1 The
proverbs of
Solomon the
son of David
king of Israel

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

## Chapter 1

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## Proverbs



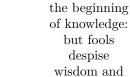












7 The fear of

the LORD is

instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: 13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:	15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:	16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.	17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.	18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.	19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.	20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:	21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,	22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you	24 Because I	25 But ye	26 I also will	27 When	28 Then shall	29 For that	30 They	31 Therefore
at my	have called,	have set at	laugh at your	your fear	they call	they hated	would none	shall they eat
reproof:	and ye	nought all my	calamity; I	cometh as	upon me, but	knowledge,	of my	of the fruit of
behold, I will	refused; I	counsel, and	will mock	desolation,	I will not	and did not	counsel: they	their own
pour out my	have	would none of	when your	and your	answer; they	choose the	despised all	way, and be
spirit unto	stretched out	my reproof:	fear cometh;	destruction	shall seek me	fear of the	my reproof.	filled with
you, I will	my hand, and			cometh as a	early, but	LORD:		their own
make known	no man			whirlwind;	they shall not			devices.
my words	regarded;			when distress	find me:			
unto you.				and anguish				
				cometh upon				
				you.				

32 For the 33 But whoso turning away hearkeneth of the simple unto me shall shall slay dwell safely, them, and and shall be the quiet from fear of evil. prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt
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the fear of
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6 For the	7 He layeth	8 He keepeth	9 Then shalt	10 When	11 Discretion	12 To deliver	13 Who leave	14 Who
LORD giveth	up sound	the paths of	thou	wisdom	shall preserve	thee from the	the paths of	rejoice to do
wisdom: out	wisdom for	judgment,	understand	entereth into	thee, under-	way of the	uprightness,	evil, and
of his mouth	the righteous:	and	righteous-	thine heart,	standing shall	evil man,	to walk in the	delight in the
$\operatorname{cometh}$	he is a	preserveth	ness, and	and	keep thee:	from the man	ways of	frowardness
knowledge	buckler to	the way of his	judgment,	knowledge is		that speaketh	darkness;	of the wicked;
and under-	them that	saints.	and equity;	pleasant unto		froward		
standing.	walk		yea, every	thy soul;		things;		
	uprightly.		good path.					

15 Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her

words;

17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

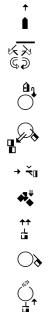
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6 In all thy
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Chapter 3

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7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine

increase:

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10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 Happy is
the man that
findeth
wisdom, and
the man that
getteth un-
derstanding.

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways are ways of and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to pleasantness, them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

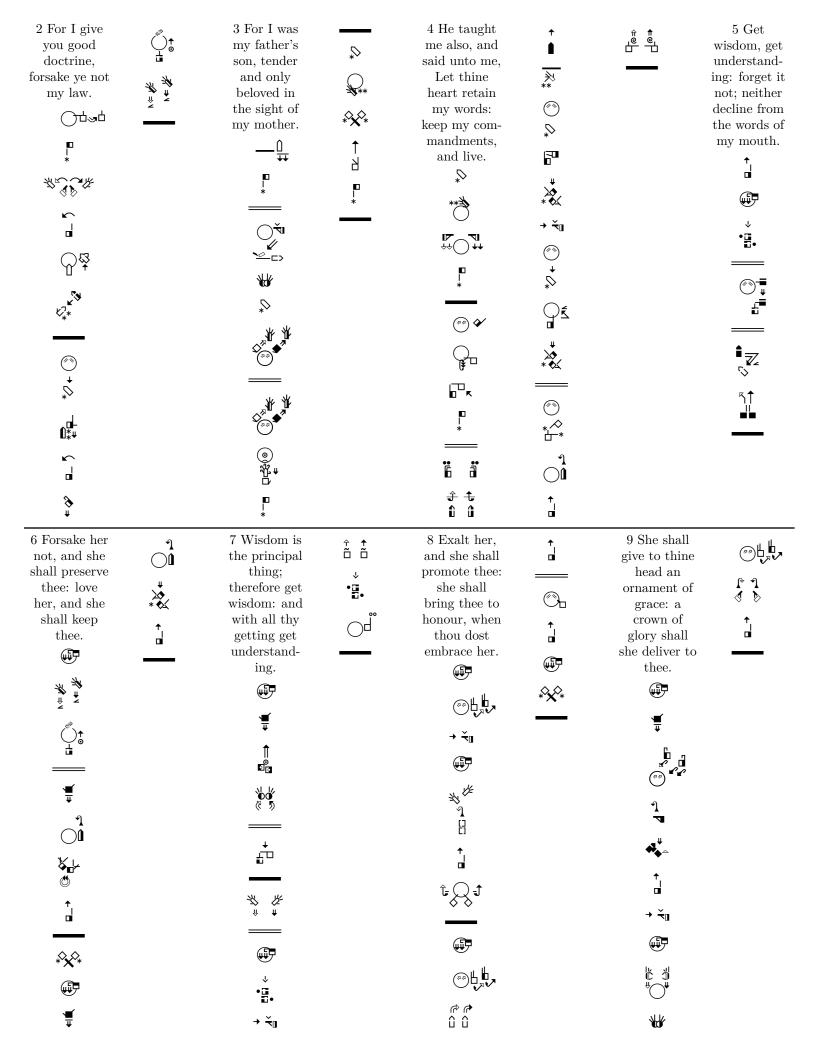
20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

