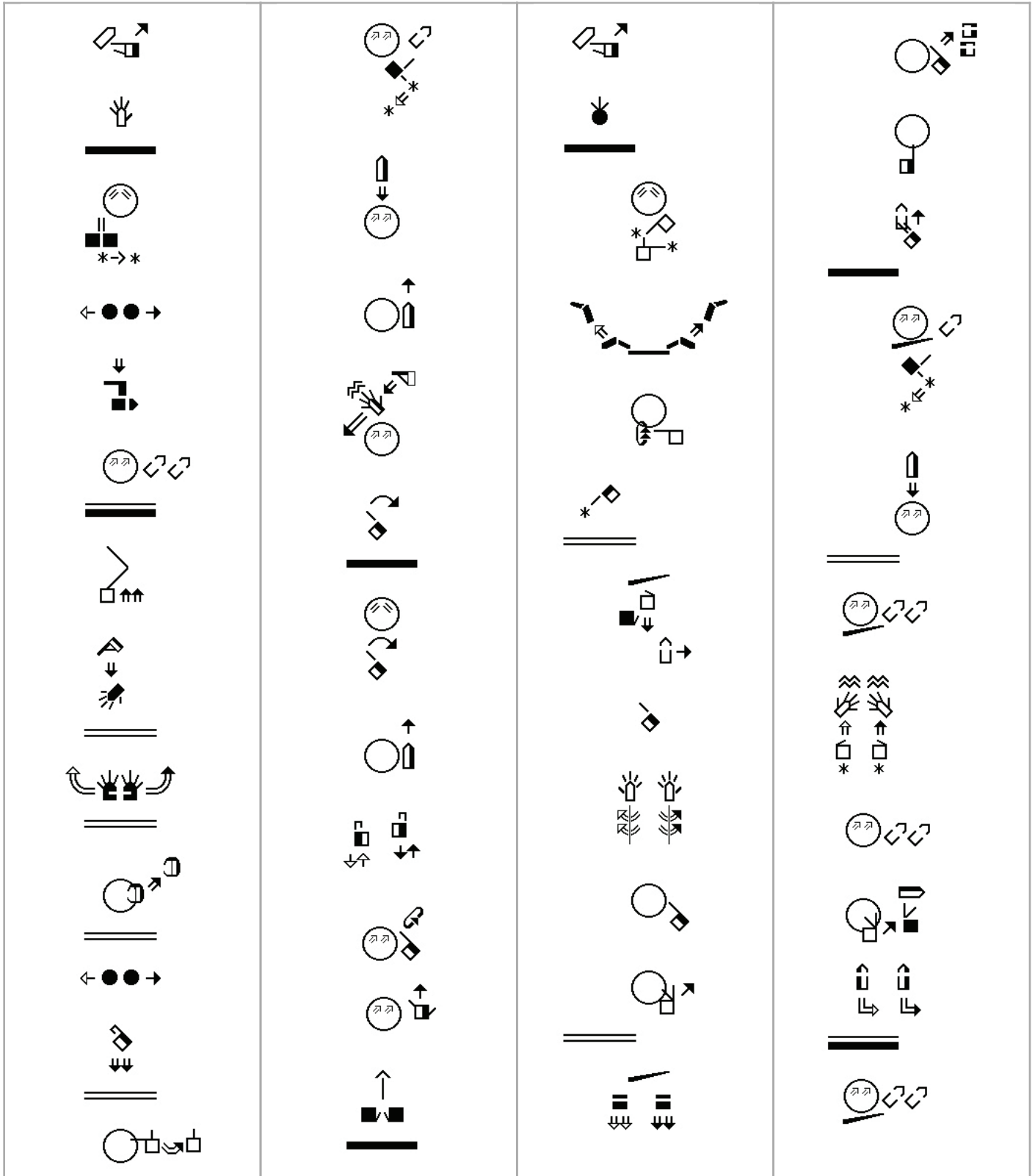


Chapter 22. Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear a crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Verse 2. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. NLT

