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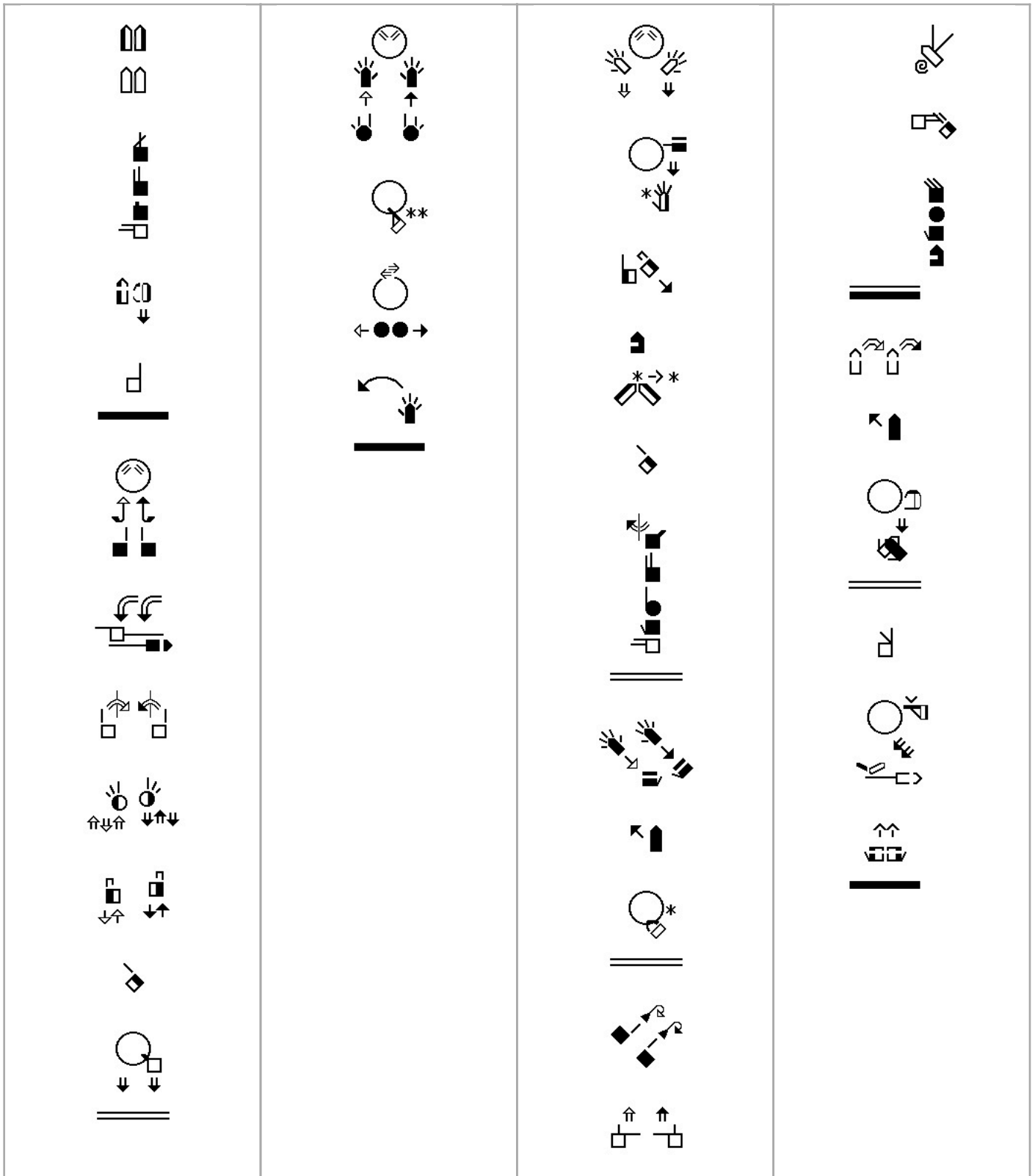


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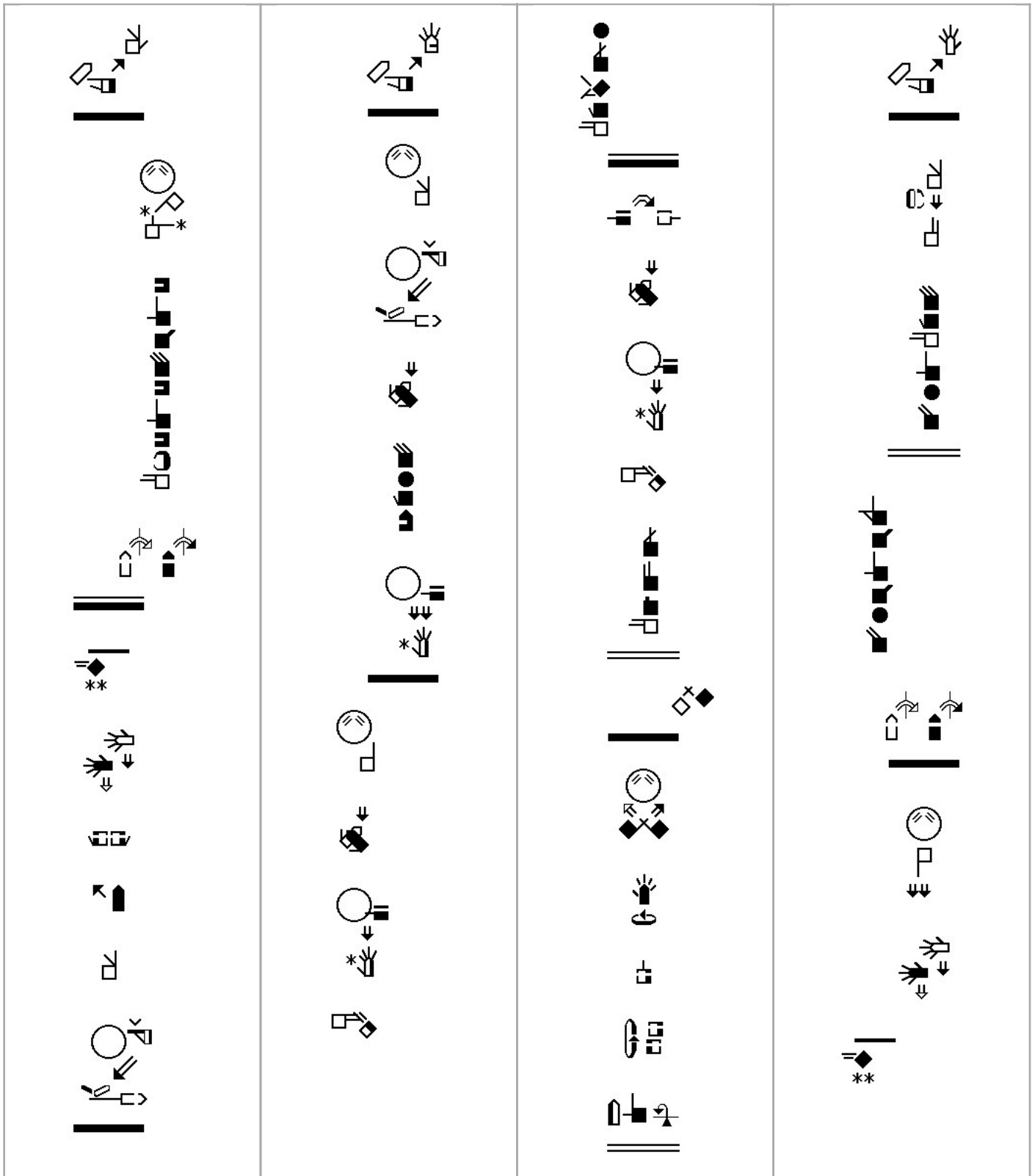
Book of Ruth Chapter 1. In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him. NLT

Ruth 1:2

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Verse 2. The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi. Their two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. And when they reached Moab, they settled there. NLT

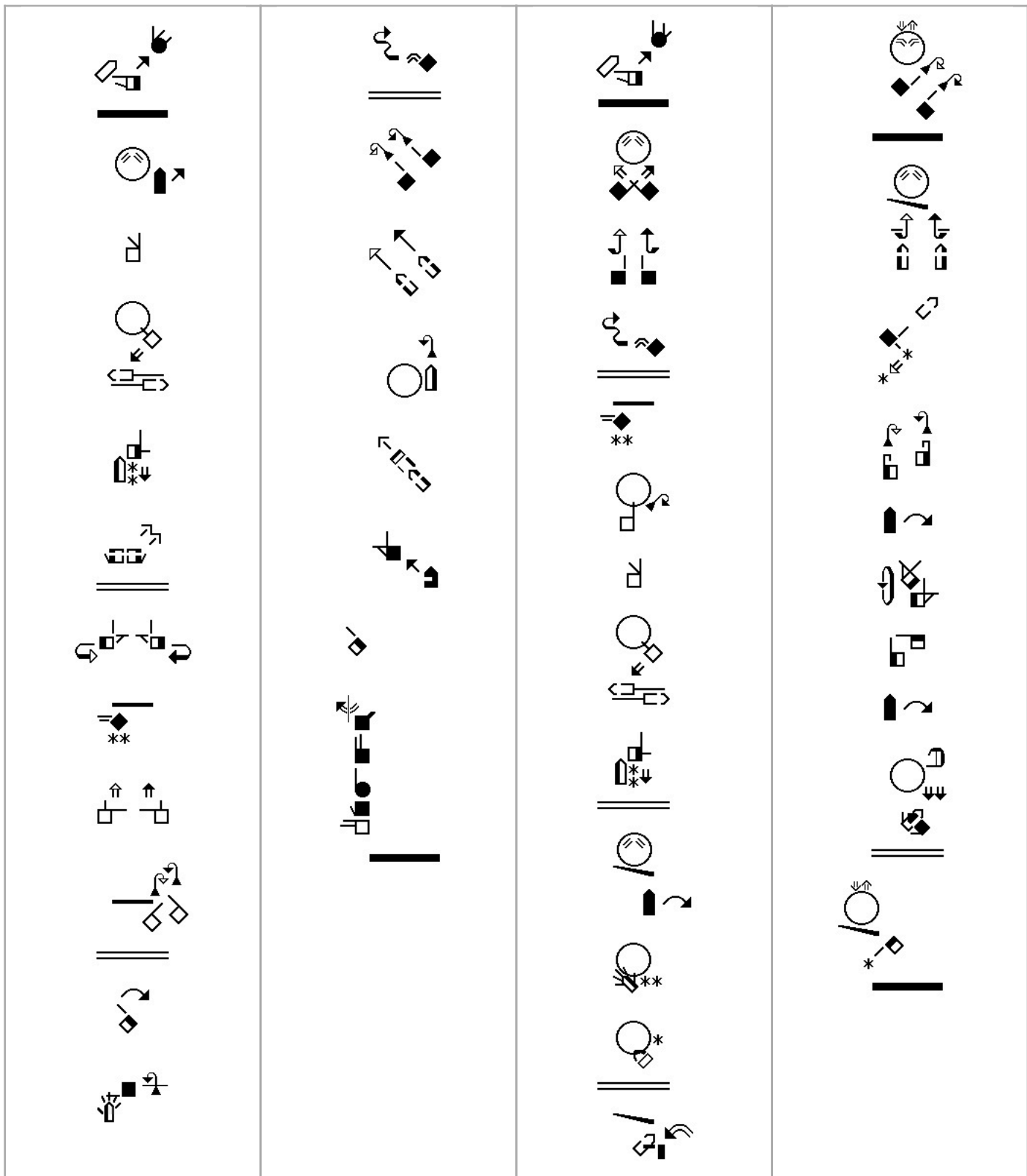


Verse 3. Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons. Verse 4. The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later, Verse 5. both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi

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Verse 7. With her two daughters-in-law she set out from the place where she had been living, and they took the road that would lead them back to Judah. Verse 8. But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the LORD reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. NLT

Ruth 1:9-11

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6 Verse 9. "May the LORD bless you with the security of another marriage." Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. Verse 10. "No," they said. "We want to go with you to your people." Verse 11. But Naomi replied, "Why should you go on with me? Can I still

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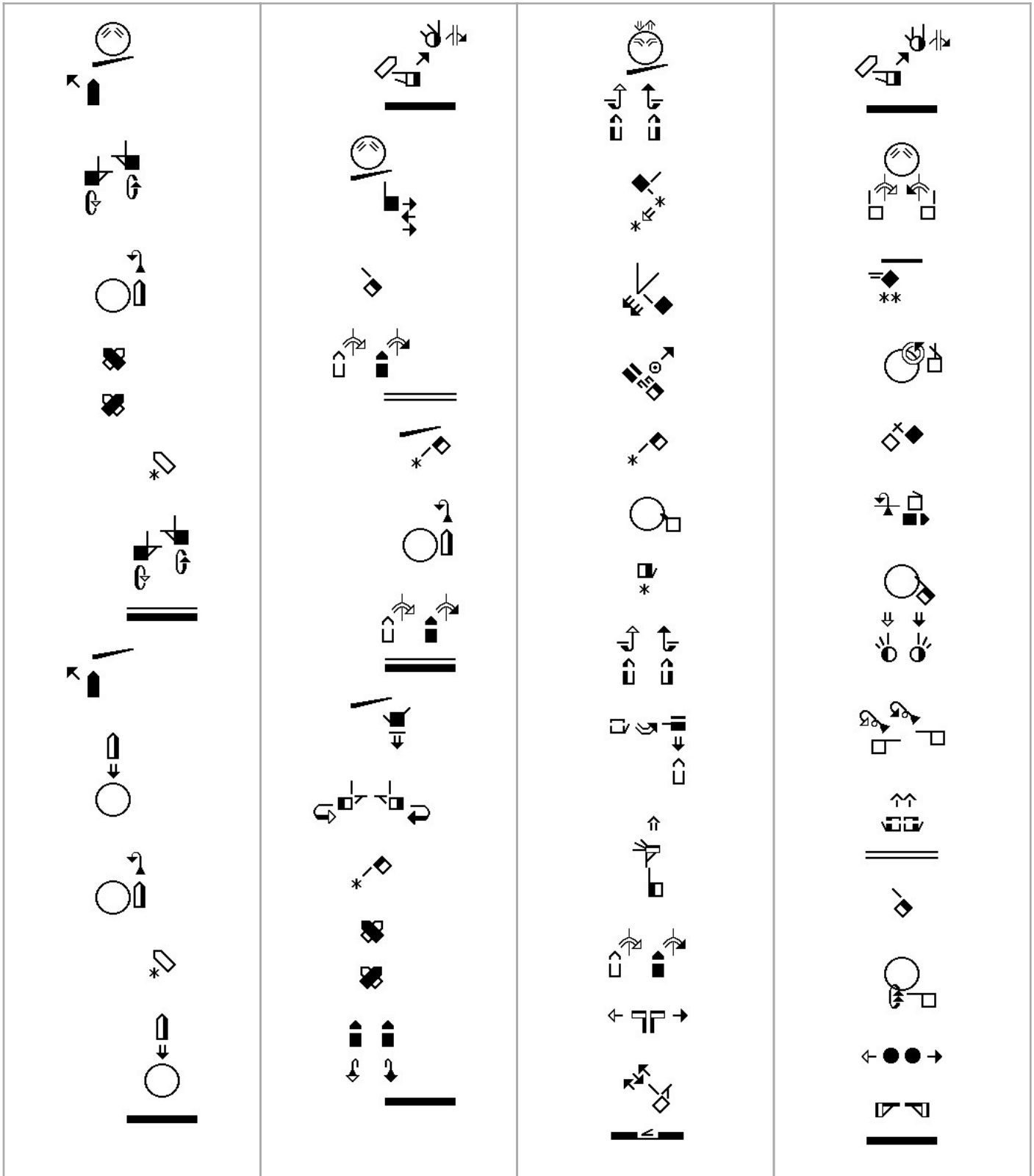
give birth to other sons who could grow up to be your husbands? Verse 12. No, my daughters, return to your parents' homes, for I am too old to marry again. And even if it were possible, and I were to get married tonight and bear sons, then what? NLT



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Verse 15. "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." Verse 16. But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. NLT

Ruth 1:16-18



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Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Verse 17. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" Verse 18. When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more. NLT

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Verse 19. So the two of them continued on their journey. When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. "Is it really Naomi?" the women asked. Verse 20. "Don't call me Naomi," she responded. "Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me.

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Ruth 1:21-22


Verse 21. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?" Verse 22. So Naomi returned from Moab, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth,

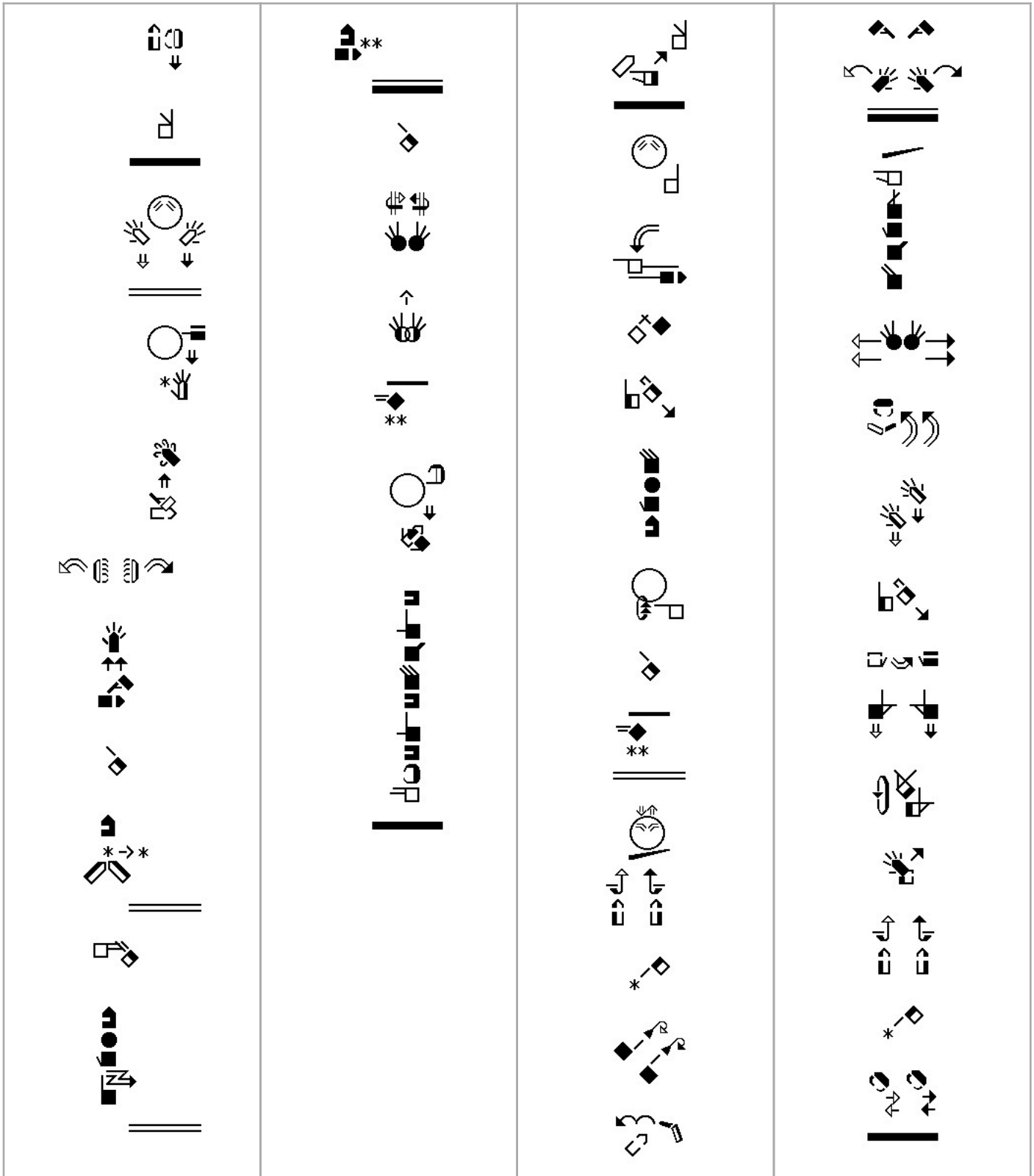


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the young Moabite woman. They arrived in Bethlehem in late spring, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

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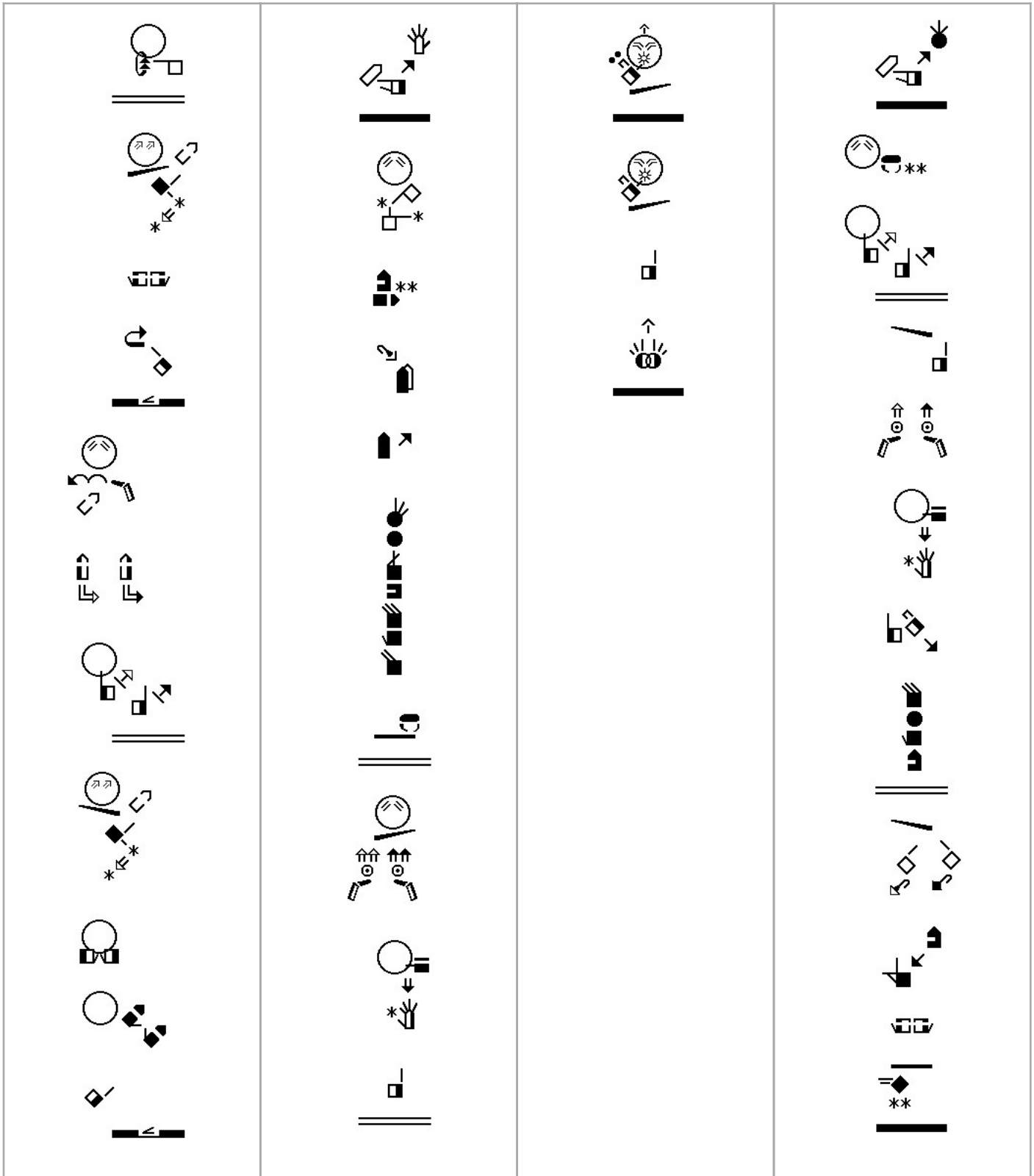
Ruth 2:1-2



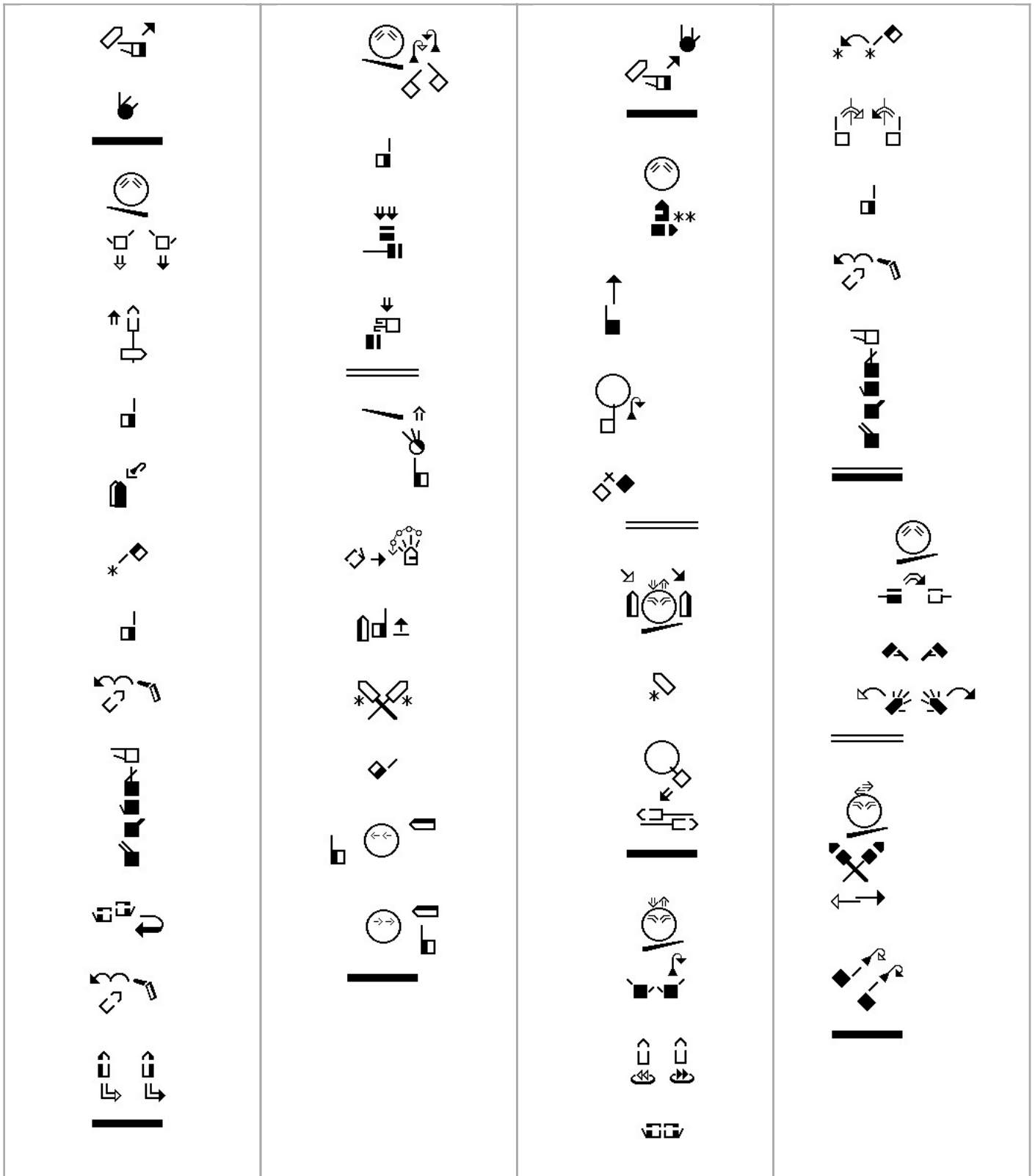
Chapter 2. Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech. Verse 2. One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it." NLT



Ruth 2:4-5

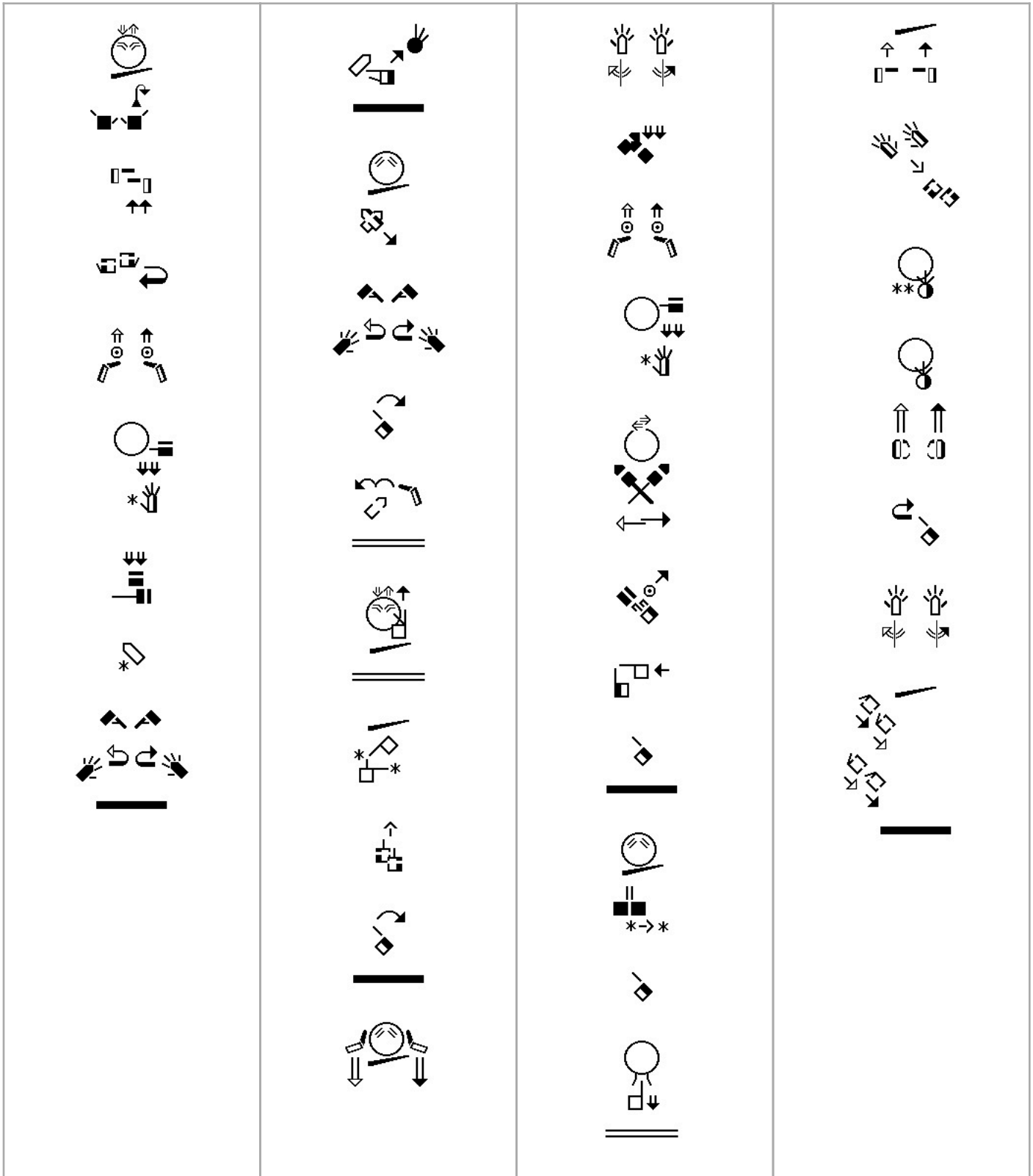


"The LORD be with you!" he said. "The LORD bless you!" the harvesters replied. Verse 5. Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?" Verse 6. And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. NLT



Verse 7. She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter." Verse 8. Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. NLT

Ruth 2:8-9



Stay right behind the young women working in my field. Verse 9. See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well."


Verse 10. Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner." Verse 11. "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband.

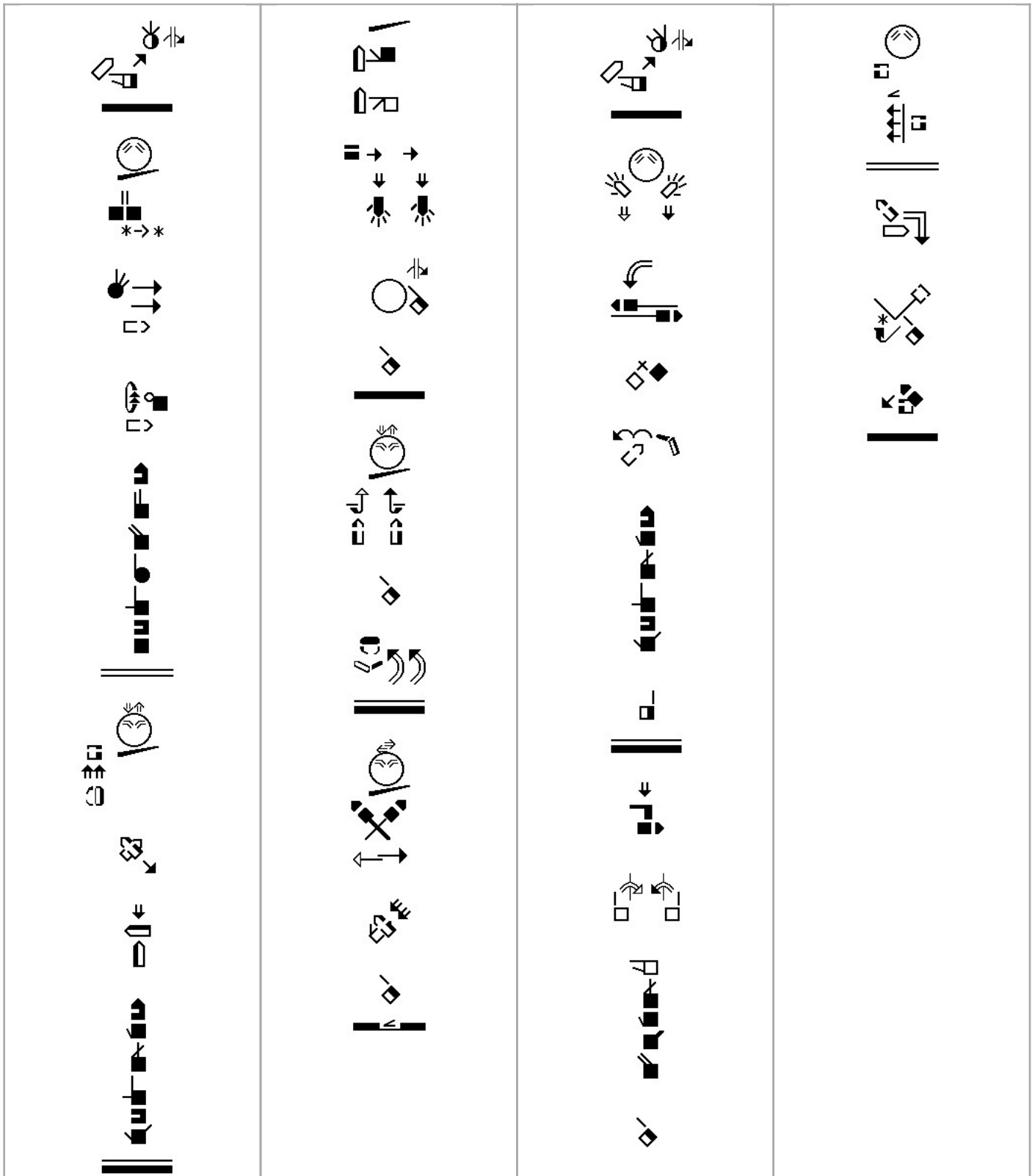
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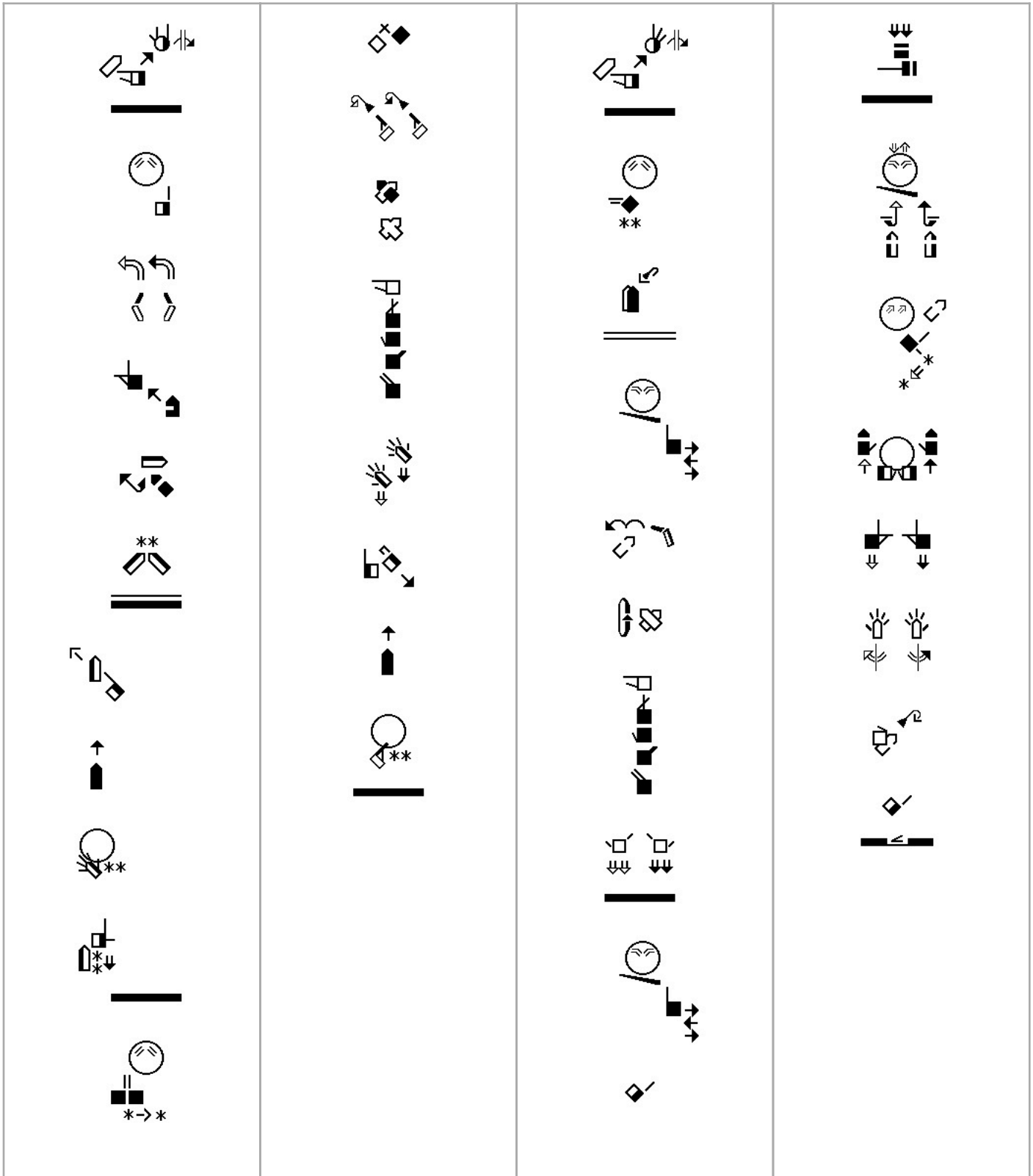




Verse 16. And pull out some heads of barley from the bundles and drop them on purpose for her. Let her pick them up, and don't give her a hard time!" Verse 17. So Ruth gathered barley there all day, and when she beat out the grain that evening, it filled an entire basket.

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Ruth 2:18-19



Verse 18. She carried it back into town and showed it to her mother-in-law. Ruth also gave her the roasted grain that was left over from her meal. Verse 19. "Where did you gather all this grain today?" Naomi asked. "Where did you work? May the LORD bless the one who helped you!"

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So Ruth told her mother-in-law about the man in whose field she had worked. She said, "The man I worked with today is named Boaz." Verse 20. "May the LORD bless him!" Naomi told her daughter-in-law. "He is showing his kindness to us as well as to your dead husband. That man is one

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Stay with his young women right through the whole harvest. You might be harassed in other fields, but you'll be safe with him." Verse 23. So Ruth worked alongside the women in Boaz's fields and gathered grain with them until the end of the barley harvest. NLT

Ruth 2:23

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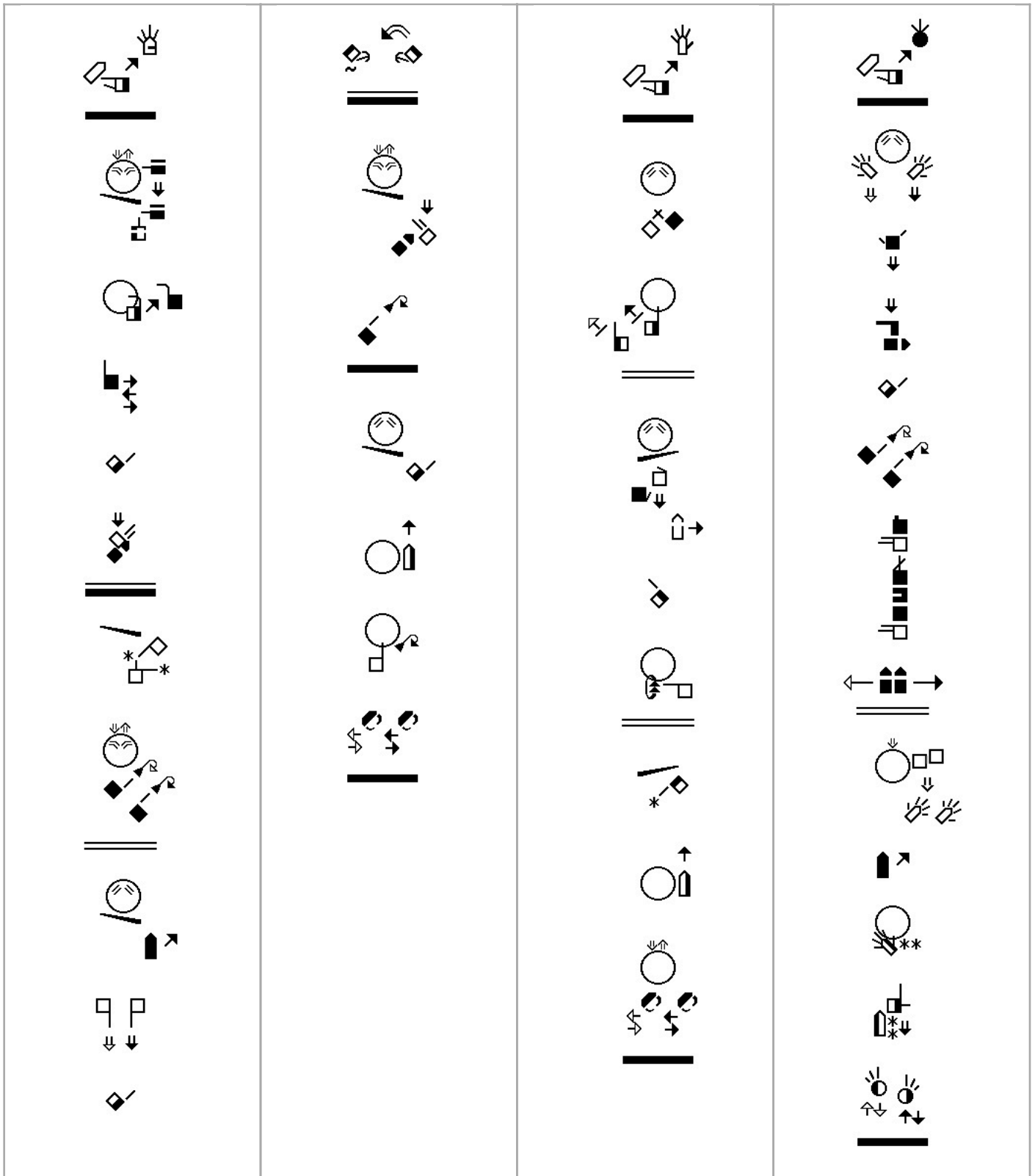
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Chapter 3. One day Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, it's time that I found a permanent home for you, so that you will be provided for. Verse 2. Boaz is a close relative of ours, and he's been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. NLT

Ruth 3:2-3

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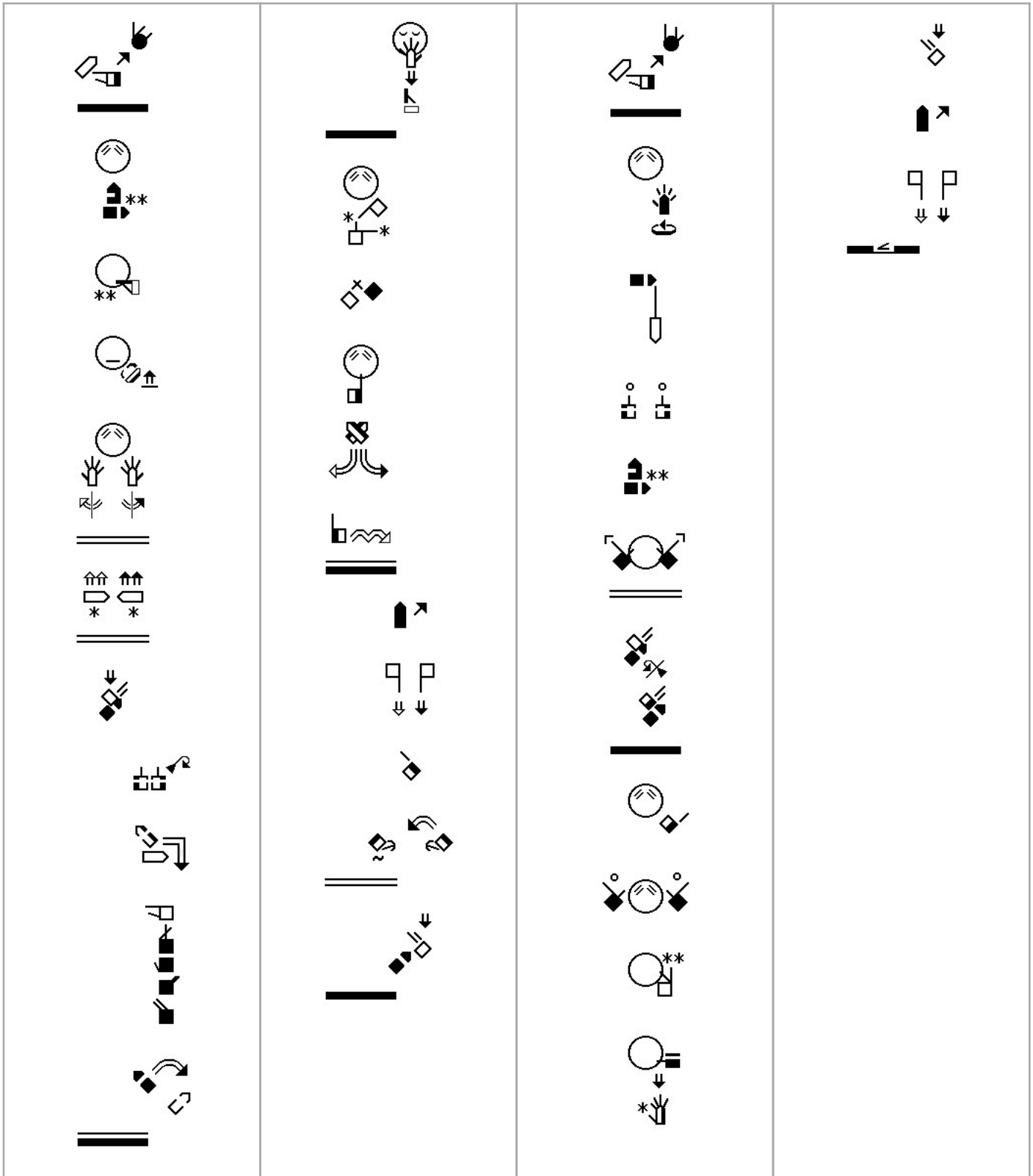
Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. Verse 3. Now do as I tell you -- take a bath and put on perfume and dress in our nicest clothes. Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. NLT



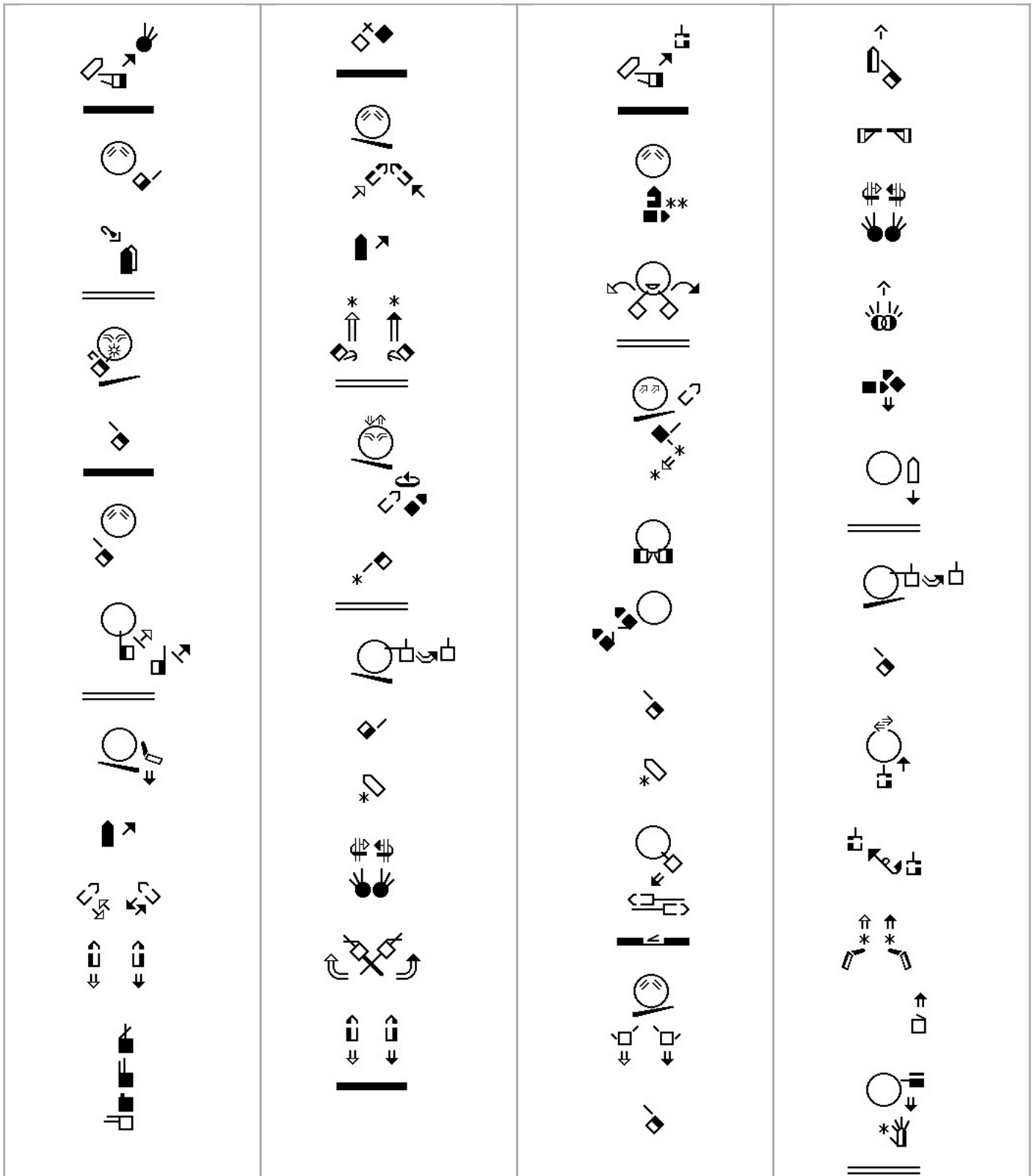
Verse 4. Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there. He will tell you what to do." Verse 5. "I will do everything you say," Ruth replied. Verse 6. So she went down to the threshing floor that night and followed the instructions of her mother-in-law.

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Ruth 3:7-8



Verse 7. After Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he lay down at the far end of the pile of grain and went to sleep. Then Ruth came quietly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. Verse 8. Around midnight Boaz suddenly woke up and turned over. He was surprised to find a woman lying at his feet! NLT



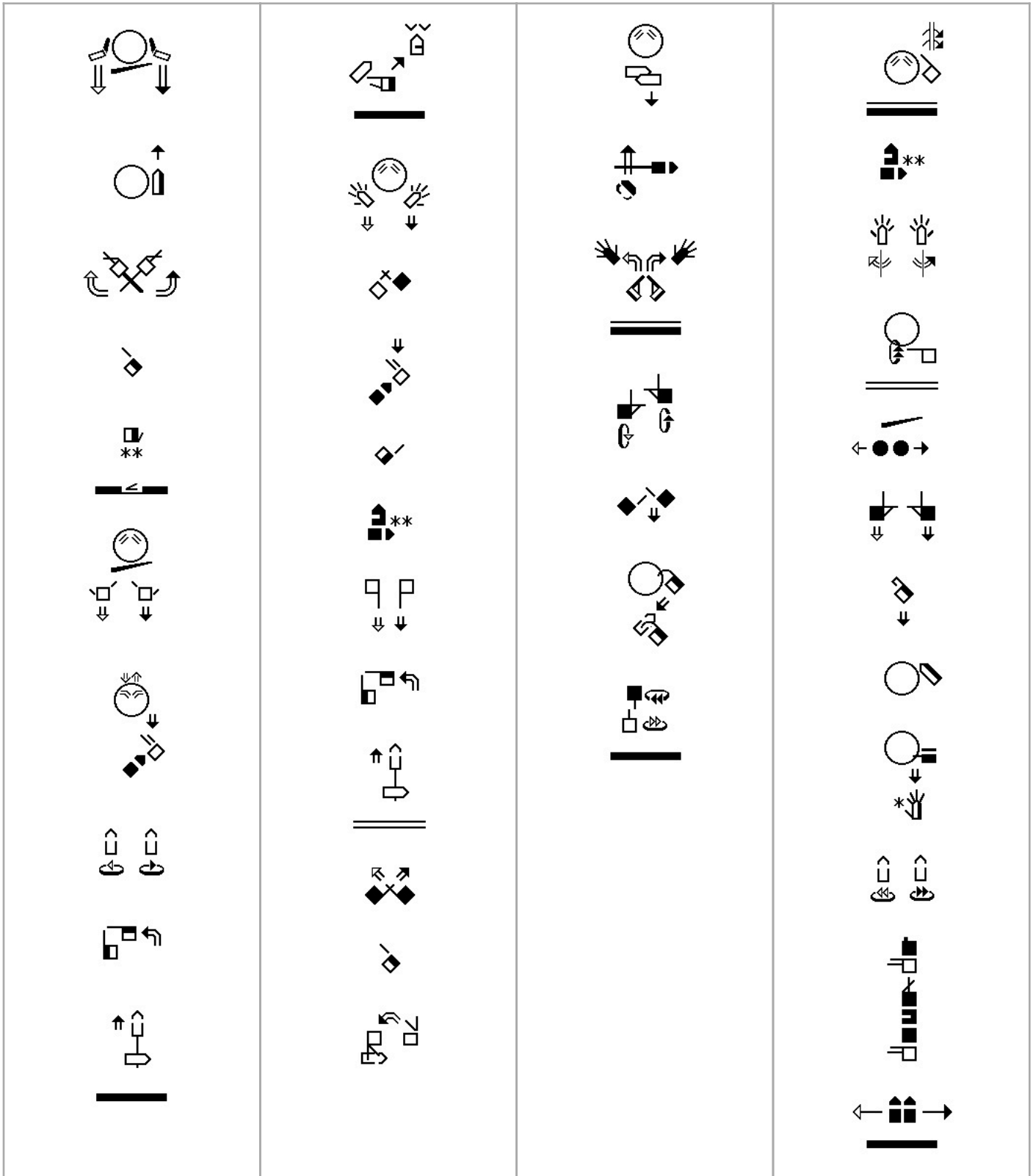
Verse 9. "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she replied. "Spread the corner of your covering over me, for you are my family redeemer." Verse 10. "The LORD bless you, my daughter!" Boaz exclaimed. "You are showing even more family loyalty now than you did before, for you have not gone after a younger man,

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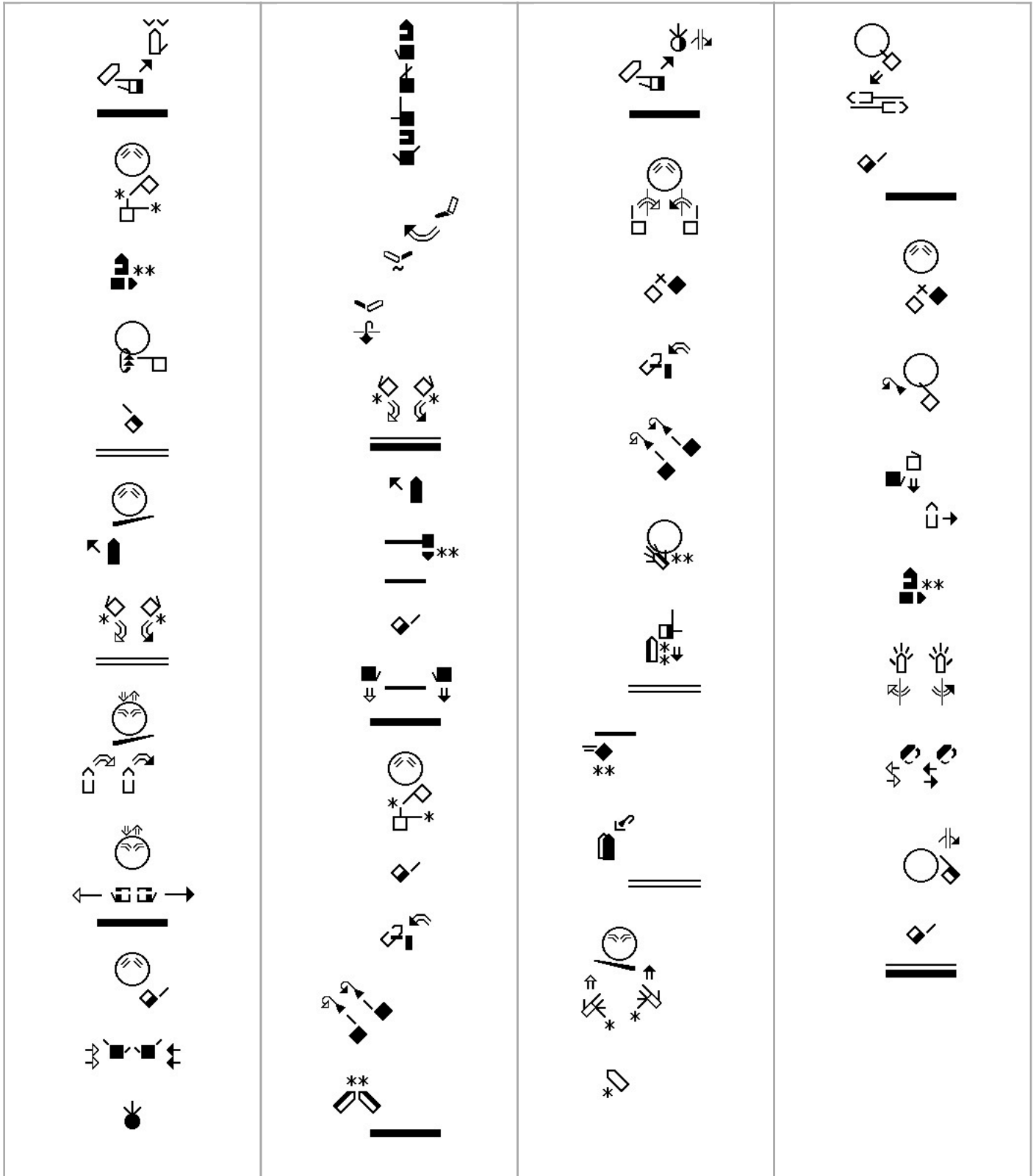


Ruth 3:13-14



I will redeem you myself! Now lie down here until morning." Verse 14. So Ruth lay at Boaz's feet until the morning, but she got up before it was light enough for people to recognize each other. For Boaz had said, "No one must know that a woman was here at the threshing floor."  
NLT





Verse 15. Then Boaz said to her, "Bring your cloak and spread it out." He measured six scoops of barley into the cloak and placed it on her back. Then he returned to the town. Verse 16. When Ruth went back to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "What happened, my daughter?" Ruth told Naomi everything Boaz had done for her,

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Ruth 3:17-18

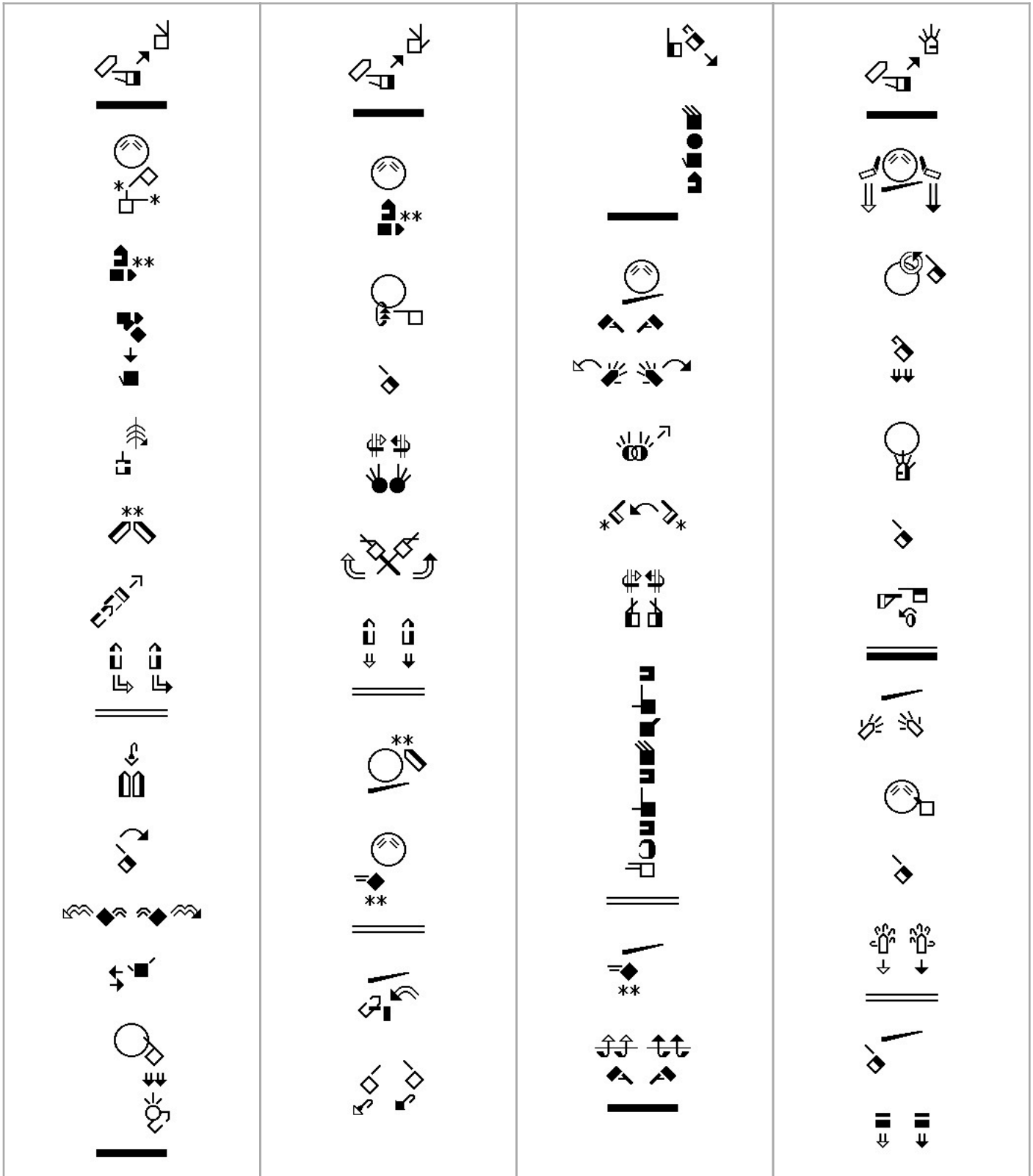
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Verse 17. and she added, "He gave me these six scoops of barley and said, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" Verse 18. Then Naomi said to her, "Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens. The man won't rest until he has settled things today."

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Chapter 4. Boaz went to the town gate and took a seat there. Just then the family redeemer he had mentioned came by, so Boaz called out to him, "Come over here and sit down, friend. I want to talk to you." So they sat down together. NLT

Ruth 4:2-4

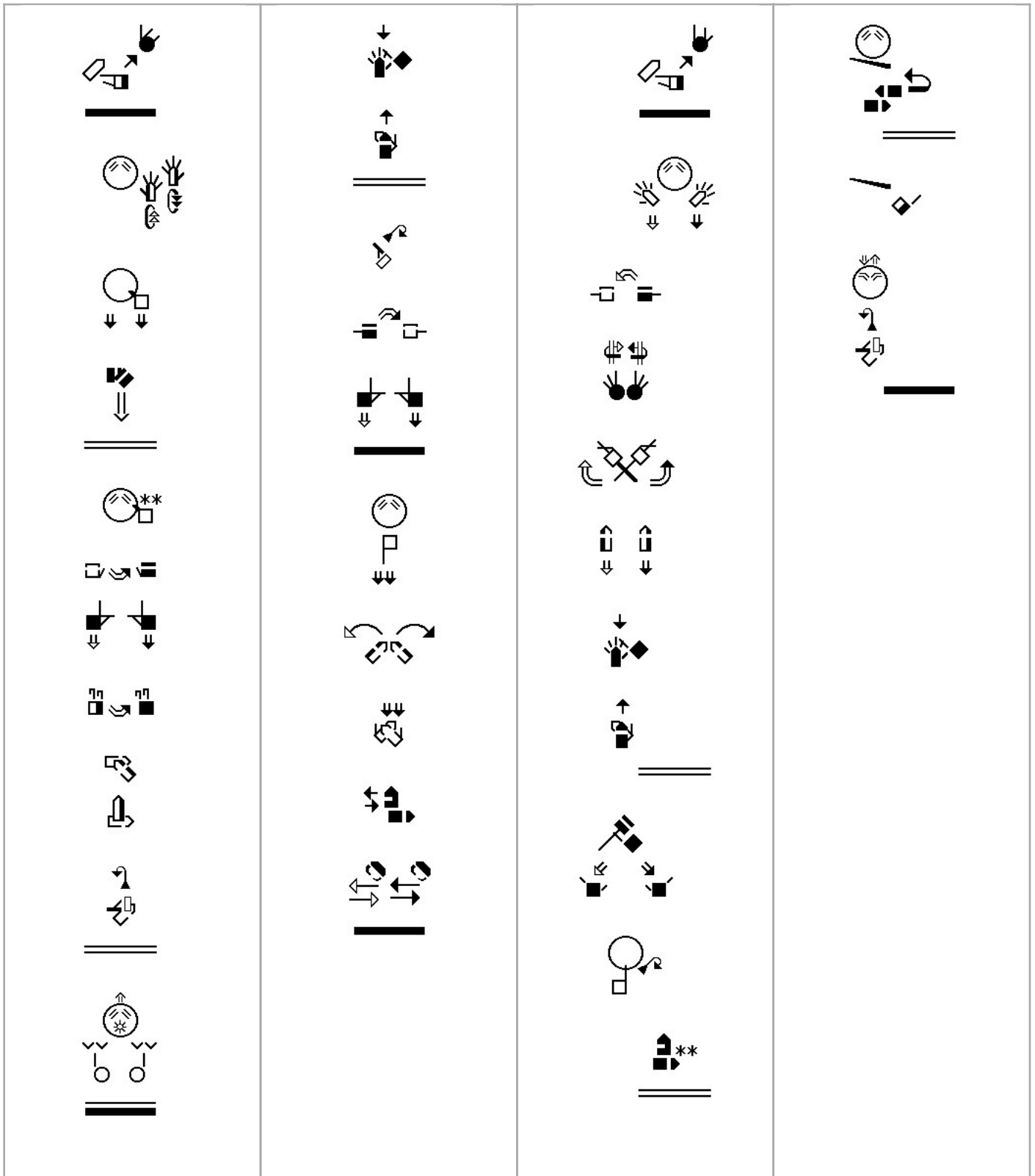


Verse 2. Then Boaz called ten leaders from the town and asked them to sit as witnesses. Verse 3. And Boaz said to the family redeemer, "You know Naomi, who came back from Moab. She is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. Verse 4. I thought I should speak to you about it so that you can

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Verse 7. Now in those days it was the custom in Israel for anyone transferring a right of purchase to remove his sandal and hand it to the other party. This publicly validated the transaction. Verse 8. So the other family redeemer drew off his sandal as he said to Boaz, "You buy the land."

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Ruth 4:9-10

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Verse 9. Then Boaz said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, "You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. Verse 10. And with the land I have acquired Ruth, NLT

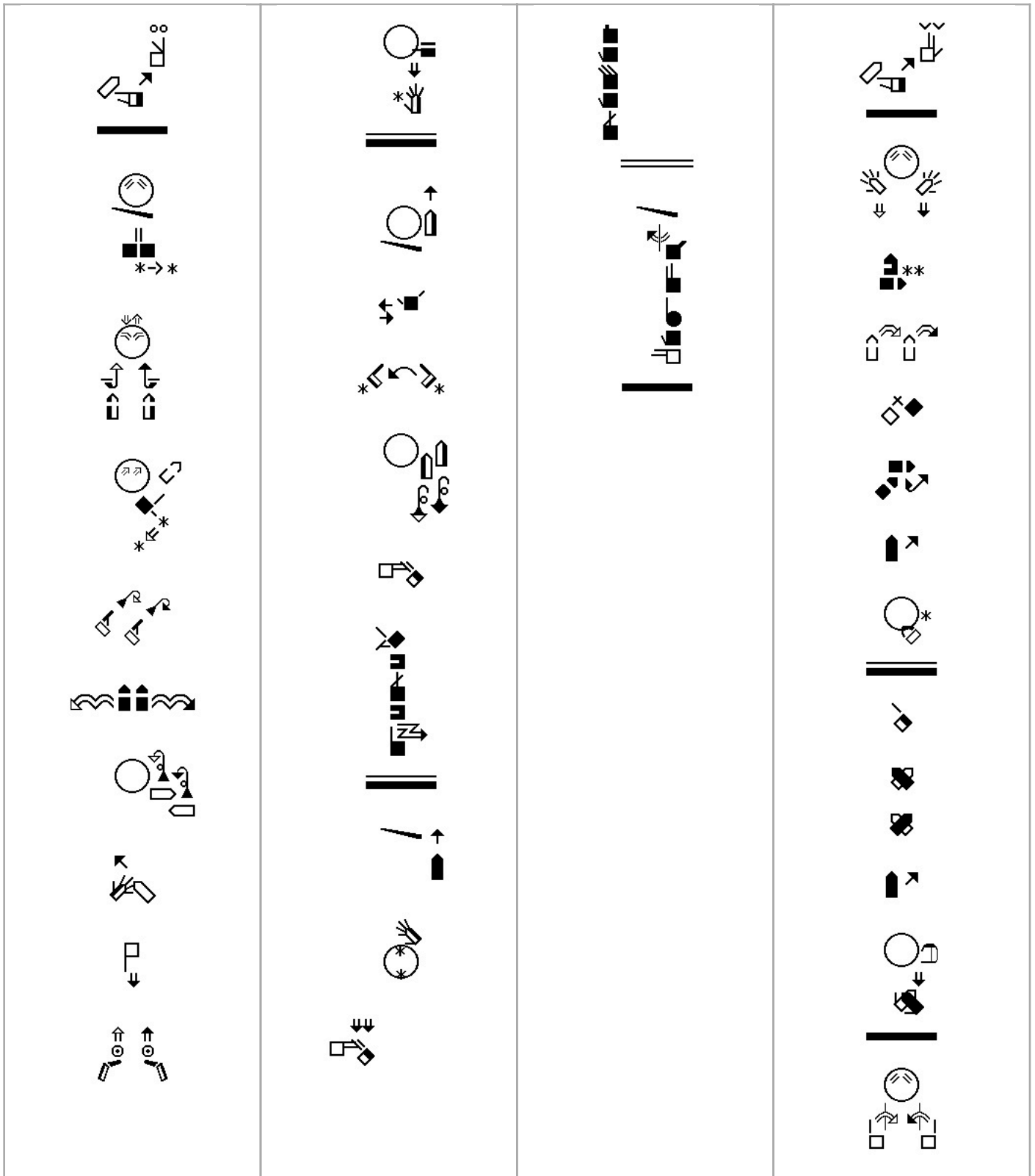




Ruth 4:11

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are witnesses! May the LORD make this woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, from whom all the nation of Israel descended! May you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.



Verse 12. And may the LORD give you descendants by this young woman who will be like those of our ancestor Perez, the son of Tamar and Judah." Verse 13. So Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife. When

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Ruth 4:13-15

<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. It starts with a diamond shape, followed by a circle with an asterisk, a square with a vertical line, another diamond, two horizontal lines, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, a hand with a vertical line, two hands with vertical lines, a hand with a vertical line, a diamond, a square with a vertical line, a square with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, two horizontal lines, a diamond, a hand with a vertical line, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, and finally a hand with a vertical line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. It starts with a hand holding a house, a thick horizontal line, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, a square with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, and a hand with a vertical line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. It starts with a hand holding a house, two hands with vertical lines, a circle with a crescent moon and a diamond, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, and a hand with a vertical line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. It starts with a hand holding a house, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, a hand with a vertical line, and a hand with a vertical line.</p>
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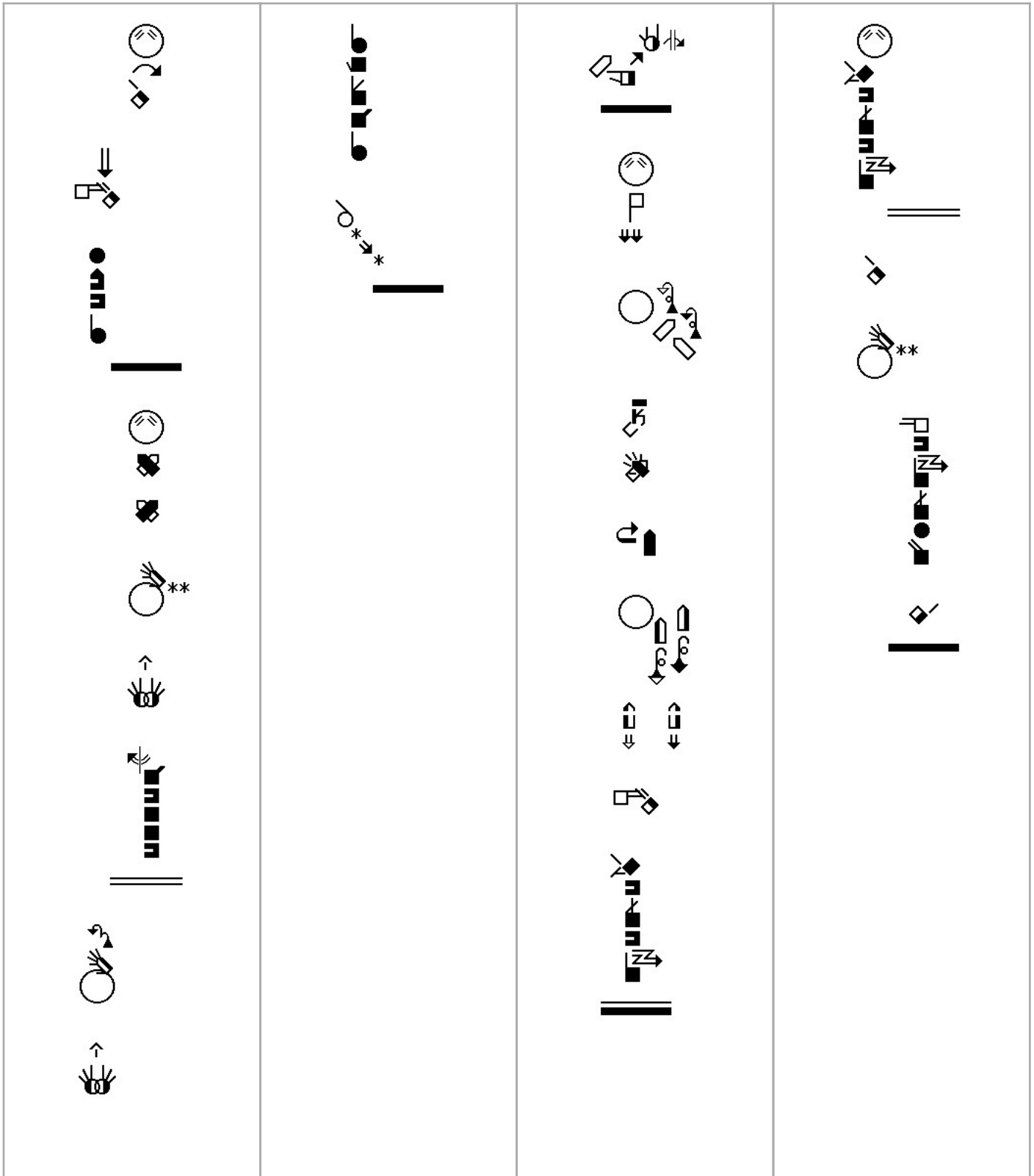
he slept with her, the LORD enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. Verse 14. Then the women of the town said to Naomi, "Praise the LORD, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. Verse 15. May he restore your youth and care for you in your

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old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!" Verse 16. Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own. Verse 17. The neighbor women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son again!"

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Ruth 4:17-18



50 And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. Verse 18. This is the genealogical record of their ancestor Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron. NLT



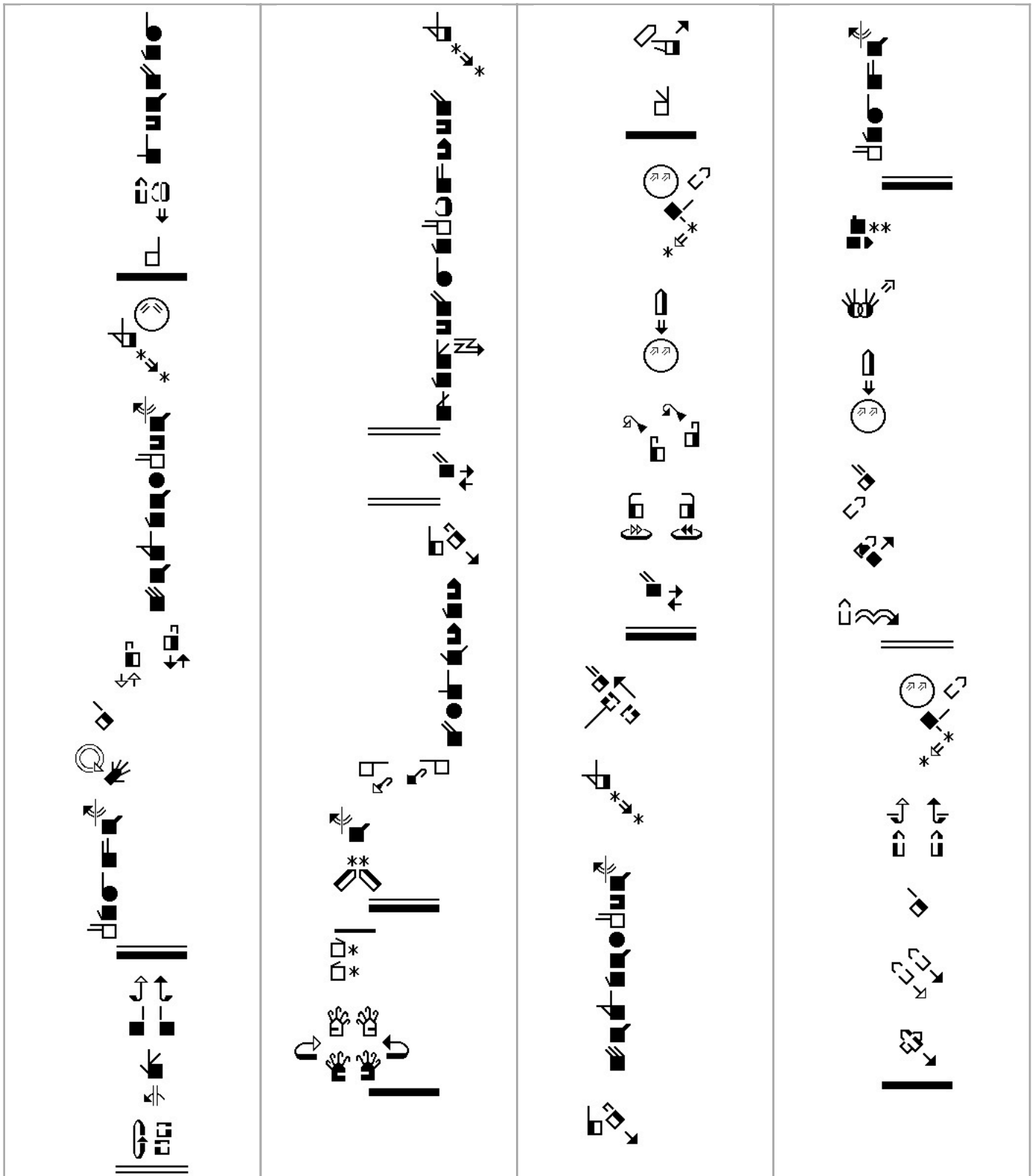
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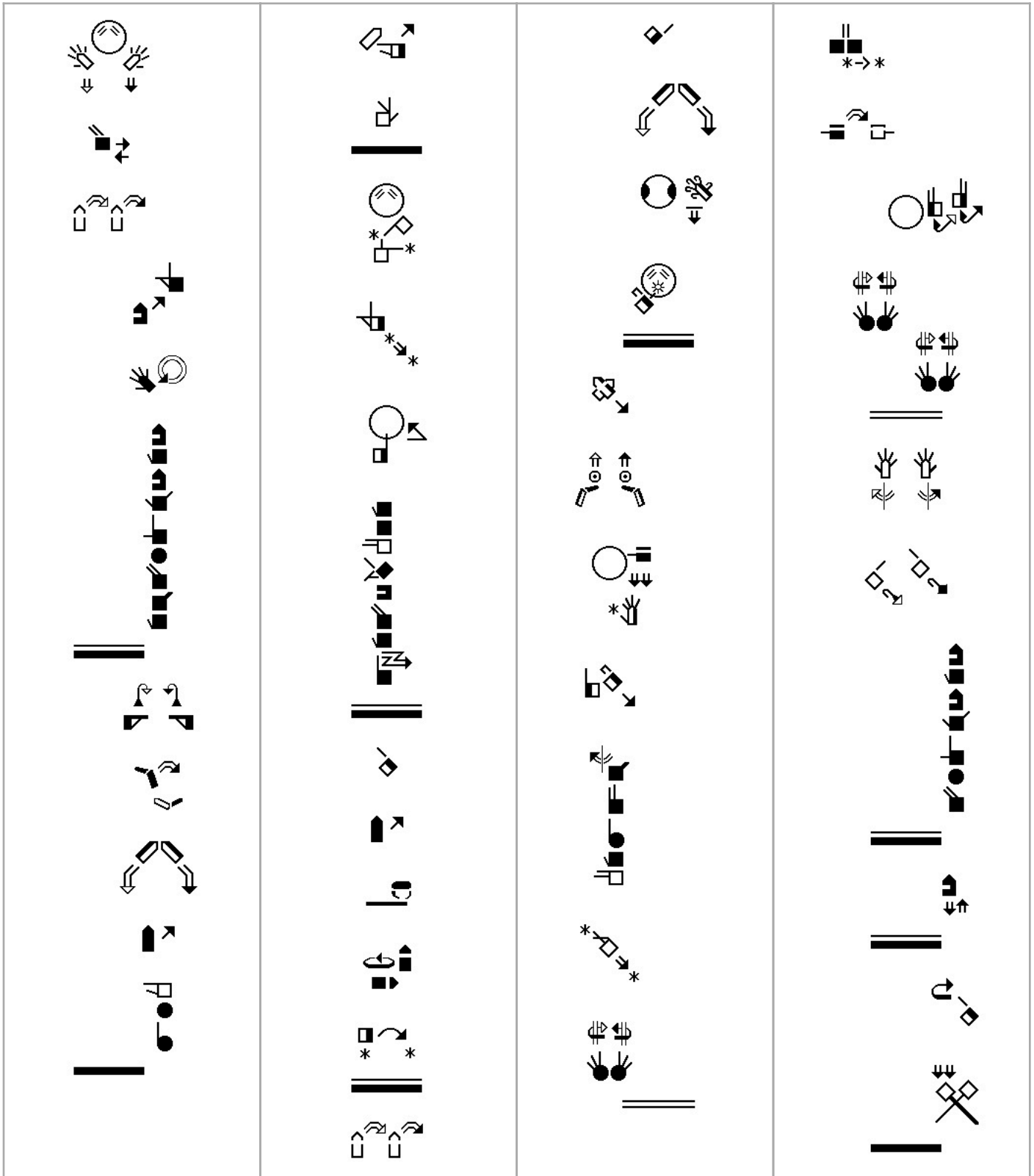




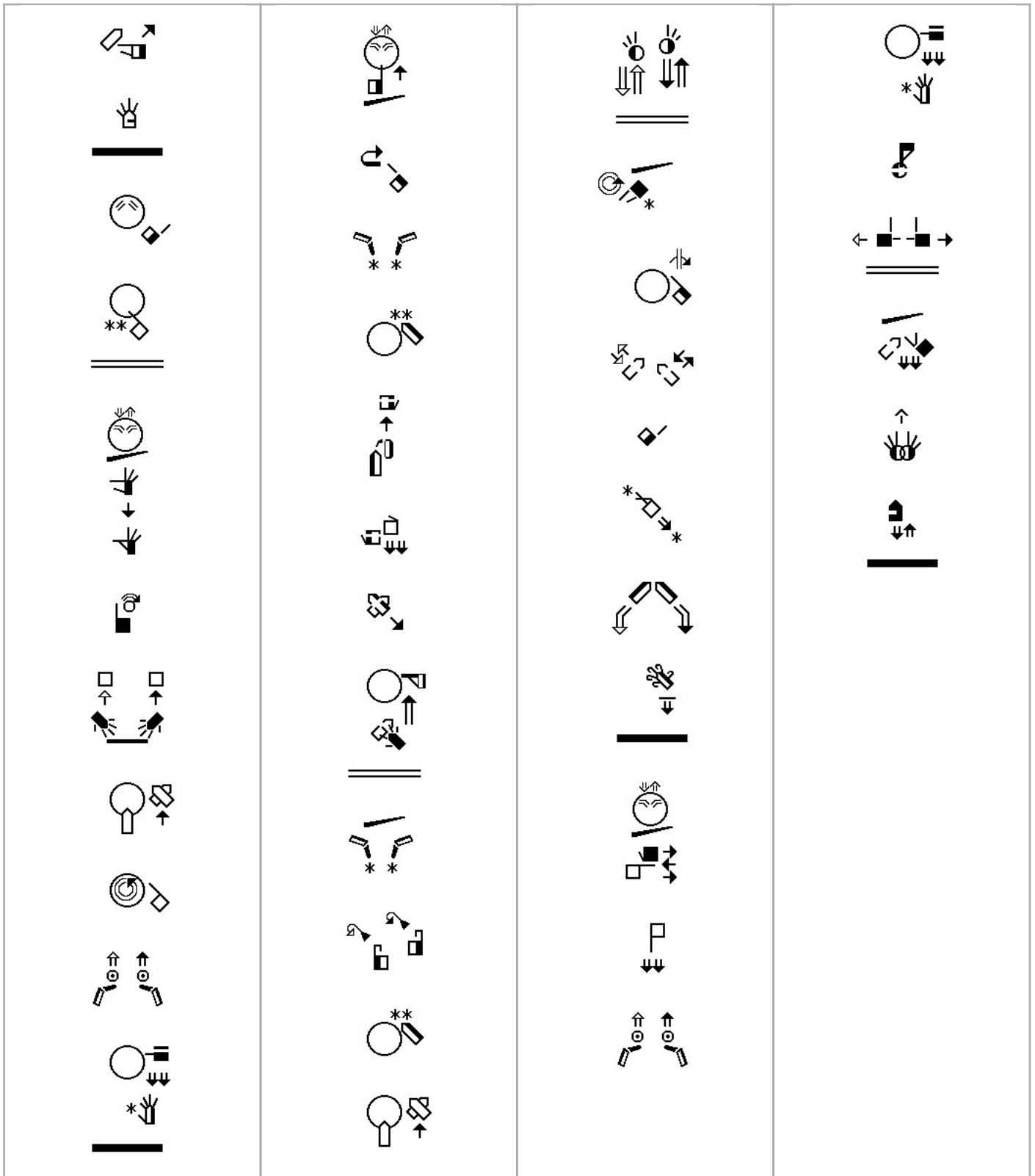
Daniel Chapter 1. During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. Verse 2. The LORD gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God.

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Daniel 1:2-3



So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia and placed them in the treasure-house of his god. Verse 3. Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. NLT



Verse 4. "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon."

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Daniel 1:5-6

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Verse 5. The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. Verse 6. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah.

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Daniel 1:8-9

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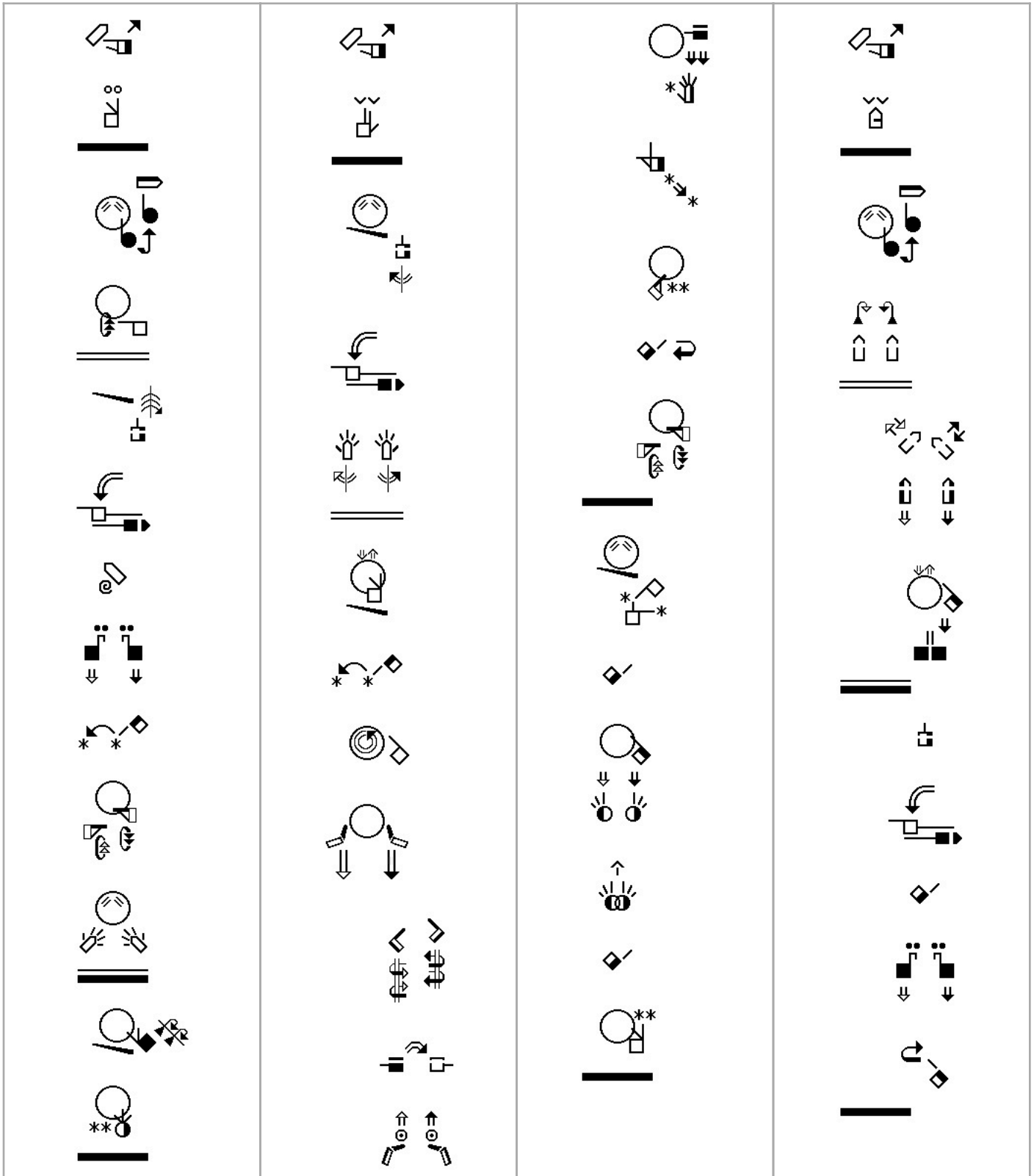
by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. Verse 9. Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel. Verse 10. But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food  
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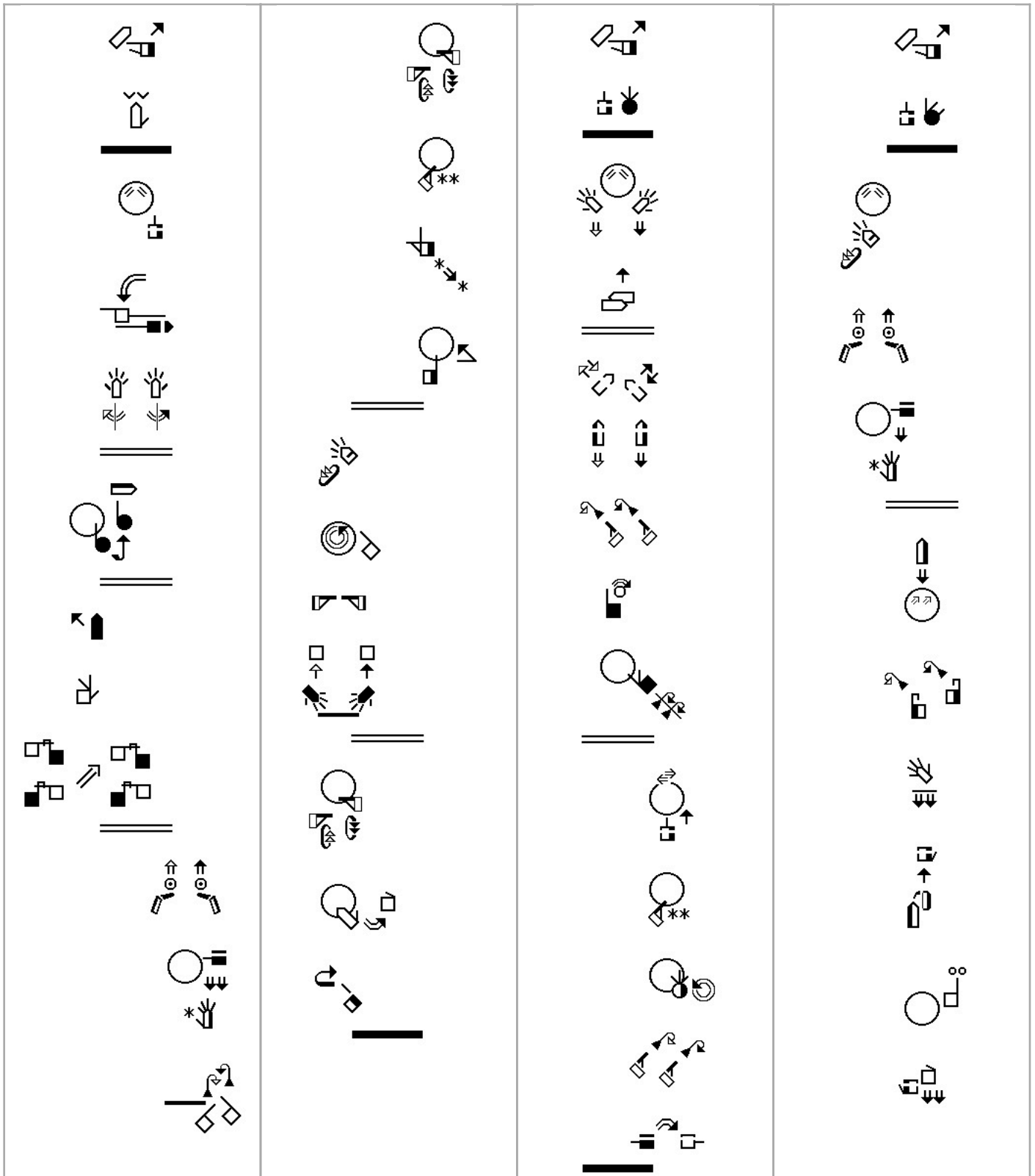
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and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded." Verse 11. Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

Daniel 1:12-14



Verse 12. "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. Verse 13. "At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see." Verse 14. The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days. NLT

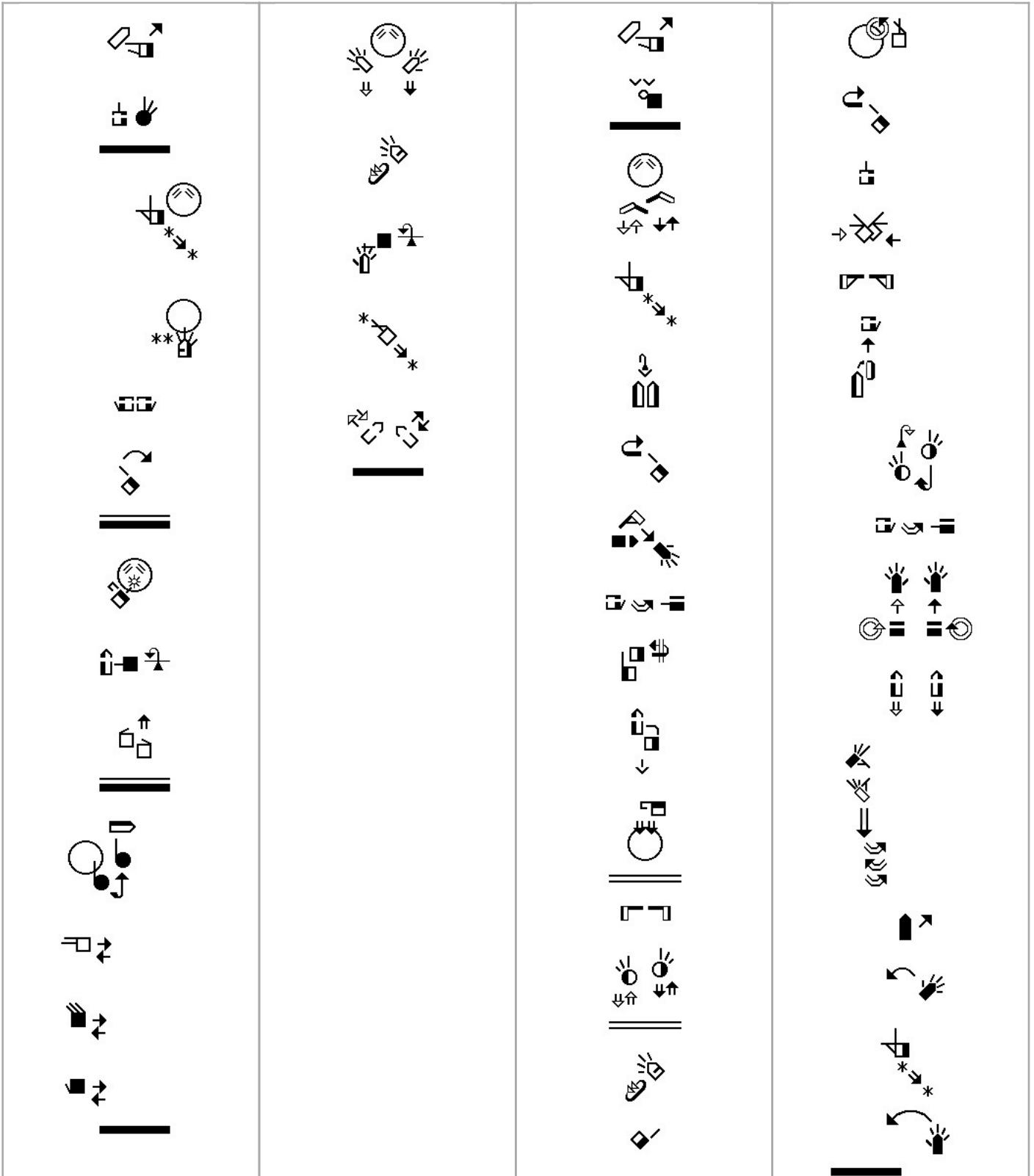


Verse 15. At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. Verse 16. So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others. Verse 17. God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every NLT

Daniel 1:17-18

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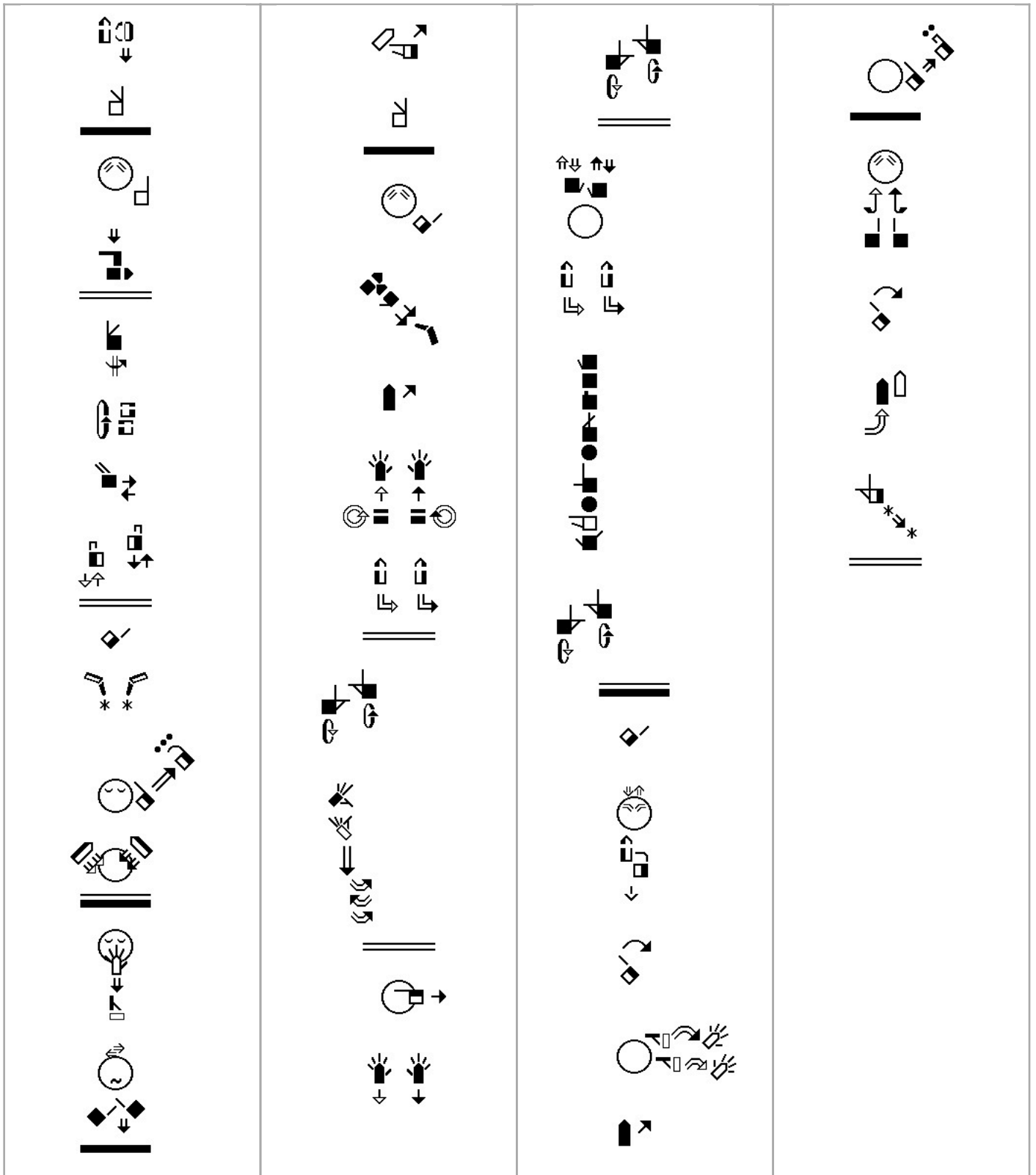
aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams. Verse 18. When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. NLT



Verse 19. The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Verse 20. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom. NLT

Daniel 1:21

<p>A vertical column of 15 pictographs representing the Hebrew word 'Daniel' (דניאל). From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a pen writing on a tablet. 2. A hand holding a tablet. 3. A thick horizontal bar. 4. A circle with a horizontal line through it. 5. A diagonal line with a square at the end and an asterisk. 6. A square with an arrow pointing up and right, and another square with an arrow pointing down and right. 7. Two thick horizontal bars. 8. A circle with a horizontal line through it, a square with an arrow pointing up, and a square with an arrow pointing right. 9. A square with an arrow pointing up. 10. A square with an arrow pointing right. 11. A square with an arrow pointing down. 12. A square with an arrow pointing right. 13. A square with an arrow pointing down and right. 14. A square with an arrow pointing right and an asterisk. 15. A square with an arrow pointing right, a square with an arrow pointing down and right, and a square with an arrow pointing down and right. 16. A thick horizontal bar.</p>			
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Chapter 2. One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. Verse 2. He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king,

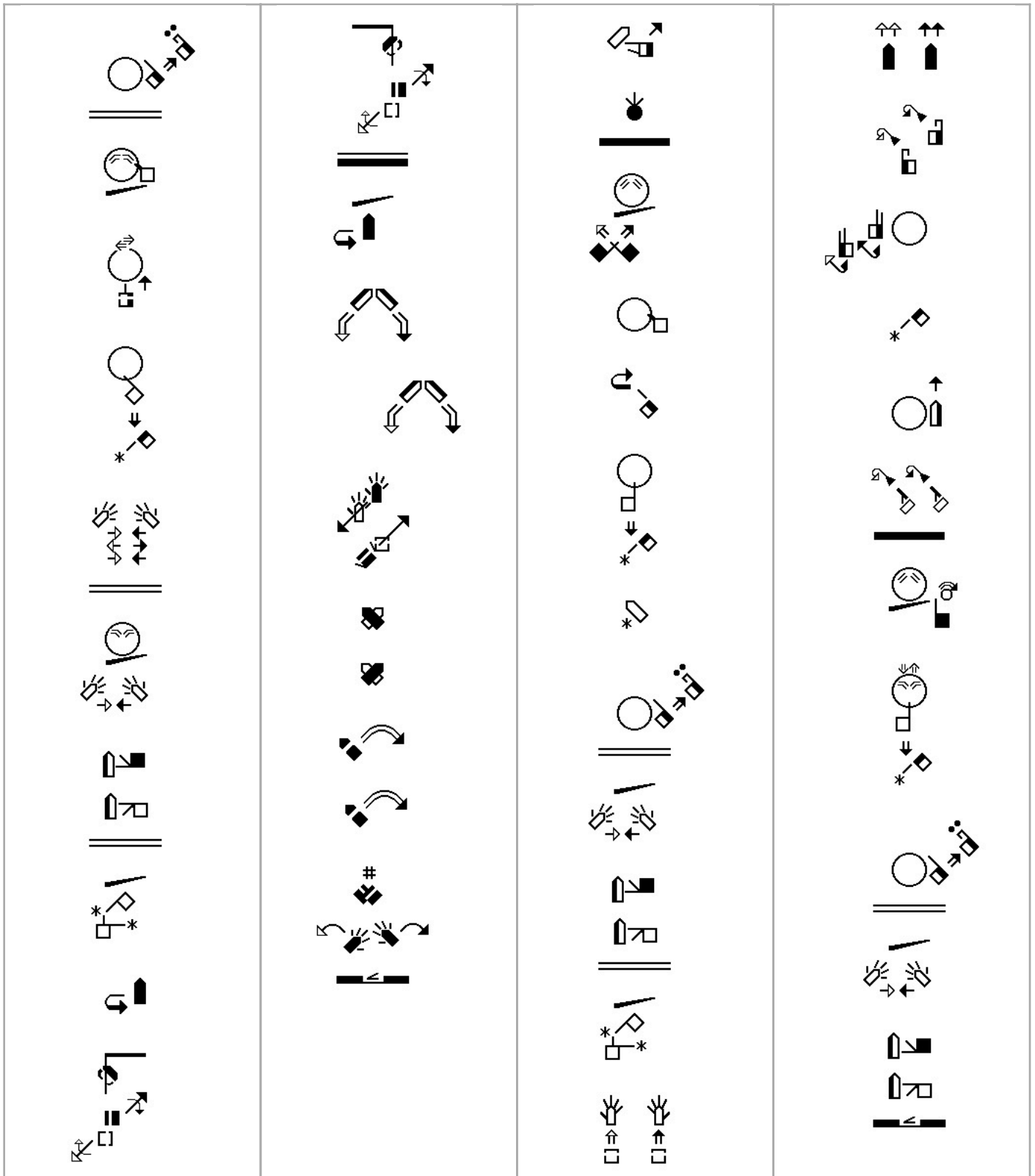
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Daniel 2:3-5

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Verse 3. he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means." Verse 4. Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means." Verse 5. But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. NLT





If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! Verse 6. But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"

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Daniel 2:7-8

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Verse 9. 'If you don't tell me the dream, you are doomed.' So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means." Verse 10. The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his  
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Daniel 2:10-11

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dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! Verse 11. The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people." NLT

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Verse 12. The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. Verse 13. And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.  
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Daniel 2:14-15

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Verse 14. When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. Verse 15. He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. NLT

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Verse 16. Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. Verse 17. Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. Verse 18. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.