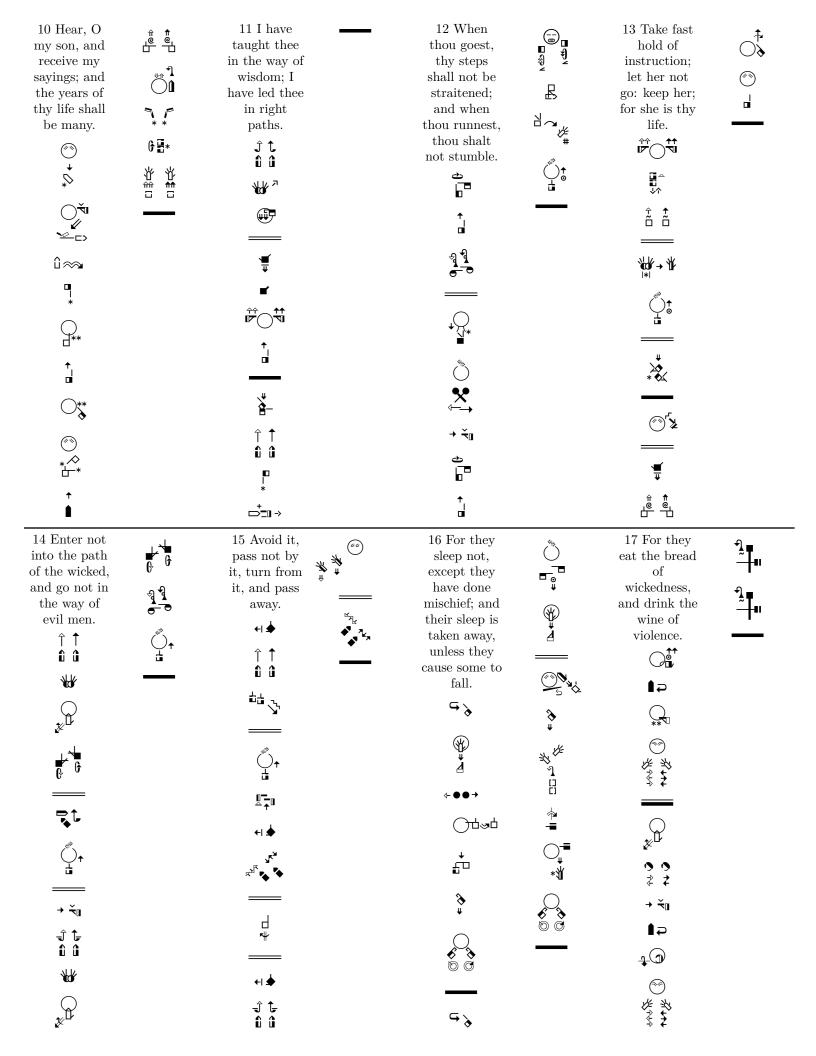
21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

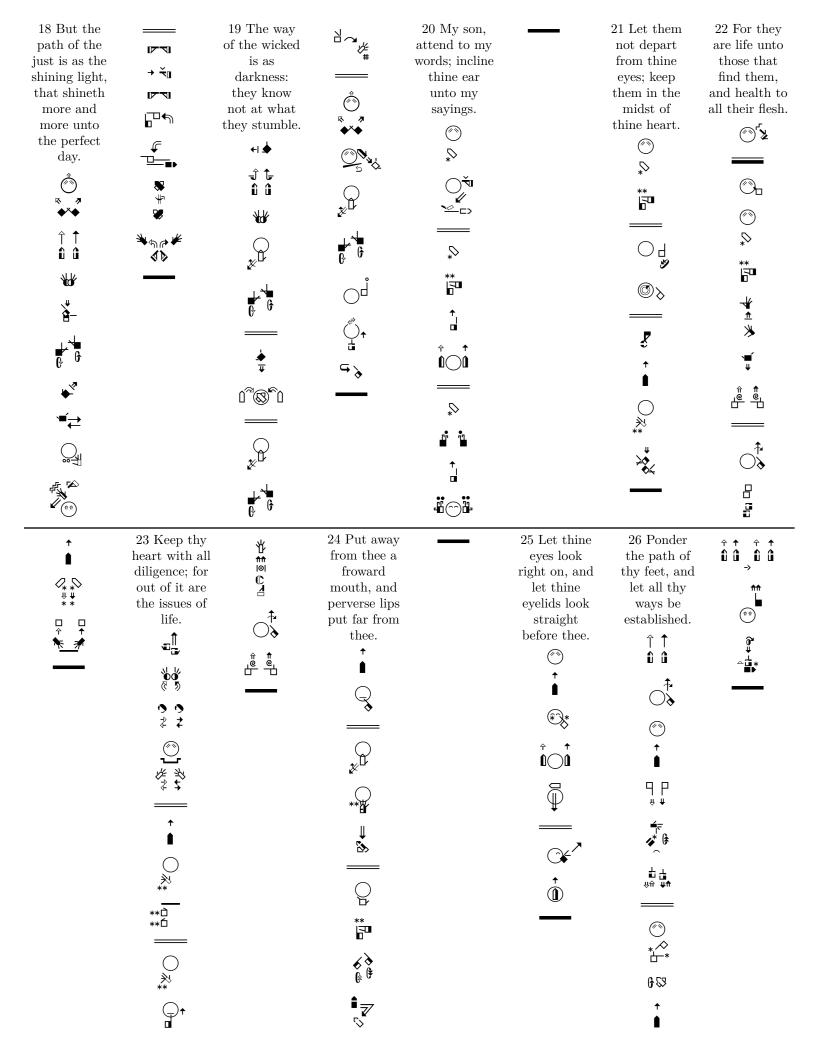
22 So shall 23 Then shalt 24 When  $25~\mathrm{Be}~\mathrm{not}$ 26 For the 27 Withhold 28 Say not 29 Devise not 30 Strive not they be life thou walk in thou liest afraid of LORD shall not good unto thy evil against with a man unto thy soul, thy way down, thou sudden fear, be thy from them to neighbour, without thy and grace to safely, and shalt not be neither of the confidence, whom it is Go, and come neighbour, cause, if he thy neck. thy foot shall have done afraid: yea, desolation of and shall due, when it again, and to seeing he not stumble. thou shalt lie the wicked, keep thy foot thee no harm. is in the morrow I will dwelleth down, and when it from being power of give; when securely by thine hand to thee. thy sleep cometh. taken. thou hast it shall be do it. by thee.