Revelation 22:2-4

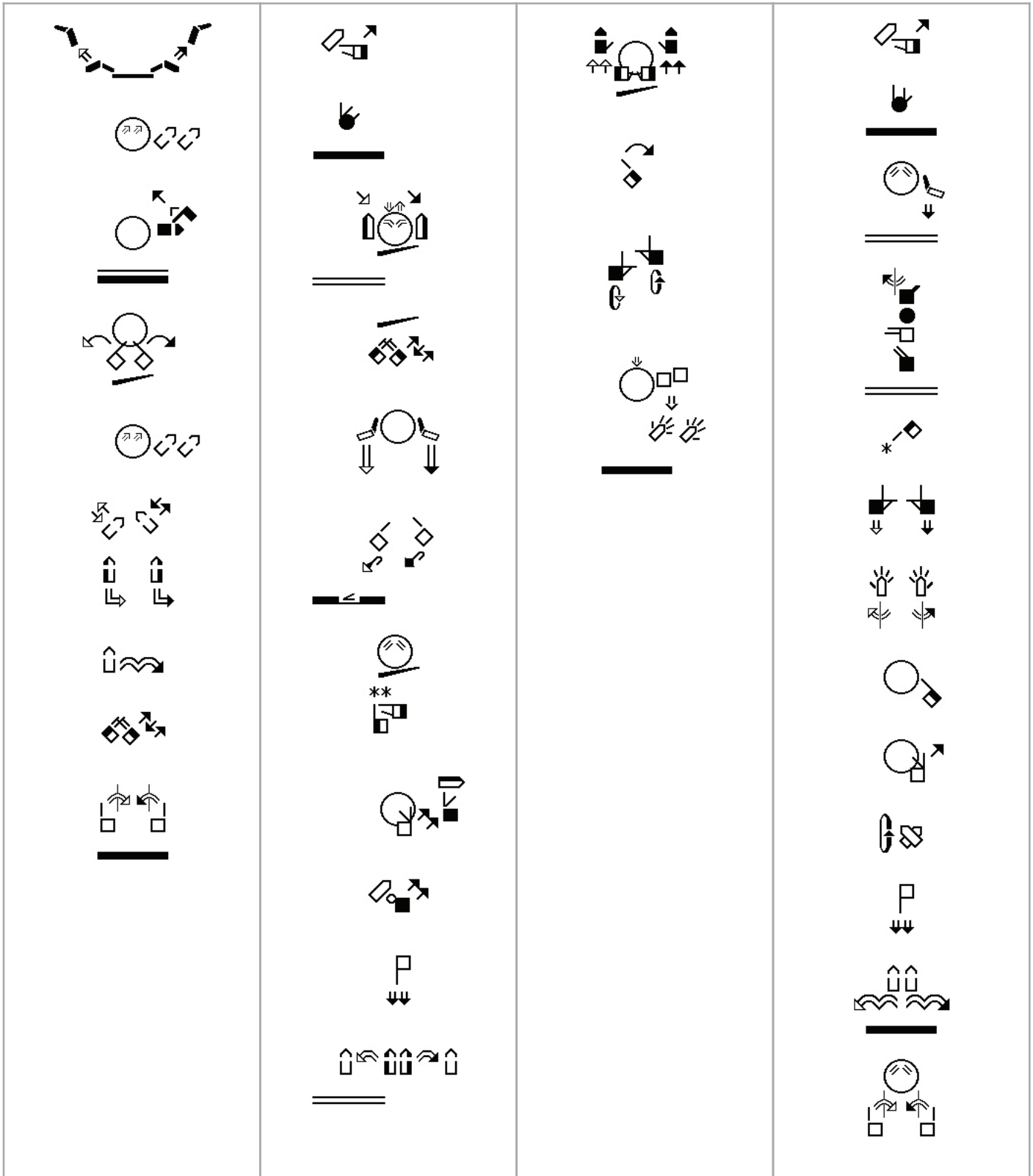


The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. Verse 3. No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. Verse 4. And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. NLT