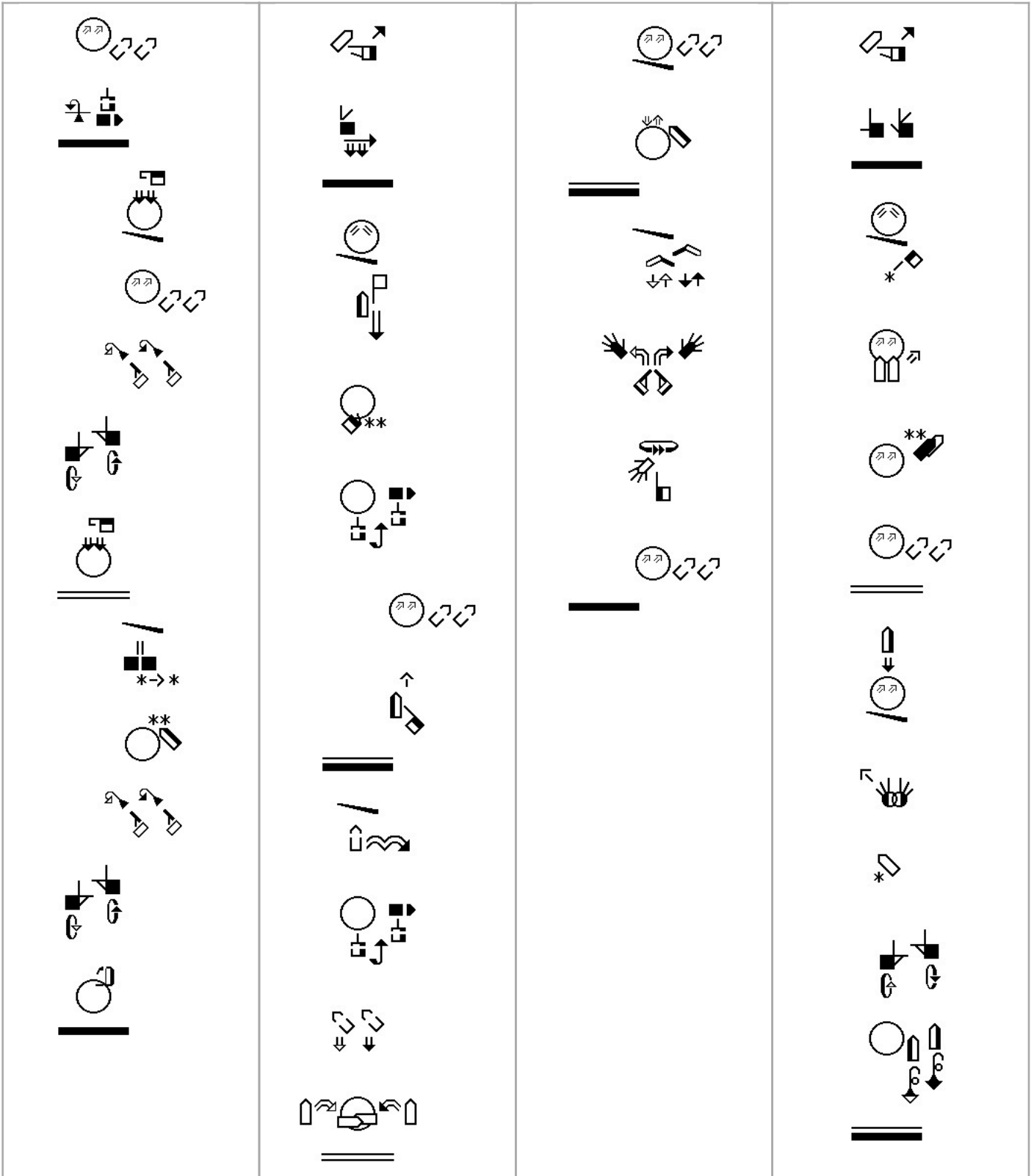
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Verse 19. That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. Verse 20. He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. Verse 21. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. NLT





He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. Verse 22. He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light. Verse 23. I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, NLT

Daniel 2:23-24

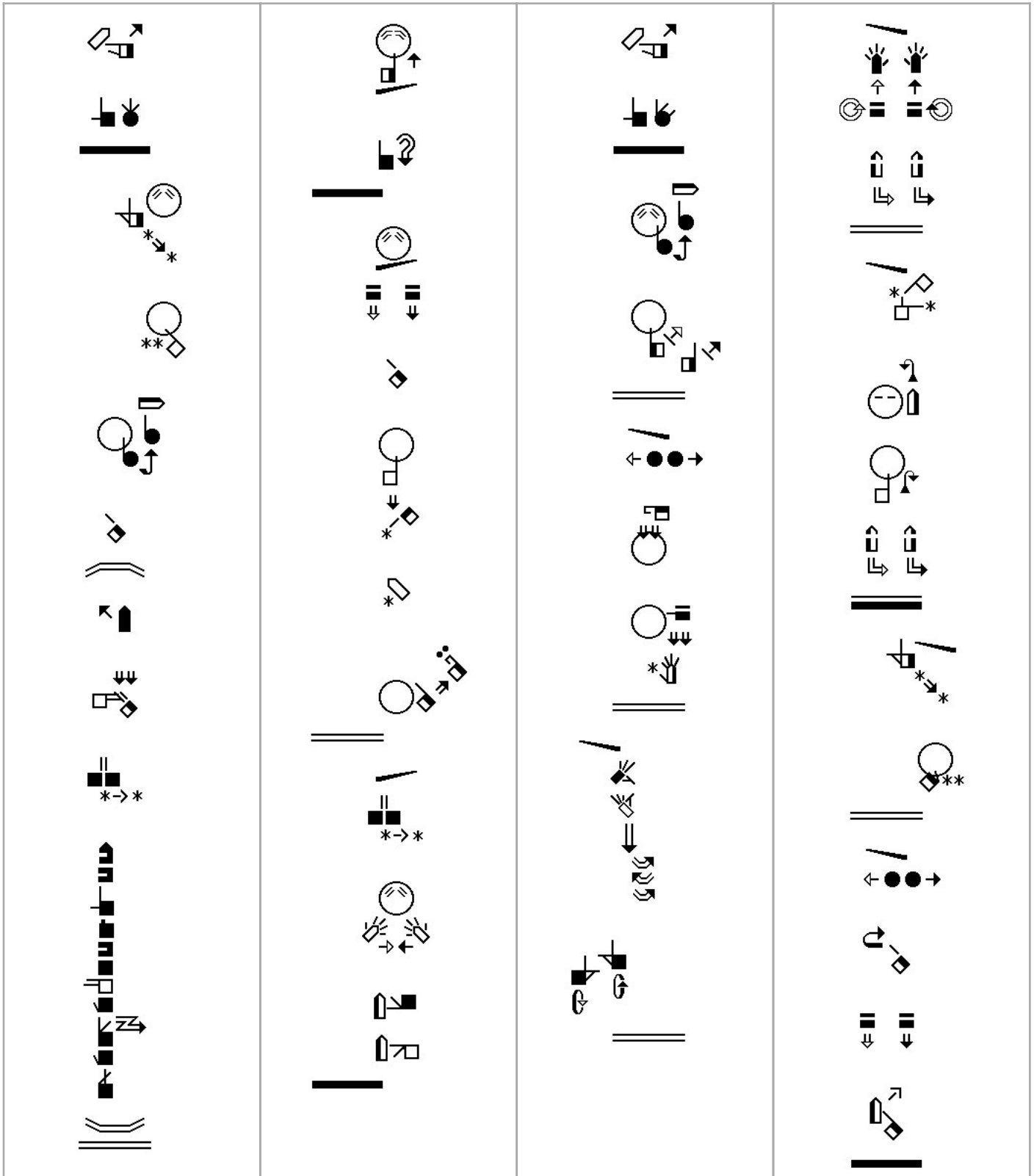
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for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded." Verse 24. Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. NLT

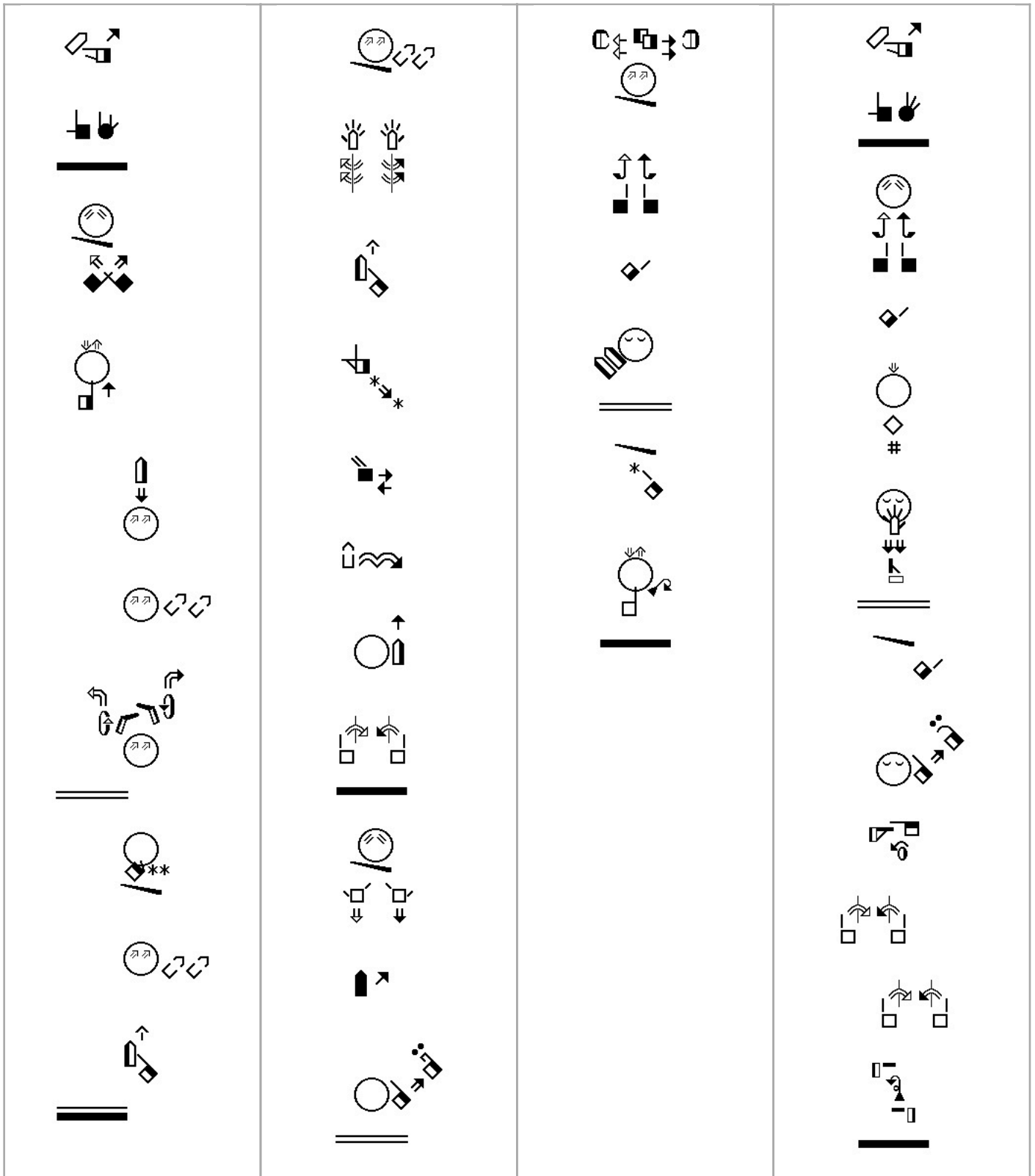
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Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream." Verse 25. Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!" NLT

Daniel 2:26-27



Verse 26. The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?" Verse 27. Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. NLT

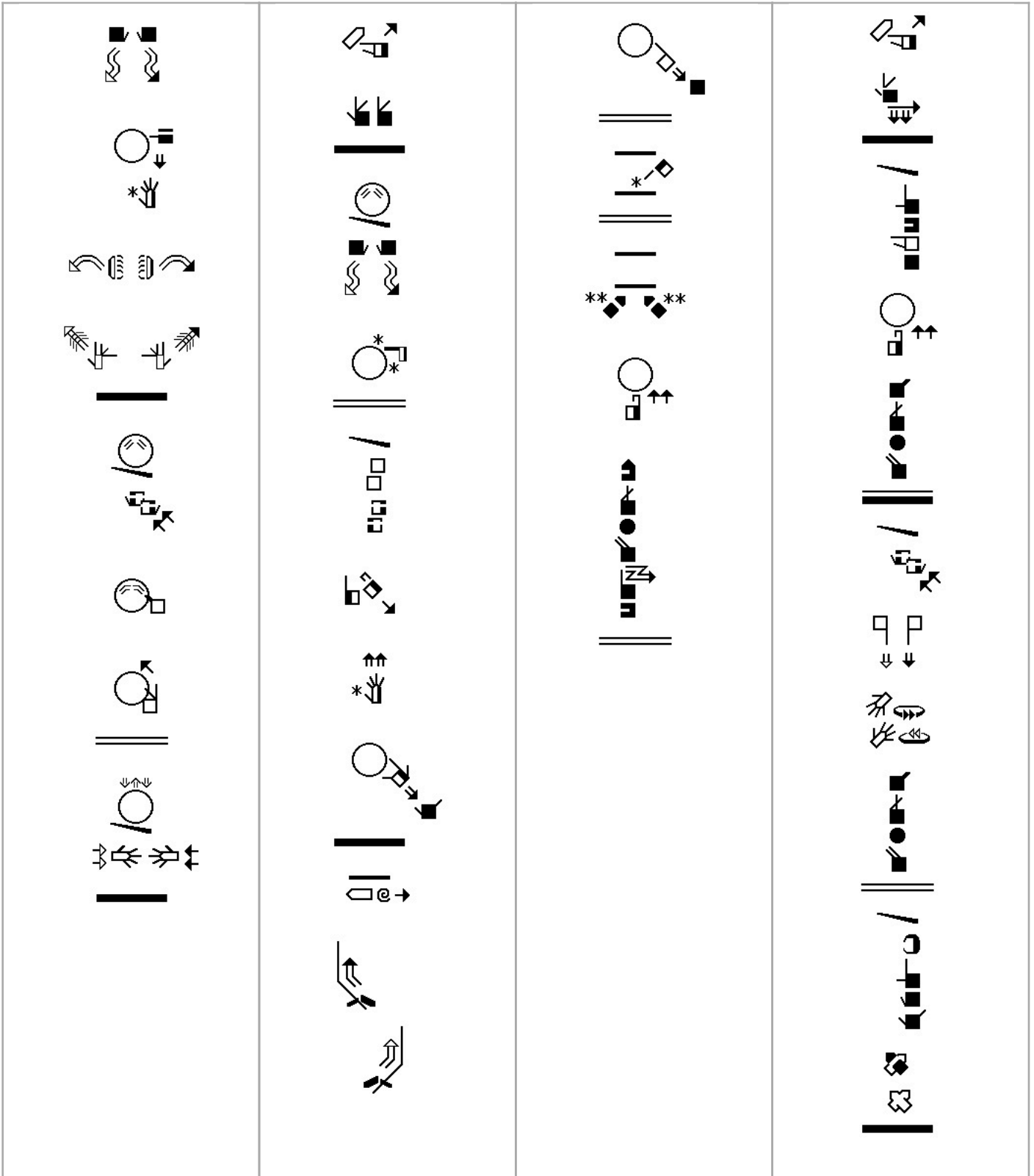


Verse 28. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed. Verse 29. "While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about coming events. NLT

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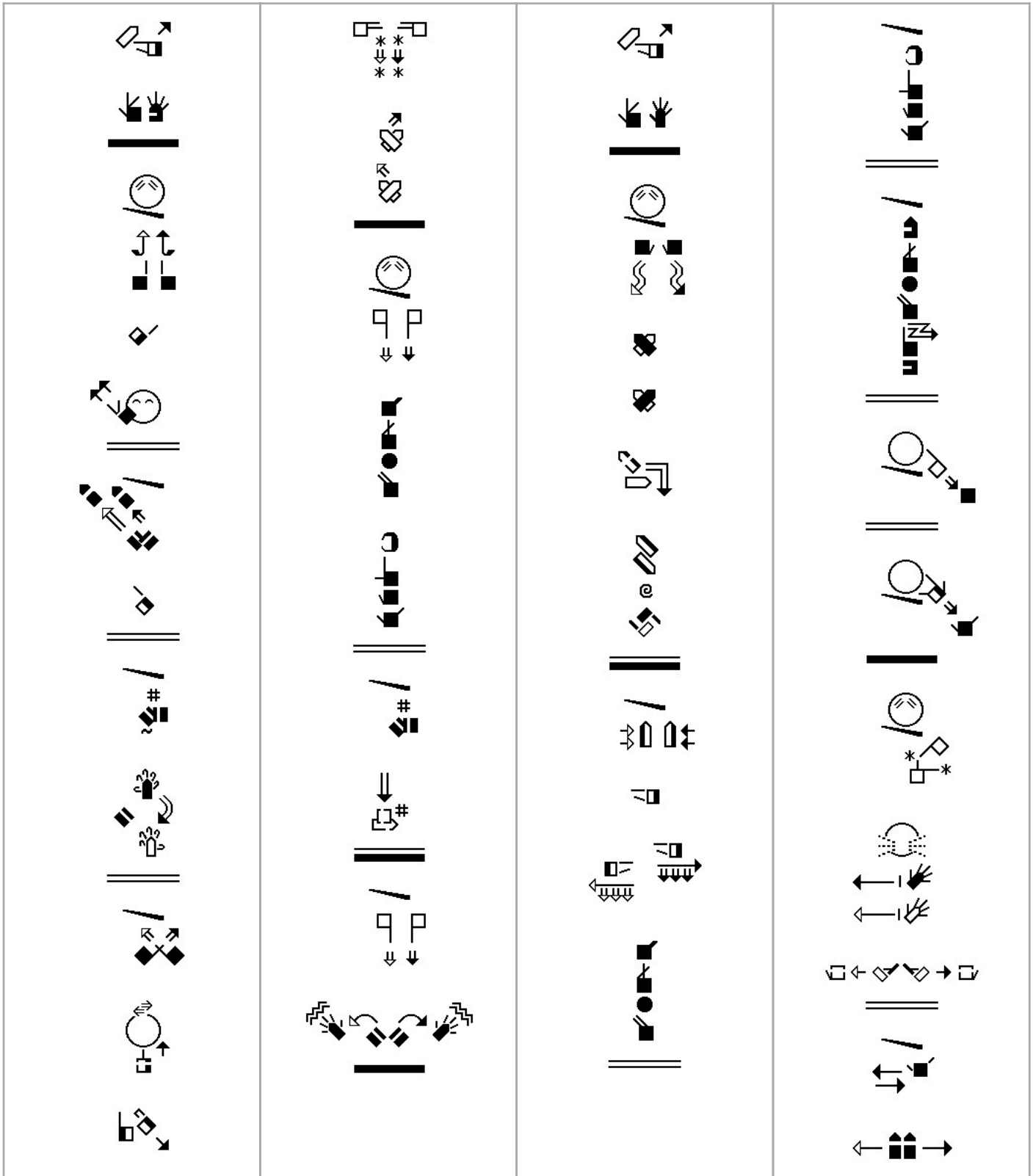
He who reveals secrets has shown you what is going to happen. Verse 30. And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart. Verse 31. "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a NLT



huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. Verse 32. The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, Verse 33. its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay.

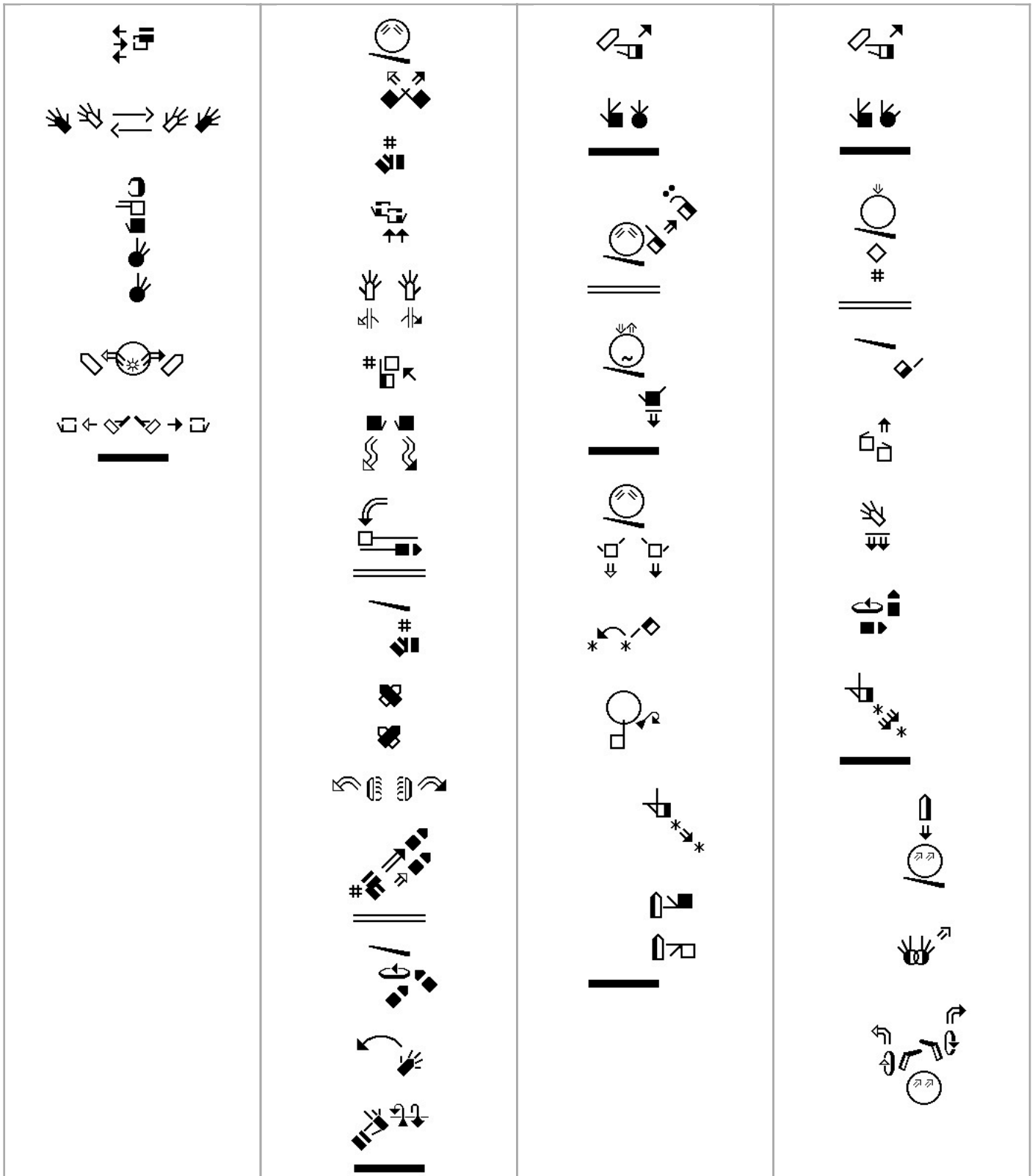
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Daniel 2:34-35



Verse 34. As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. Verse 35. The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like  
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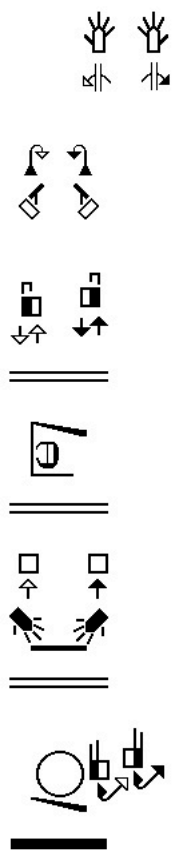
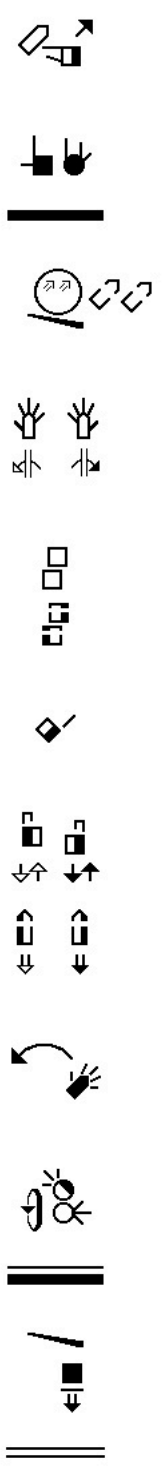
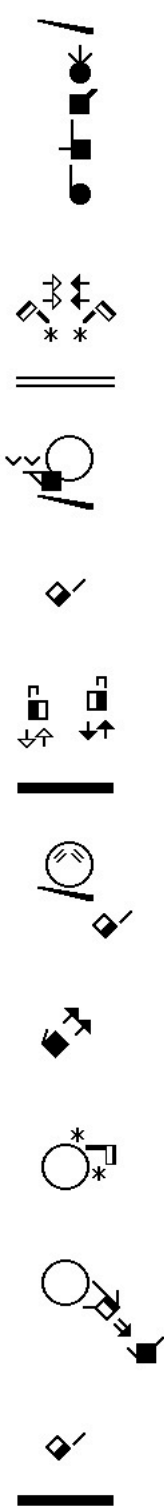
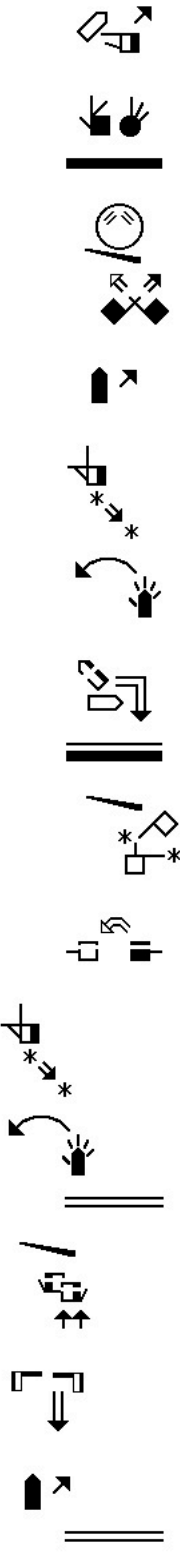




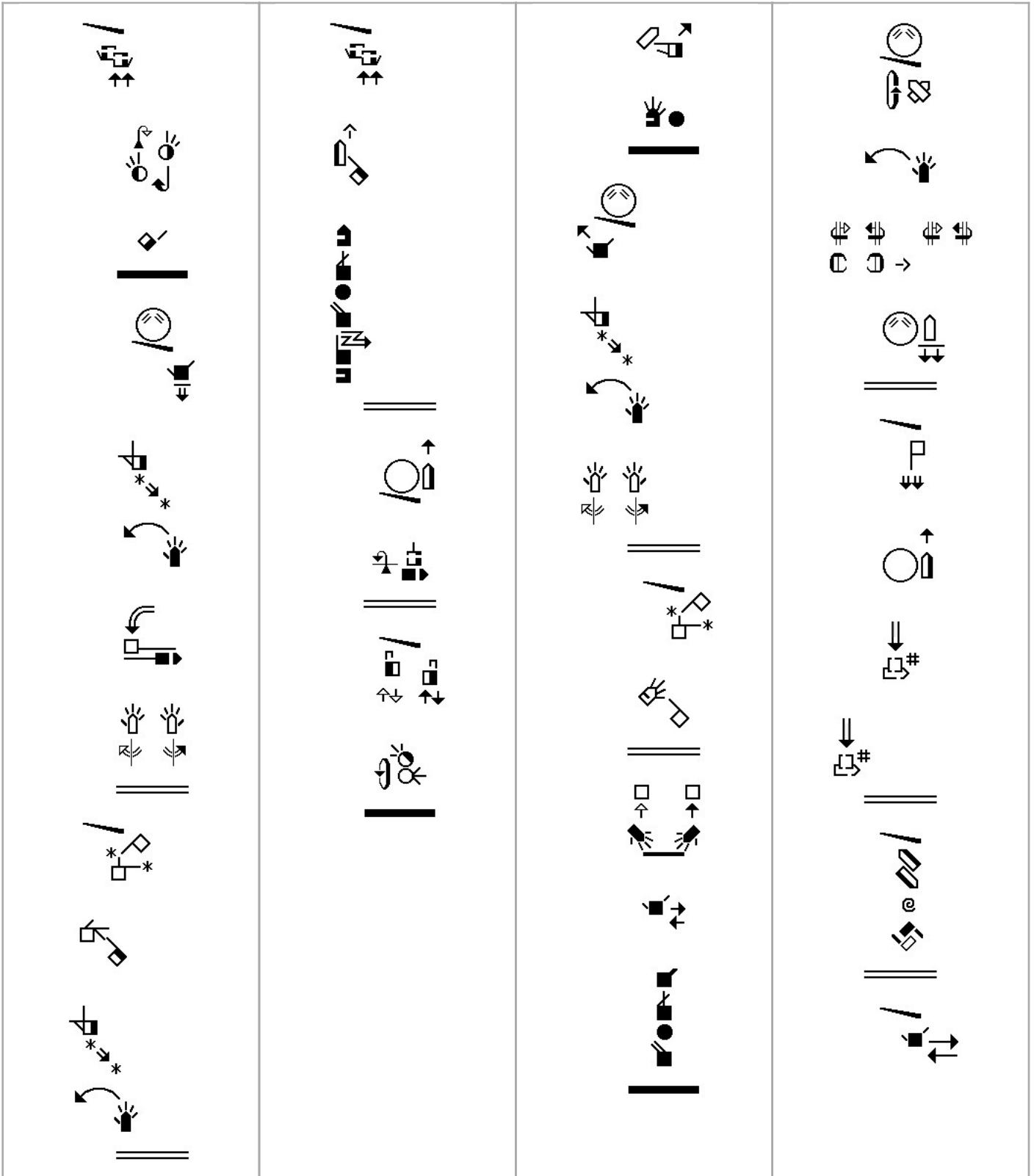
chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth. Verse 36. "That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means. Verse 37. Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings. The God of heaven

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Daniel 2:37-39

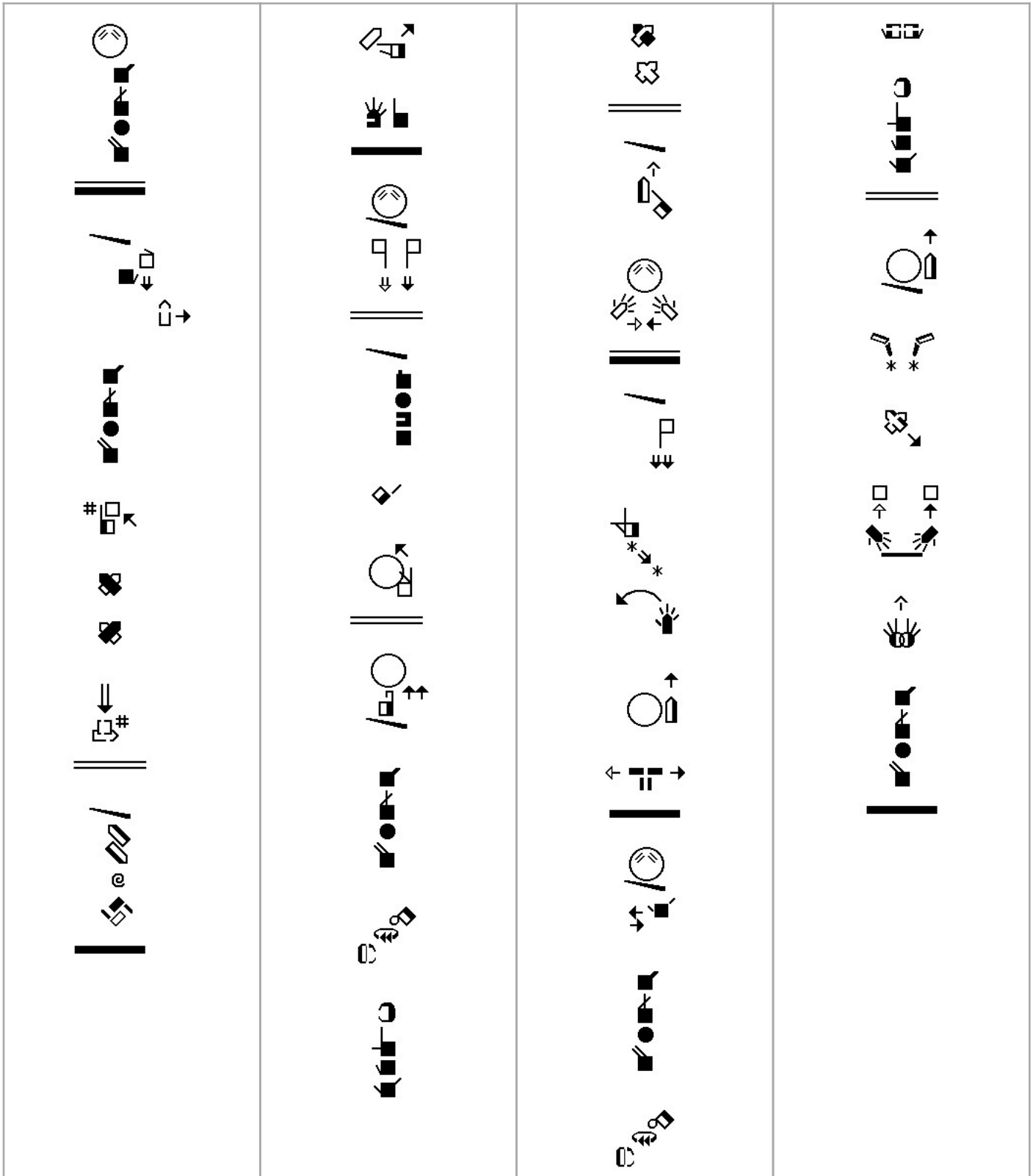
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has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor. Verse 38. He has made you the ruler over all the inhabited world and has put even the wild animals and birds under your control. You are the head of gold. Verse 39. "But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours,  
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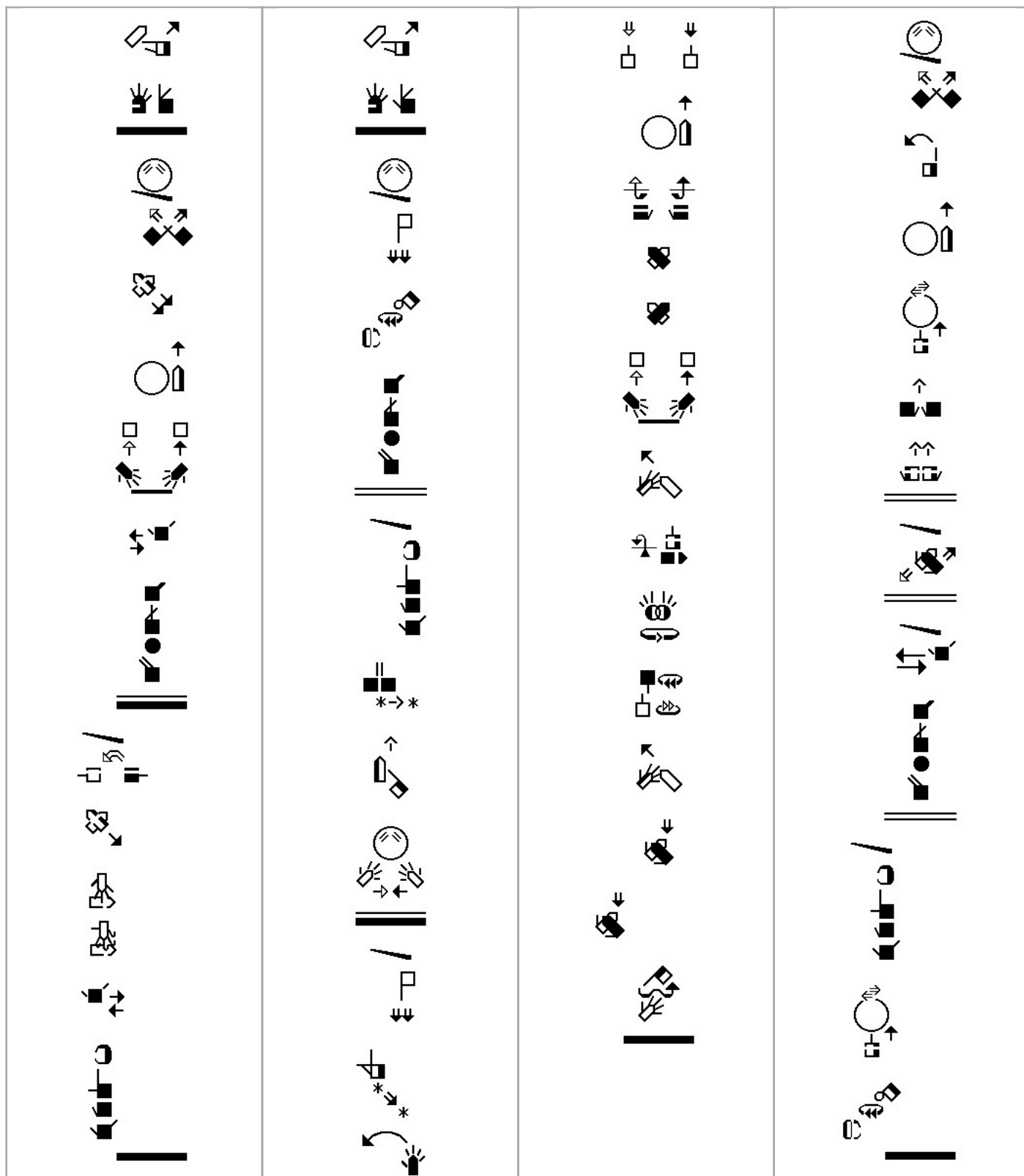


will rise to take your place. After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world. Verse 40. Following that kingdom there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as

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iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes. Verse 41. The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron. NLT

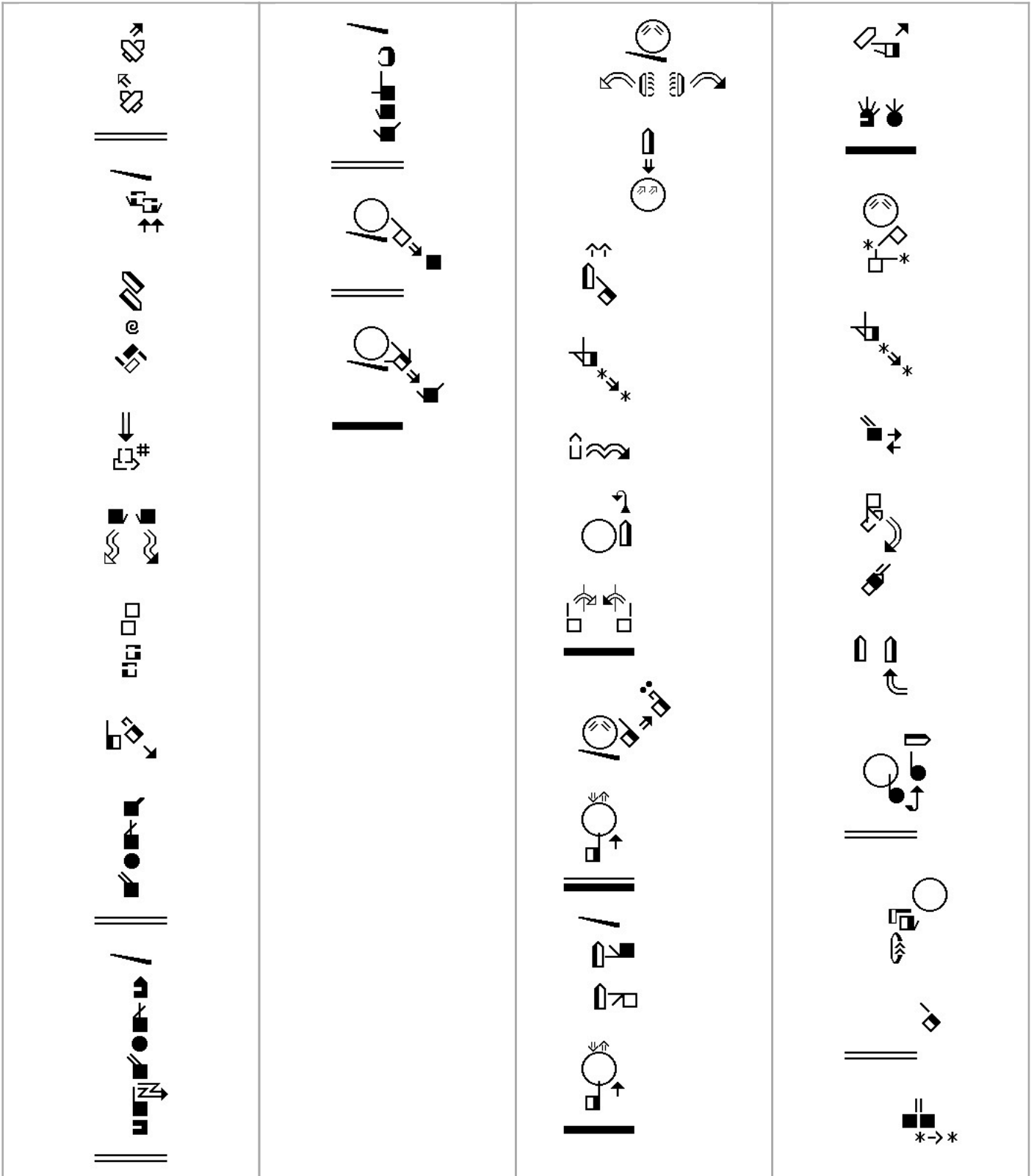


Verse 42. But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay. Verse 43. This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix. NLT

Daniel 2:44-45

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Verse 44. "During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. Verse 45. That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human  
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hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain." Verse 46. Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshiped him, and

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Daniel 2:46-47

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92 he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him. Verse 47. The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the LORD over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret." NLT



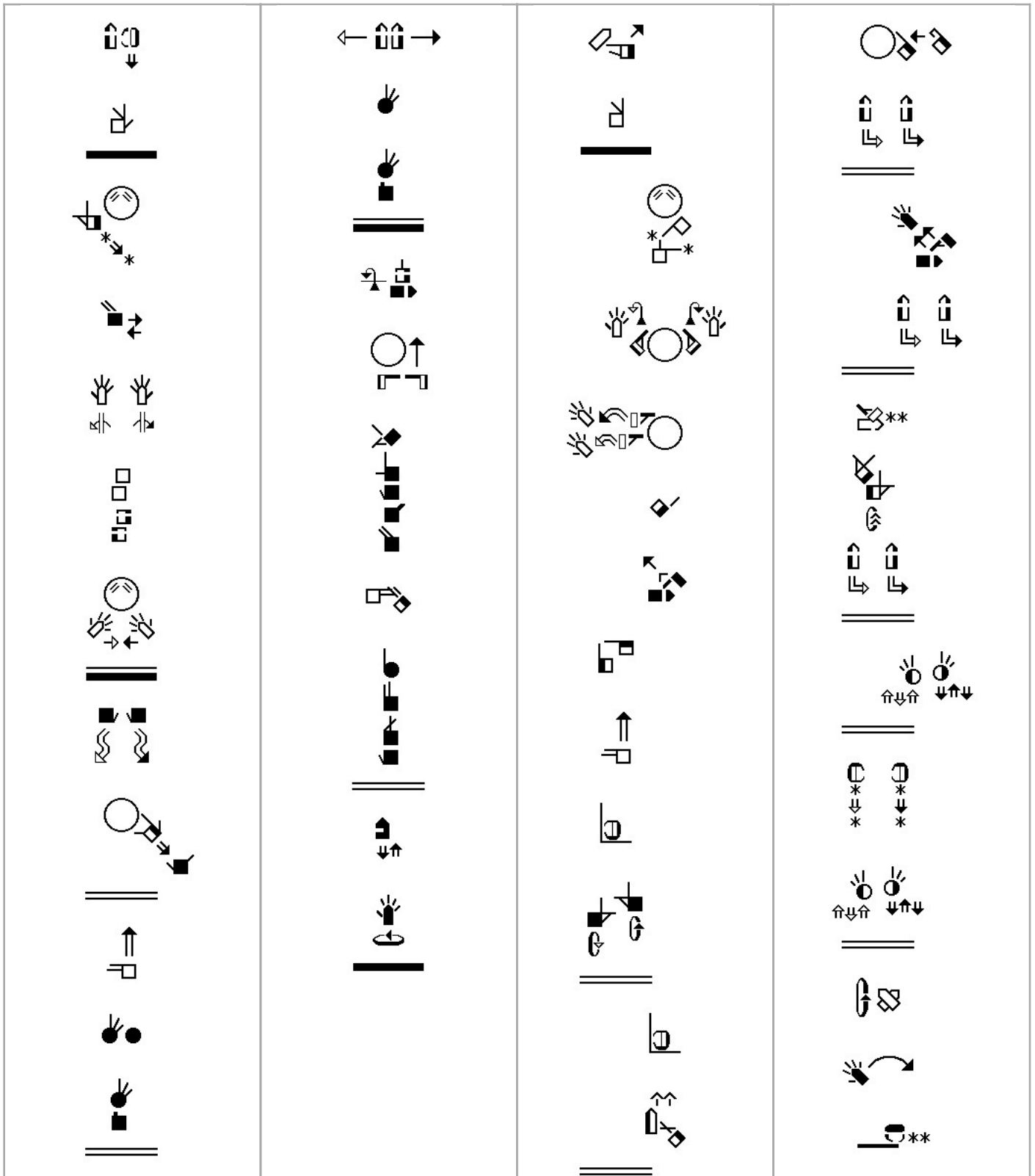
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Verse 48. Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men. Verse 49. At Daniel's request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

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Chapter 3. King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Verse 2. Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the provincial officials

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to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up. Verse 3. So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Verse 4. Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command!" NLT

<p>Verse 5. When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue.</p>	<p>Verse 6. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately</p>	<p>NLT</p>	<p>97</p>

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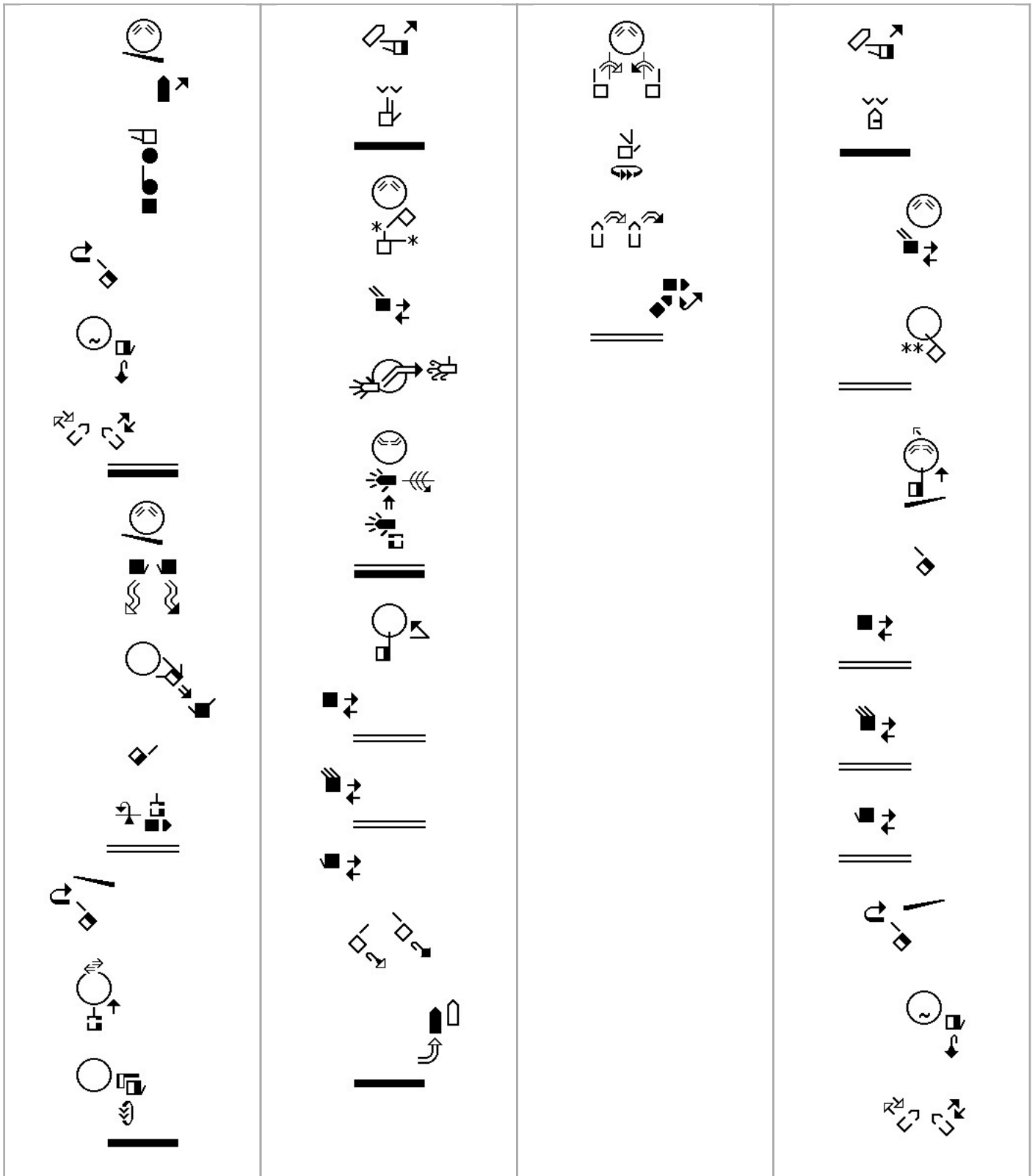
be thrown into a blazing furnace." Verse 7. So at the sound of the musical instruments, all the people, whatever their race or nation or language, bowed to the ground and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Verse 8. But some of the astrologers went to the king and informed on the Jews. NLT

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Verse 9. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Long live the king! Verse 10. You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments. NLT

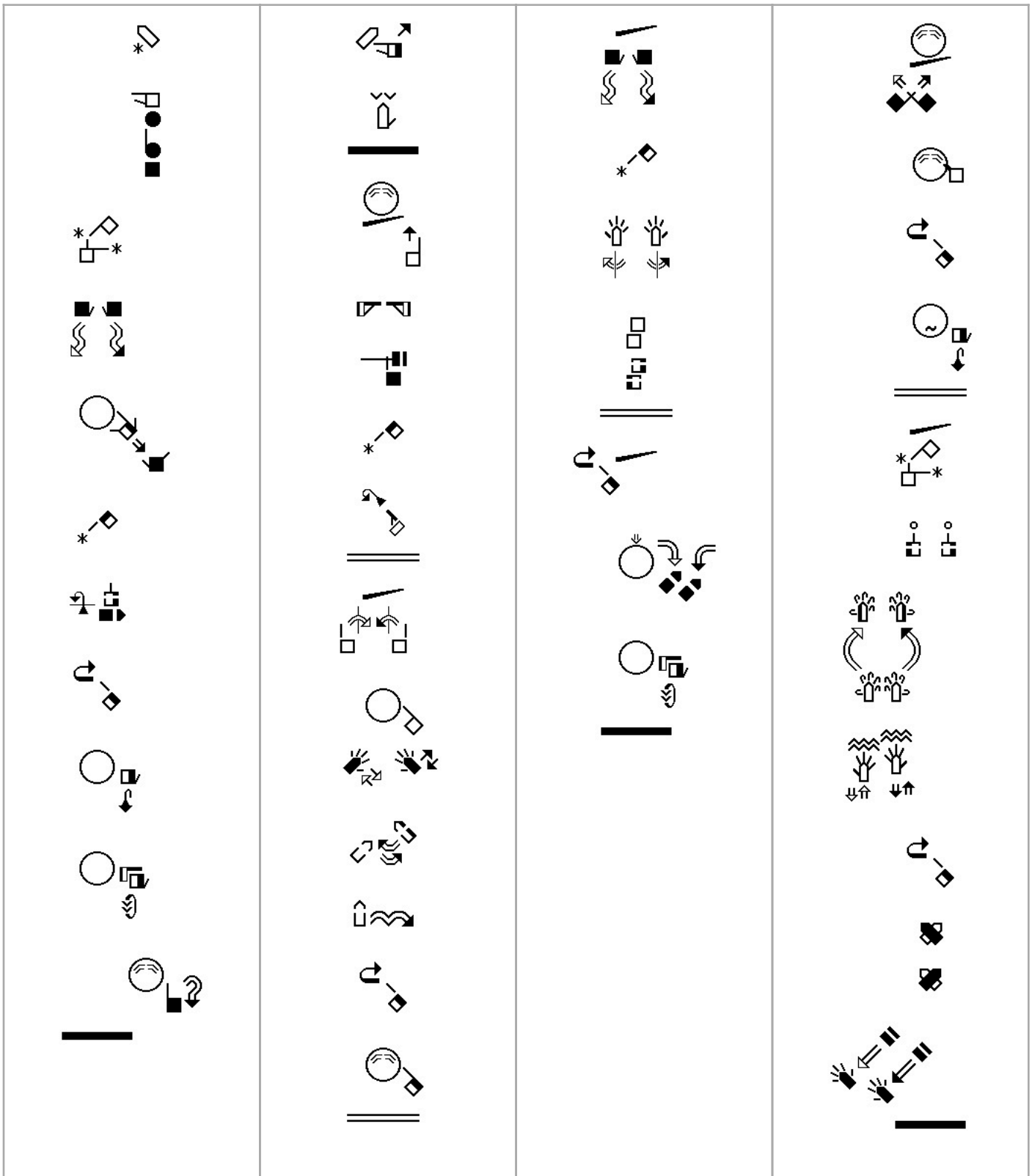




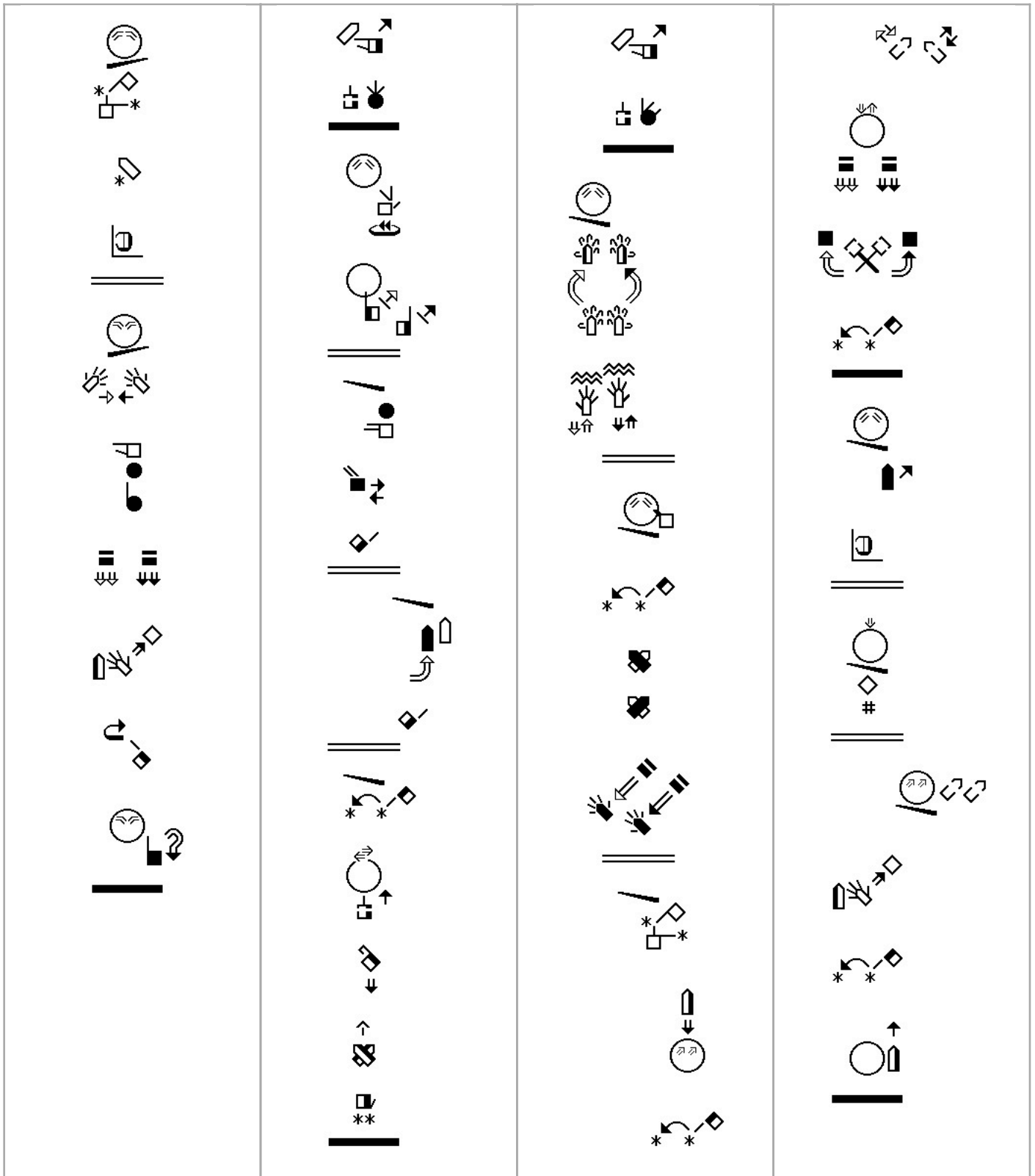


They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up." Verse 13. Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, Verse 14. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve NLT

Daniel 3:14-15



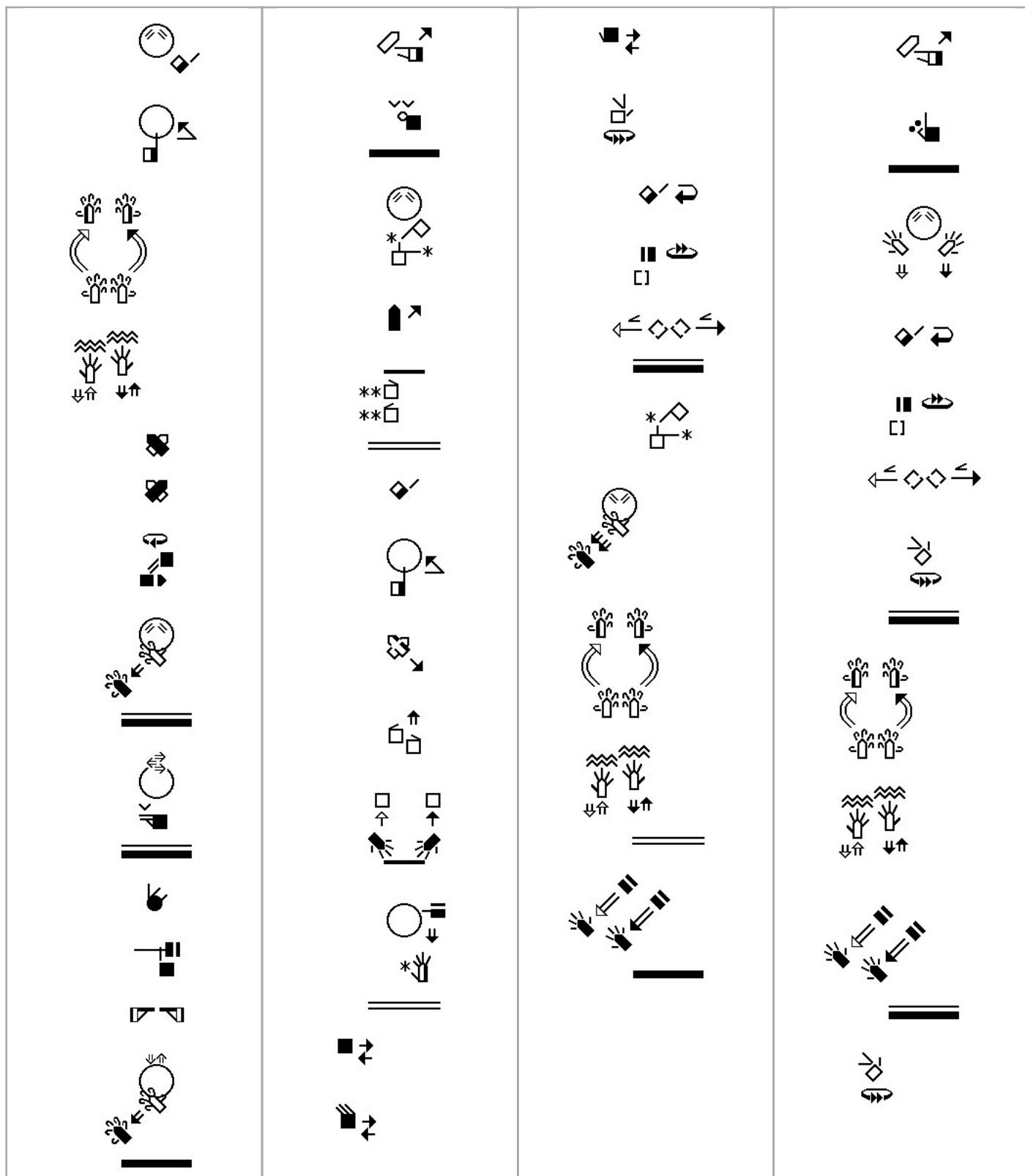
my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? Verse 15. I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace.



And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?" Verse 16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. Verse 17. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. NLT

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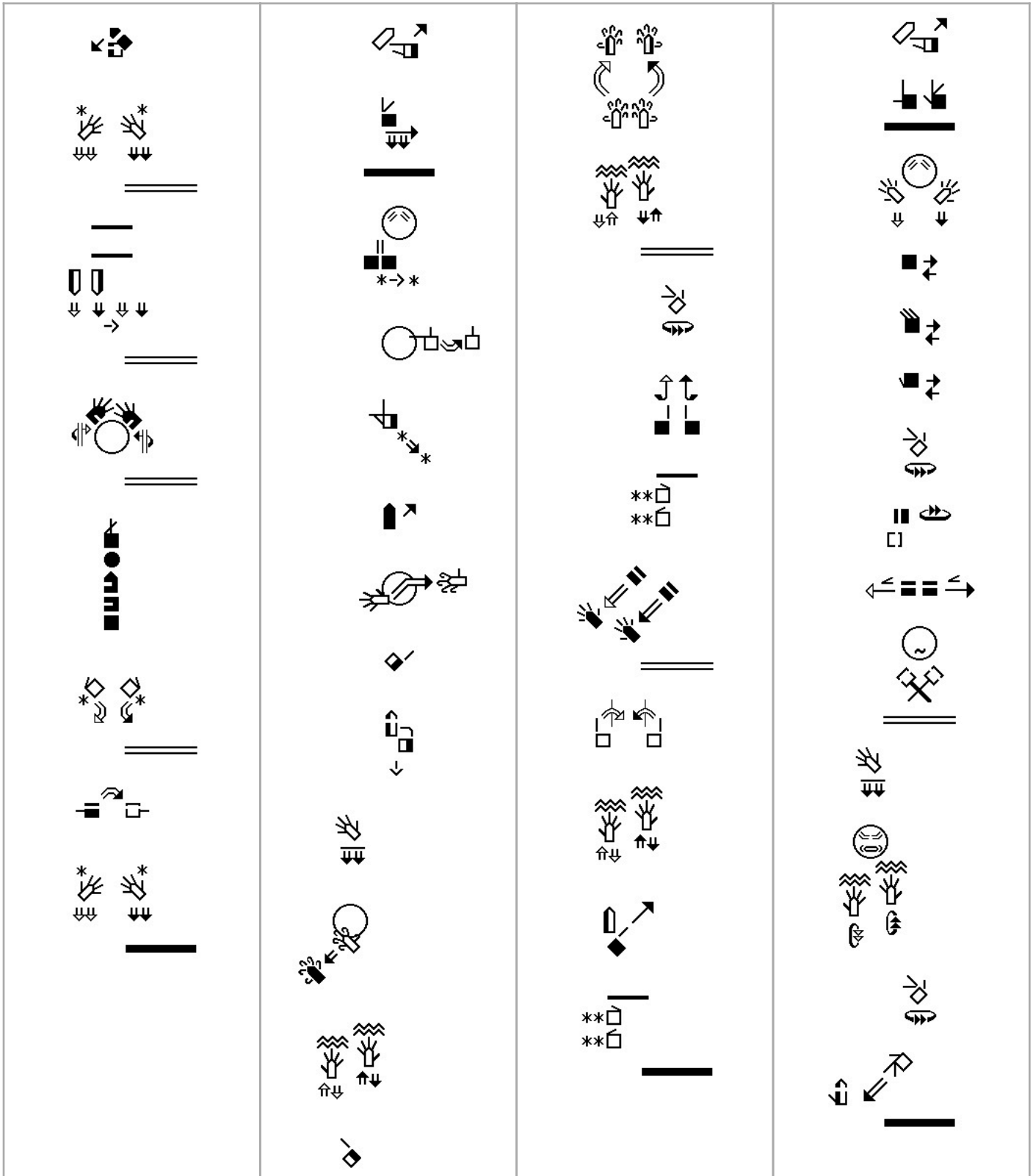
Verse 18. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." Verse 19. Nebuchadnezzar was so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face became distorted with rage.  
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He commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. Verse 20. Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. Verse 21. So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace,

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Daniel 3:21-23



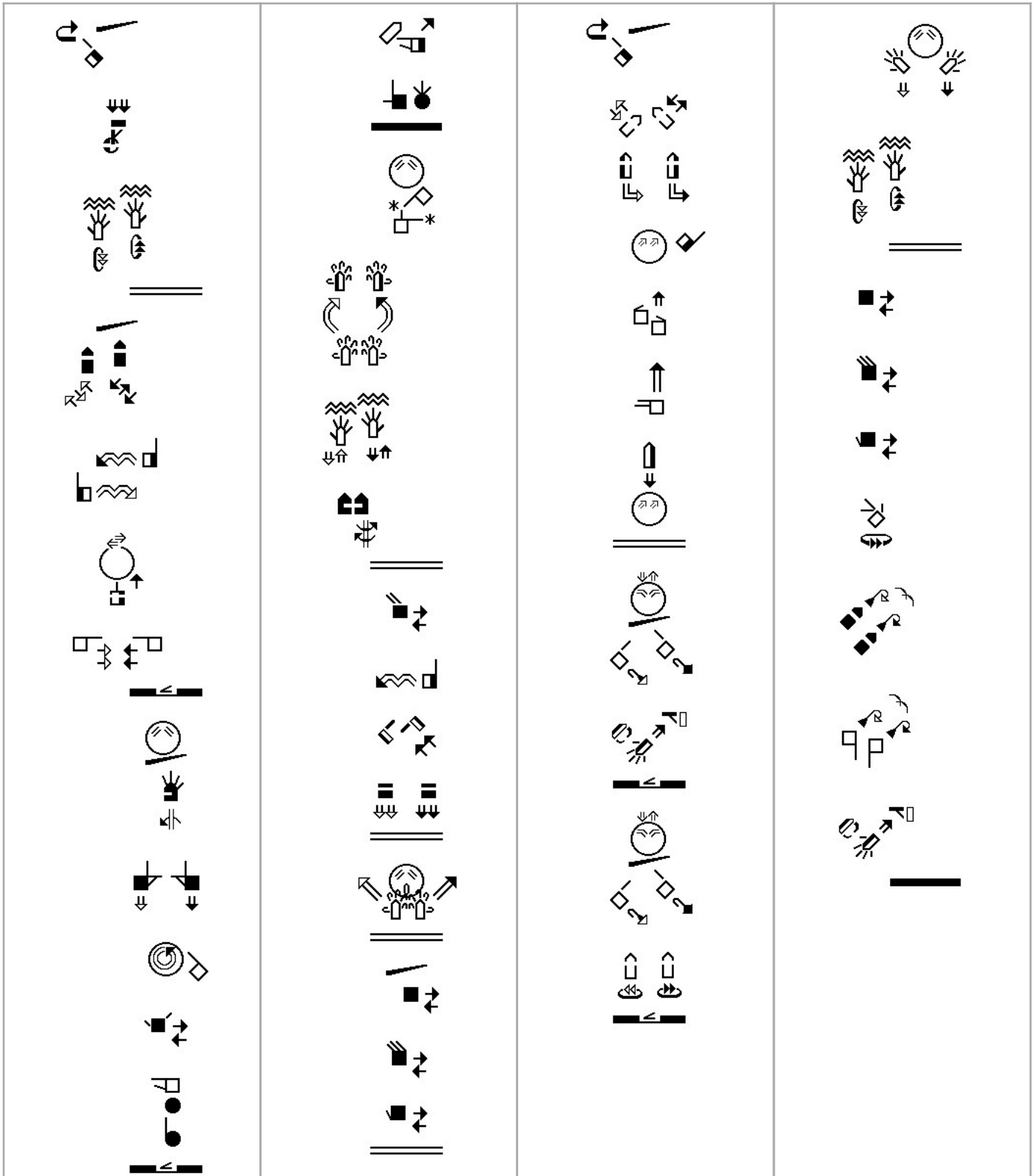
fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments. Verse 22. And because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire in the furnace, the flames killed the soldiers as they threw the three men in. Verse 23. So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames. NLT

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Verse 24. But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" "Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied. Verse 25. "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound,

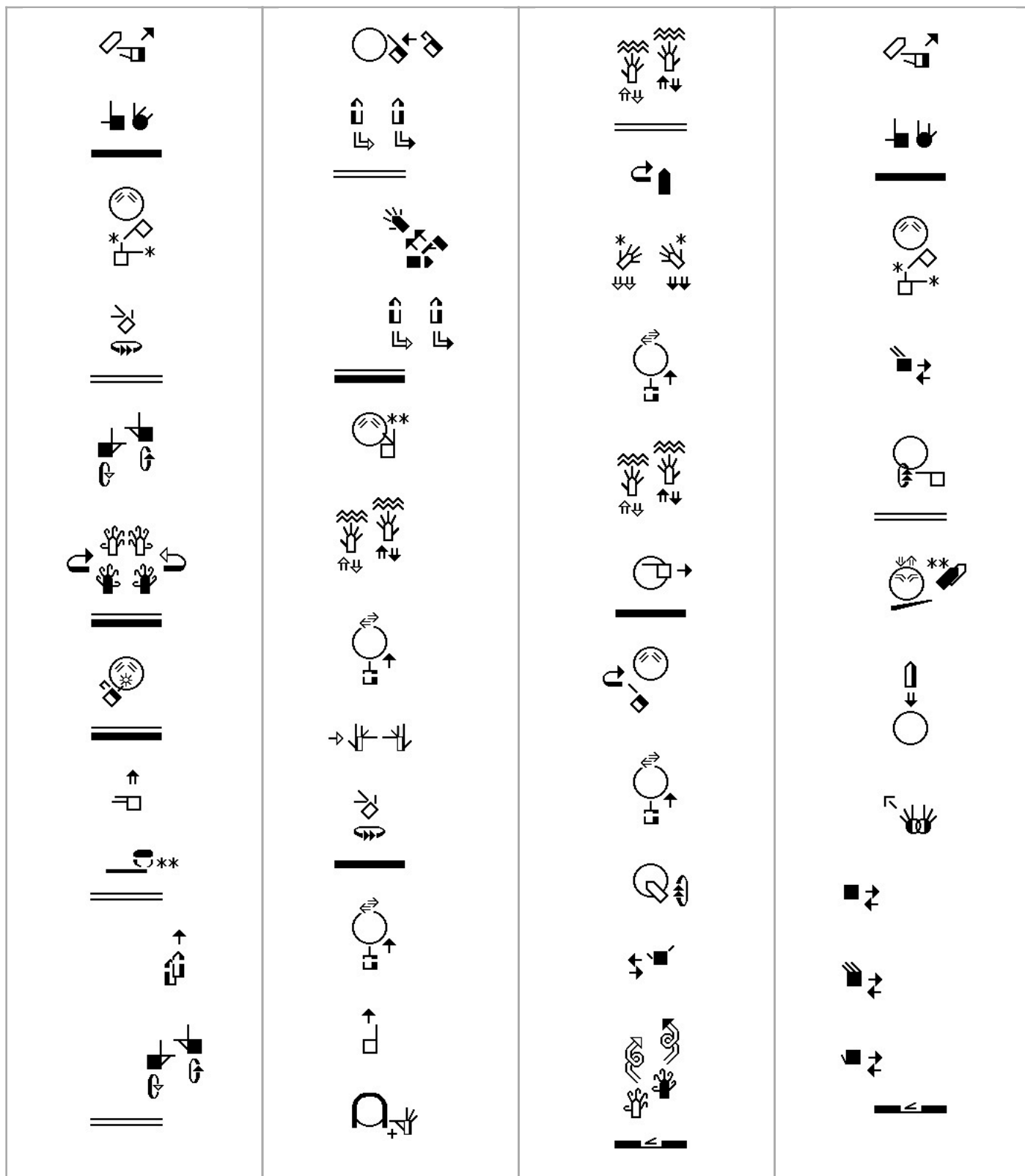
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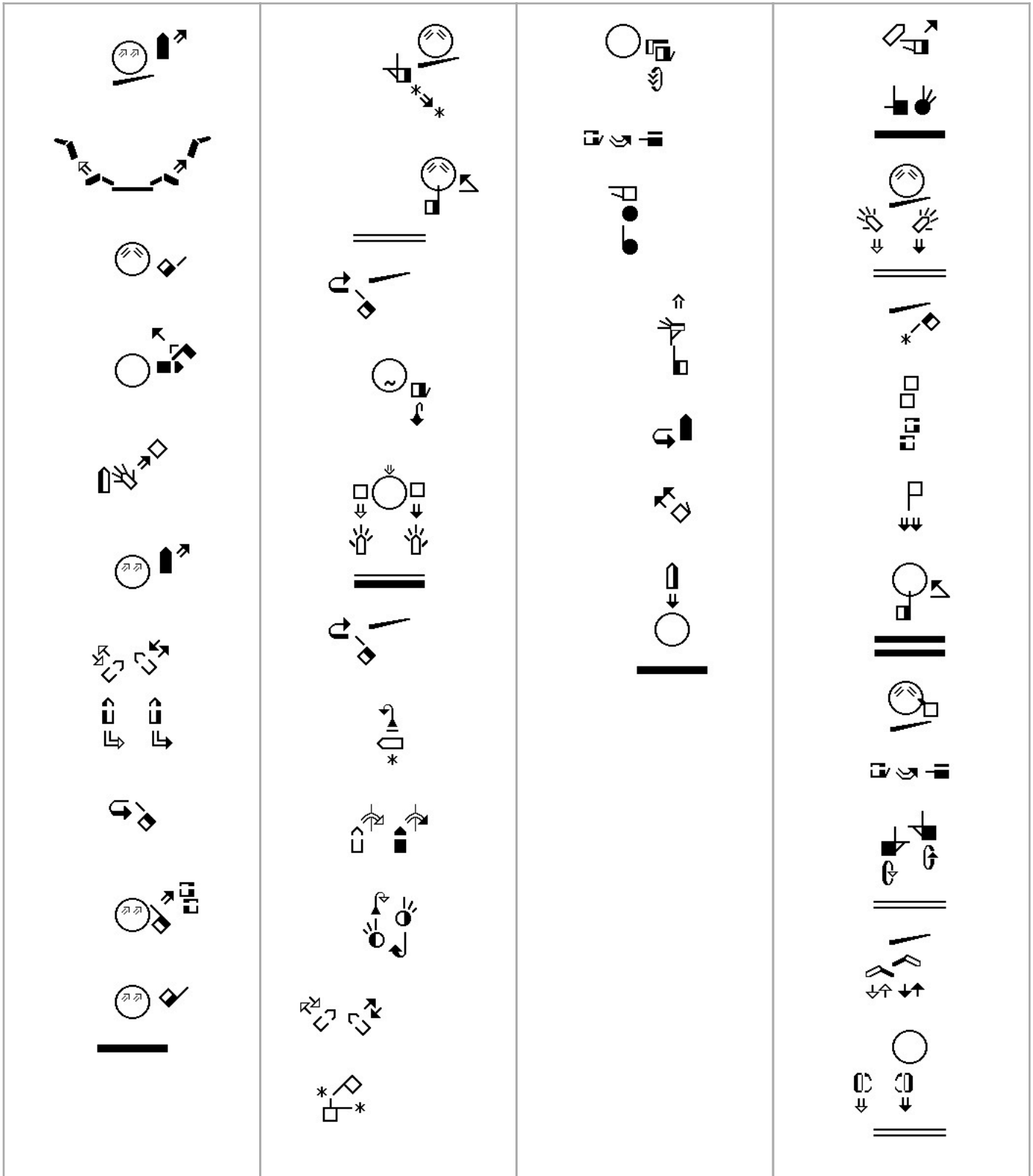
walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" Verse 26. Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. NLT



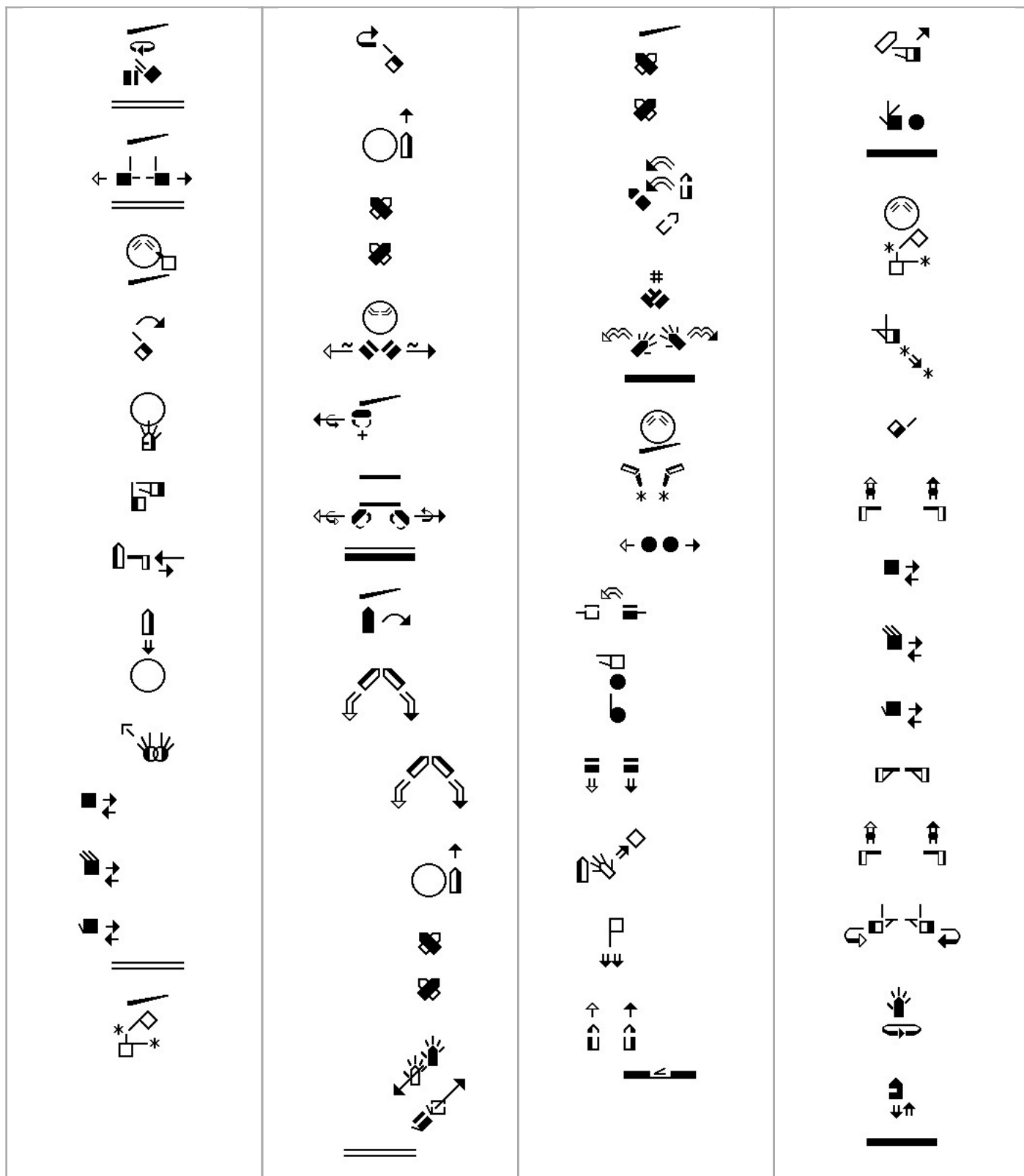


Verse 27. Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke! Verse 28. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! NLT

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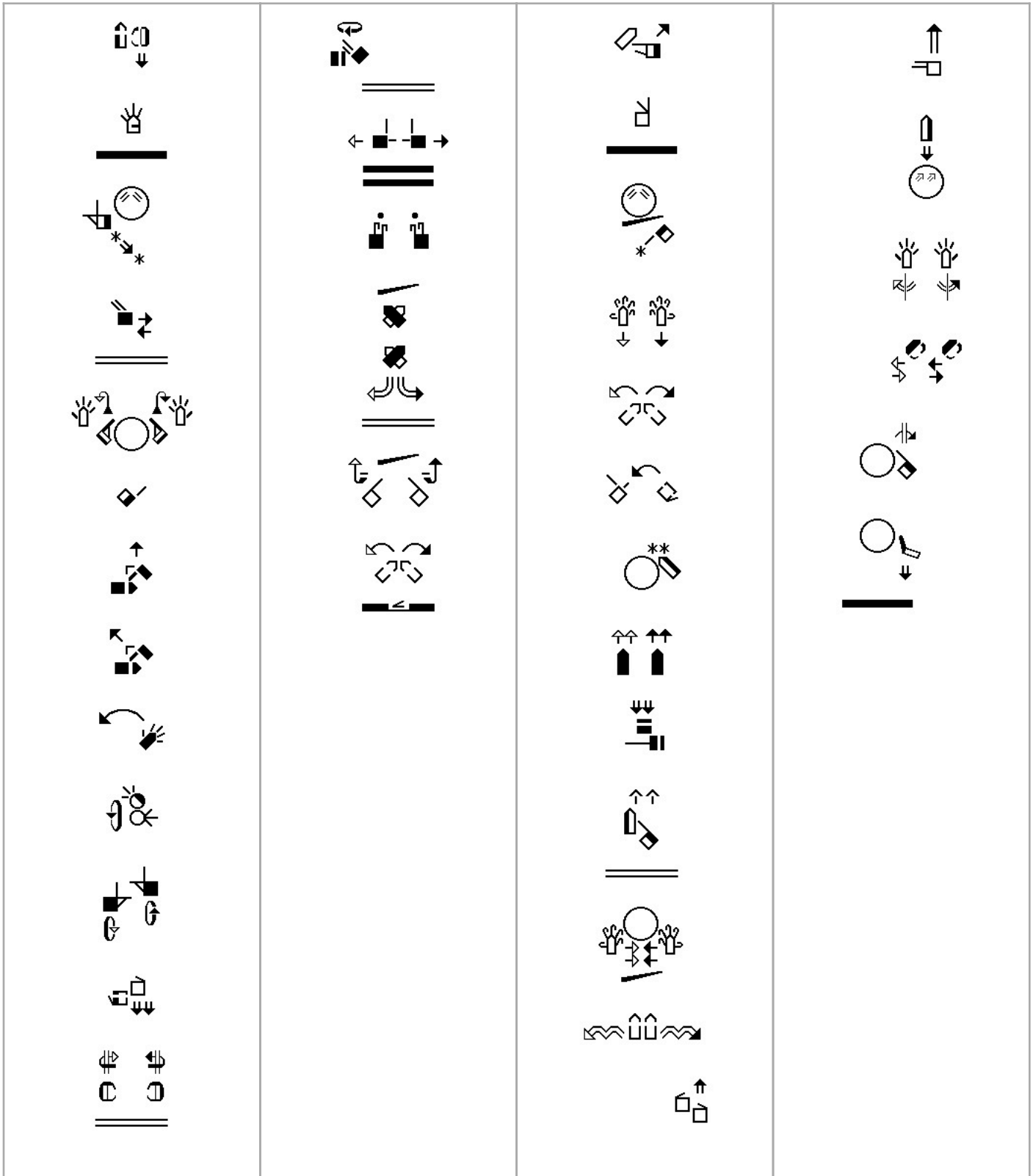
He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Verse 29. Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race NLT

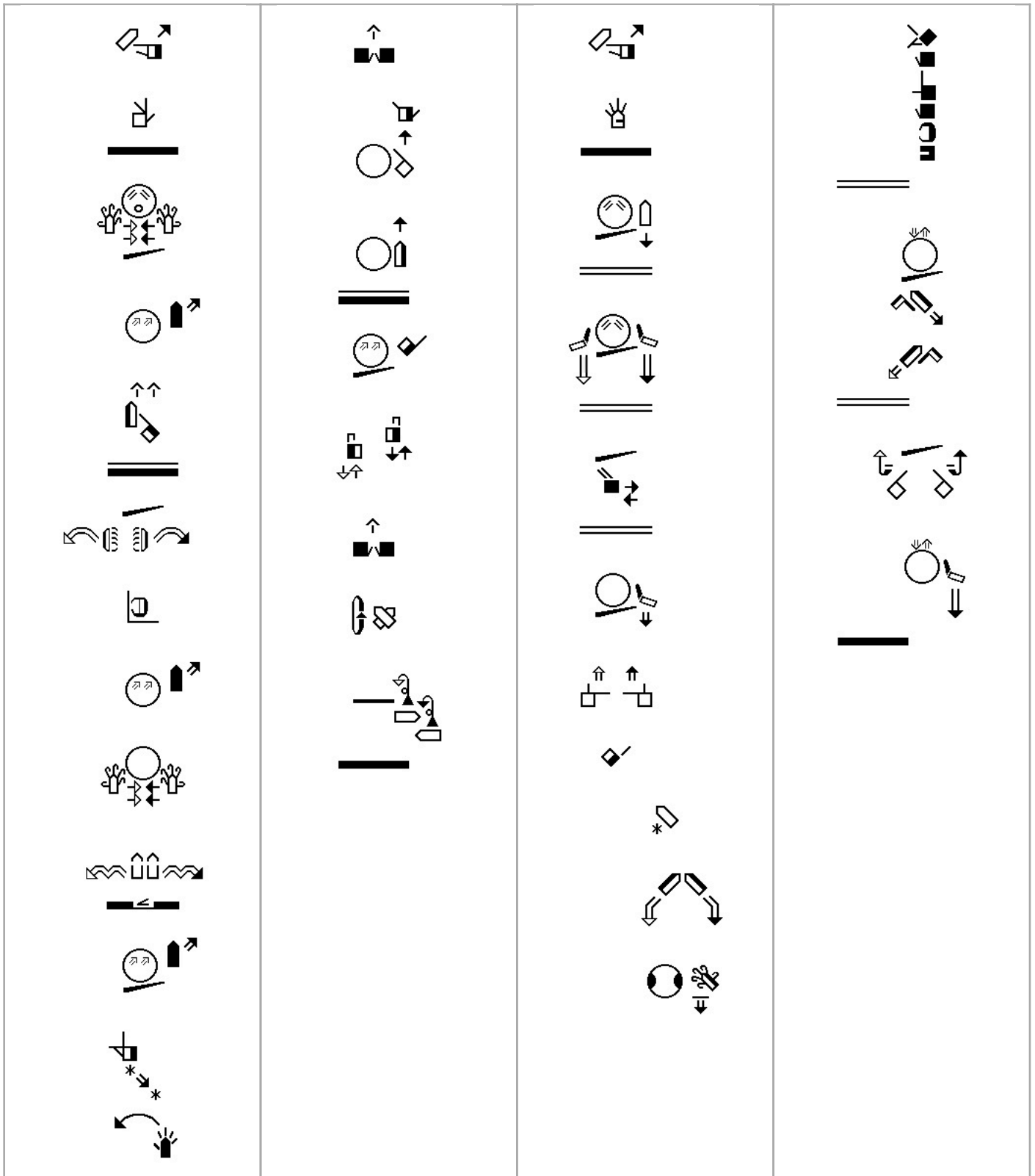


or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!" Verse 30. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon.

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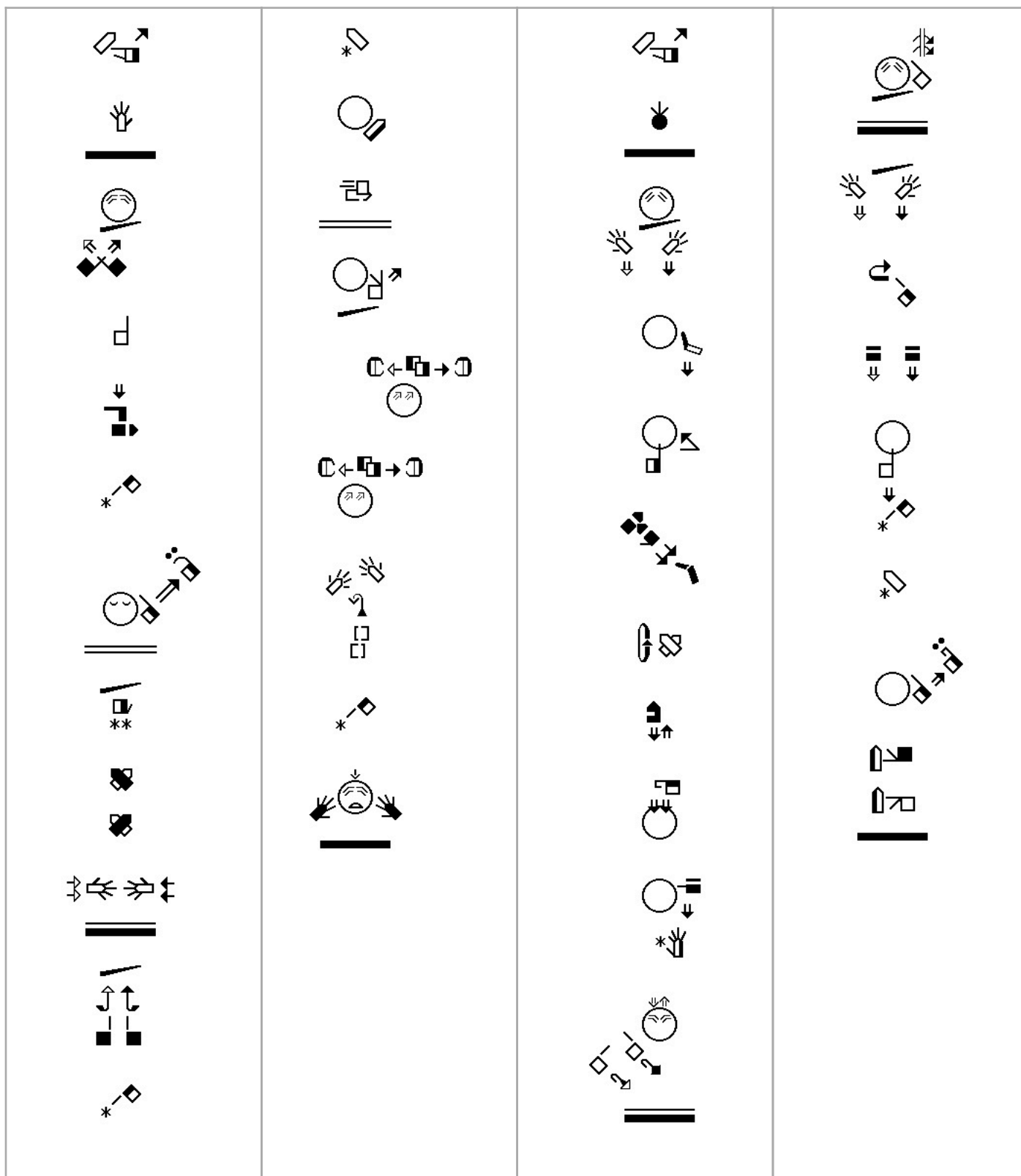
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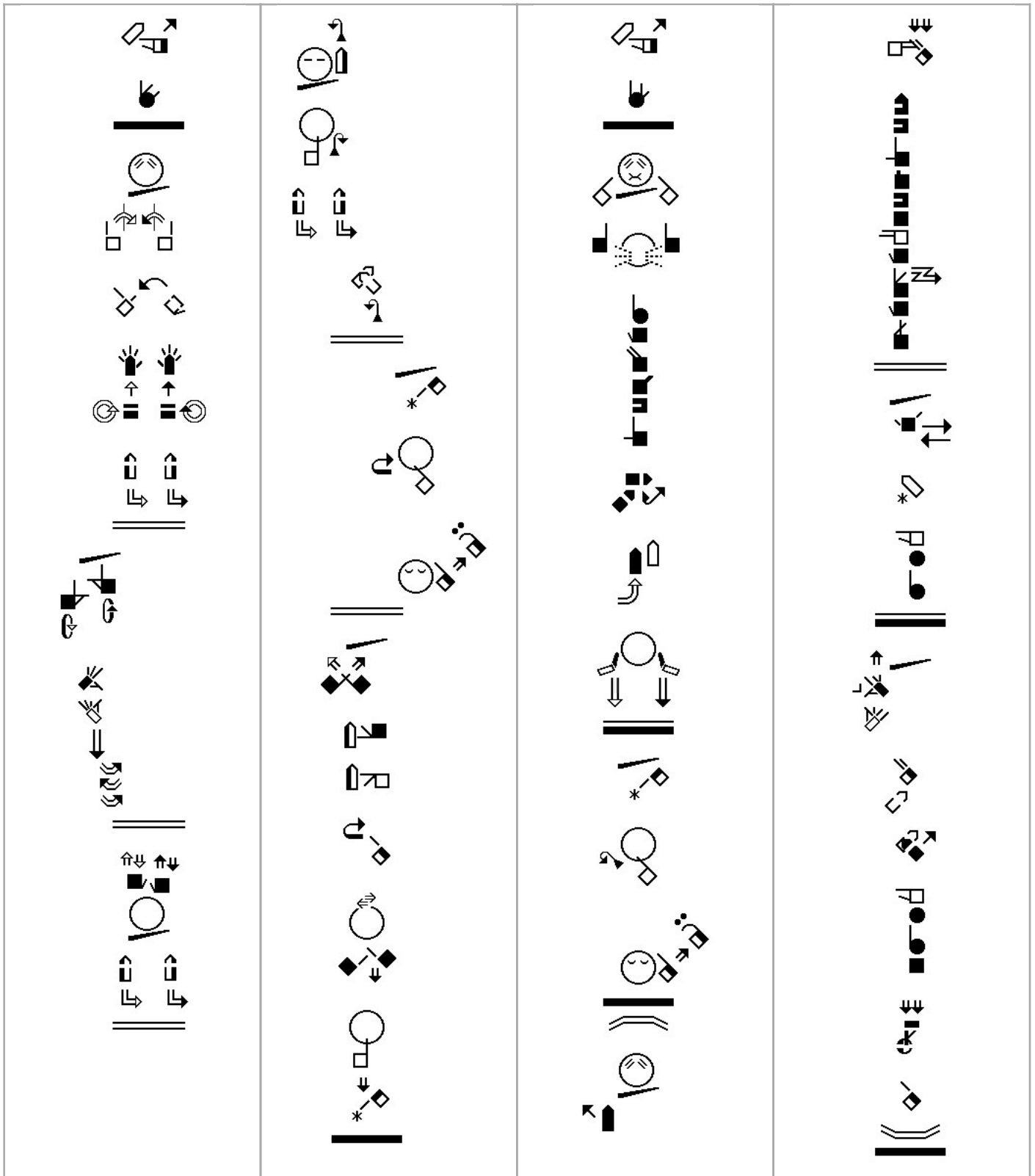




Verse 3. How great are his signs, how powerful his wonders! His kingdom will last forever, his rule through all generation. Verse 4. "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace in comfort and prosperity.

Daniel 4:5-6





Verse 7. When all the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers came in, I told them the dream, but they could not tell me what it meant. Verse 8. At last Daniel came in before me, and I told him the dream. (He was named Belteshazzar after my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

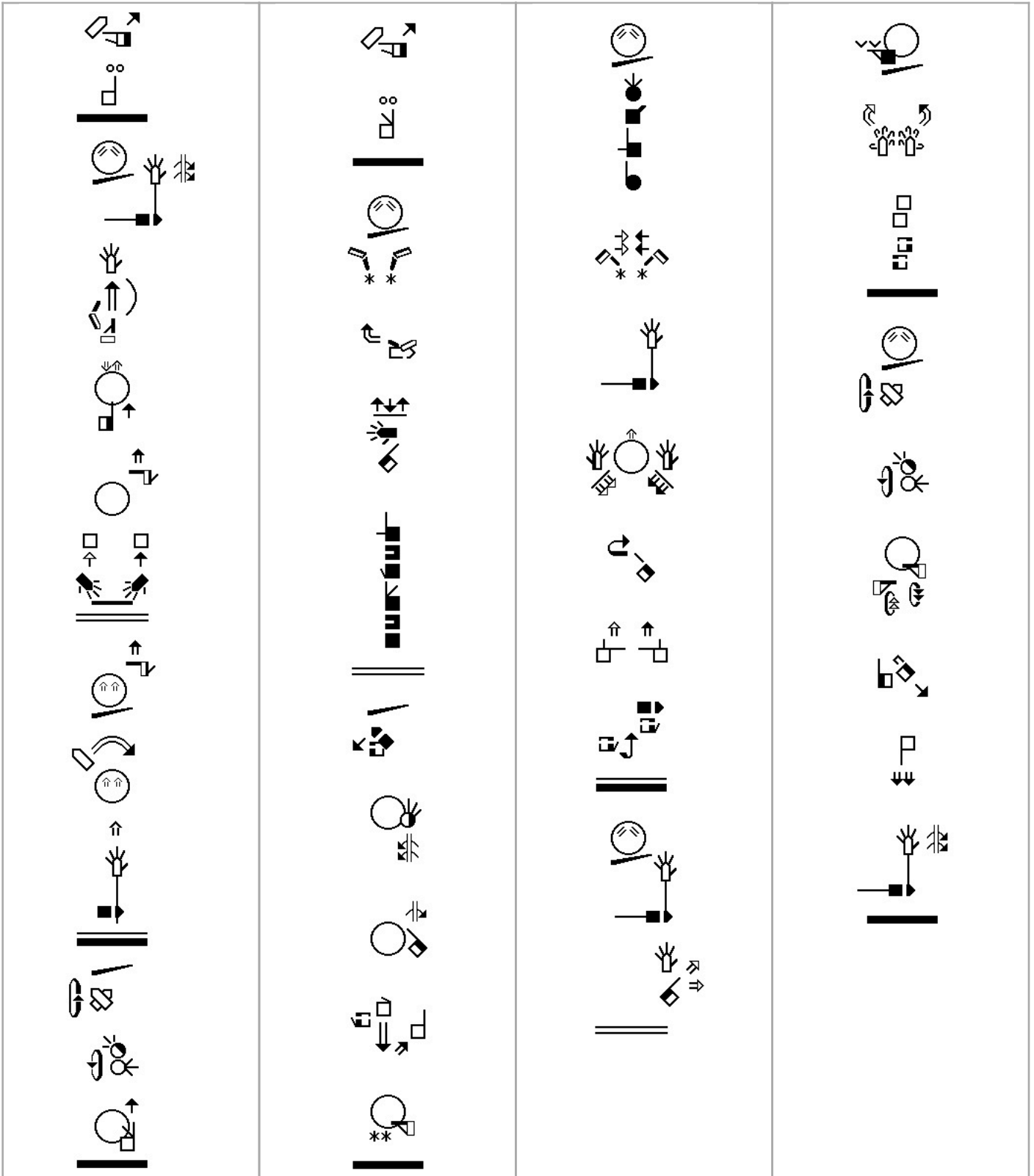
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Verse 9. "I said to him, 'Beltshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too great for you to solve. Now tell me what my dream means. Verse 10. "While I was lying in my bed, this is what I dreamed. I saw a large tree in the middle of the earth.