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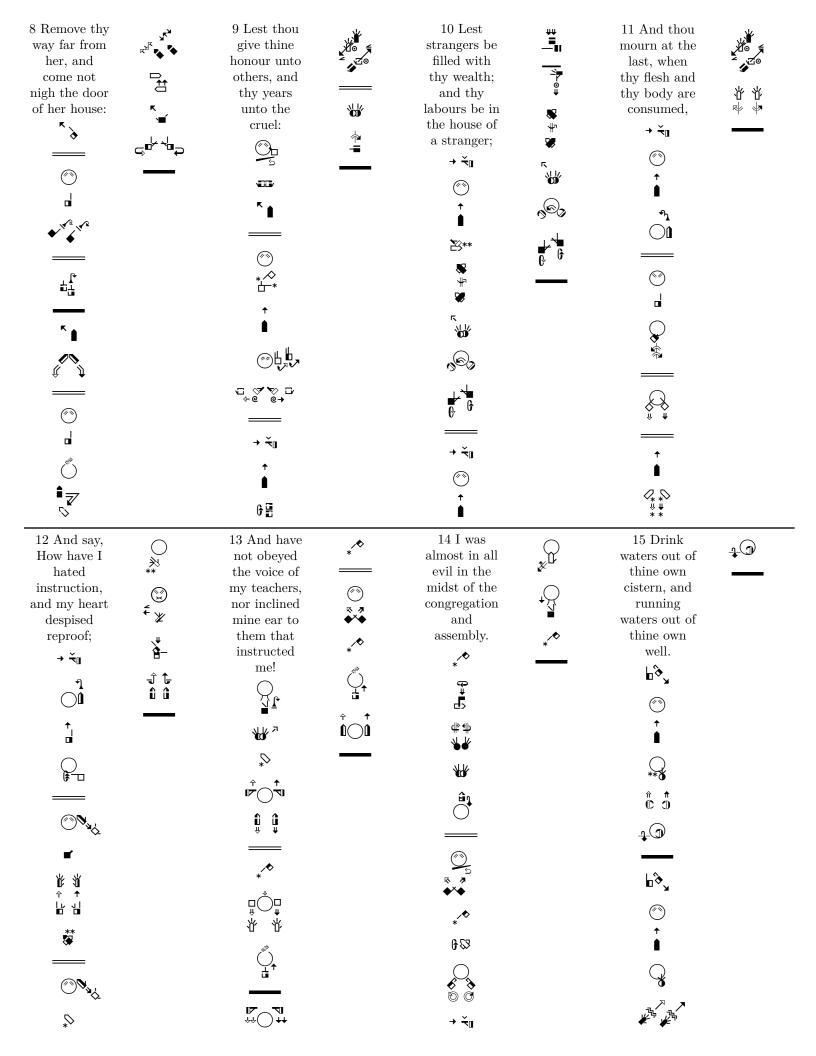
31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.	32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.	33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.	34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.	35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.		1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.	*** **1 ———————————————————————————————
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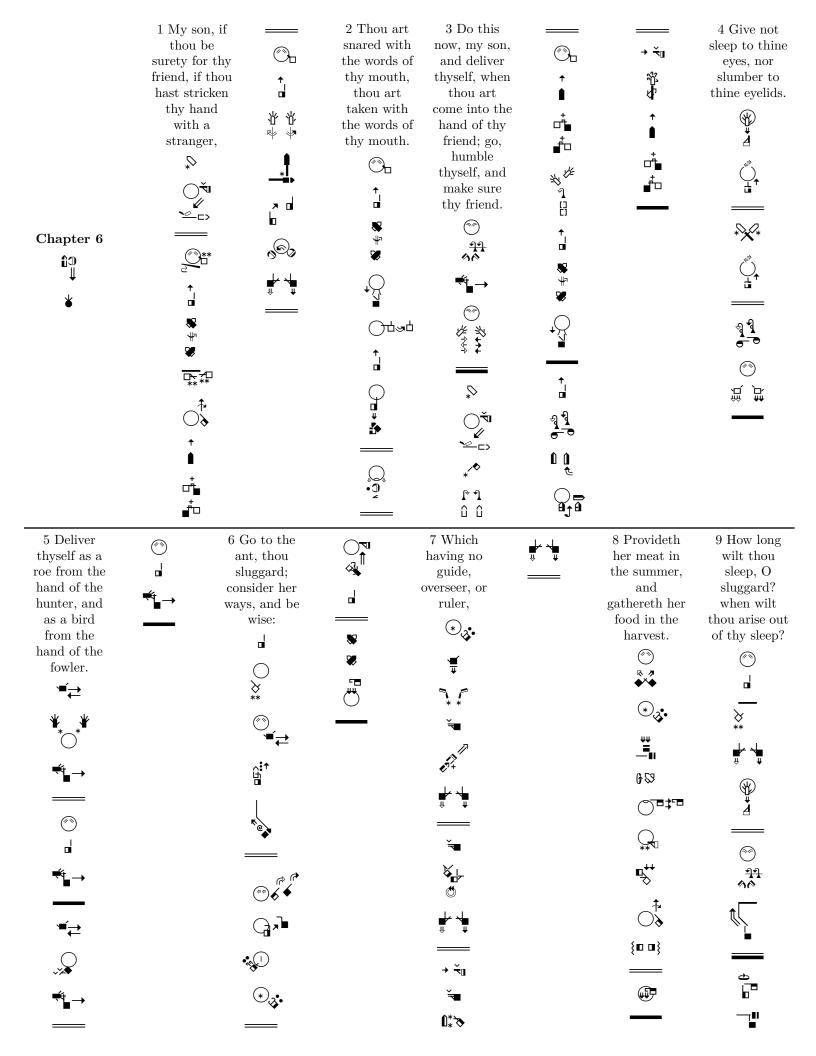