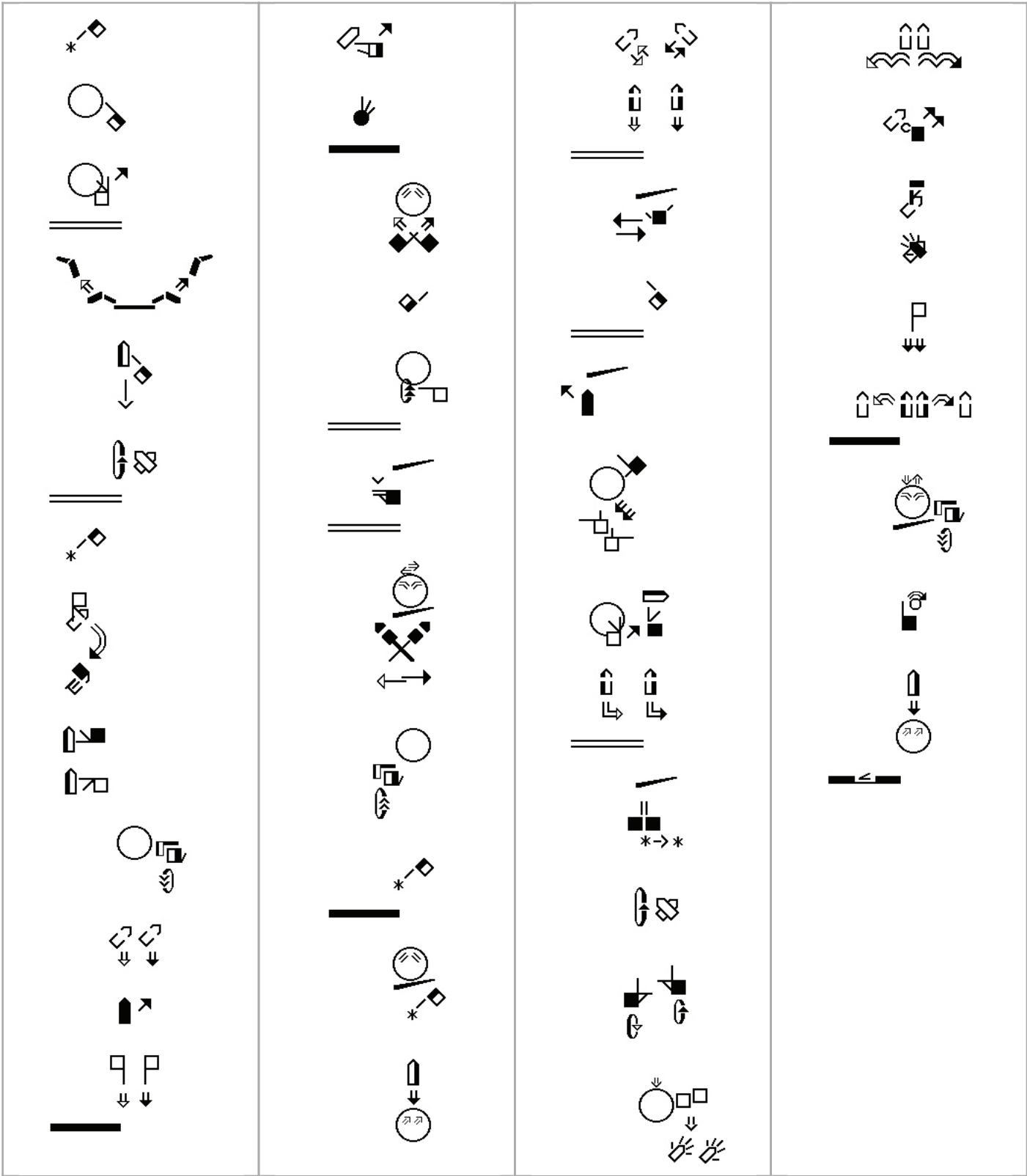


Verse 5. And there will be no night there -- no need for lamps or sun -- for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever. Verse 6. Then the angel said to me, "Everything you have heard and seen is trustworthy and true. The Lord God, who inspires his prophets,

