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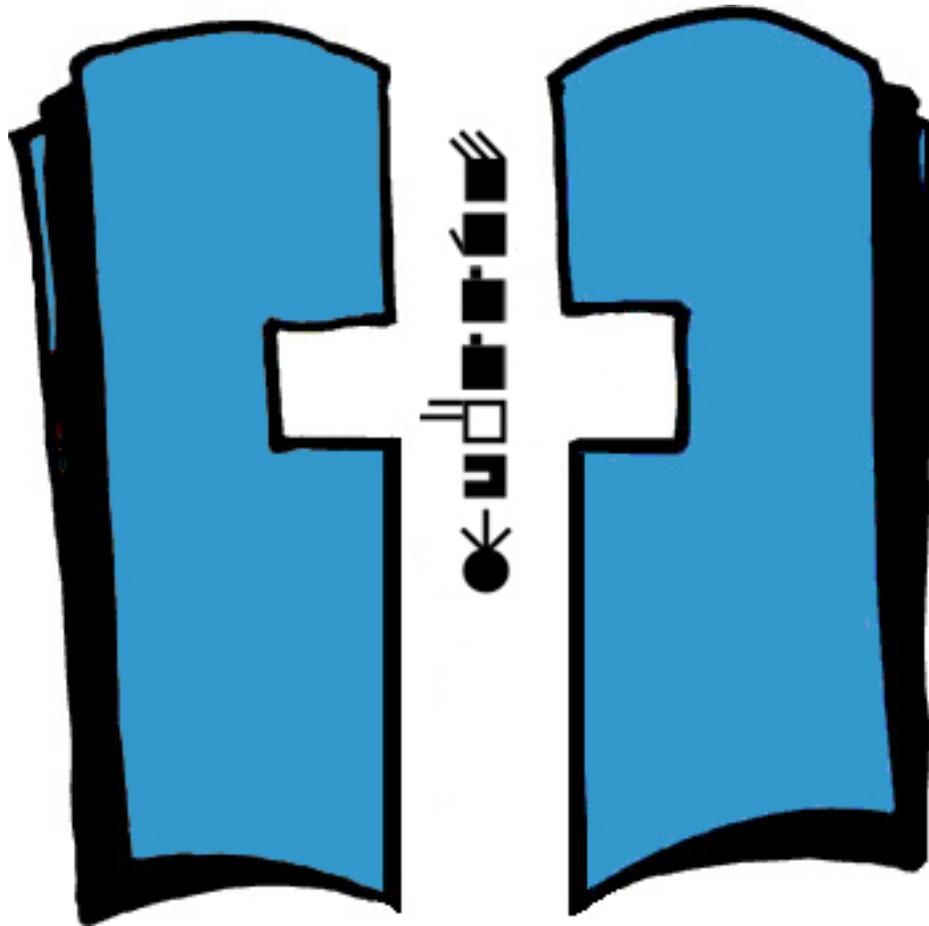
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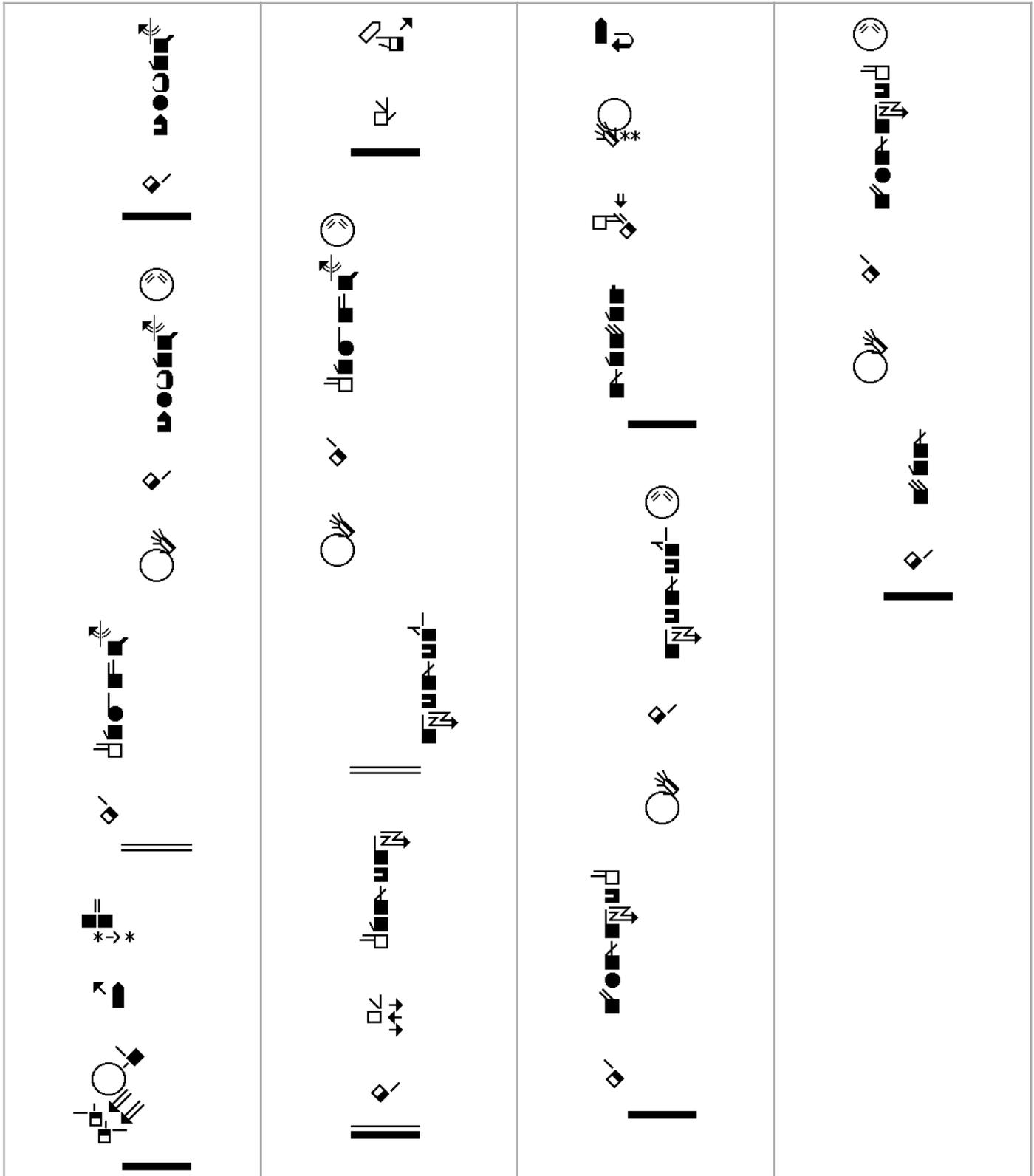
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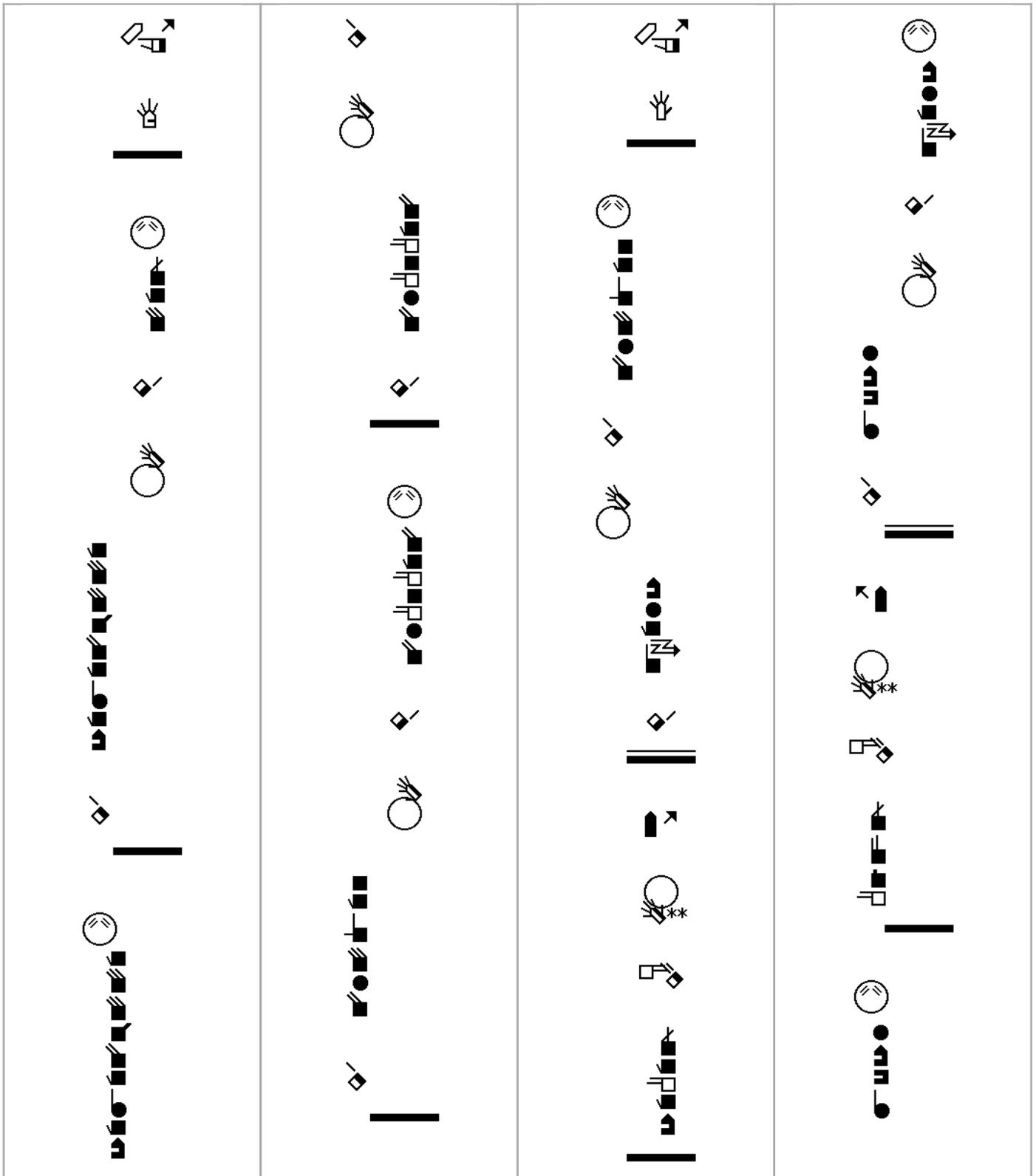




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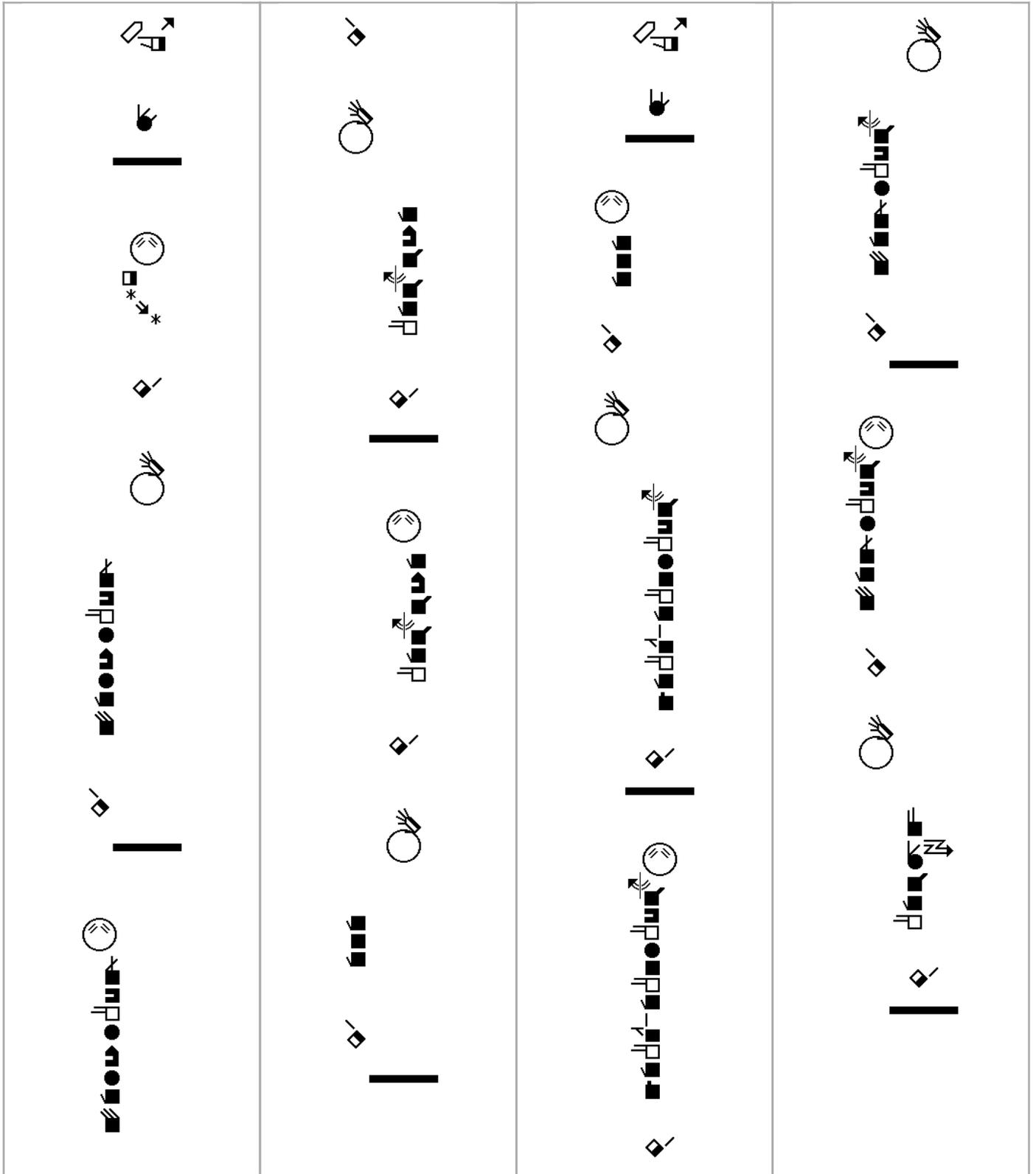
2 of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar). Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram. NLT



4 Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.

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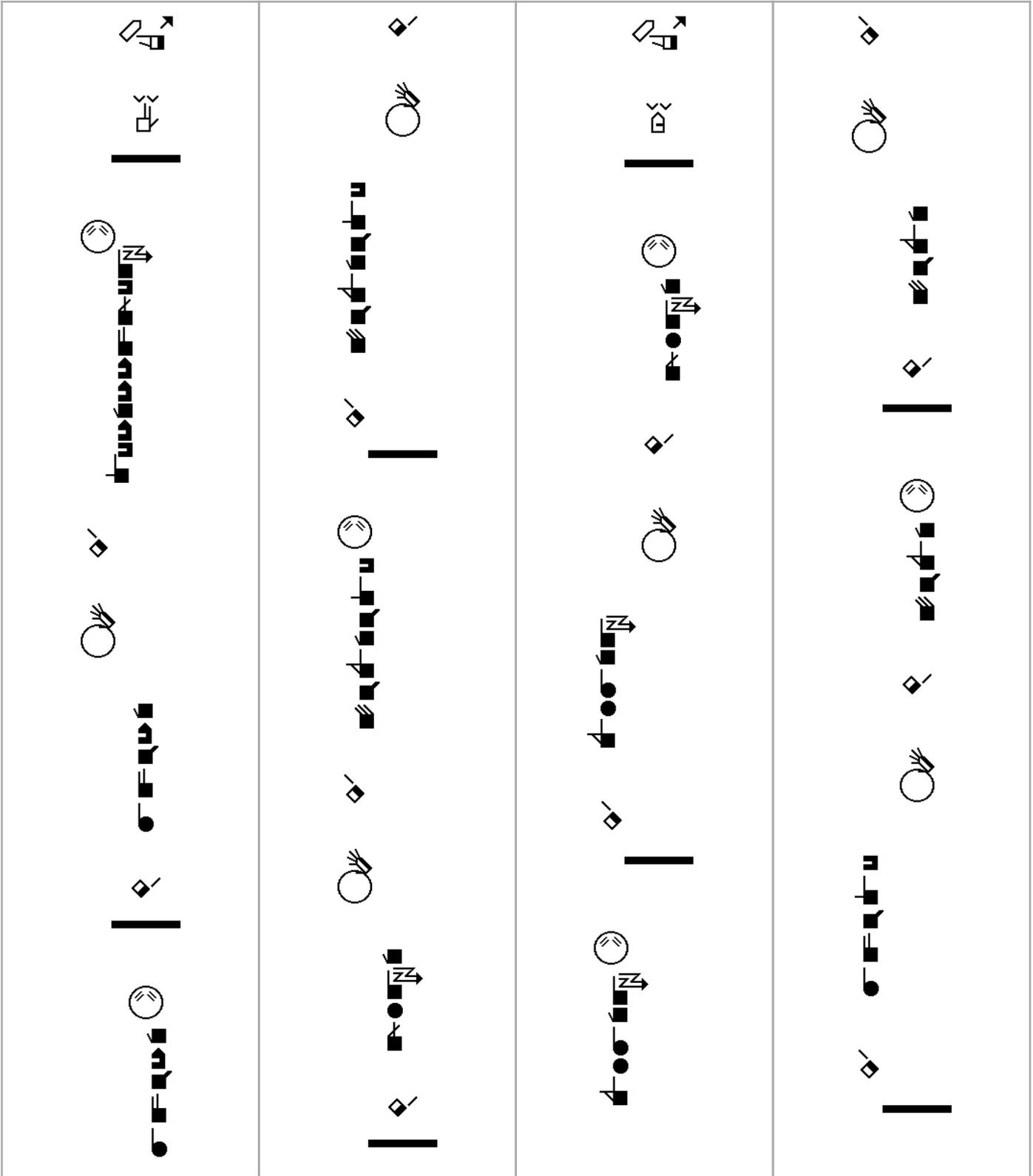
7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa. 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Jehoram. Jehoram was the father of Uzziah. NLT



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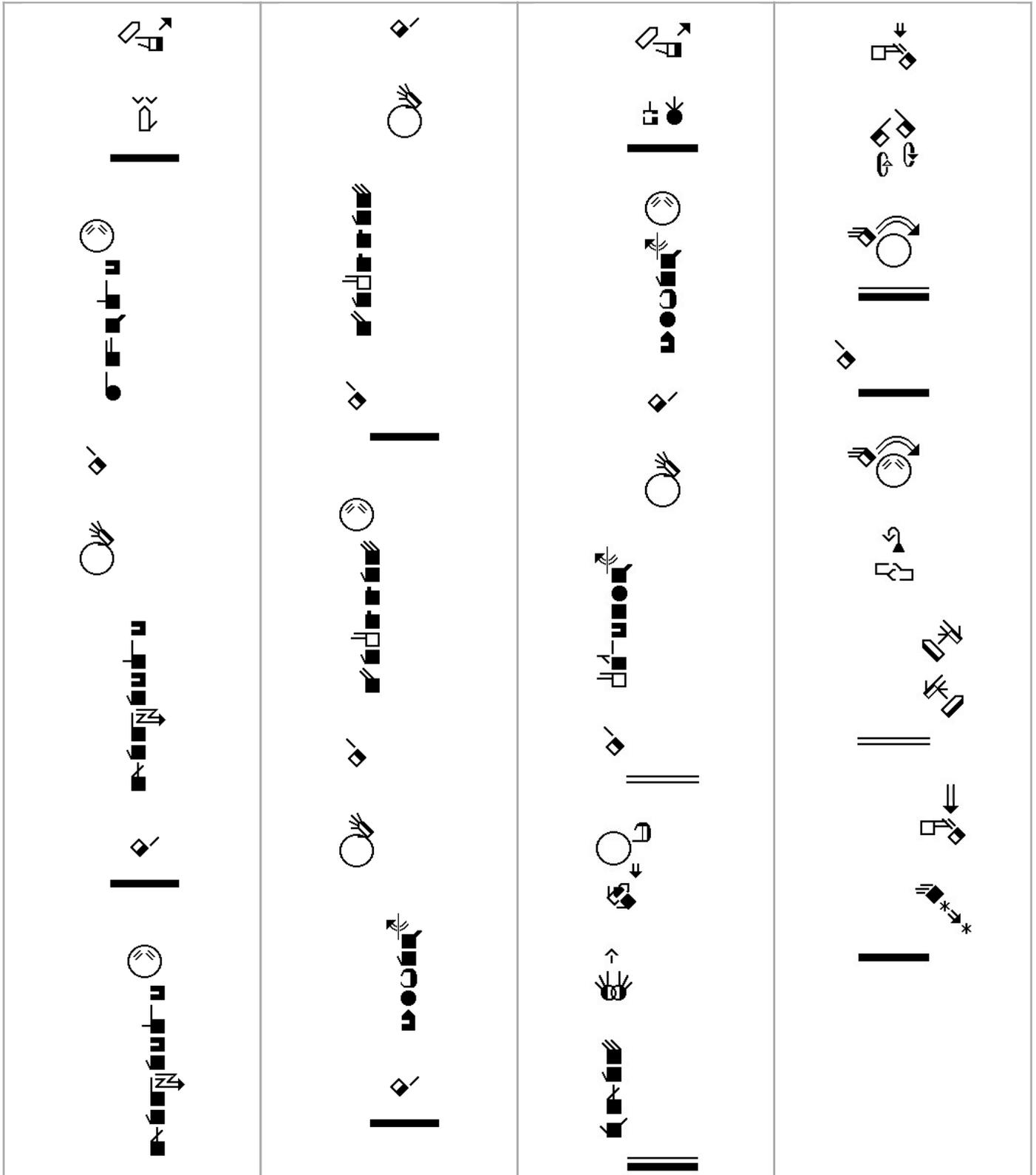
11 Josiah was the father of Jehoiachin and his brothers (born at the time of the exile to Babylon). 12 After the Babylonian exile: Jehoiachin was the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel. NLT

Matthew 1:13-14



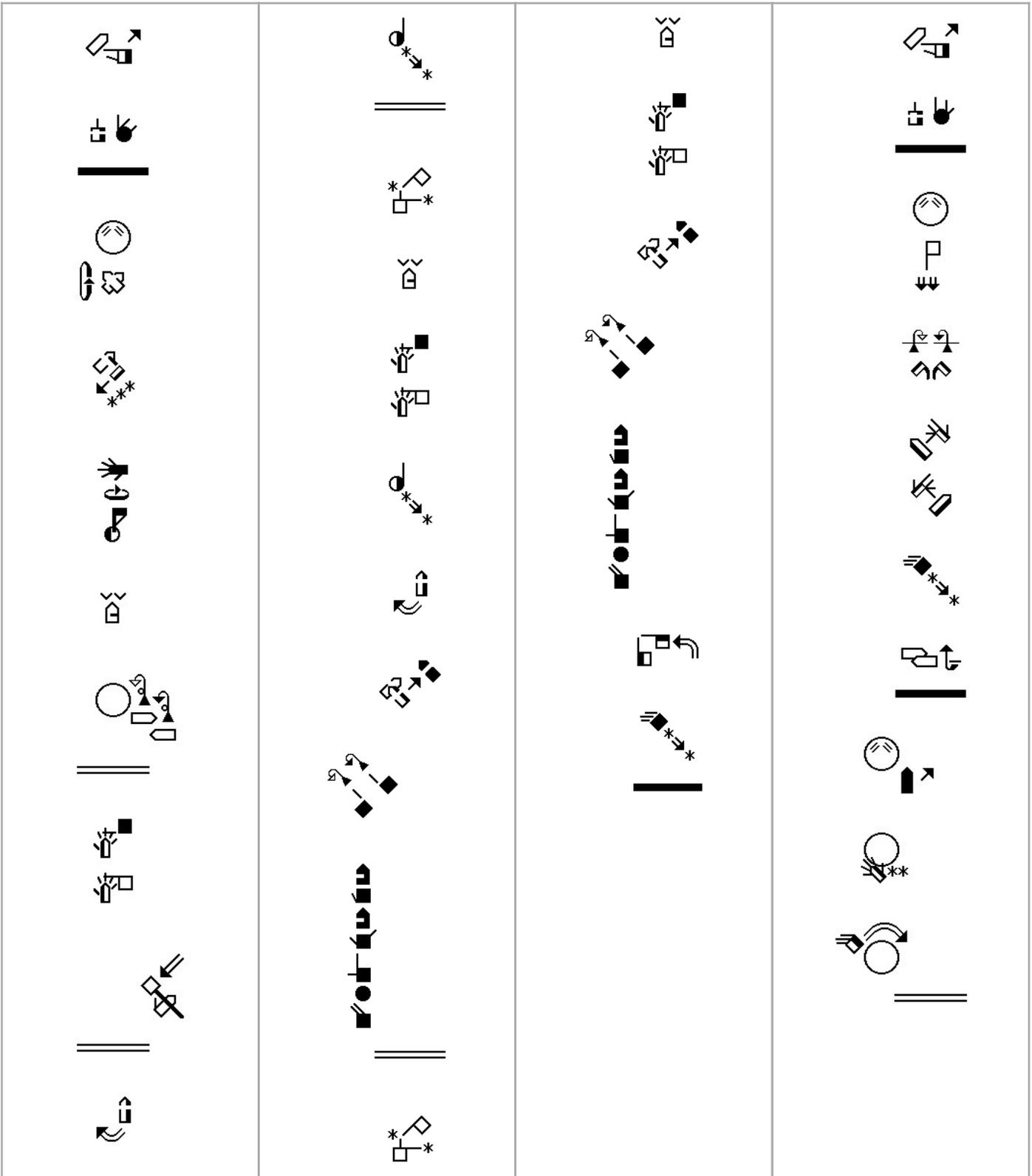
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13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the father of Azor. 14 Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Akim. Akim was the father of Eliud. NLT



15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob. 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah. NLT

Matthew 1:17-18



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17 All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah. 18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, NLT

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was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, her fiance, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so NLT



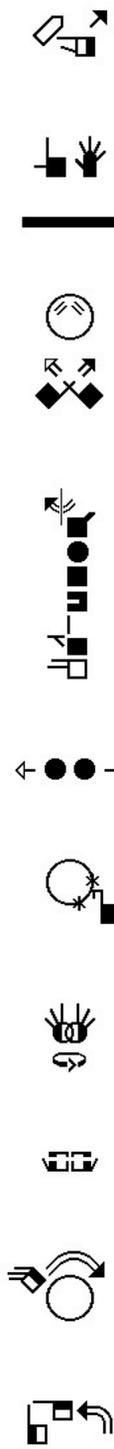
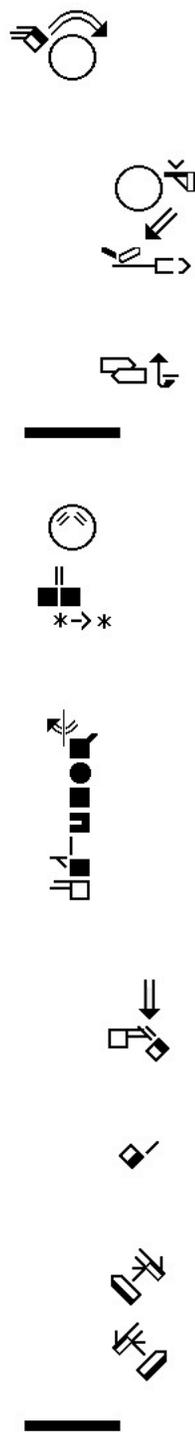
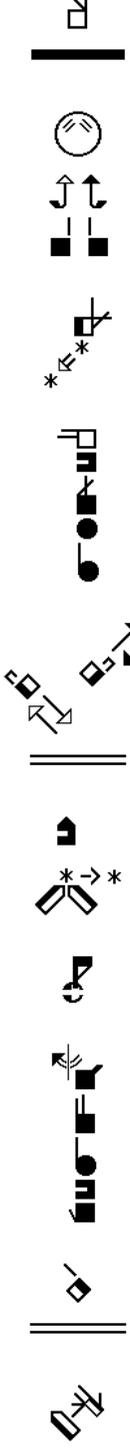
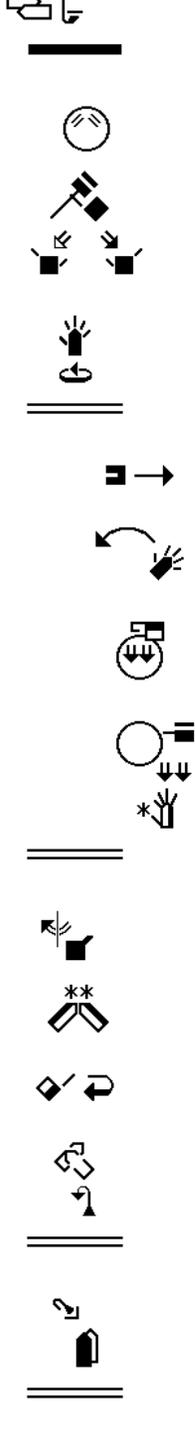
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the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: NLT

Matthew 1:23-24

<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand pointing up and right. 2. Two hands pointing down. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. Two hands pointing down towards a circle. 5. A thick horizontal line. 6. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 7. Two hands pointing towards each other. 8. Two hands pointing towards each other. 9. Two hands pointing towards each other. 10. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 11. A thick horizontal line. 12. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 13. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 14. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 15. A thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand pointing up and right. 2. A circle with a hand pointing to it. 3. A hand pointing up and right. 4. A hand pointing up and right. 5. A thick horizontal line. 6. A hand pointing up and right. 7. A hand pointing up and right. 8. A hand pointing up and right. 9. A hand pointing up and right. 10. A hand pointing up and right. 11. A hand pointing up and right. 12. A hand pointing up and right. 13. A hand pointing up and right. 14. A hand pointing up and right. 15. A thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand pointing up and right. 2. Two hands pointing down. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A circle with a hand pointing to it. 5. Two hands pointing towards each other. 6. A hand pointing up and right. 7. A hand pointing up and right. 8. A hand pointing up and right. 9. A hand pointing up and right. 10. A hand pointing up and right. 11. A hand pointing up and right. 12. A hand pointing up and right. 13. A hand pointing up and right. 14. A hand pointing up and right. 15. A hand pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand pointing up and right towards a circle. 2. A hand pointing up and right. 3. A circle with a hand pointing to it. 4. A thick horizontal line. 5. A hand pointing up and right. 6. A hand pointing up and right. 7. A hand pointing up and right. 8. A hand pointing up and right. 9. A hand pointing up and right. 10. A hand pointing up and right. 11. A hand pointing up and right. 12. A hand pointing up and right. 13. A hand pointing up and right. 14. A hand pointing up and right. 15. A thick horizontal line.</p>
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23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" 24 When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. NLT

 <p>Sign language icons for Matthew 1:25, including symbols for 'he', 'did not', 'have', 'sexual', 'relations', 'with', 'her', 'until', 'her', 'son', 'was', 'born', 'and', 'Joseph', 'named', 'him', 'Jesus'.</p>	 <p>Sign language icons for Matthew 2:1, including symbols for 'Jesus', 'was', 'born', 'in', 'Bethlehem', 'in', 'Judea', 'during', 'the', 'reign', 'of', 'King', 'Herod', 'About', 'that', 'time', 'some', 'wise', 'men', 'from', 'eastern', 'lands', 'arrived', 'in', 'Jerusalem', 'asking'.</p>	 <p>Sign language icons for Matthew 1:25, including symbols for 'he', 'did not', 'have', 'sexual', 'relations', 'with', 'her', 'until', 'her', 'son', 'was', 'born', 'and', 'Joseph', 'named', 'him', 'Jesus'.</p>	 <p>Sign language icons for Matthew 2:1, including symbols for 'Jesus', 'was', 'born', 'in', 'Bethlehem', 'in', 'Judea', 'during', 'the', 'reign', 'of', 'King', 'Herod', 'About', 'that', 'time', 'some', 'wise', 'men', 'from', 'eastern', 'lands', 'arrived', 'in', 'Jerusalem', 'asking'.</p>
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25 But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. 2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, NLT

Matthew 2:2-3

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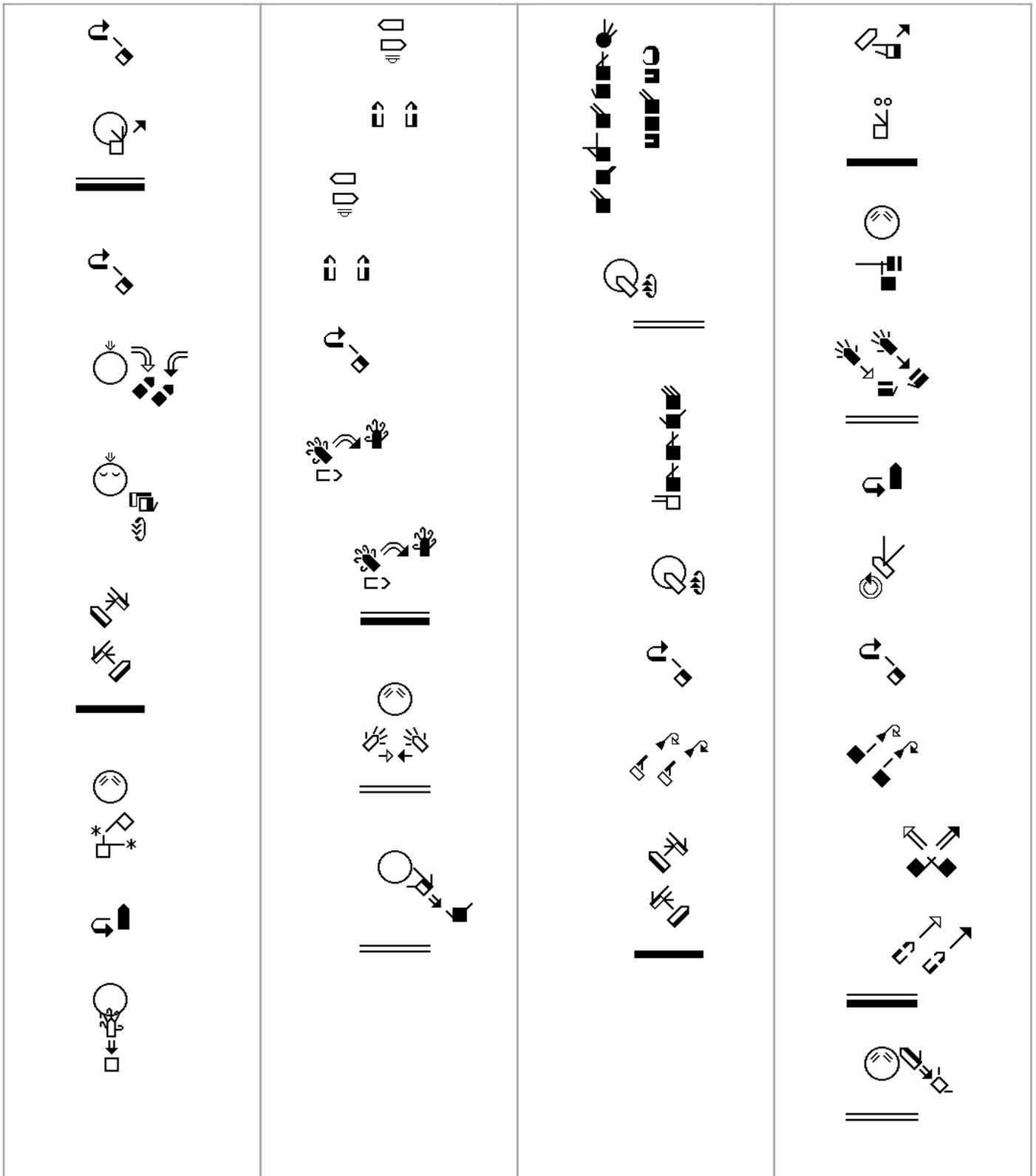
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and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" 9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star NLT

Matthew 2:9-11

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they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, NLT



and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, NLT

Matthew 2:12-13

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for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. 13 After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return," NLT

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:13-15, column 1. It includes signs for 'because', 'Herod', 'search', 'child', 'kill', 'him', 'that night', 'Joseph', 'left', 'Egypt', 'with', 'the', 'child', 'and', 'Mary', 'his', 'mother', 'and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: NLT</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:13-15, column 2. It includes signs for 'because', 'Herod', 'search', 'child', 'kill', 'him', 'that night', 'Joseph', 'left', 'Egypt', 'with', 'the', 'child', 'and', 'Mary', 'his', 'mother', 'and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: NLT</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:13-15, column 3. It includes signs for 'because', 'Herod', 'search', 'child', 'kill', 'him', 'that night', 'Joseph', 'left', 'Egypt', 'with', 'the', 'child', 'and', 'Mary', 'his', 'mother', 'and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: NLT</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:13-15, column 4. It includes signs for 'because', 'Herod', 'search', 'child', 'kill', 'him', 'that night', 'Joseph', 'left', 'Egypt', 'with', 'the', 'child', 'and', 'Mary', 'his', 'mother', 'and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: NLT</p>
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because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, 15 and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: NLT



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17 Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:  
 18 "A cry was heard in Ramah--weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead." NLT

Matthew 2:19-20

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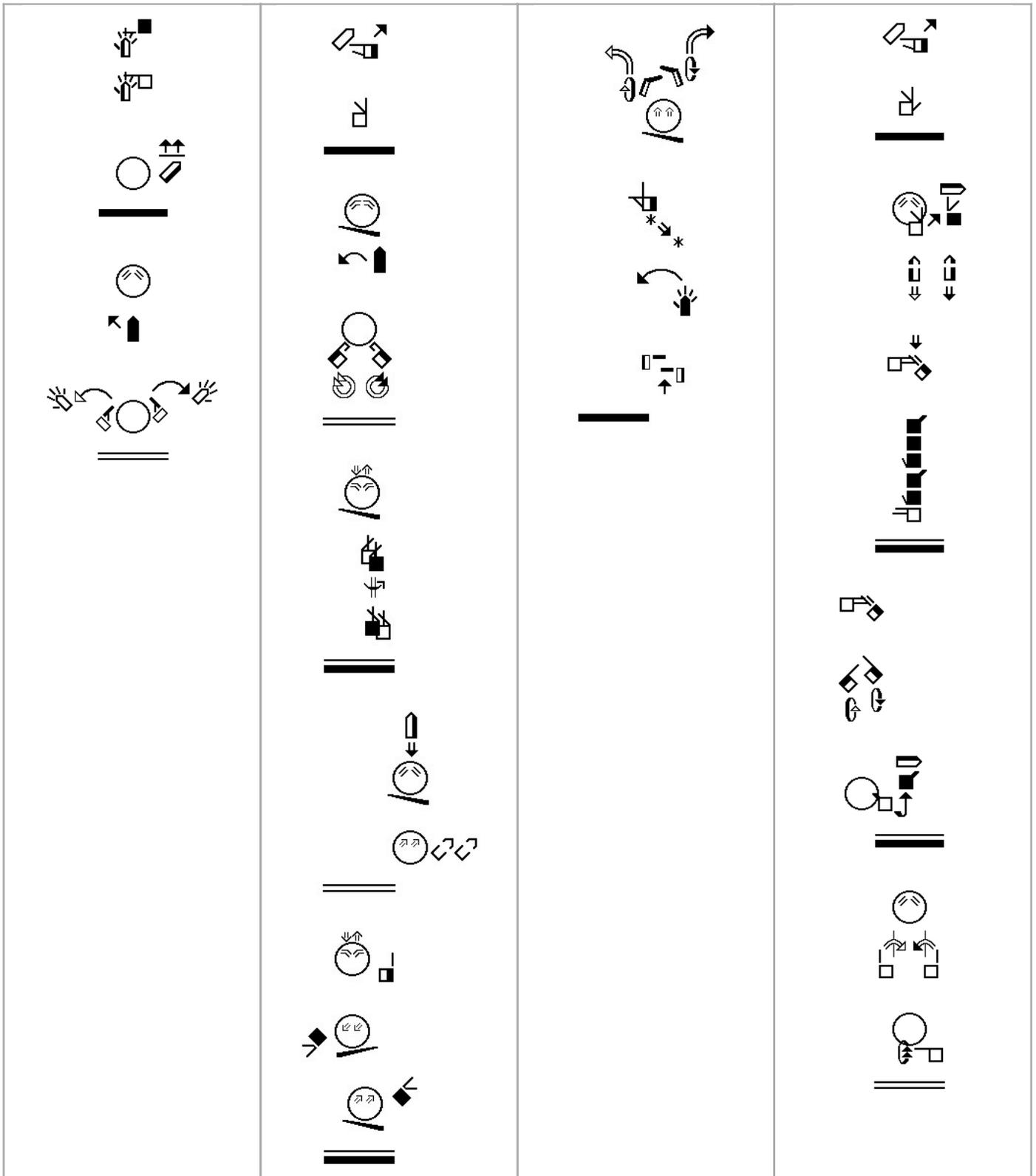
19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. 20 "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead." NLT

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21 So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. 22 But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, NLT

Matthew 2:22-23, 3:1

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:22-23, 3:1, column 1. It includes signs for 'warned', 'left', 'region of Galilee', 'went', 'lived', 'Nazareth', 'fulfilled', 'prophets', 'said', 'called', 'Nazarene', 'John the Baptist', 'came', 'Judean wilderness'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:22-23, 3:1, column 2. It includes signs for 'warned', 'left', 'region of Galilee', 'went', 'lived', 'Nazareth', 'fulfilled', 'prophets', 'said', 'called', 'Nazarene', 'John the Baptist', 'came', 'Judean wilderness'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:22-23, 3:1, column 3. It includes signs for 'warned', 'left', 'region of Galilee', 'went', 'lived', 'Nazareth', 'fulfilled', 'prophets', 'said', 'called', 'Nazarene', 'John the Baptist', 'came', 'Judean wilderness'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 2:22-23, 3:1, column 4. It includes signs for 'warned', 'left', 'region of Galilee', 'went', 'lived', 'Nazareth', 'fulfilled', 'prophets', 'said', 'called', 'Nazarene', 'John the Baptist', 'came', 'Judean wilderness'.</p>
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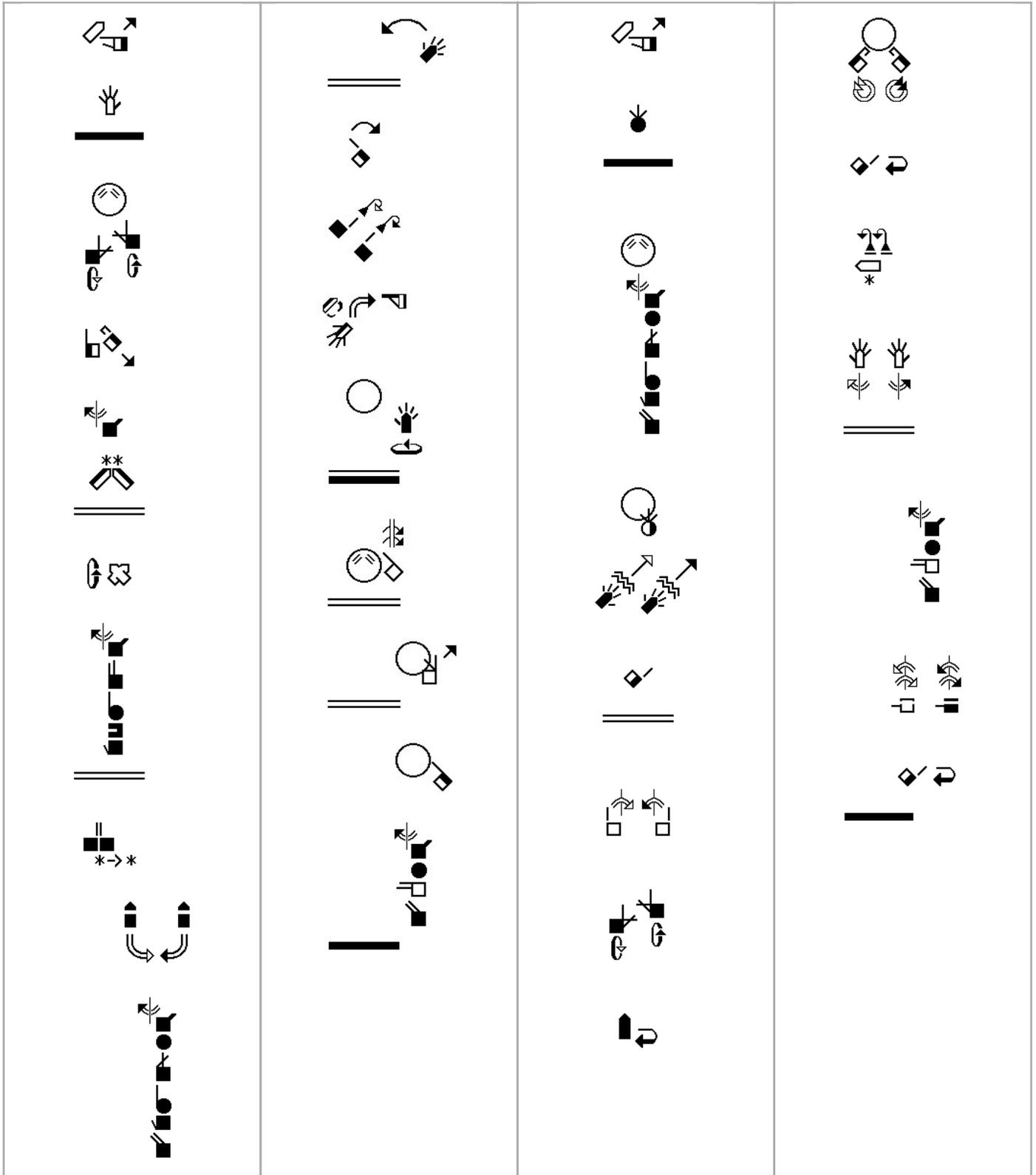
and began preaching. His message was, 2 "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." 3 The prophet Isaiah was speaking

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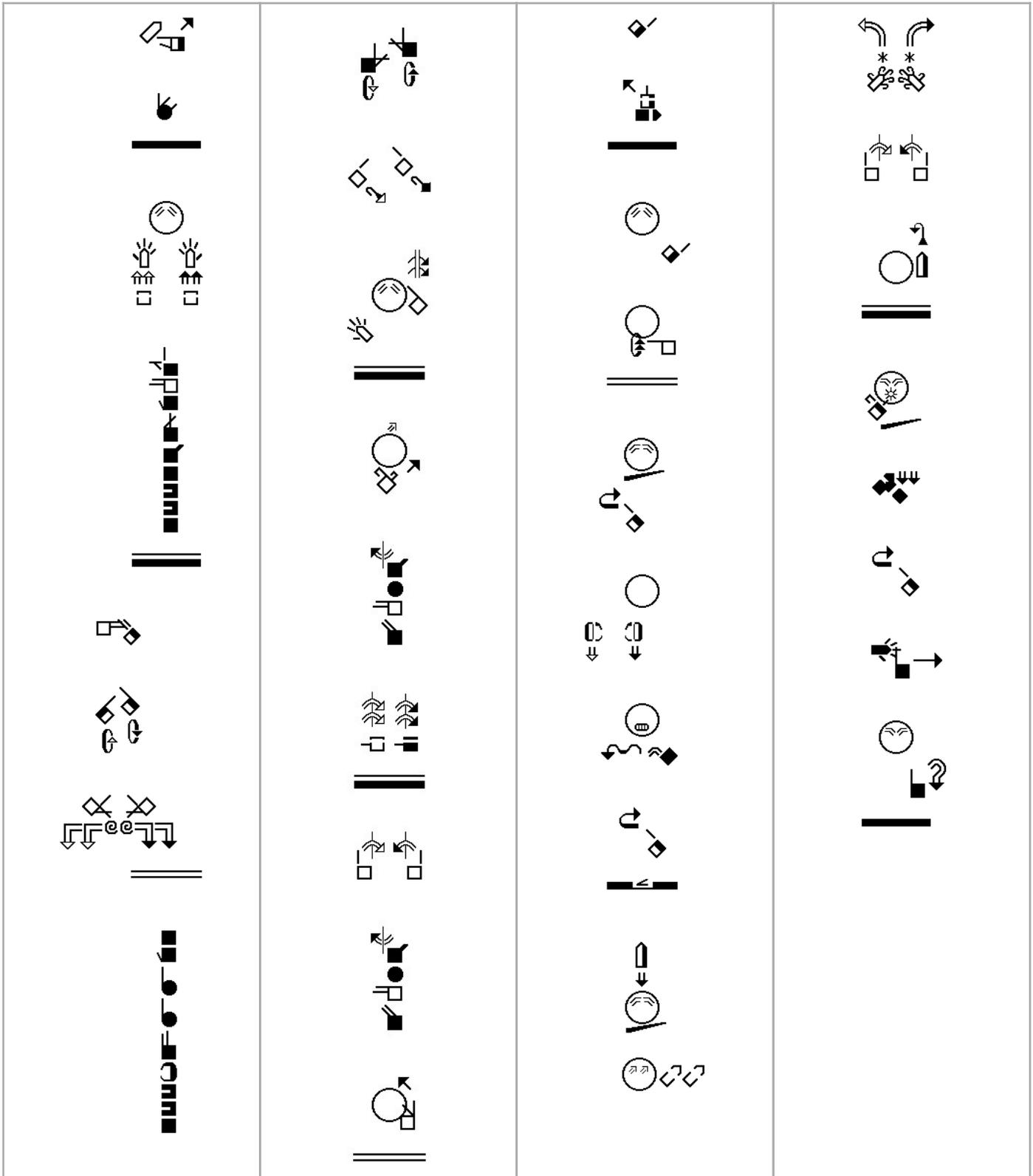
Matthew 3:3-4

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about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him!'" 4 John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. NLT



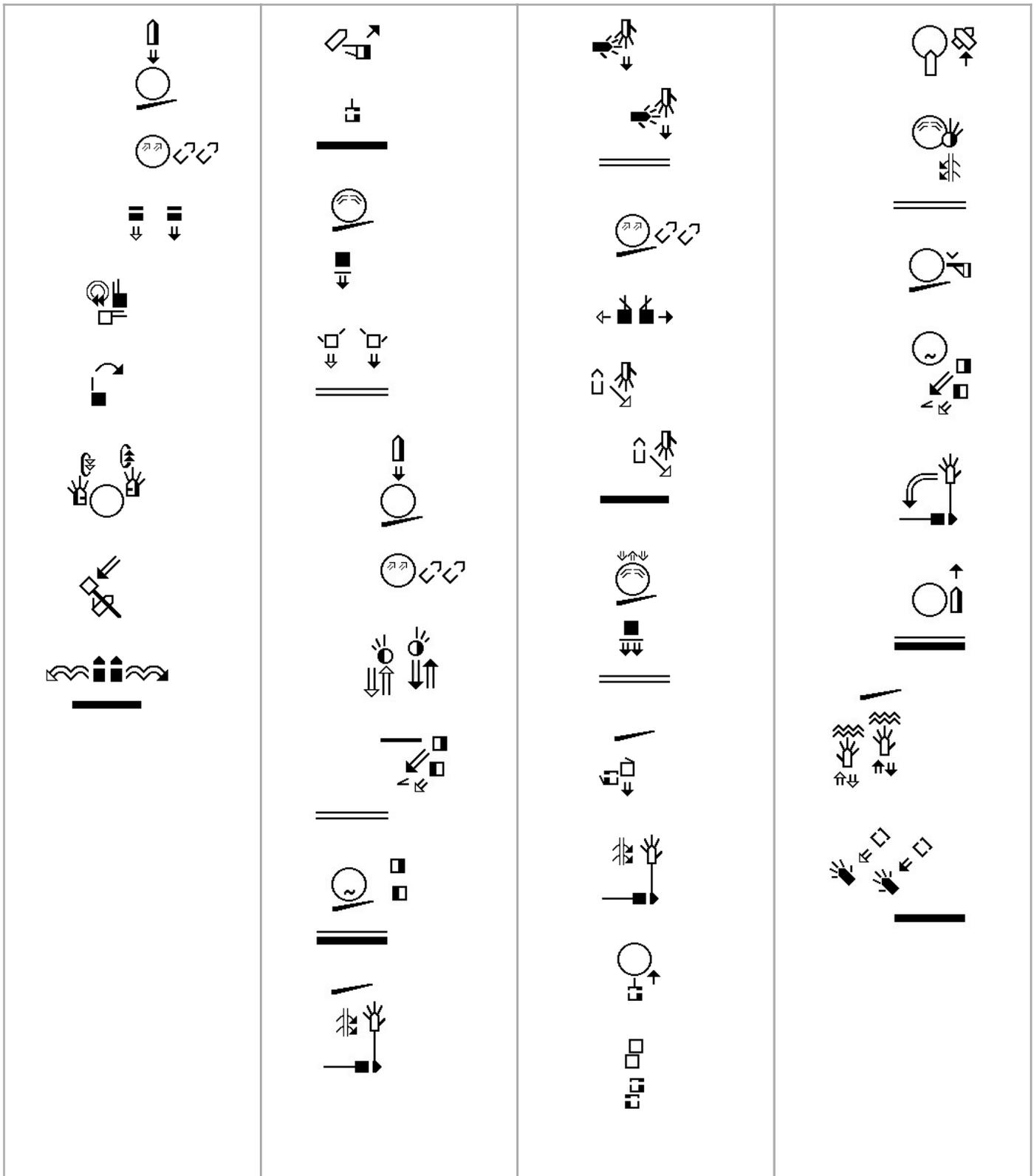
5 People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. 6 And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. NLT



7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. "You brood of snakes!" he exclaimed. "Who warned you to flee God's coming wrath?" NLT

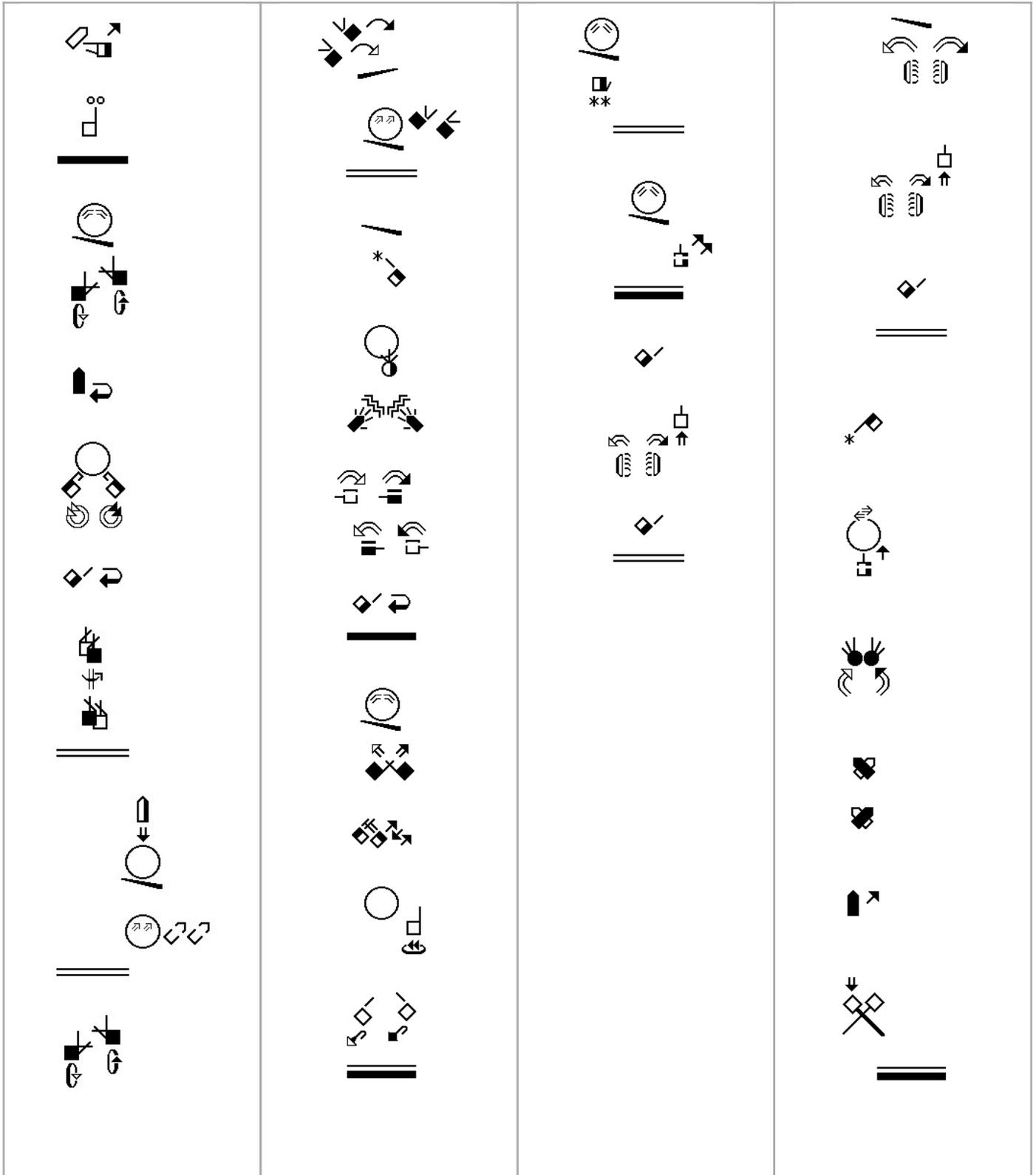


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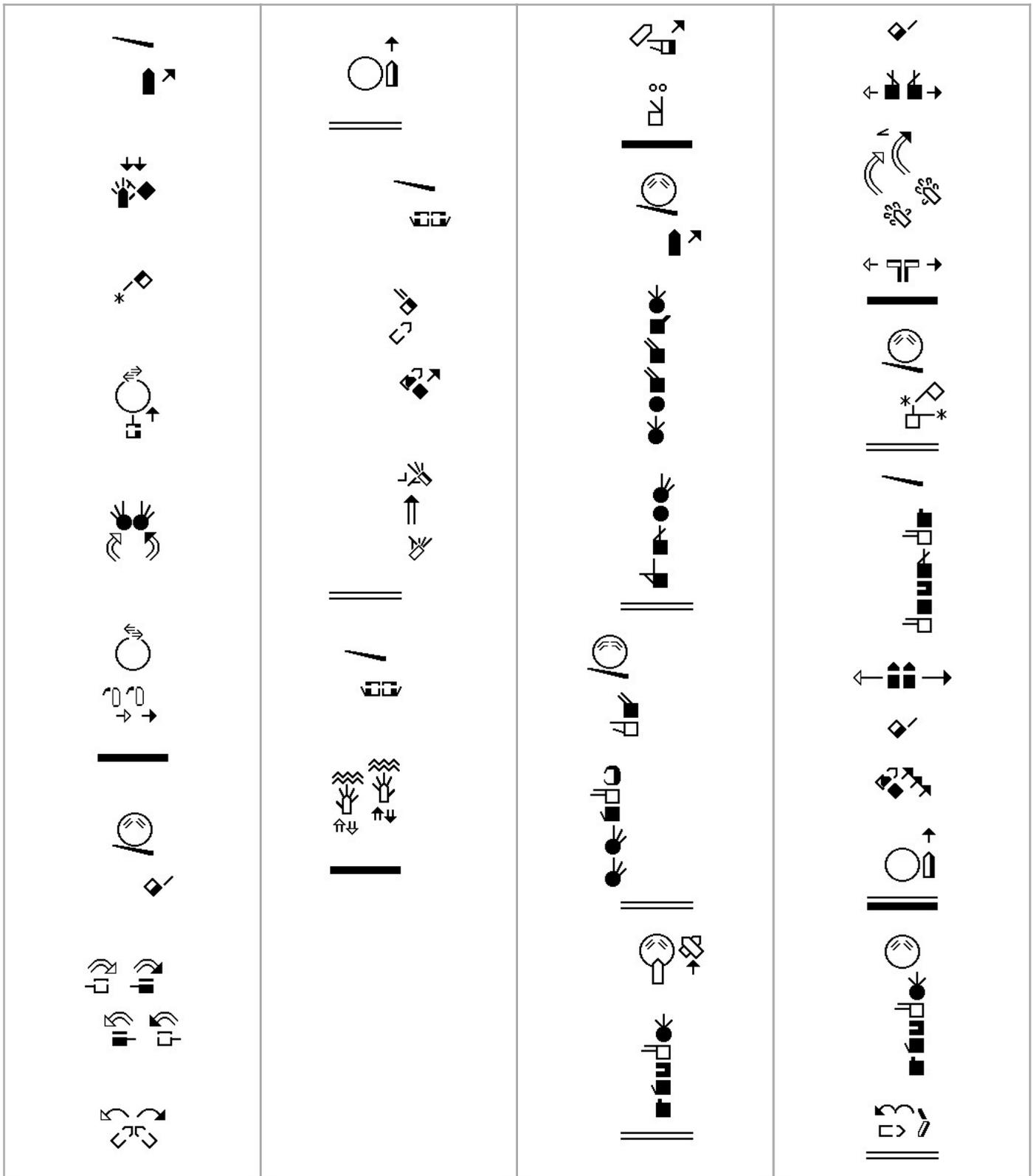
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God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. 10 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. NLT



11 "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am -- so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave NLT

Matthew 3:11-12



and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat NLT

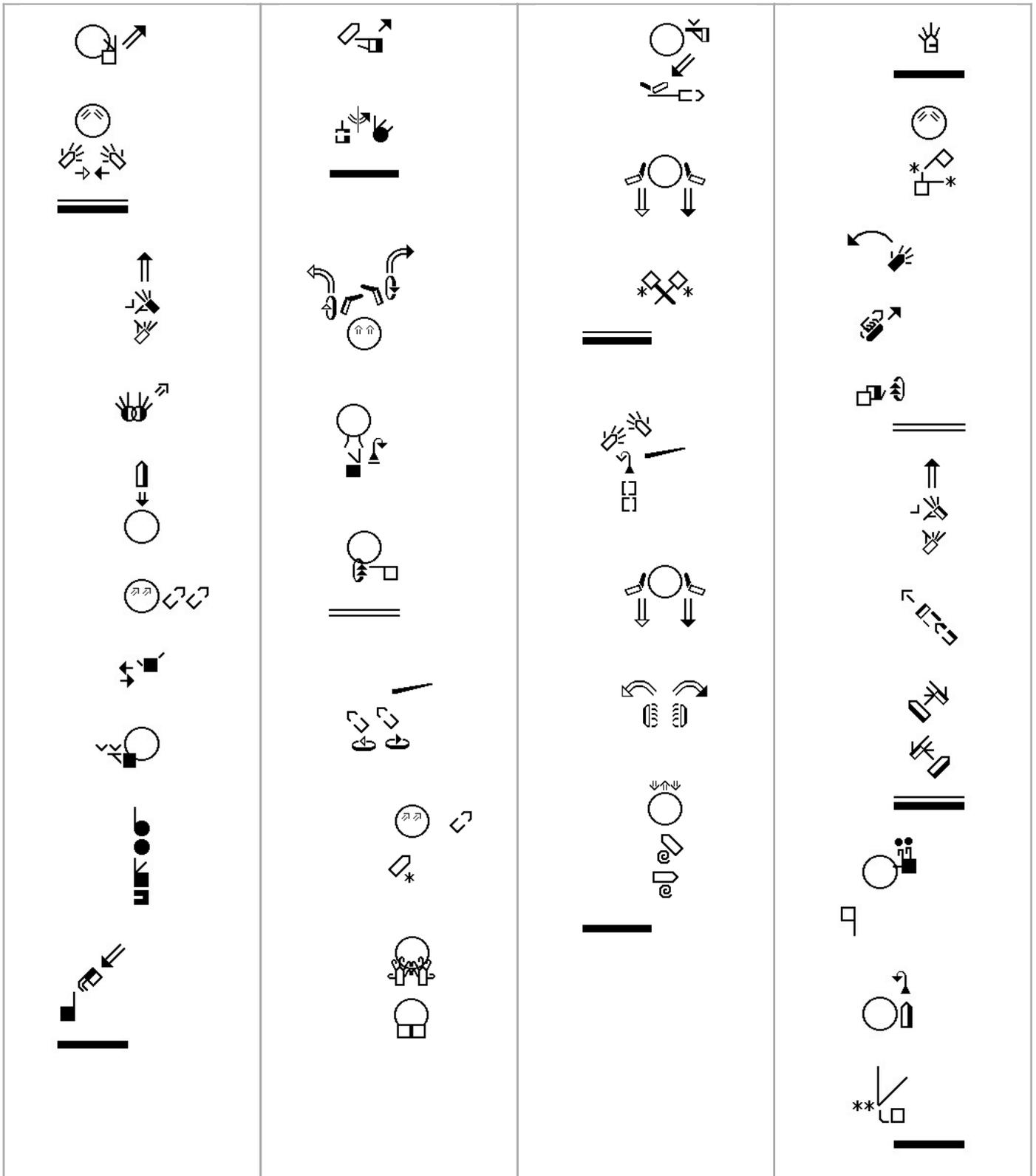
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into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." 13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I NLT

Matthew 3:14-16

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am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" 15 But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. 16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened NLT



and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

4. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

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Matthew 4:2-4

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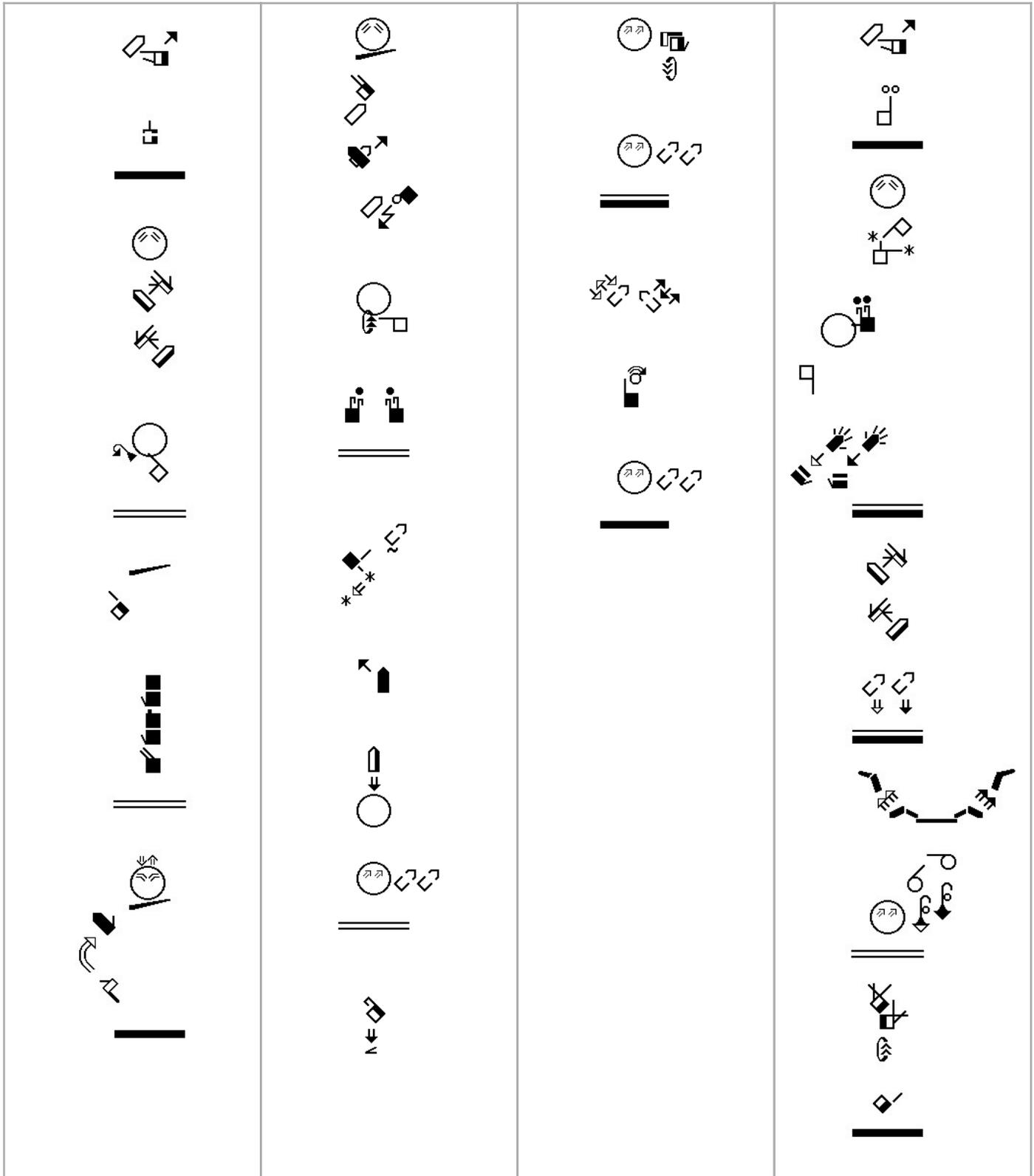
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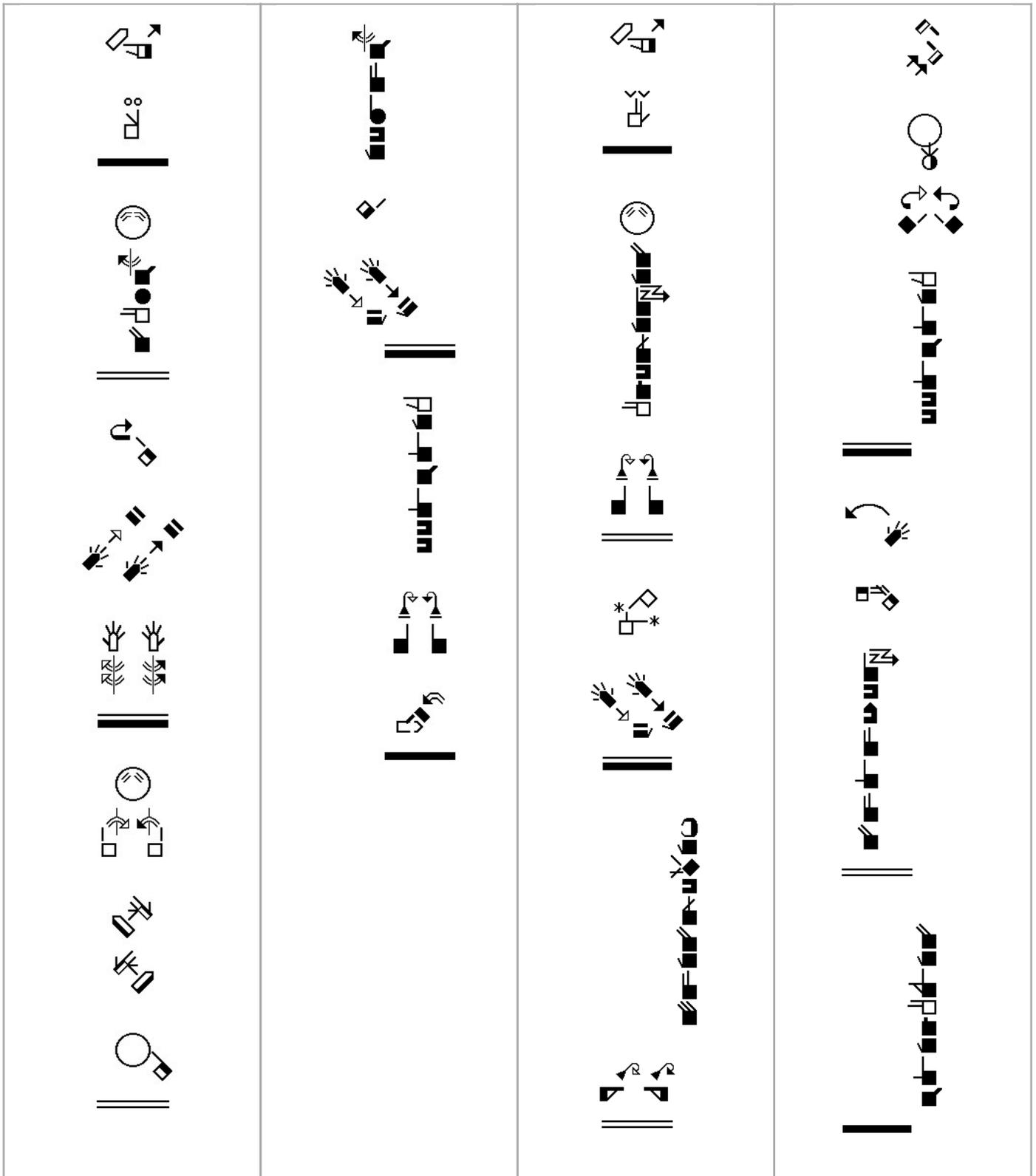
the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'" NLT



Matthew 4:10-11



44 10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus. NLT

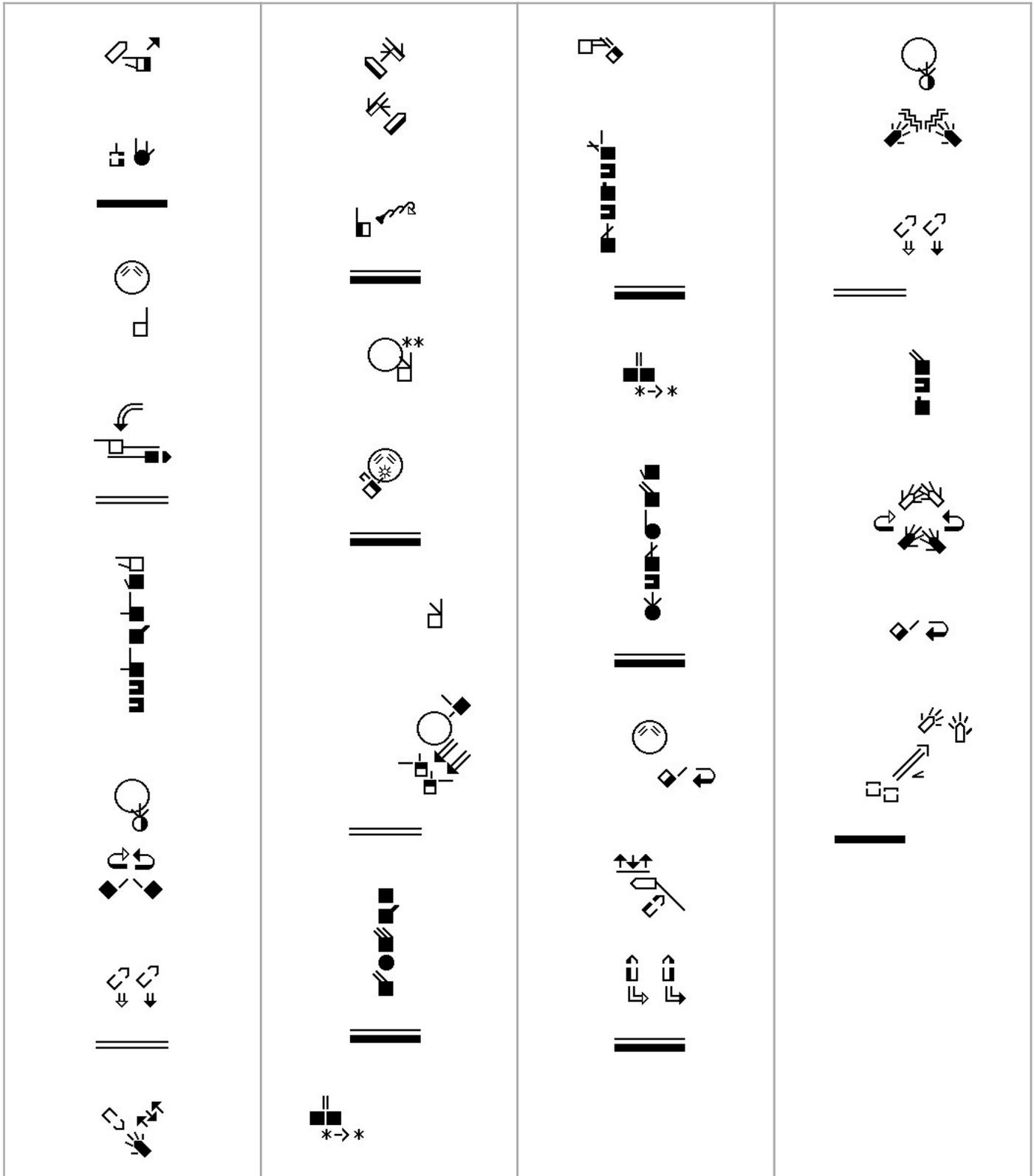


12 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. 13 He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. NLT





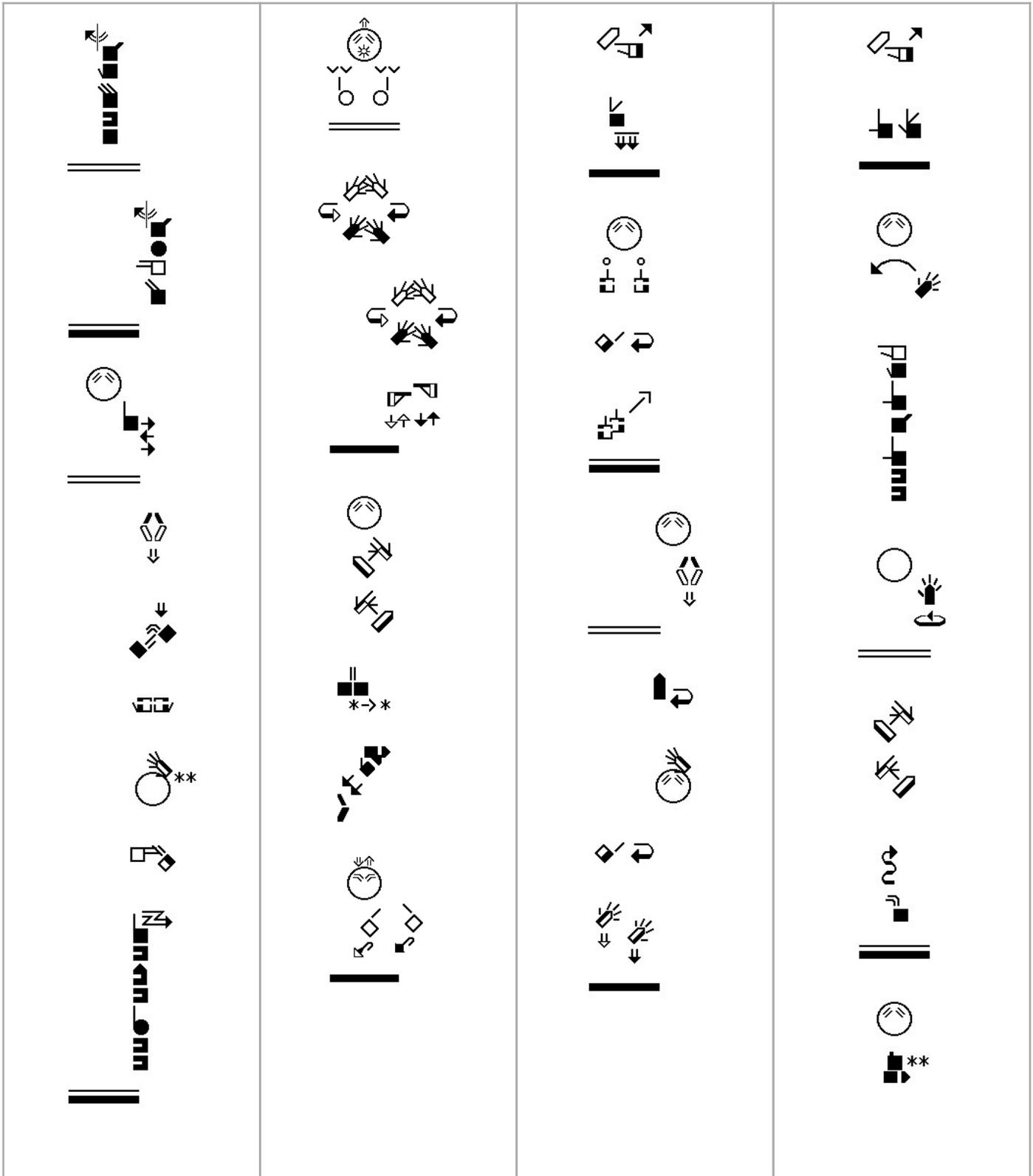
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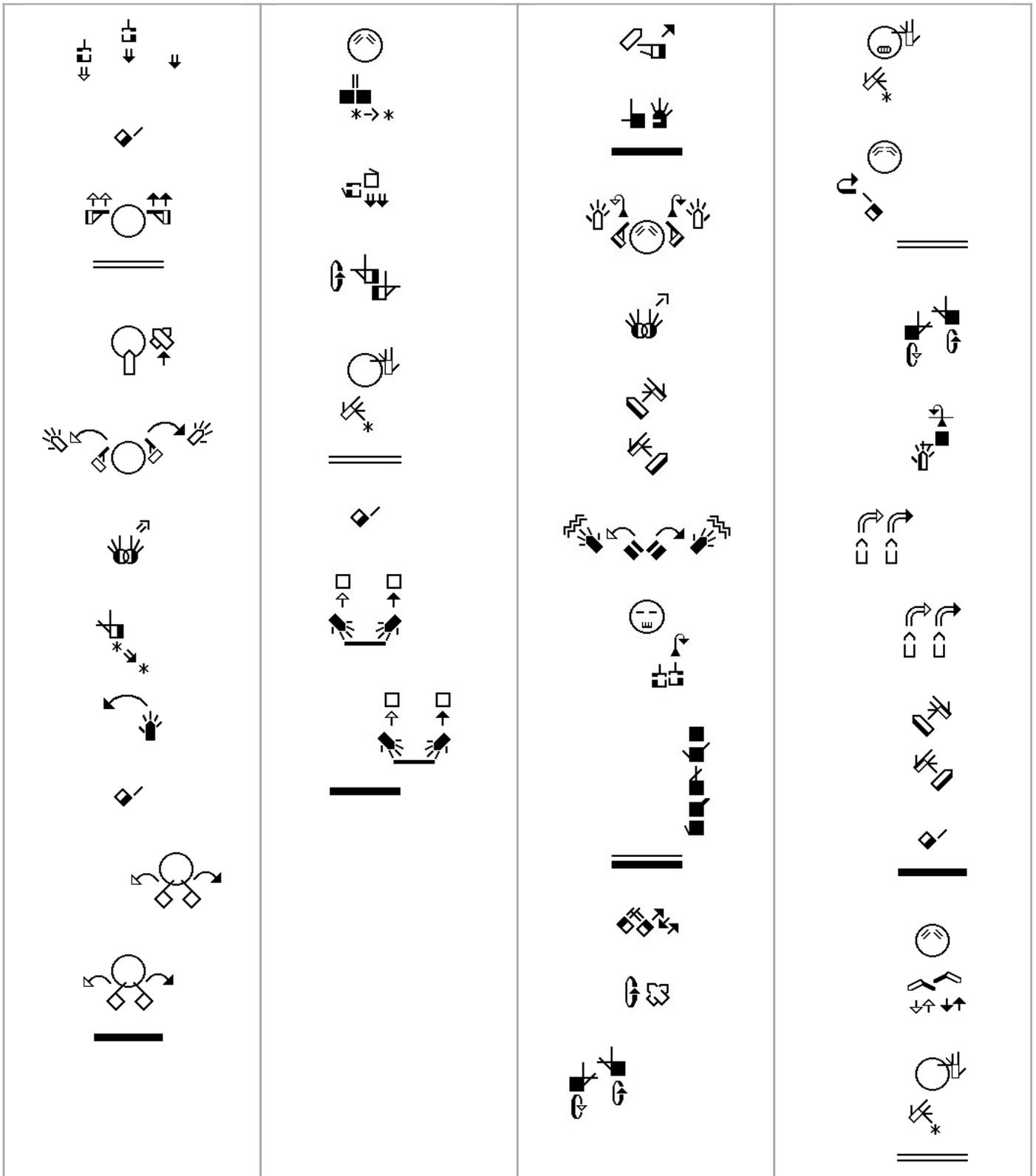
18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers--Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew--throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. NLT



Matthew 4:21-23



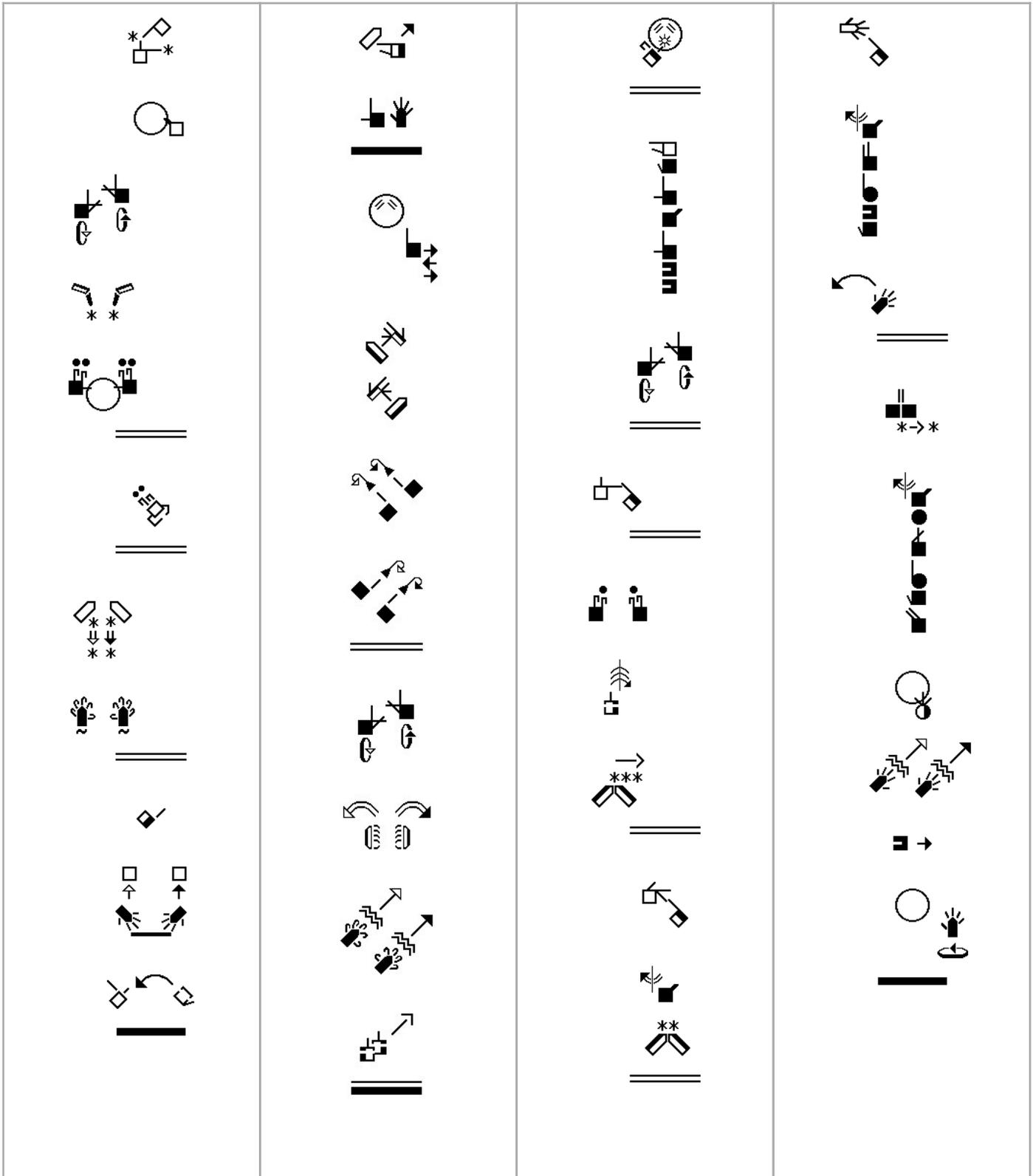
James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. 22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. 23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, NLT



teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. 24 News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease,

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Matthew 4:24-25



or if they were demon-possessed or epileptic or paralyzed -- he healed them all. 25 Large crowds followed him wherever he went -- people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River. NLT







Matthew 5:7-9

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for they will be shown mercy. 8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. 9 God blesses those who work for peace, NLT

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for they will be called the children of God. 10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie

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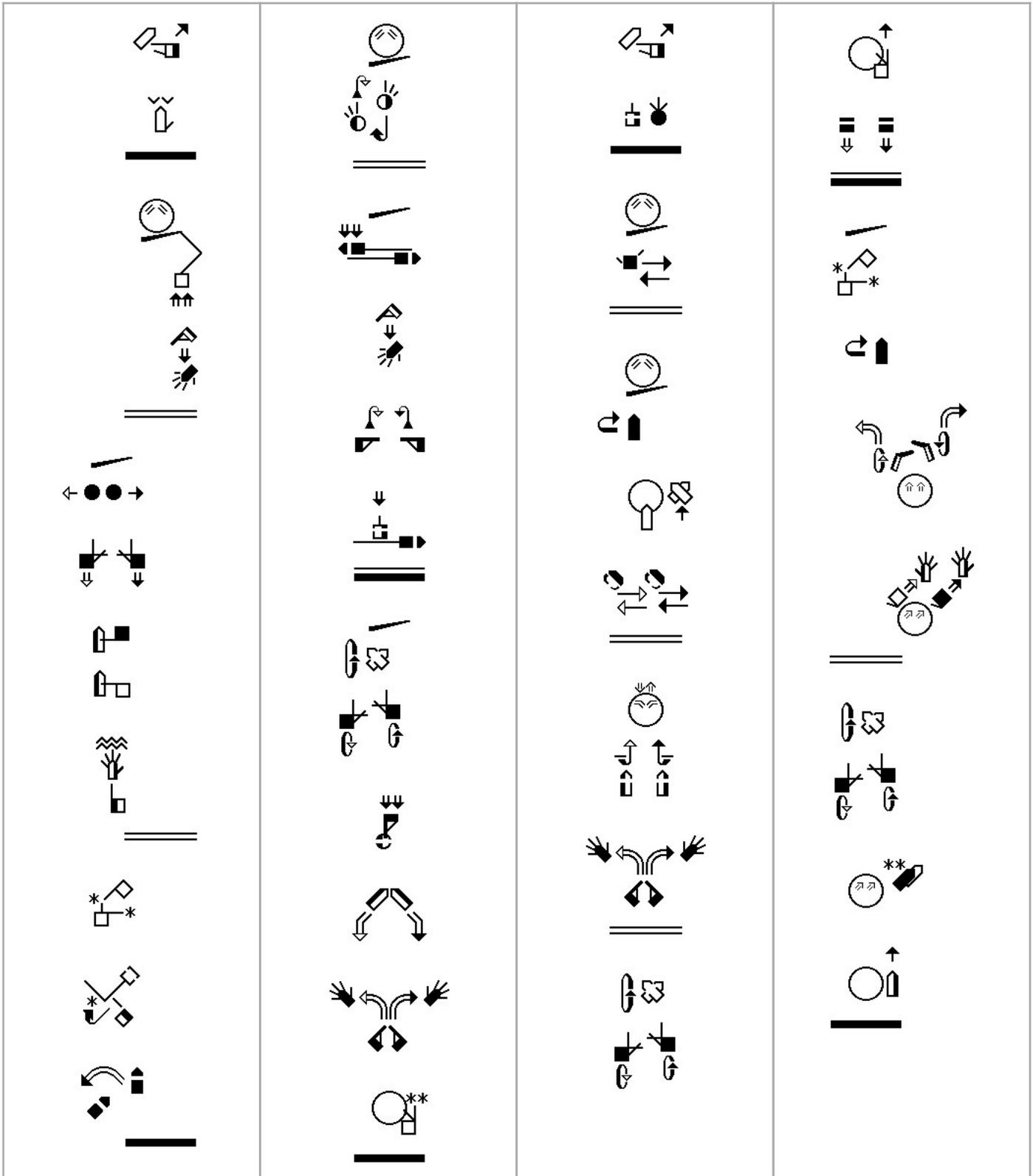


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13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world -- like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

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Matthew 5:15-16



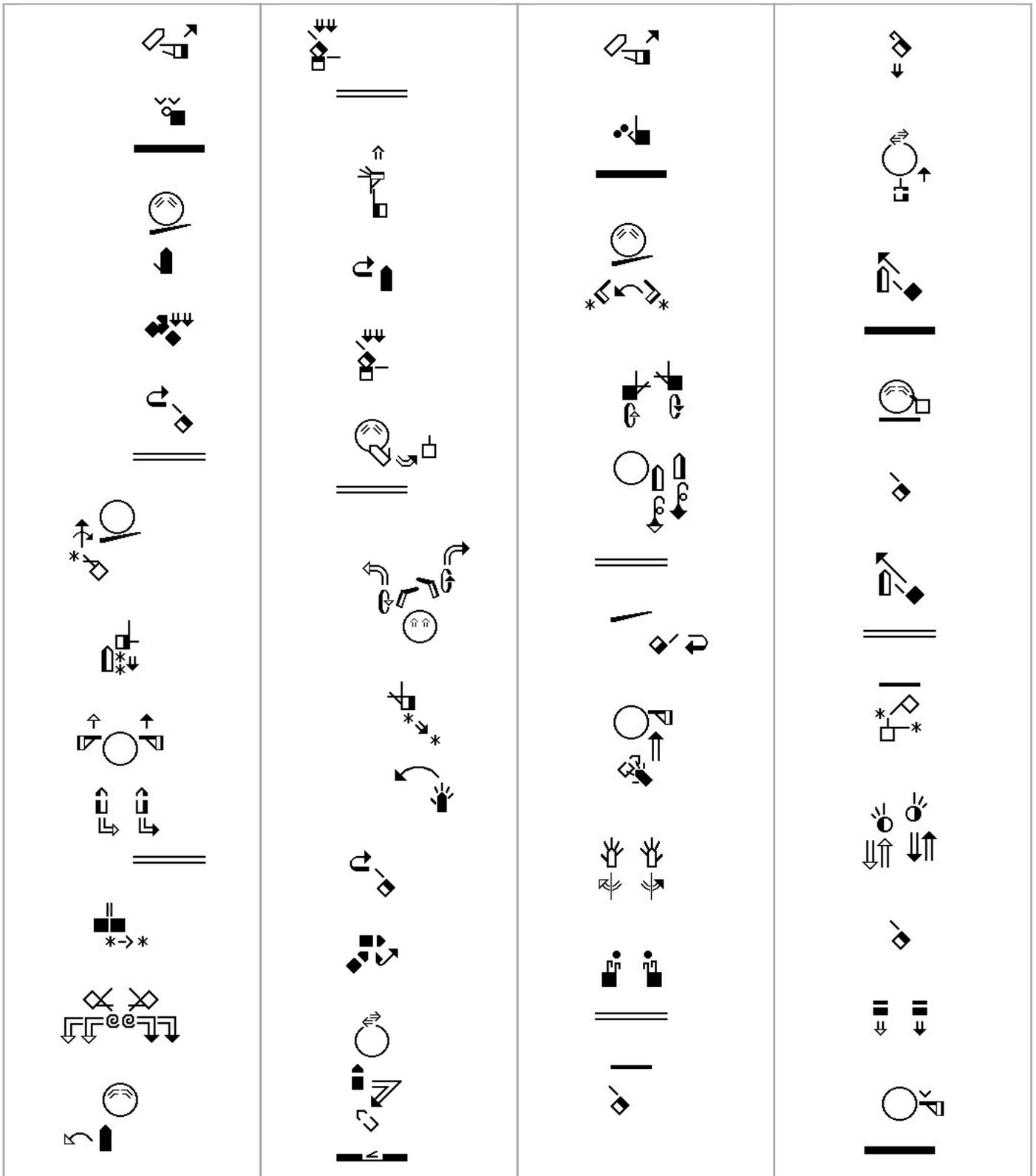
15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.  
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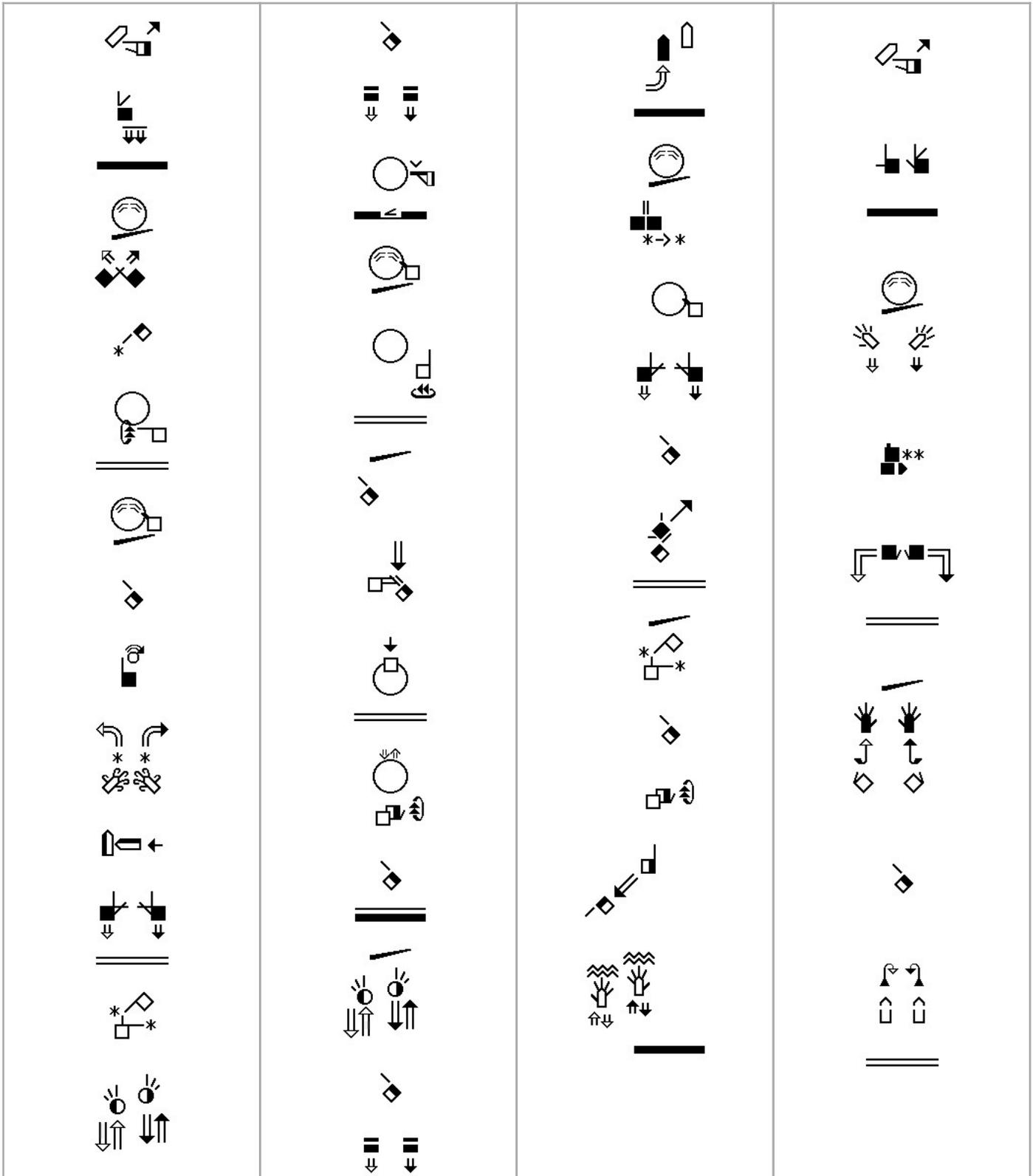
19 So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. NLT



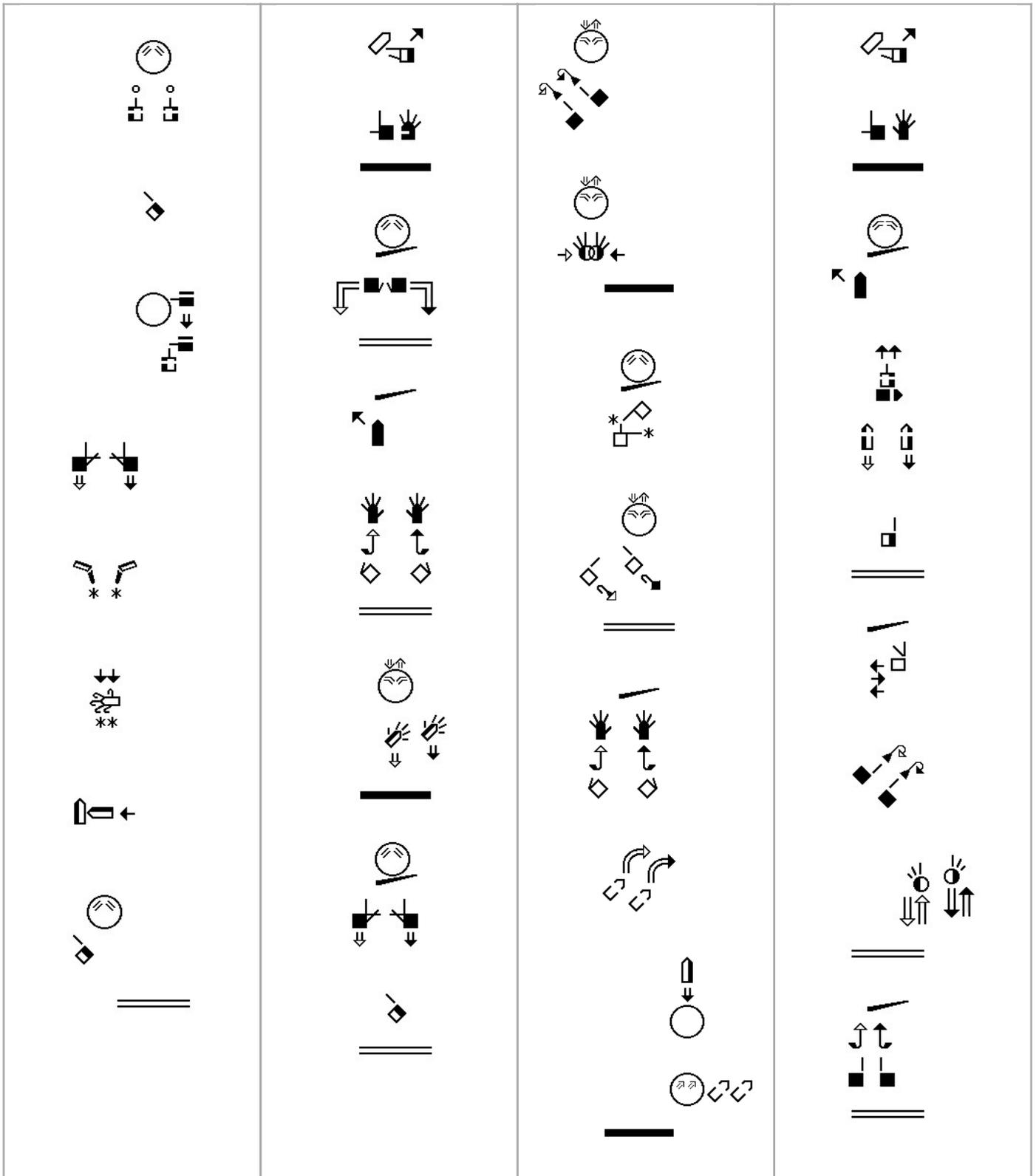
20 "But I warn you -- unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!  
 21 "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.'

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Matthew 5:22-23



22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. 23 "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple NLT



and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. 25 "When you are on the way to court with your adversary, NLT



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27 "You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.' 28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 So if your eye -- even your good eye -- NLT

Matthew 5:29-30

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causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your hand -- even your stronger hand -- causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body

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than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 31 "You have heard the law that says, 'A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.' 32 But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless

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34 But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. 35 And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' NLT



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Anything beyond this is from the evil one. 38 "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say, do not resist an evil person!  
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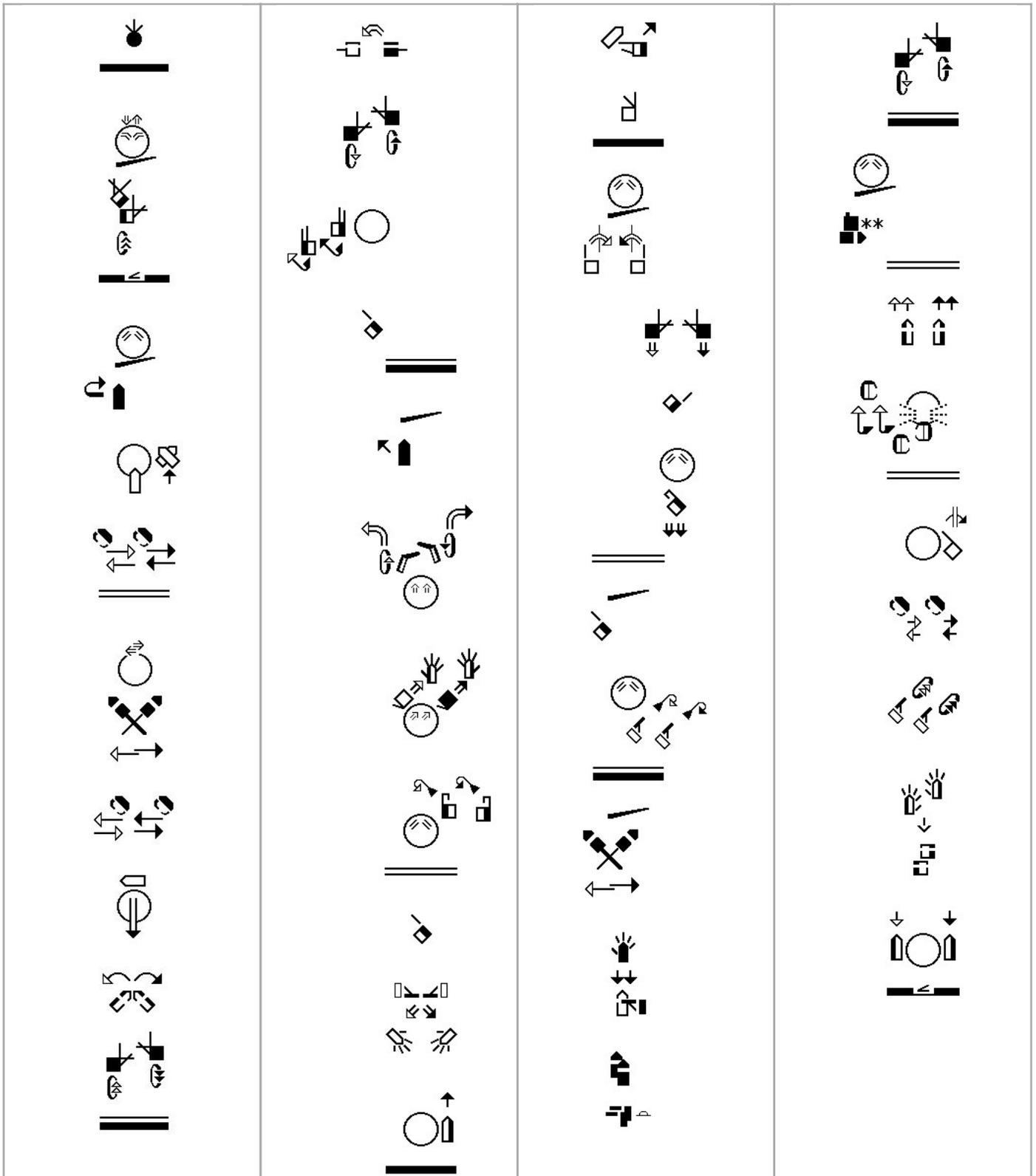
carry it two miles. 42 Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow. 43 "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. NLT





Matthew 5:47-48

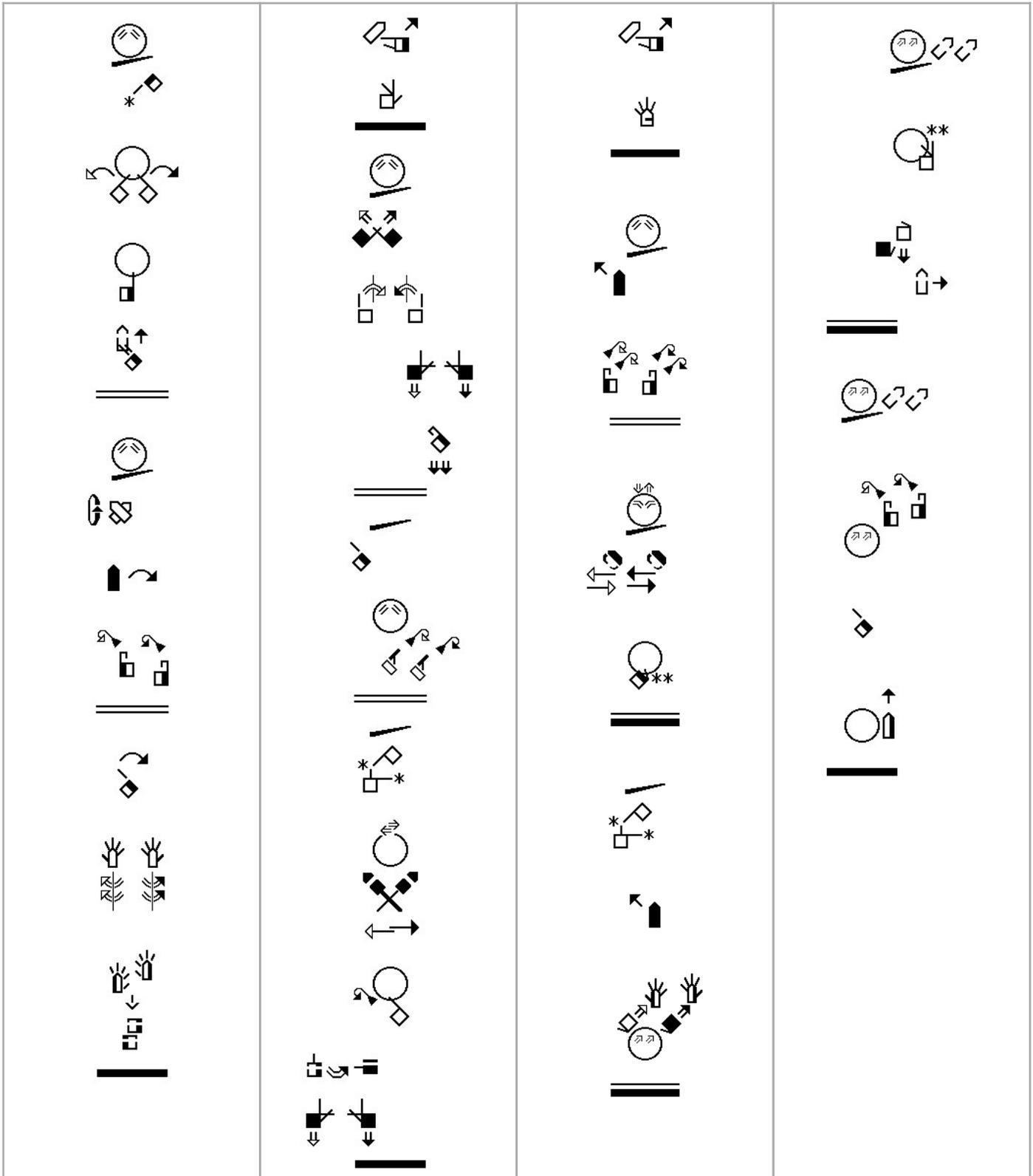
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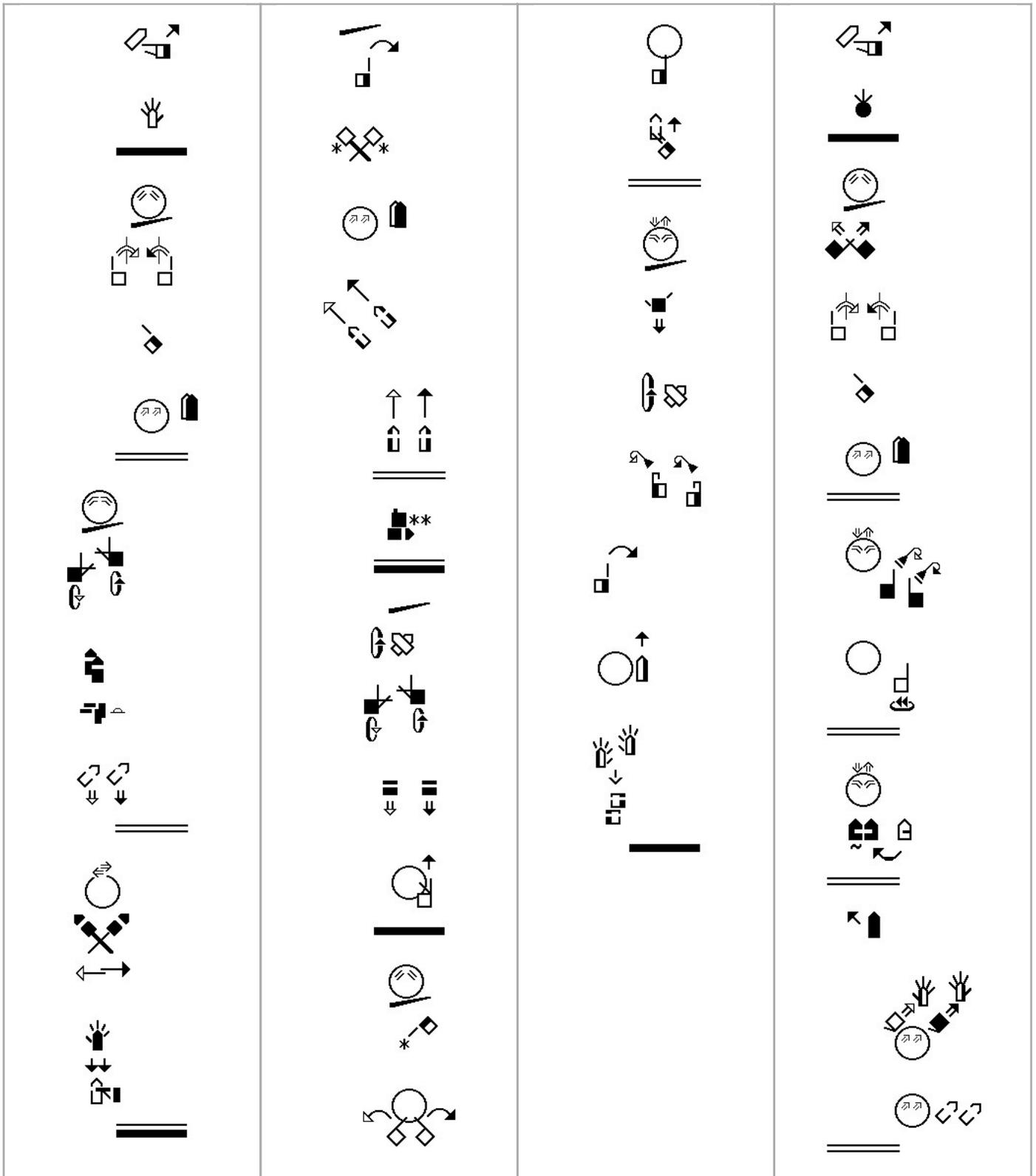
6 "Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. 2 When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do -- blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity!