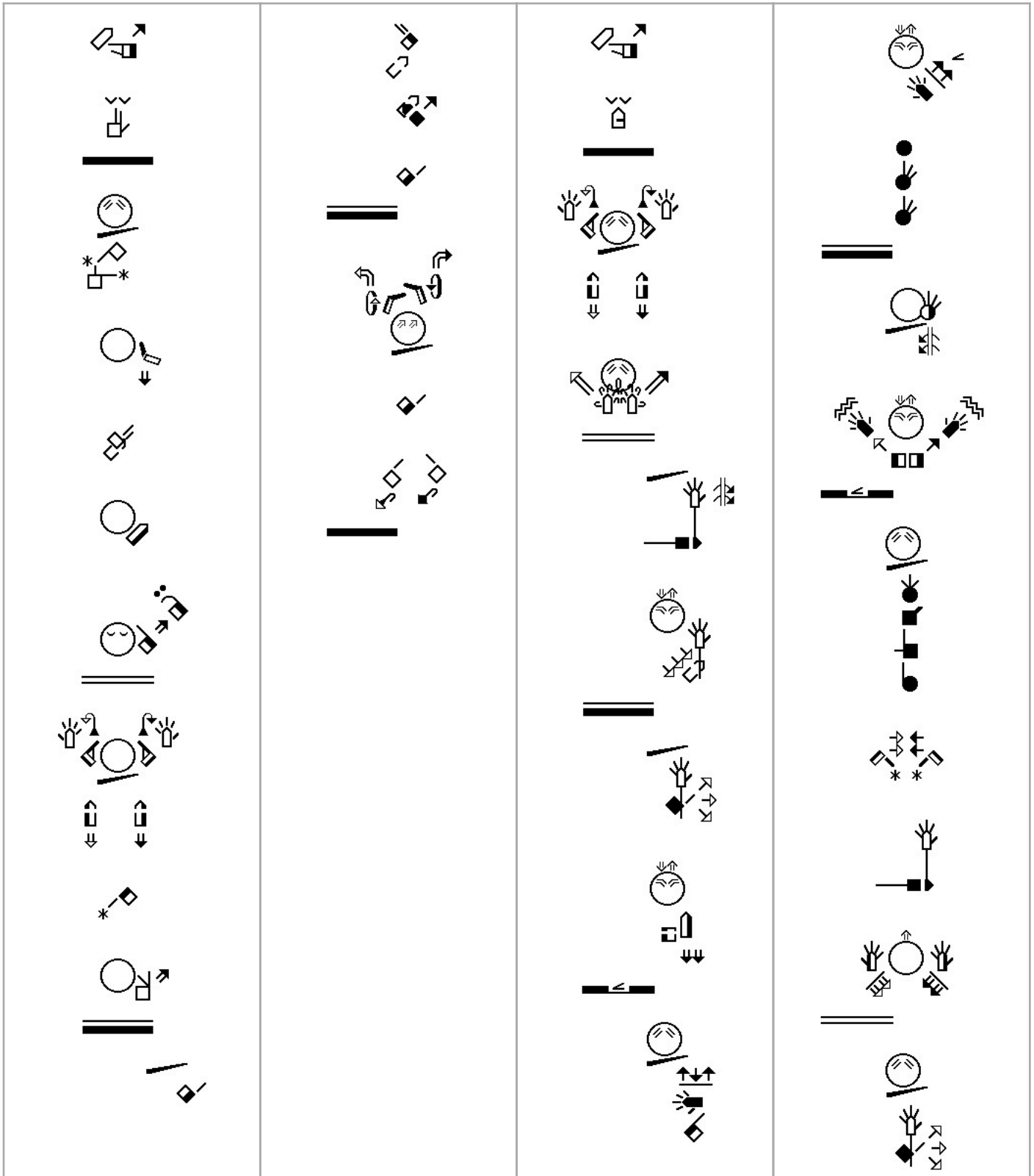


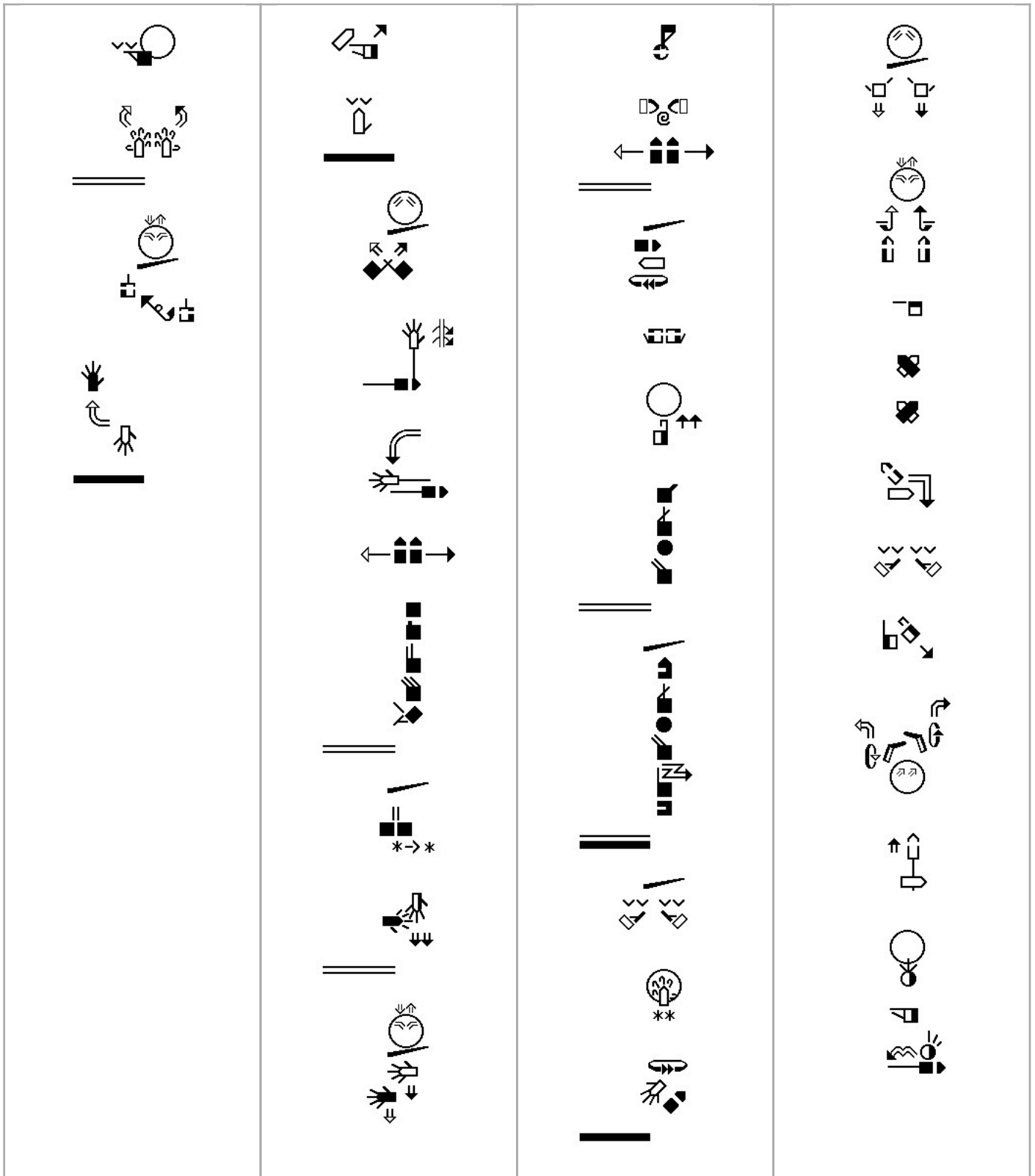


Verse 11. The tree grew very tall and strong, reaching high into the heavens for all the world to see. Verse 12. It had fresh green leaves, and it was loaded with fruit for all to eat. Wild animals lived in its shade, and birds nested in its branches. All the world was fed from this tree.

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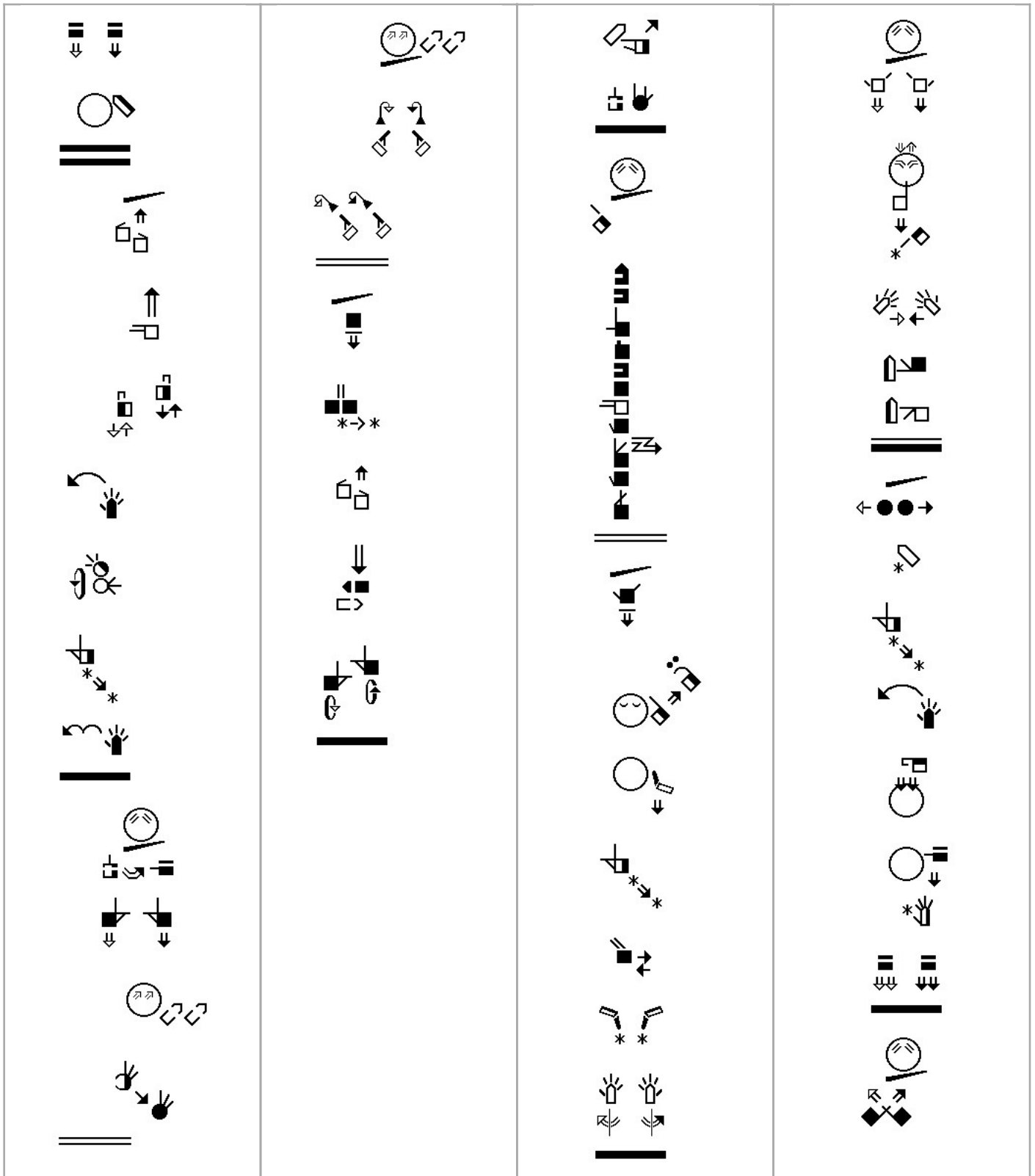
from its shade and the birds from its branches. Verse 15. But leave the stump and the roots in the ground, bound with a band of iron and bronze and surrounded by tender grass. Now let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,

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and let him live with the wild animals among the plants of the field. Verse 16. For seven periods of time, let him have the mind of a wild animal instead of the mind of a human. Verse 17. For this has been decreed by the messengers; it is commanded by the holy ones, so that everyone



may know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world. He gives them to anyone he chooses -- even to the lowliest of people." Verse 18. "Belteshazzar, that was the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now tell me what it means, for none of the wise men of my kingdom can do so. But

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you can tell me because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.' Verse 19. "Upon hearing this, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) was overcome for a time, frightened by the meaning of the dream. Then the king said to him, 'Belteshazzar, don't be alarmed by the NLT

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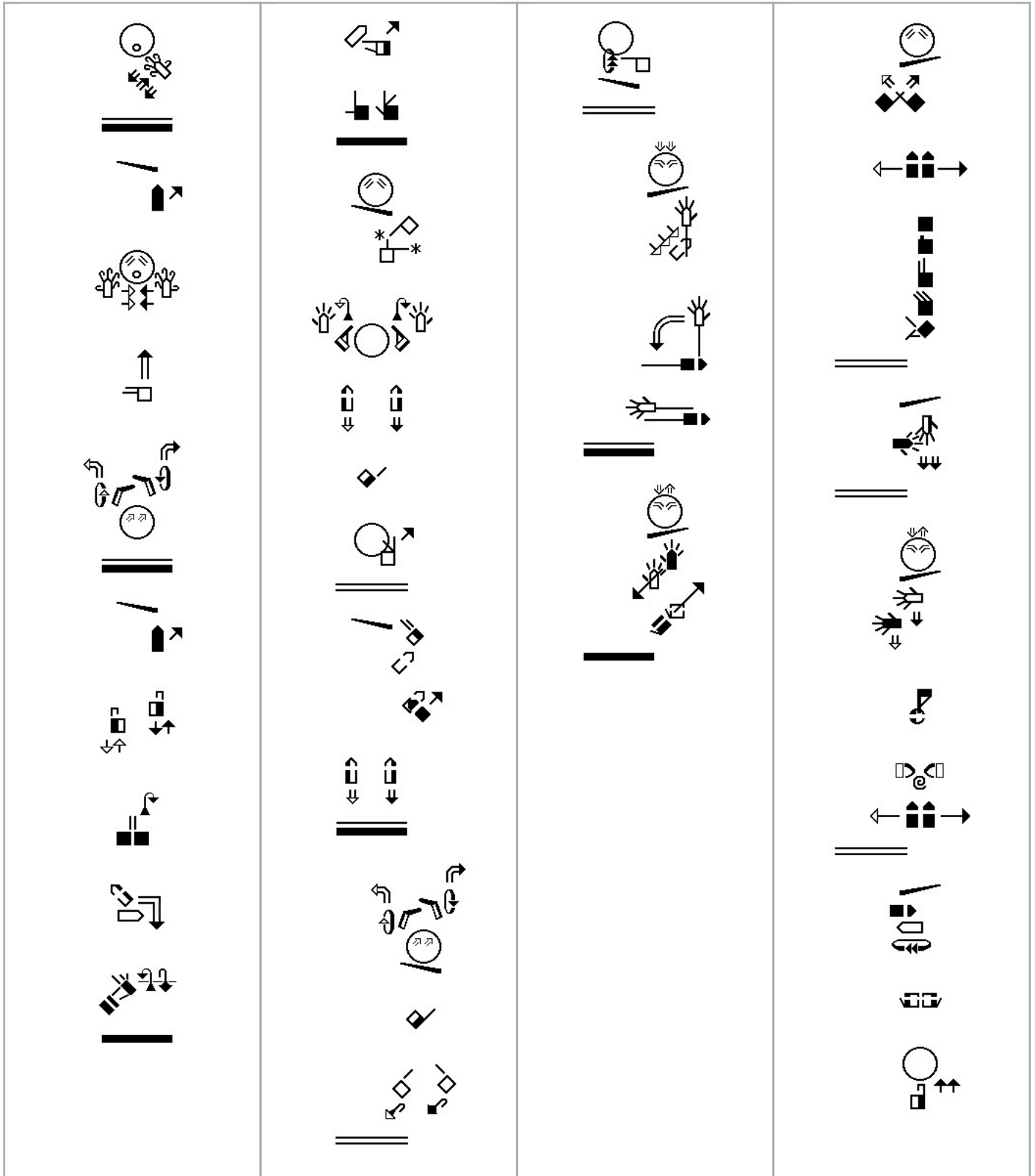
dream and what it means.' "Belteshazzar replied, 'I wish the events foreshadowed in this dream would happen to your enemies, my lord, and not to you! Verse 20. The tree you saw was growing very tall and strong, reaching high into the heavens

Daniel 4:21-22

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124 for all the world to see. Verse 21. It had fresh green leaves and was loaded with fruit for all to eat. Wild animals lived in its shade, and birds nested in its branches. Verse 22. That tree, Your Majesty, is you. For you have grown strong NLT

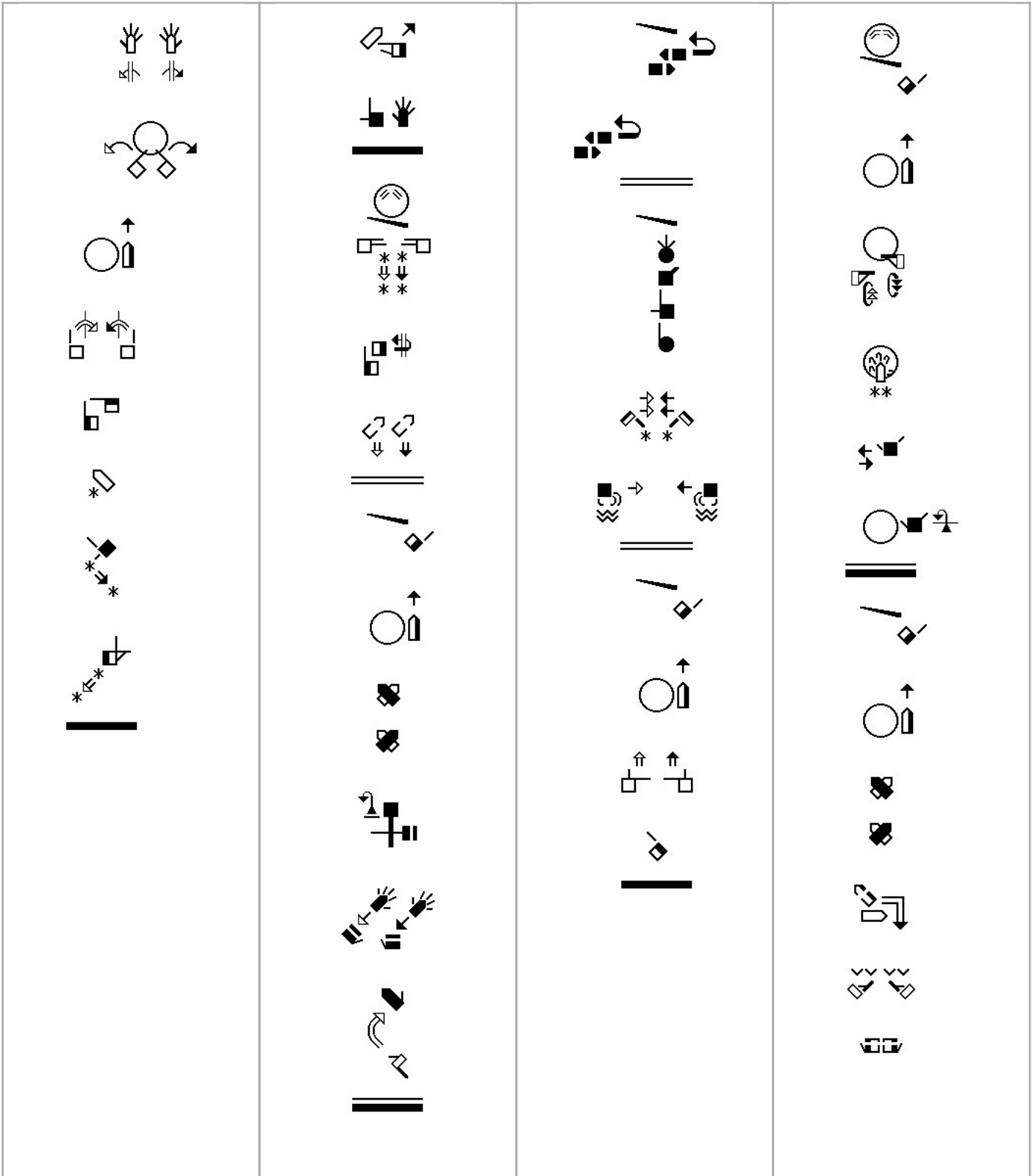




and great; your greatness reaches up to heaven, and your rule to the ends of the earth.  
 Verse 23. "Then you saw a messenger, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, "Cut down the tree and destroy it. But leave the stump and the roots in the ground, bound with a band of

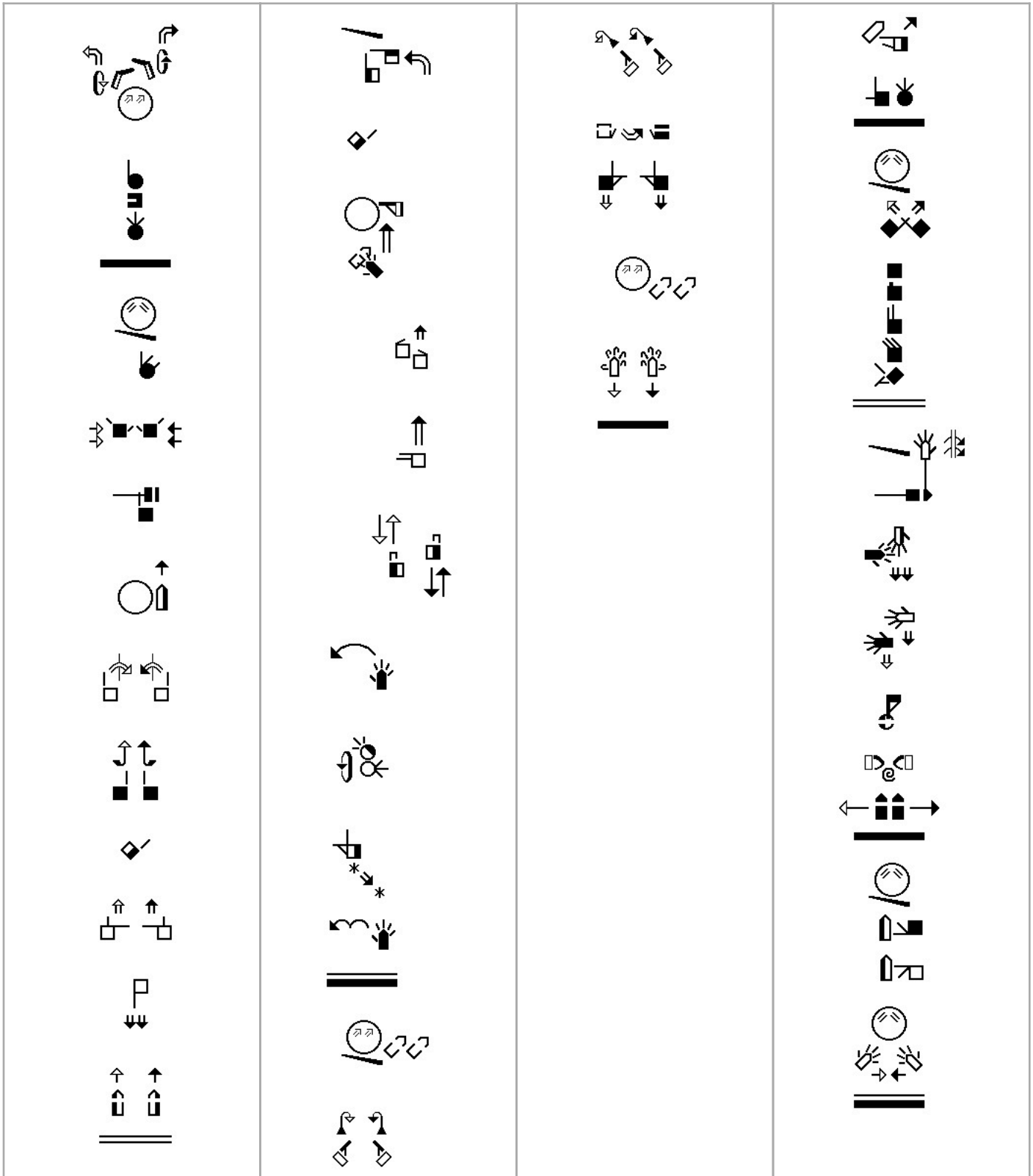
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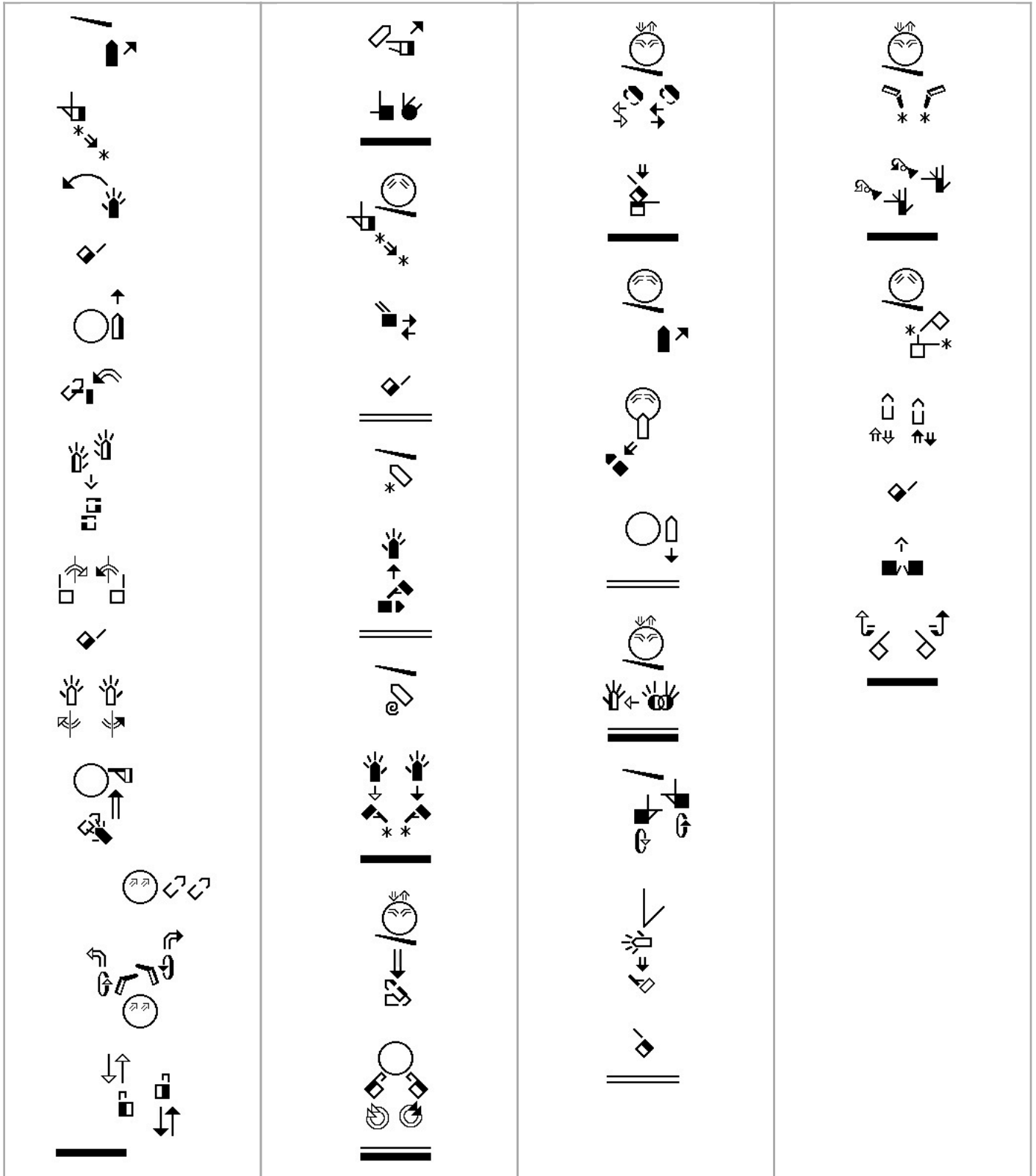


has declared will happen to my lord the king. Verse 25. You will be driven from human society, and you will live in the fields with the wild animals. You will eat grass like a cow, and you will be drenched with  
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Daniel 4:25-26



the dew of heaven. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses. Verse 26. But the stump and roots of the tree were left in the ground. This means  
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that you will receive your kingdom back again when you have learned that heaven rules. Verse 27. "King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper."

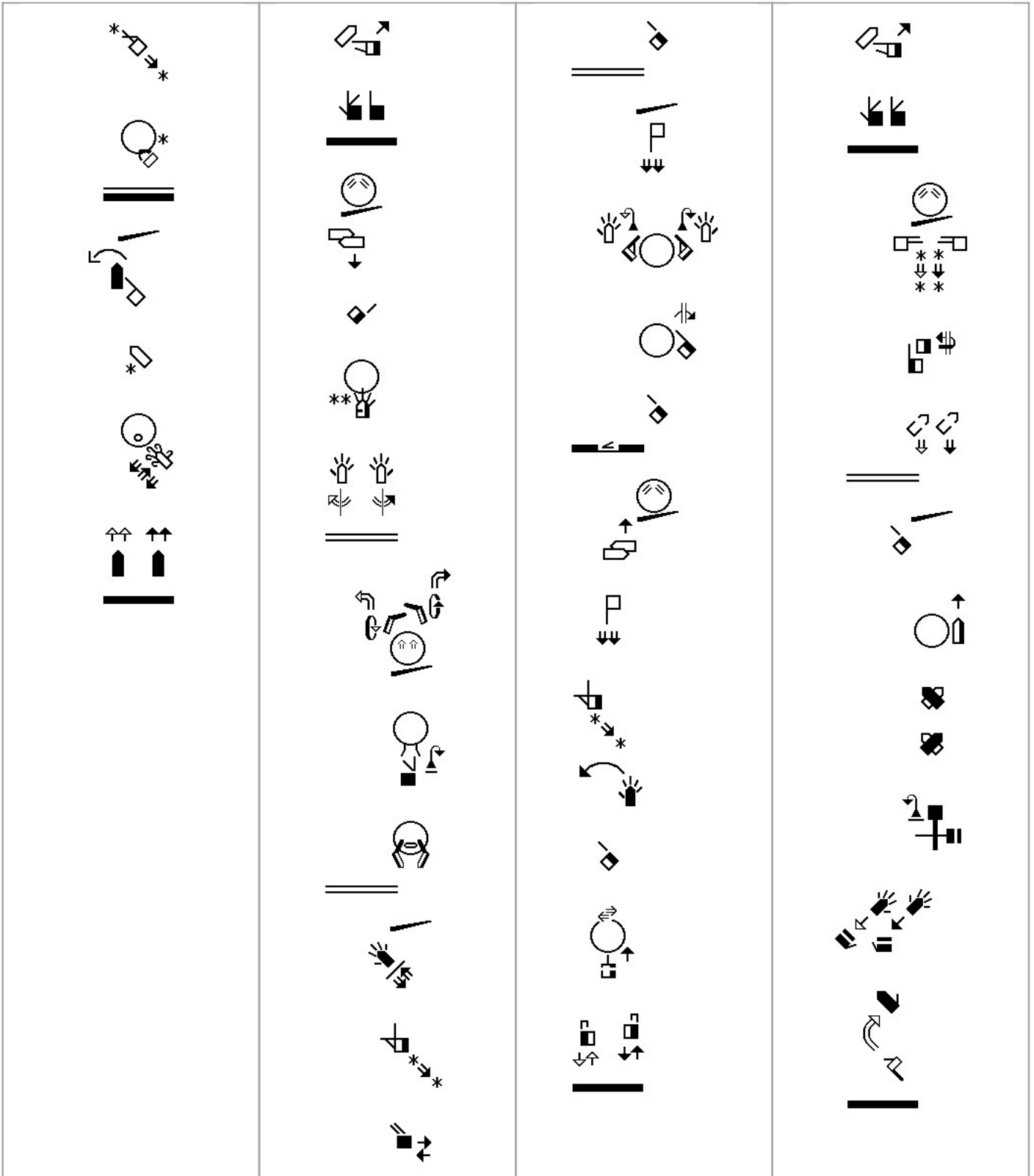
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Verse 28. "But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Verse 29. Twelve months later he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. Verse 30. As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my

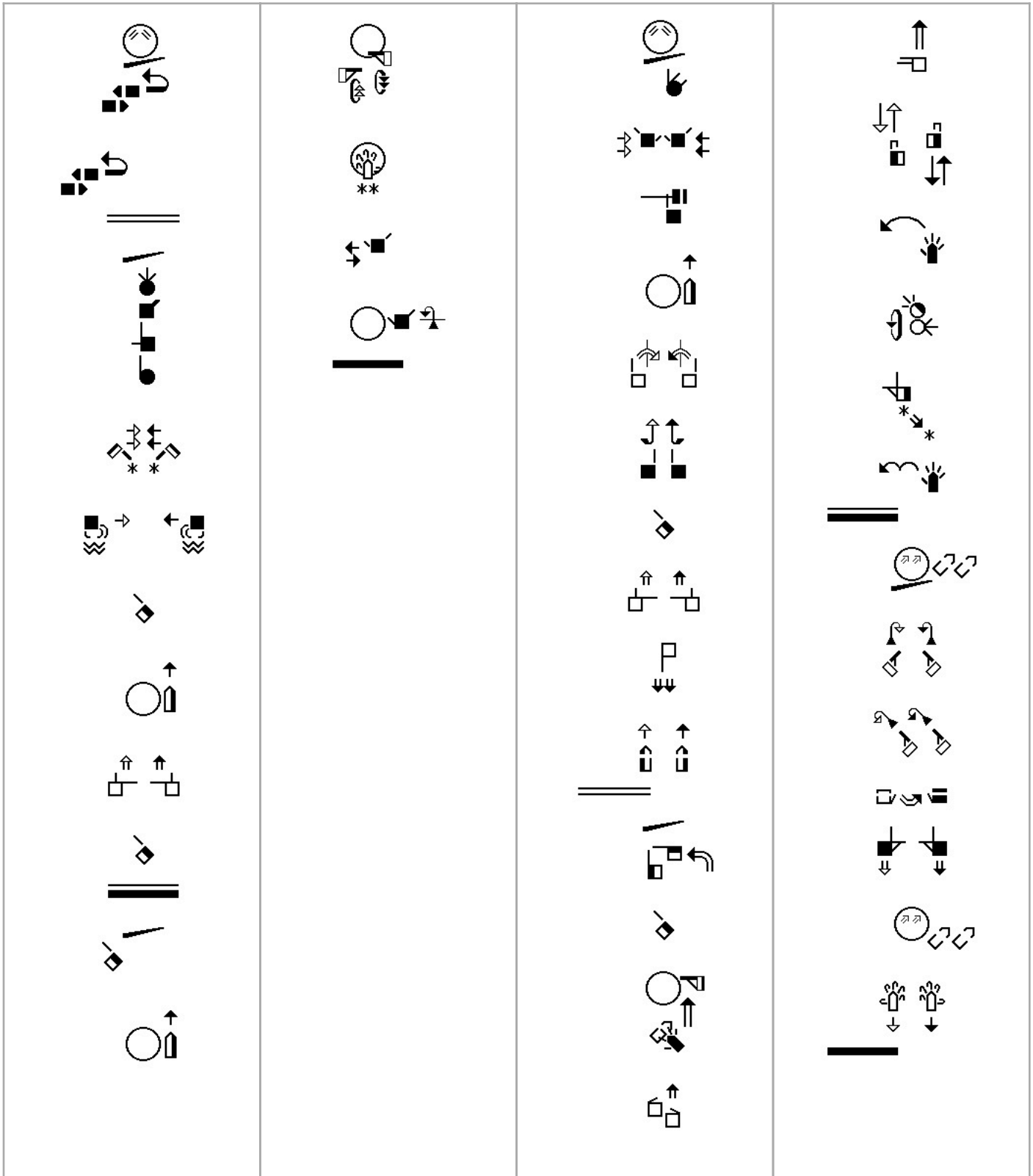
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royal residence to display my majestic splendor.' Verse 31. "While these words were still in his mouth, a voice called down from heaven,'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. Verse 32. You will be driven from human society.

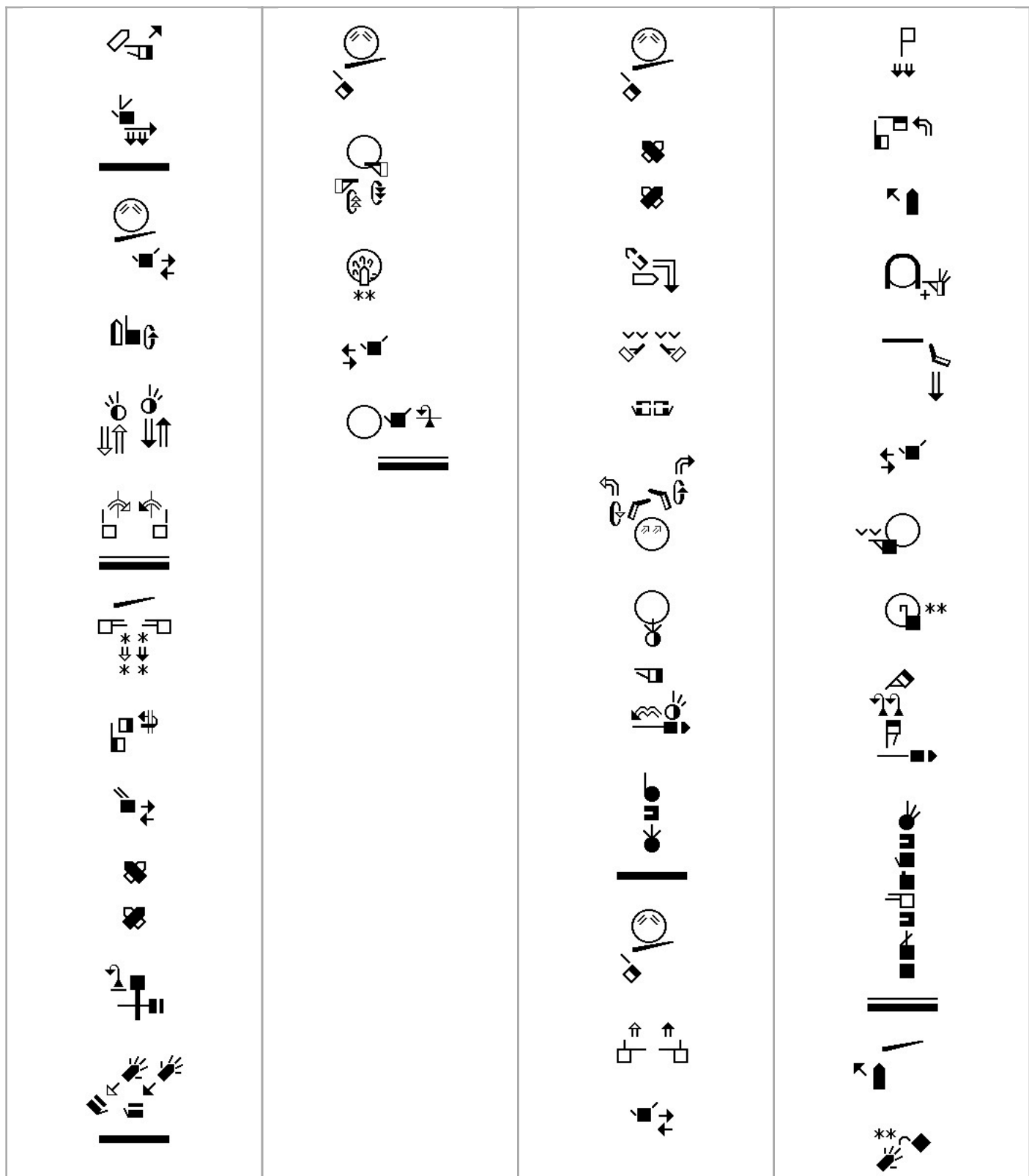
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You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.' NLT

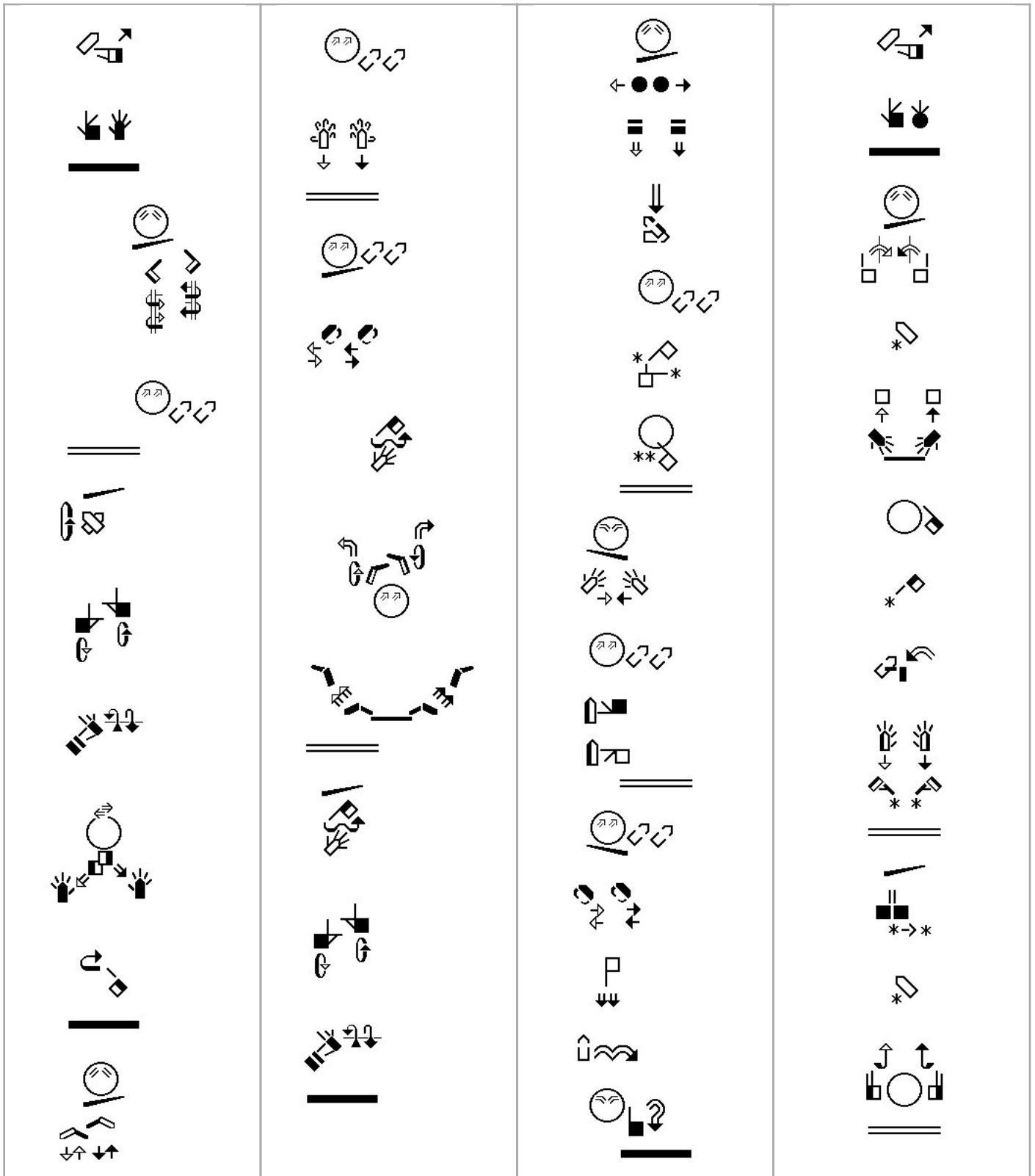




Verse 33. "That same hour the judgment was fulfilled, and Nebuchadnezzar was driven from human society. He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven. He lived this way until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers and his nails NLT

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were like birds' claws. Verse 34. "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting and his kingdom is eternal. NLT



Verse 35. All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?' Verse 36. "When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor

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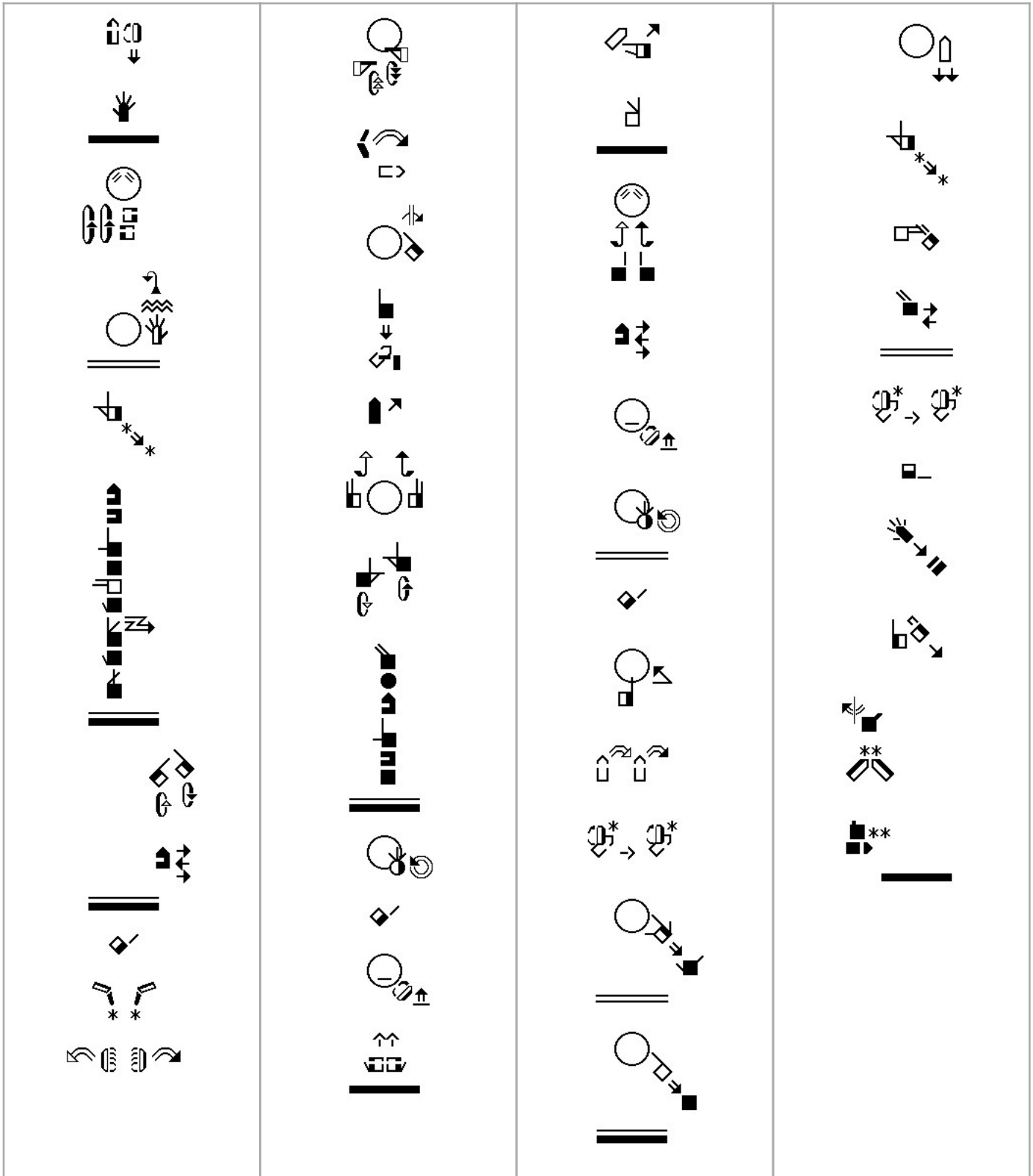
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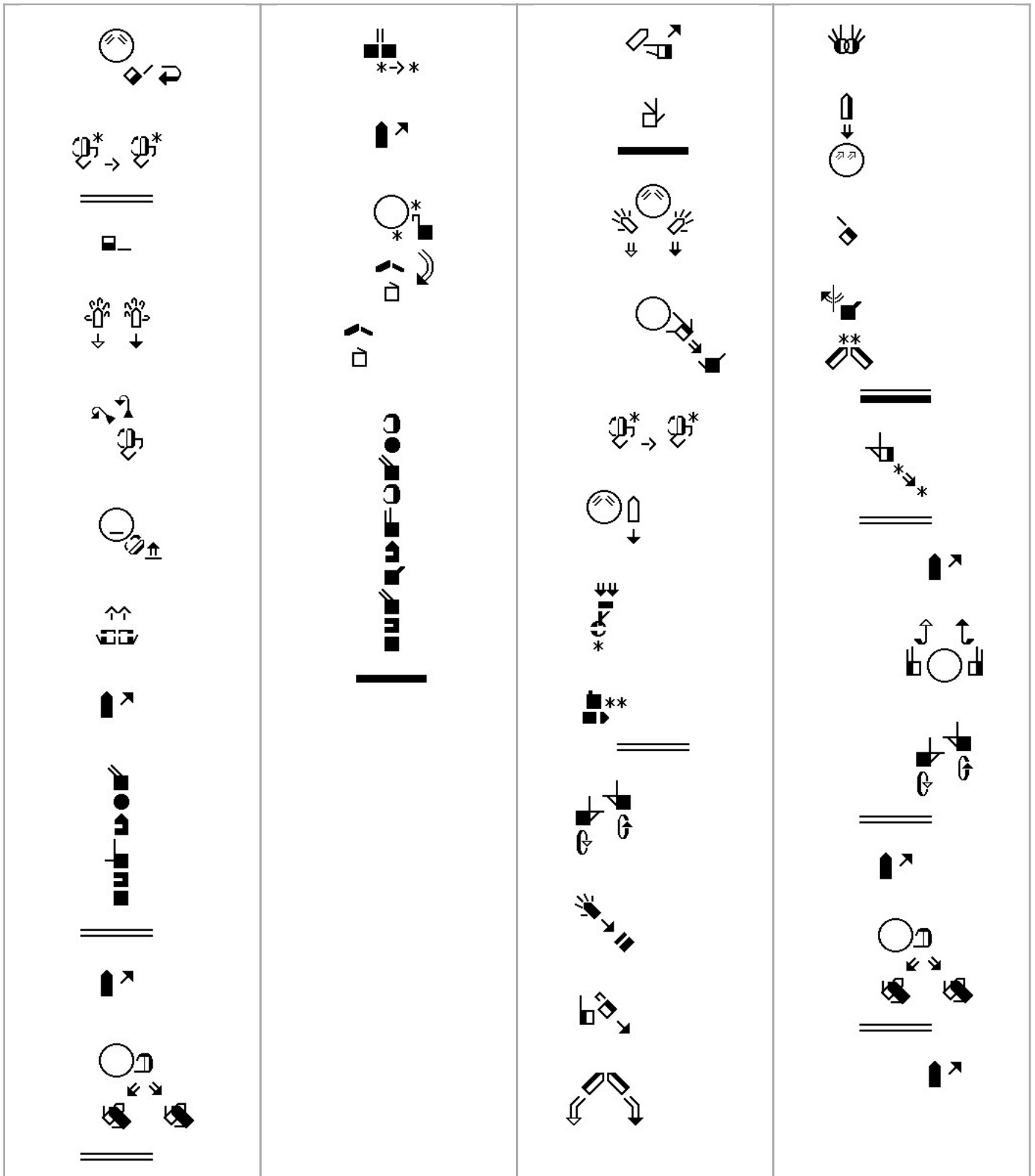
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and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud." NLT

Daniel 5:1-2

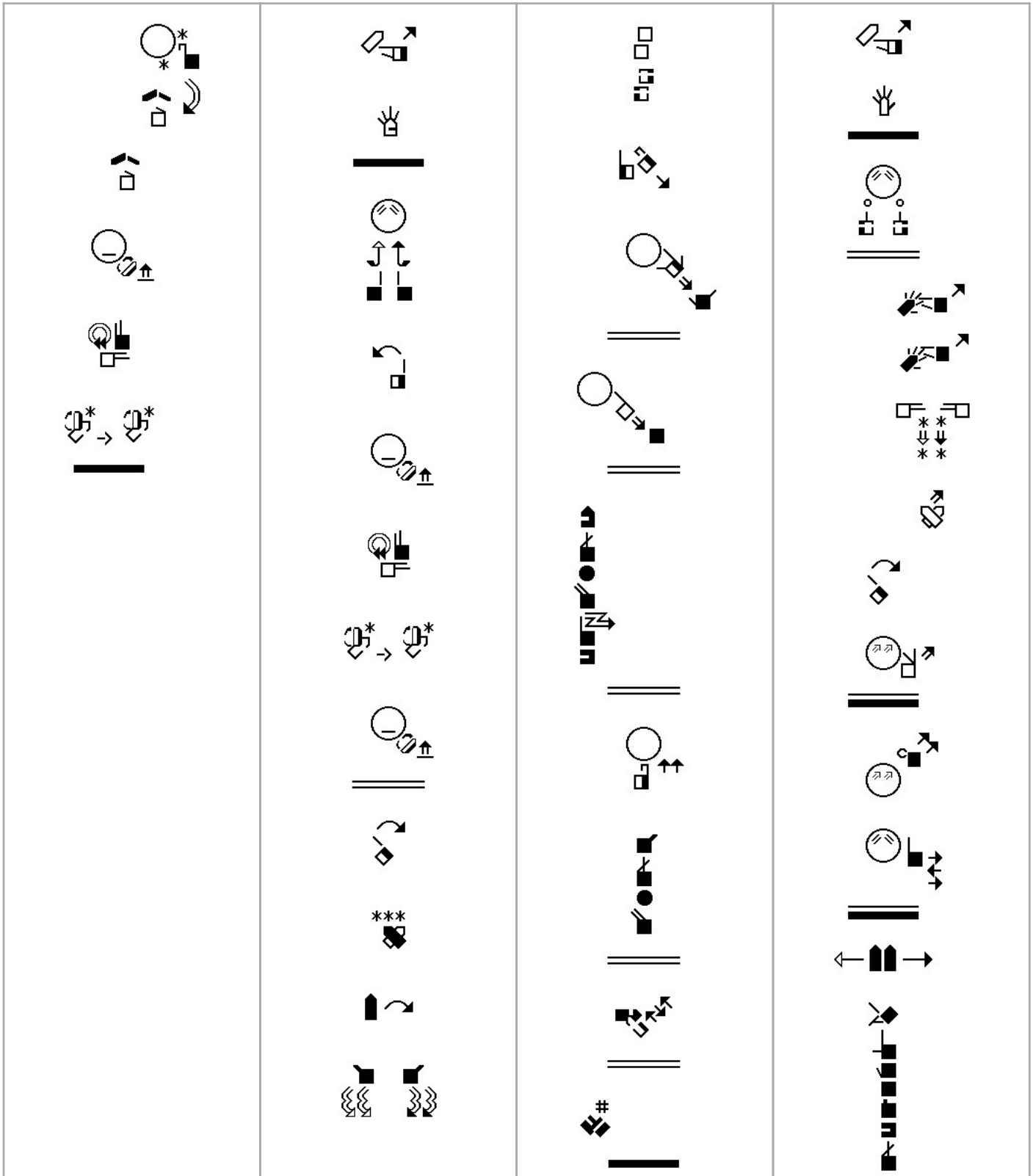


Chapter 5. Many years later King Belshazzar gave a great feast for 1,000 of his nobles, and he drank wine with them. Verse 2. While Belshazzar was drinking the wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver cups that his predecessor, Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Temple in Jerusalem. NLT



He wanted to drink from them with his nobles, his wives, and his concubines. Verse 3. So they brought these gold cups taken from the Temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives, and his

Daniel 5:3-5



140 concubines drank from them. Verse 4. While they drank from them they praised their idols made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. Verse 5. Suddenly, they saw the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster wall NLT



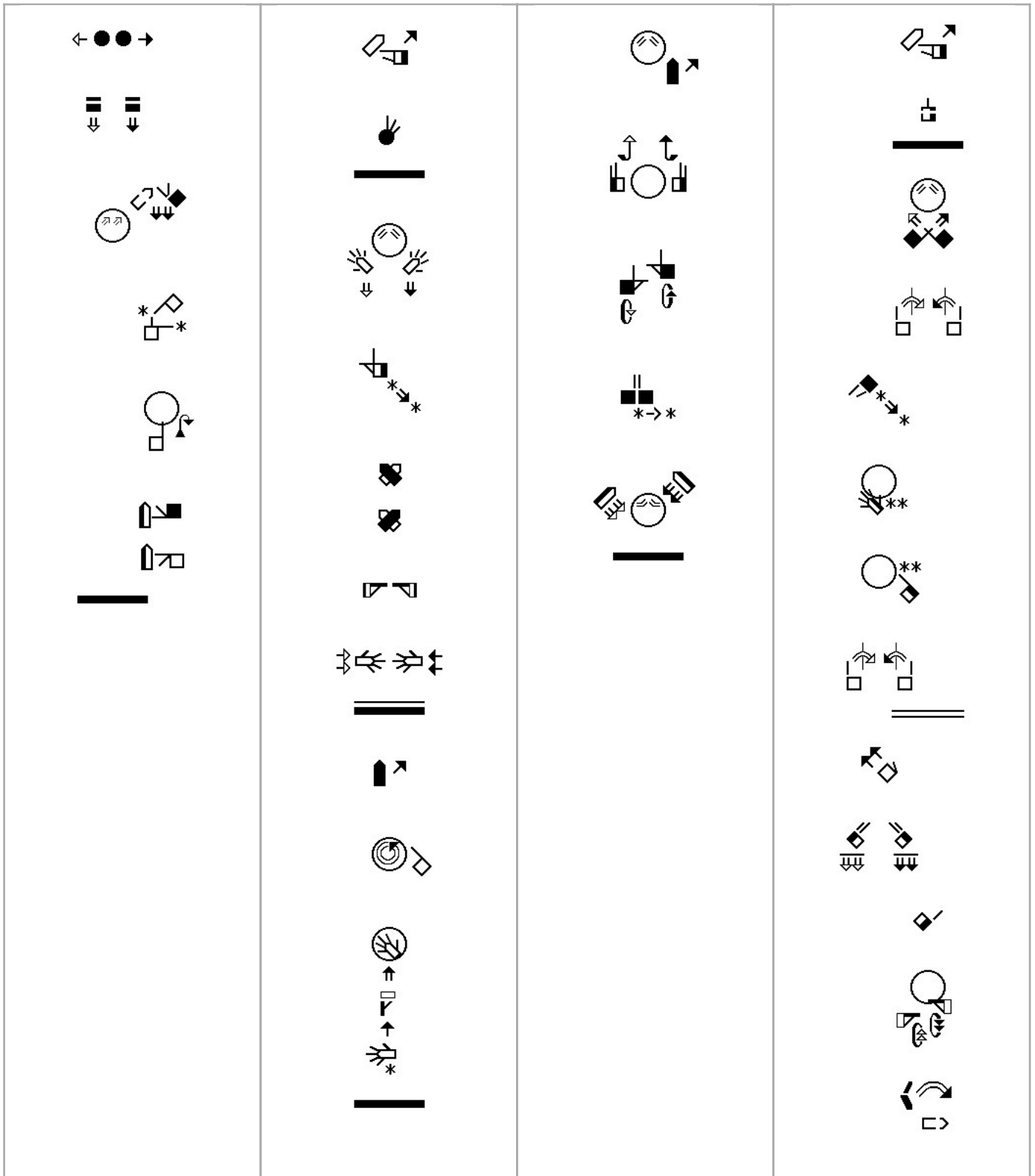
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of the king's palace, near the lampstand. The king himself saw the hand as it wrote, Verse 6. and his face turned pale with fright. His knees knocked together in fear and his legs gave way beneath him. Verse 7. The king shouted for the enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers to be brought before him. He said to these wise men of Babylon, NLT

Daniel 5:7-8

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"Whoever can read this writing and tell me what it means will be dressed in purple robes of royal honor and will have a gold chain placed around his neck. He will become the third highest ruler in the kingdom!" Verse 8. But when all the king's wise men had come in,

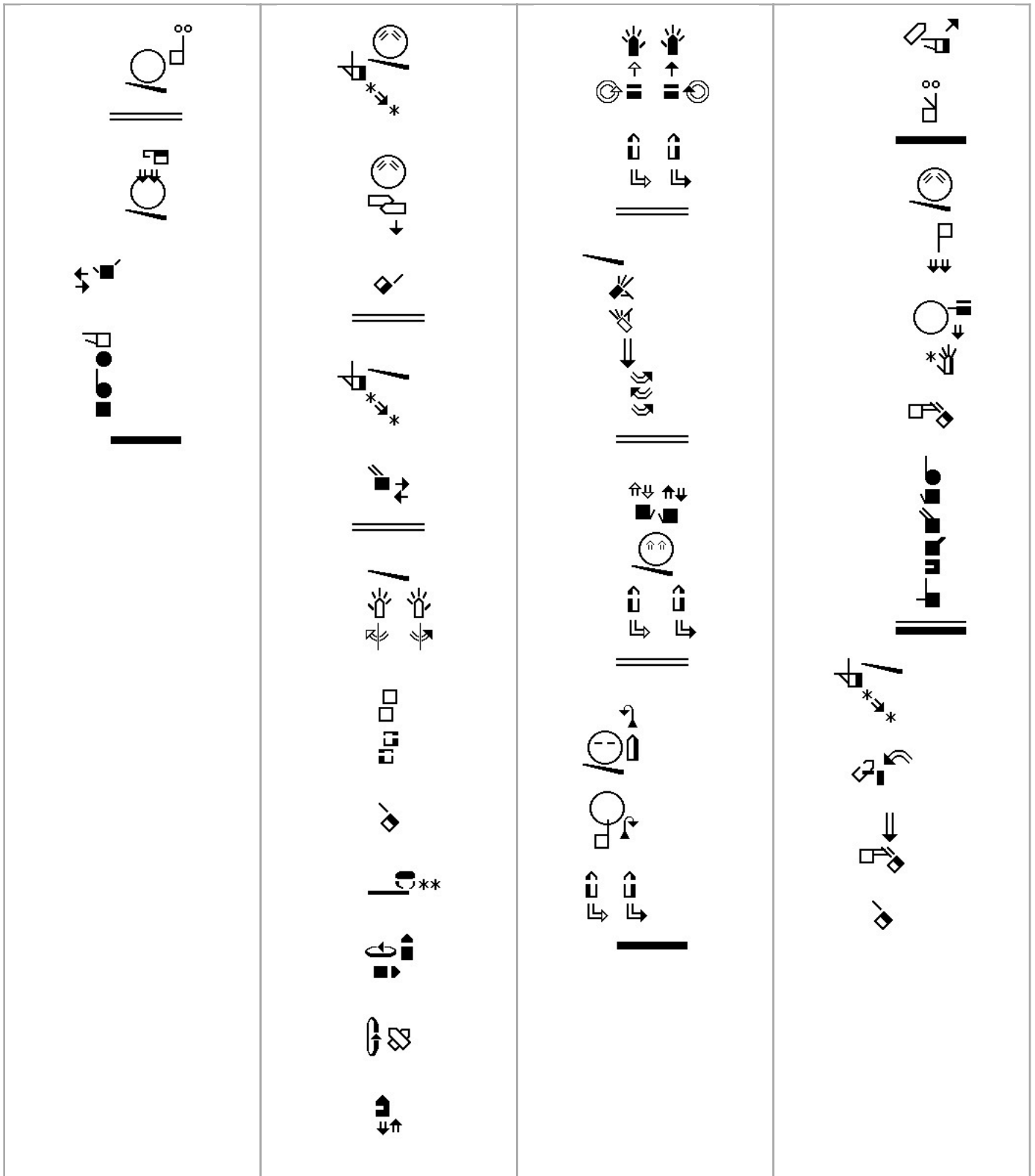


none of them could read the writing or tell him what it meant. Verse 9. So the king grew even more alarmed, and his face turned pale. His nobles, too, were shaken. Verse 10. But when the queen mother heard what was happening, she hurried to the banquet NLT

Daniel 5:10-11

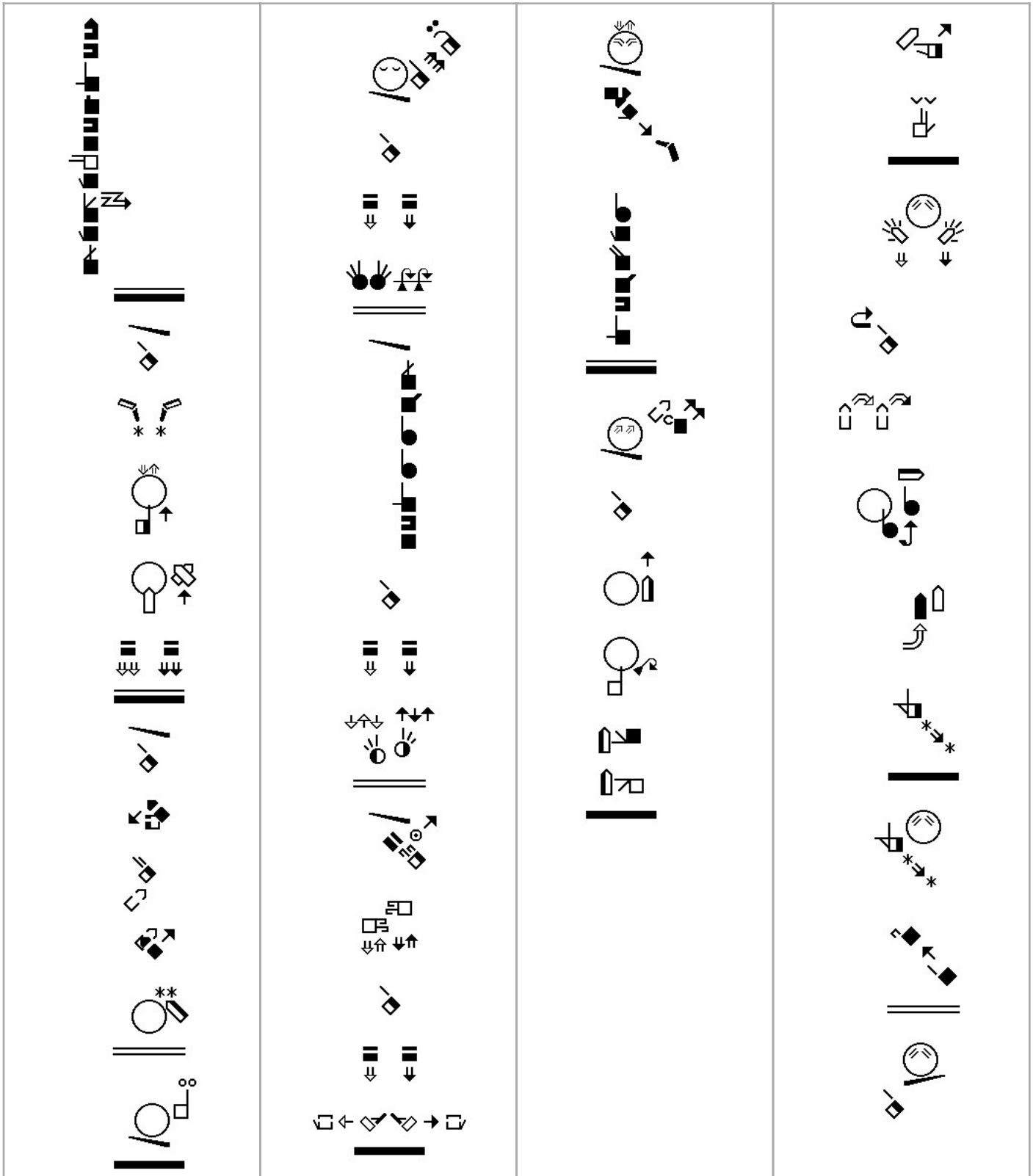
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144 hall. She said to Belshazzar, "Long live the king! Don't be so pale and frightened. Verse 11. There is a man in your kingdom who has within him the spirit of the holy gods. During Nebuchadnezzar's reign, this man was found to have insight, NLT



understanding, and wisdom like that of the gods. Your predecessor, the king -- your predecessor King Nebuchadnezzar -- made him chief over all the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers of Babylon. Verse 12. This man Daniel, whom the king named NLT

Daniel 5:12-13

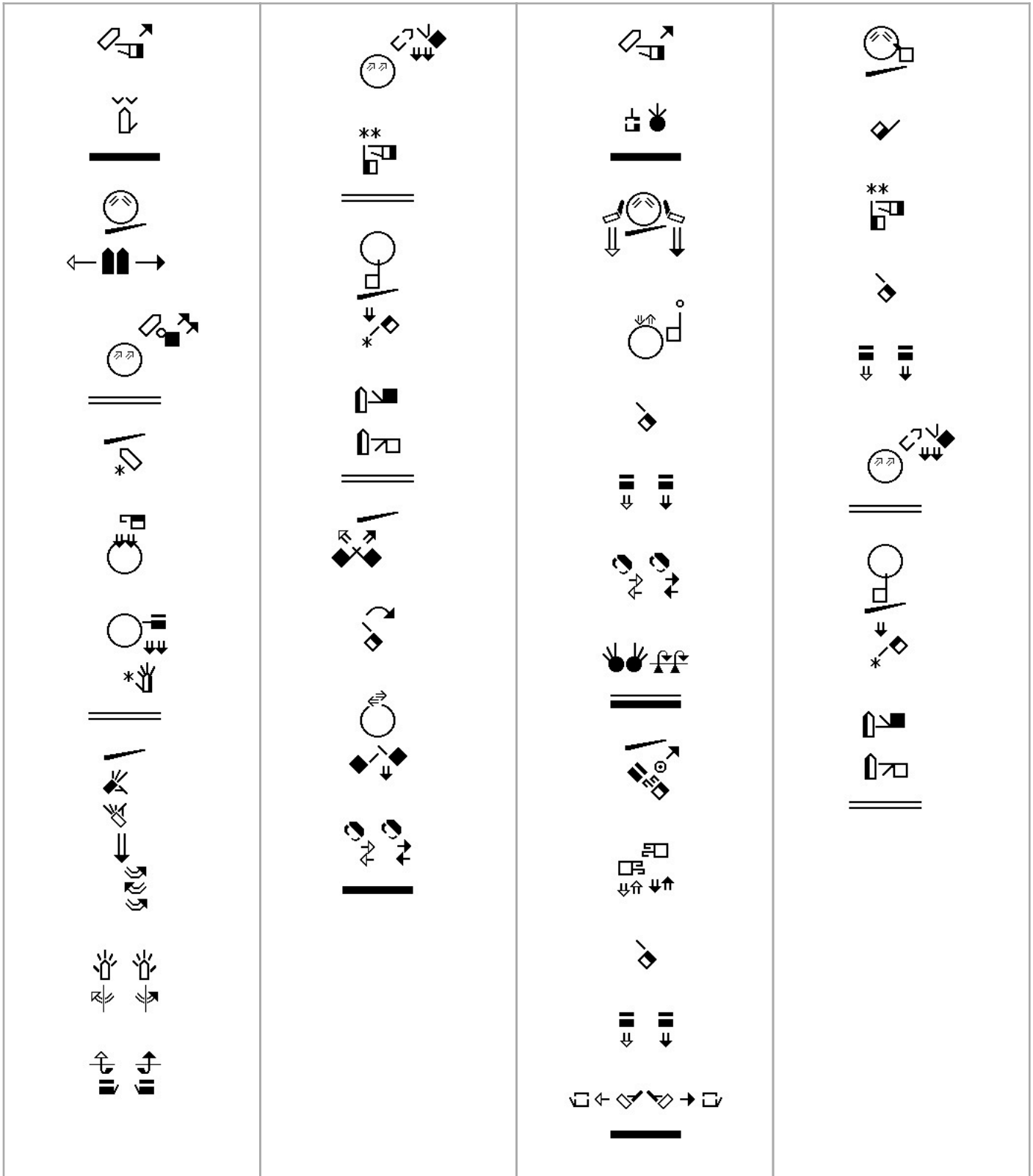


146 Belteshazzar, has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." Verse 13. So Daniel was brought in before the king. The king asked him, "Are you NLT

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Daniel, one of the exiles brought from Judah by my predecessor, King Nebuchadnezzar? Verse 14. I have heard that you have the spirit of the gods within you and that you are filled with insight, understanding, and wisdom.

Daniel 5:15-16



Verse 15. My wise men and enchanters have tried to read the words on the wall and tell me their meaning, but they cannot do it. Verse 16. I am told that you can give interpretations and solve difficult problems. If you can read these words and tell me their meaning,



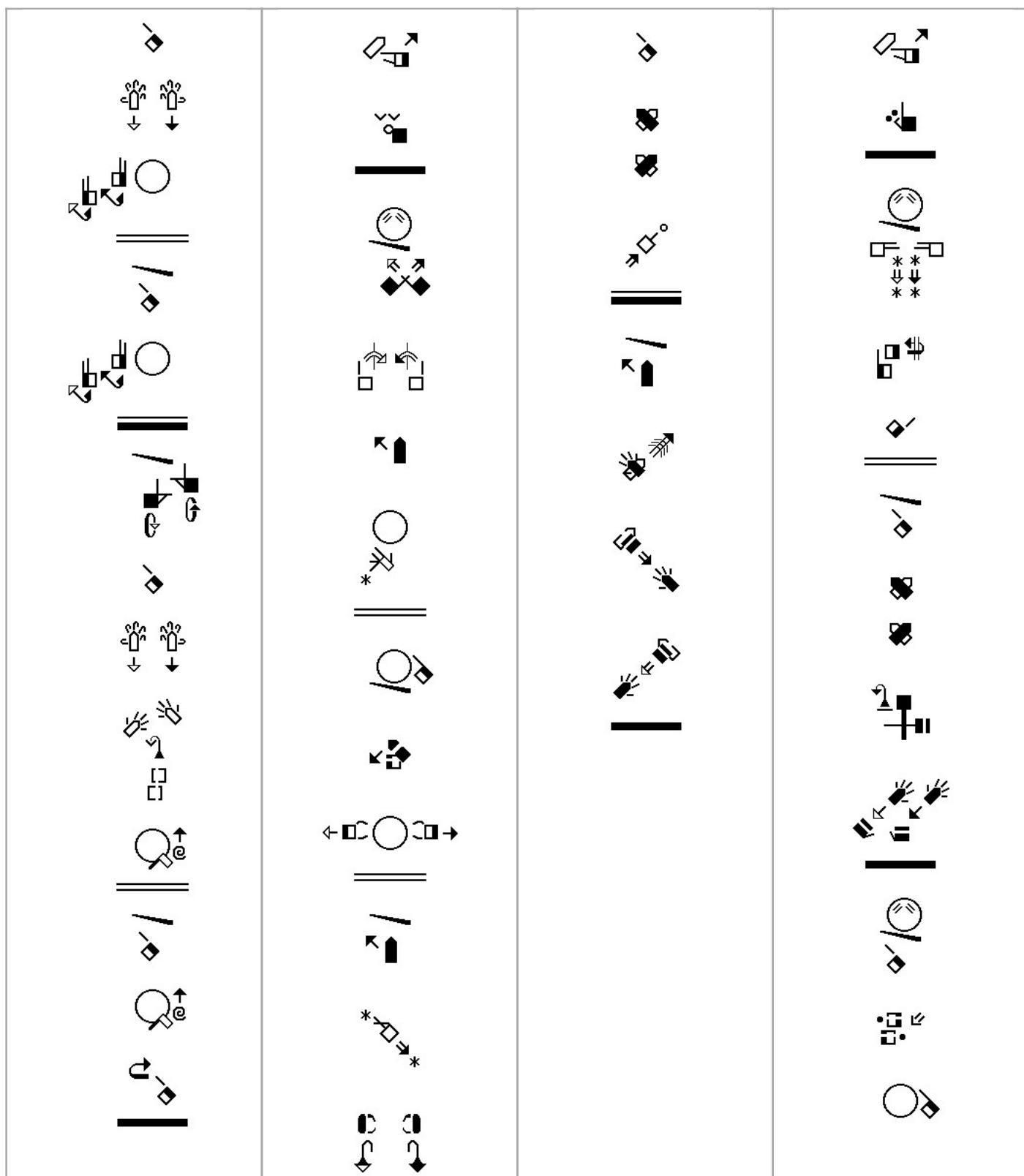
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you will be clothed in purple robes of royal honor, and you will have a gold chain placed around your neck. You will become the third highest ruler in the kingdom." Verse 17. Daniel answered the king, "Keep your gifts or give them to someone else, but I will tell you what the writing means.

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Verse 18. Your Majesty, the Most High God gave sovereignty, majesty, glory, and honor to your predecessor, Nebuchadnezzar. Verse 19. He made him so great that people of all races and nations and languages trembled before him in fear. He killed those he wanted to kill and spared those he wanted to spare. NLT



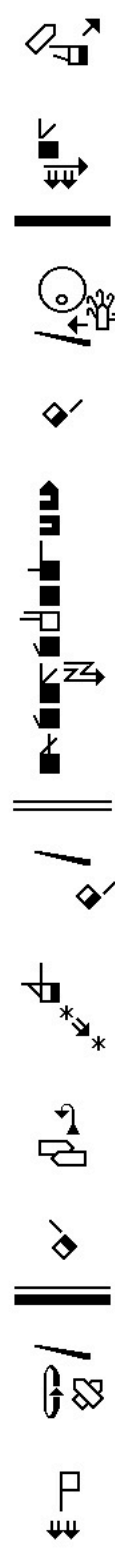
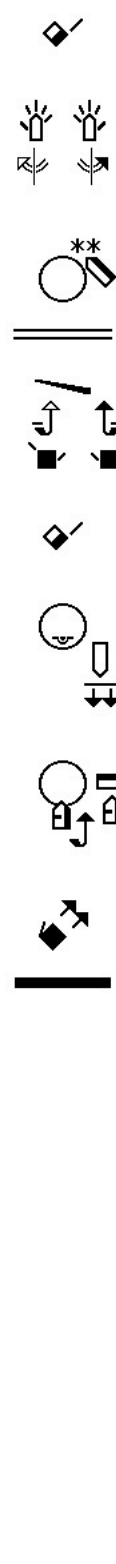
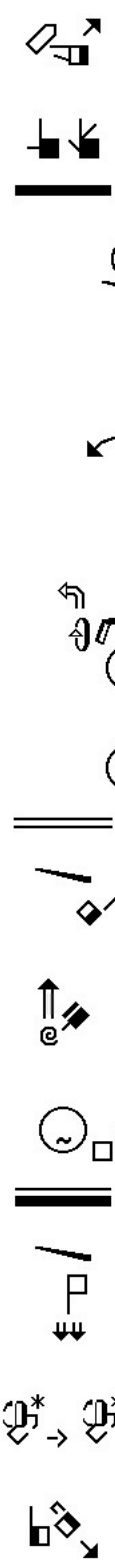

He honored those he wanted to honor and disgraced those he wanted to disgrace. Verse 20. But when his heart and mind were puffed up with arrogance, he was brought down from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. Verse 21. He was driven from human society. He was given the mind

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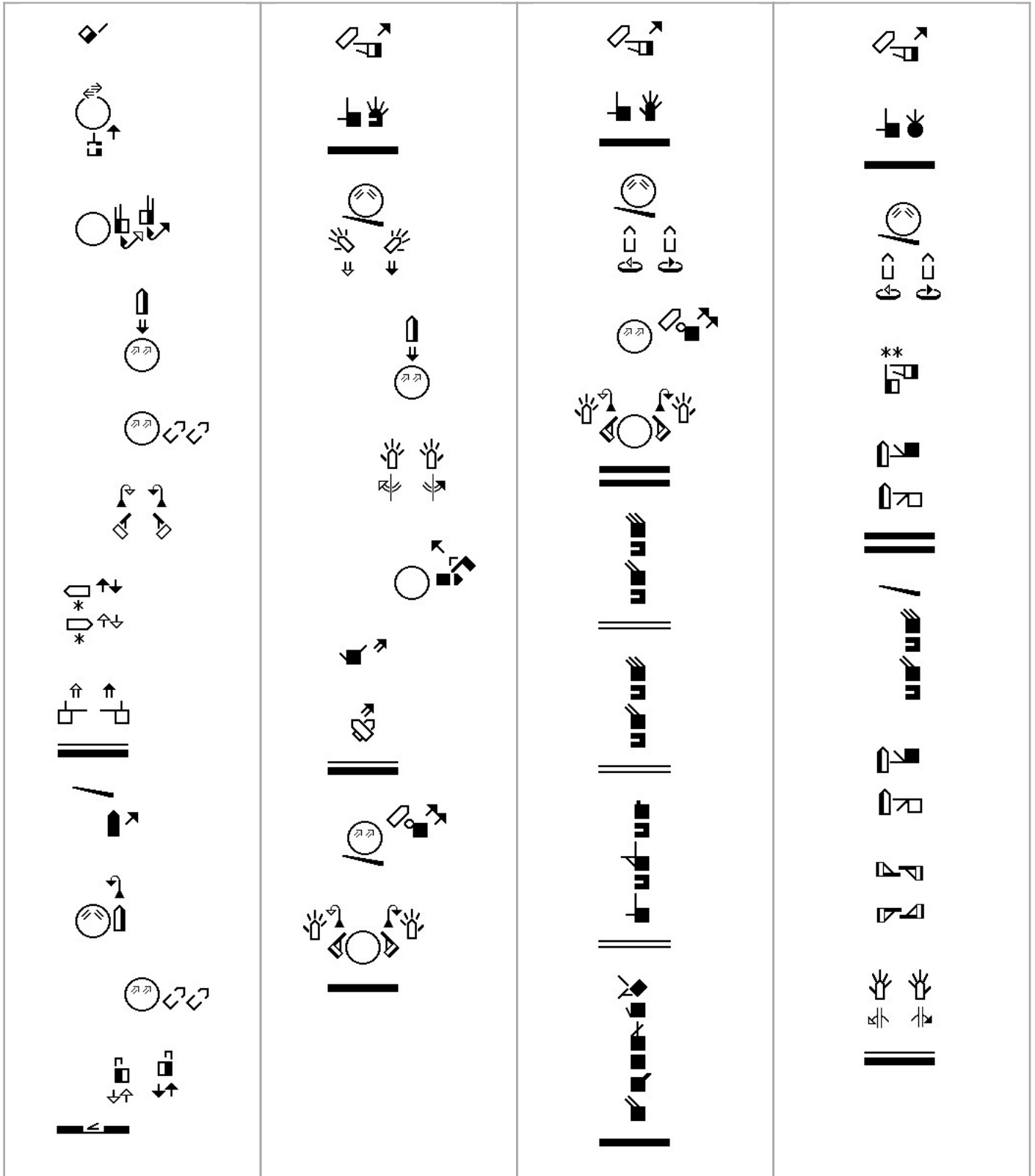
of a wild animal, and he lived among the wild donkeys. He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he learned that the Most High God rules over the kingdoms of the world and appoints anyone he desires to rule over them. NLT

			
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Verse 22. "You are his successor, O Belshazzar, and you knew all this, yet you have not humbled yourself. Verse 23. For you have proudly defied the LORD of heaven and have had these cups from his Temple brought before you. NLT

Daniel 5:23

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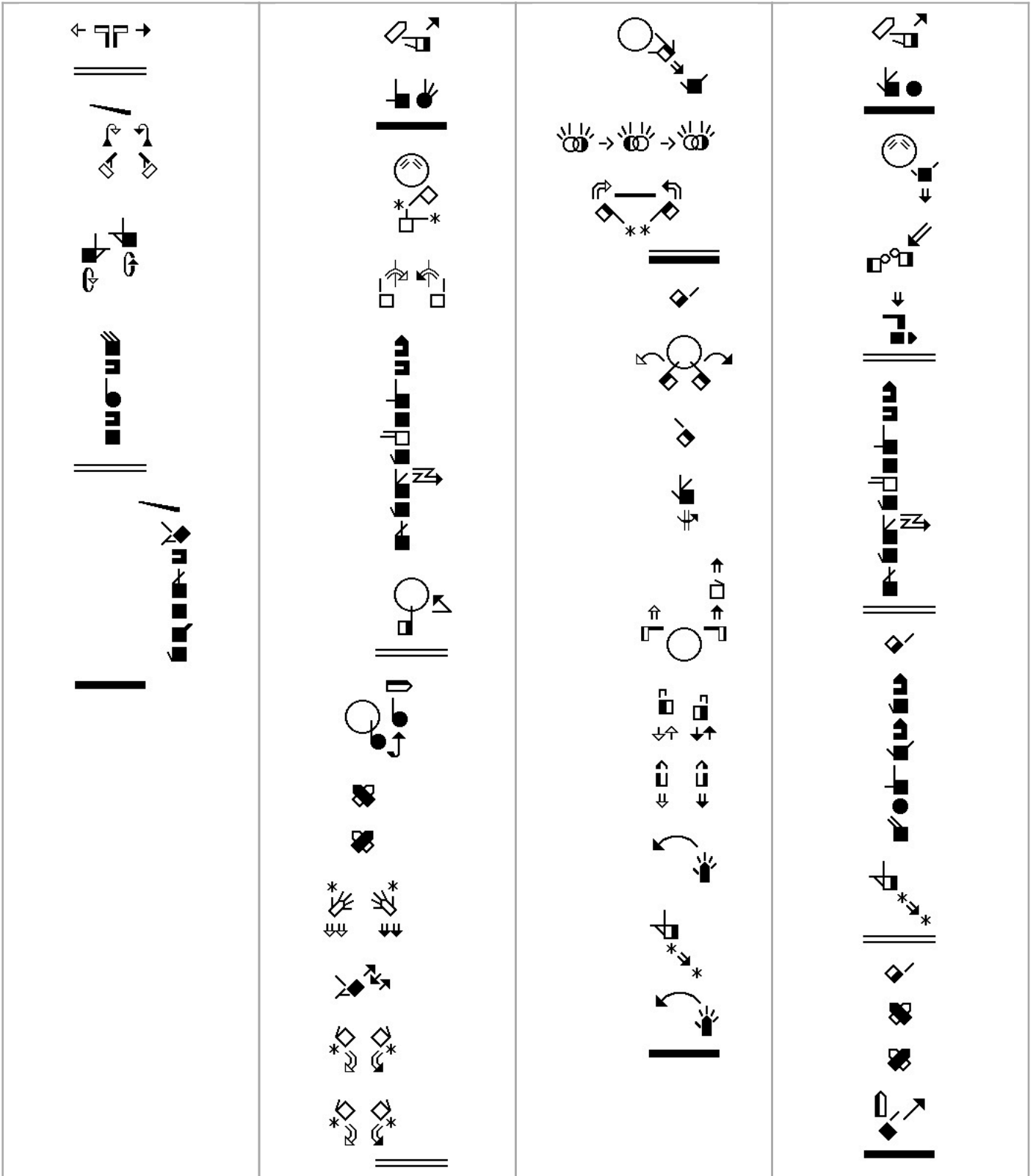
you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny! Verse 24. So God has sent this hand to write this message. Verse 25. This is the message that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. Verse 26. This is what these words mean: Mene means 'numbered' -- NLT

Daniel 5:26-28

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156 God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end. Verse 27. Tekel means 'weighed' -- you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up. Verse 28. Parsin means 'divided' -- your kingdom has been NLT

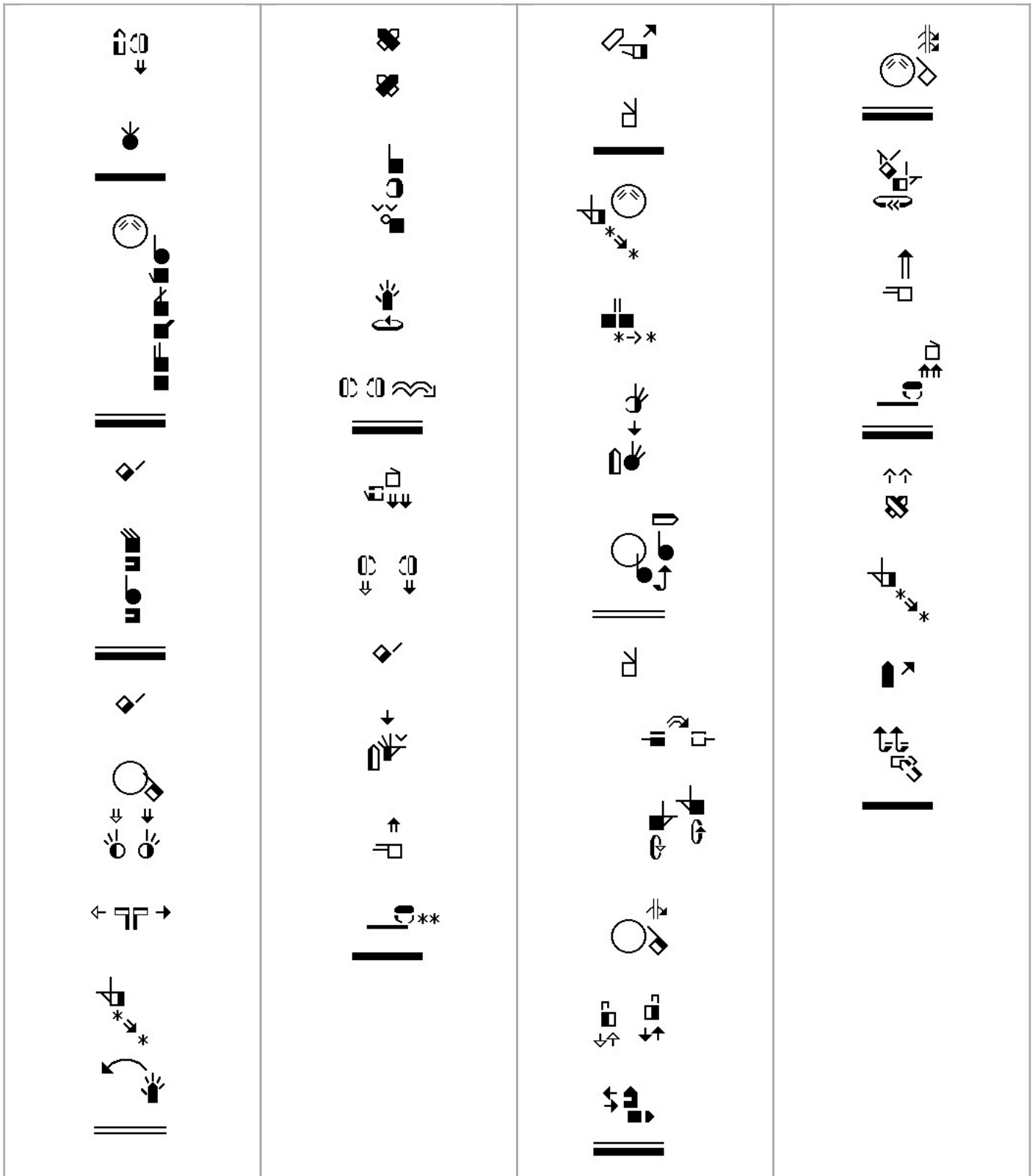




divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Verse 29. Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was dressed in purple robes, a gold chain was hung around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. Verse 30. That very night Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed. NLT

Daniel 5:31

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Chapter 6. Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. Verse 2. The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests.  
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Daniel 6:3-4

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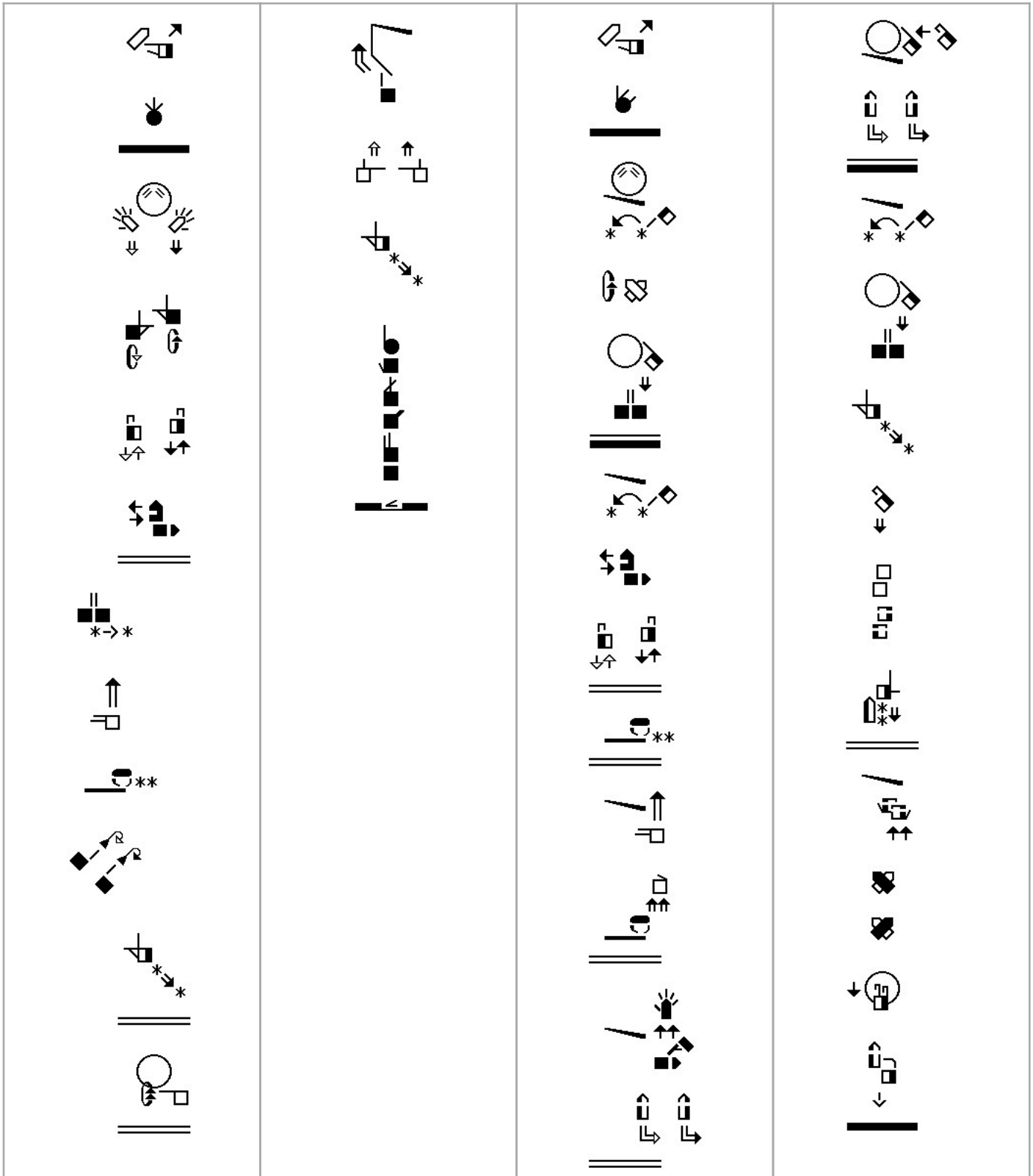
Verse 3. Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. Verse 4. Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel

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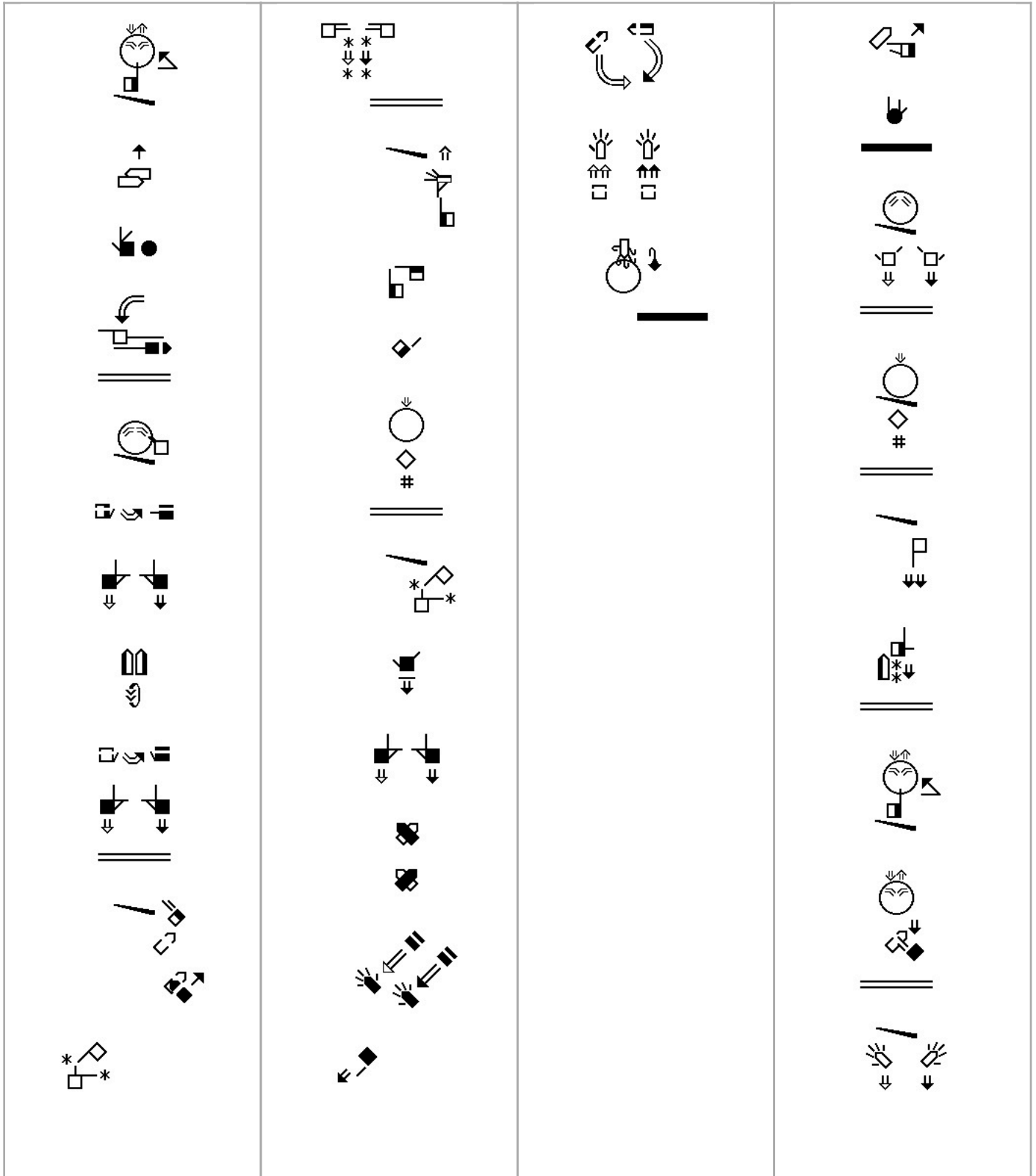
was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. Verse 5. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

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Daniel 6:6-7



Verse 6. So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! Verse 7. We are all in agreement -- we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors -- that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced.