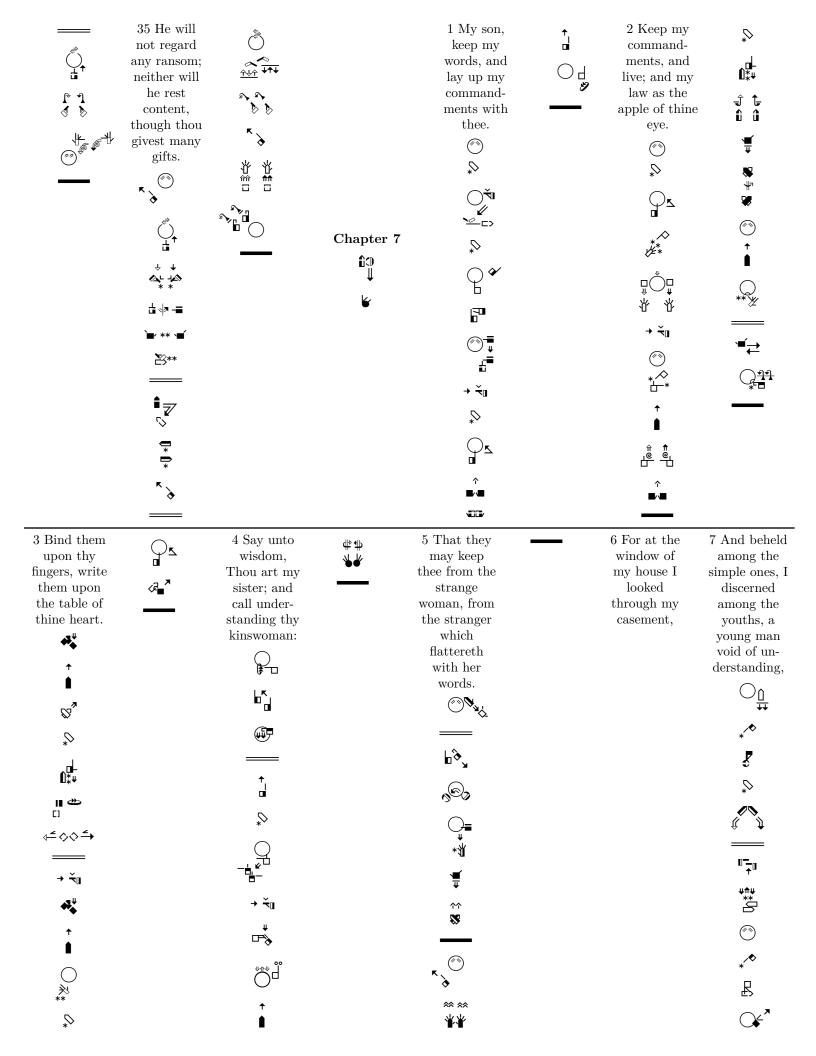


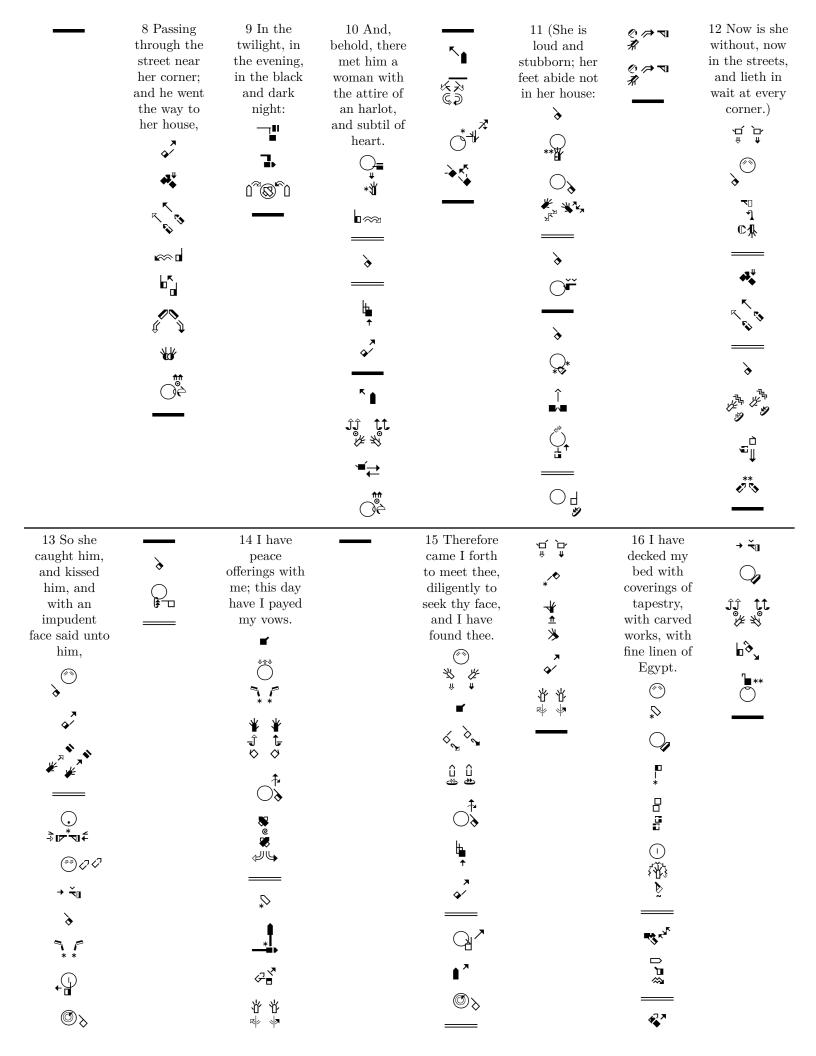




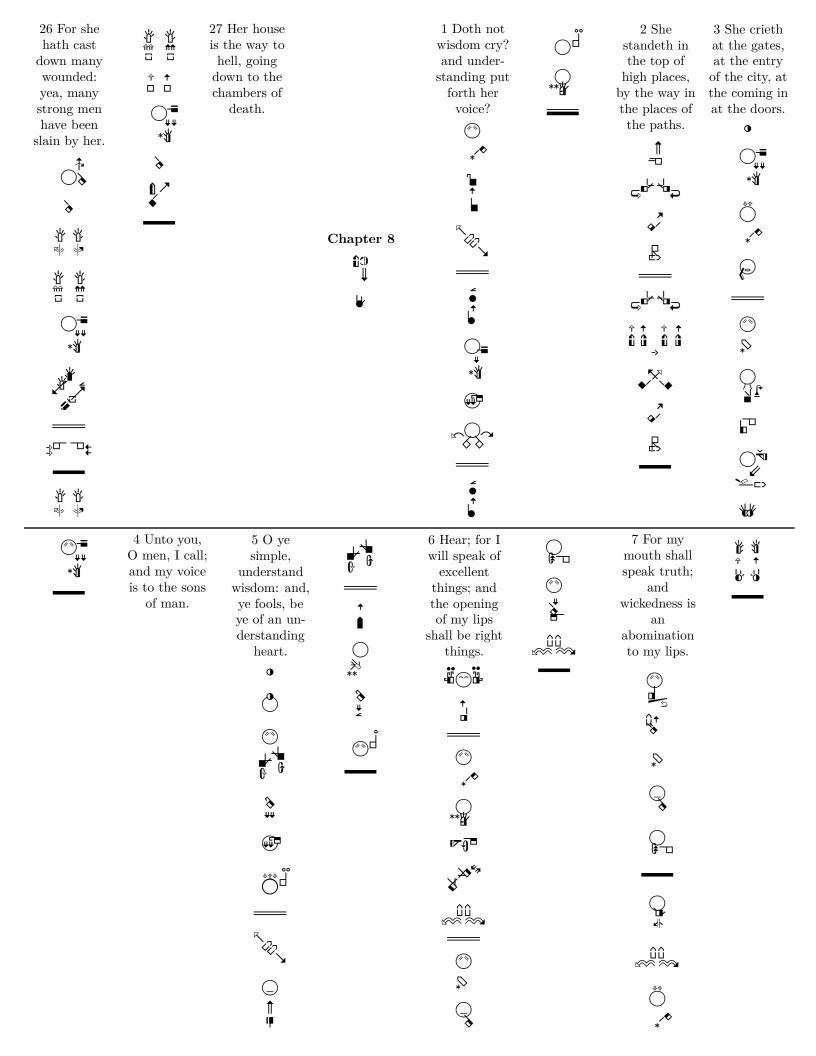