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Matthew 6:2-4



I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. 3 But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. 4 Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. NLT



5 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you,

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Matthew 6:6-7

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and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. NLT

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8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. NLT



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have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. 14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. NLT

Matthew 6:15-16

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so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. 17 But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. 18 Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father,

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Matthew 6:18-19

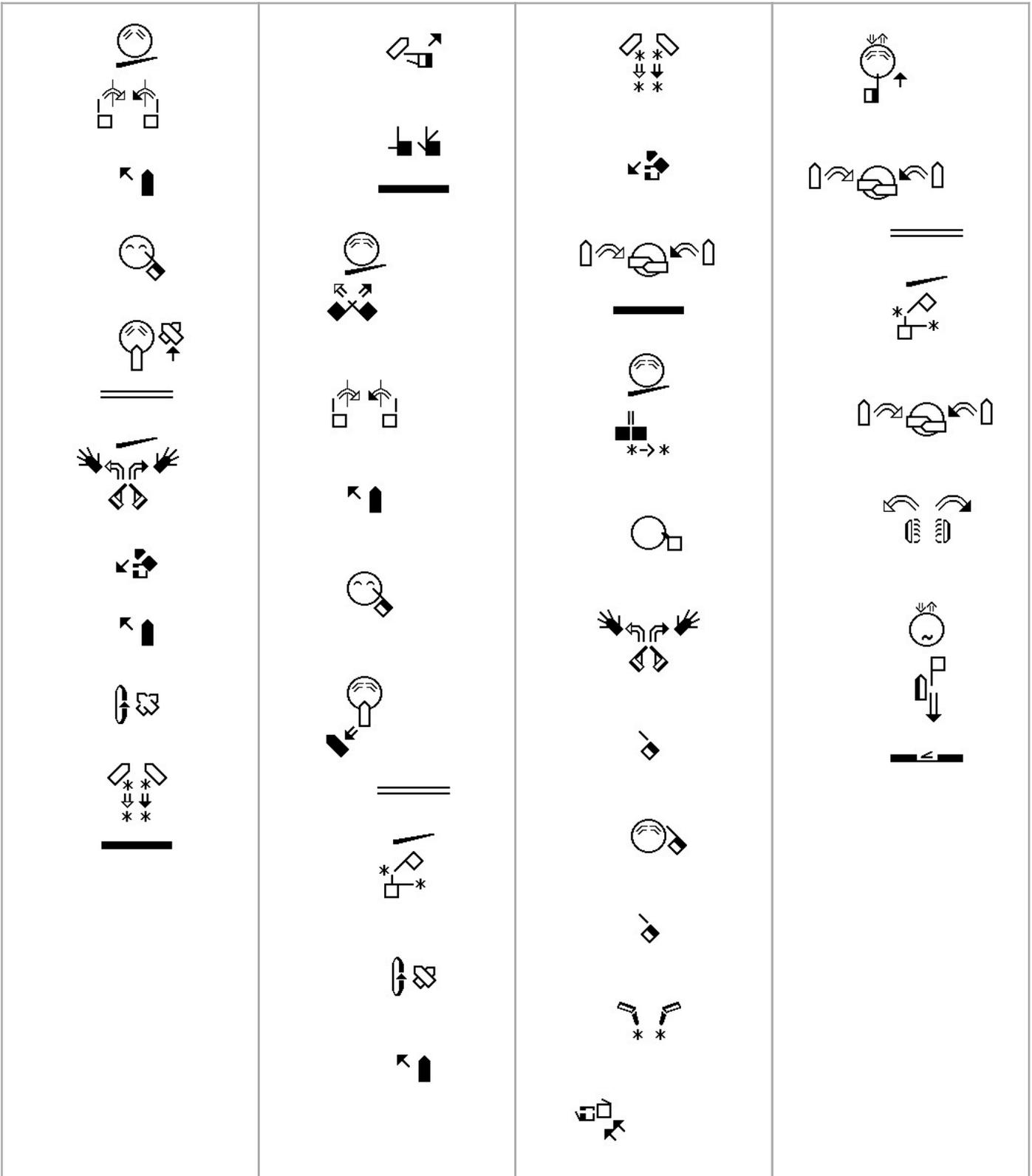
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who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. NLT

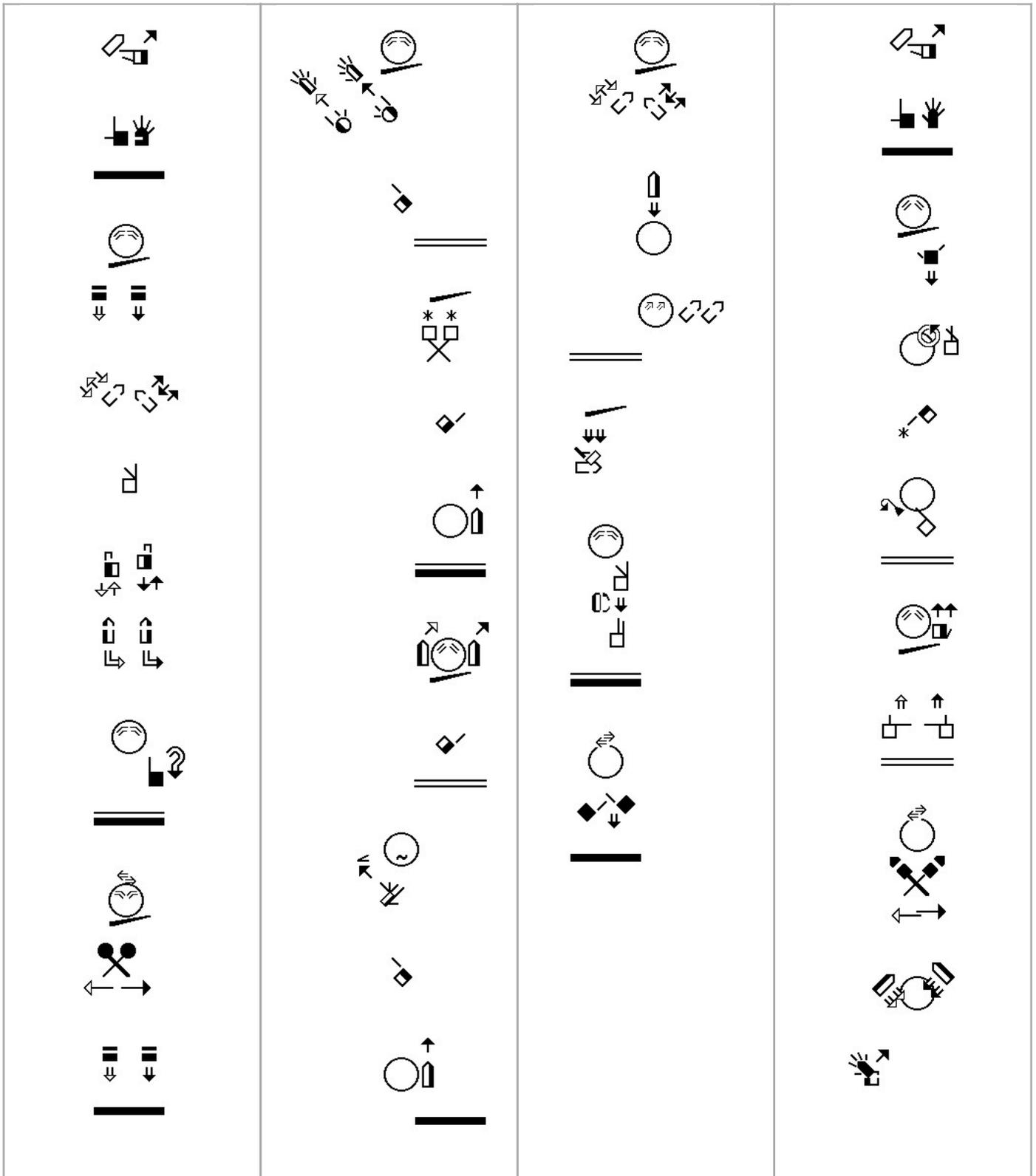
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20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. 22 "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. NLT

Matthew 6:22-23

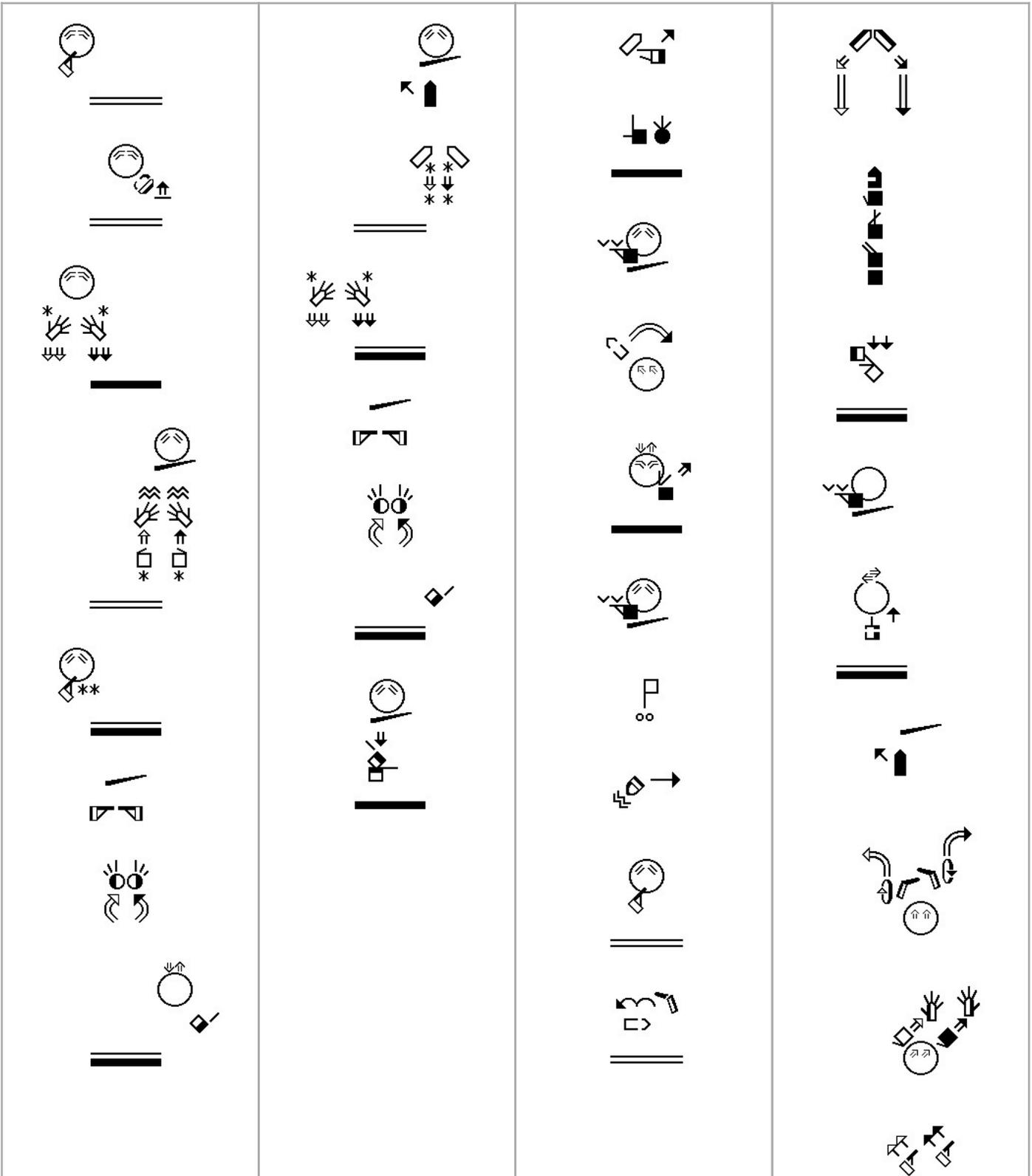


When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

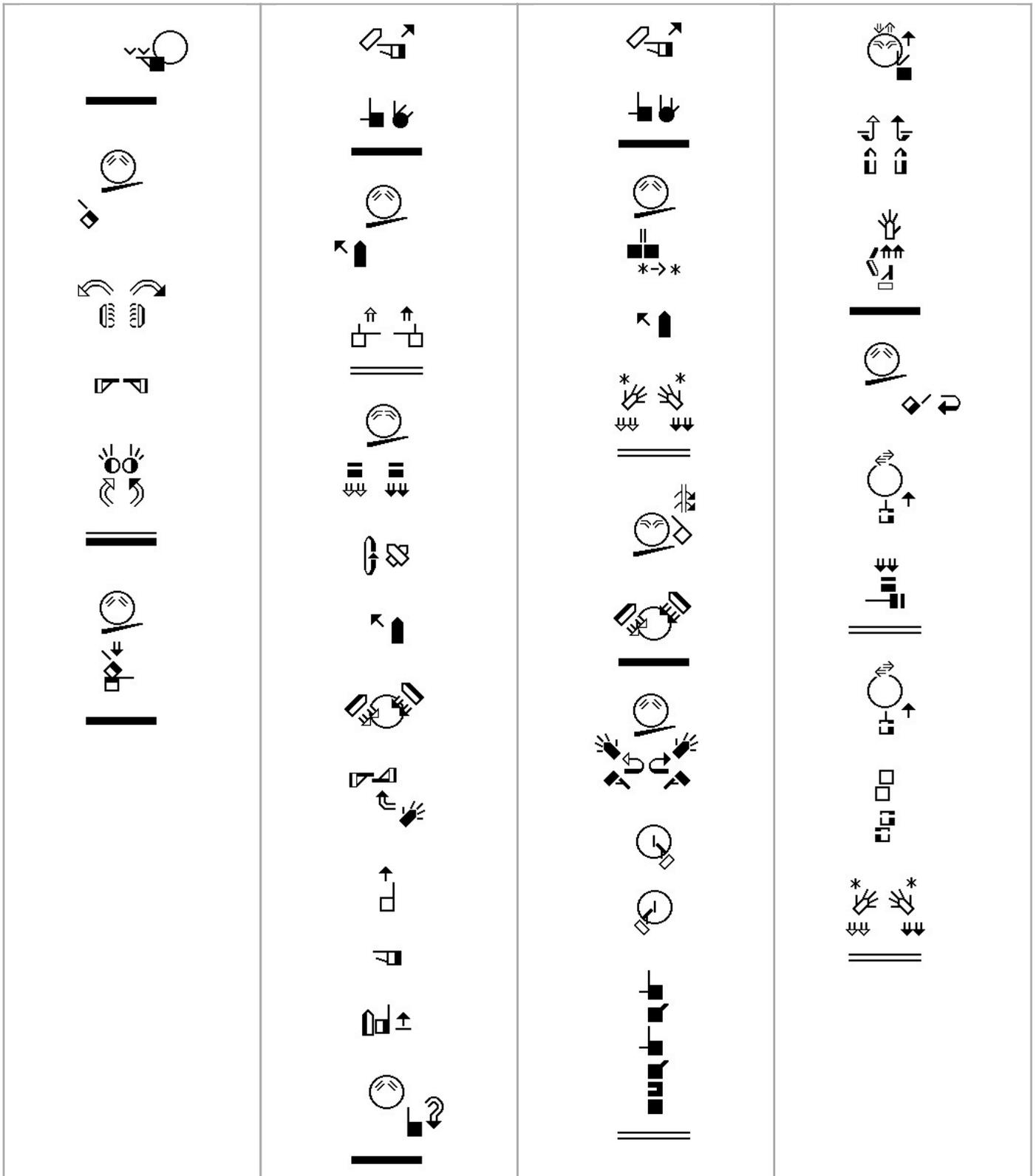


24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. 25 "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life -- whether you have enough NLT

Matthew 6:25-26



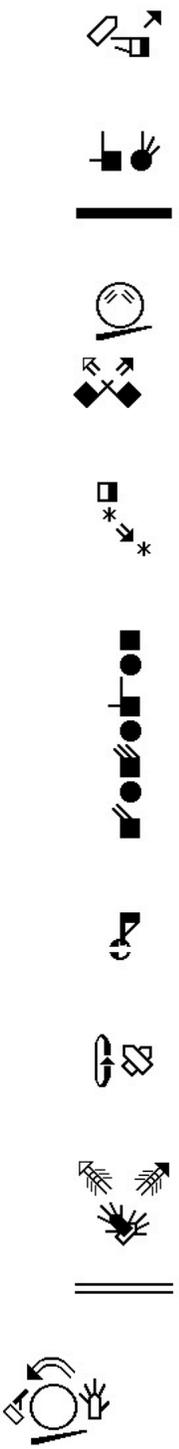
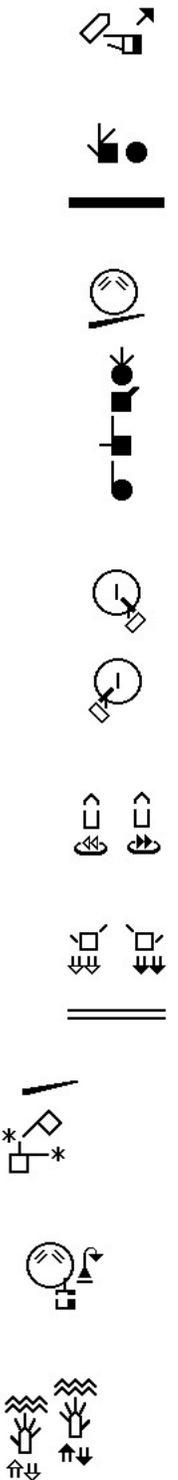
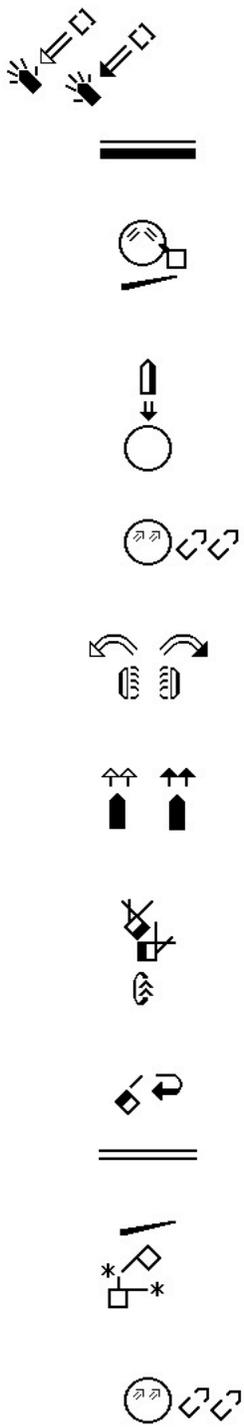
food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. NLT



them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? 28 "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing,

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Matthew 6:29-30

			
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29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he

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will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? 31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers,

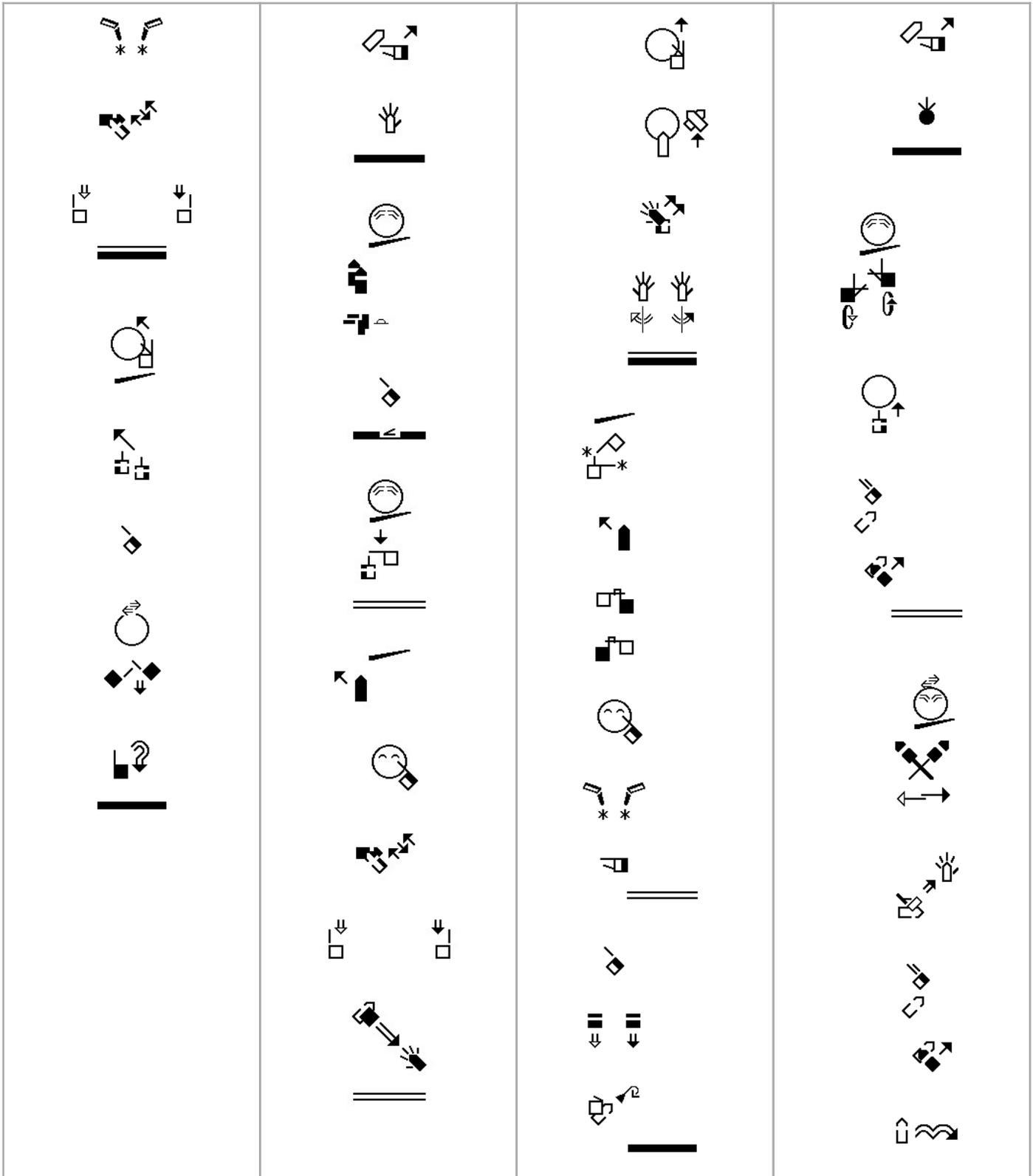
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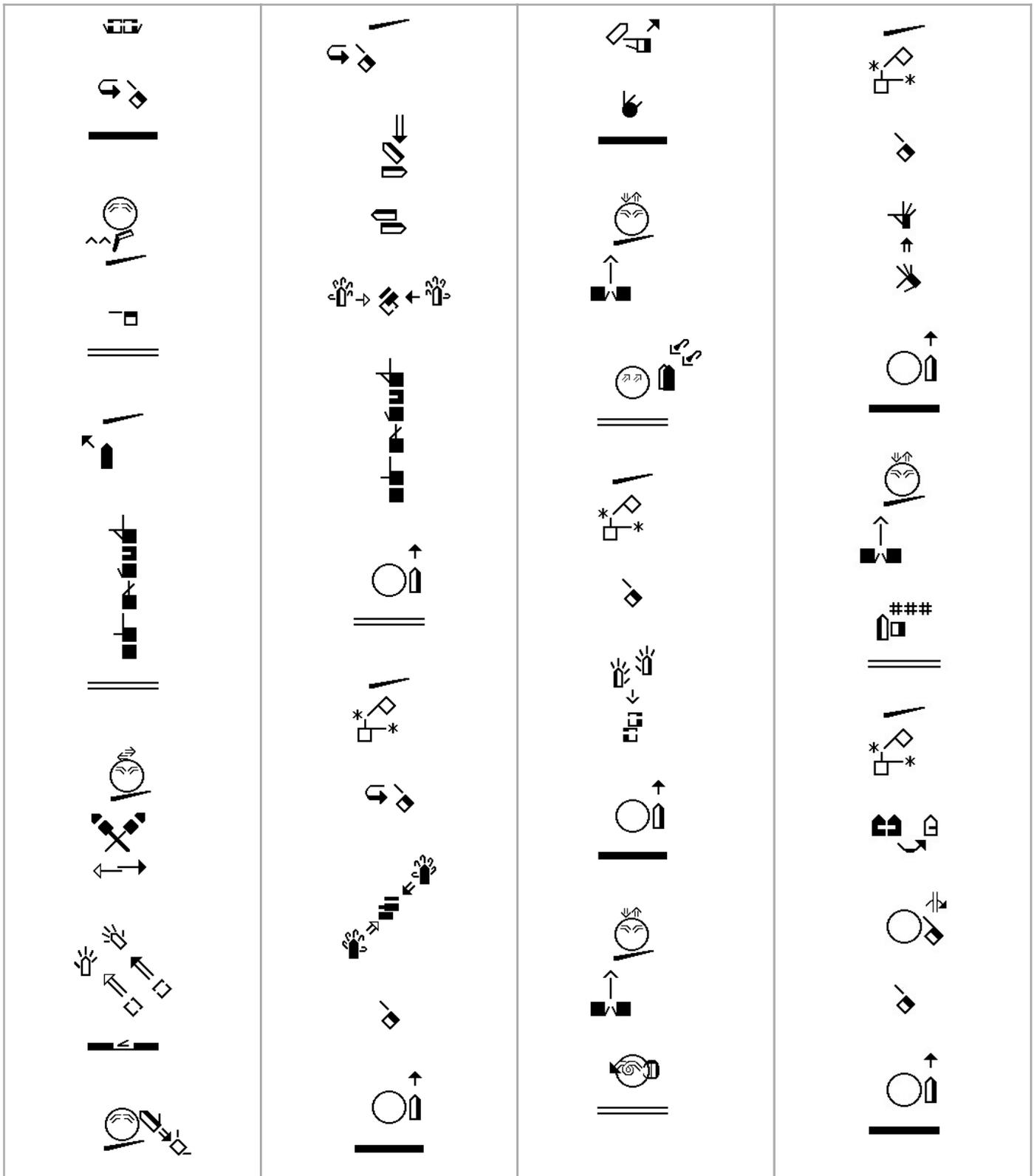
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can't see past the log in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. 6 "Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. NLT

Matthew 7:6-7



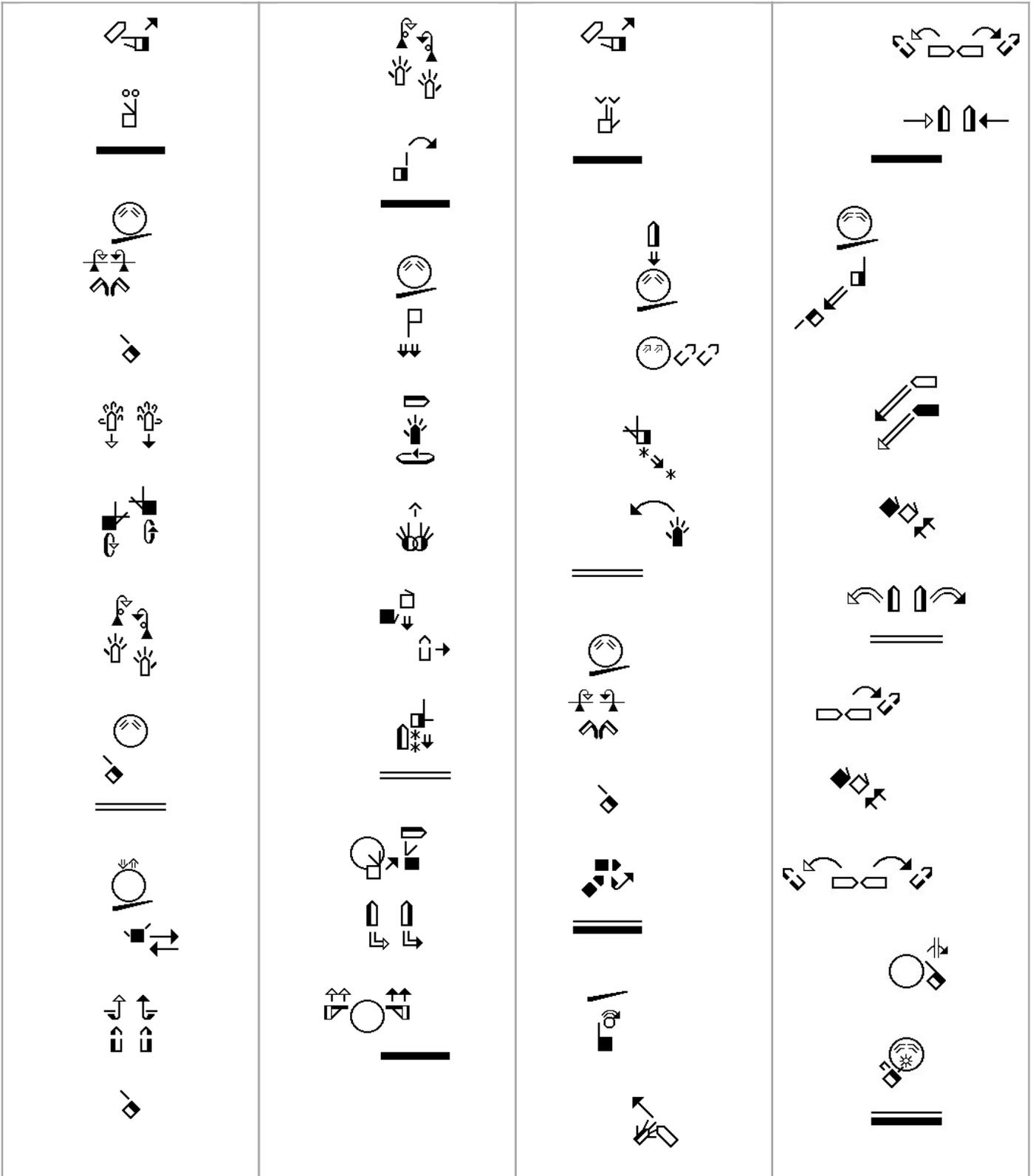
Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you. 7  
 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. NLT



Matthew 7:10-11

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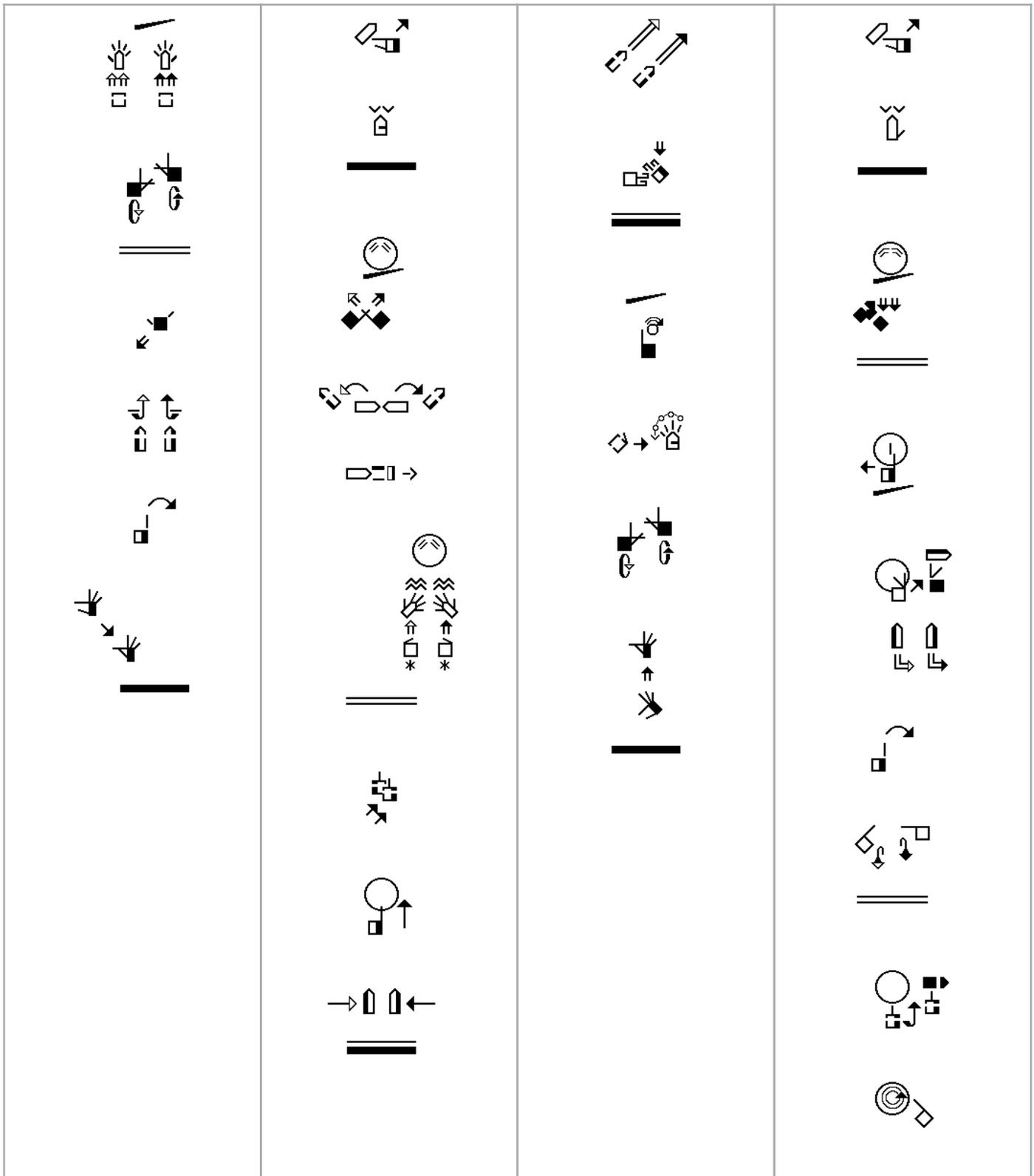
10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.



12 "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. 13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for

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Matthew 7:13-15



104 the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. 15 "Beware of false prophets who come disguised NLT

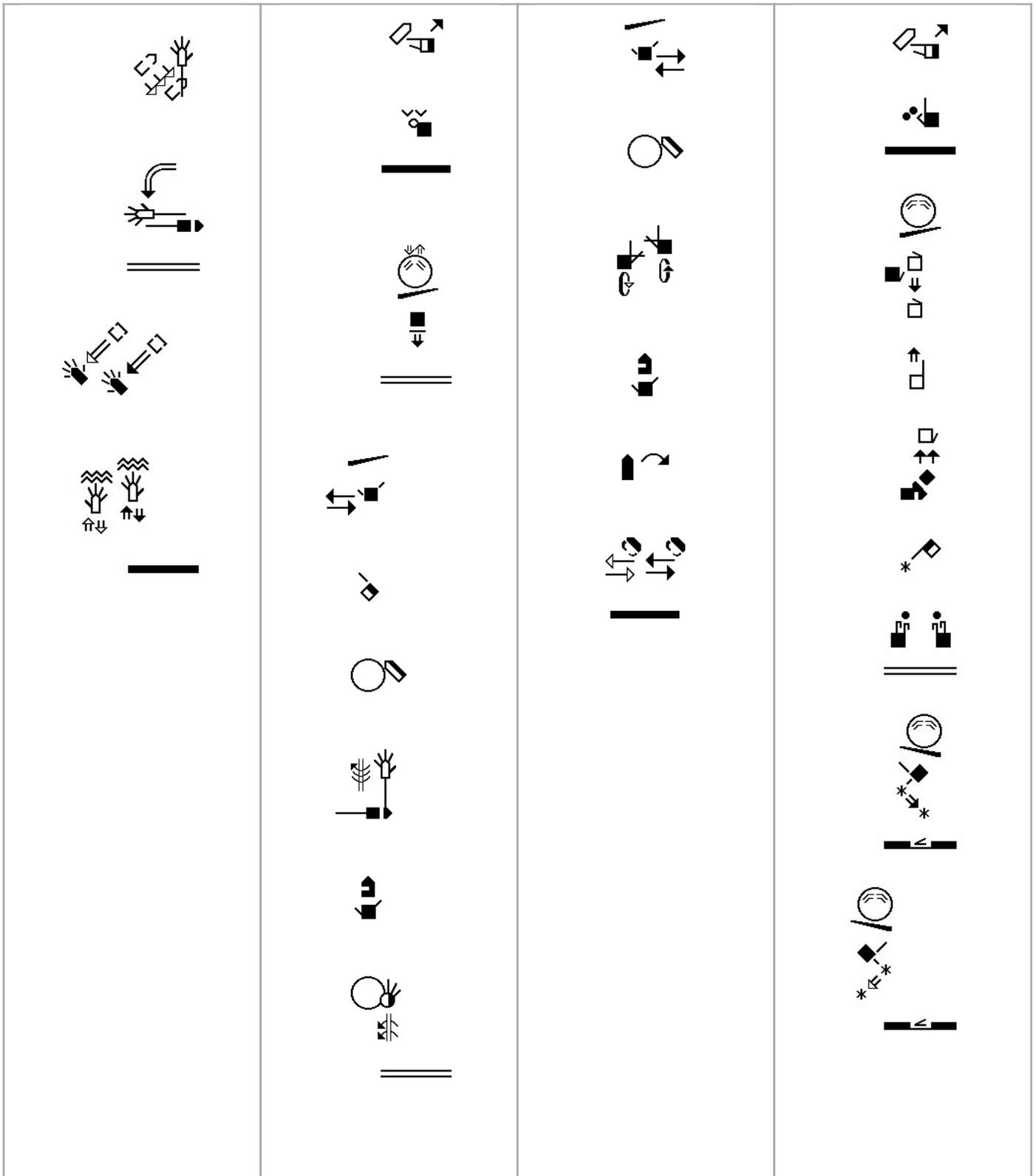
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as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. 16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? NLT

Matthew 7:17-19

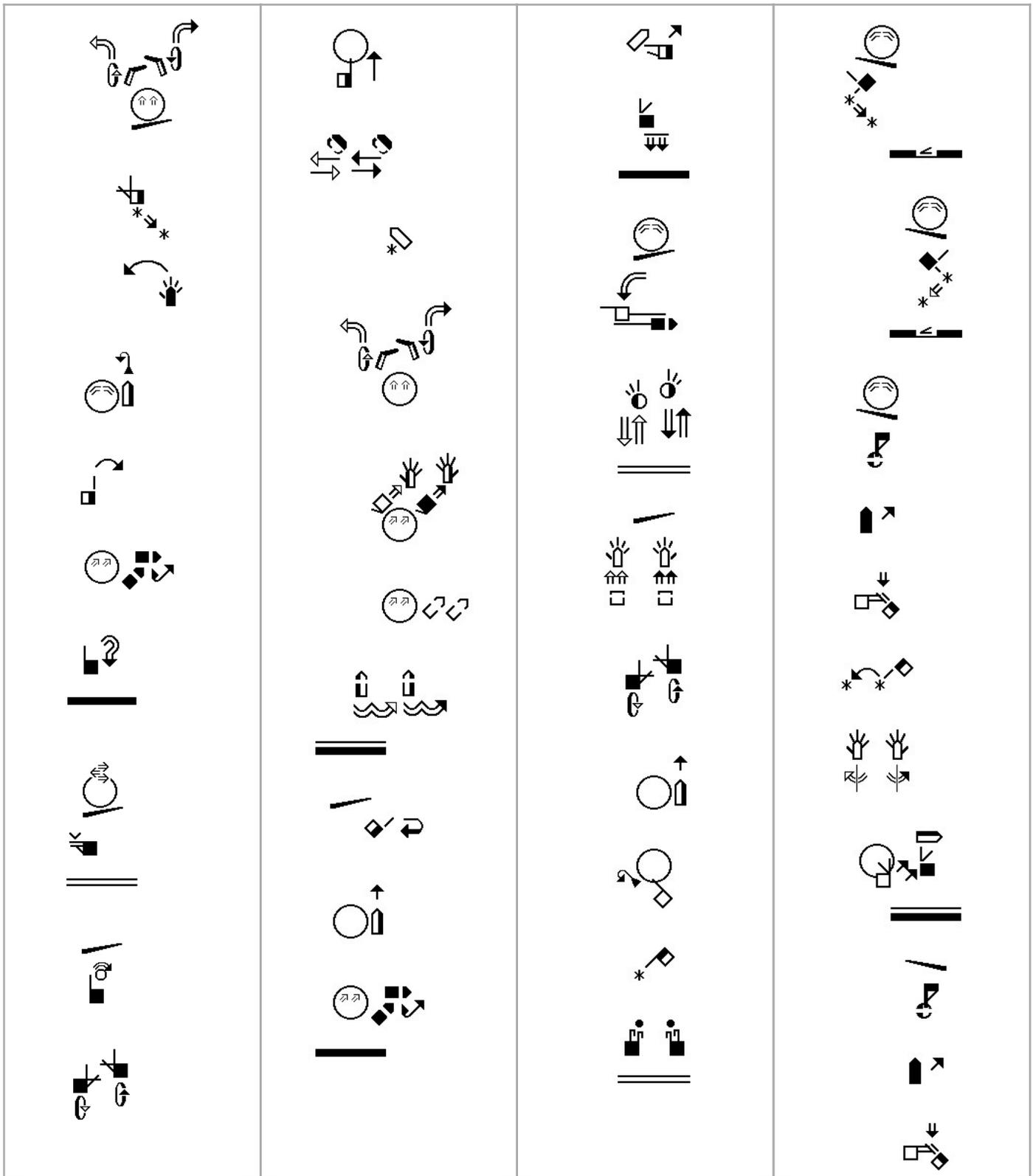
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17 A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. 19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit  
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is chopped down and thrown into the fire. 20. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. 21. "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' NLT

Matthew 7:21-22

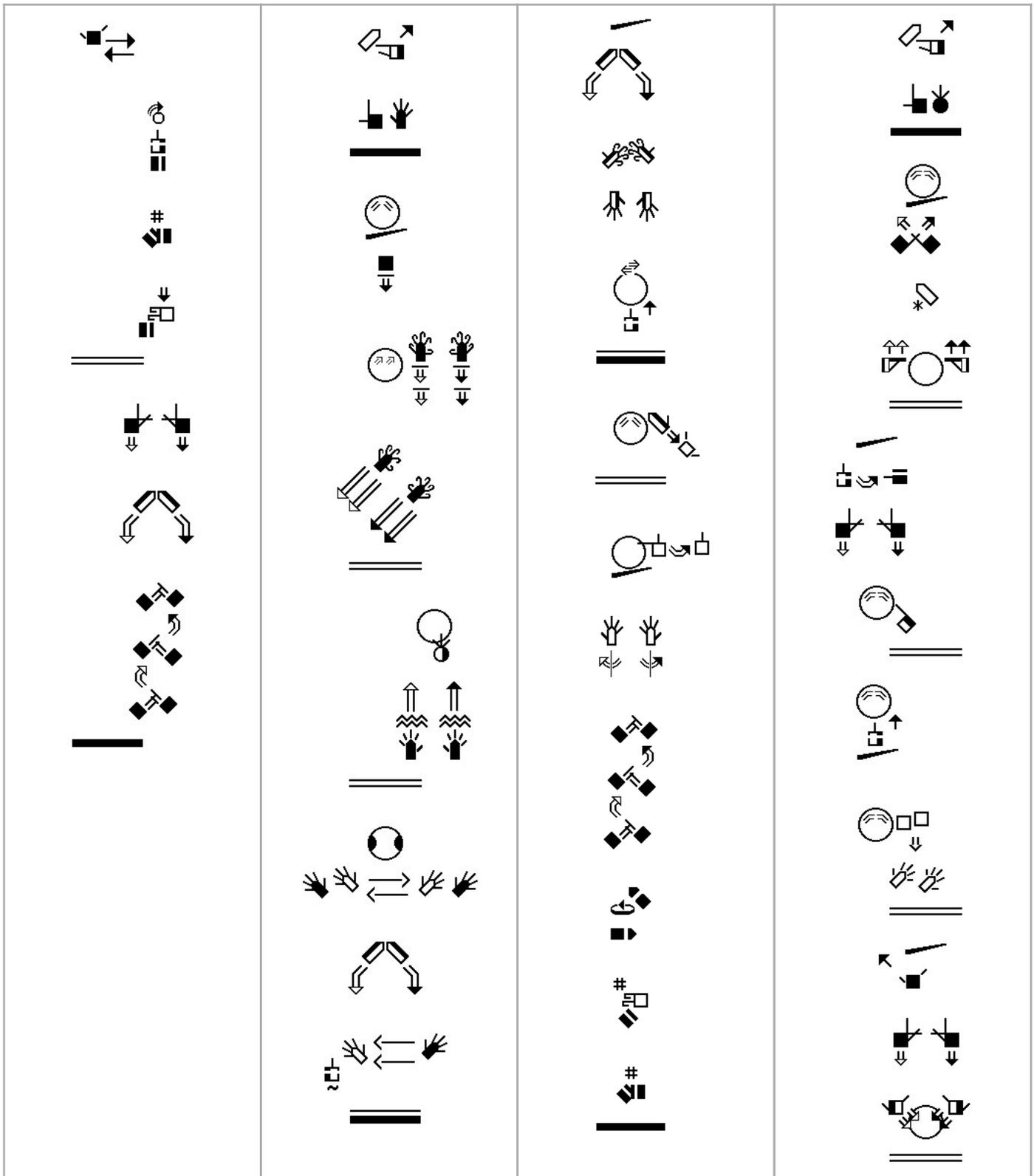


108 will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and NLT

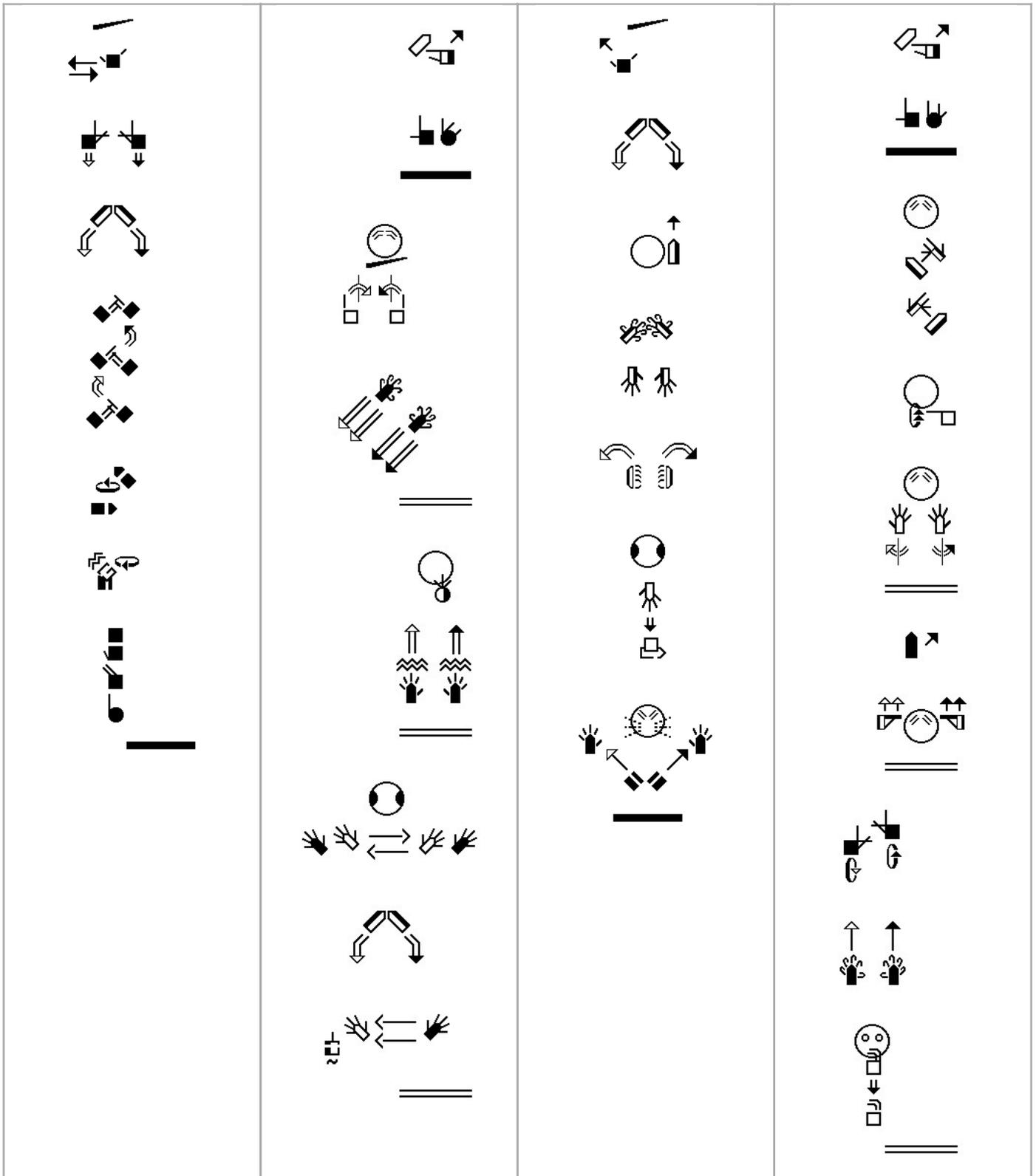
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cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.' 24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, NL

Matthew 7:24-26



like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish,



like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

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Matthew 7:29, 8:1-2

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"Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." 3 Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. 4 Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about this. NLT

Matthew 8:4-5

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114 Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed." 5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, NLT



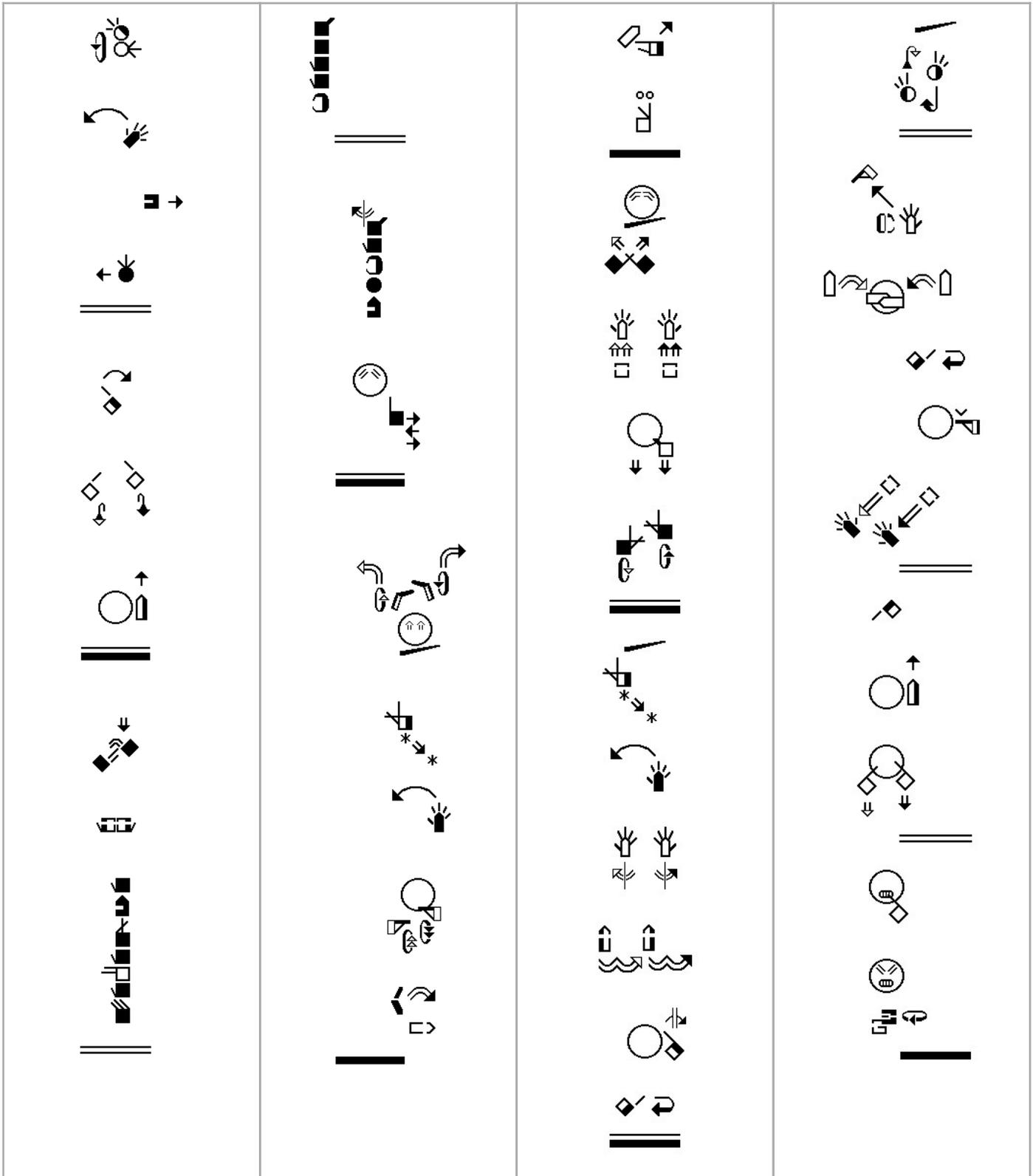
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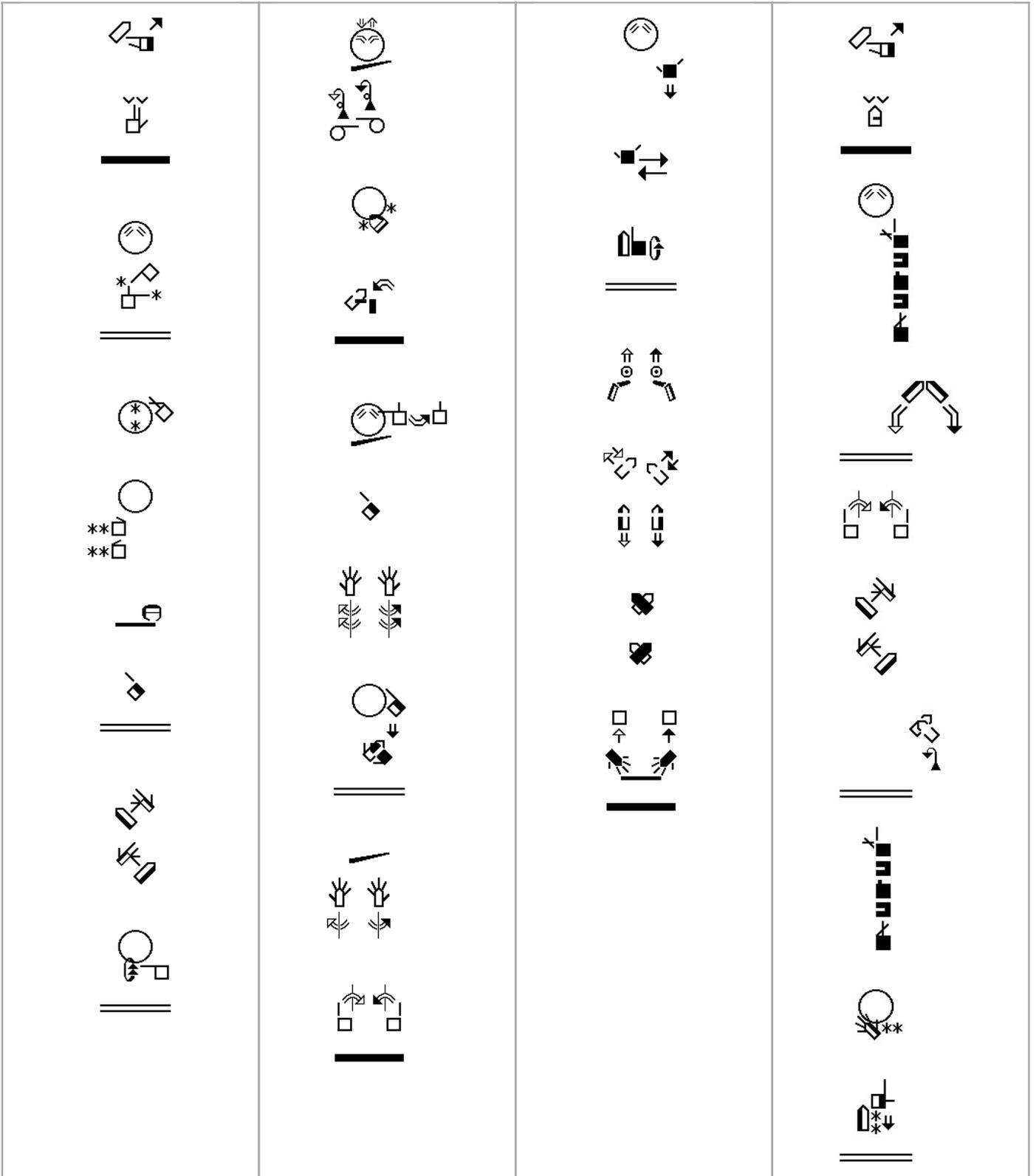
worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. 9 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,'



Matthew 8:11-12



will come from all over the world -- from east and west -- and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. 12 But many Israelites -- those for whom the Kingdom was prepared -- will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." NLT



13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.  
 14 When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law

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Matthew 8:18-19

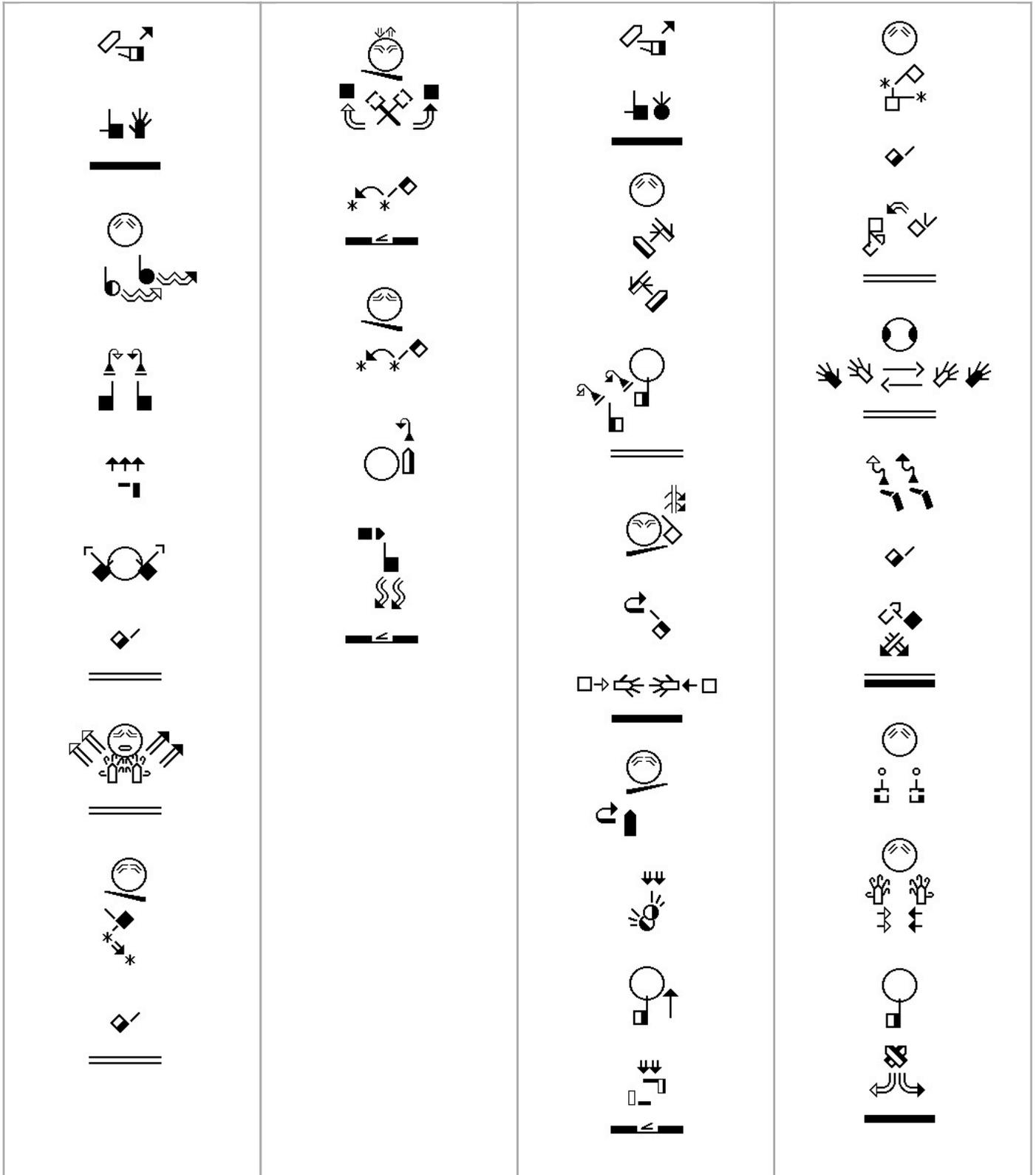
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122 18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. 19 Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." NLT

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 8:20-21, column 1. It includes signs for 'Jesus' (hand over forehead), 'replied' (hand over mouth), 'foxes' (hand over forehead), 'live in' (hand over forehead), 'birds' (hand over forehead), 'have nests' (hand over forehead), 'but' (hand over forehead), 'the Son of Man' (hand over forehead), 'has no place' (hand over forehead), 'even to lay his head' (hand over forehead), 'another of his disciples' (hand over forehead), 'said' (hand over forehead), 'Lord' (hand over forehead), 'first let me return home' (hand over forehead), 'and bury my father' (hand over forehead).</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 8:20-21, column 2. It includes signs for 'Jesus' (hand over forehead), 'replied' (hand over mouth), 'foxes' (hand over forehead), 'live in' (hand over forehead), 'birds' (hand over forehead), 'have nests' (hand over forehead), 'but' (hand over forehead), 'the Son of Man' (hand over forehead), 'has no place' (hand over forehead), 'even to lay his head' (hand over forehead), 'another of his disciples' (hand over forehead), 'said' (hand over forehead), 'Lord' (hand over forehead), 'first let me return home' (hand over forehead), 'and bury my father' (hand over forehead).</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 8:20-21, column 3. It includes signs for 'Jesus' (hand over forehead), 'replied' (hand over mouth), 'foxes' (hand over forehead), 'live in' (hand over forehead), 'birds' (hand over forehead), 'have nests' (hand over forehead), 'but' (hand over forehead), 'the Son of Man' (hand over forehead), 'has no place' (hand over forehead), 'even to lay his head' (hand over forehead), 'another of his disciples' (hand over forehead), 'said' (hand over forehead), 'Lord' (hand over forehead), 'first let me return home' (hand over forehead), 'and bury my father' (hand over forehead).</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 8:20-21, column 4. It includes signs for 'Jesus' (hand over forehead), 'replied' (hand over mouth), 'foxes' (hand over forehead), 'live in' (hand over forehead), 'birds' (hand over forehead), 'have nests' (hand over forehead), 'but' (hand over forehead), 'the Son of Man' (hand over forehead), 'has no place' (hand over forehead), 'even to lay his head' (hand over forehead), 'another of his disciples' (hand over forehead), 'said' (hand over forehead), 'Lord' (hand over forehead), 'first let me return home' (hand over forehead), 'and bury my father' (hand over forehead).</p>
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20 But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." 21 Another of his disciples said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."  
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25 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

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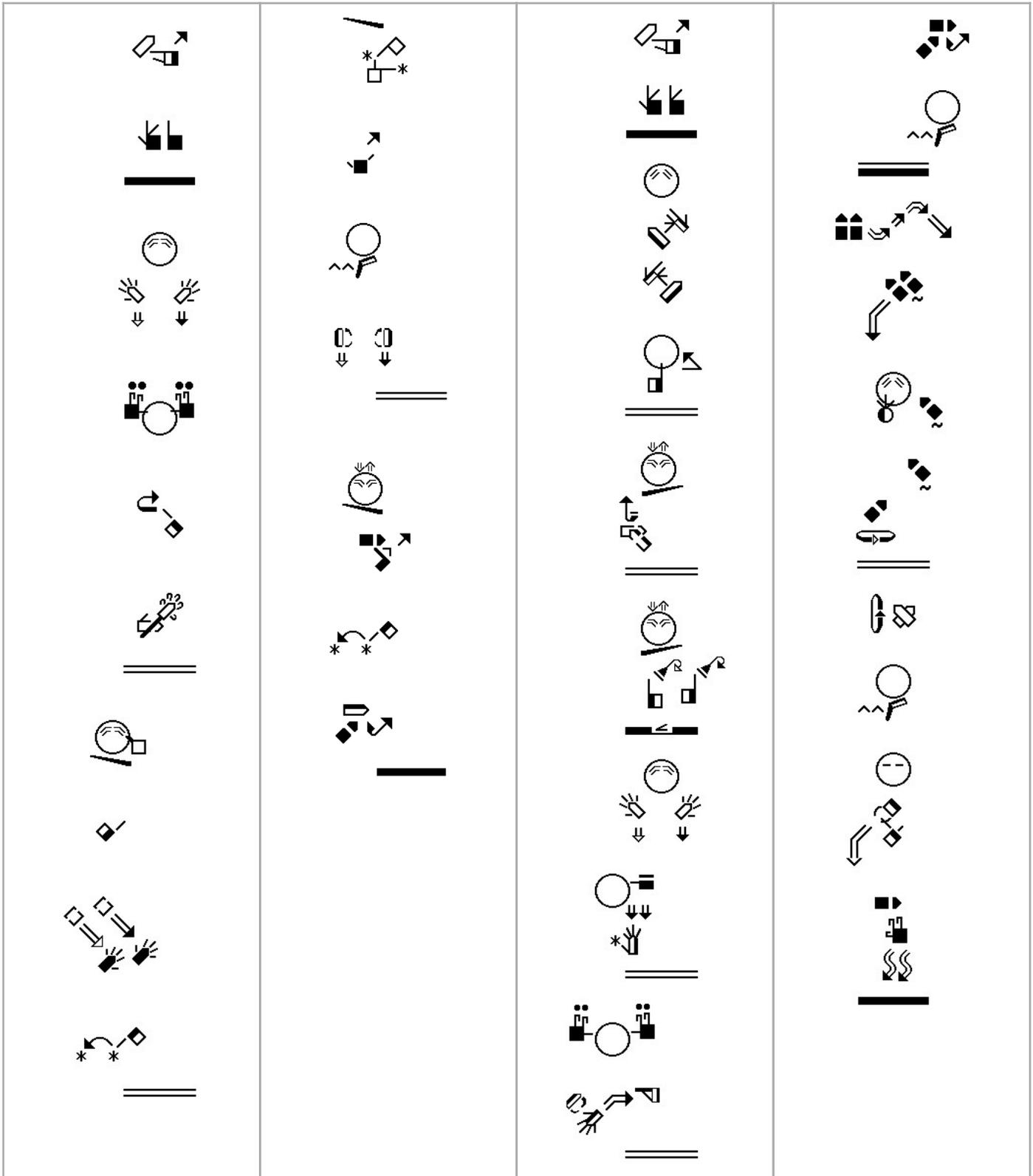
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126 27 The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!" 28 When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes, two men who were possessed by demons met him. They lived in a cemetery  
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Matthew 8:31-32



31 So the demons begged, "If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs." 32 "All right, go!" Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. NLT



Matthew 9:1-2

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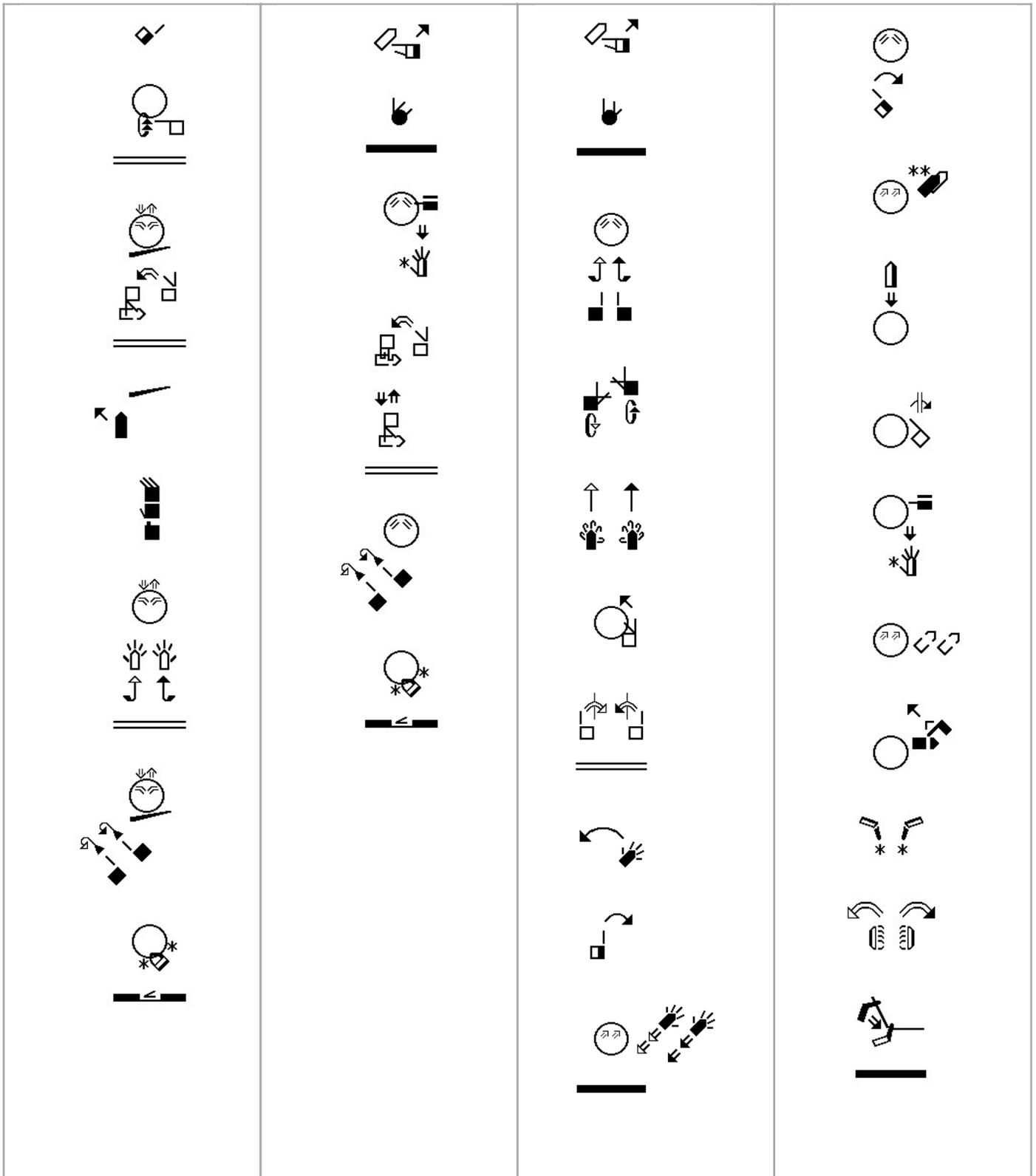
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3 But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, "That's blasphemy! Does he think he's God?" 4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts?"

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Matthew 9:5-6

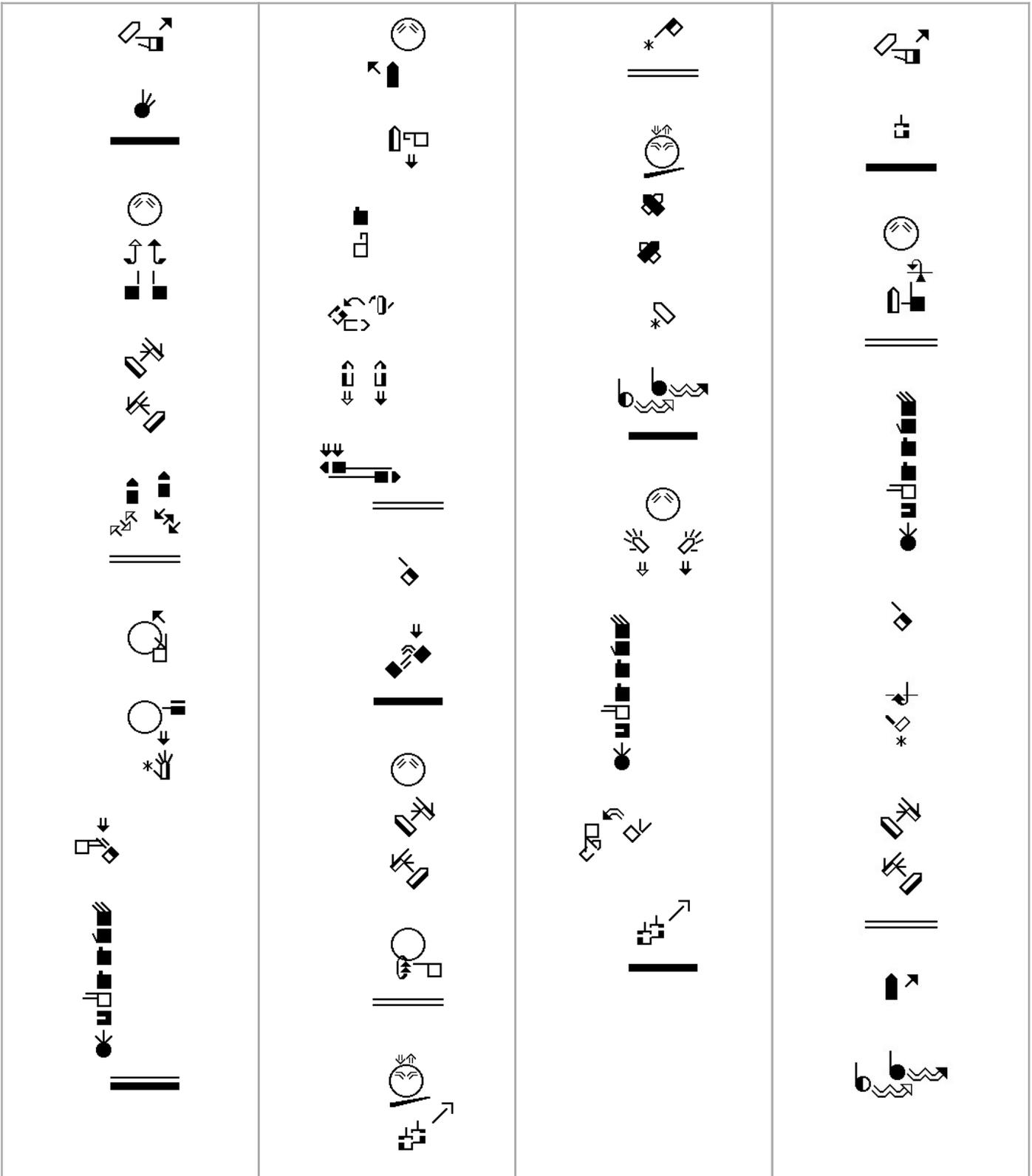
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and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" 7 And the man jumped up and went home! 8 Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for sending a man with such great authority.

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Matthew 9:9-10



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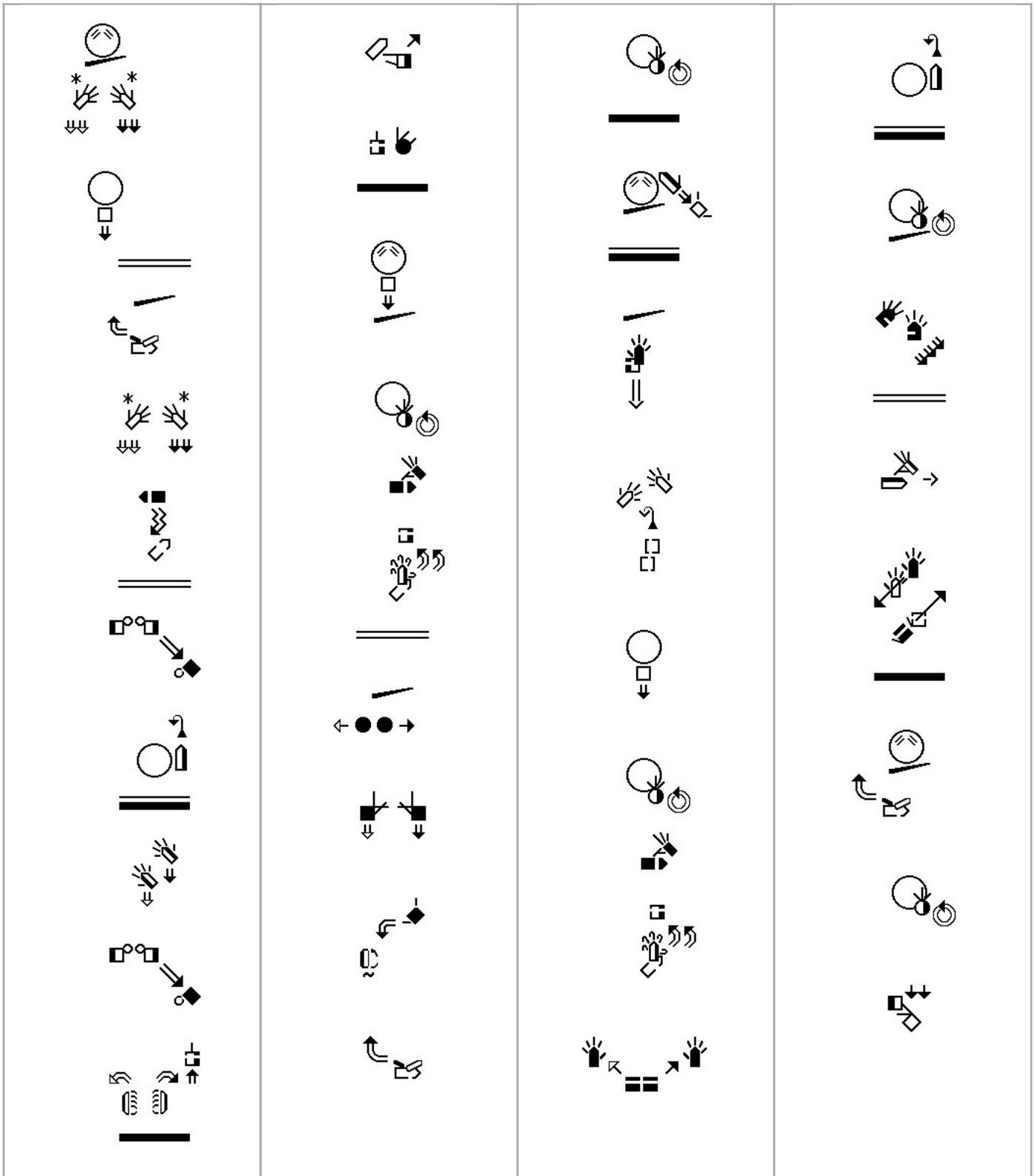
to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. 11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

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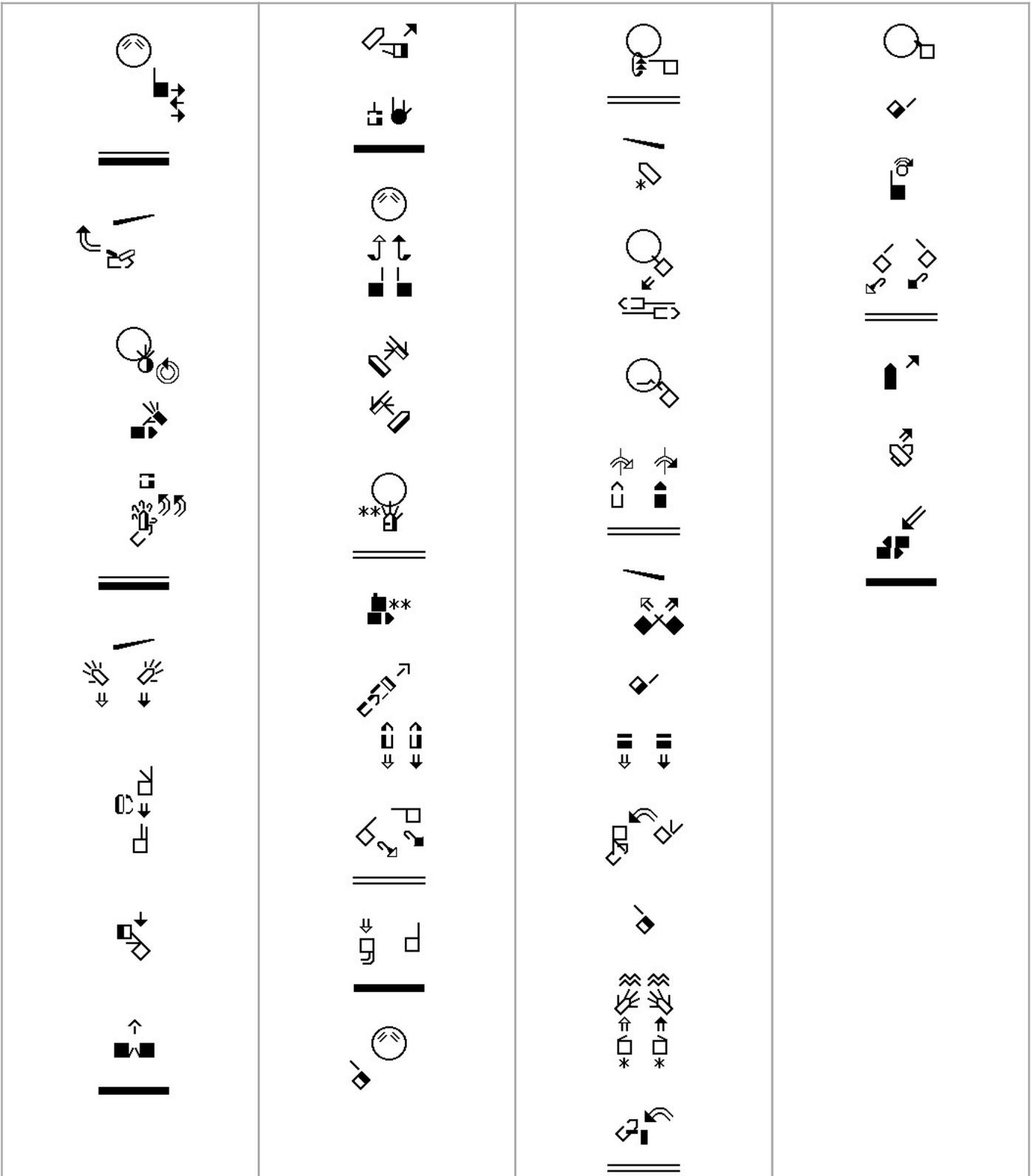






For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. 17 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored NLT

Matthew 9:17-18



in new wineskins so that both are preserved." 18 As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. "My daughter has just died," he said, "but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her."  
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<p>A pictograph showing a person with a staff and a pack on their back, followed by a group of people. A thick horizontal line is drawn below the group.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person with a staff and pack, followed by a person with a circular symbol on their head and a wavy line below them, representing a woman with a long history of bleeding. A thick horizontal line is drawn below the group.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person with a staff and pack, followed by a person with a circular symbol on their head and a wavy line below them, representing a woman with a long history of bleeding. A thick horizontal line is drawn below the group.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person with a staff and pack, followed by a person with a circular symbol on their head and a wavy line below them, representing a woman with a long history of bleeding. A thick horizontal line is drawn below the group.</p>
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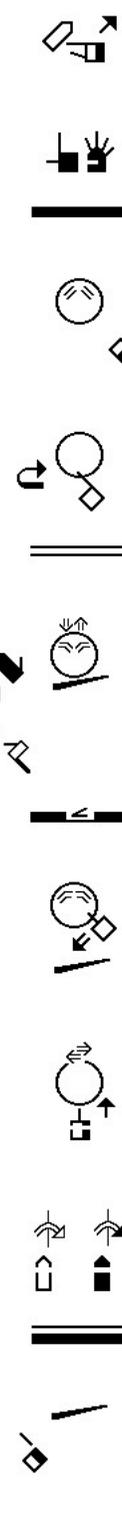
19 So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. 20 Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, 21 for she thought, "If I can

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Matthew 9:21-22

<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers curled; a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread and a circle above; a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>
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142 just touch his robe, I will be healed." 22 Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment. NLT

			
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23 When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. 24 "Get out!" he told them. "The girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him. NLT

Matthew 9:25-27

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25 After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! 26 The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside. 27 After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, NLT

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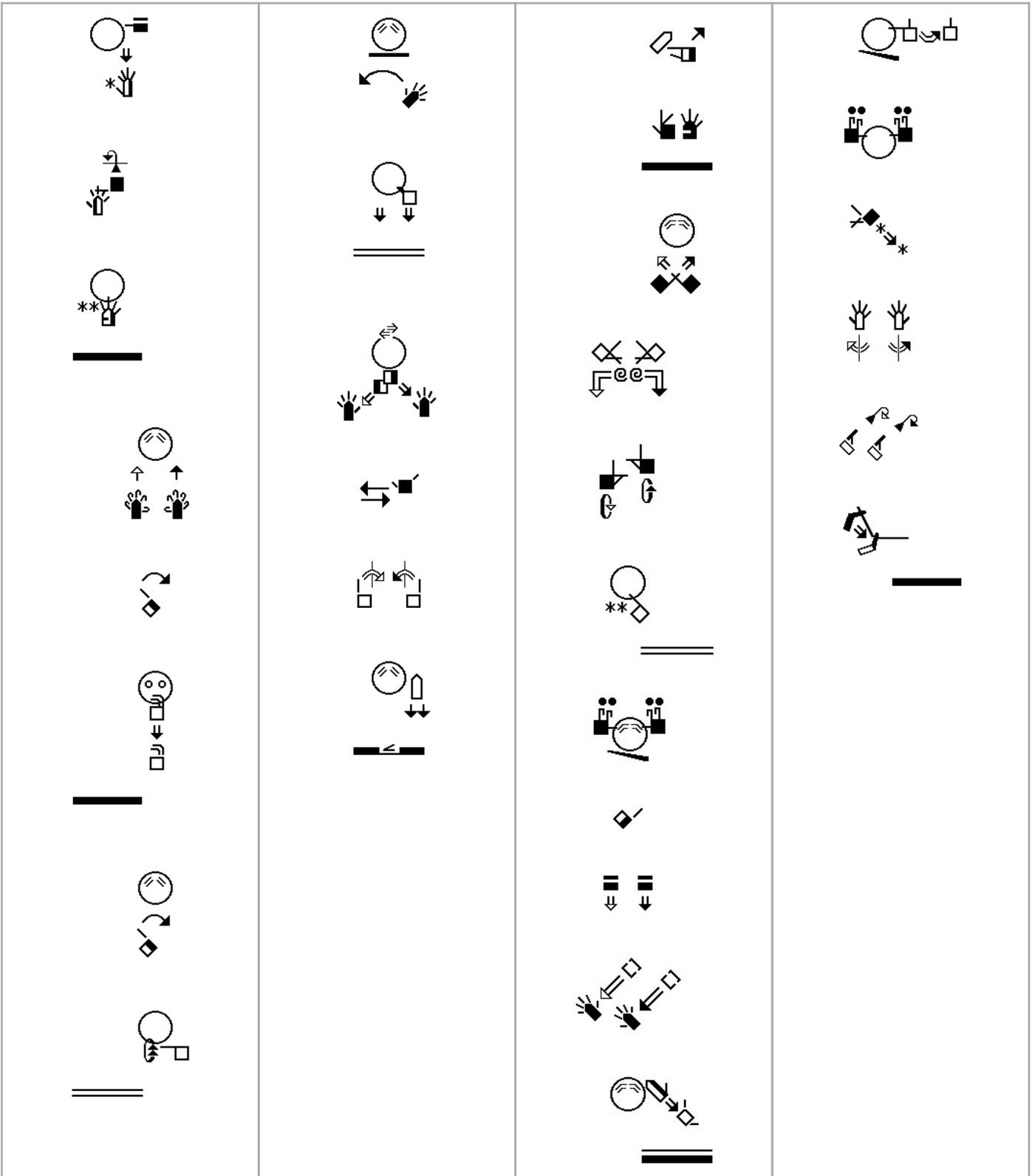
shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do." NLT

Matthew 9:29-31

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Matthew 9:33-34

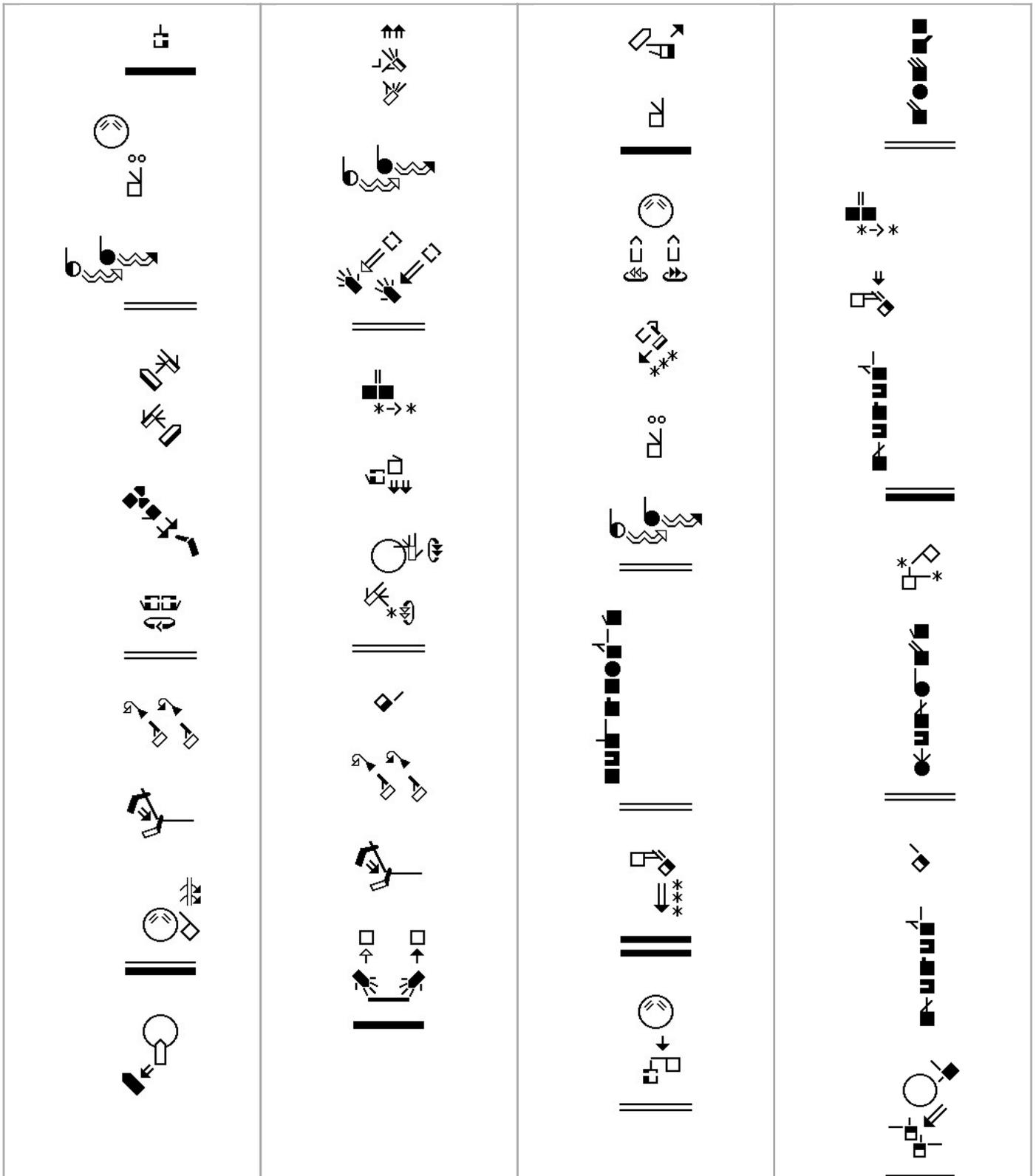




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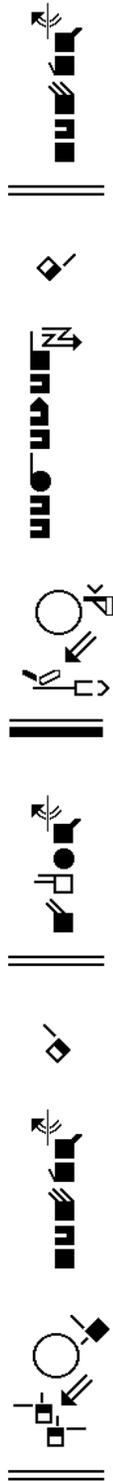
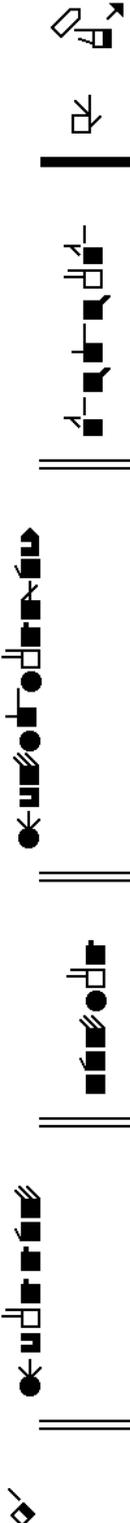
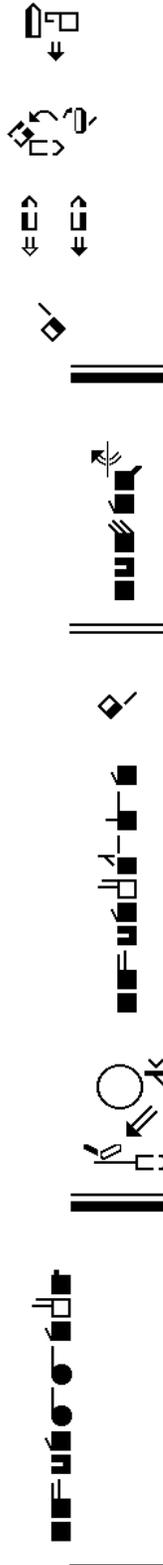
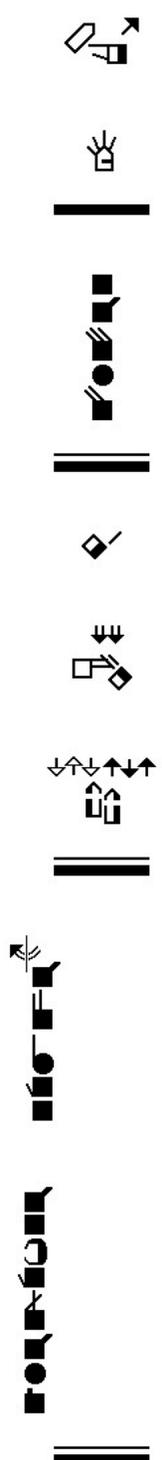
because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." NLT



10 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. 2 Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (also called Peter), then Andrew (Peter's brother),

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Matthew 10:2-4

			
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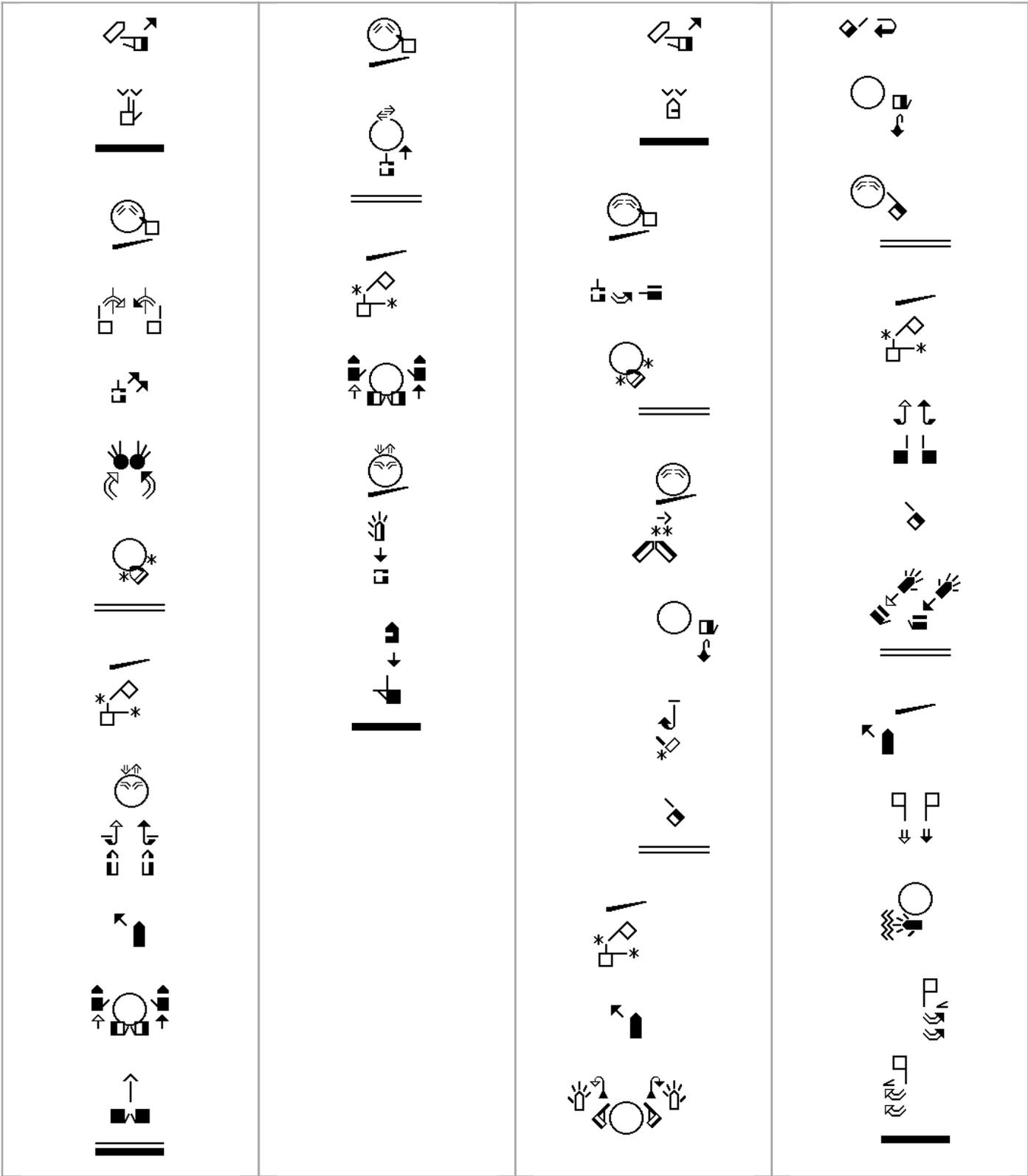
(who later betrayed him). 5 Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, 6 but only to the people of Israel -- God's lost sheep. NLT





Matthew 10:10-12

<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 2. Two horizontal parallel lines. 3. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 4. Two hands, palms facing each other, moving down. 5. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 6. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 7. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 8. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 9. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 10. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 11. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 2. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 3. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 4. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 5. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 6. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 7. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 8. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 9. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 10. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 11. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 2. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 3. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 4. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 5. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 6. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 7. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 8. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 9. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 10. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 11. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 2. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 3. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 4. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 5. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 6. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 7. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 8. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 9. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 10. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down. 11. A hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving down.</p>
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13 If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. 14 If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave.