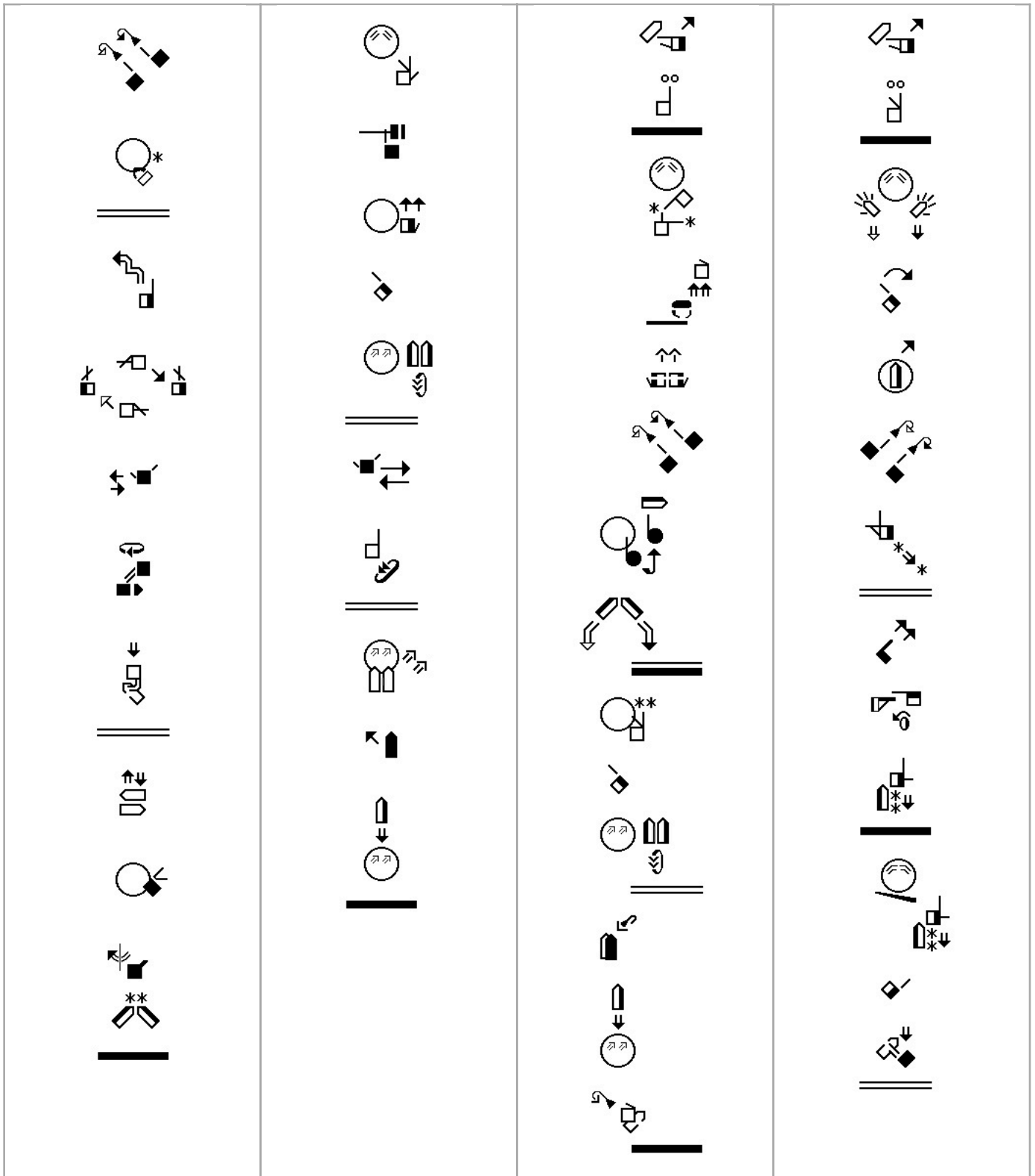
Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human -- except to you, Your Majesty -- will be thrown into the den of lions. Verse 8. And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so

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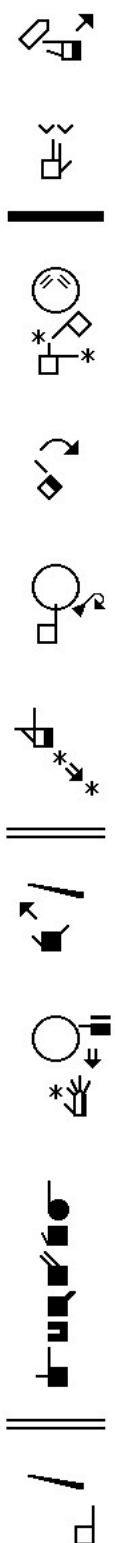

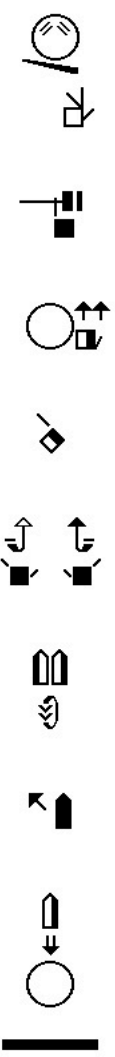
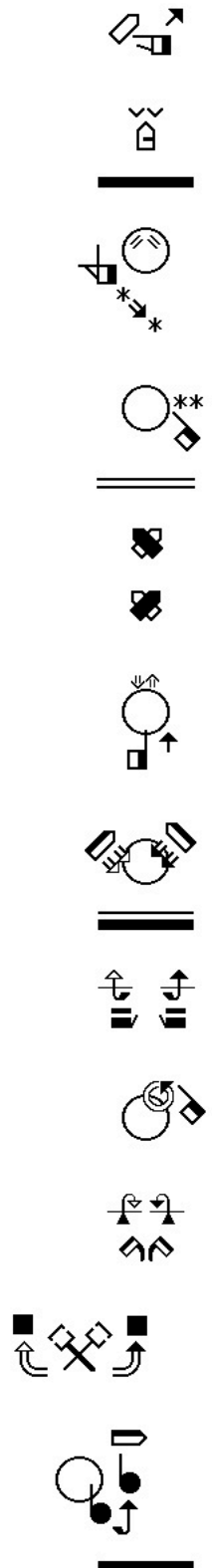
he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. Verse 11. Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help. Verse 12. So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law

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Daniel 6:12

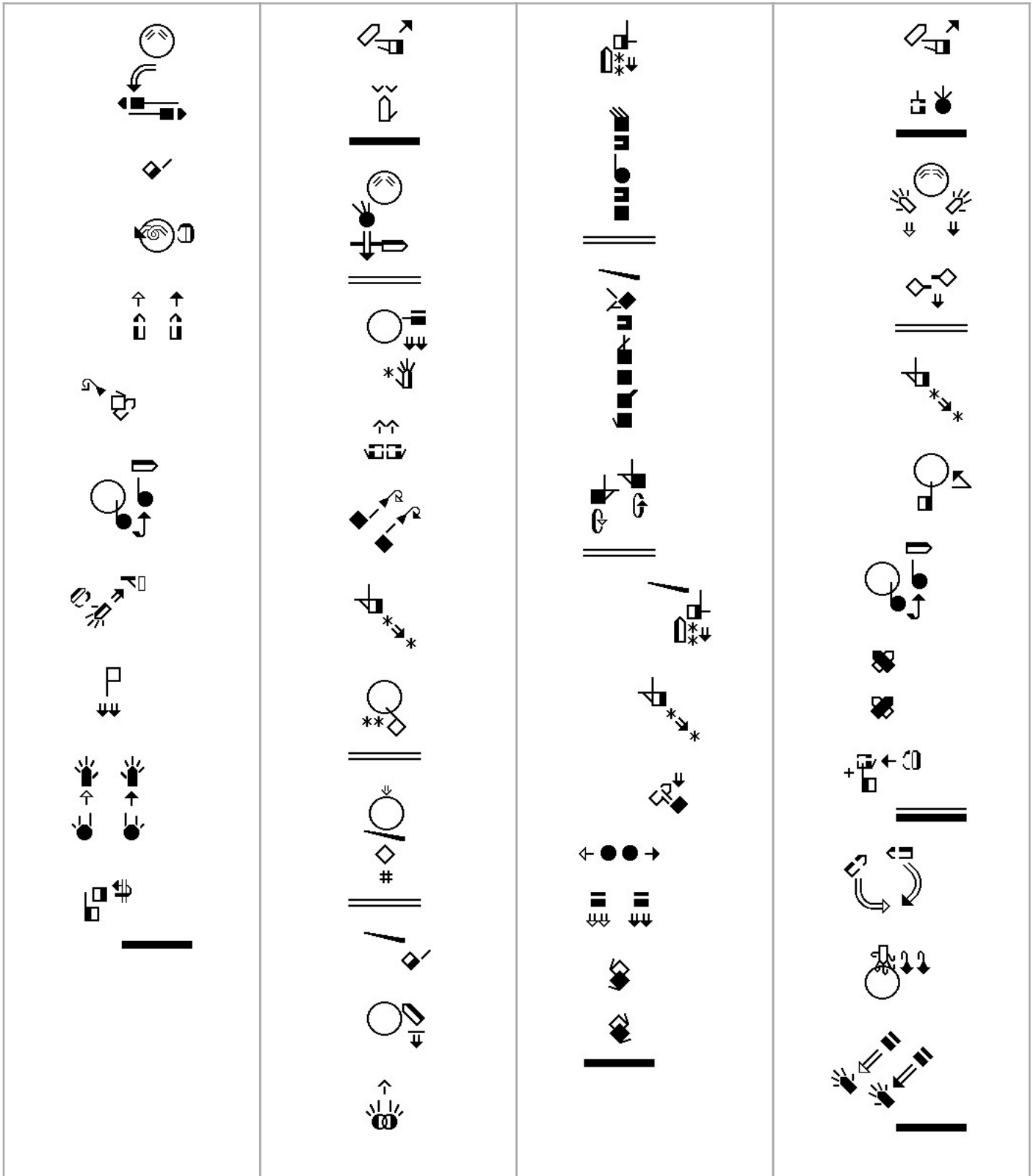
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that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human -- except to you, Your Majesty -- will be thrown into the den of lions?" "Yes," the king replied, "that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." NLT

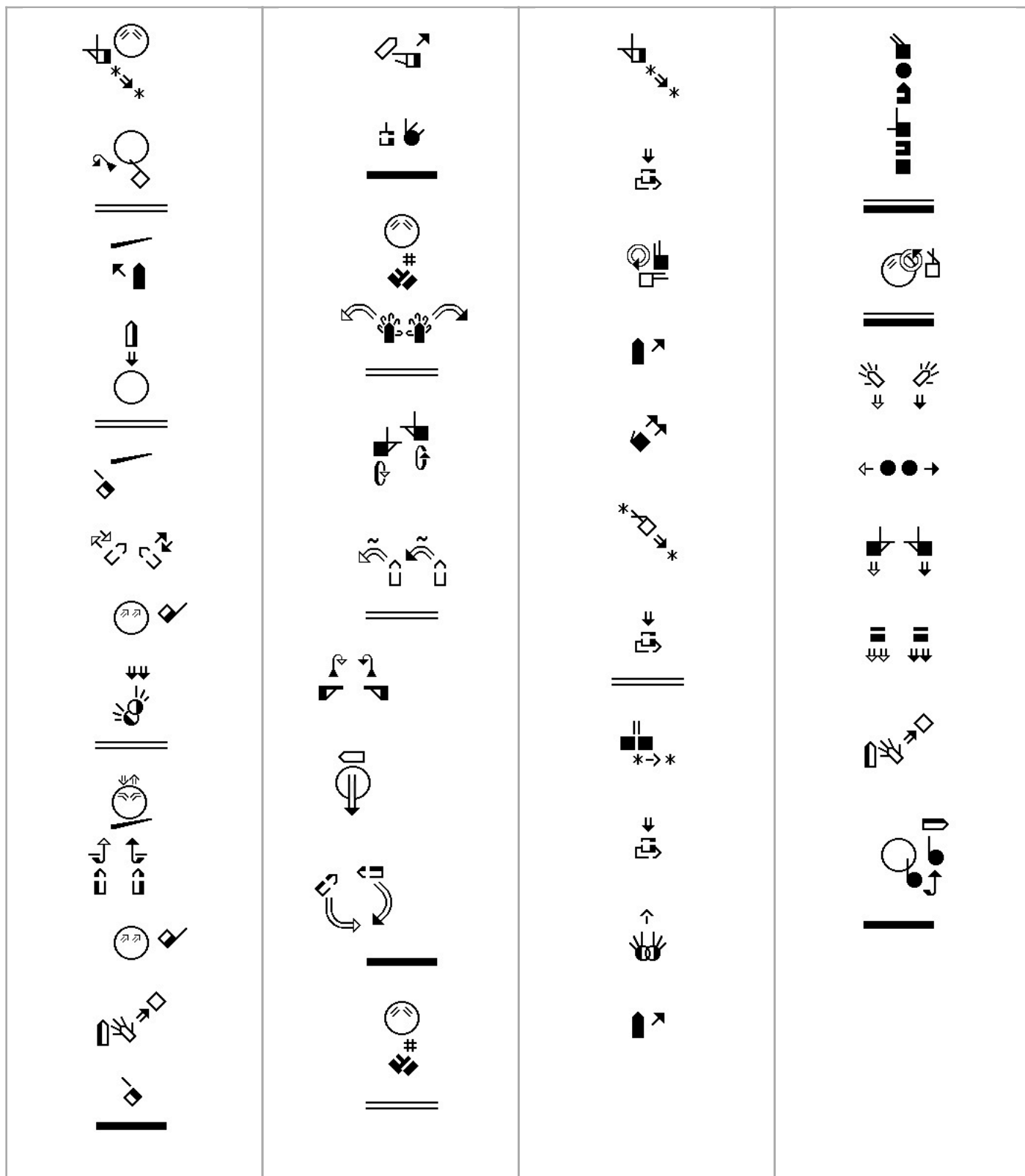
			
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Verse 13. Then they told the king, "That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day." Verse 14. Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel.  
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Daniel 6:14-16



He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament. Verse 15. In the evening the men went together to the king and said, "Your Majesty, you know that according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, no law that the king signs can be changed." Verse 16. So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. NLT

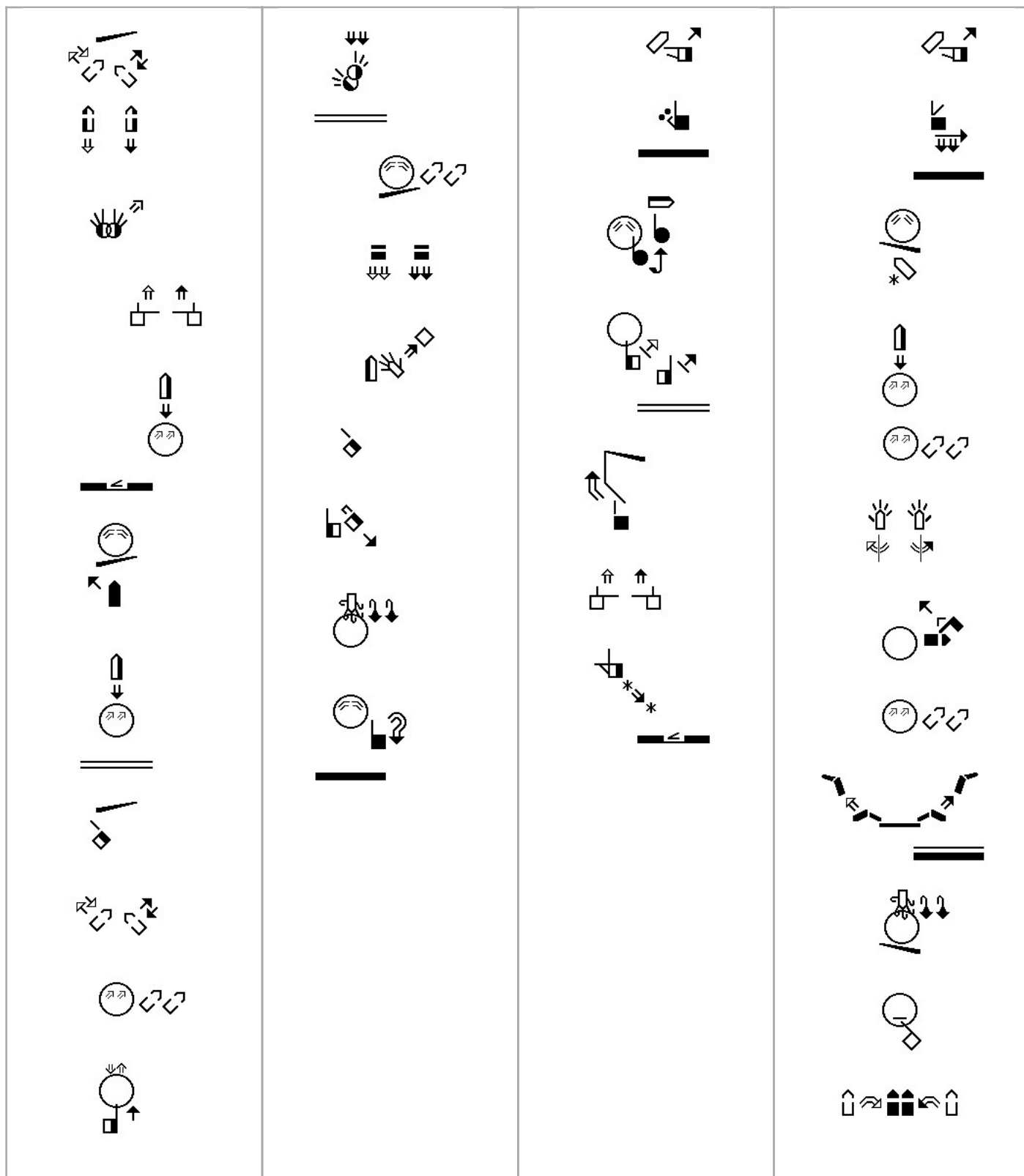


The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." Verse 17. A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel.

Daniel 6:18-20

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Verse 18. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn't sleep at all that night. Verse 19. Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den. Verse 20. When he got there, he called out in anguish, "Daniel, NLT



servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?" Verse 21. Daniel answered, "Long live the king! Verse 22. My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths

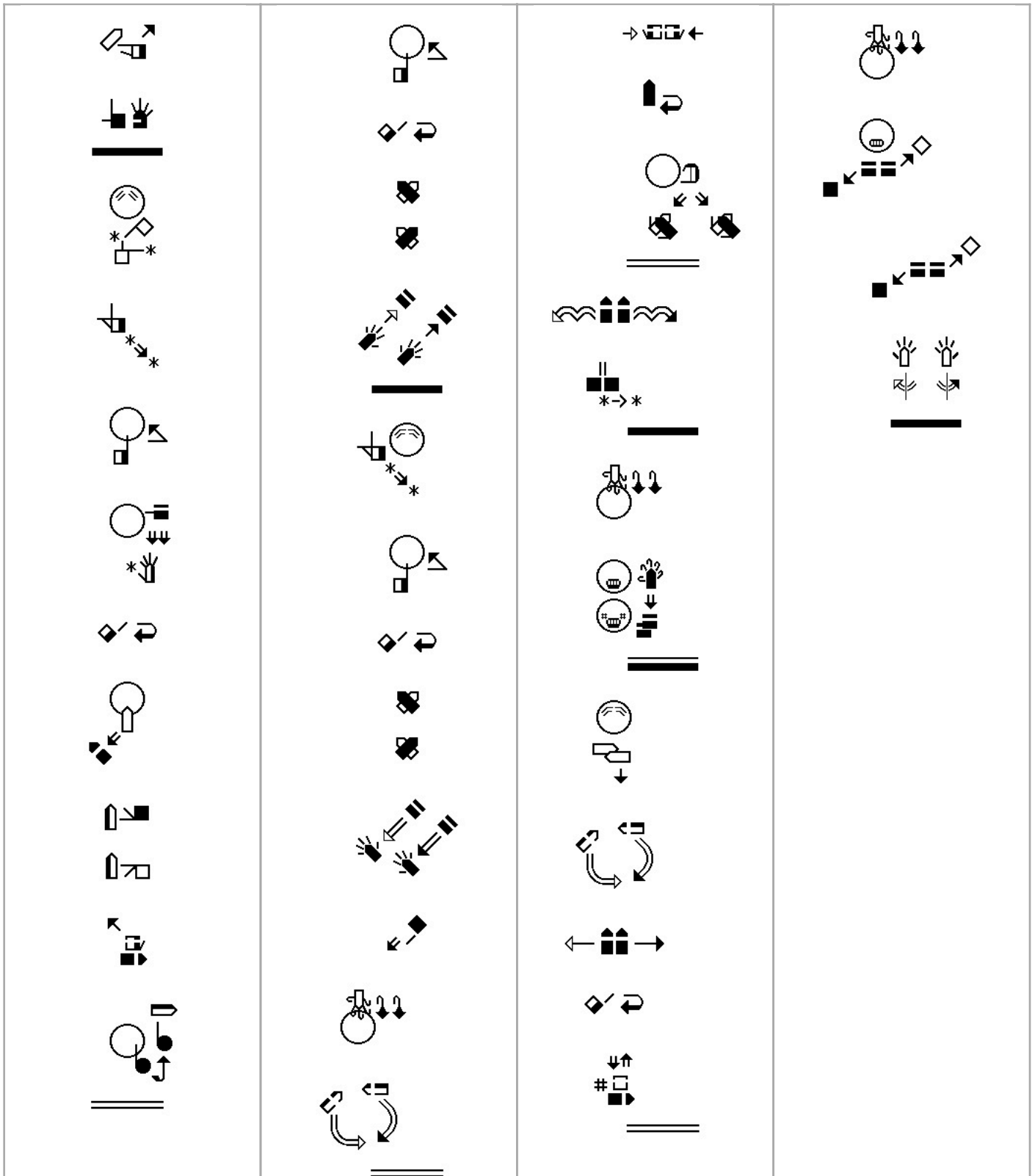
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so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." Verse 23. The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God.





Verse 24. Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den. NLT

Daniel 6:25-26

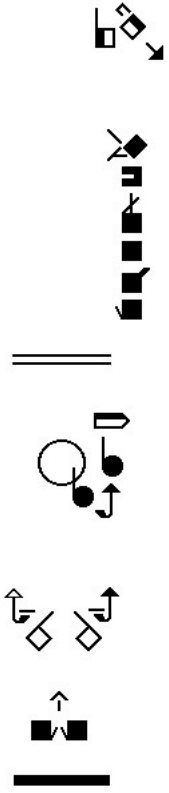
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Verse 25. Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you! Verse 26. "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure NLT

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forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. Verse 27. He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Verse 28. So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus NLT

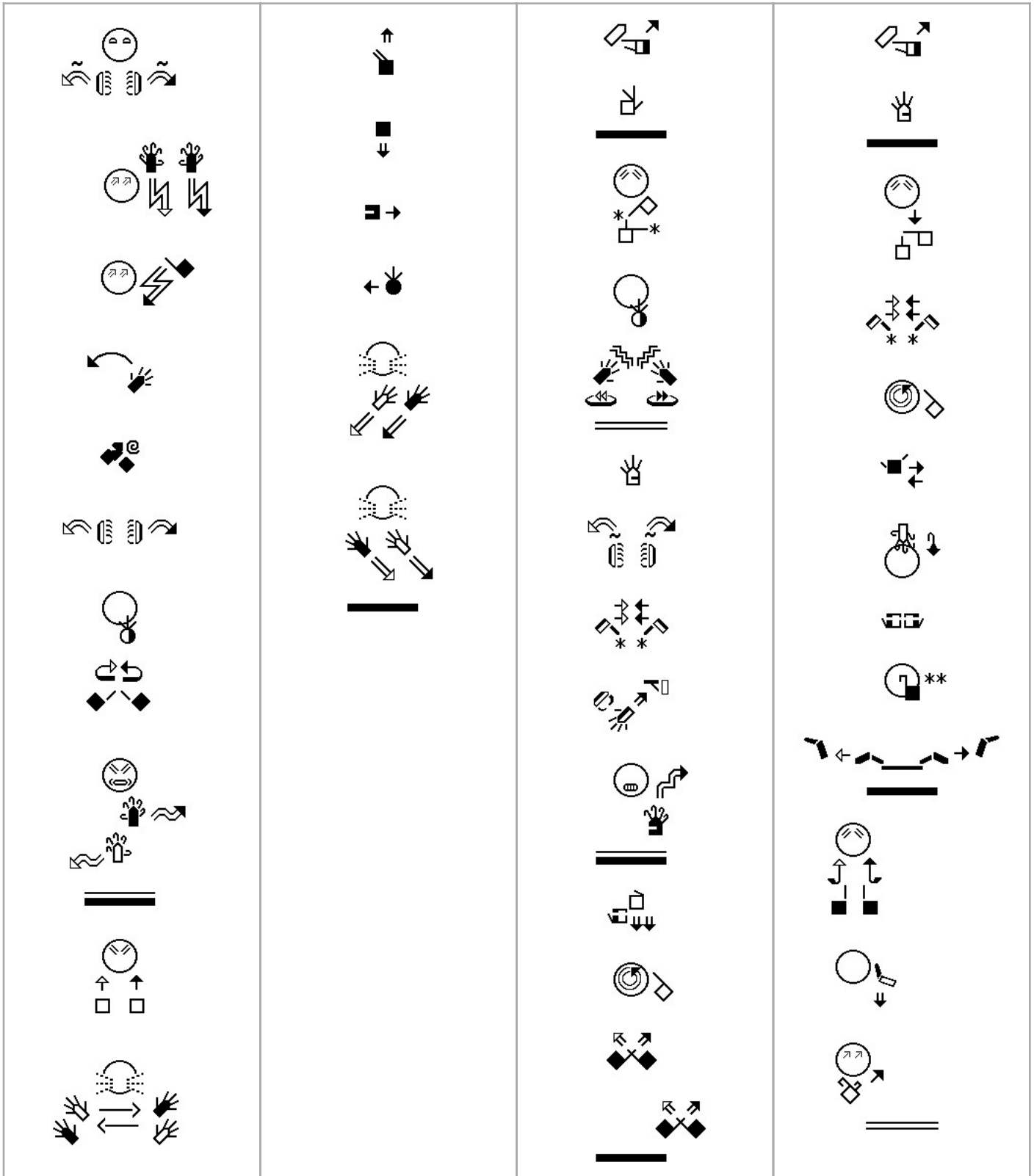
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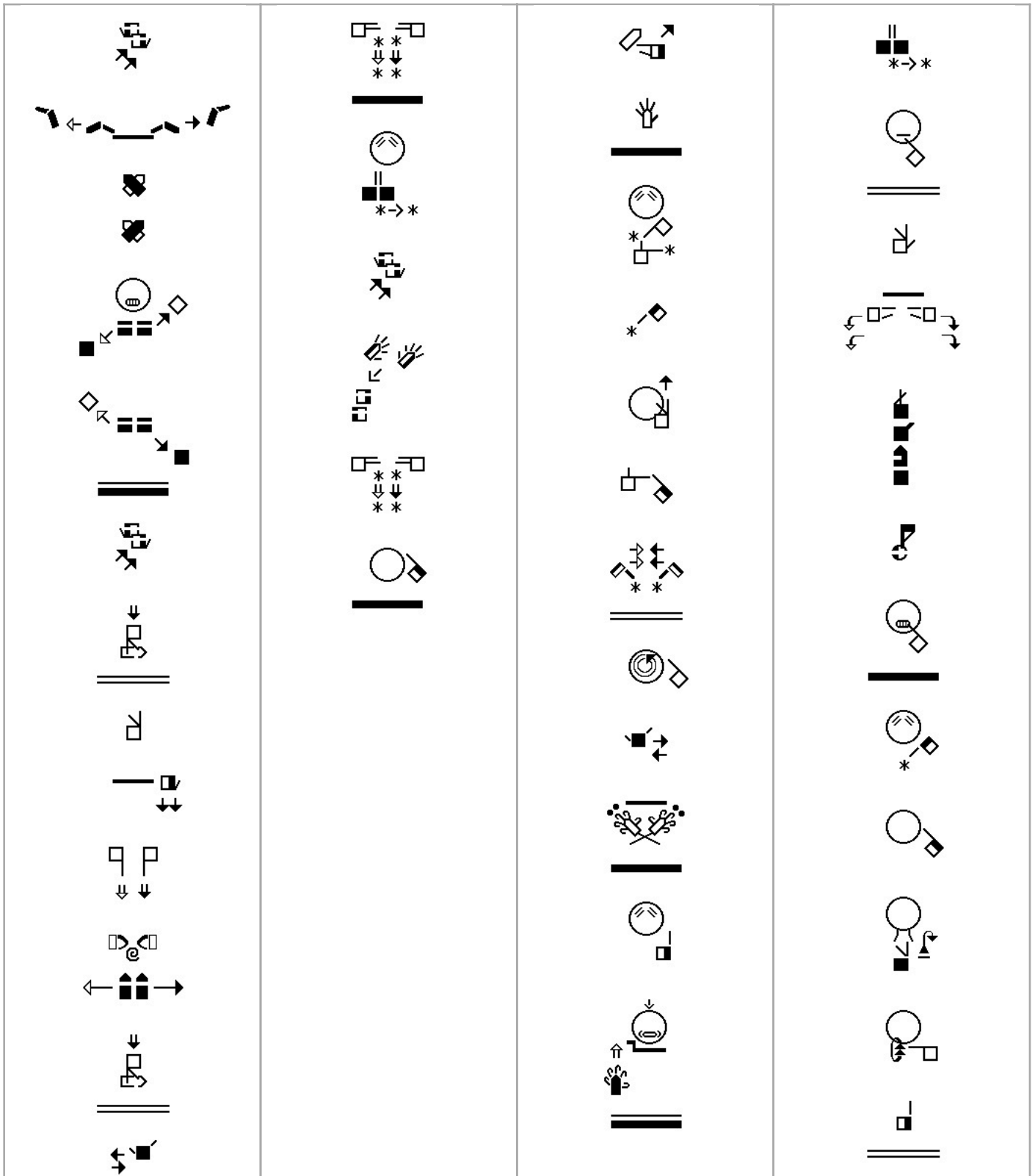
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Chapter 7. Earlier, during the first year of King Belshazzar's reign in Babylon, Daniel had a dream and saw visions as he lay in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is what he saw. Verse 2. In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw NLT

Daniel 7:2-4



178 a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction. Verse 3. Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others. Verse 4. The first beast was like a lion with eagles' wings. As I watched, NLT



its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind. Verse 5. Then I saw a second beast, and it looked like a bear. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it,

Daniel 7:5-7

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"Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!" Verse 6. Then the third of these strange beasts appeared, and it looked like a leopard. It had four bird's wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast. Verse 7. Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast --

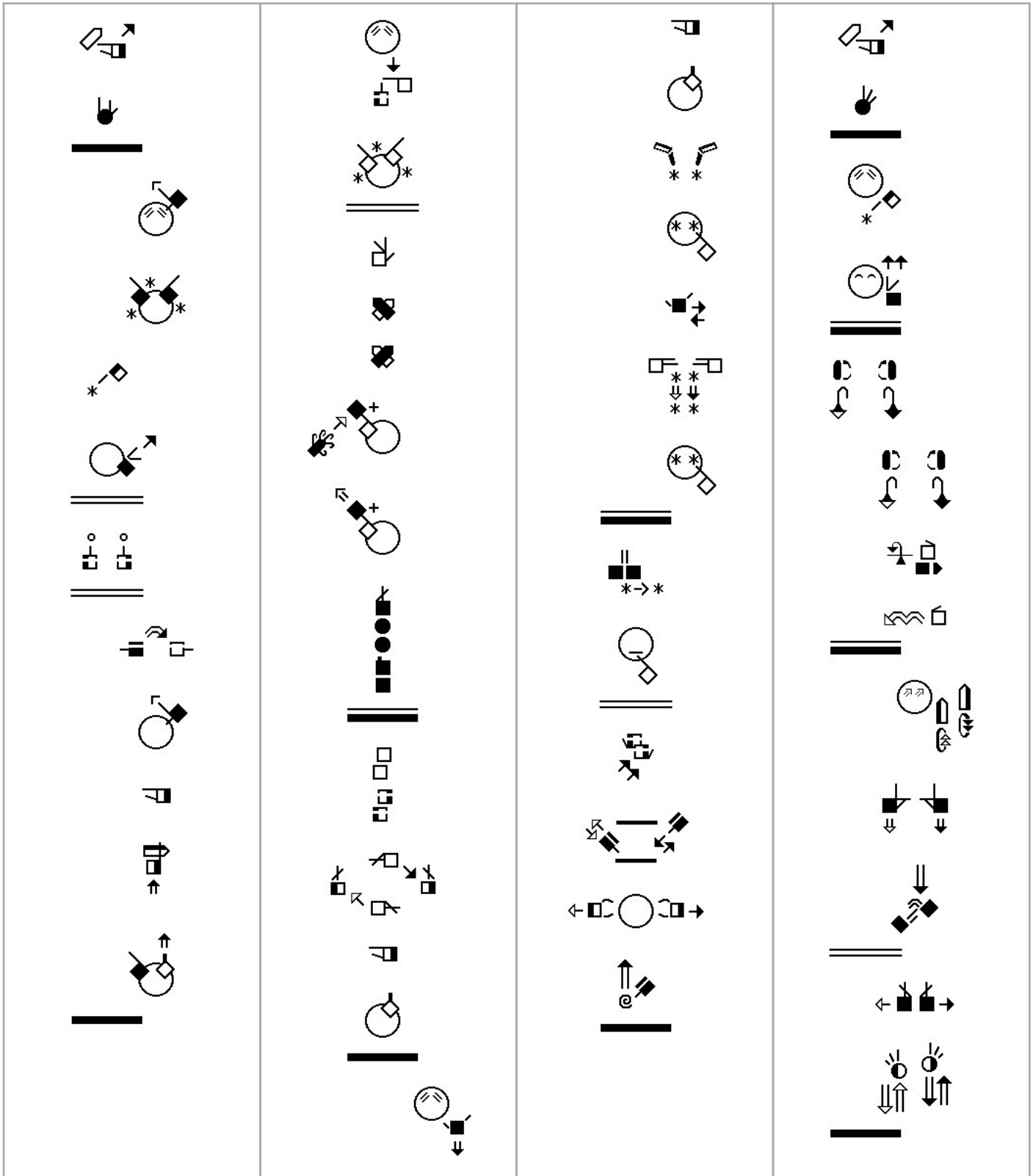


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terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns.

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Daniel 7:8-9



Verse 8. As I was looking at the horns, suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. Verse 9. I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. NLT

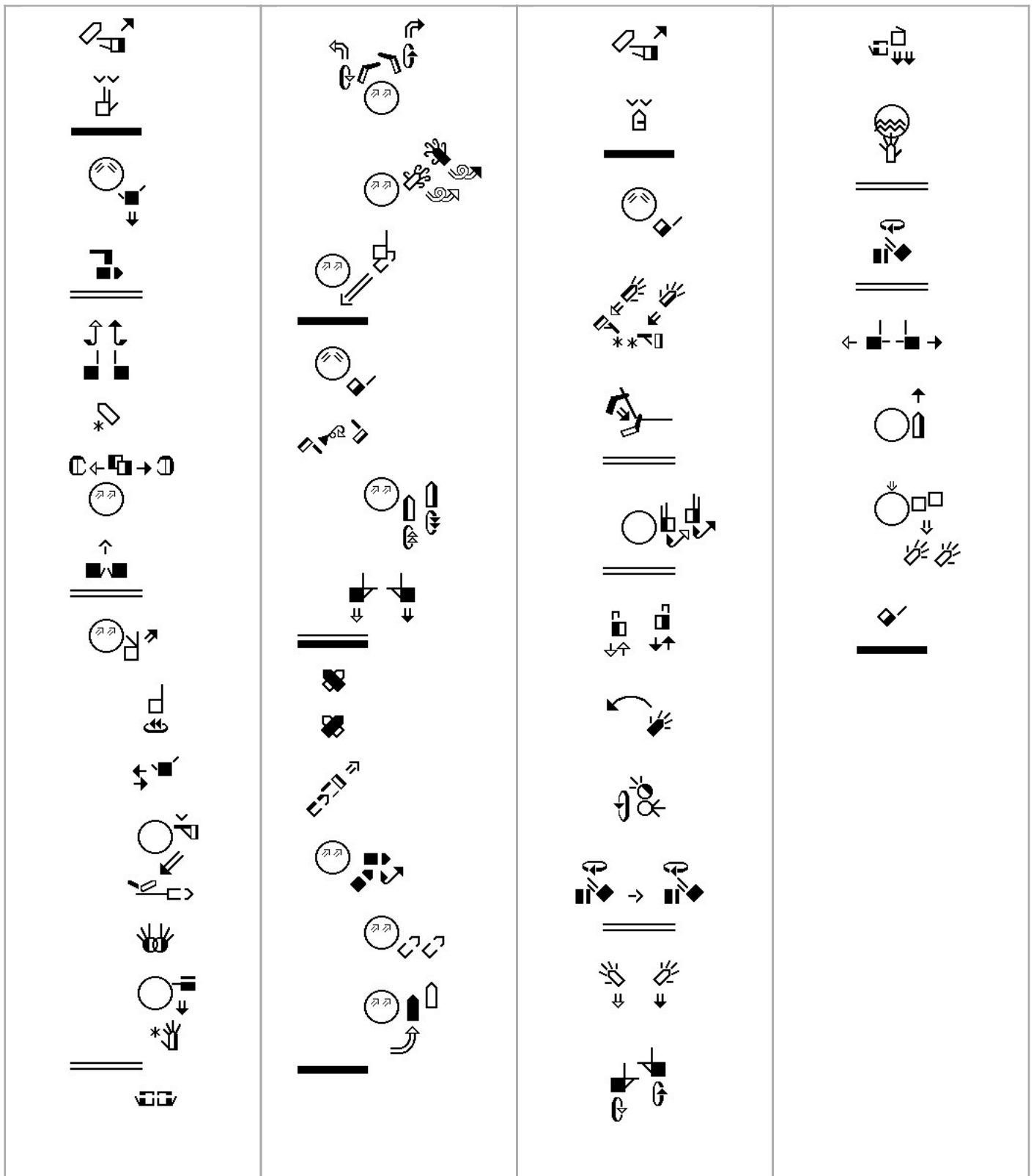
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His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, Verse 10. and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. NLT

Daniel 7:10-12

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Then the court began its session, and the books were opened. Verse 11. I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. Verse 12. The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer. NLT



Verse 13. As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. Verse 14. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. NLT

Daniel 7:14-16

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His rule is eternal -- it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed. Verse 15. I, Daniel, was troubled by all I had seen, and my visions terrified me. Verse 16. So I approached one of those standing beside the throne and asked him what it all meant. He explained it to me like this: NLT

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Verse 17. "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth. Verse 18. But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." Verse 19. Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast,

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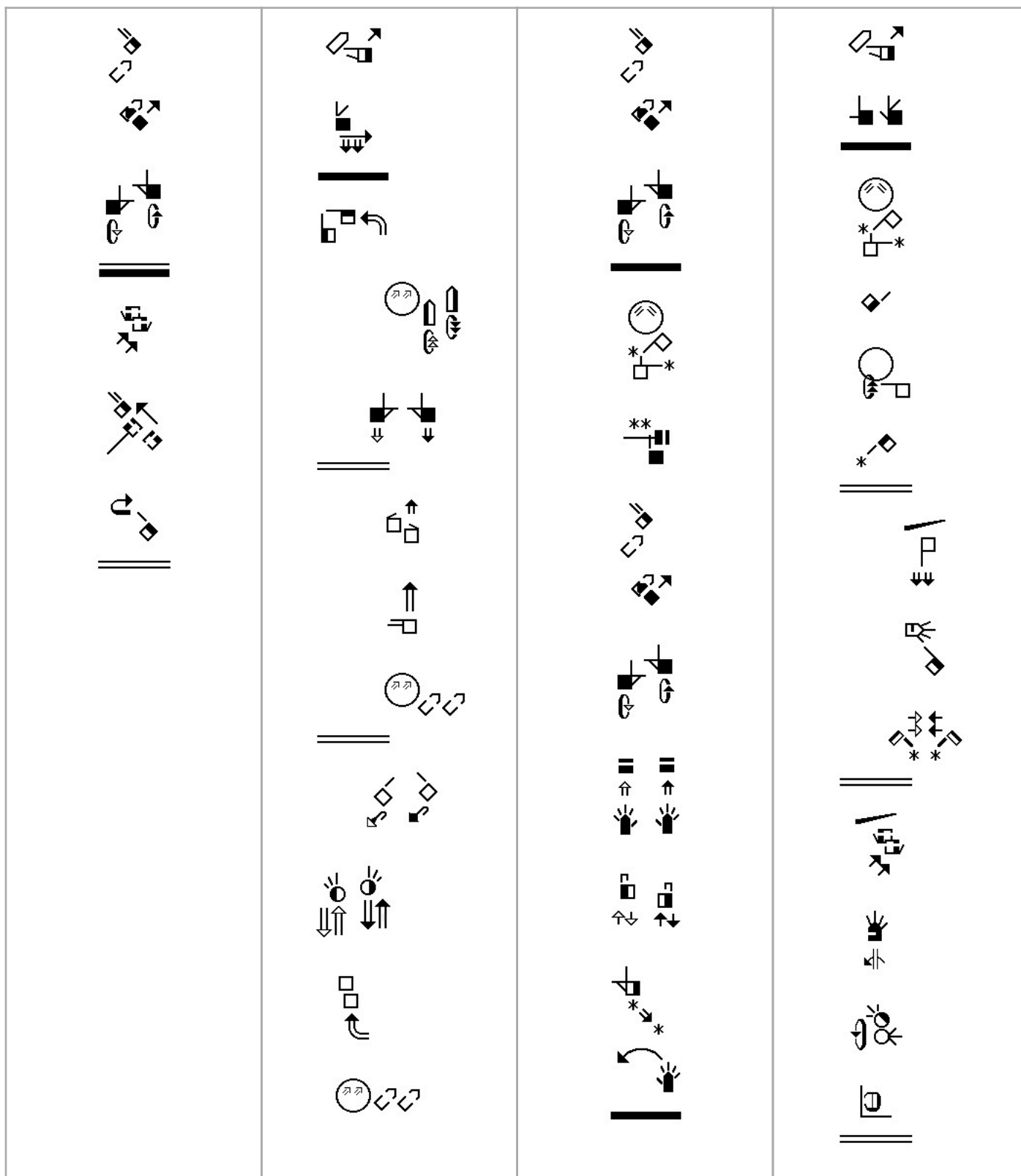
188 the one so different from the others and so terrifying. It had devoured and crushed its victims with iron teeth and bronze claws, trampling their remains beneath its feet. Verse 20. I also asked about the ten horns on the fourth beast's head and the little horn NLT



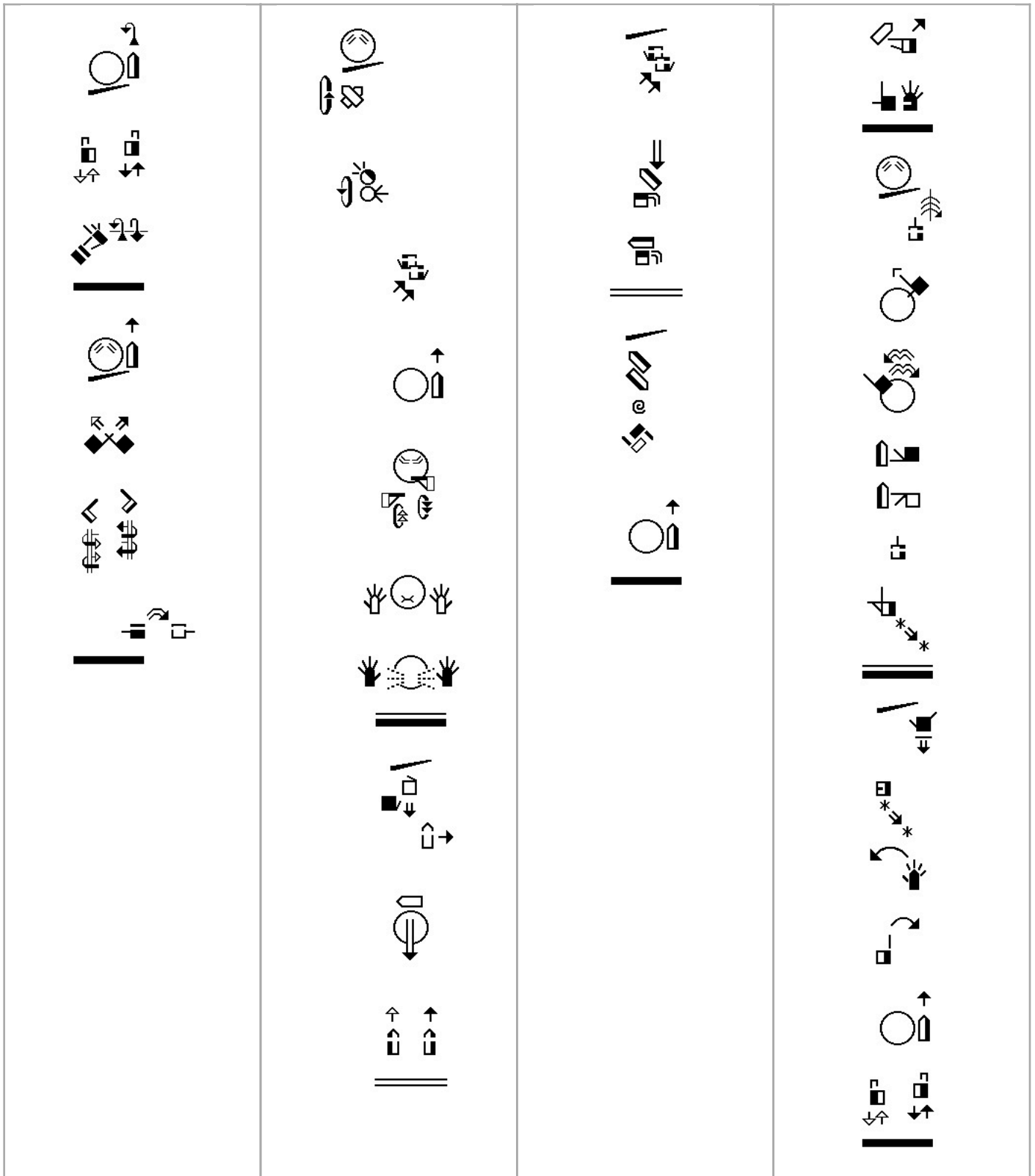
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that came up afterward and destroyed three of the other horns. This horn had seemed greater than the others, and it had human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly. Verse 21. As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's

Daniel 7:21-23



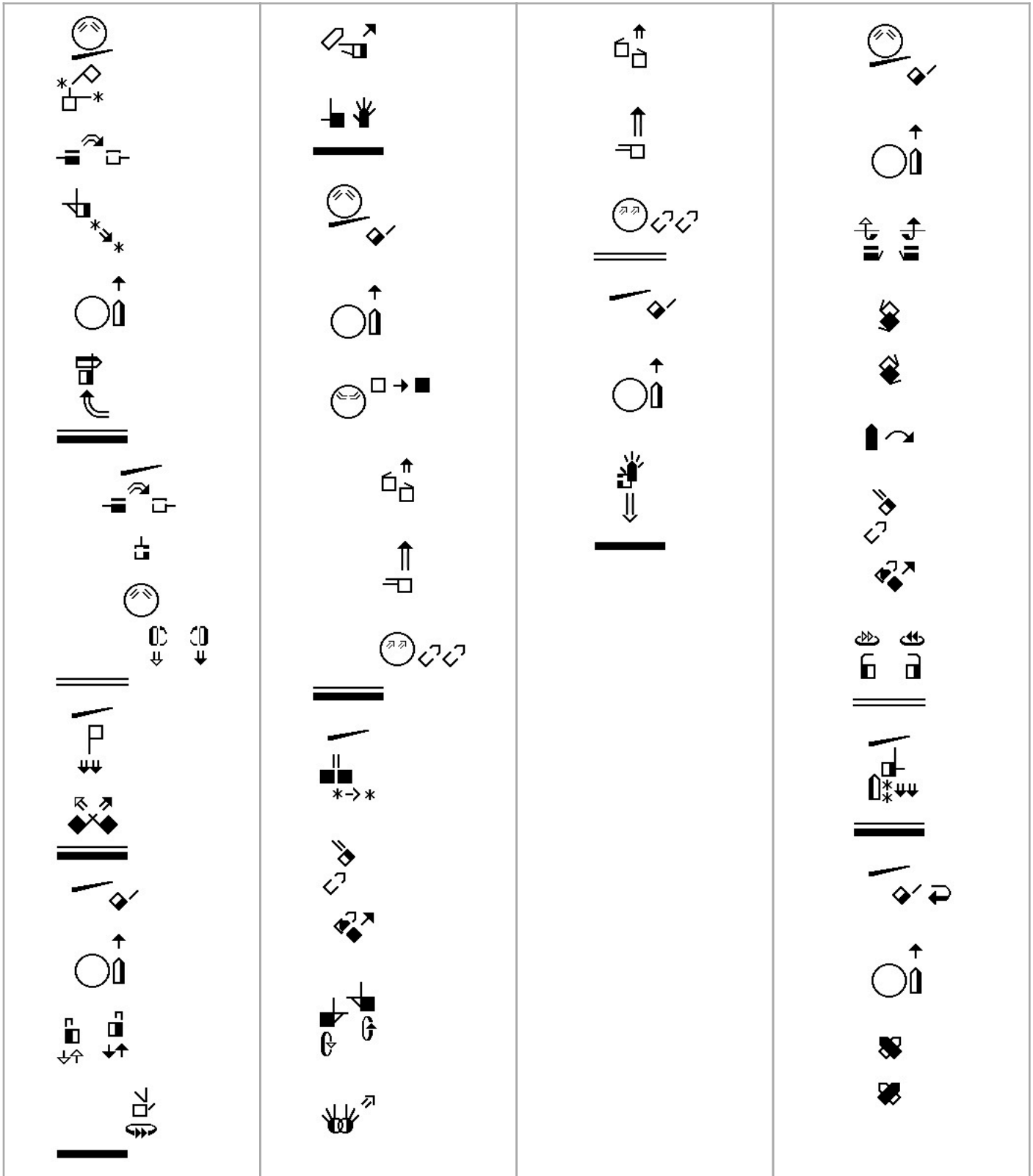
holy people and was defeating them, Verse 22. until the Ancient One -- the Most High -- came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom. Verse 23. Then he said to me, "This fourth beast is the fourth world power  
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that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. Verse 24. Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire.

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Daniel 7:24-25



192 Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them. Verse 25. He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be NLT

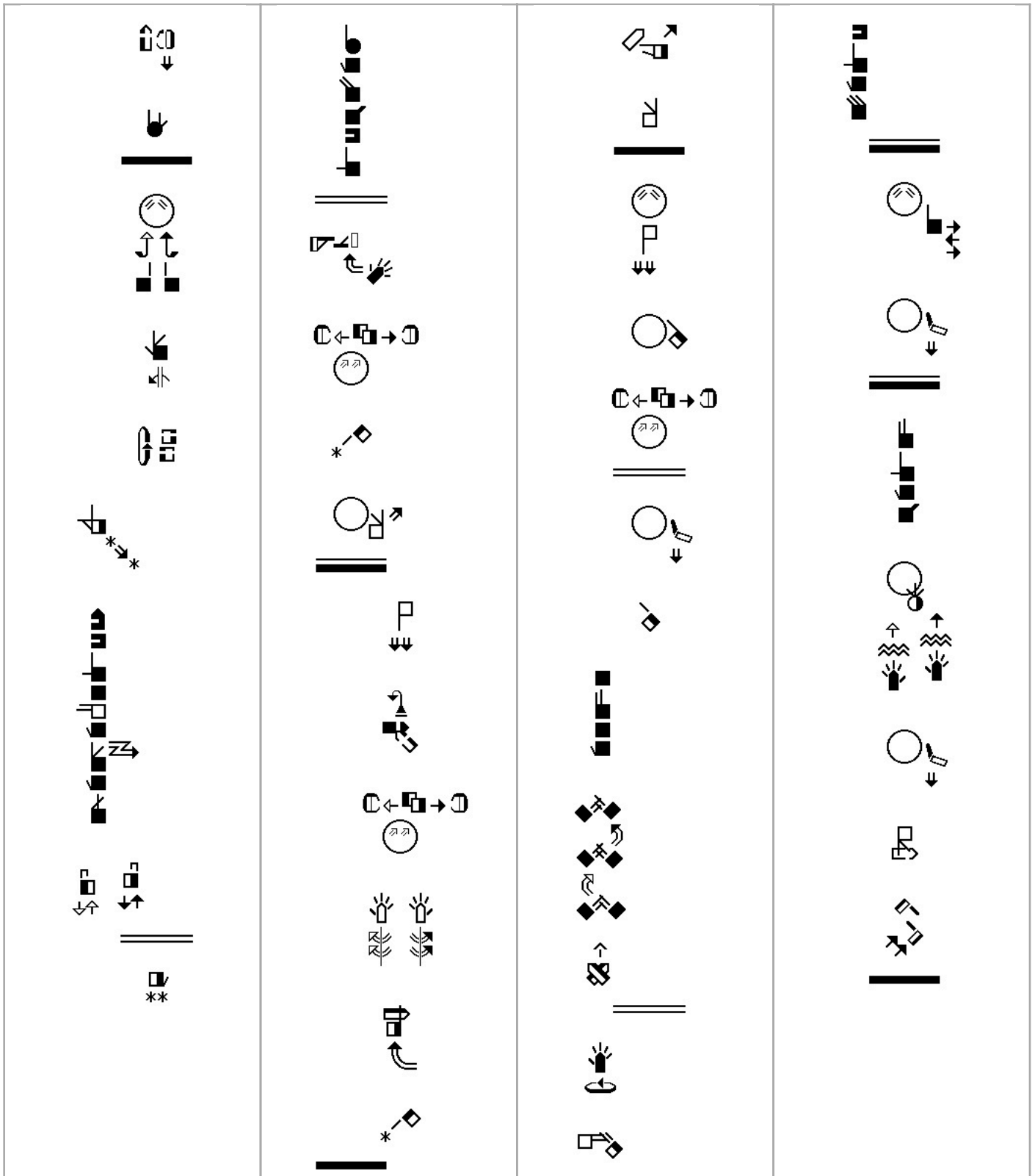
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placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time. Verse 26. "But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed. Verse 27. Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven NLT

Daniel 7:27-28

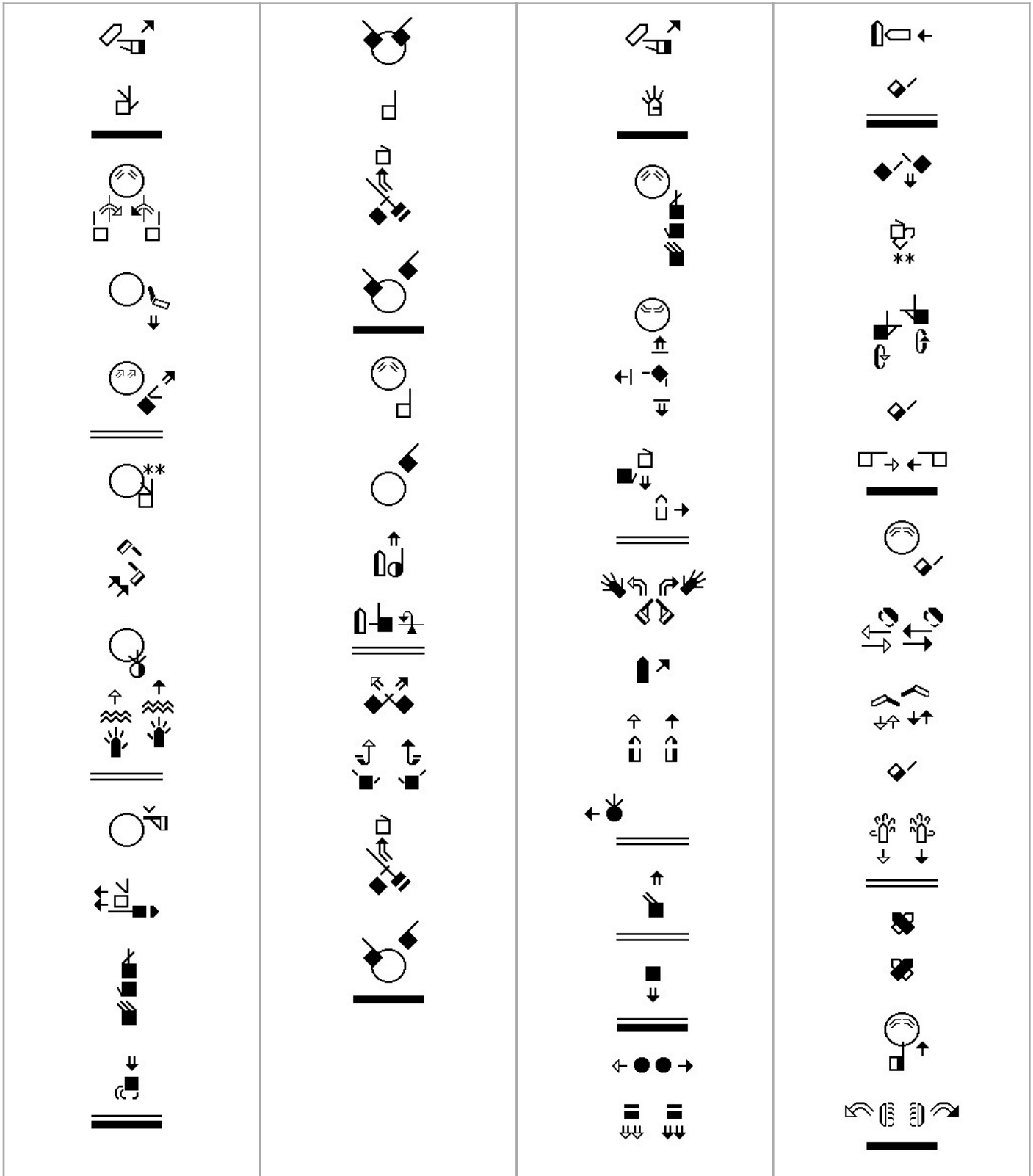
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will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him." Verse 28. That was the end of the vision. I, Daniel, was terrified by my thoughts and my face was pale with fear, but I kept these things to myself. NLT



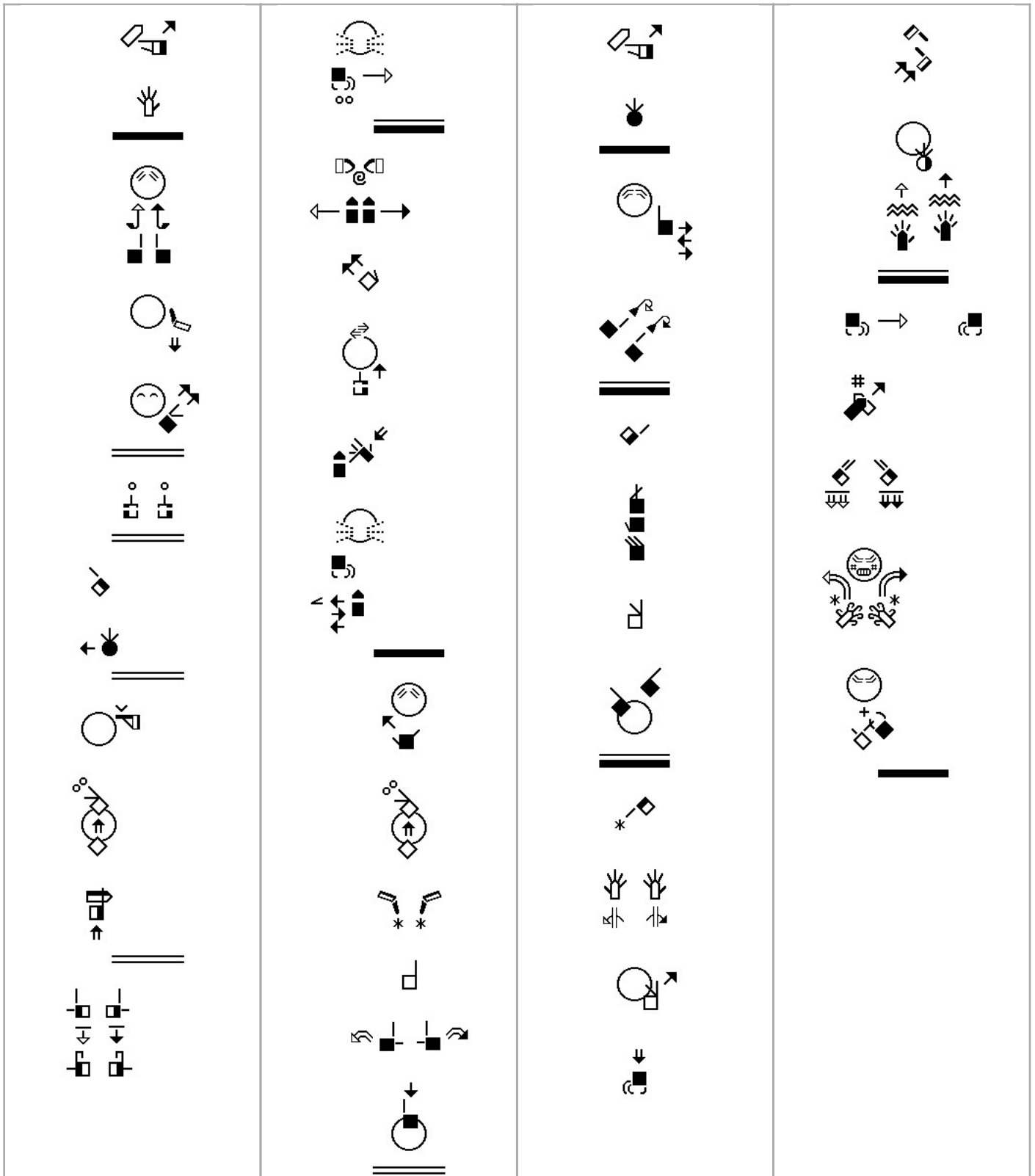
Chapter 8. During the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, saw another vision, following the one that had already appeared to me. Verse 2. In this vision I was at the fortress of Susa, in the province of Elam, standing beside the Ulai River. NLT

Daniel 8:3-4



Verse 3. As I looked up, I saw a ram with two long horns standing beside the river. One of the horns was longer than the other, even though it had grown later than the other one. Verse 4. The ram butted everything out of his way to the west, to the north, and to the south, and no one could stand against him or help his victims. He did as he pleased and became very great. NLT

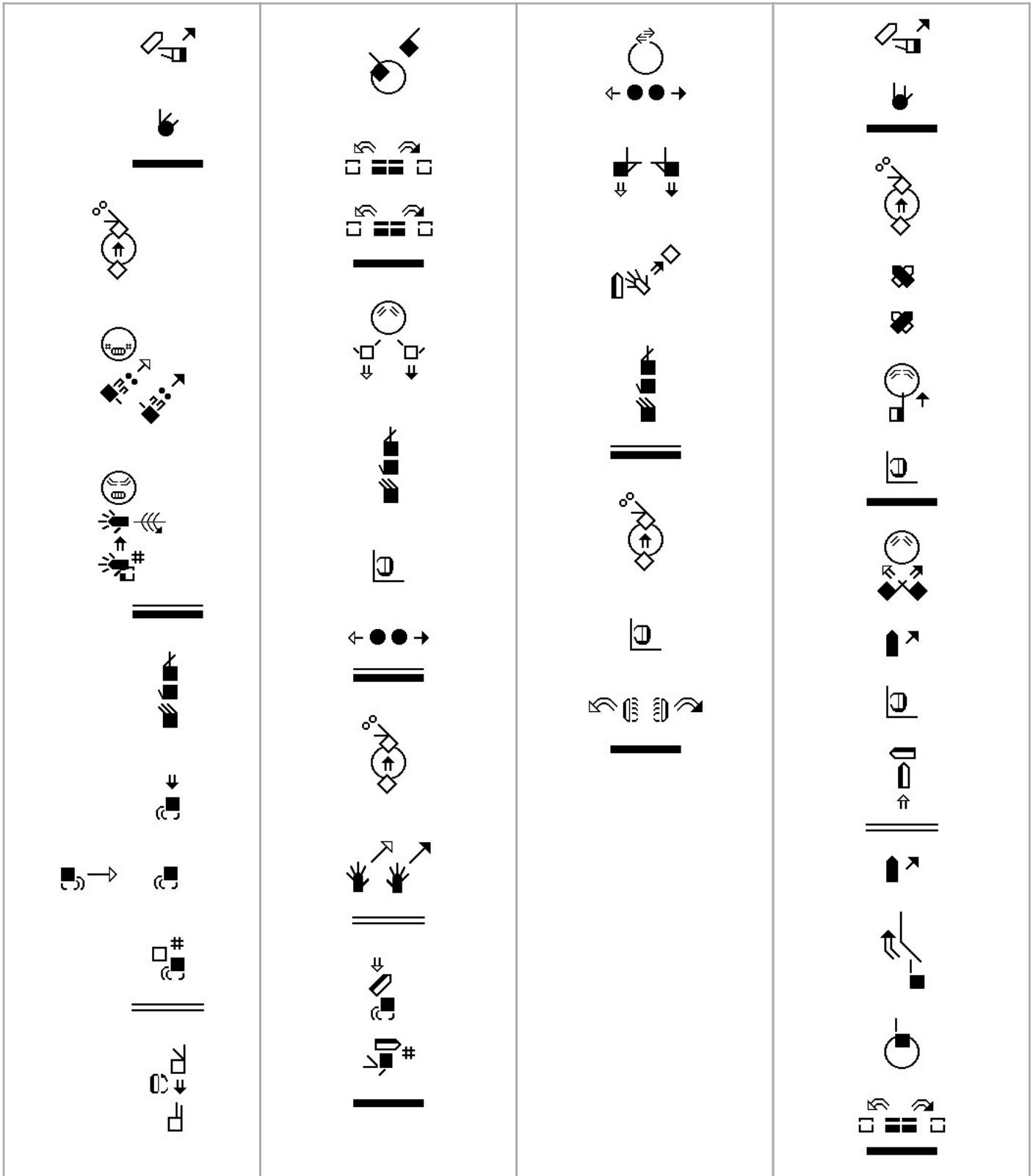




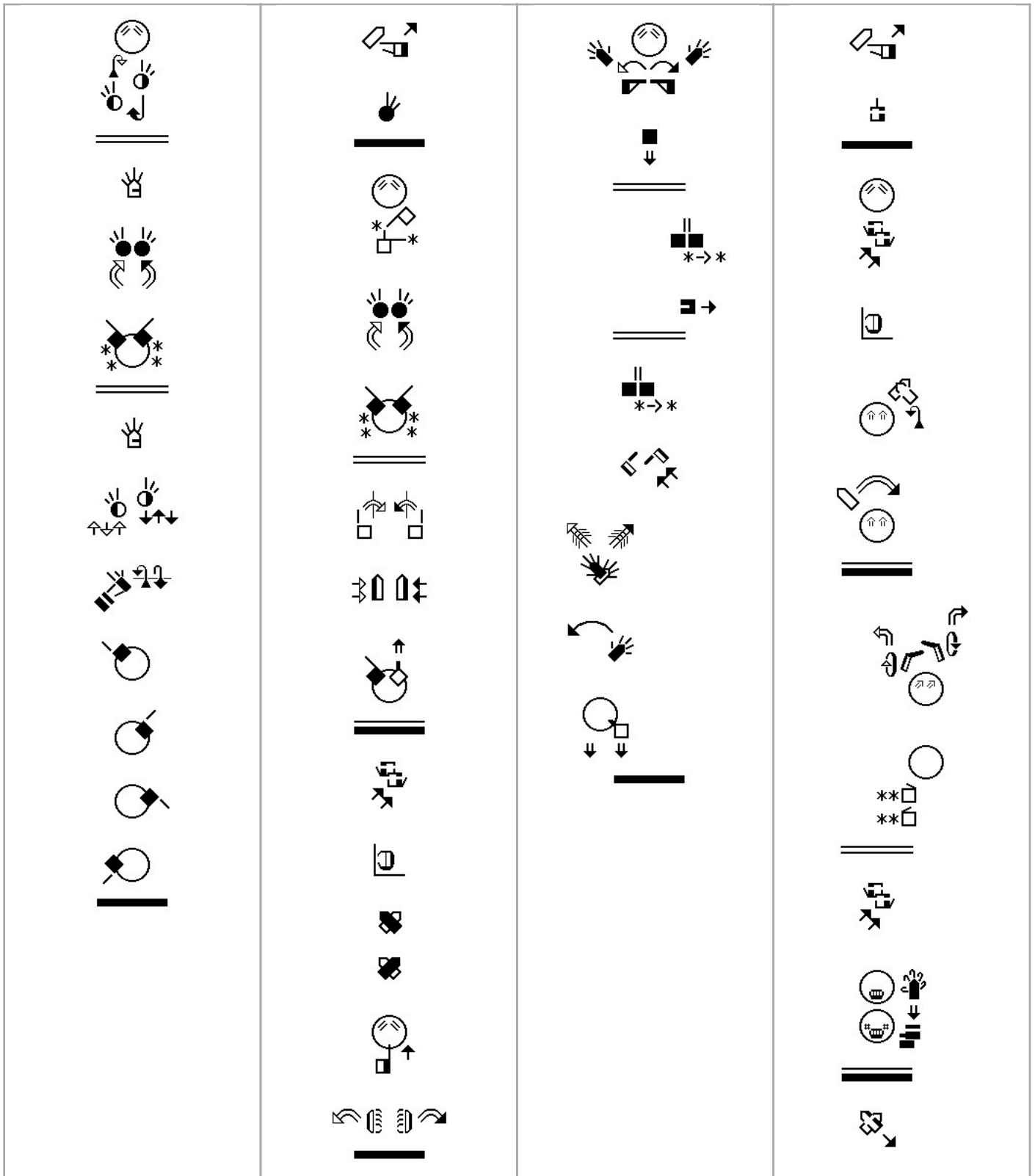
Verse 5. While I was watching, suddenly a male goat appeared from the west, crossing the land so swiftly that he didn't even touch the ground. This goat, which had one very large horn between its eyes, Verse 6. headed toward the two-horned ram that I had seen standing beside the river, rushing at him in a rage.

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Daniel 8:7-8



Verse 7. The goat charged furiously at the ram and struck him, breaking off both his horns. Now the ram was helpless, and the goat knocked him down and trampled him. No one could rescue the ram from the goat's power. Verse 8. The goat became very powerful. But at the height of his power, his large horn was broken off. NLT



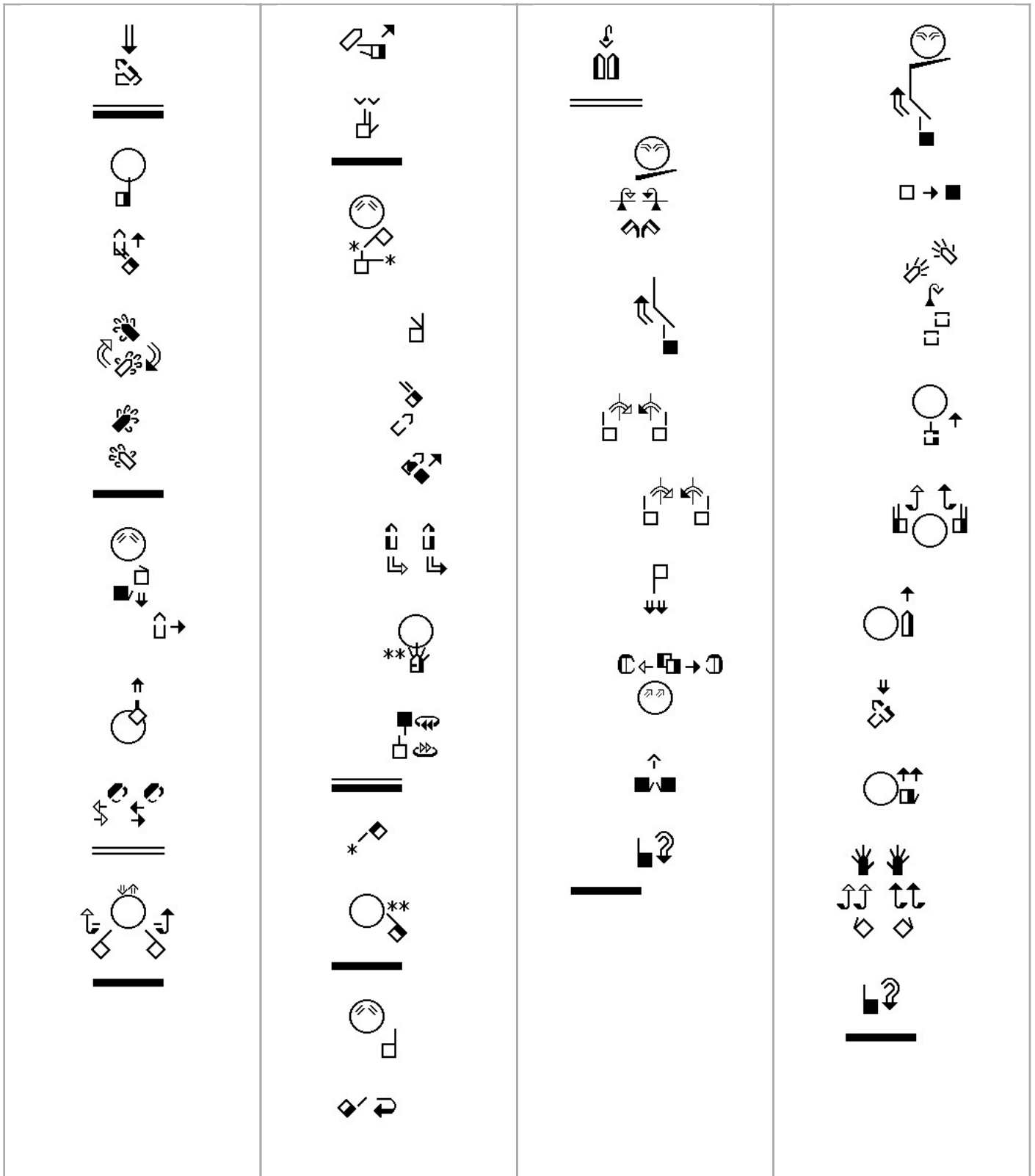
In the large horn's place grew four prominent horns pointing in the four directions of the earth. Verse 9. Then from one of the prominent horns came a small horn whose power grew very great. It extended toward the south and the east and toward the glorious land of Israel. Verse 10. Its power reached to the heavens, where it attacked the heavenly army,

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Daniel 8:10-12

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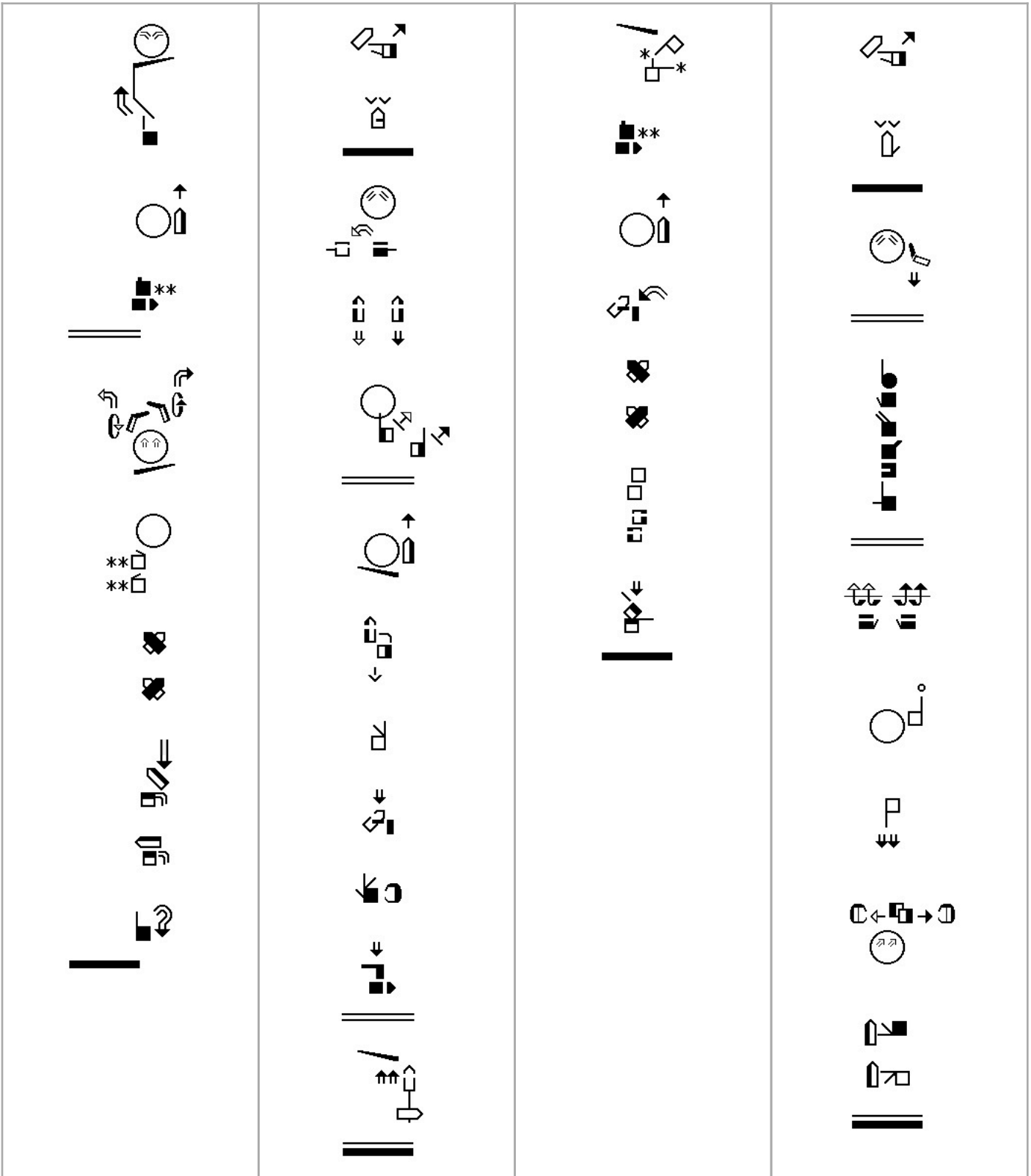
throwing some of the heavenly beings and some of the stars to the ground and trampling them. Verse 11. It even challenged the Commander of heaven's army by canceling the daily sacrifices offered to him and by destroying his Temple. Verse 12. The army of heaven was restrained from responding to this rebellion. So the daily sacrifice



was halted, and truth was overthrown. The horn succeeded in everything it did. Verse 13. Then I heard two holy ones talking to each other. One of them asked, "How long will the events of this vision last? How long will the rebellion that causes desecration stop the daily sacrifices?"

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Daniel 8:13-15



How long will the temple and heaven's army be trampled on?" Verse 14. The other replied, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the Temple will be made right again." Verse 15. As I, Daniel, was trying to understand the meaning of this vision, NLT

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someone who looked like a man stood in front of me. Verse 16. And I heard a human voice calling out from the Ulai River, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of his vision." Verse 17. As Gabriel approached the place where I was standing, I



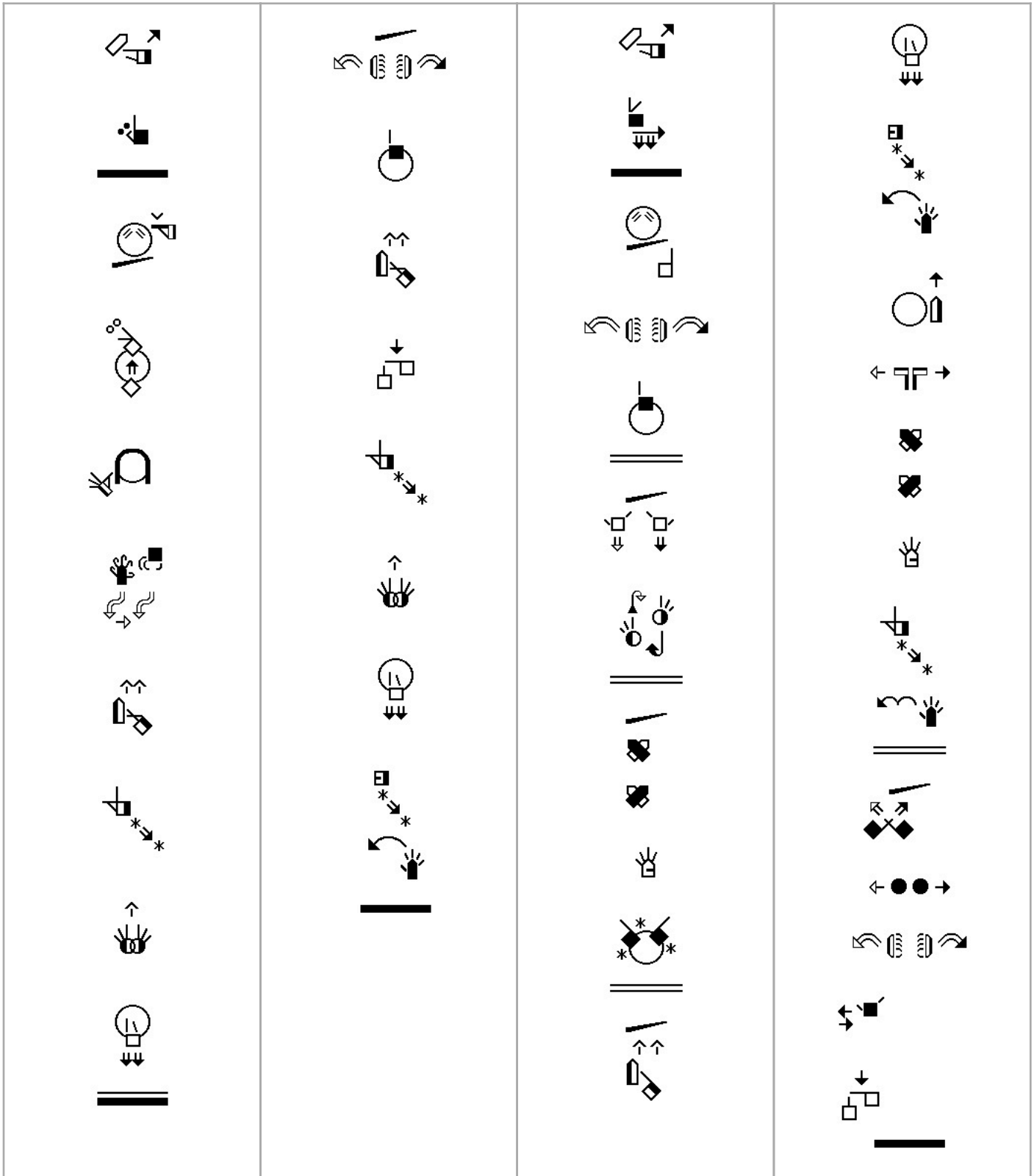


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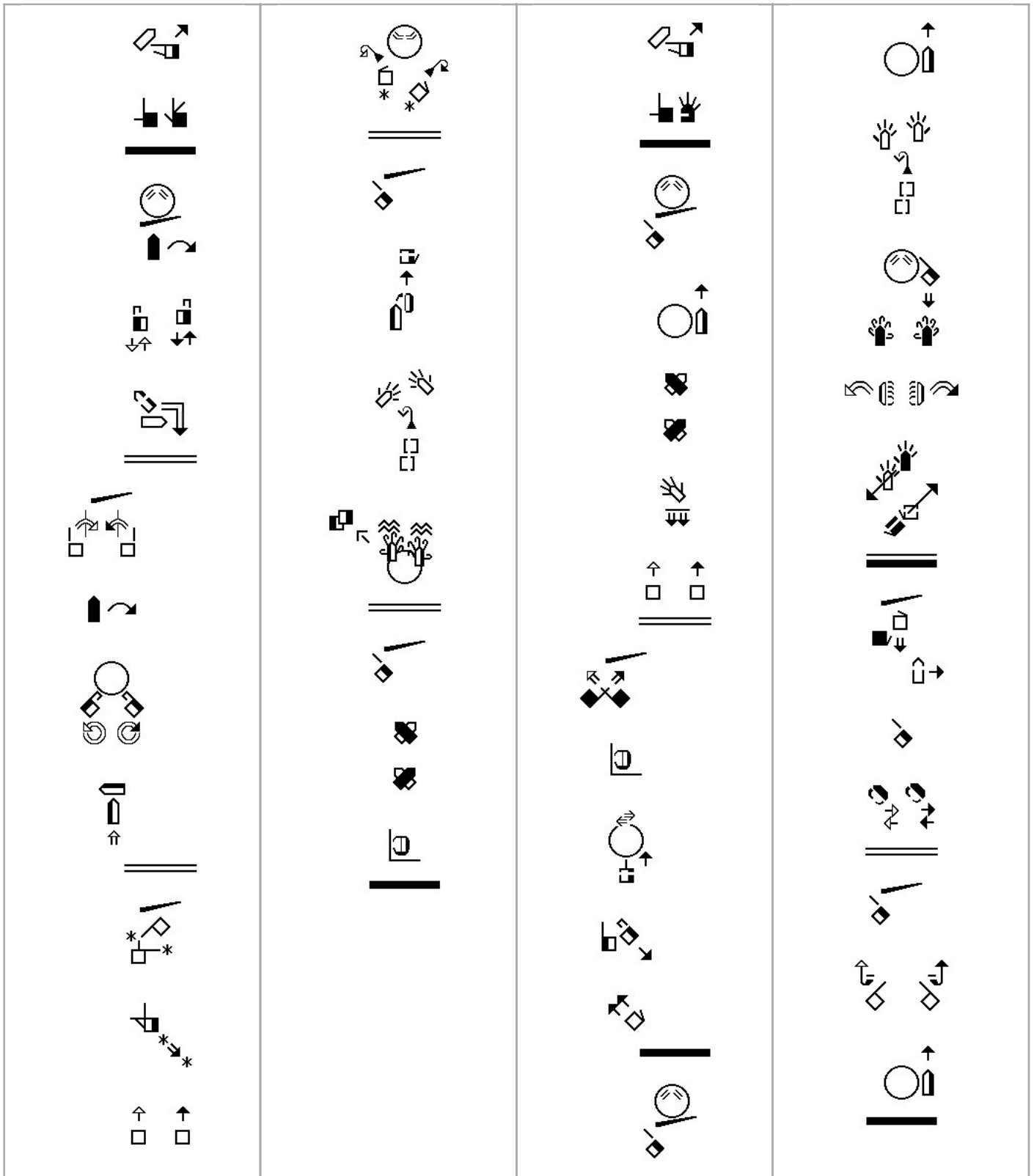
But Gabriel roused me with a touch and helped me to my feet. Verse 19. Then he said, "I am here to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath. What you have seen pertains to the very end of time. Verse 20. The two-horned ram represents the kings of Media and Persia.

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Daniel 8:21-22



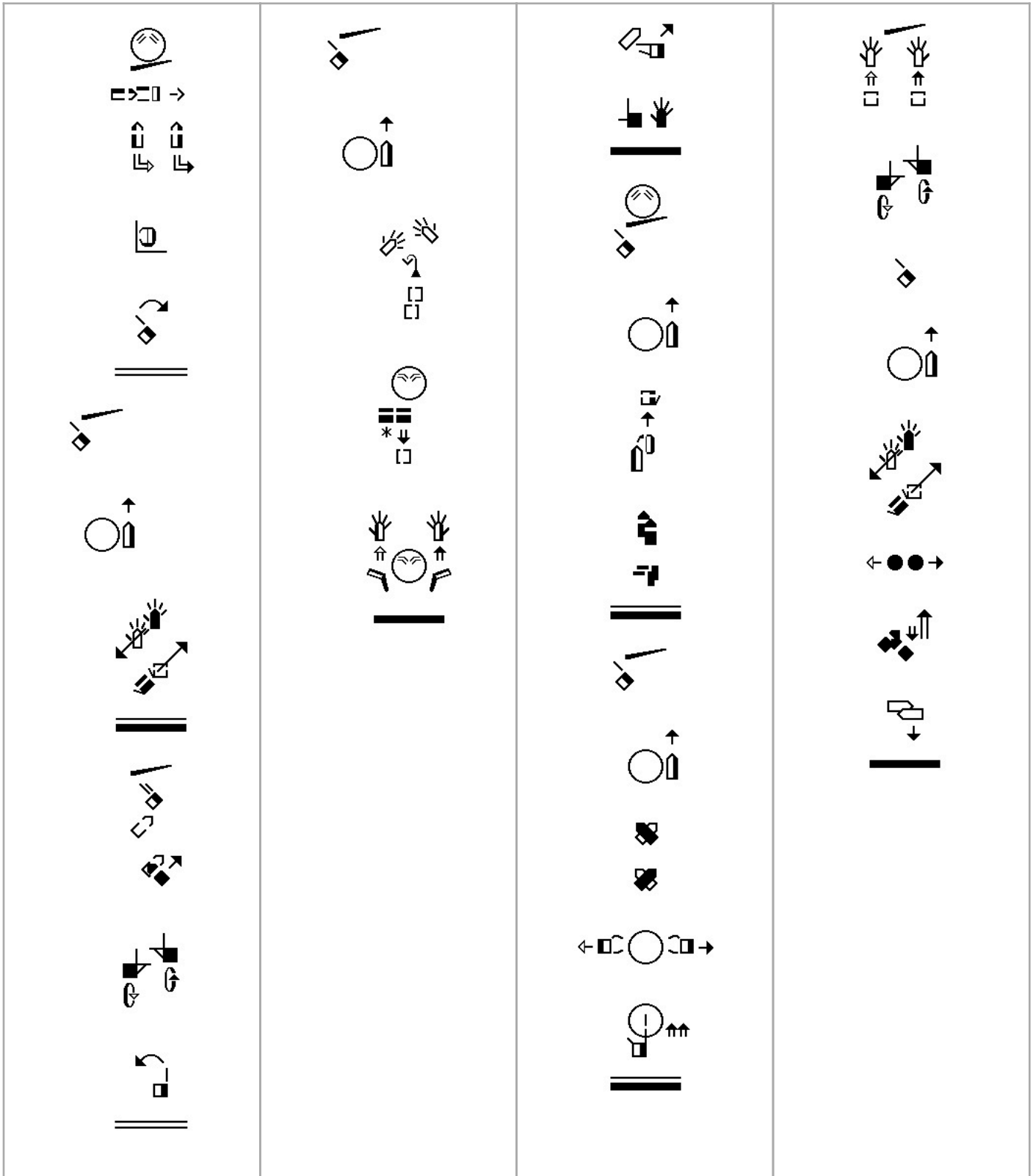
Verse 21. The shaggy male goat represents the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes represents the first king of the Greek Empire. Verse 22. The four prominent horns that replaced the one large horn show that the Greek Empire will break into four kingdoms, but nonw as great as the first. NLT

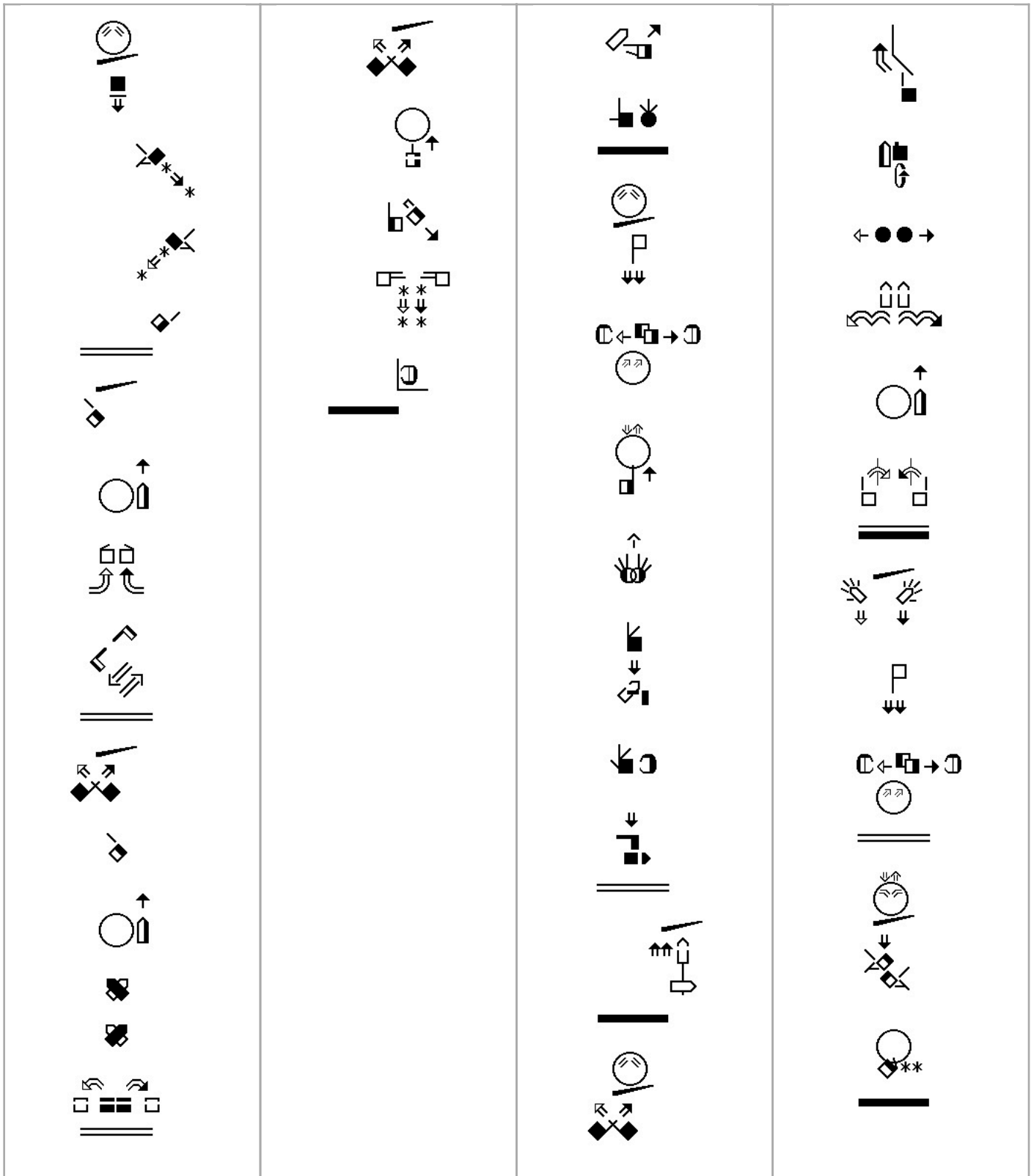


Verse 23. "At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. Verse 24. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does.

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












































































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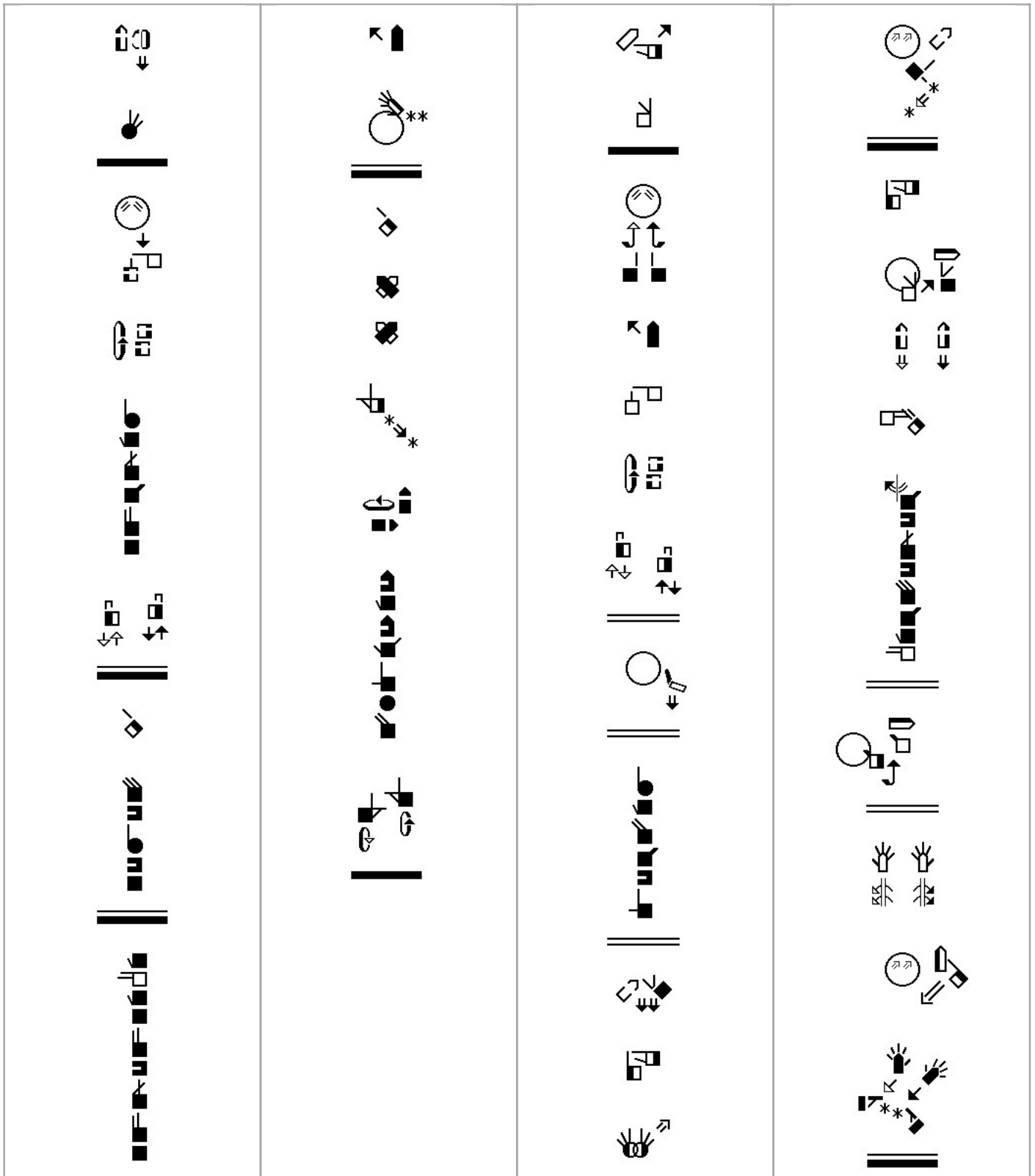




He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power. Verse 26. "This vision about the 2,300 evenings and mornings is true. But none of these things will happen for a long time, so keep this vision a secret." NLT

Daniel 8:27

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Chapter 9. It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. Verse 2. During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, NLT

Daniel 9:2-4

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that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. Verse 3. So I turned to the LORD God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes. Verse 4. I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, you NLT

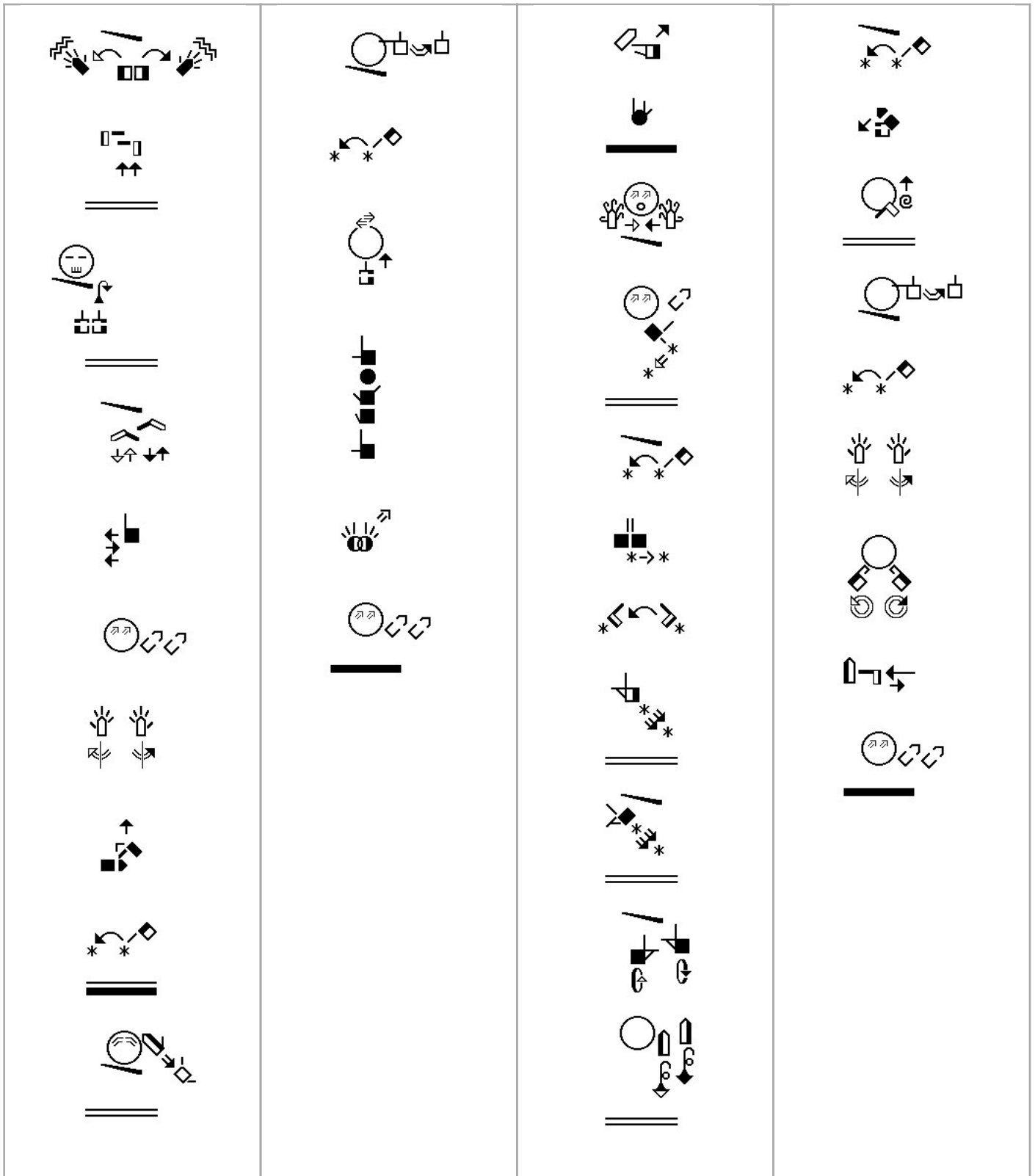


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are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unending love to those who love you and obey your commands. Verse 5. But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations.

Daniel 9:6-7

Verse 6. We have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke on your authority to our kings and princes and ancestors and to all the people of the land. Verse 7. "Lord, you are in the right; but as you see, our faces are covered with shame. This is true of all of us, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, NLT

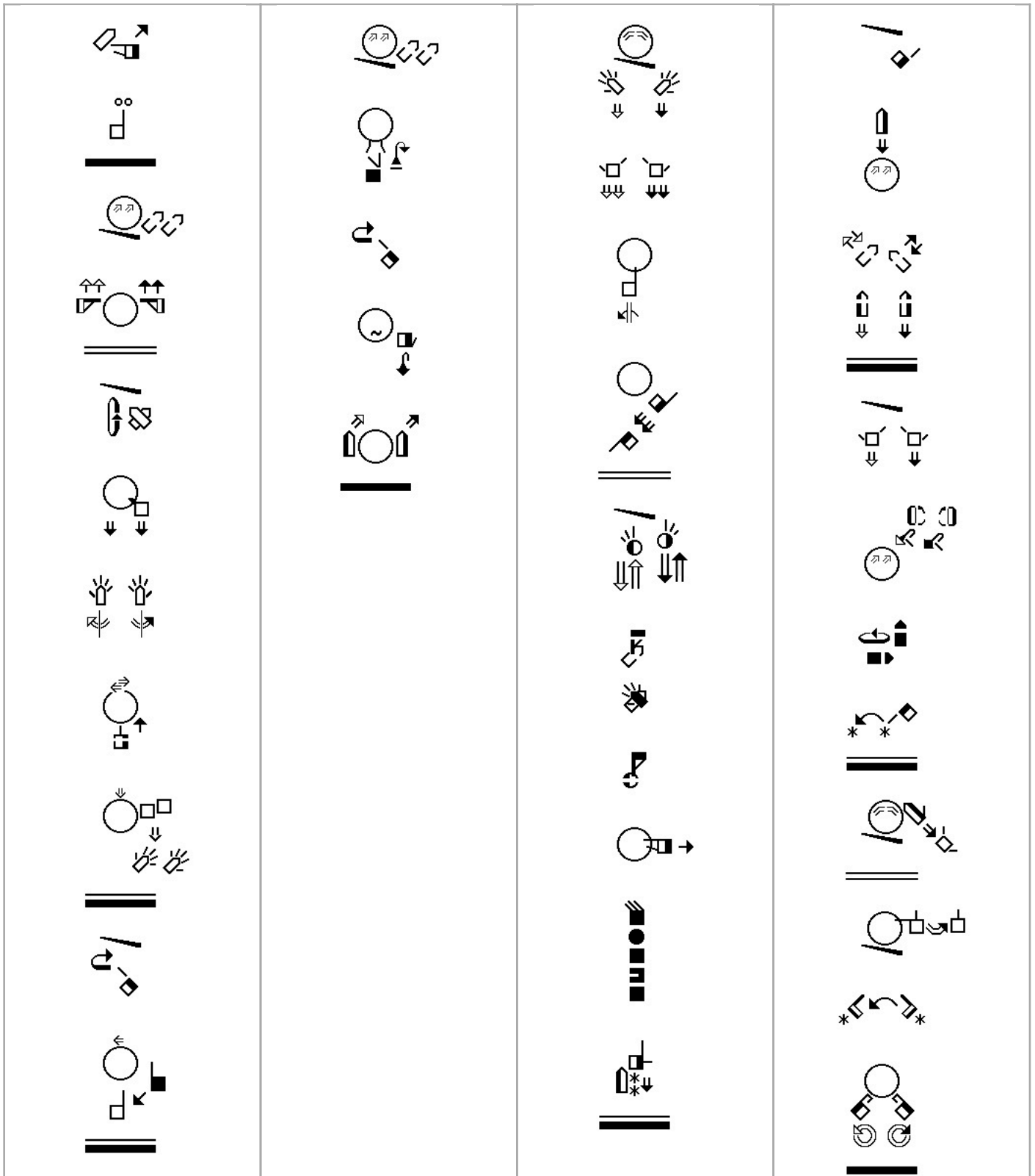


scattered near and far, wherever you have driven us because of our disloyalty to you.  
 Verse 8. O LORD, we and our kings, princes, and ancestors are covered with shame  
 because we have sinned against you.

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Daniel 9:9-10

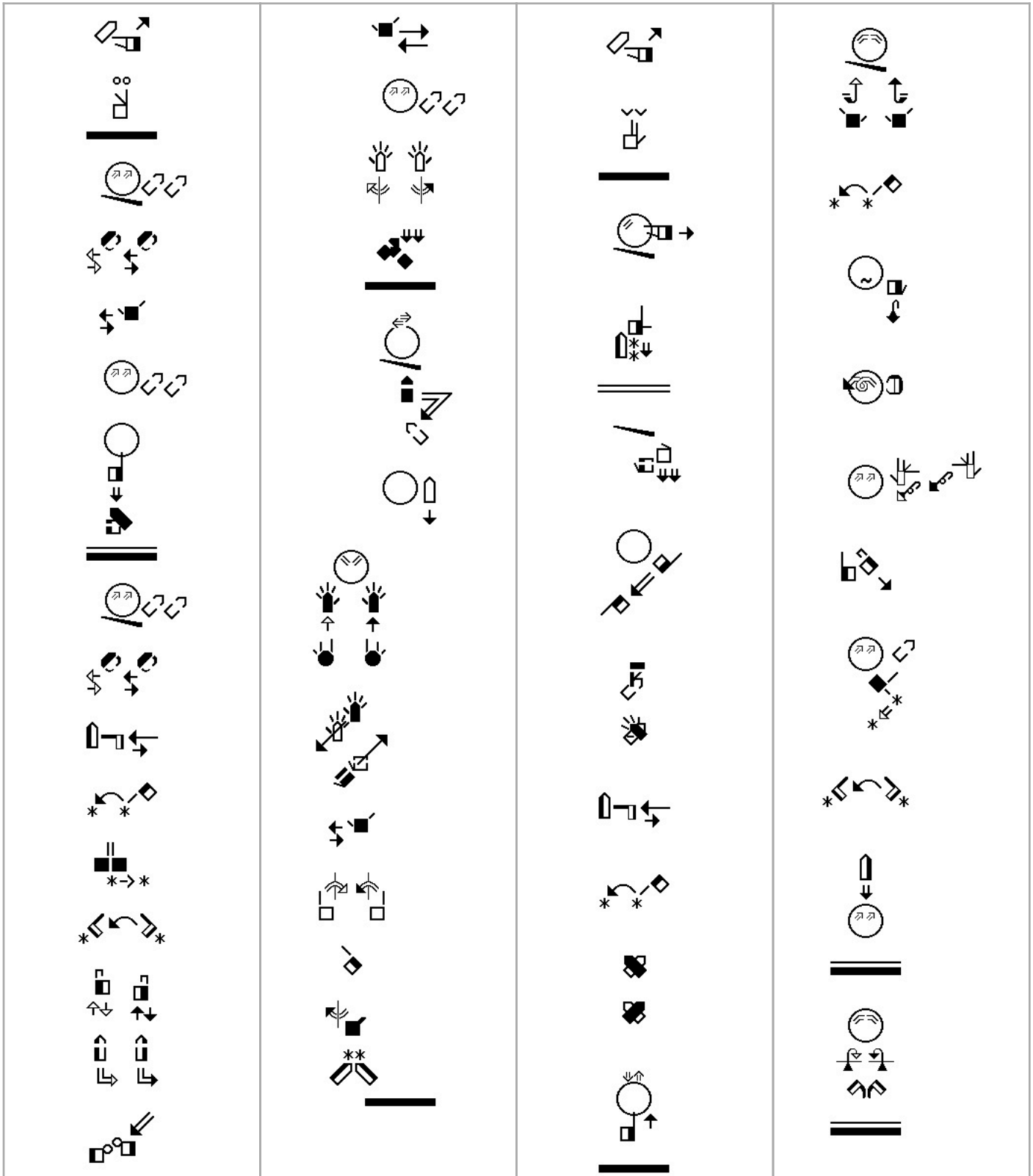
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Verse 11. All Israel has disobeyed your instruction and turned away, refusing to listen to your voice. "So now the solemn curses and judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured down on us because of our sin.