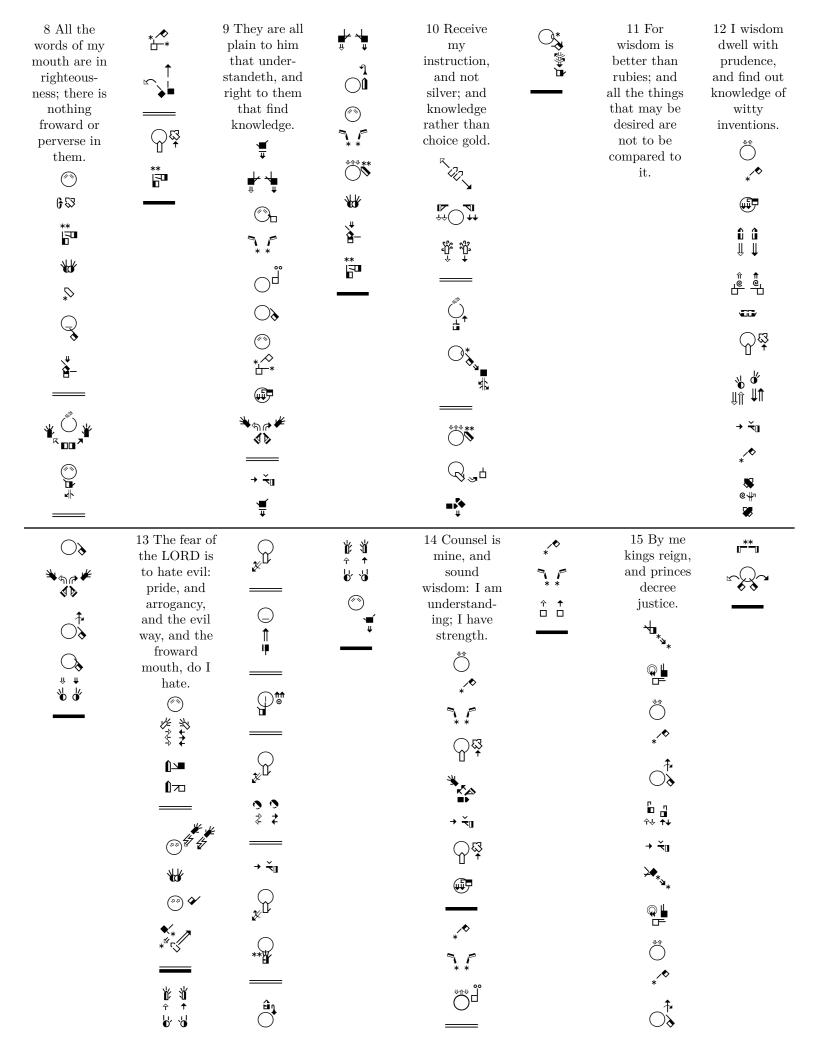


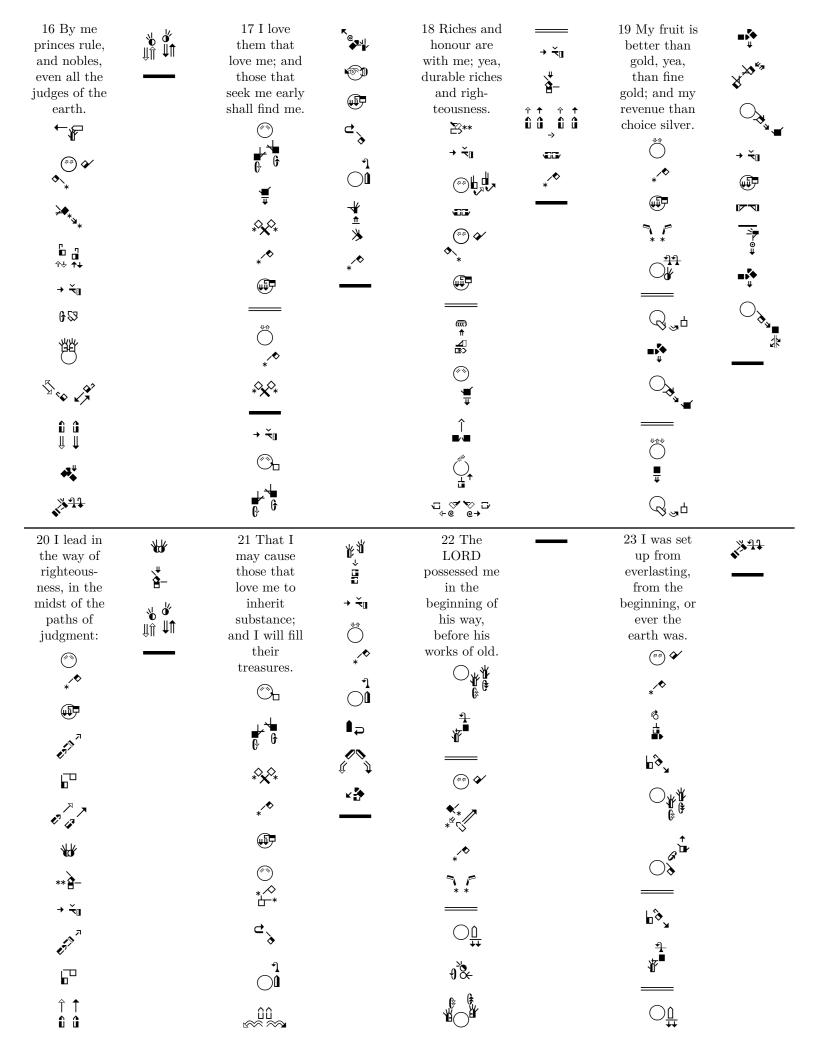




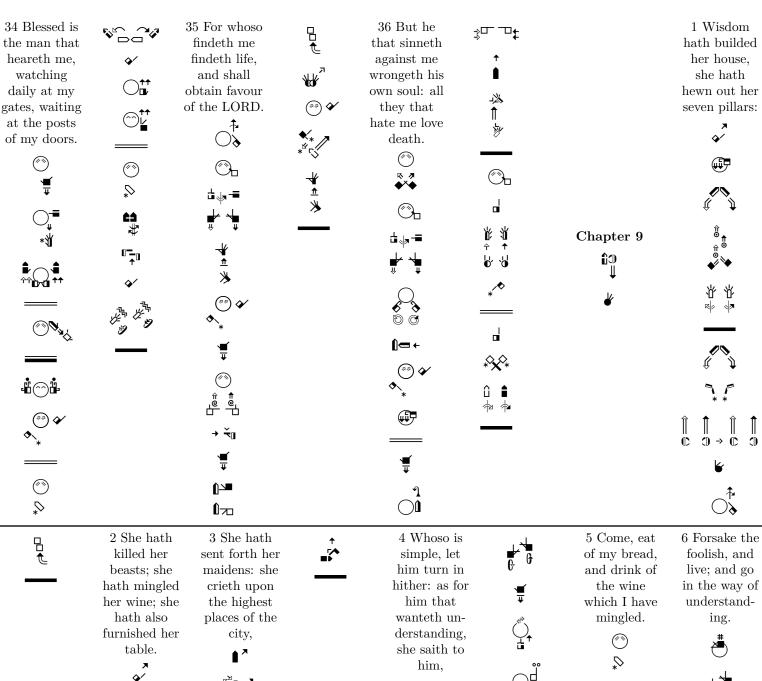