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Matthew 10:15-16

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15 I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day. 16 "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. NLT

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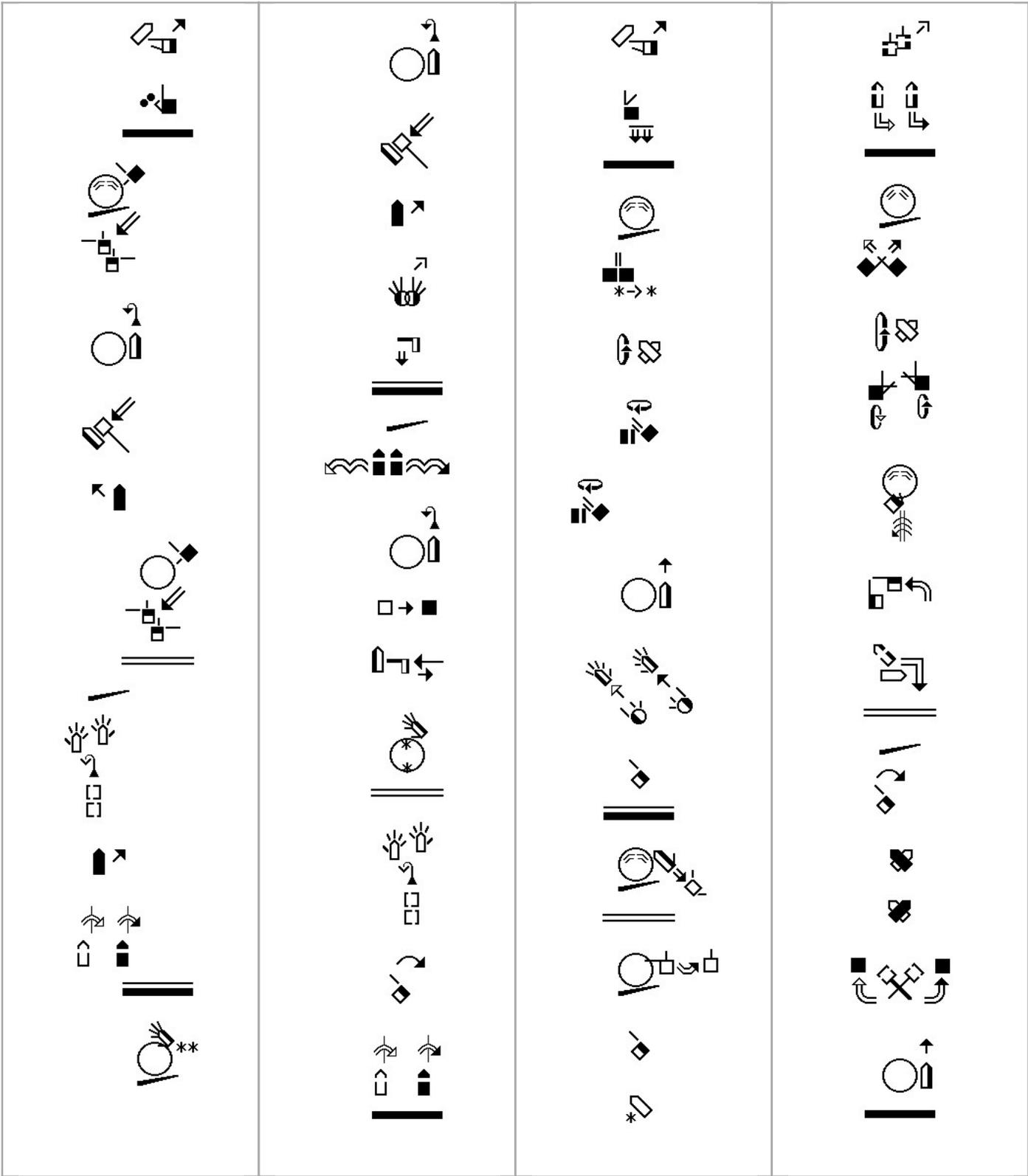
17 But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. 18 You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell

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Matthew 10:18-20

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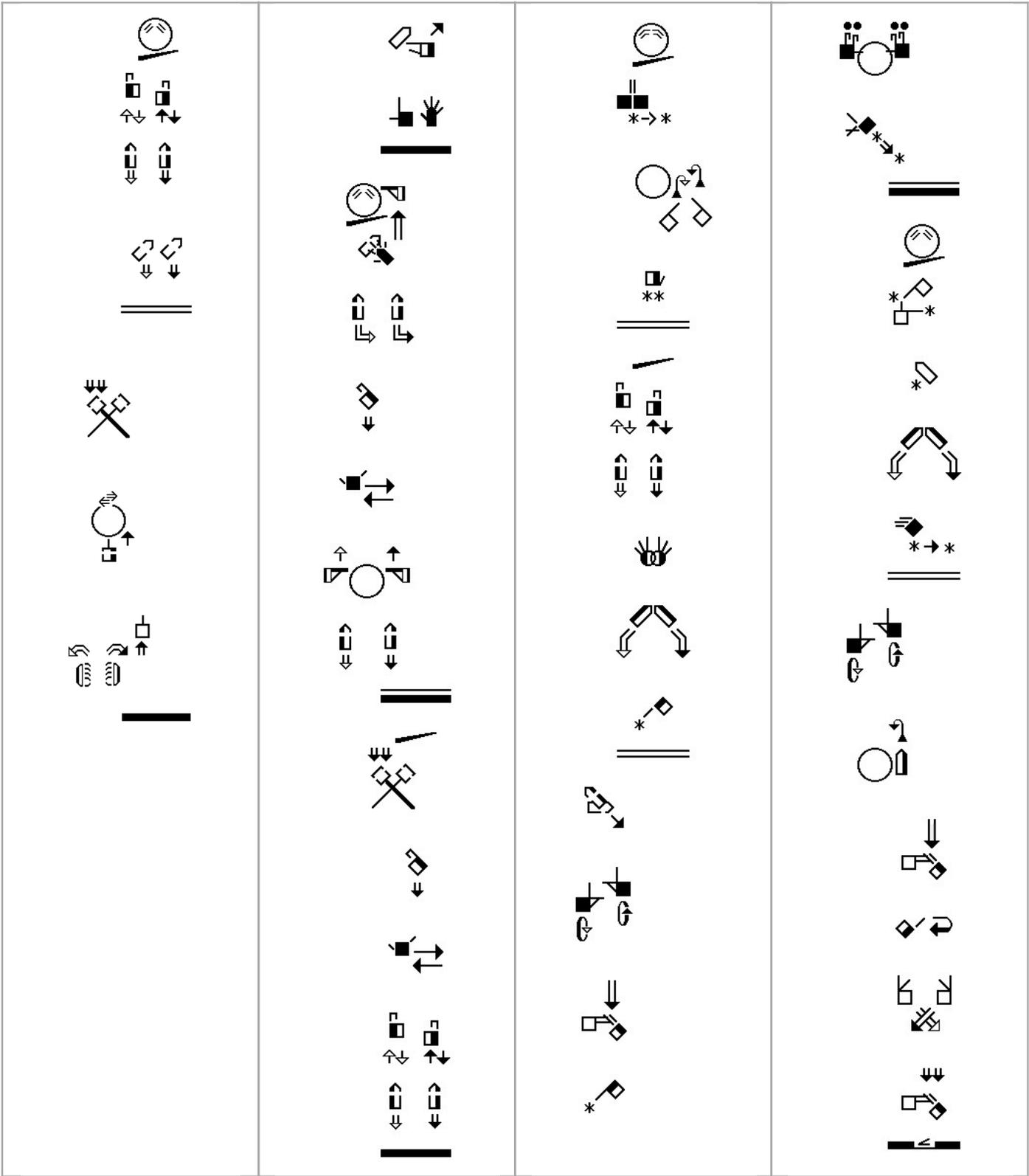
the rulers and other unbelievers about me. 19 When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. 20 For it is not you who will be speaking -- it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



21 "A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. 22 And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.  
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Matthew 10:23-24

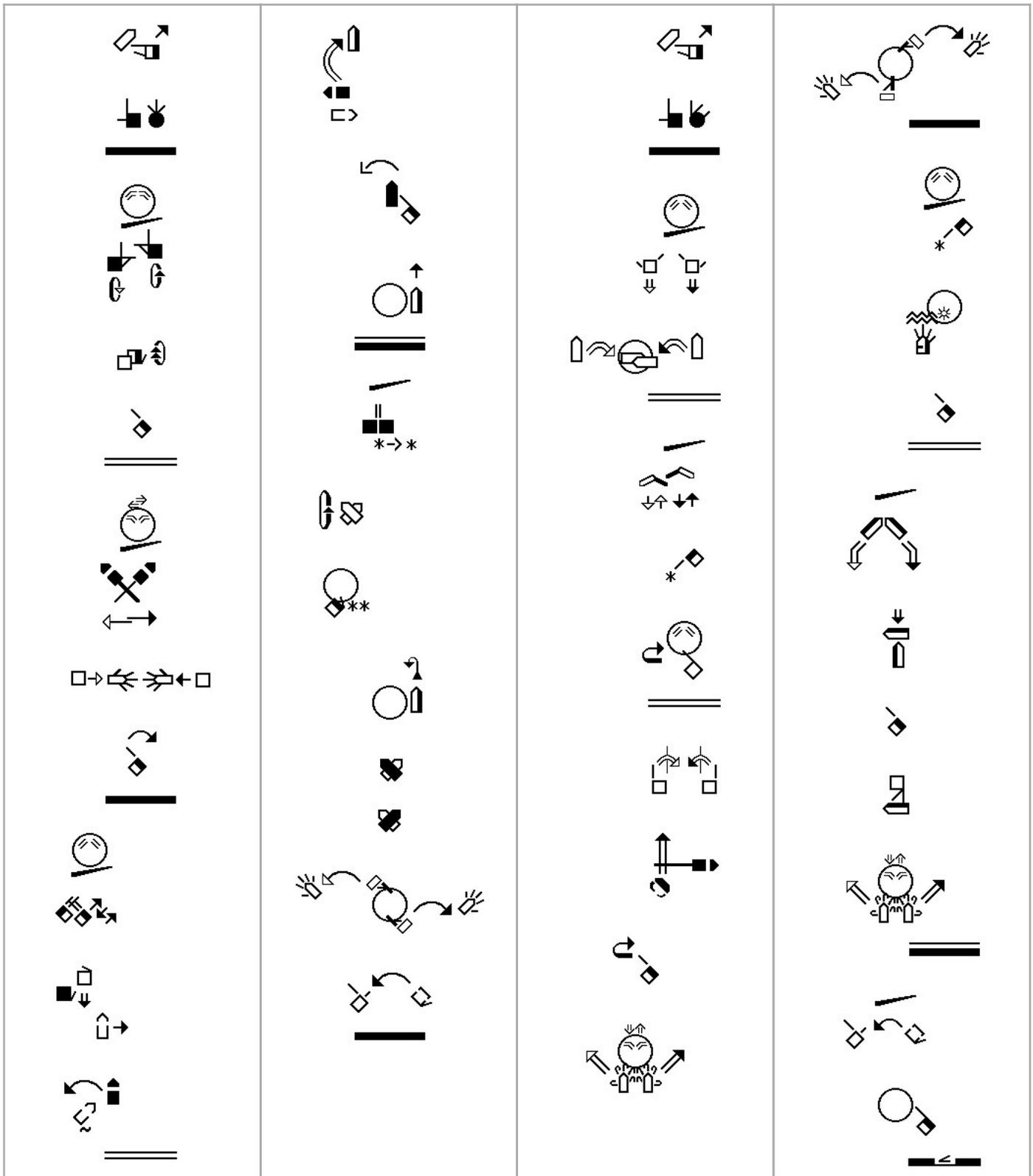
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and slaves are not greater than their master. 25 Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names!

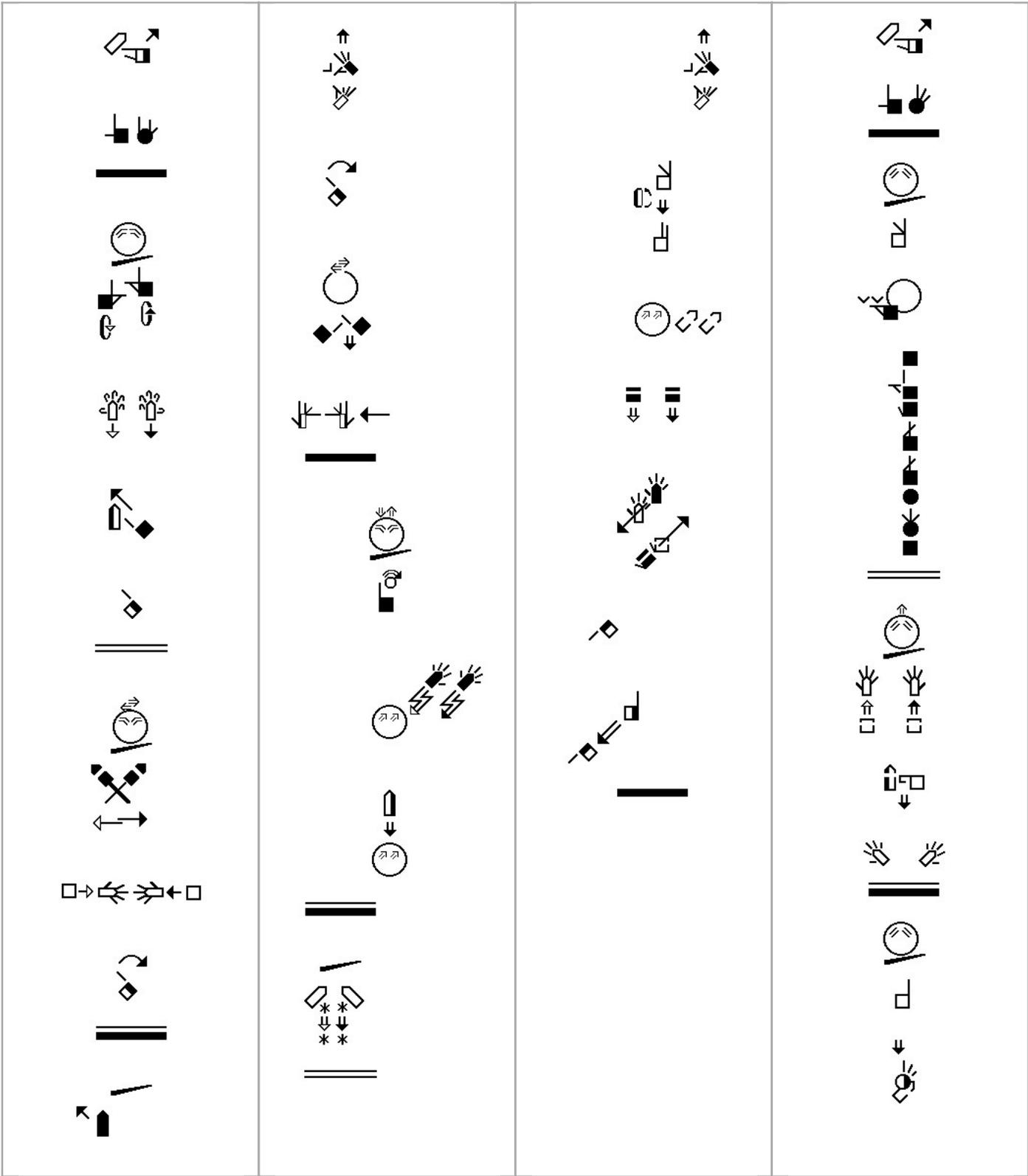
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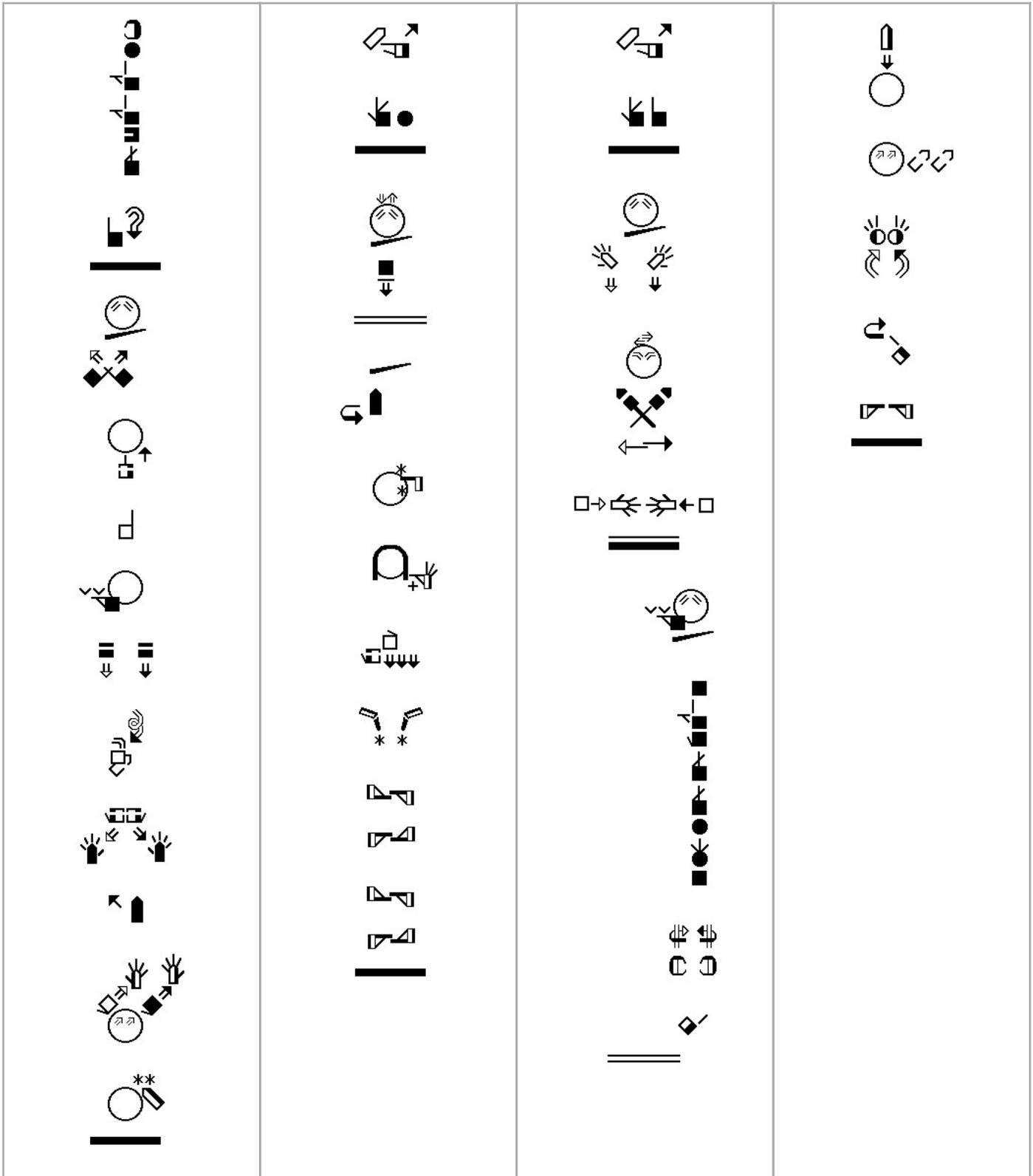
26 "But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. 27 What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!

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28 "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 What is the price of two sparrows -- one NLT

Matthew 10:29-31



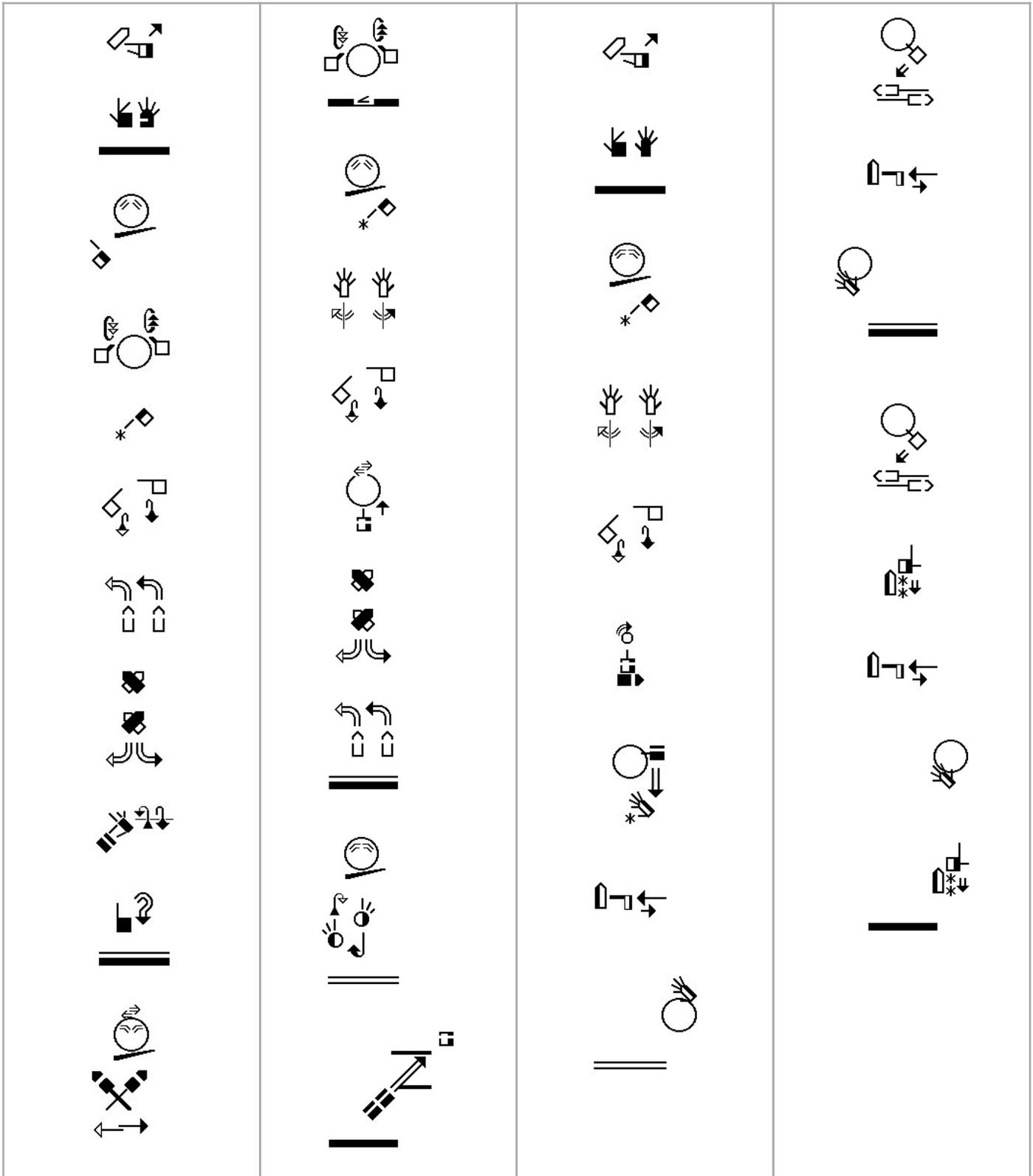
copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. 30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

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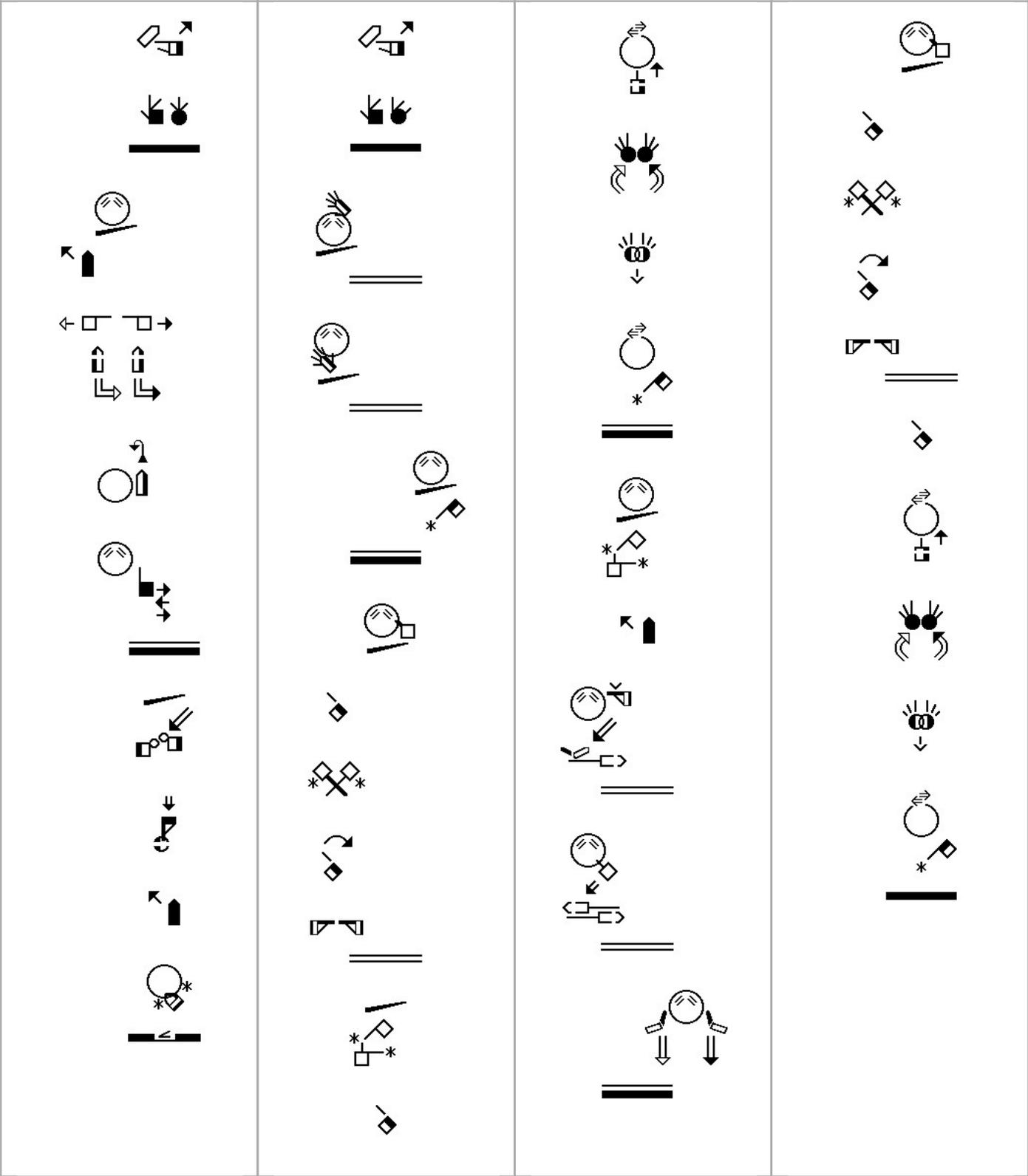
32 "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

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Matthew 10:34-35



34 "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. 35 'I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. NLT



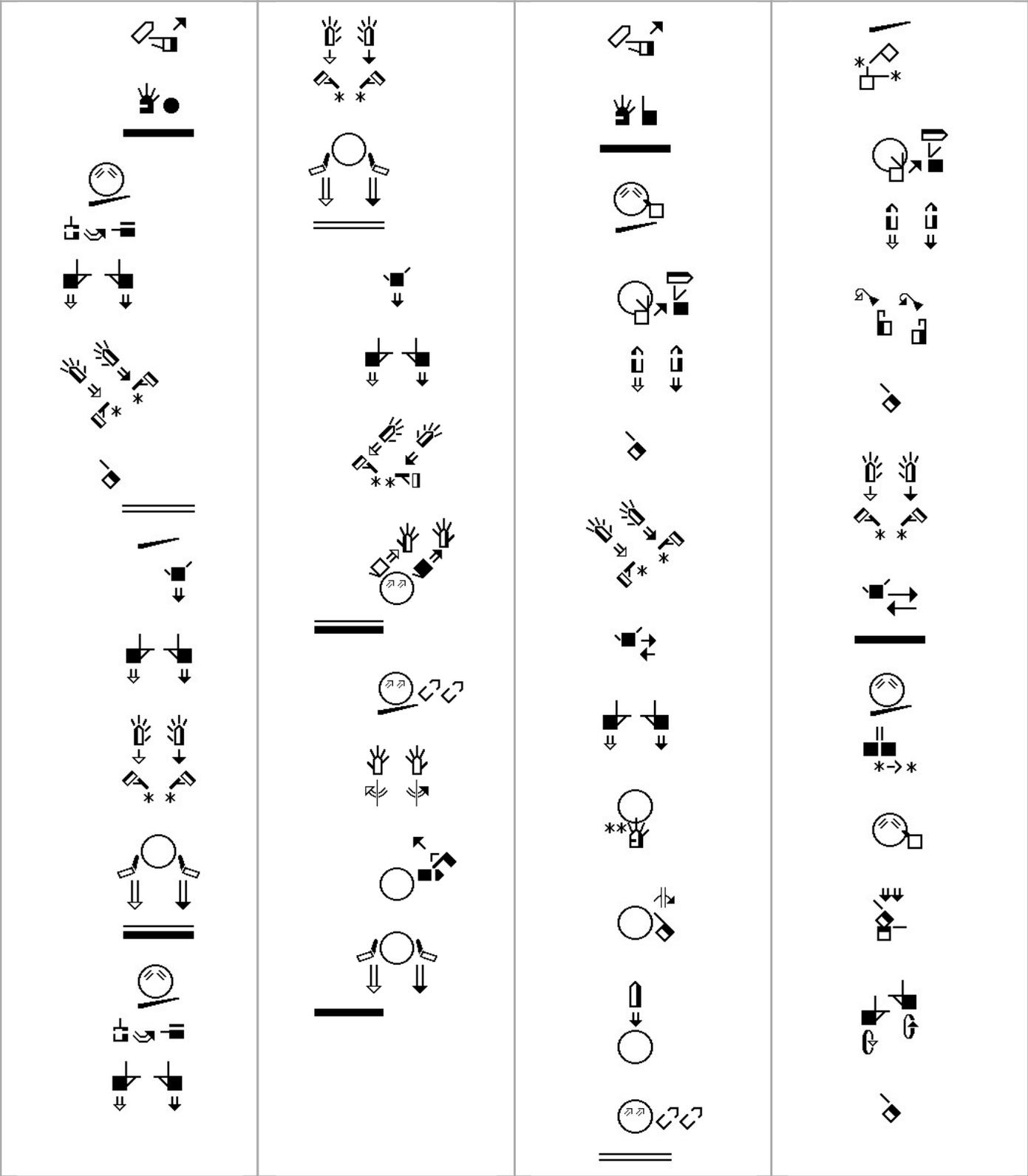
36 Your enemies will be right in your own household! 37 "If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.

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Matthew 10:38-39

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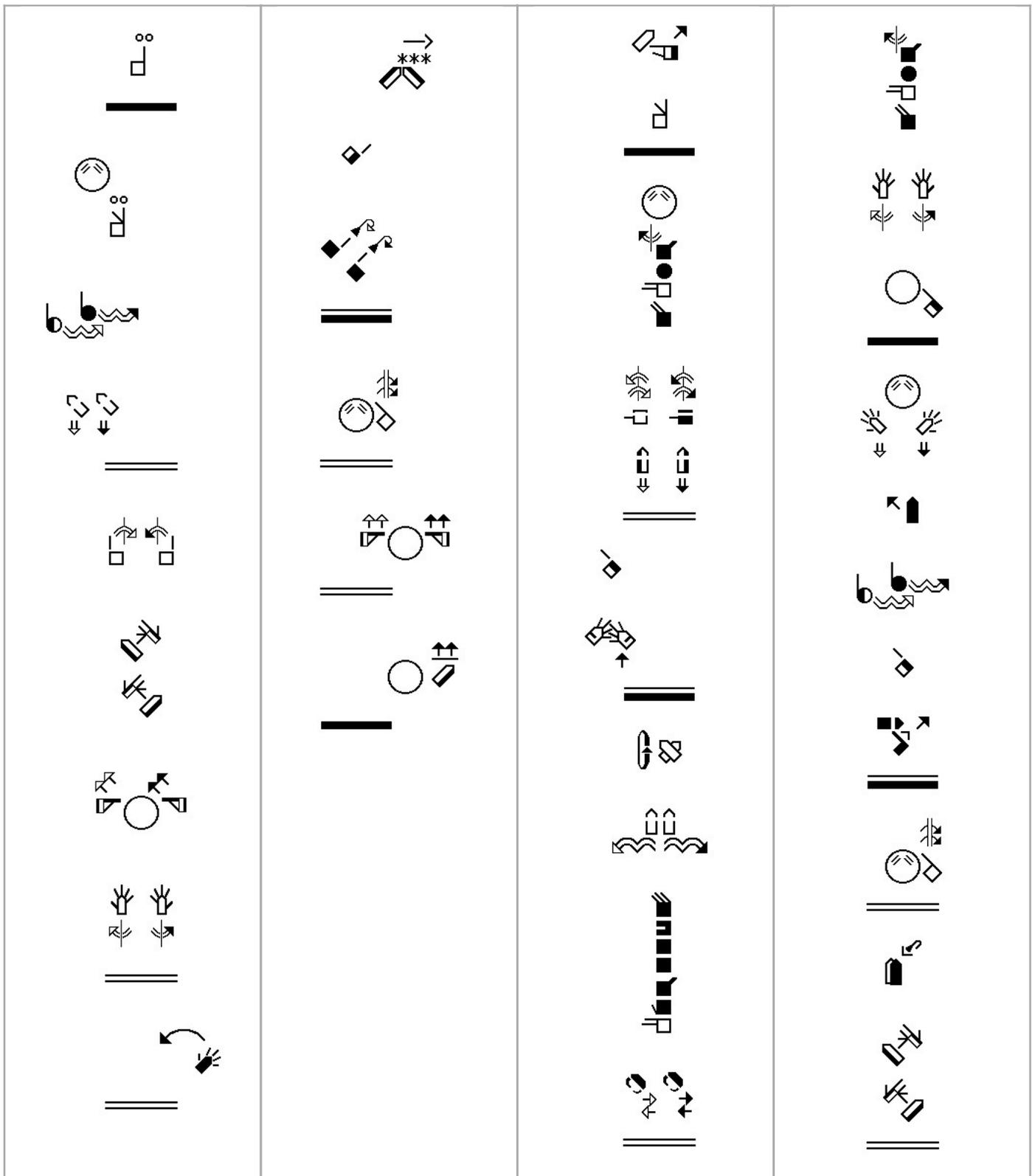
38 If you refuse to take your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.  
 39 If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.  
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40 "Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. 41 If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you

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11 When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region. 2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus,

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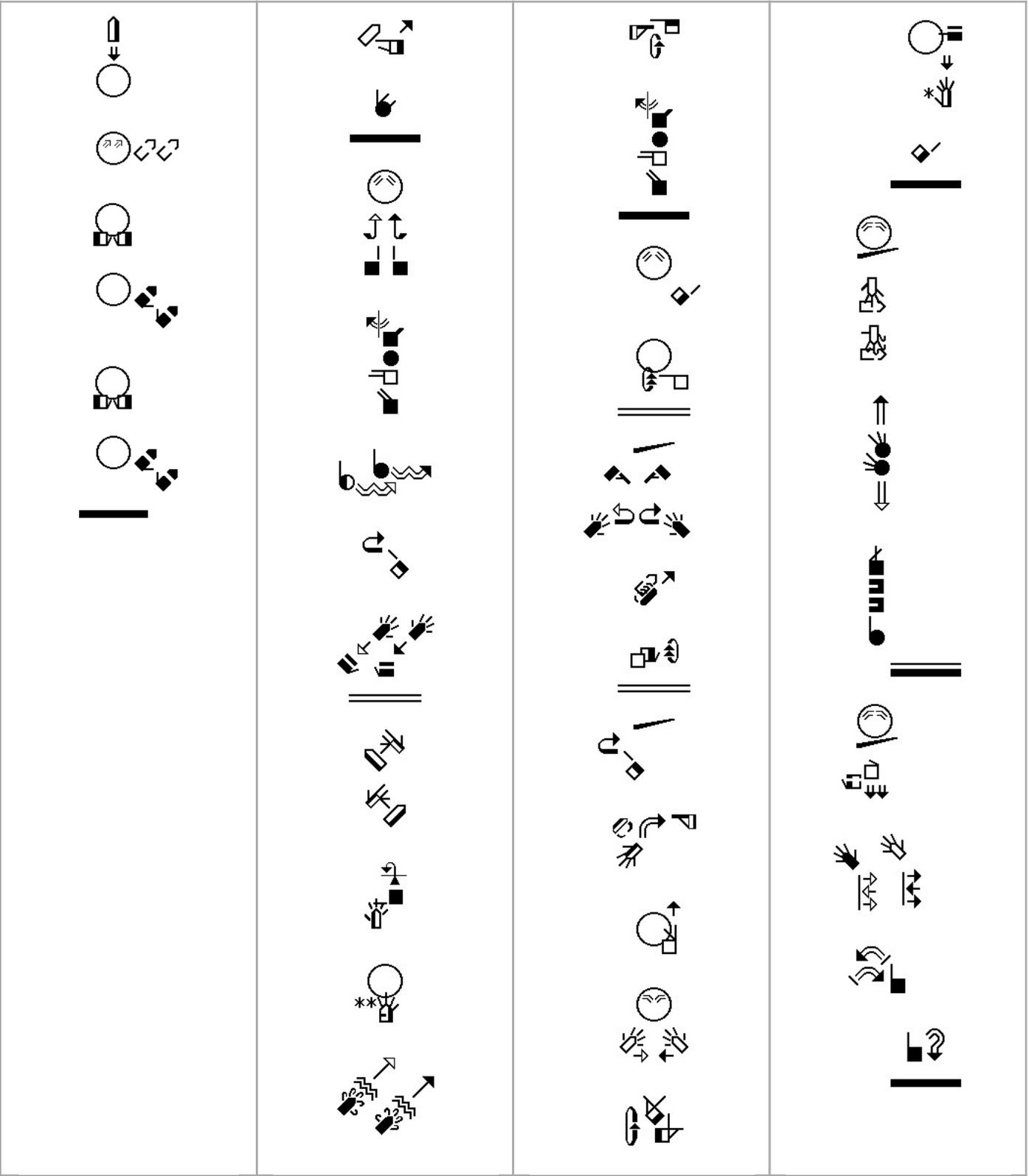
Matthew 11:3-4

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174 3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" 4 Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen-- NLT



Matthew 11:6-7



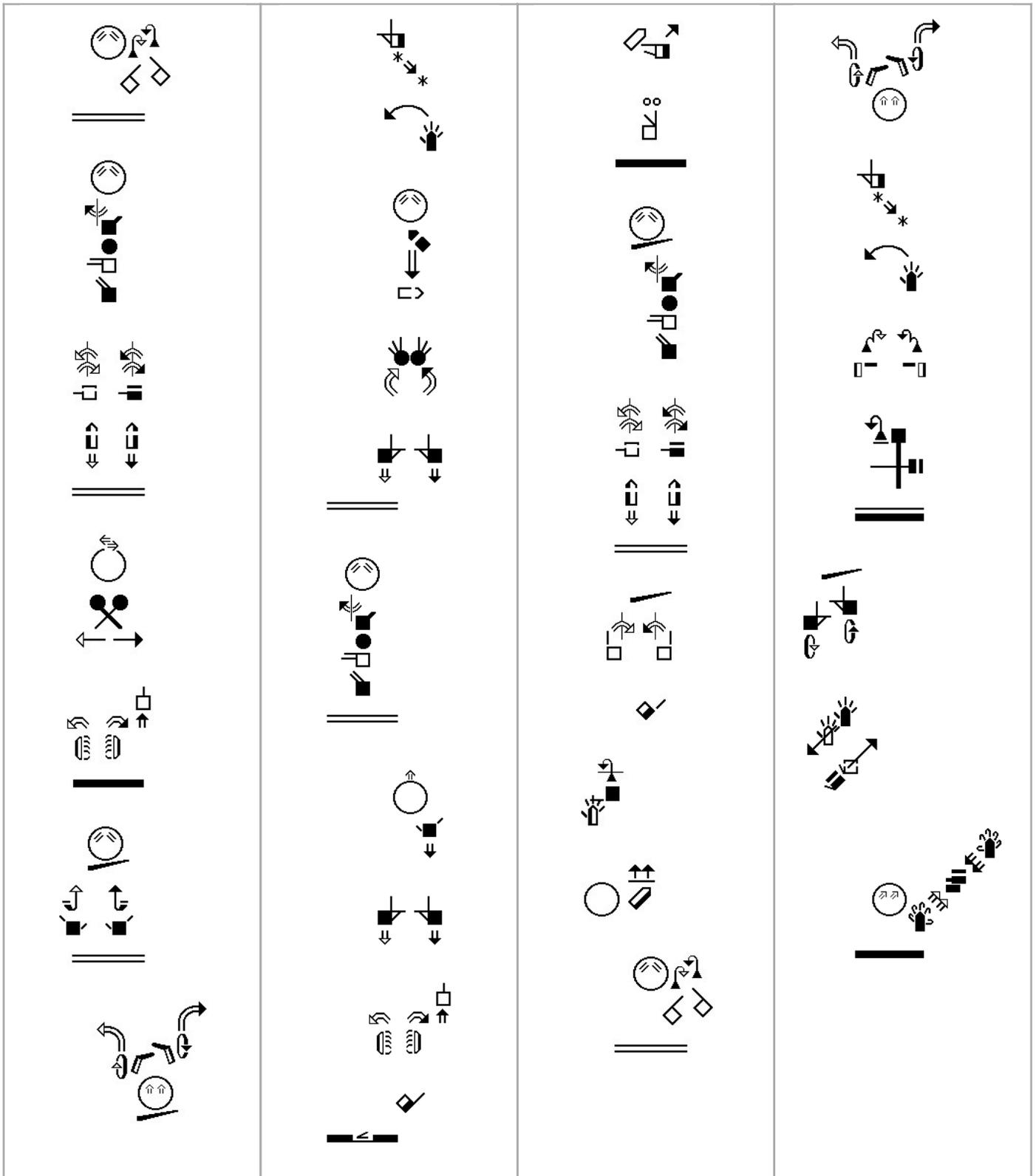
'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.'" 7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? NLT

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8 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. 9 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet.  
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Matthew 11:10

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none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is! 12 And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it.

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Matthew 11:13-14

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13 For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time. 14 And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come.

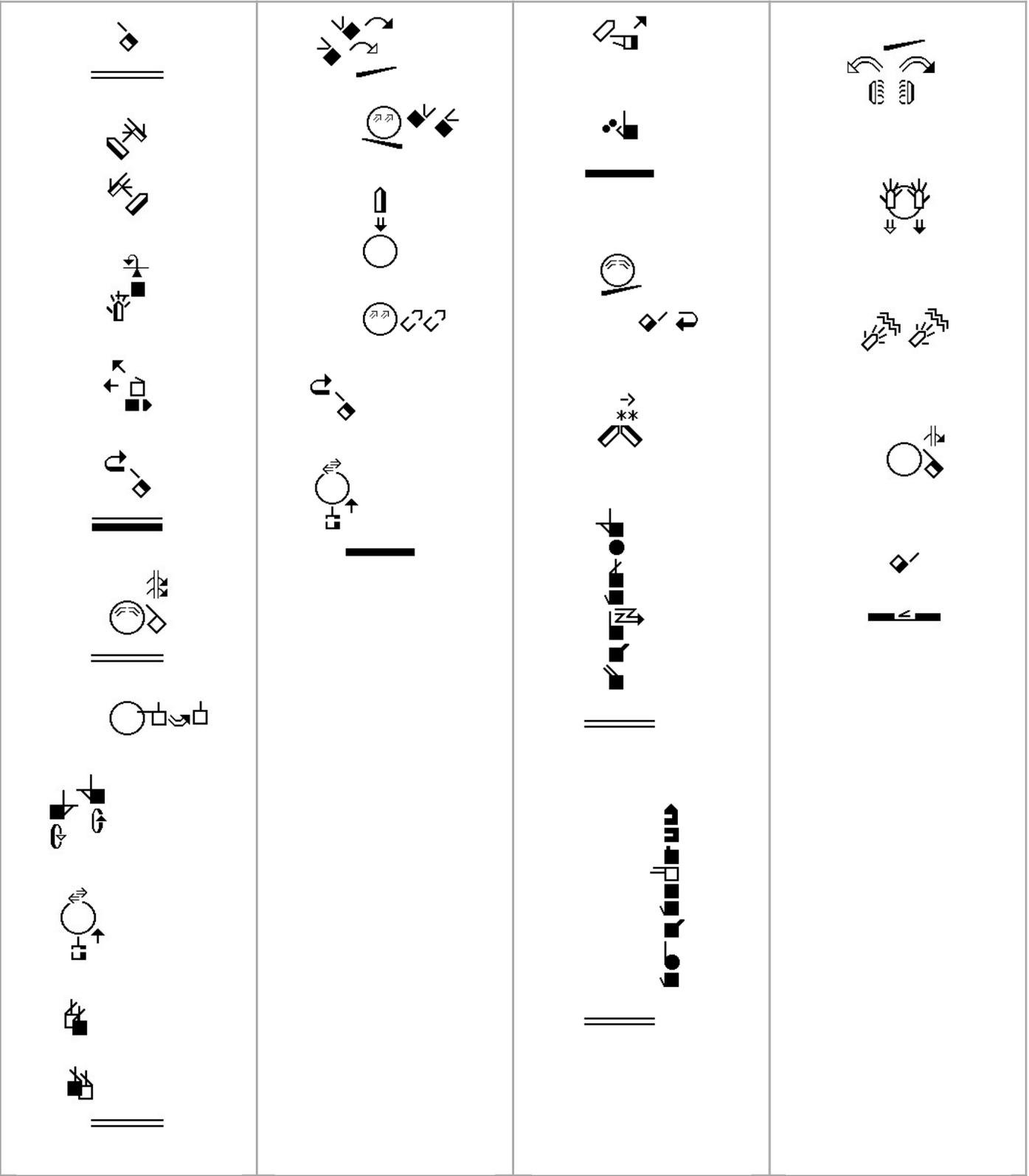


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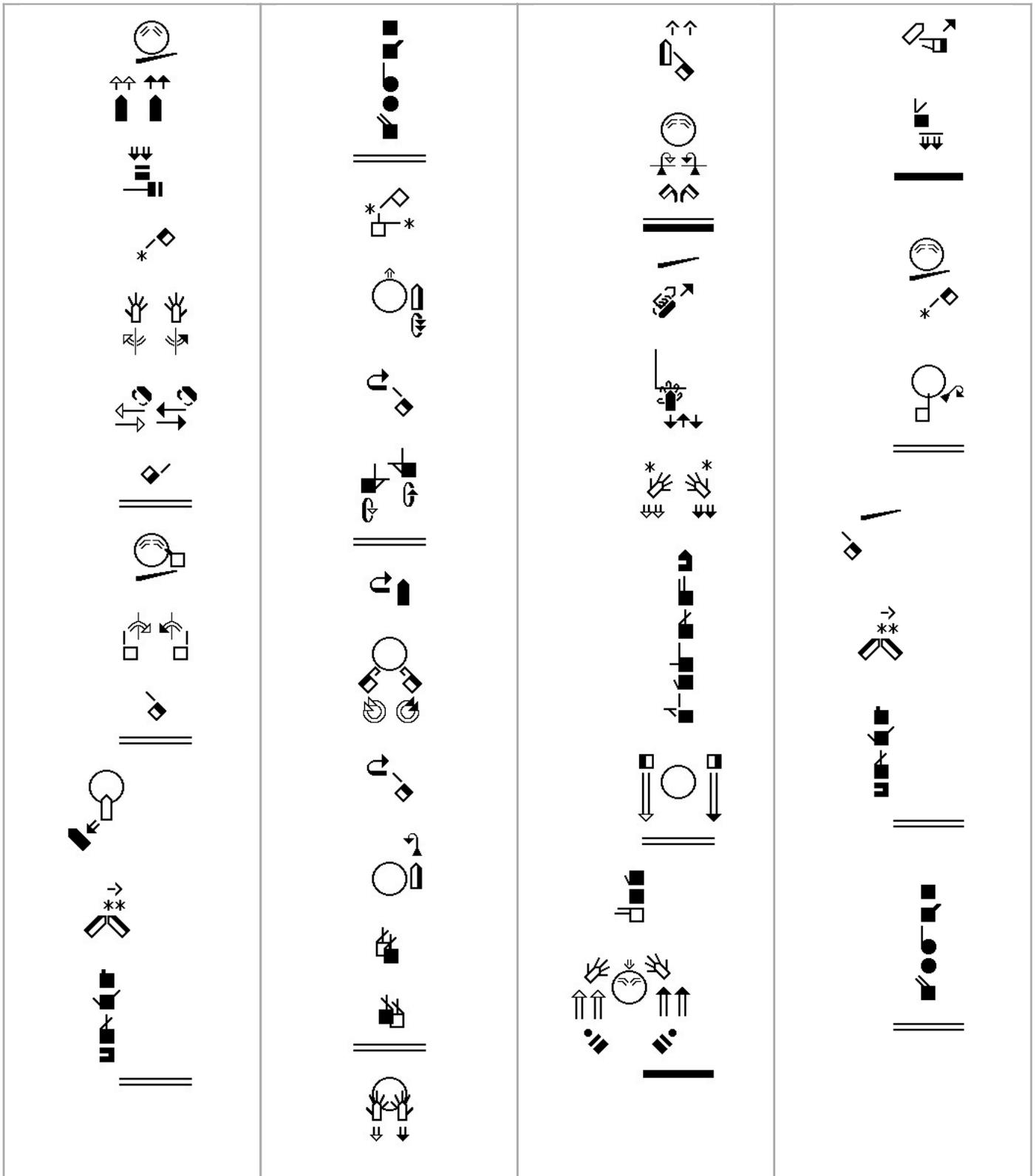
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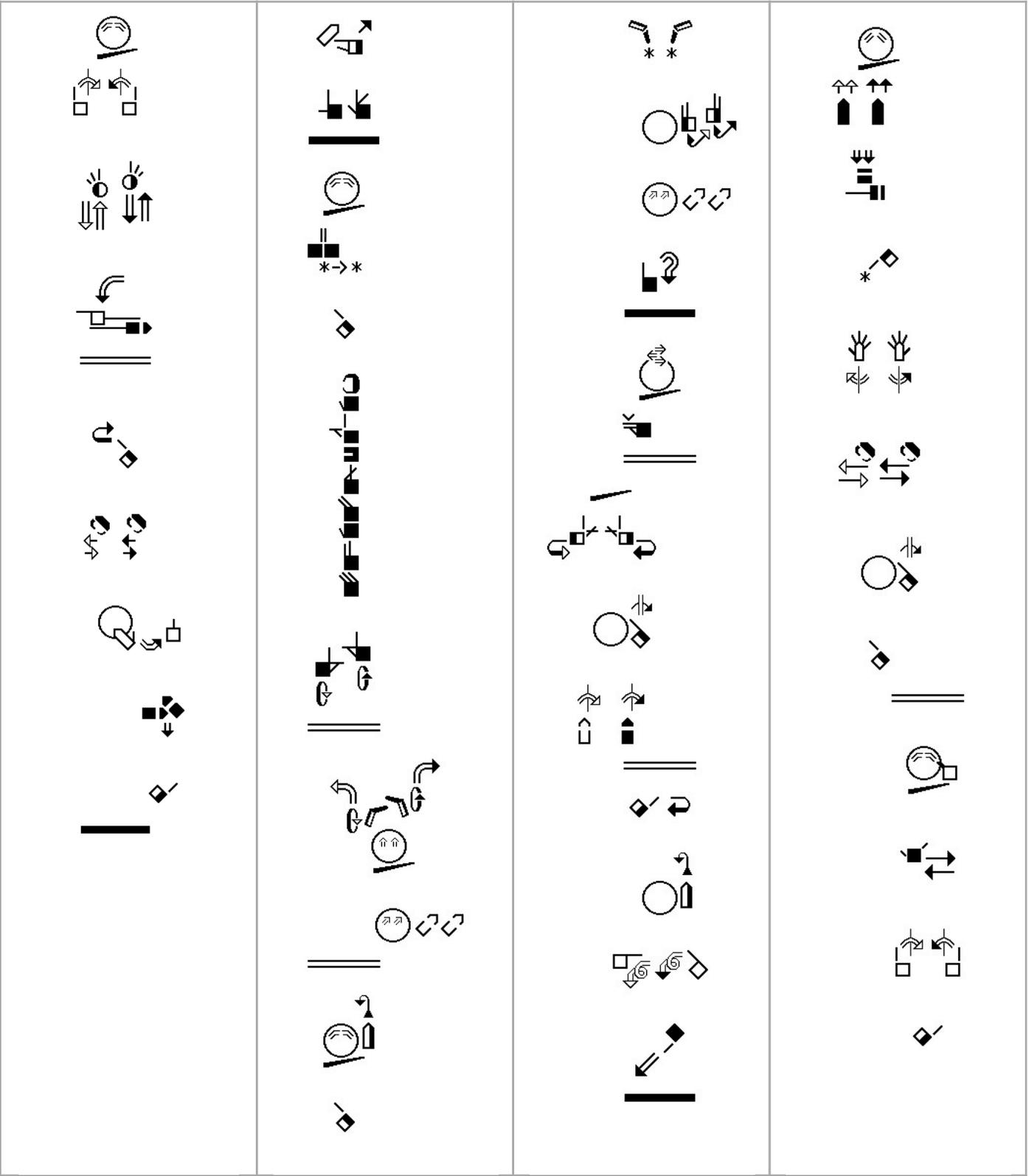
184 because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God. 21 "What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! NLT



For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. 22 I tell you, Tyre and Sidon

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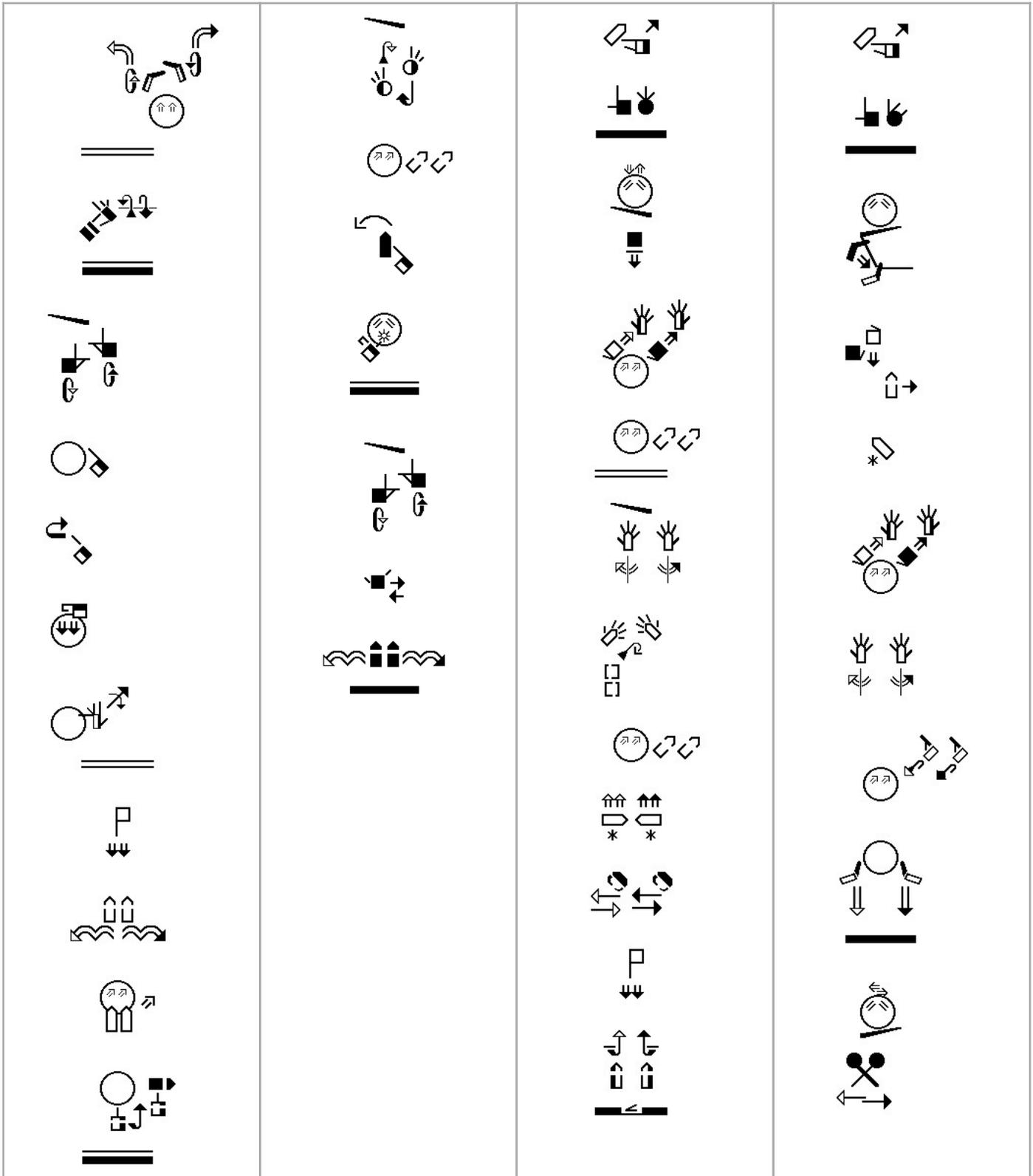
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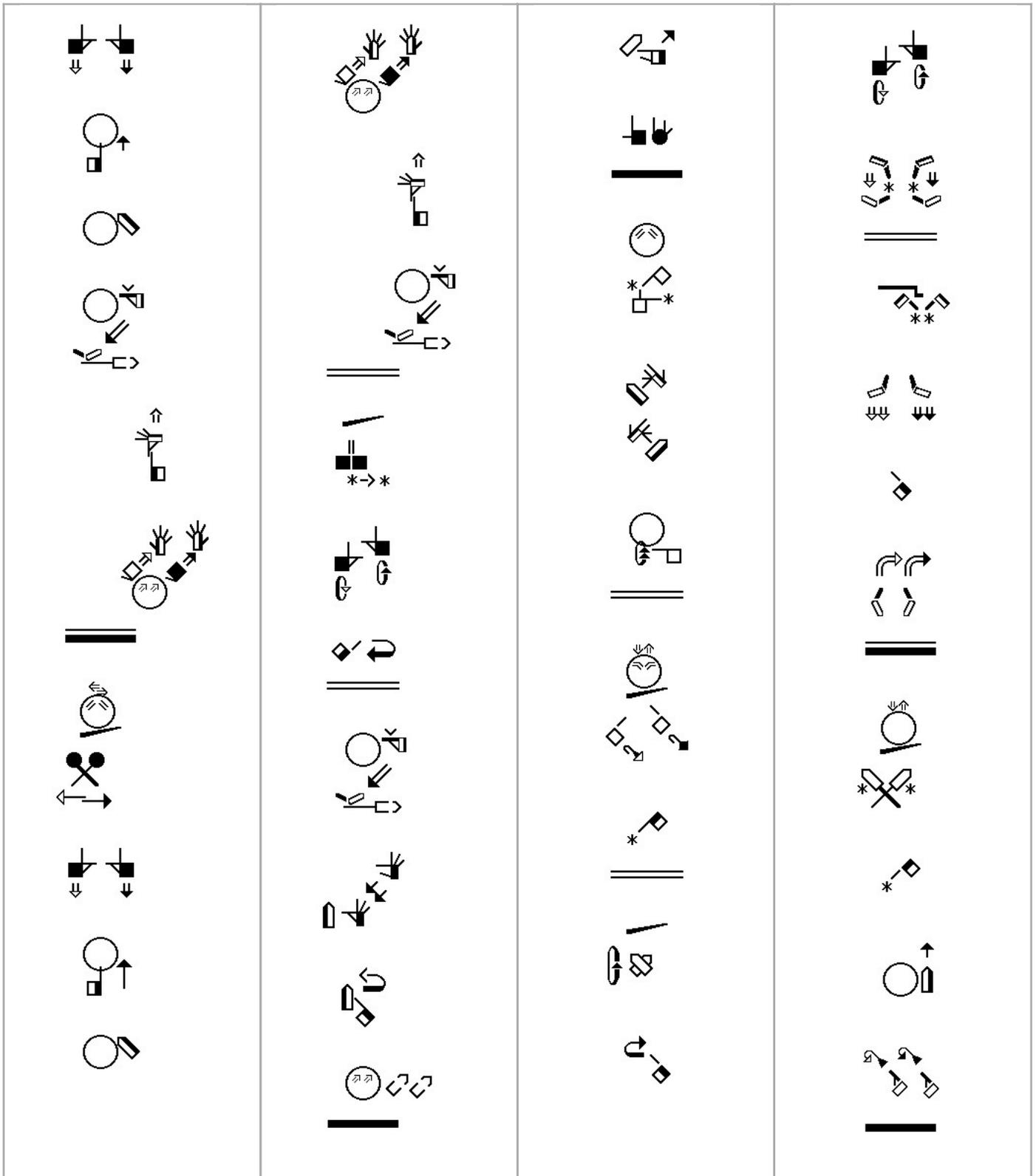
will be better off on judgment day than you. 23 "And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done  
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Matthew 11:25-27



of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. 26 Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! 27 "My Father has entrusted everything to me. No



one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. NLT

Matthew 11:29-30

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29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle and heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." NLT



Matthew 12:3-4

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3 Jesus said to them, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat.  
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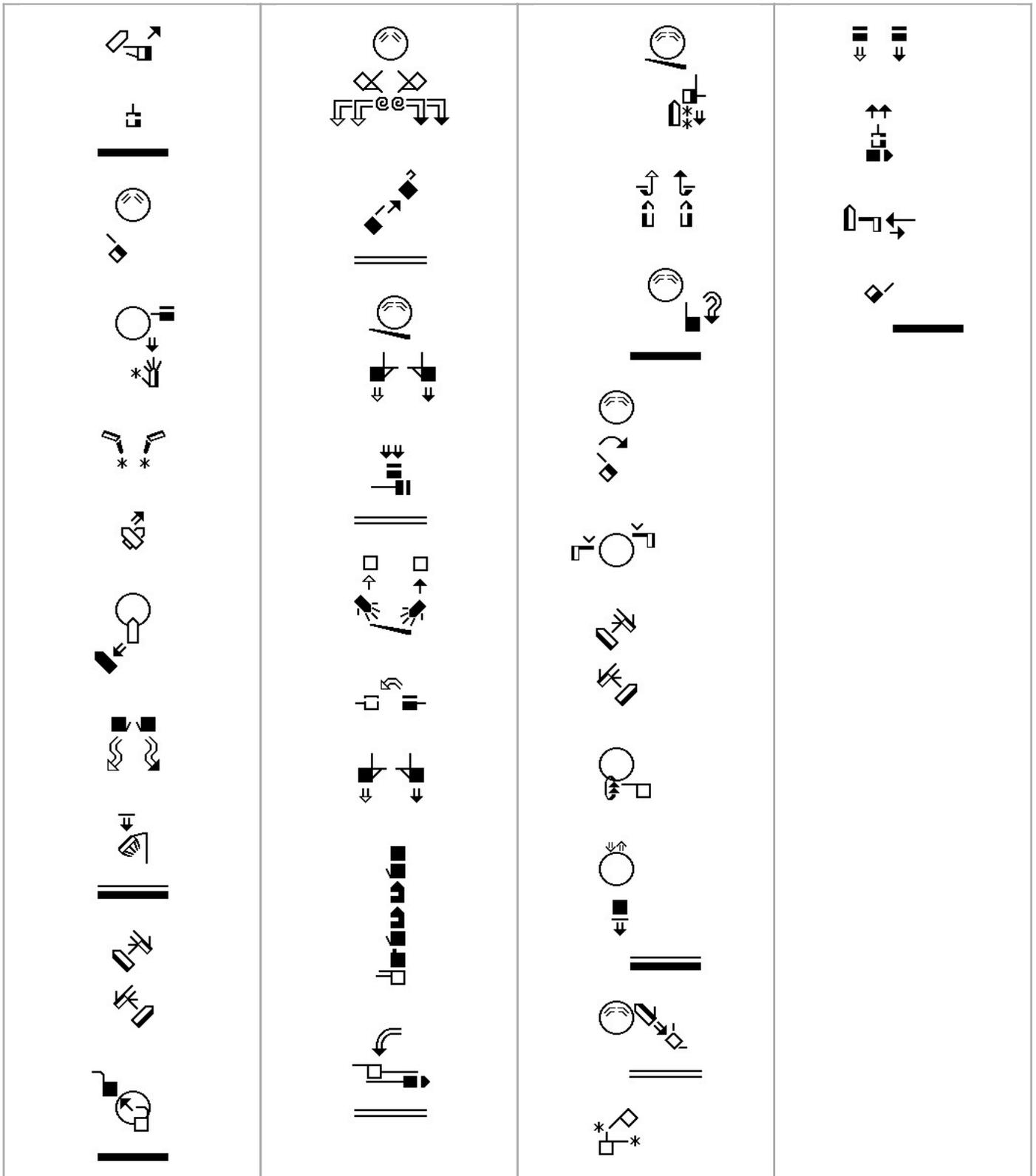
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5 And haven't you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath? 6 I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple! 7 But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show

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Matthew 12:7-9

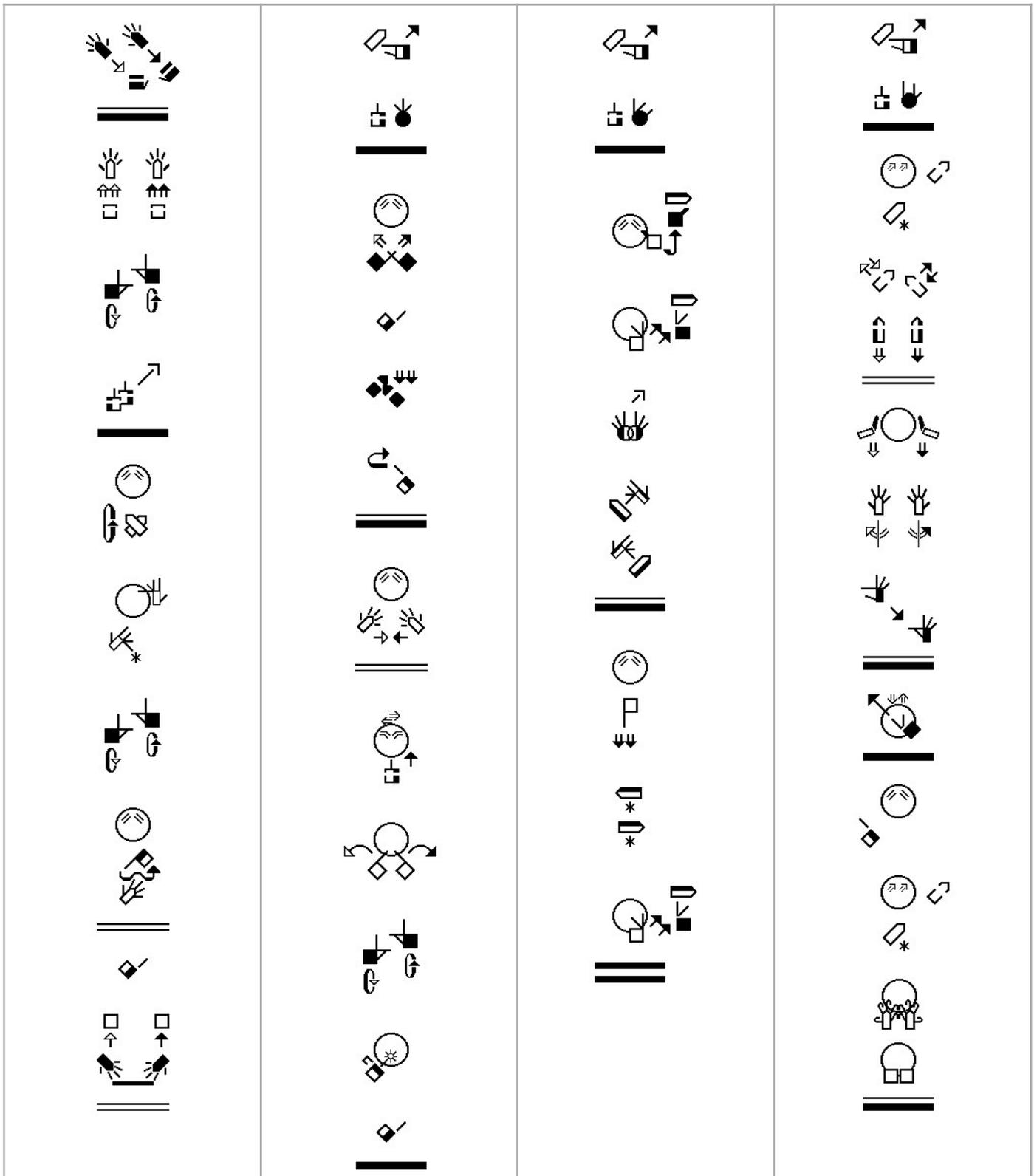
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10 where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.) NLT







198 he left that area, and many people followed him. He healed all the sick among them, 16 but he warned them not to reveal who he was. 17 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him: 18 "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, NLT



Matthew 12:21-23

<p>A vertical sequence of 14 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. Hand pointing up and right. 2. Hand with fingers spread. 3. Thick horizontal line. 4. Circle with two lines inside. 5. Hand pointing up and left. 6. Hand with fingers spread. 7. Circle with two lines inside. 8. Hand pointing up and right. 9. Hand with fingers spread. 10. Hand with fingers spread. 11. Circle with two lines inside. 12. Hand pointing up and left. 13. Hand with fingers spread. 14. Thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 14 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. Hand pointing up and right. 2. Hand with fingers spread. 3. Thick horizontal line. 4. Circle with two lines inside. 5. Hand with fingers spread and asterisks. 6. Double thick horizontal line. 7. Circle with two lines inside. 8. Hand with fingers spread and asterisks. 9. Double thick horizontal line. 10. Circle with two lines inside. 11. Hand with fingers spread. 12. Hand with fingers spread. 13. Hand pointing down. 14. Circle with two lines inside. 15. Hand with fingers spread and asterisks. 16. Circle with two lines inside. 17. Hand with fingers spread. 18. Hand with fingers spread. 19. Thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 14 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. Circle with two lines inside. 2. Hand pointing up and right. 3. Hand pointing up and right. 4. Hand pointing up and right. 5. Hand pointing up and right. 6. Hand pointing up and right. 7. Hand pointing up and right. 8. Hand pointing up and right. 9. Hand pointing up and right. 10. Hand pointing up and right. 11. Hand pointing up and right. 12. Hand pointing up and right. 13. Hand pointing up and right. 14. Hand pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 14 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. Hand pointing up and right. 2. Hand pointing up and right. 3. Thick horizontal line. 4. Circle with two lines inside. 5. Hand pointing up and right. 6. Hand pointing up and right. 7. Hand pointing up and right. 8. Hand pointing up and right. 9. Hand pointing up and right. 10. Hand pointing up and right. 11. Hand pointing up and right. 12. Hand pointing up and right. 13. Hand pointing up and right. 14. Hand pointing up and right.</p>
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21 And his name will be the hope of all the world." 22 Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. 23 The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be NLT

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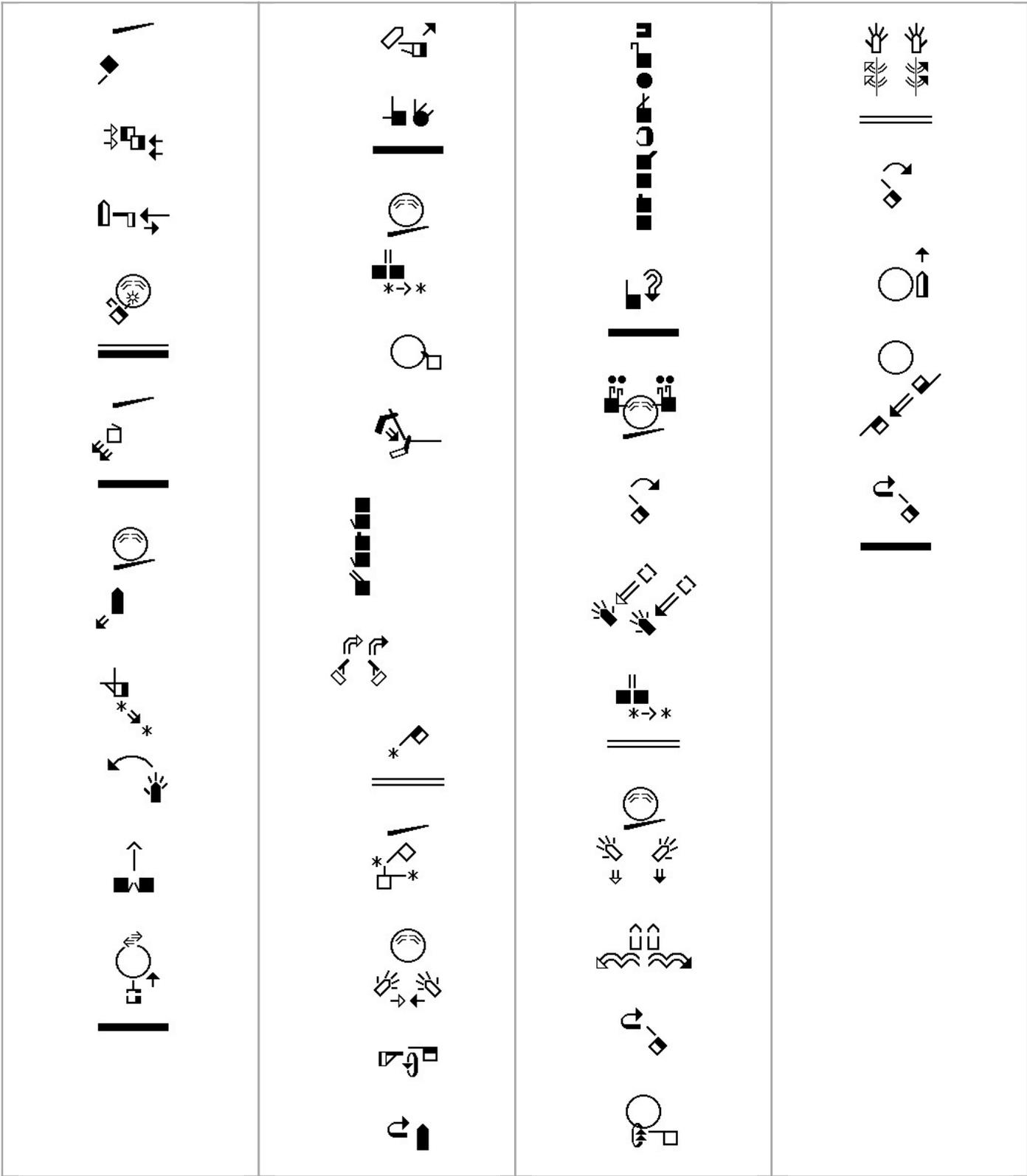
that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons."

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Matthew 12:25-26

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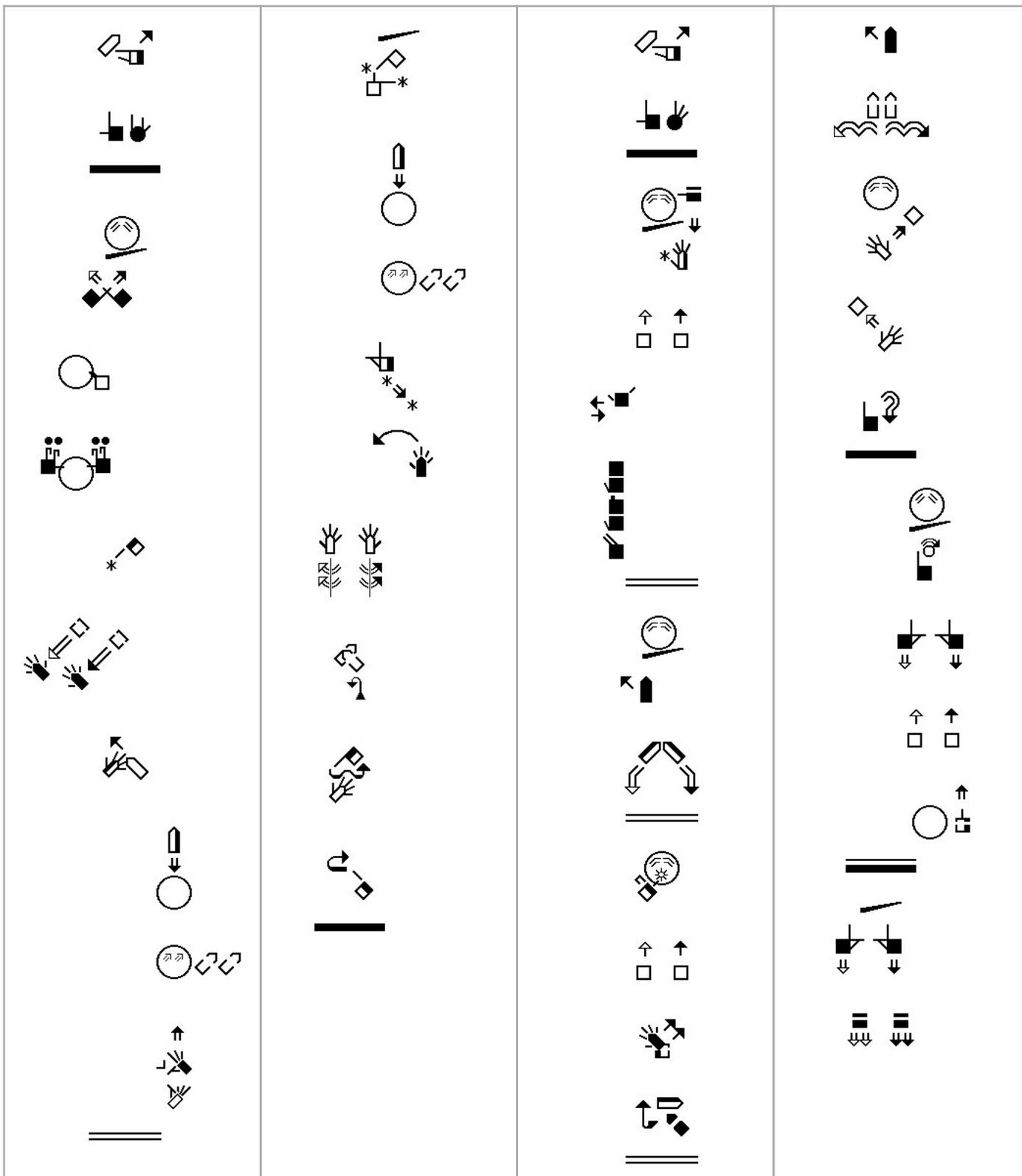
202 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. 26 And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided NLT



and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive. 27 And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.

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Matthew 12:28-29



28 But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. 29 For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger -- someone who could NLT

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 12:29-31, Column 1. It includes signs for 'bind', 'loose', 'house', 'plunder', 'opposes', 'working against', 'sin', and 'blasphemy'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 12:29-31, Column 2. It includes signs for 'bind', 'loose', 'house', 'plunder', 'opposes', 'working against', 'sin', and 'blasphemy'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 12:29-31, Column 3. It includes signs for 'bind', 'loose', 'house', 'plunder', 'opposes', 'working against', 'sin', and 'blasphemy'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 12:29-31, Column 4. It includes signs for 'bind', 'loose', 'house', 'plunder', 'opposes', 'working against', 'sin', and 'blasphemy'.</p>
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tie him up and then plunder his house. 30 "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me. 31 "So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy NLT

Matthew 12:31-32

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will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come. 33 "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. 34 You brood of snakes! How could evil men

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Matthew 12:38-39

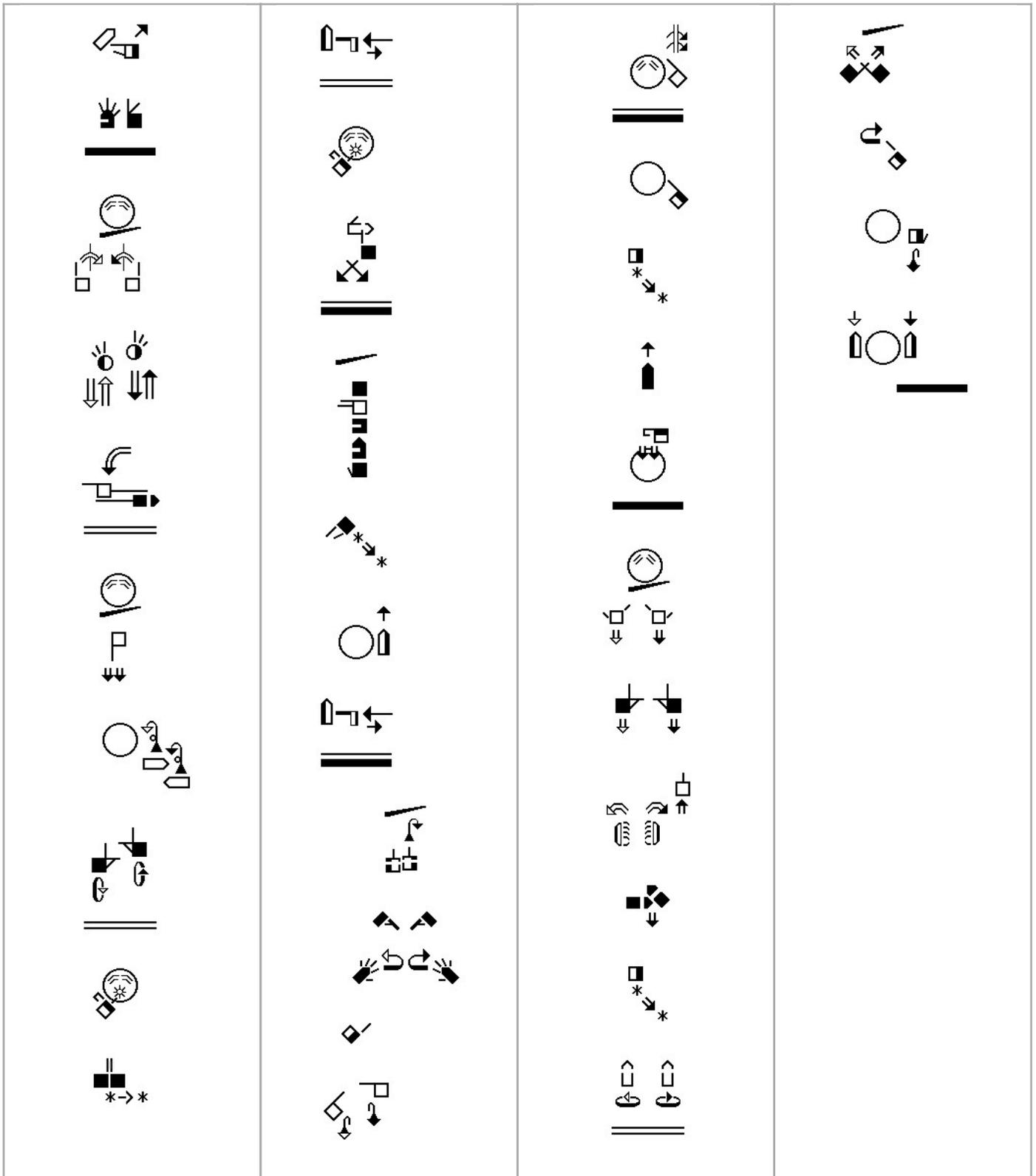
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210 38 One day some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority." 39 But Jesus replied, NLT



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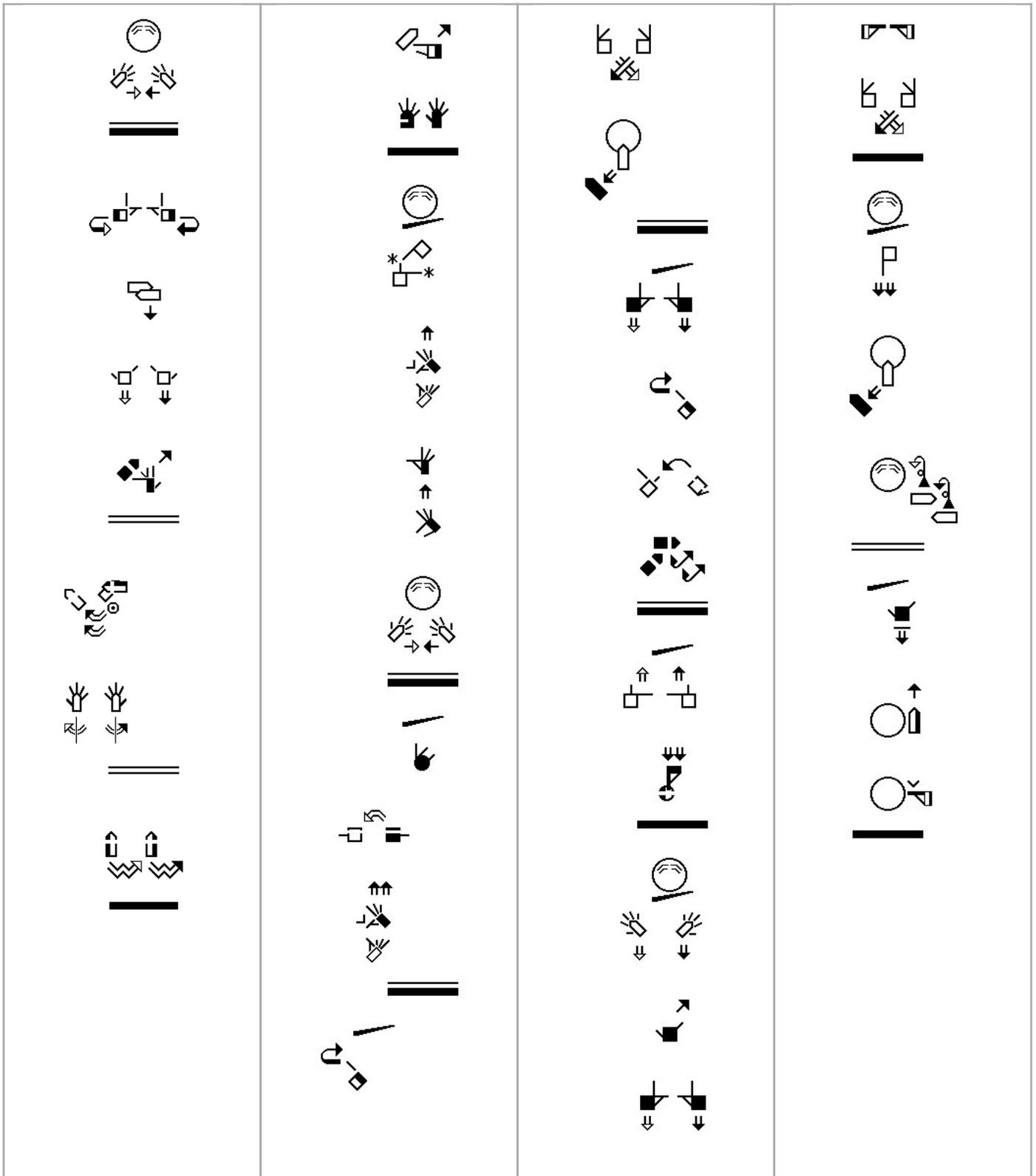


42 The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here -- but you refuse to listen. NLT

Matthew 12:43-44

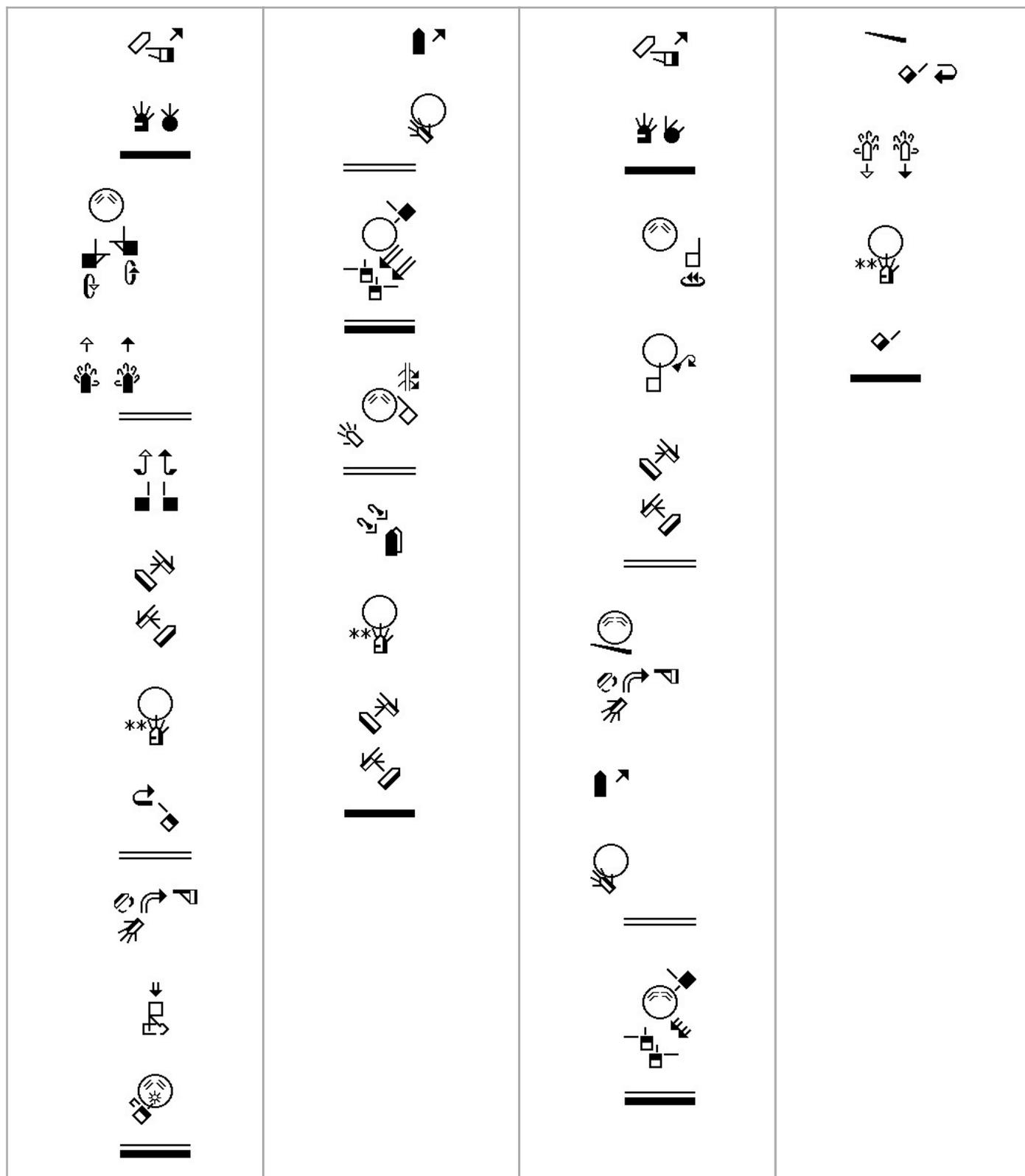
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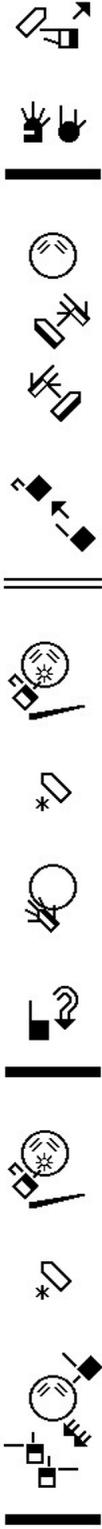
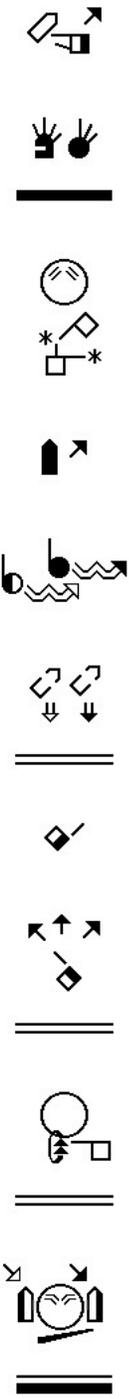
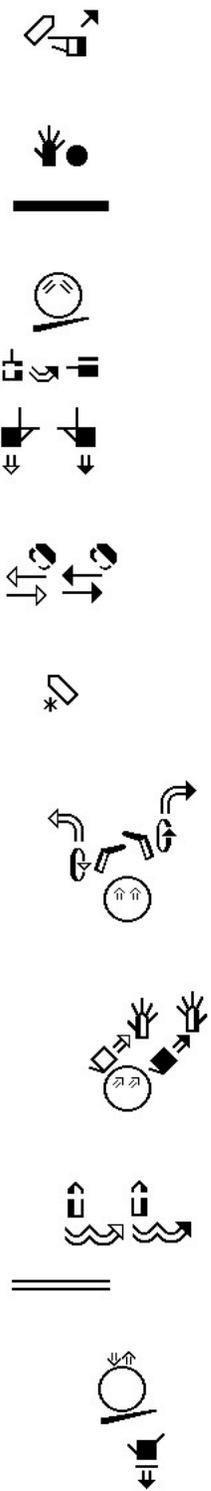
214 43 "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds NLT



its former home empty, swept, and in order. 45 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation." NLT

Matthew 12:46-47

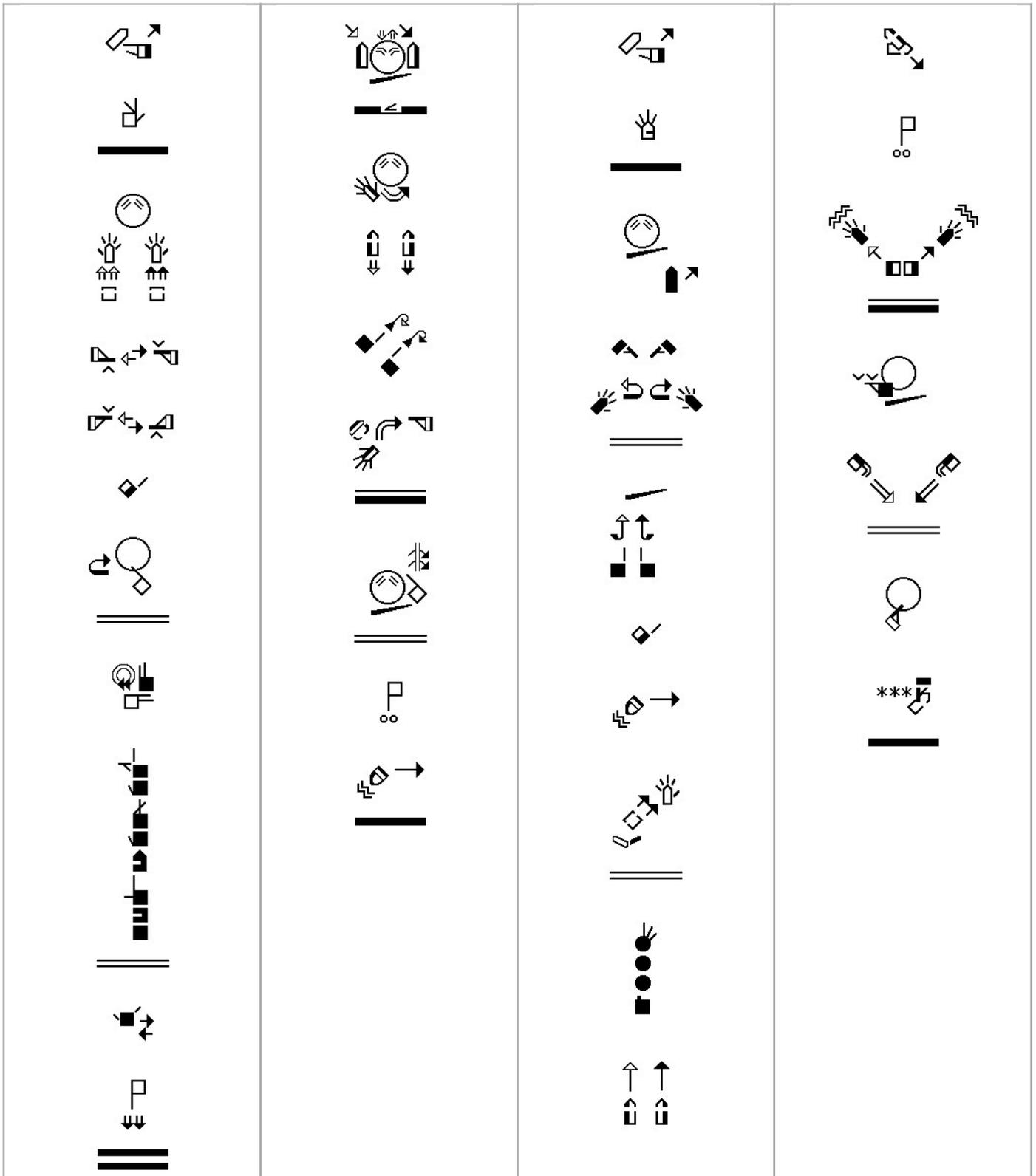


			
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48 Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 49 Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. 50 Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven

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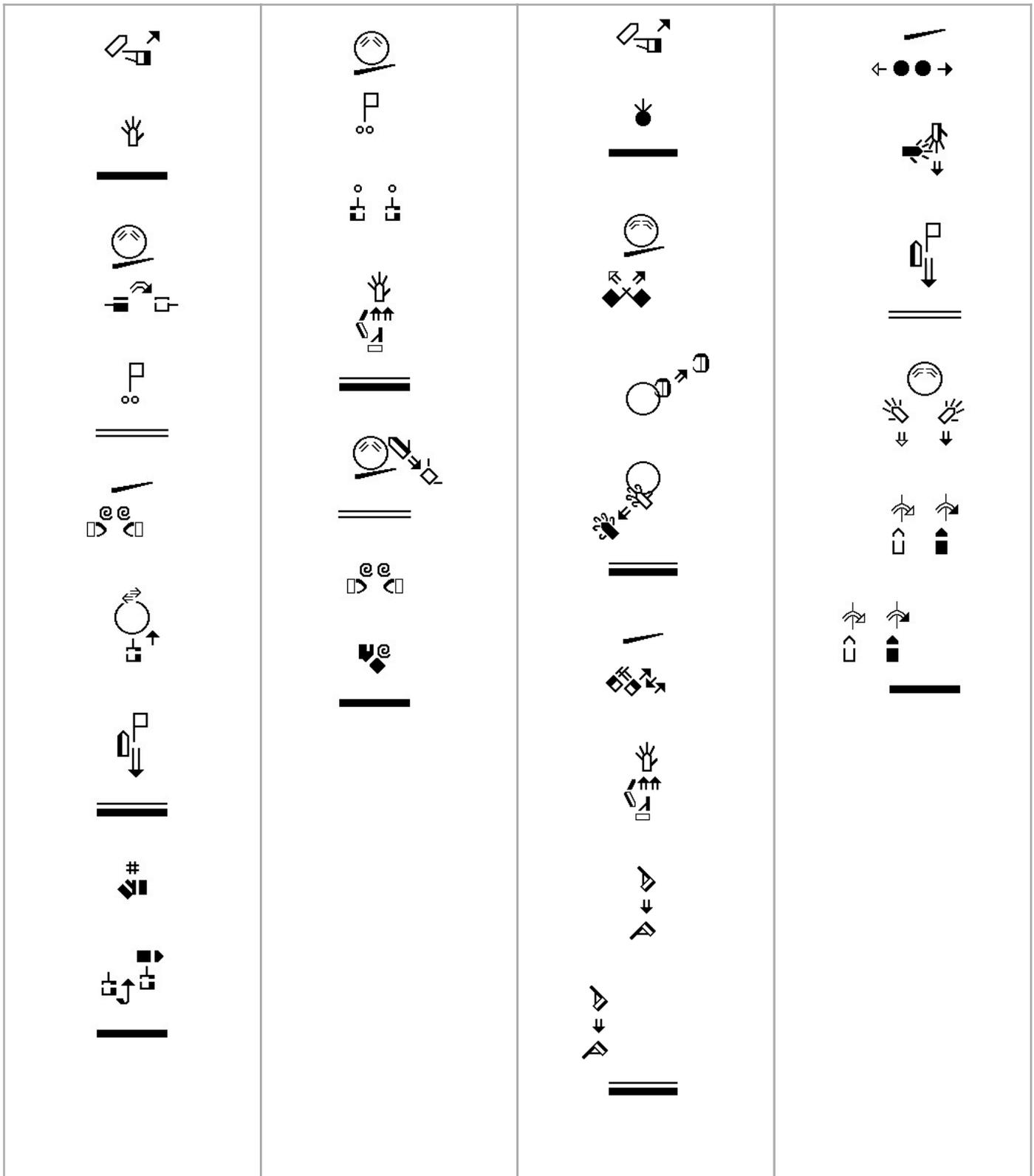




3 He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.

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Matthew 13:5-6



5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died.



Matthew 13:9-11

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9 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." 10 His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?" 11 He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, NLT

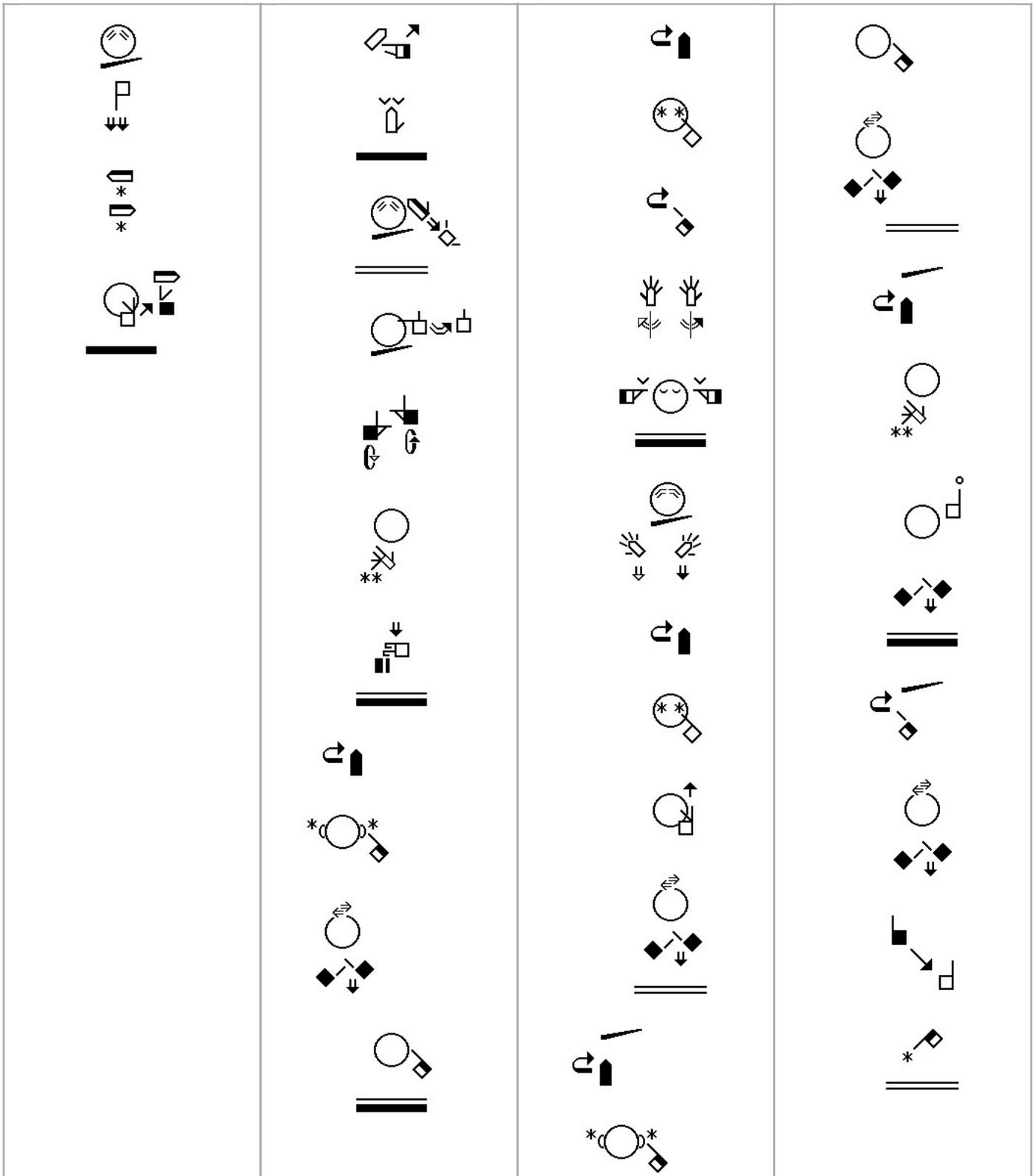
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but others are not. 12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. NLT

Matthew 13:13-14

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13 That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. 14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. NLT



15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes -- so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and NLT

Matthew 13:15-17

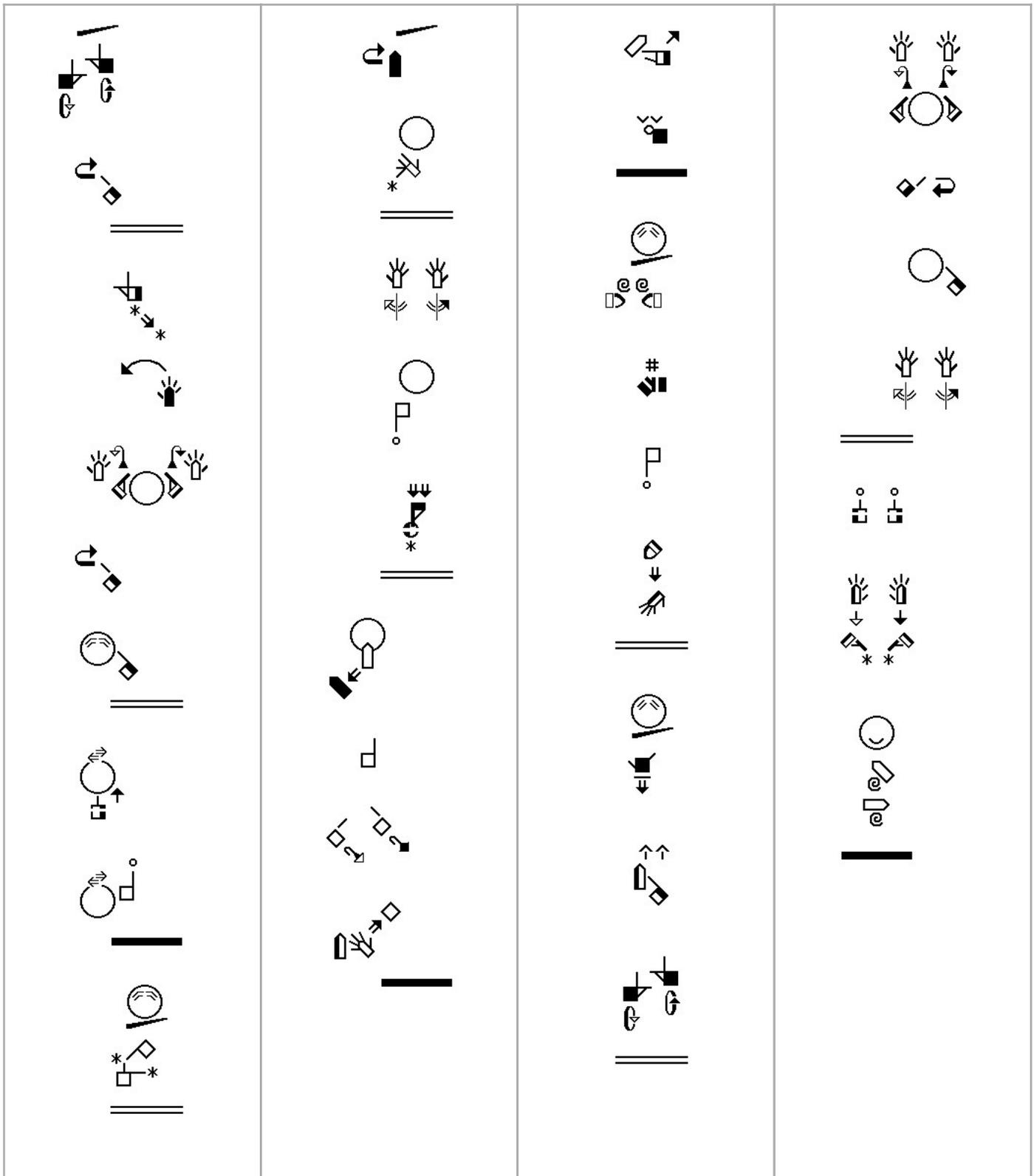
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prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it. 18 "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents

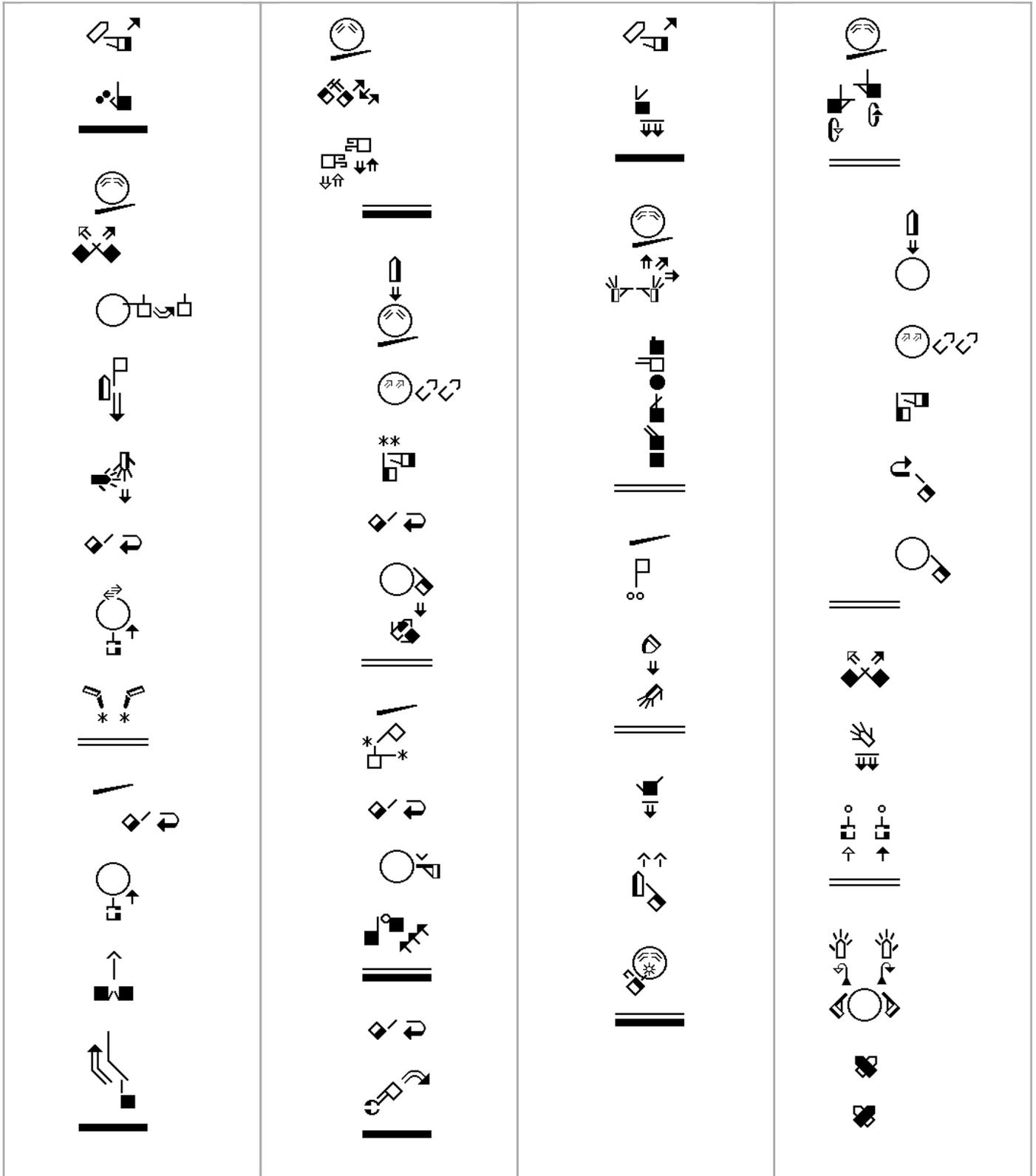
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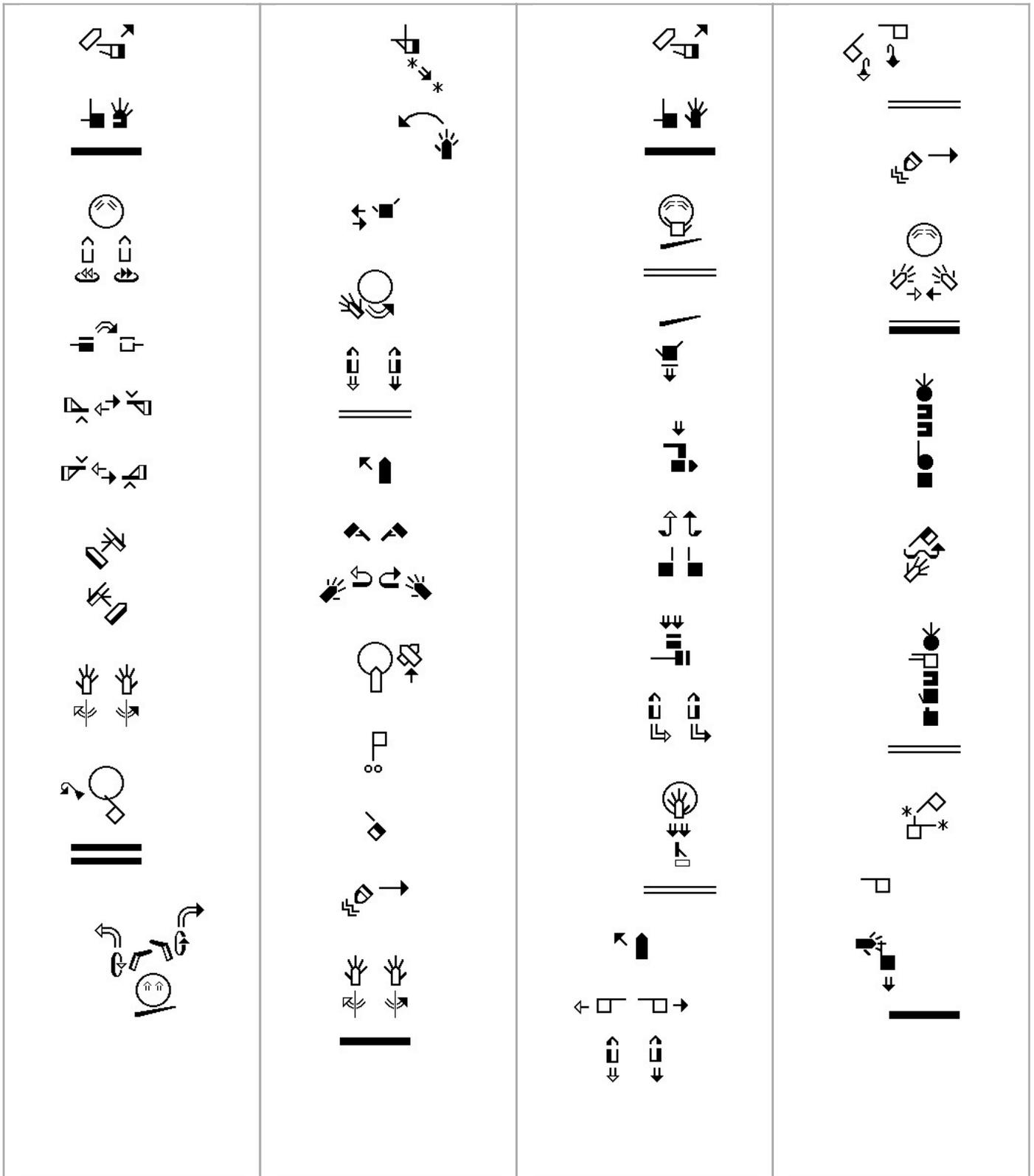
those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.  
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21 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is

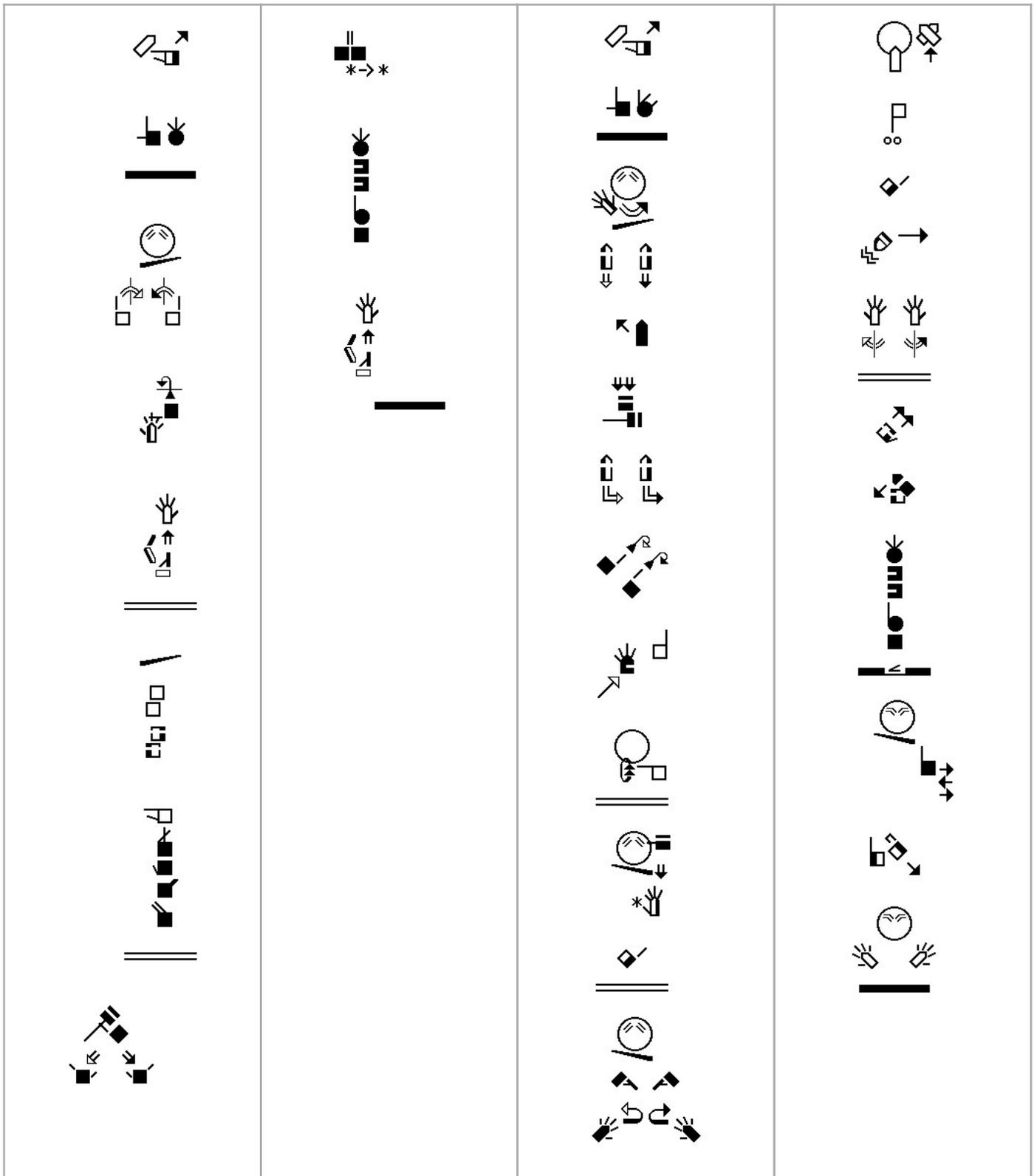
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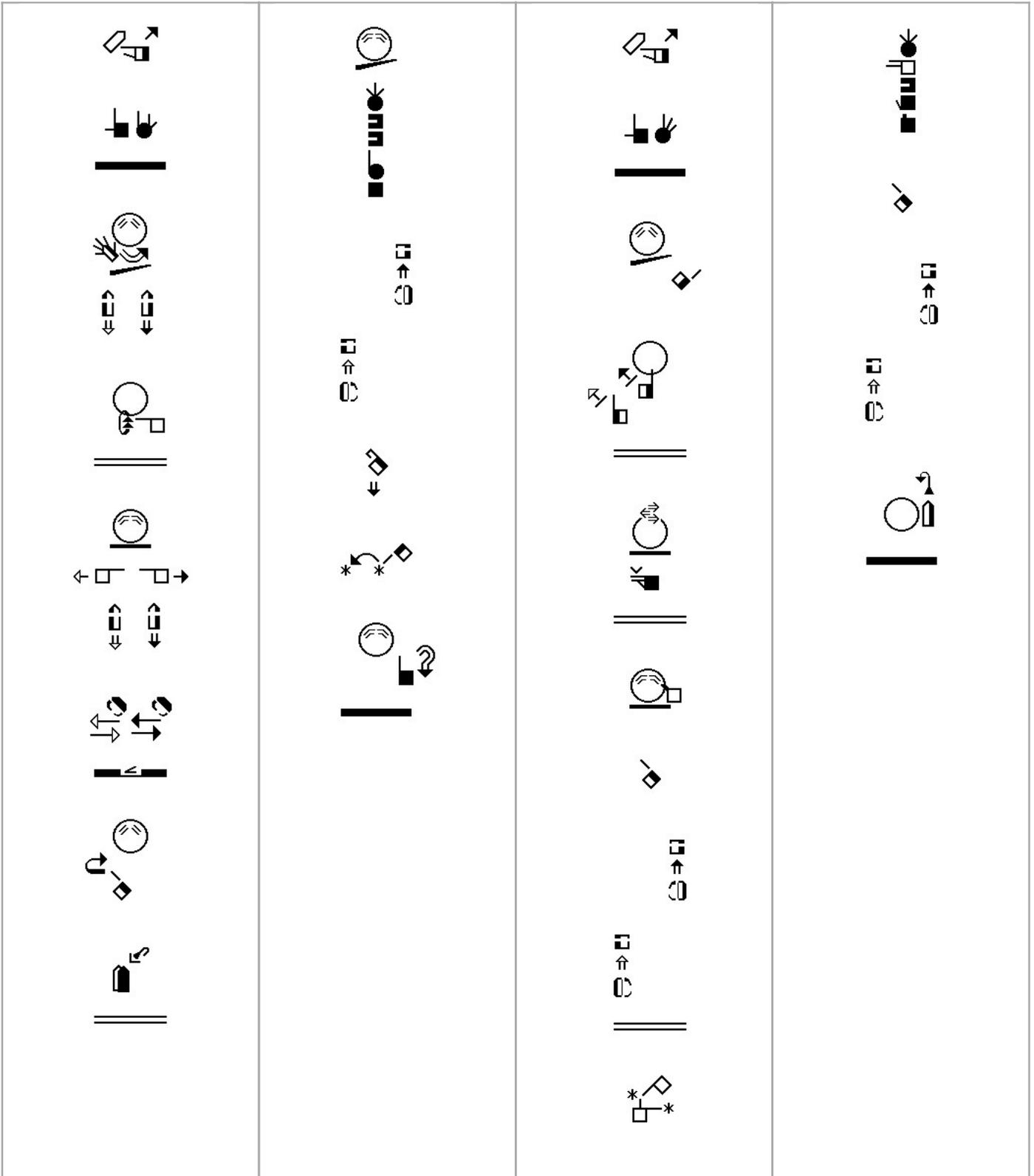


24 Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away.  
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Matthew 13:26-27

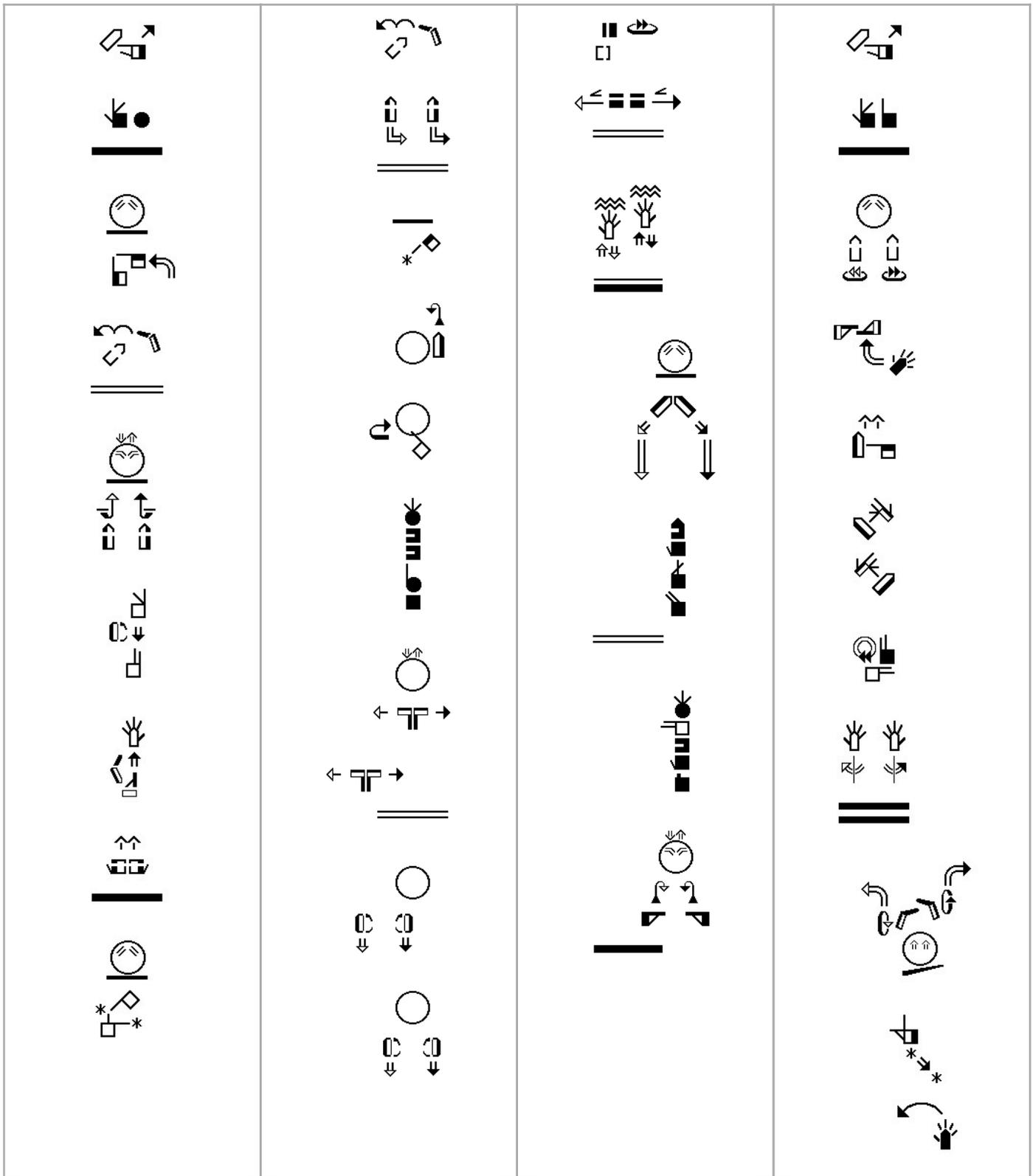


26 When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. 27 "The farmer's workers went to him and said, "Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds!Where did they come from?"