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Daniel 9:12-13



Verse 12. You have kept your word and done to us and our rulers exactly as you warned. Never has there been such a disaster as happened in Jerusalem. Verse 13. Every curse written against us in the Law of Moses has come true. Yet we have refused to seek mercy from the LORD our God  
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by turning from our sins and recognizing his truth. Verse 14. Therefore, the LORD has brought upon us the disaster he prepared. The LORD our God was right to do all of these things, for we did not obey him. Verse 15. "O Lord our God, you brought lasting NLT

Daniel 9:15-16

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honor to your name by rescuing your people from Egypt in a great display of power. But we have sinned and are full of wickedness. Verse 16. In view of all your faithful mercies, Lord, please turn your furious anger away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. NLT



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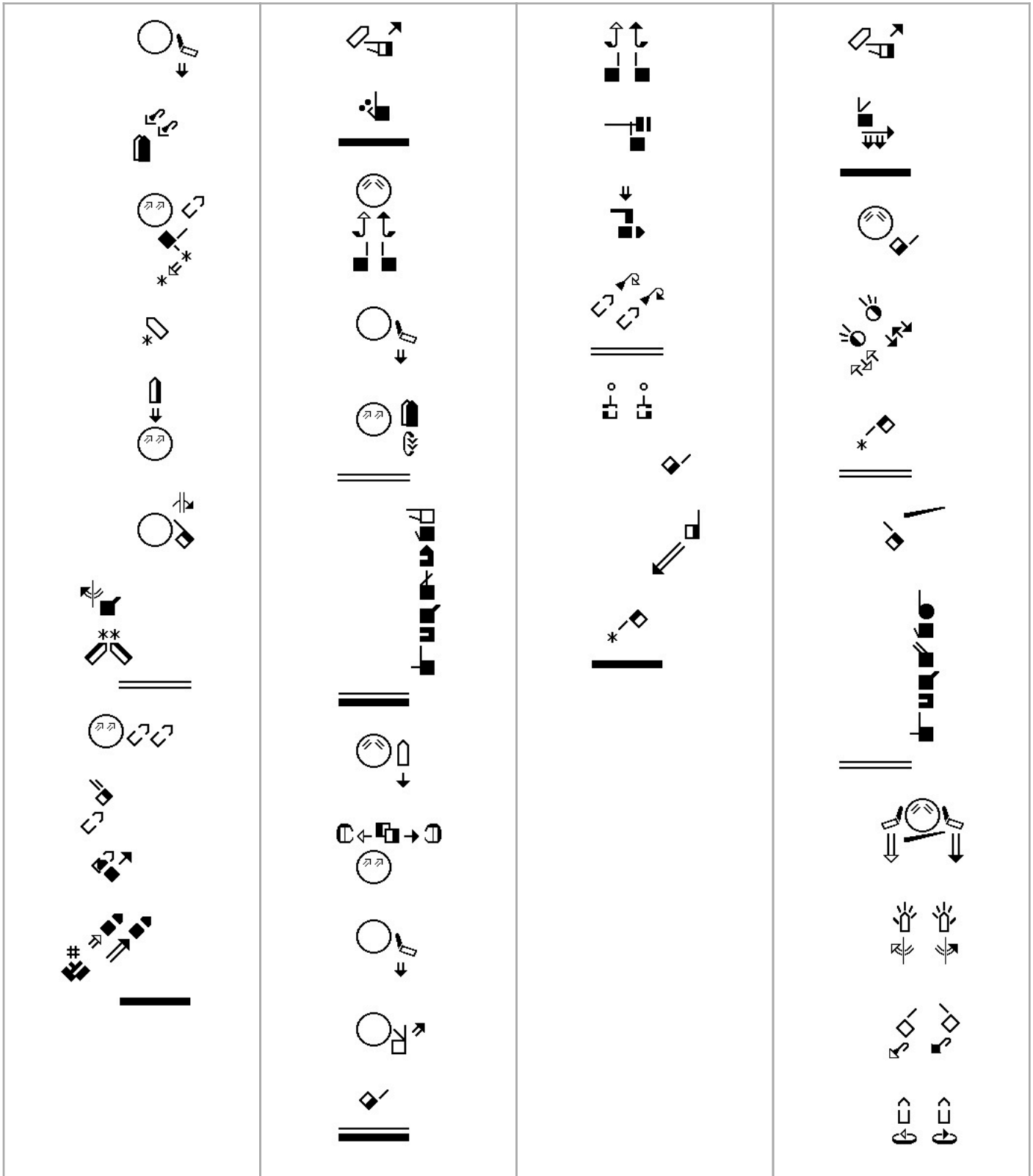
All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem and your people because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors. Verse 17. "O our God, hear your servant's prayer! Listen as I plead. For your own sake, Lord, smile again on your desolate sanctuary.

Daniel 9:18

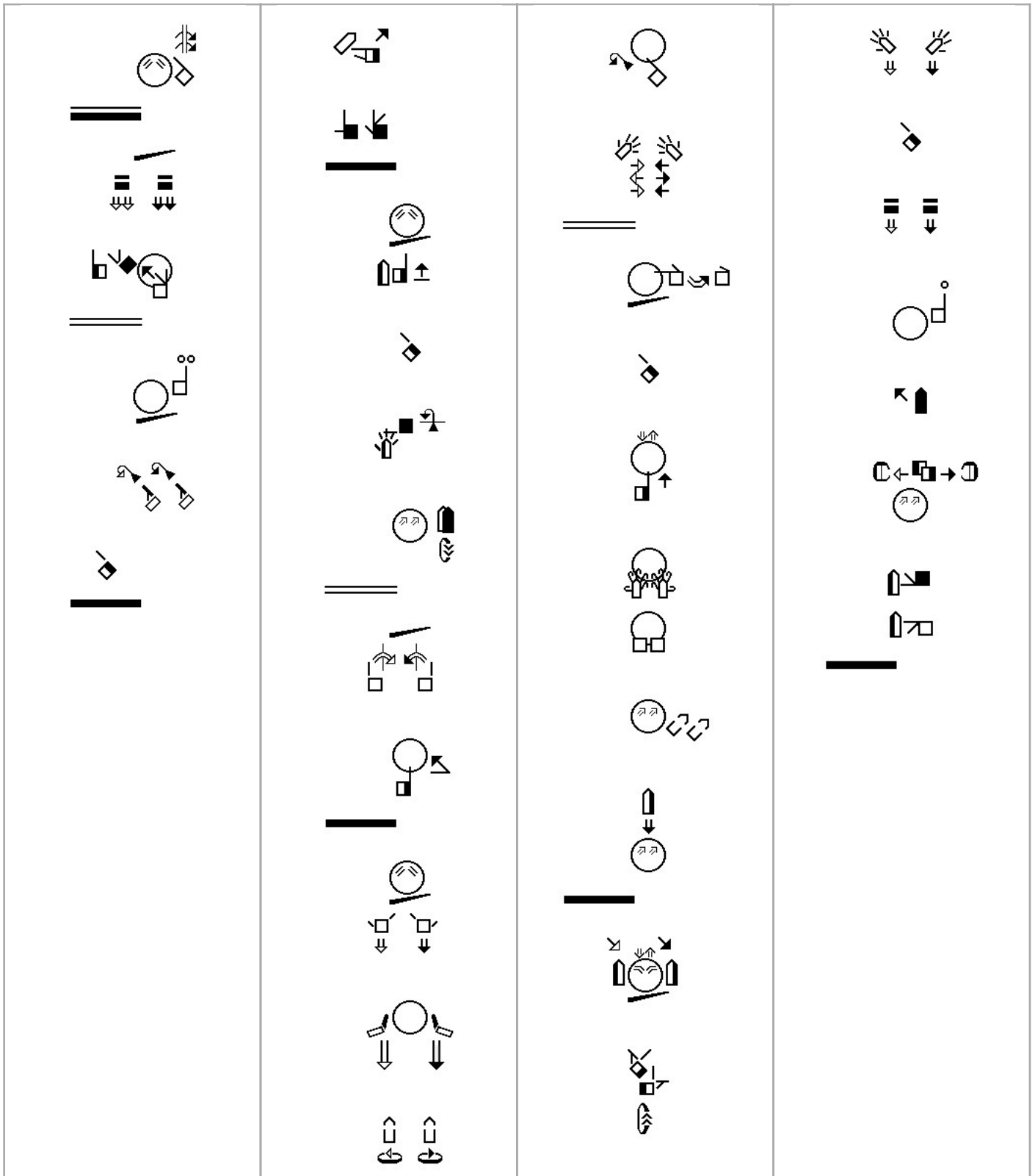
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Verse 19. "O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name." Verse 20. I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, NLT

Daniel 9:20-22

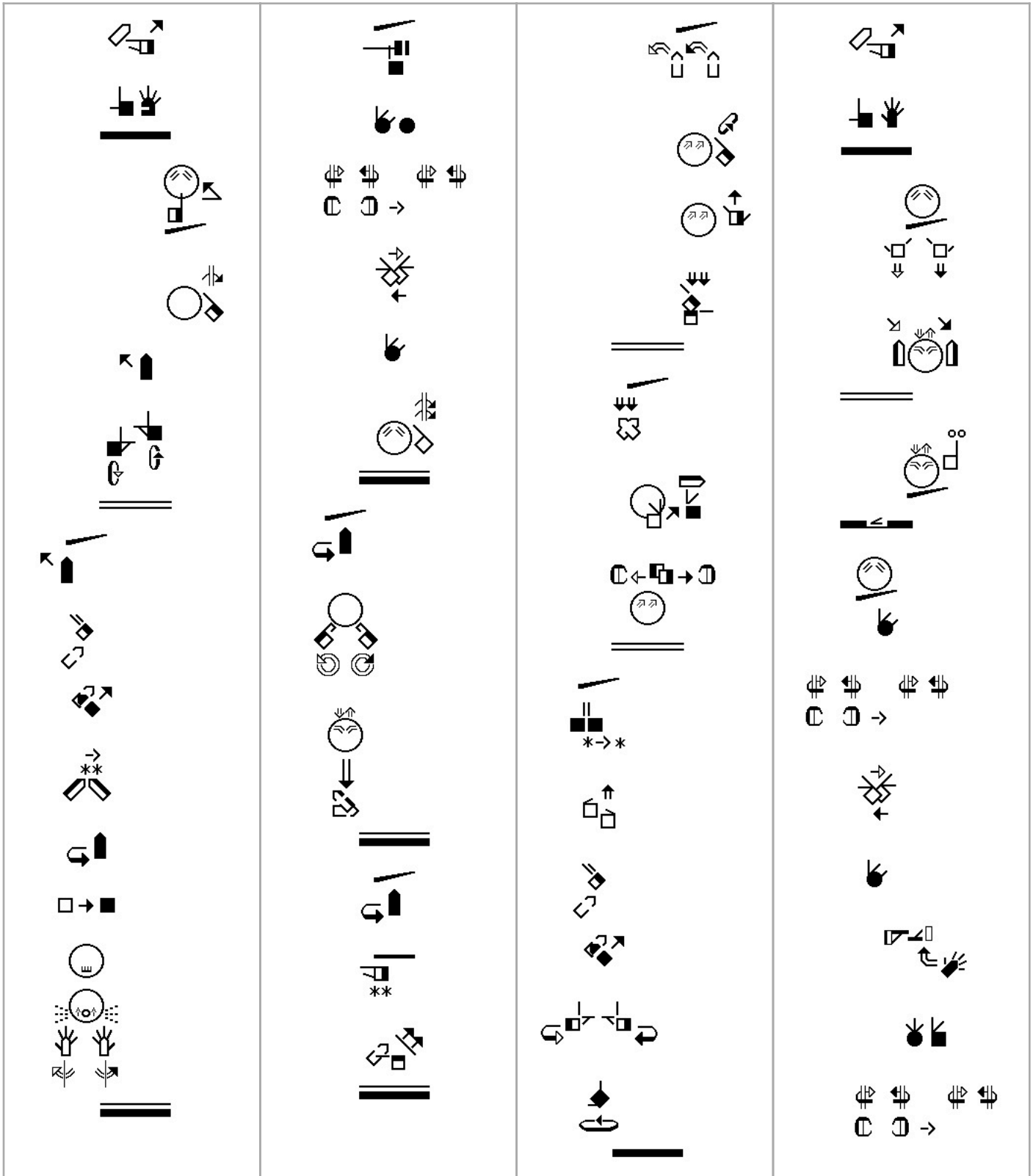


224 pleading with the LORD my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. Verse 21. As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. Verse 22. He explained to me, "Daniel, I have come here NLT

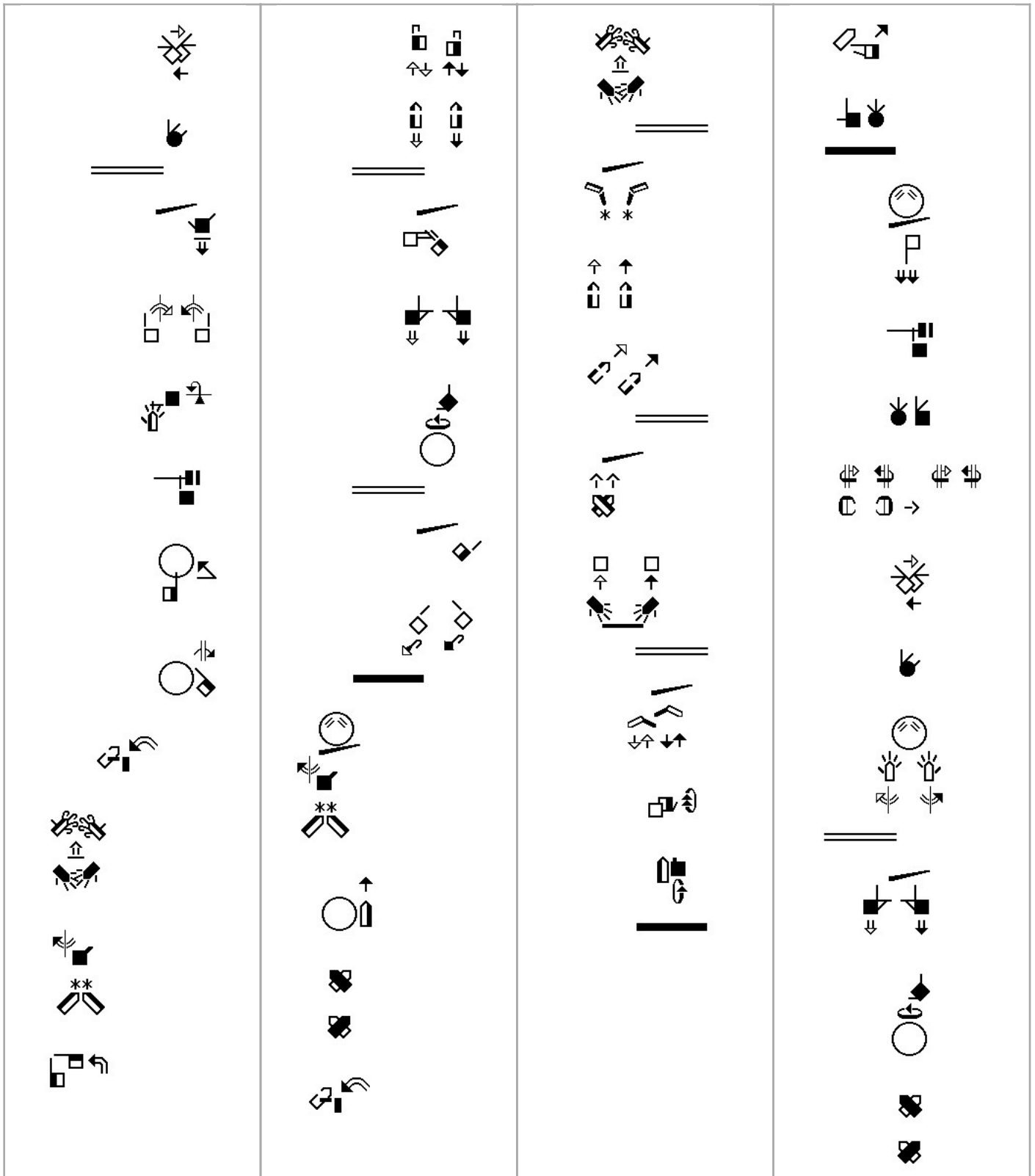


to give you insight and understanding. Verse 23. The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision. NLT

Daniel 9:24-25



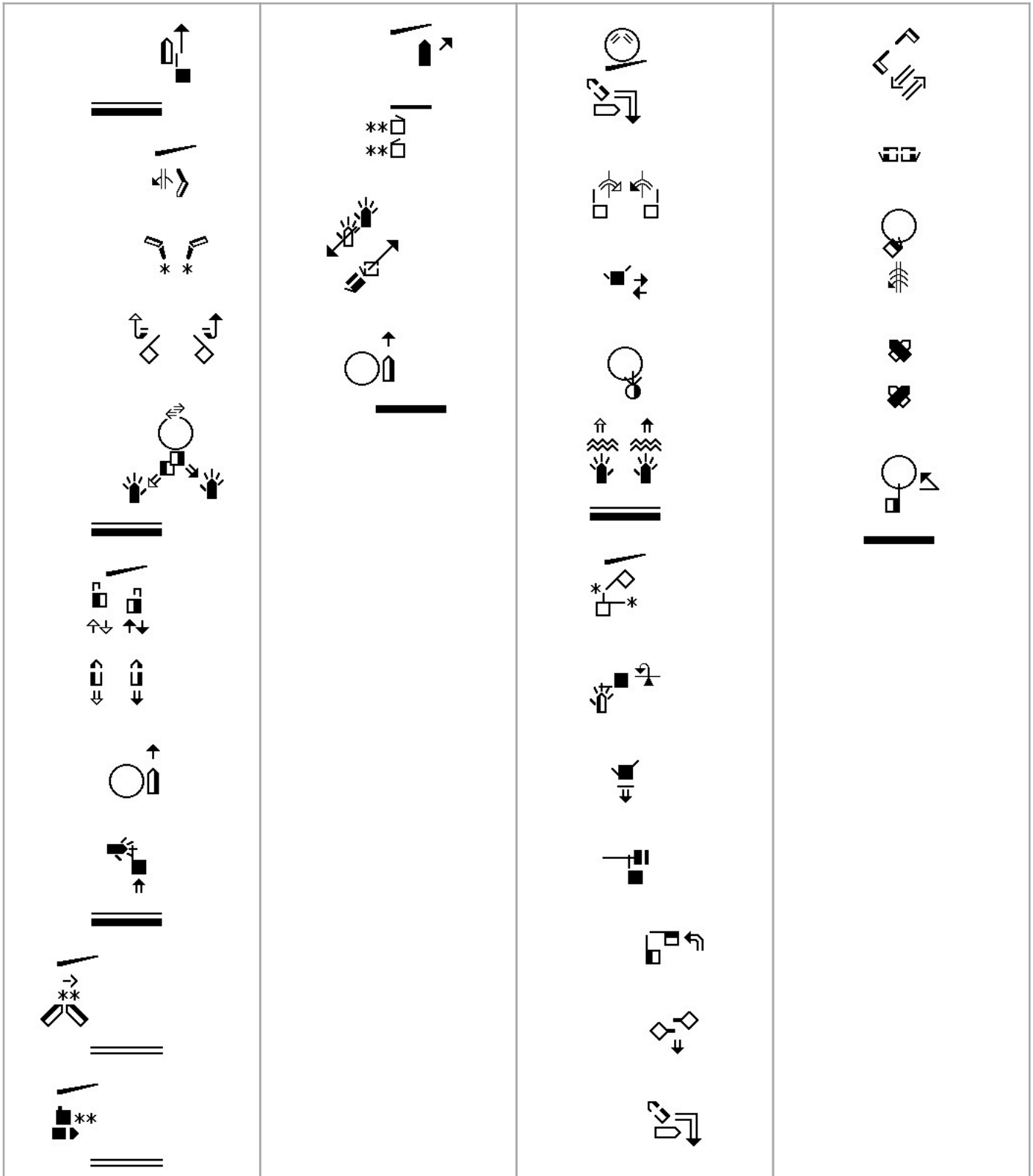
Verse 24. "A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. Verse 25. Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets NLT



of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler -- the Anointed One -- comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times. Verse 26. "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will

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Daniel 9:26

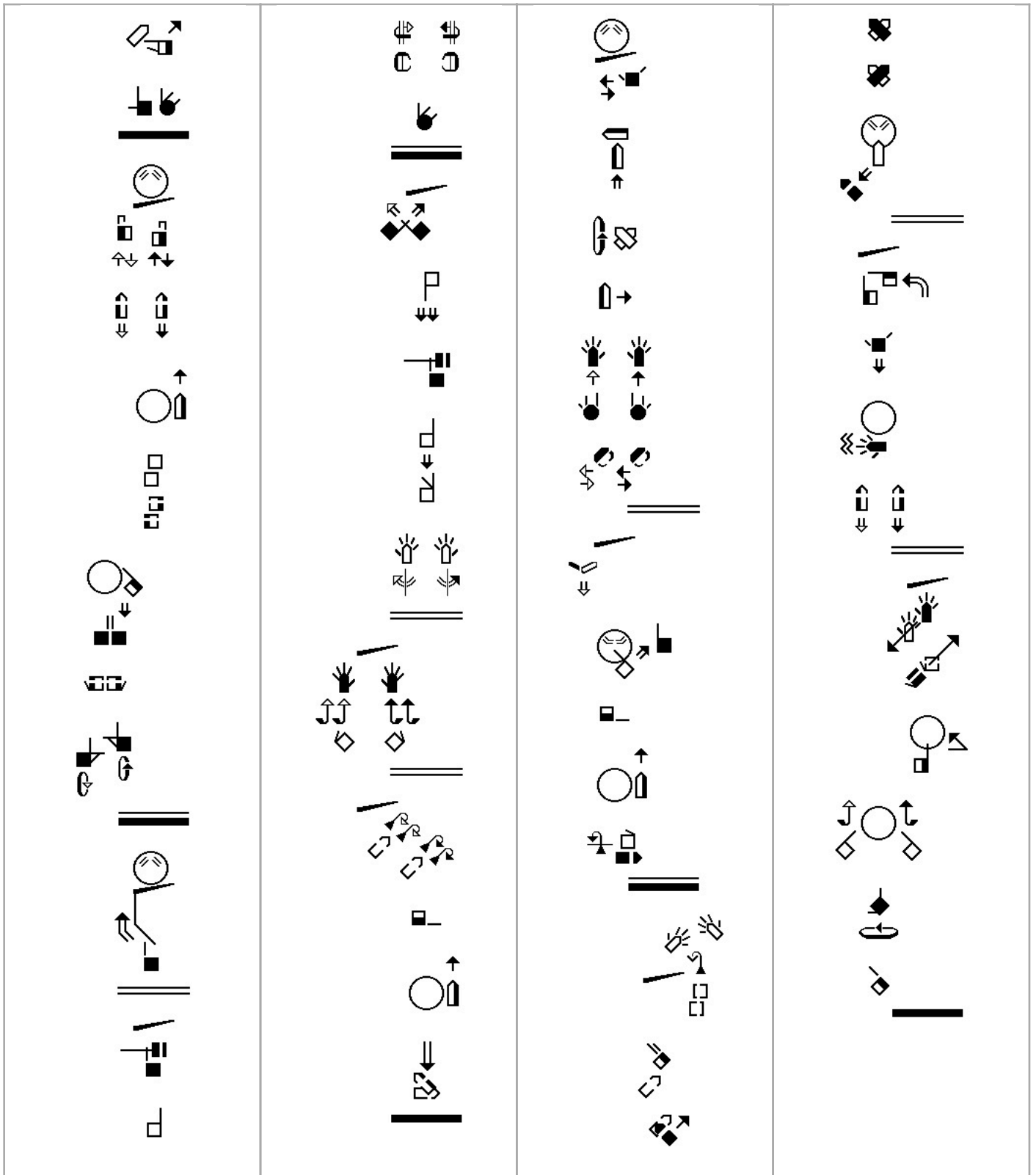


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be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end.

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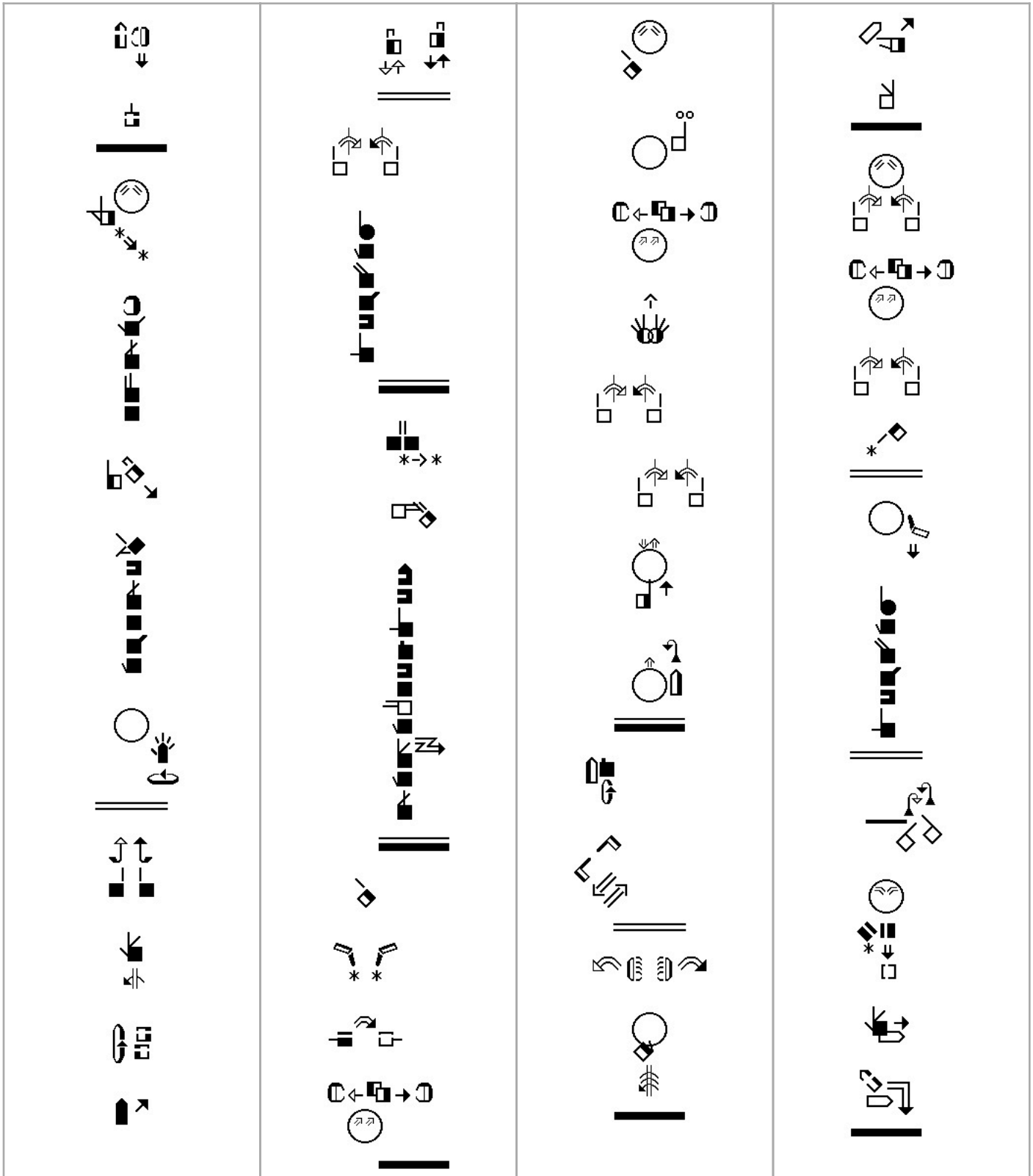




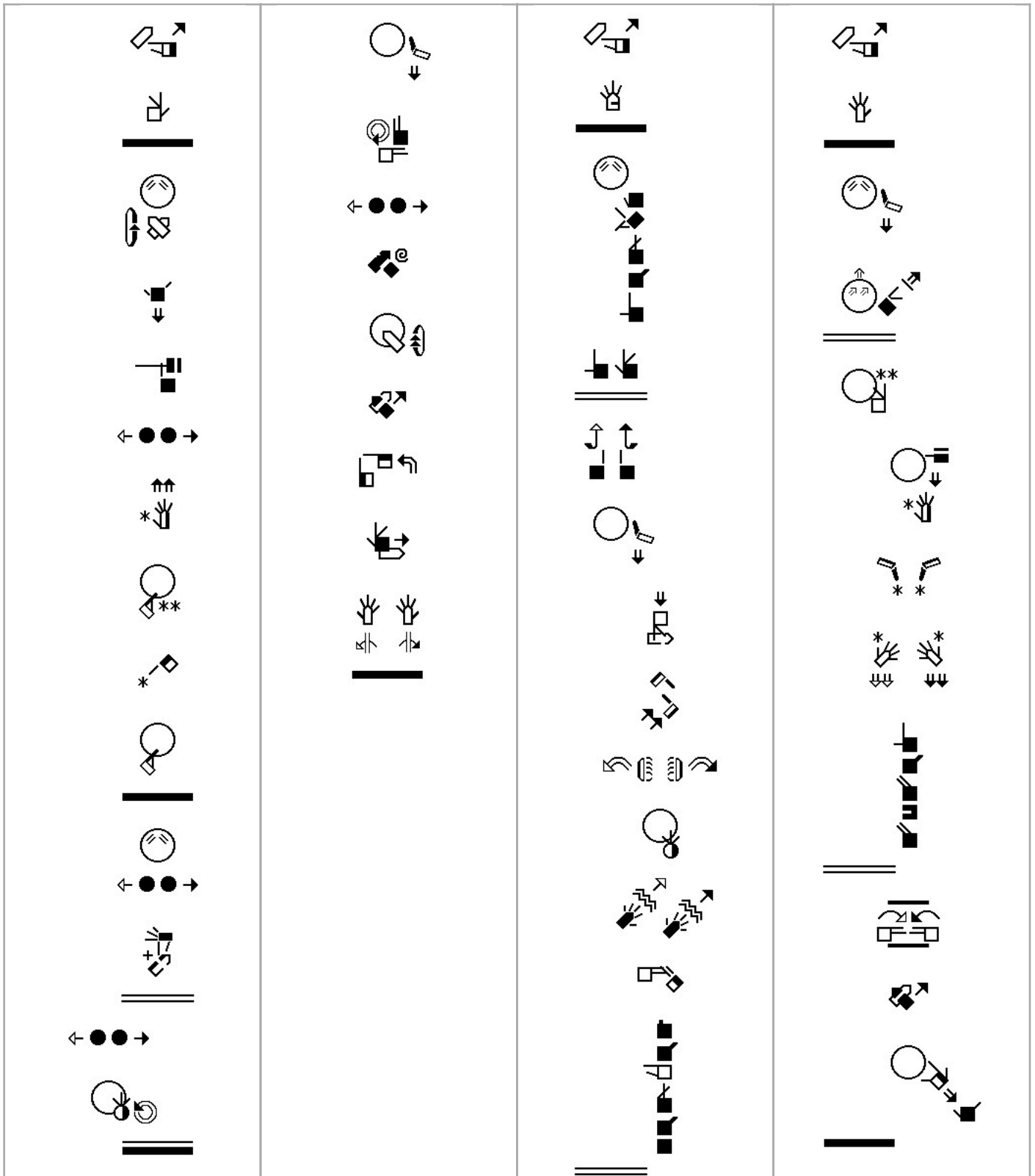
Verse 27. The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

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Daniel 10:1-2



Chapter 10. In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future -- times of war and great hardship. Verse 2. When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. NLT



Verse 3. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed. Verse 4. On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, Verse 5. I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist.

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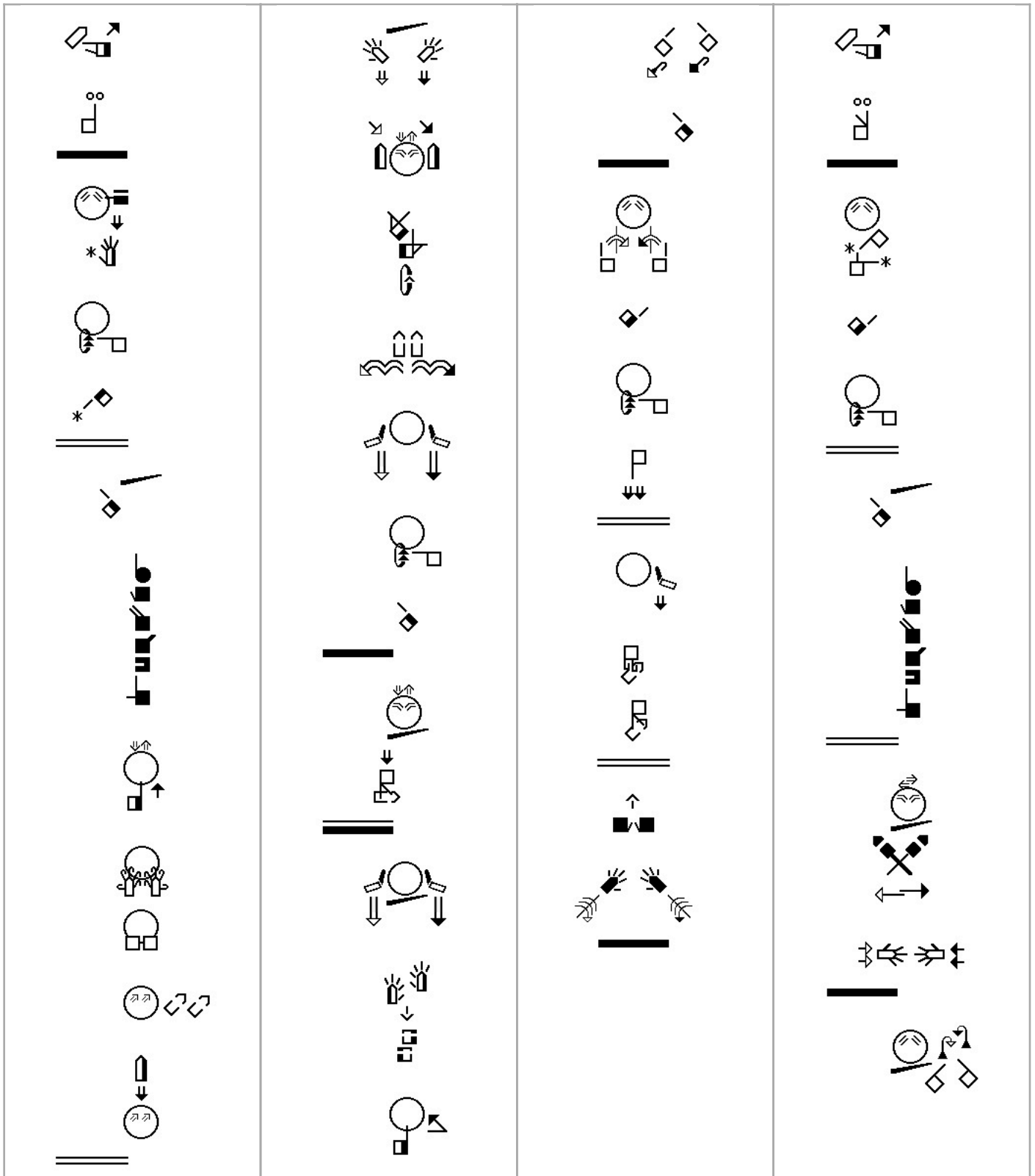
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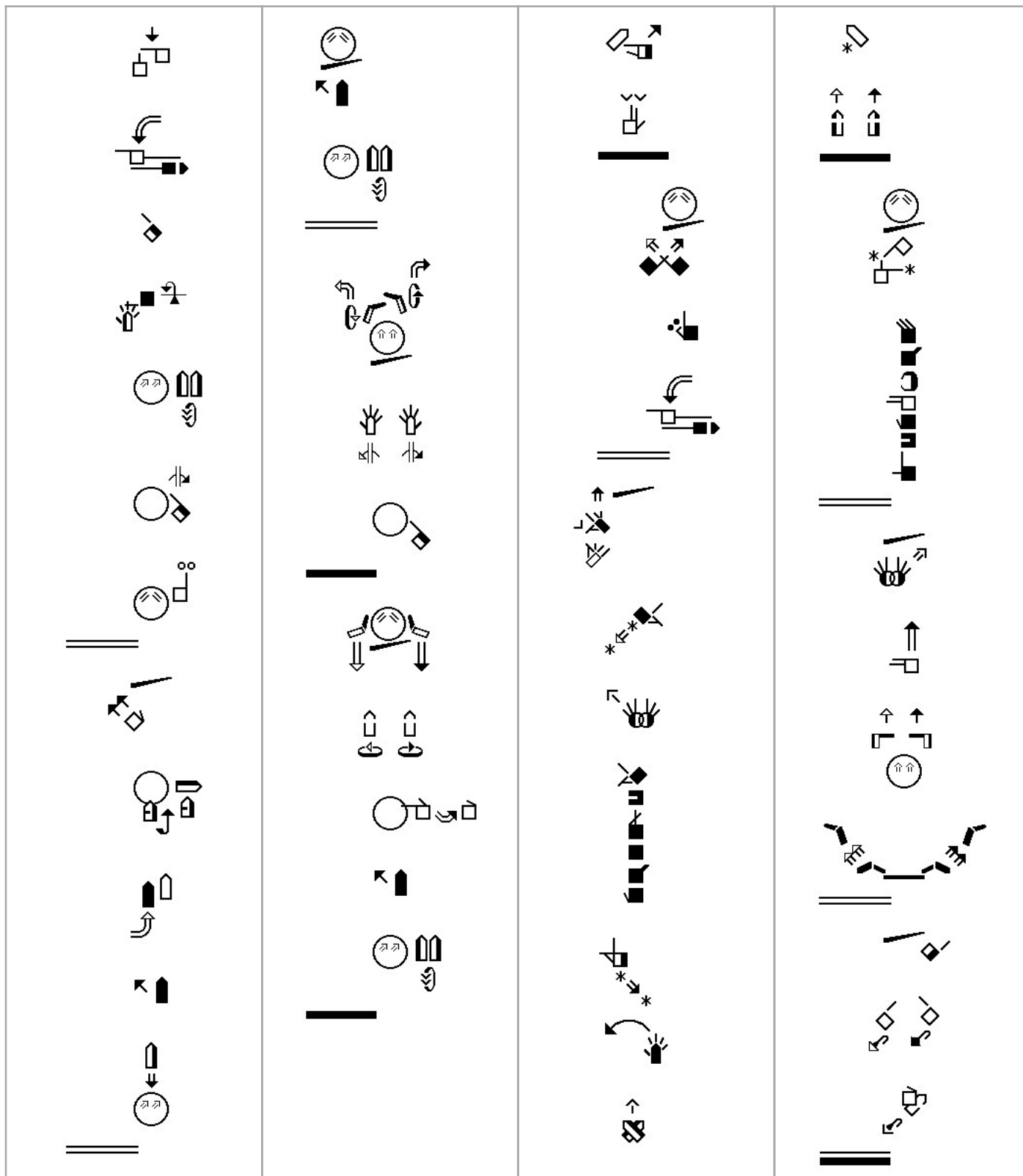
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Verse 11. And the man said to me, "Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you." When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling. Verse 12. Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since

Daniel 10:12-13



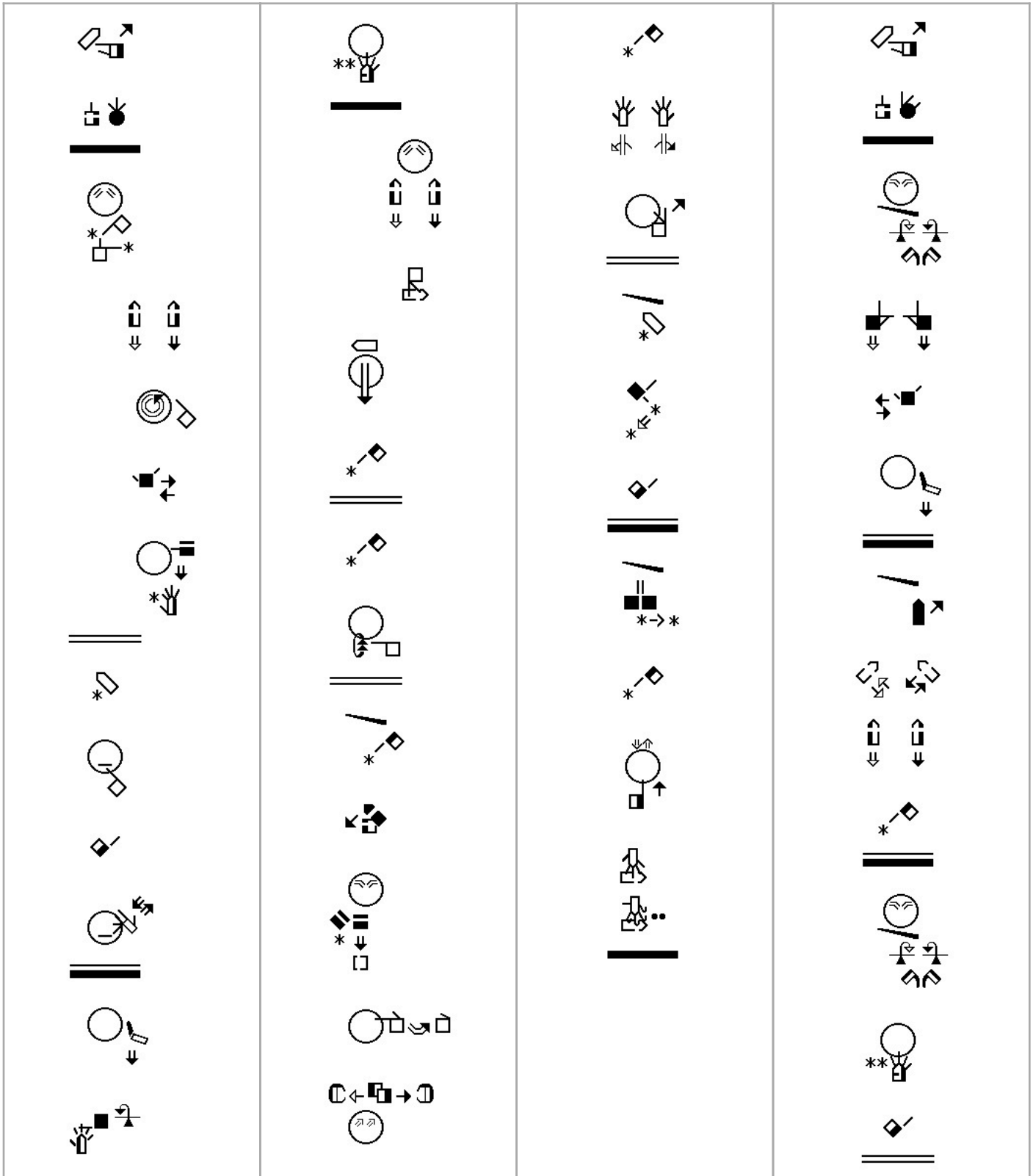
the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. Verse 13. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me,



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and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Verse 14. Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come." Verse 15. While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word.

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Verse 16. Then the one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing in front of me, "I am filled with anguish because of the vision I have seen, my lord, and I am very weak. Verse 17. How can someone like me, your servant, talk to you, NLT

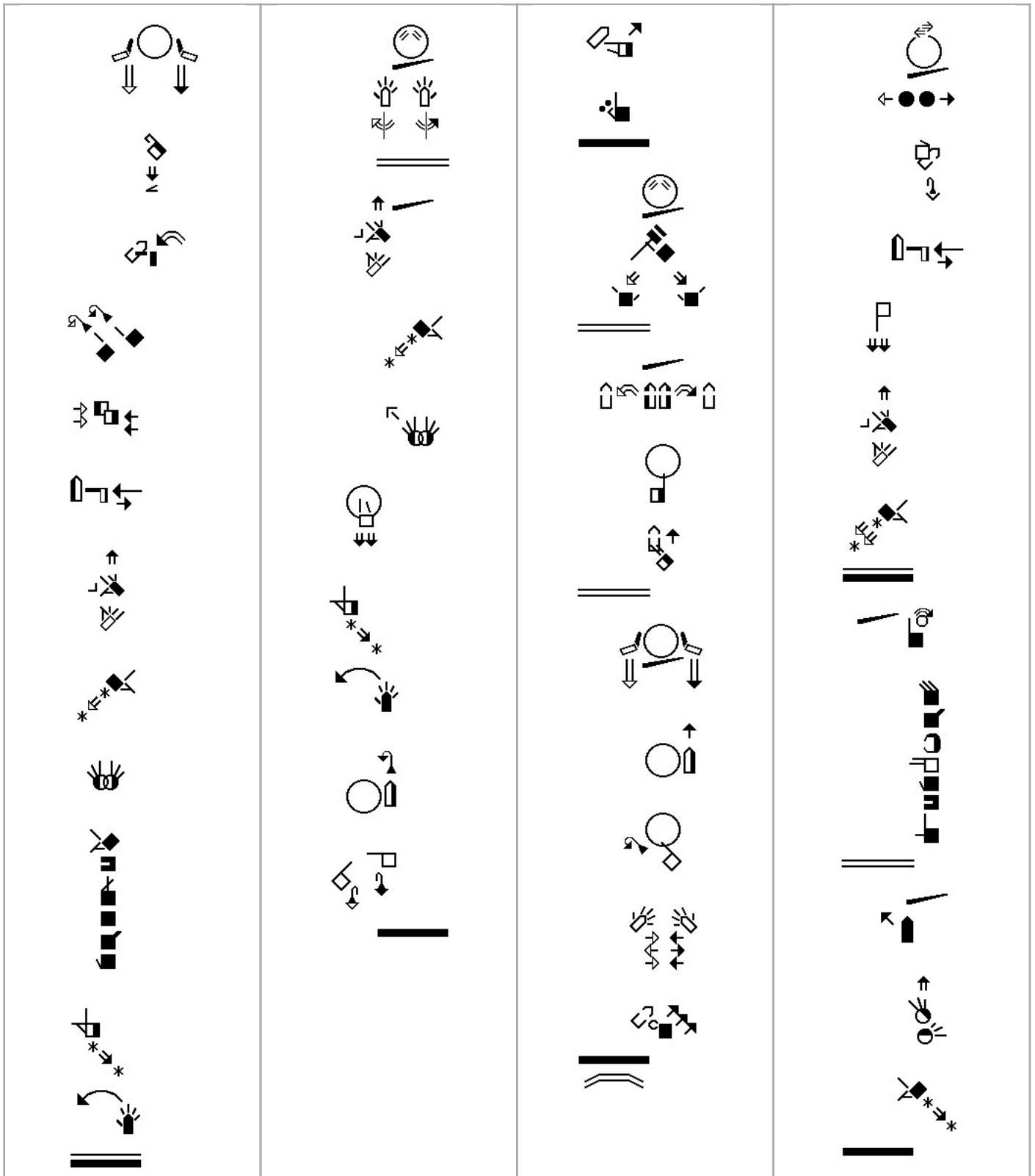
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my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe." Verse 18. Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. Verse 19. "Don't be afraid," he said, "for you are very precious to God. NLT

Daniel 10:19-20

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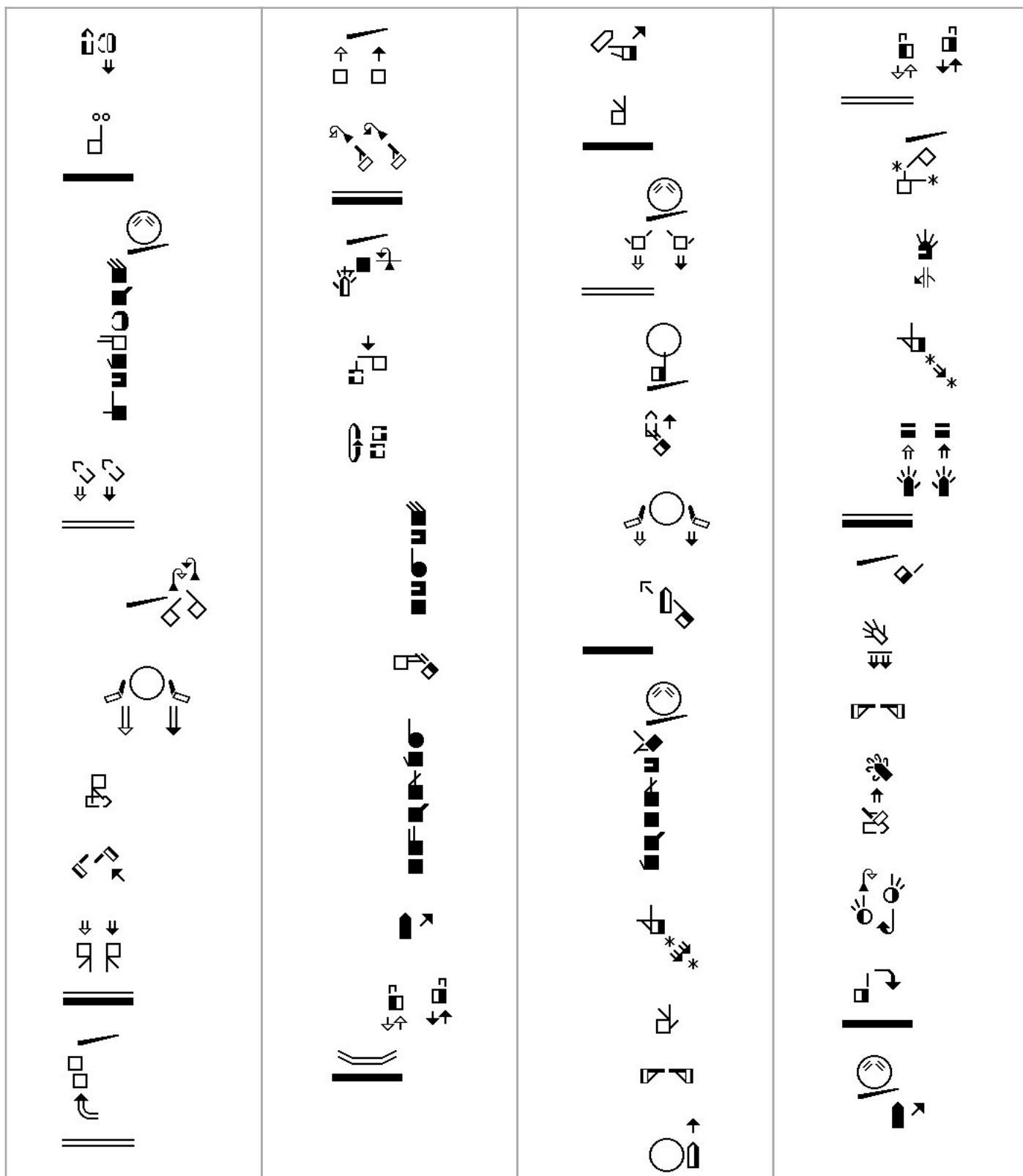
240 Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!" As he spoke these words to me, I suddenly felt stronger and said to him, "Please speak to me, my lord, for you have strengthened me." Verse 20. He replied, "Do you know why I have come? Soon NLT



I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come. Verse 21. Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince.

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Daniel 11:1-2



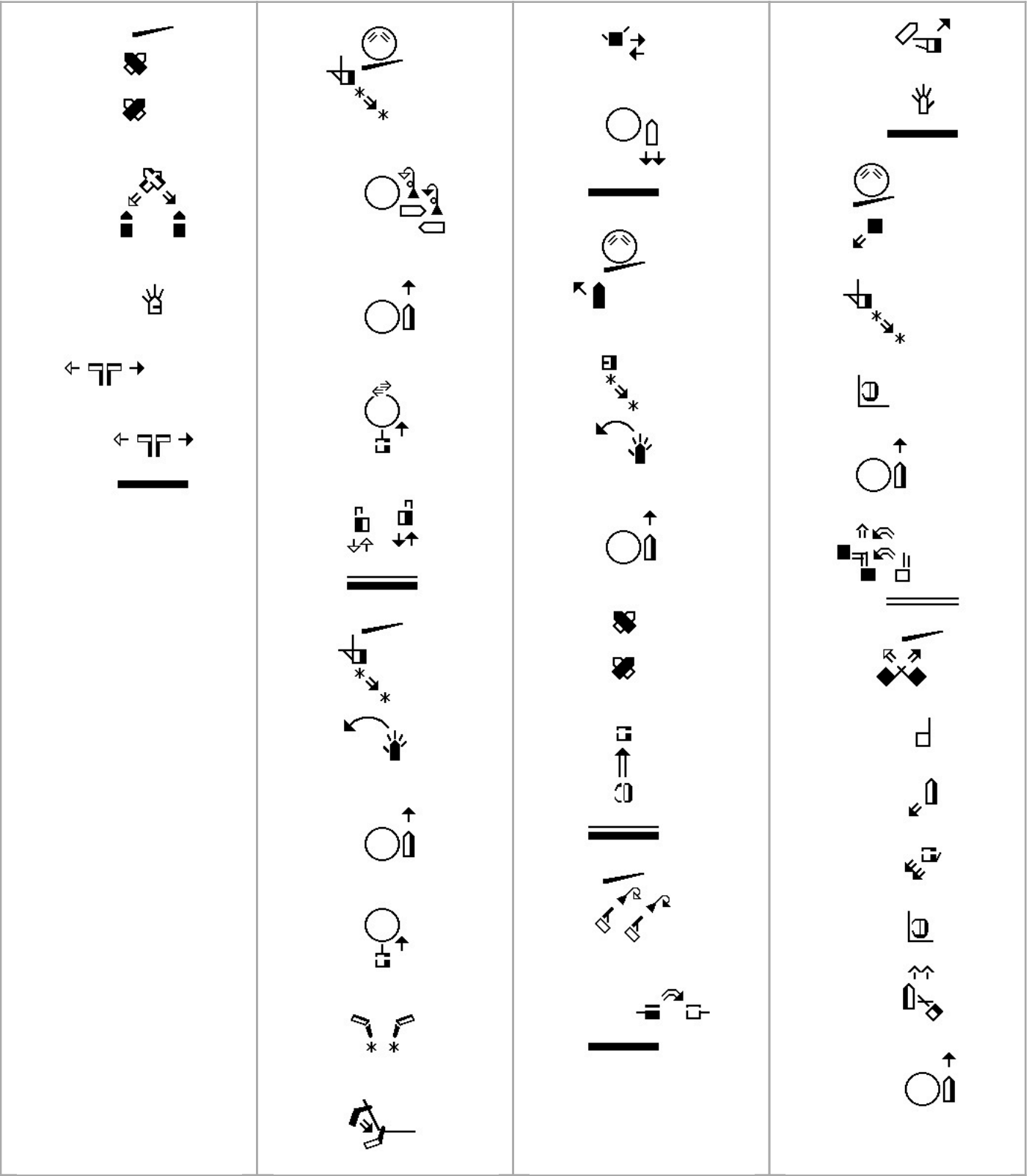
Chapter 11. I have been standing beside Michael to support and strengthen him since the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede.) Verse 2. "Now then, I will reveal the truth to you. Three more Persian kings will reign, to be succeeded by a fourth, far richer than the others.

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He will use his wealth to stir up everyone to fight against the kingdom of Greece. Verse 3. "Then a mighty king will rise to power who will rule with great authority and accomplish everything he sets out to do. Verse 4. But at the height of his power, his kingdom will be broken apart  
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Daniel 11:4-5



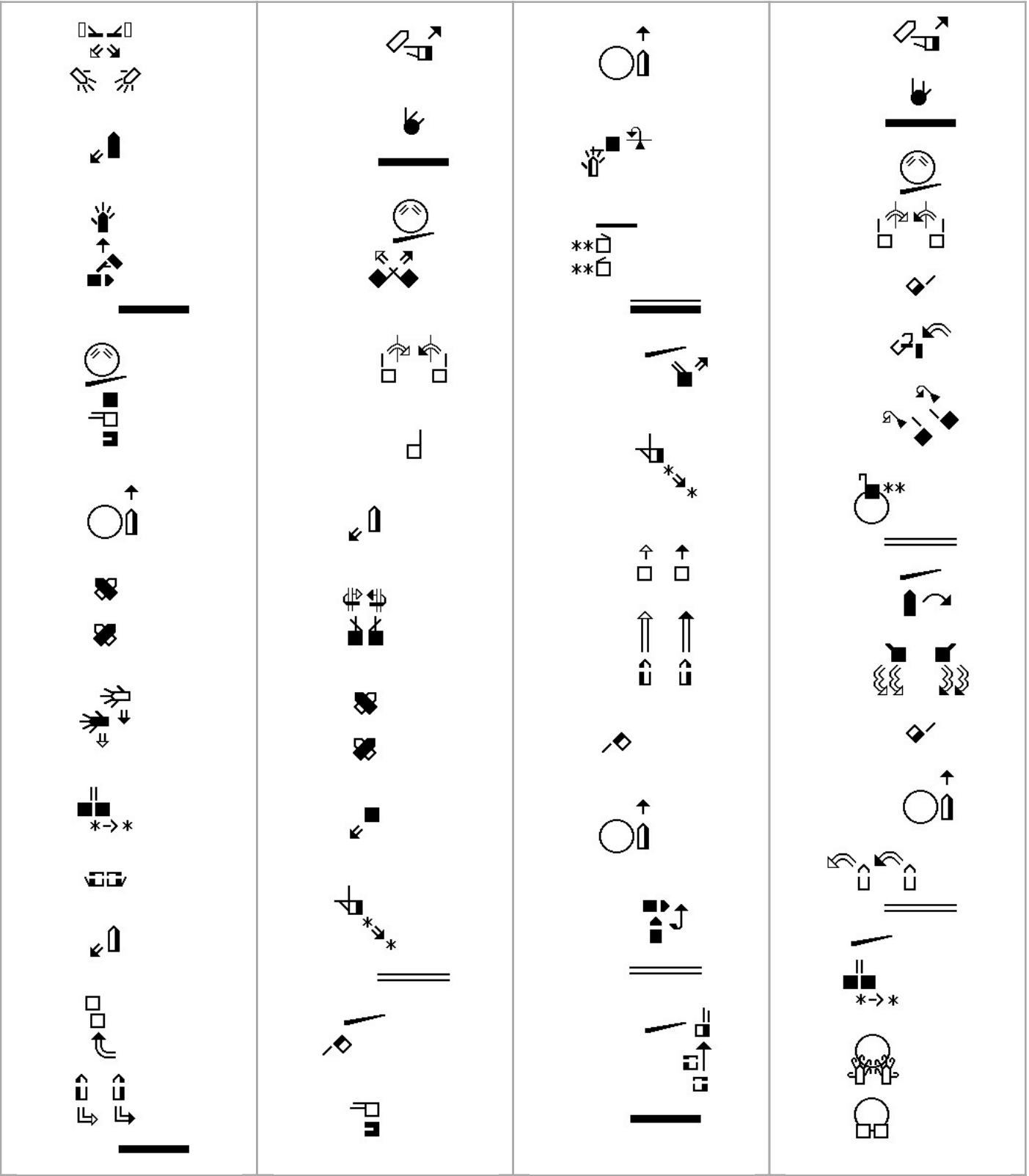
and divided into four parts. It will not be ruled by the king's descendants, nor will the kingdom hold the authority it once had. For his empire will be uprooted and given to others. Verse 5. "The king of the south will increase in power, but one of his own officials will



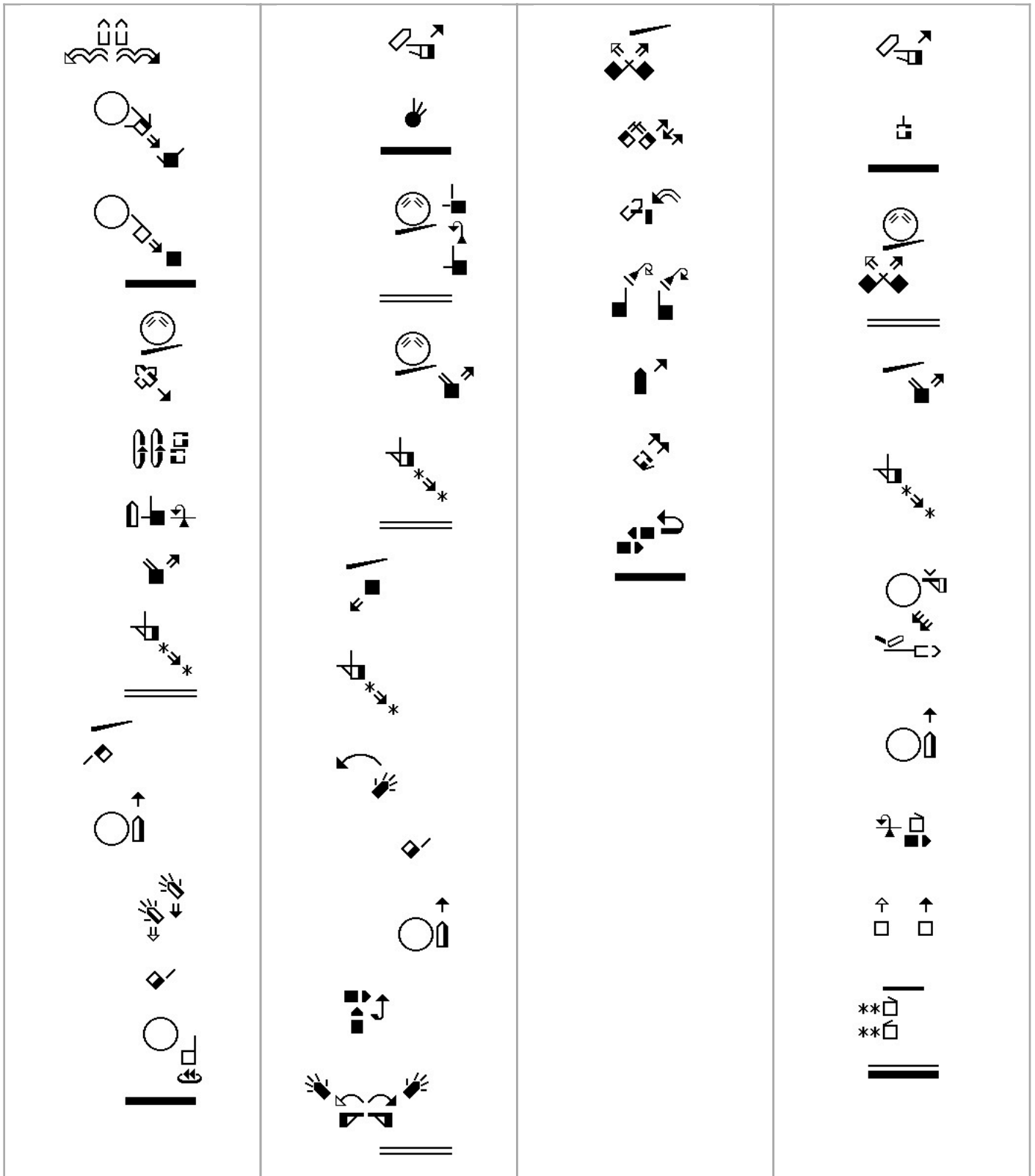
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become more powerful than he and will rule his kingdom with great strength. Verse 6. "Some years later an alliance will be formed between the king of the north and the king of the south. The daughter of the king of the south will be given in marriage to the king of the north to secure the alliance, but she will lose her influence over him, and so will her father. NLT

Daniel 11:6-8

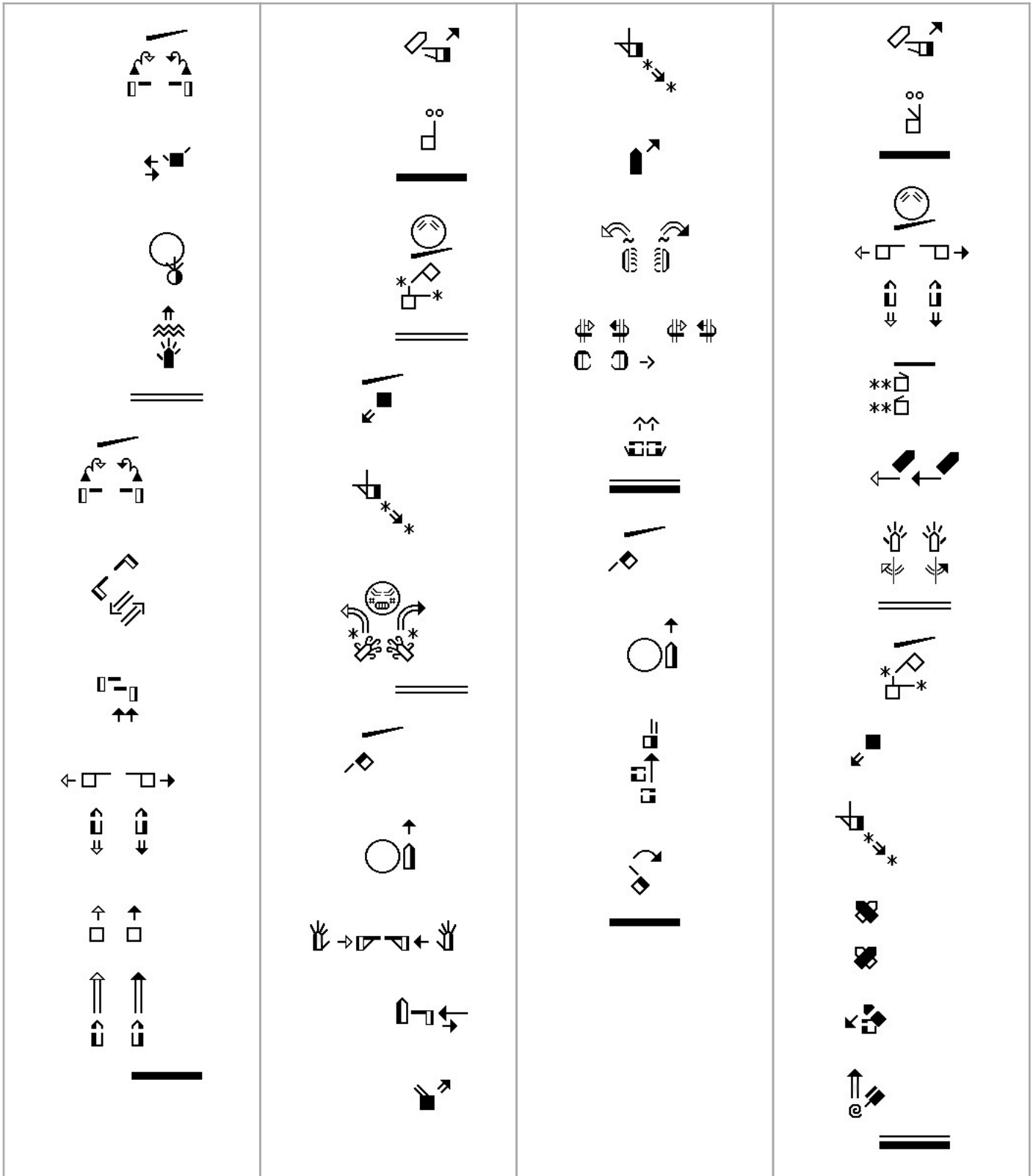


She will be abandoned along with her supporters. Verse 7. But when one of her relatives becomes king of the south, he will raise an army and enter the fortress of the king of the north and defeat him. Verse 8. When he returns to Egypt, he will carry back their idols with him, along with priceless

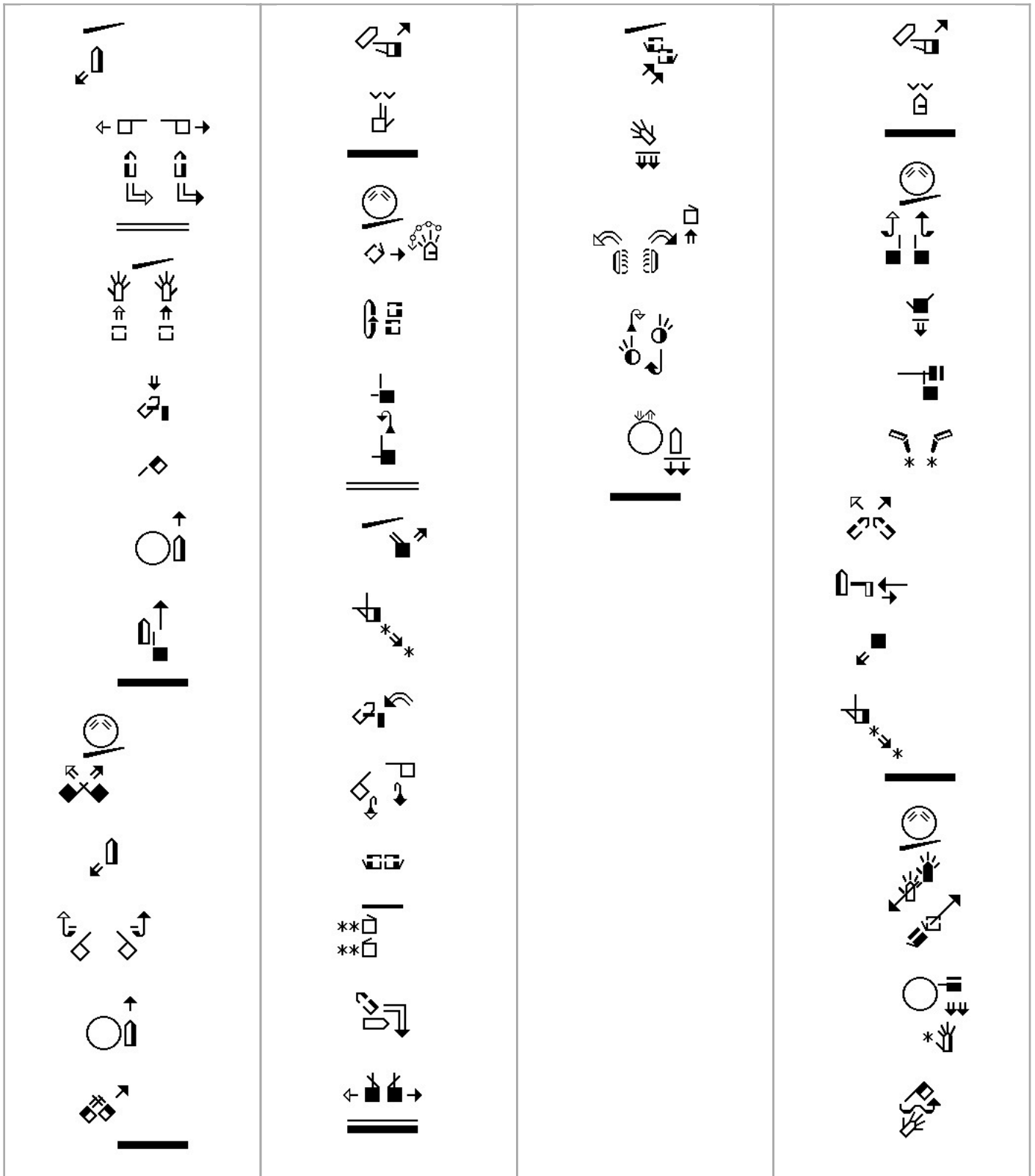


articles of gold and silver. For some years afterward he will leave the king of the north alone. Verse 9. "Later the king of the north will invade the realm of the king of the south but will soon return to his own land. Verse 10. However, the sons of the king of the north will assemble a mighty army  
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Daniel 11:10-12



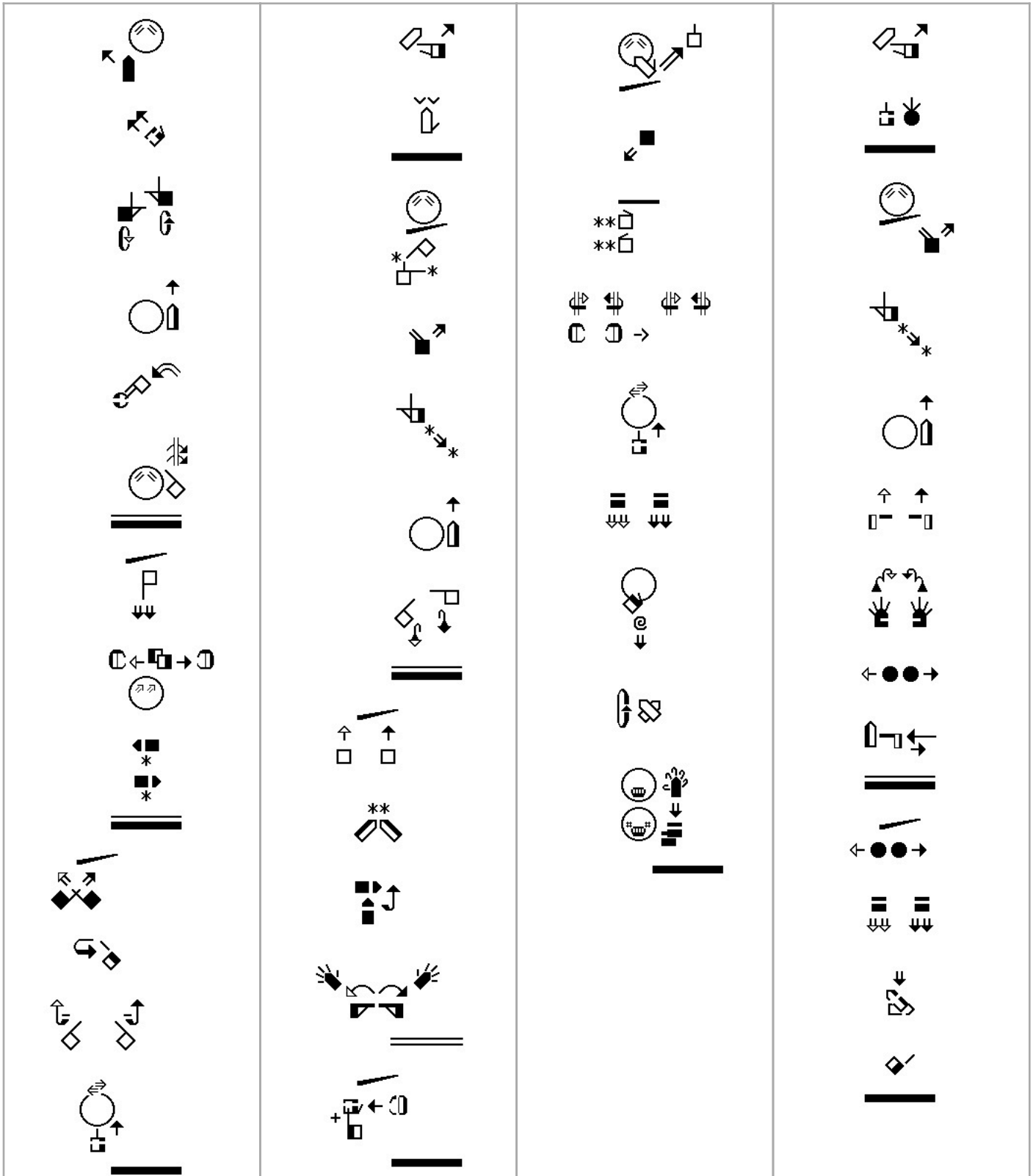
that will advance like a flood and carry the battle as far as the enemy's fortress. Verse 11. "Then, in a rage, the king of the south will rally against the vast forces assembled by the king of the north and will defeat them. Verse 12. After the enemy army is swept away, the king of the south will be filled with pride NLT



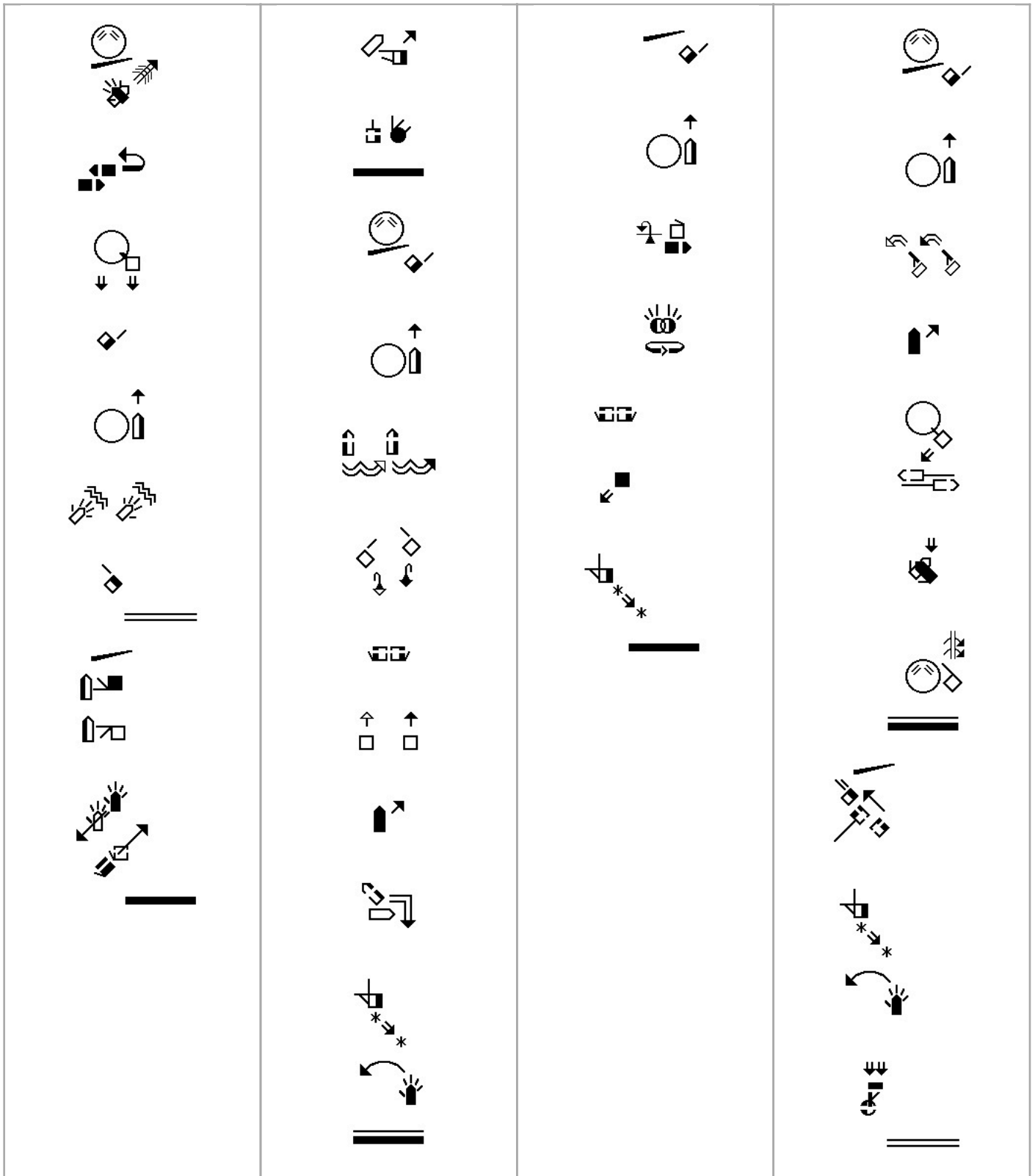
and will execute many thousands of his enemies. But his success will be short lived. Verse 13. "A few years later the king of the north will return with a fully equipped army far greater than before. Verse 14. At that time there will be a general uprising against the king of the south. Violent men among

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Daniel 11:14-16



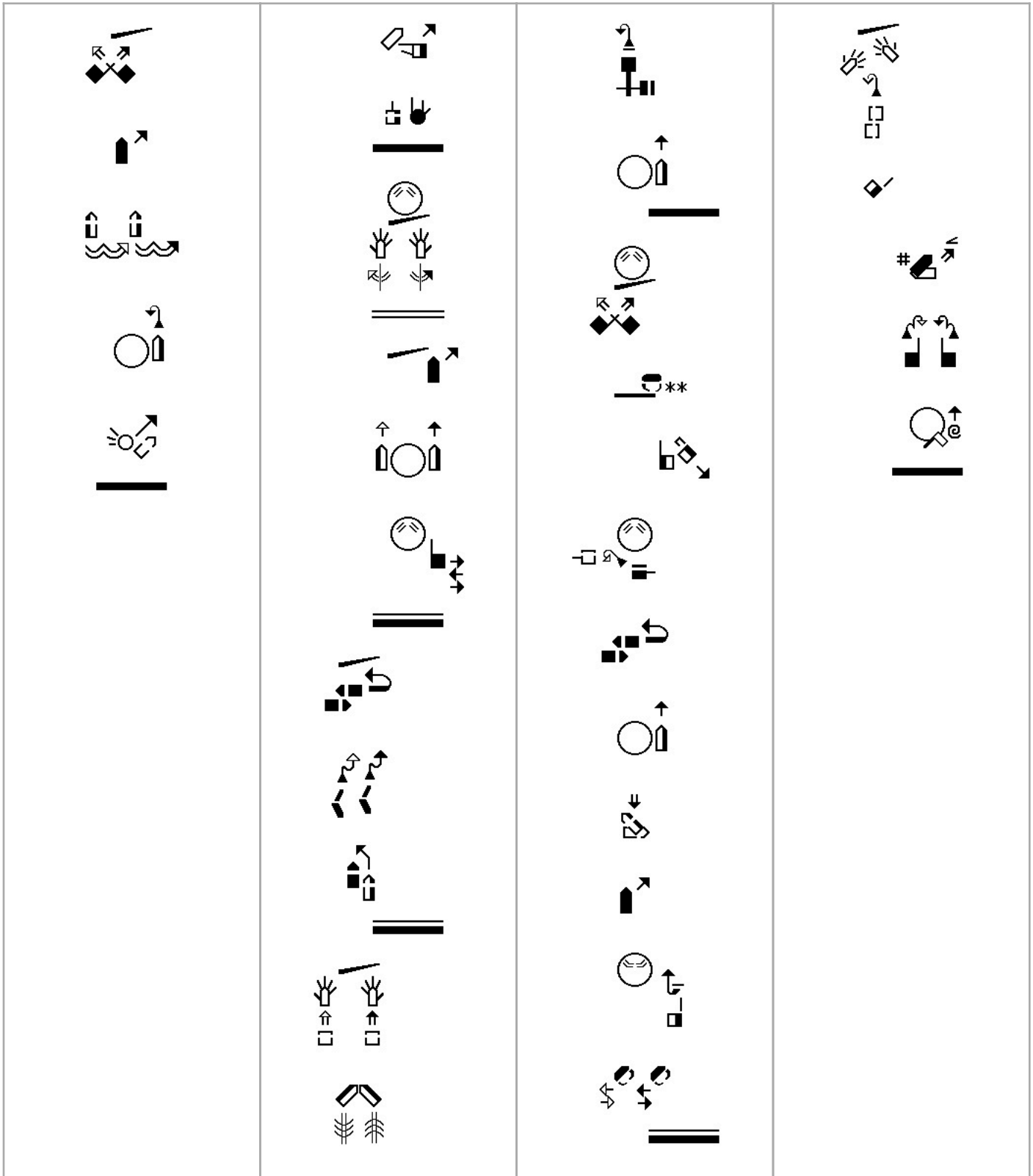
250 your own people will join them in fulfillment of this vision, but they will not succeed. Verse 15. Then the king of the north will come and lay siege to a fortified city and capture it. The best troops of the south will not be able to stand in the face of the onslaught. Verse 16. "The king of the north will march onward unopposed; none will be able to stop him. NLT



He will pause in the glorious land of Israel, intent on destroying it. Verse 17. He will make plans to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will form an alliance with the king of the south. He will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom from within,

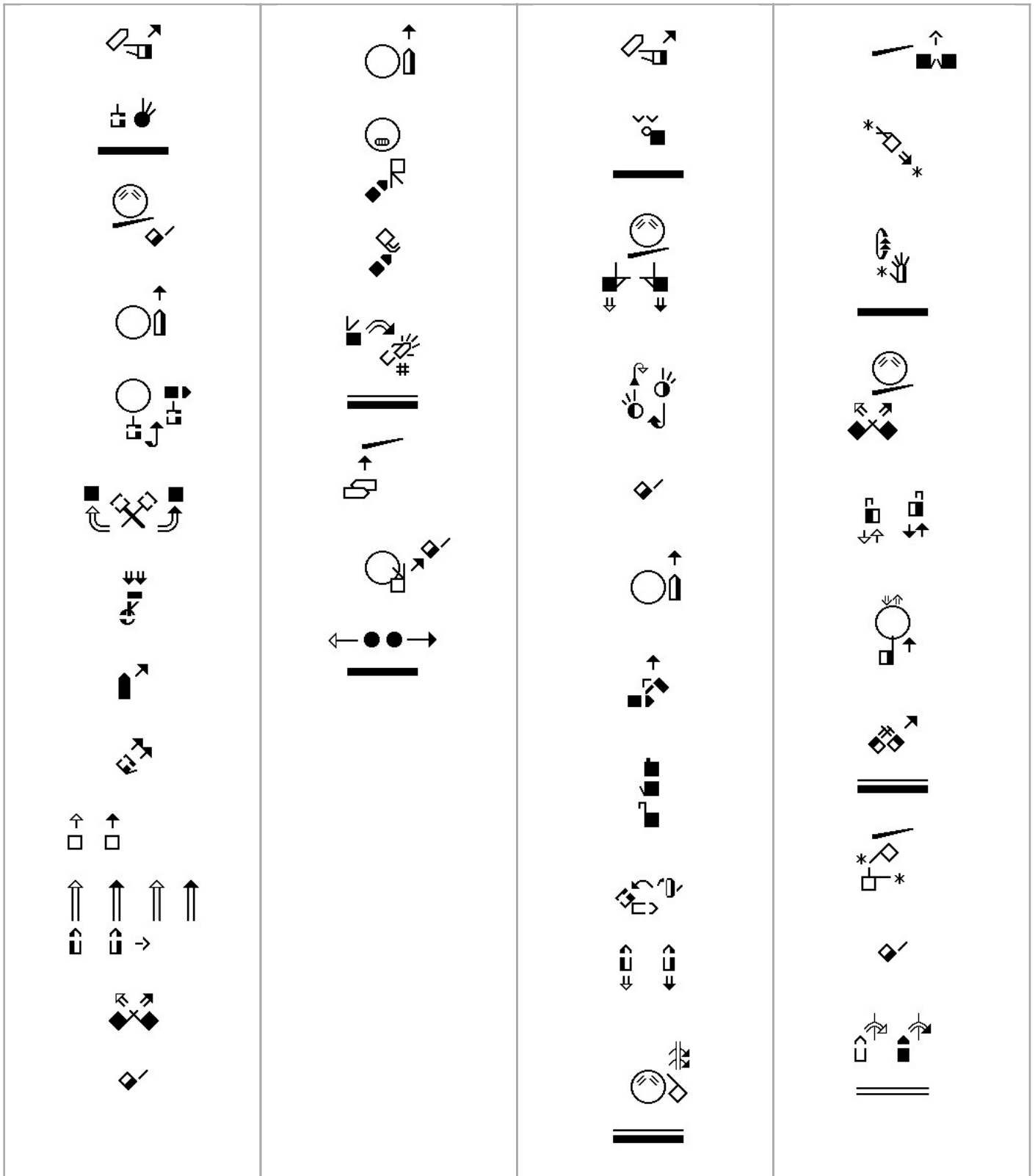
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Daniel 11:17-18



252 but his plan will fail. Verse 18. "After this, he will turn his attention to the coastland and conquer many cities. But a commander from another land will put an end to his insolence and cause him to retreat in shame. NLT





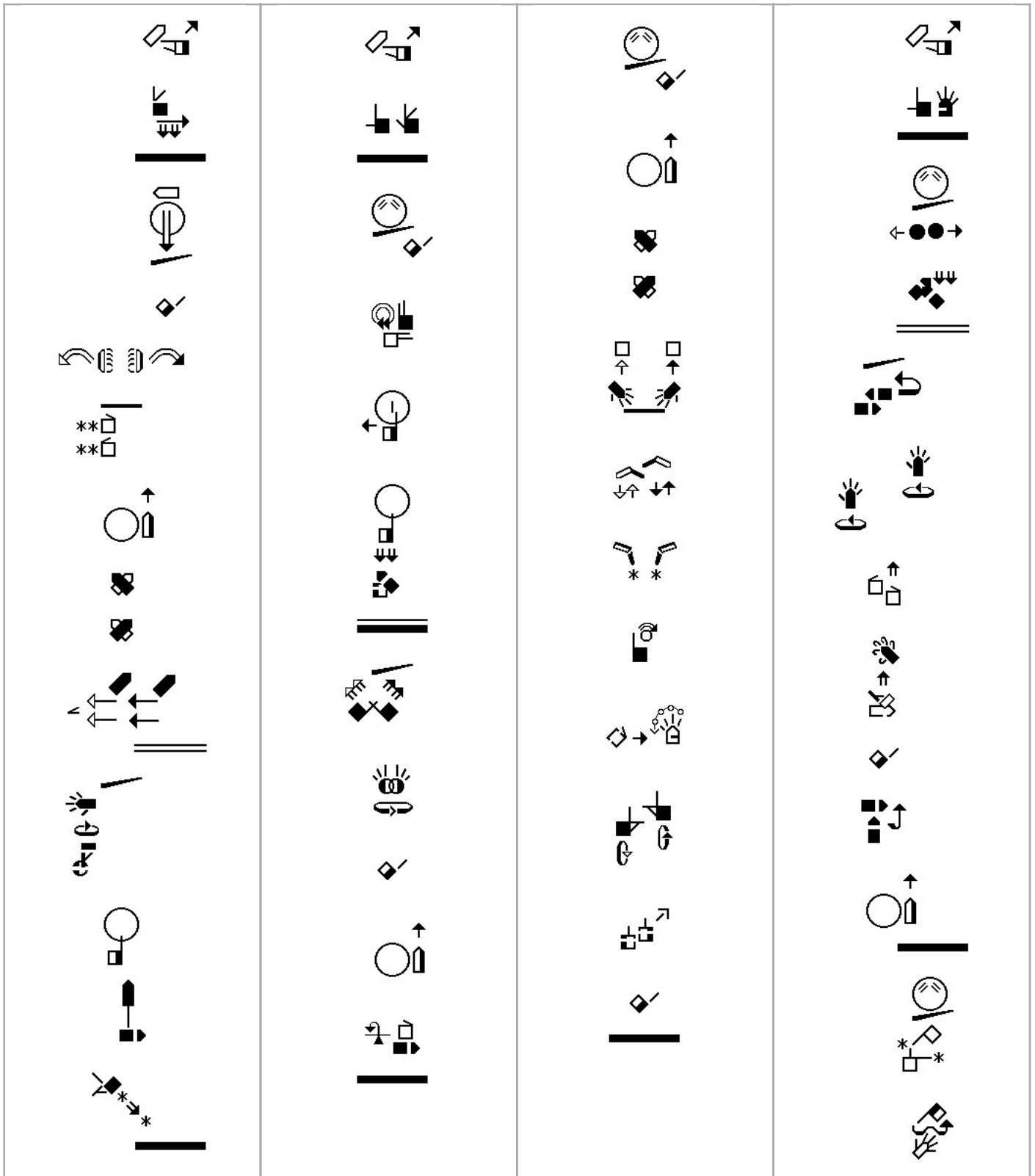
Verse 19. He will take refuge in his own fortresses but will stumble and fall and be seen no more. Verse 20. "His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. But after a very brief reign, he will die,

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Daniel 11:20-21

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though not from anger or in battle. Verse 21. "The next to come to power will be a despicable man who is not in line for royal succession. He will slip in when least expected and take over the kingdom by flattery and intrigue. NLT



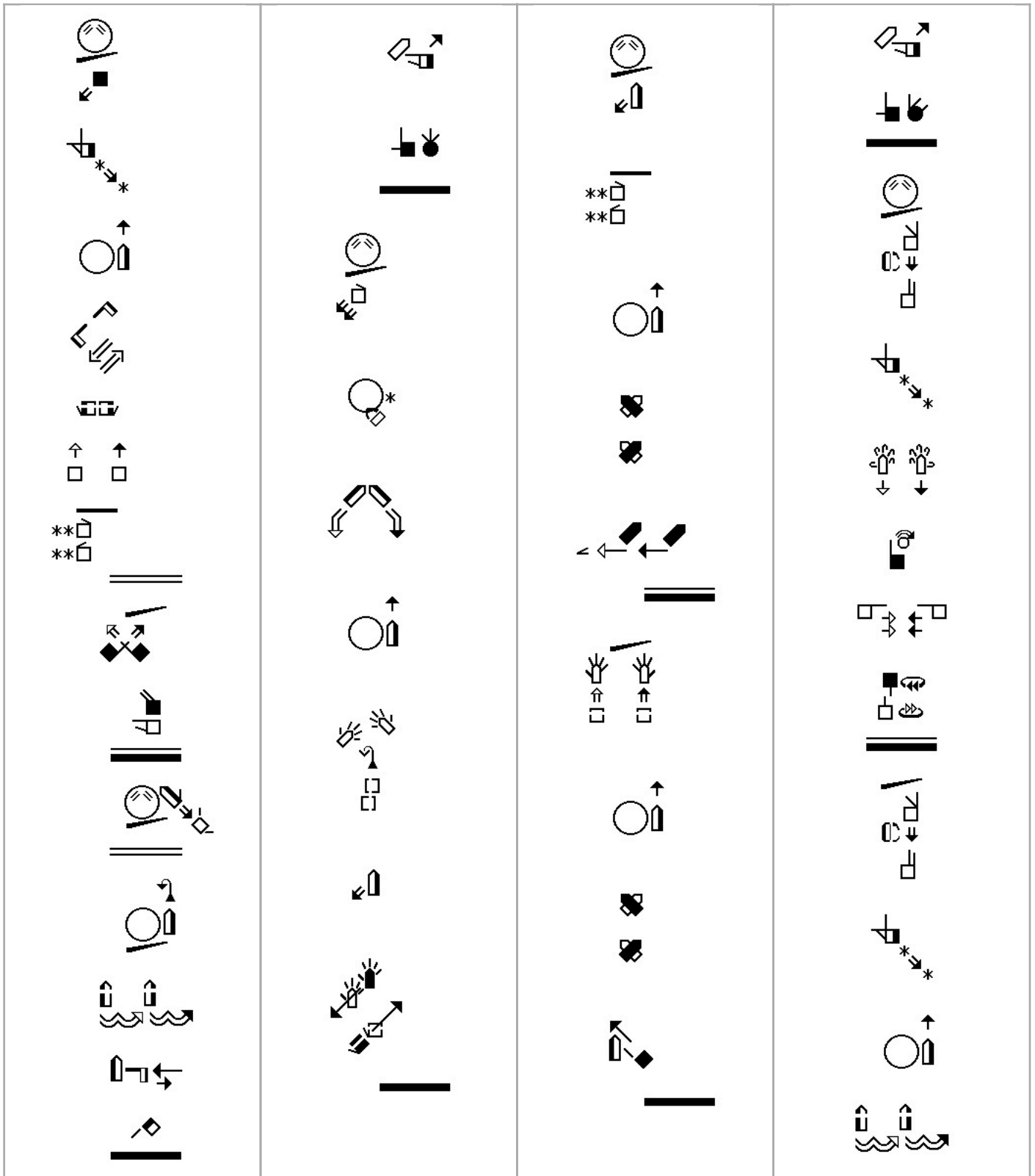
Verse 22. Before him great armies will be swept away, including a covenant prince.  
 Verse 23. With deceitful promises, he will make various alliances. He will become strong  
 despite having only a handful of followers. Verse 24. Without warning he will enter the  
 richest areas of the land. Then

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Daniel 11:24-25

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he will distribute among his followers the plunder and wealth of the rich -- something his predecessors had never done. He will plot the overthrow of strongholds, but this will last for only a short while. Verse 25. "Then he will stir up his courage and raise a great army against the king of the south. NLT



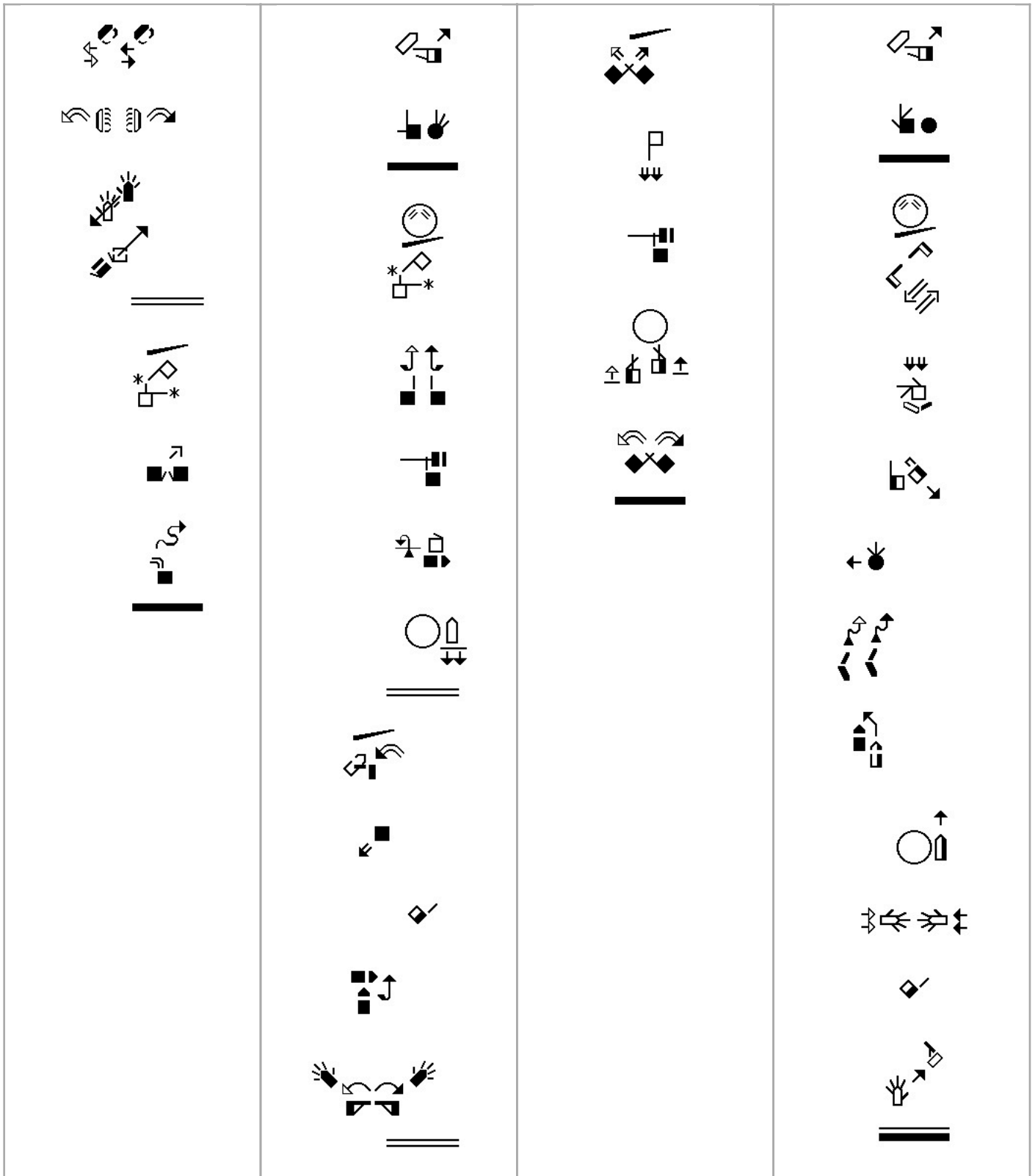
The king of the south will go to battle with a mighty army, but to no avail, for there will be plots against him. Verse 26. His own household will cause his downfall. His army will be swept away, and many will be killed. Verse 27. Seeking nothing but each other's harm, these kings will plot

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Daniel 11:27-28

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each other at the conference table, attempting to deceive each other. But it will make no difference, for the end will come at the appointed time. Verse 28. "The king of the north will then return home with great riches. On the way he will set himself against the people of the holy covenant,



doing much damage before continuing his journey. Verse 29. "Then at the appointed time he will once again invade the south, but this time the result will be different. Verse 30. For warships from western coastlands will scare him off,

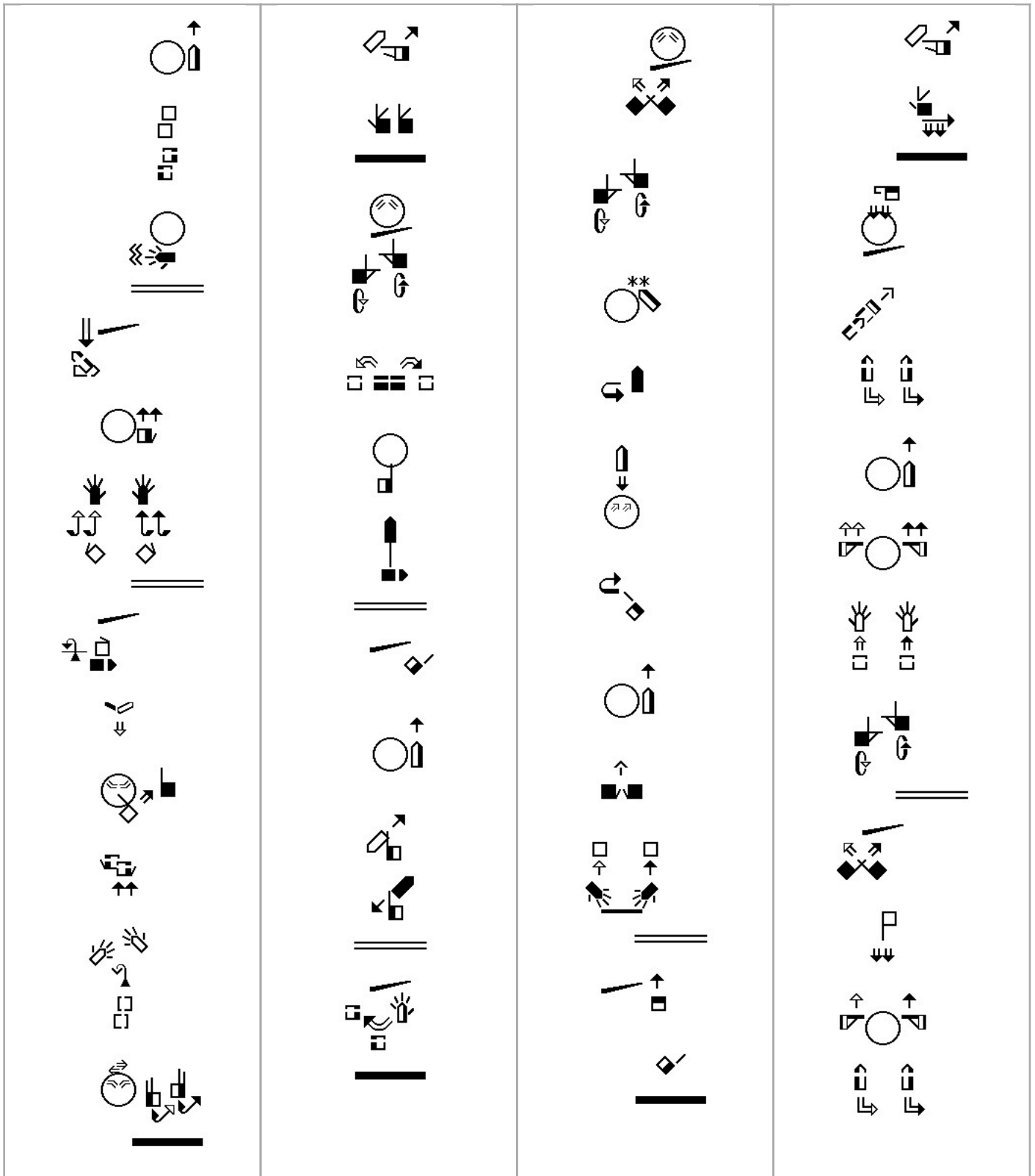
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Daniel 11:30-31

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and he will withdraw and return home. But he will vent his anger against the people of the holy covenant and reward those who forsake the covenant. Verse 31. "His army will take over the Temple fortress, pollute the sanctuary, NLT





put a stop to the daily sacrifices, and set up the sacrilegious object that causes desecration. Verse 32. He will flatter and win over those who have violated the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and will resist him. Verse 33. "Wise leaders will give instruction to many, but these teachers

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Daniel 11:33-35

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will die by fire and sword, or they will be jailed and robbed. Verse 34. During these persecutions, little help will arrive, and many who join them will not be sincere. Verse 35. And some of the wise will fall victim to persecution. In this way, they will be NLT