Revelation 22:6-8



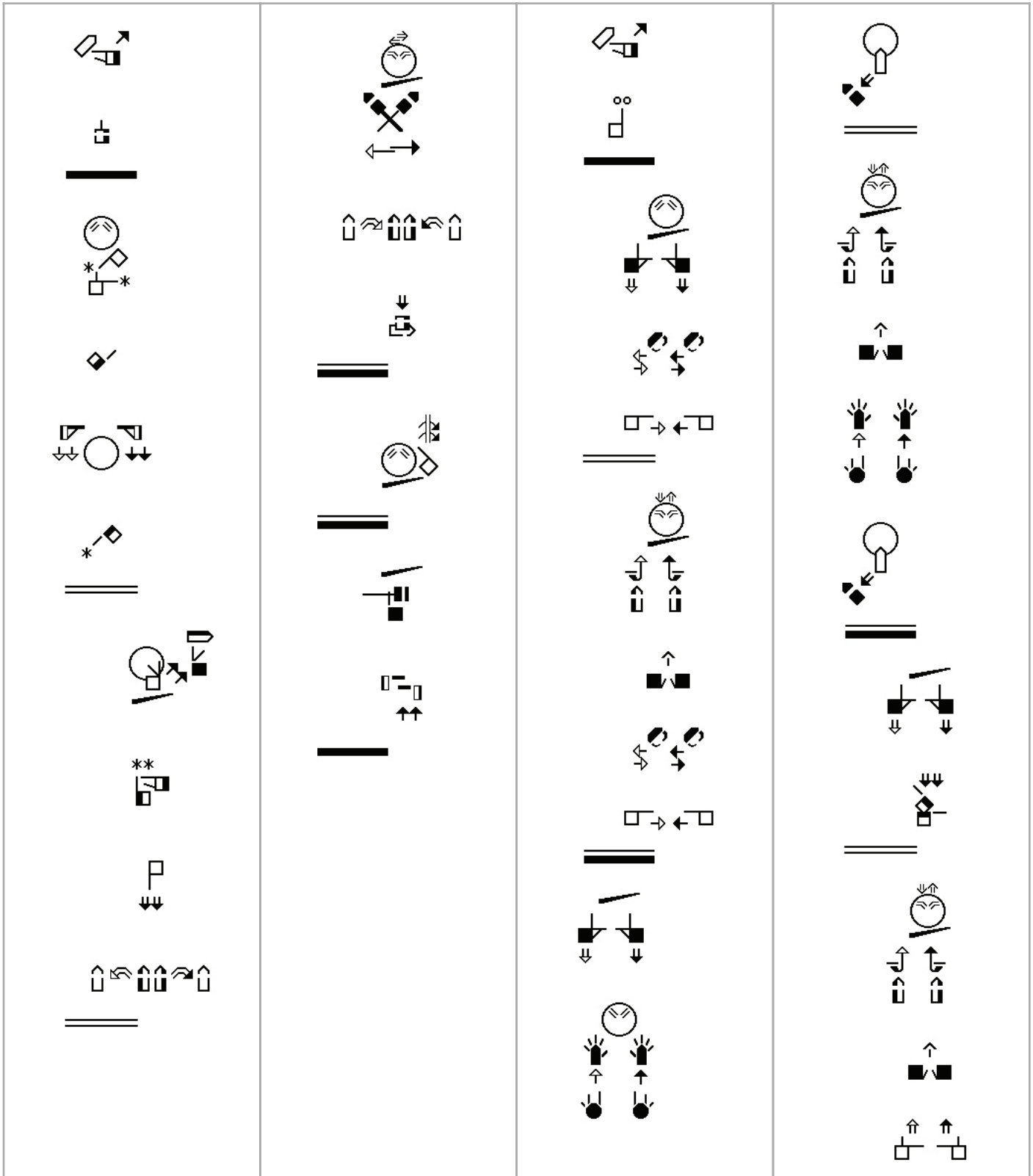
has sent his angel to tell his servants what will happen soon." Verse 7. "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book." Verse 8. I, John, am the one who heard and saw all these things. And when NLT