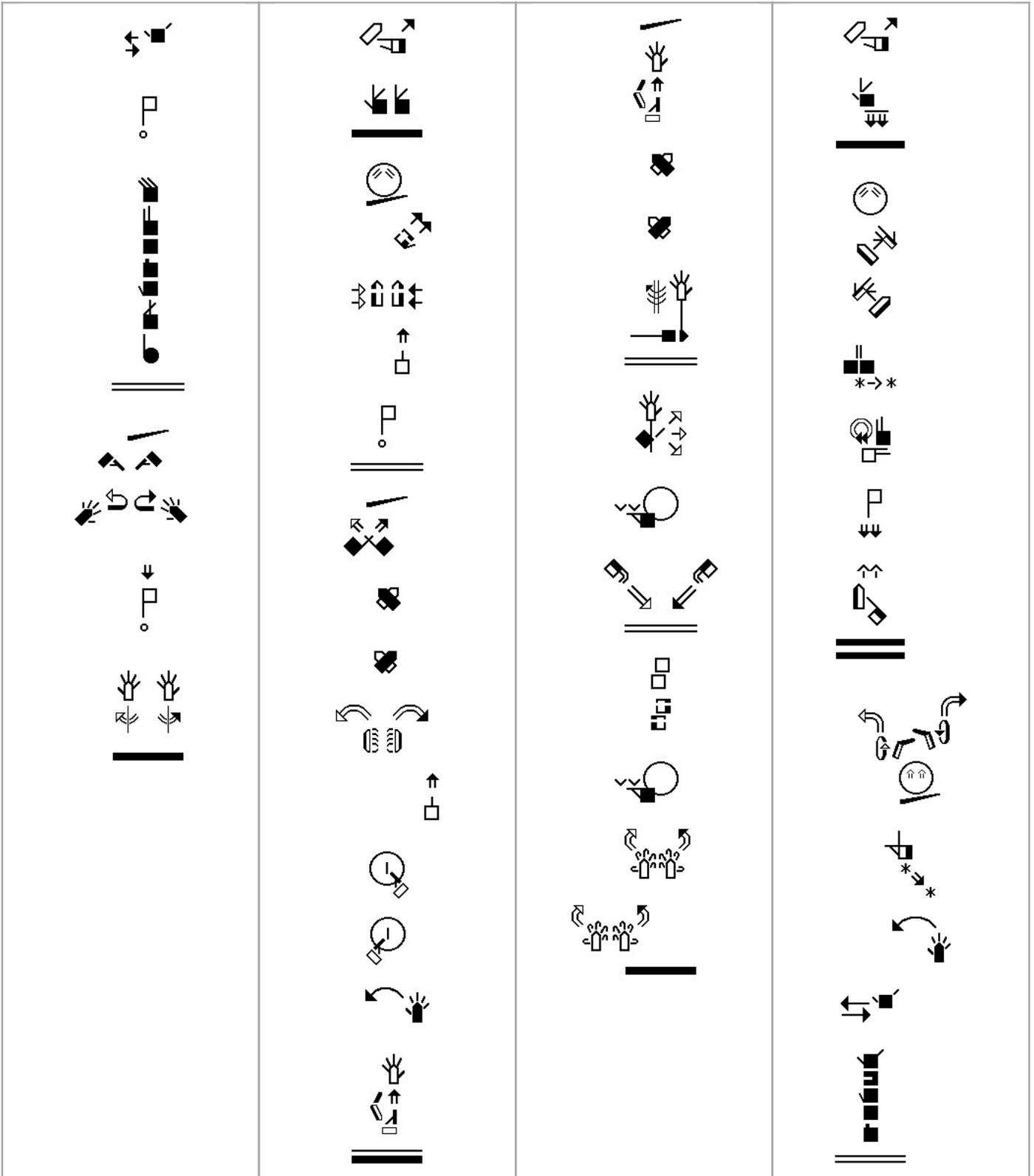


28 "An enemy has done this!" the farmer exclaimed. "Should we pull out the weeds?" they asked. 29 "No," he replied, "you'll uproot the wheat if you do."

Matthew 13:30-31



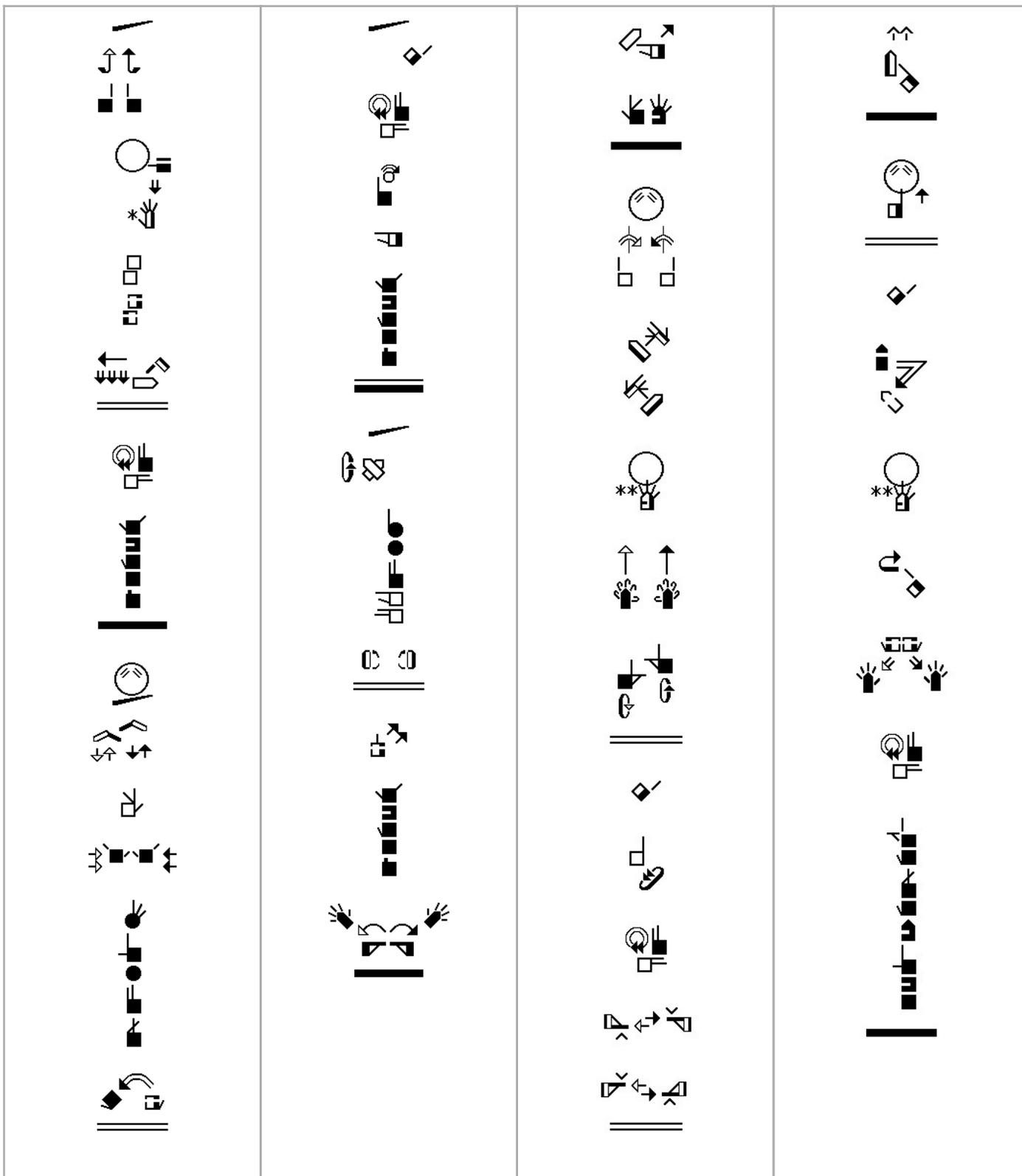
234 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat into the barn."  
 31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven NLT



is like a mustard seed planted in a field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." 33 Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast

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Matthew 13:33-34

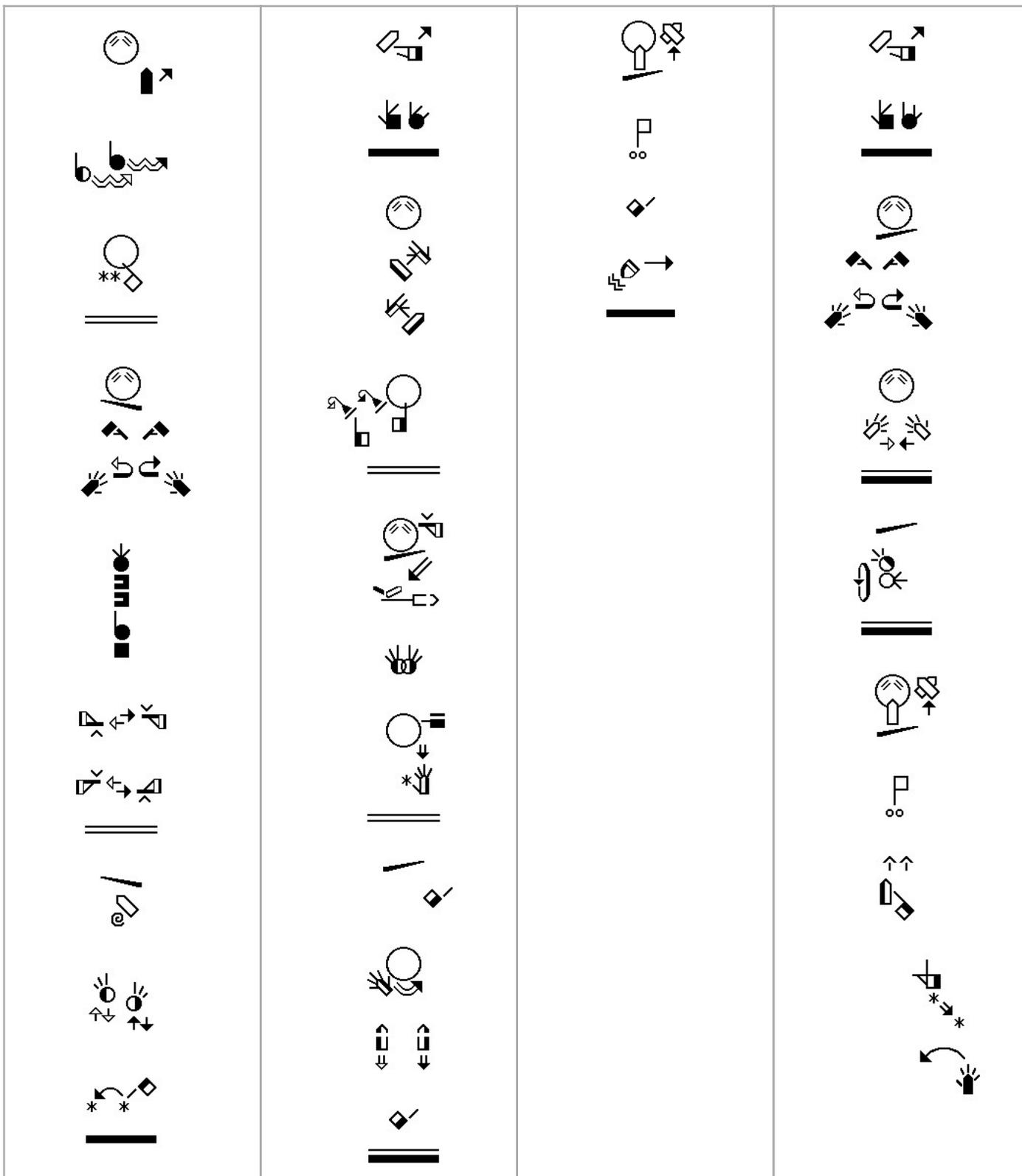


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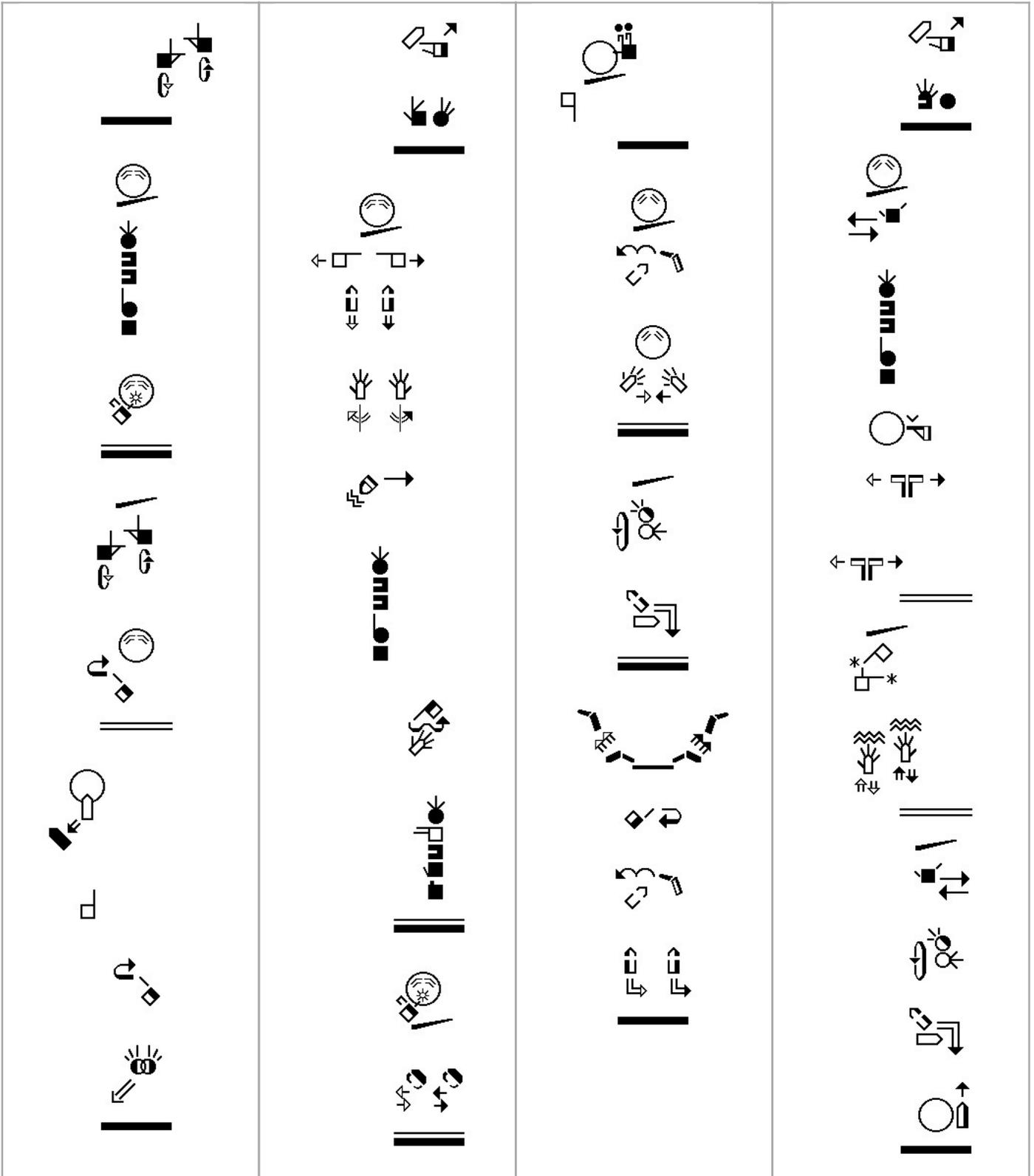
a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough." 34 Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. NLT



Matthew 13:36-38



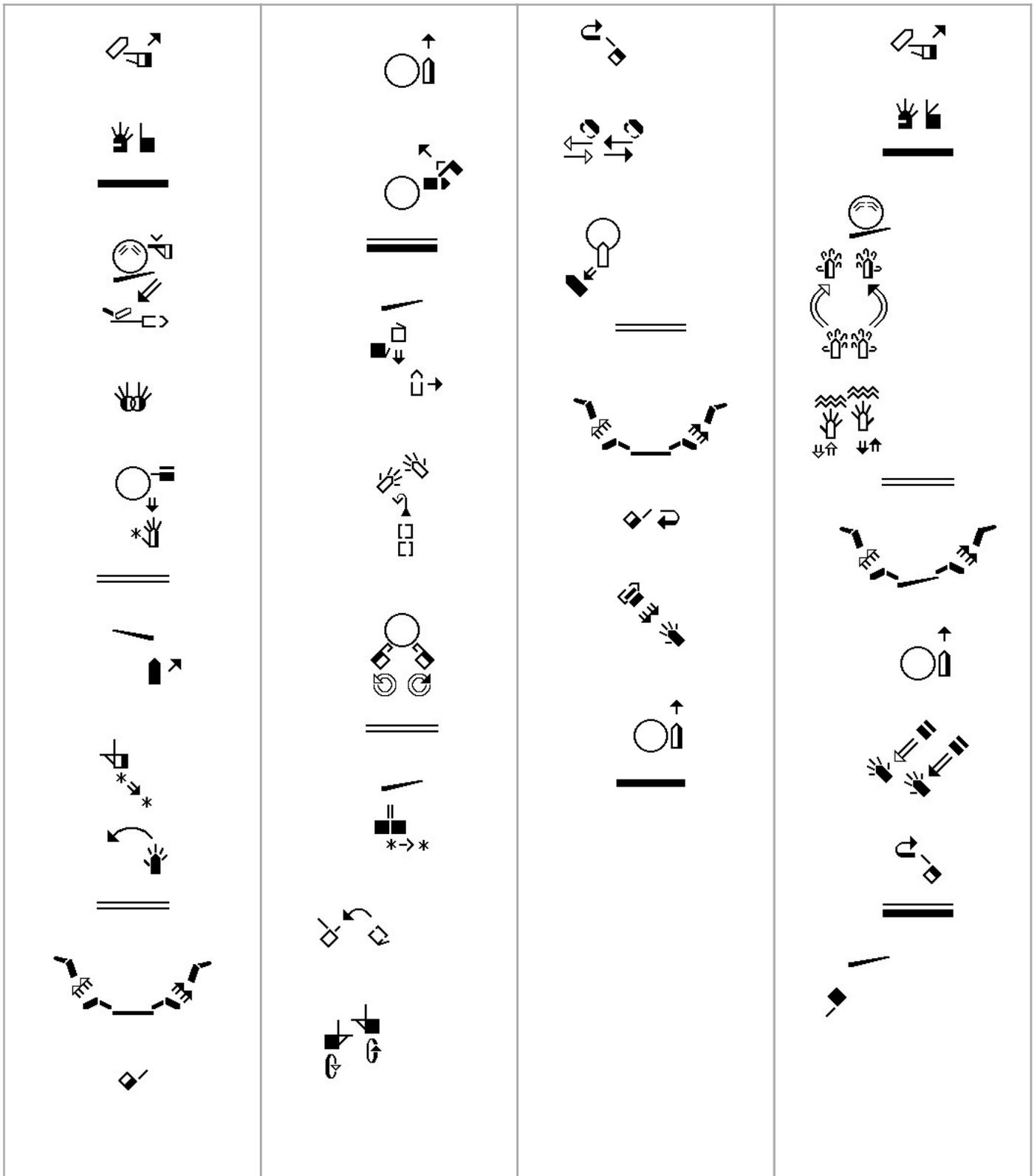
His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field." 37 Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. NLT



The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. 39 The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. 40 "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world.

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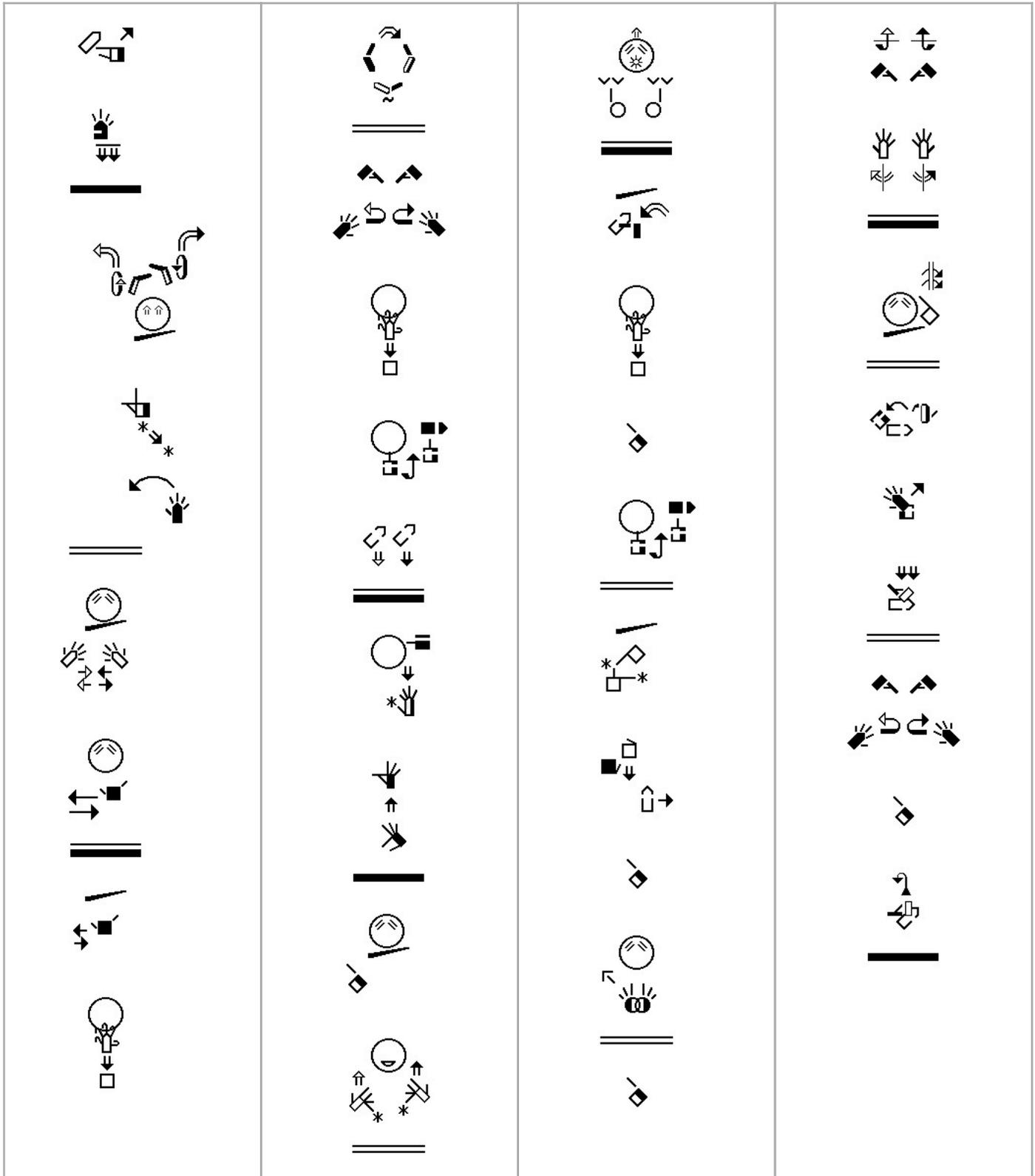
Matthew 13:41-42



240 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there NLT



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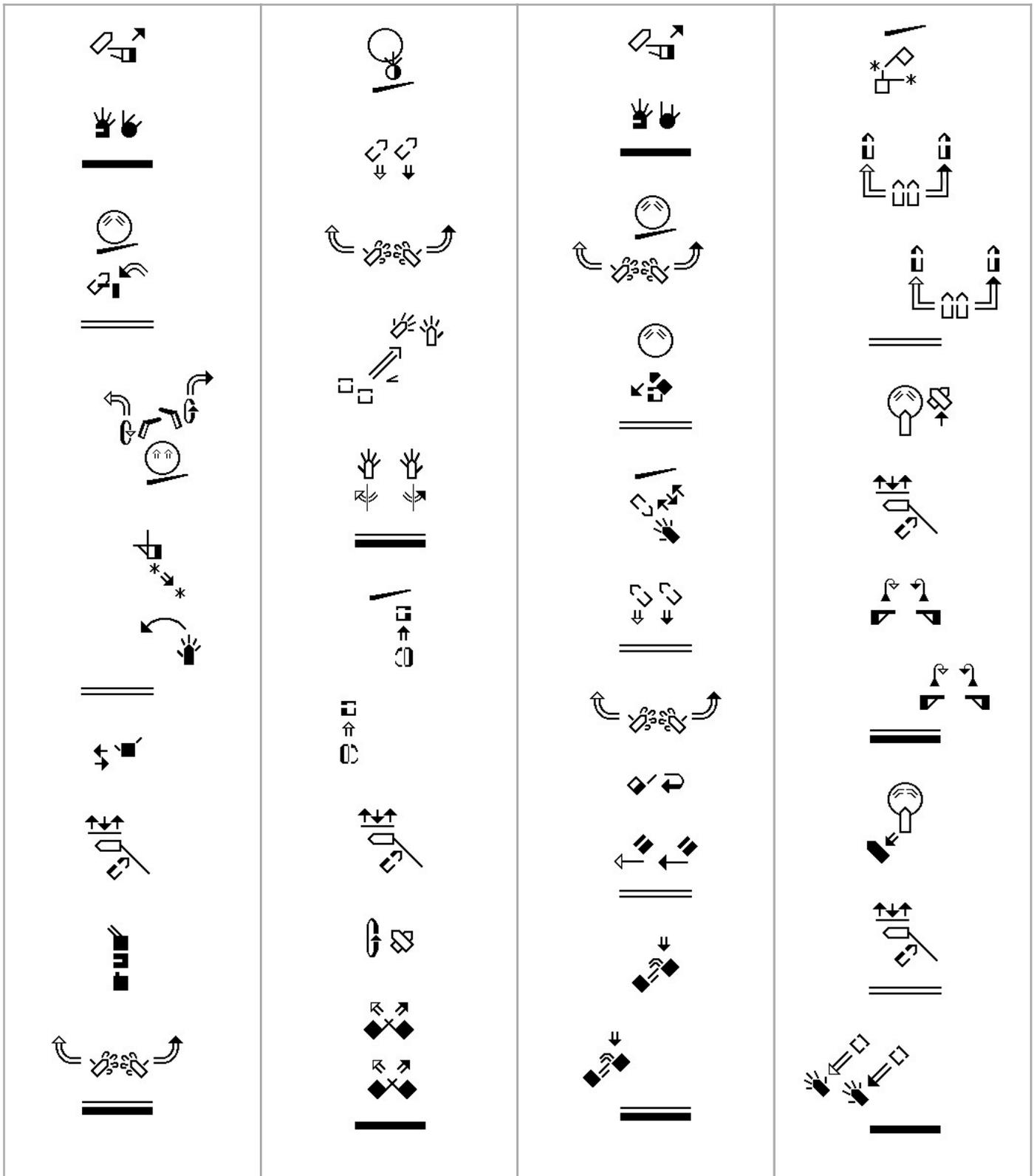


44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. NLT

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45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. 46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!  
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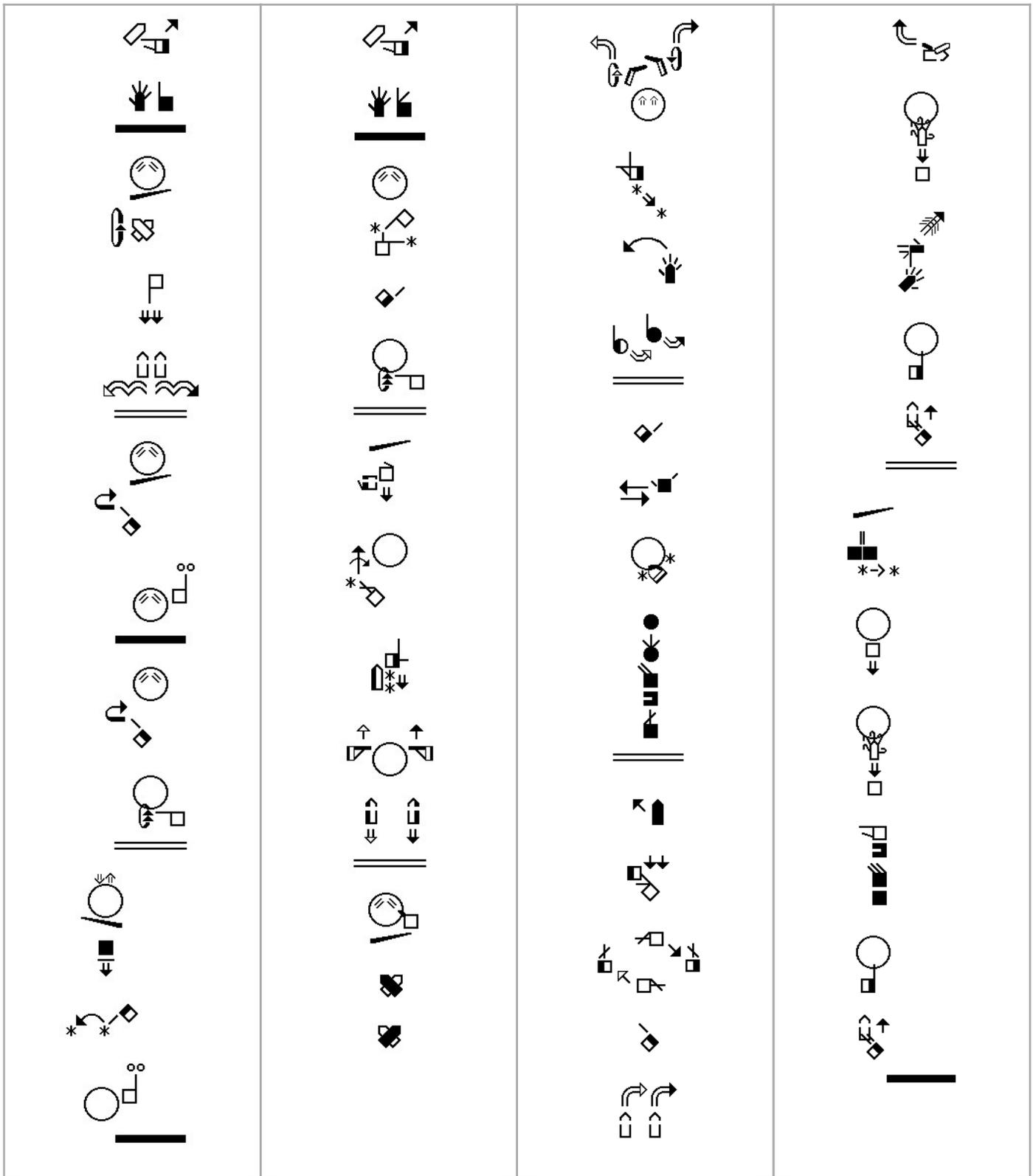
Matthew 13:47-48



47 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. 48 When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into the crates, but threw the bad ones away.  
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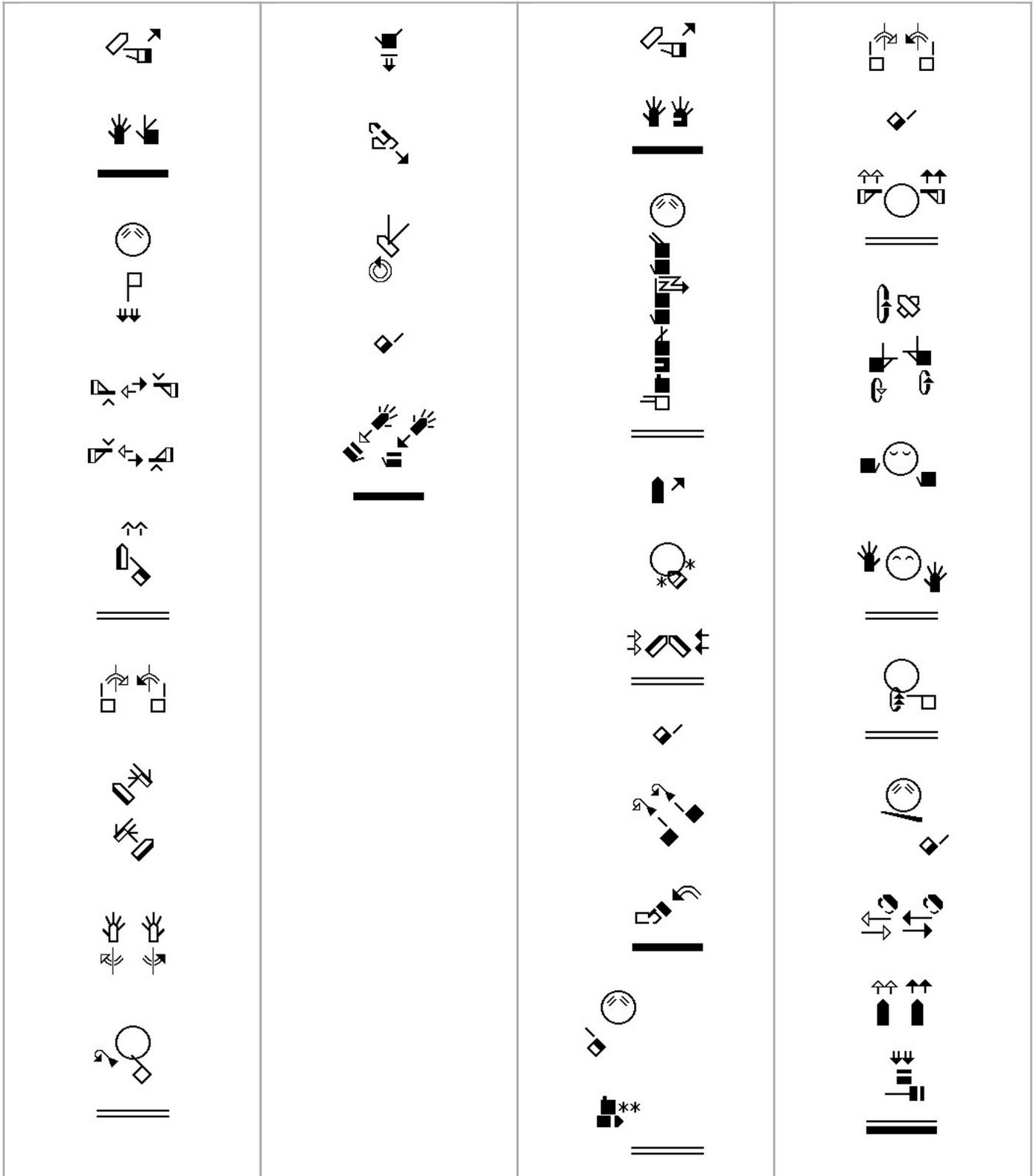


Matthew 13:51-52



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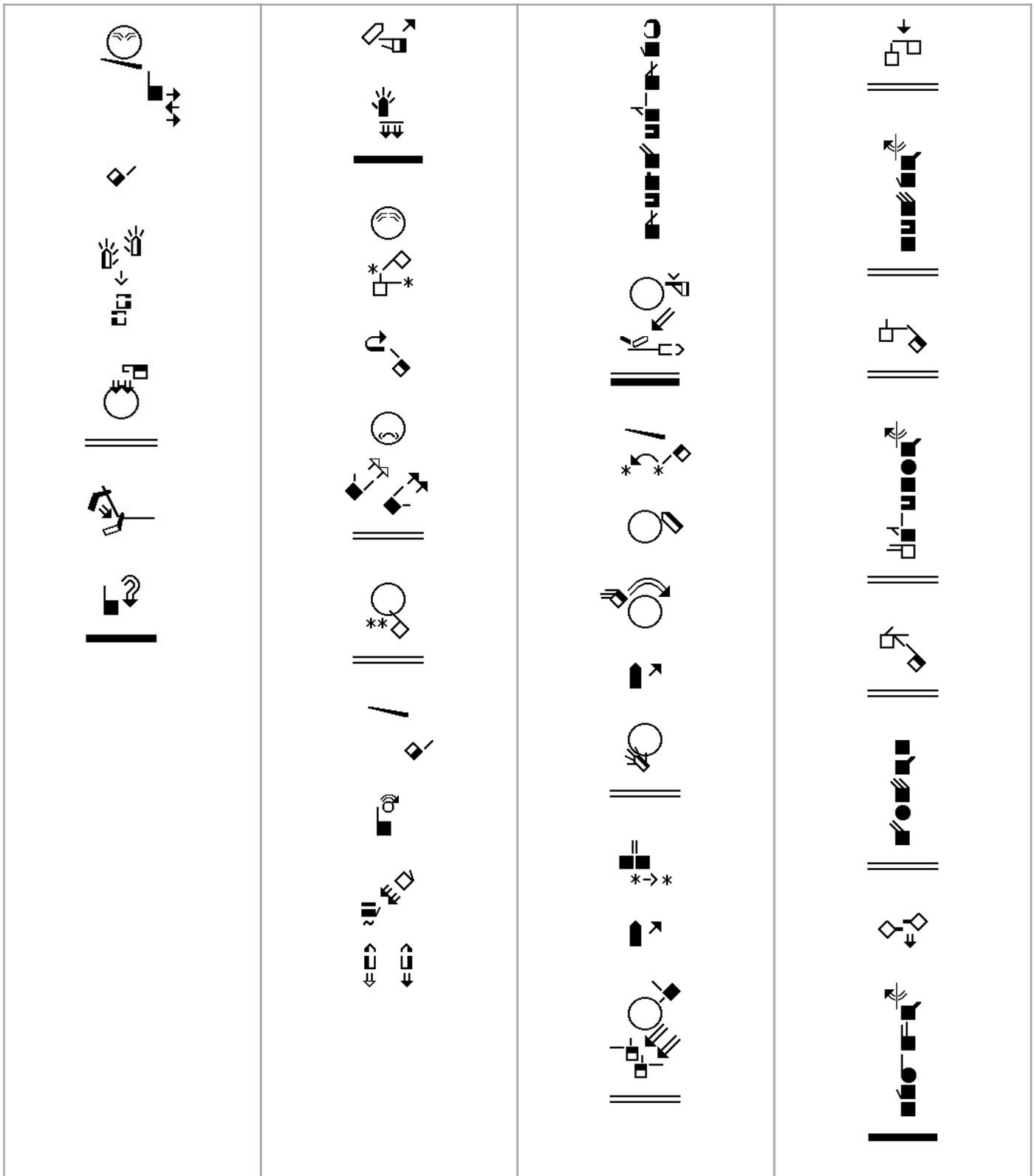
51 Do you understand all these things?" "Yes," they said, "we do." 52 Then he added, "Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old."  
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53 When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country. 54 He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said,

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Matthew 13:54-55

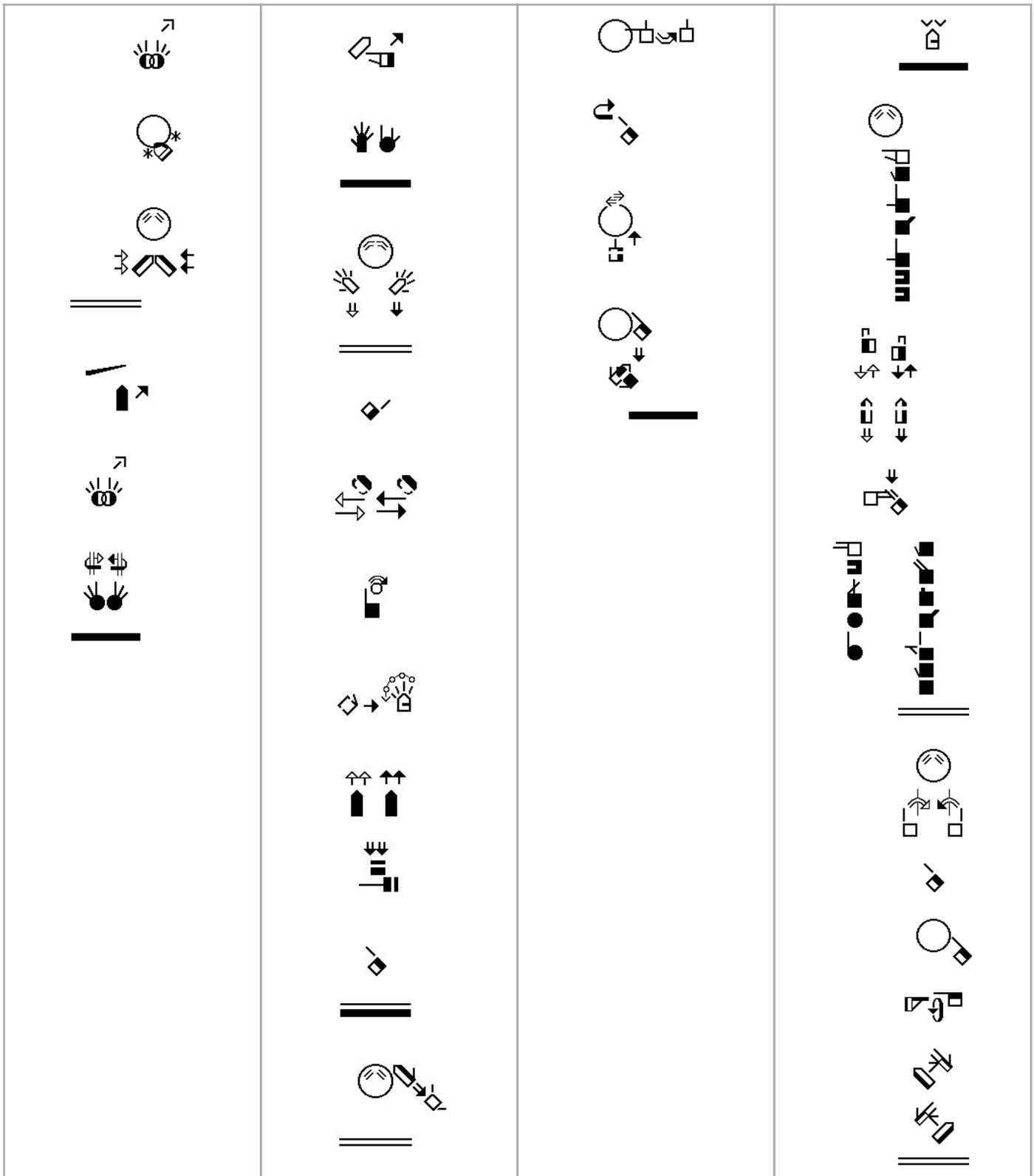


248 "Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?" 55 Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers -- James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. NLT

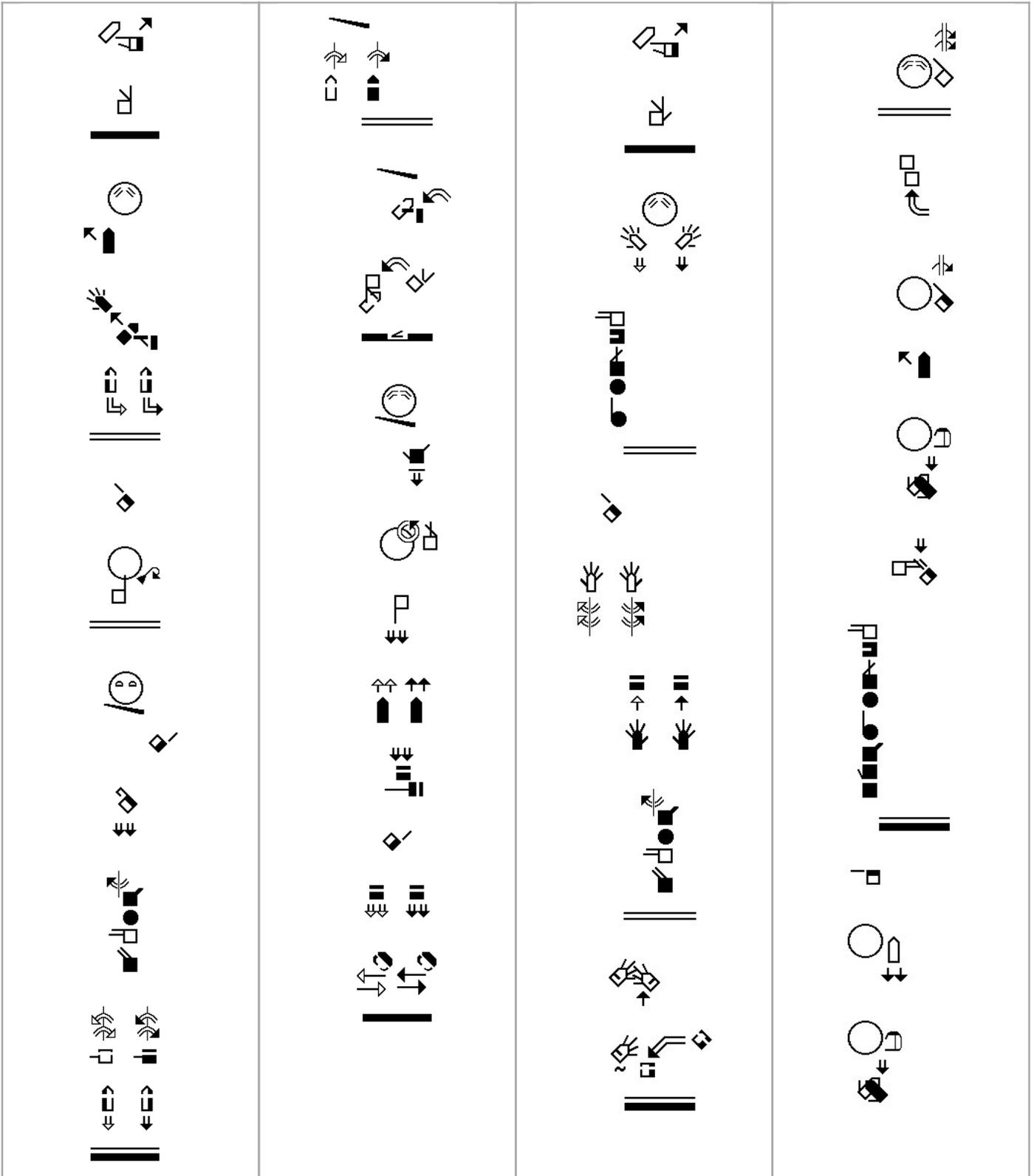
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56 All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?" 57 And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his NLT

Matthew 13:57-58, 14:1



own hometown and among his own family." 58 And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief. 14 When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about Jesus,



2 he said to his advisers, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead! That is why he can do such miracles." 3 For Herod had arrested and imprisoned John as a favor to his wife Herodias (the former wife

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Matthew 14:3-5

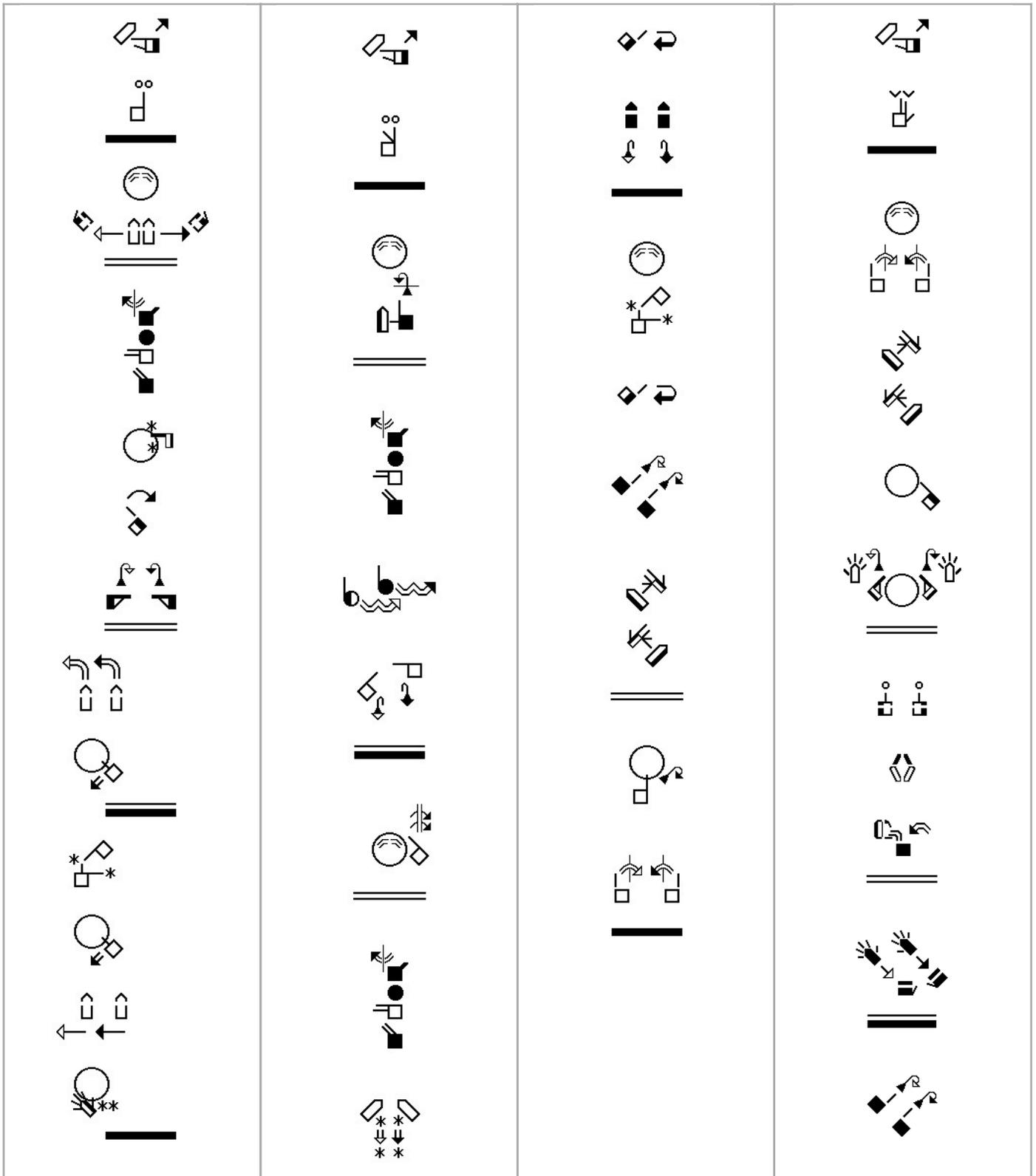
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the head of John the Baptist on a tray!" 9 Then the king regretted what he had said; but because of the vow he had made in front of his guests, he issued the necessary orders. 10 So John was beheaded in the prison, NLT

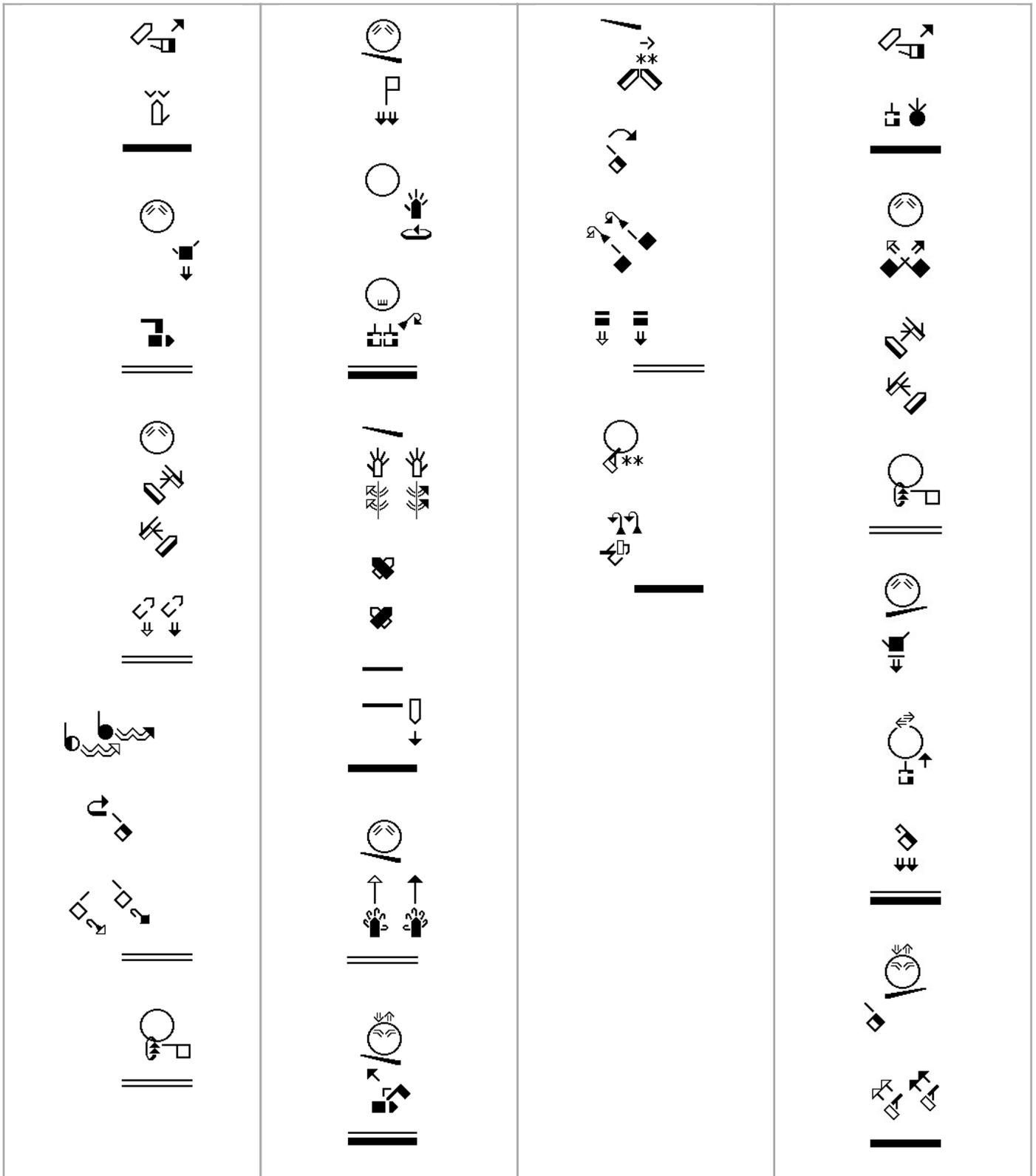


11 and his head was brought on a tray and given to the girl, who took it to her mother.  
 12 Later, John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.  
 13 As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to NLT

Matthew 14:13-14

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a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. 14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. NLT

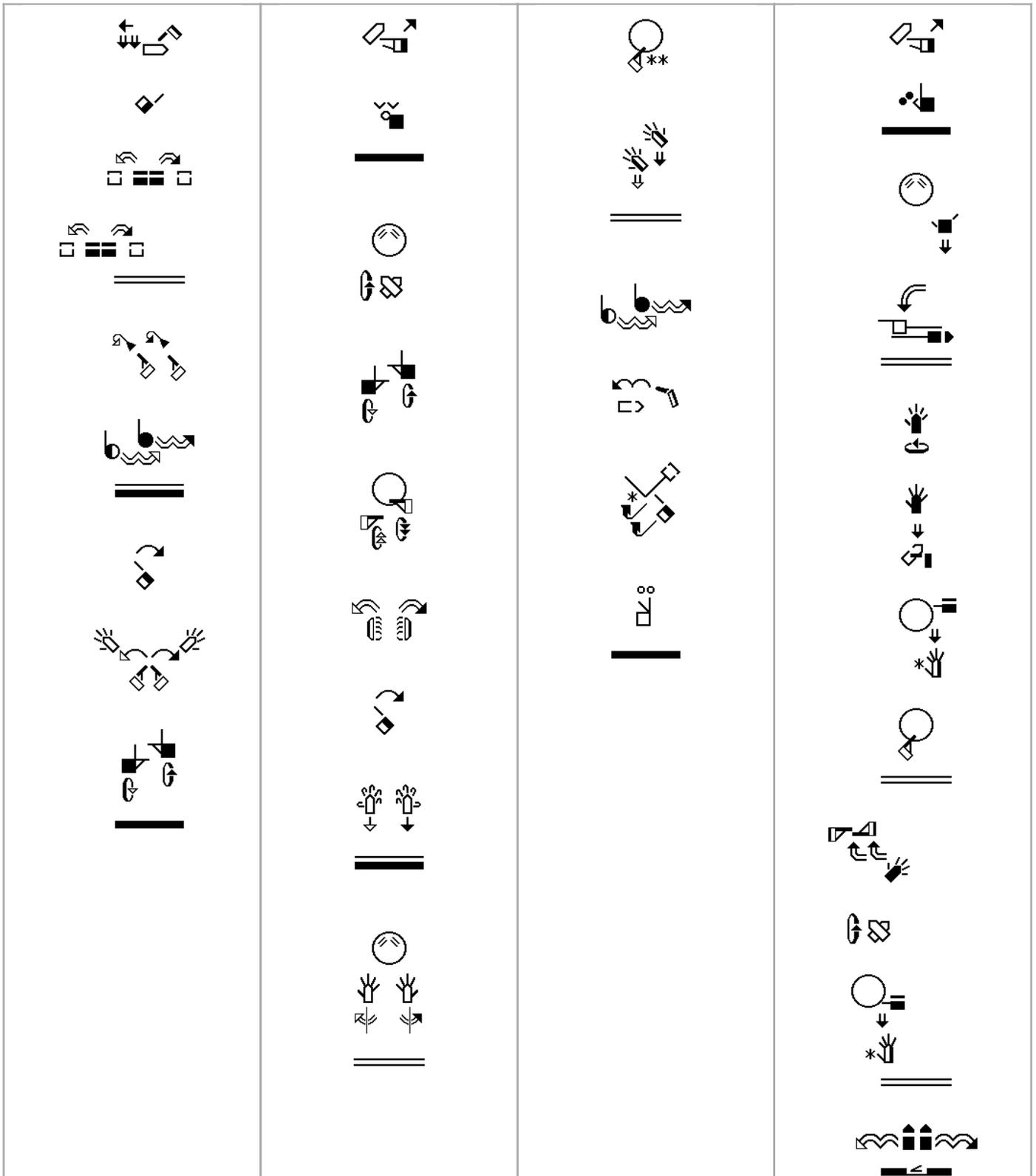


15 That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary -- you feed them." NLT

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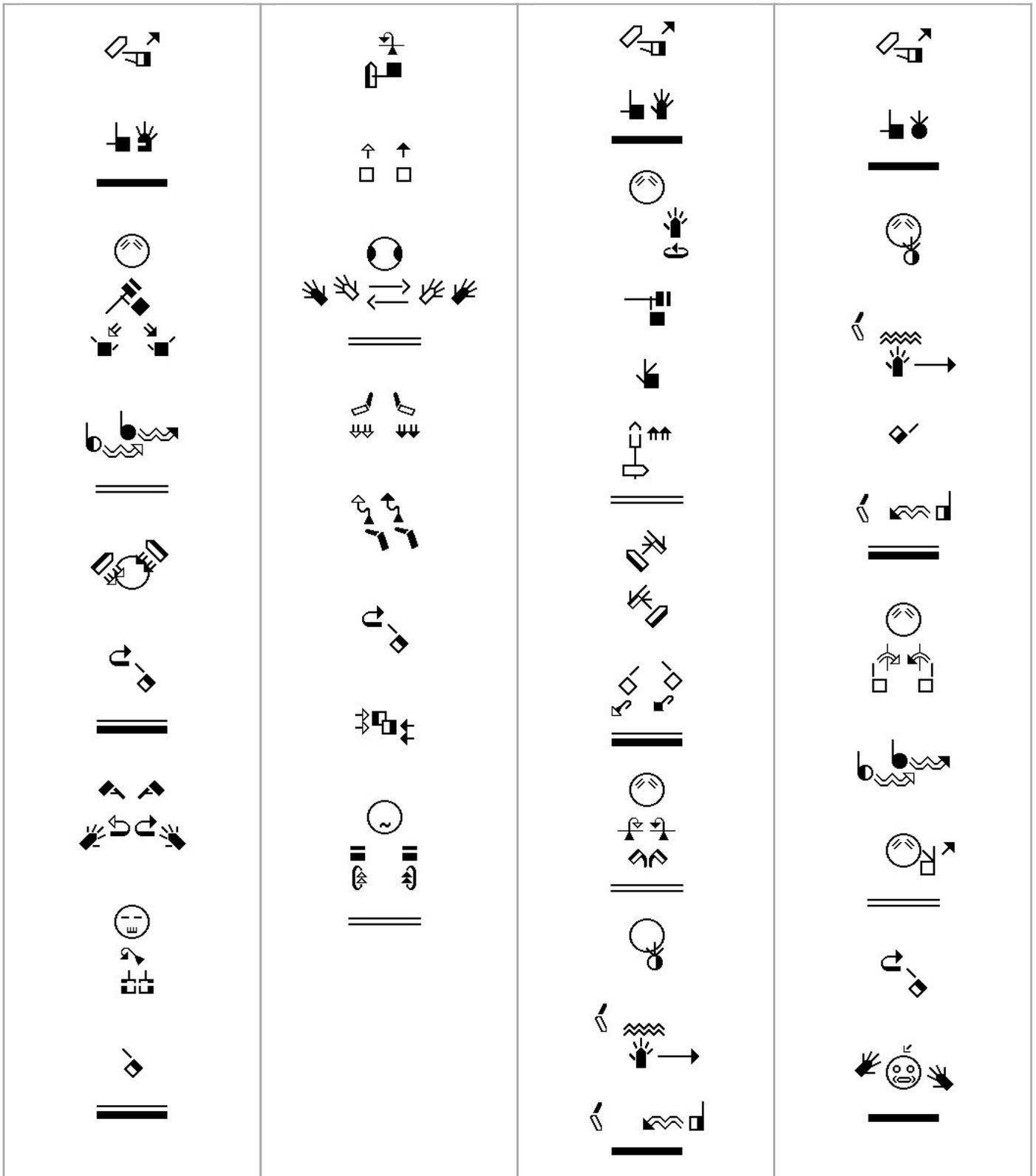
17 "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered. 18 "Bring them here," he said. 19 Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, NLT



breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. 20 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. 21 About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

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24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified.

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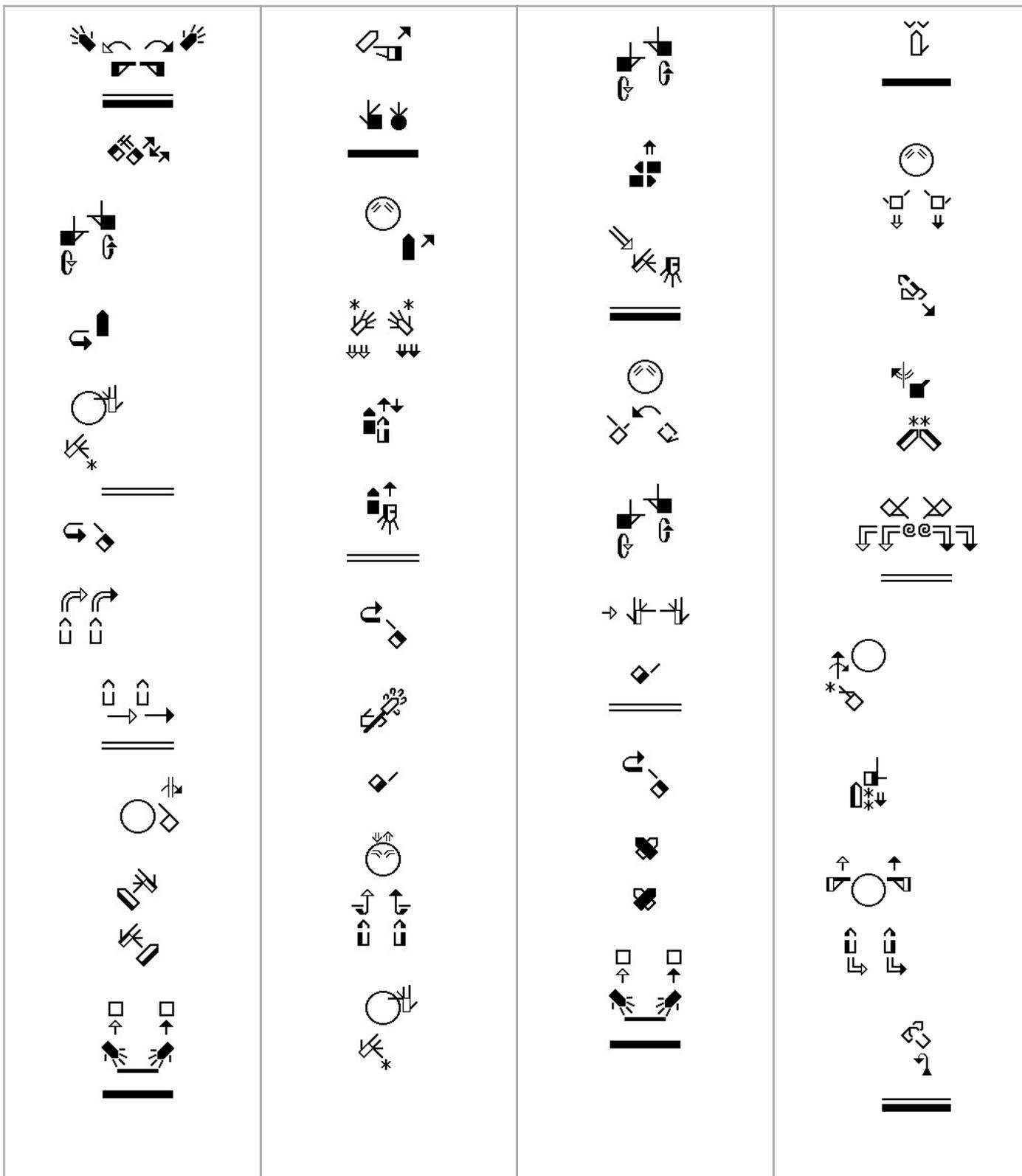


Matthew 14:30-32

<p>A pictograph showing a person in a boat with a storm brewing. The person is holding a small square, possibly a piece of wood or a tool. The boat is on a wavy line representing water. Above the boat, there are dark, jagged shapes representing clouds or a storm.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person in a boat with a storm brewing. The person is holding a small square, possibly a piece of wood or a tool. The boat is on a wavy line representing water. Above the boat, there are dark, jagged shapes representing clouds or a storm.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person in a boat with a storm brewing. The person is holding a small square, possibly a piece of wood or a tool. The boat is on a wavy line representing water. Above the boat, there are dark, jagged shapes representing clouds or a storm.</p>	<p>A pictograph showing a person in a boat with a storm brewing. The person is holding a small square, possibly a piece of wood or a tool. The boat is on a wavy line representing water. Above the boat, there are dark, jagged shapes representing clouds or a storm.</p>
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and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" 32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. NLT





spread quickly throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. 36 They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed. 15. Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem



Matthew 15:3-4

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5 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' 6 In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents.

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Matthew 15:6-8

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And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 8 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. NLT

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9 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God."  
 10 Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "Listen," he said, "and try to understand. NLT

Matthew 15:11-12

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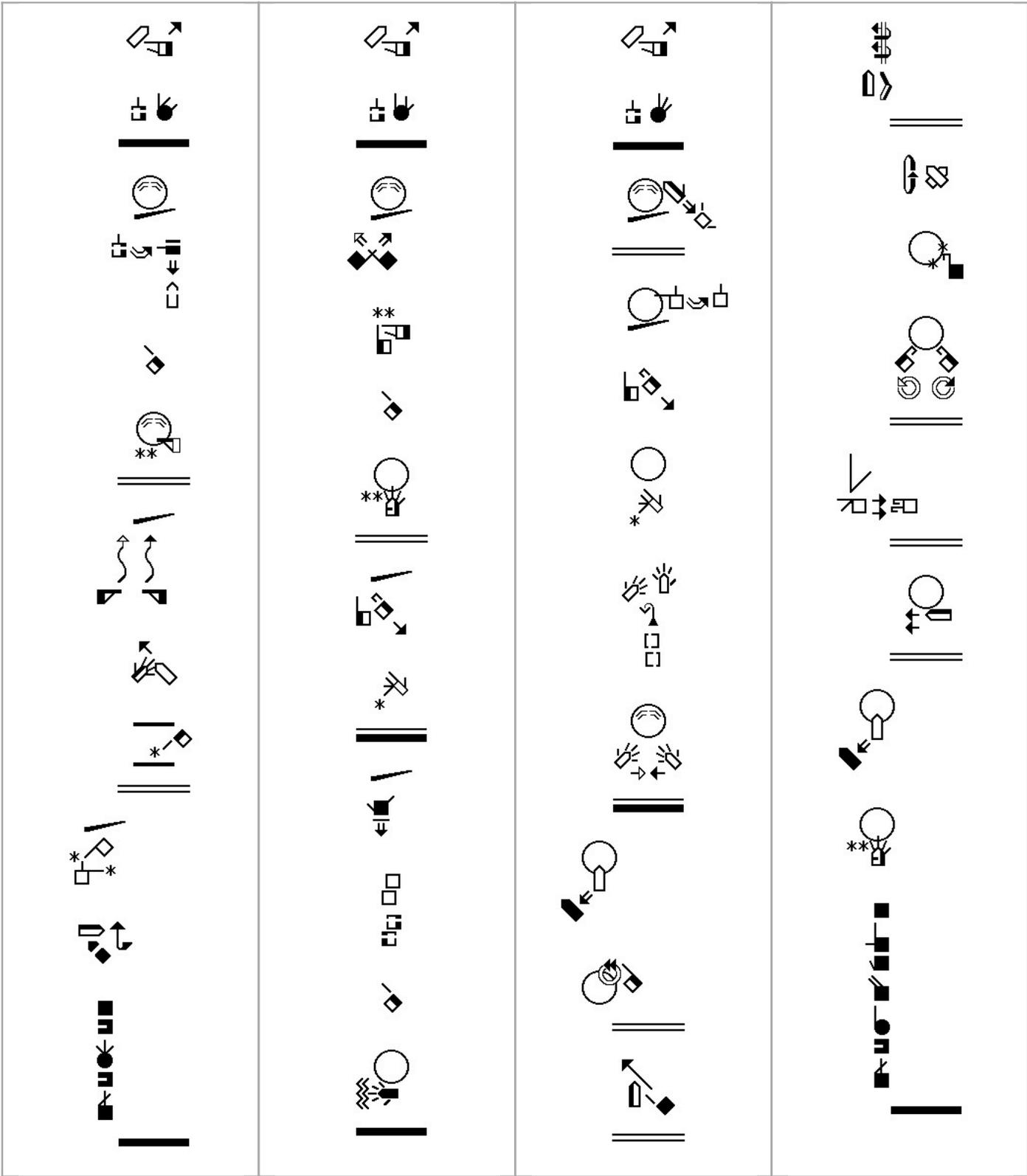
11 It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth." 12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?" NLT



Matthew 15:14-16

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they will both fall into a ditch." 15 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat." 16 "Don't you understand yet?" Jesus asked. NLT



17 "Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. 18 But the words you speak come from the heart -- that's what defiles you. 19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

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<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a small object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 3. A thick horizontal bar. 4. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 13. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 14. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 15. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a small object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A thick horizontal bar. 3. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 4. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 13. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 14. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 15. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a small object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A thick horizontal bar. 3. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 4. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 13. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 14. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 15. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a small object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A thick horizontal bar. 3. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 4. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 13. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 14. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right. 15. A hand with fingers spread, arrow pointing up and right.</p>
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22 A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely." 23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his

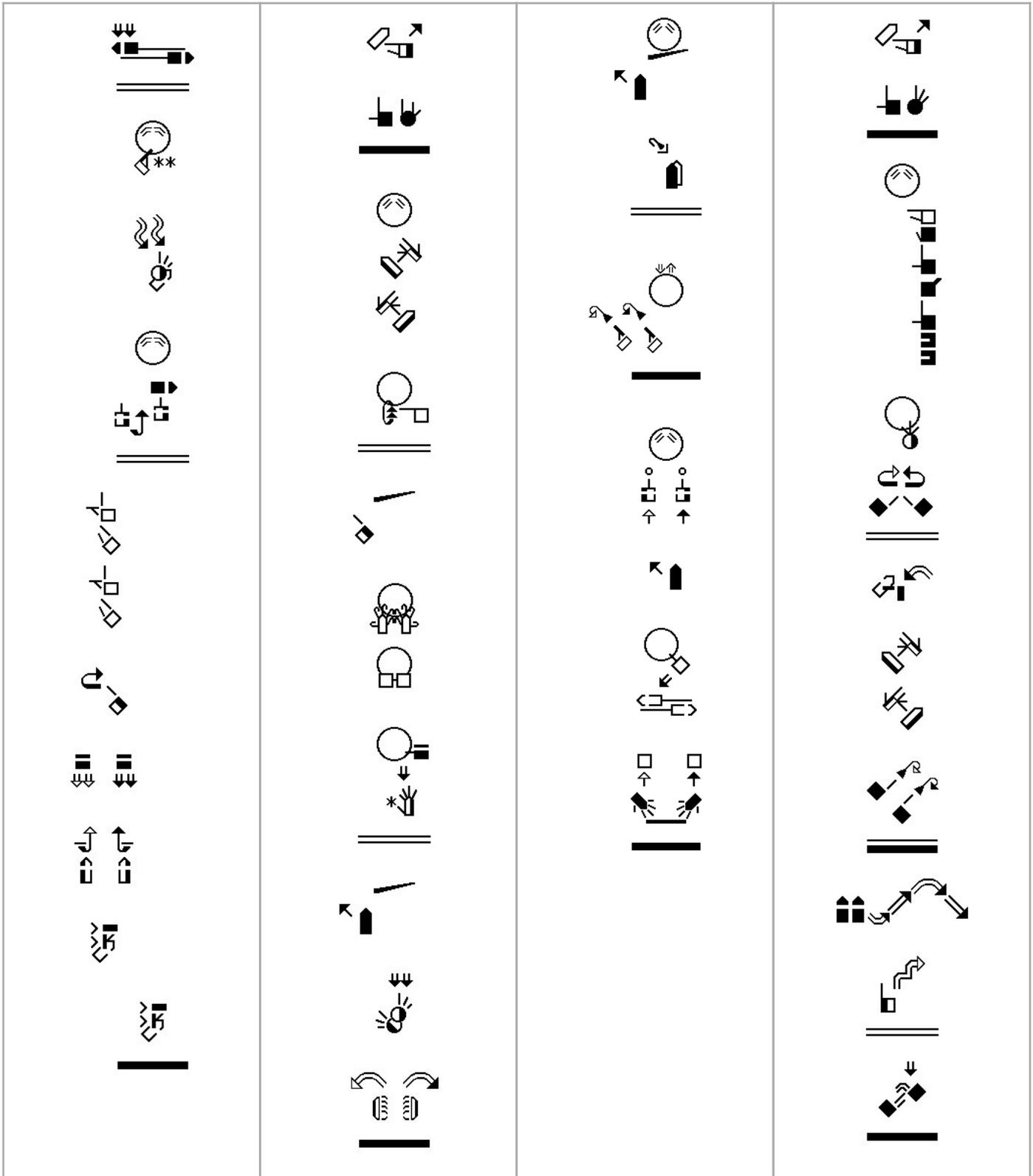
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Matthew 15:27-29



even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their master's table." 28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed. 29 Jesus returned to the Sea of Galilee and climbed a hill and sat down.



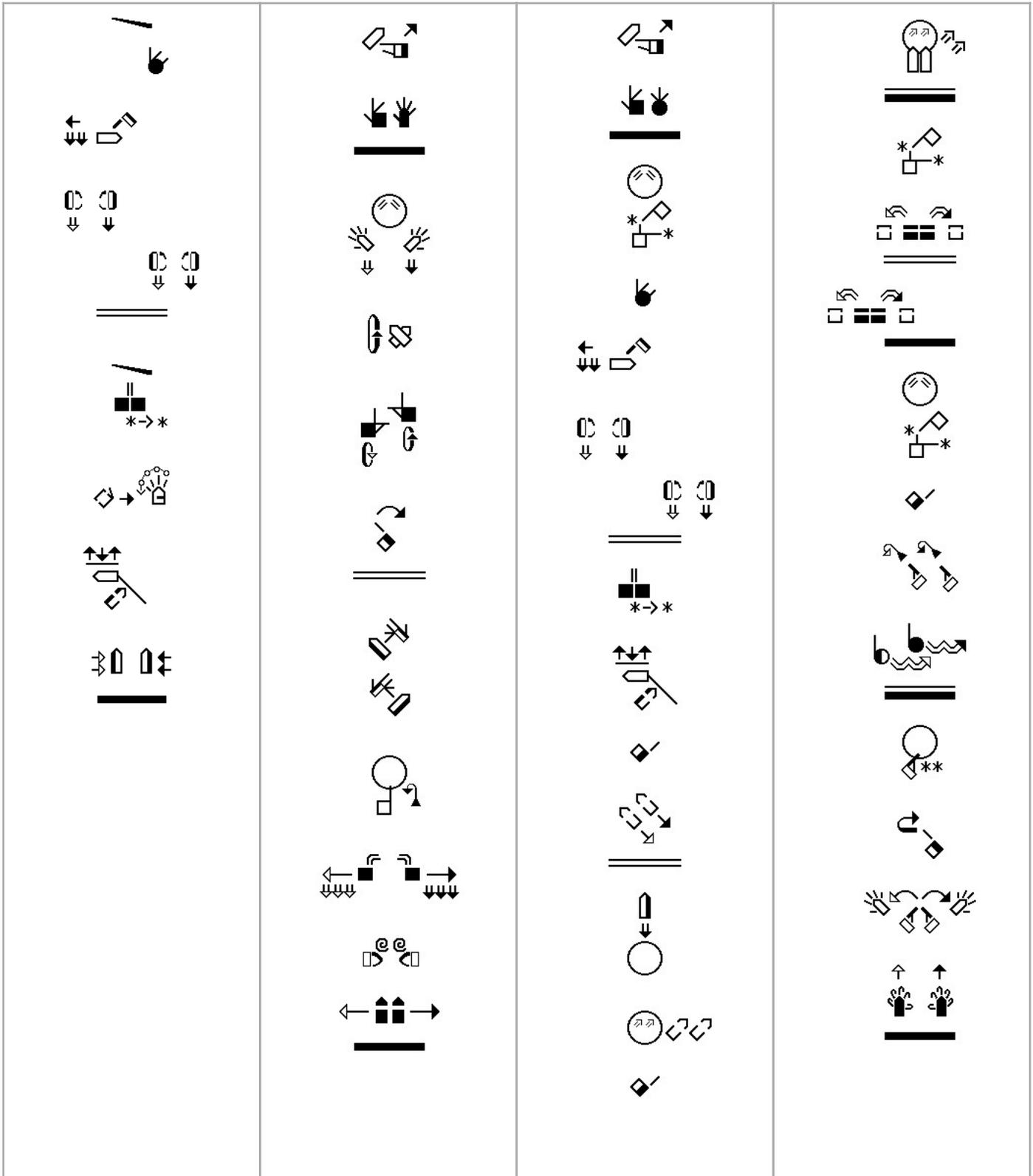


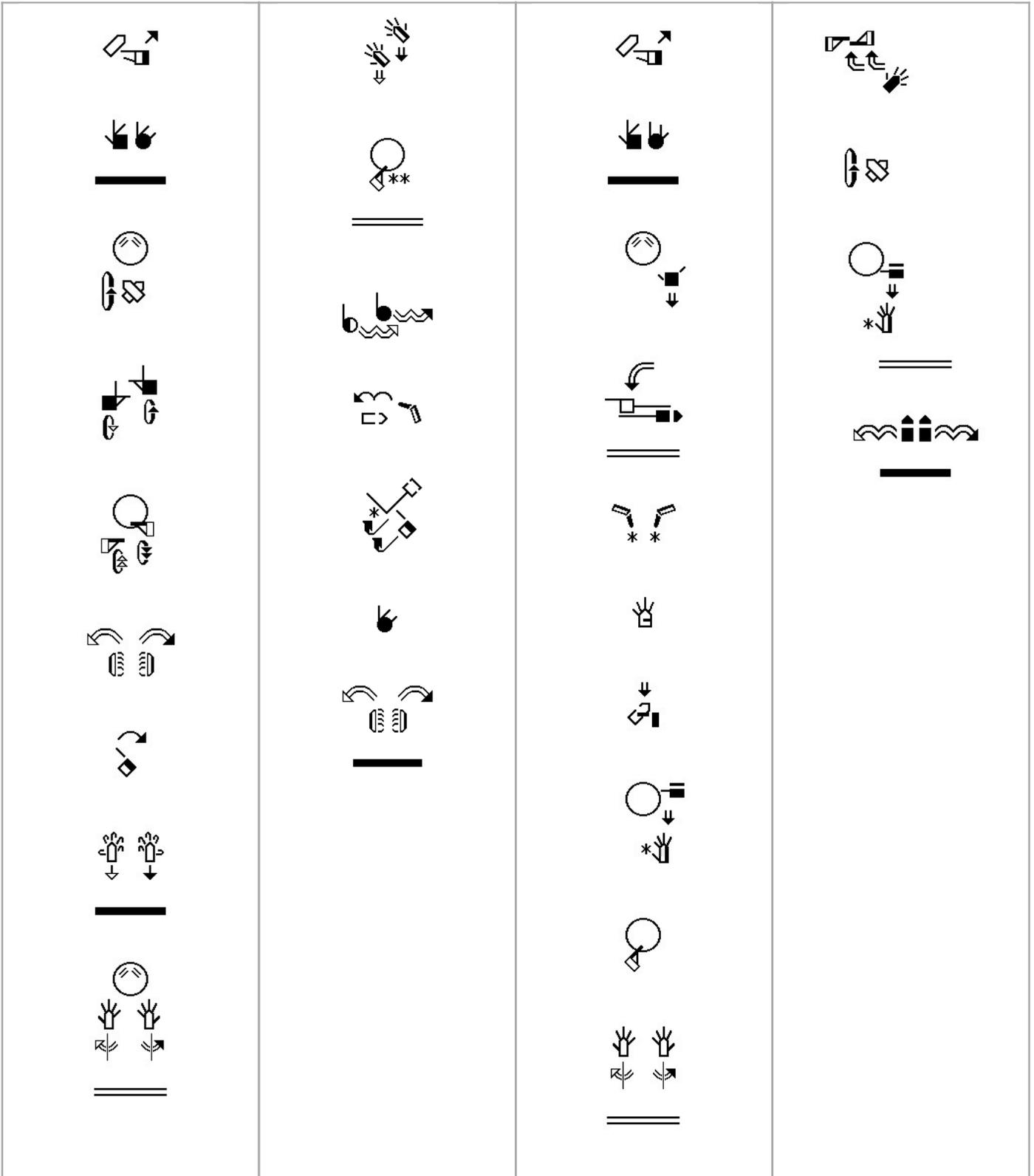
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I don't want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the way." 33 The disciples replied, "Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd?" 34 Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" They replied,

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Matthew 15:34-36

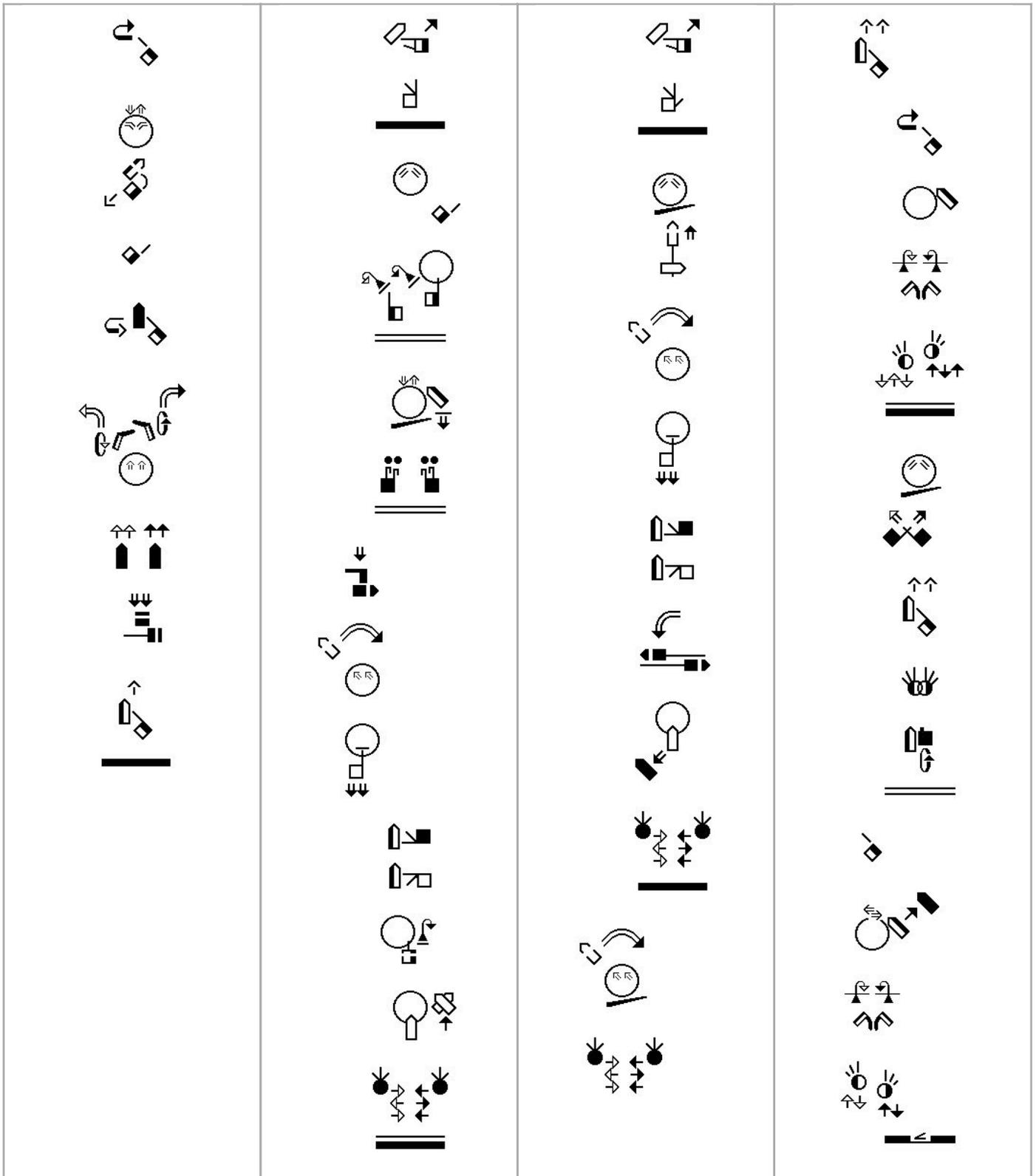




37 They all ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. 38 There were 4,000 men who were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children.

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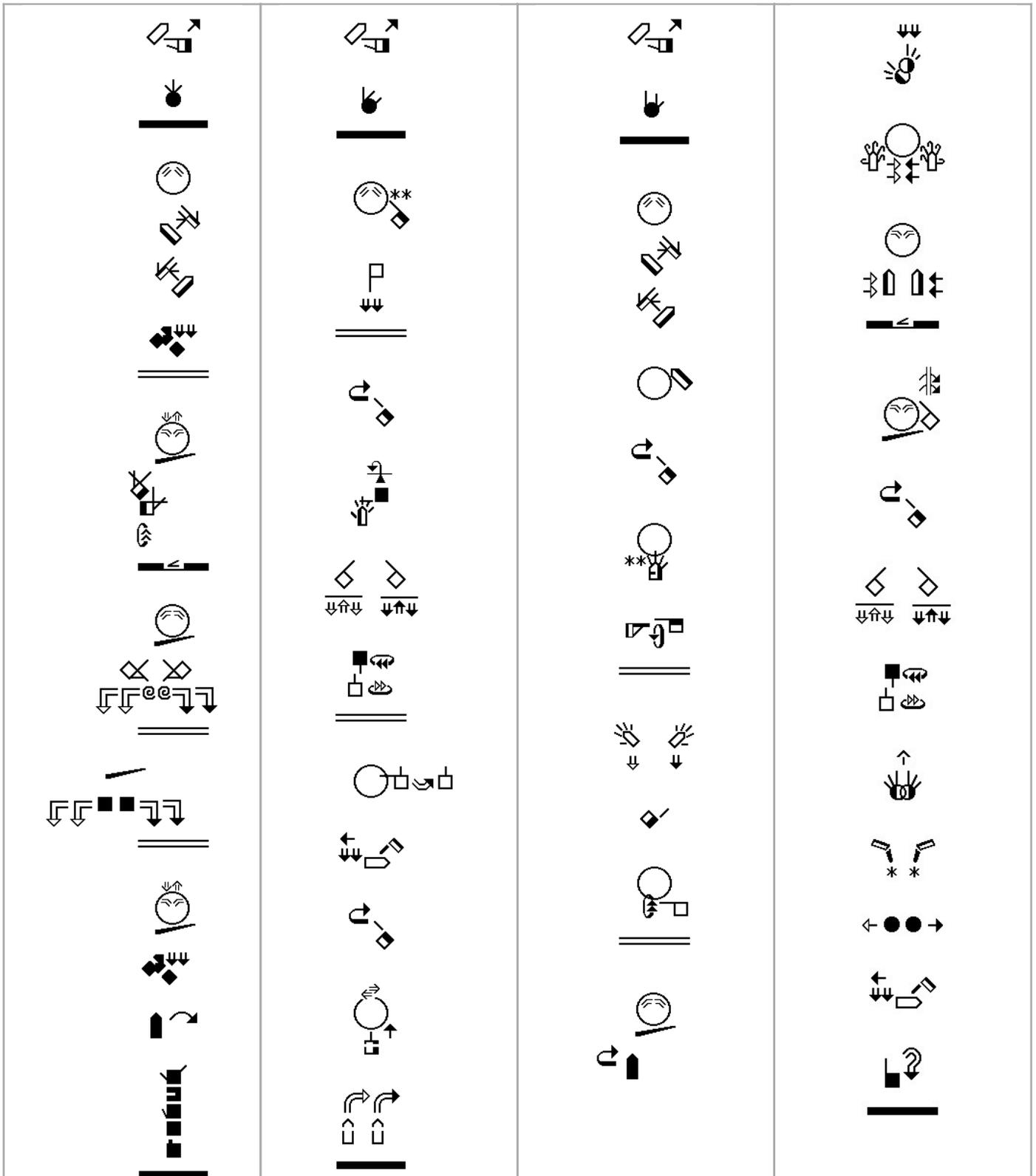




demanding that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. 2 He replied, "You know the saying, 'Red sky at night means fair weather tomorrow; 3 red sky in the morning means foul weather all day.' You know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but you don't know how to interpret the signs of the times!