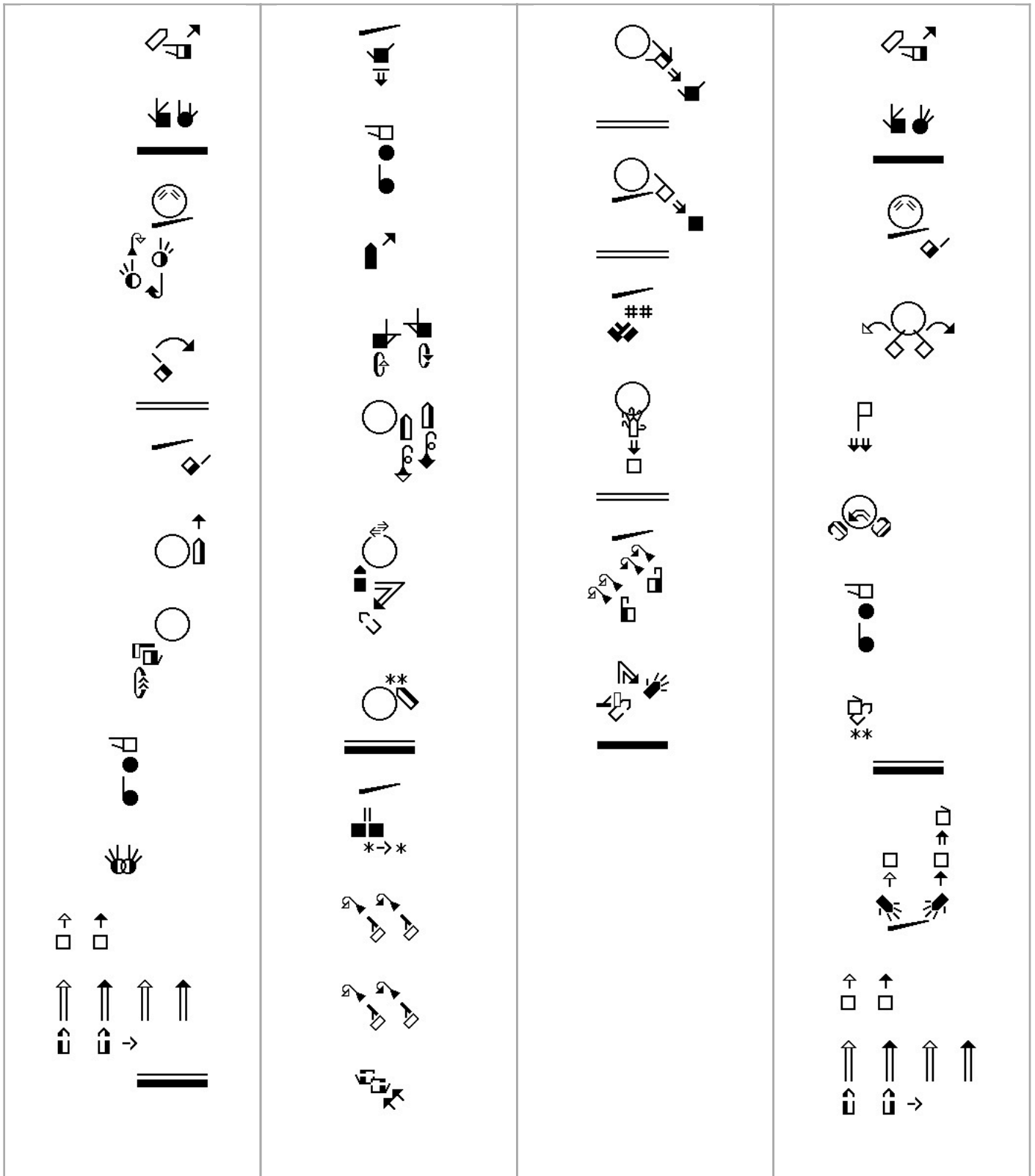
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refined and cleansed and made pure until the time of the end, for the appointed time is still to come. Verse 36. "The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. NLT

Daniel 11:36-37

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264 For what has been determined will surely take place. Verse 37. He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all. NLT

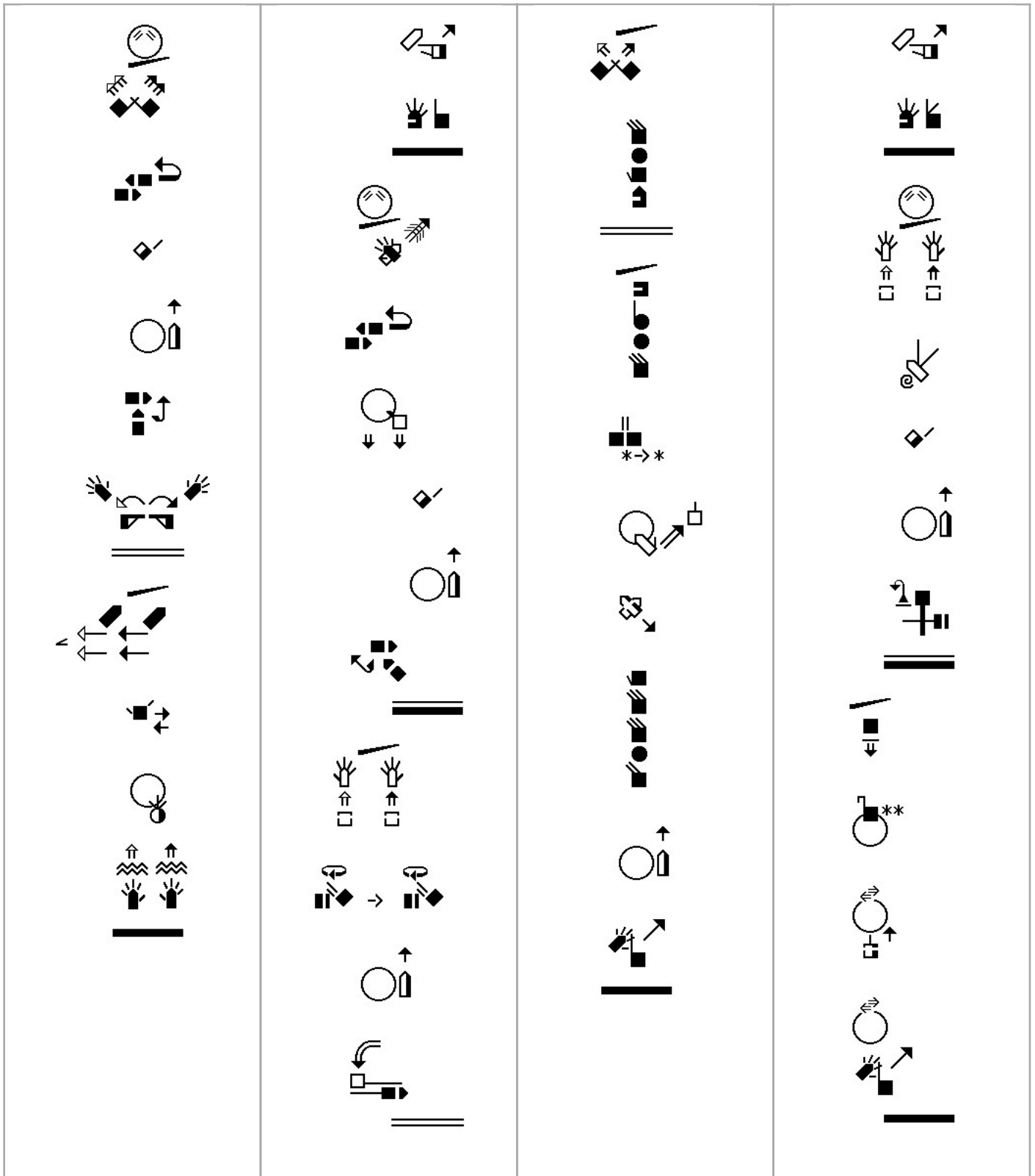


Verse 38. Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses -- a god his ancestors never knew -- and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts. Verse 39. Claiming this foreign god's help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. NLT

Daniel 11:39-40

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He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward. Verse 40. "Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. NLT

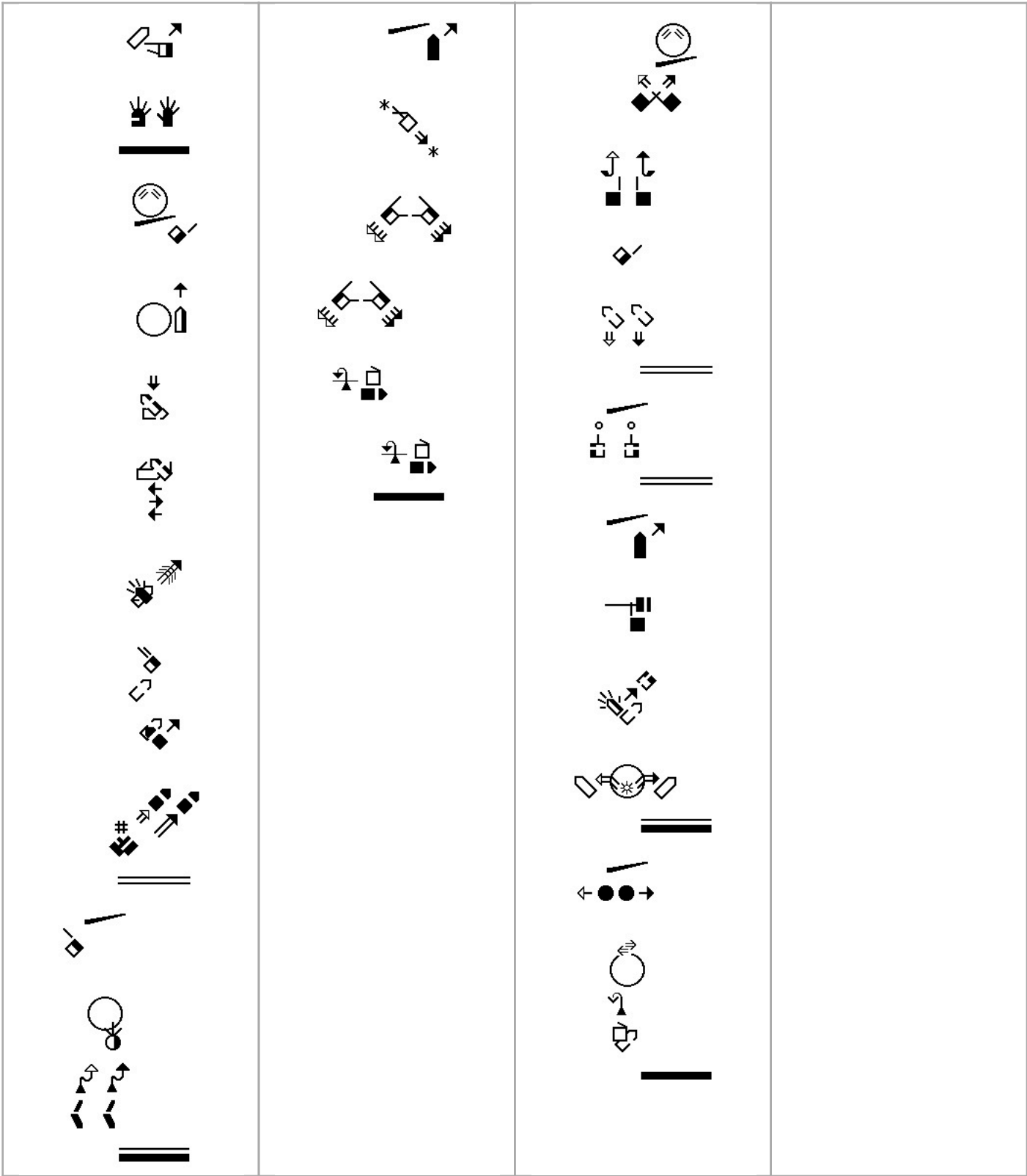


He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. Verse 41. He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape. Verse 42. He will conquer many countries, and even Egypt will not escape.  
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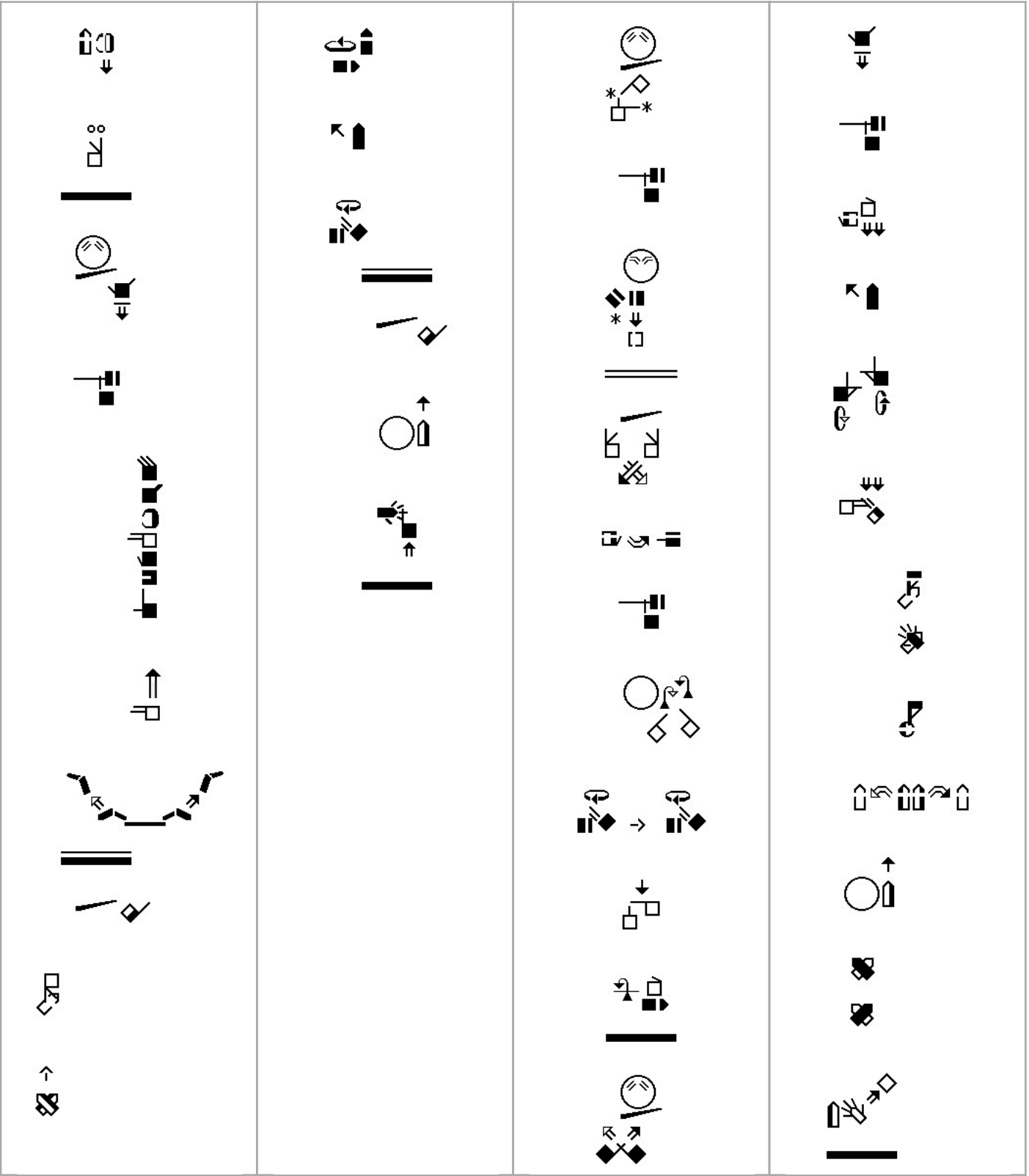
Verse 43. He will gain control over the gold, silver, and treasures of Egypt, and the Libyans and Ethiopians will be his servants. Verse 44. "But then news from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in great anger to destroy and obliterate many. NLT



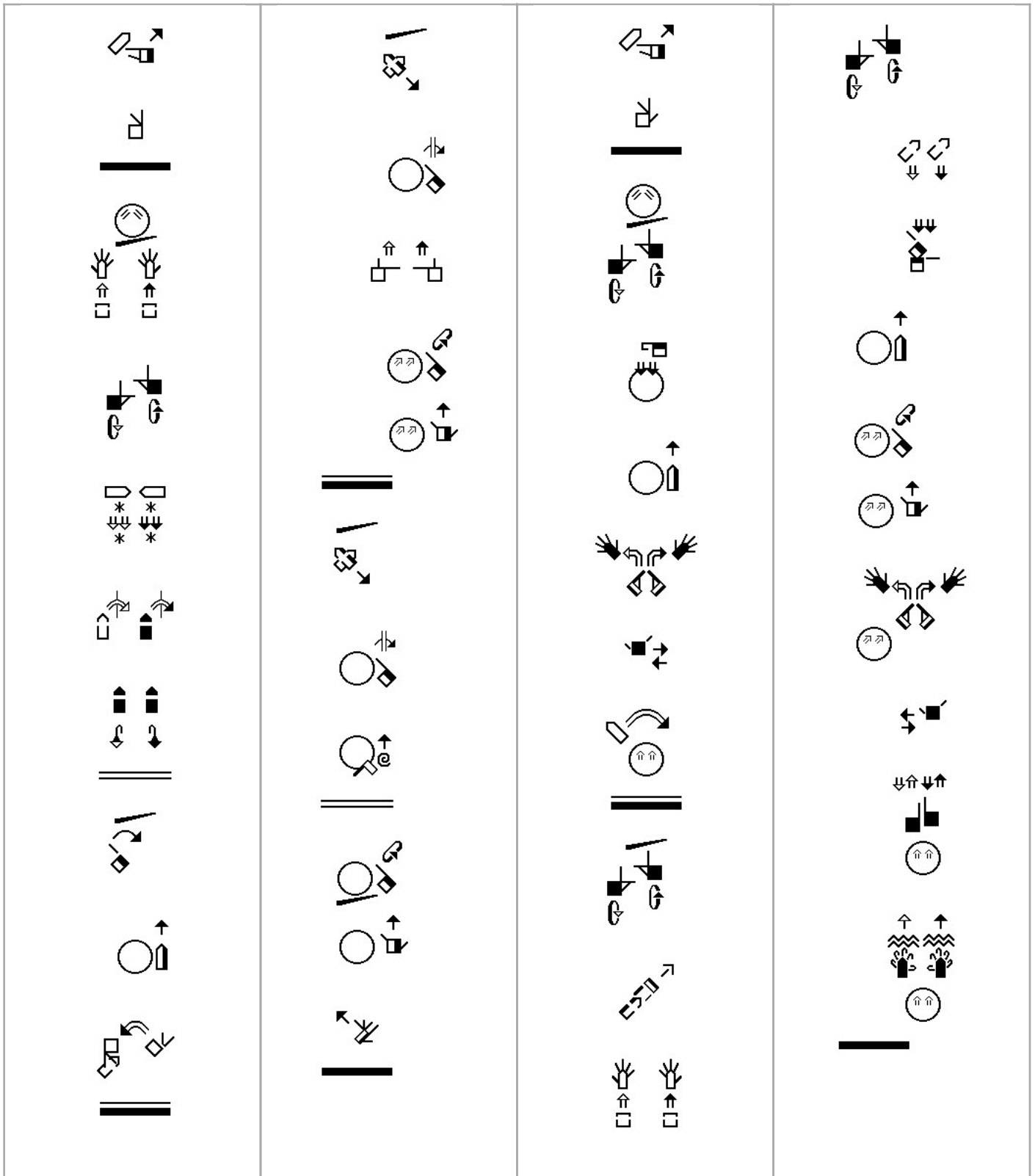


Verse 45. He will stop between the glorious holy mountain and the sea and will pitch his royal tents. But while he is there, his time will suddenly run out, and no one will help him.  
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Daniel 12:1



Chapter 12. "At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued.

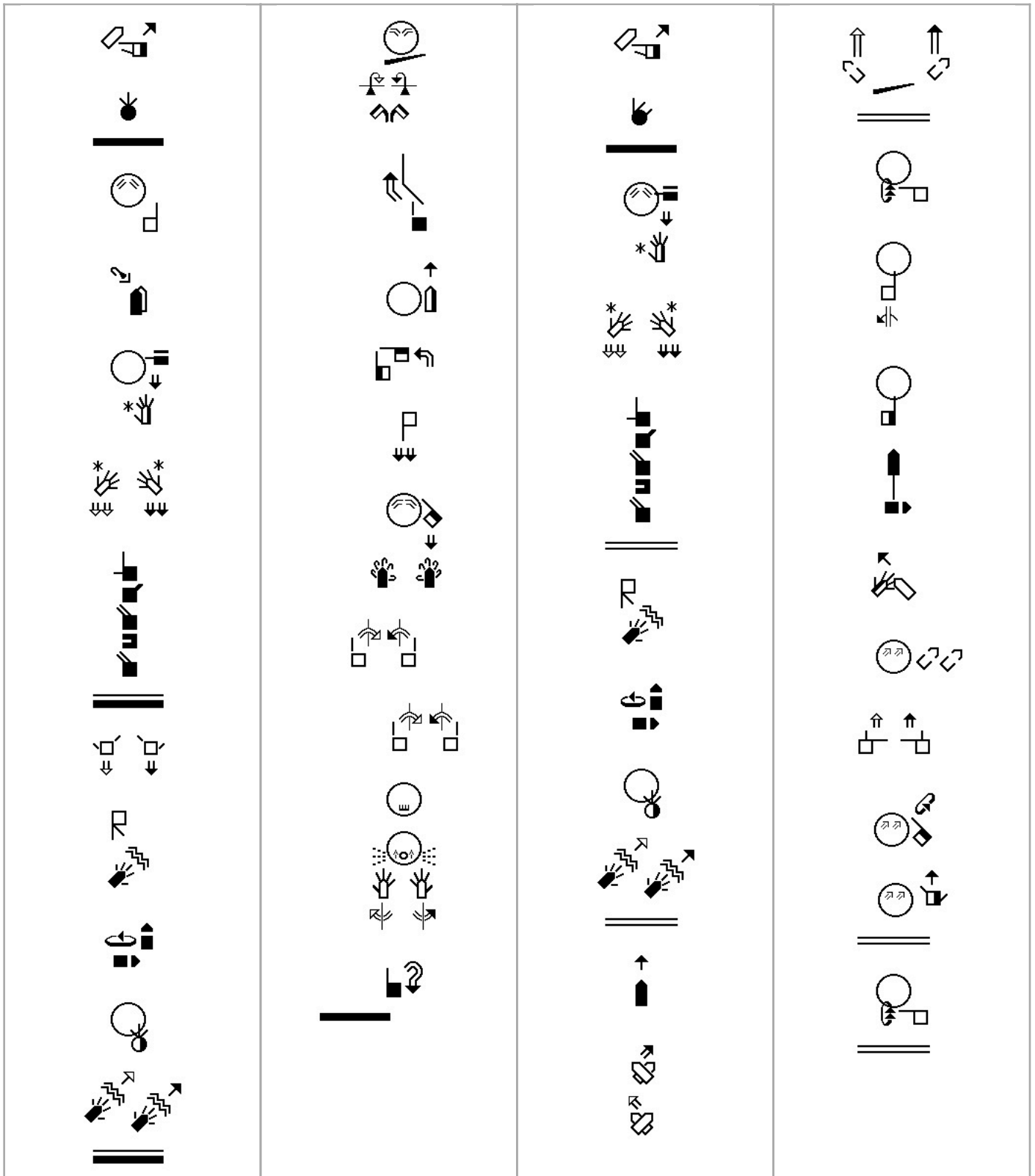


Verse 2. Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Verse 3. Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

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Daniel 12:4-5

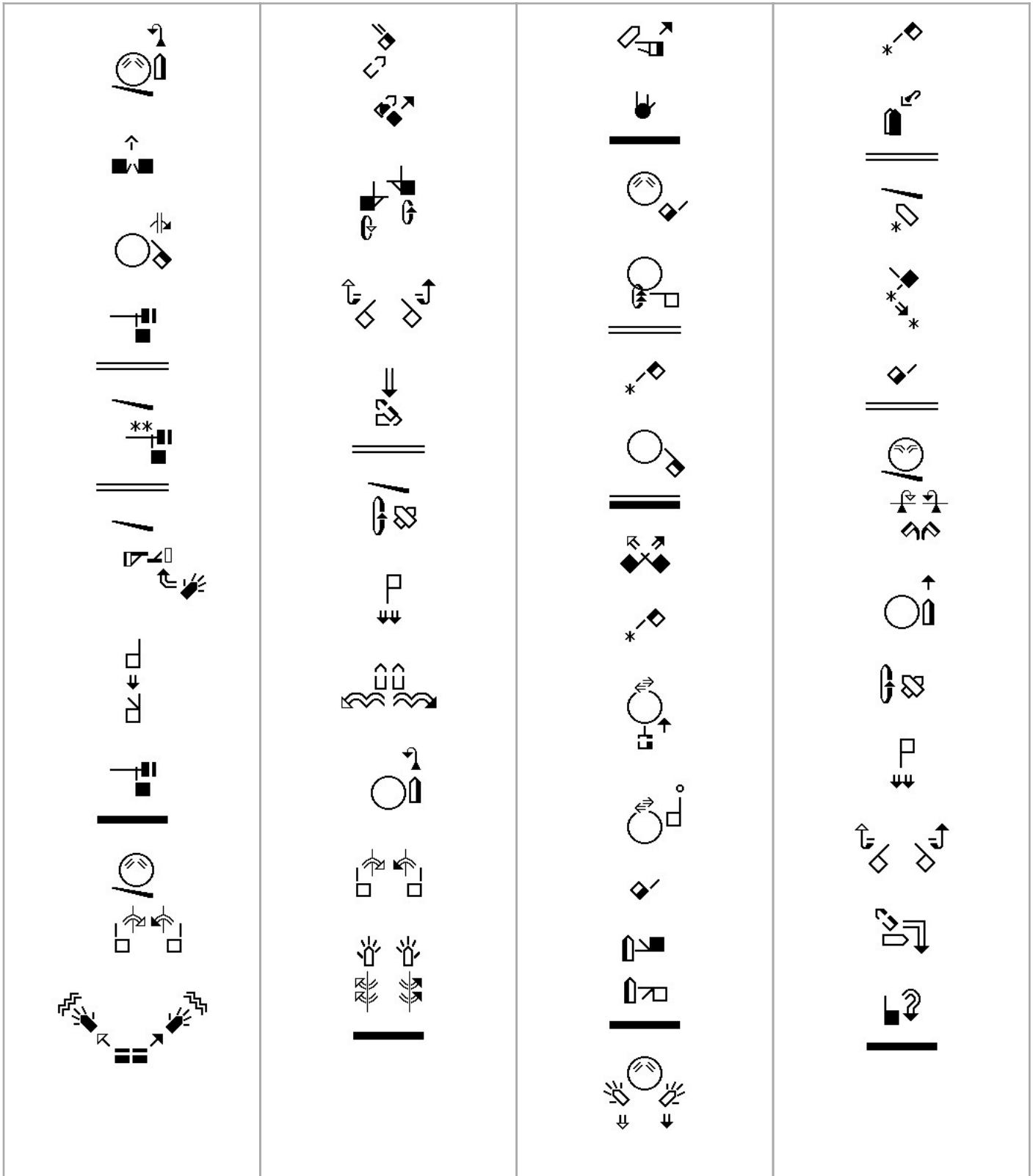
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Verse 6. One of them asked the man dressed in linen, who was now standing above the river, "How long will it be until these shocking events are over?" Verse 7. The man dressed in linen, who was standing above the river, raised both his hands toward heaven and took a solemn oath by the One who lives forever, saying,

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Daniel 12:7-8



"It will go on for a time, times, and half a time. When the shattering of the holy people has finally come to an end, all these things will have happened." Verse 8. I heard what he said, but I did not understand what he meant. So I asked, "How will all this finally end, my lord?"

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Verse 9. But he said, "Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is kept secret and sealed until the time of the end. Verse 10. Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined by these trials. But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. NLT

Daniel 12:10-12

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Only those who are wise will know what it means. Verse 11. "From the time the daily sacrifice is stopped and the sacrilegious object that causes desecration is set up to be worshiped, there will be 1,290 days. Verse 12. And blessed are those who wait and remain until the end of the 1,335 days!

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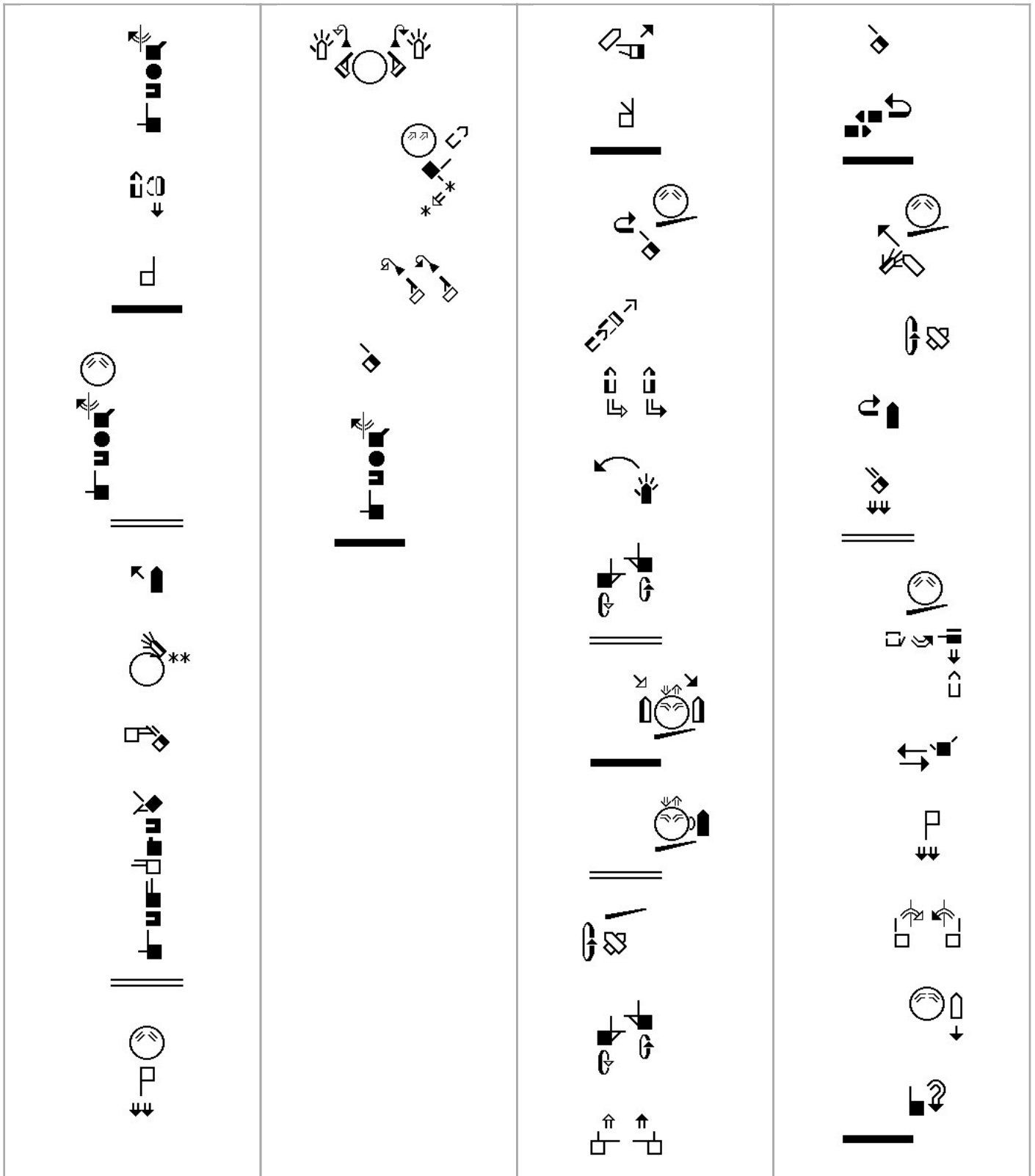


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Verse 13. "As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you."

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Joel Chapter One. The LORD gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel. Verse 2. Hear this, you leaders of the people. Listen, all who live in the land. In all your history, has anything like this happened before?  
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Joel 1:3-4

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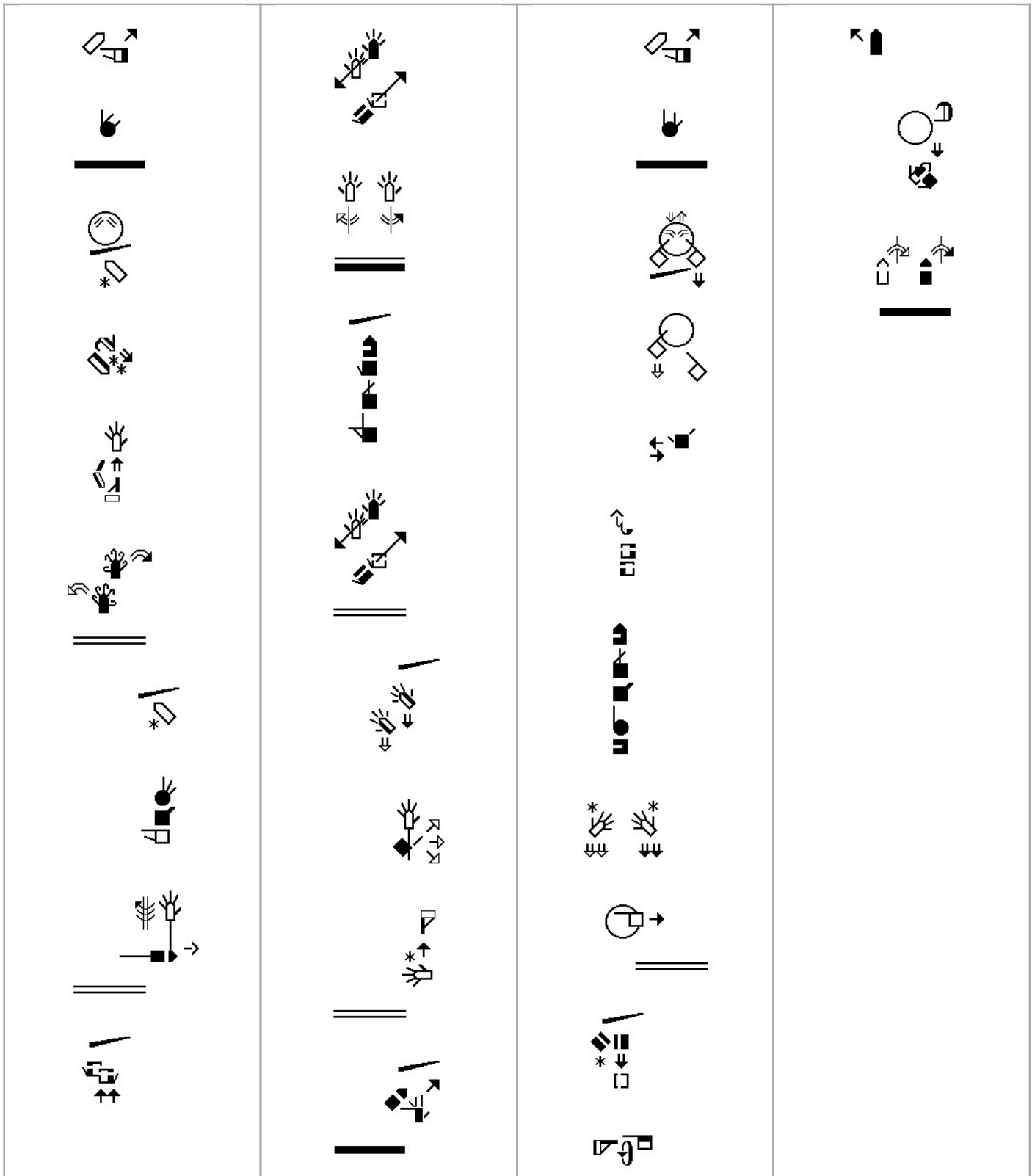
Verse 3. Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation. Verse 4. After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts, NLT

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and then the stripping locusts, too! Verse 5. Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you wine-drinkers! All the grapes are ruined, and all your sweet wine is gone. NLT

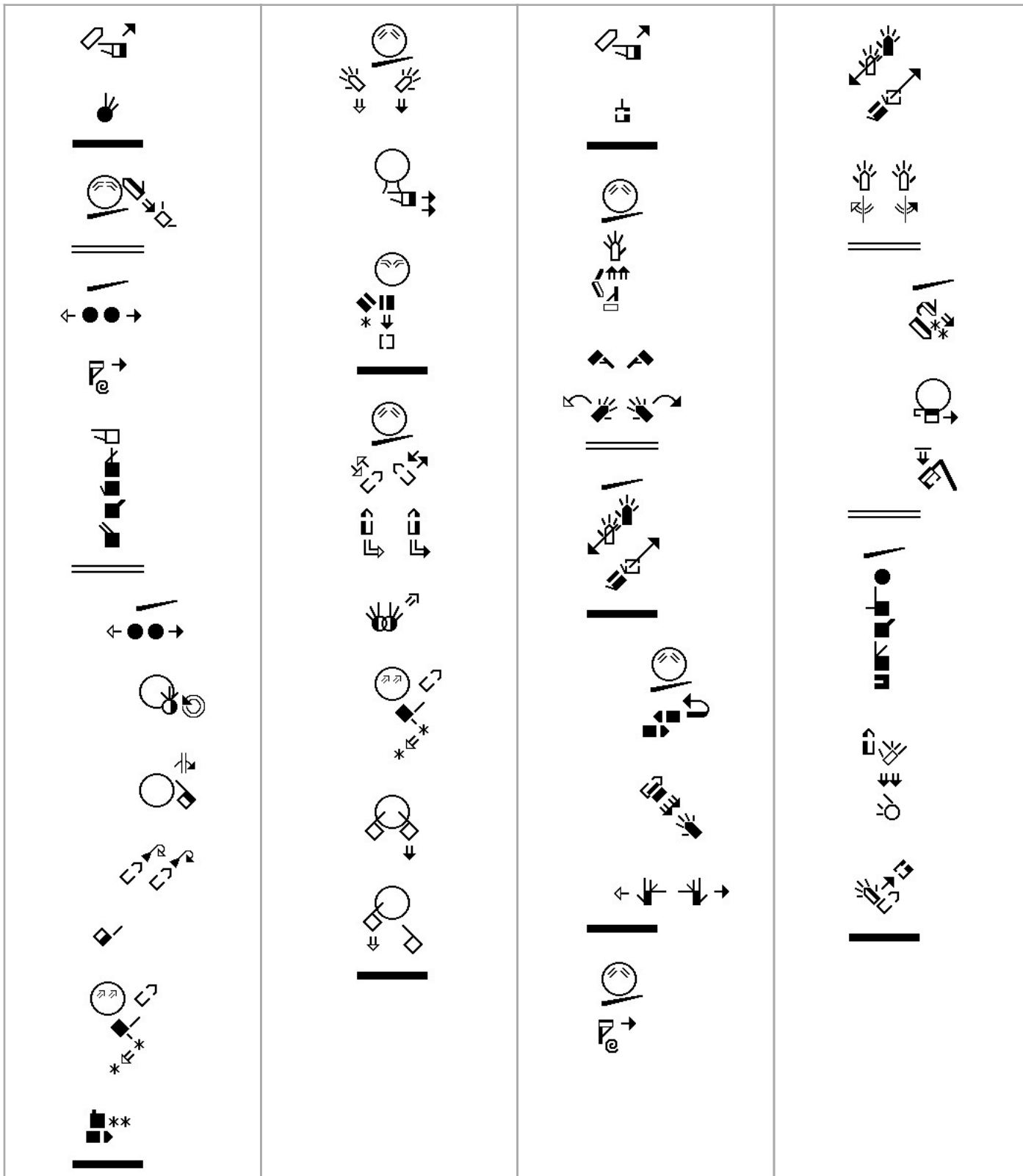
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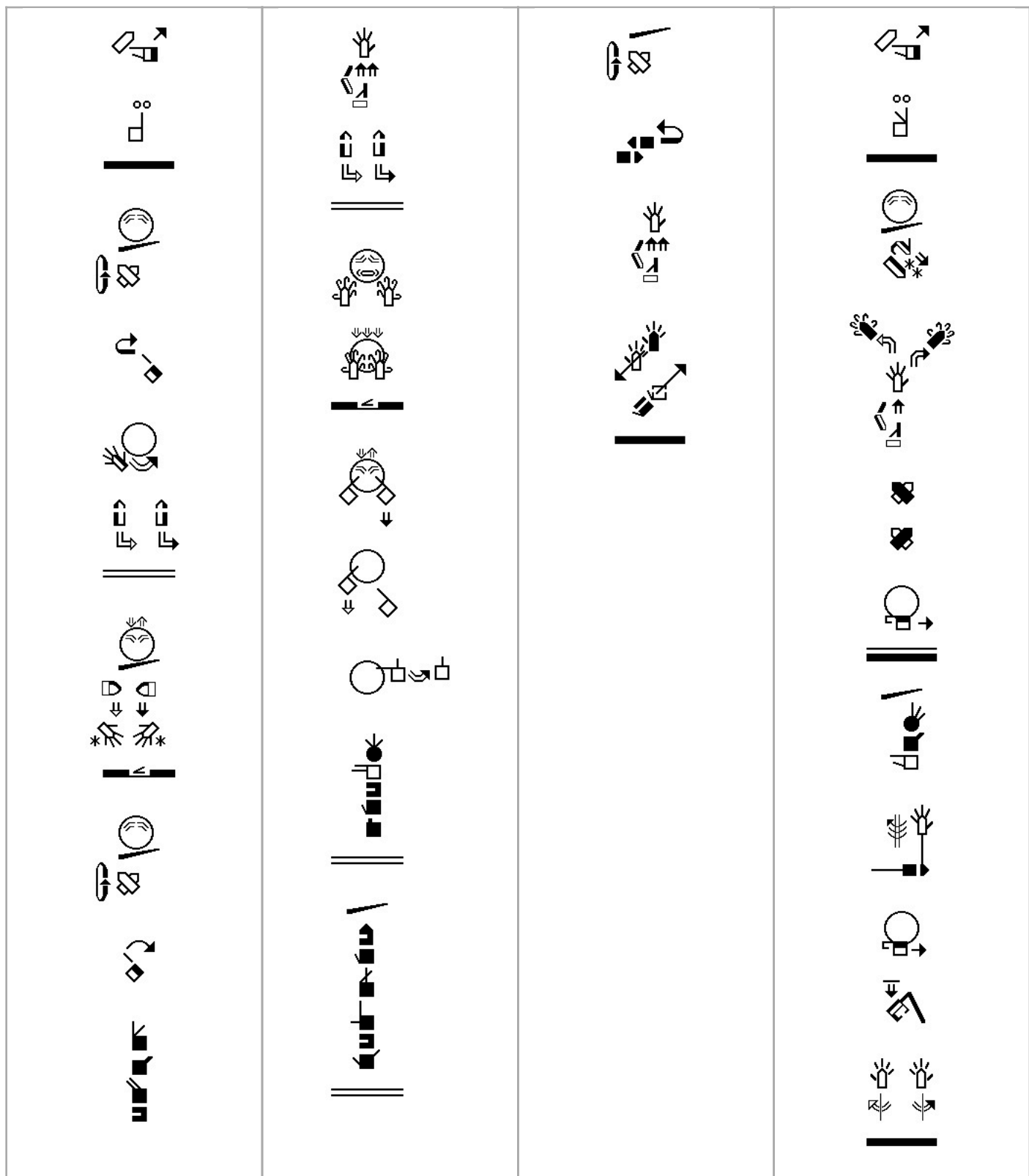
Verse 7. It has destroyed my grapevines and ruined my fig trees, stripping their bark and destroying it, leaving the branches white and bare. Verse 8. Weep like a bride dressed in black, mourning the death of her husband.

NLT



Verse 9. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of the LORD. So the priests are in mourning. The ministers of the LORD are weeping. Verse 10. The fields are ruined, the land is stripped bare. The grain is destroyed, the grapes have shriveled, and the olive oil is gone. NLT

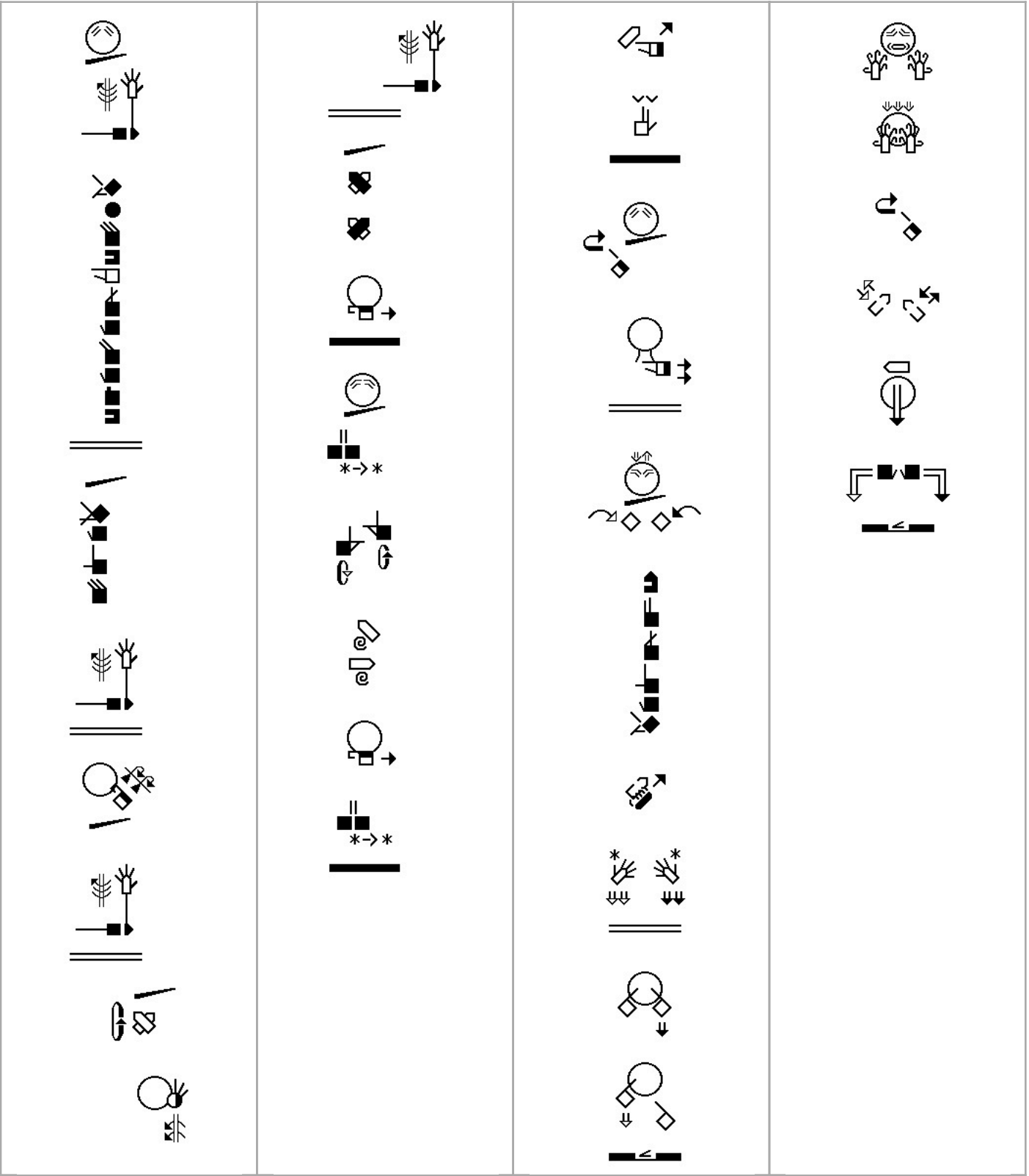




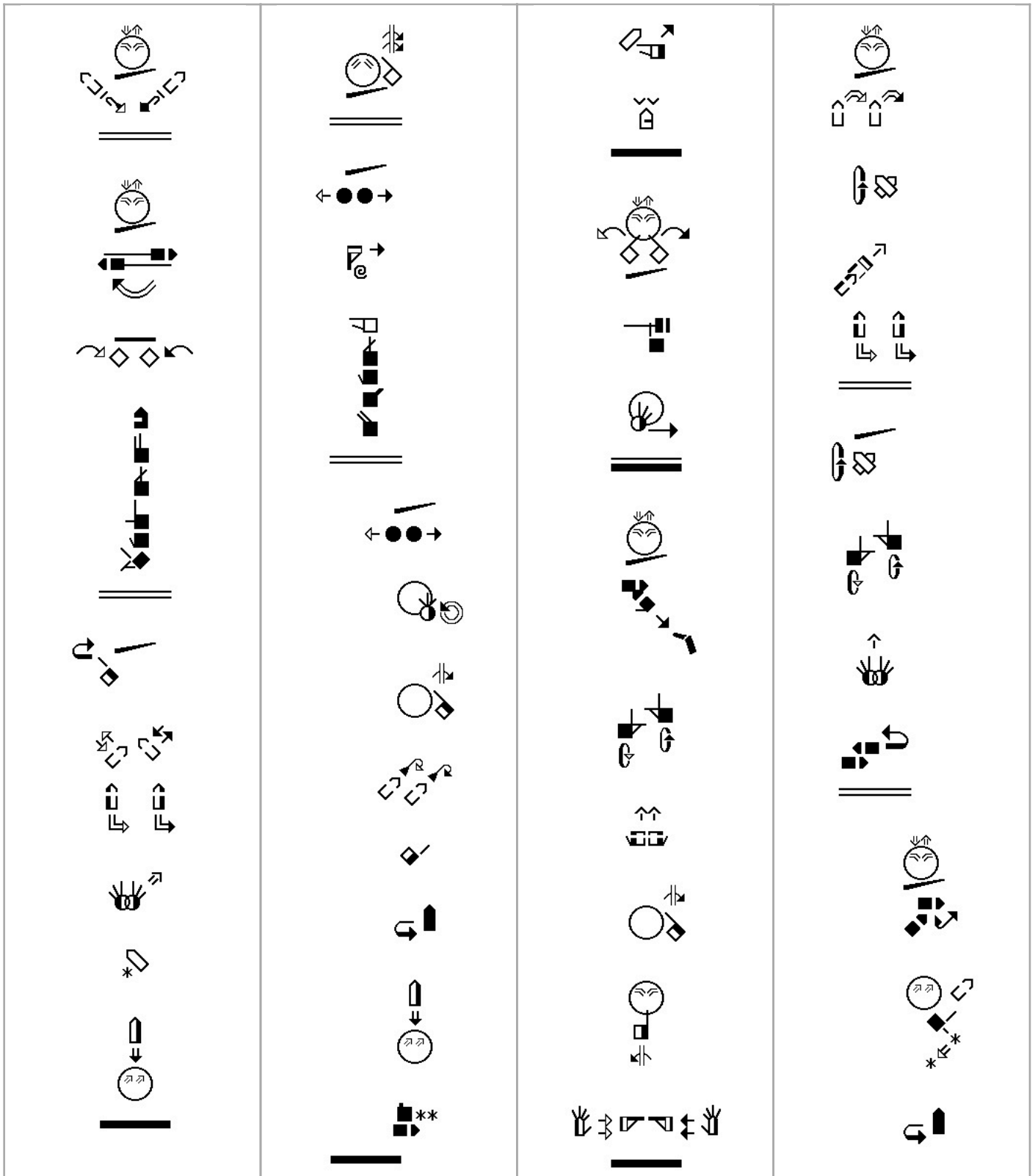
Verse 11. Despair, all you farmers! Wail, all you vine growers! Weep, because the wheat and barley -- all the crops of the field -- are ruined. Verse 12. The grapevines have dried up, and the fig trees have withered.

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Joel 1:12-13



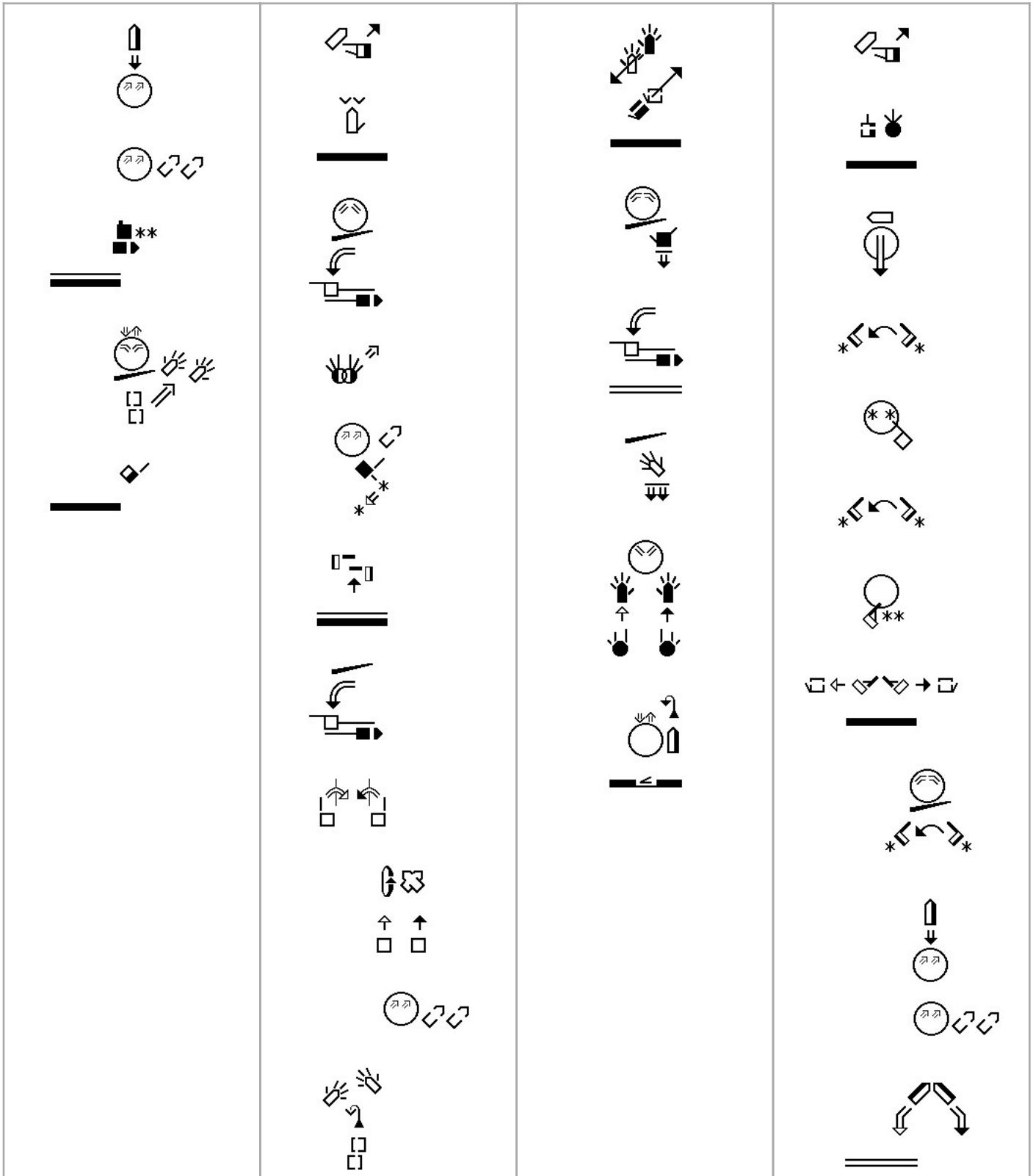
The pomegranate trees, palm trees, and apple trees -- all the fruit trees -- have dried up. And the people's joy has dried up with them. Verse 13. Dress yourselves in burlap and weep, you priests! Wail, you who serve before the altar!



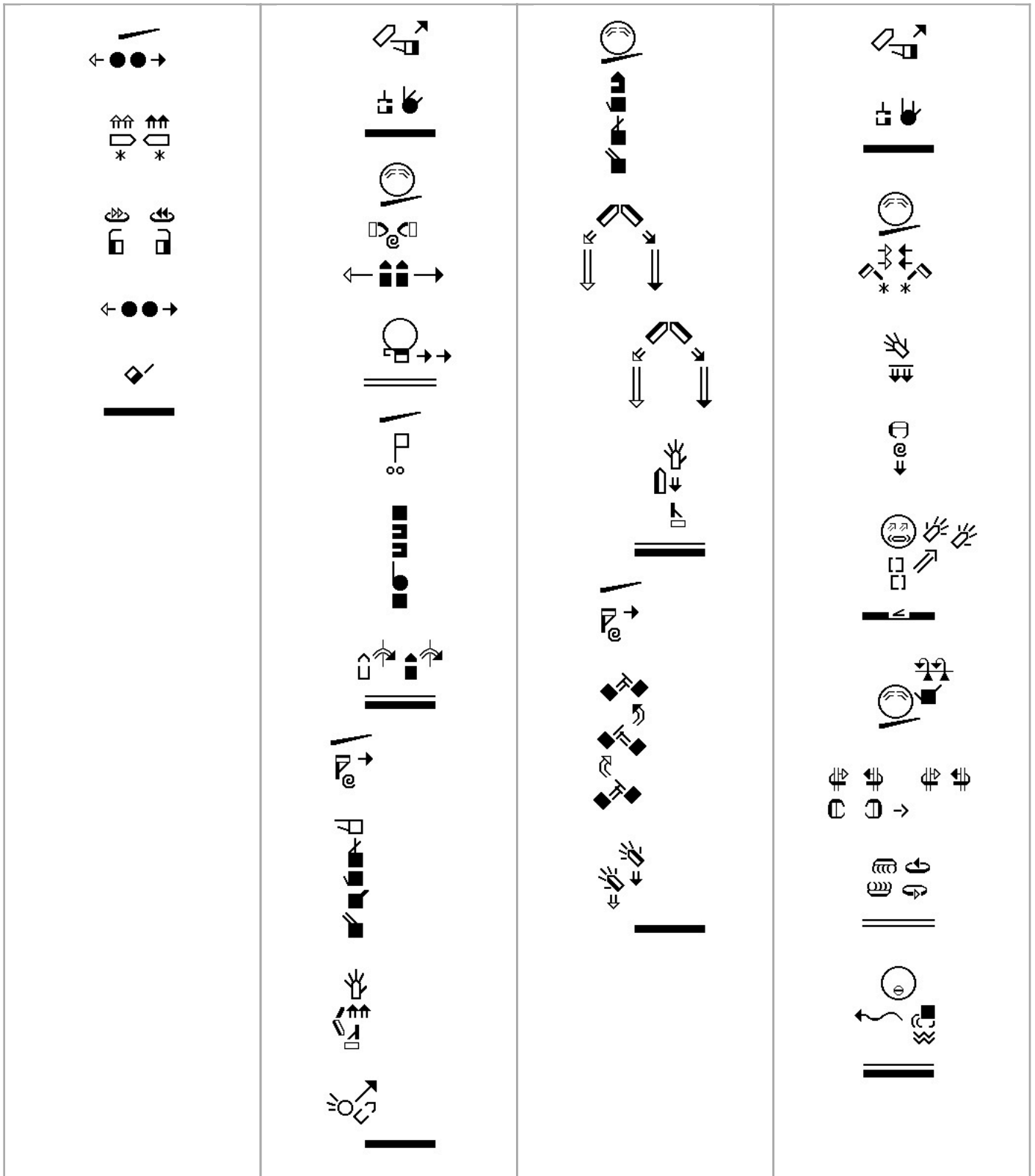
Come, spend the night in burlap, you ministers of my God. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of your God. Verse 14. Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring the leaders and all the people of the land into the Temple of the LORD your

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Joel 1:14-16

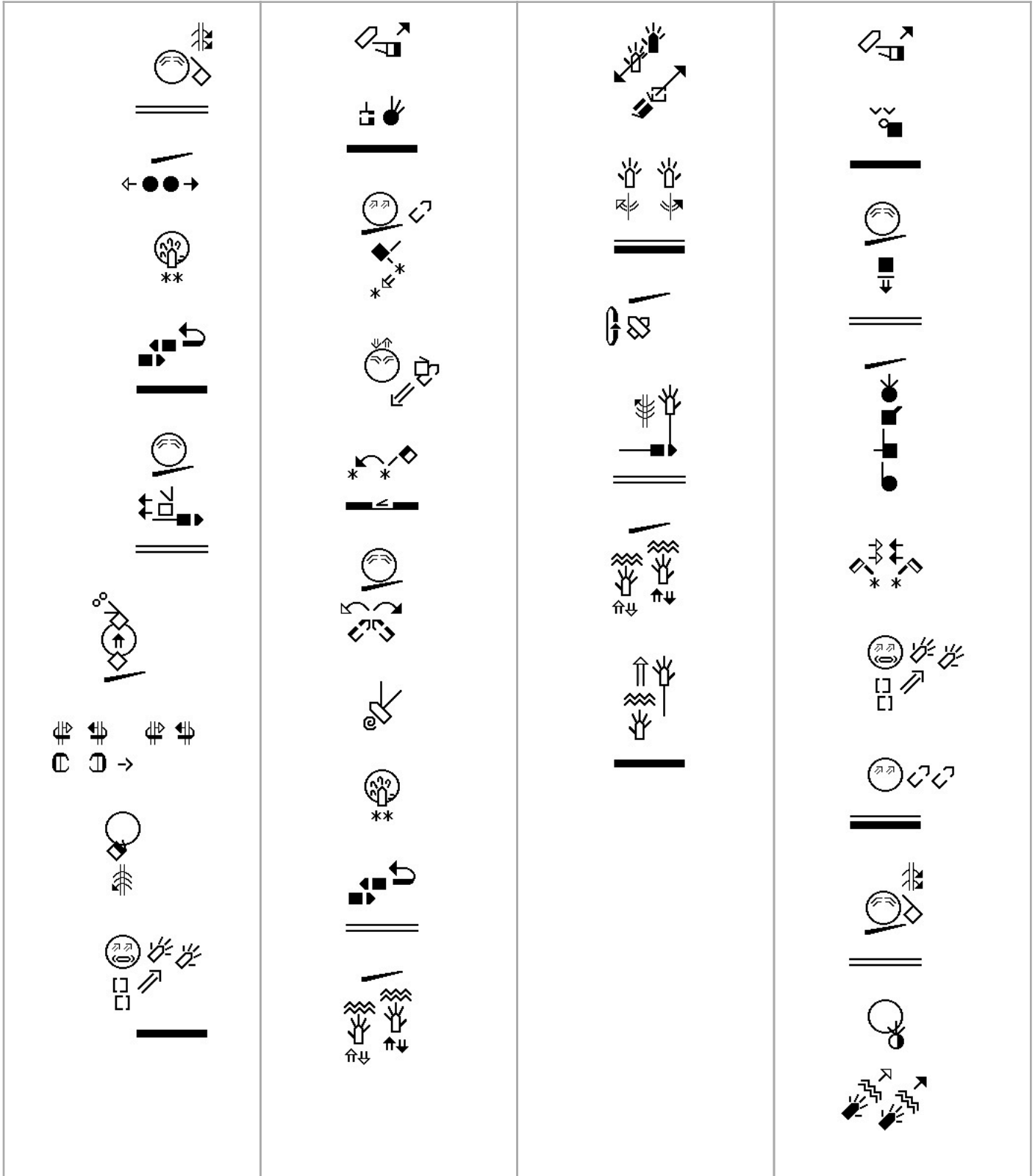



God, and cry out to him there. Verse 15. The day of the LORD is near, the day when destruction comes from the Almighty. How terrible that day will be! Verse 16. Our food disappears before our very eyes. NLT



No joyful celebrations are held in the house of our God. Verse 17. The seeds die in the parched ground, and the grain crops fail. The barns stand empty, and granaries are abandoned. Verse 18. How the animals moan with hunger! The herds of cattle wander about confused, because they have no pasture.

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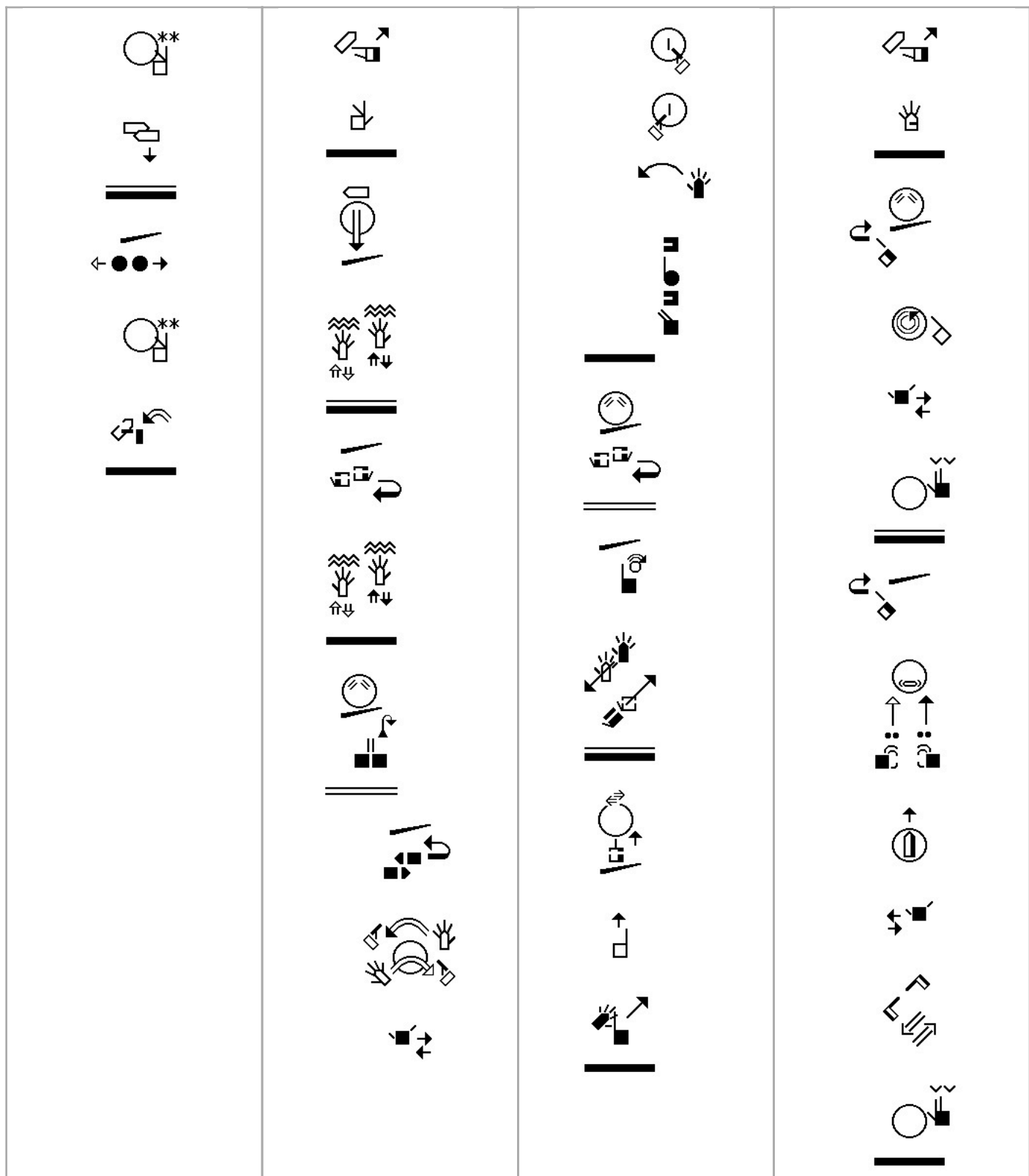
			
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have dried up, and fire has consumed the wilderness pastures.

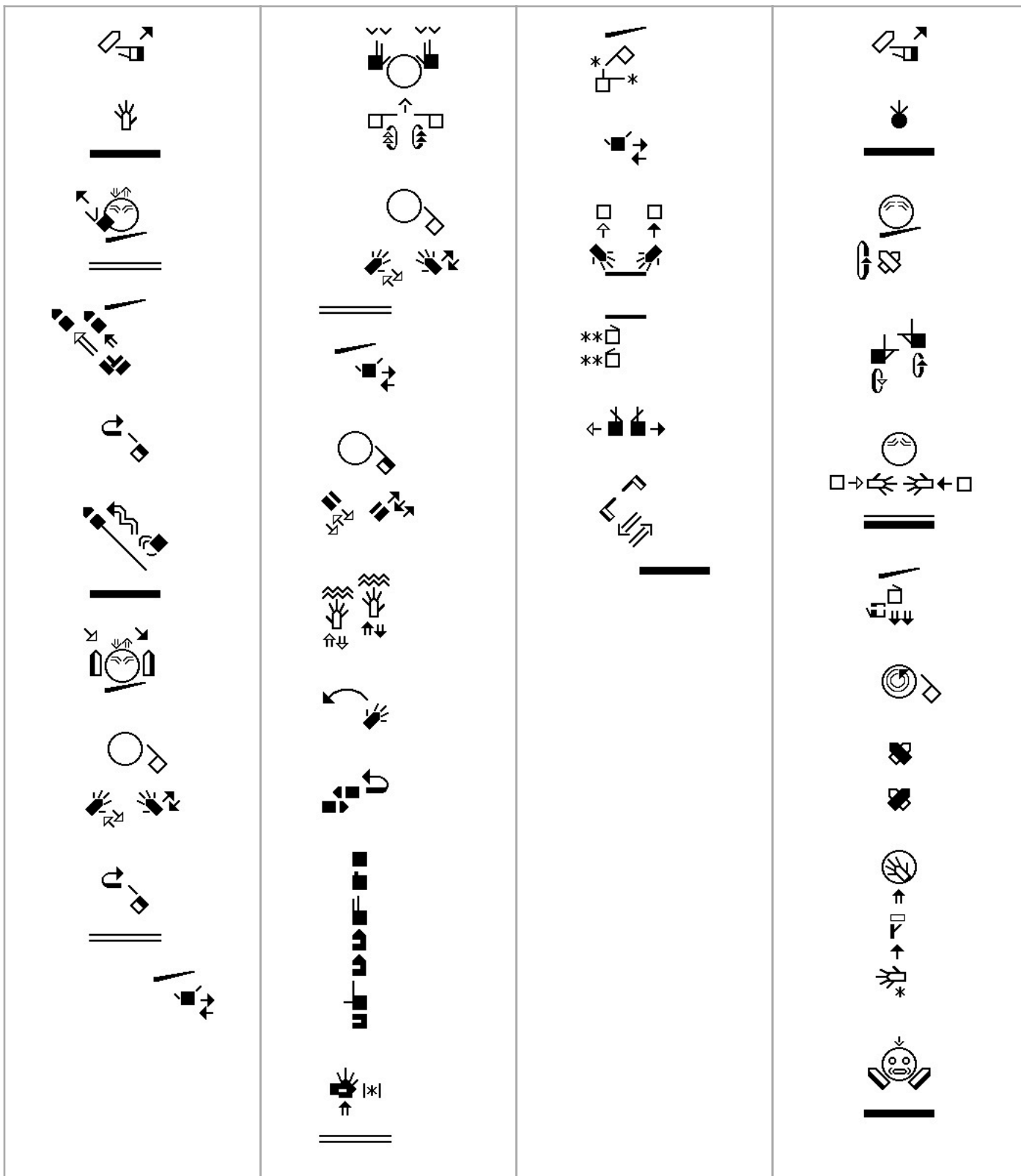
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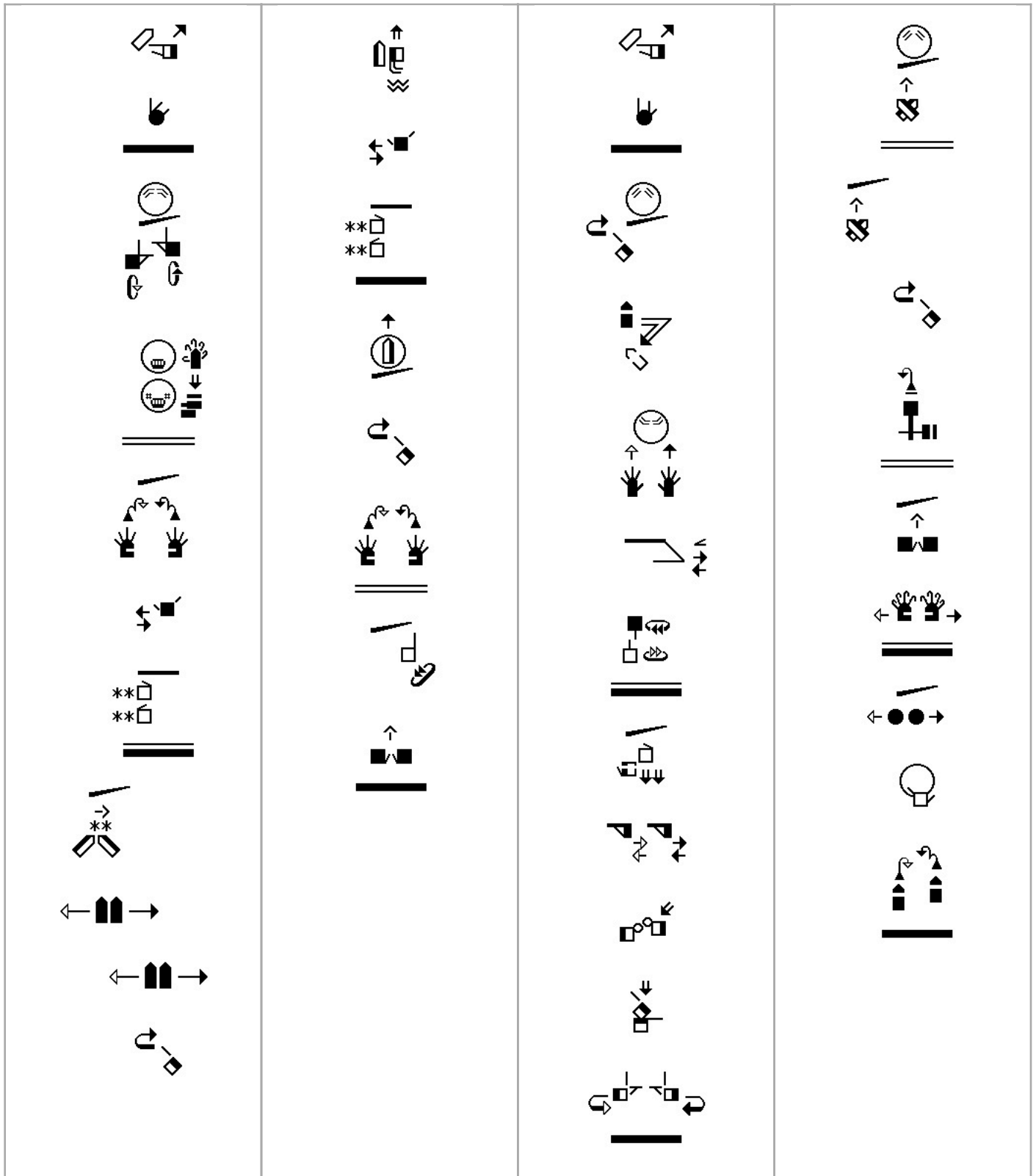




like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again. Verse 3. Fire burns in front of them, and flames follow after them. Ahead of them the land lies as beautiful as the Garden of Eden. Behind them is nothing but desolation; not one thing escapes. Verse 4. They look like horses; they charge forward like war horses. NLT

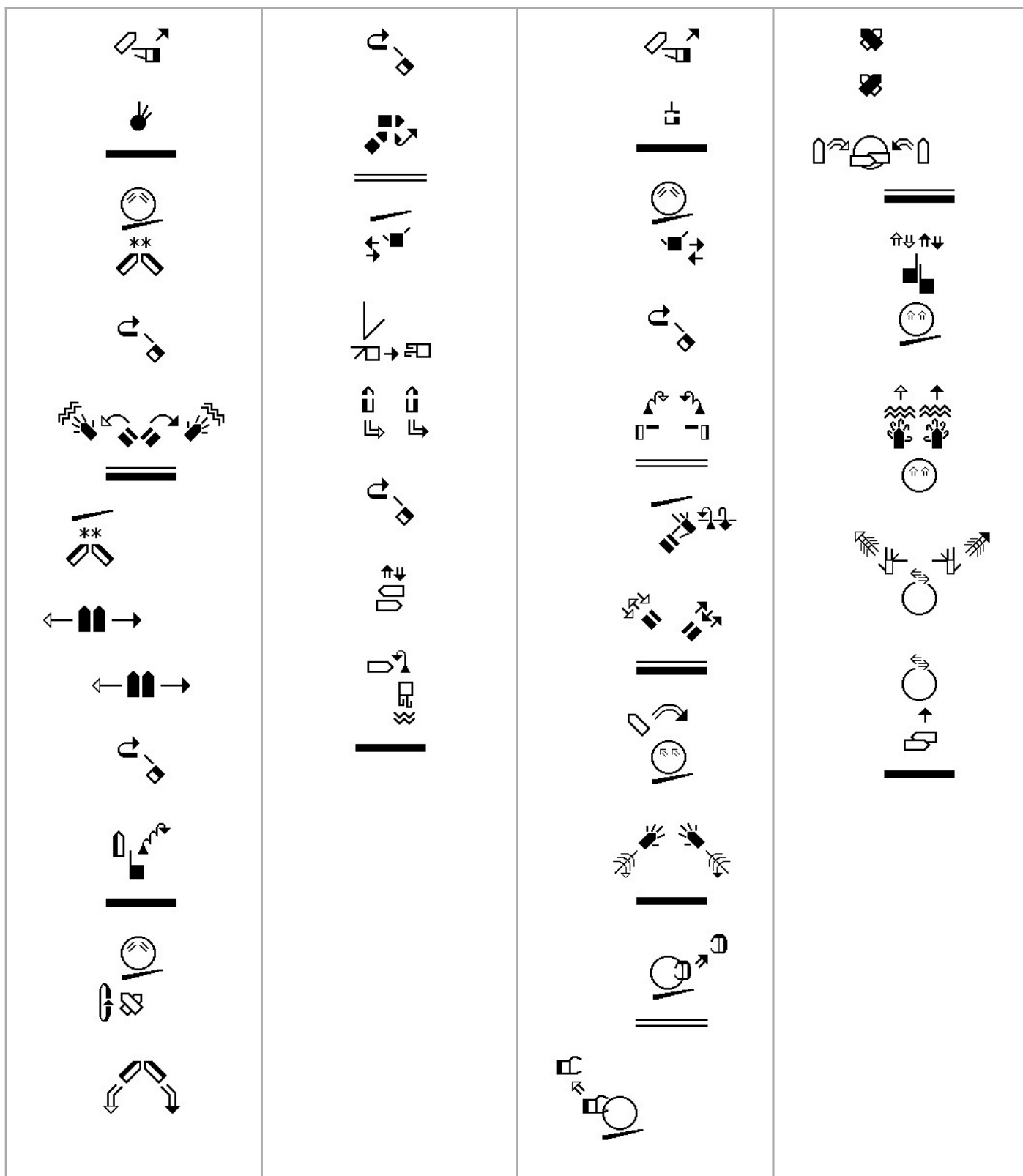


Verse 5. Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops. Listen to the noise they make -- like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble, or like a mighty army moving into battle. Verse 6. Fear grips all the people; every face grows pale with terror. NLT

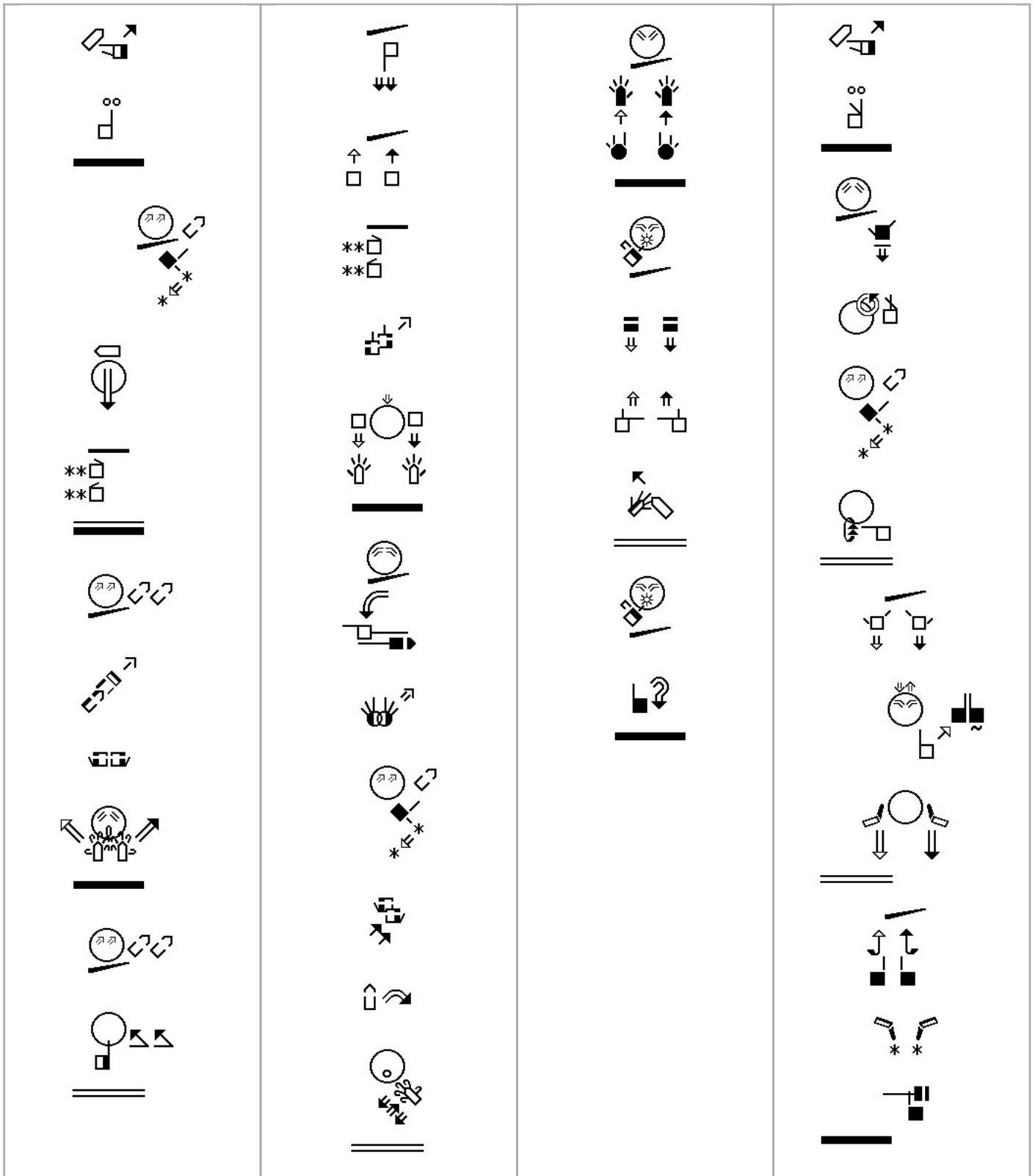


Verse 7. The attackers march like warriors and scale city walls like soldiers. Straight forward they march, never breaking rank. Verse 8. They never jostle each other; each moves in exactly the right position. They break through defenses without missing a step. NLT

Joel 2:9-10

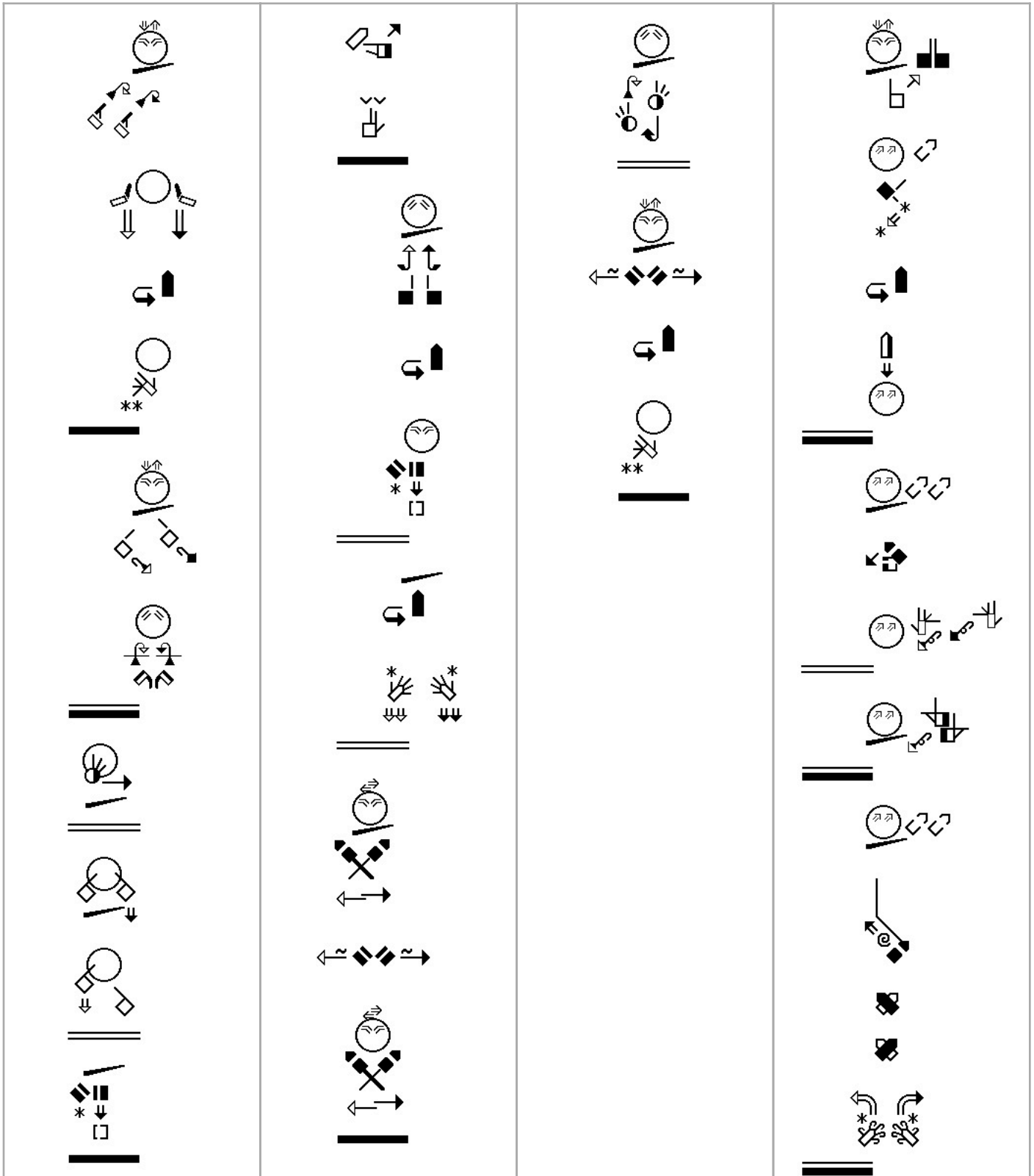


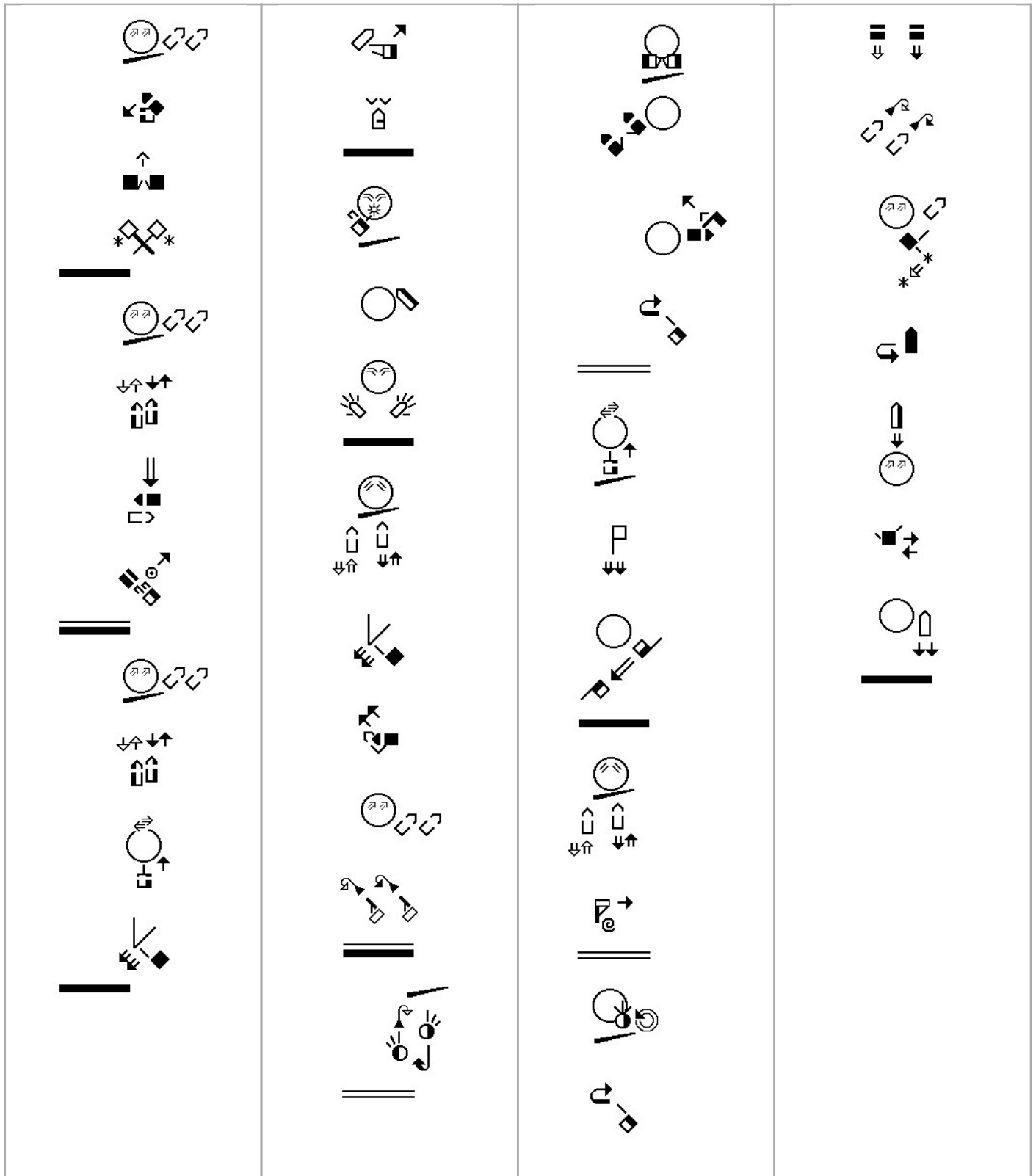
Verse 9. They swarm over the city and run along its walls. They enter all the houses, climbing like thieves through the windows. Verse 10. The earth quakes as they advance, and the heavens tremble. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars no longer shine. NLT



Verse 11. The LORD is at the head of the column. He leads them with a shout. This is his mighty army, and they follow his orders. The day of the LORD is an awesome, terrible thing. Who can possibly survive? Verse 12. That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time.

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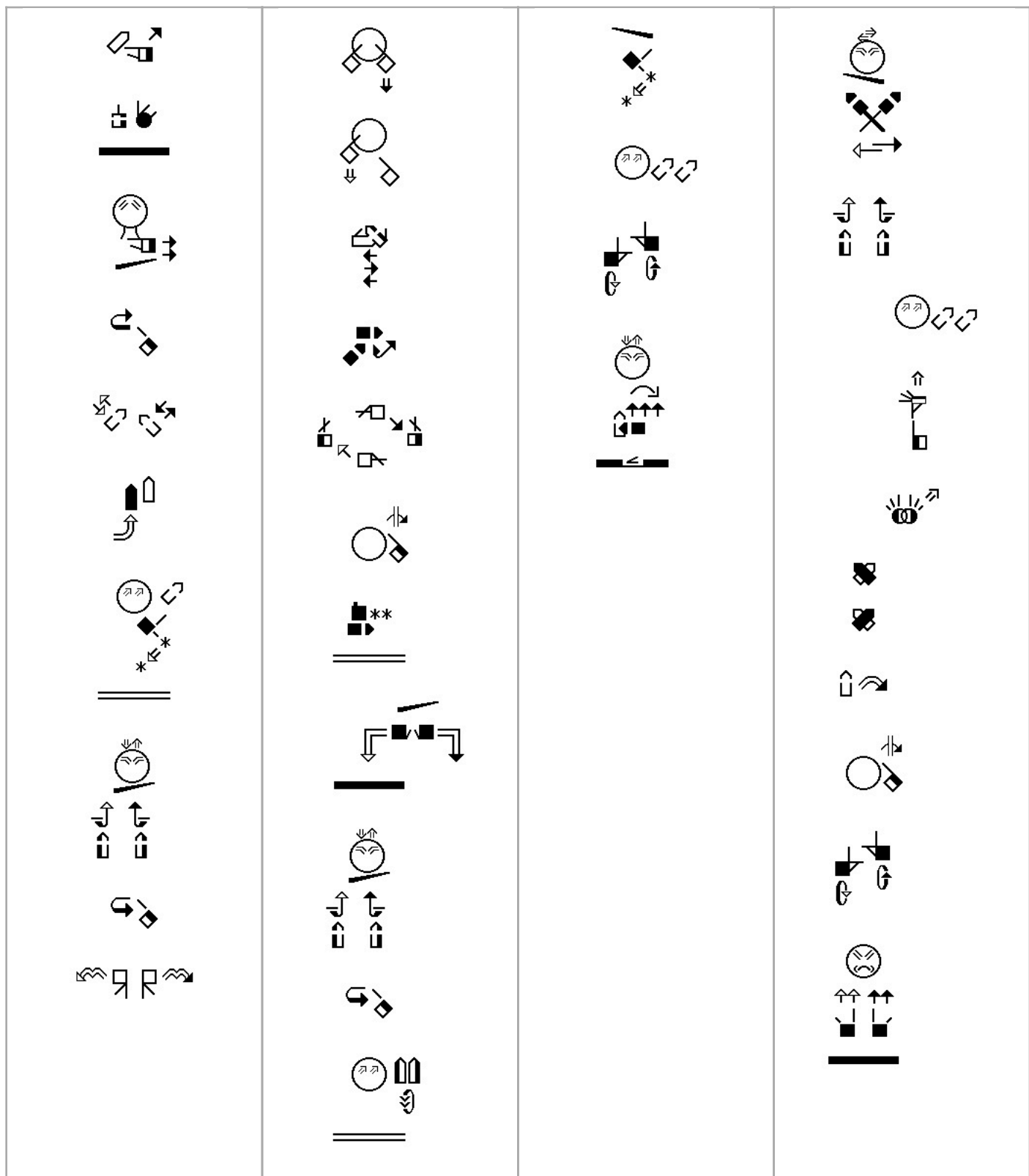


and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. Verse 14. Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the LORD your God as before. NLT

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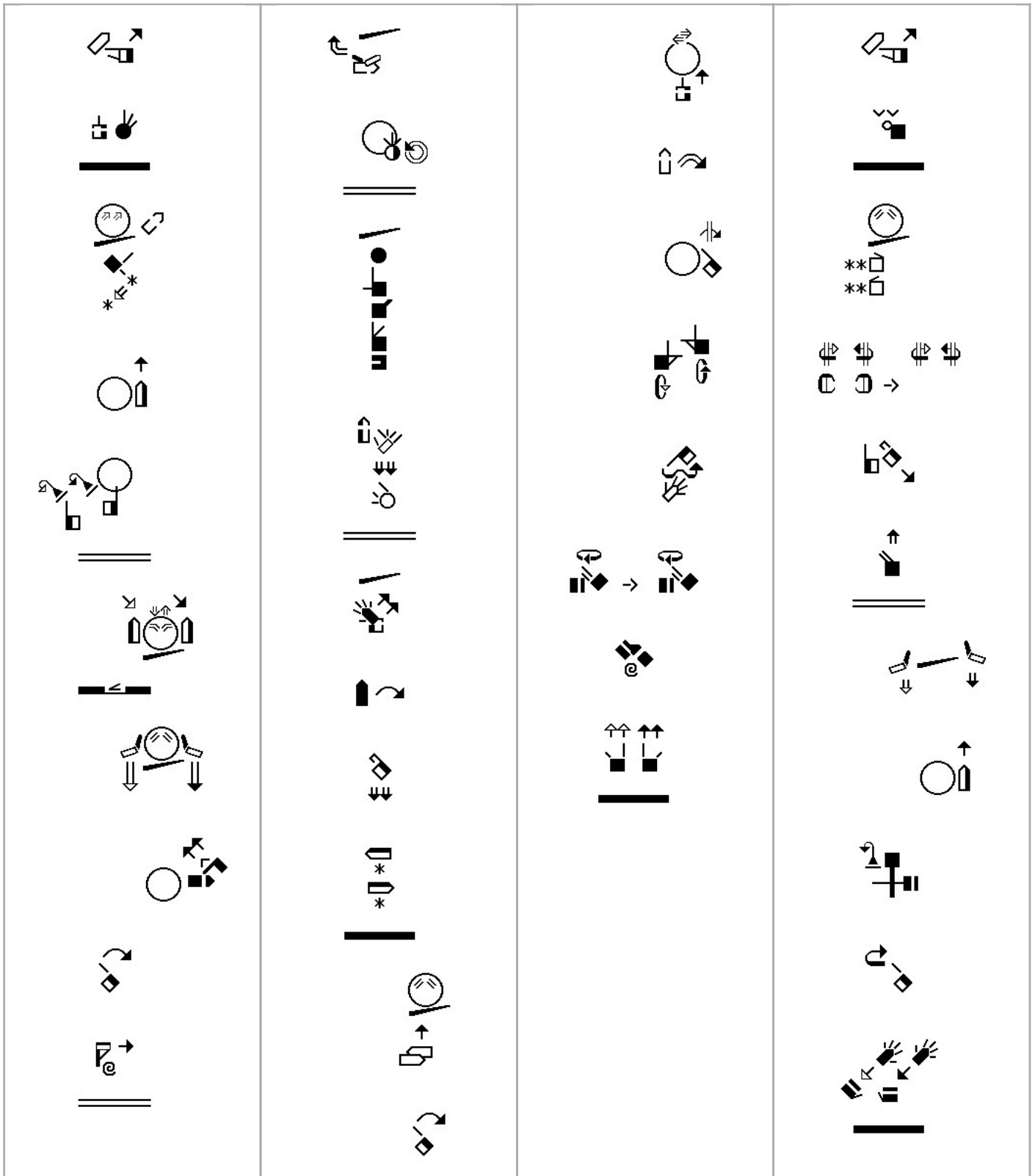
Verse 15. Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Verse 16. Gather all the people -- the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room.  
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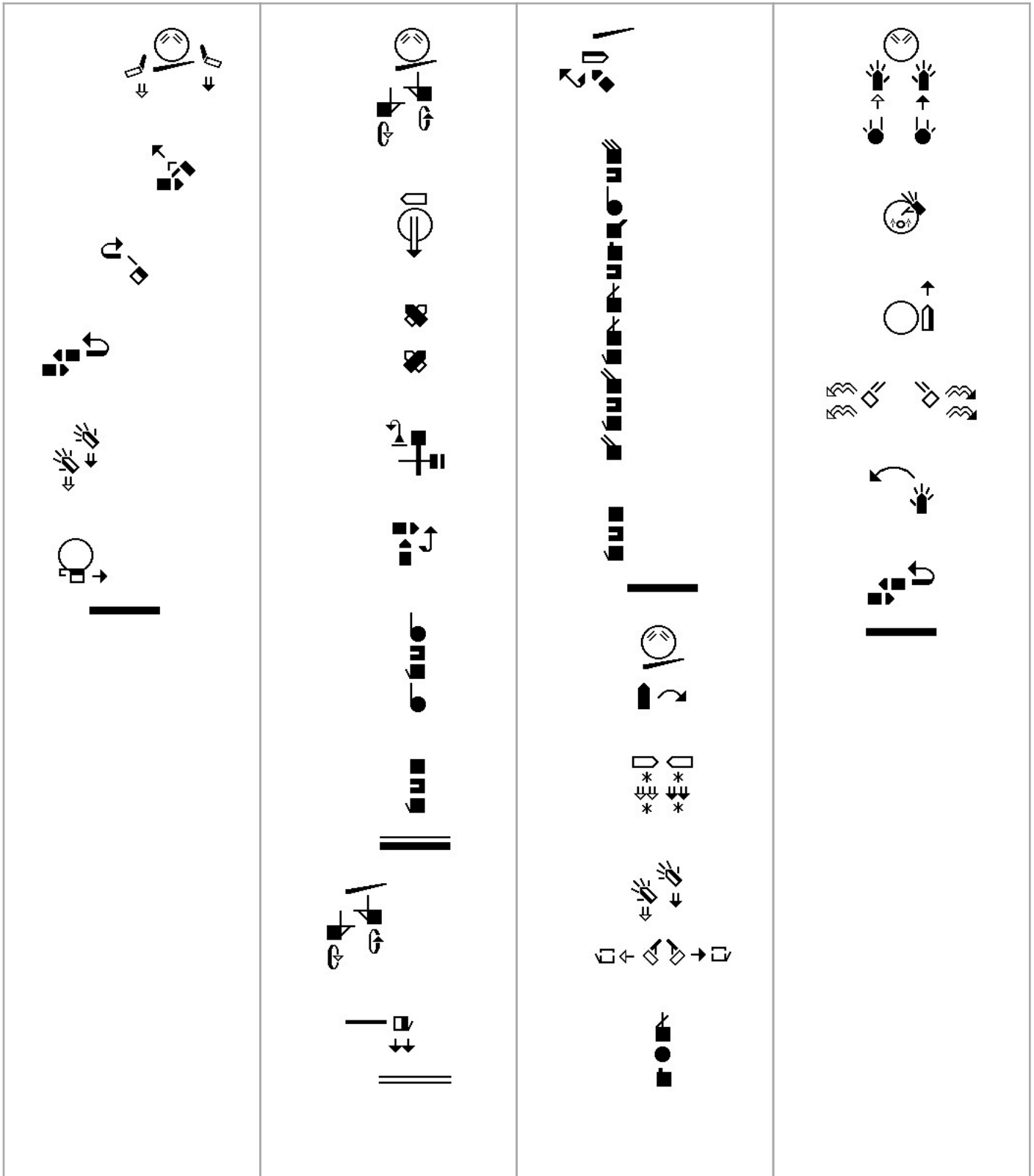


Verse 17. Let the priests, who minister in the LORD'S presence, stand and weep between the entry room to the Temple and the altar. Let them pray, "Spare your people, LORD! Don't let your special possession become an object of mockery. NLT

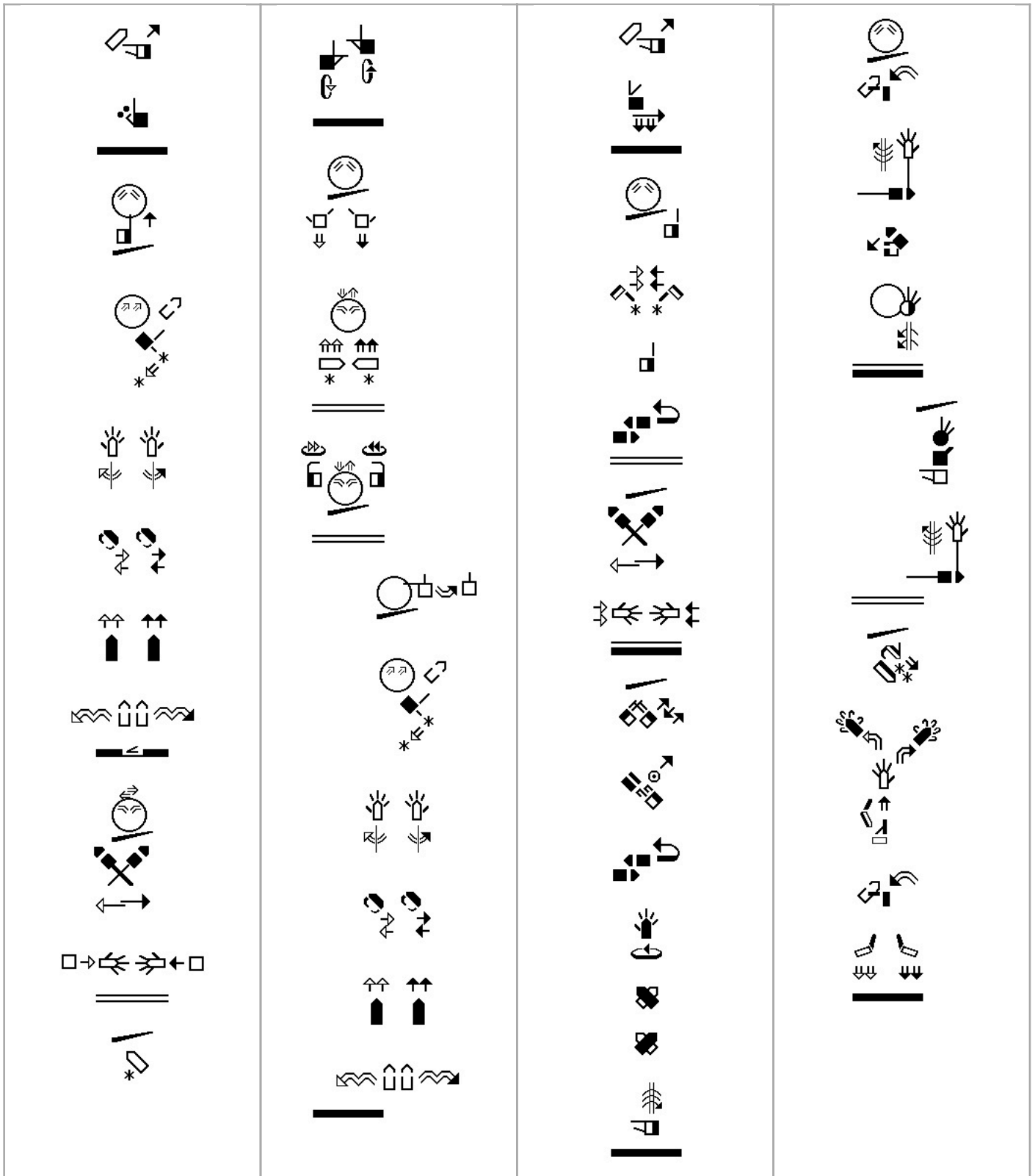




Verse 19. The LORD will reply, "Look! I am sending you grain and new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy your needs. You will no longer be an object of mockery among the surrounding nations. Verse 20. I will drive away these armies from the north. NLT



304 I will send them into the parched wastelands. Those in the front will be driven into the Dead Sea, and those at the rear into the Mediterranean. The stench of their rotting bodies will rise over the land." NLT

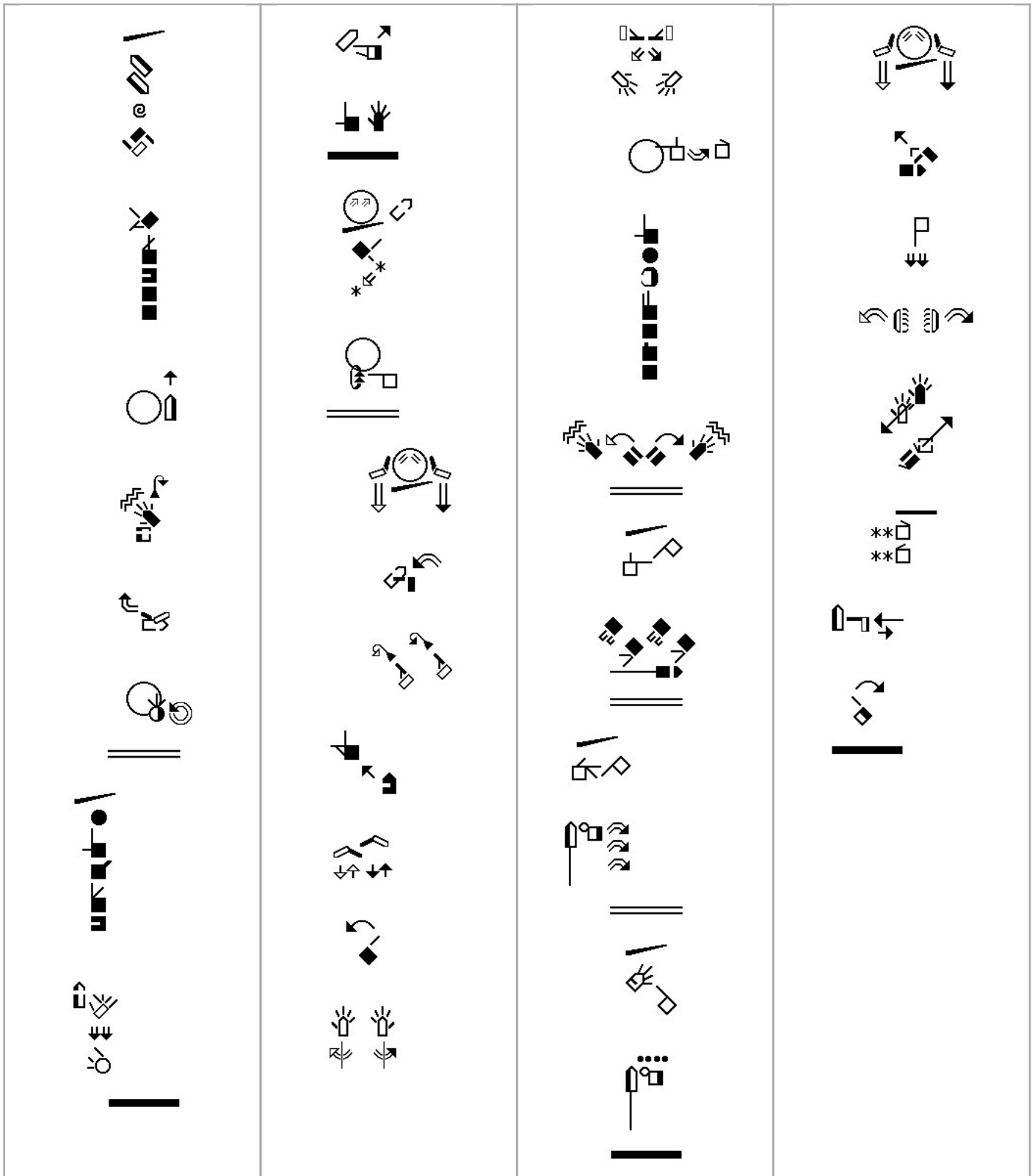


Verse 21. Surely the LORD has done great things! Don't be afraid, my people. Be glad now and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things. Verse 22. Don't be afraid, you animals of the field, for the wilderness pastures will soon be green. The trees will again be filled with fruit; fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more. NLT

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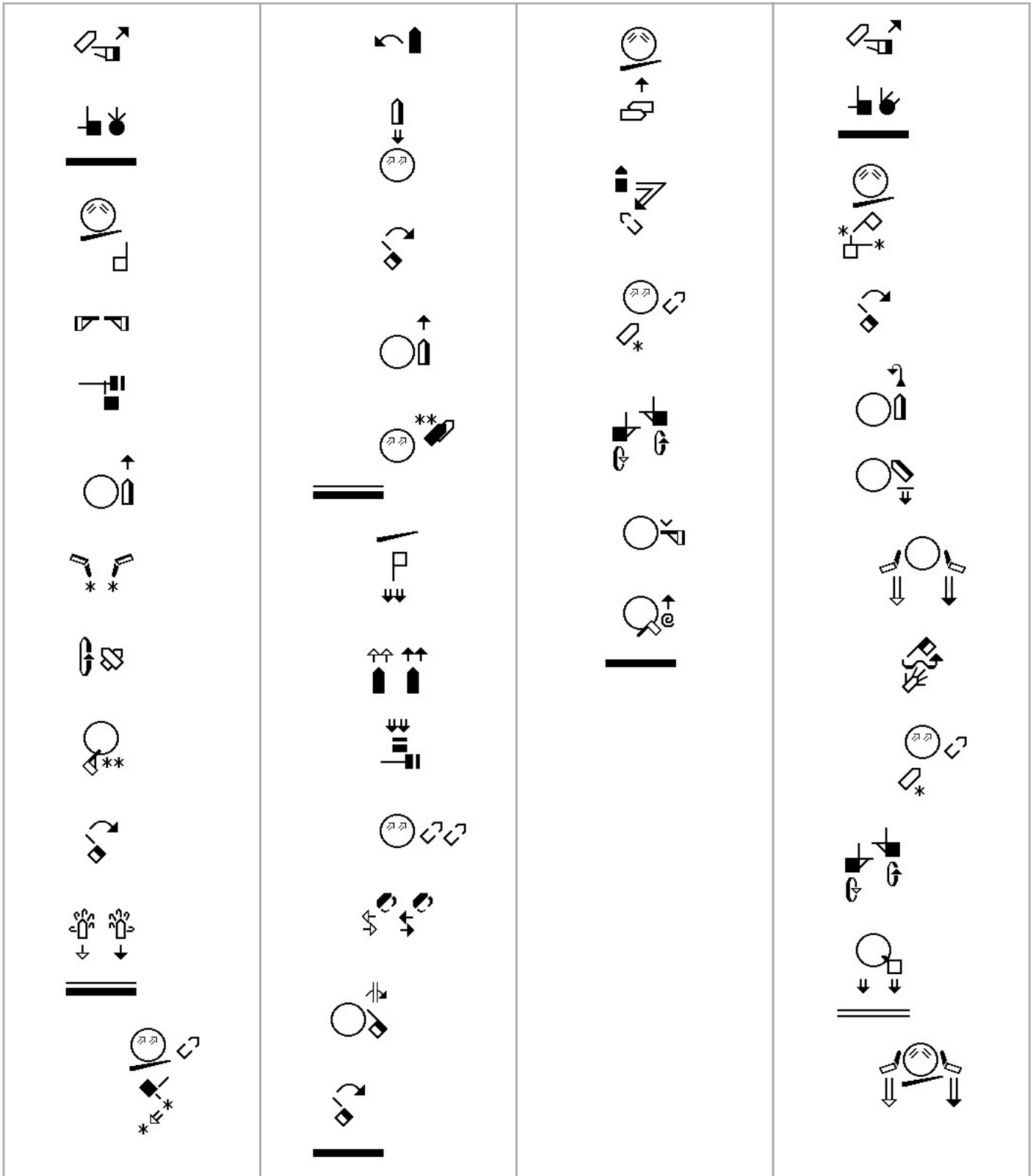
Verse 23. Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the LORD your God! For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring. Verse 24. The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain, NLT



and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil. Verse 25. The LORD says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you.