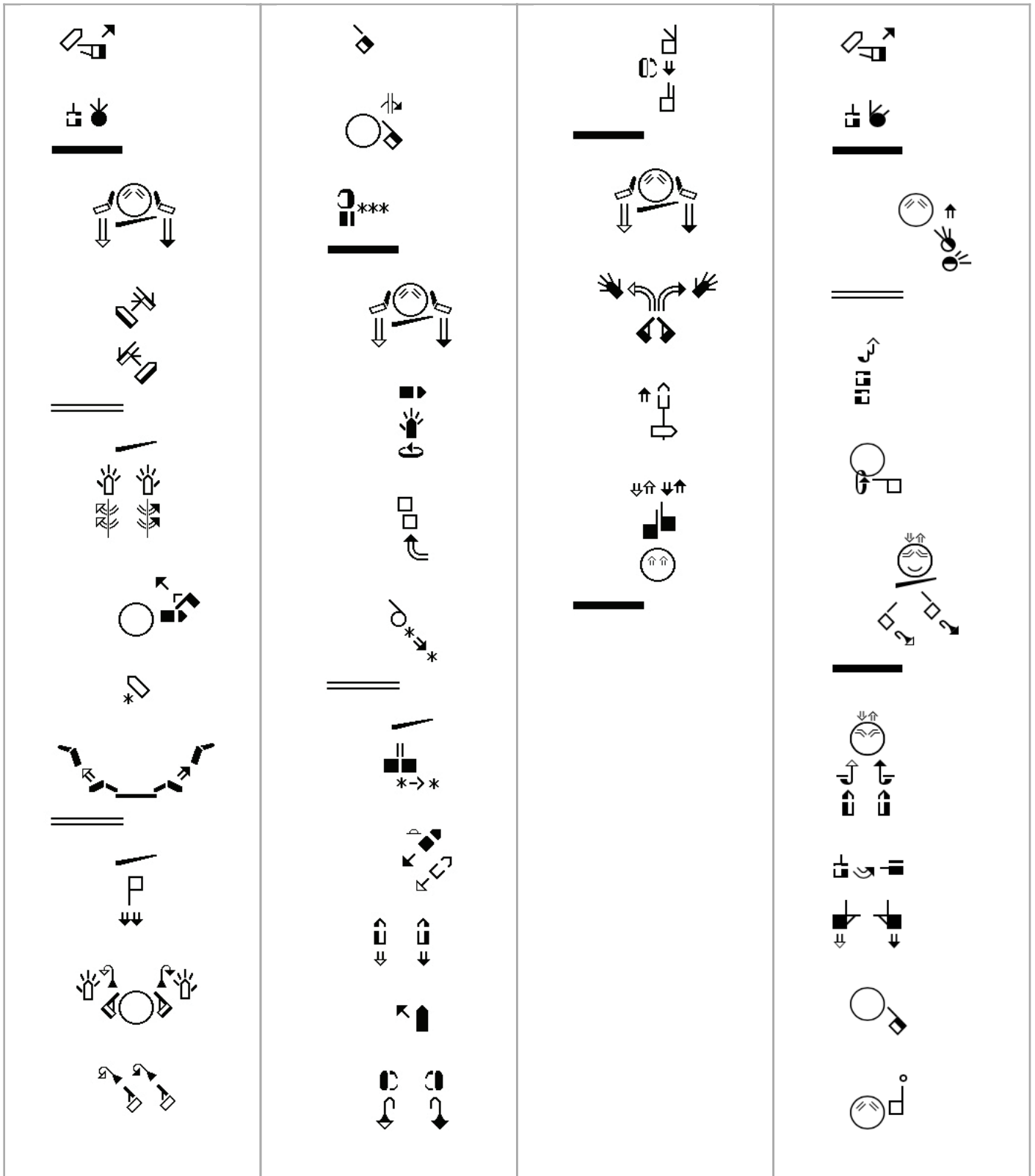


I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me. Verse 9. But he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God!"