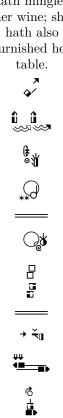




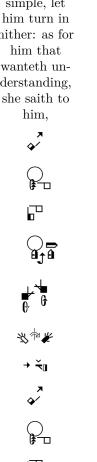




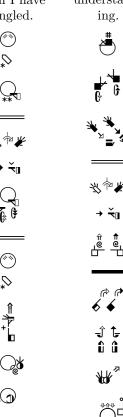


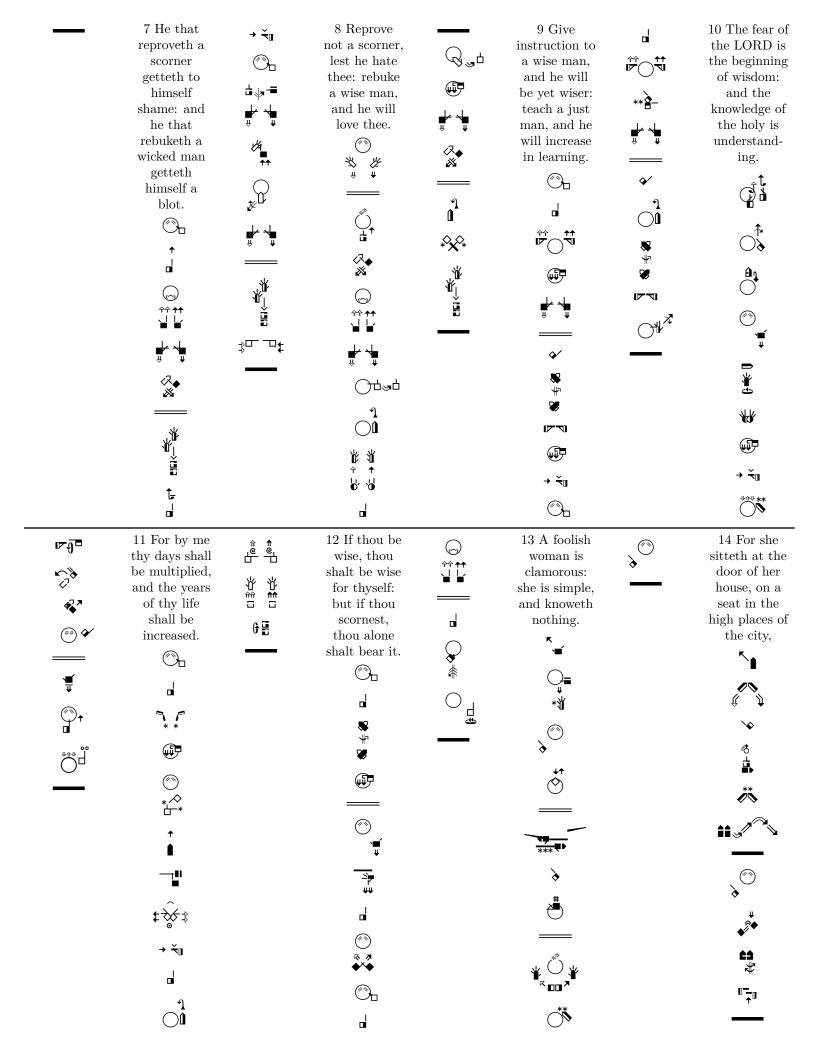


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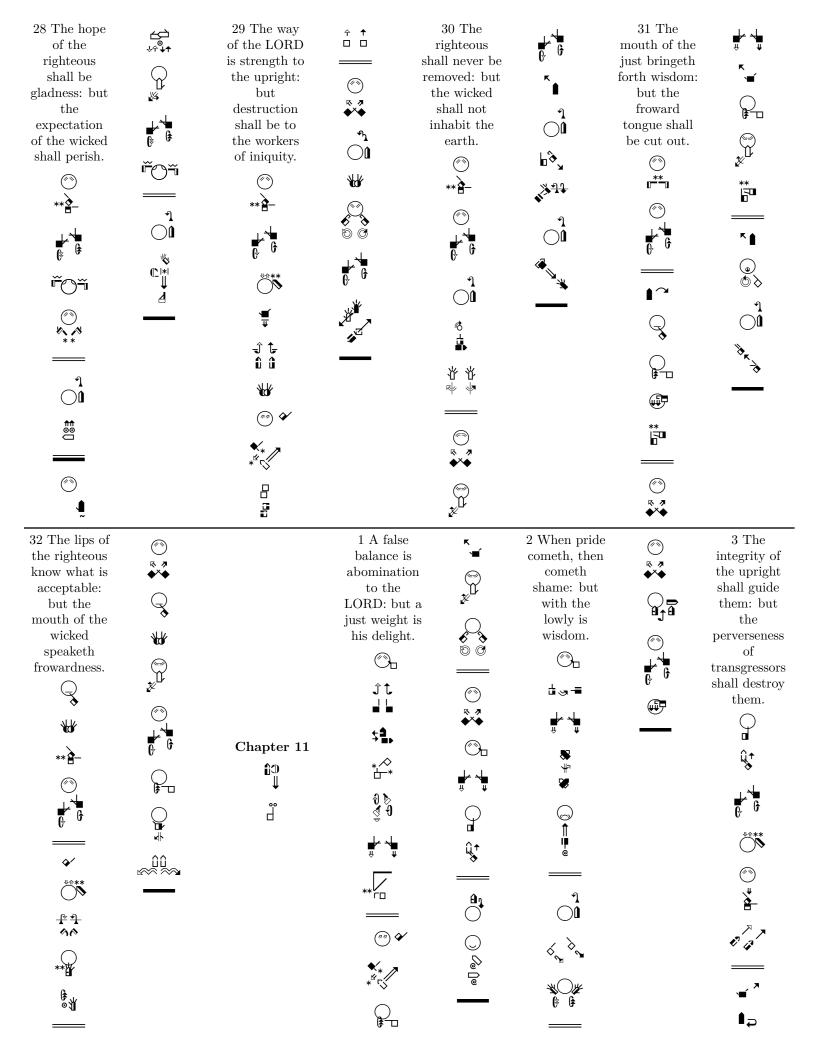