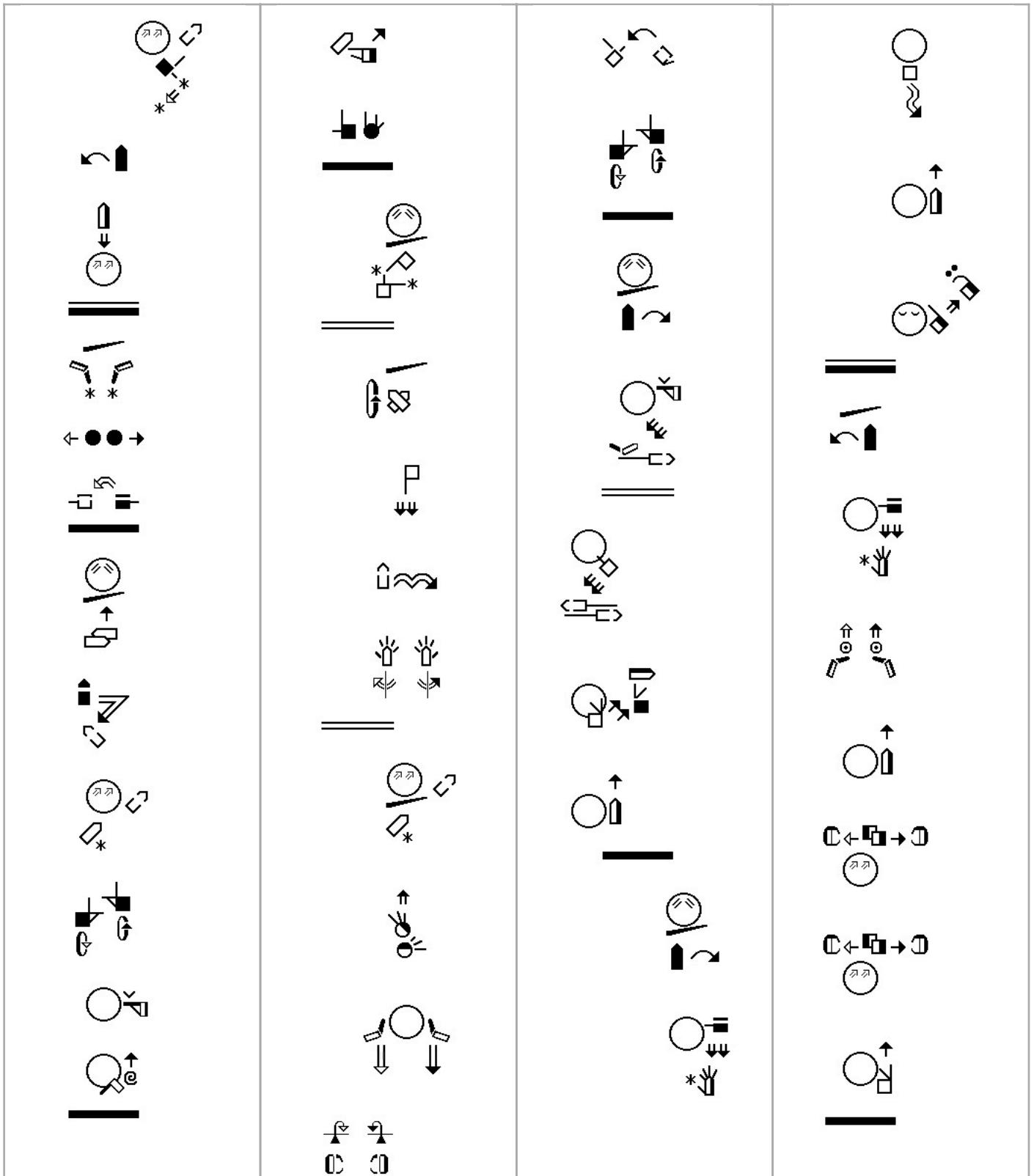
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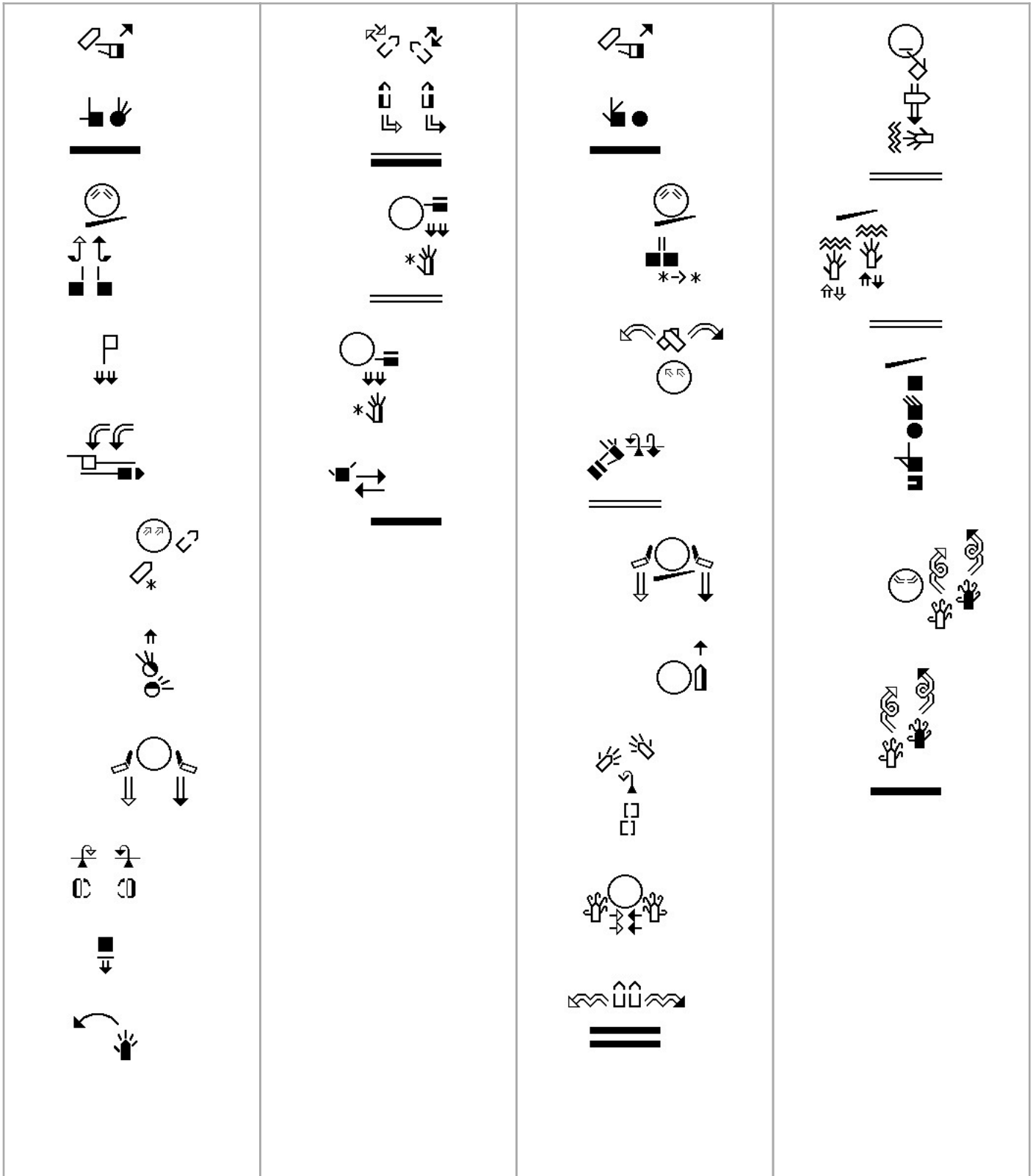


Verse 26. Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the LORD your God, who does these miracles for you. Never again will my people be disgraced. Verse 27. Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am NLT

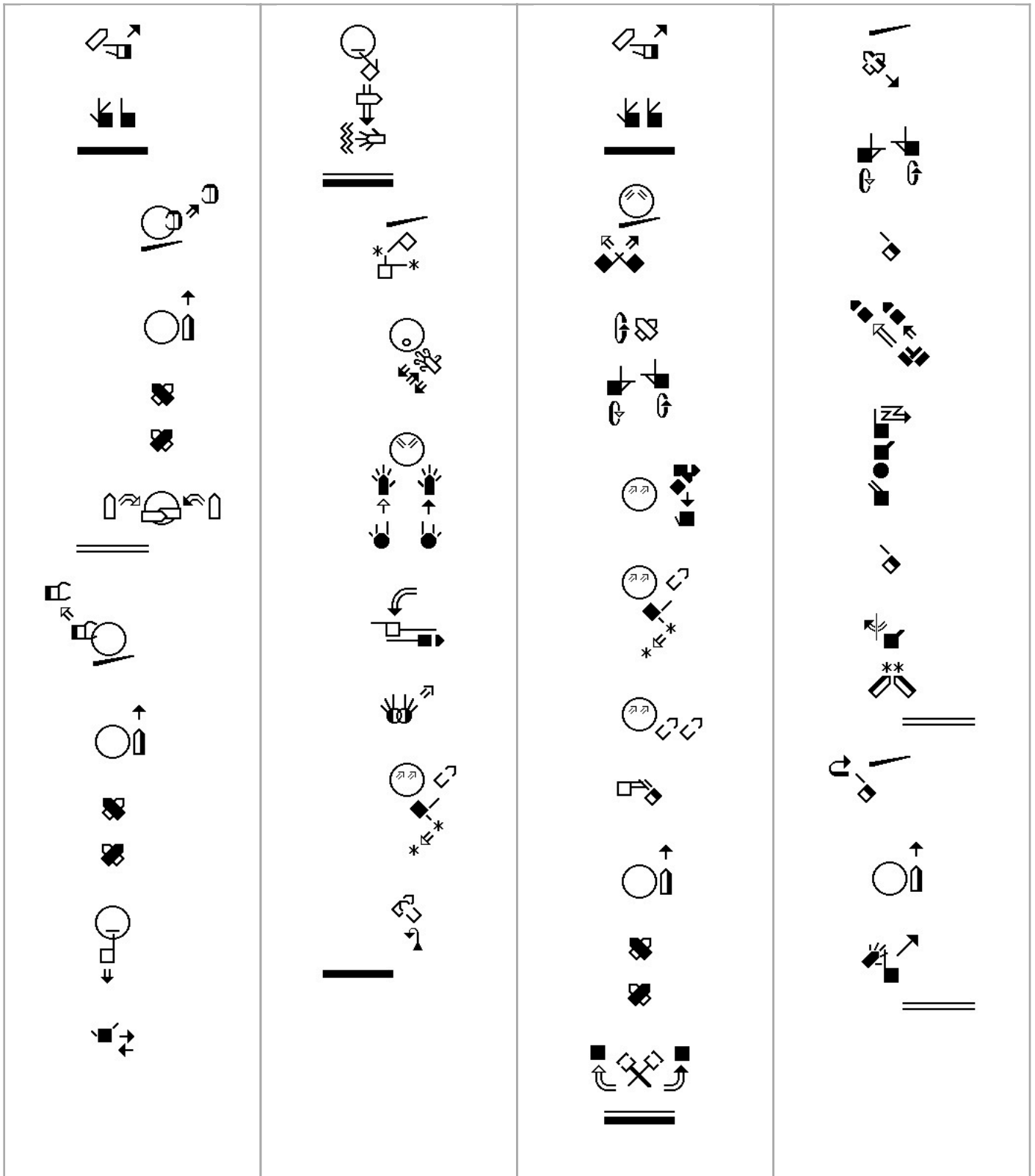




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 Verse 28. "Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
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 young men will see visions.  
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310 Verse 29. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants -- men and women alike. Verse 30. And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth -- blood and fire and columns of smoke. NLT



Verse 31. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives. Verse 32. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, NLT

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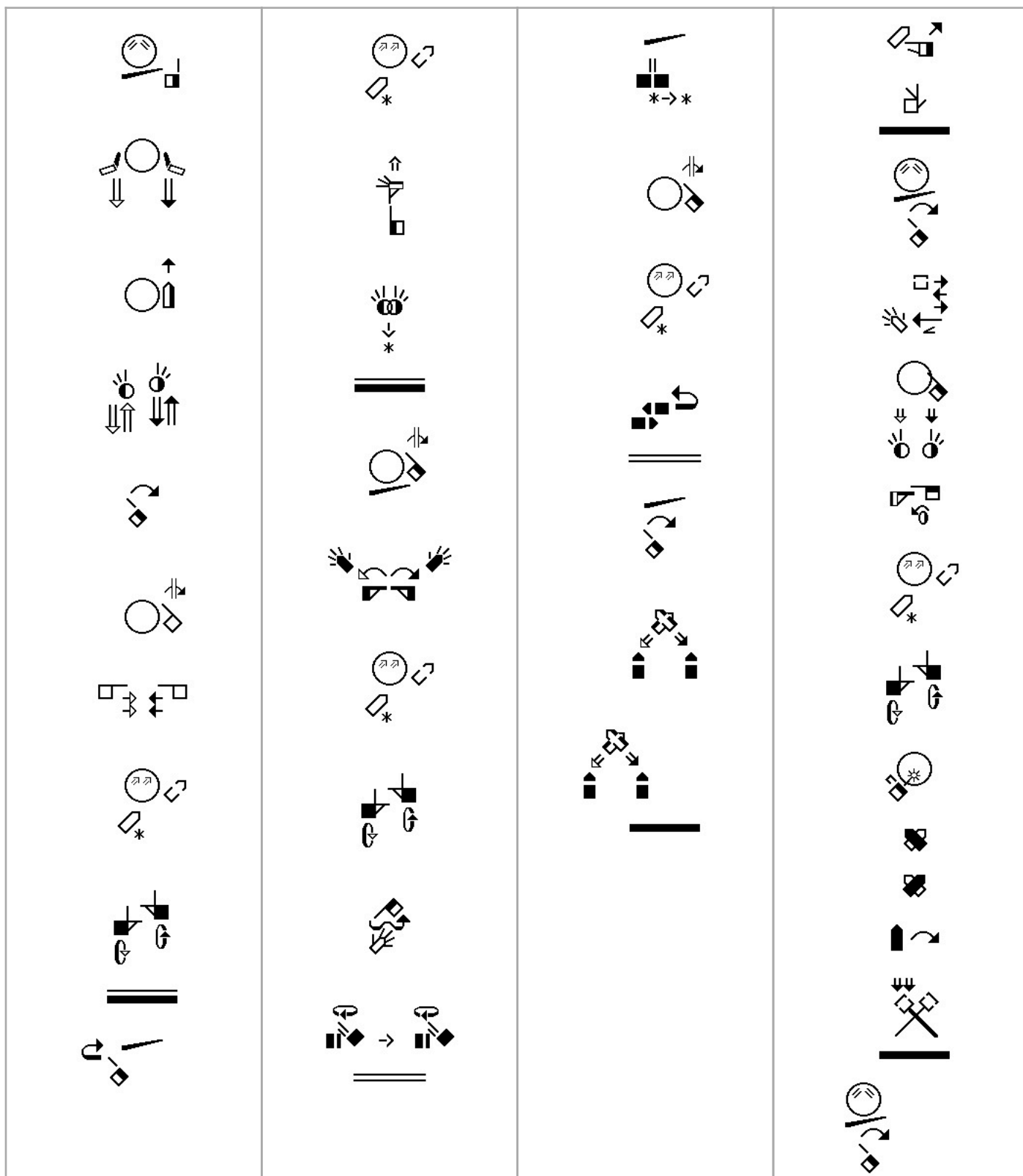
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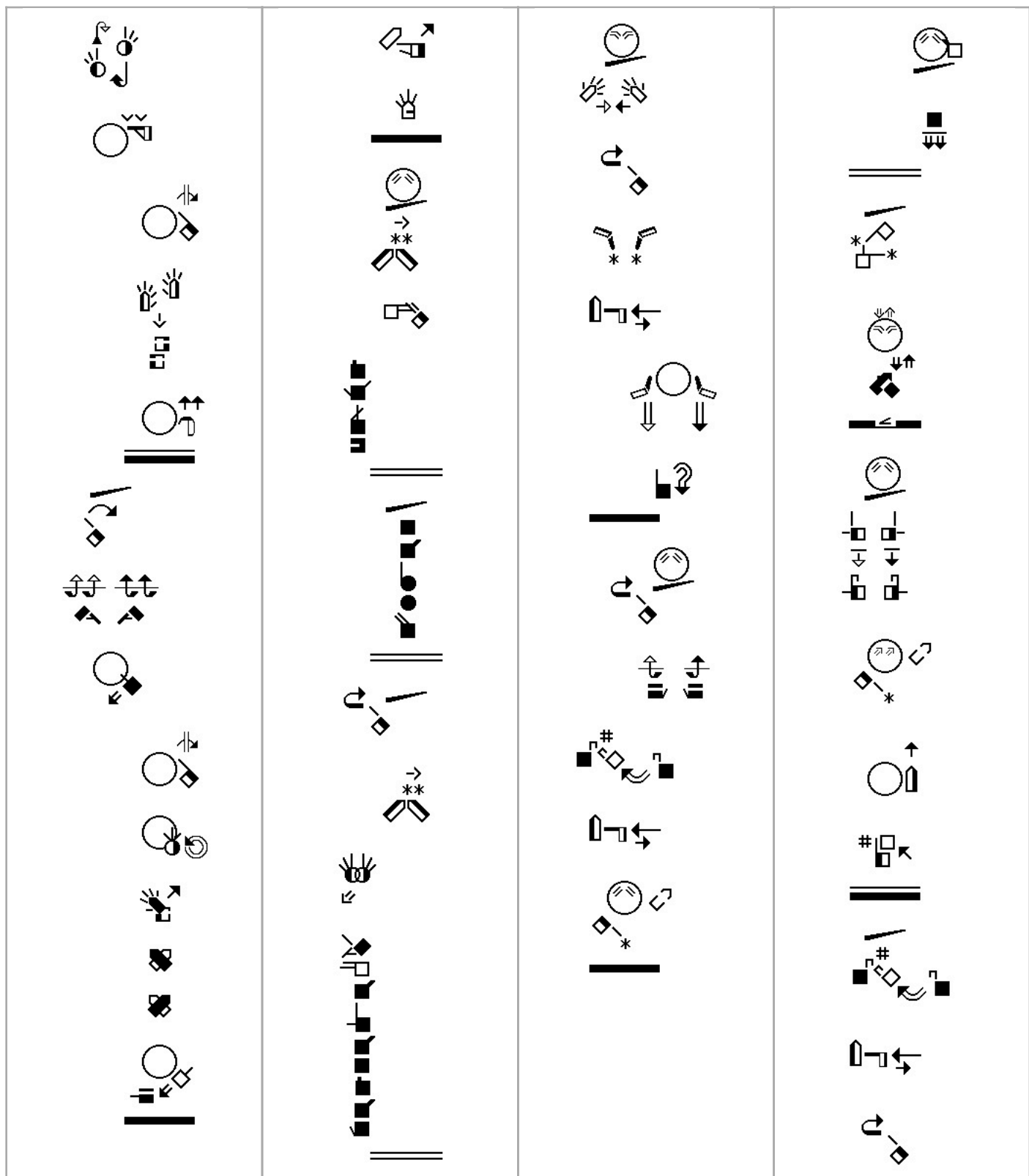
Chapter 3. "At the time of those events," says the LORD, "when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem, Verse 2. I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat.

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Joel 3:2-3



314 There I will judge them for harming my people, my special possession, for scattering my people among the nations, and for dividing up my land. Verse 3. They cast lots to decide which of my people would be their slaves. They NLT



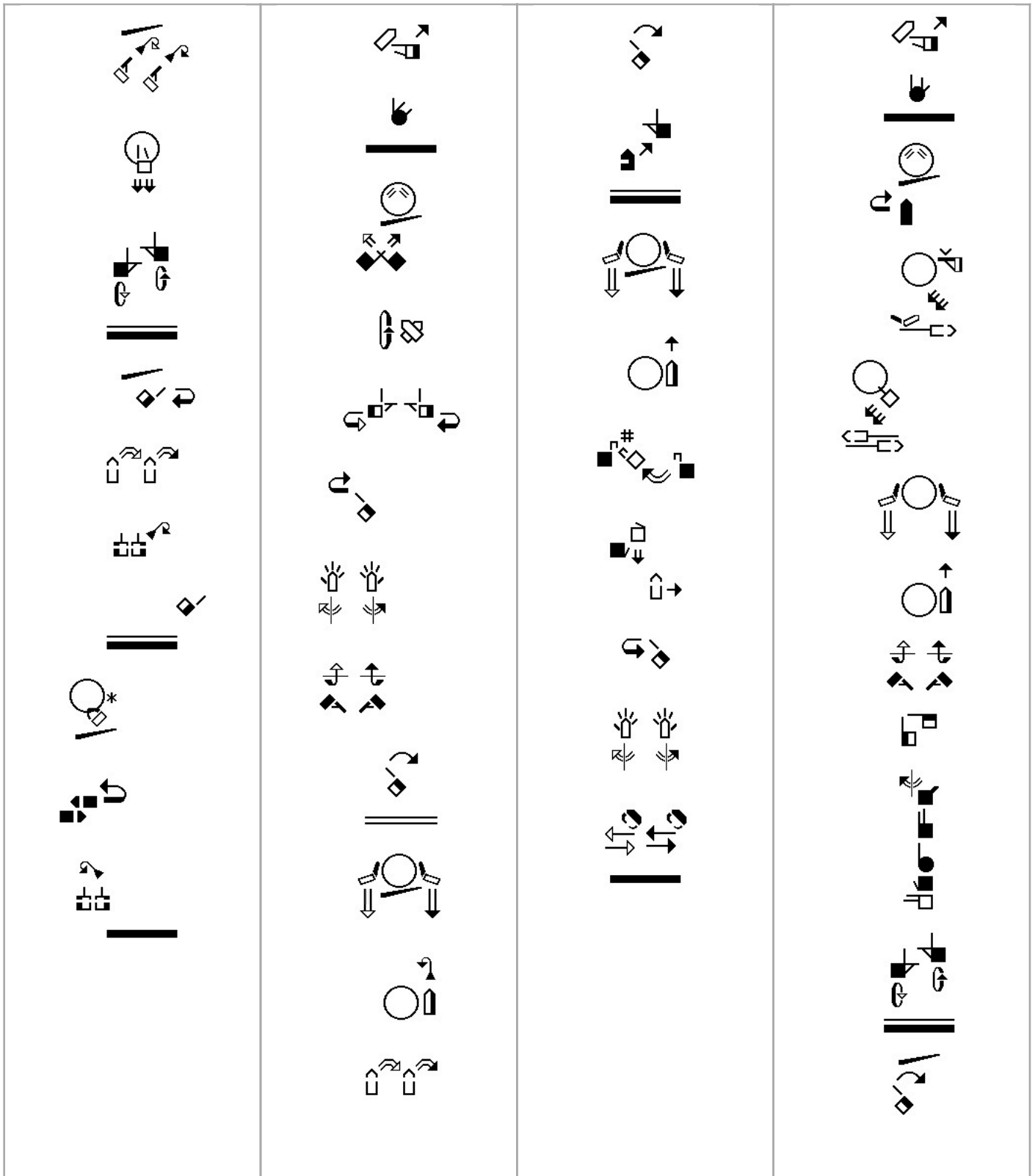
traded boys to obtain prostitutes and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk. Verse 4.  
 "What do you have against me, Tyre and Sidon and you cities of Philistia? Are you trying to take revenge on me? If you are, then watch out! I will strike swiftly and pay you back  
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Joel 3:4-6

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316 for everything you have done. Verse 5. You have taken my silver and gold and all my precious treasures, and have carried them off to your pagan temples. Verse 6. You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, NLT

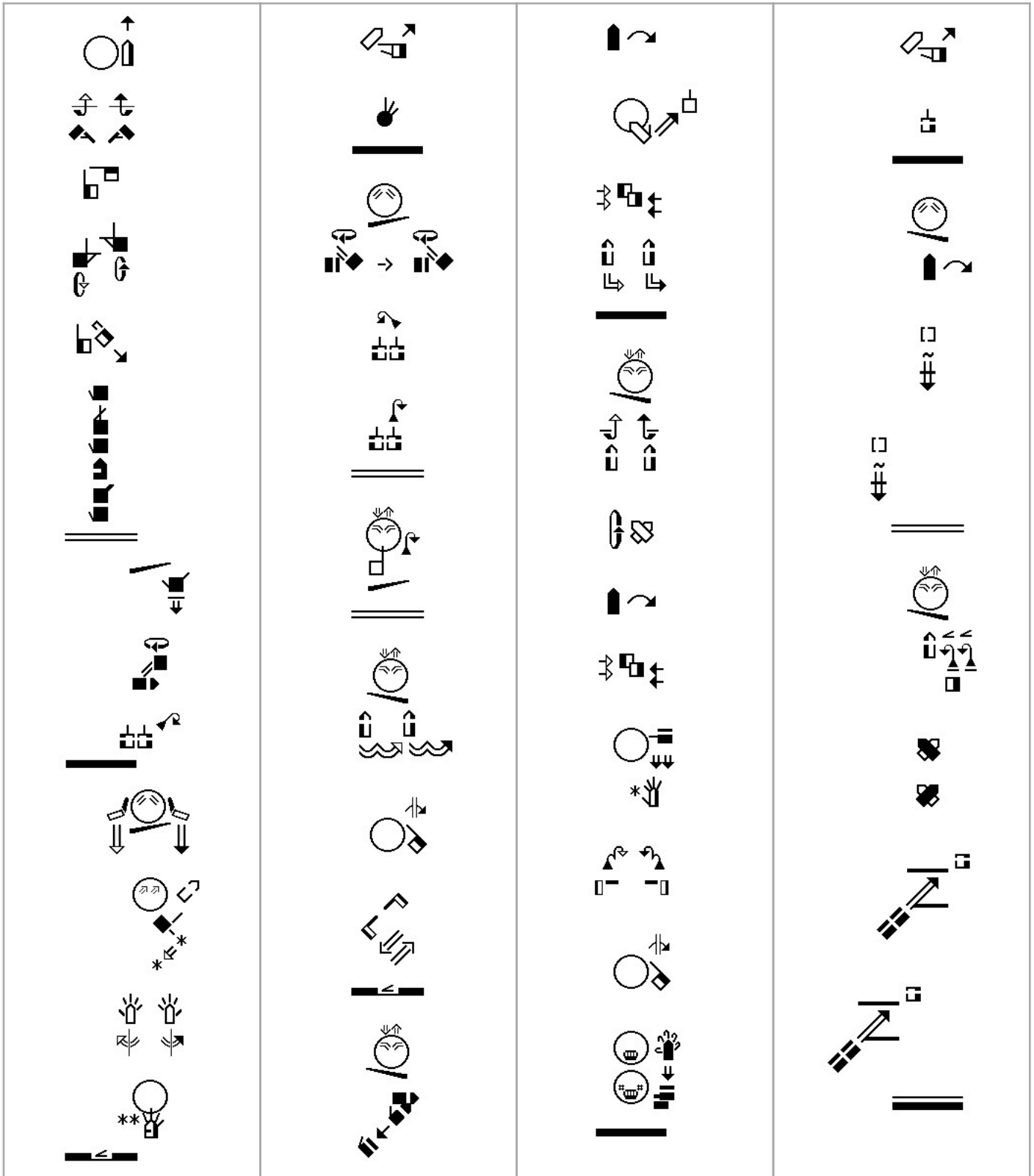




so they could take them far from their homeland. Verse 7. "But I will bring them back from all the places to which you sold them, and I will pay you back for everything you have done. Verse 8. I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they

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Joel 3:8-10

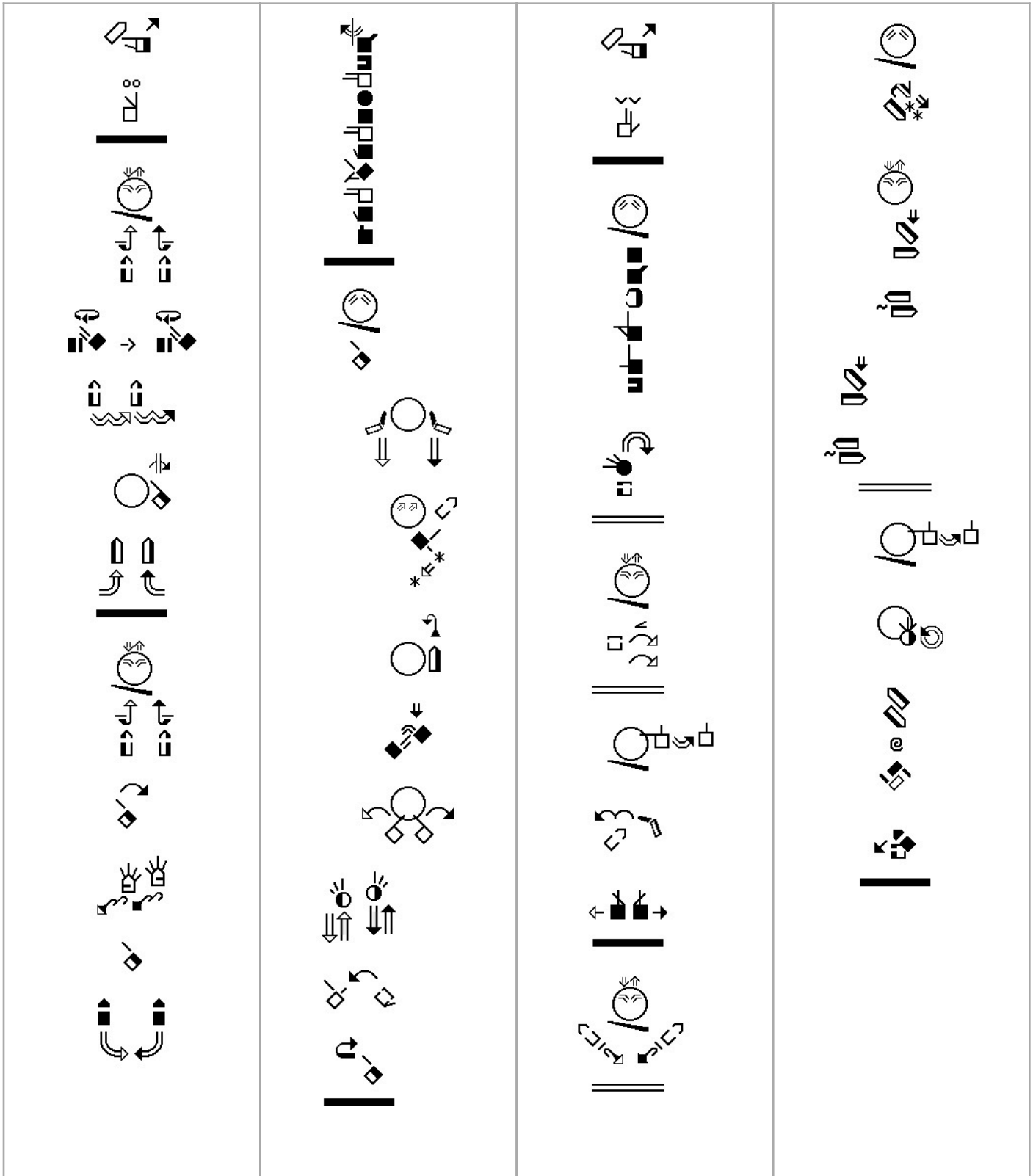


will sell them to the people of Arabia, a nation far away. I, the LORD, have spoken!"  
 Verse 9. Say to the nations far and wide: "Get ready for war! Call out your best warriors.  
 Let all your fighting men advance for the attack. Verse 10. Hammer your plowshares into  
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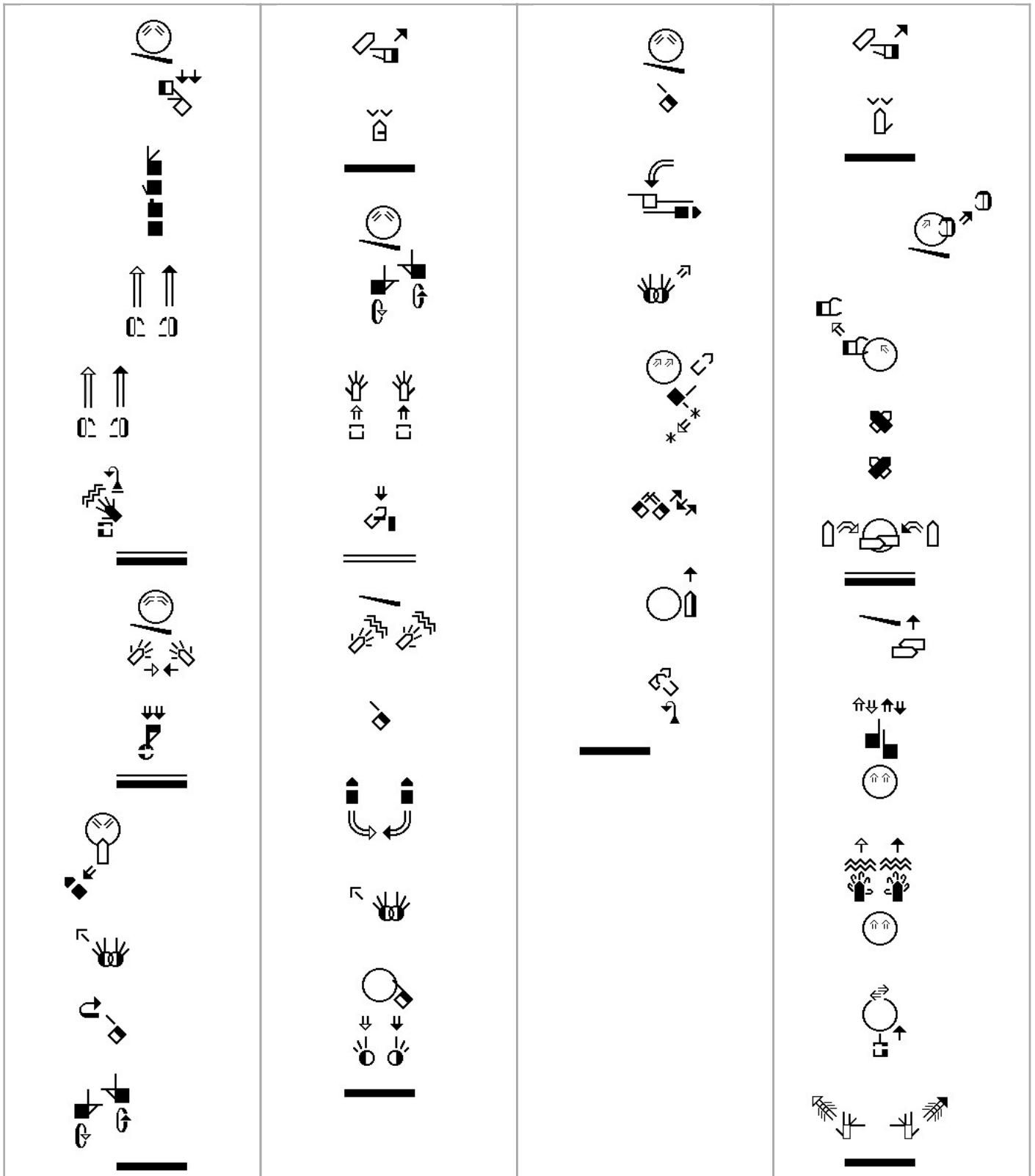
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and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be warriors. Verse 11. Come quickly, all you nations everywhere. Gather together in the valley." And now, O LORD, call out your warriors!

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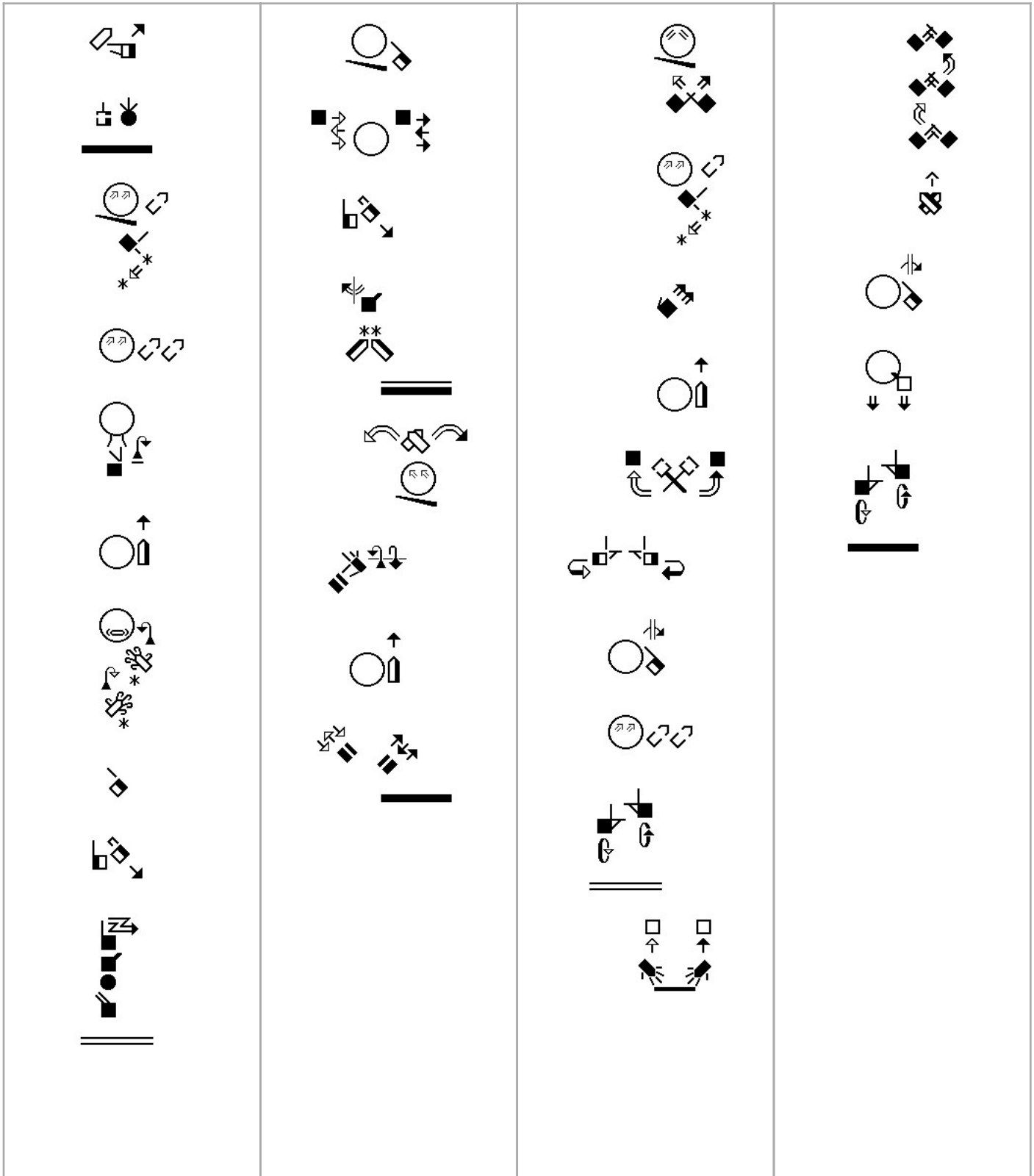
Verse 12. "Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I, the LORD, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. Verse 13. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the winepress is full. NLT



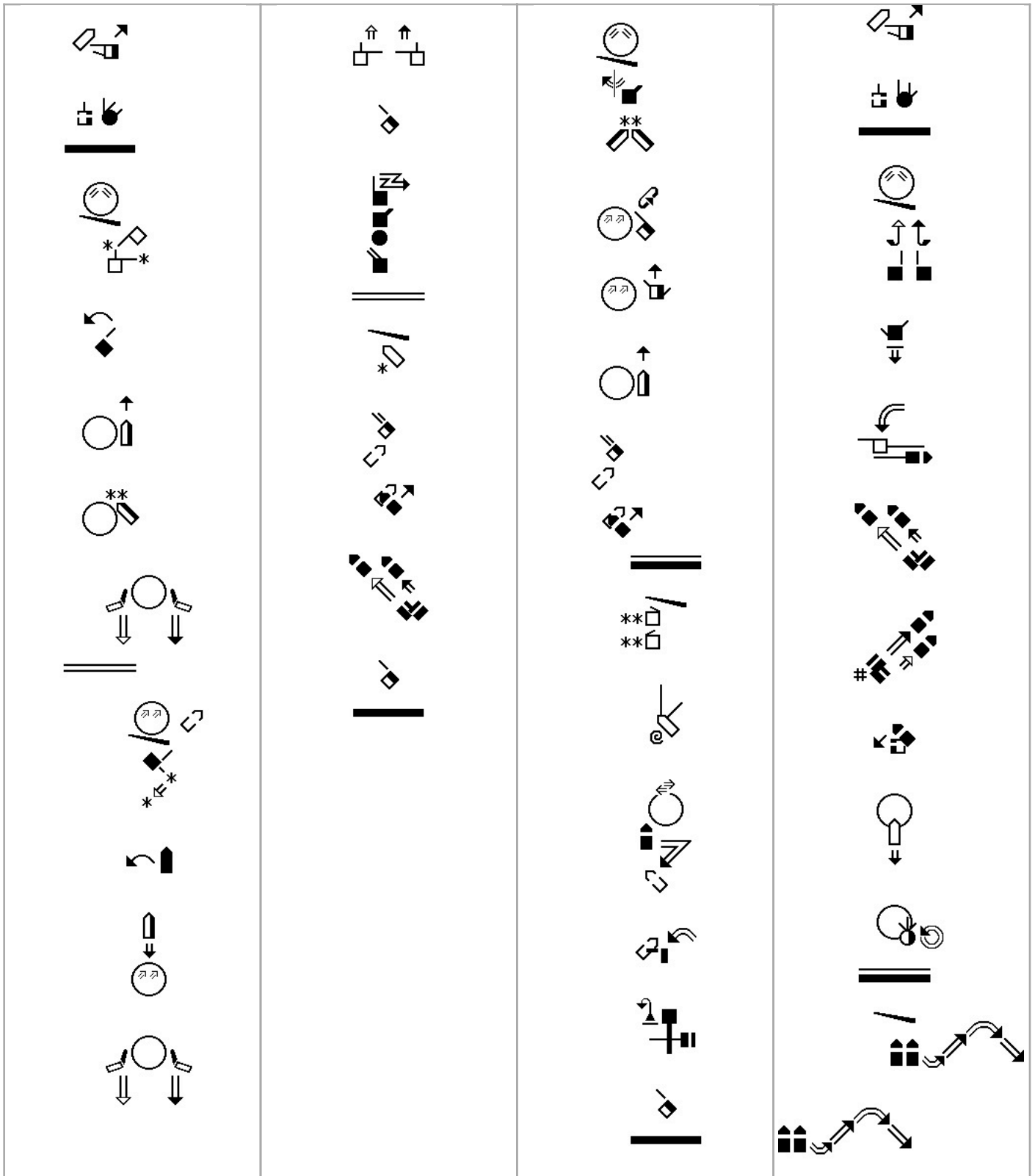
The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these people." Verse 14. Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision. There the day of the LORD will soon arrive. Verse 15. The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine.

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Joel 3:16

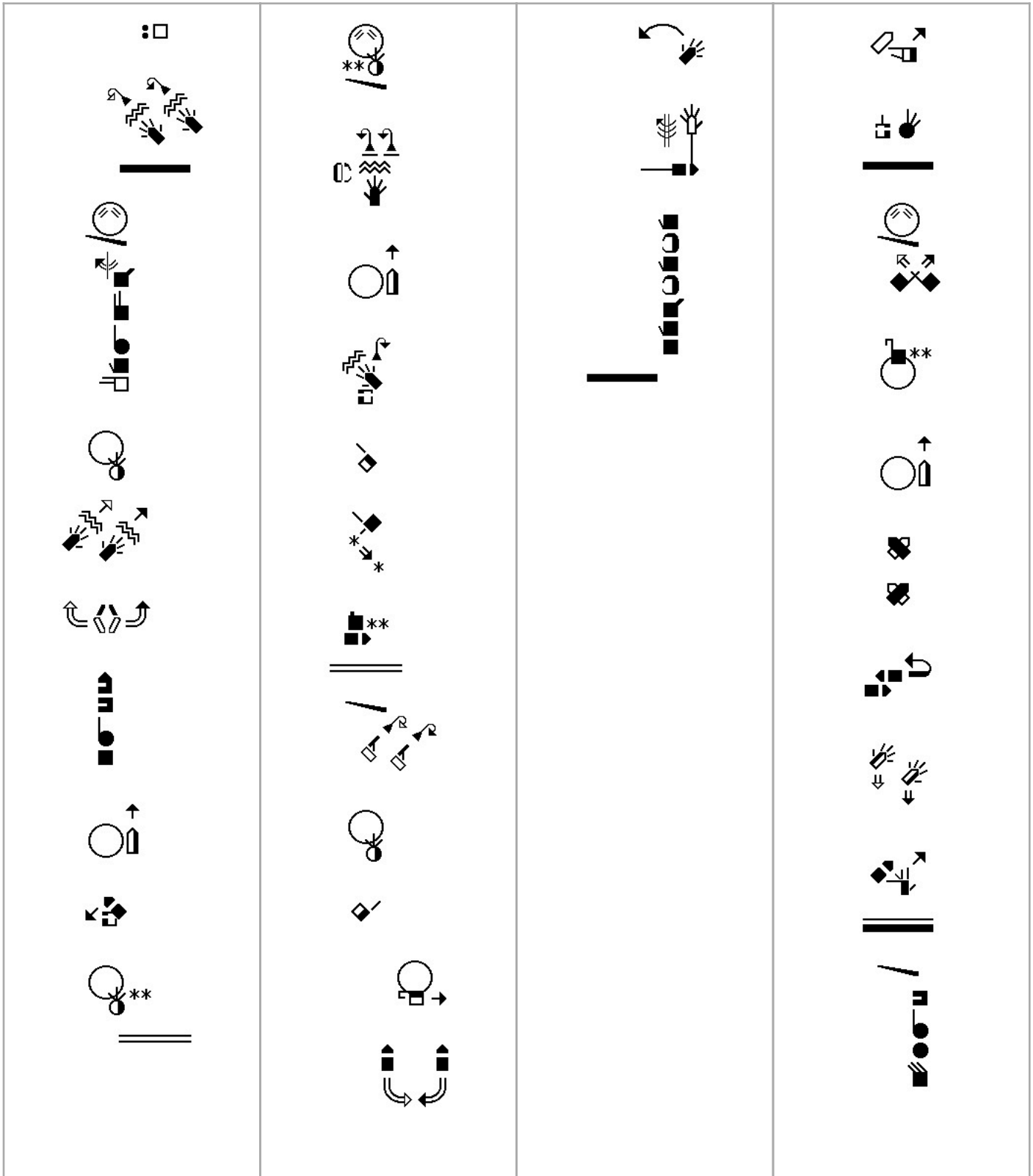


322 Verse 16. The LORD'S voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel. NLT



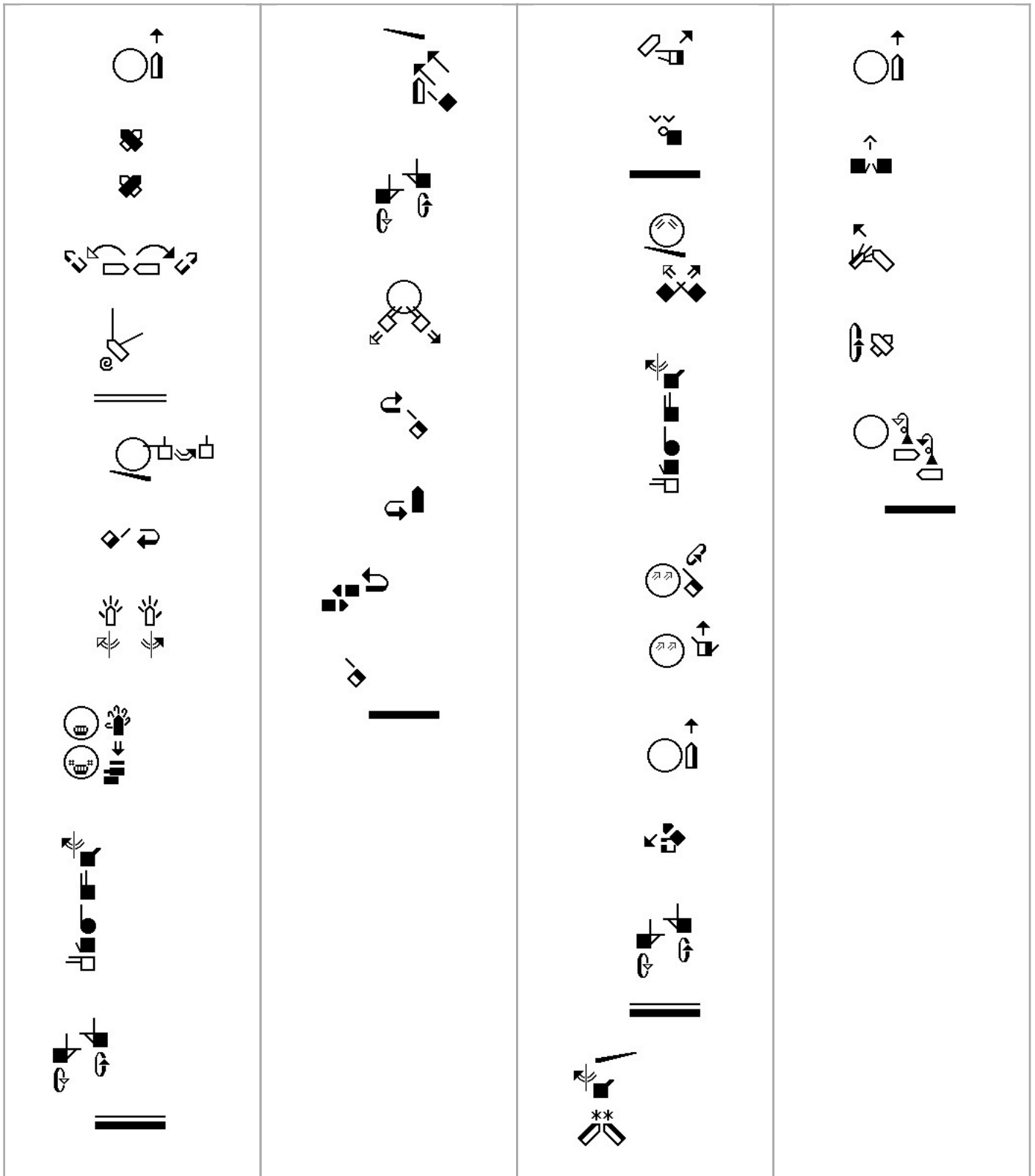
Verse 17. "Then you will know that I, the LORD your God, live in Zion, my holy mountain. Jerusalem will be holy forever, and foreign armies will never conquer her again. Verse 18. In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills

Joel 3:18-19



324 will flow with milk. Water will fill the streambeds of Judah, and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD'S Temple, watering the arid valley of acacias. Verse 19. But Egypt will become a wasteland and Edom NLT





will become a wilderness, because they attacked the people of Judah and killed innocent people in their land. Verse 20. But Judah will be filled with people forever, and Jerusalem will endure through all generations.

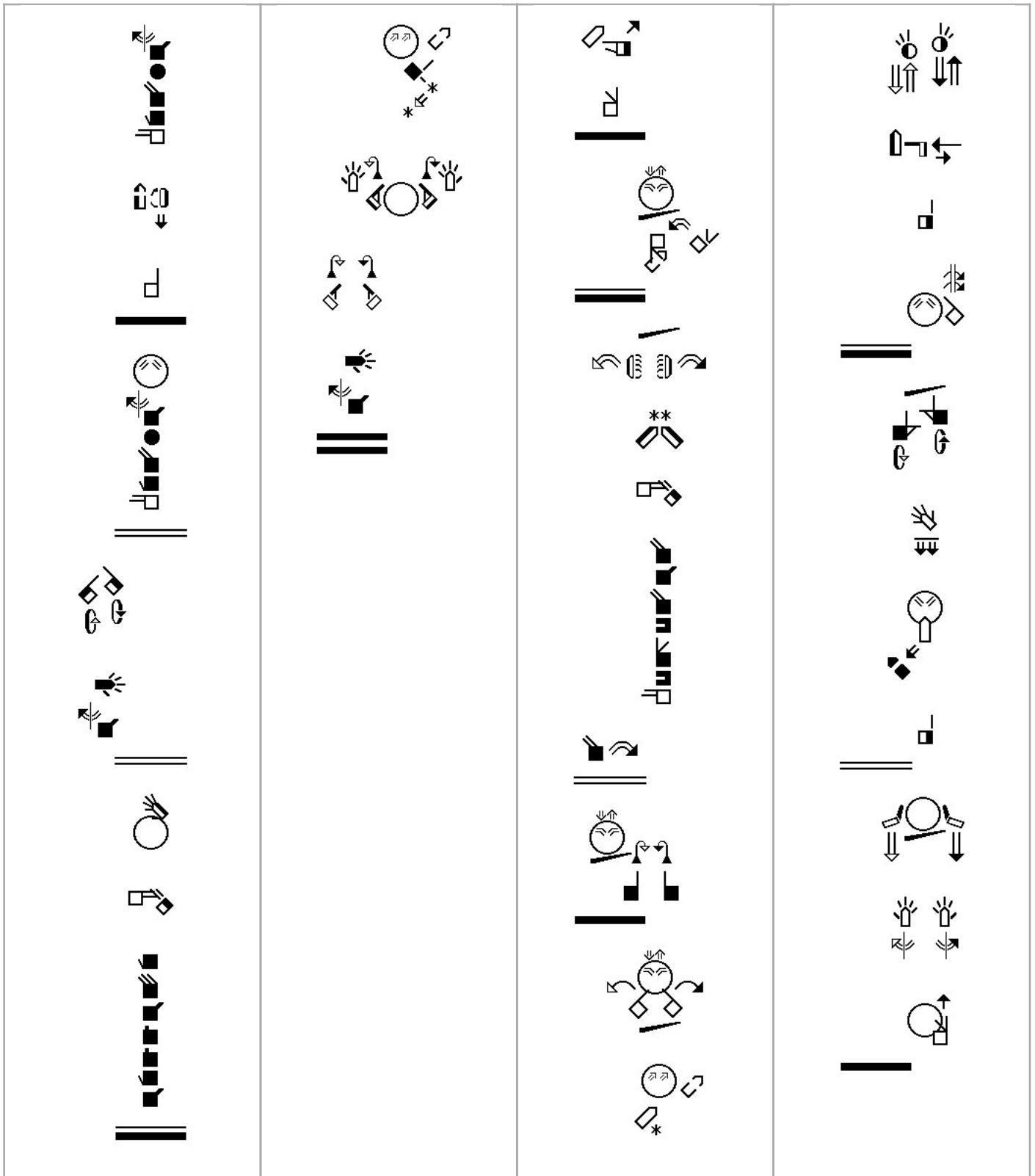
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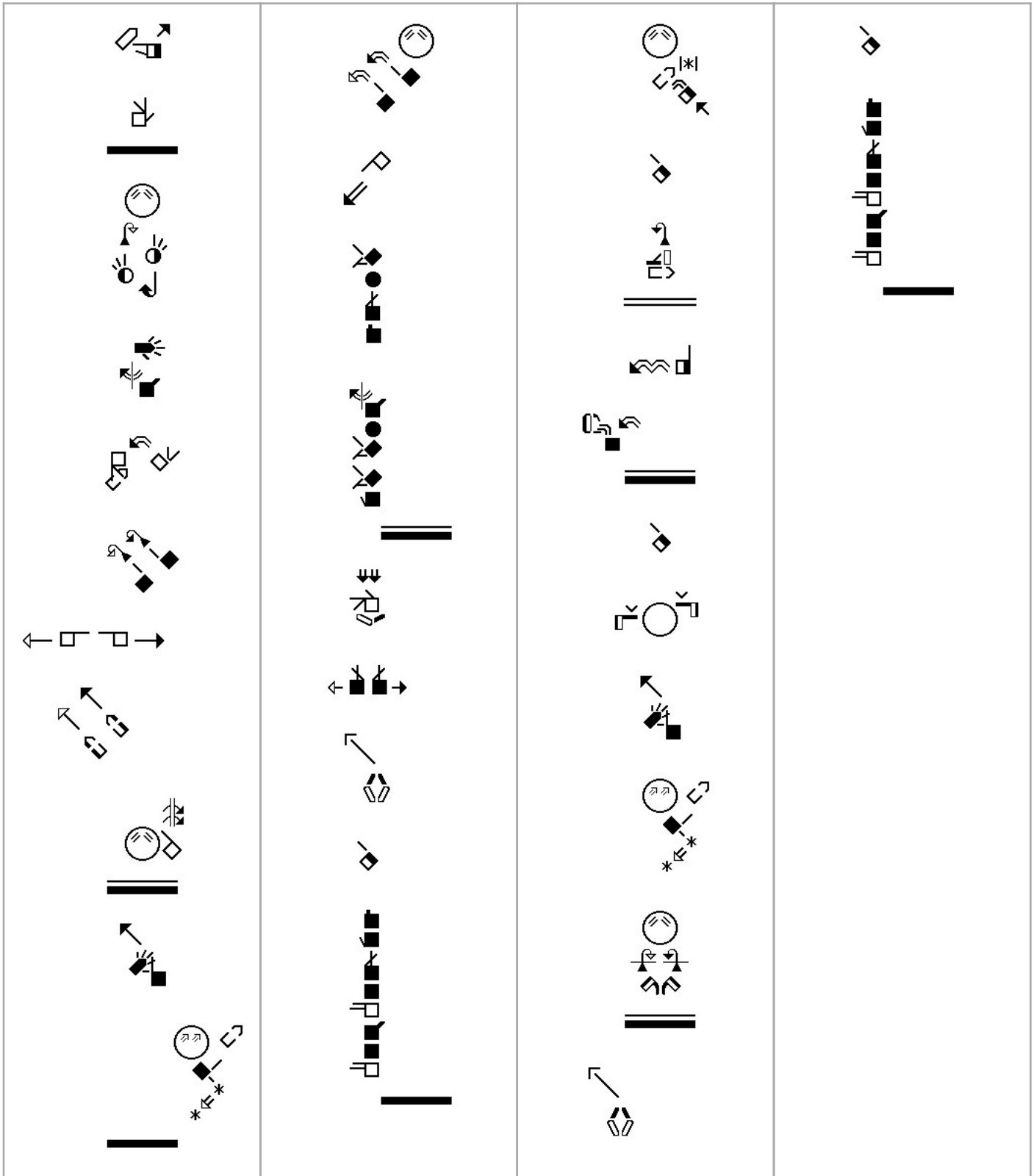




Jonah Chapter 1. The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: Verse 2. "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are."

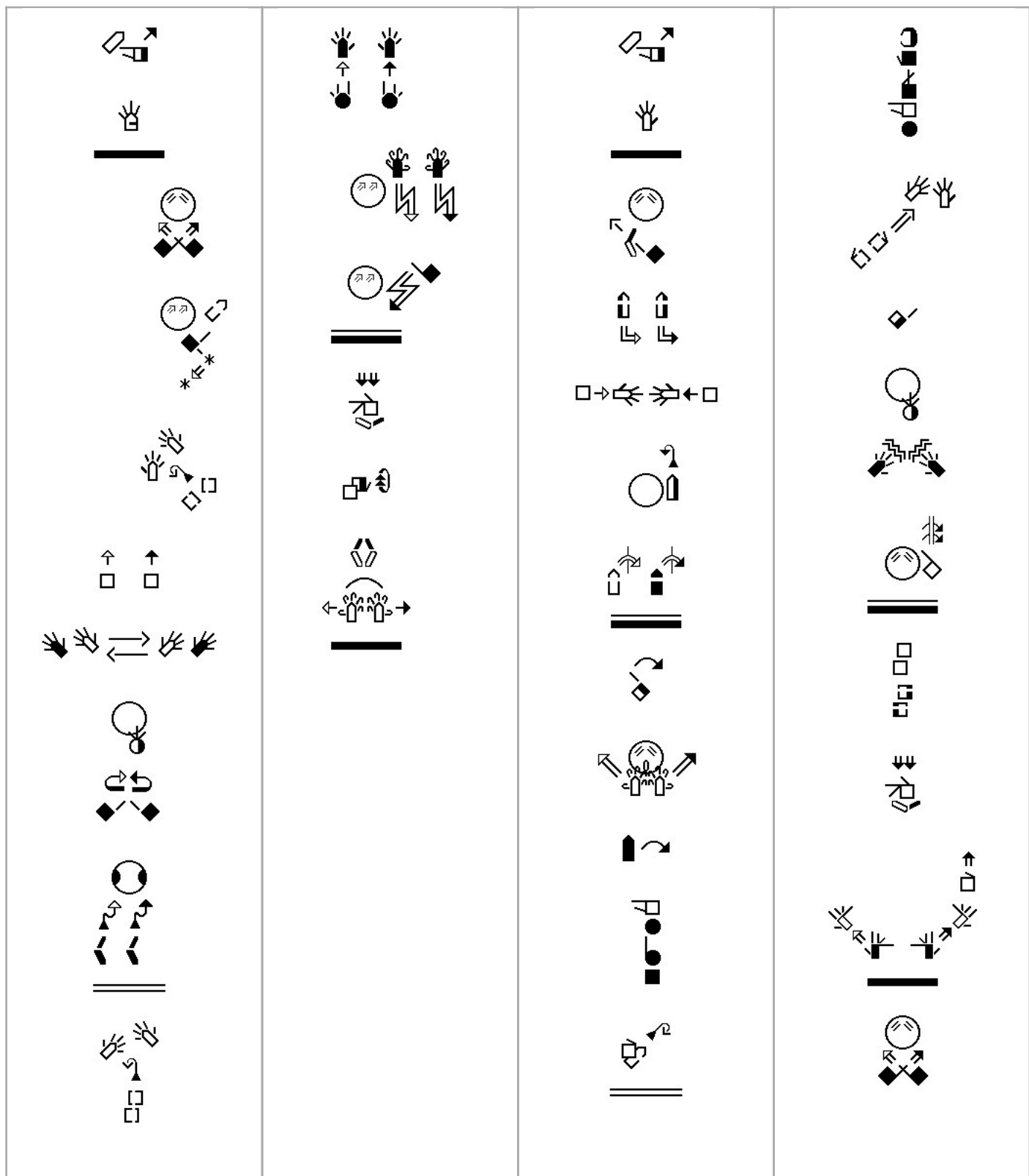
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Jonah 1:3



Verse 3. But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.

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Verse 4. But the LORD hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart. Verse 5. Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. But NLT

Jonah 1:5-7

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all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold. Verse 6. So the captain went down after him. "How can you sleep at a time like this?" he shouted. "Get up and pray to your god! Maybe he will pay attention to us and spare our lives." Verse 7. Then the crew cast lots to see which of them had offended the gods NLT

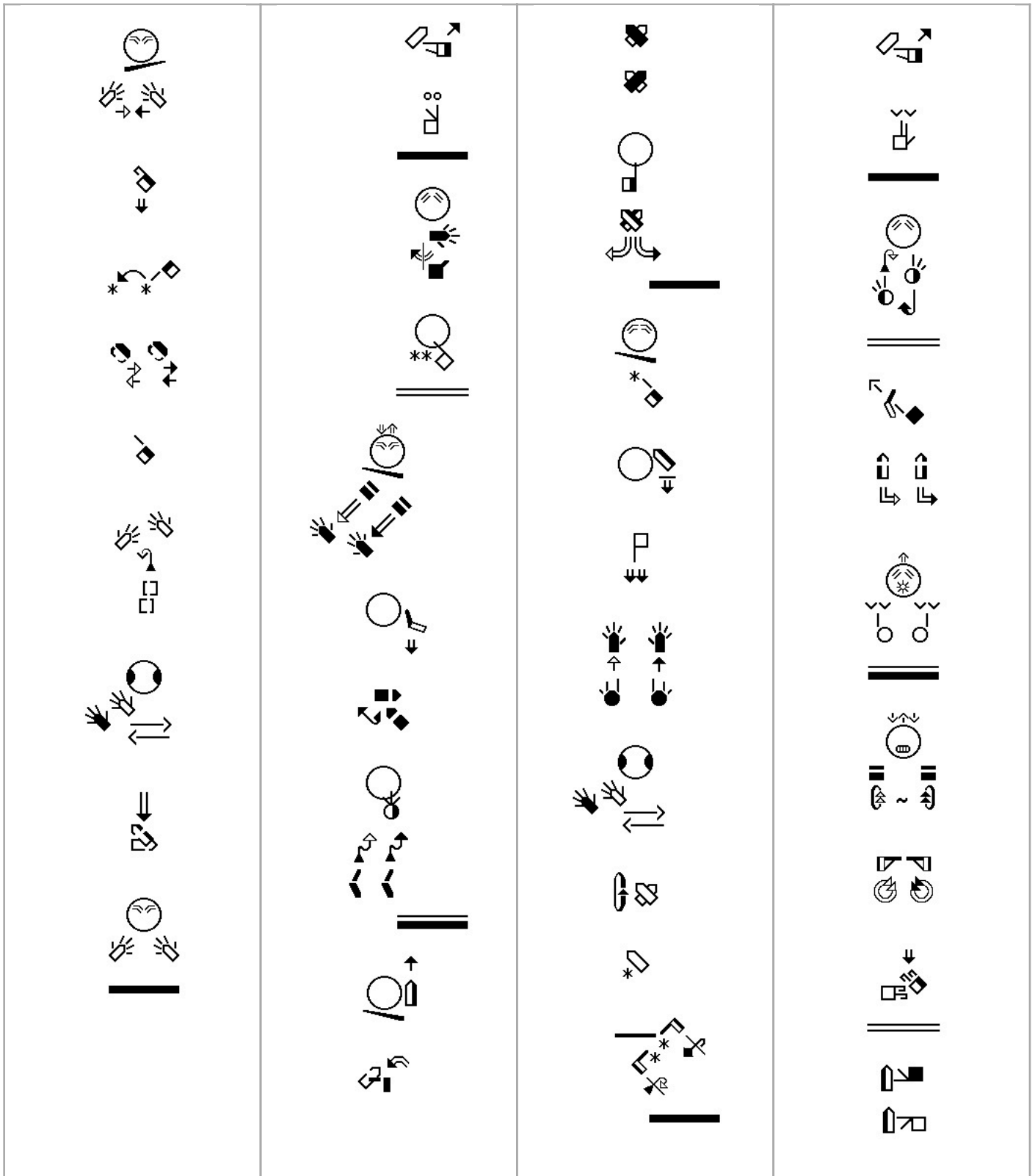


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and caused the terrible storm. When they did this, the lots identified Jonah as the culprit. Verse 8. "Why has this awful storm come down on us?" they demanded. "Who are you? What is your line of work? What country are you from? What is your nationality?" Verse 9. Jonah answered, "I am a Hebrew, and I worship the LORD,

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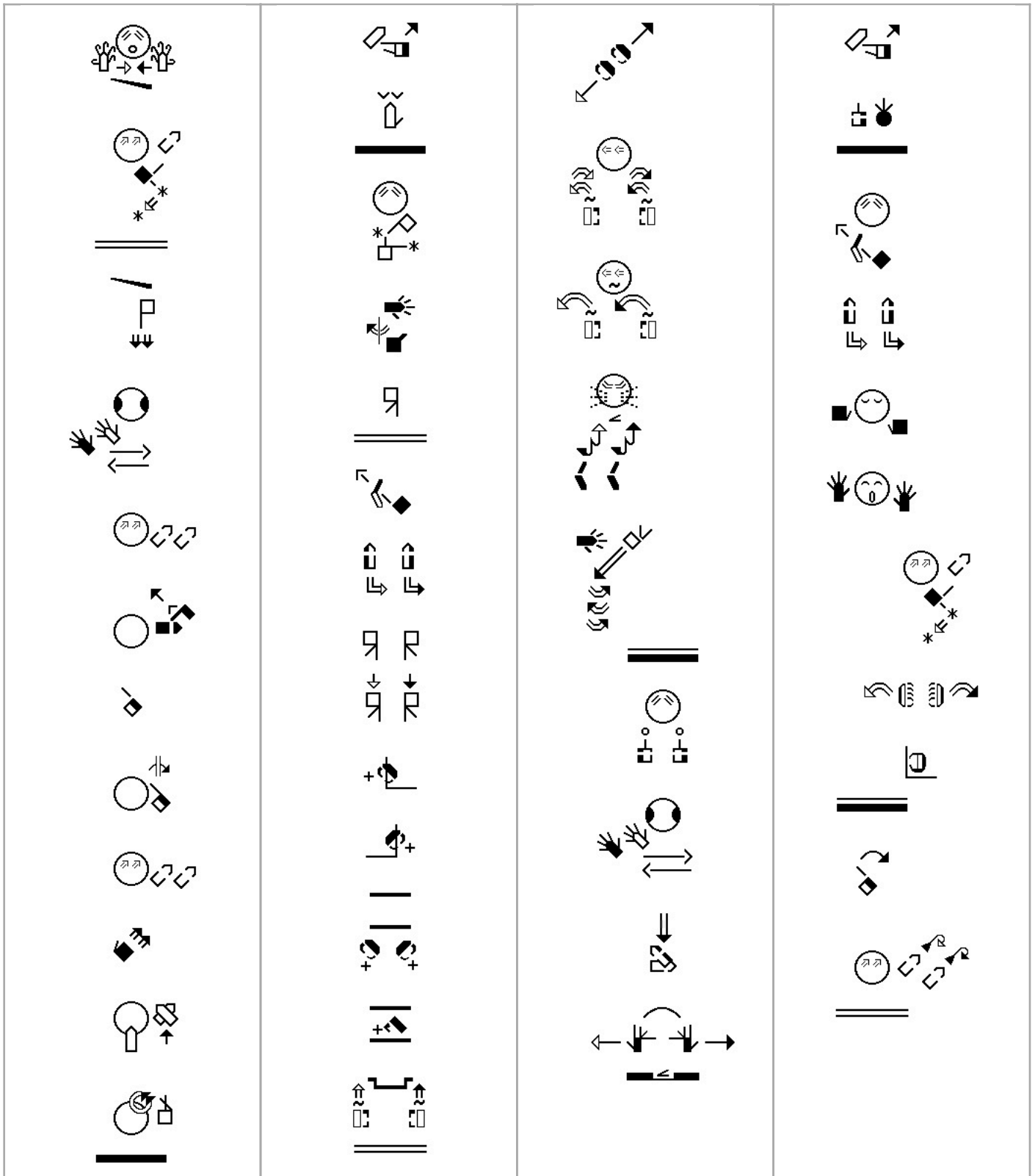
"What should we do to you to stop this storm?" Verse 12. "Throw me into the sea,"  
 Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."  
 Verse 13. Instead, the sailors rowed even harder to

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Jonah 1:13-14

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get the ship to the land. But the stormy sea was too violent for them, and they couldn't make it. Verse 14. Then they cried out to the LORD, Jonah's God. "O LORD," they pleaded, "don't make us die for this man's sin. And don't hold us responsible for his death. NLT



O LORD, you have sent this storm upon him for your own good reasons." Verse 15. Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! Verse 16. The sailors were awestruck by the LORD'S great power, and they offered him a sacrifice

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Jonah 1:16-17

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338 and vowed to serve him. Verse 17. Now the LORD had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights. NLT

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Chapter 2. Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from inside the fish. Verse 2. He said, "I cried out to the LORD in my great trouble, and he answered me. I called to you from the land of the dead, and LORD, you heard me!" NLT

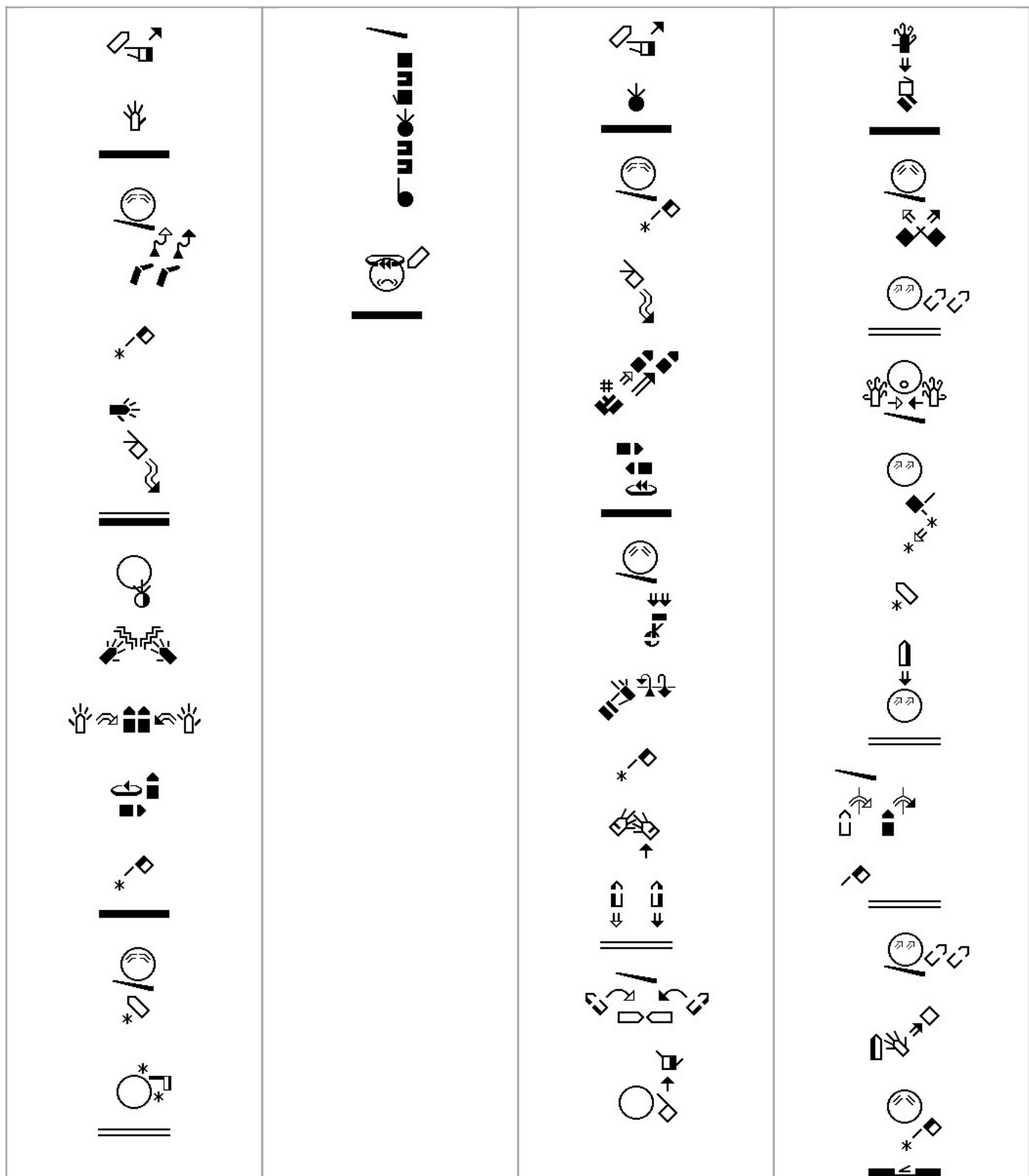
Jonah 2:3-4

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Verse 3. You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves. Verse 4. Then I said, 'O LORD, you have driven me from your presence. Yet I will look once more toward your holy Temple.'

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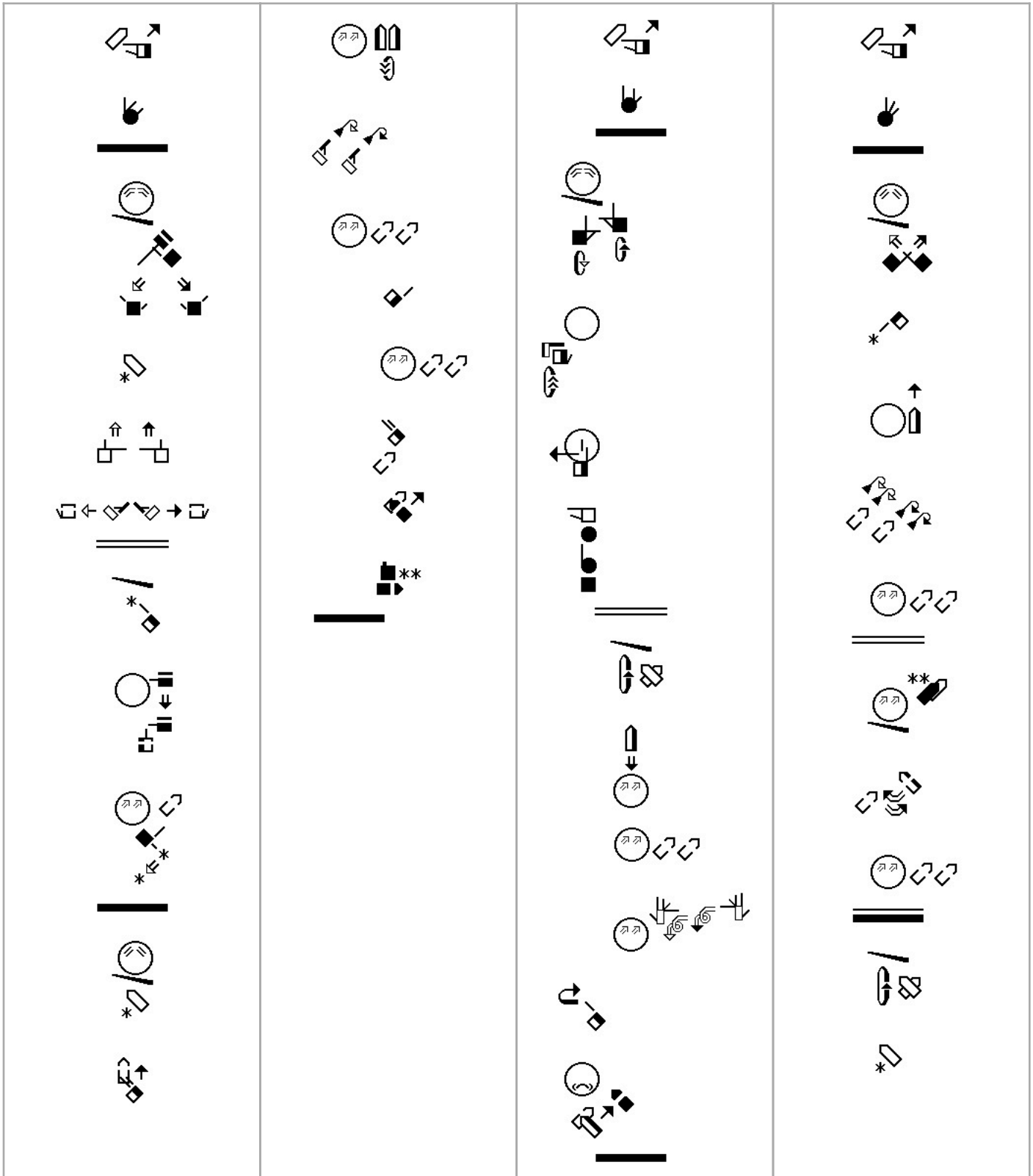




Verse 5. "I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. Verse 6. I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever. But you, O LORD my God, snatched me from the jaws of death!

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Jonah 2:7-9



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Verse 7. As my life was slipping away, I remembered the LORD. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple. Verse 8. Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies. Verse 9. But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and

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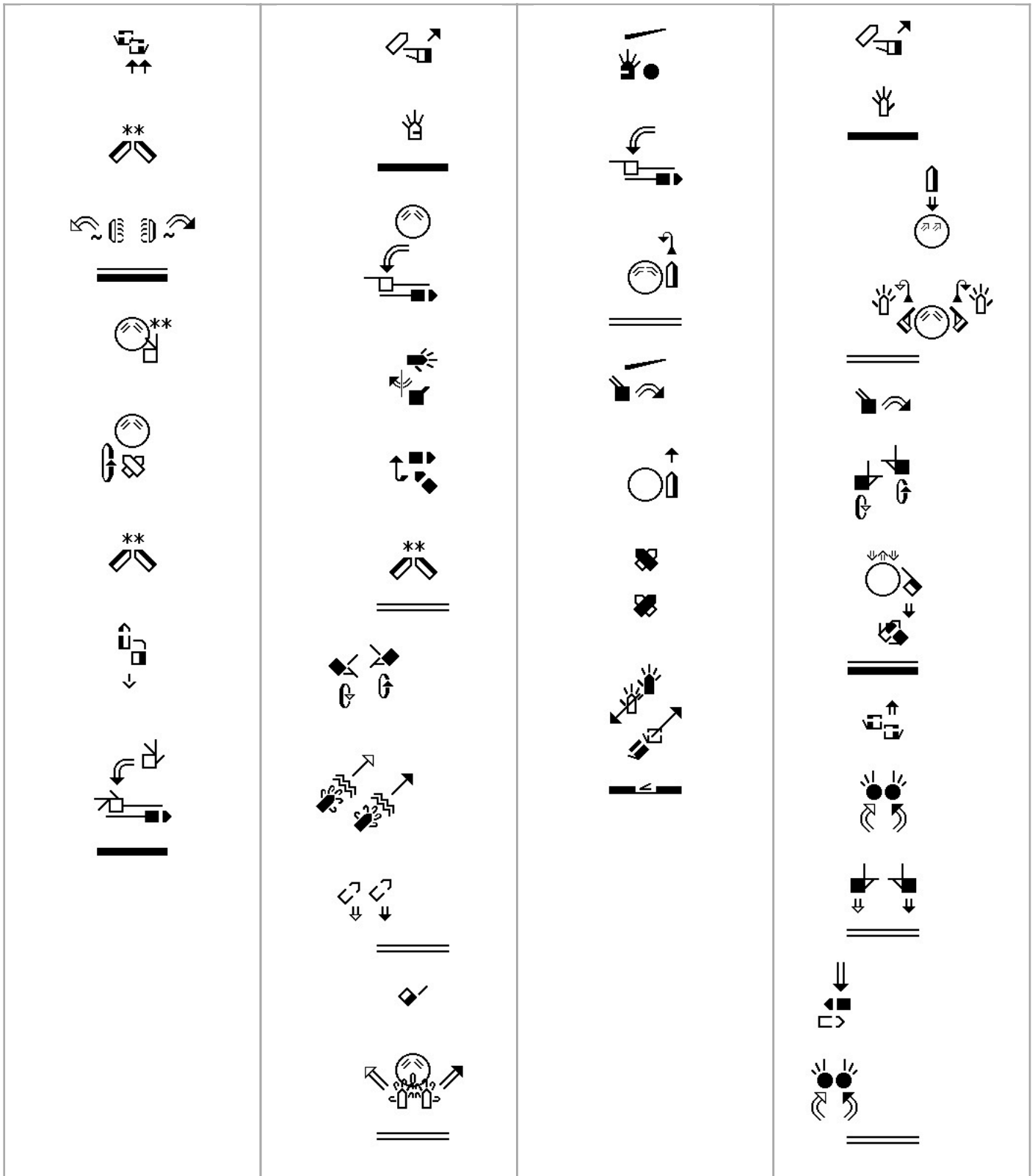
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I will fulfill all my vows. For my salvation comes from the LORD alone." Verse 10. Then the LORD ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

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Jonah 3:1-3

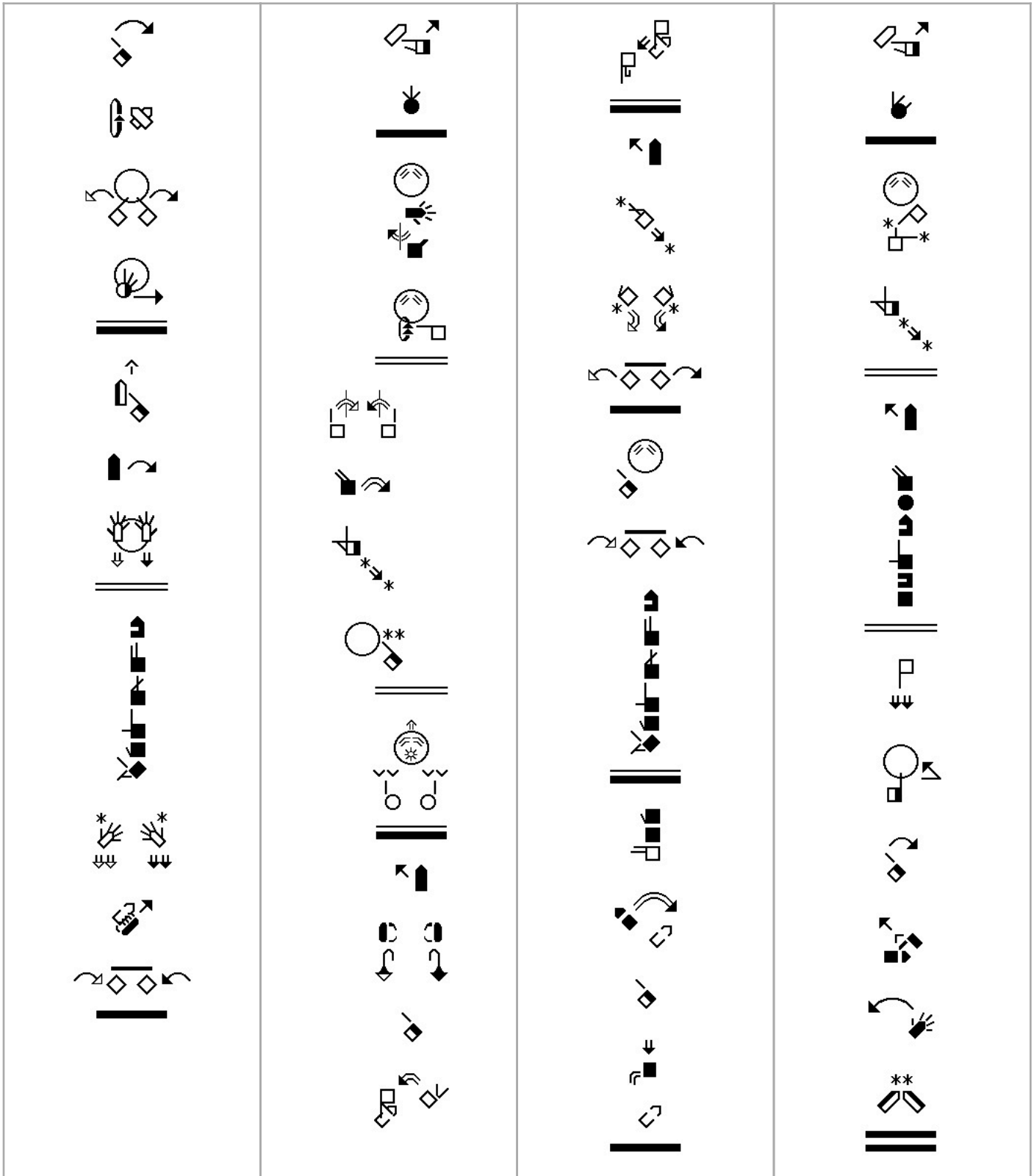
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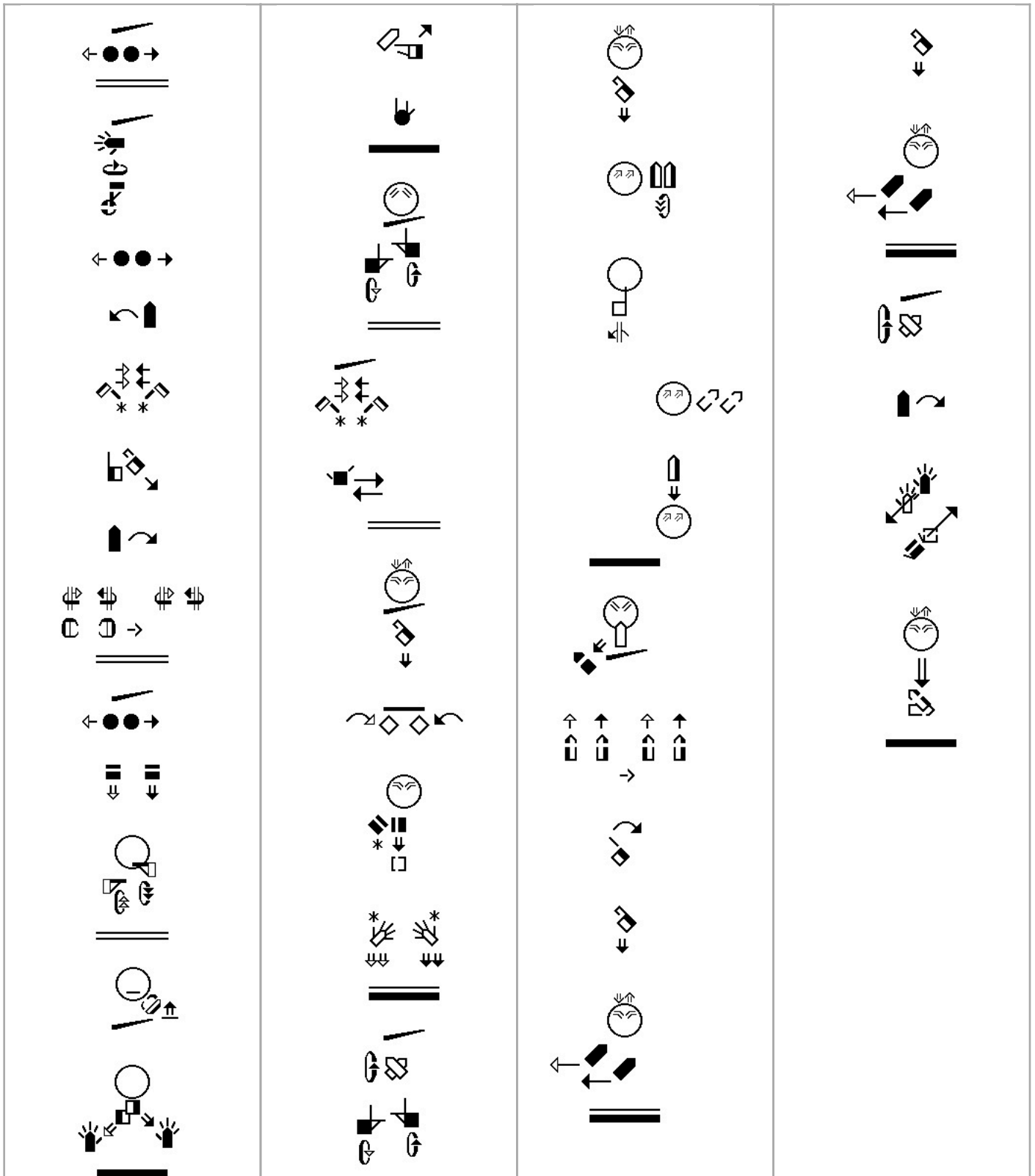
a city so large that it took three days to see it all. Verse 4. On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: "Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!" Verse 5. The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least,

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Jonah 3:5-7



they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. Verse 6. When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes. Verse 7. Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city:  
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"No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. Verse 8. People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence.

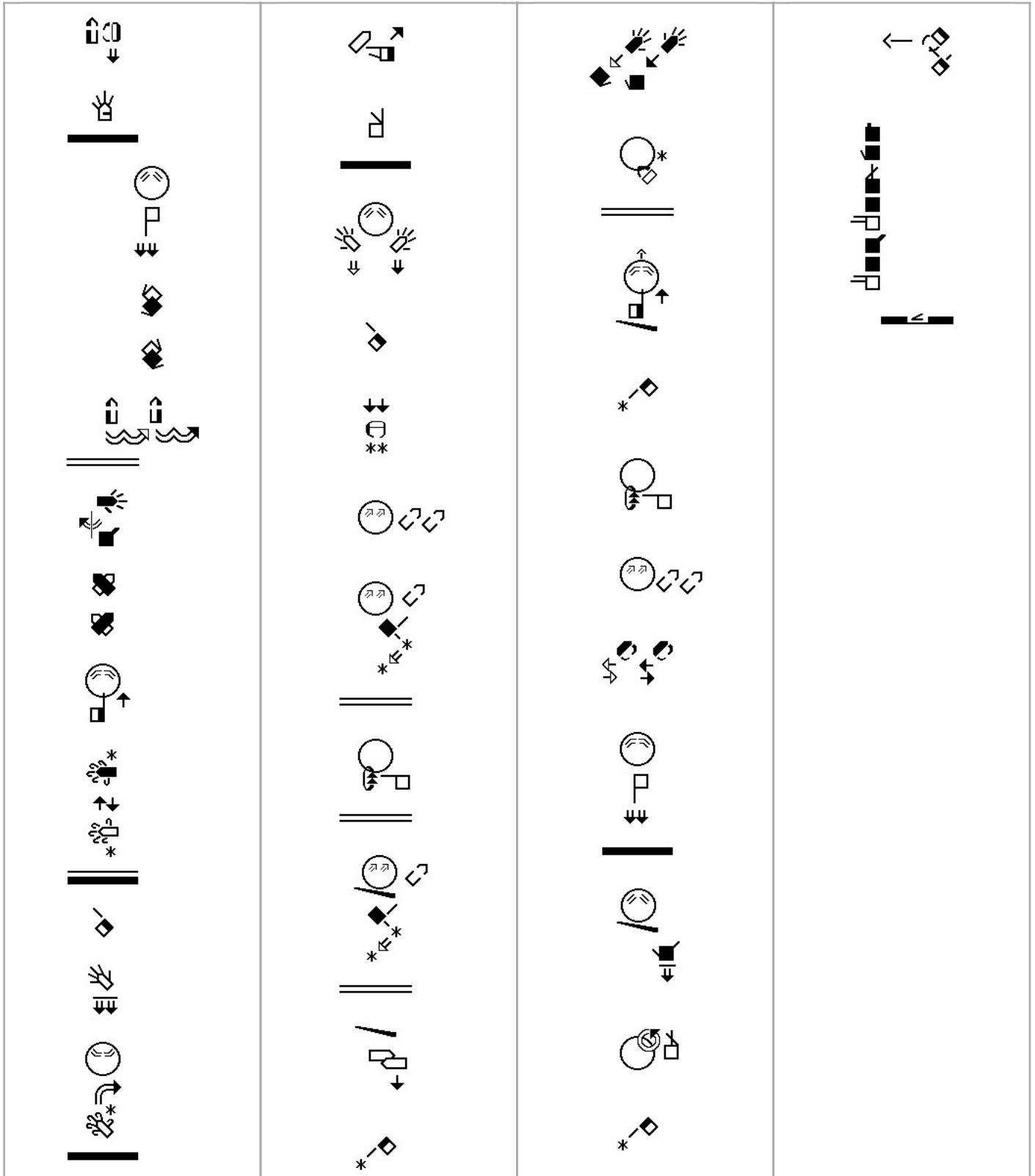
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Jonah 3:9-10

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Verse 9. Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us." Verse 10. When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. NLT

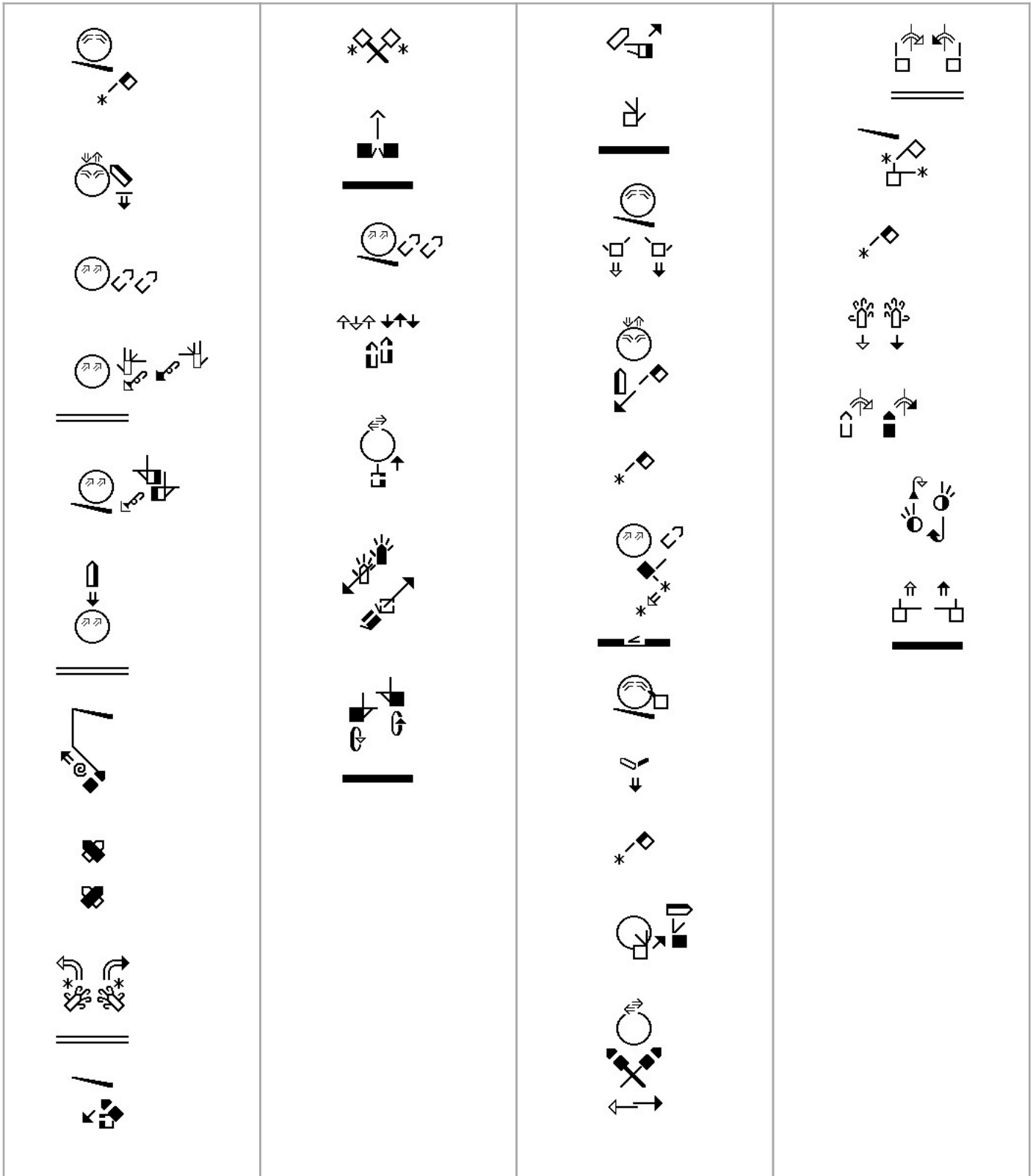


























































Chapter 4. This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. Verse 2. So he complained to the LORD about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish!"