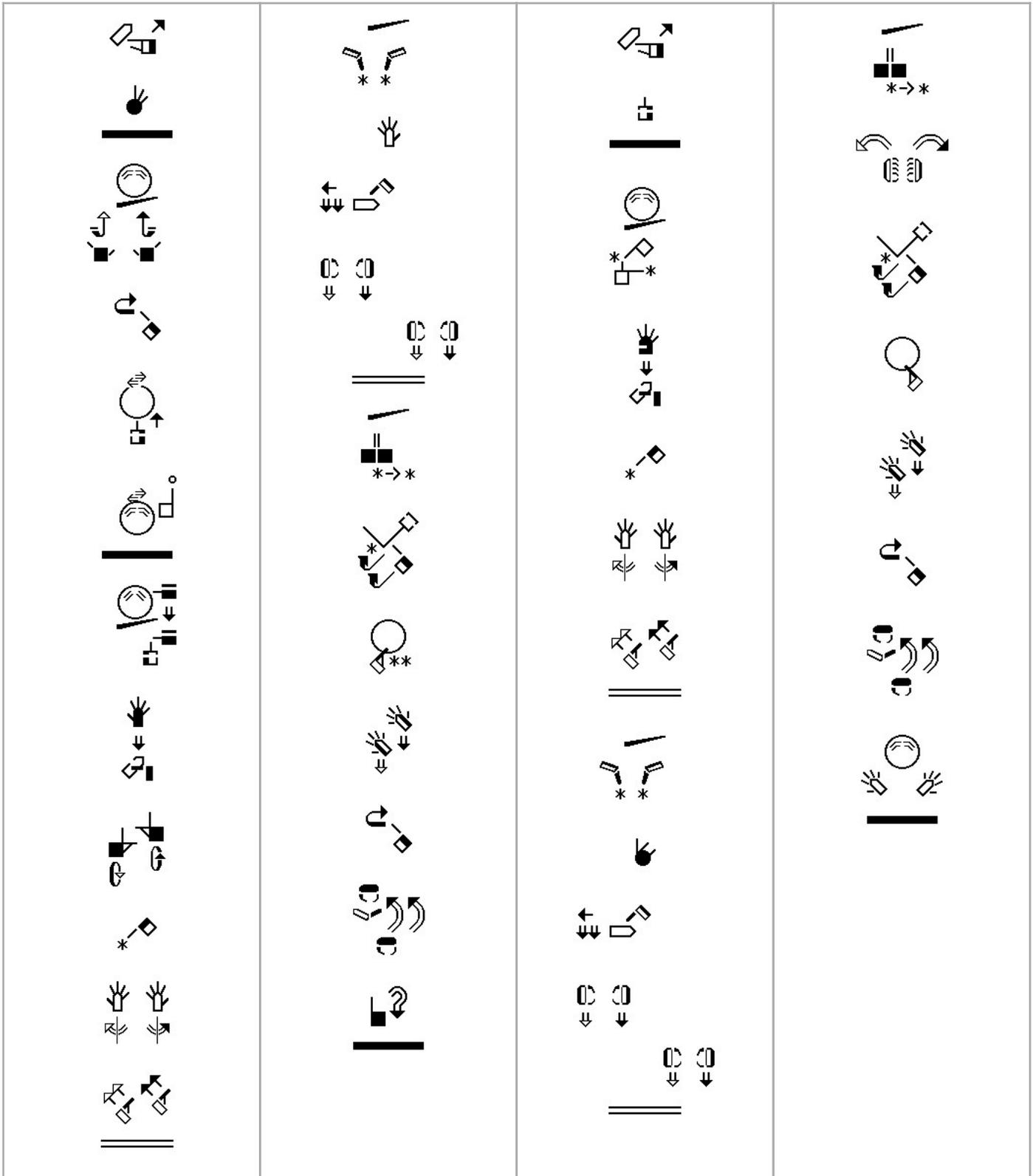
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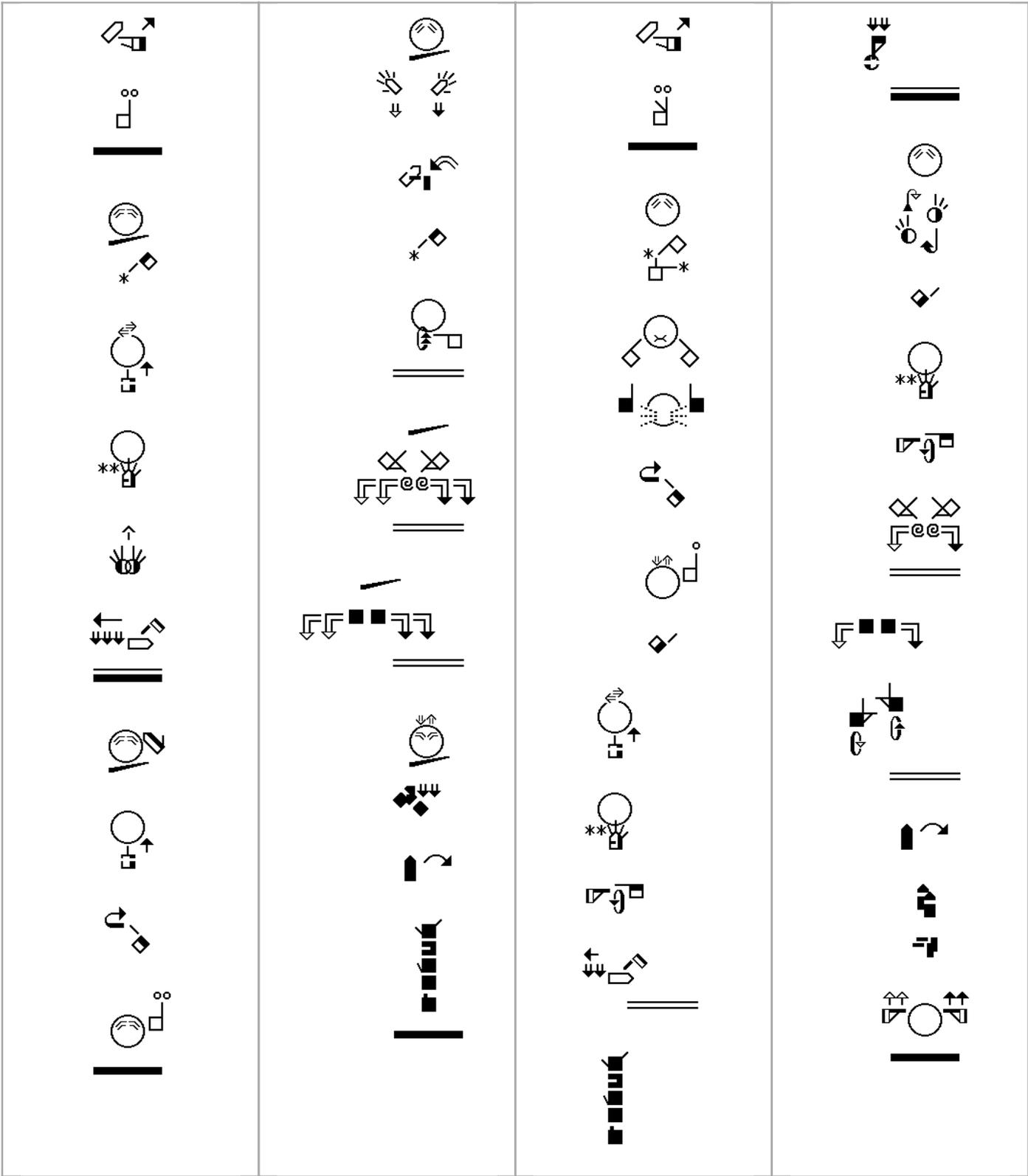


6 "Watch out!" Jesus warned them. "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 7 At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn't brought any bread. 8 Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "You have so little faith! Why are you arguing with each other about having no bread?" NLT

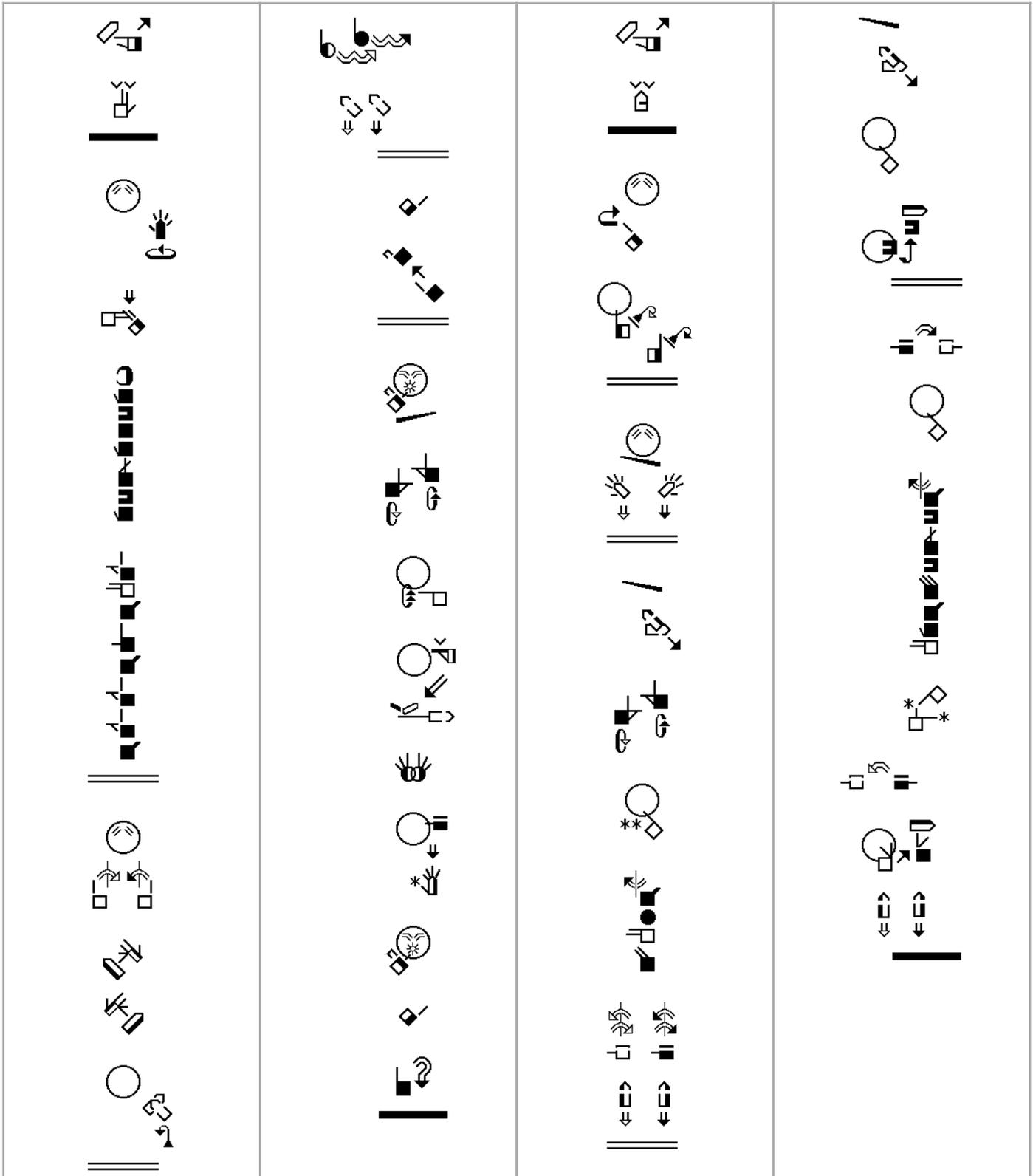
Matthew 16:9-10



9 Don't you understand even yet? Don't you remember the 5,000 I fed with five loaves, and the baskets of leftovers you picked up? 10 Or the 4,000 I fed with seven loaves, and the large baskets of leftovers you picked up? NLT



11 Why can't you understand that I'm not talking about bread? So again I say, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.'" 12 Then at last they understood that he wasn't speaking about the yeast in bread, but about the deceptive teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. NLT



13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." NLT





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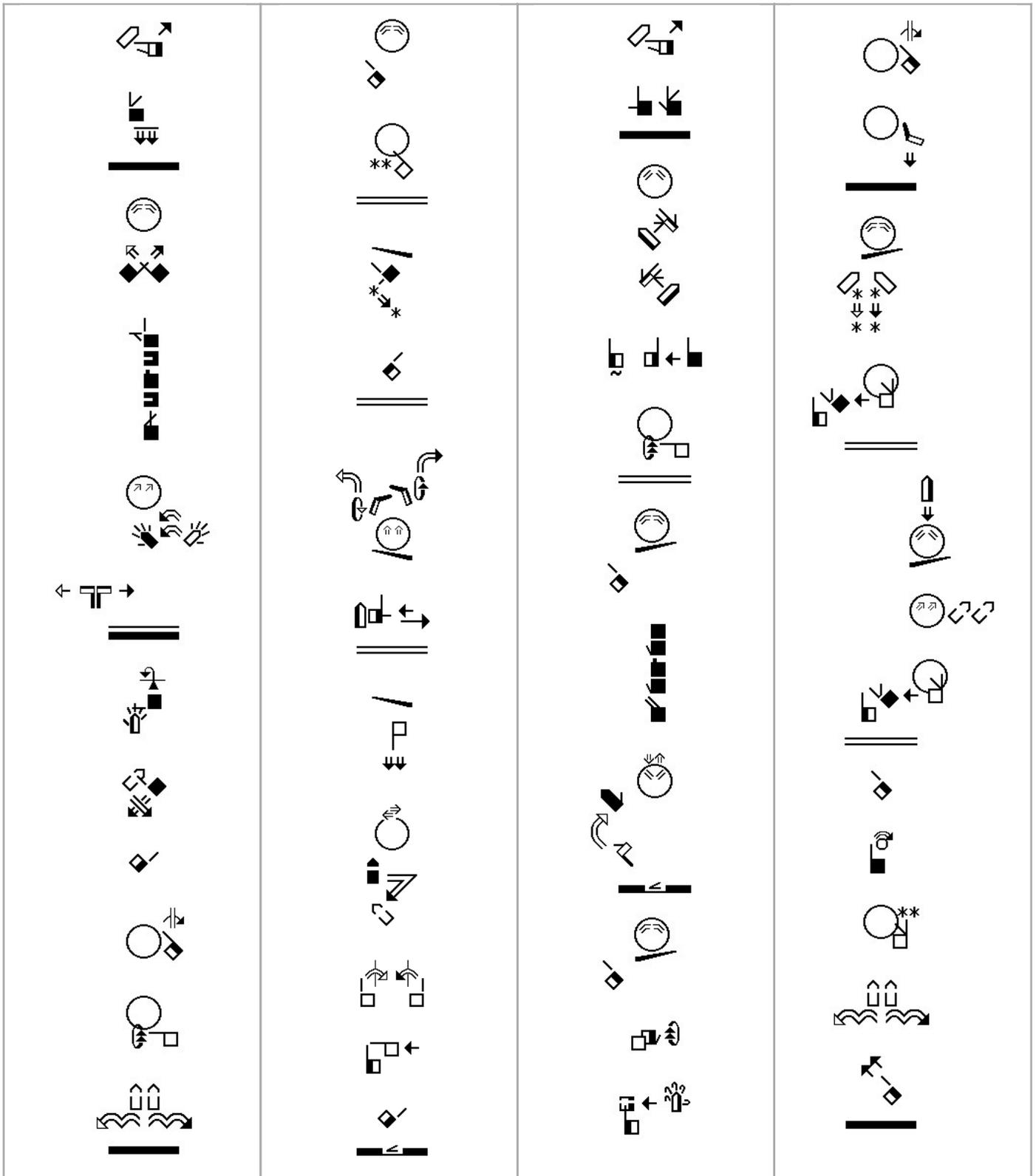
Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." 20 Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Matthew 16:21

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21 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. NLT

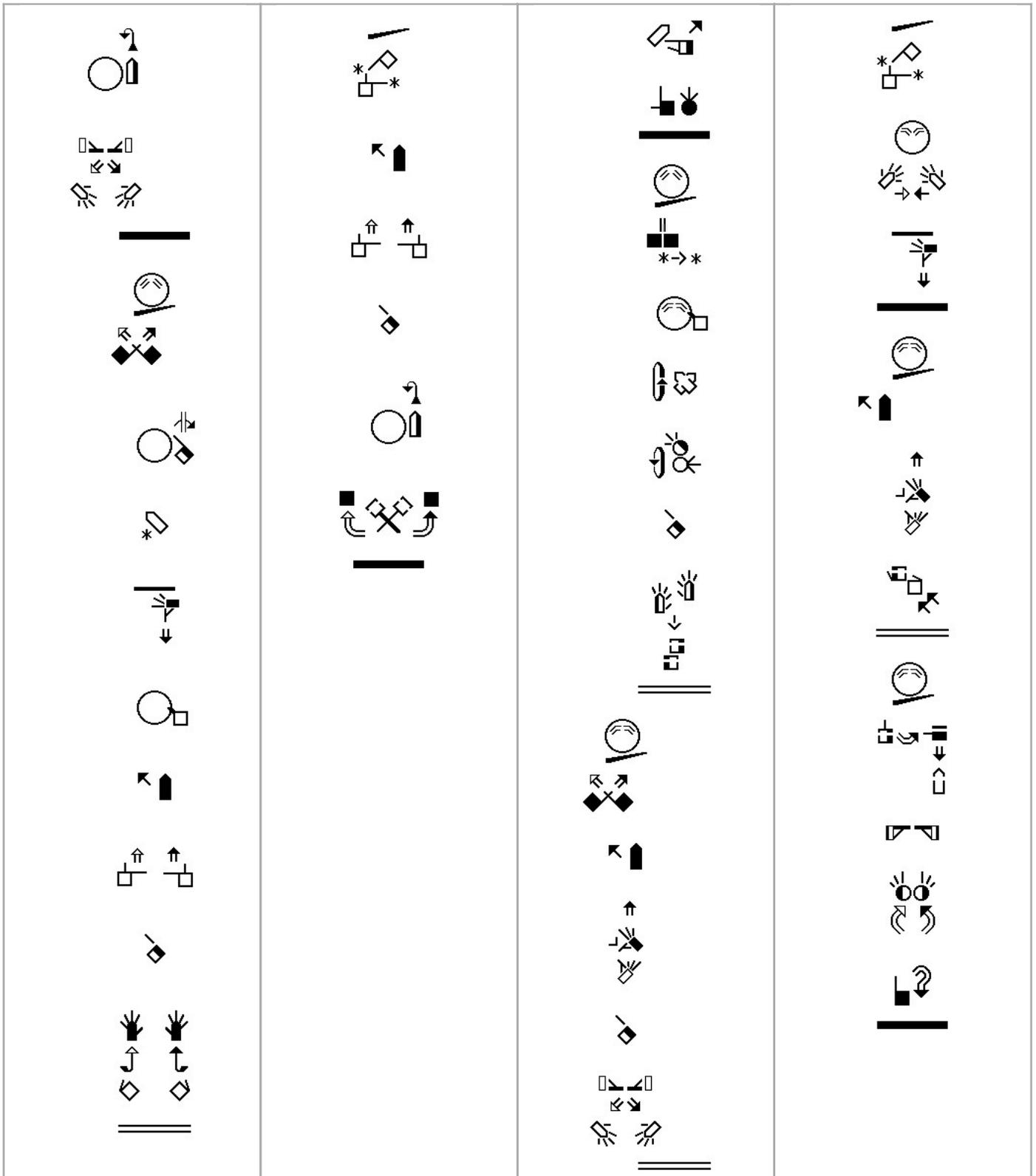


22 But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

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Matthew 16:24-25

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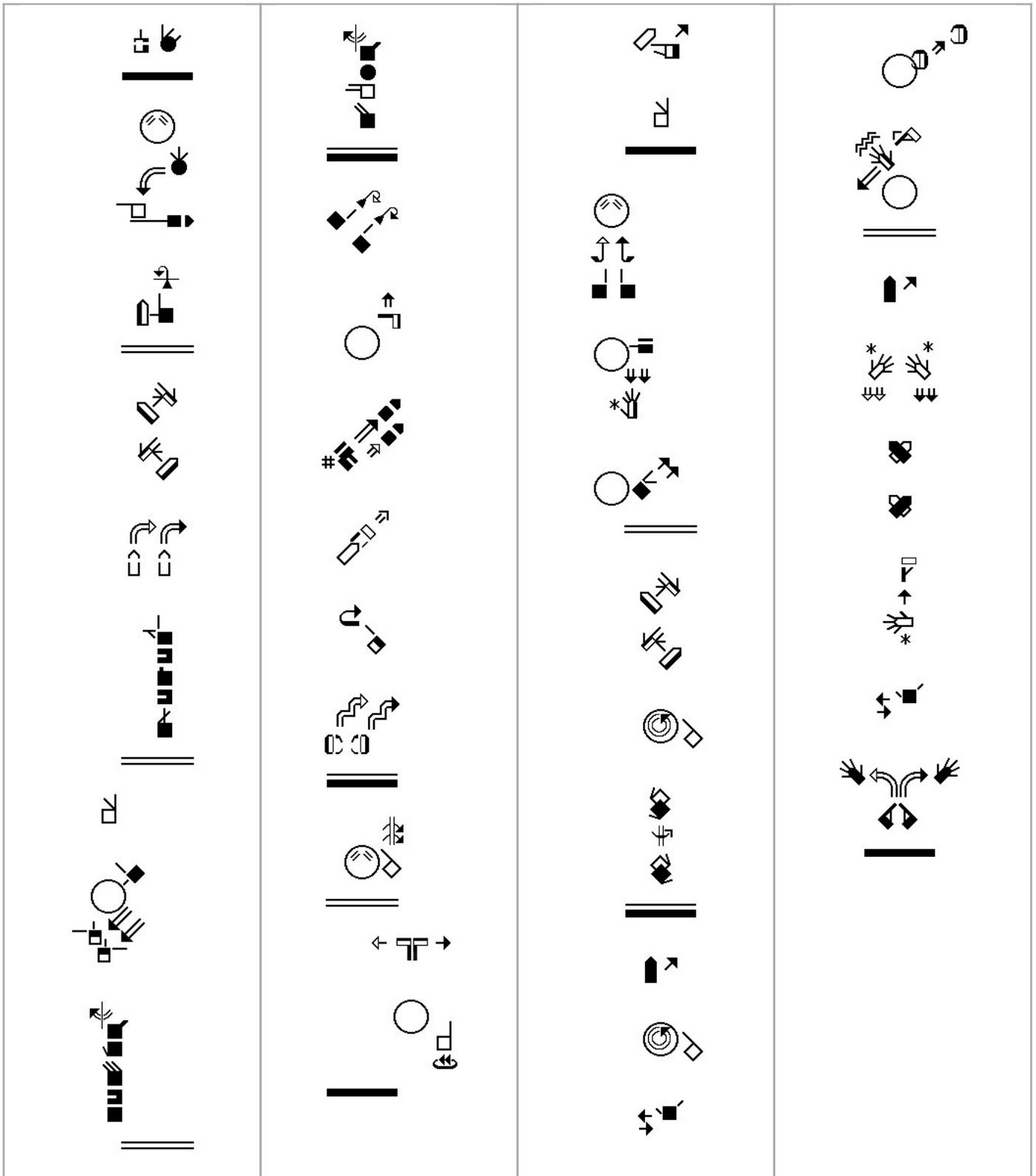


will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? NLT

Matthew 16:27-28

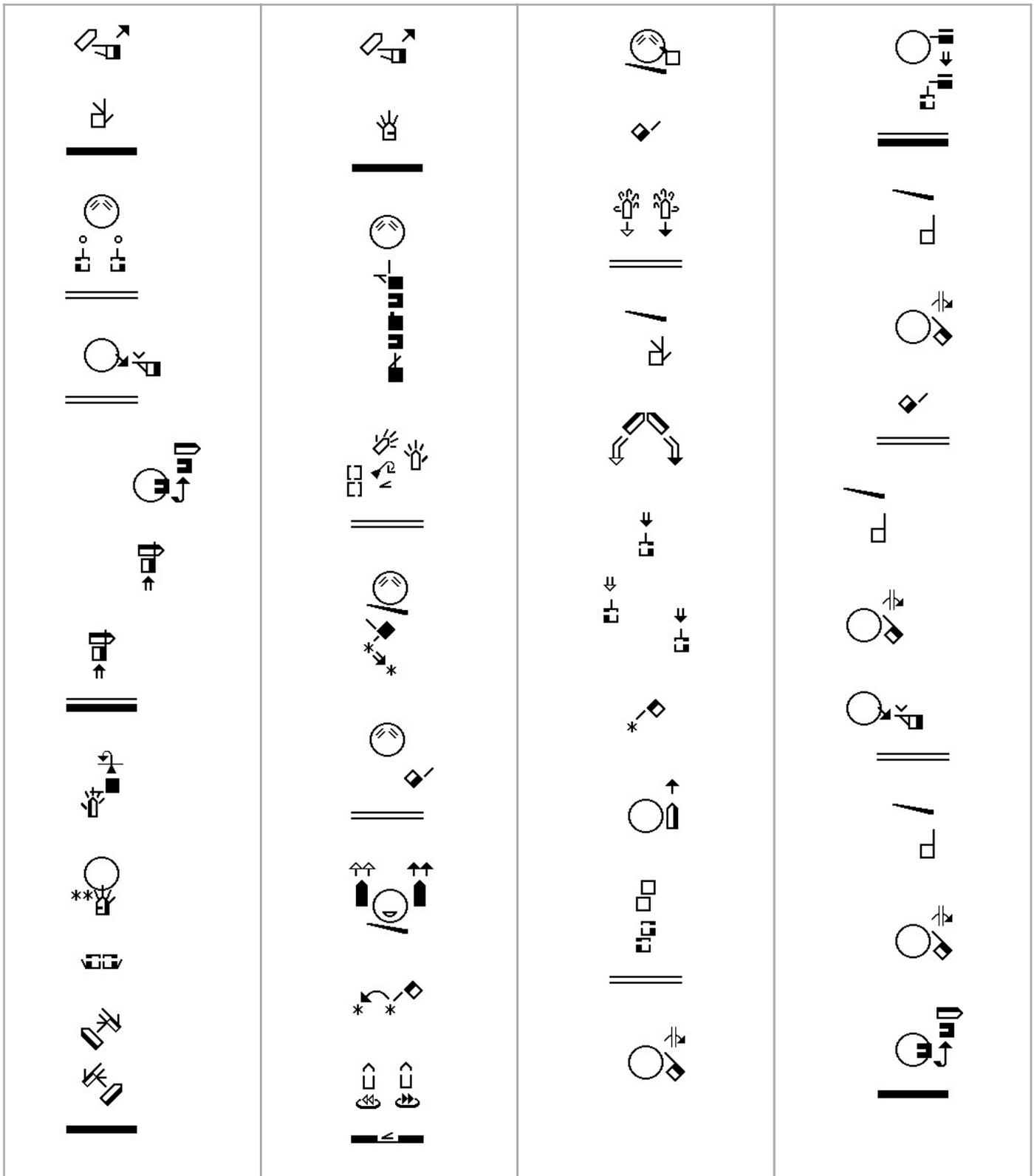
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27 For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. 28 And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom." NLT

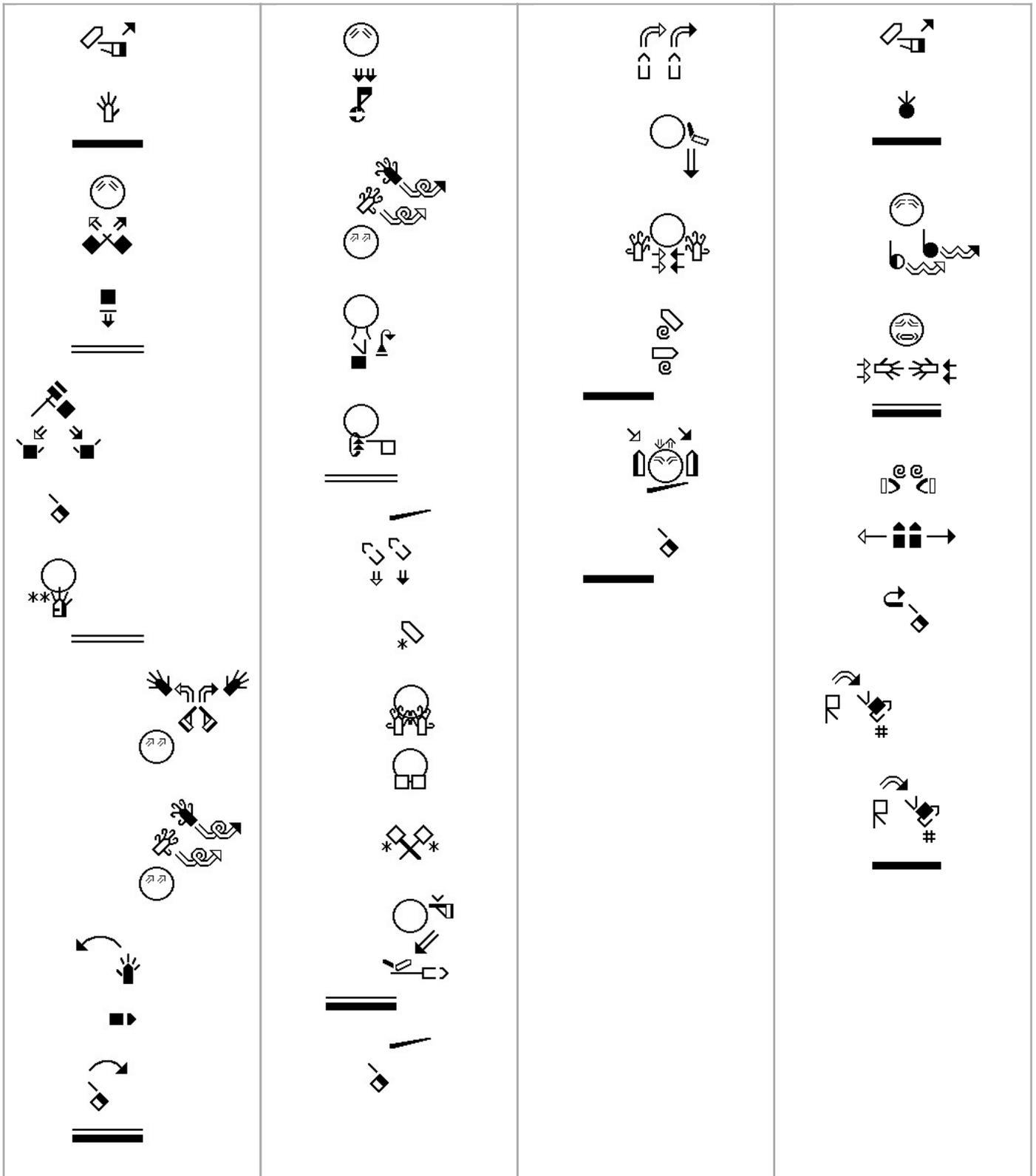


17 Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. 2 As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. NLT

Matthew 17:3-4



3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. 4 Peter blurted out, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials -- one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." NLT

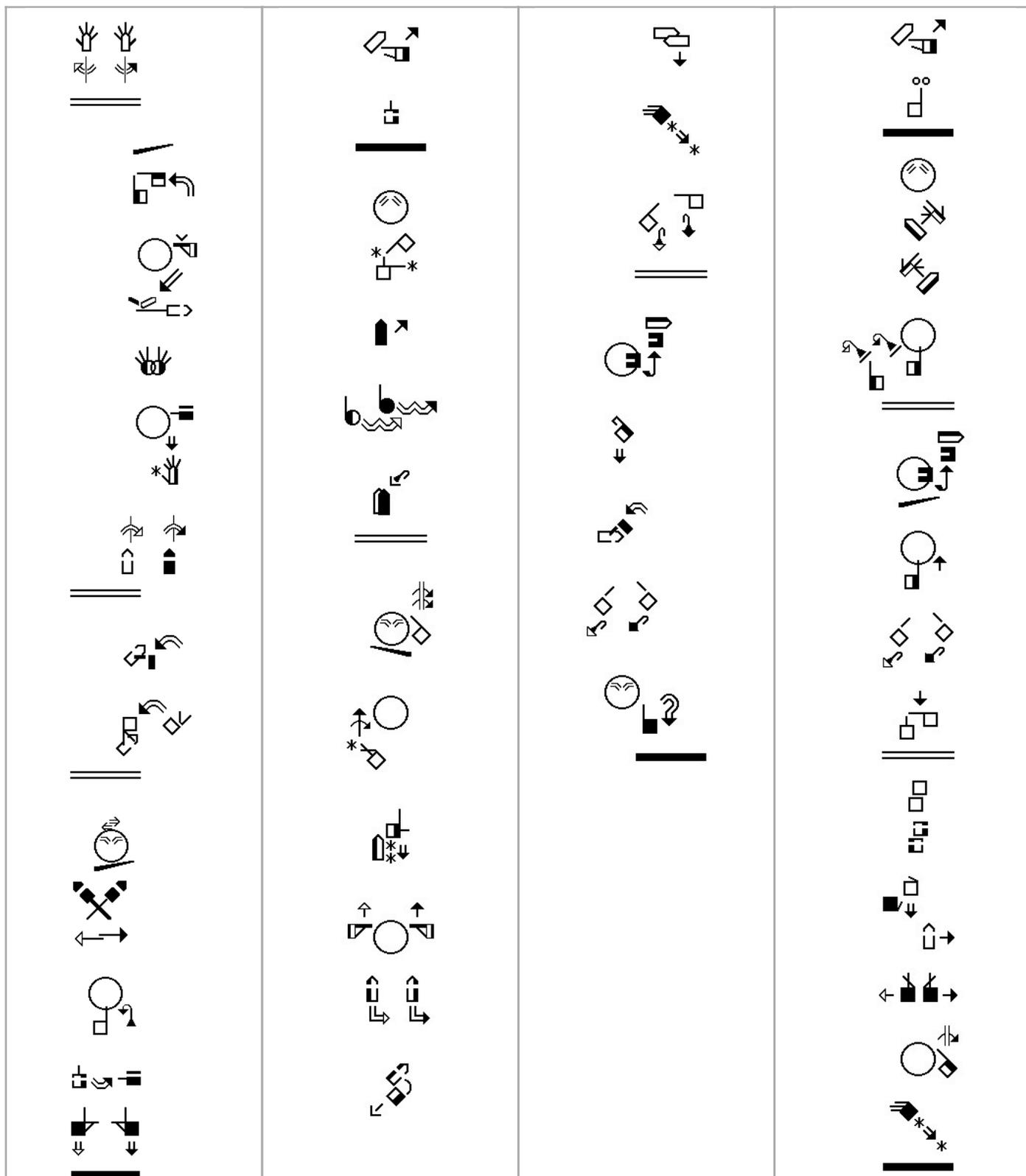


5 But even as he spoke, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." 6 The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. NLT

Matthew 17:7-9

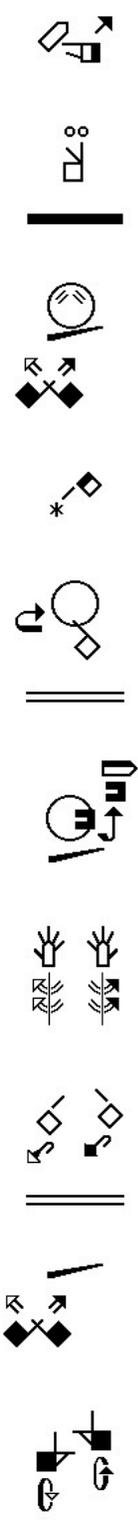
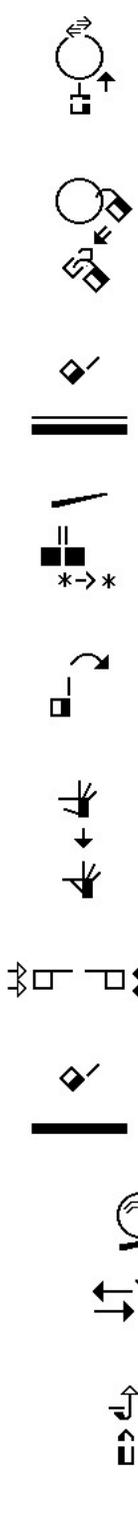
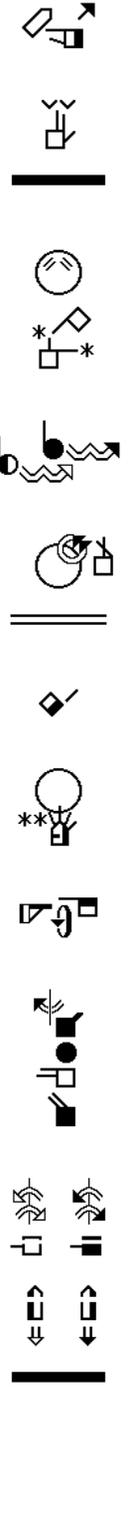
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7 Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus. 9 As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen" NLT



until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." 10 Then his disciples asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?" 11 Jesus replied, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready for the Messiah."  
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Matthew 17:12-13

			
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306 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, but he wasn't recognized, and they chose to abuse him. And in the same way they will also make the Son of Man suffer." 13 Then the disciples realized he was talking about John the Baptist. NLT



Matthew 17:16-17

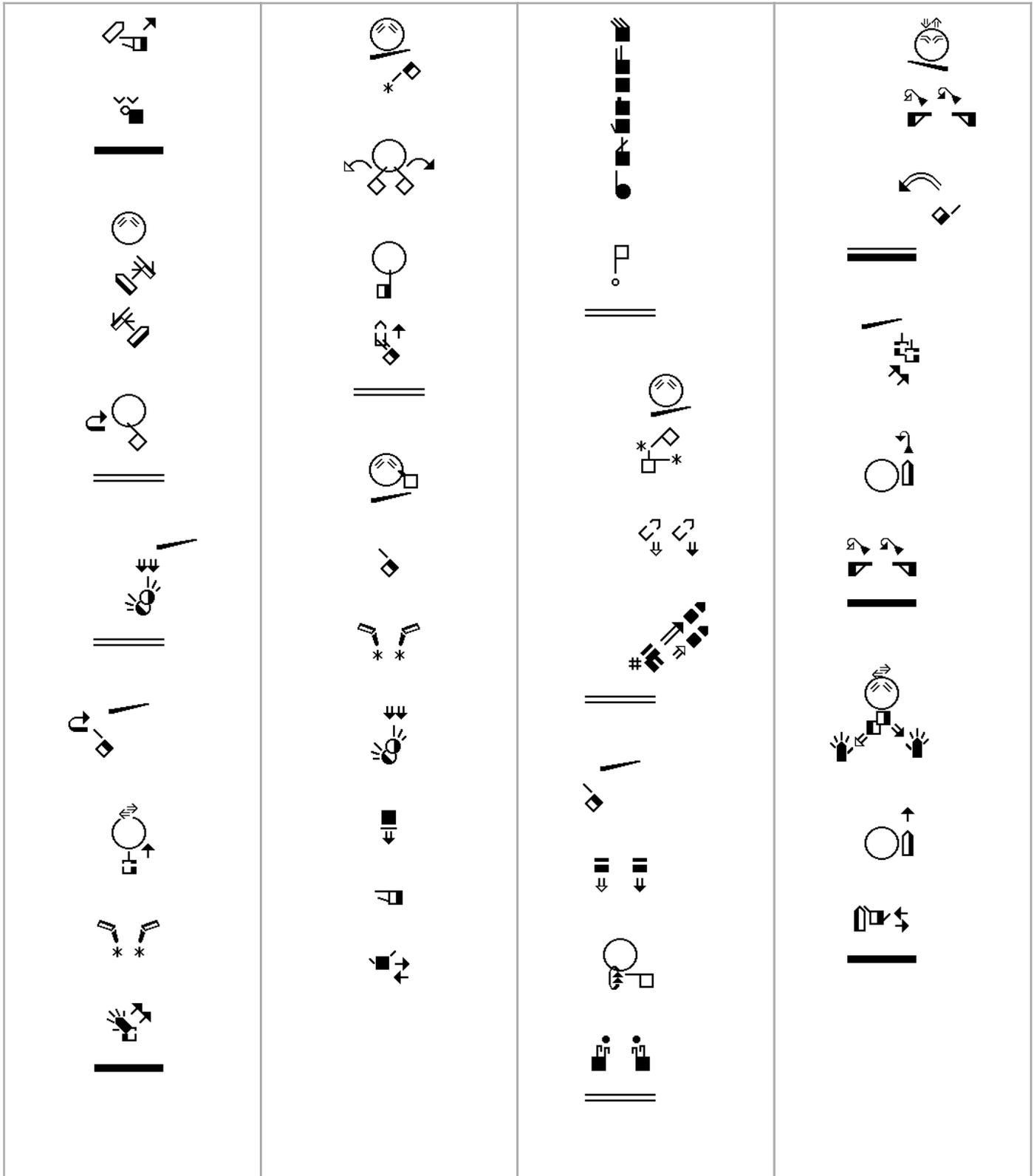
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16 So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him." 17 Jesus replied, "You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." NLT

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18 Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment, the boy was well. 19. Afterwards the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?" NLT

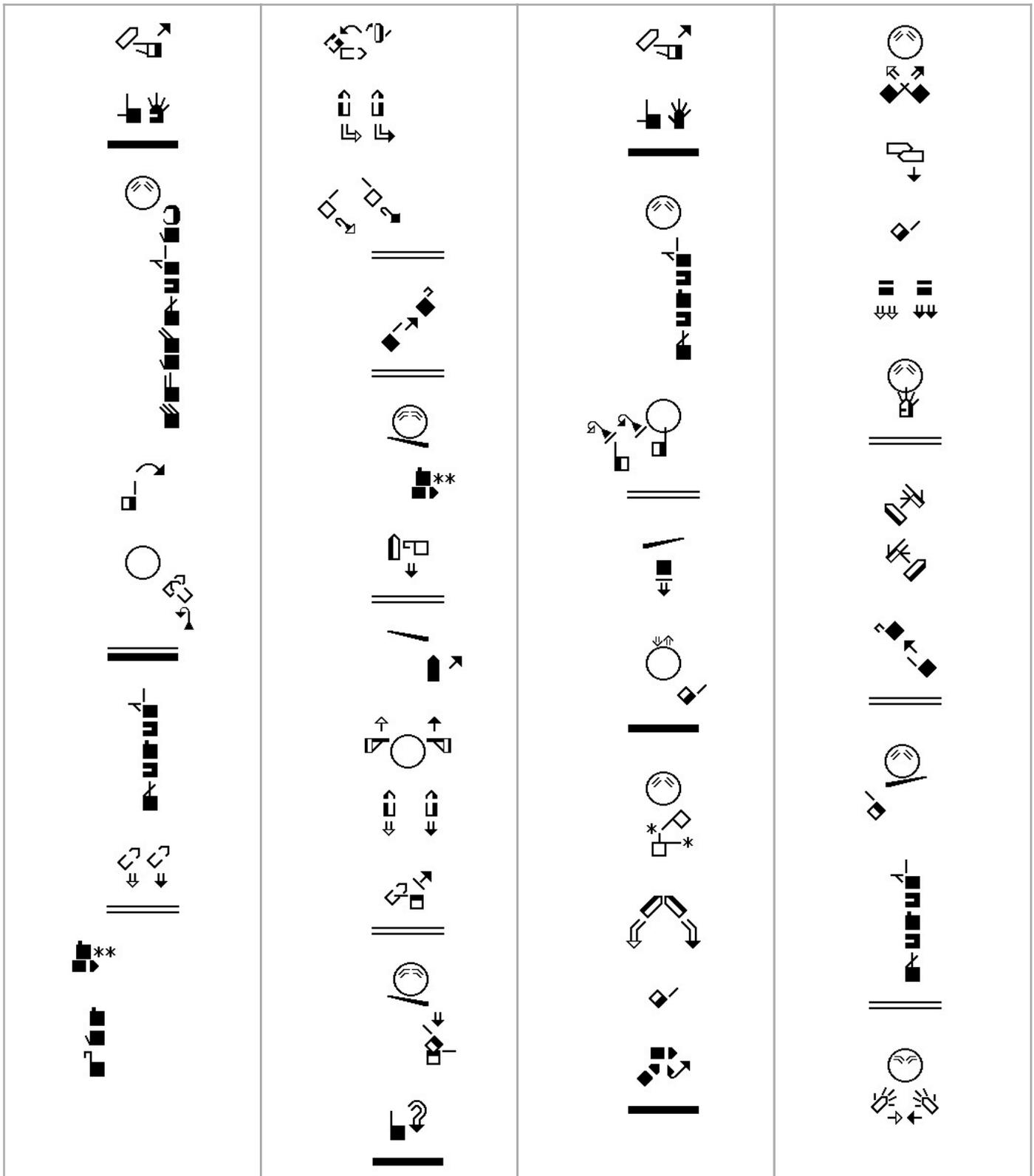
Matthew 17:20



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22 After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. 23 He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." And the disciples were filled with grief. NLT

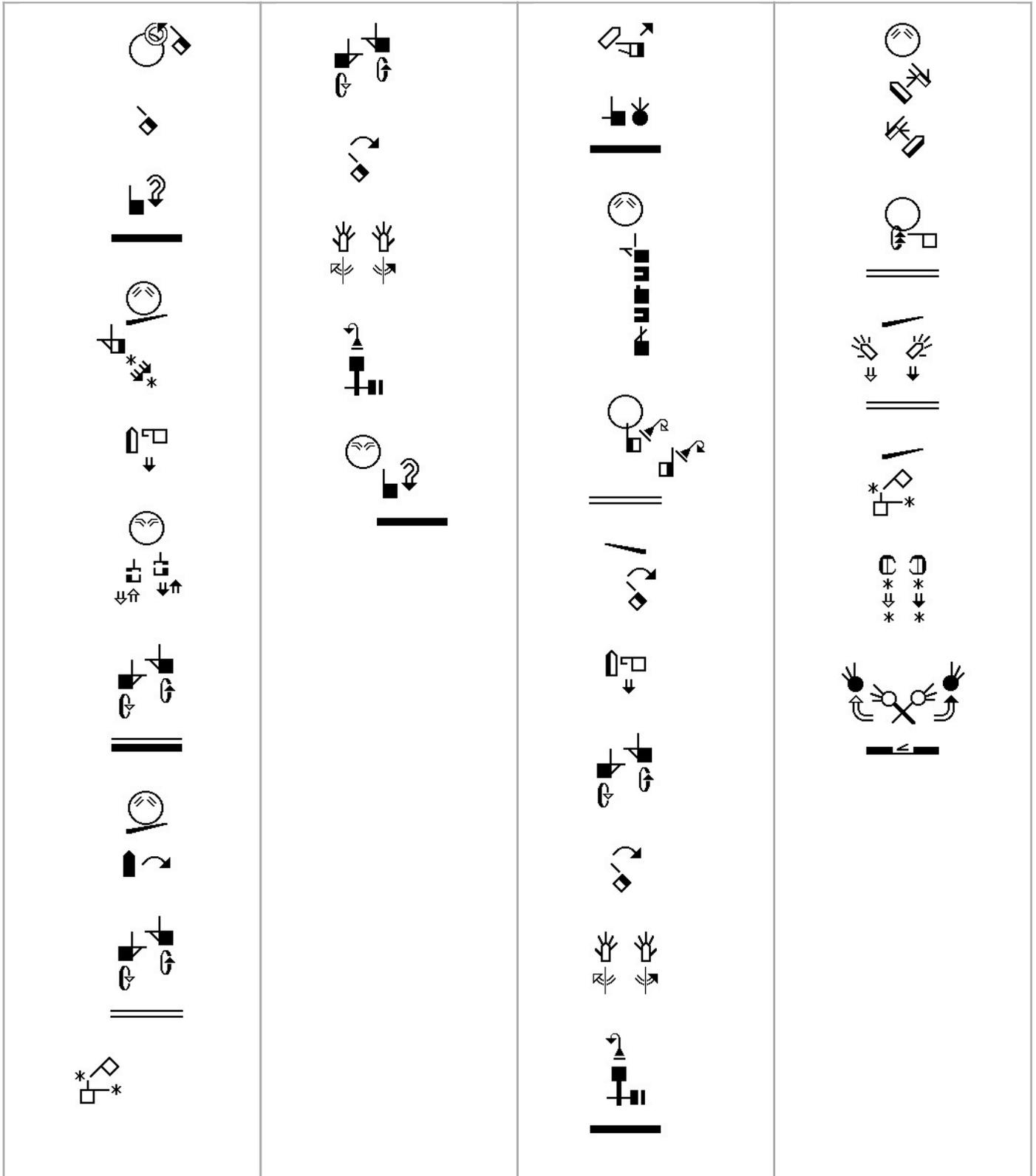
Matthew 17:24-25



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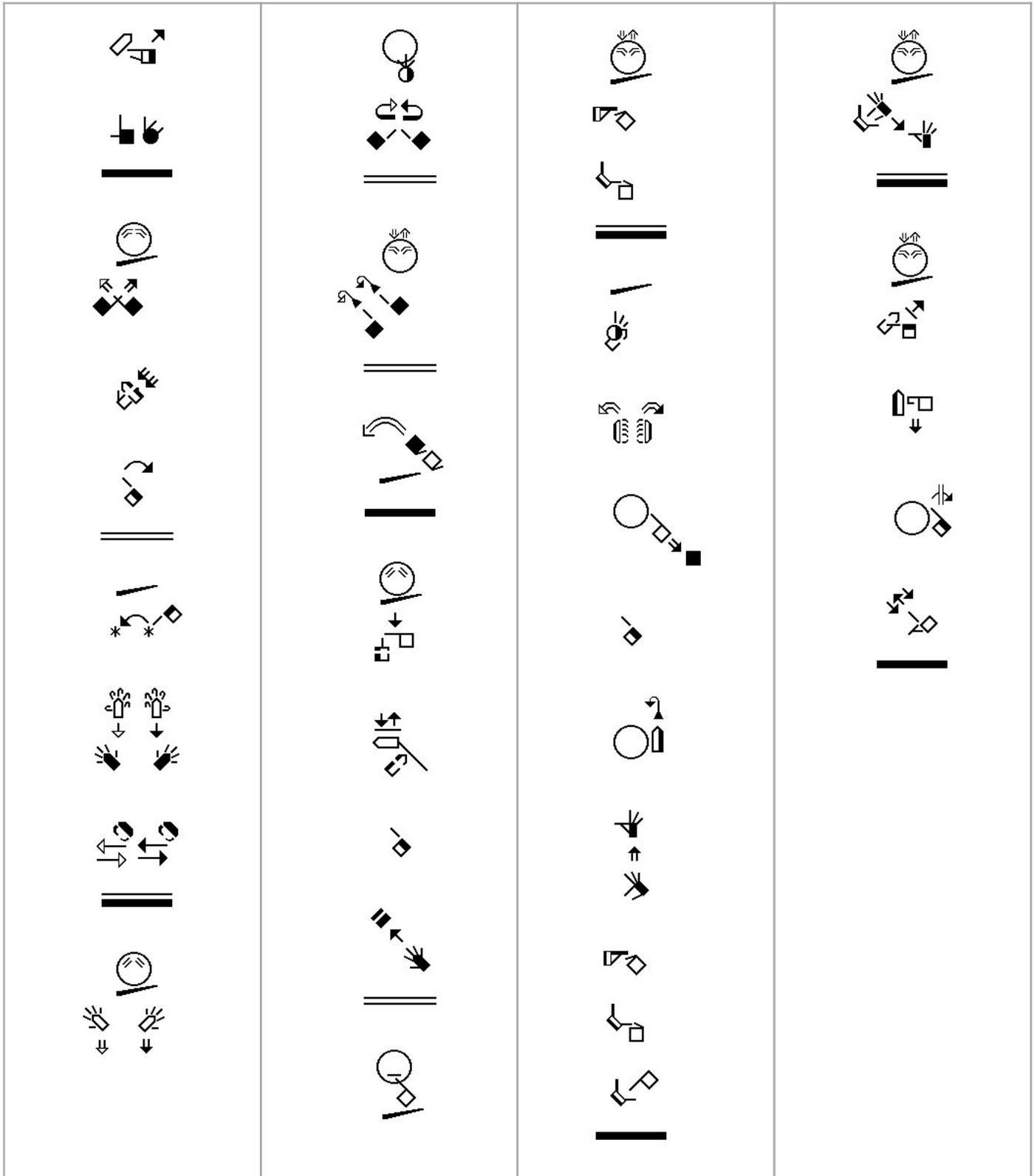
24 On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and asked him, "Doesn't your teacher pay the Temple tax?" 25 "Yes, he does," Peter replied. Then he went into the house. But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, "What

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do you think, Peter? Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?"  
 26 "They tax the people they have conquered," Peter replied. "Well, then," Jesus said,  
 "the citizens are free!"  
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Matthew 17:27



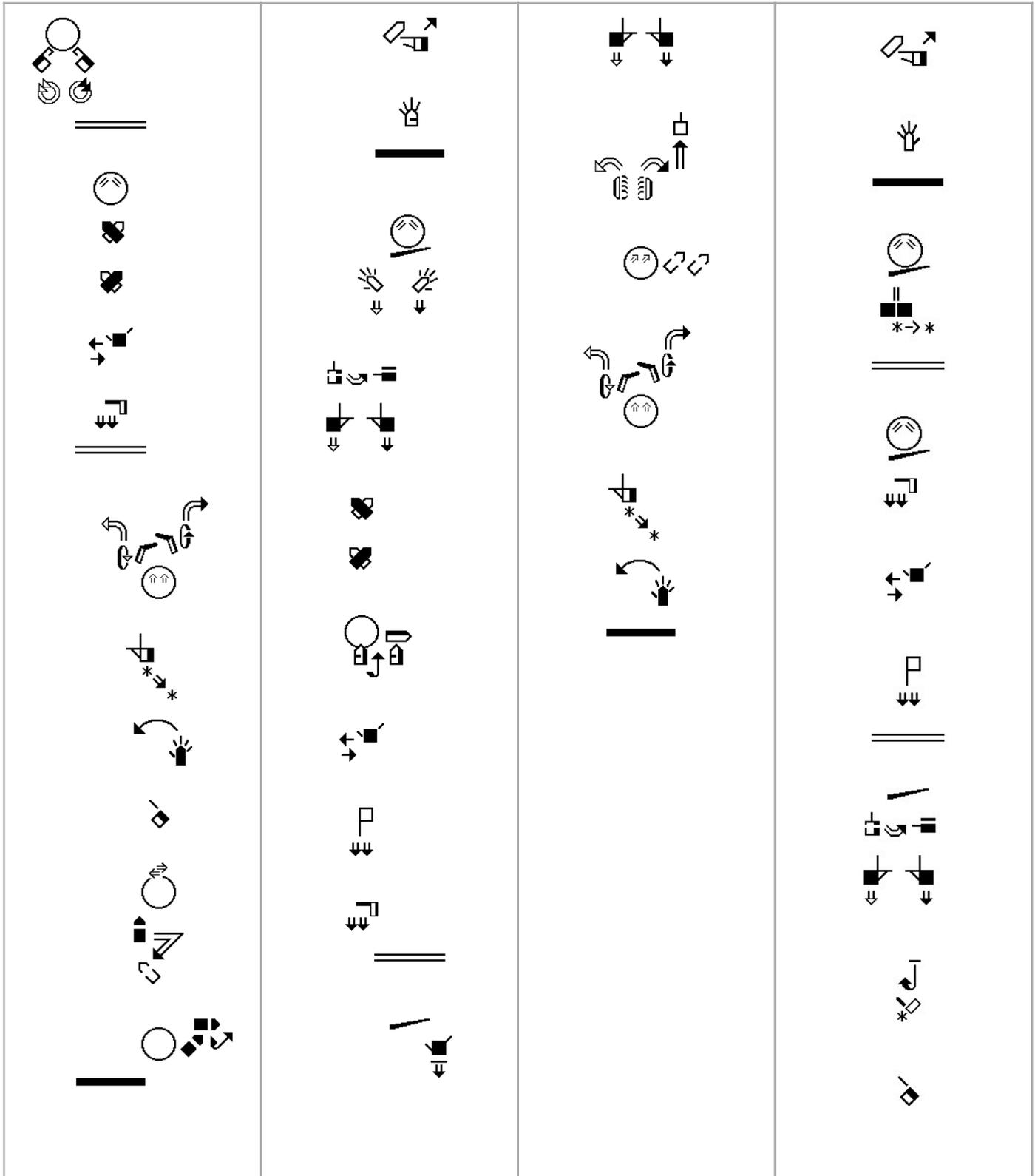
314 27 However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us." NLT

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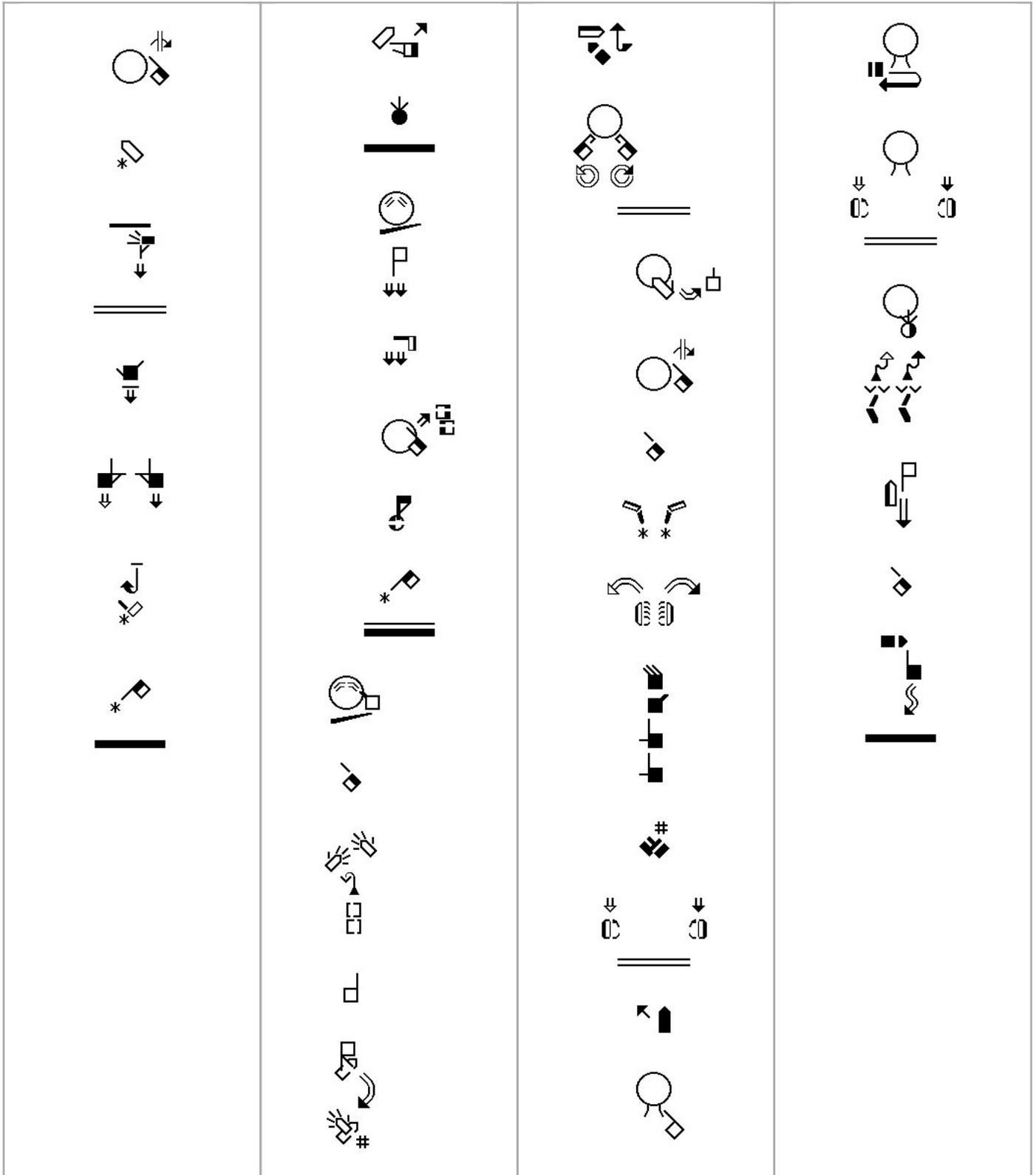
18 About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" 2 Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. 3 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from

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Matthew 18:3-5



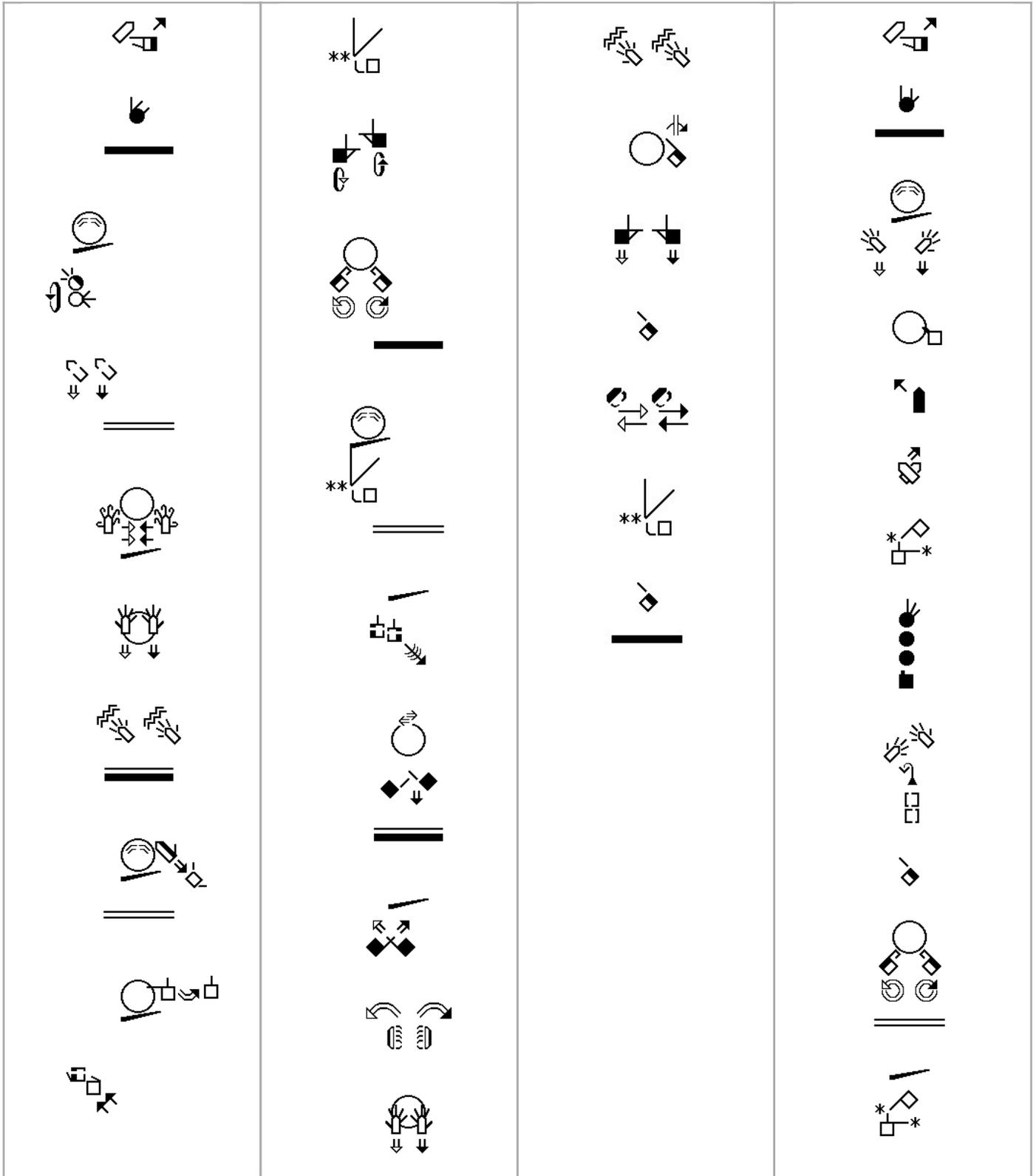
your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. 4 So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. 5 "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this NLT

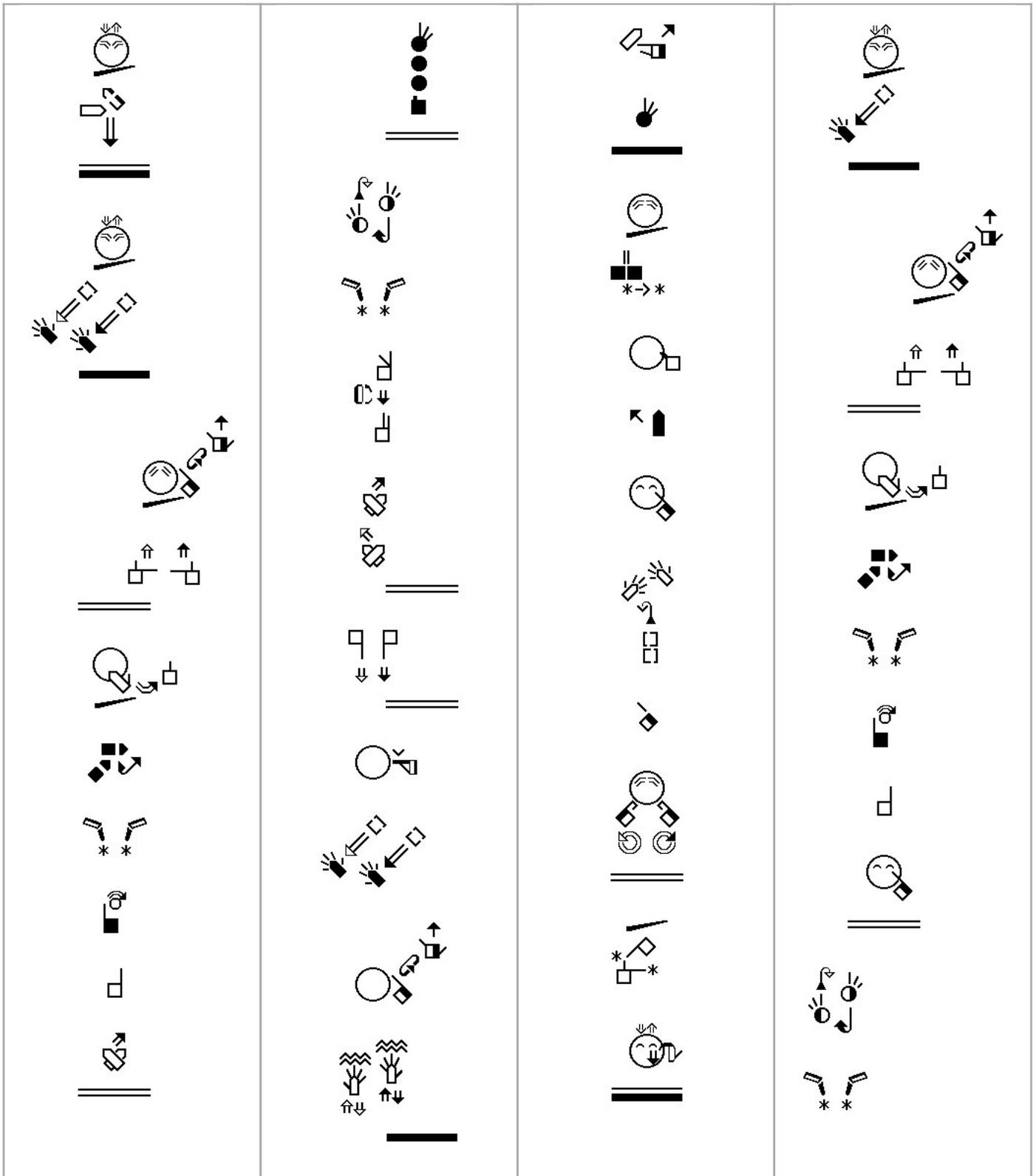


on my behalf is welcoming me. 6 But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

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Matthew 18:7-8

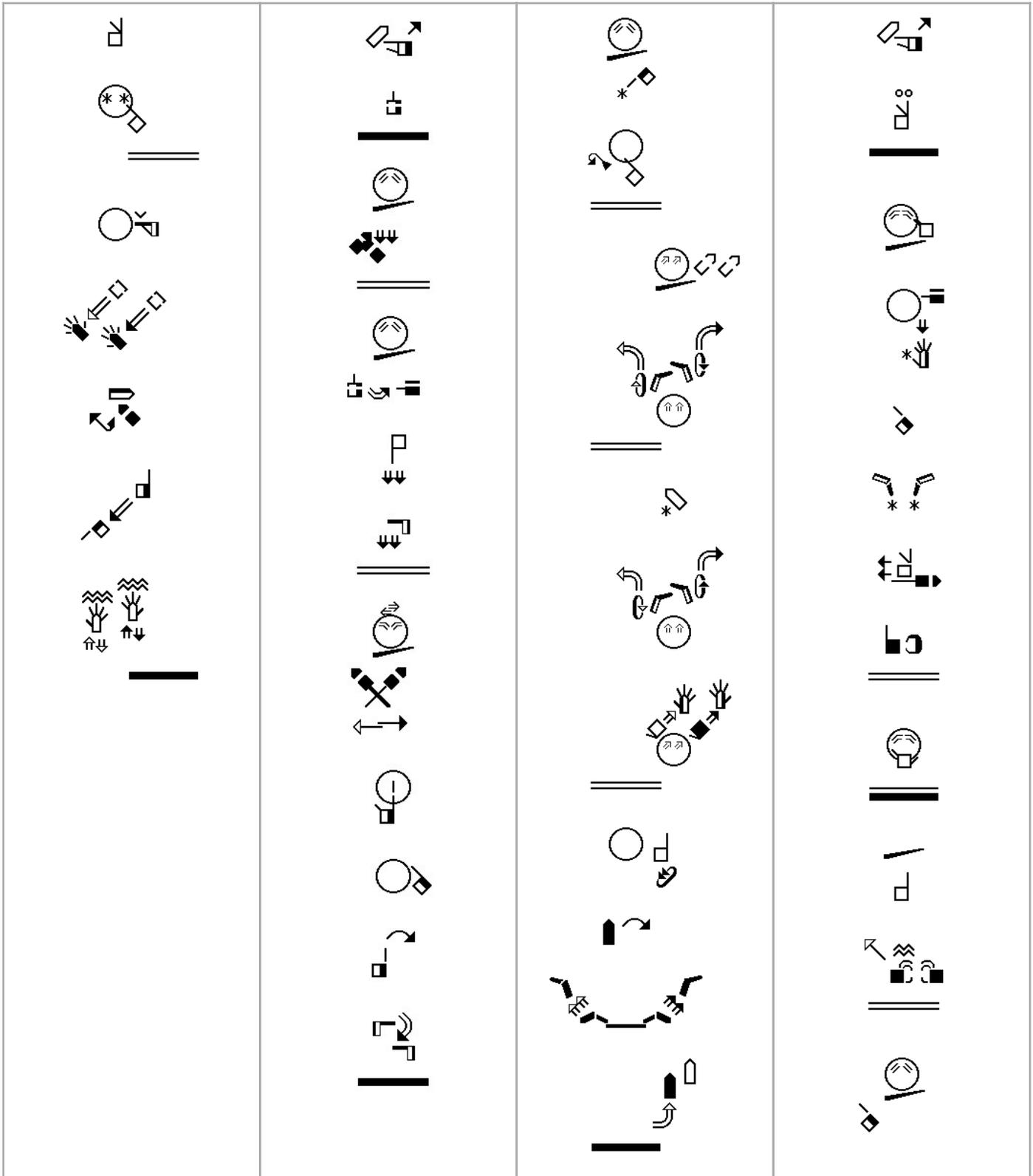




cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have

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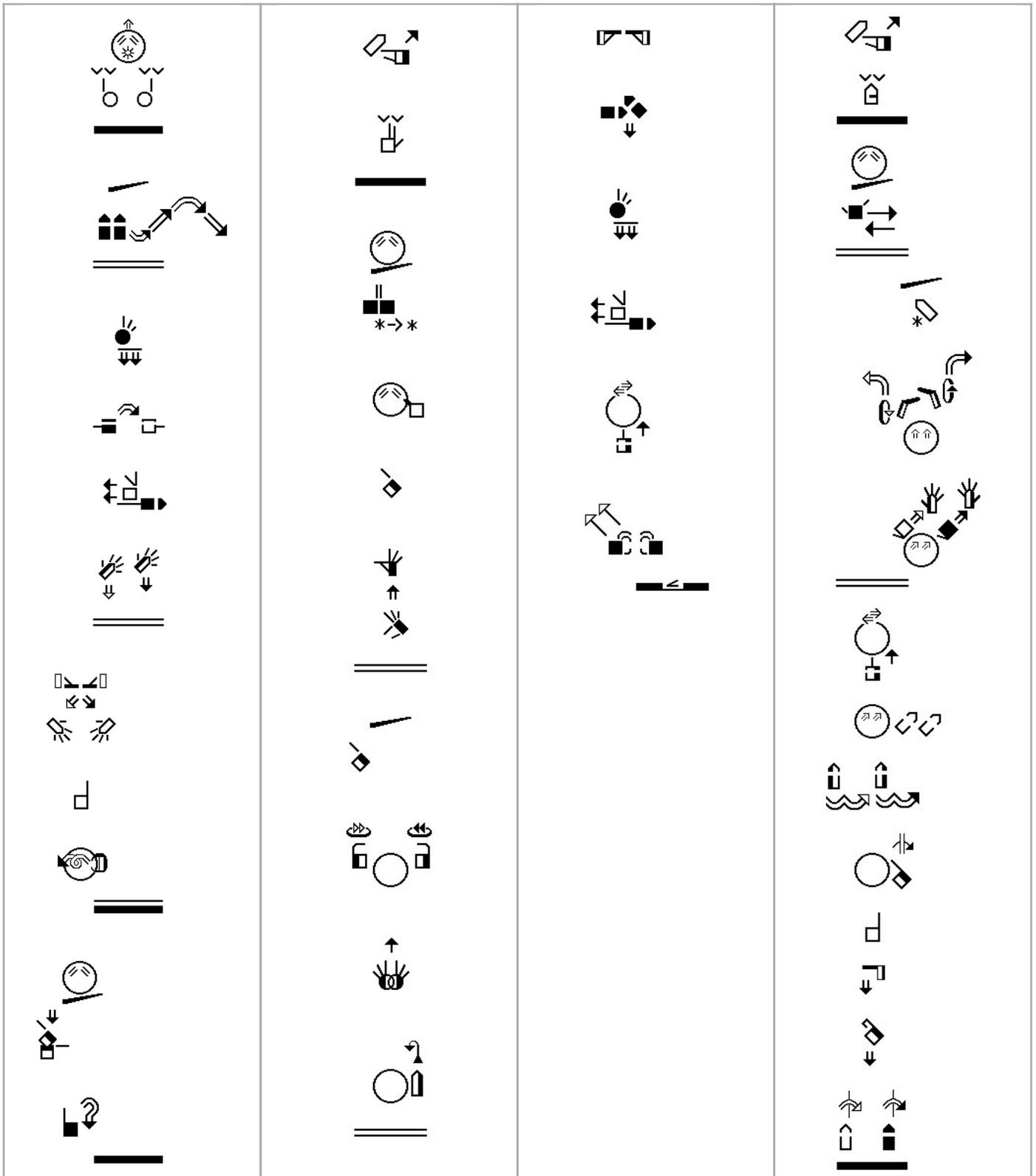
Matthew 18:9-12



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two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. 10 "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. (\*no verse 11 in NLT) 12 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away,

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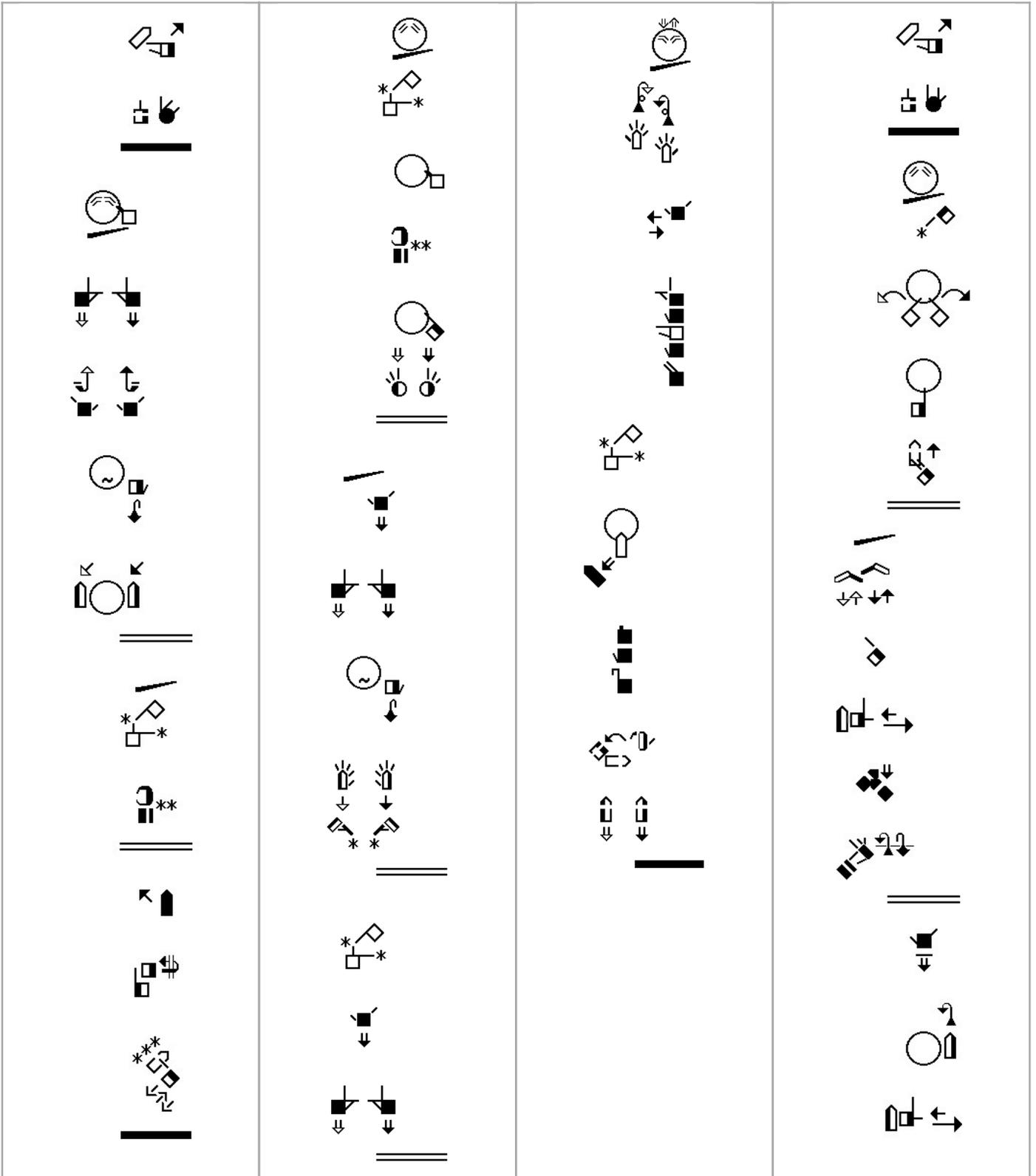


what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? 13 And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! 14 In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish. NLT

Matthew 18:15-16

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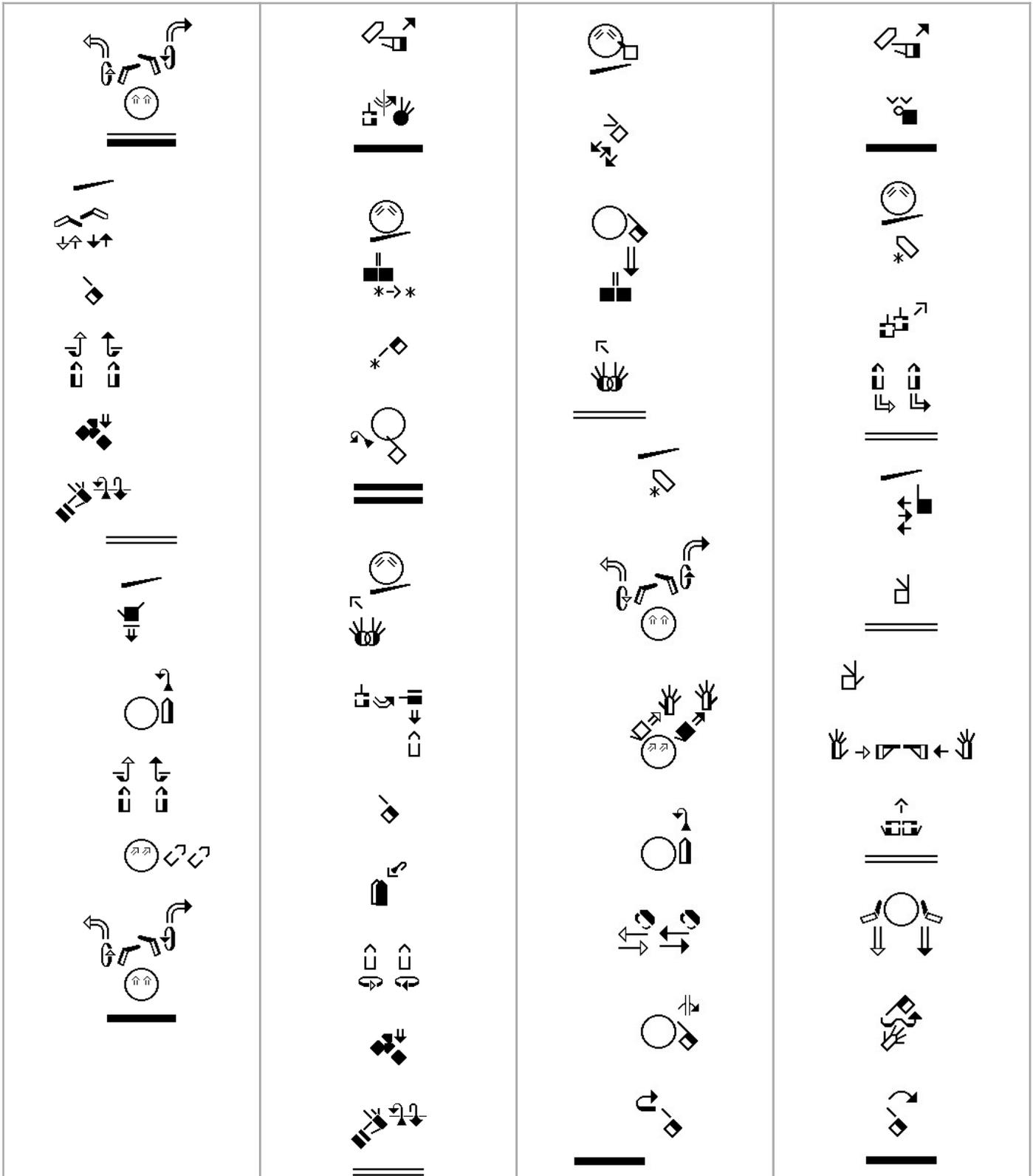
15 "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.



17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. 18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden

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Matthew 18:18-20

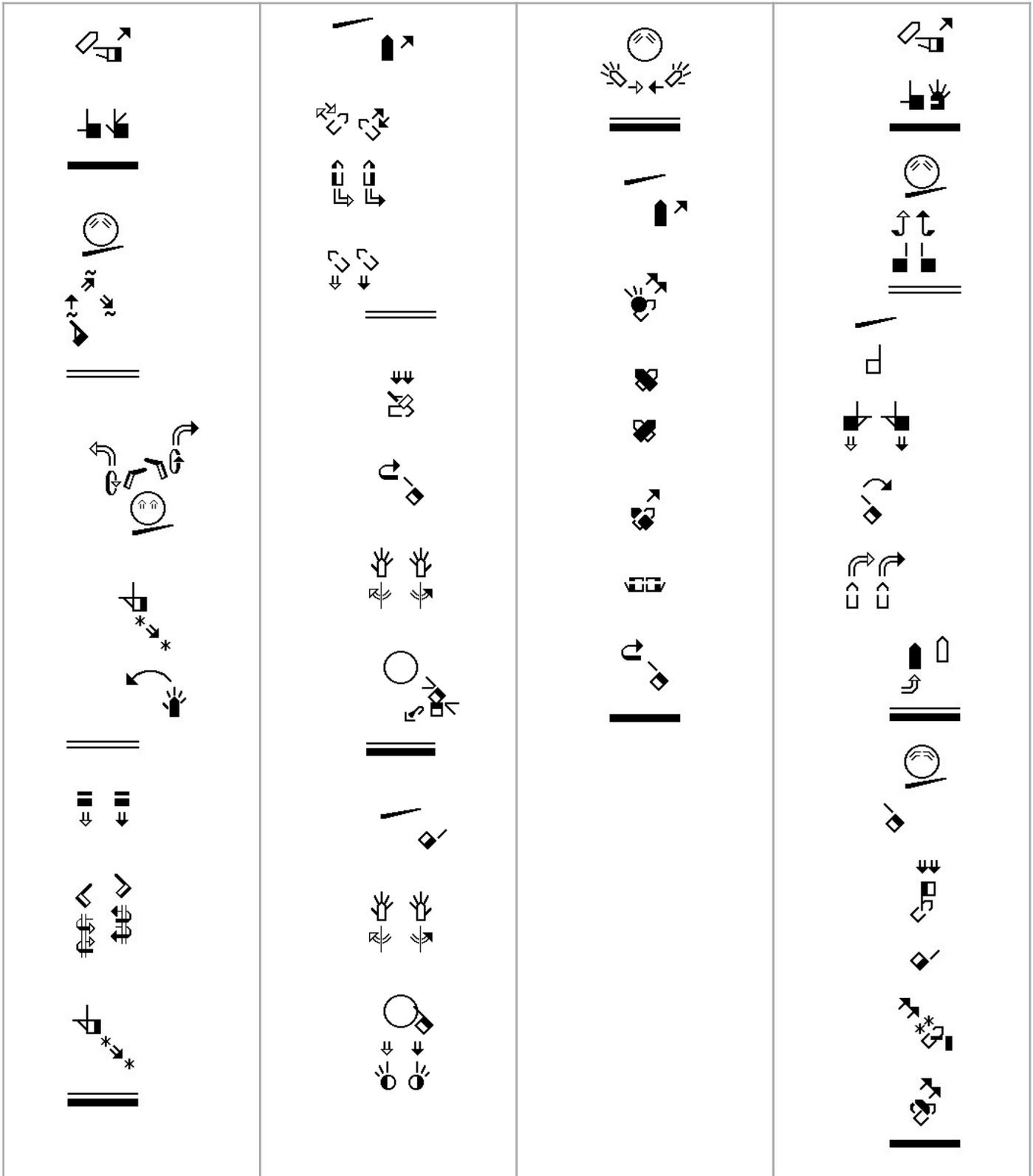


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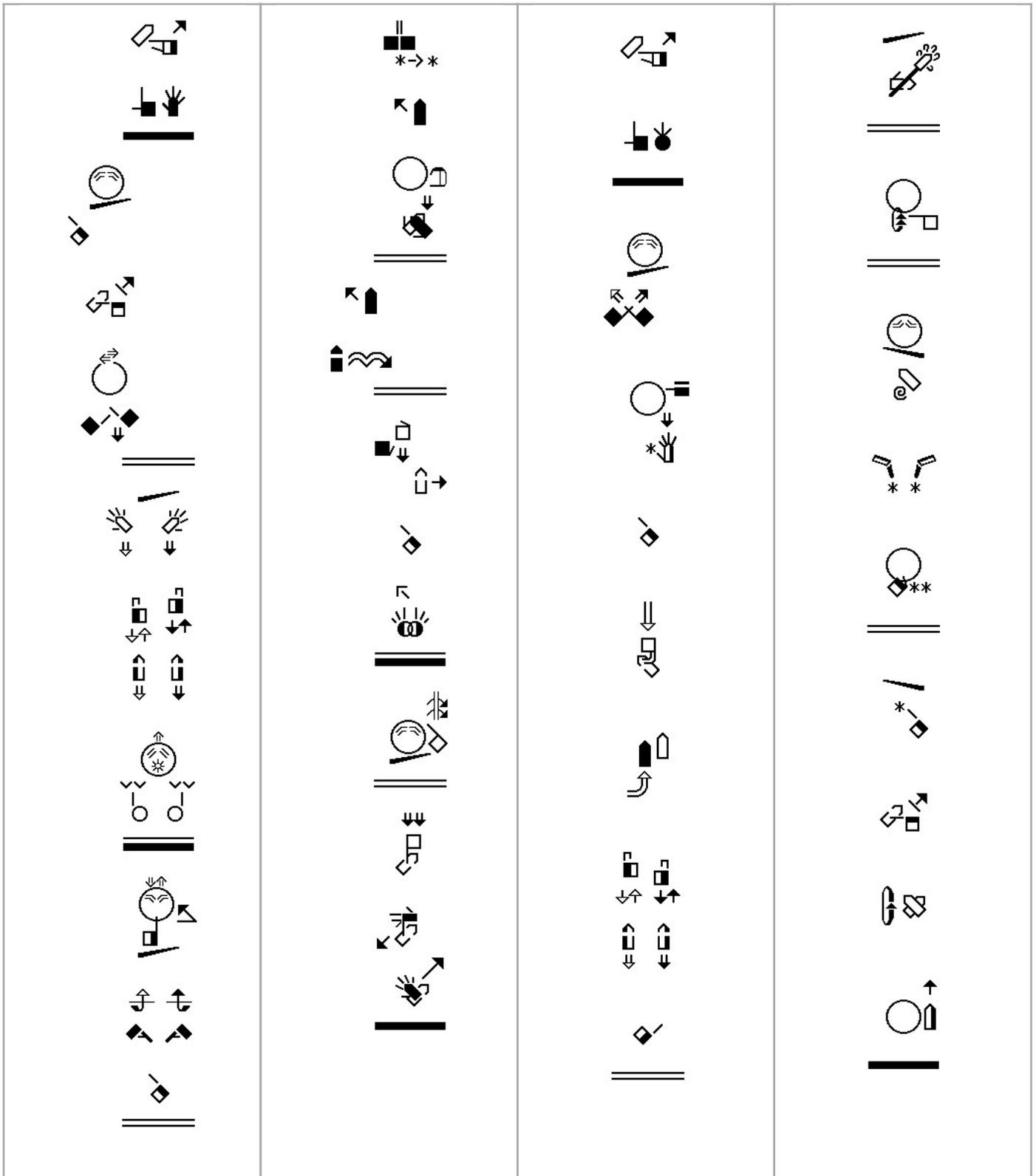
in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. 19 "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. 20 For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." NLT



Matthew 18:23-24



23 "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. 24 In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. NLT



25 He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold -- along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned -- to pay the debt. 26 "But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.'

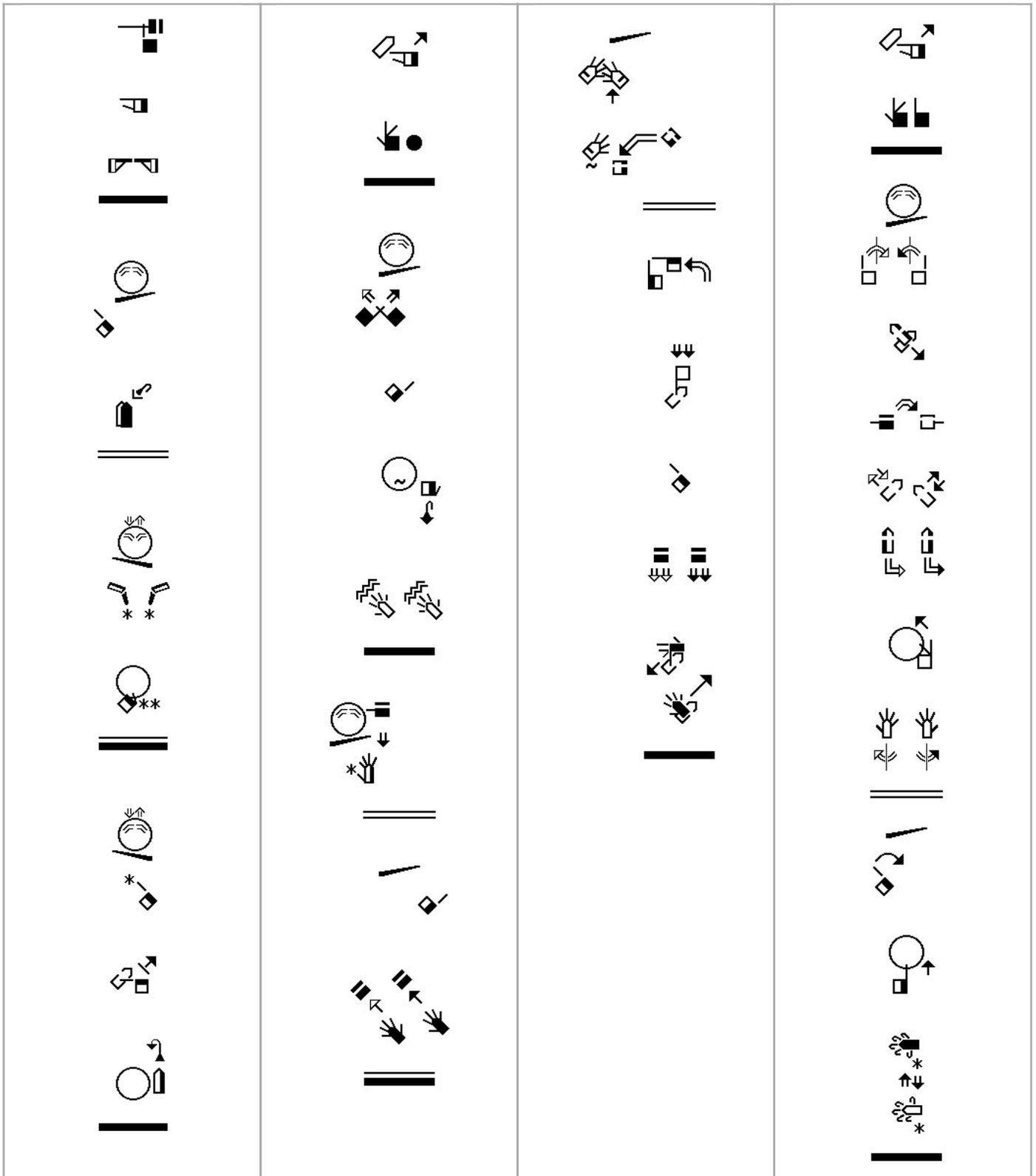
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Matthew 18:27-29

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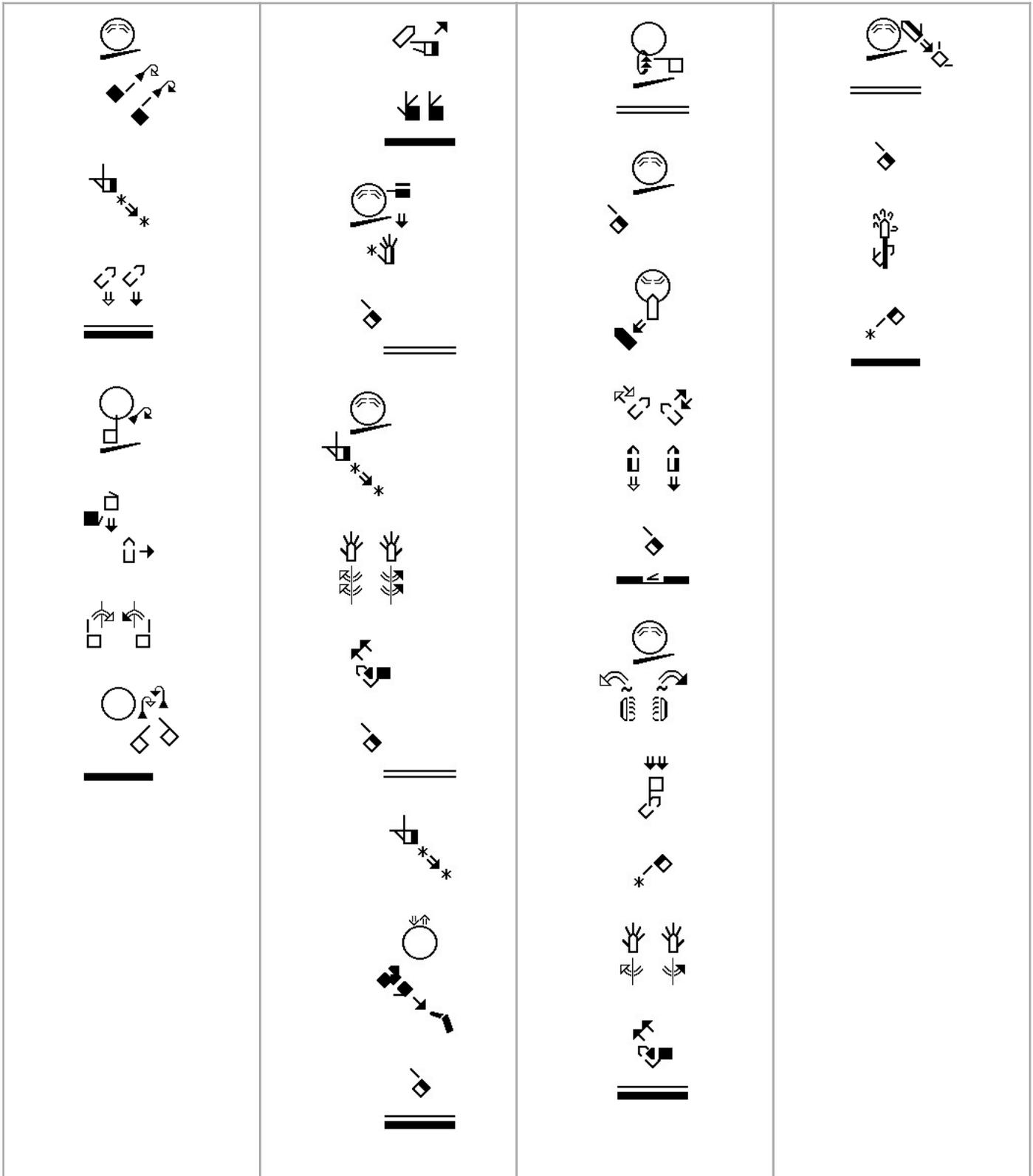
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27 Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. 28 "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. 29 "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for NLT



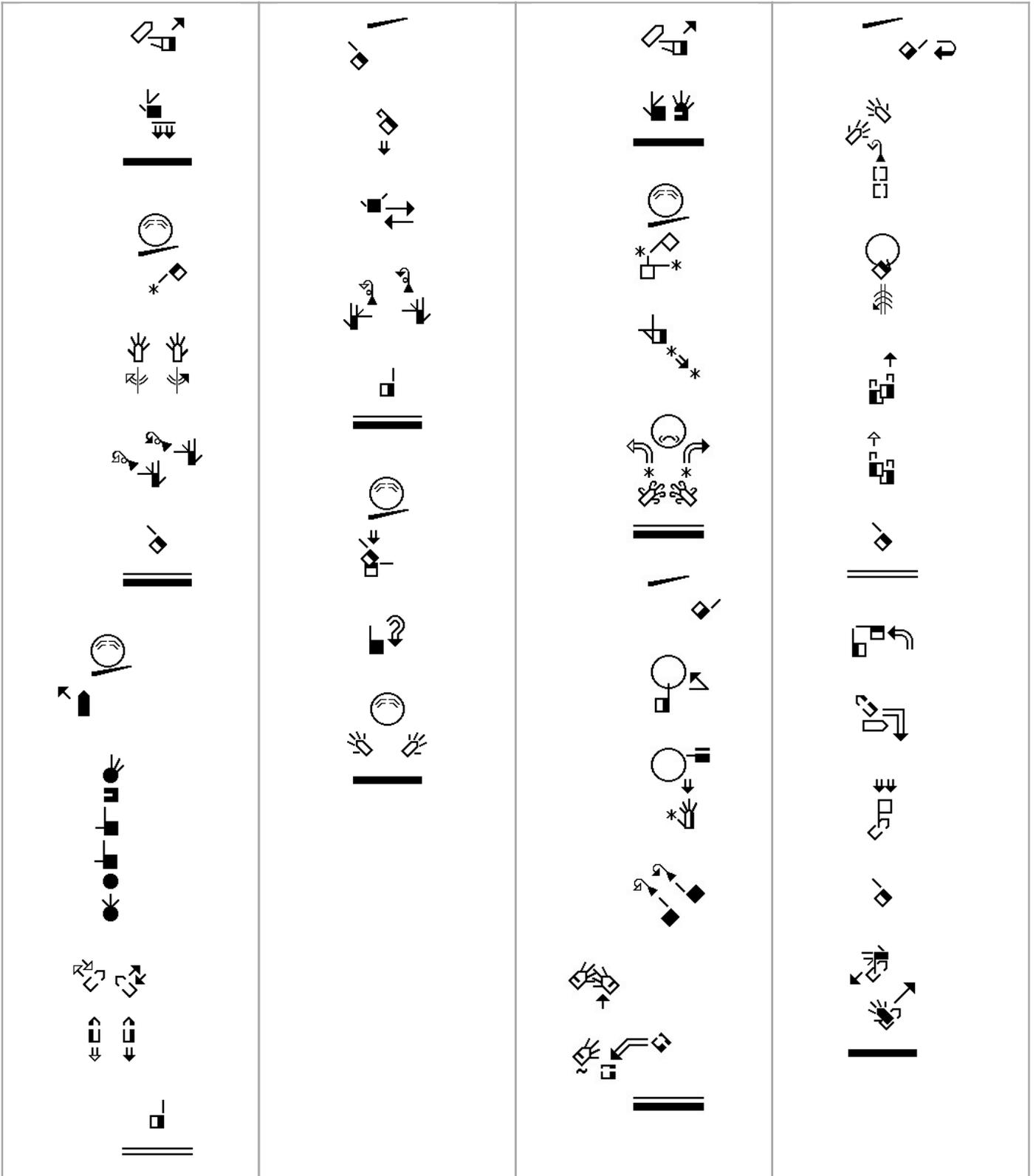
a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. 30 But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. 31 "When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. NLT

Matthew 18:31-32

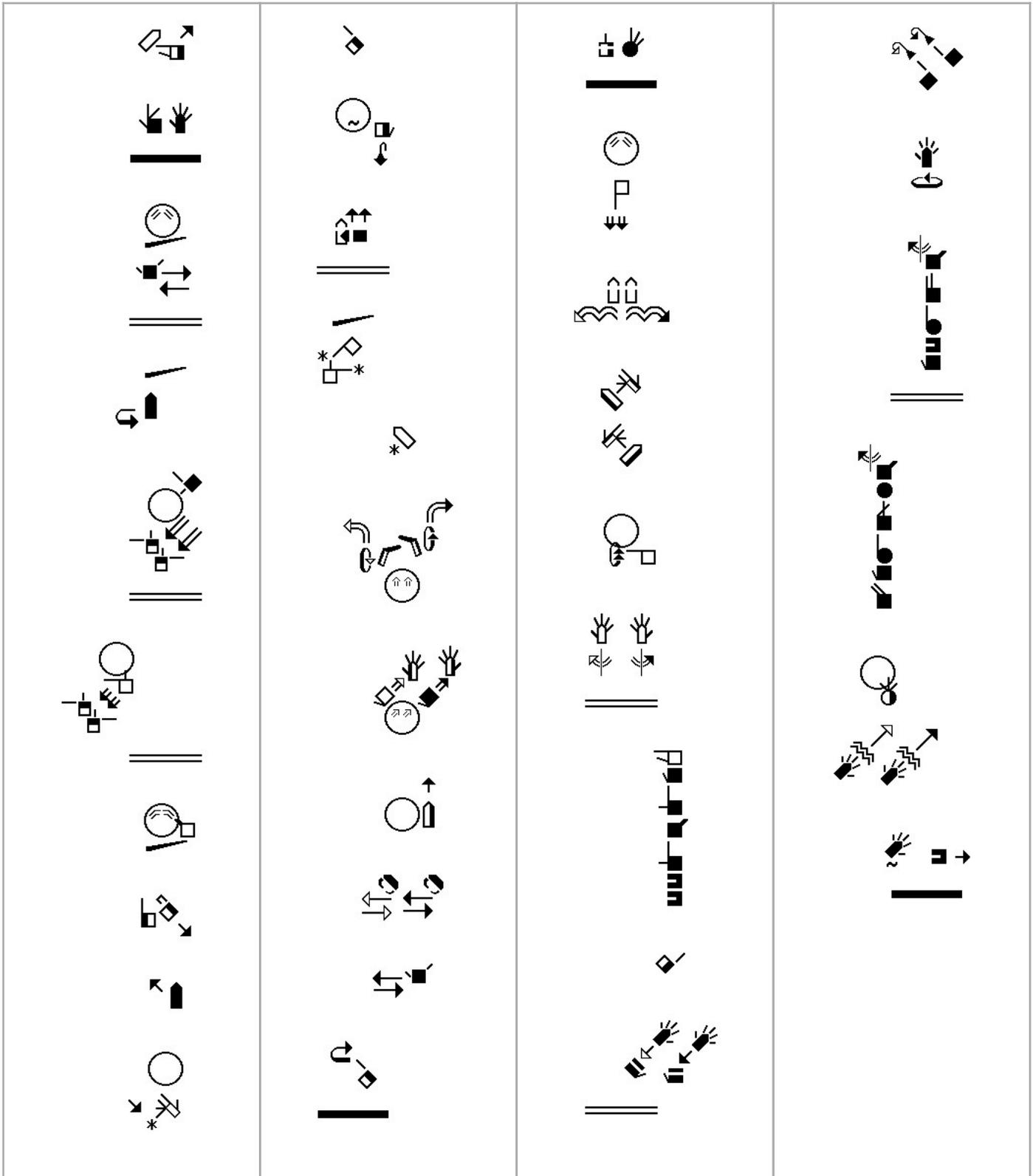


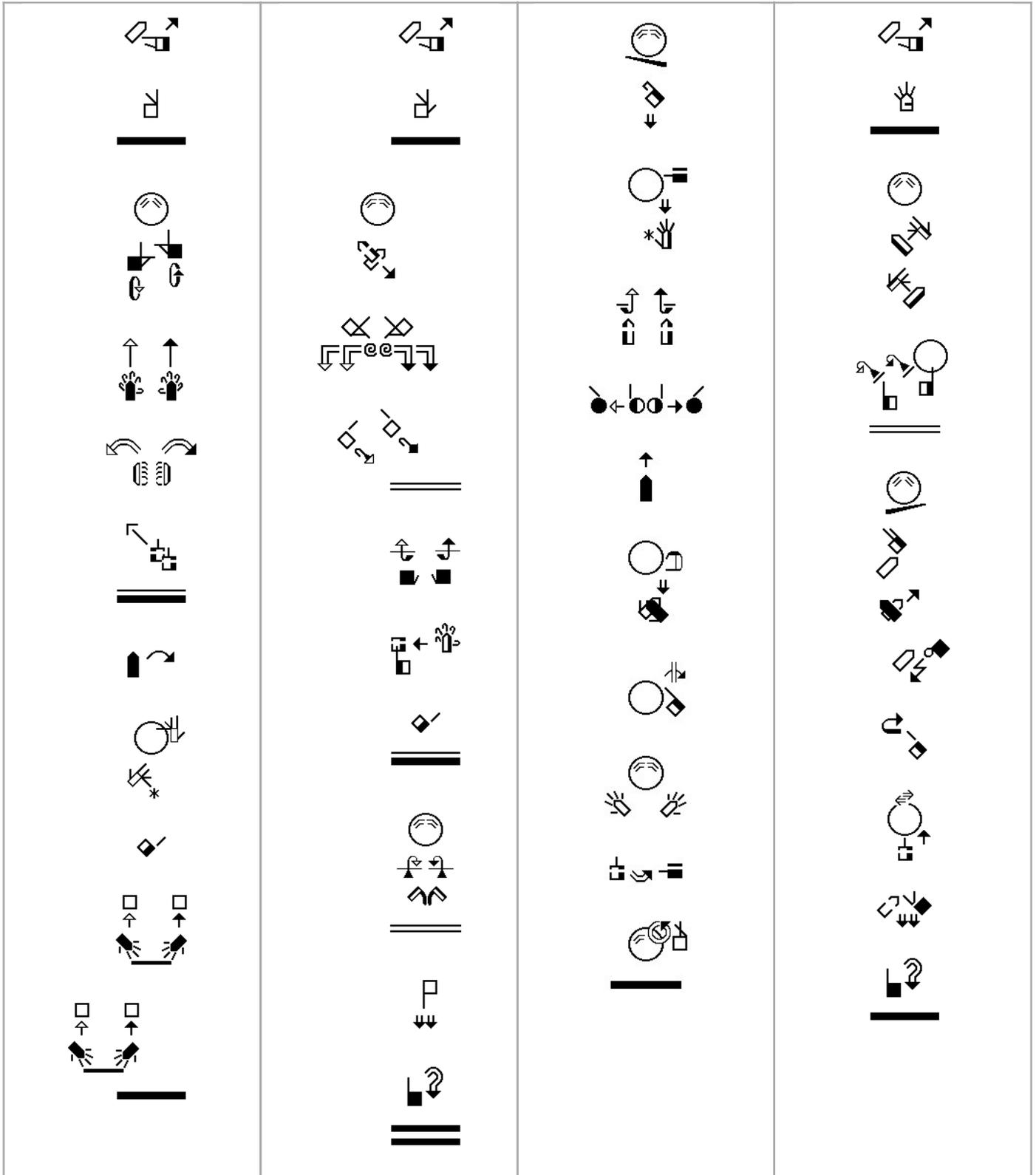
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They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. 32 Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. NLT



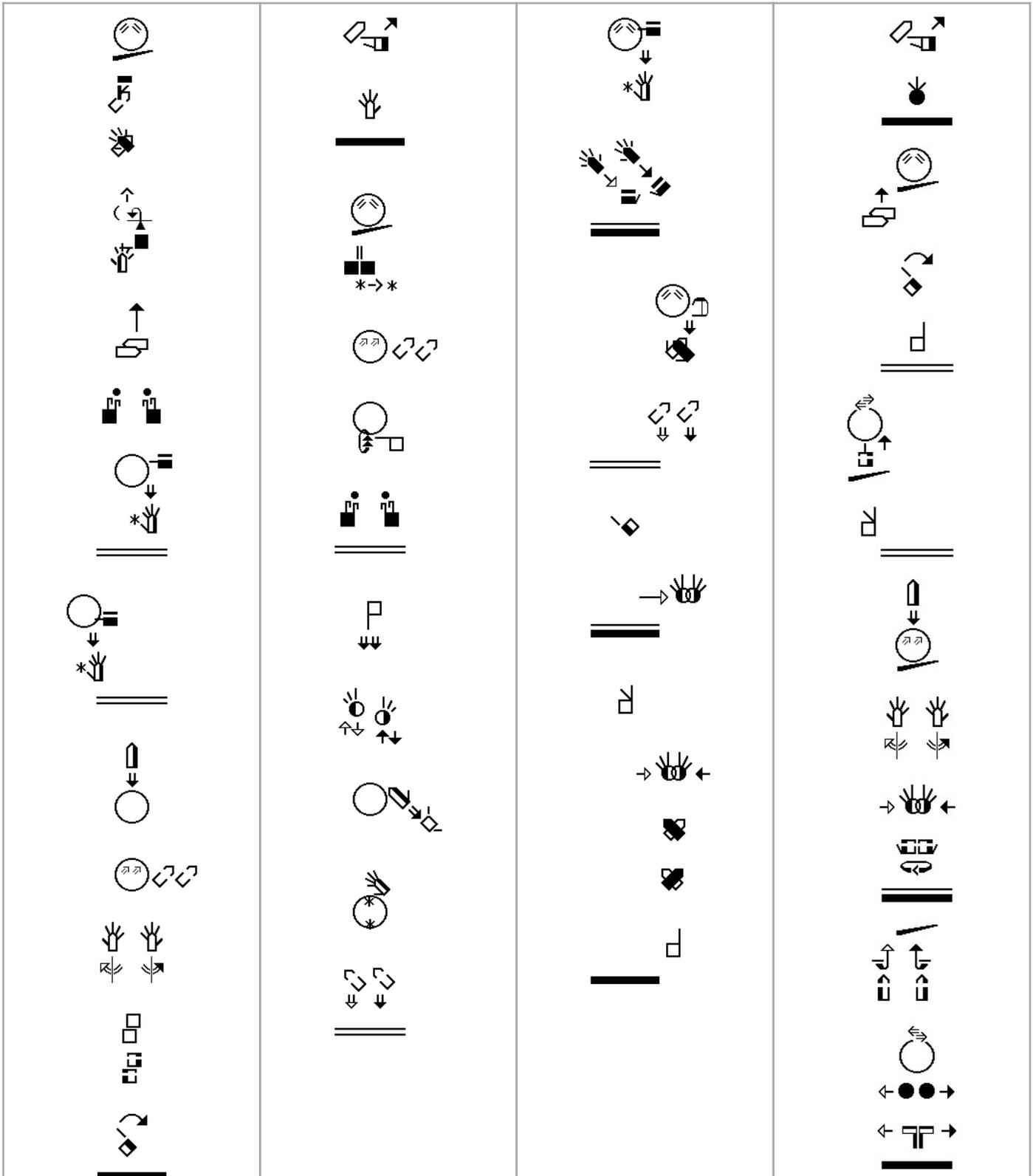
33 Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' 34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. NLT





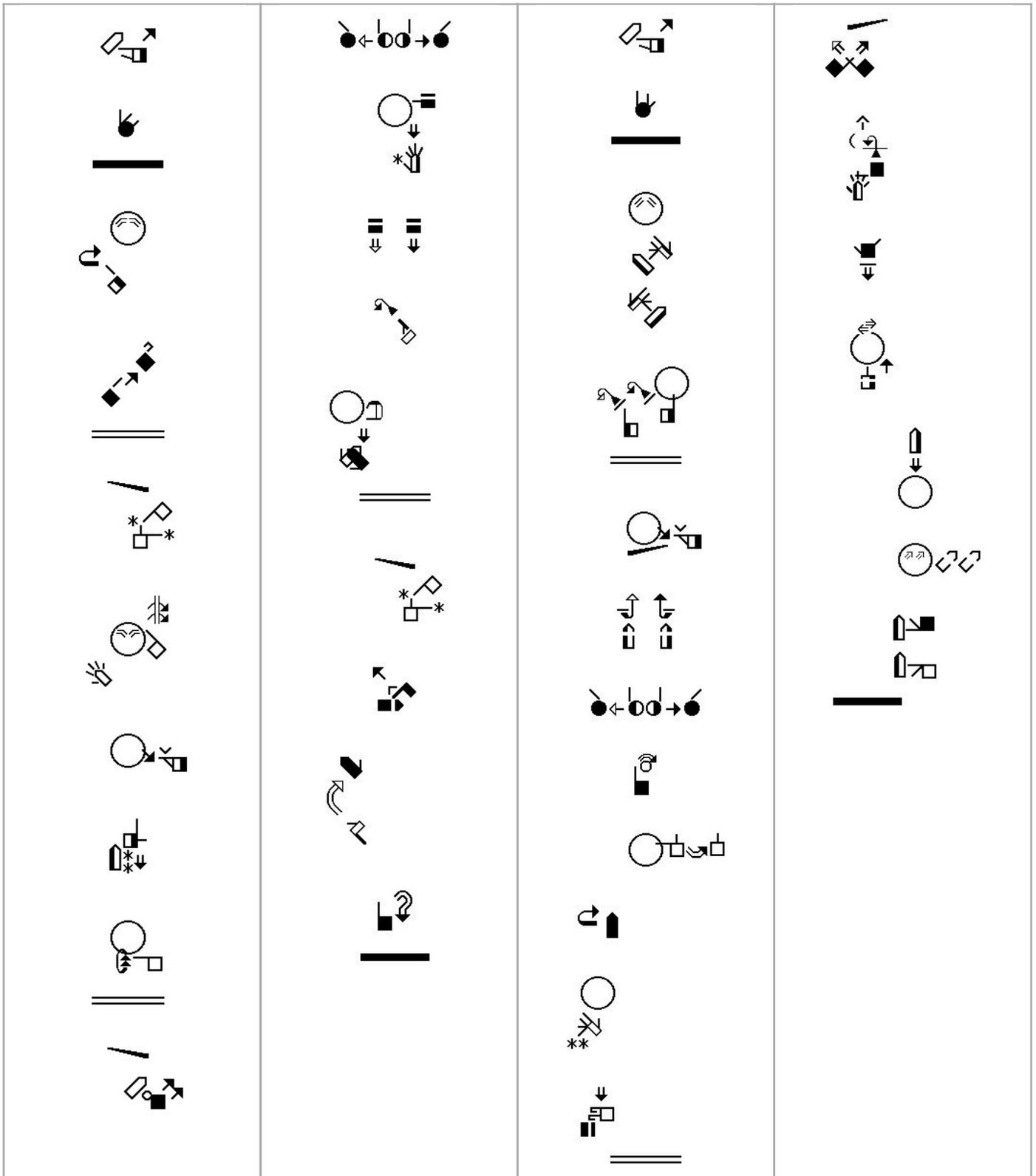
2 Large crowds followed him there, and he healed their sick. 3 Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. NLT