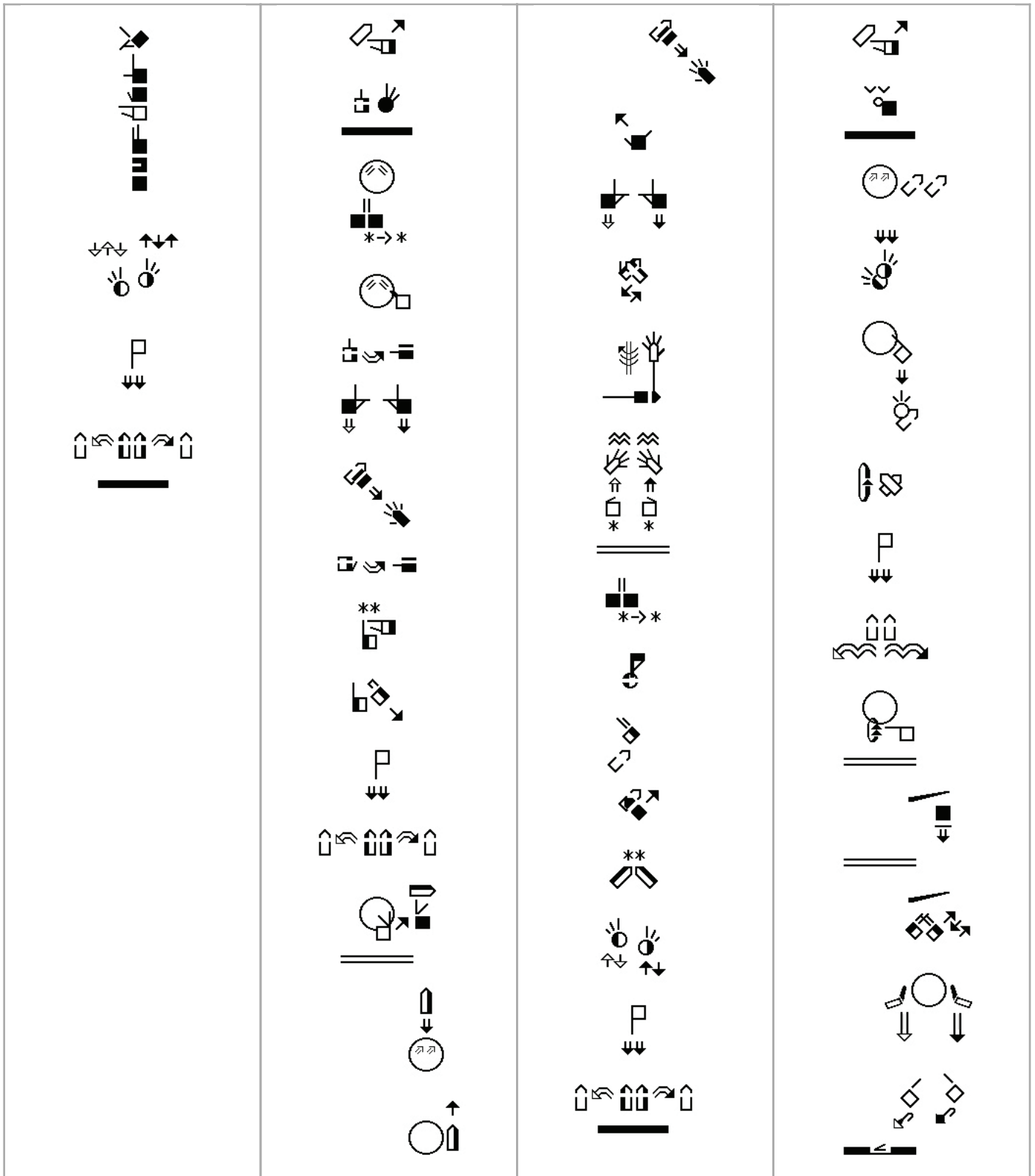
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Revelation 22:10-11





Verse 16. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star." Verse 17. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this



the plagues described in this book. Verse 19. And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book. Verse 20. He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

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