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Jonah 4:2-3



350 I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Verse 3. Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen." NLT

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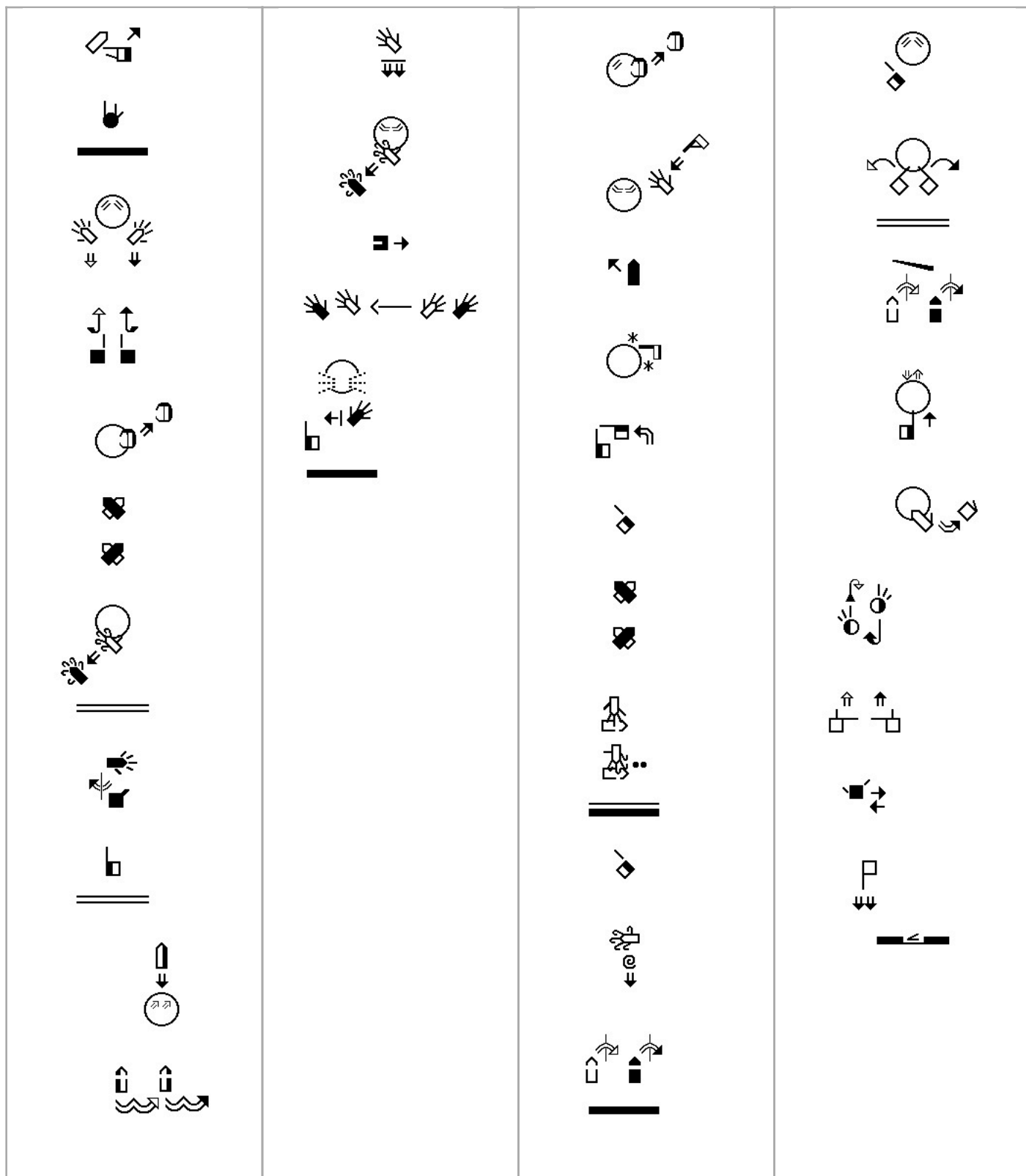
Verse 4. The LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?" Verse 5. Then Jonah went out to the east side of the city and made a shelter to sit under as he waited to see what would happen to the city. Verse 6. And the LORD God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves

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Jonah 4:6-7

<p>A vertical sequence of 14 signs. It starts with a sign for 'over' (hand above head), followed by signs for 'Jonah's head' (hand pointing to head), 'shading' (hand over head), 'discomfort' (hand to forehead), 'grateful' (hand to chest), 'plant' (hand to head), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'worm' (hand to head), 'ate' (hand to mouth), 'stem' (hand to head), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), and 'withered' (hand to head).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 6 signs. It starts with a sign for 'shading' (hand over head), followed by signs for 'him' (hand to head), 'from the sun' (hand to head), 'eased' (hand to head), 'discomfort' (hand to forehead), and 'grateful' (hand to chest).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 14 signs. It starts with a sign for 'But' (hand to head), followed by signs for 'God' (hand to head), 'also' (hand to head), 'arranged' (hand to head), 'for' (hand to head), 'a worm' (hand to head), 'The next morning' (hand to head), 'at dawn' (hand to head), 'the worm' (hand to head), 'ate' (hand to mouth), 'through' (hand to head), 'the stem' (hand to head), 'of the plant' (hand to head), and 'so that' (hand to head).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 14 signs. It starts with a sign for 'it' (hand to head), followed by signs for 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), 'away' (hand away), 'withered' (hand to head), and 'away' (hand away).</p>
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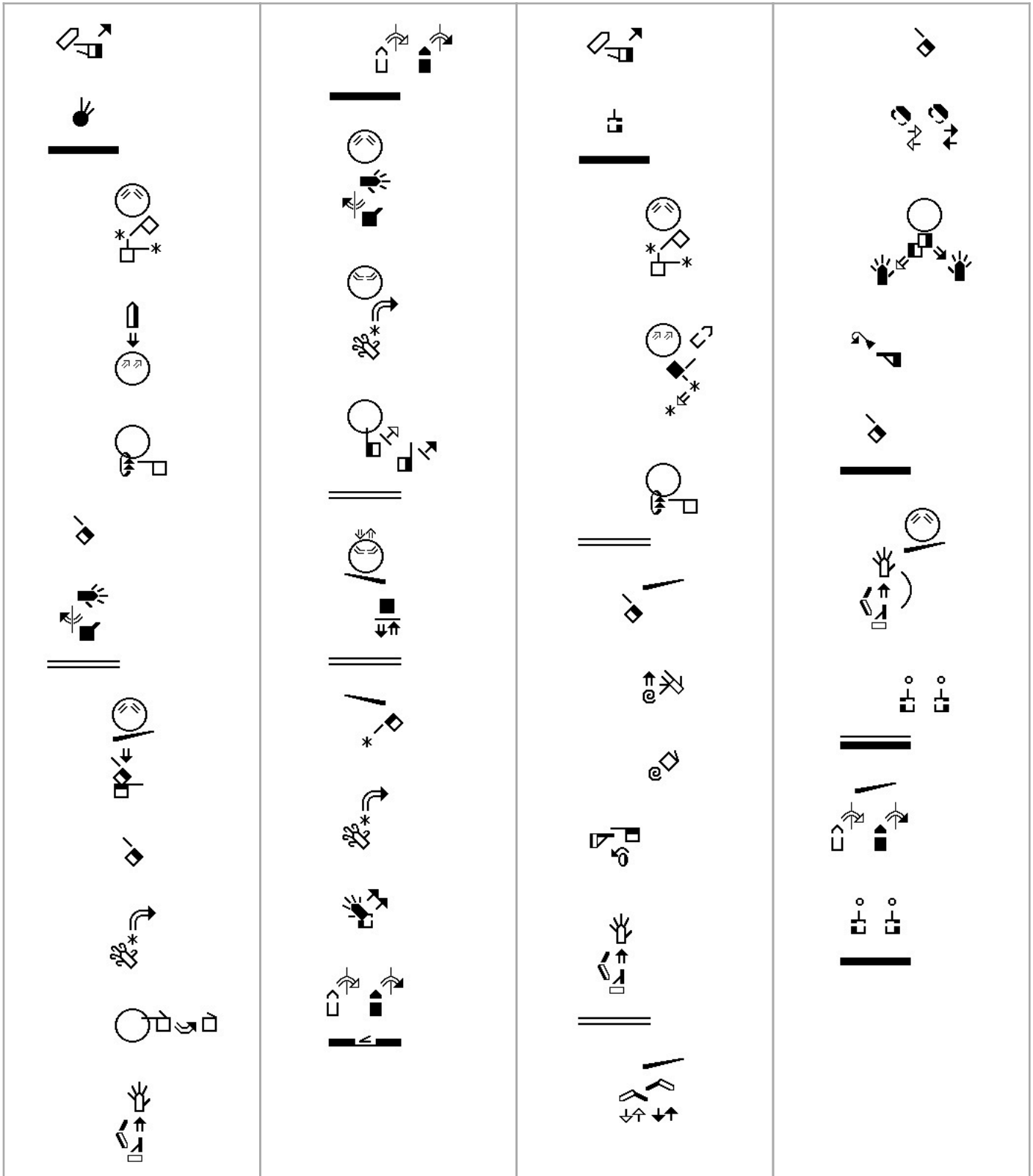
over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant. Verse 7. But God also arranged for a worm! The next morning at dawn the worm ate through the stem of the plant so that it withered away. NLT



Verse 8. And as the sun grew hot, God arranged for a scorching east wind to blow on Jonah. The sun beat down on his head until he grew faint and wished to die. "Death is certainly better than living like this!" he exclaimed.

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Jonah 4:9-10



Verse 9. Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry because the plant died?" "Yes," Jonah retorted, "even angry enough to die!" Verse 10. Then the LORD said, "You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly."  
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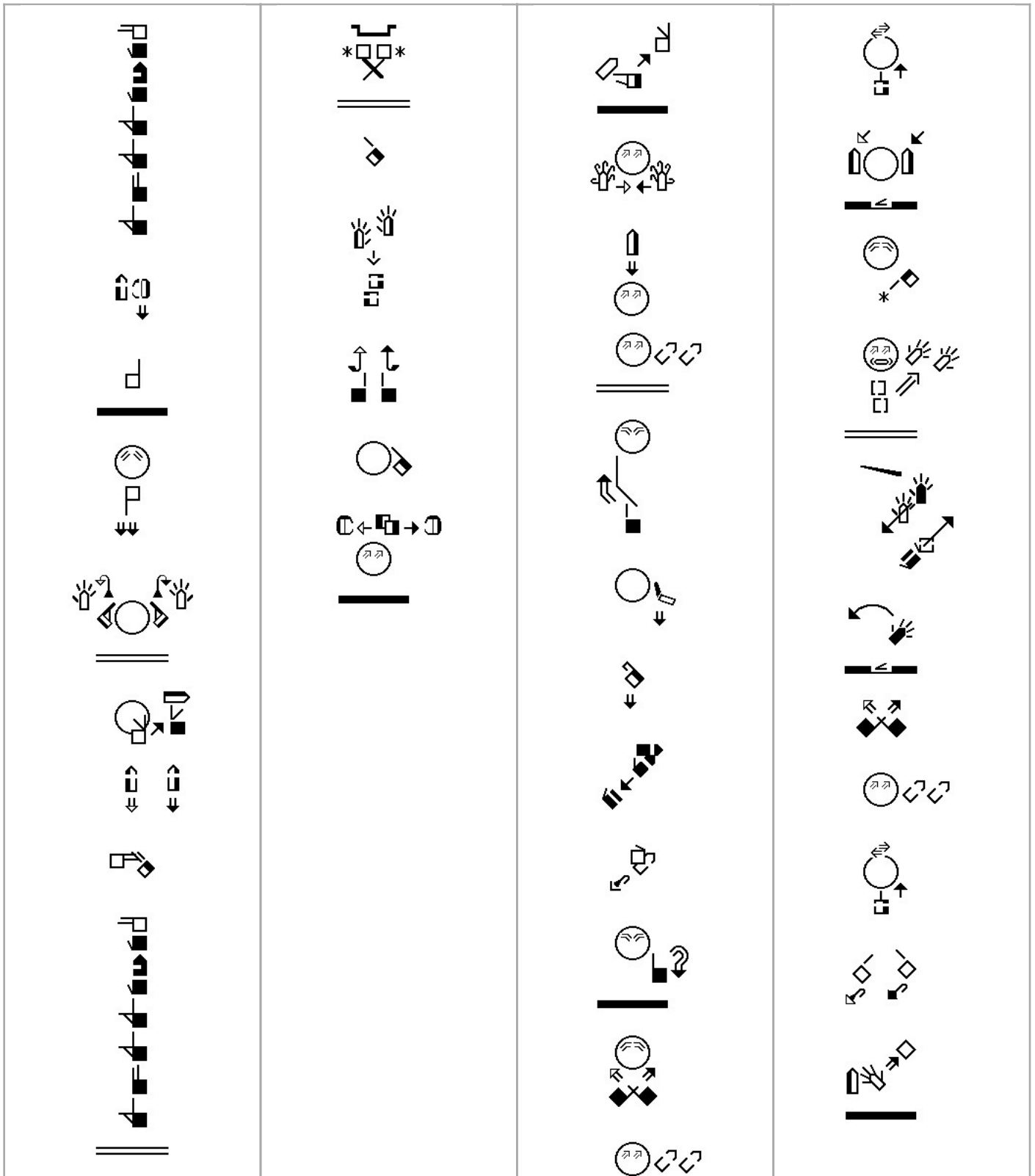
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Verse 11. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn't I feel sorry for such a great city?"

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Habakkuk Chapter 1. This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision. Verse 2. How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save.

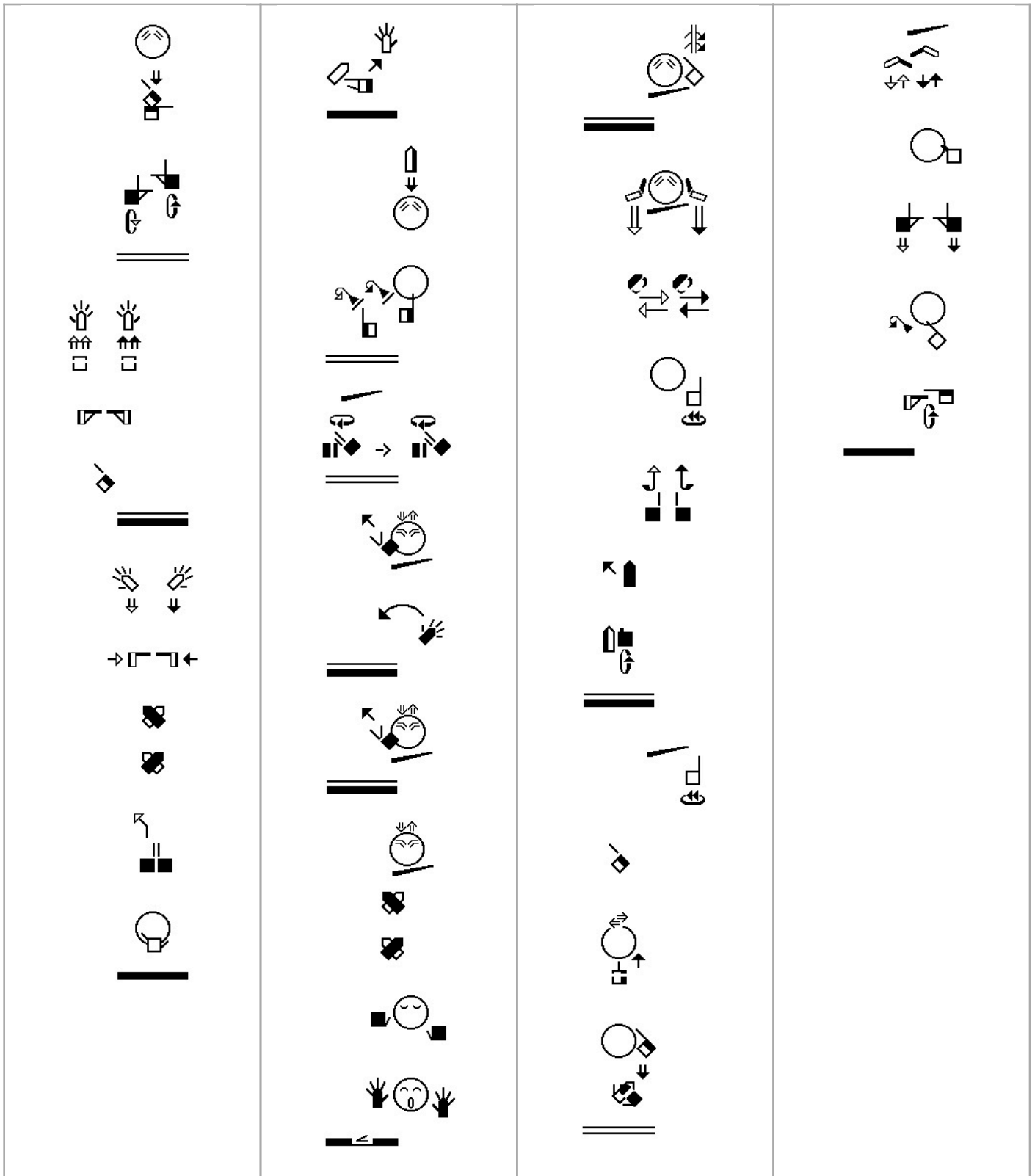
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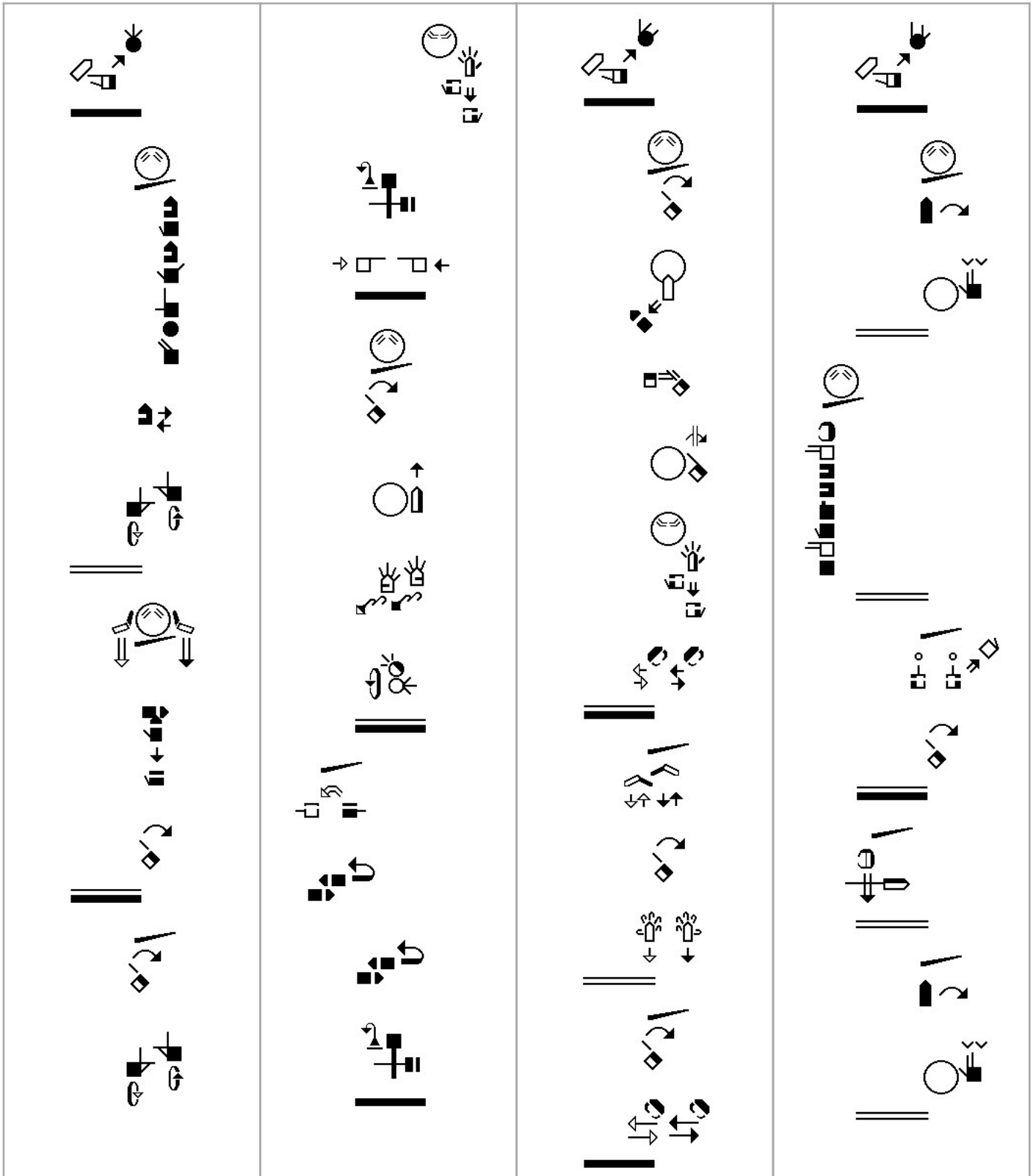
Verse 3. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. Verse 4. The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked

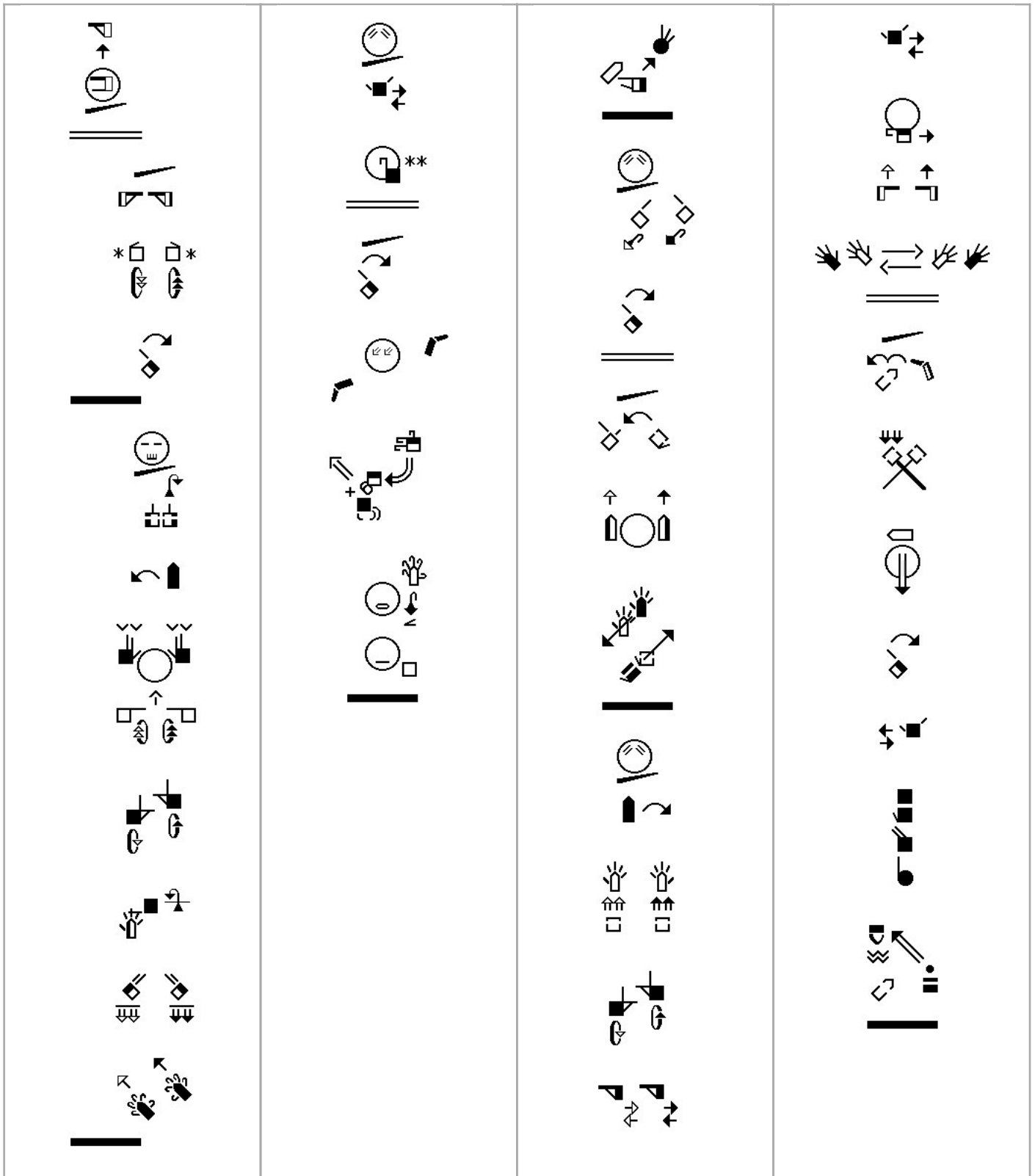
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far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. Verse 5. The LORD replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it. NLT

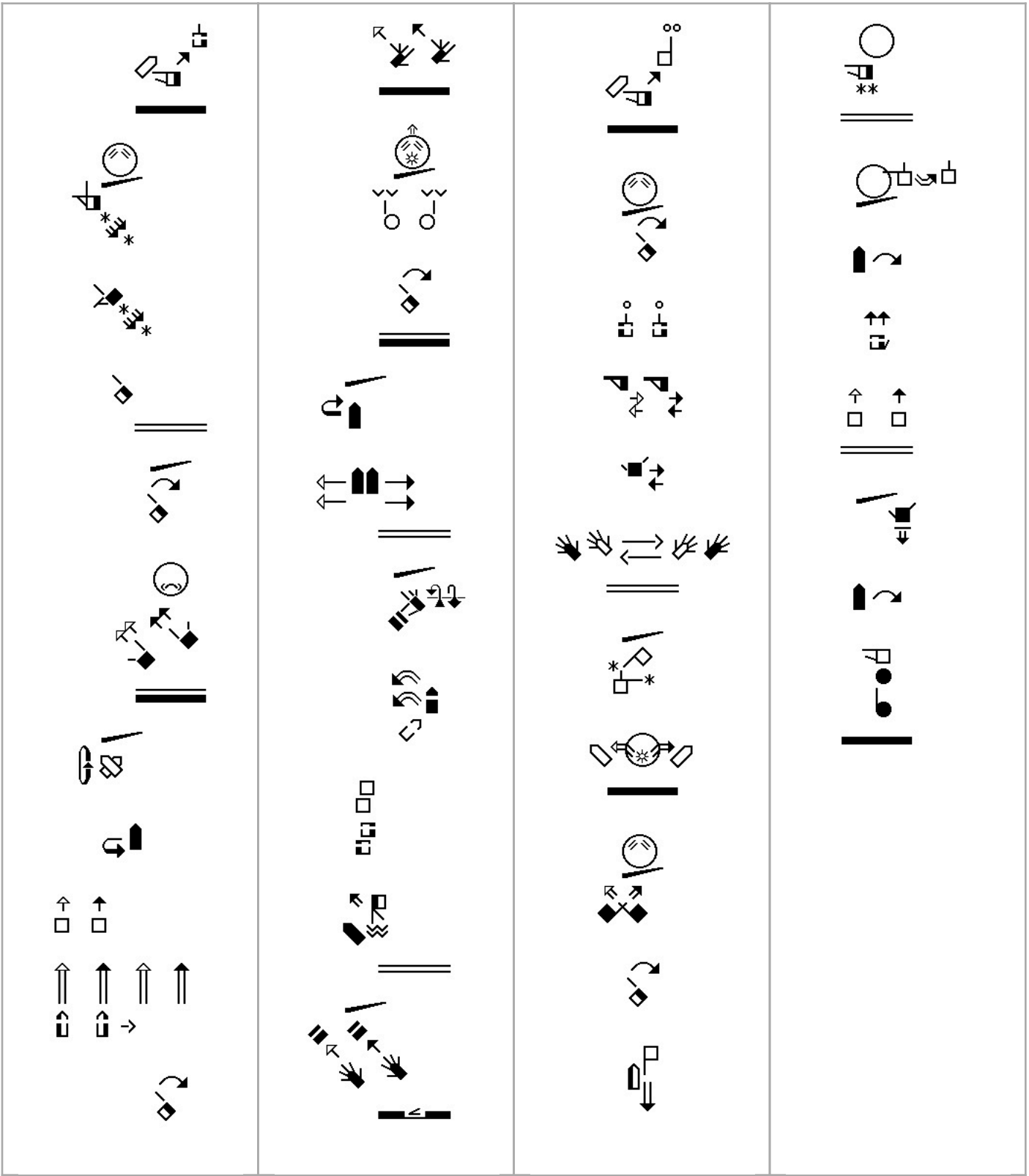
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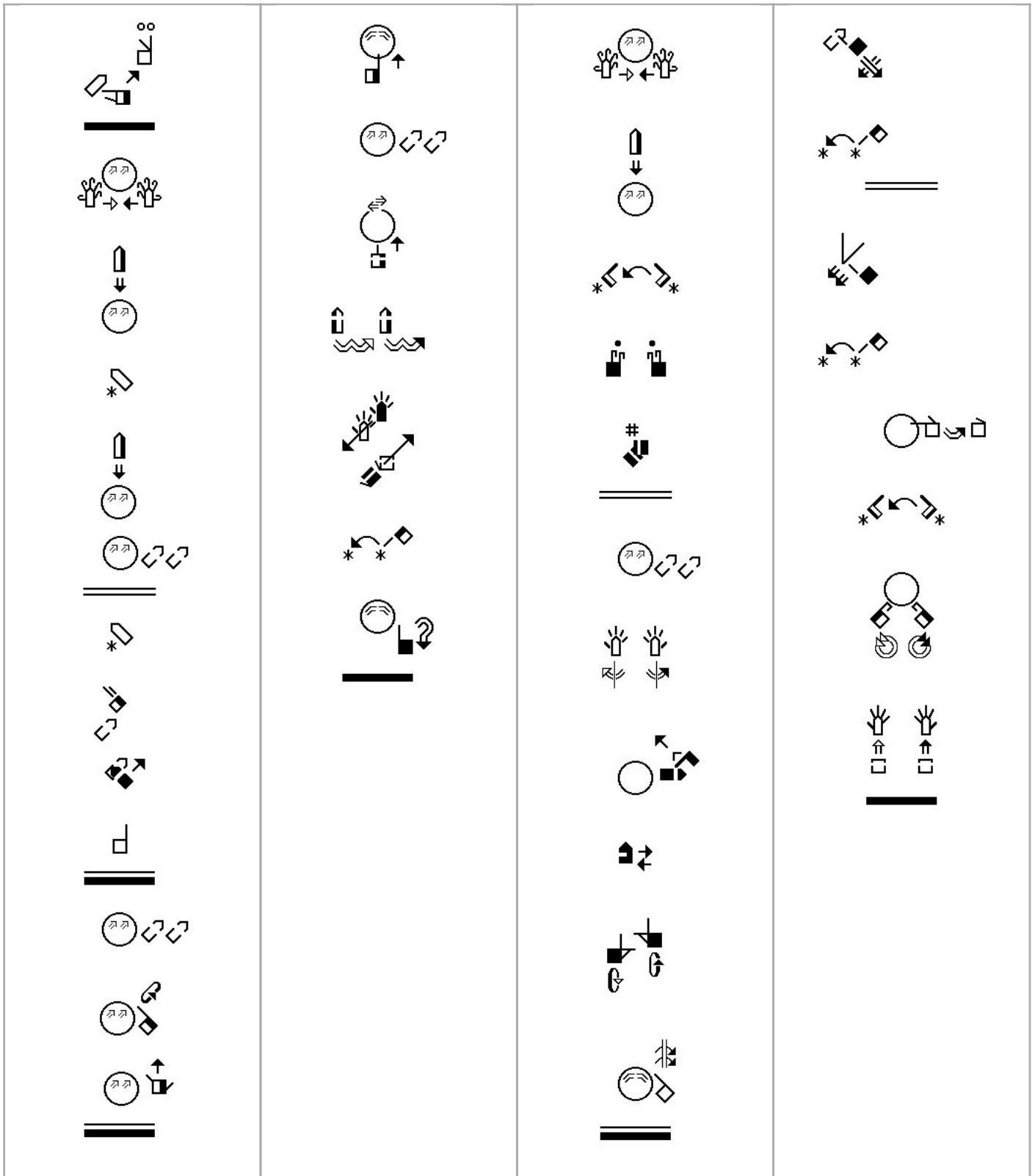


fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their charioteers charge from far away. Like eagles, they swoop down to devour their prey. Verse 9. "On they come, all bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind, sweeping captives ahead of them like sand. NLT

Habakkuk 1:10-11



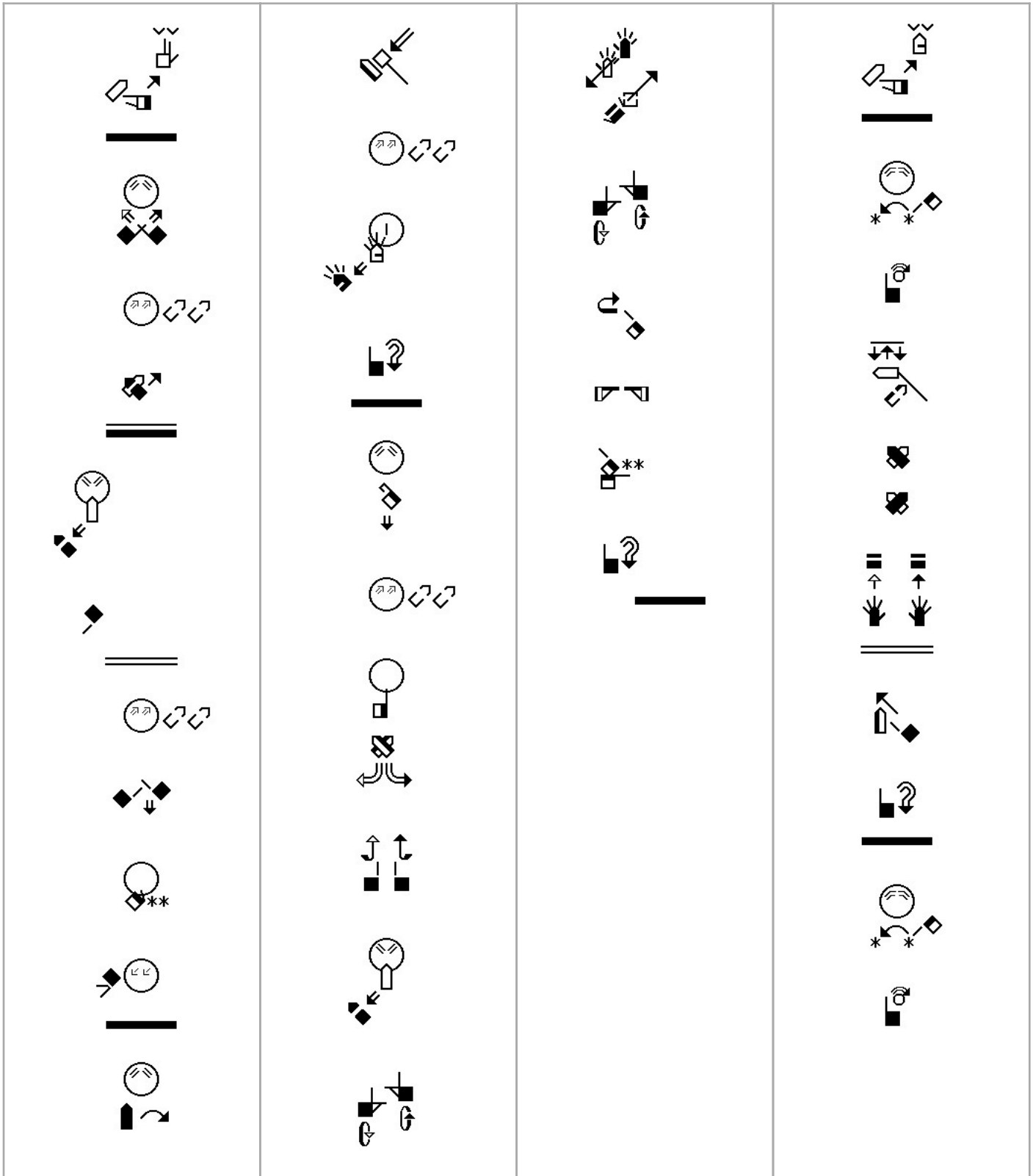
Verse 10. They scoff at kings and princes and scorn all their fortresses. They simply pile ramps of earth against their walls and capture them! Verse 11. They sweep past like the wind and are gone. But they are deeply guilty, for their own strength is their god." NLT



Verse 12. O LORD my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal -- surely you do not plan to wipe us out? O LORD our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins.

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Habakkuk 1:13-14





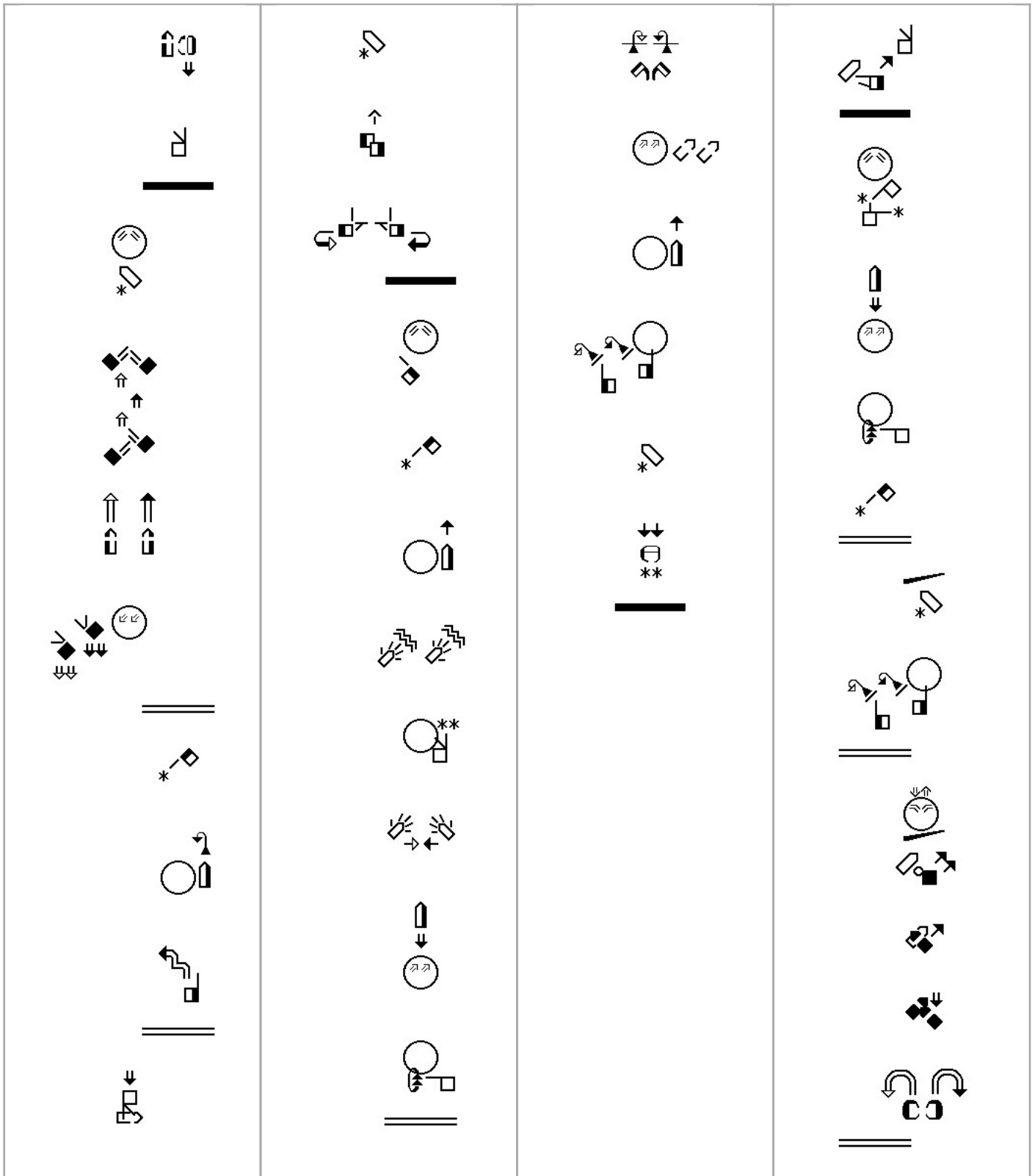
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sea creatures that have no leader? Verse 15. Must we be strung up on their hooks and caught in their nets while they rejoice and celebrate? Verse 16. Then they will worship their nets and burn incense in front of them.

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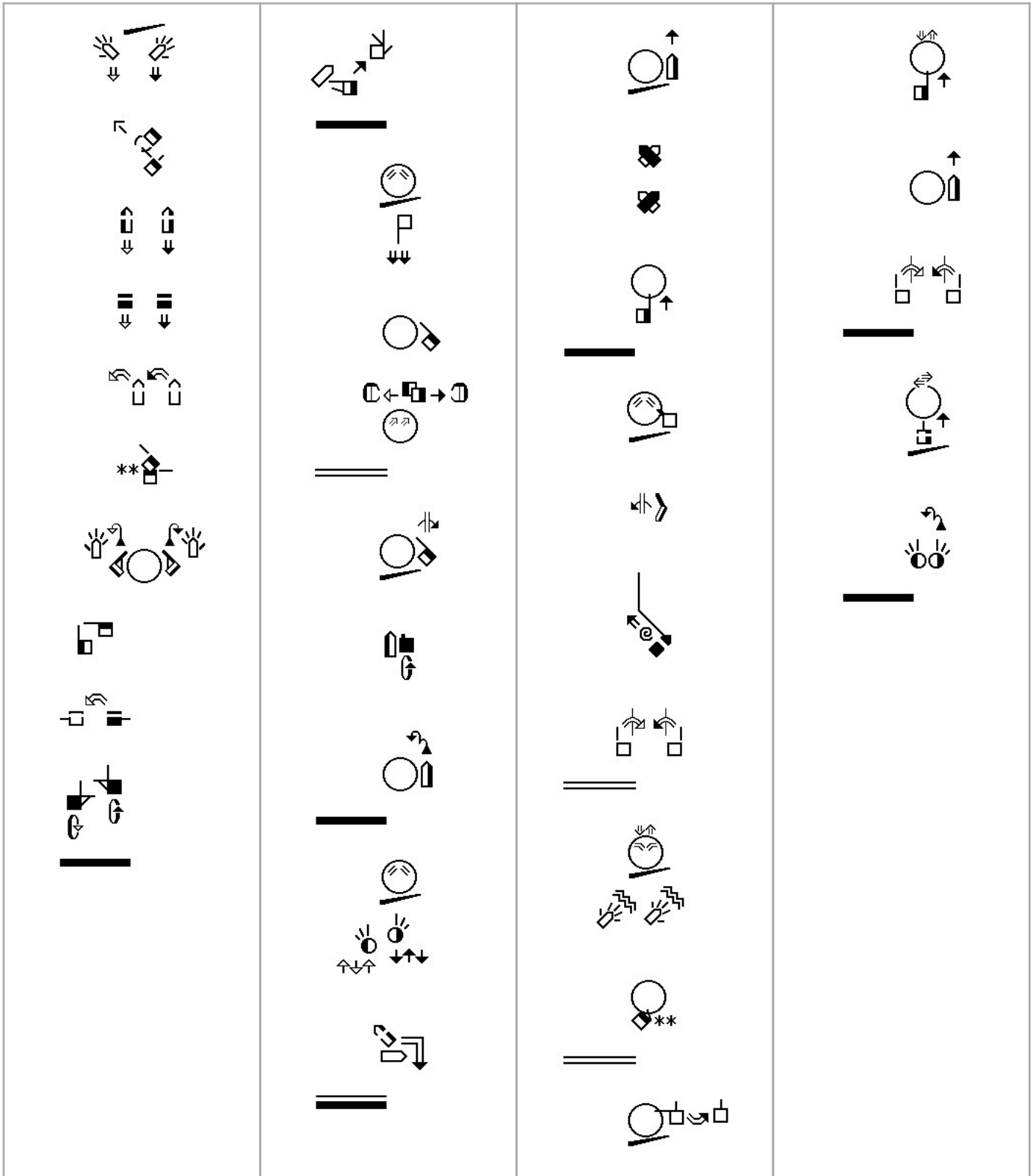
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Chapter 2. I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the LORD says and how he will answer my complaint. Verse 2. Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets,

Habakkuk 2:2-3



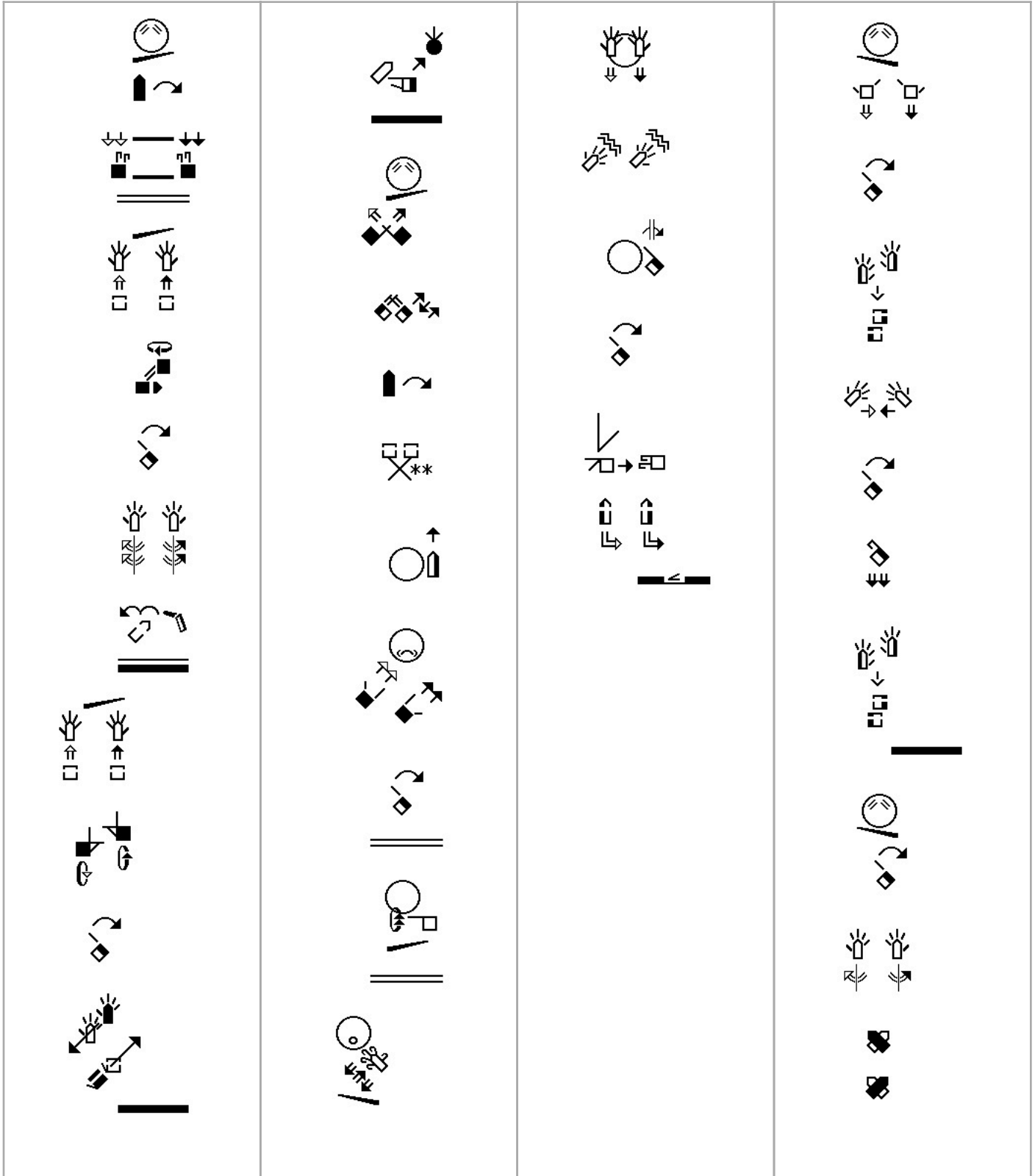
368 so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. Verse 3. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. NLT

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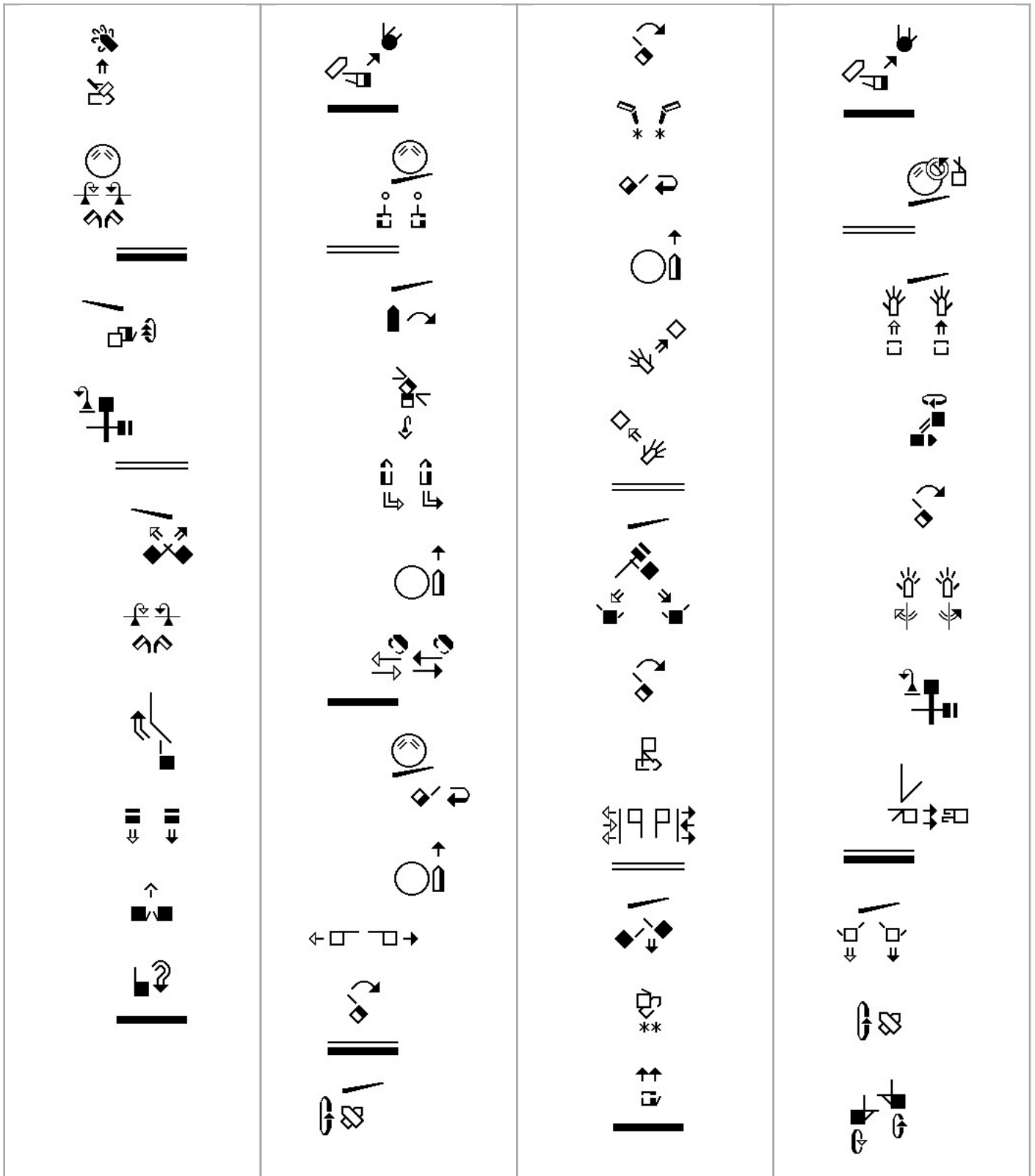
Verse 4. "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. Verse 5. Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied.

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Habakkuk 2:5-6

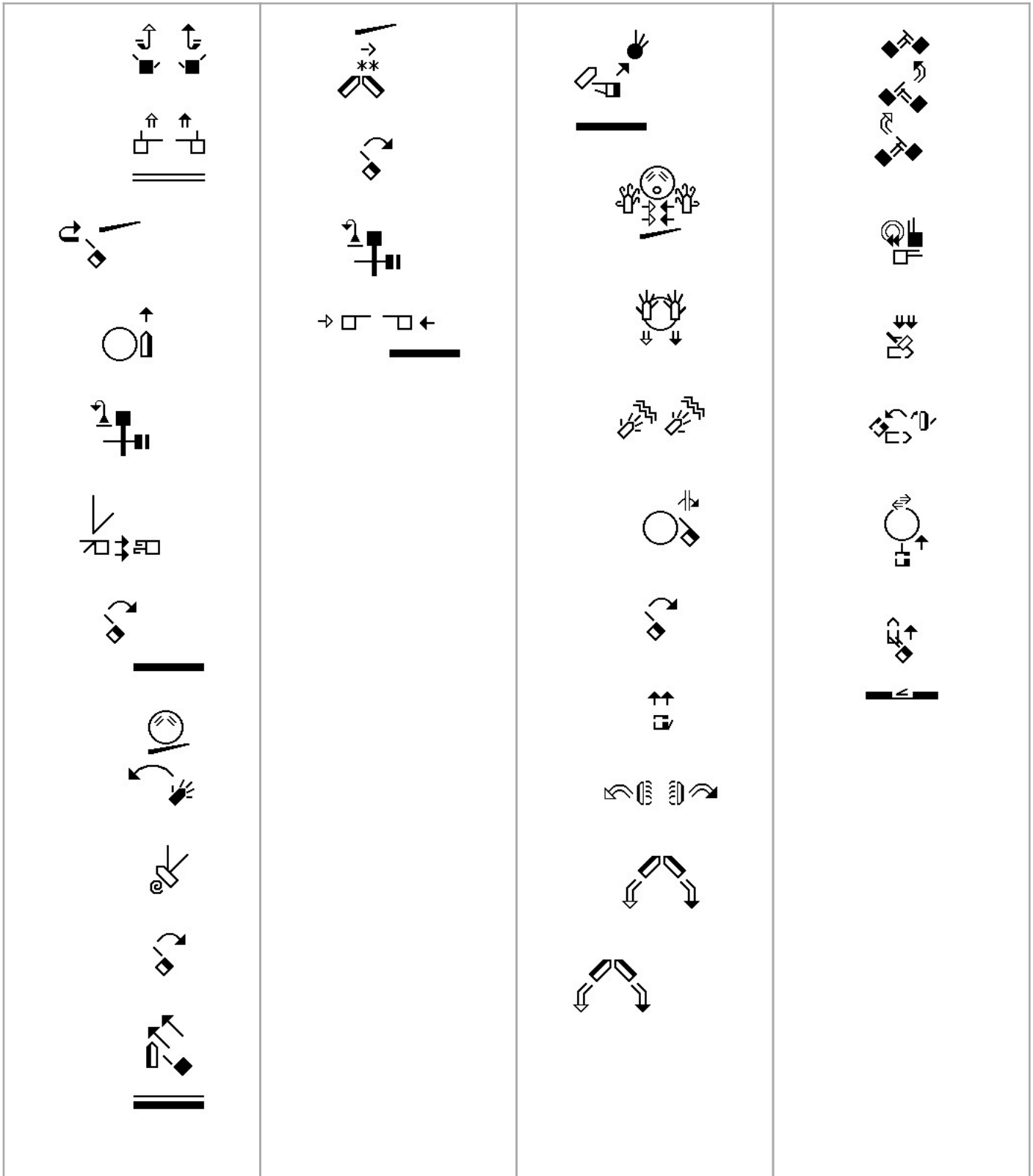


In their greed they have gathered up many nations and swallowed many peoples.  
 Verse 6. "But soon their captives will taunt them. They will mock them, saying, 'What  
 sorrow awaits you thieves! Now you will get what you deserve! You've become NLT



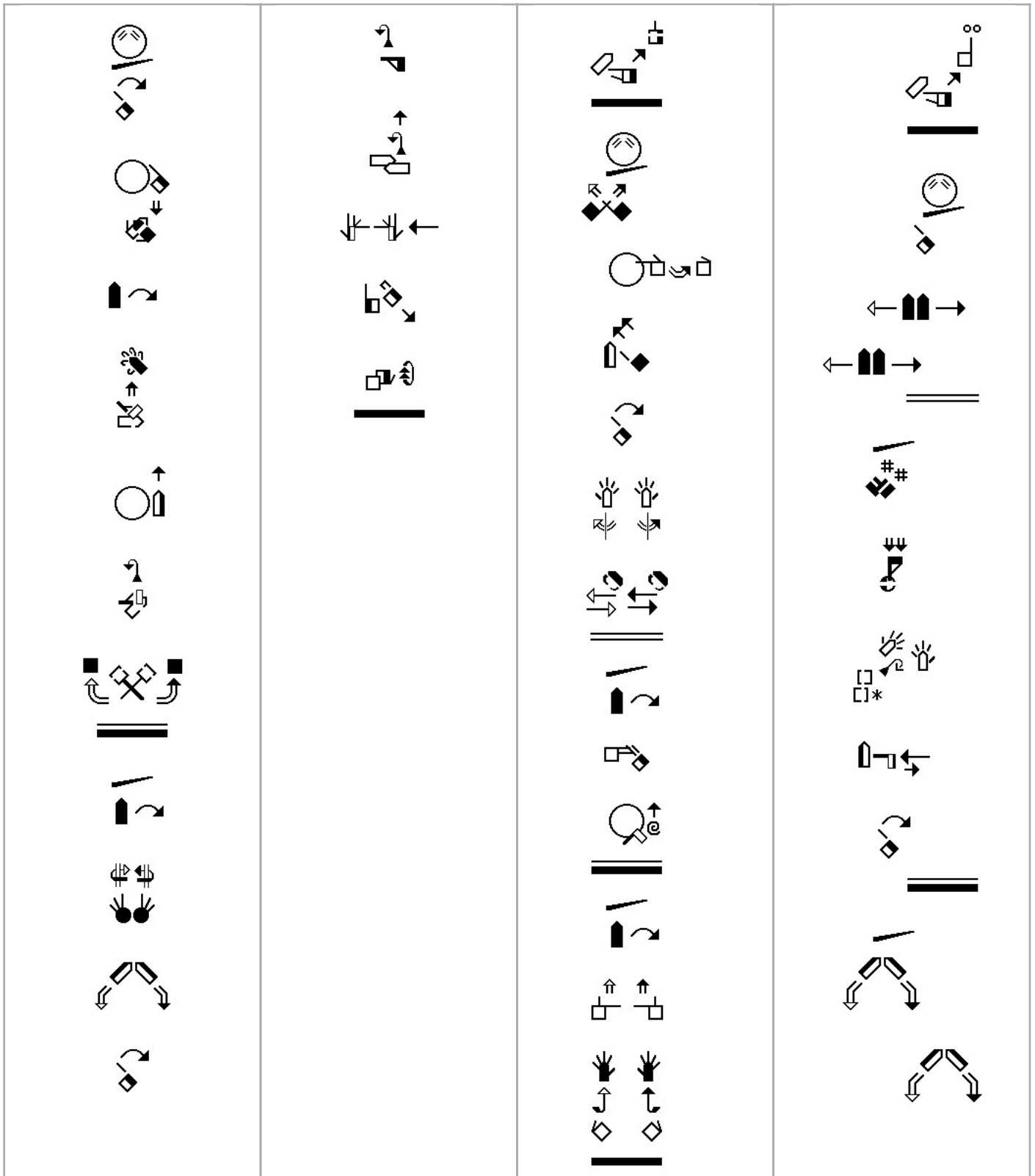
rich by extortion, but how much longer can this go on?' Verse 7. Suddenly, your debtors will take action. They will turn on you and take all you have, while you stand trembling and helpless. Verse 8. Because you have plundered many nations; now all the NLT

Habakkuk 2:8-9



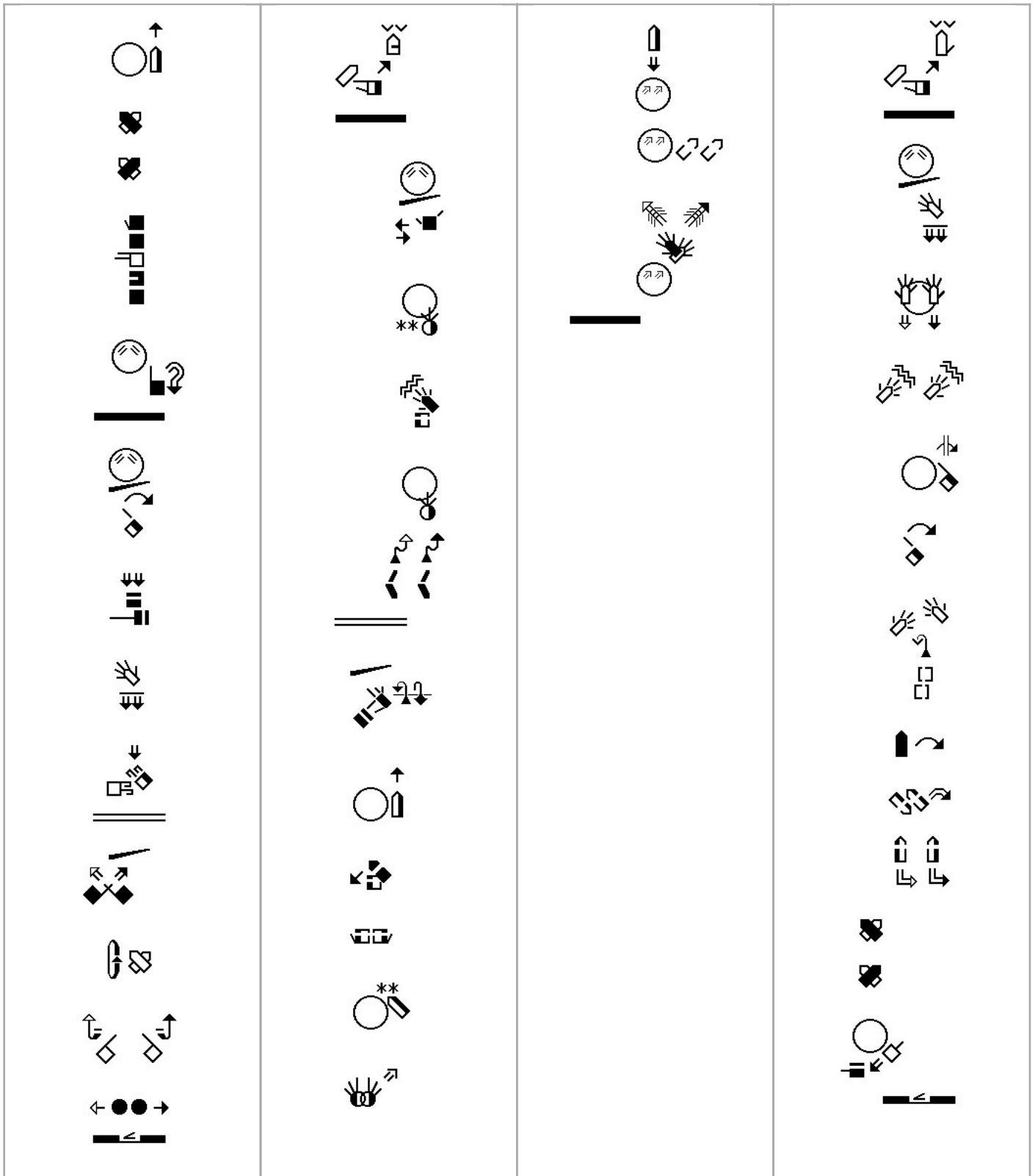
372 survivors will plunder you. You committed murder throughout the countryside and filled the towns with violence. Verse 9. "What sorrow awaits you who build big houses with money gained dishonestly!" NLT





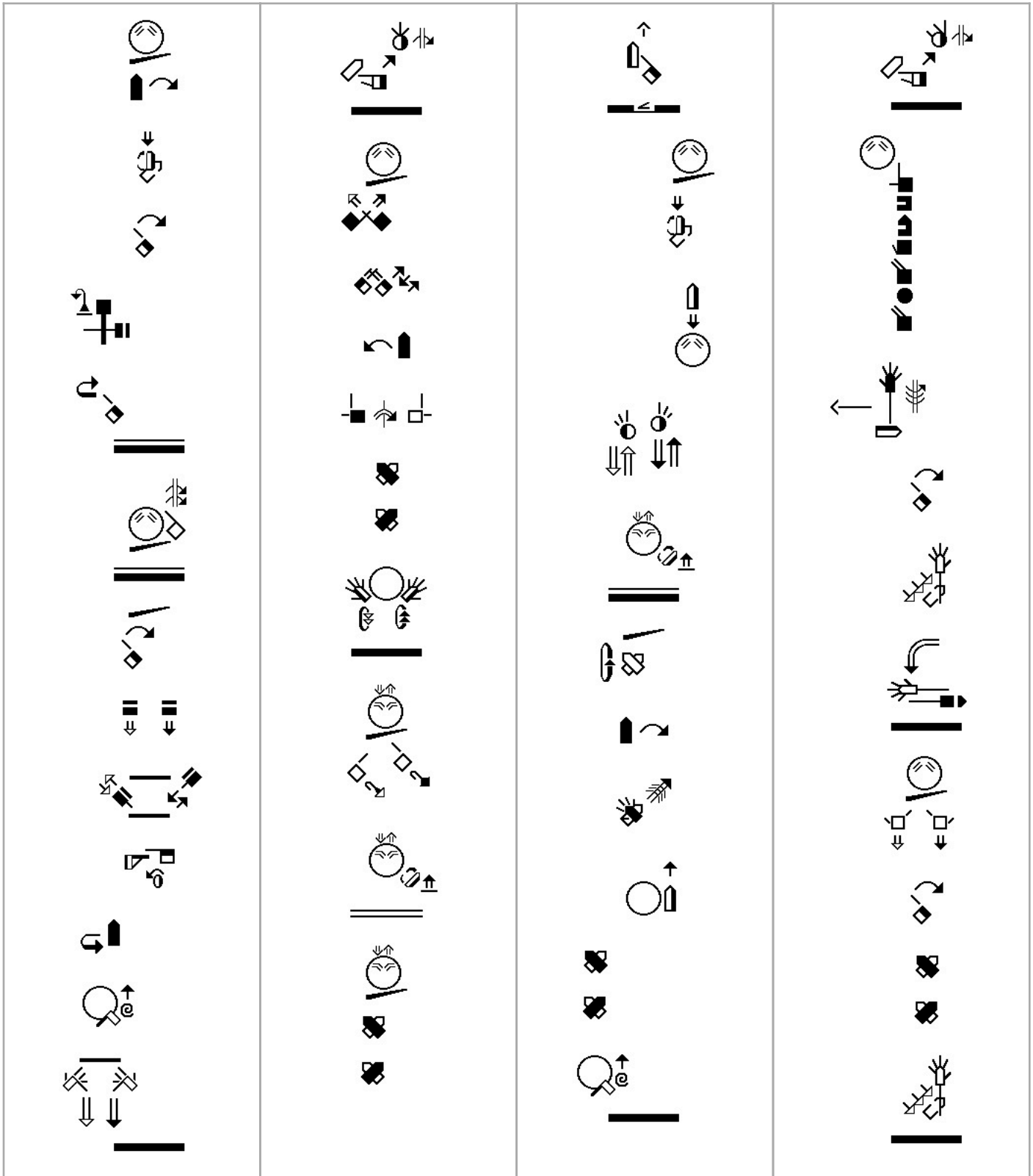
You believe your wealth will buy security, putting your family's nest beyond the reach of danger. Verse 10. But by the murders you committed, you have shamed your name and forfeited your lives. Verse 11. The very stones in the walls cry out against you, NLT





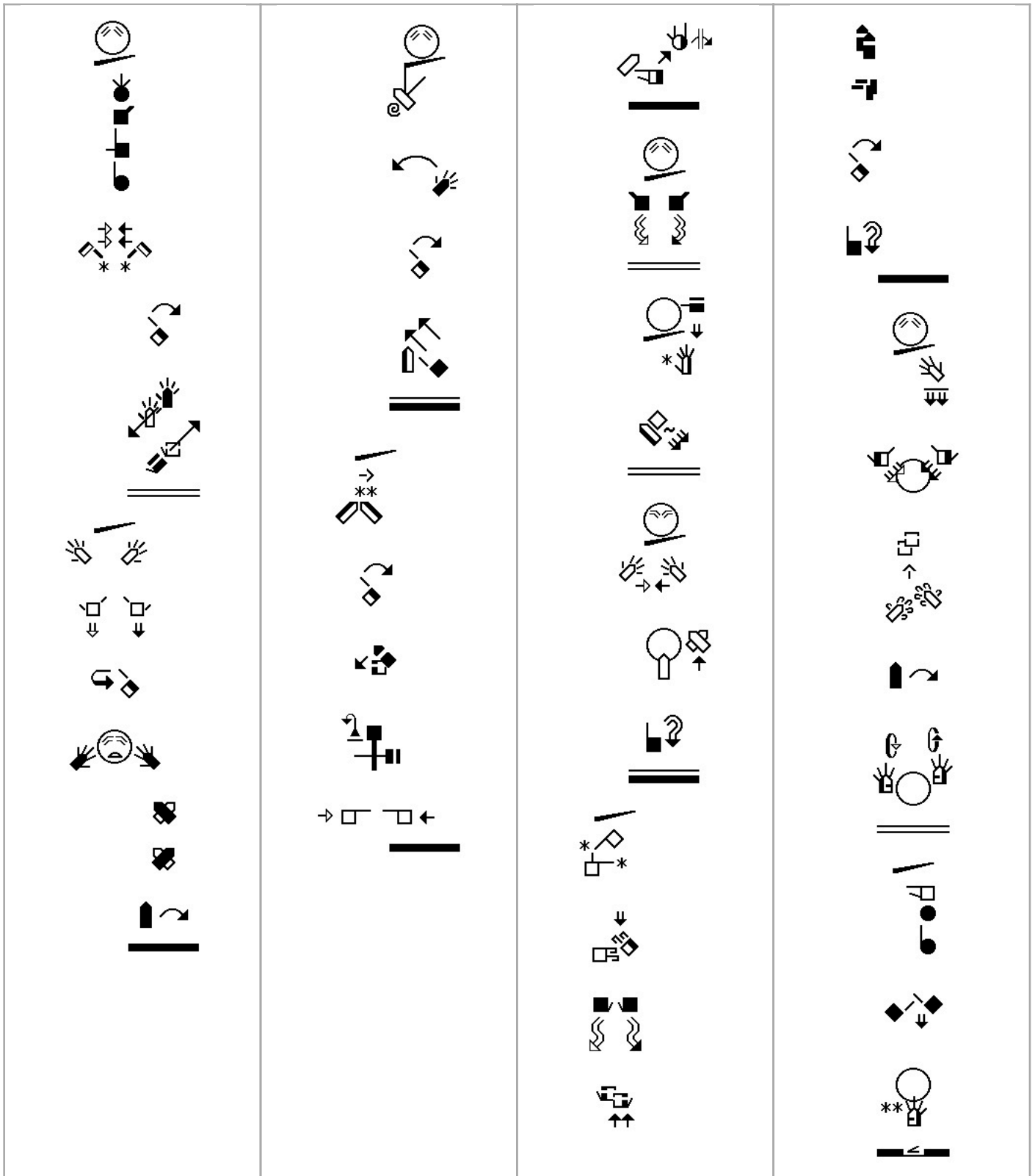
turn to ashes? They work so hard, but all in vain! Verse 14. For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD. Verse 15. "What sorrow awaits you who make your neighbors drunk! NLT

Habakkuk 2:15-17



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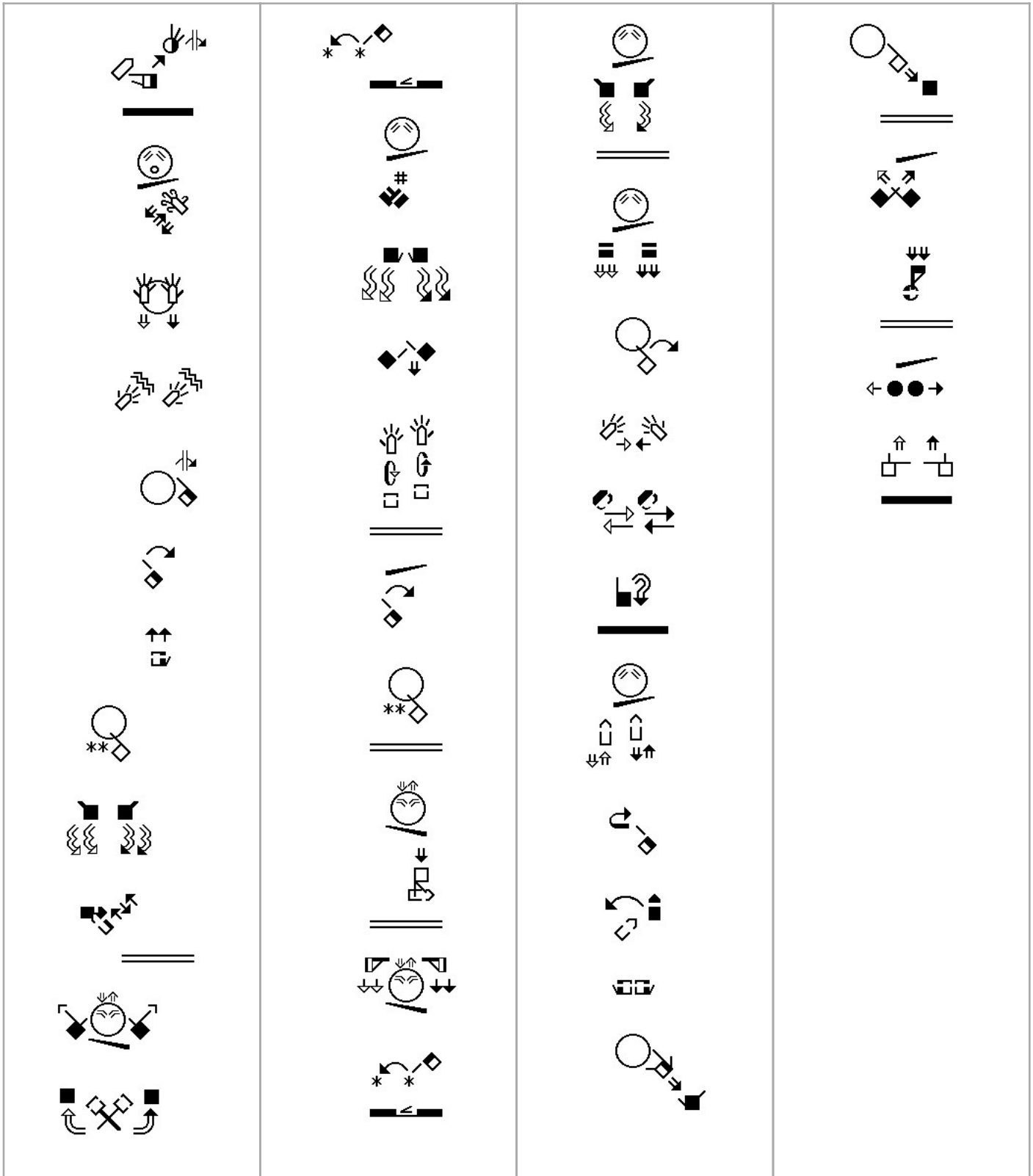
You force your cup on them so you can gloat over their shameful nakedness. Verse 16. But soon it will be your turn to be disgraced. Come, drink and be exposed! Drink from the cup of the LORD'S judgment, and all your glory will be turned to shame. Verse 17. You cut down the forests of Lebanon. Now you will be cut down. NLT



You destroyed the wild animals, so now their terror will be yours. You committed murder throughout the countryside and filled the towns with violence. Verse 18. "What good is an idol carved by man, or a cast image that deceives you? How foolish to trust in your own creation -- a god that can't even talk!

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Habakkuk 2:19



Verse 19. What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, 'Wake up and save us!' To speechless stone images you say, 'Rise up and teach us!' Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside. NLT

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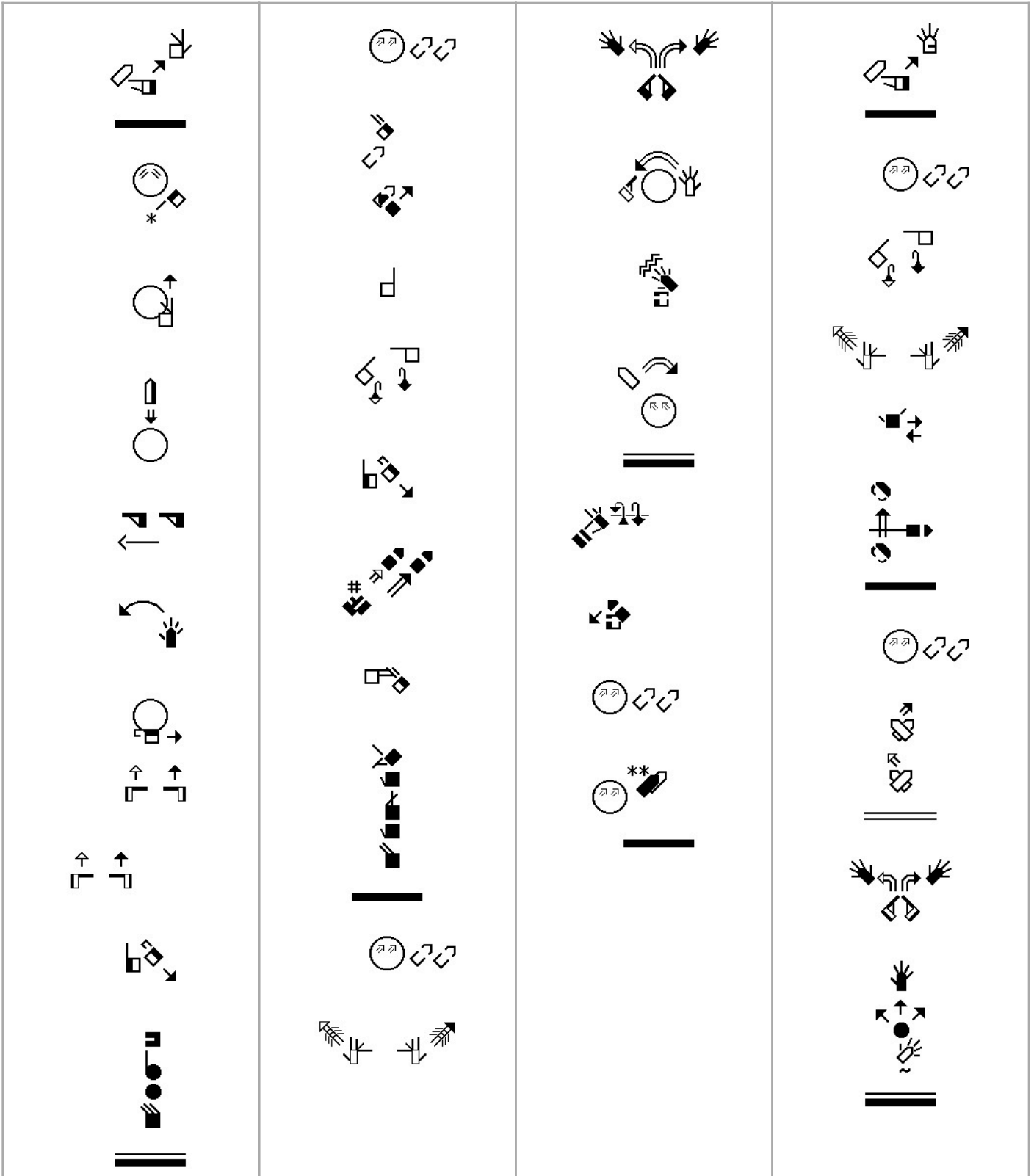
Verse 20. But the LORD is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him."  
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Habakkuk 3:3-2

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Chapter 3. This prayer was sung by the prophet Habakkuk: Verse 2. I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy.



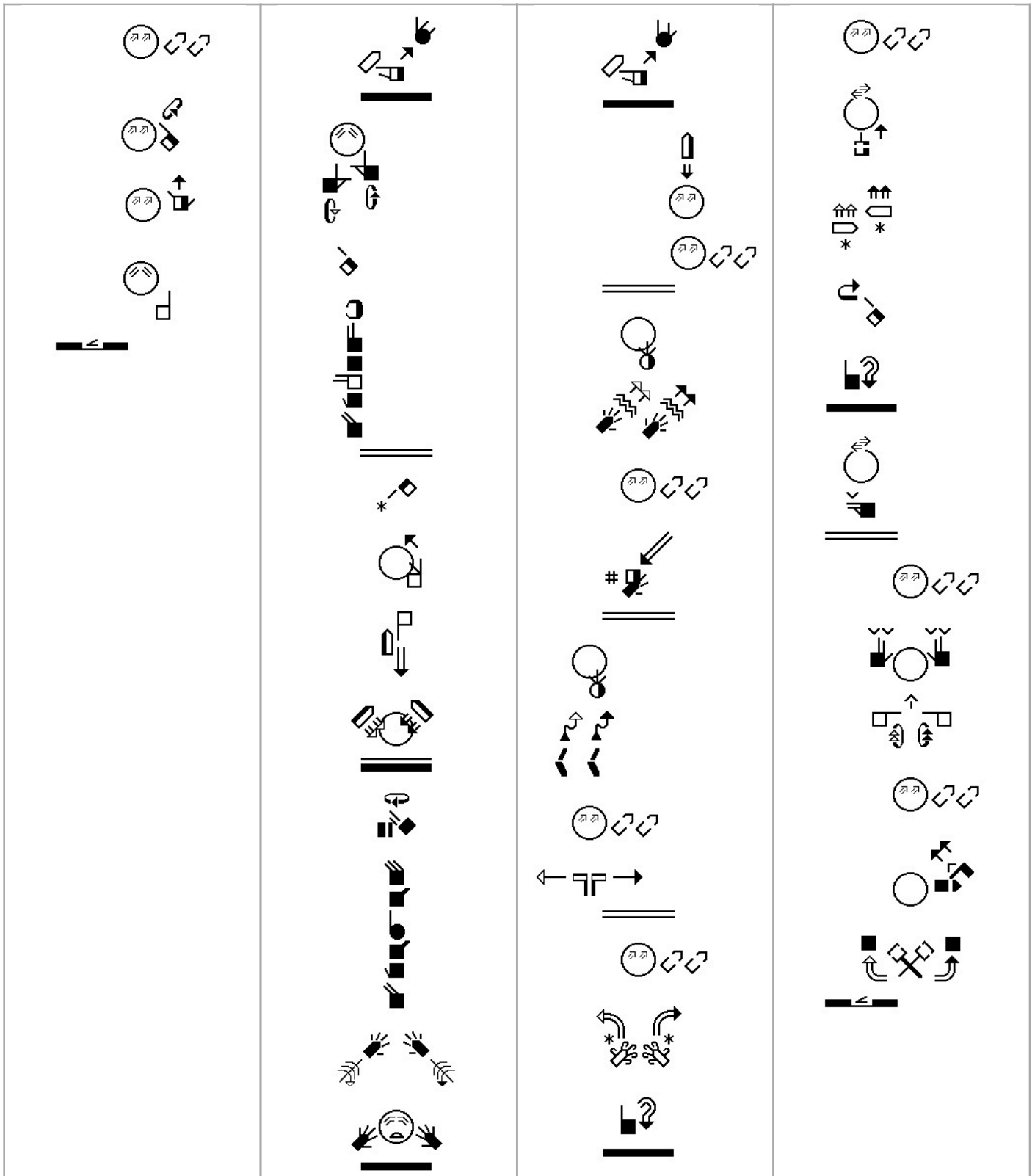


Verse 3. I see God moving across the deserts from Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount Paran. His brilliant splendor fills the heavens, and the earth is filled with his praise. Verse 4. His coming is as brilliant as the sunrise. Rays of light flash from his hands, NLT

Habakkuk 3:4-6

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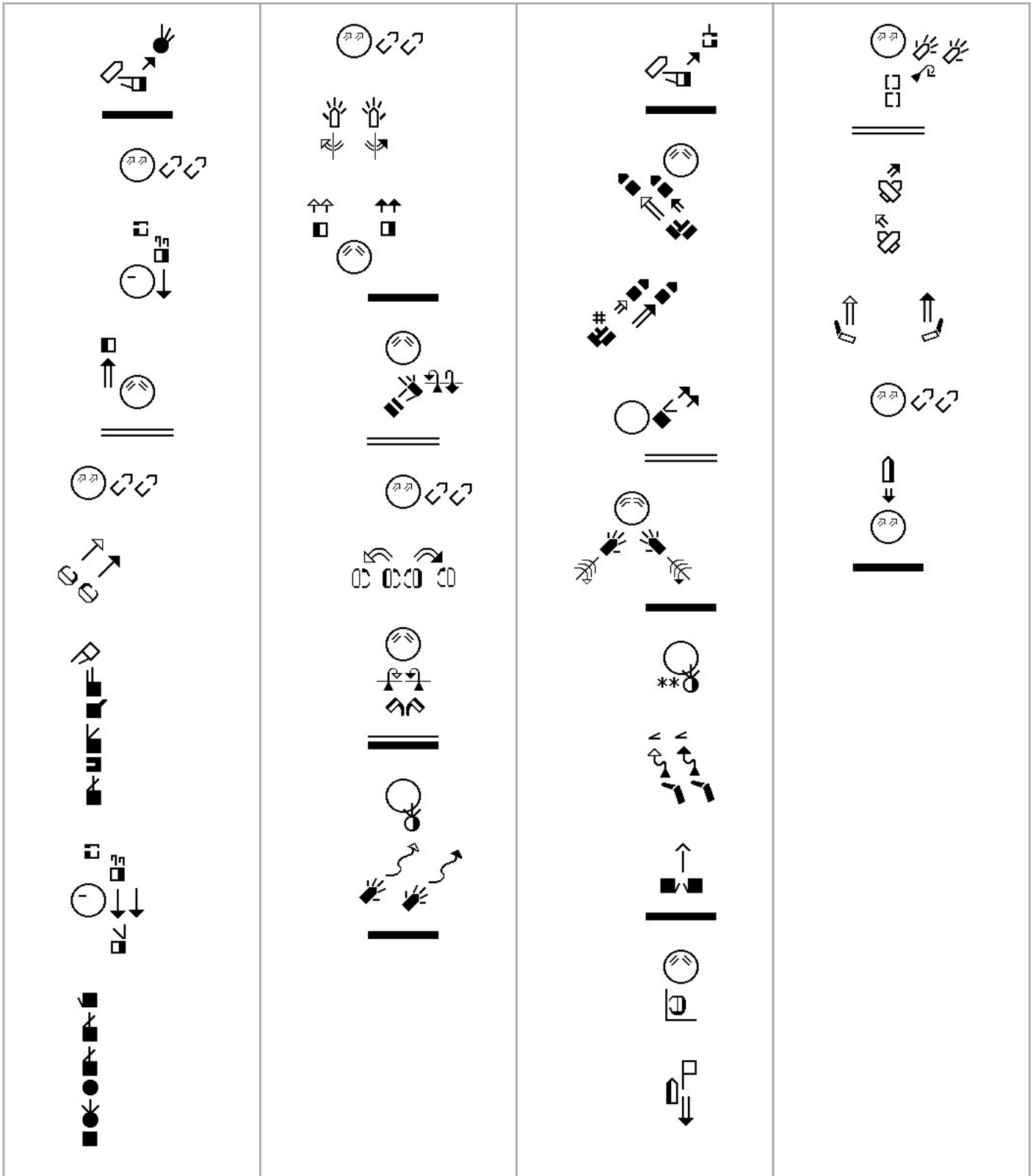
where his awesome power is hidden. Verse 5. Pestilence marches before him; plague follows close behind. Verse 6. When he stops, the earth shakes. When he looks, the nations tremble. He shatters the everlasting mountains and levels the eternal hills. NLT

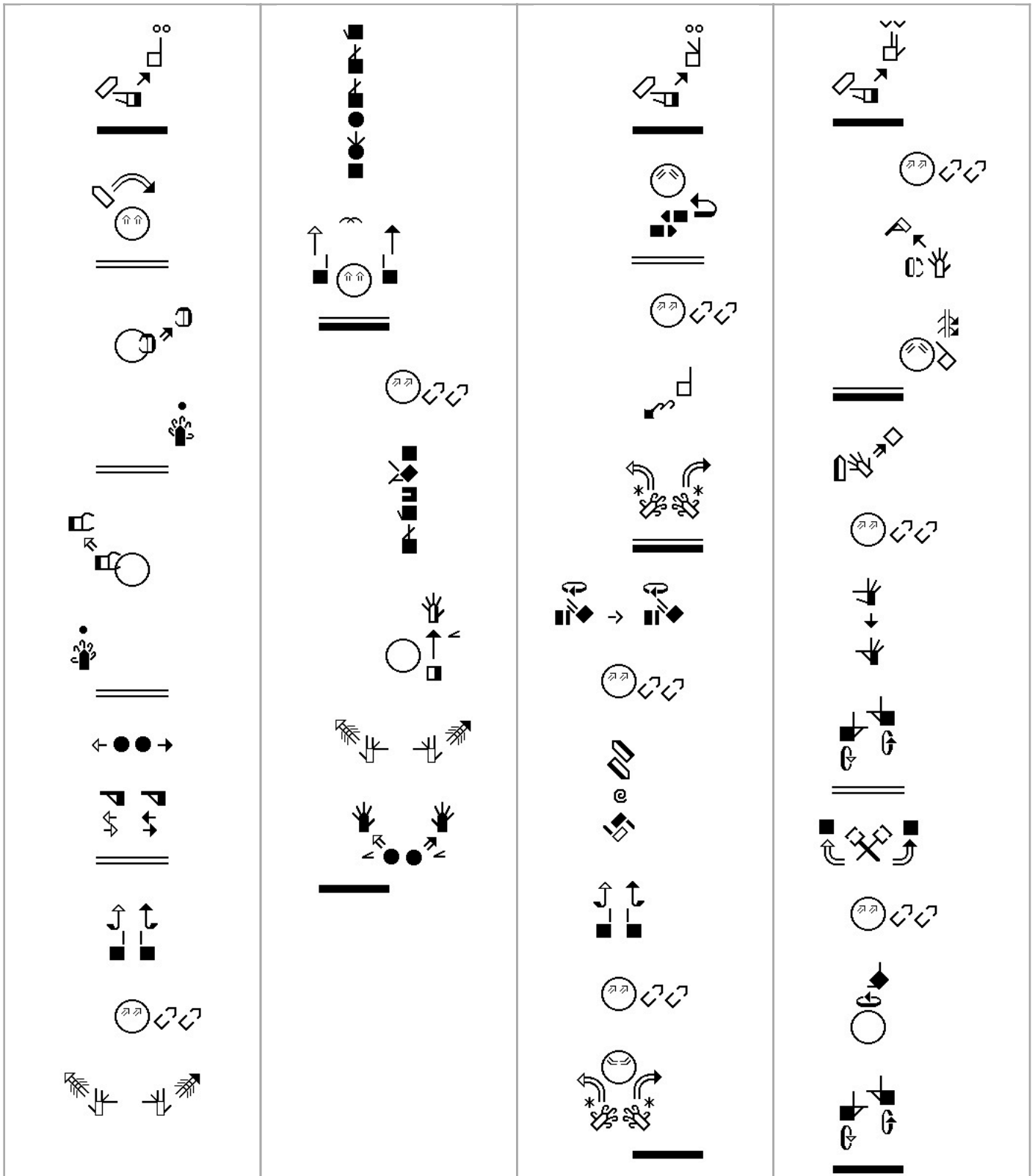


He is the Eternal One! Verse 7. I see the people of Cushan in distress, and the nation of Midian trembling in terror. Verse 8. Was it in anger, LORD, that you struck the rivers and parted the sea? Were you displeased with them? No, you were sending your chariots of salvation!

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Habakkuk 3:9-10

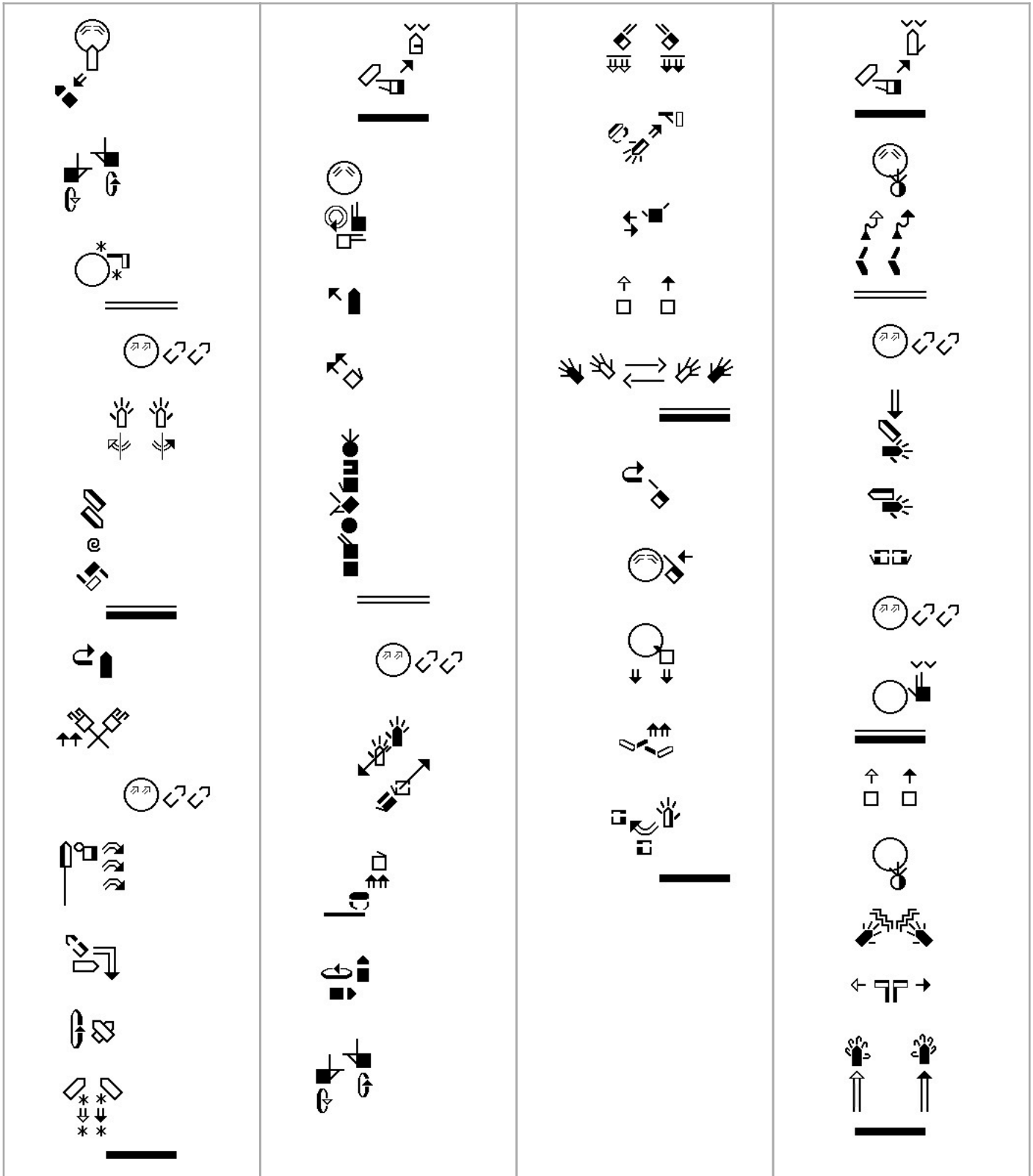




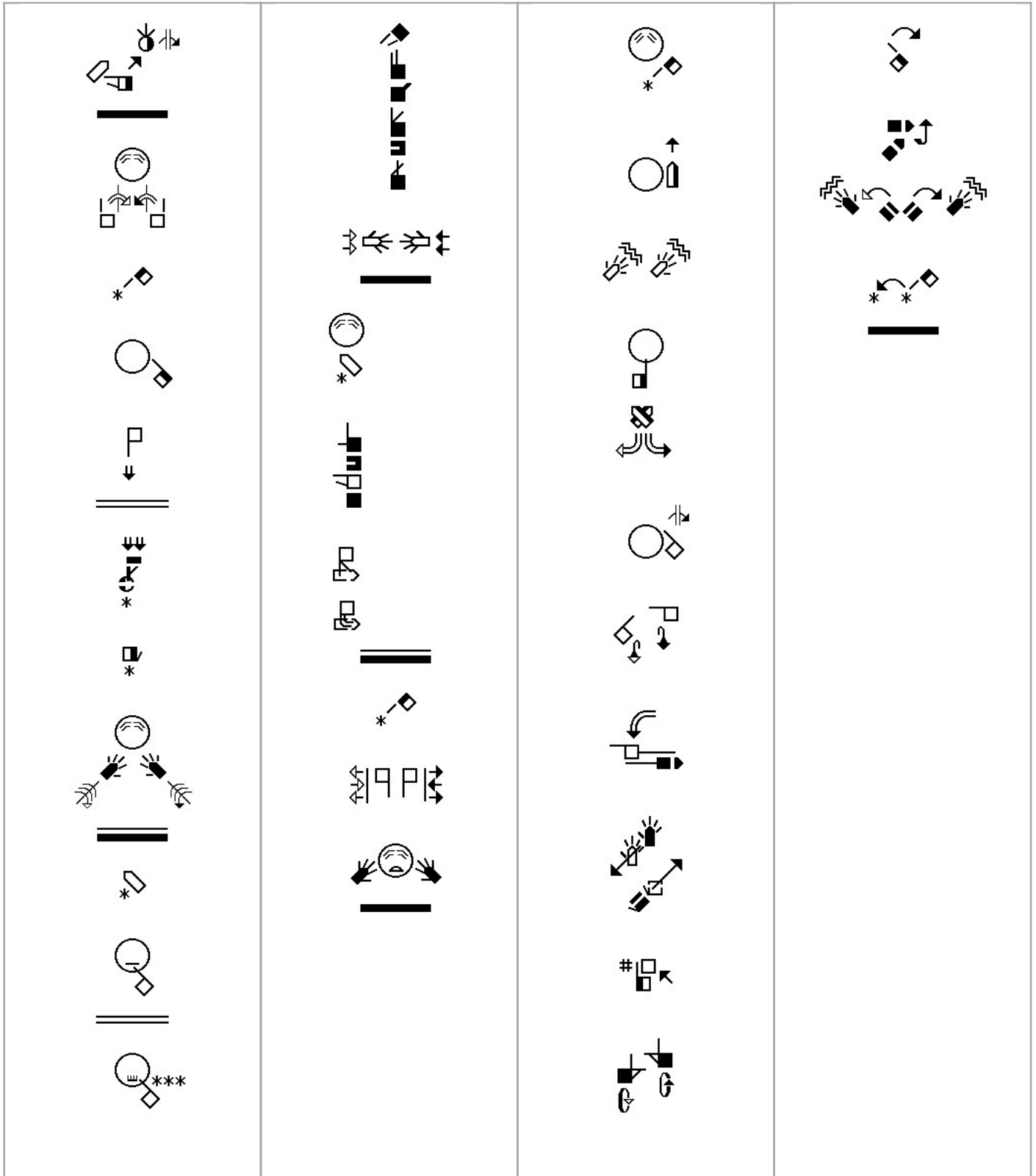
Verse 11. The sun and moon stood still in the sky as your brilliant arrows flew and your glittering spear flashed. Verse 12. You marched across the land in anger and trampled the nations in your fury. Verse 13. You went out to rescue your chosen people, to save your anointed ones.

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Habakkuk 3:13-15



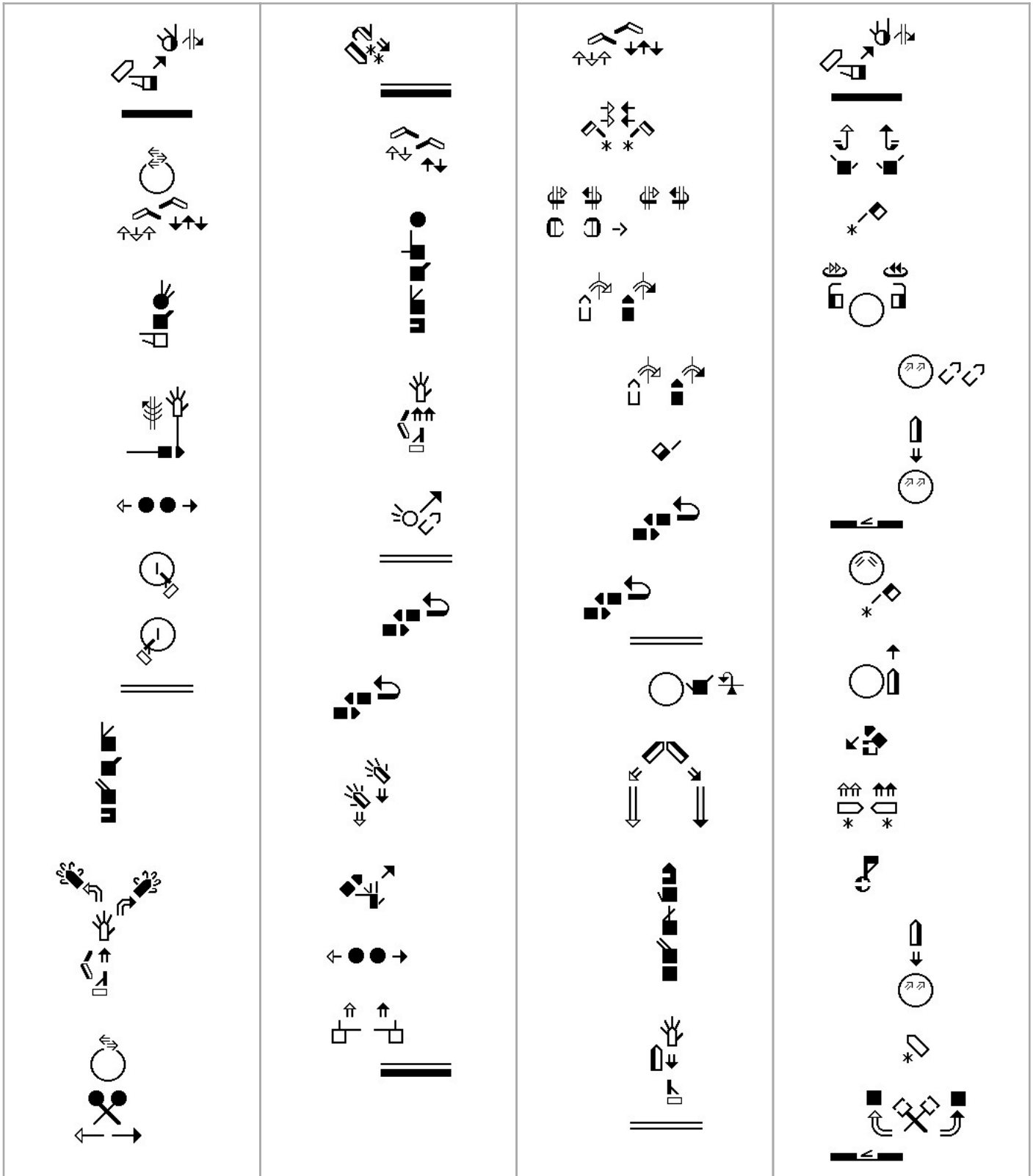
You crushed the heads of the wicked and stripped their bones from head to toe. Verse 14. With his own weapons, you destroyed the chief of those who rushed out like a whirlwind, thinking Israel would be easy prey. Verse 15. You trampled the sea with your horses, and the mighty waters piled high. NLT



Verse 16. I trembled inside when I heard this; my lips quivered with fear. My legs gave way beneath me, and I shook in terror. I will wait quietly for the coming day when disaster will strike the people who invade us.

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Habakkuk 3:17-18



Verse 17. Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, Verse 18. yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!  
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Verse 19. The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

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