Matthew 19:4-6



334 "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' 5 And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' 6 Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

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7 "Then why did Moses say in the law that a man could give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away?" they asked. 8 Jesus replied, "Moses permitted divorce only as a concession to your hard hearts, but it was not what God had originally intended. NLT

Matthew 19:9-11

<p>Column 1 sign language: A sequence of 15 signs including a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a thick horizontal line, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, and a hand holding a square.</p>	<p>Column 2 sign language: A sequence of 15 signs including a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, and a hand holding a square.</p>	<p>Column 3 sign language: A sequence of 15 signs including a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, and a hand holding a square.</p>	<p>Column 4 sign language: A sequence of 15 signs including a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, a hand holding a square, a hand with fingers spread, and a hand holding a square.</p>
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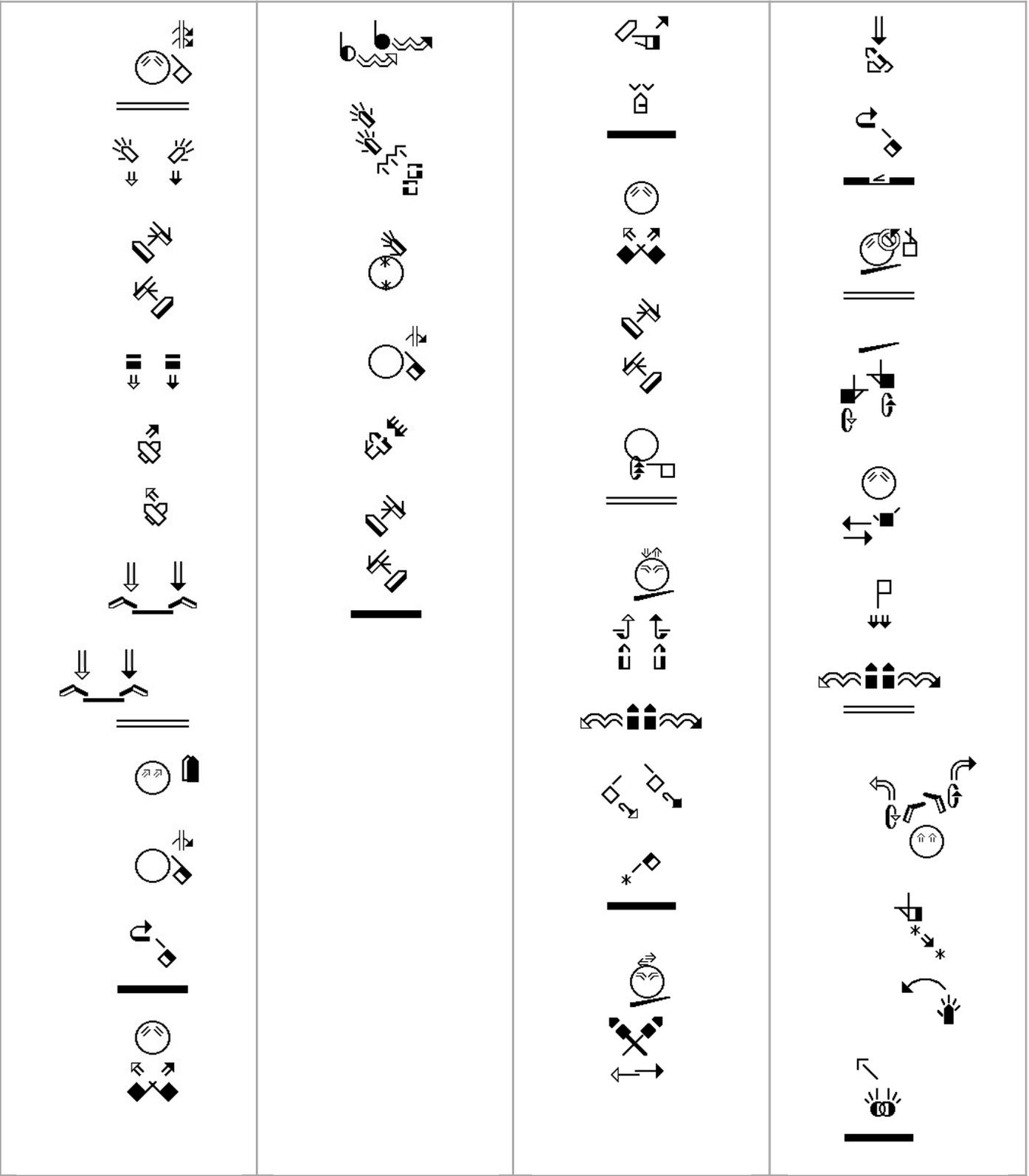
9 And I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery --unless his wife had been unfaithful." 10 Jesus' disciples then said to him, "If this is the case, it is better not to marry!" 11 "Not everyone can accept this statement," Jesus said. "Only those whom God helps."  
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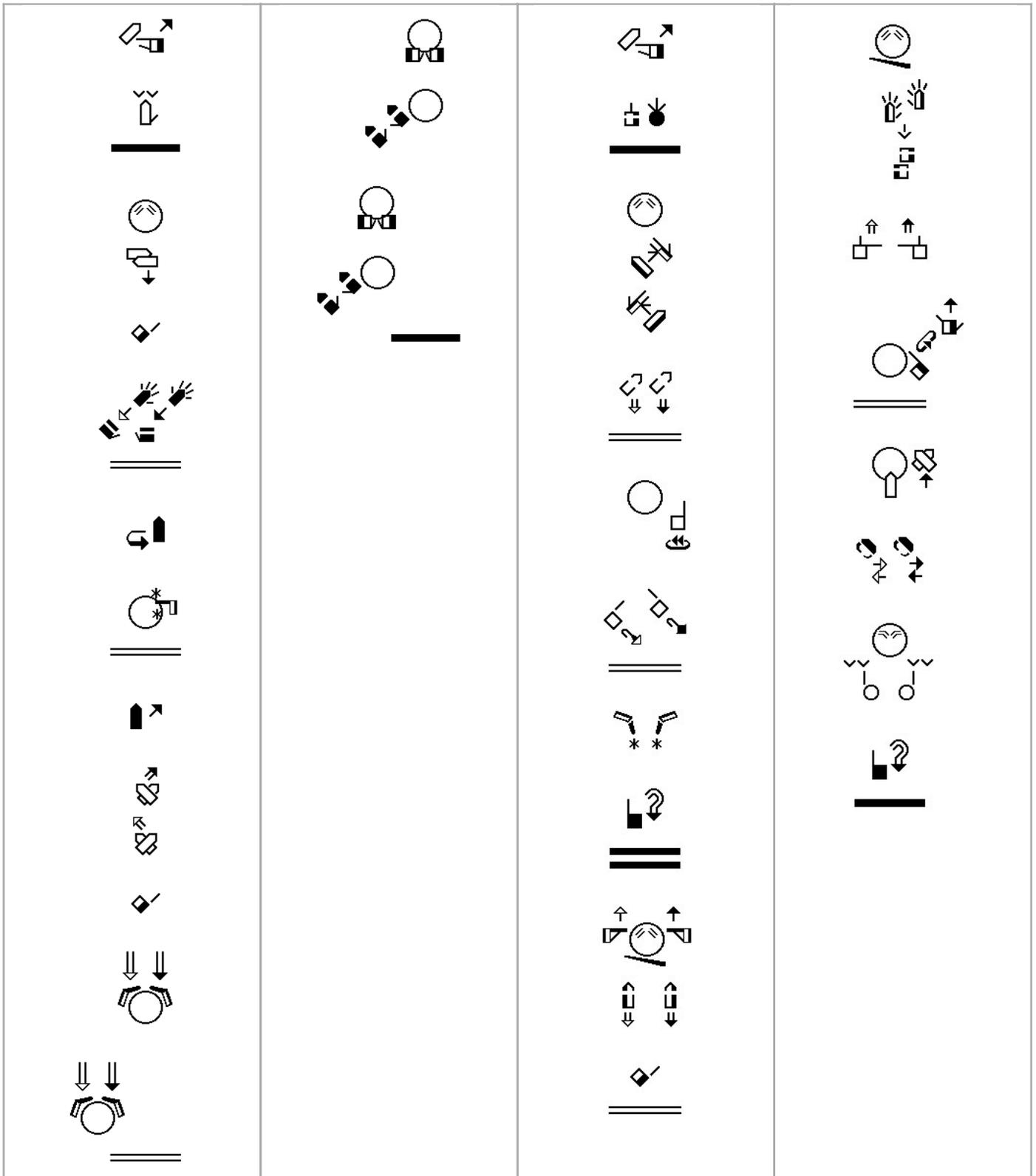
12 Some are born as eunuchs, some have been made eunuchs by others, and some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let anyone accept this who can." 13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus

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Matthew 19:13-14



so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." NLT



15 And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left. 16. Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" NLT





Matthew 19:20-21

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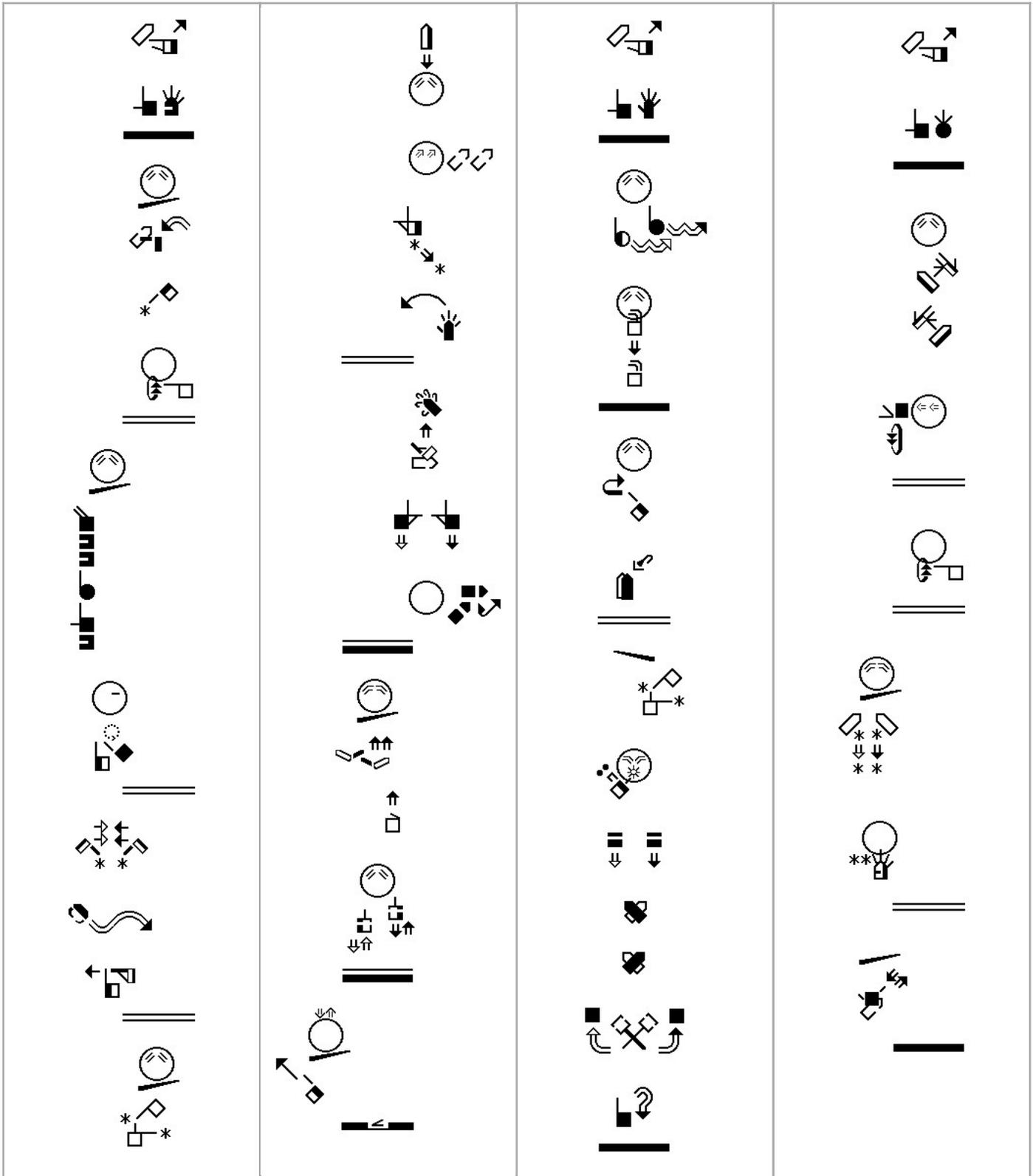
"What else must I do?" 21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

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22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.  
 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Matthew 19:24-26



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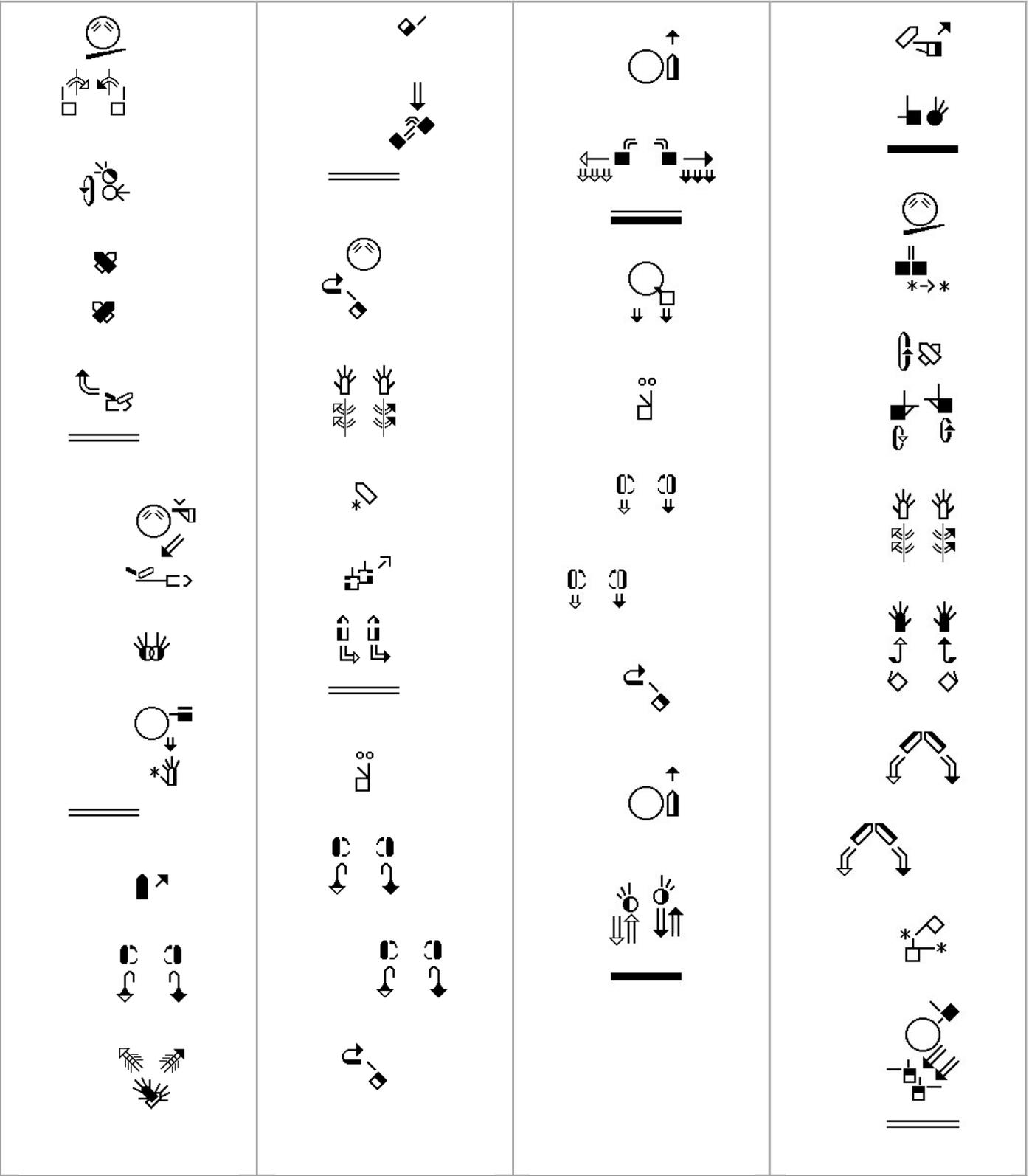
24 I'll say it again -- it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" 25 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. 26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. NLT

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But with God everything is possible." 27 Then Peter said to him, "We've given up everything to follow you. What will we get?" 28 "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you,

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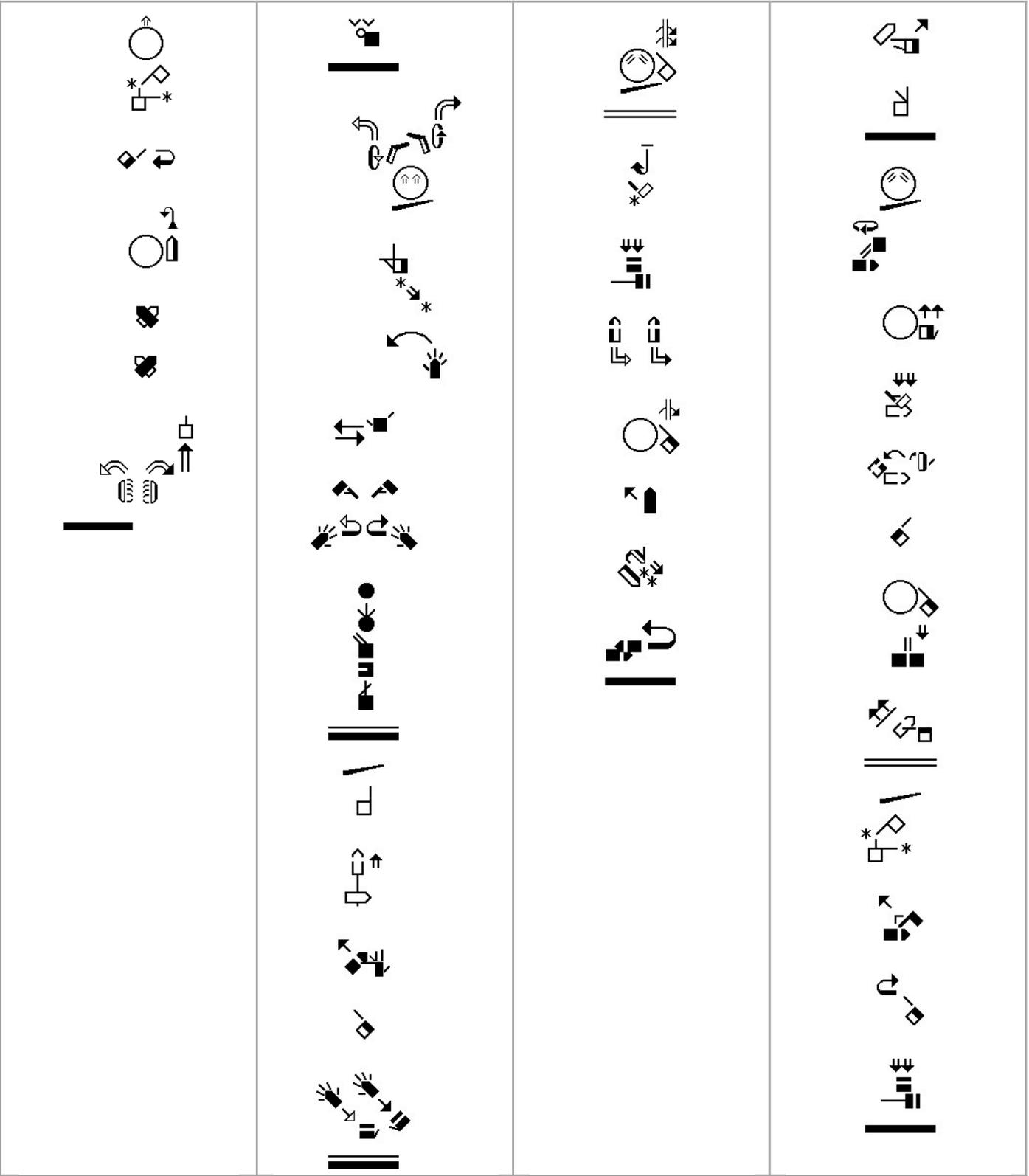
Matthew 19:28-29



346 that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has given up houses or brothers NLT



Matthew 19:30, 20:1-2



348 will be the greatest then. 20 "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work. NLT

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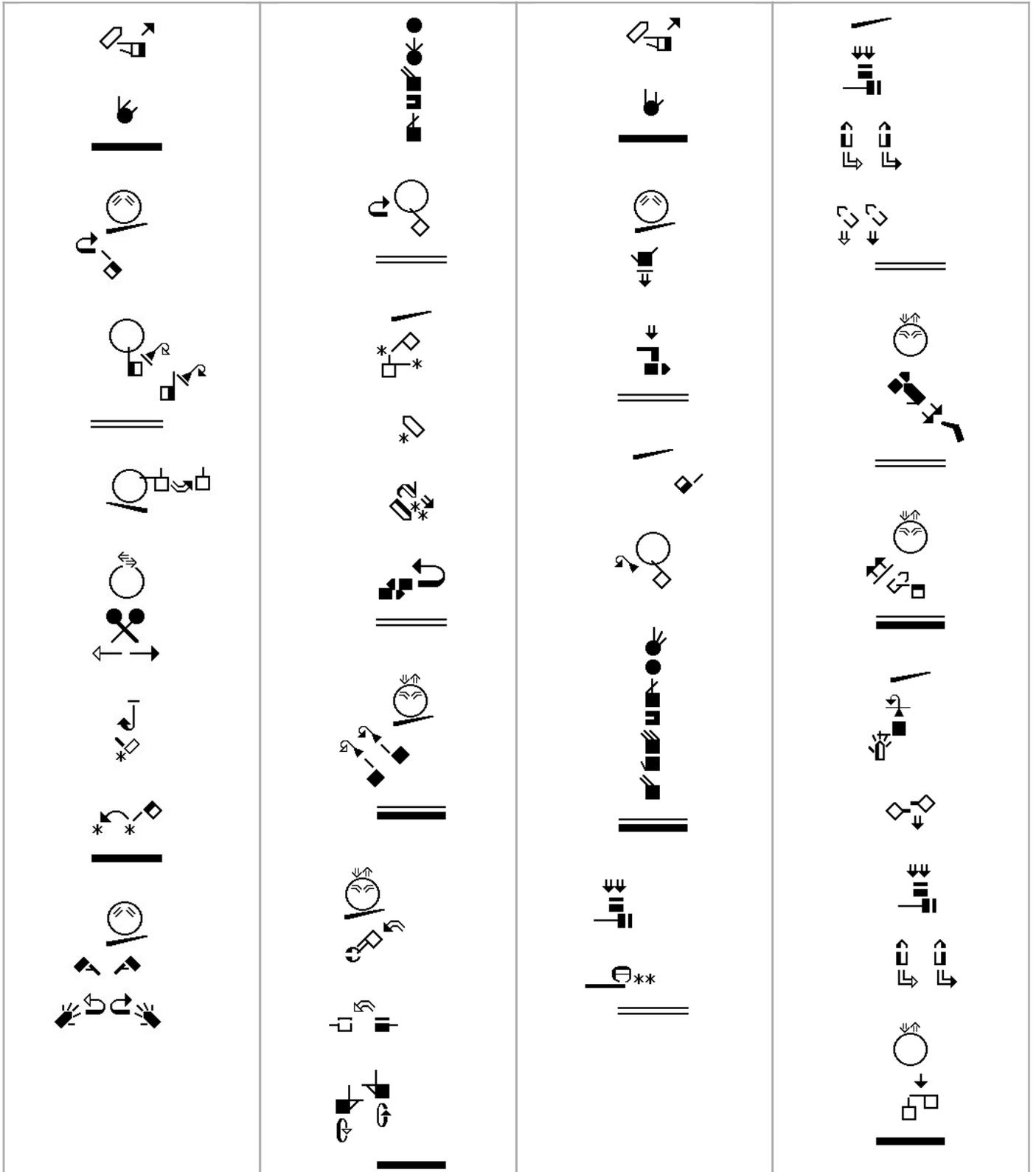
3 "At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. 4 So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day.

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Matthew 20:5-6

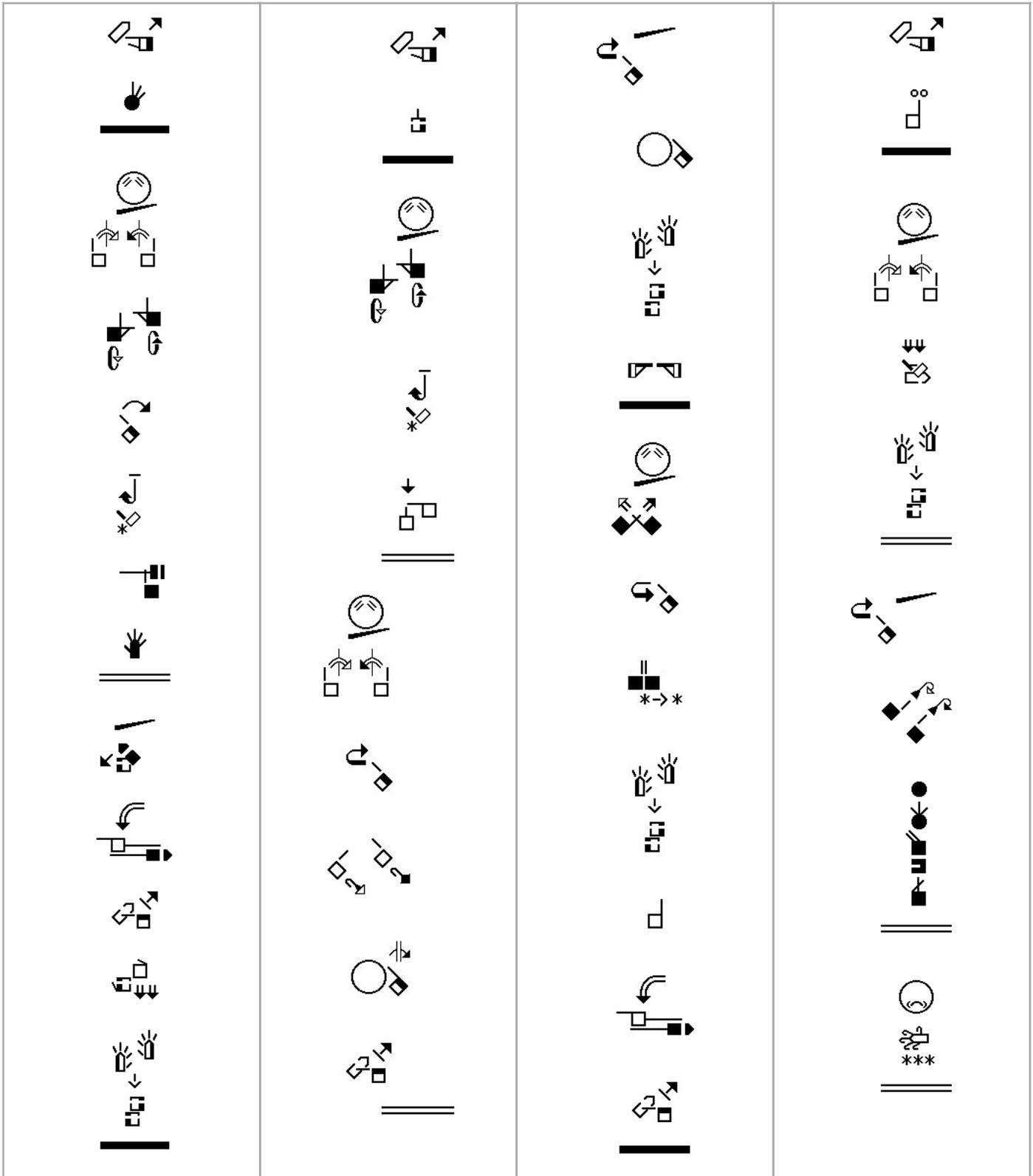
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5 So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o'clock he did the same thing. 6 "At five o'clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, 'Why haven't you been working today?' NLT



7 "They replied, 'Because no one hired us.' "The landowner told them, 'Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.' 8 "That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. NLT

Matthew 20:9-11

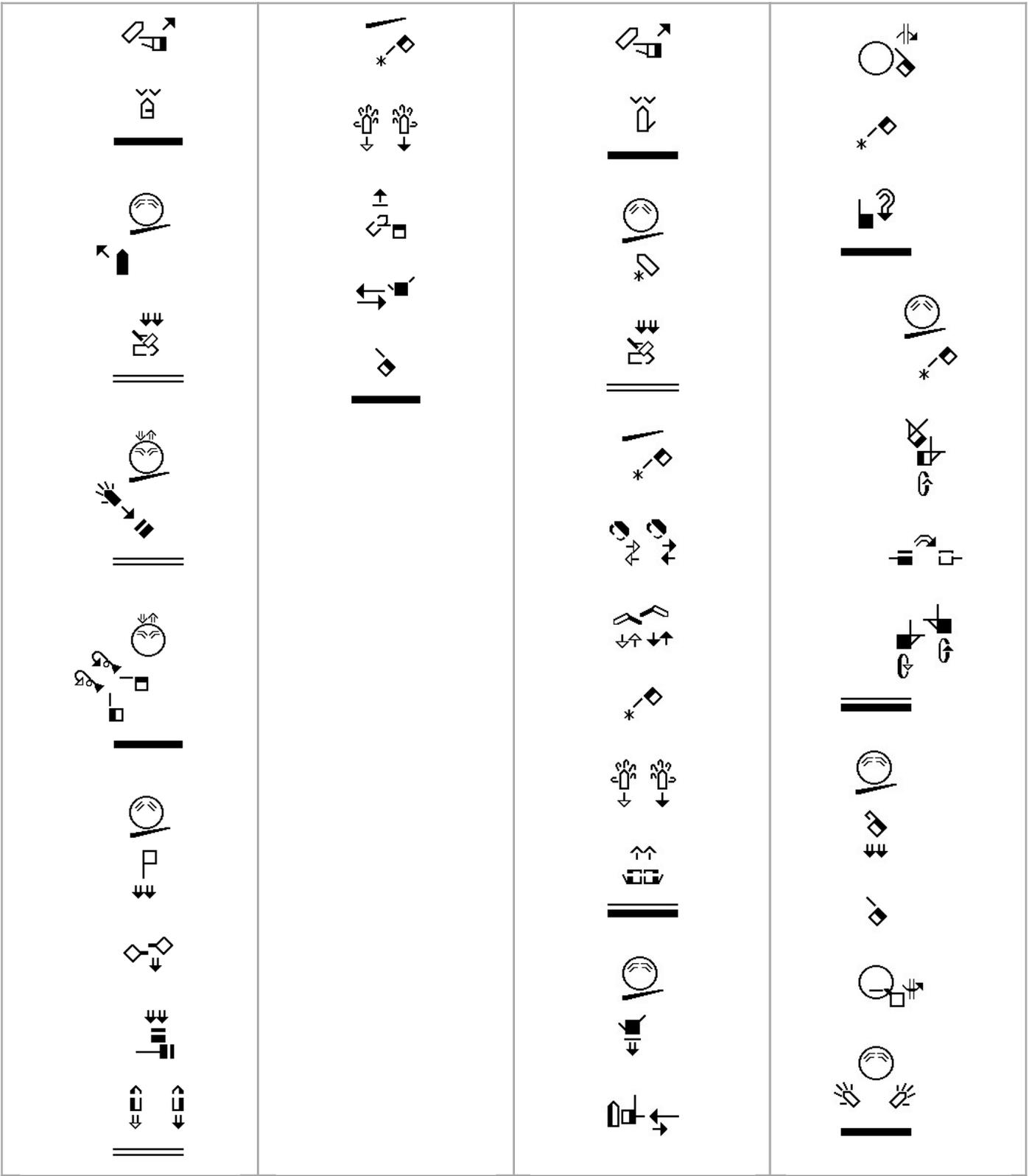


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9 When those hired at five o'clock were paid, each received a full day's wage. 10 When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage. 11 When they received their pay, they protested to the owner,  
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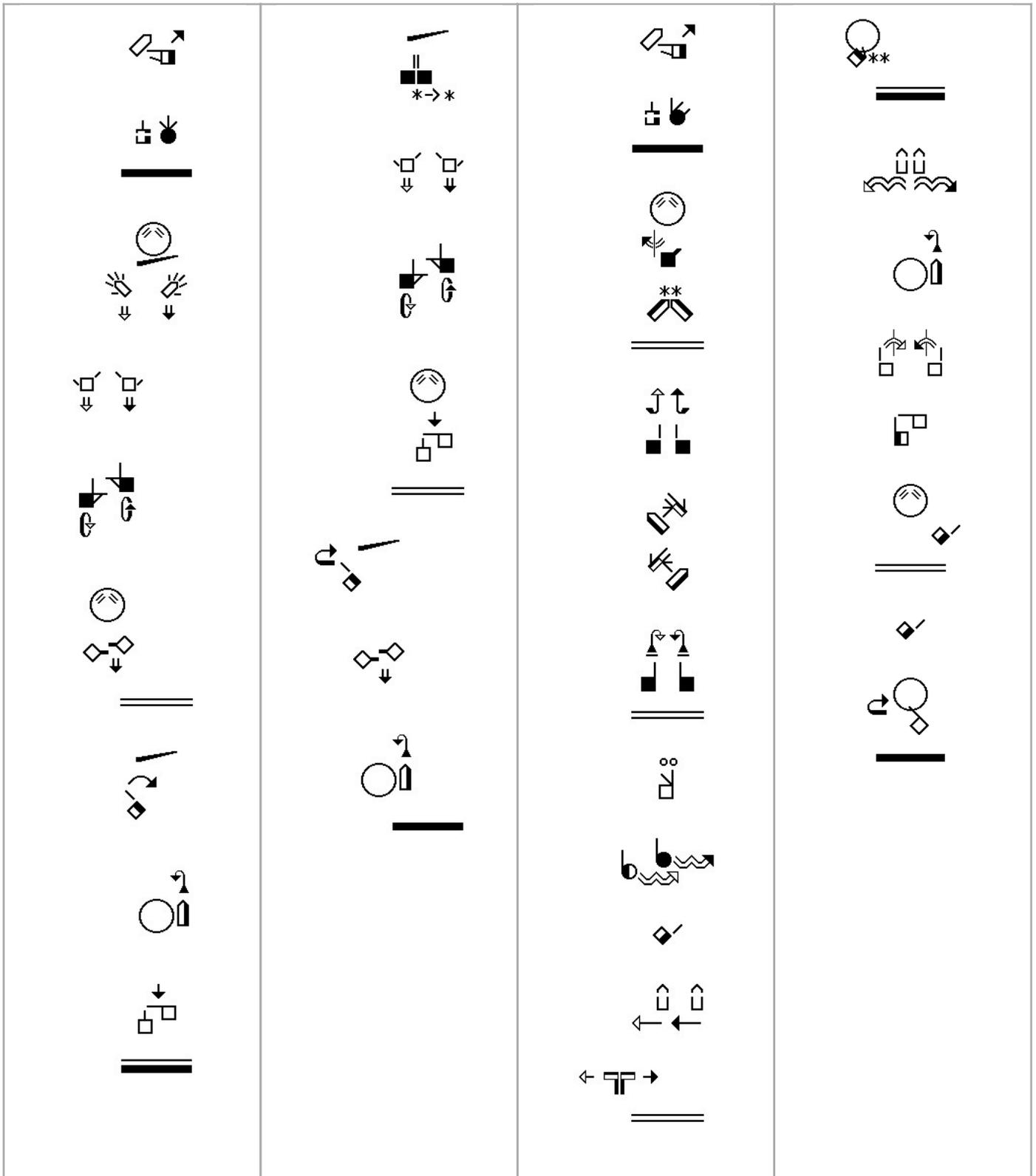


Matthew 20:14-15



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14 Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. 15 Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?' NLT

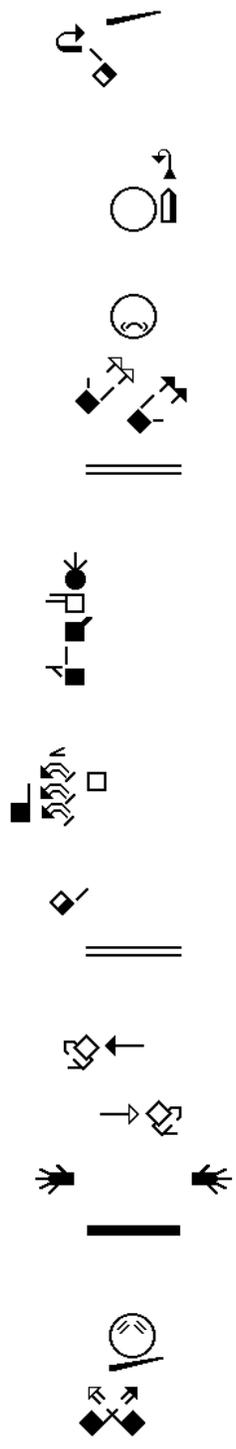
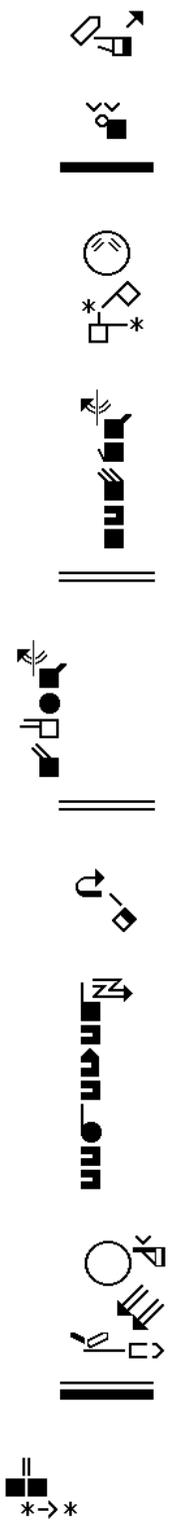
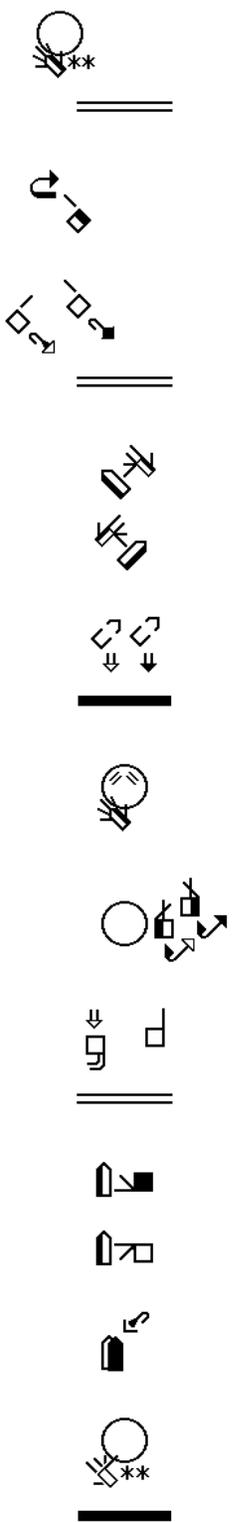


16 "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last." 17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him.

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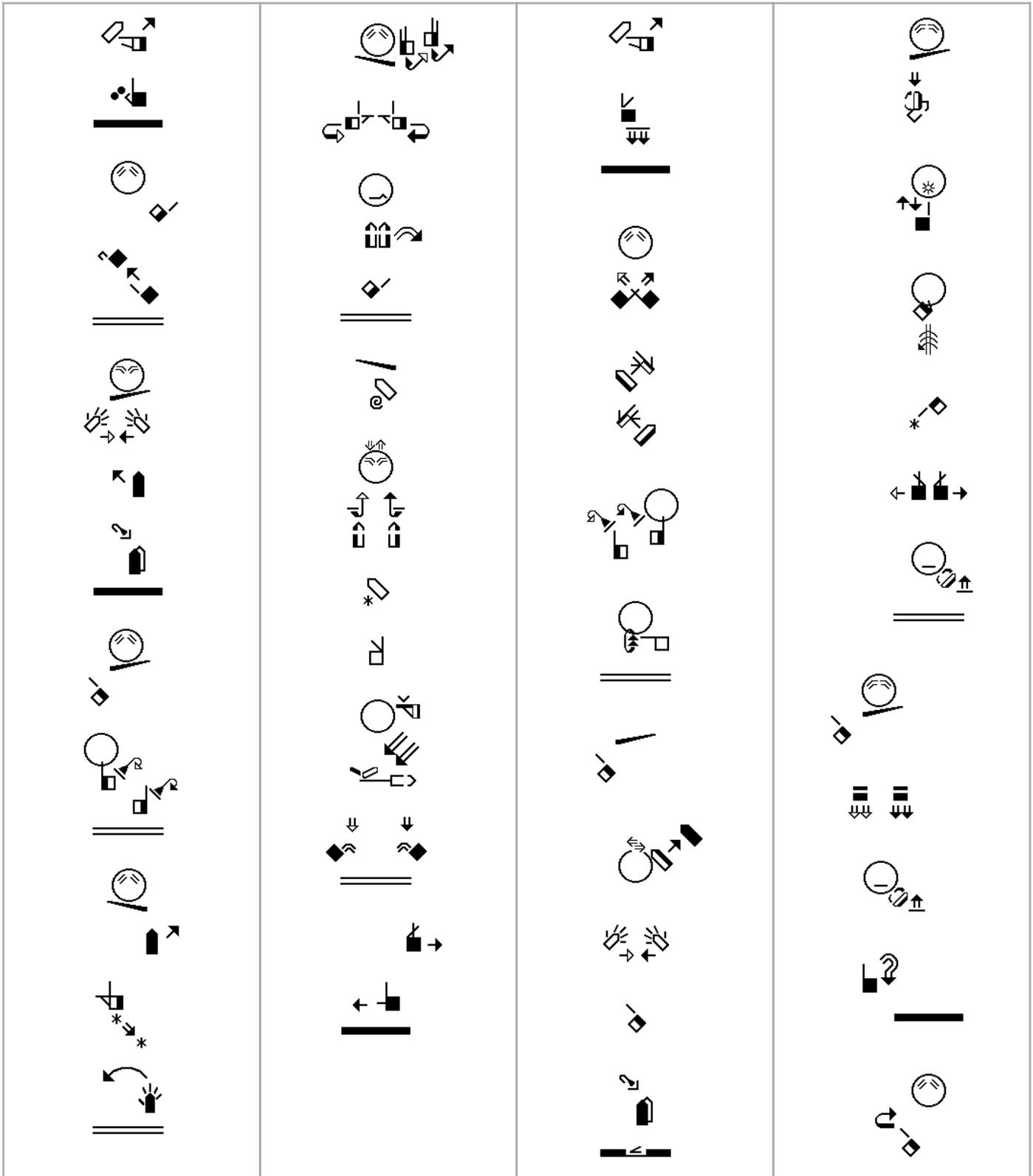
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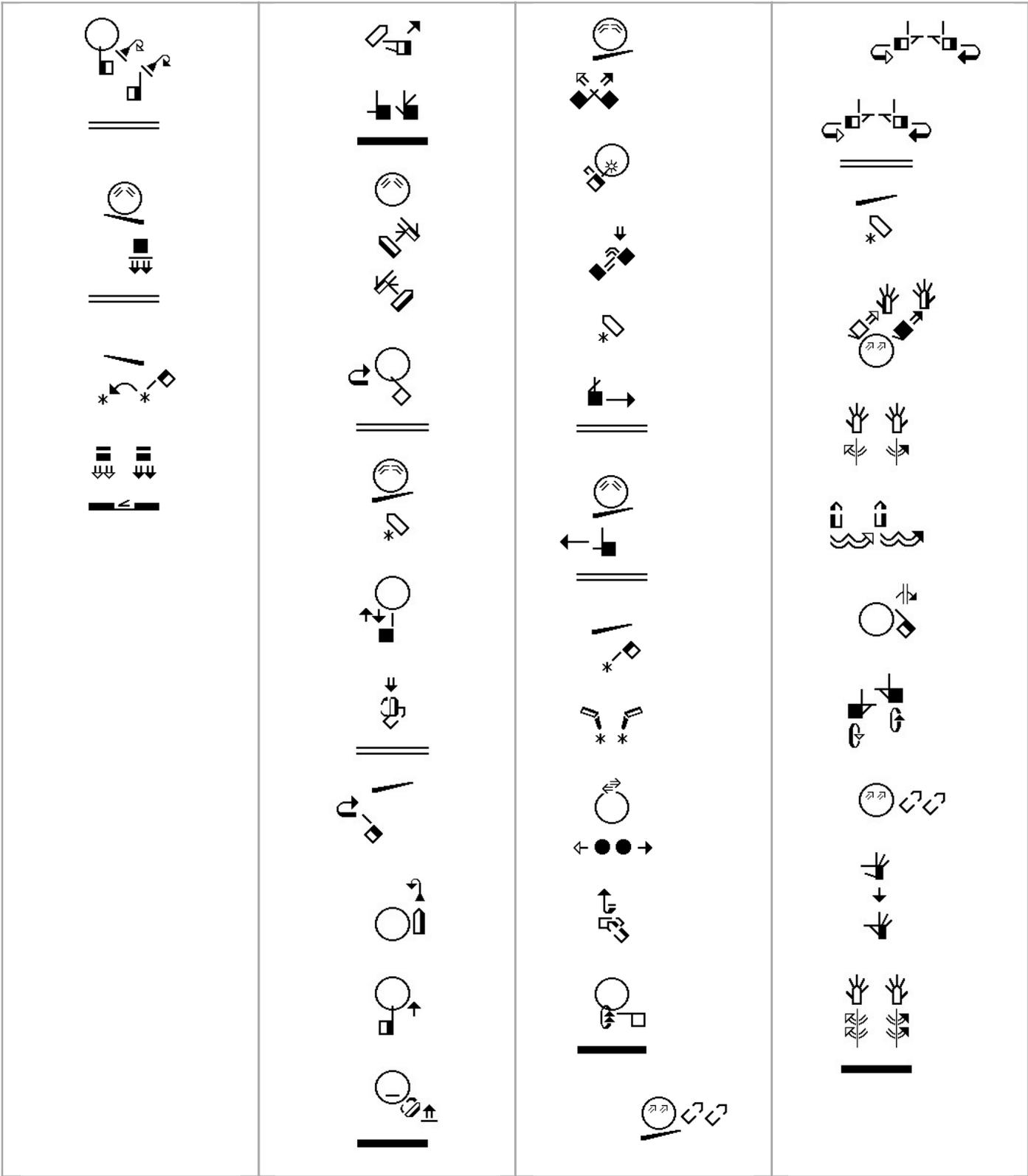
			
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to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead." 20 Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor.

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21 "What is your request?" he asked. She replied, "In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." 22 But Jesus answered by saying to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?" NLT



"Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!" 23 Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen." NLT

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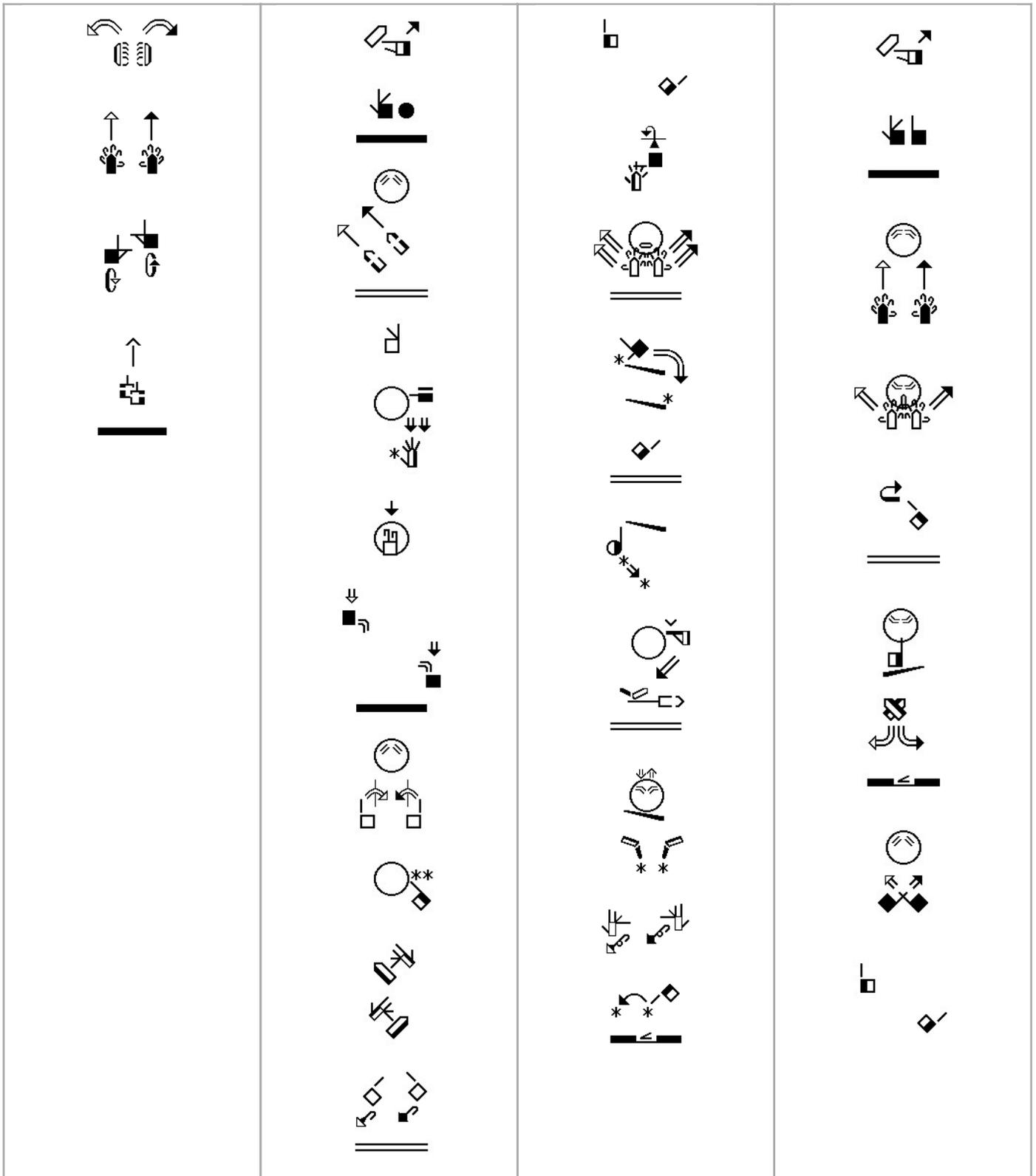
24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. 25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt



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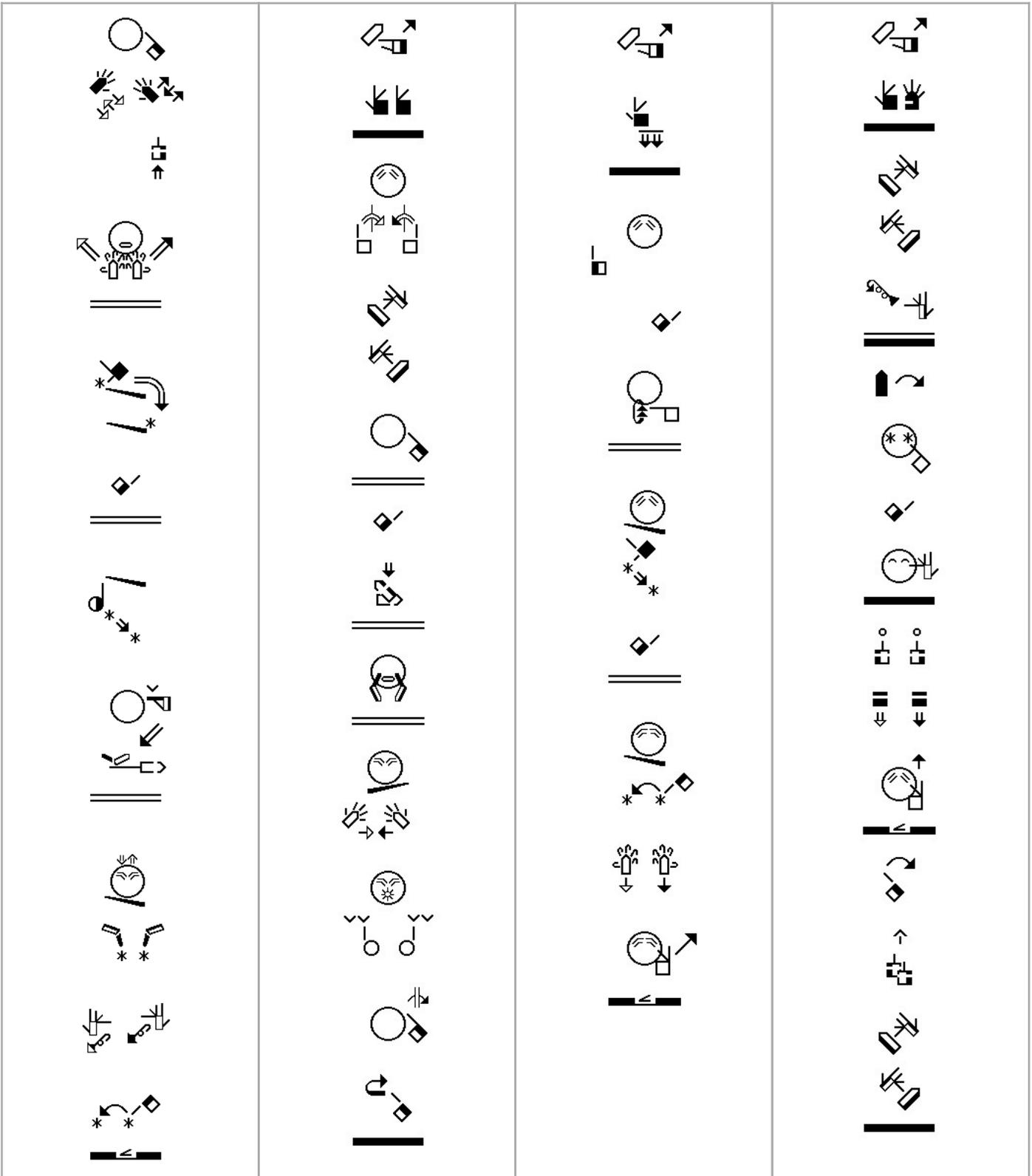
28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others, and to give his life as a ransom for many." 29 As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, NLT



a large crowd followed behind. 30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 31 "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they

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Matthew 20:31-34



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only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 32 When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, "What do you want me to do for you?" 33 "Lord," they said, "we want to see!" 34 Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.

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21 As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 "Go into the village over there," he said, "and you will see a donkey

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Matthew 21:2-3

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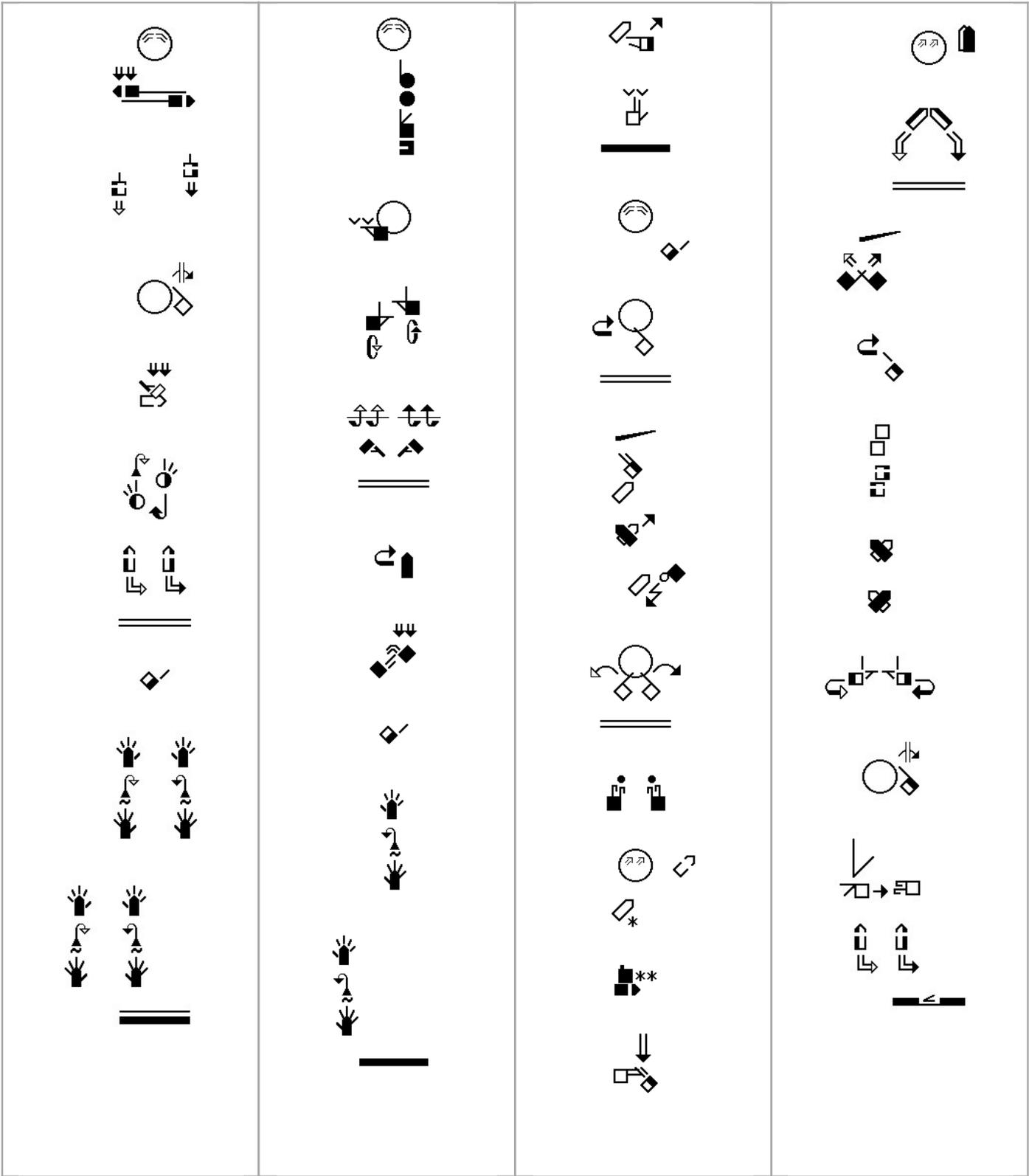
366 tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them, and bring them here. 3 If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately send them."  
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He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. 13 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" NLT

Matthew 21:14-15

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14 The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. 15 The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But the leaders were indignant. NLT



Matthew 21:18-19

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18 In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry, 19 and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" And immediately the fig tree withered up. NLT

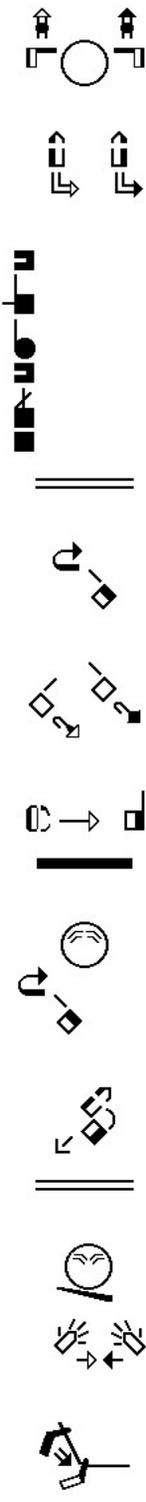
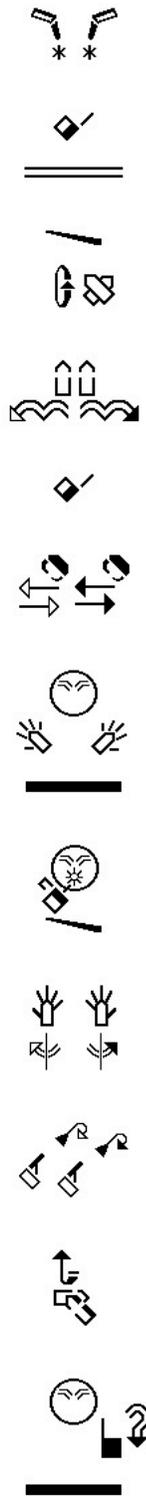
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20 The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" 21 Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this

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Matthew 21:21-23

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and elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?" 24 "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied.

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Matthew 21:25-26

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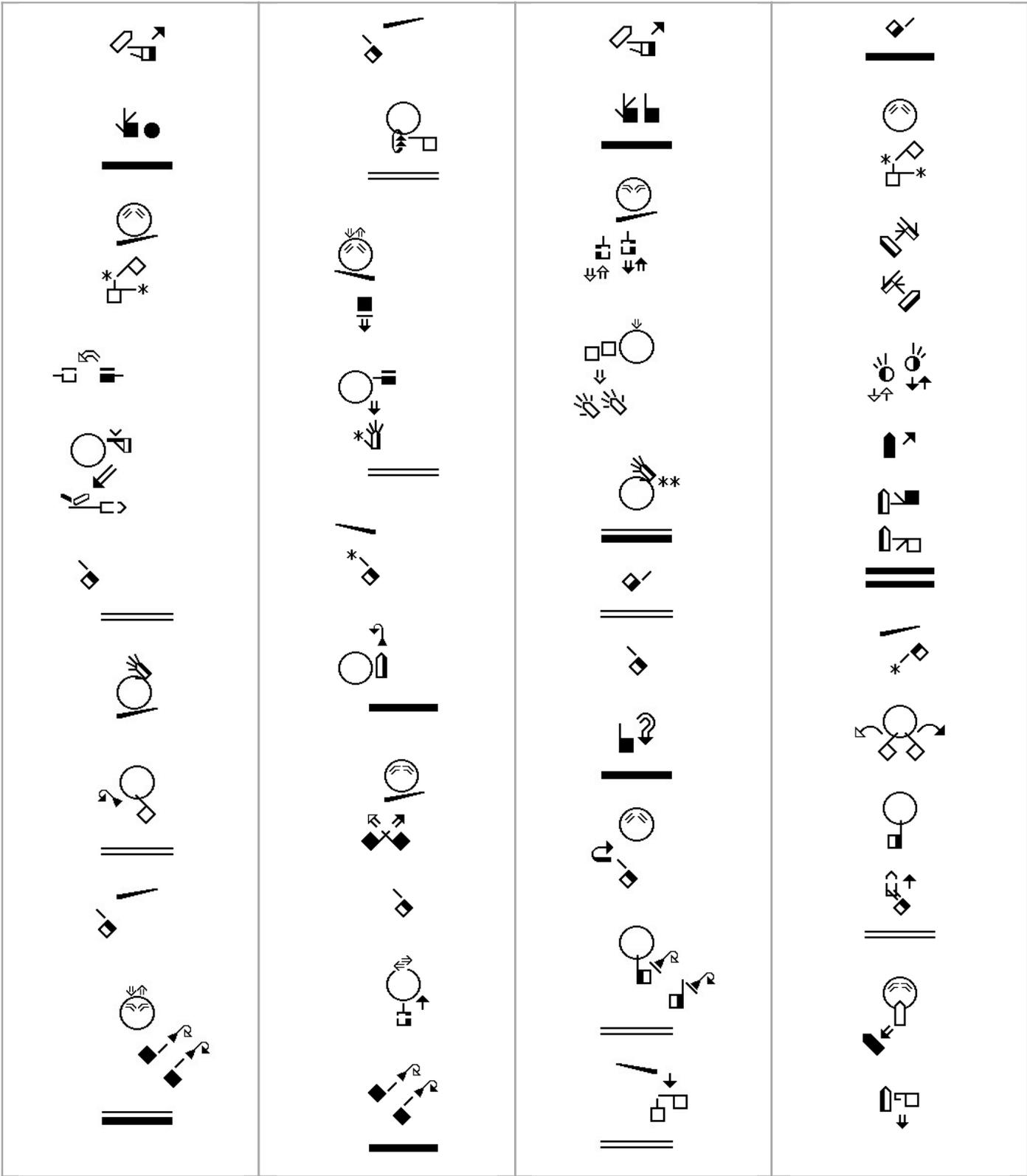
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because the people believe John was a prophet." 27 So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 "But what do you think about this? A man with two

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Matthew 21:28-29

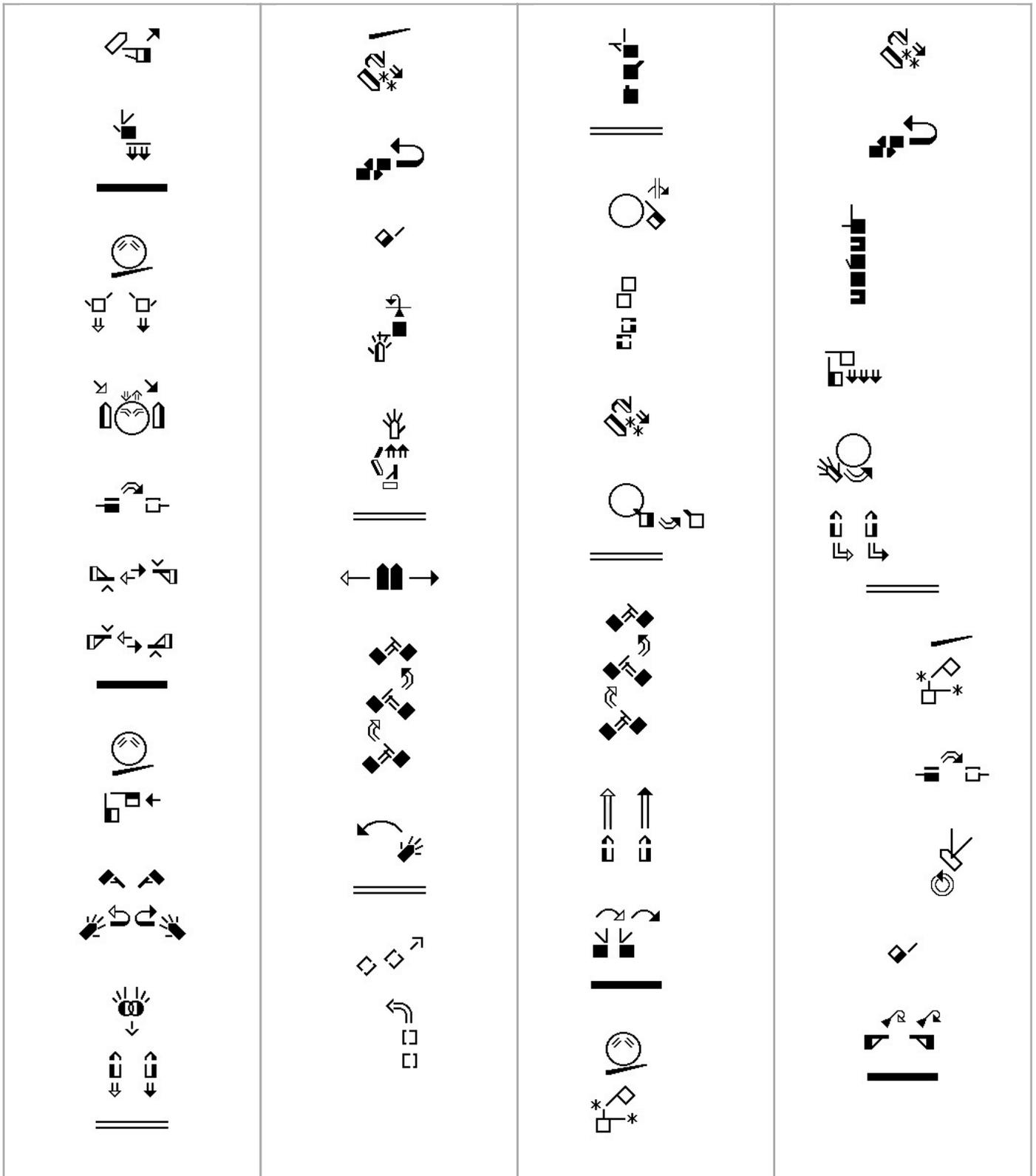
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30 Then the father told the other son, 'You go,' and he said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' But he didn't go. 31 "Which of the two obeyed his father?" They replied, "The first." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax

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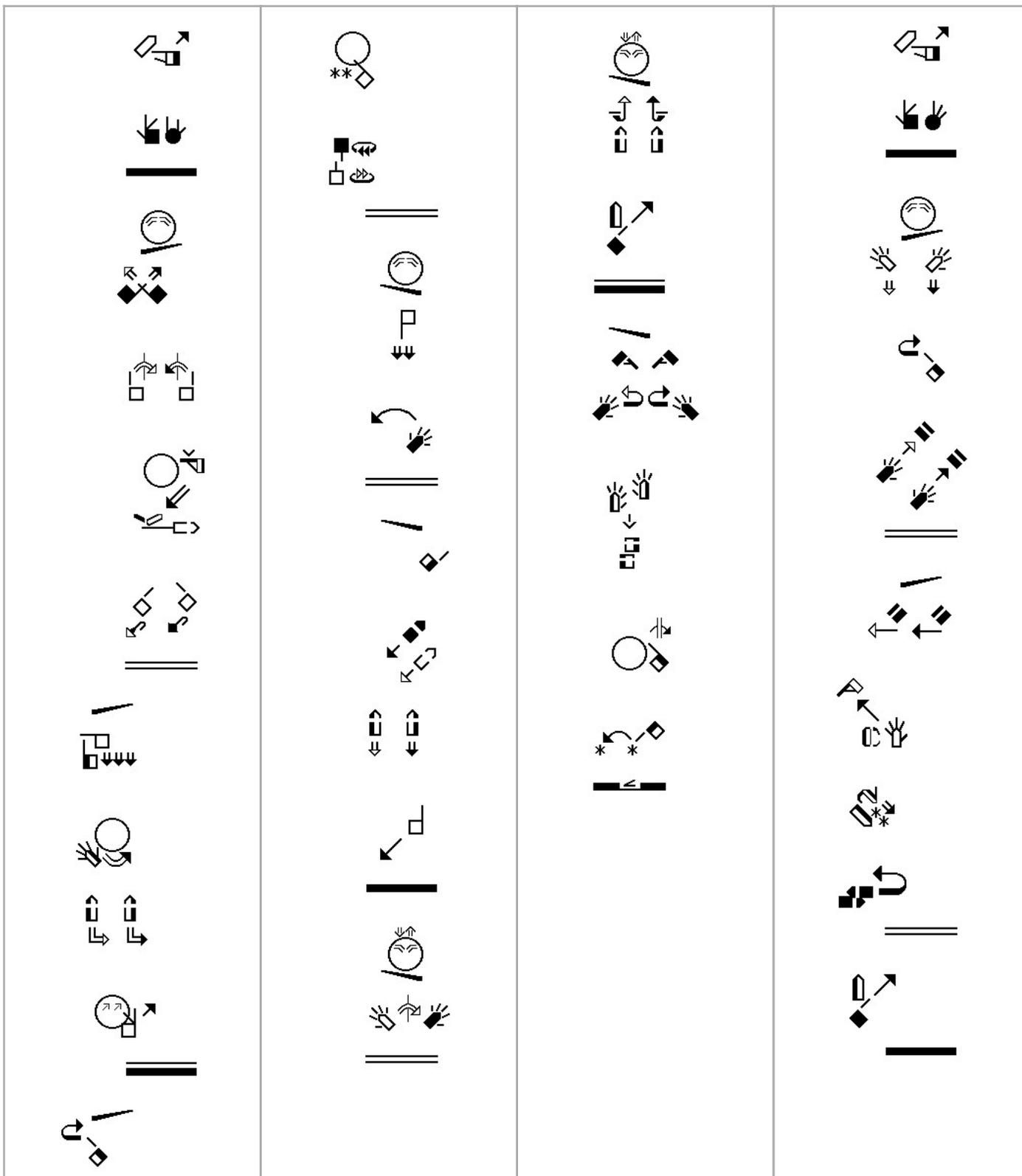
33 "Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.

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Matthew 21:38-39



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38 "But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!'  
 39 So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him. NLT

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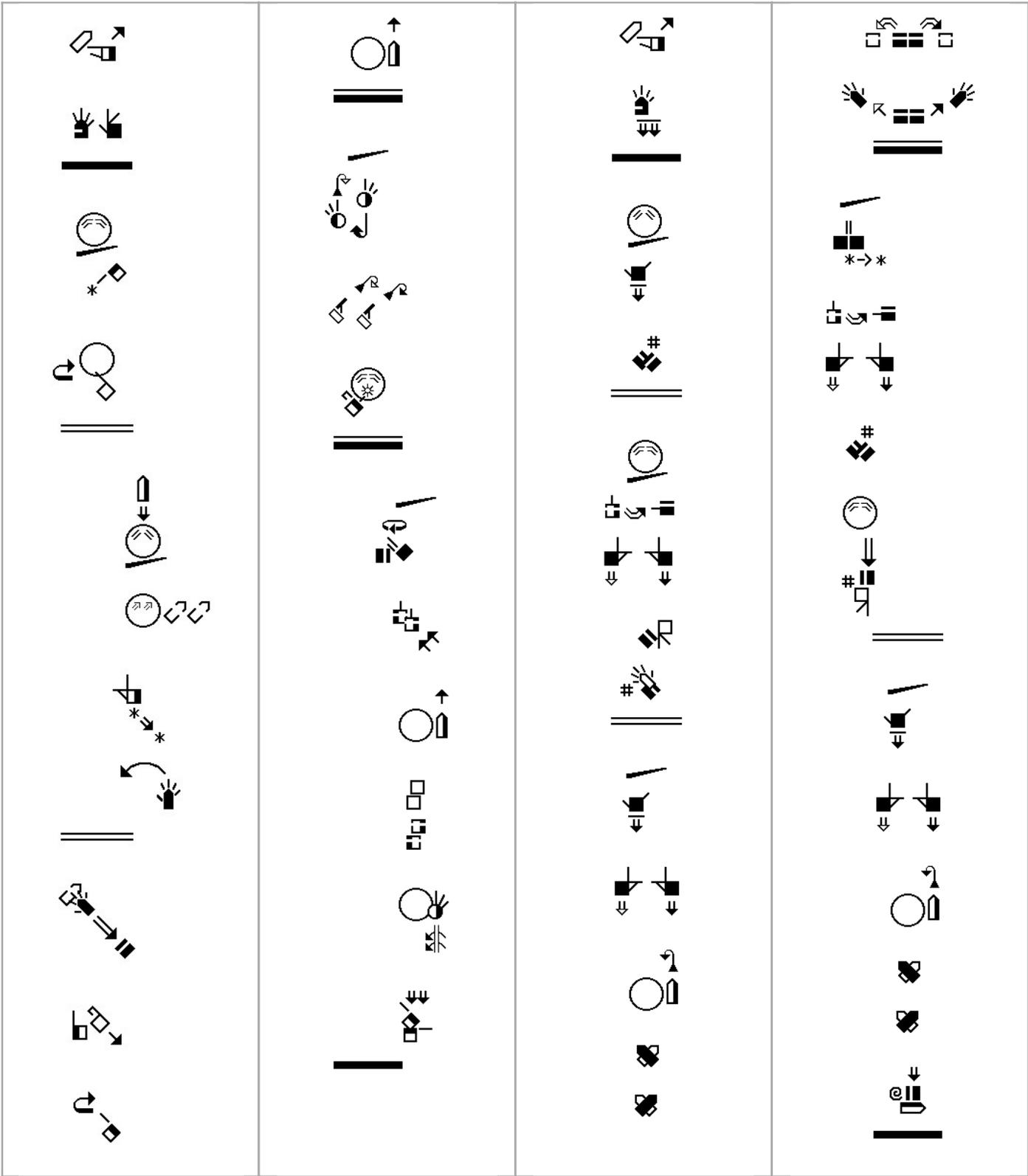
40 "When the owner of the vineyard returns," Jesus asked, "what do you think he will do to those farmers?" 41 The religious leaders replied, "He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others

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Matthew 21:41-42

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who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest." 42 Then Jesus asked them, "Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing, and it is wonderful to see.' NLT

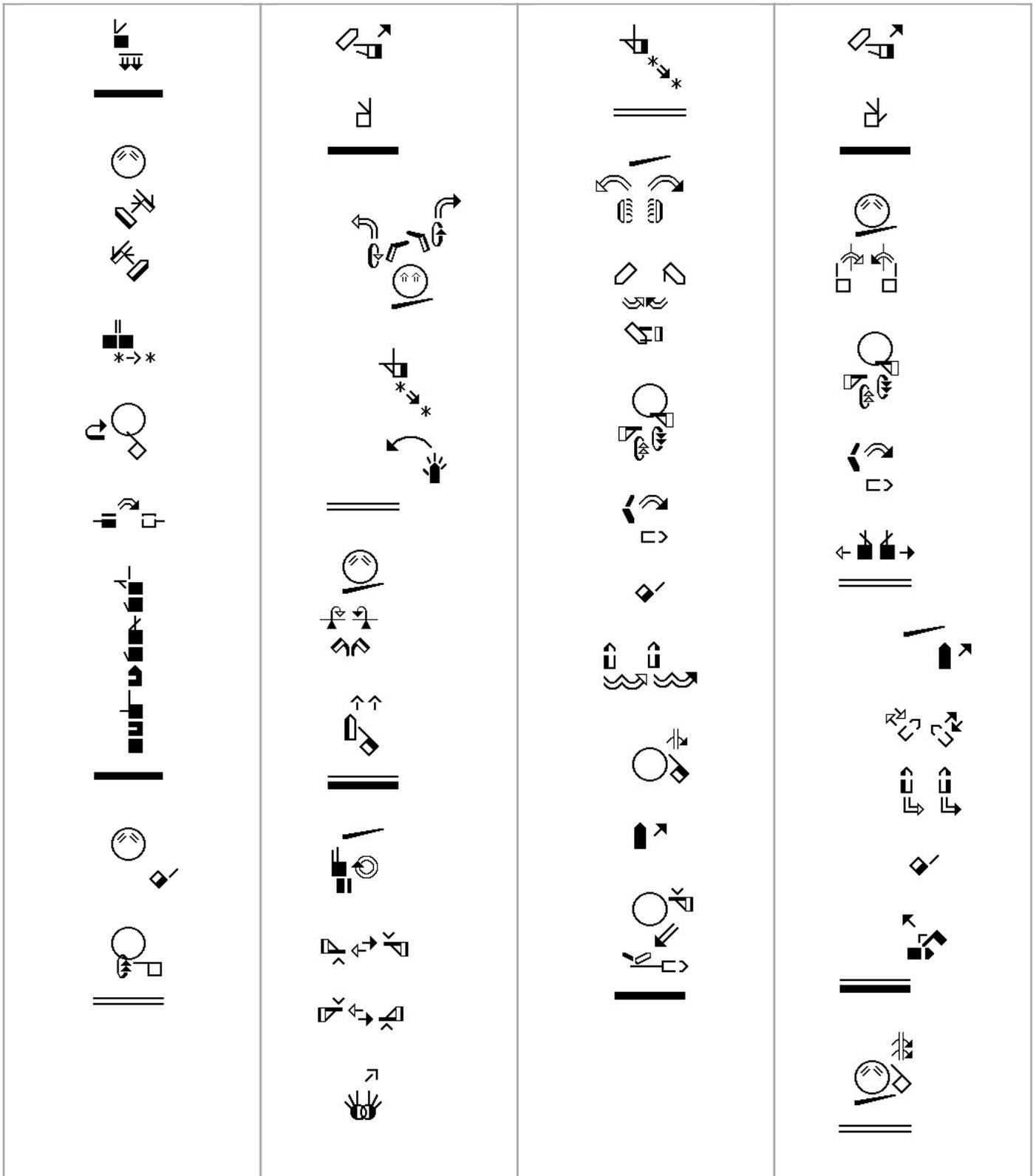


43 I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. 44 Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on." NLT

Matthew 21:45-46

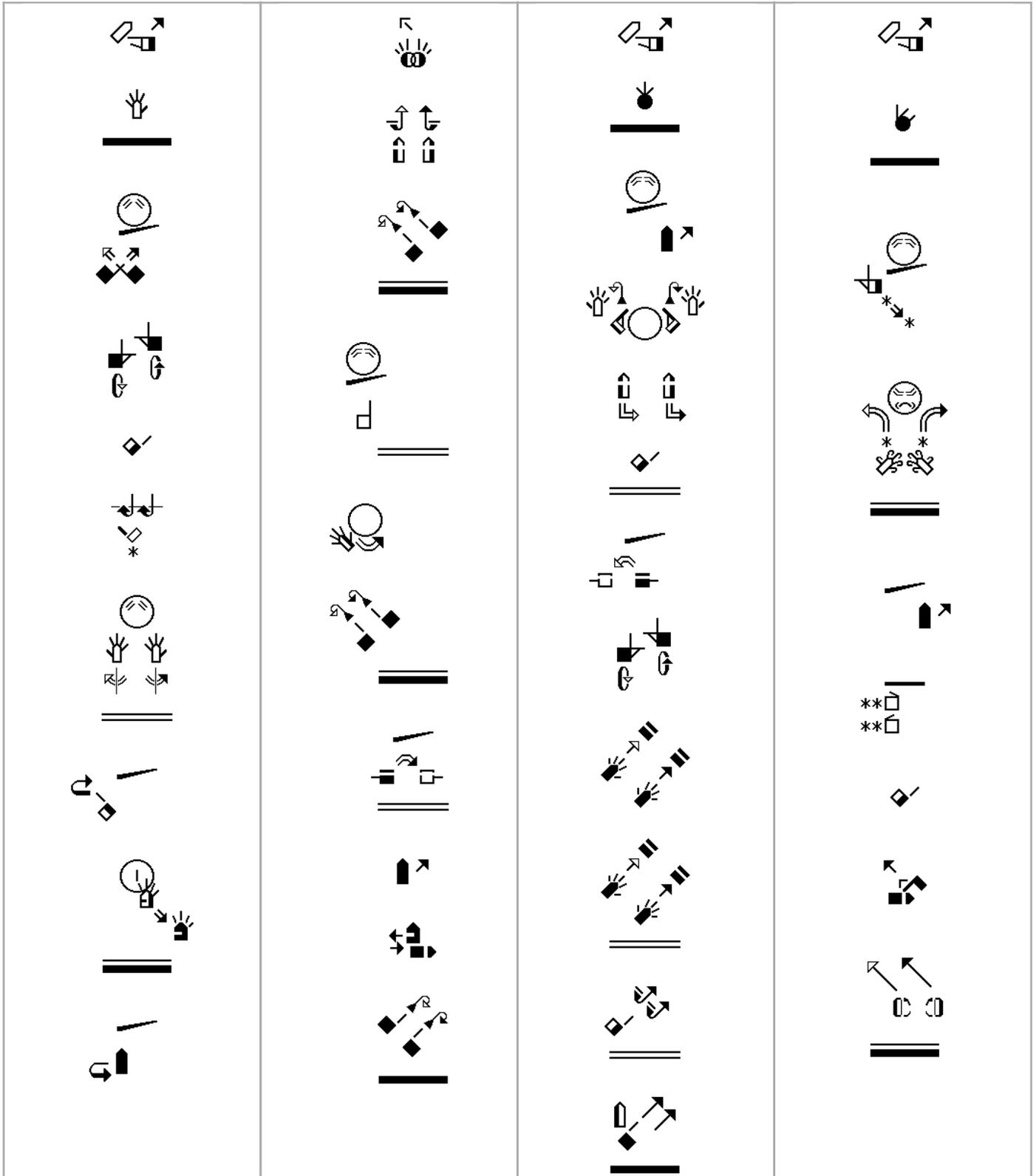
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45 When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them -- they were the wicked farmers. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet. NLT



22 Jesus also told them other parables. He said, 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. 3 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants NLT

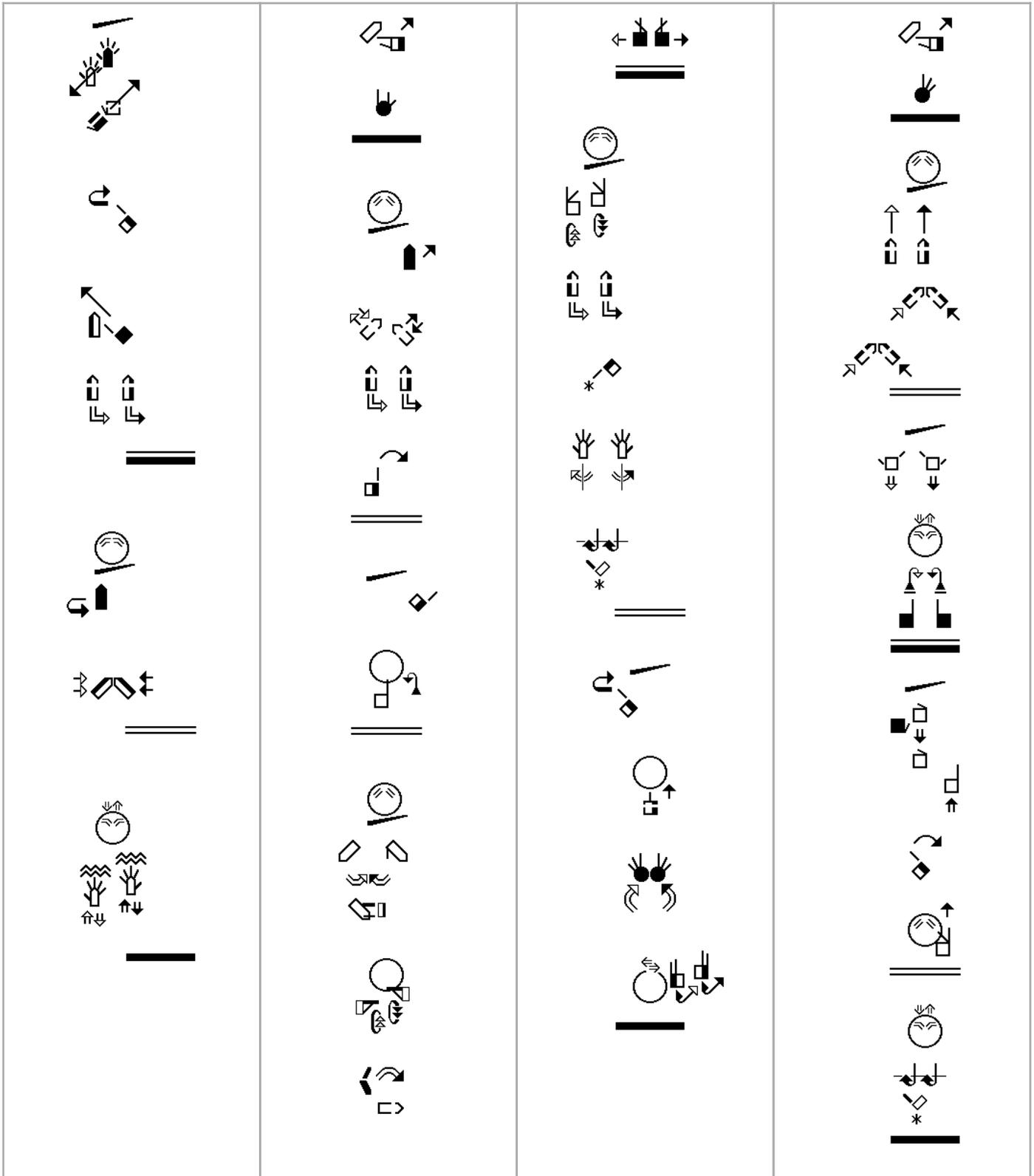




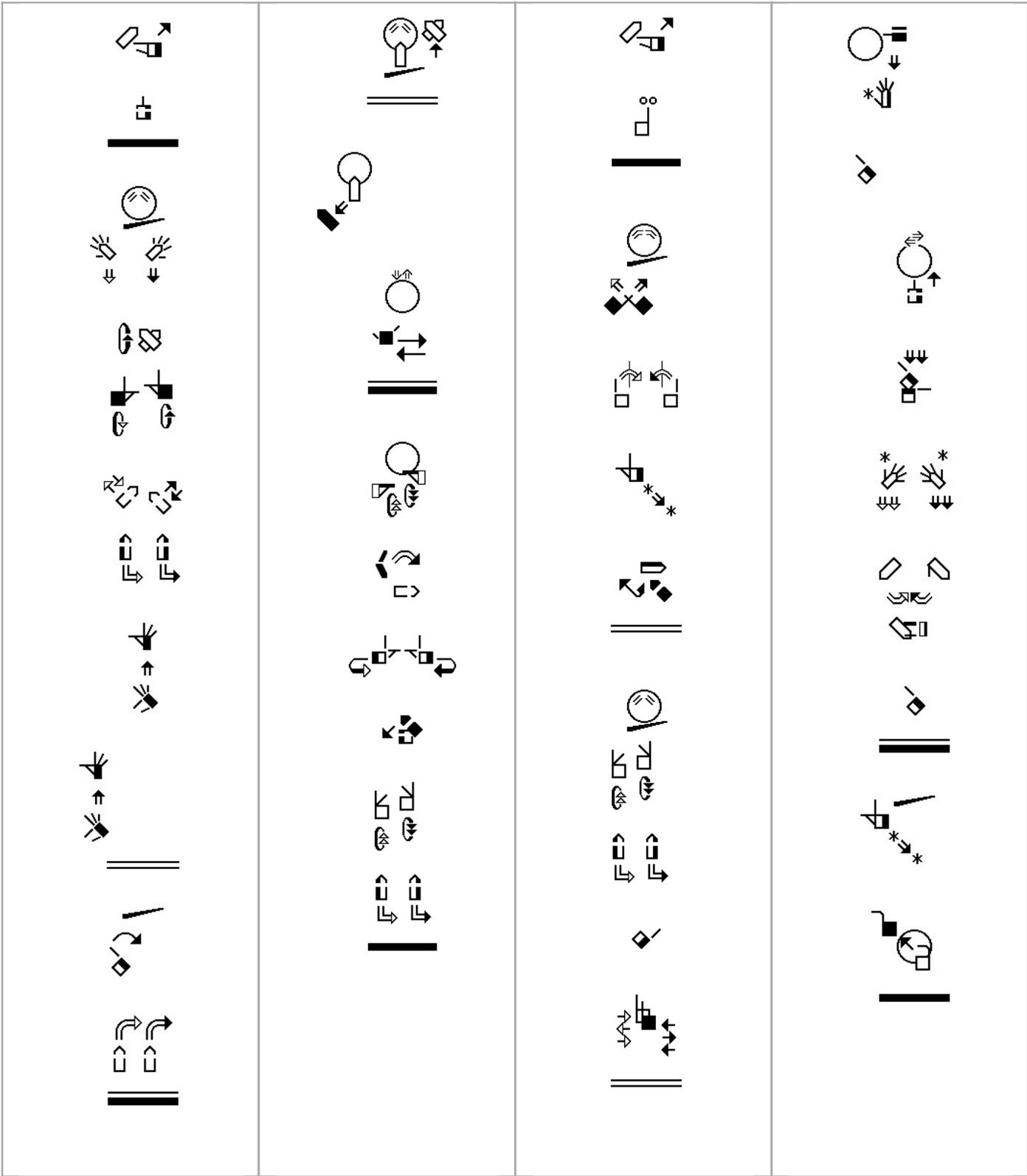
5 But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. 6 Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them. 7 "The king was furious, and he sent out his army

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Matthew 22:7-9



to destroy the murderers and burn their town. 8 And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. 9 Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.'



10 So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. NLT

Matthew 22:12-13

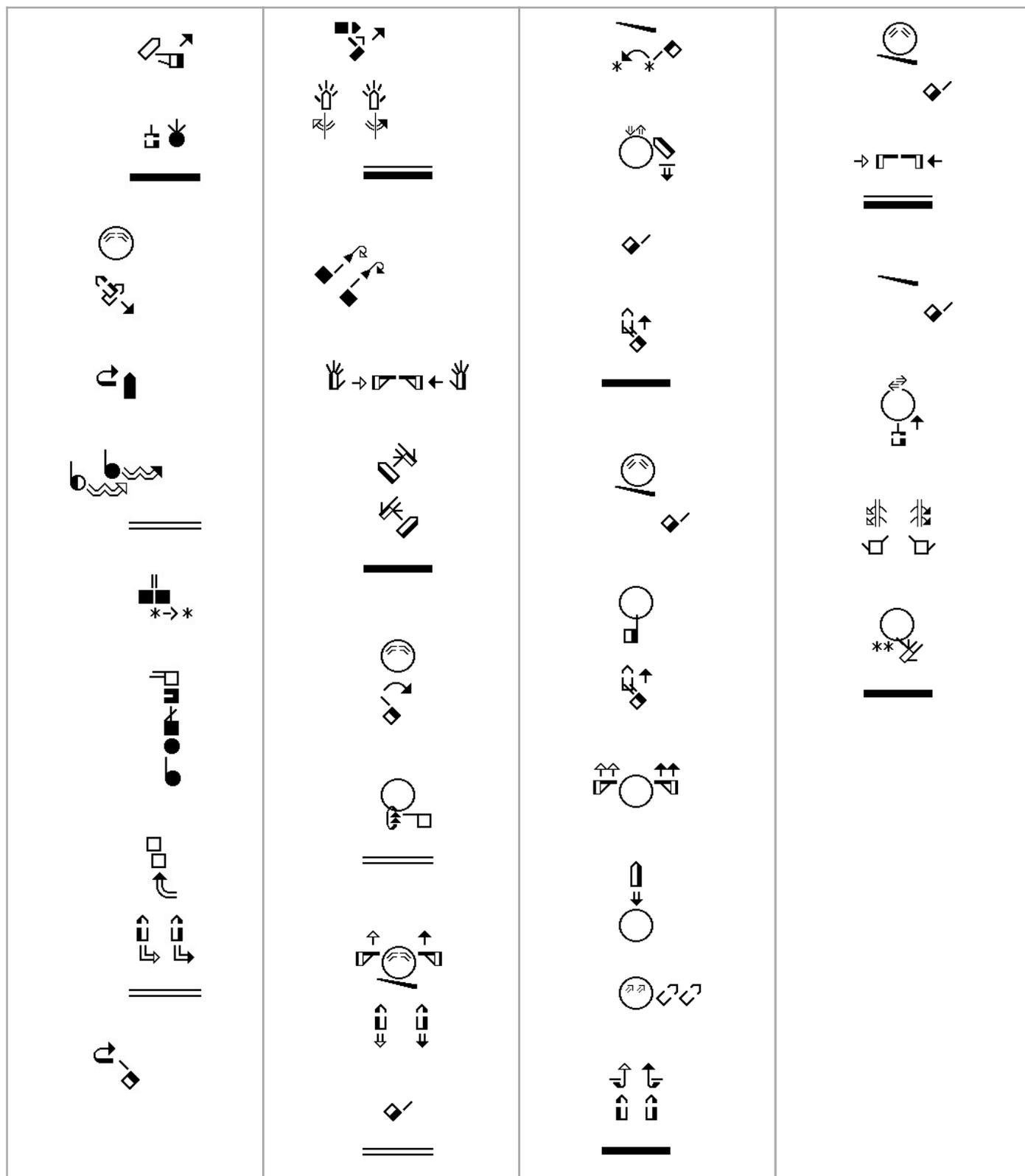
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where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen." 15 Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested.

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Matthew 22:16



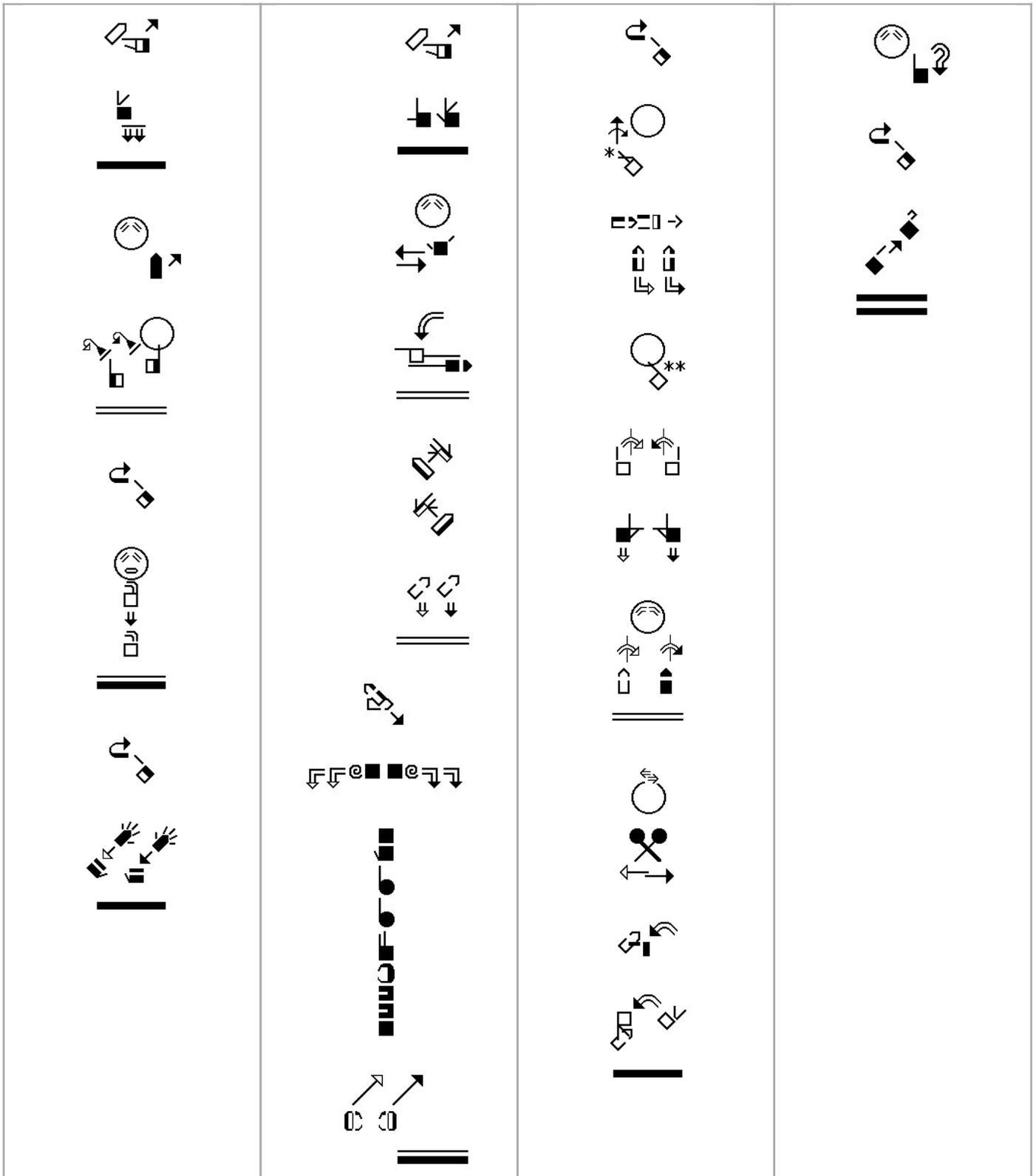
16 They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites. NLT



Matthew 22:19-21

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19 Here, show me the coin used for the tax." When they handed him a Roman coin, 20 he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" 21 "Caesar's," they replied. "Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." NLT



22 His reply amazed them, and they went away. 23 That same day Jesus was approached by some Sadducees -- religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: NLT

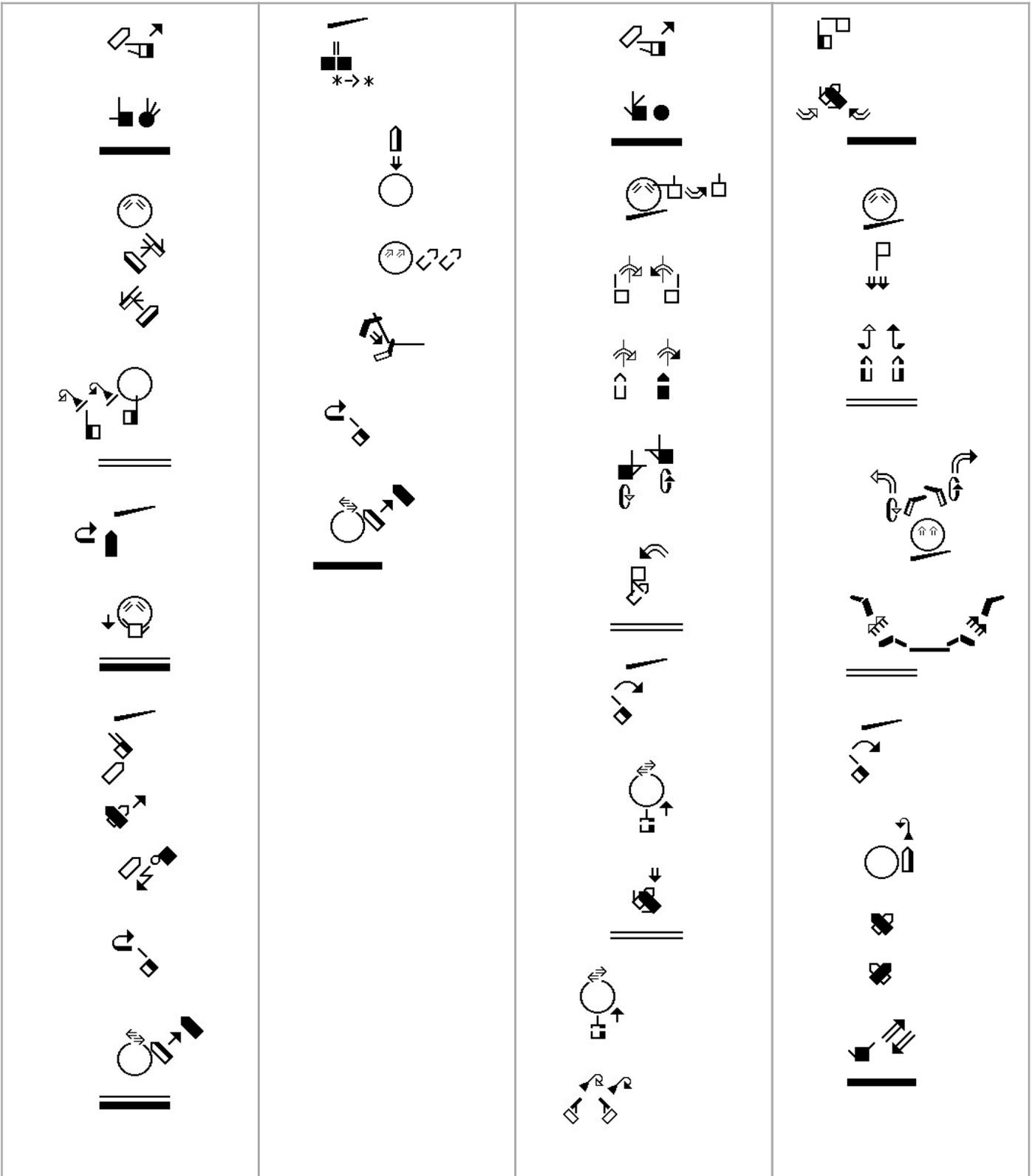
Matthew 22:24-25

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24 "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name.' 25 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children, so his brother married the widow. NLT



Matthew 22:29-30



29 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. 30 For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven. NLT



Matthew 22:32-34

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Jacob.' So he is the God of the living, not the dead." 33 When the crowds heard him, they were astounded at his teaching. 34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. NLT



Matthew 22:38-40

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408 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." NLT

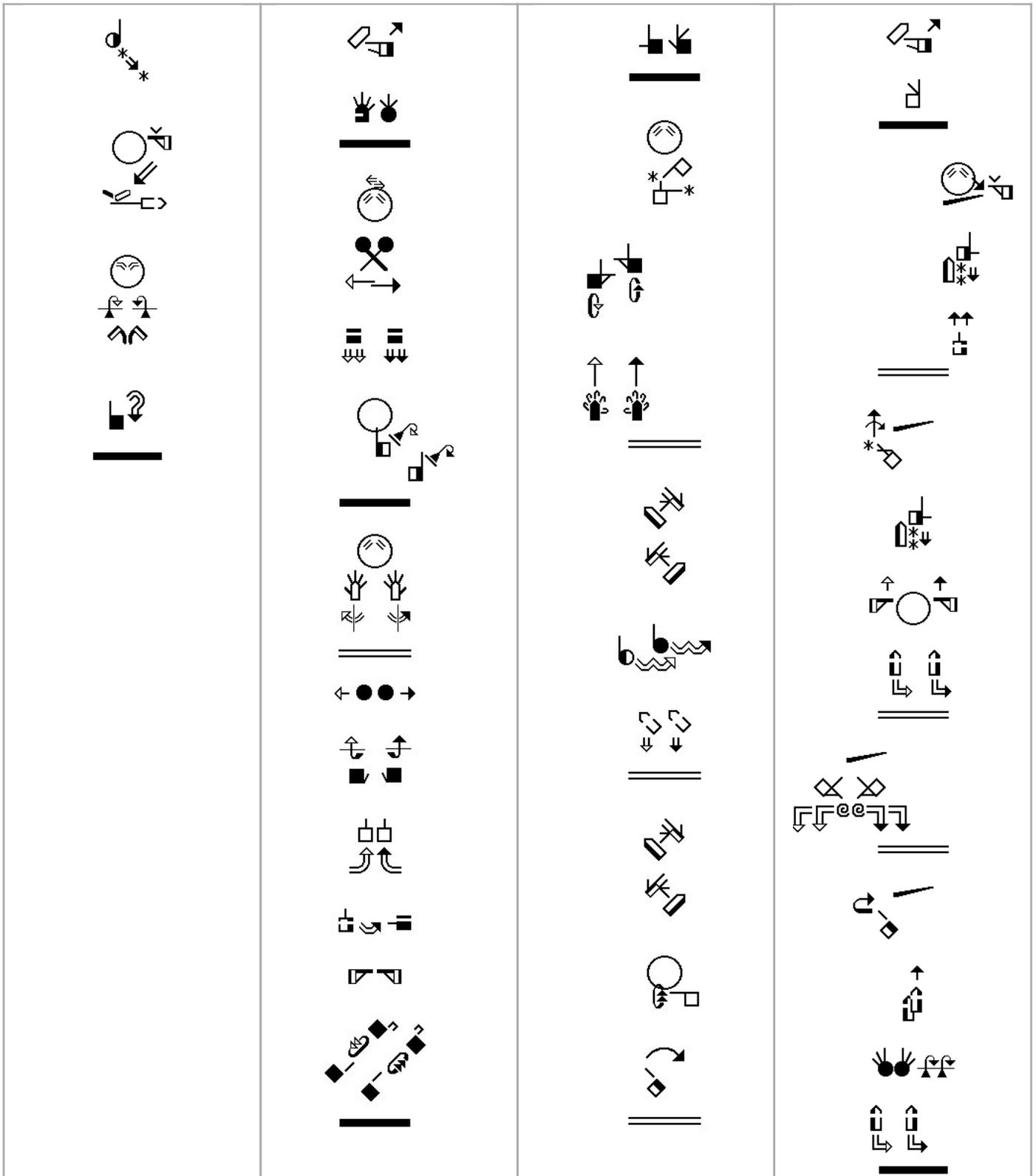
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41 Then, surrounded by the Pharisees, Jesus asked them a question: 42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "He is the son of David." 43 Jesus responded, "Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Spirit,

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Matthew 22:43-45

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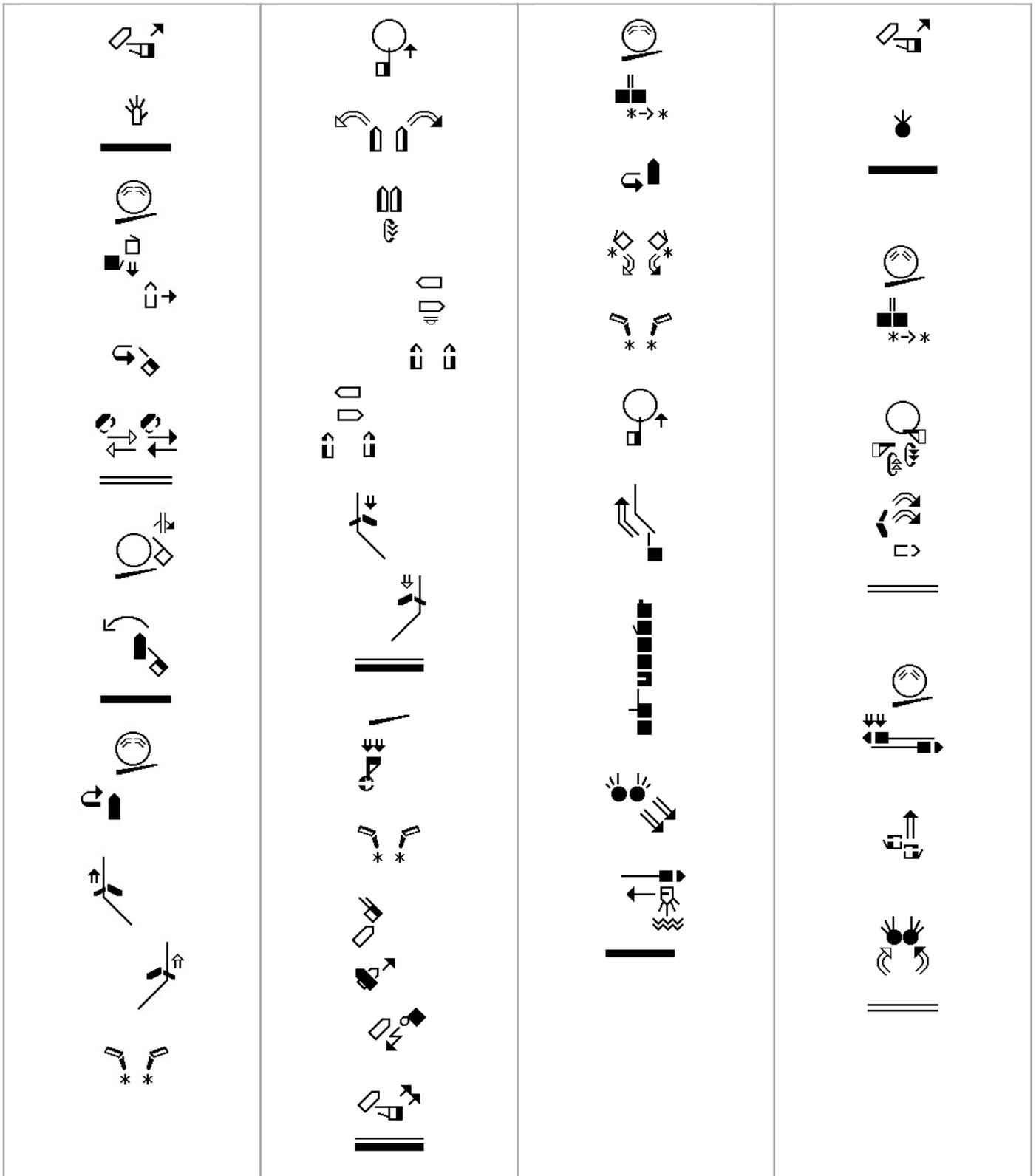


be his son?" 46 No one could answer him. And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions. 23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.

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Matthew 23:3-4

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5 "Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. 6 And they love to sit at the head table at banquets  
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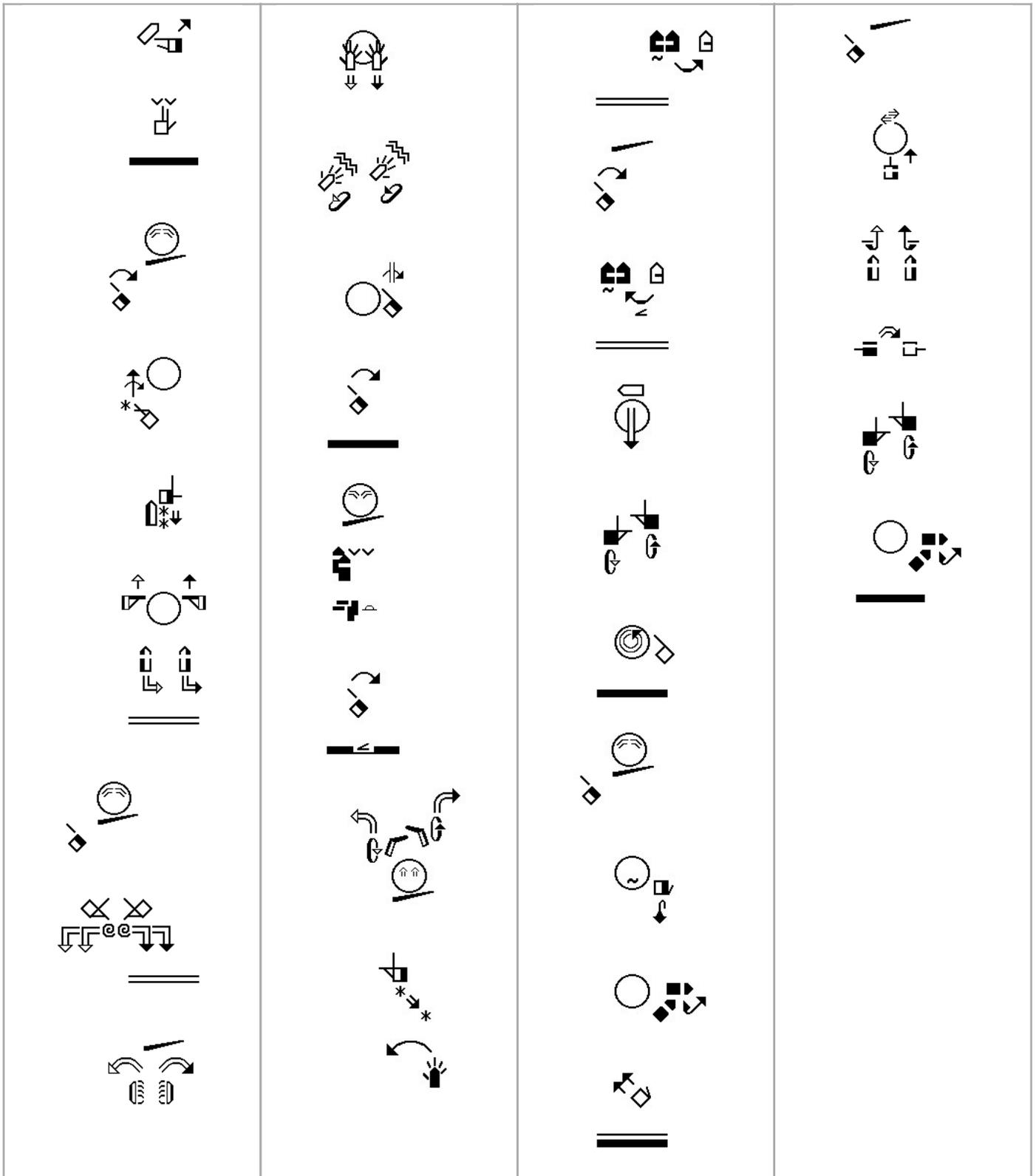
414 and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. 7 They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi.' 8 "Don't let anyone call you 'Rabbi,' for you have NLT

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only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. 9 And don't address anyone here on earth as 'Father,' for only God in heaven is your spiritual Father. 10 And don't let anyone call you 'Teacher,'

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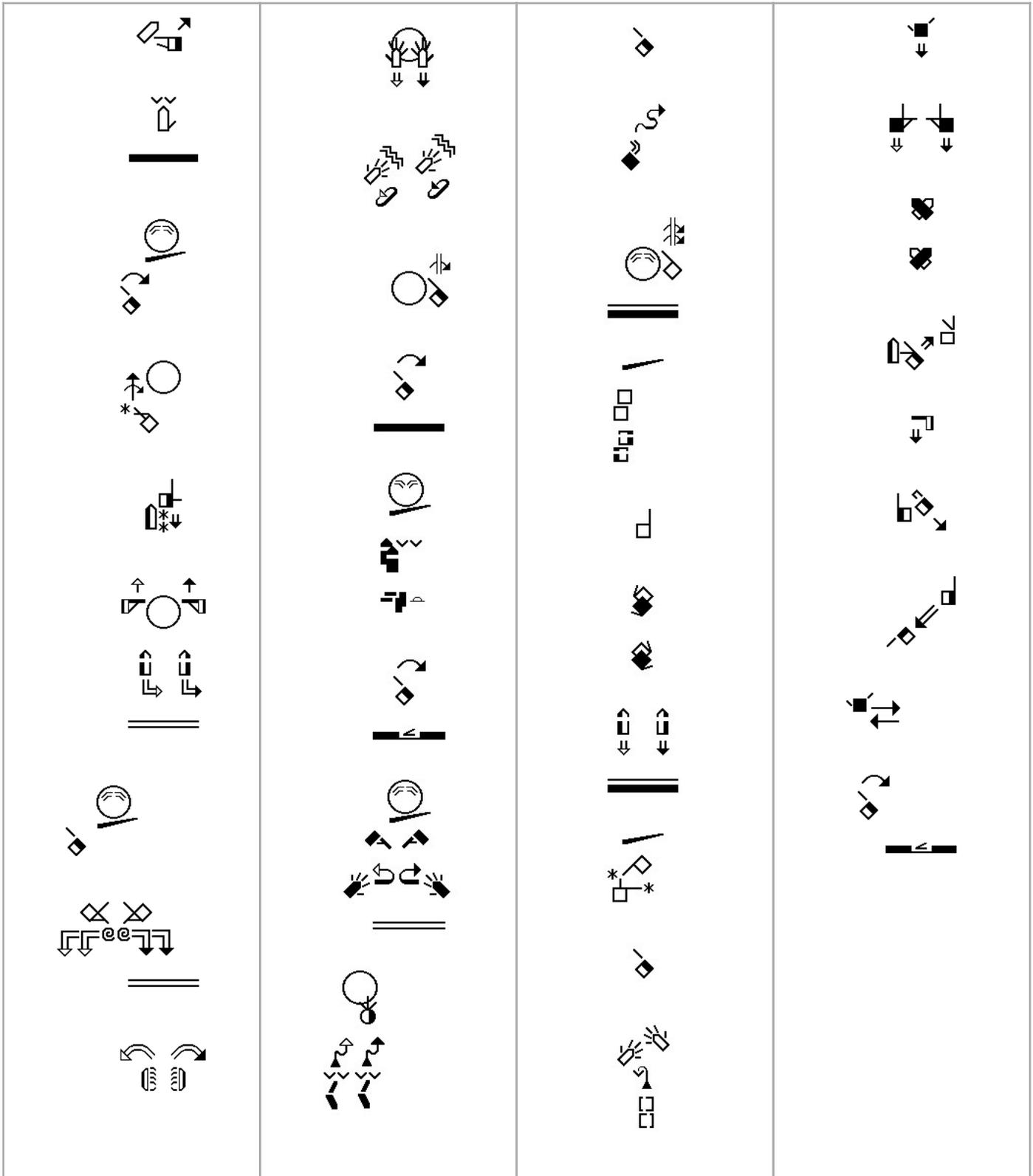




13 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces. You won't go in yourselves, and you don't let others enter either. (\*note: no verse 14 in NLT)

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Matthew 23:15



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15 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!

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the gift sacred? 20 When you swear 'by the altar,' you are swearing by it and by everything on it. 21 And when you swear 'by the Temple,' you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it. NLT

Matthew 23:22-23

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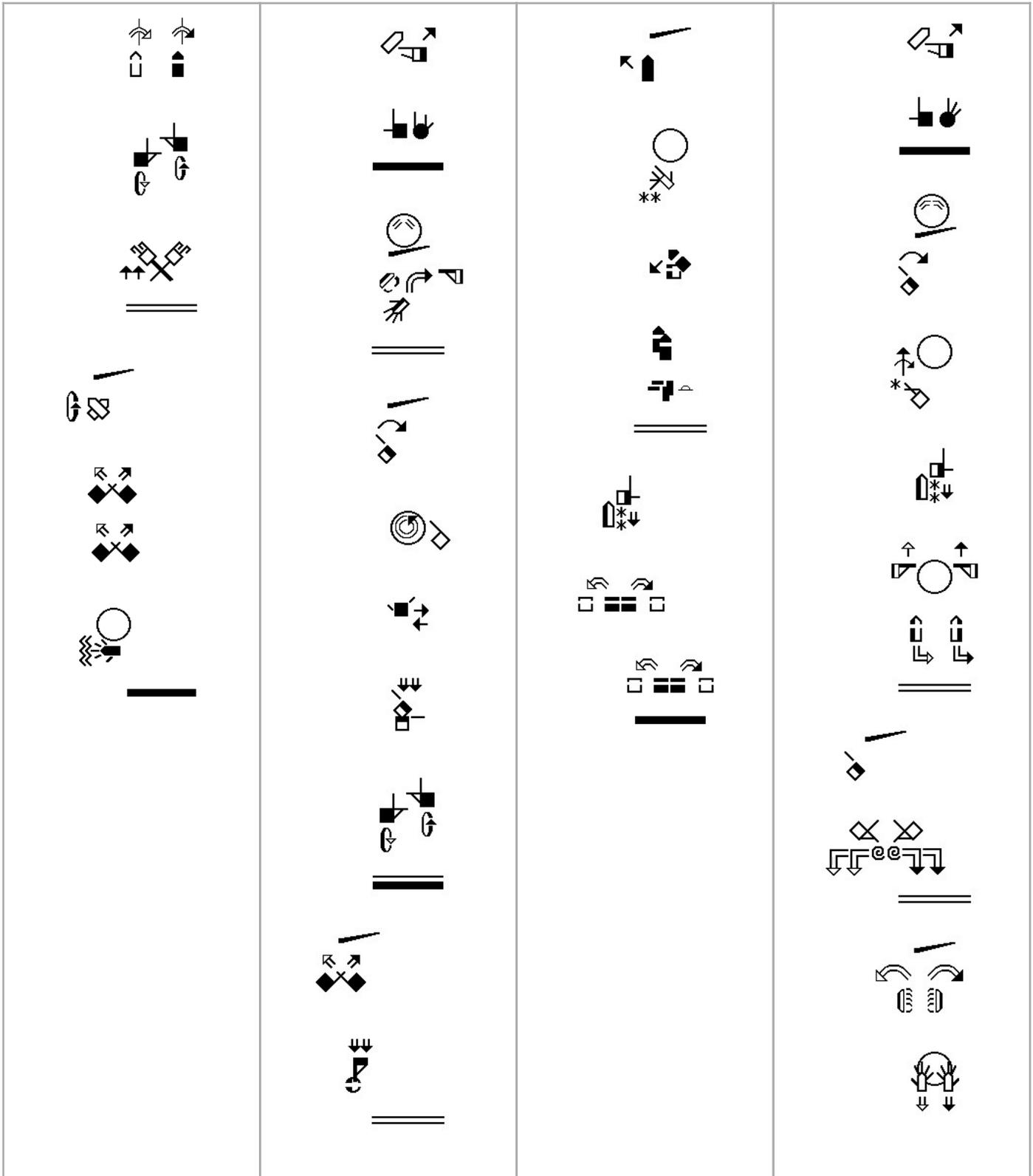
22 And when you swear 'by heaven,' you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne. 23 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, NLT



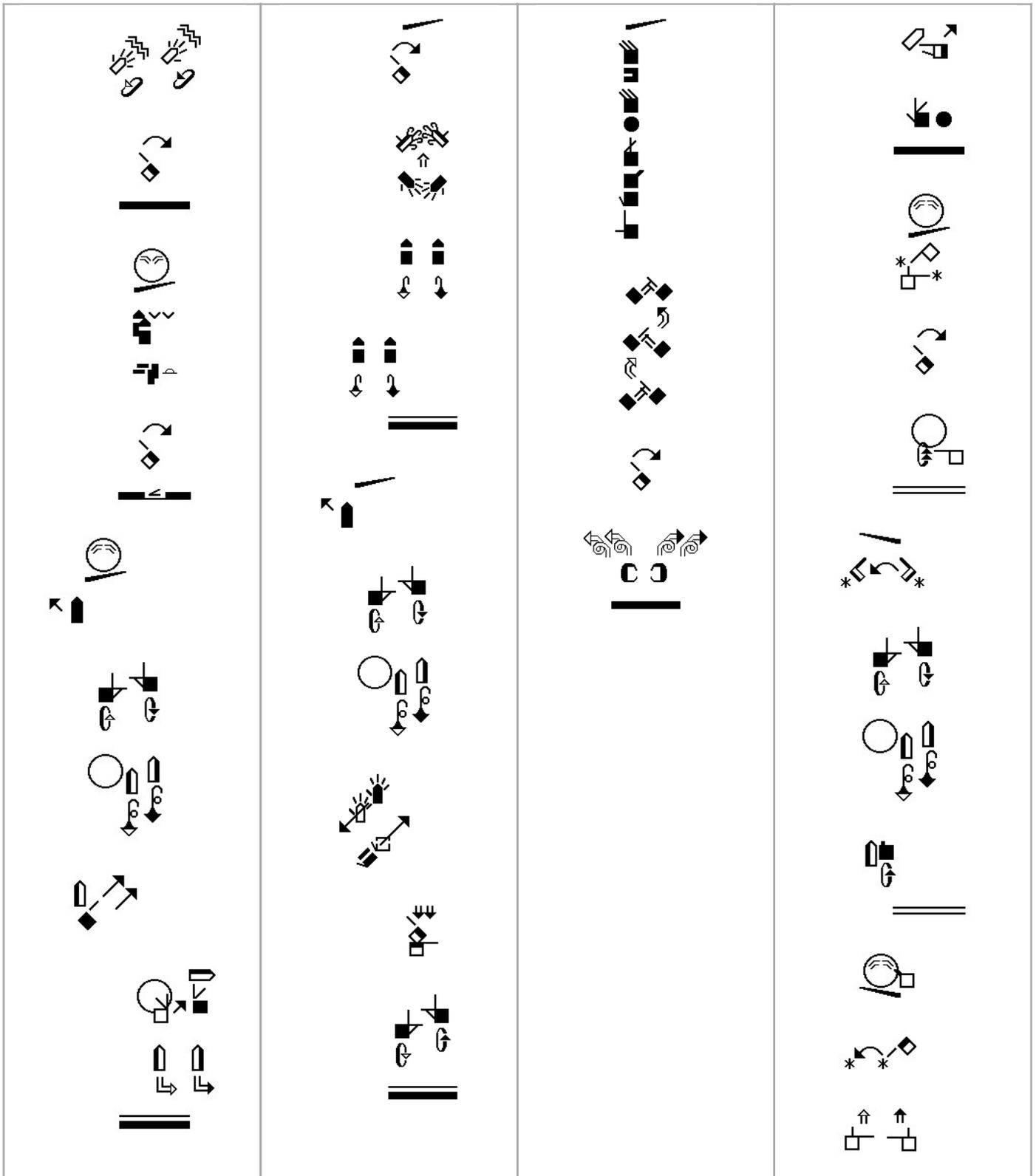




Matthew 23:27-29



426 with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. 28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness. 29 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. NLT



Hypocrites! For you build tombs for the prophets your ancestors killed, and you decorate the monuments of the godly people your ancestors destroyed. 30 Then you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors,

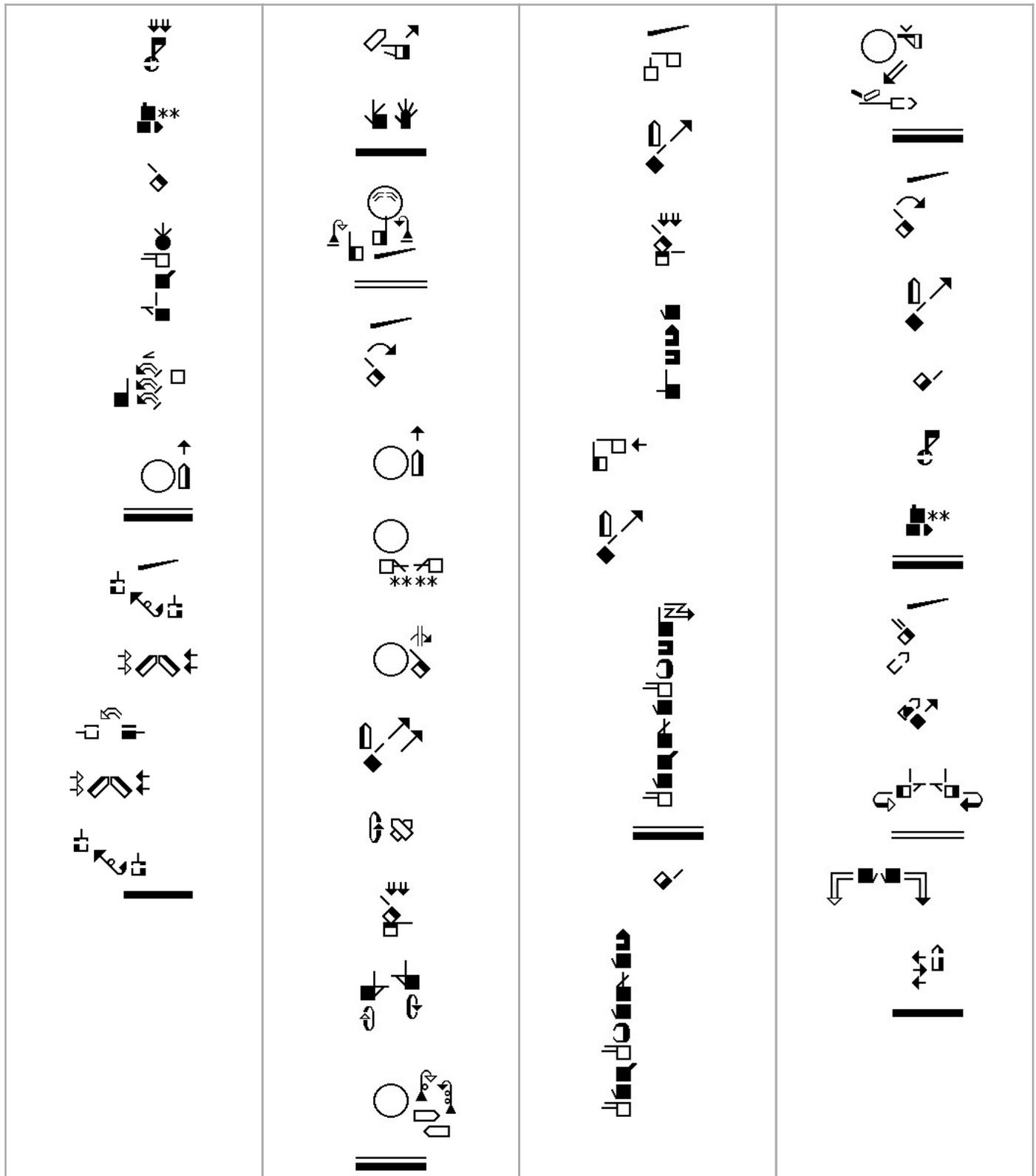
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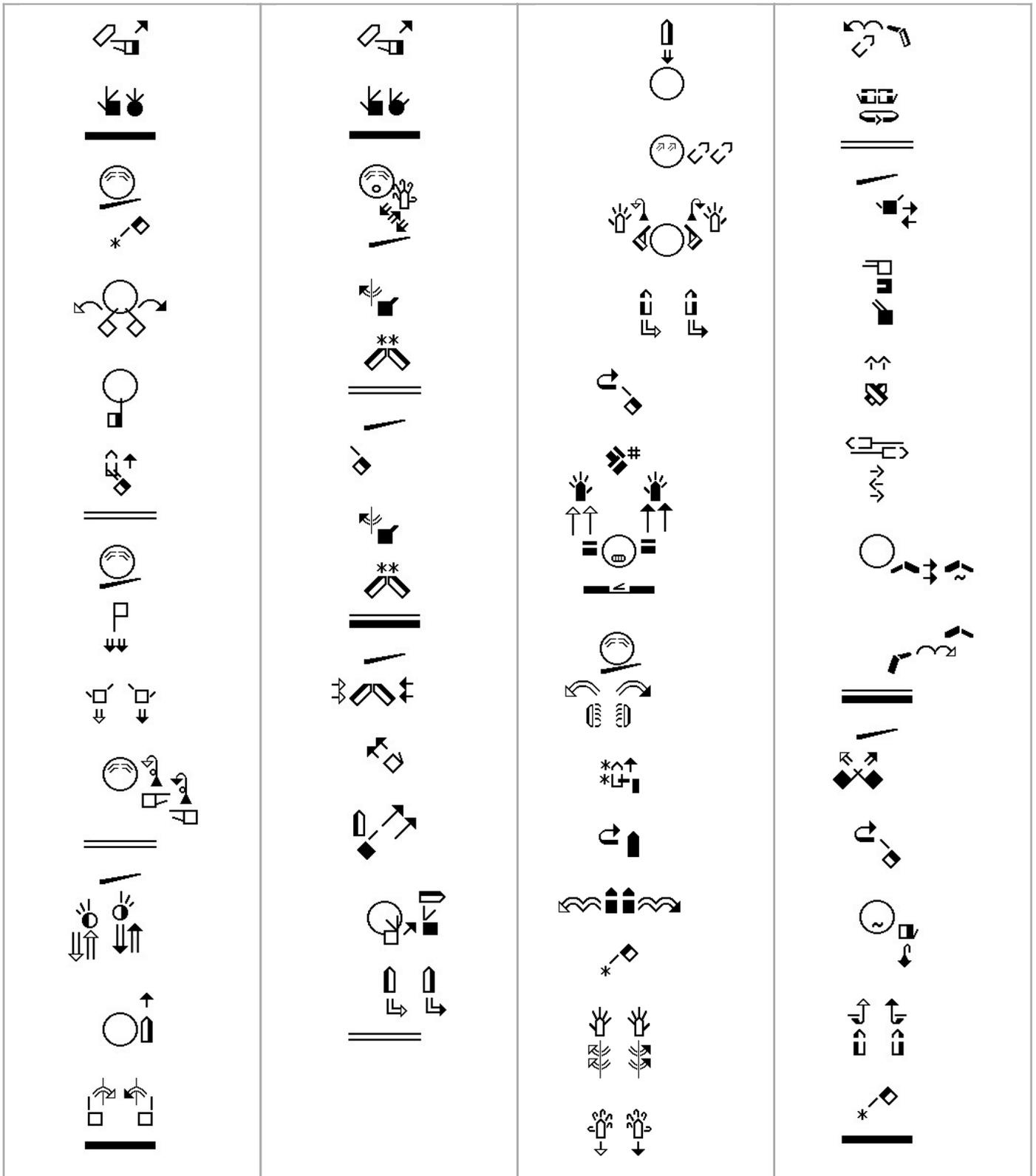


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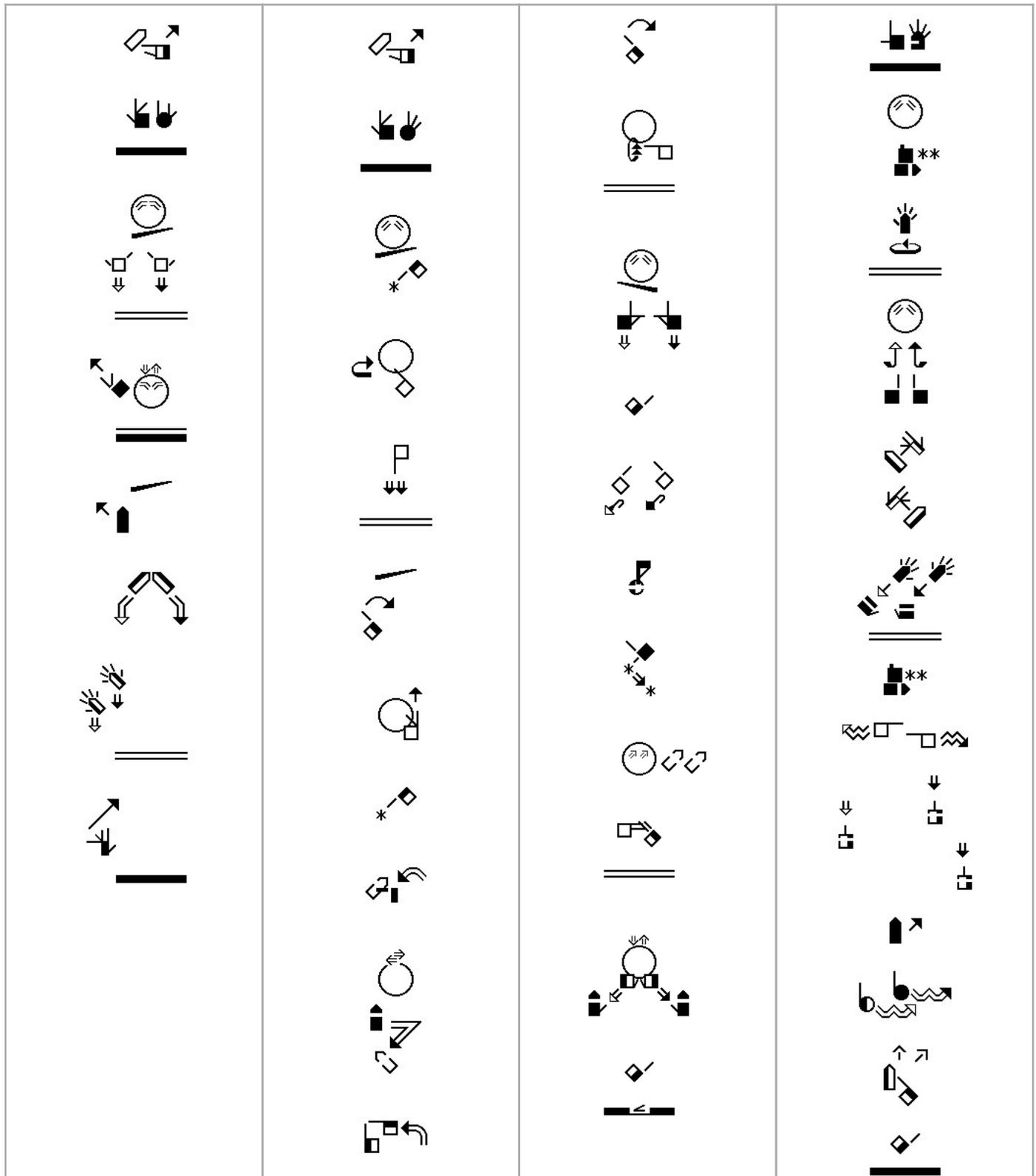
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you will flog others with whips in your synagogues, chasing them from city to city. 35 As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time -- from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar. NLT

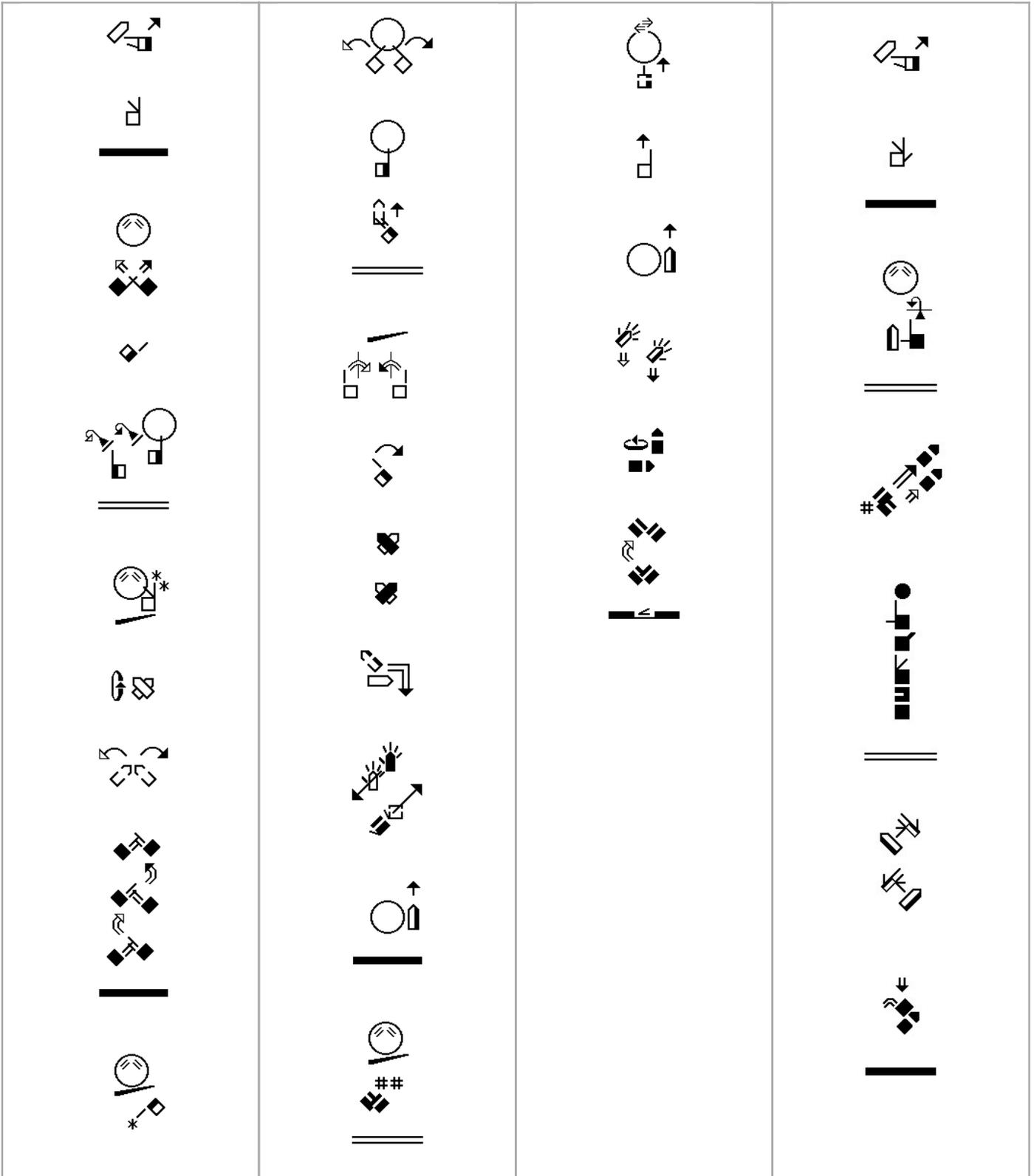


36 I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation. 37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

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38 And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate. 39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!'" 24 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings.



2 But he responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" 3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives.

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Matthew 24:3-4

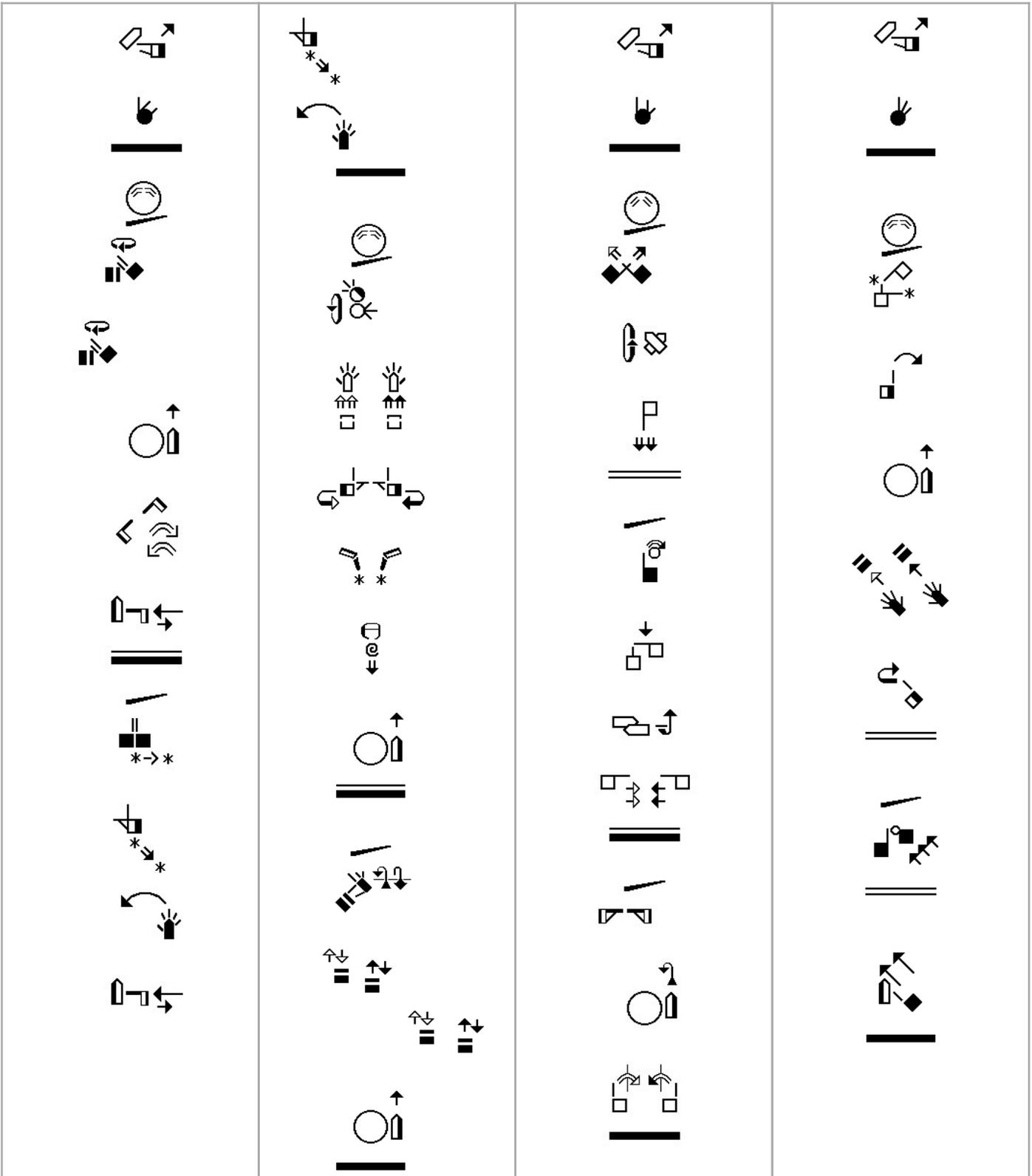
            	          	      	               
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434 His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?" 4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, NLT

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5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. NLT

Matthew 24:7-9



436 7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. 9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. NLT

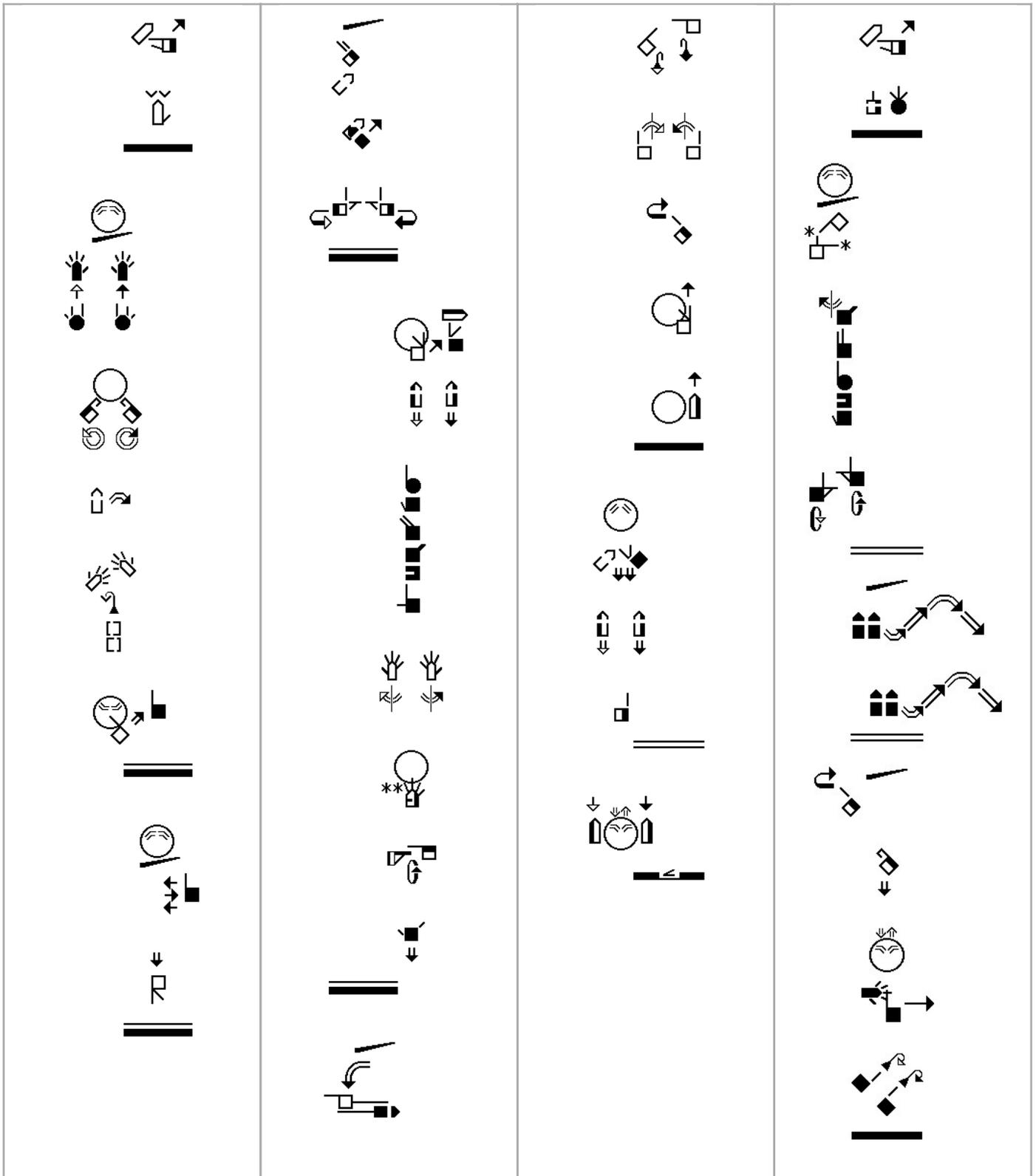


Matthew 24:12-14

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12 Sin will be rampant everywhere and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. NLT



15 "The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about -- the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place." (Reader, pay attention!) 16 "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. NLT

Matthew 24:17-18

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440 17 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. 18 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat. NLT



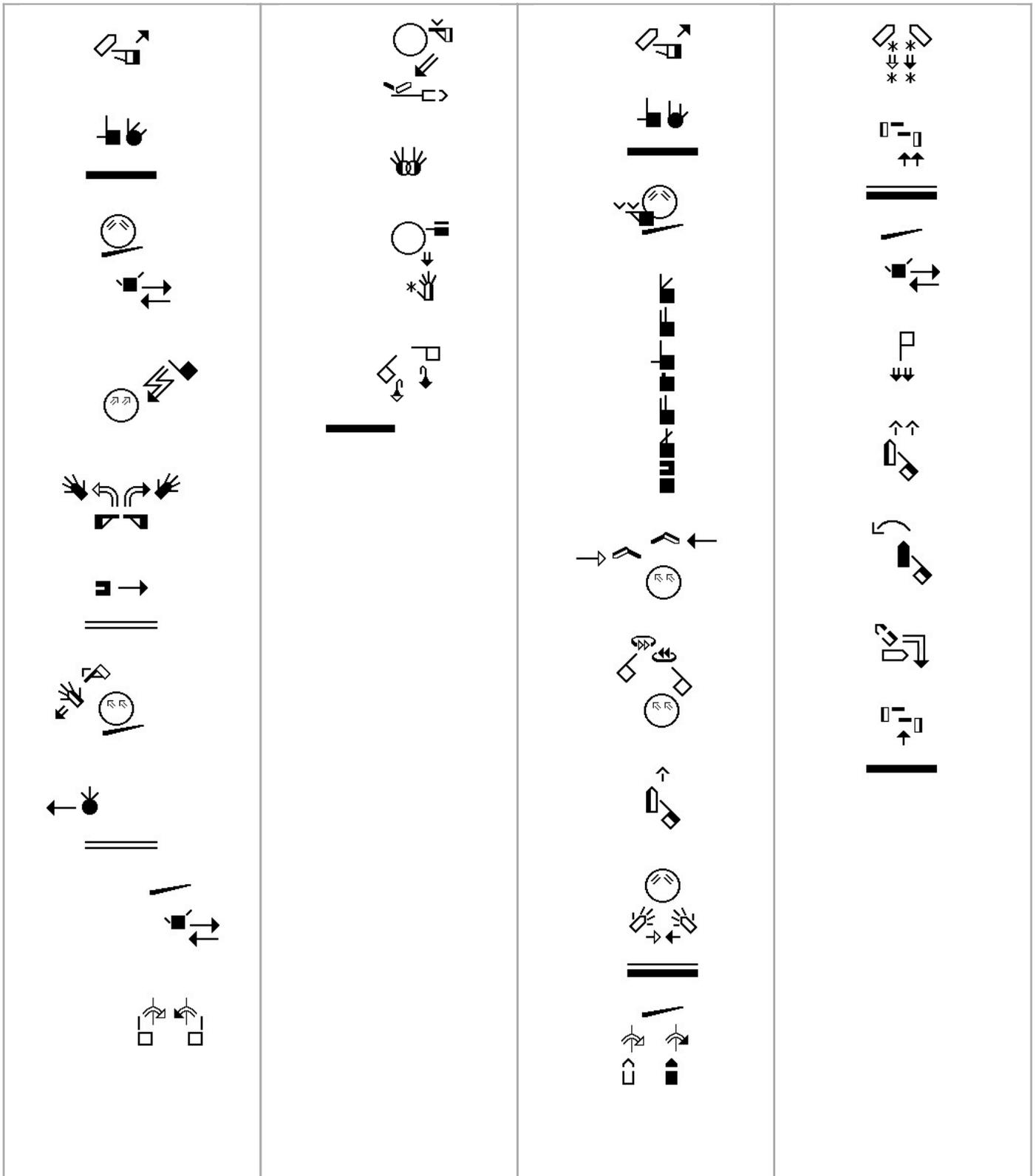
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442 at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. 22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones. NLT



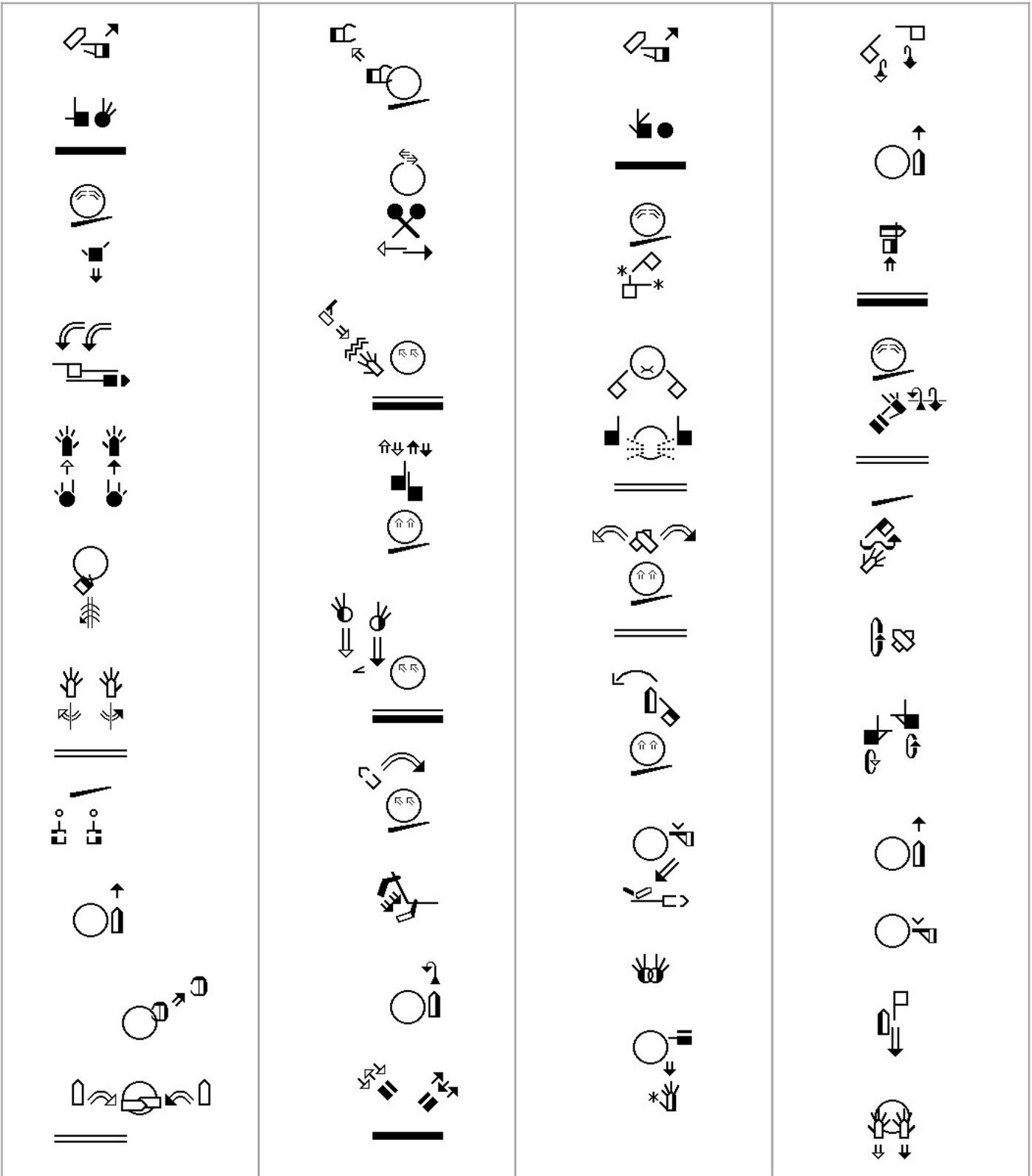




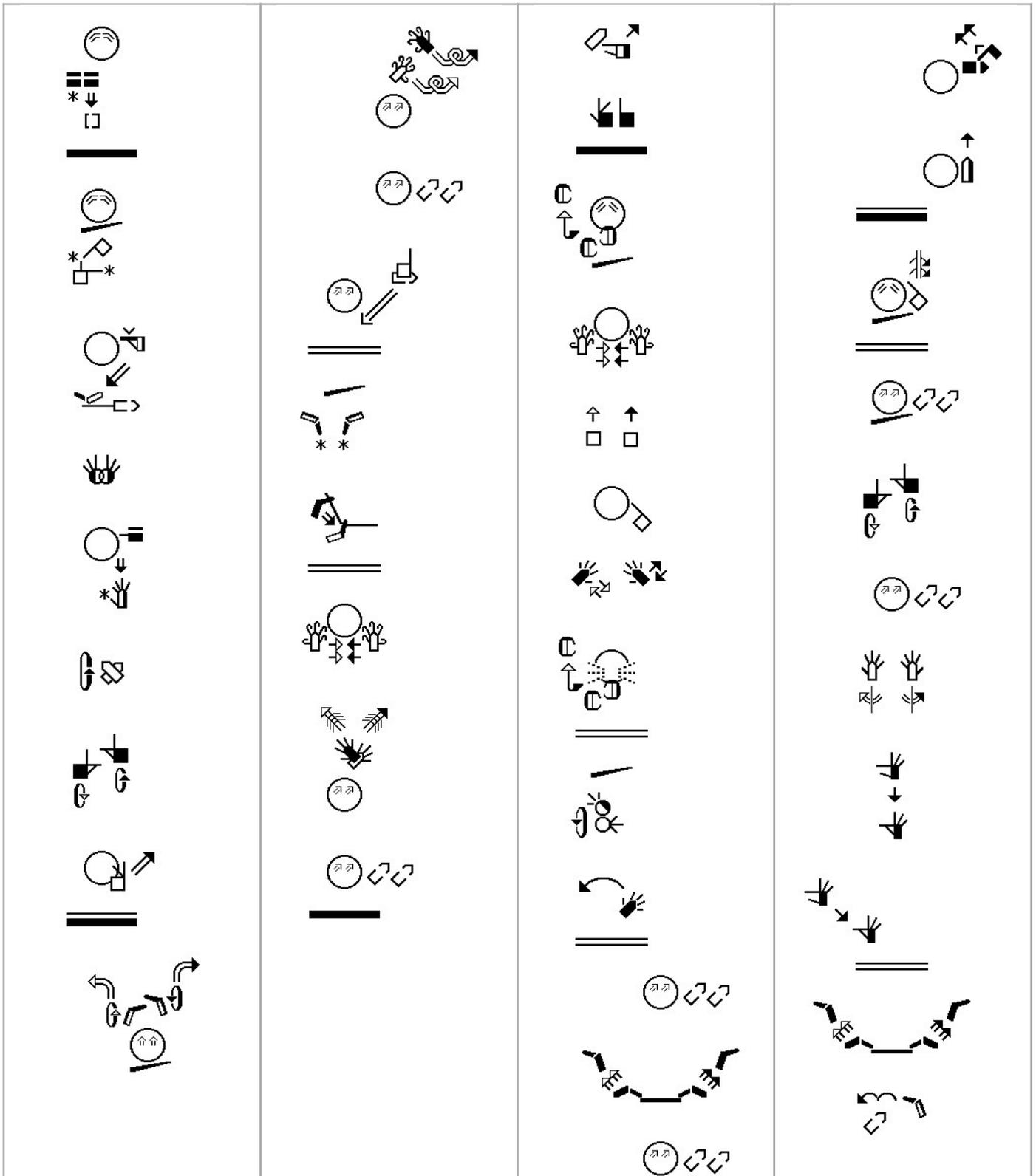
27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. 28 Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

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Matthew 24:29-30



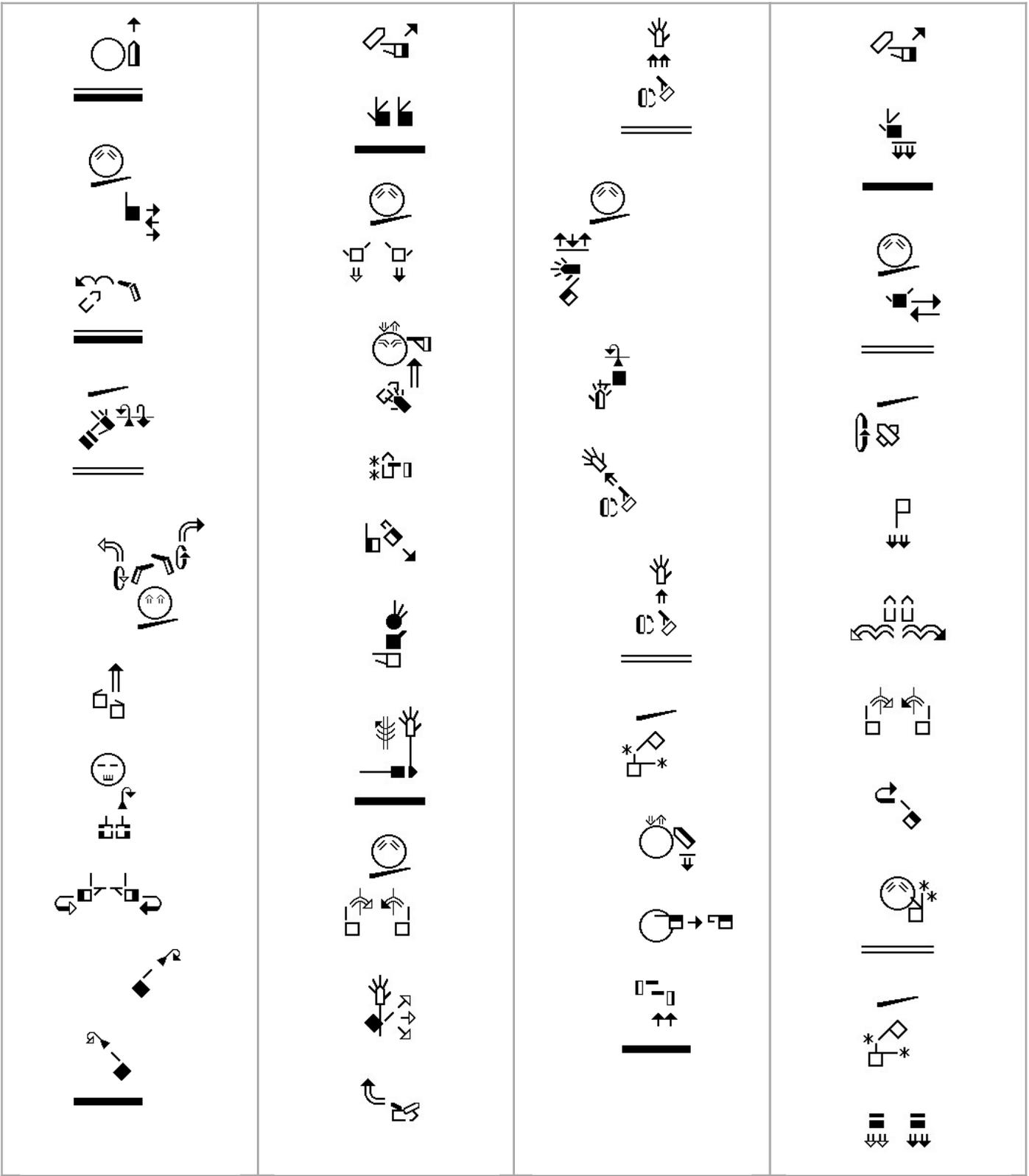
446 29 "Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. NLT



And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world --

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Matthew 24:31-33



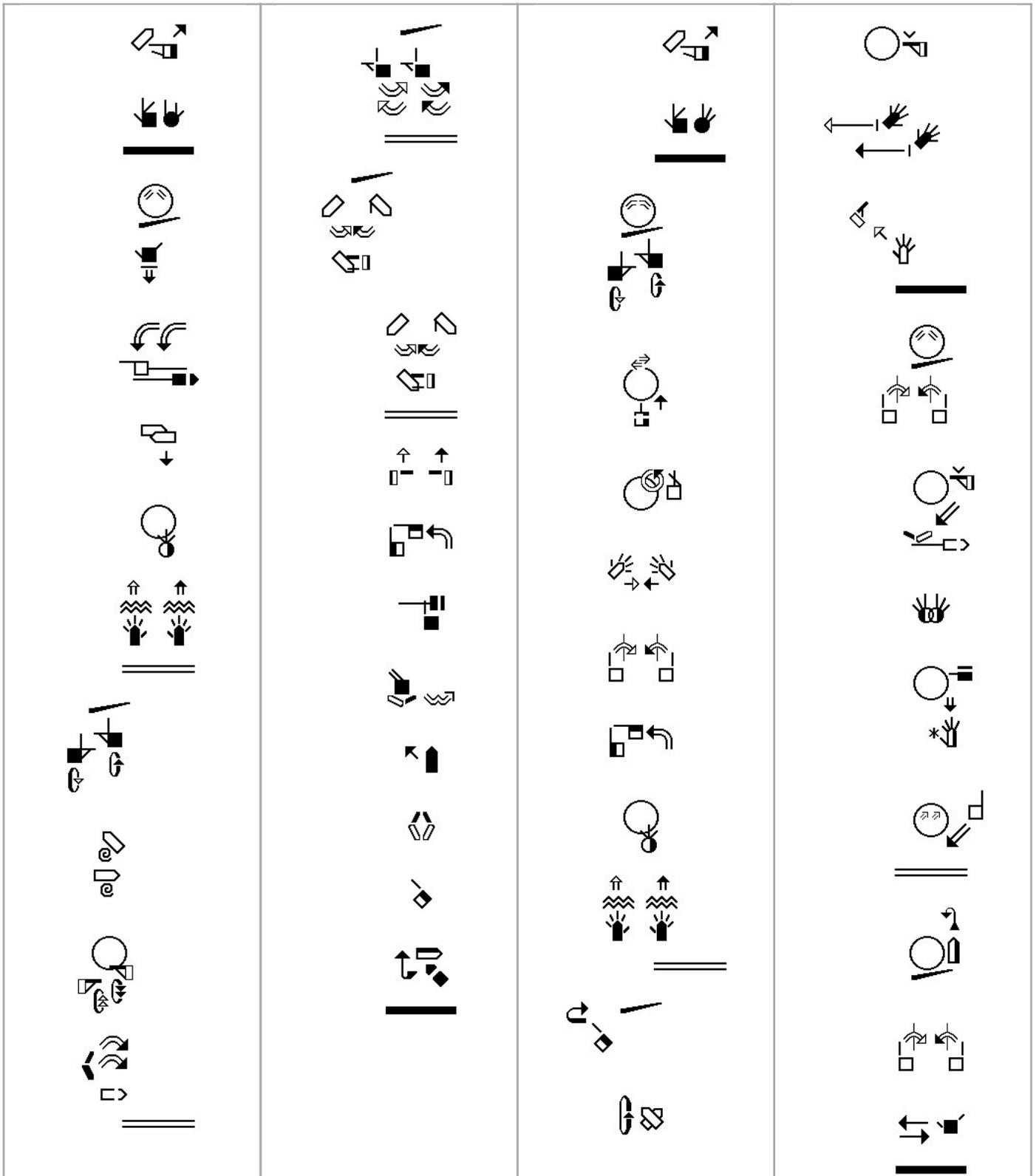
448 from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven. 32 "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. 33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you can NLT



Matthew 24:36-37

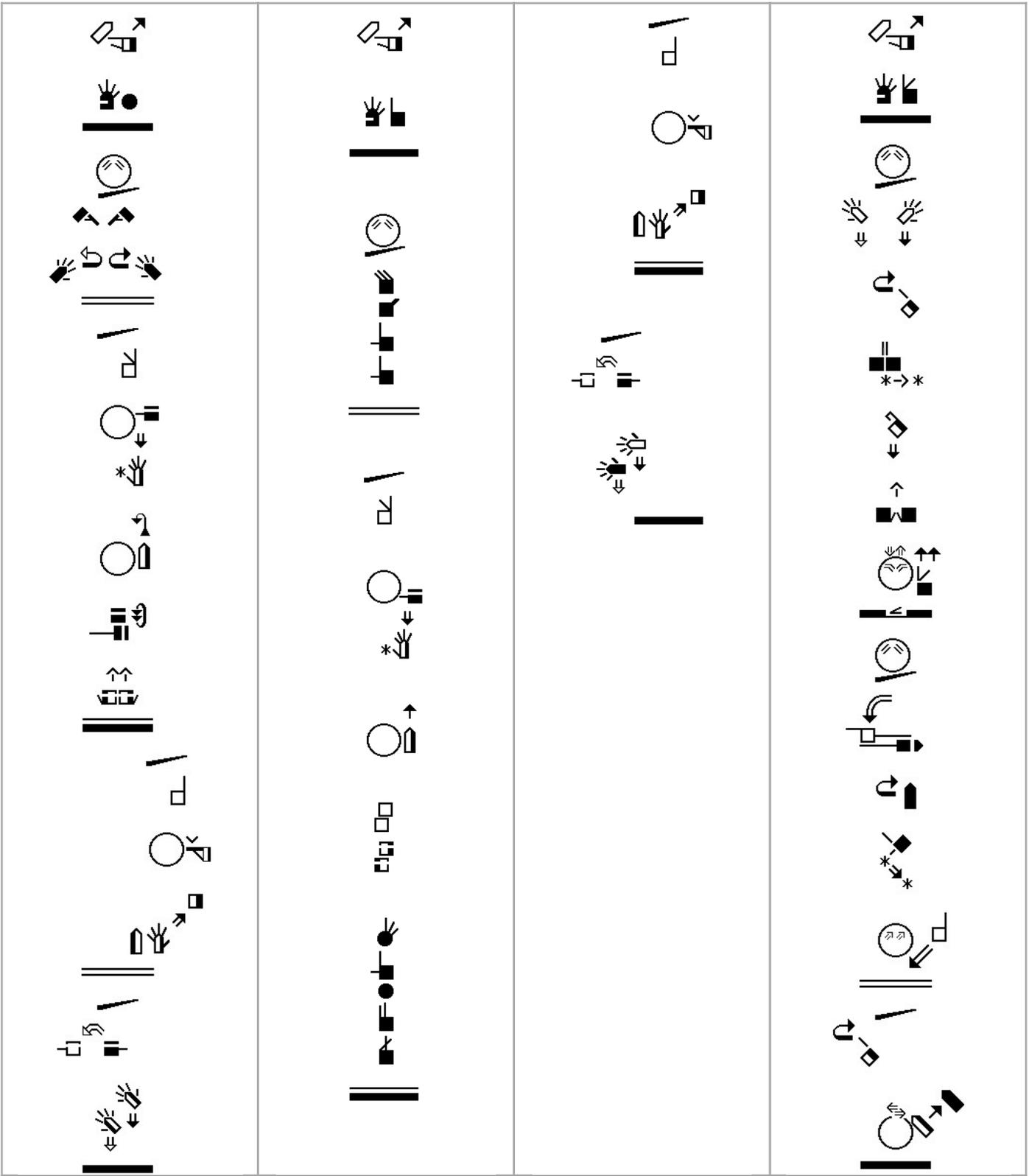
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450 36 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows." 37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. NLT



38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.  
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Matthew 24:40-42



452 40 "Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left. 42 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming. NLT

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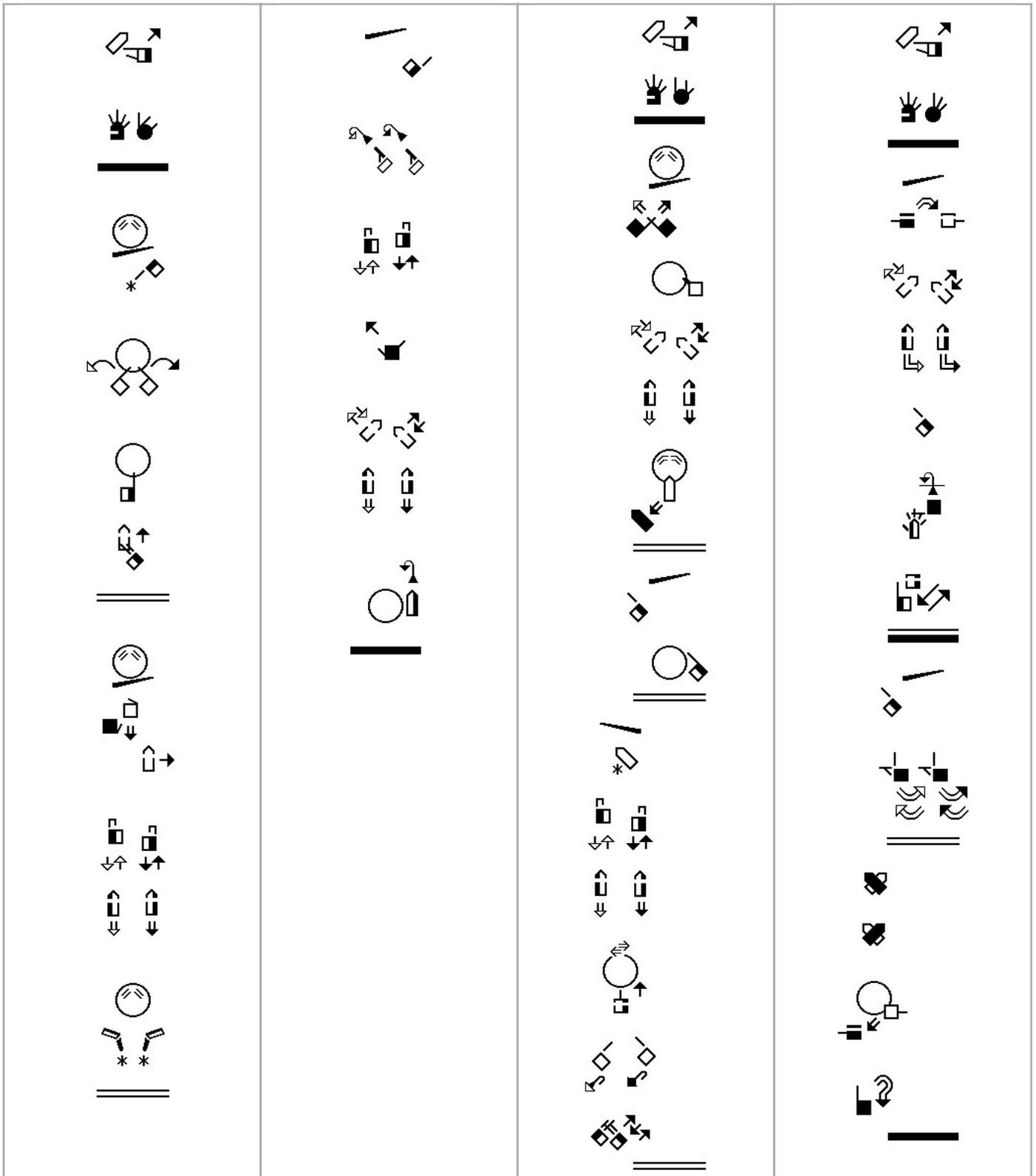
43 Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. 44 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

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Matthew 24:45-46

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454 45 "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. 46 If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. NLT



47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. 48 But what if the servant is evil and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' 49 and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?

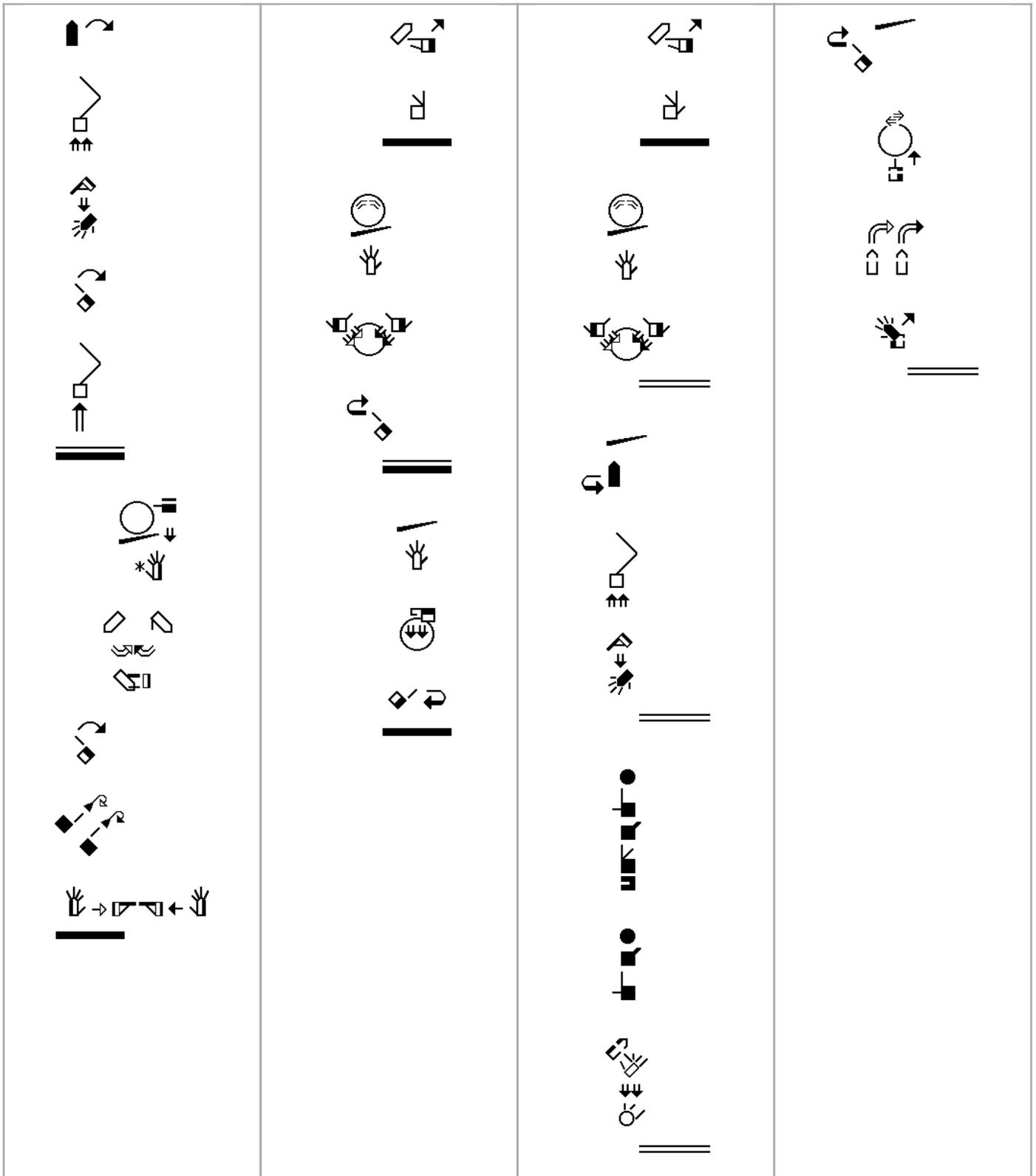
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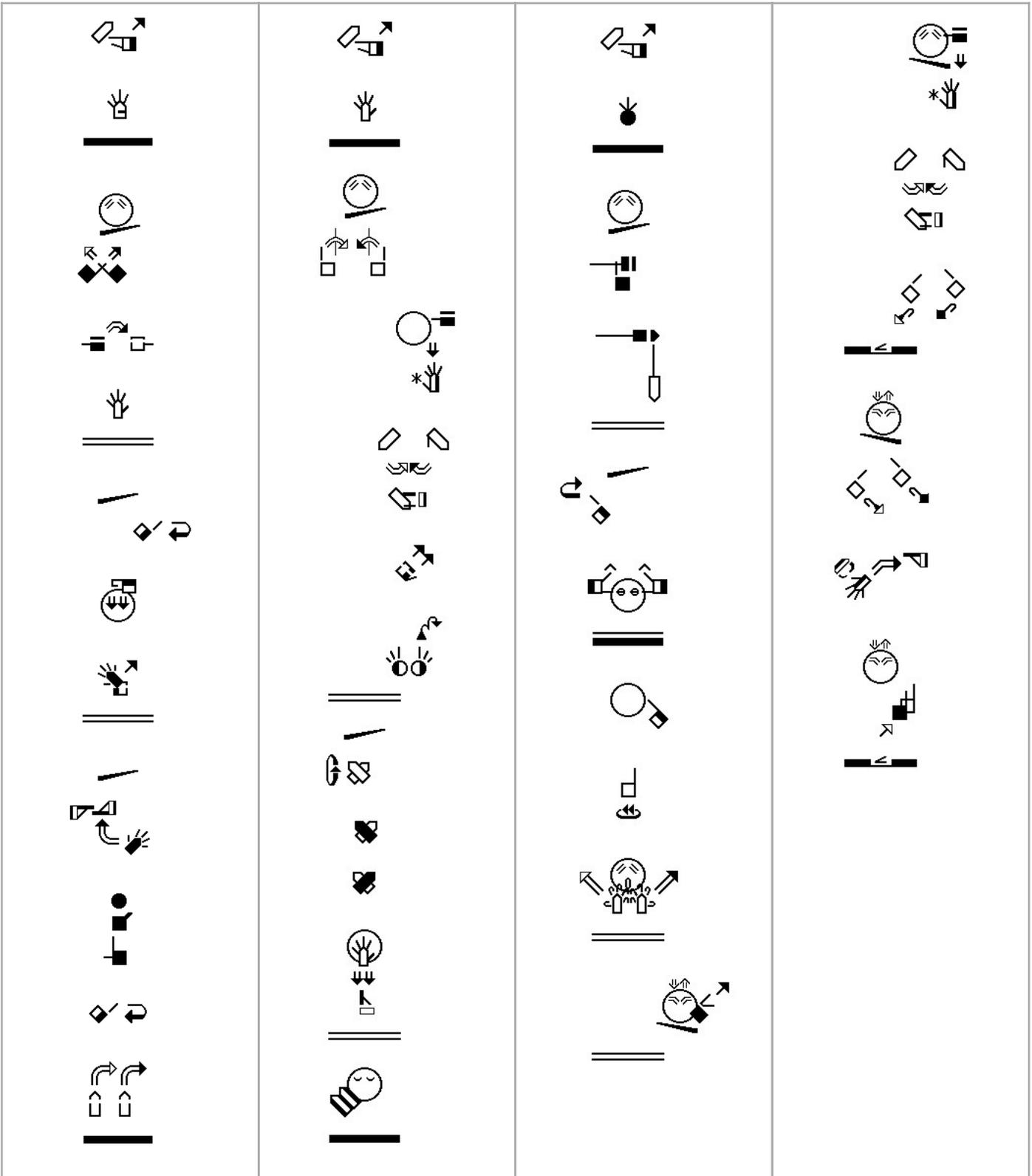
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50 The master will return unannounced and unexpected, 51 and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 25. "The Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids NLT

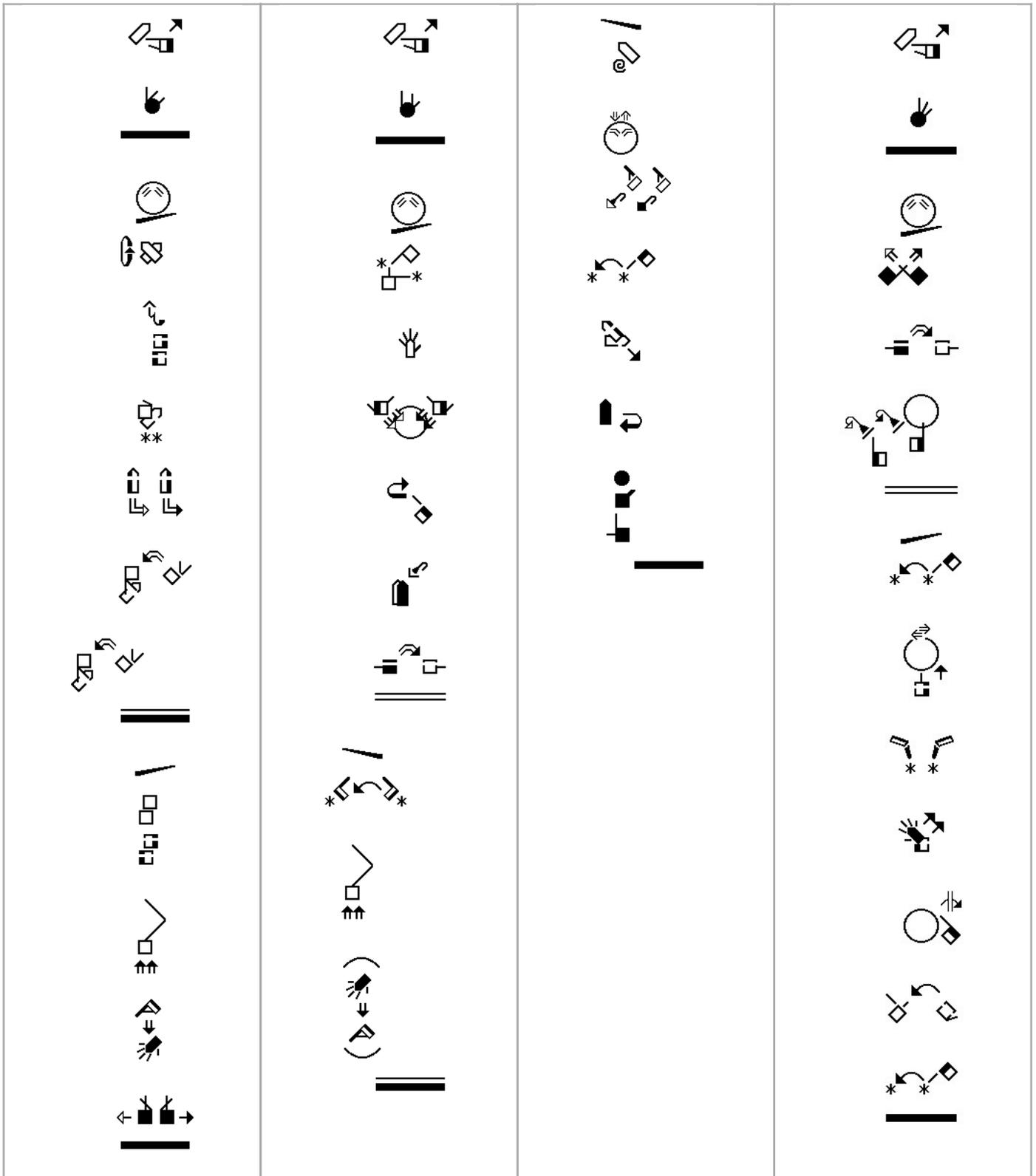


who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, NLT

Matthew 25:4-6



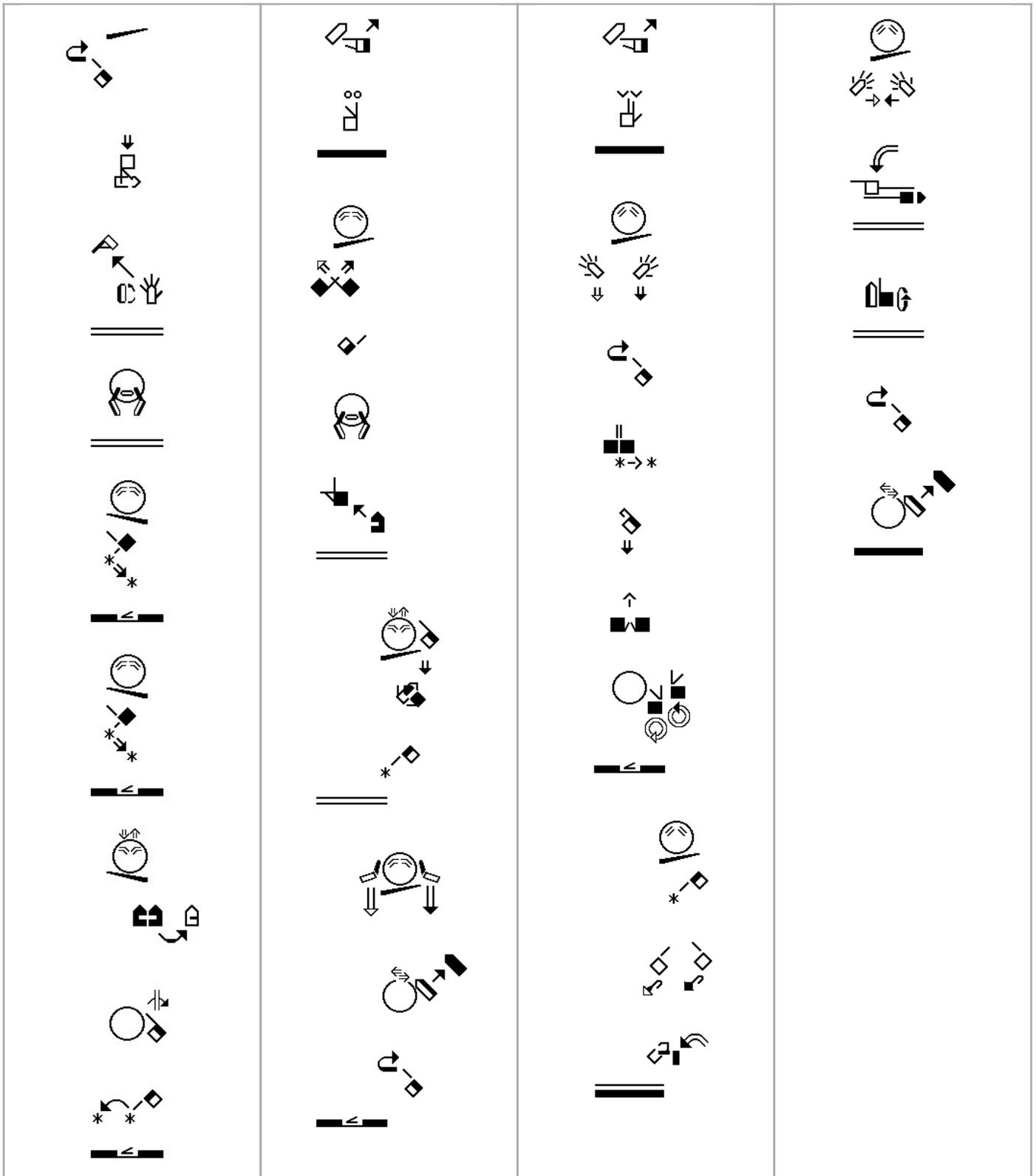
4 but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. 5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' NLT



7 "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. 8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us.

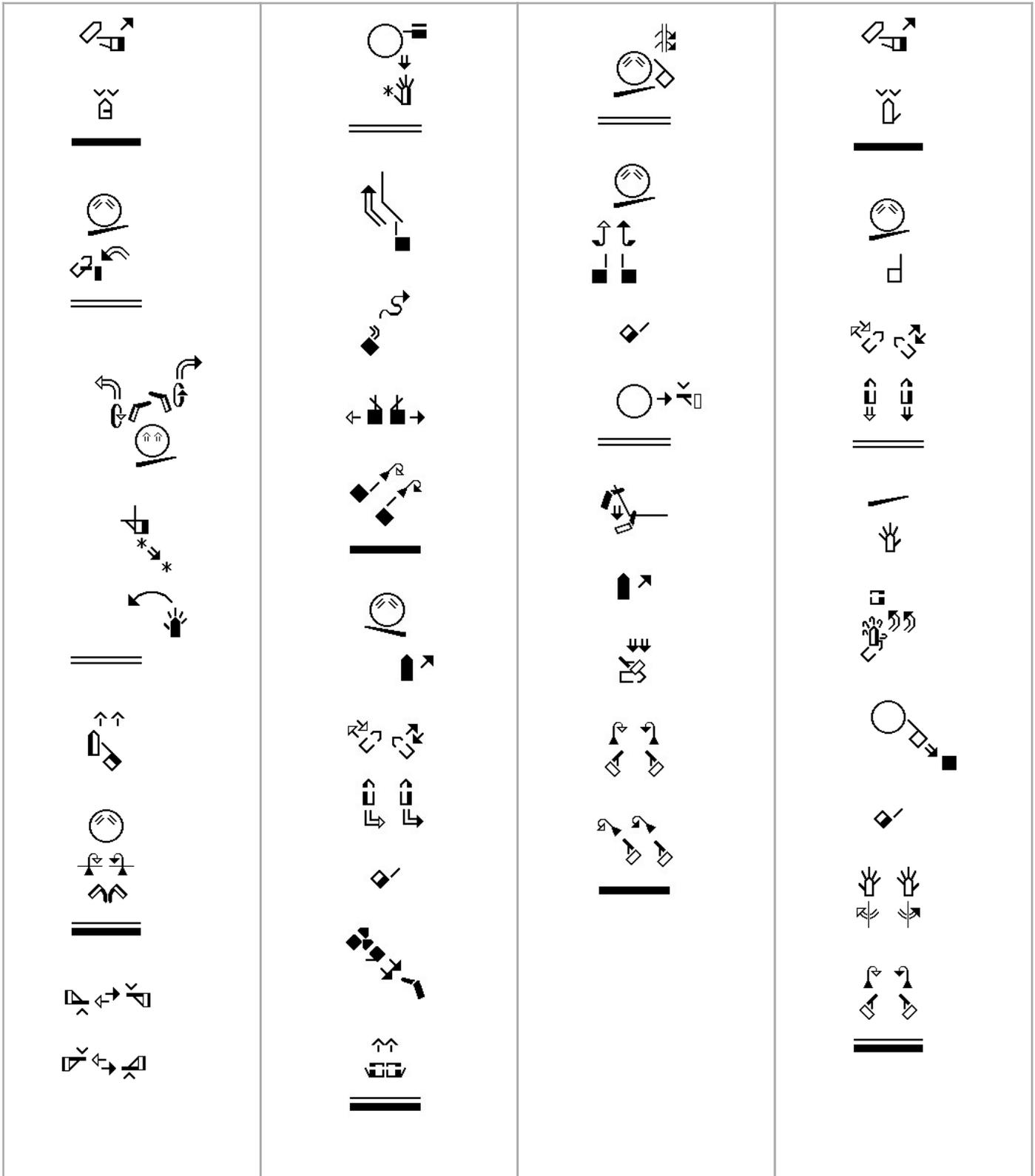
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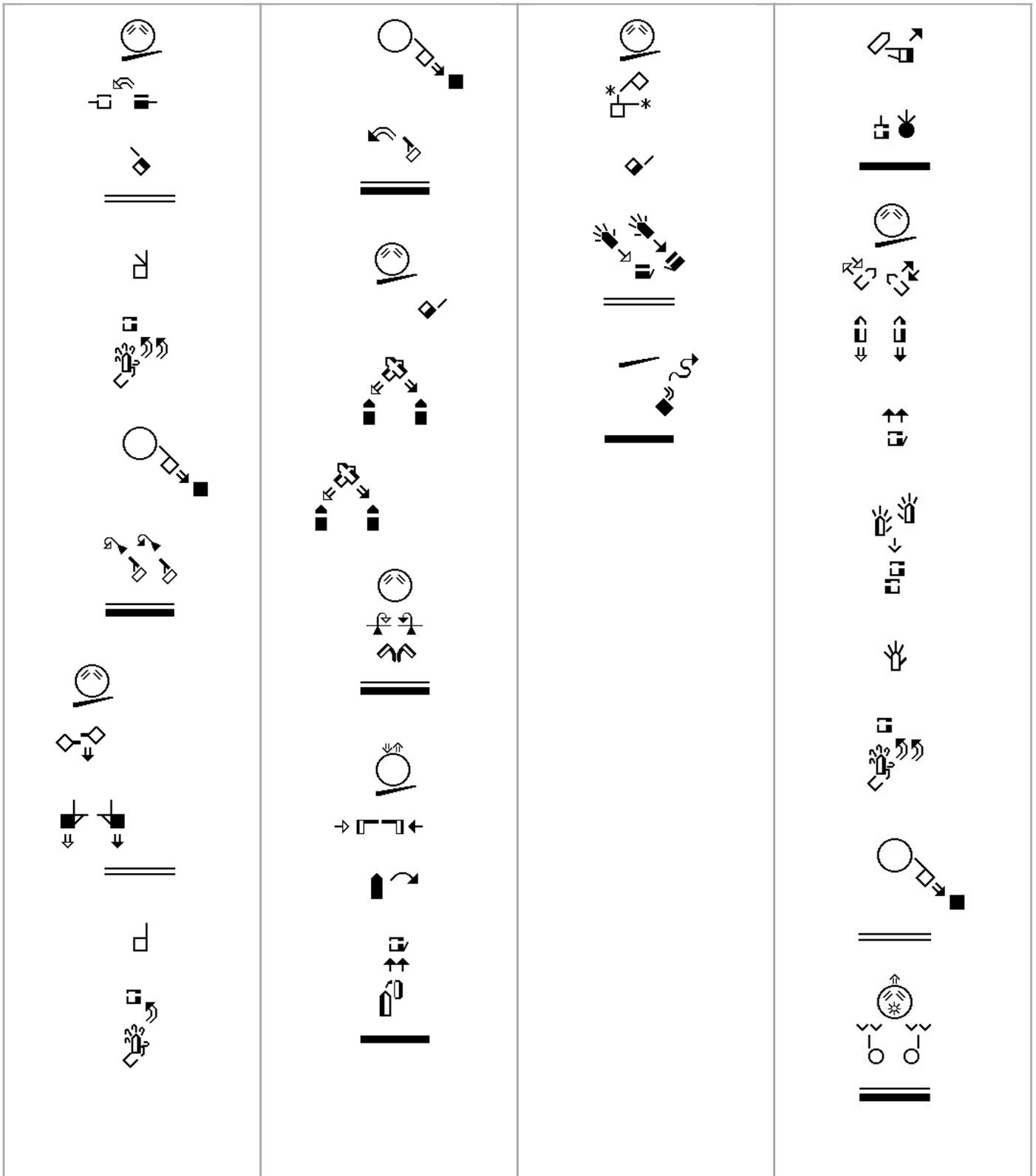




they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!' 12 "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!' 13 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

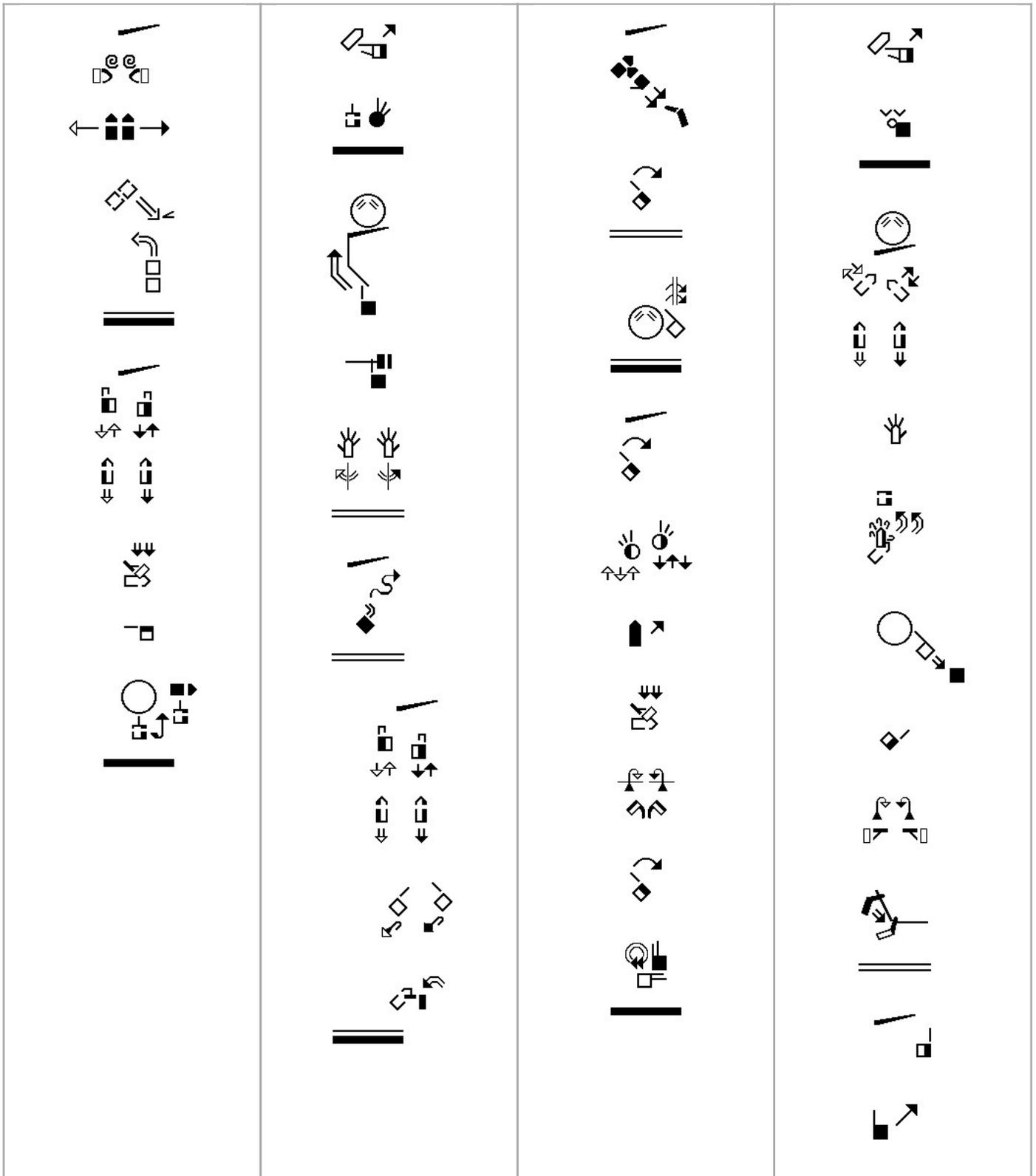
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two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last -- dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. 16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver NLT





dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. 19 "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward NLT

Matthew 25:20-21

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I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' 22 "The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'

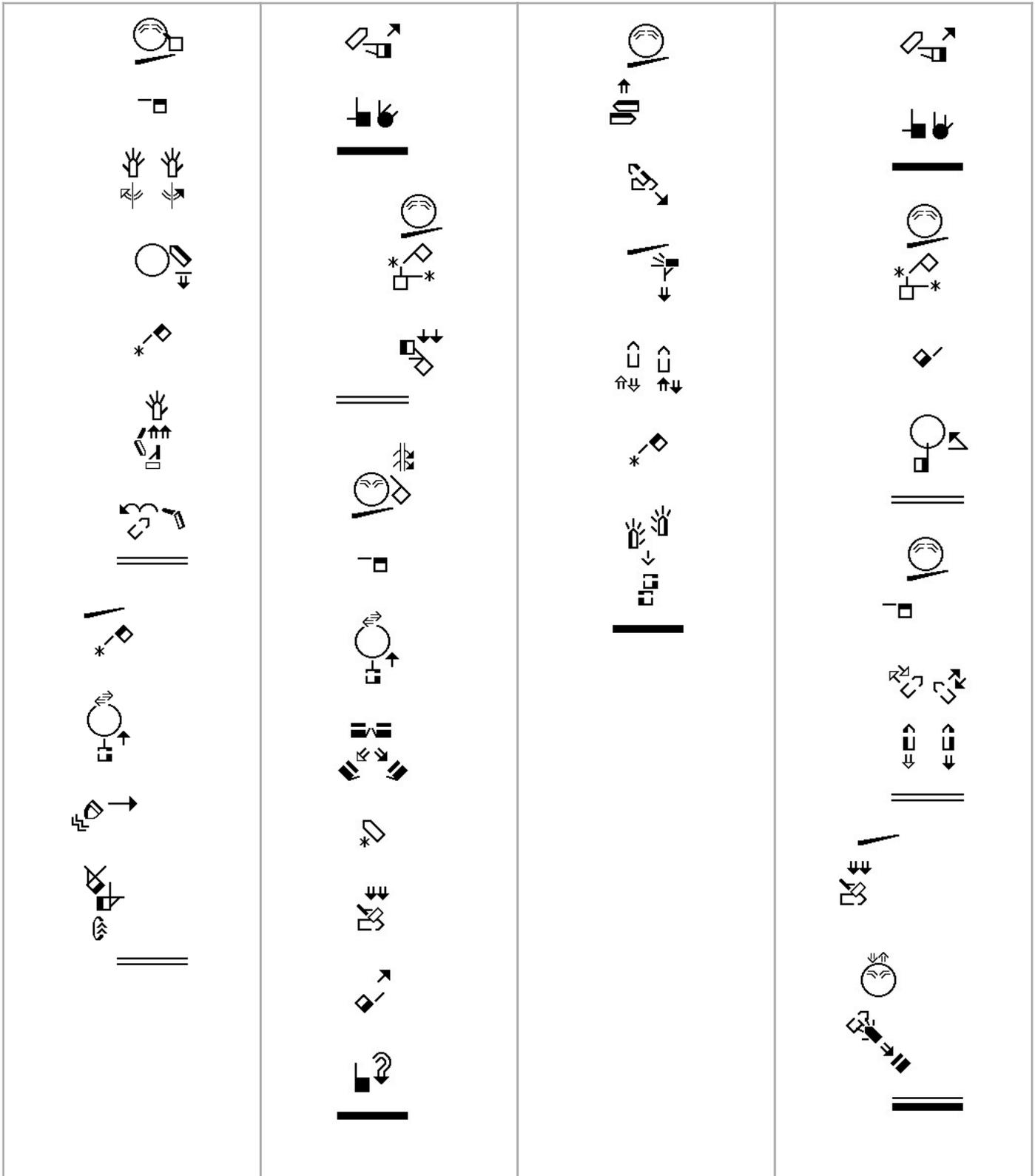
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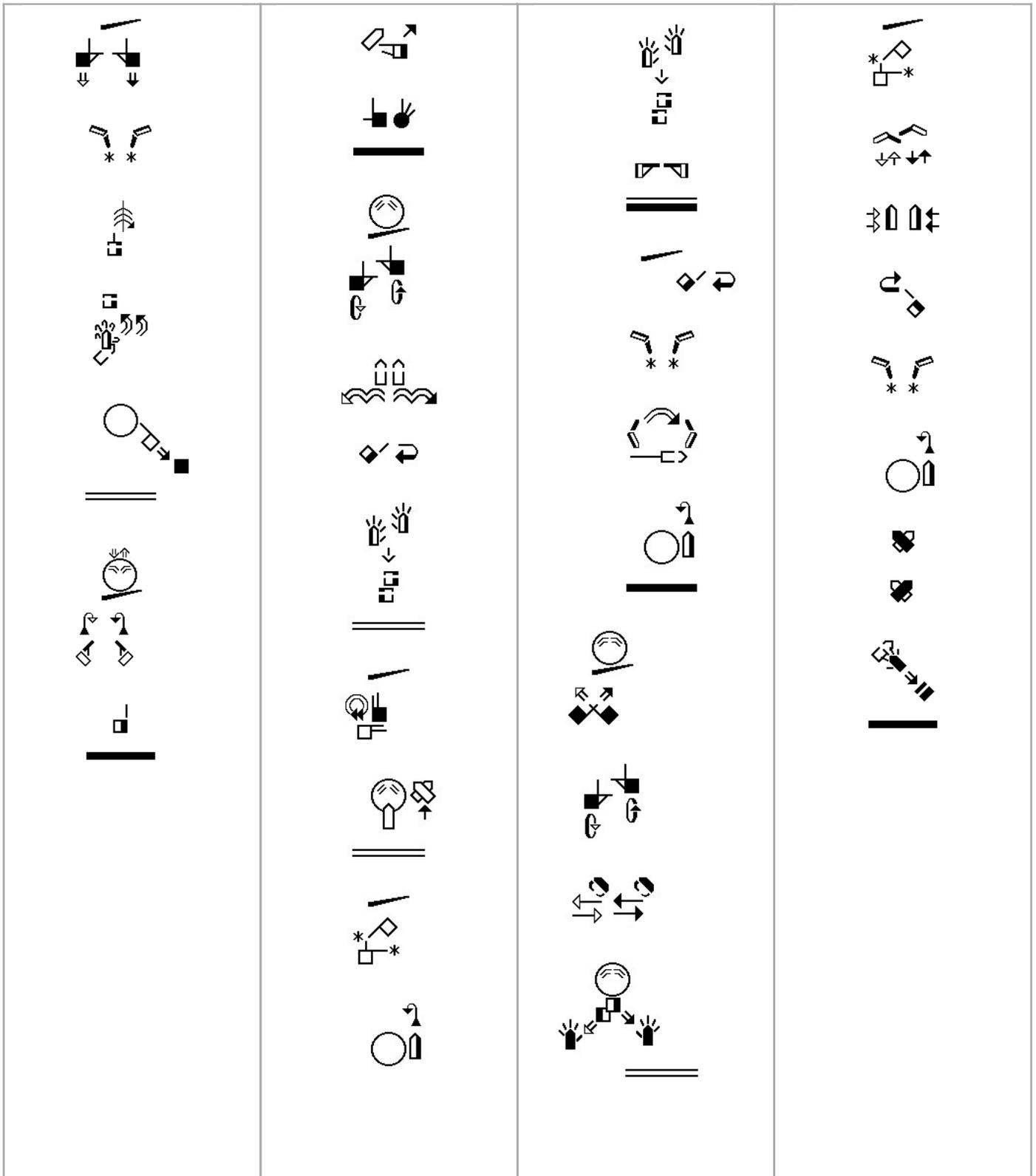
Matthew 25:26-28



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If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, 27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' 28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant,

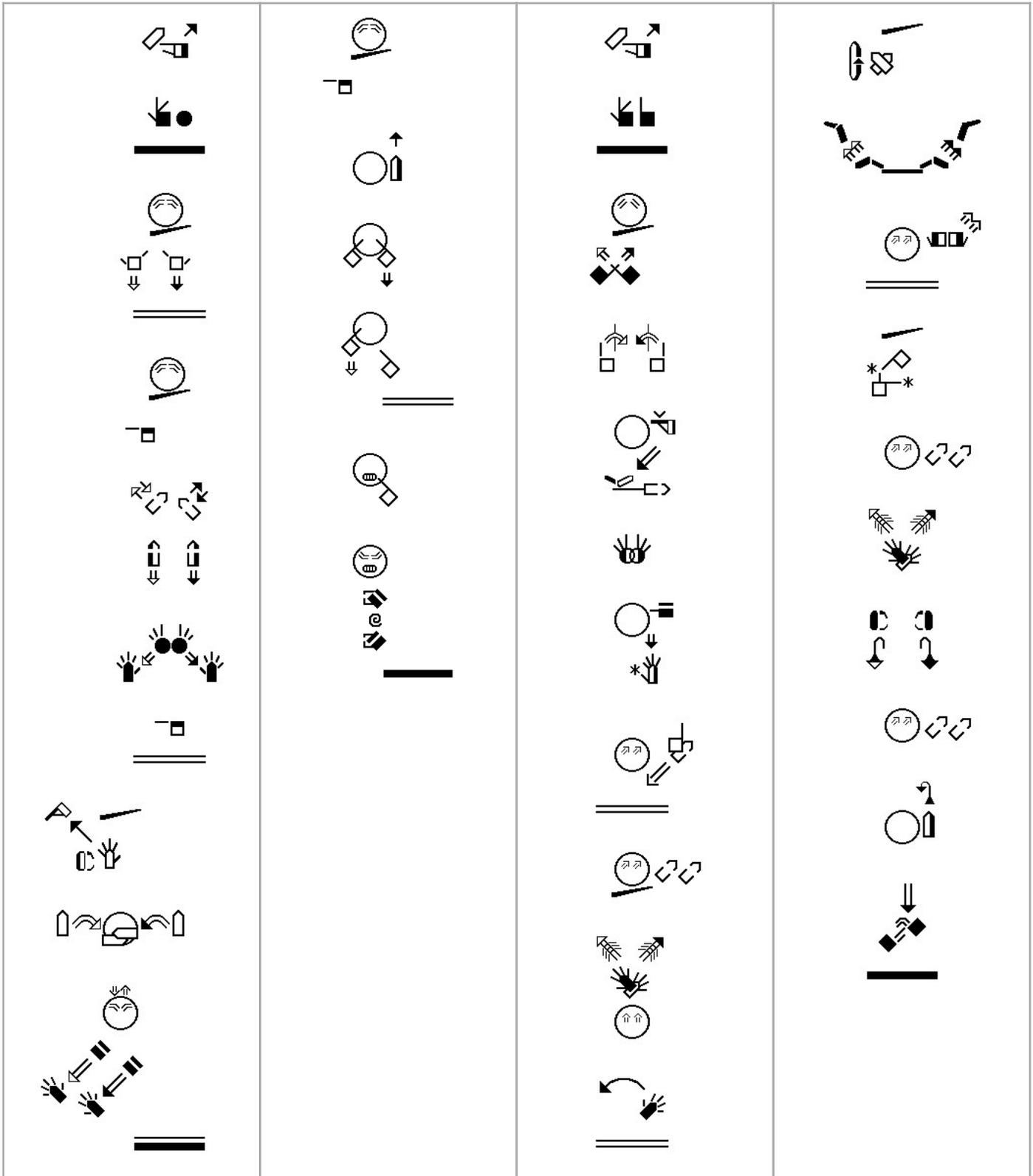
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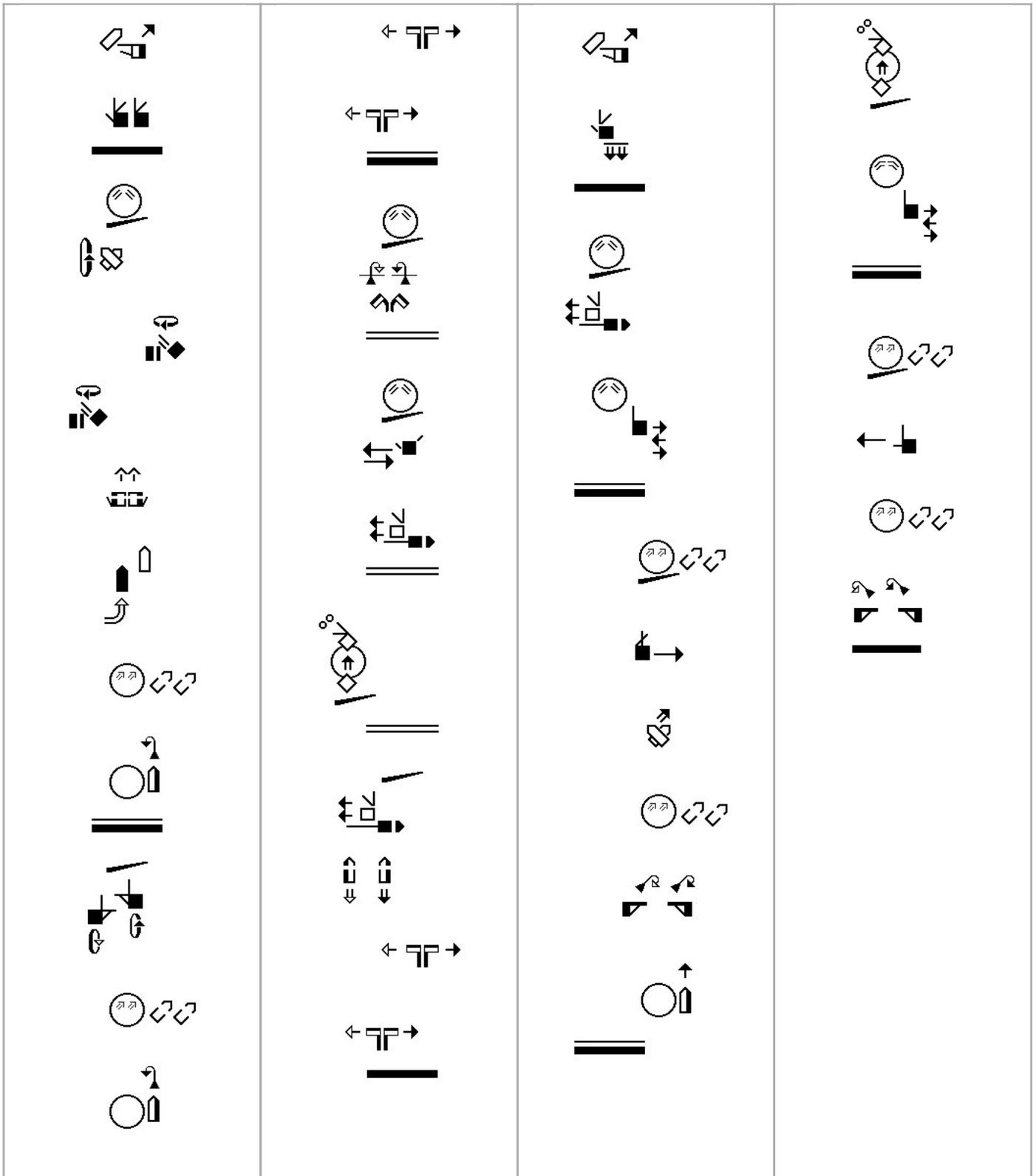
and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

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Matthew 25:30-31



472 30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. NLT



32 All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

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Matthew 25:34-35

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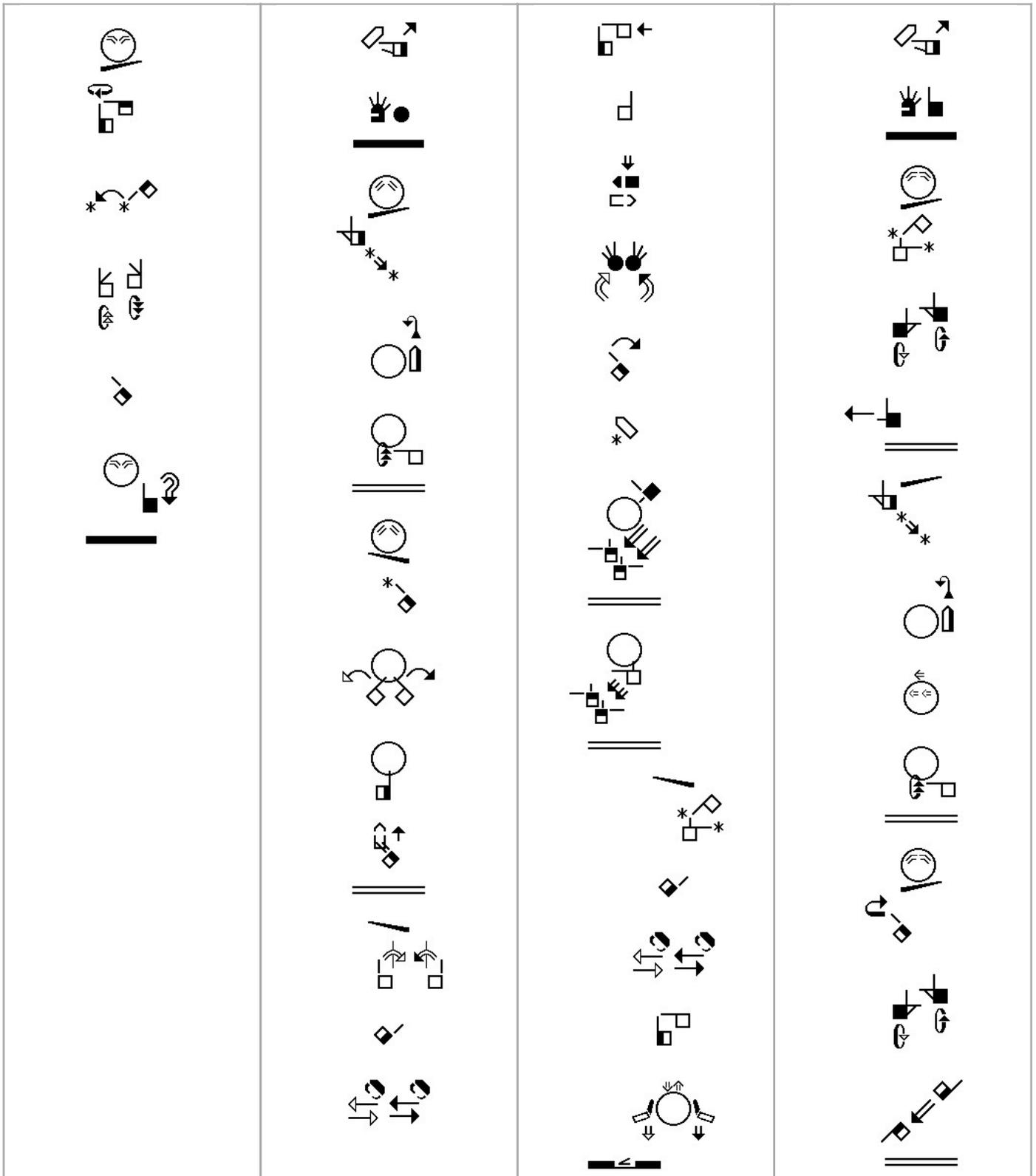
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and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry  
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Matthew 25:37-39

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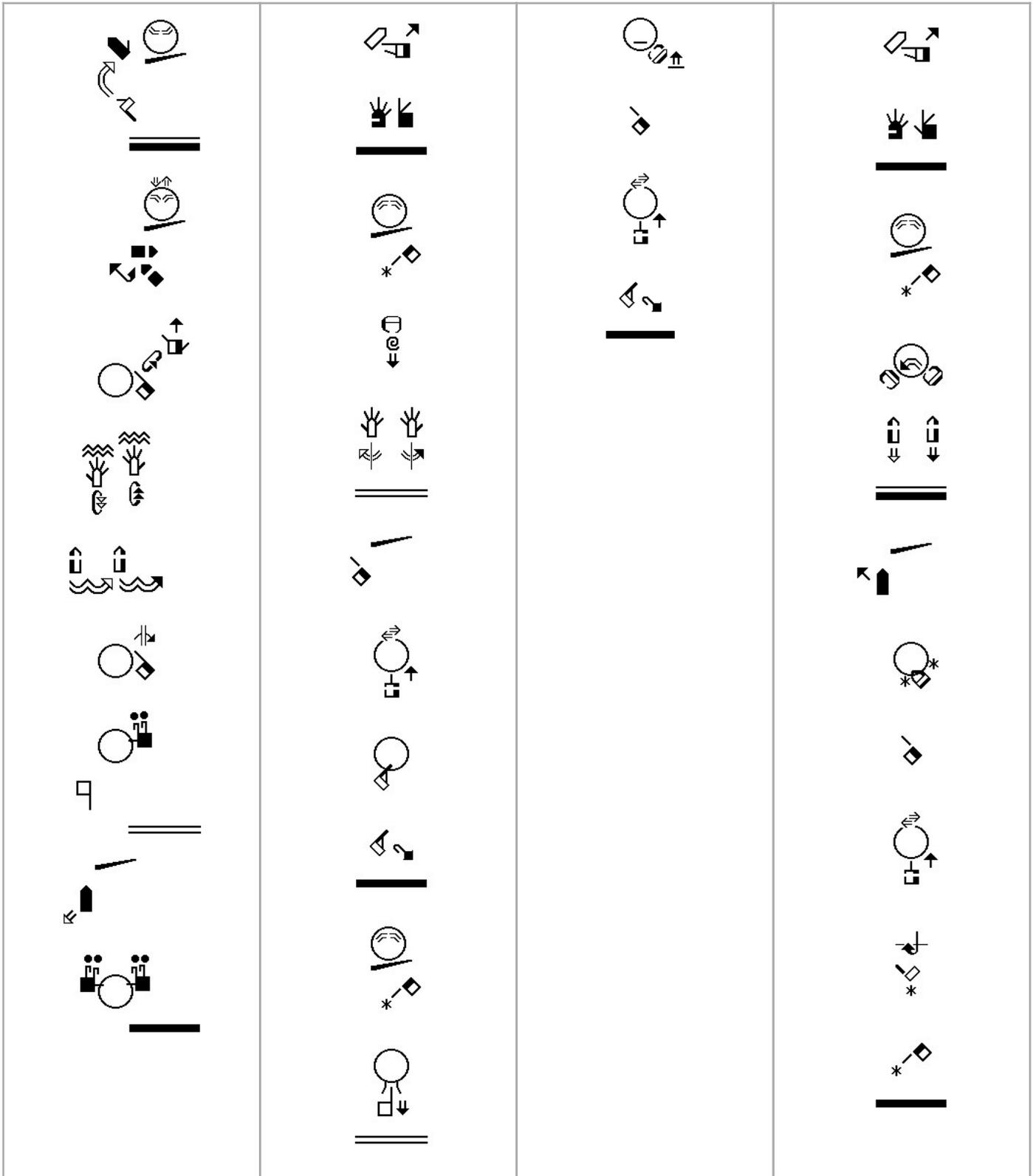
476 and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison  
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and visit you?' 40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' 41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones,

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Matthew 25:41-43



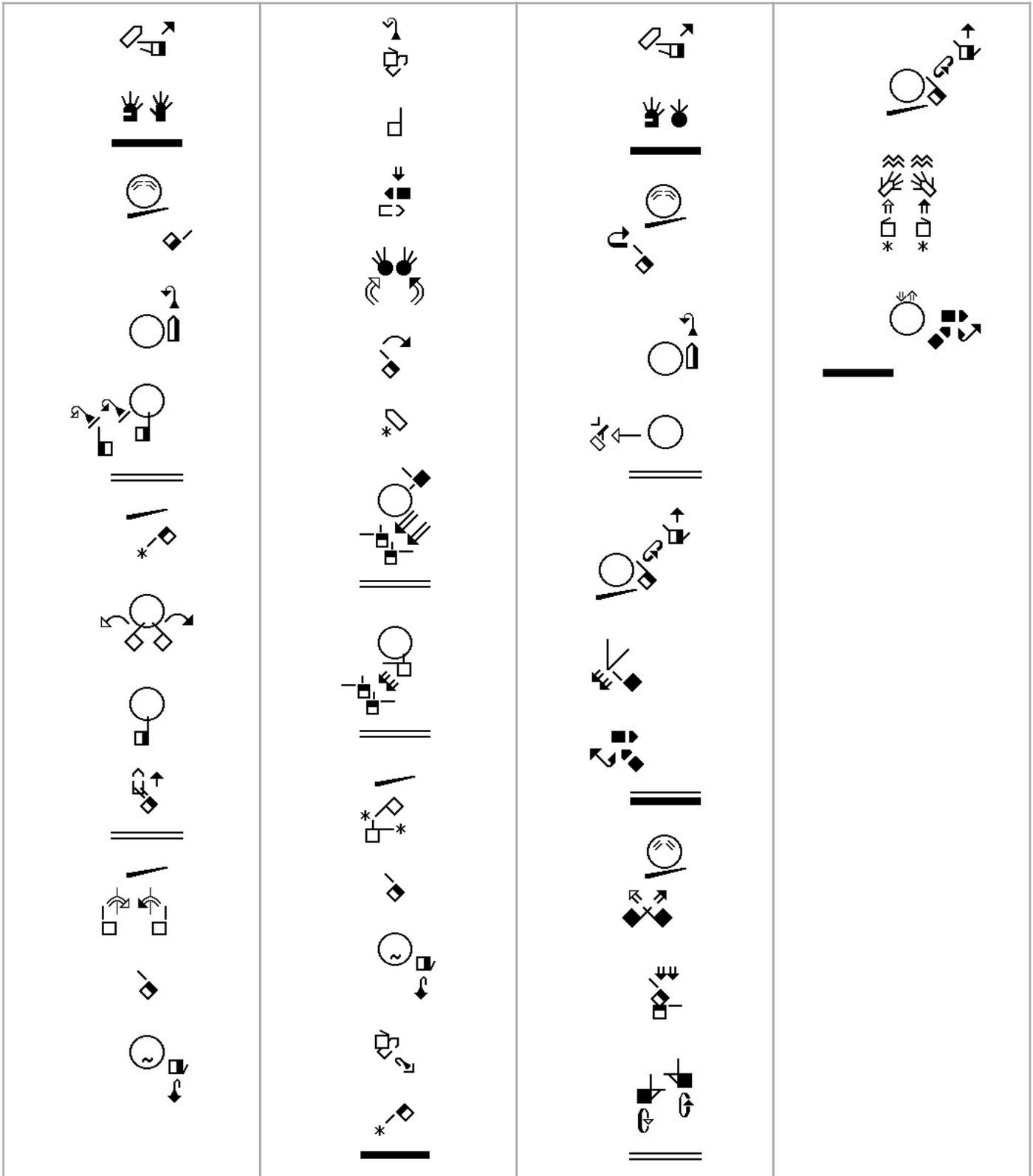
478 into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. 42 For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. 43 I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. NLT

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I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' 44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'

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Matthew 25:45-46

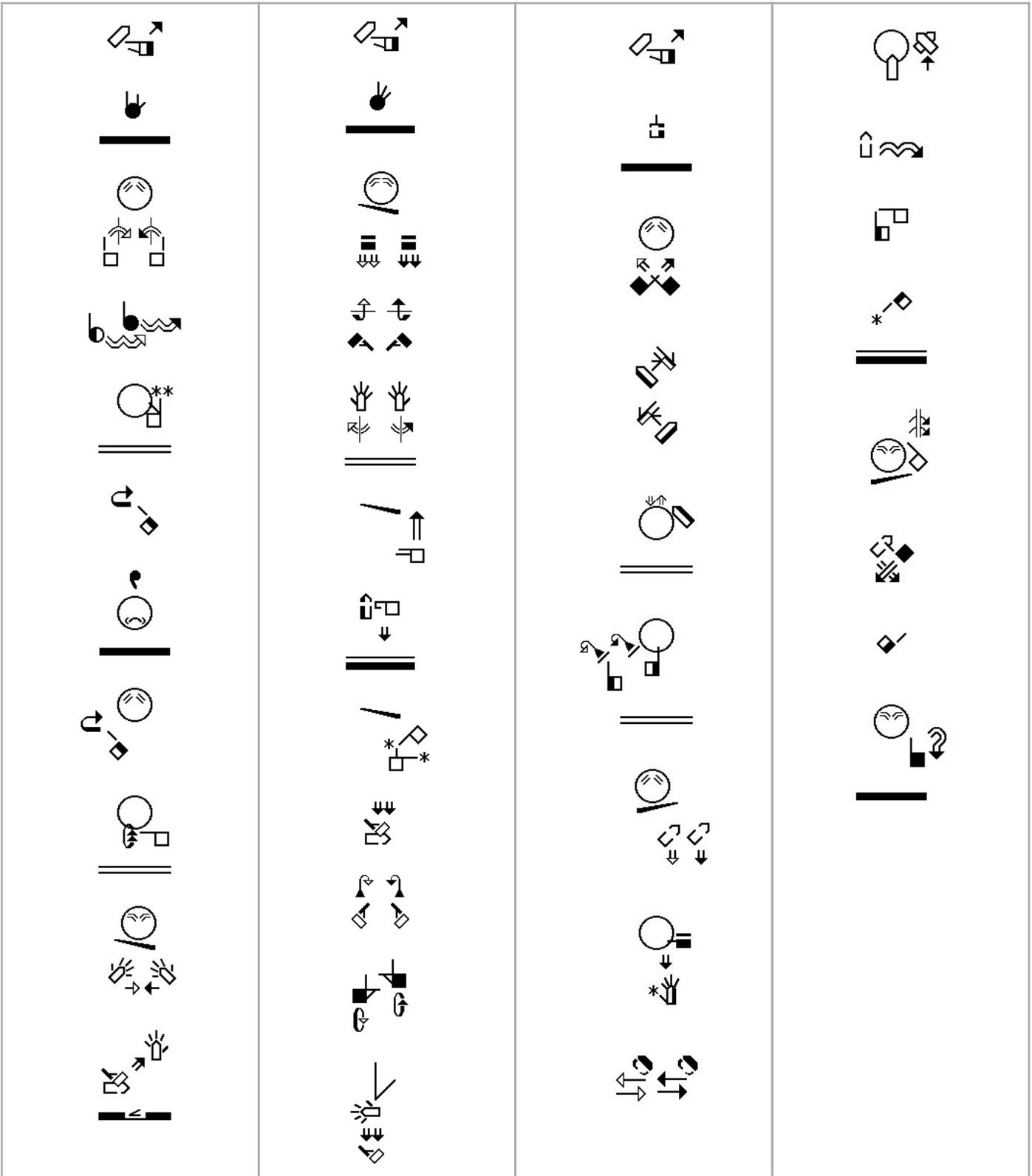








Matthew 26:8-10



8 The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. 9 "It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor." 10 But Jesus, aware of this, replied, "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me?"  
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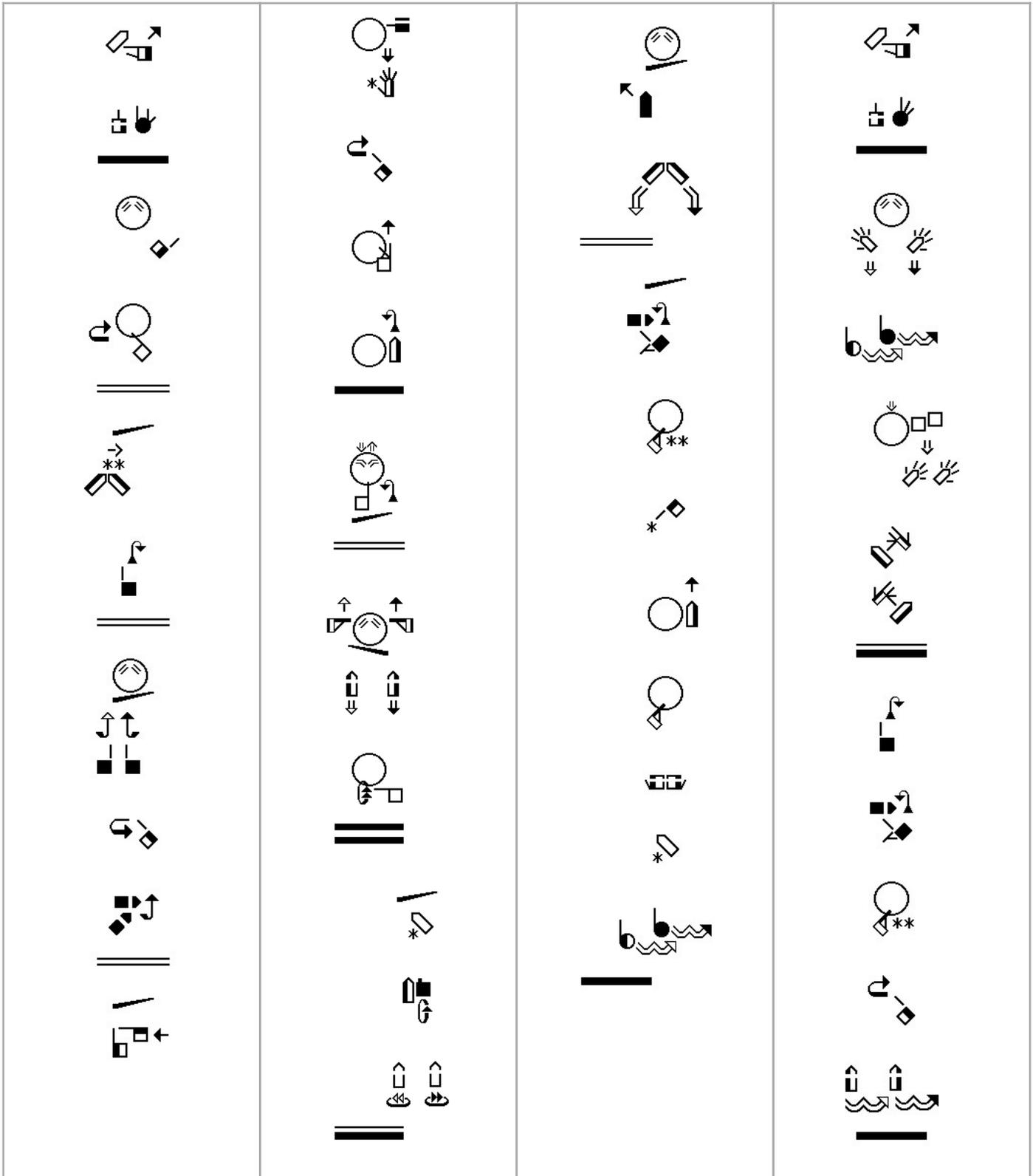
Matthew 26:13-15

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486 13 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." 14 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests 15 and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" NLT



Matthew 26:18-19



18 "As you go into the city," he told them, "you will see a certain man. Tell him, 'The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.'" 19 So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

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20 When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. 21 While they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." 22 Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one, Lord?"

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Matthew 26:23-24

<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 2. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A circle with a horizontal line through it, and a small square to its right. 5. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 6. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 7. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 8. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 9. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 10. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 11. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 12. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 13. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 14. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 15. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 16. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 17. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 18. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 10 hand signs. From top to bottom: 1. A circle with a horizontal line through it, and a small square to its right. 2. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 3. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 4. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 5. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 6. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 7. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 8. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 9. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 10. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. From top to bottom: 1. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 2. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A circle with a horizontal line through it, and a small square to its right. 5. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 6. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 7. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 8. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 9. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 10. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 11. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 12. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 13. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 14. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 15. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 16. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 17. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right. 18. A hand with index and thumb extended, moving up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 18 hand signs. From top to bottom: 1. A circle with a horizontal line through it, and a small square to its right. 2. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 3. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 4. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 5. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 6. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 7. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 8. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 9. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 10. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 11. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 12. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 13. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 14. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 15. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 16. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 17. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together. 18. Two hands with index fingers pointing down, moving together.</p>
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23 He replied, "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.  
 24 For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible  
 it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far  
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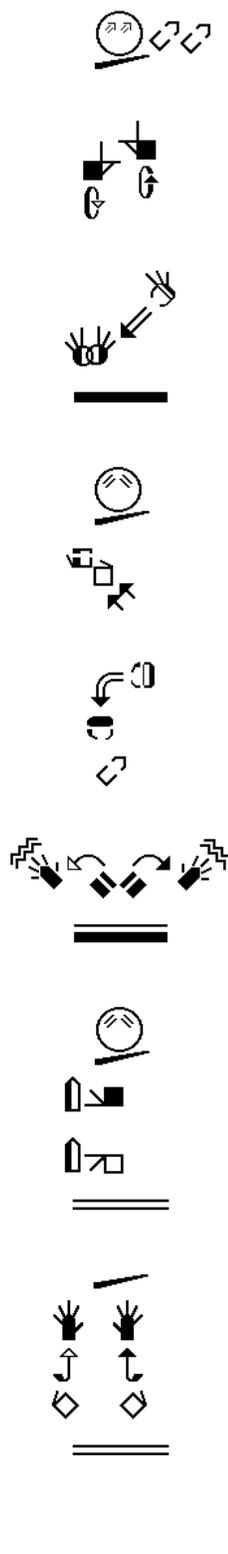
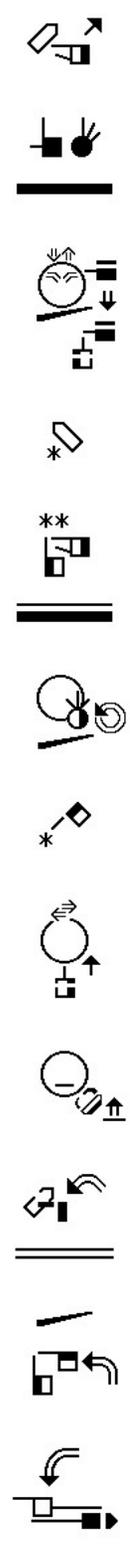
better for that man if had had never been born!" 25 Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it." 26 As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it.

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Matthew 26:26-27

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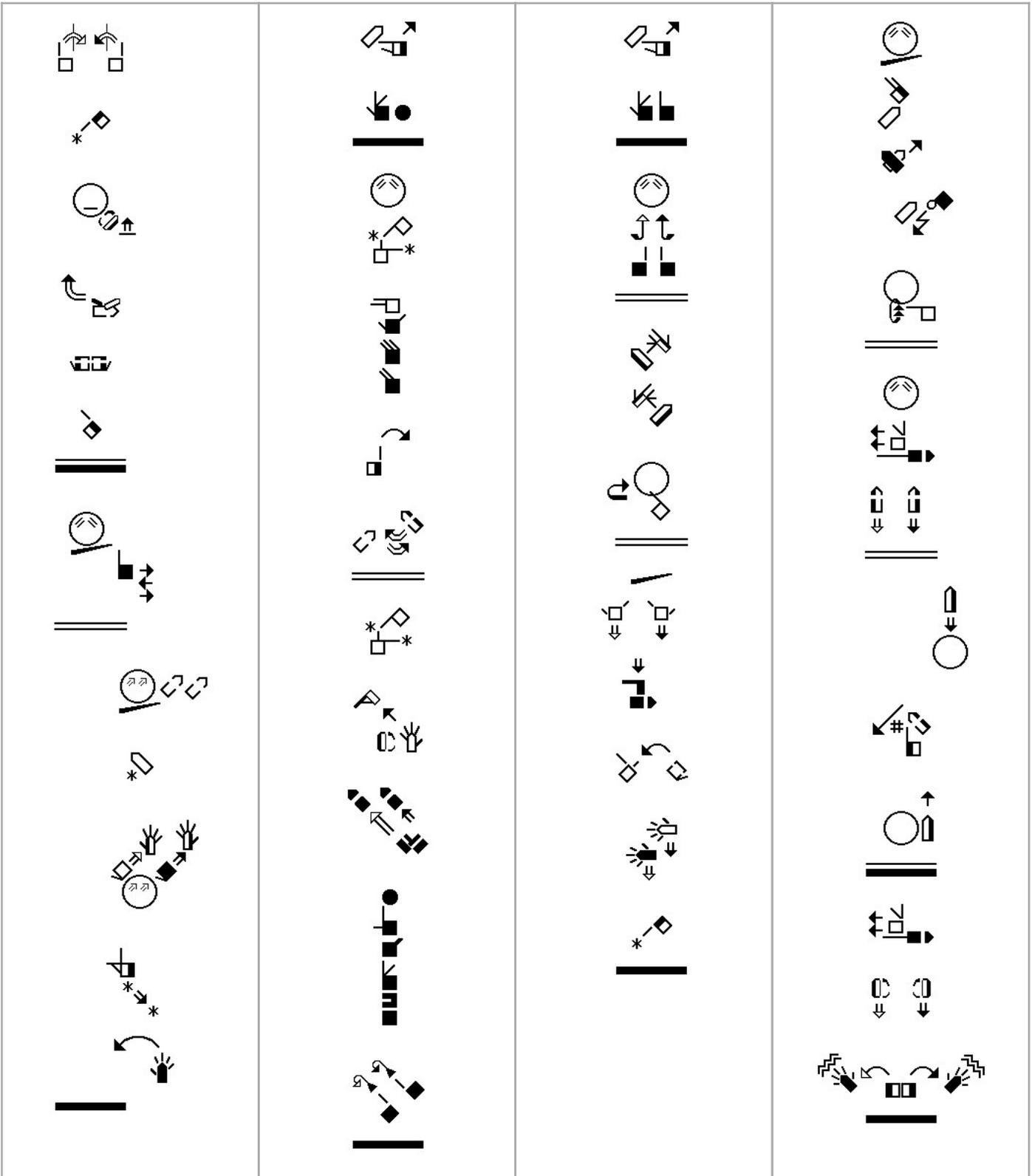
Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." 27 And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, NLT

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28 for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. 29 Mark my words -- I will not drink wine again until the day

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Matthew 26:29-31



I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom." 30 Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" NLT



Matthew 26:34-36

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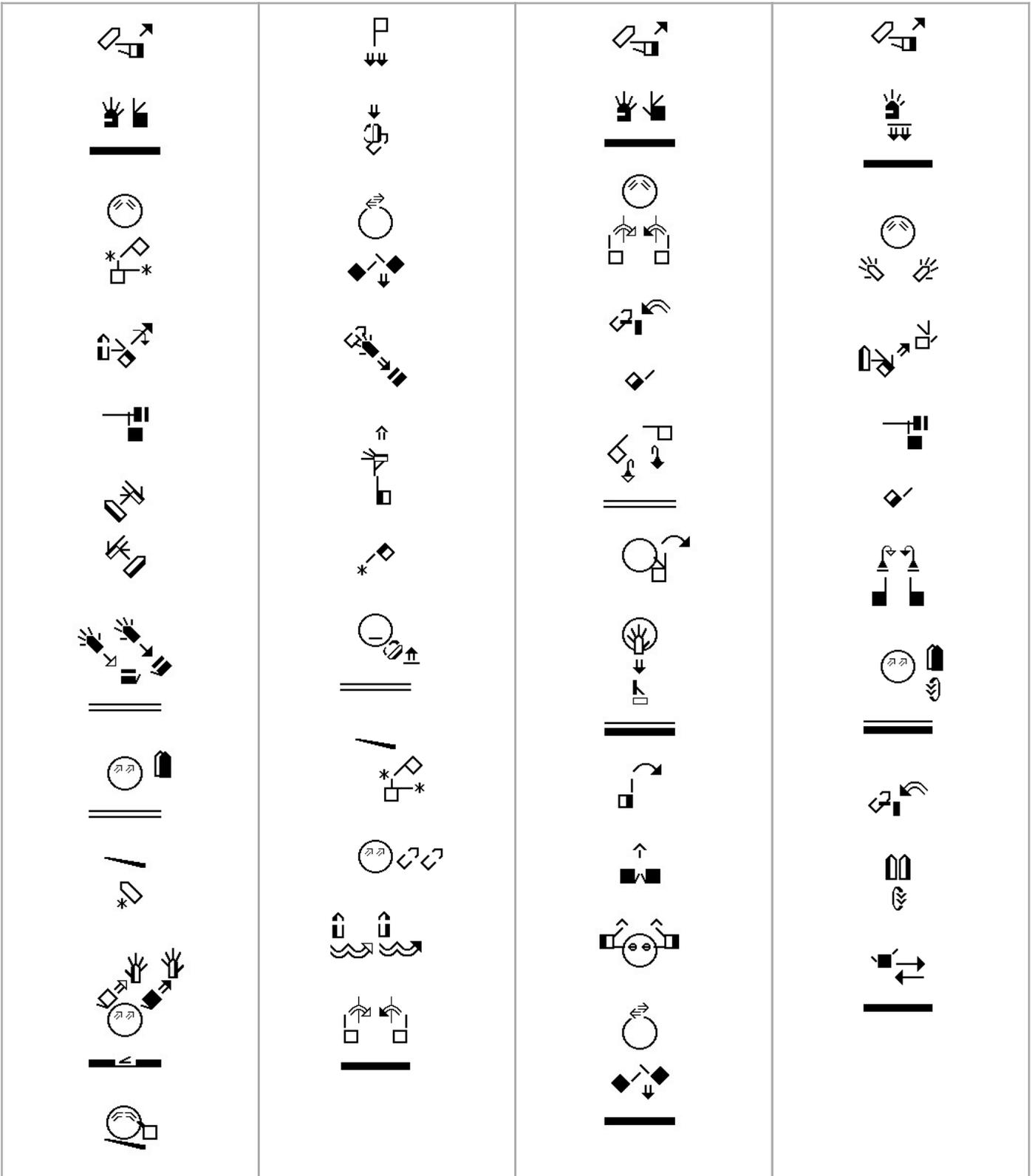
this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." 35 "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same. 36 Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane,



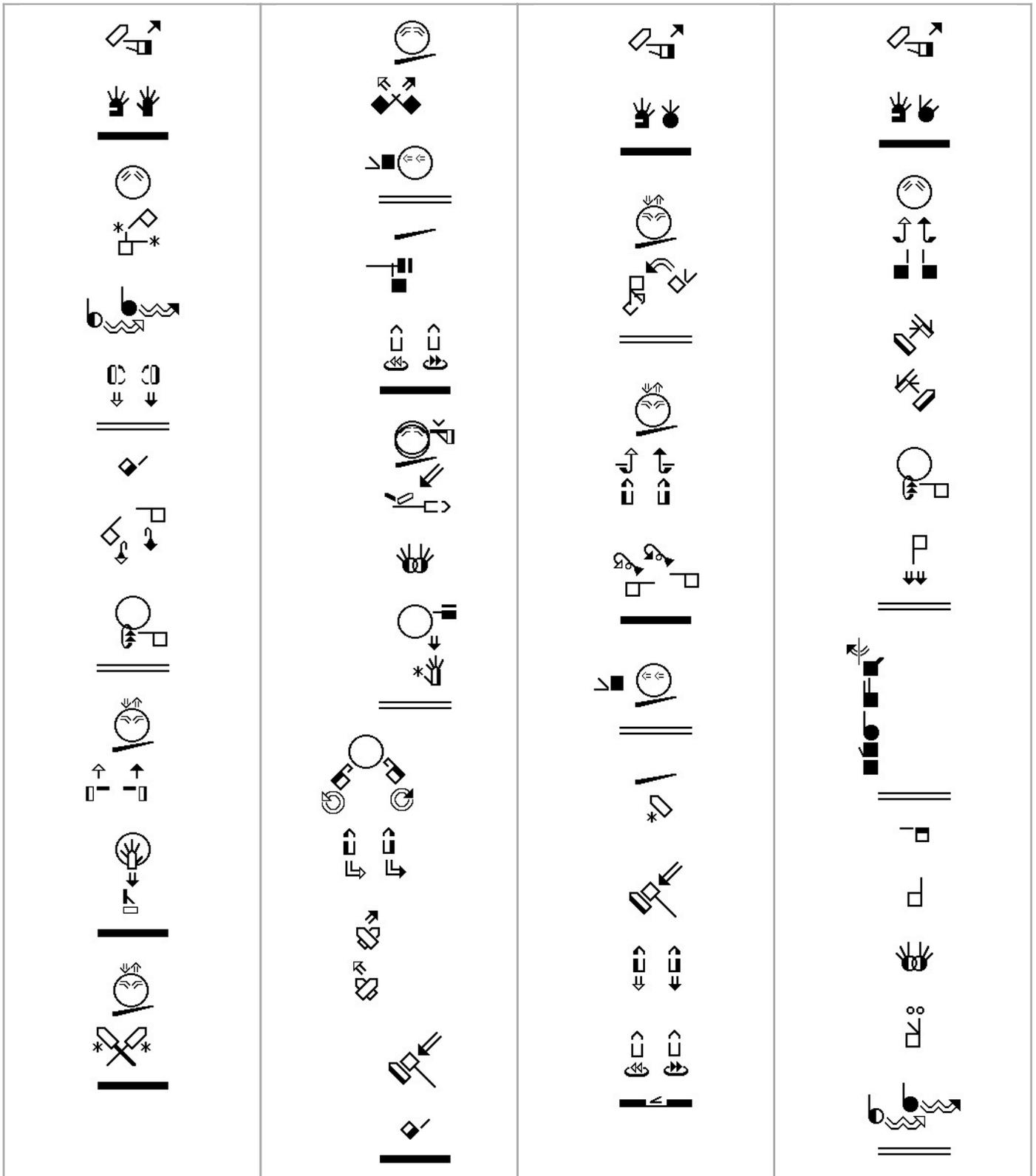




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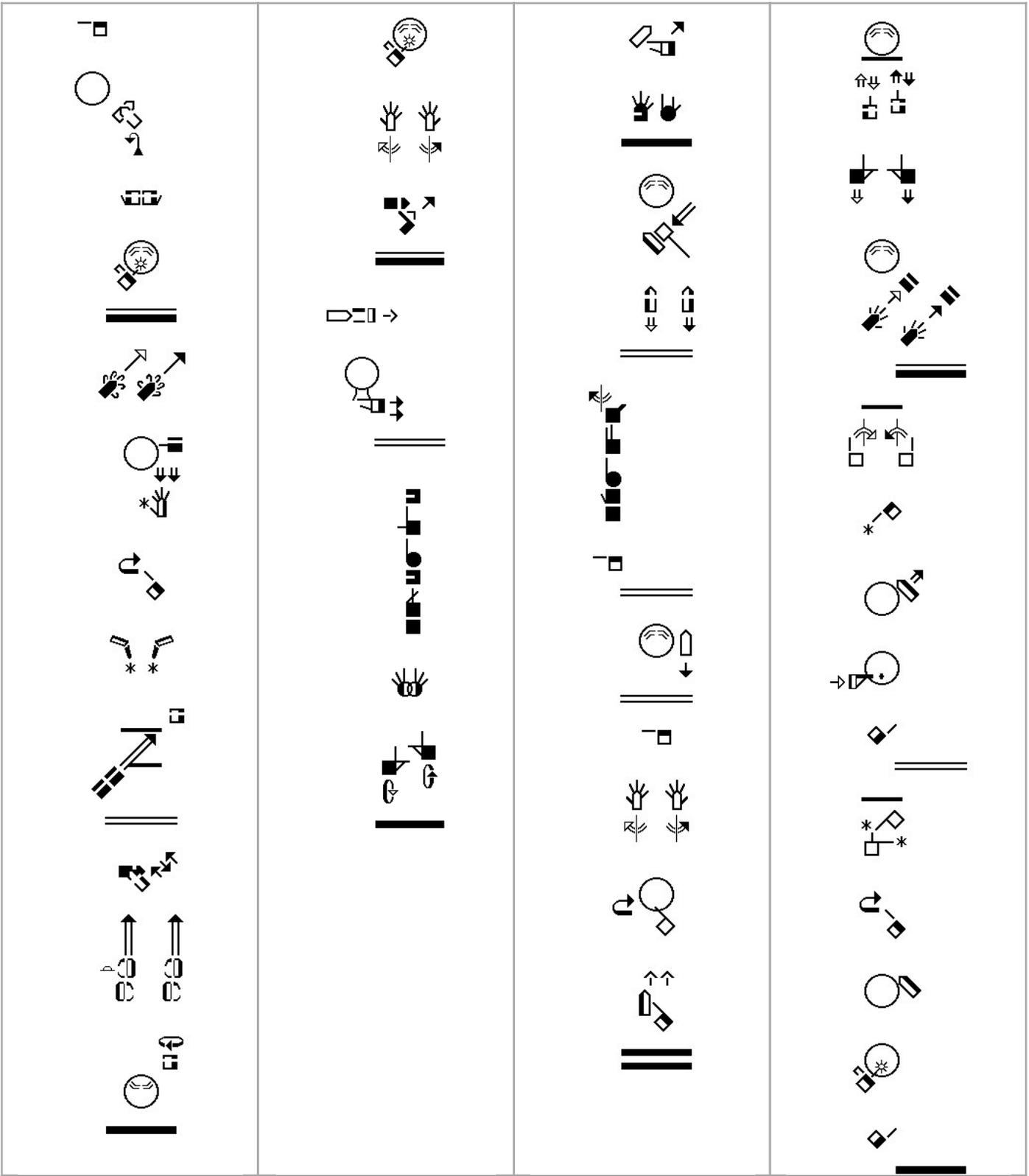


42 Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. 44 So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. NLT



45 Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look -- the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" 47 And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, NLT

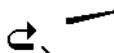
Matthew 26:47-48



arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people. 48 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss." NLT



Matthew 26:51-52

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51 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear. 52 "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword."  
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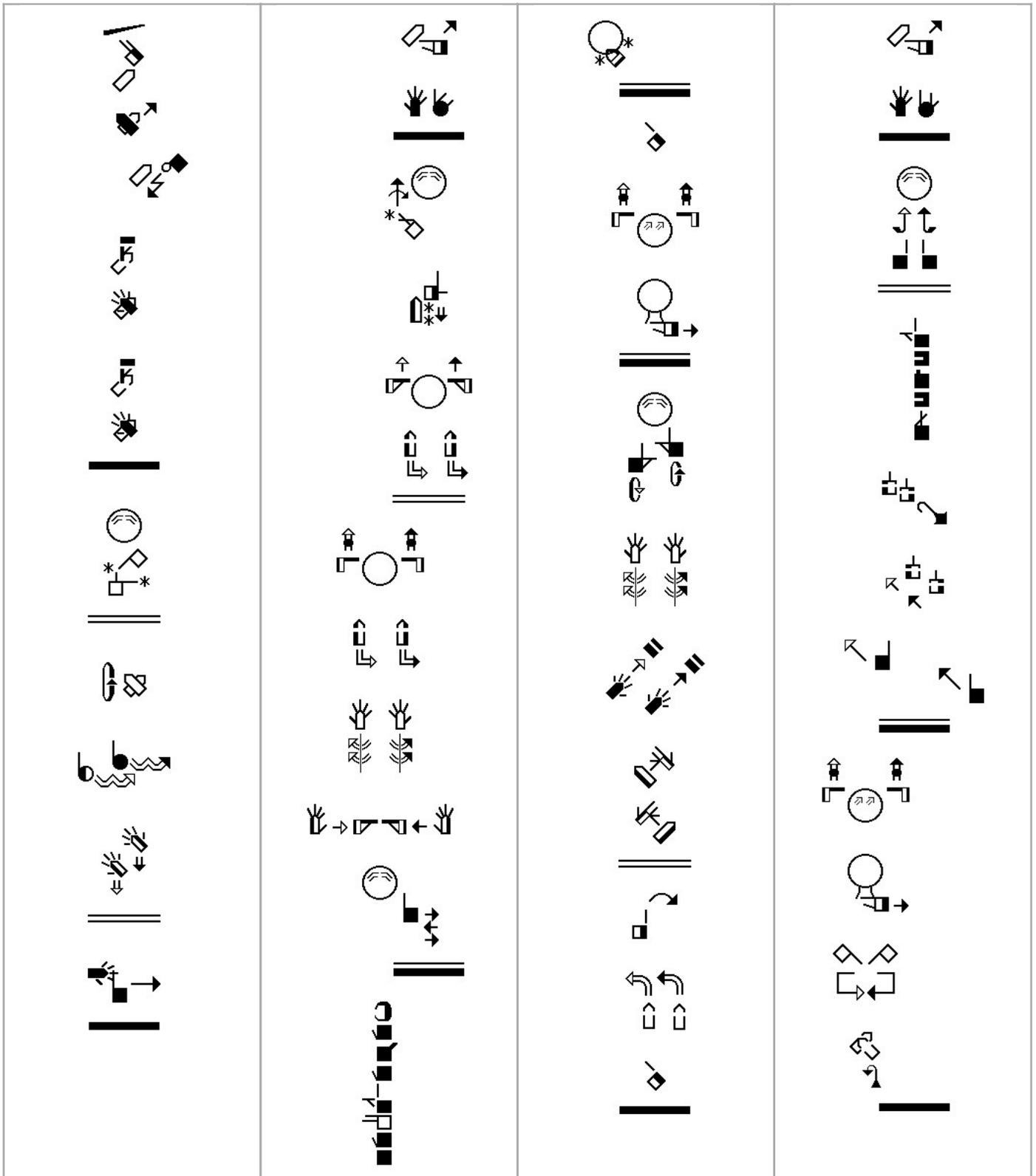
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53 Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? 54 But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

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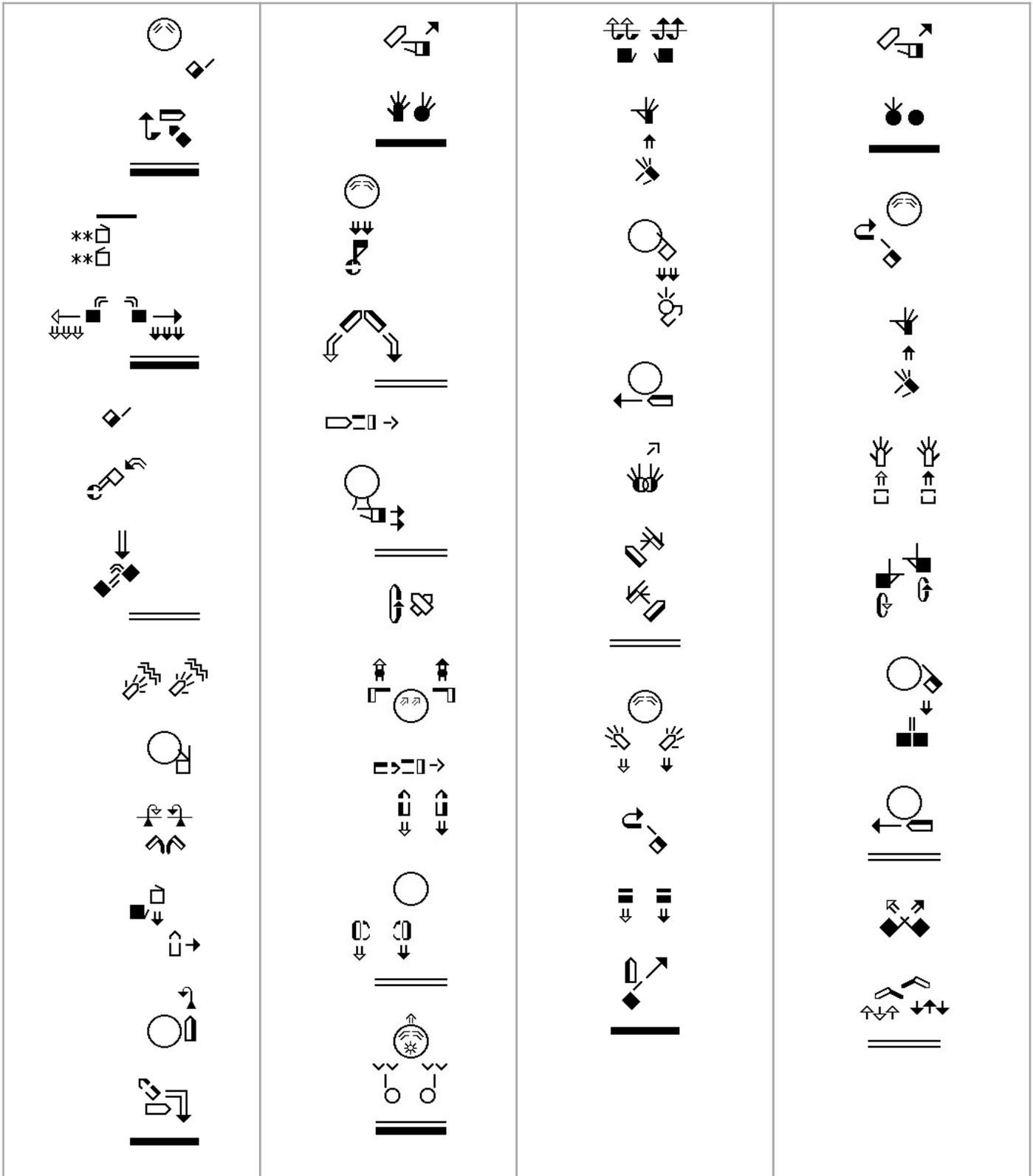
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as recorded in the Scriptures." At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled. 57 Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. 58 Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. NLT

Matthew 26:58-60



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He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end. 59 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death. 60 But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness,

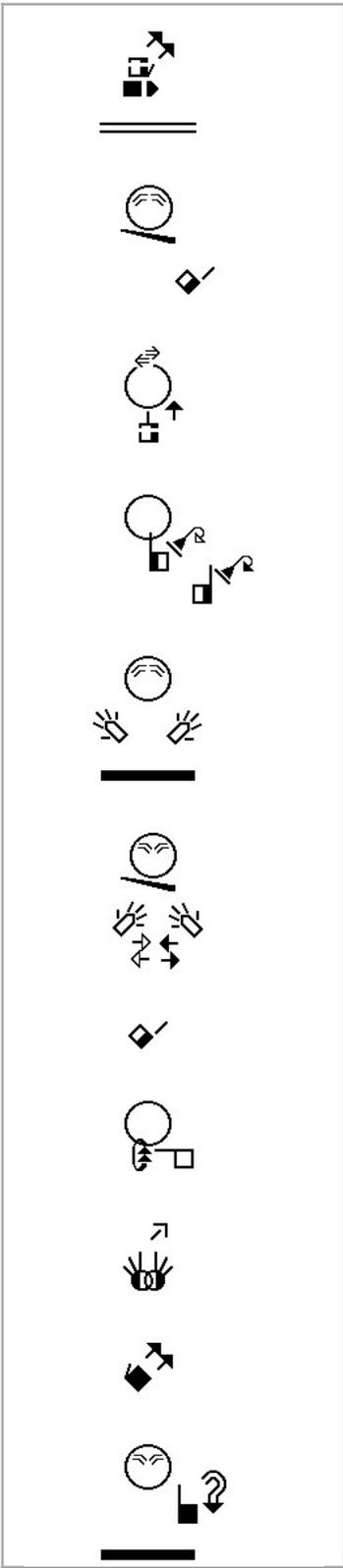
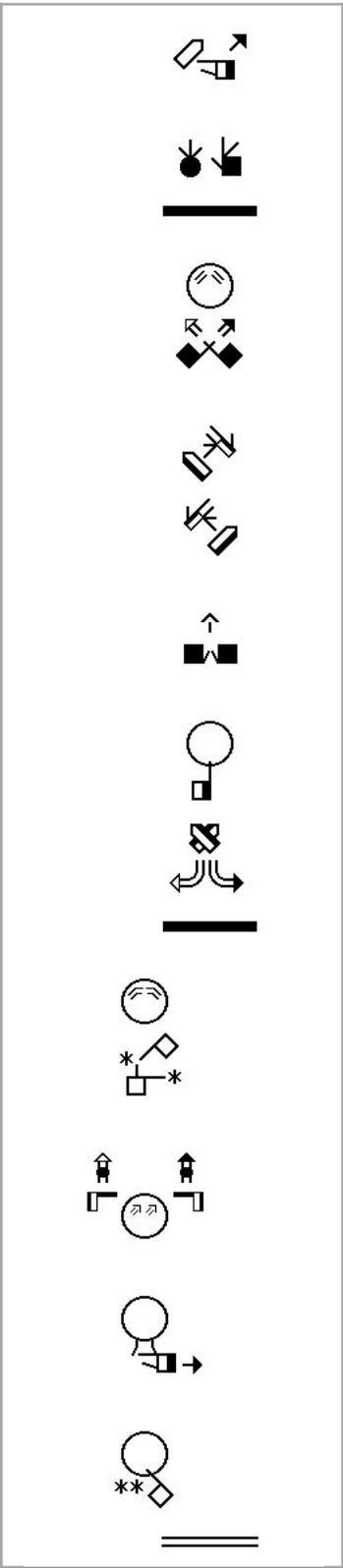
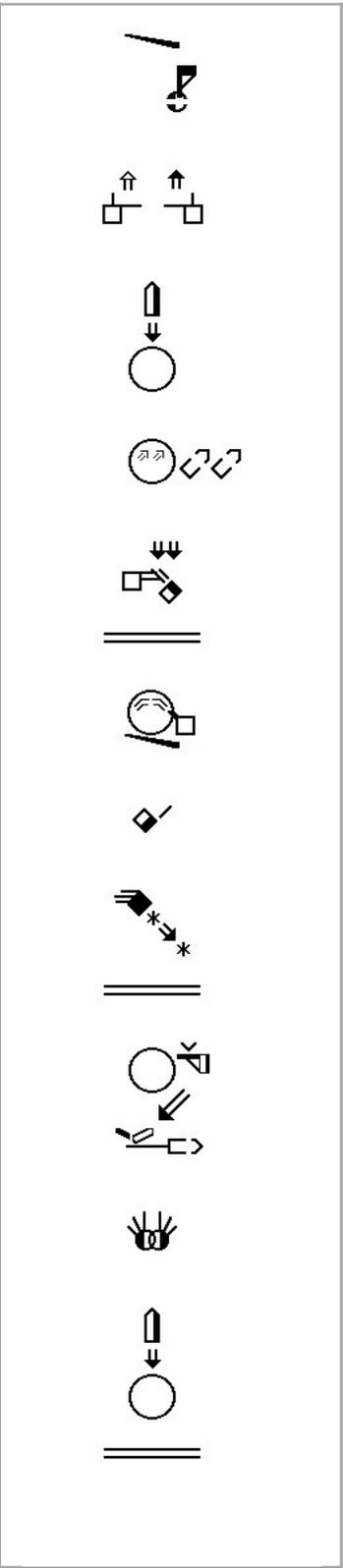
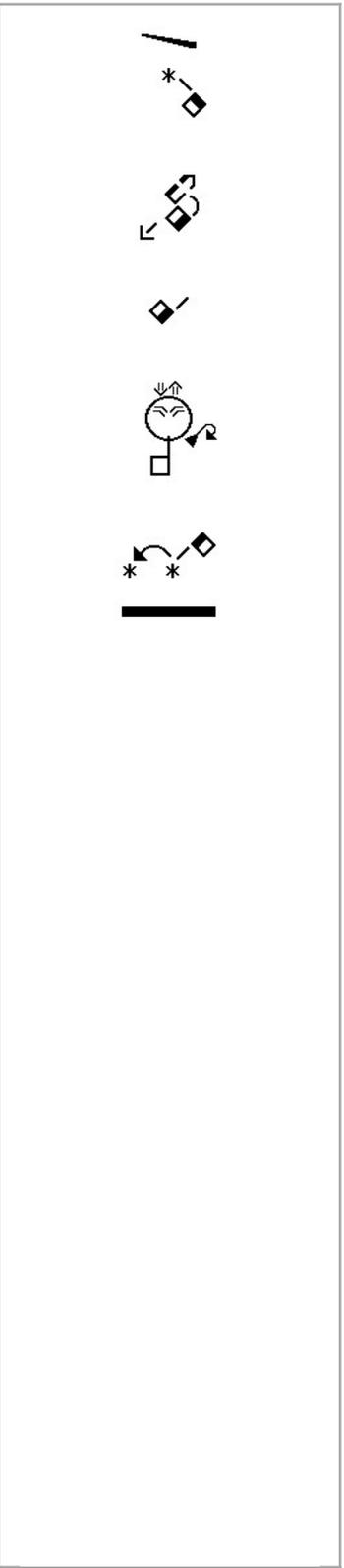
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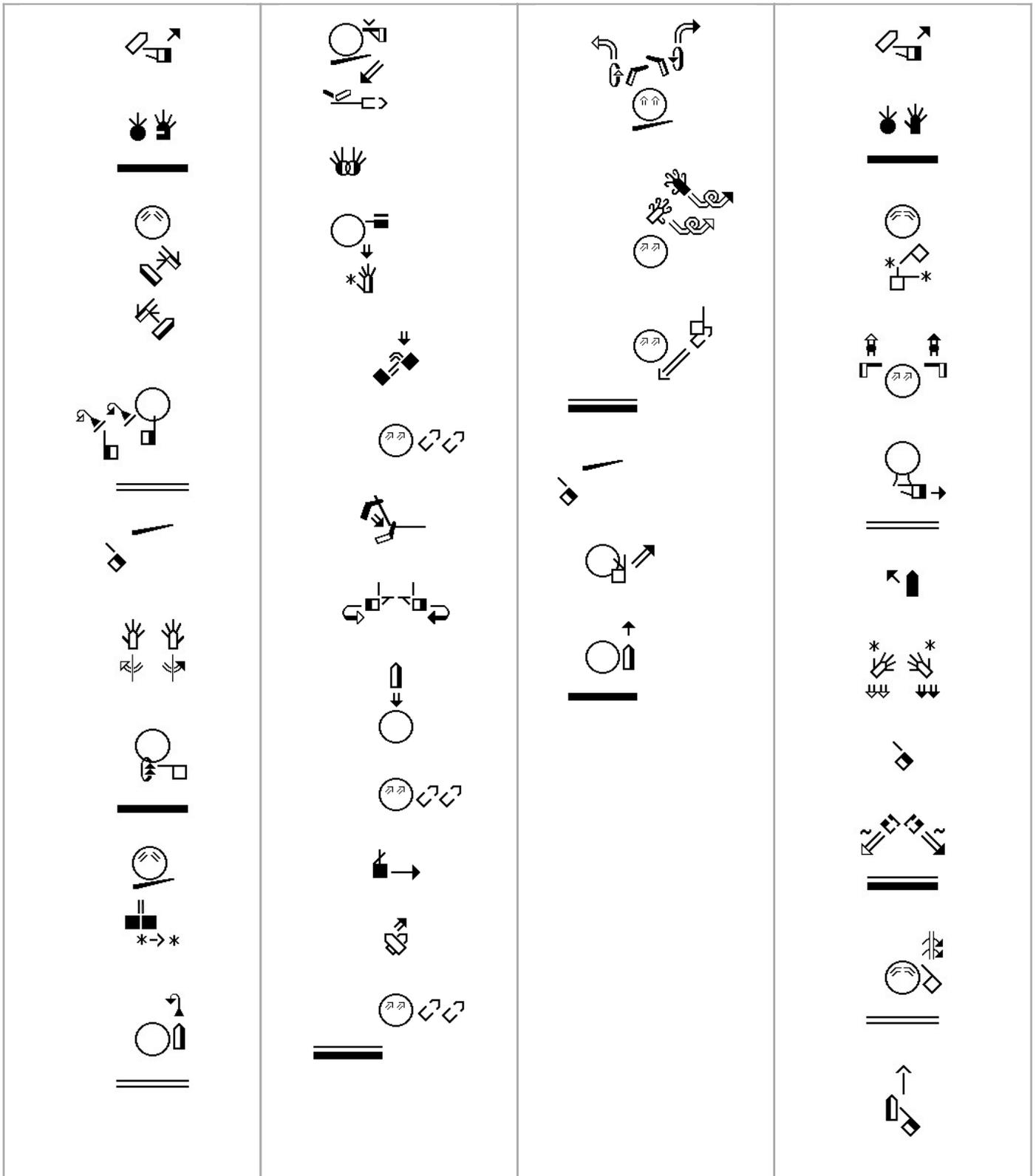
they could not use anyone's testimony. Finally, two men came forward 61 who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" 62 Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

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Matthew 26:62-63

			
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"Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" 63 But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God --tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." NLT



64 Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."  
 65 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show

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of Nazareth." 72 Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said. 73 A little later some of the other bystanders came

Matthew 26:73-75

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over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent."  
 74 Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying -- I don't know the man! And immediately the  
 rooster crowed. 75 Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the  
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Matthew 27:3-4

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518 3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders. 4 "I have sinned," he declared, "for I have betrayed an innocent man."  
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Matthew 27:7-9

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:7-9, column 1. It includes signs for 'buy', 'field', 'potter', 'cemetery', 'foreigners', 'prophecy', and 'fulfilled'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:7-9, column 2. It includes signs for 'buy', 'field', 'potter', 'cemetery', 'foreigners', 'prophecy', and 'fulfilled'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:7-9, column 3. It includes signs for 'buy', 'field', 'potter', 'cemetery', 'foreigners', 'prophecy', and 'fulfilled'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:7-9, column 4. It includes signs for 'buy', 'field', 'potter', 'cemetery', 'foreigners', 'prophecy', and 'fulfilled'.</p>
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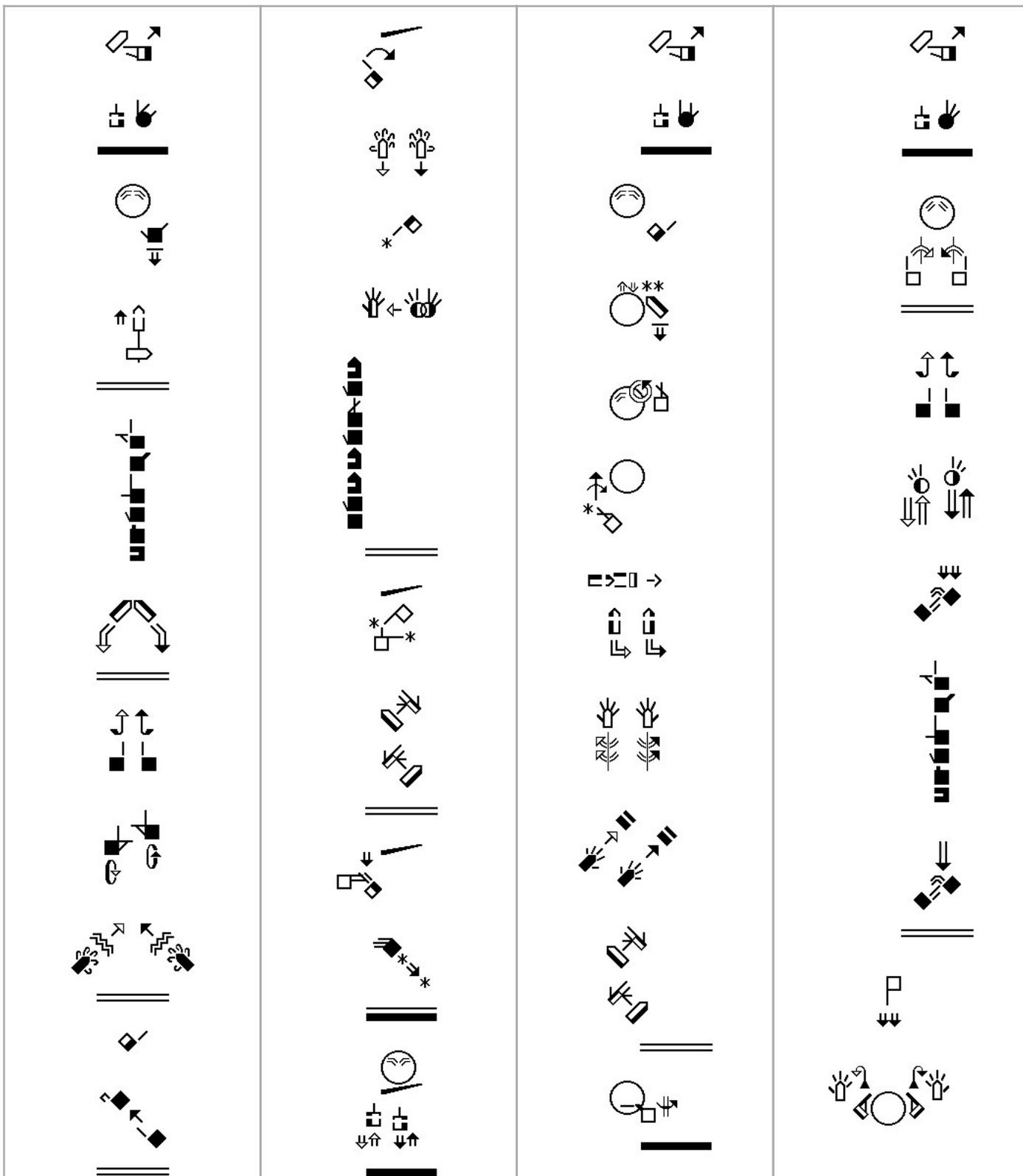
that says, "They took the thirty pieces of silver -- the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel, 10 and purchased the potter's field, as the LORD directed." 11 Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. "Are you the king of the Jews?" the governor asked him.

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Matthew 27:17-19



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17 As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you -- Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 18 (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.) 19 Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat,

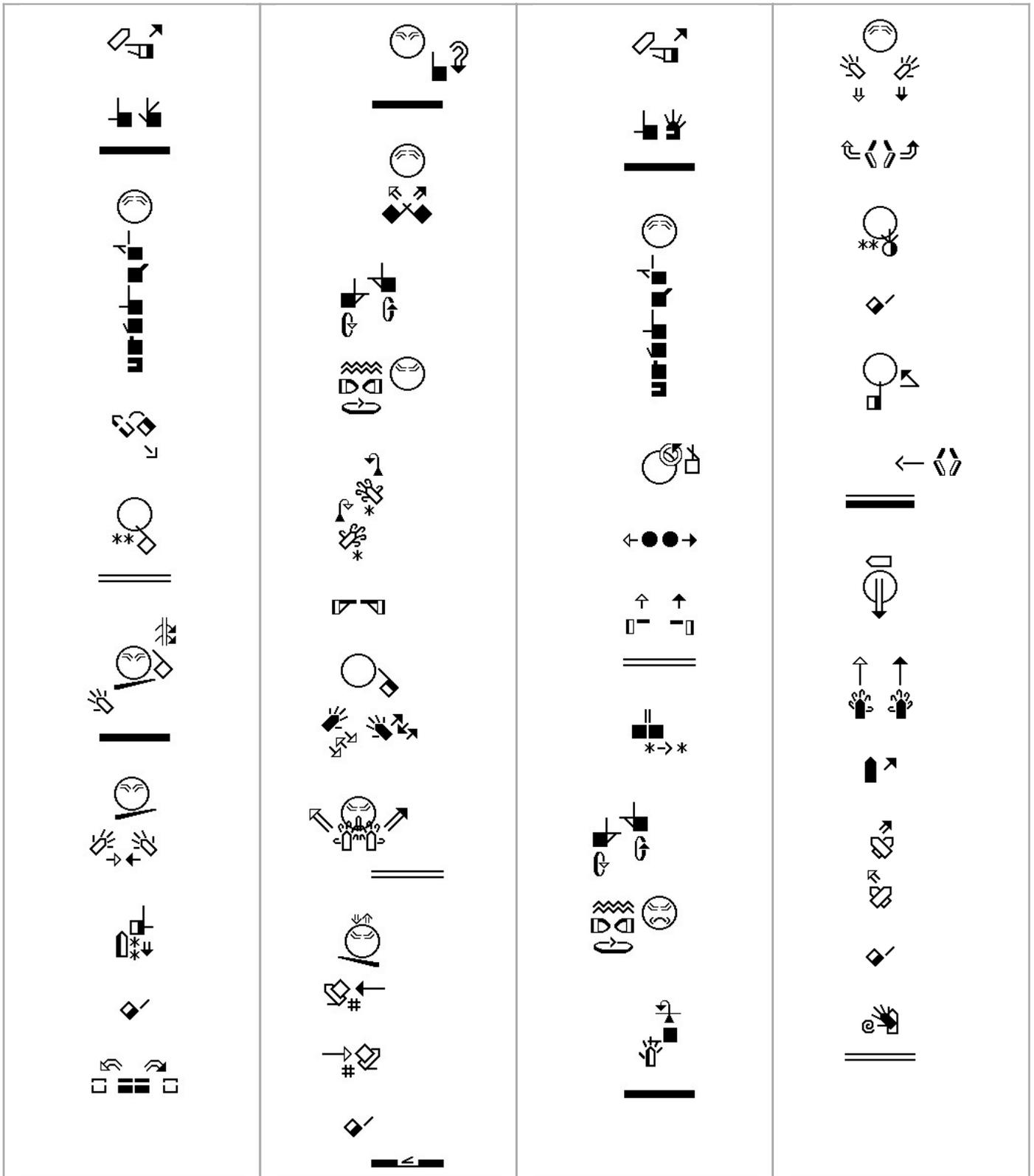
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21 So the governor asked again, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?" The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!" 22 Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" NLT

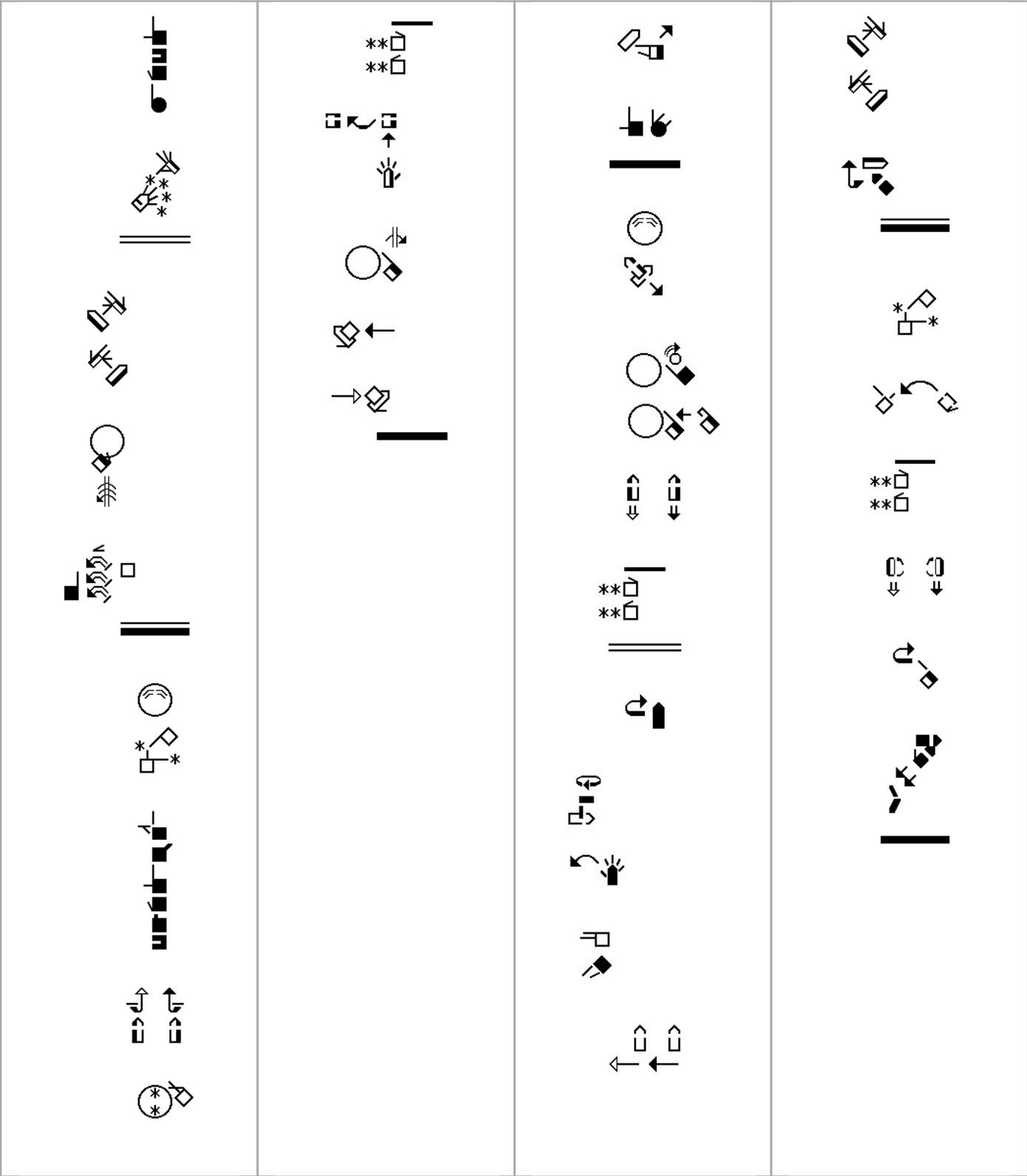


23 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!" 24 Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, NLT

Matthew 27:24-26

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saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!" 25 And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death -- we and our children!" 26 So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered



Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. 27 Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment.

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Matthew 27:28-29

<p>A vertical sequence of 12 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A hand with fingers spread, palm facing left. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A circular face with a neutral expression and an arrow pointing up and right. 5. Two hands with fingers spread, palms facing each other, with asterisks above them. 6. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 7. Two hands with fingers spread, palms facing each other, with asterisks above them. 8. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 10. A thick horizontal line. 11. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 12. Two hands with fingers spread, palms facing each other, with asterisks above them.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 10 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A thick horizontal line. 2. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 3. A circular face with a neutral expression and an arrow pointing up and right. 4. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 15 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 3. A thick horizontal line. 4. A circular face with a neutral expression and an arrow pointing up and right. 5. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 13. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 14. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 15. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 12 sign language icons. From top to bottom: 1. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 2. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 3. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 4. A thick horizontal line. 5. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 6. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 7. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 8. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 9. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 10. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 11. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right. 12. A hand holding a rectangular object with an arrow pointing up and right.</p>
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a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!"  
 30 And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. 31  
 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and

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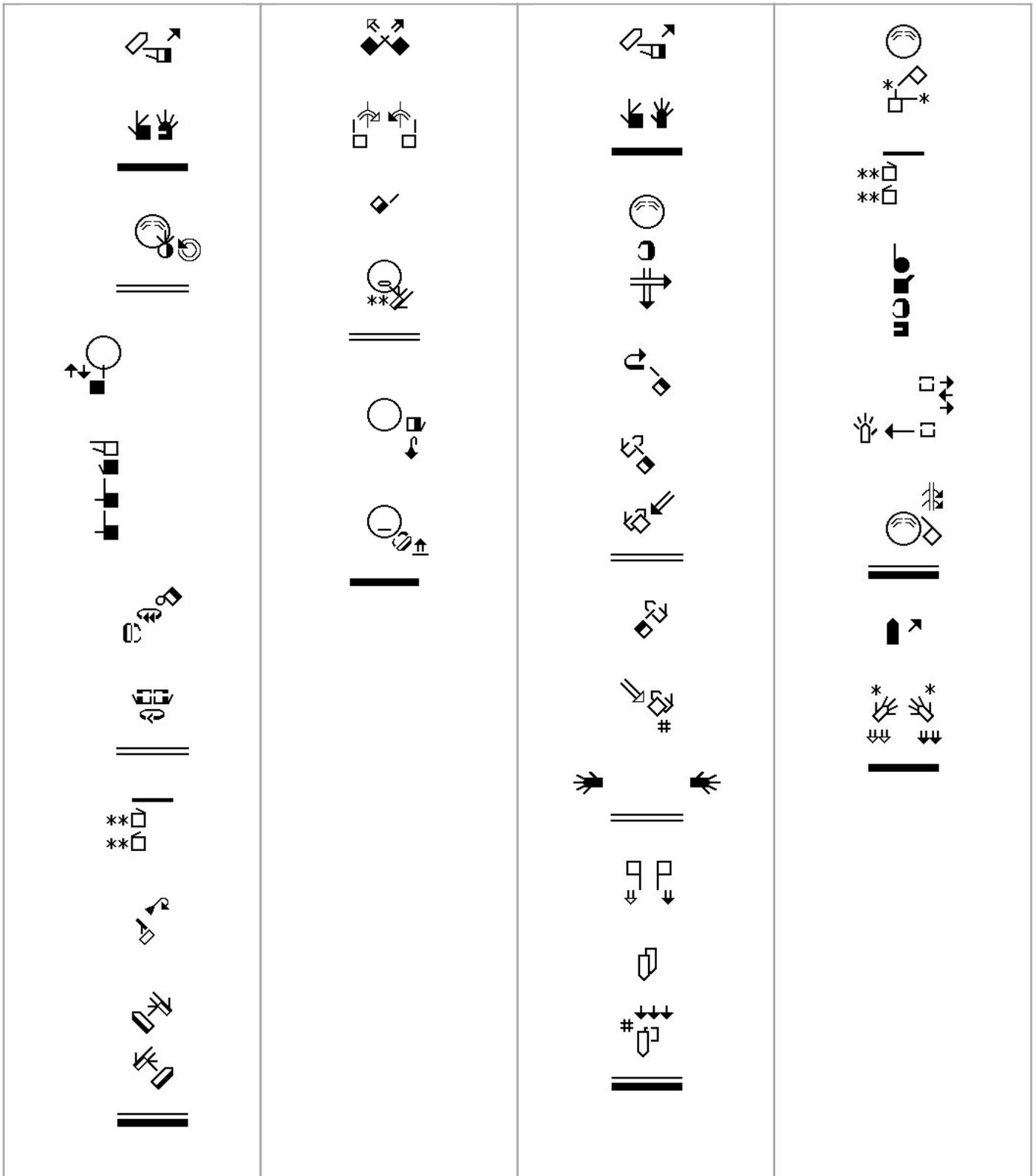
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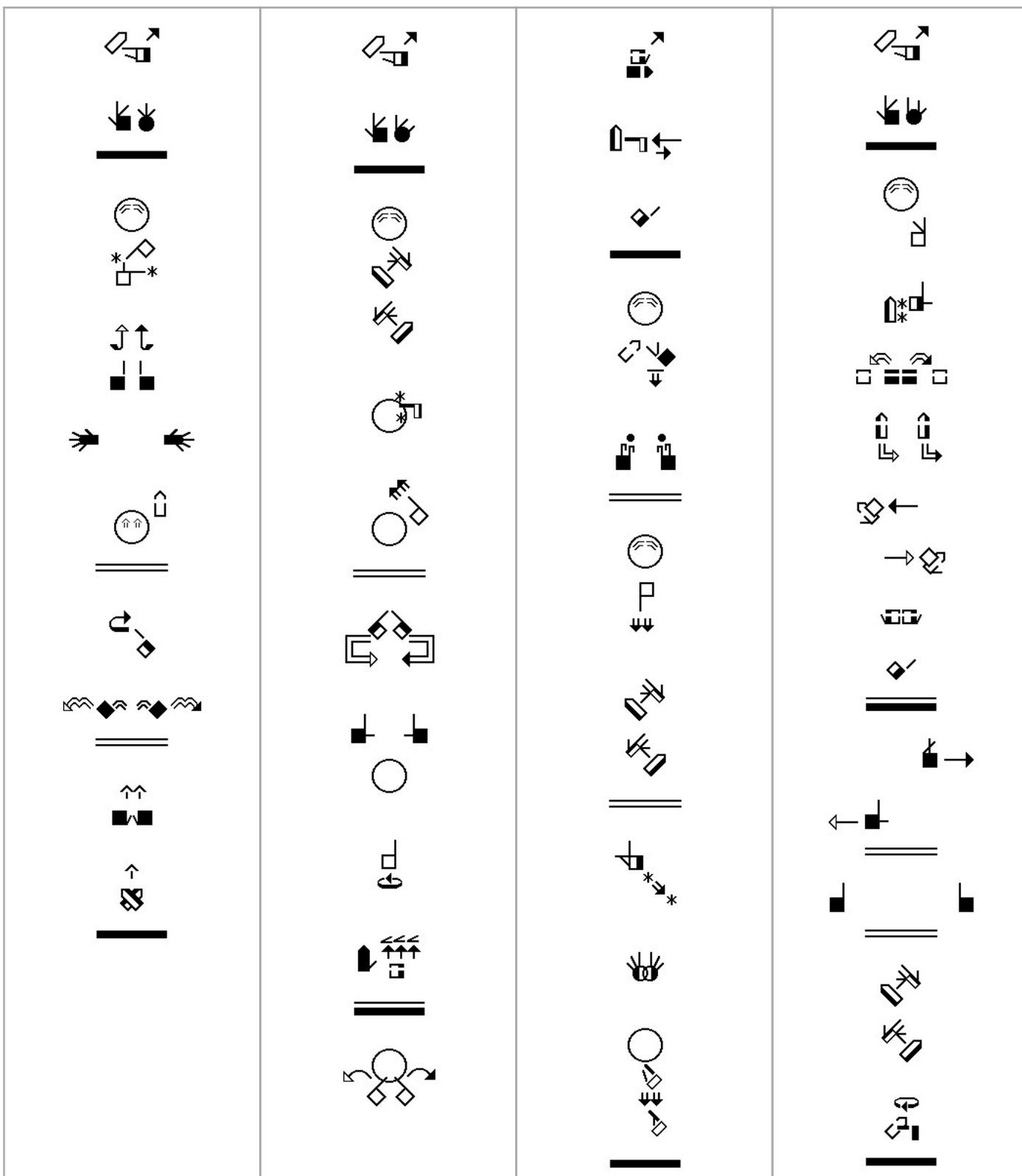
put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified. 32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. 33 And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull").

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34 The soldiers gave him wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it. 35 After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. NLT

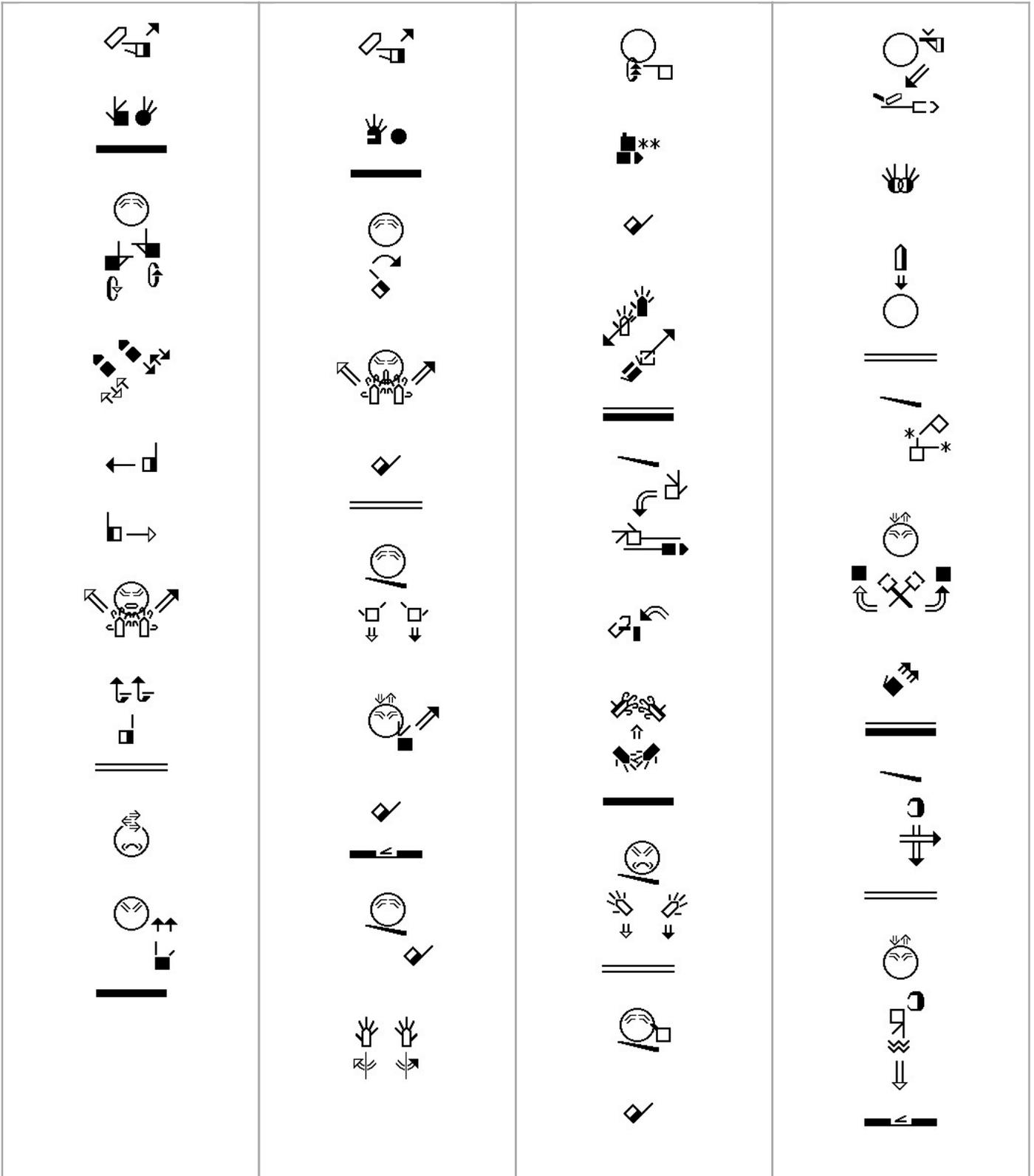
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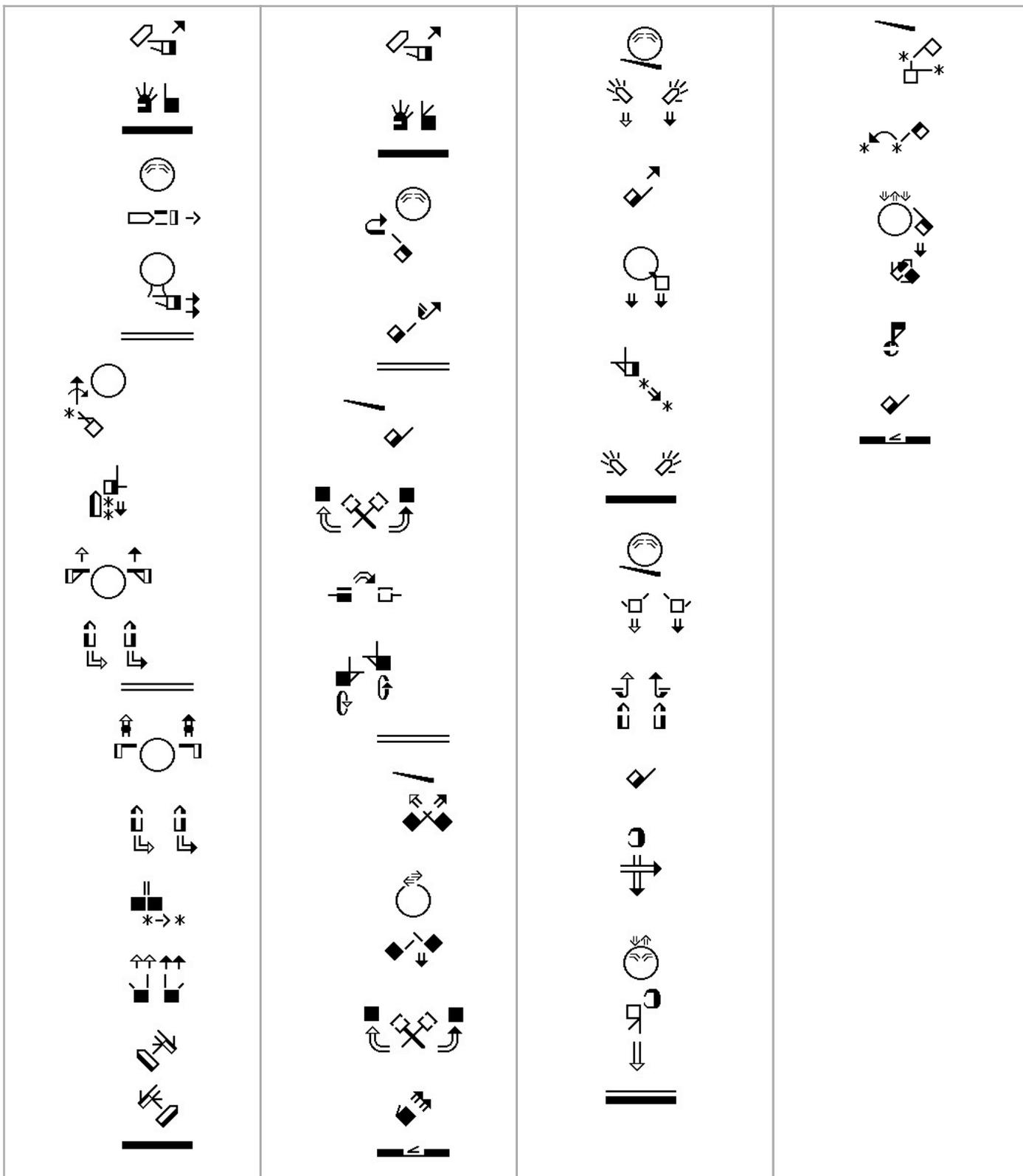
36 Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. 37 A sign was fastened to the cross above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." 38 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

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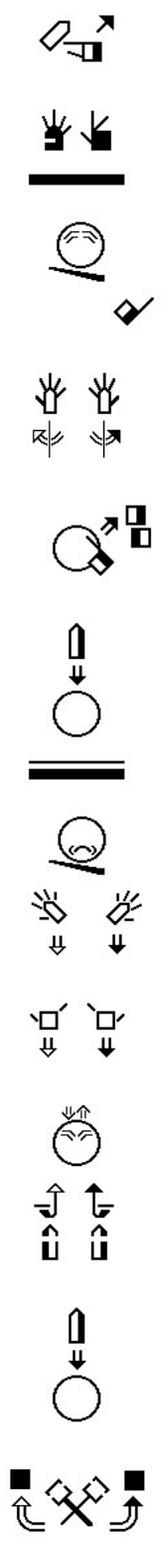
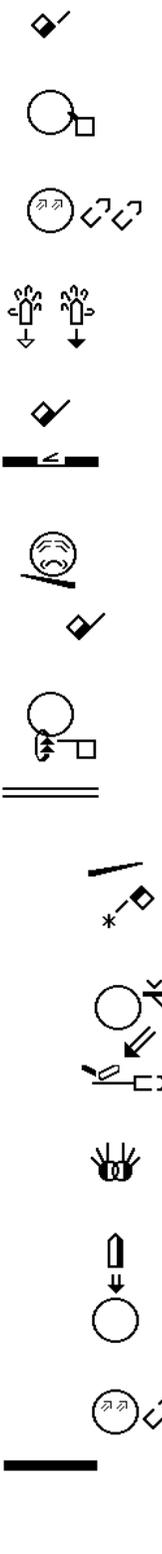
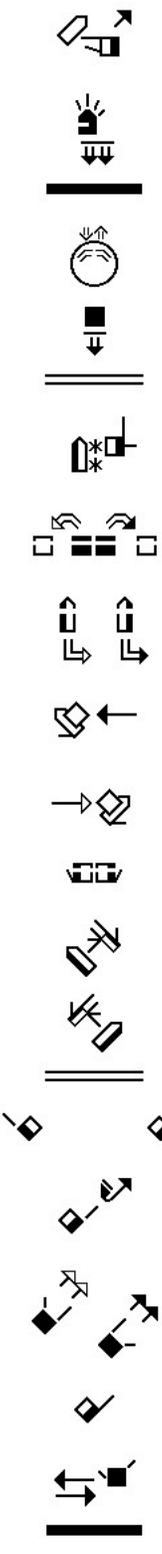
39 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. 40 "Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!" NLT

Matthew 27:41-42



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41 The leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders also mocked Jesus. 42 "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him!"  
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 <p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:43. It begins with a hand sign for 'I' (index finger up), followed by a sign for 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. This is followed by a sign for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and a sign for 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence continues with signs for 'he' (index finger up), 'said' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'I' (index finger up), 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and 'the Son of God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence ends with signs for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left).</p>	 <p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:44. It begins with a sign for 'I' (index finger up), followed by a sign for 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. This is followed by a sign for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and a sign for 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence continues with signs for 'he' (index finger up), 'said' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'I' (index finger up), 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and 'the Son of God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence ends with signs for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left).</p>	 <p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:45. It begins with a hand sign for 'I' (index finger up), followed by a sign for 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. This is followed by a sign for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and a sign for 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence continues with signs for 'he' (index finger up), 'said' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'I' (index finger up), 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and 'the Son of God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence ends with signs for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left).</p>	 <p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:43-45. It begins with a hand sign for 'I' (index finger up), followed by a sign for 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. This is followed by a sign for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), a sign for 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and a sign for 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence continues with signs for 'he' (index finger up), 'said' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'I' (index finger up), 'am' (index and middle fingers up), and 'the Son of God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left). A thick horizontal line is signed. The sequence ends with signs for 'let' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), 'God' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left), and 'rescue' (index and middle fingers up, palm facing left).</p>
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43 He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him! For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 Even the revolutionaries who were crucified with him ridiculed him in the same way. 45 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.  
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Matthew 27:46-47

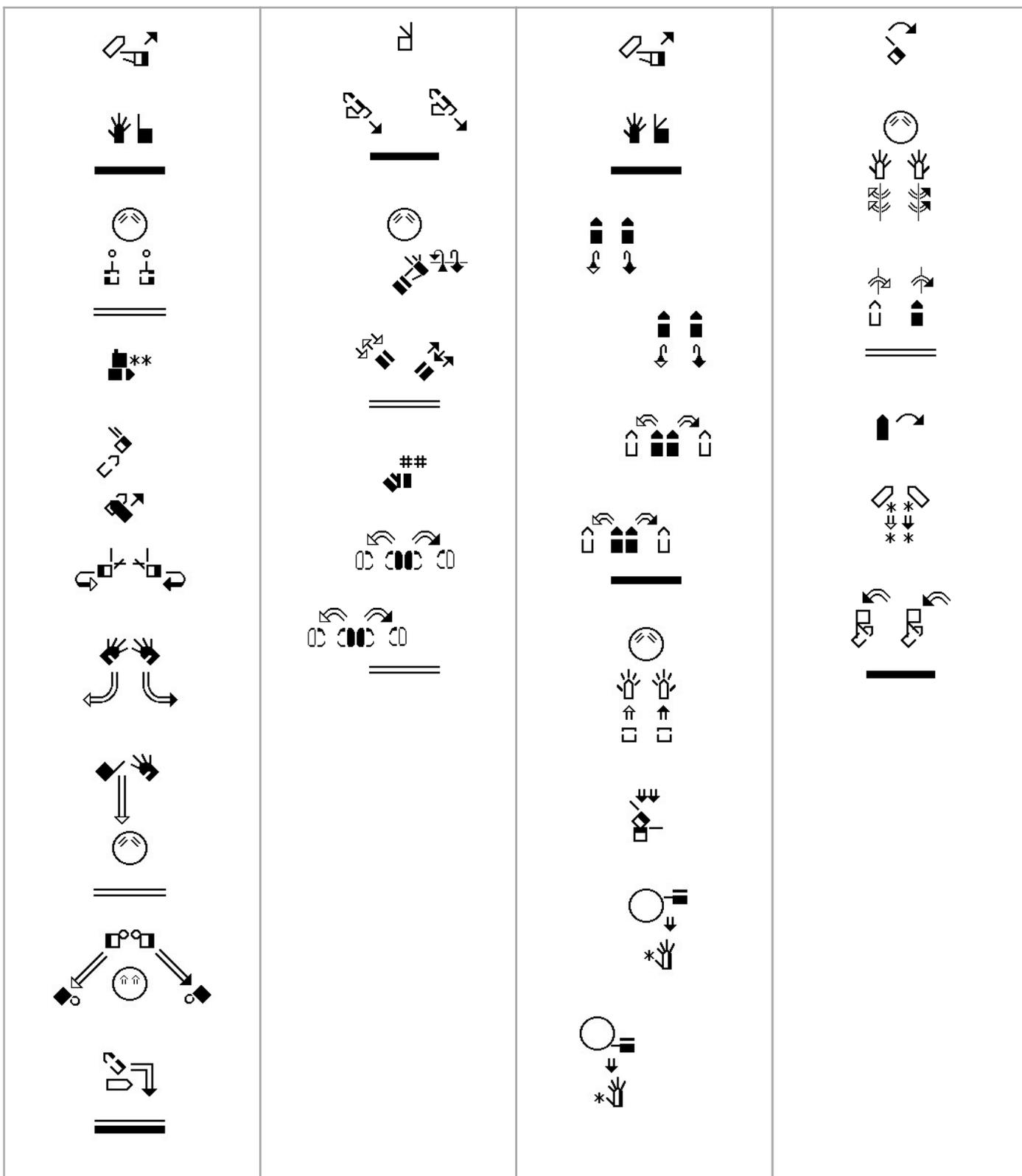
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46 At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"  
 47 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.  
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Matthew 27:51-52



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51 At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, 52 and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. NLT



Matthew 27:54-56

<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a face with eyes closed and a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread; a face with eyes closed and a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of 11 sign language icons. From top to bottom: a hand with fingers spread; a hand with fingers spread.</p>
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Matthew 27:58-60

<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:58-60, column 1. The sequence includes: a hand sign for 'went', a hand sign for 'asked', a thick horizontal line, a hand sign for 'Jesus', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'Pilate', a hand sign for 'order', a hand sign for 'release', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'Joseph', a hand sign for 'took', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'and', a hand sign for 'wrapped', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'a', hand sign for 'long', hand sign for 'sheet', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'clean', a hand sign for 'linen', a hand sign for 'cloth', a hand sign for 'He', a hand sign for 'placed', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'his', a hand sign for 'own', a hand sign for 'new', a hand sign for 'tomb', a hand sign for 'which', a hand sign for 'had', a hand sign for 'been', a hand sign for 'carved', a hand sign for 'out', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'rock'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:58-60, column 2. The sequence includes: a hand sign for 'went', a hand sign for 'asked', a thick horizontal line, a hand sign for 'Jesus', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'Pilate', a hand sign for 'order', a hand sign for 'release', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'Joseph', a hand sign for 'took', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'and', a hand sign for 'wrapped', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'a', hand sign for 'long', hand sign for 'sheet', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'clean', a hand sign for 'linen', a hand sign for 'cloth', a hand sign for 'He', a hand sign for 'placed', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'his', a hand sign for 'own', a hand sign for 'new', a hand sign for 'tomb', a hand sign for 'which', a hand sign for 'had', a hand sign for 'been', a hand sign for 'carved', a hand sign for 'out', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'rock'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:58-60, column 3. The sequence includes: a hand sign for 'went', a hand sign for 'asked', a thick horizontal line, a hand sign for 'Jesus', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'Pilate', a hand sign for 'order', a hand sign for 'release', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'Joseph', a hand sign for 'took', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'and', a hand sign for 'wrapped', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'a', hand sign for 'long', hand sign for 'sheet', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'clean', a hand sign for 'linen', a hand sign for 'cloth', a hand sign for 'He', a hand sign for 'placed', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'his', a hand sign for 'own', a hand sign for 'new', a hand sign for 'tomb', a hand sign for 'which', a hand sign for 'had', a hand sign for 'been', a hand sign for 'carved', a hand sign for 'out', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'rock'.</p>	<p>Sign language sequence for Matthew 27:58-60, column 4. The sequence includes: a hand sign for 'went', a hand sign for 'asked', a thick horizontal line, a hand sign for 'Jesus', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'Pilate', a hand sign for 'order', a hand sign for 'release', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'to', a hand sign for 'him', a hand sign for 'Joseph', a hand sign for 'took', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'body', a hand sign for 'and', a hand sign for 'wrapped', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'a', hand sign for 'long', hand sign for 'sheet', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'clean', a hand sign for 'linen', a hand sign for 'cloth', a hand sign for 'He', a hand sign for 'placed', a hand sign for 'it', a hand sign for 'in', a hand sign for 'his', a hand sign for 'own', a hand sign for 'new', a hand sign for 'tomb', a hand sign for 'which', a hand sign for 'had', a hand sign for 'been', a hand sign for 'carved', a hand sign for 'out', a hand sign for 'of', a hand sign for 'the', a hand sign for 'rock'.</p>
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Matthew 27:63-64

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'After three days I will rise from the dead.' 64 So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first." NLT



Matthew 28:2-4

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2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. NLT

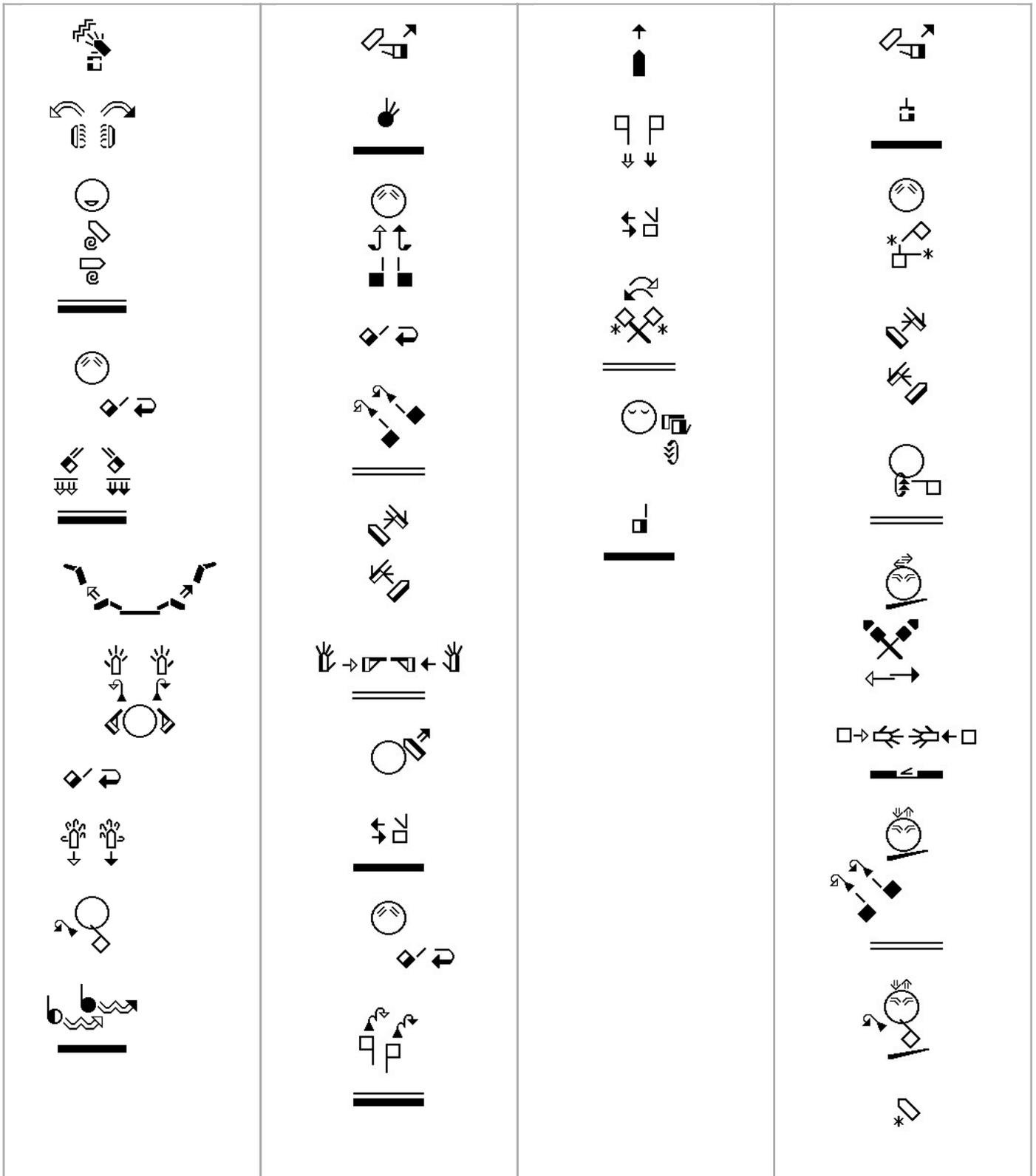
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5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. NLT

Matthew 28:7-8

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7 And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." 8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also NLT



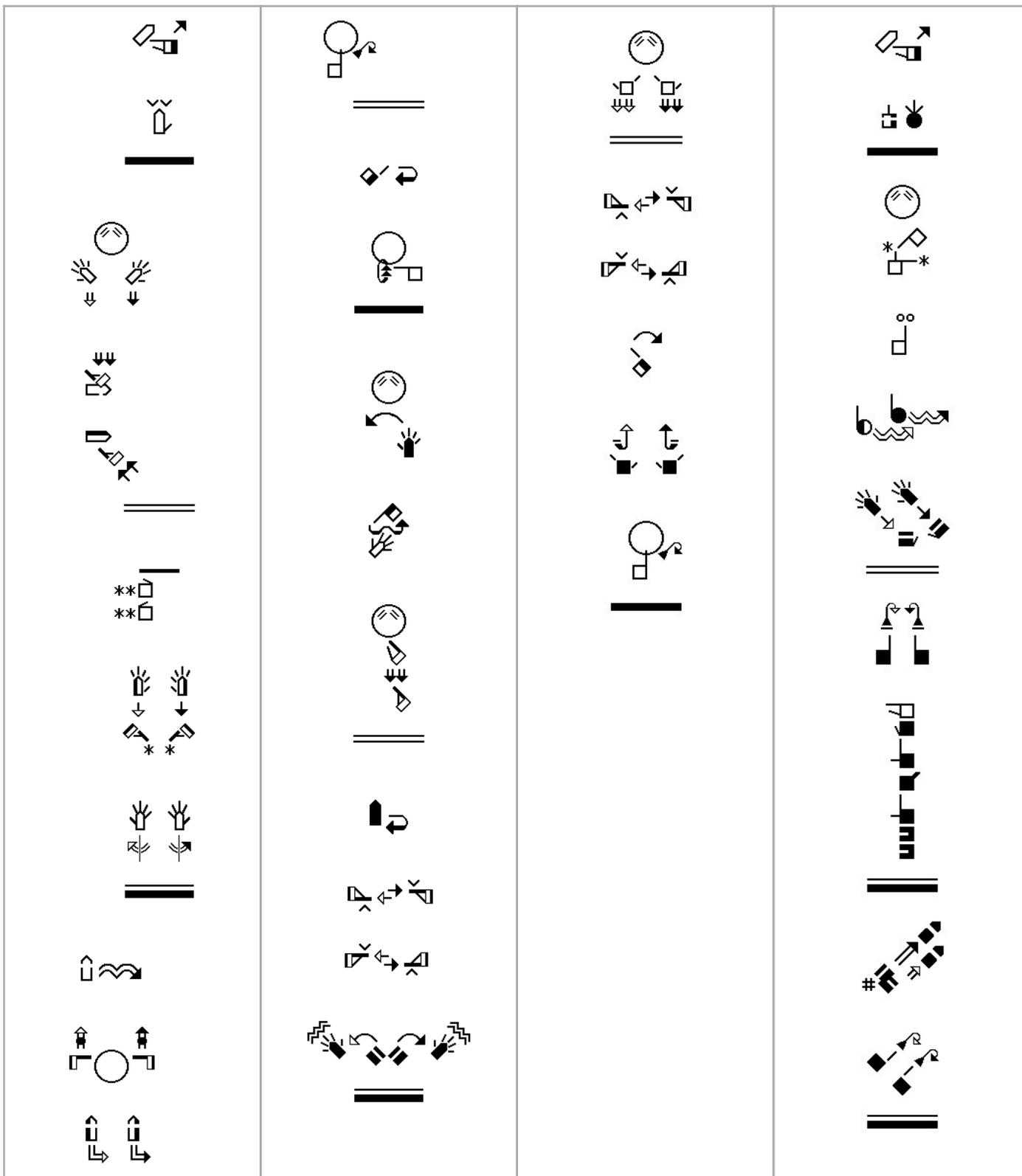
filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. 9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my NLT

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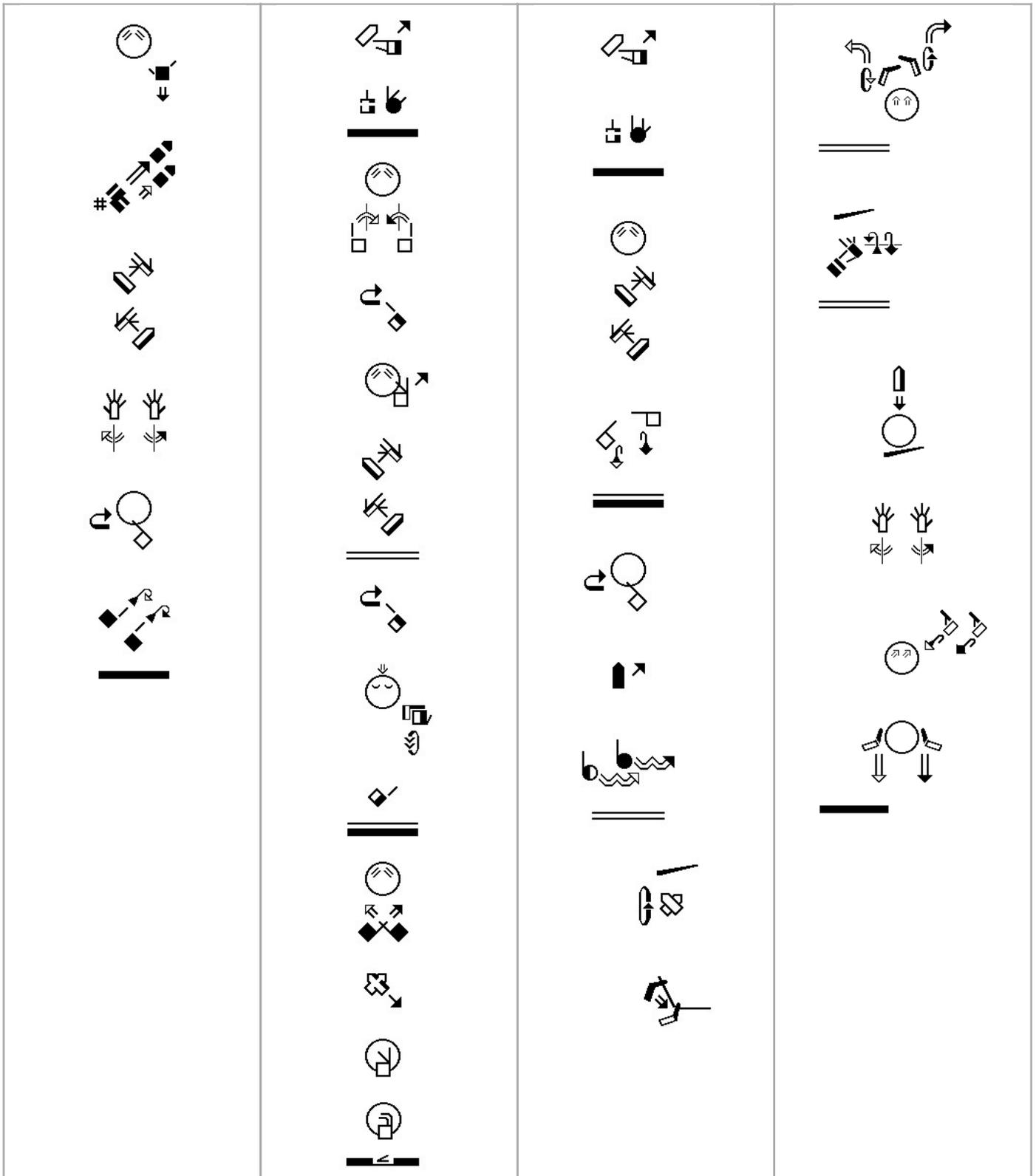
brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there." 11 As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. 12 A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided NLT



Matthew 28:15-16



554 15 So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today. 16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain NLT



where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him -- but some of them doubted! 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

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Matthew 28:19-20

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19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." NLT











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