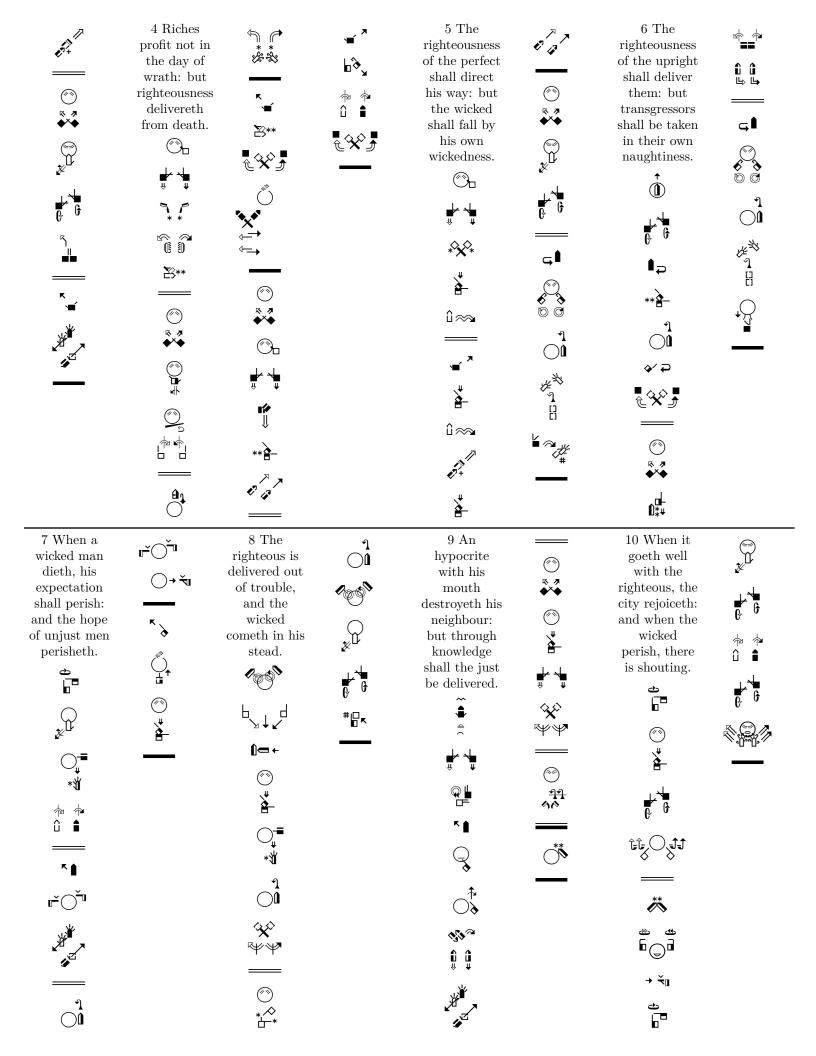


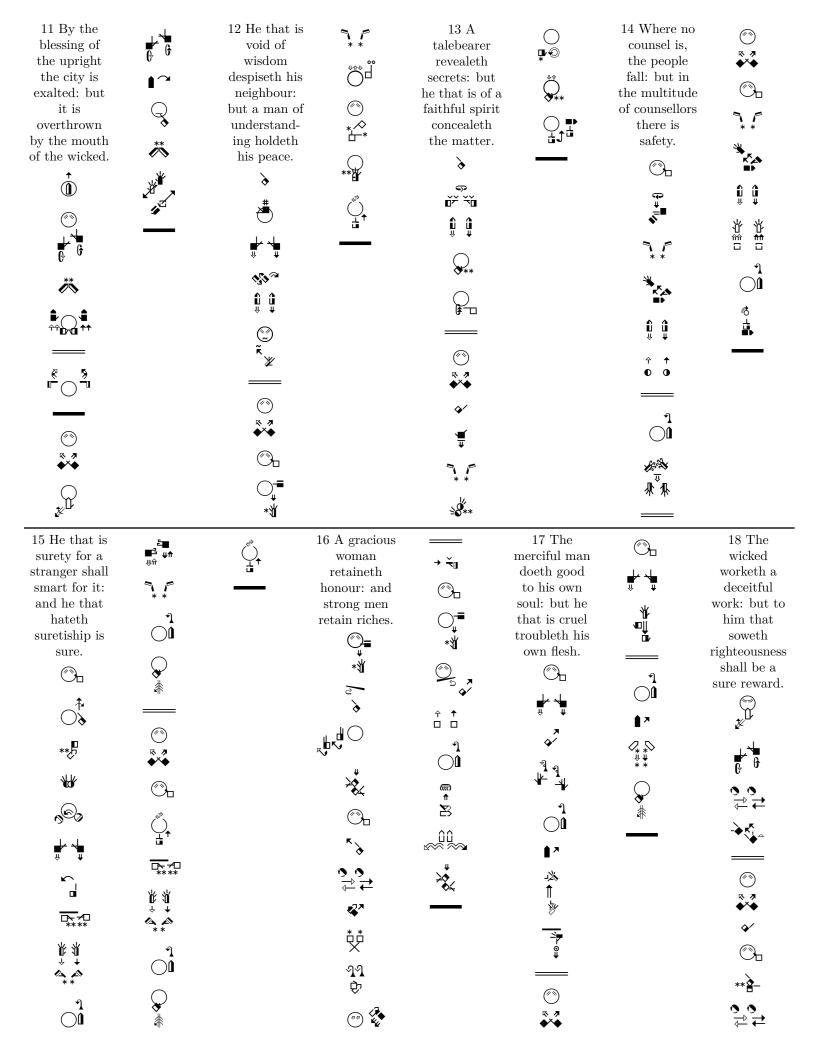


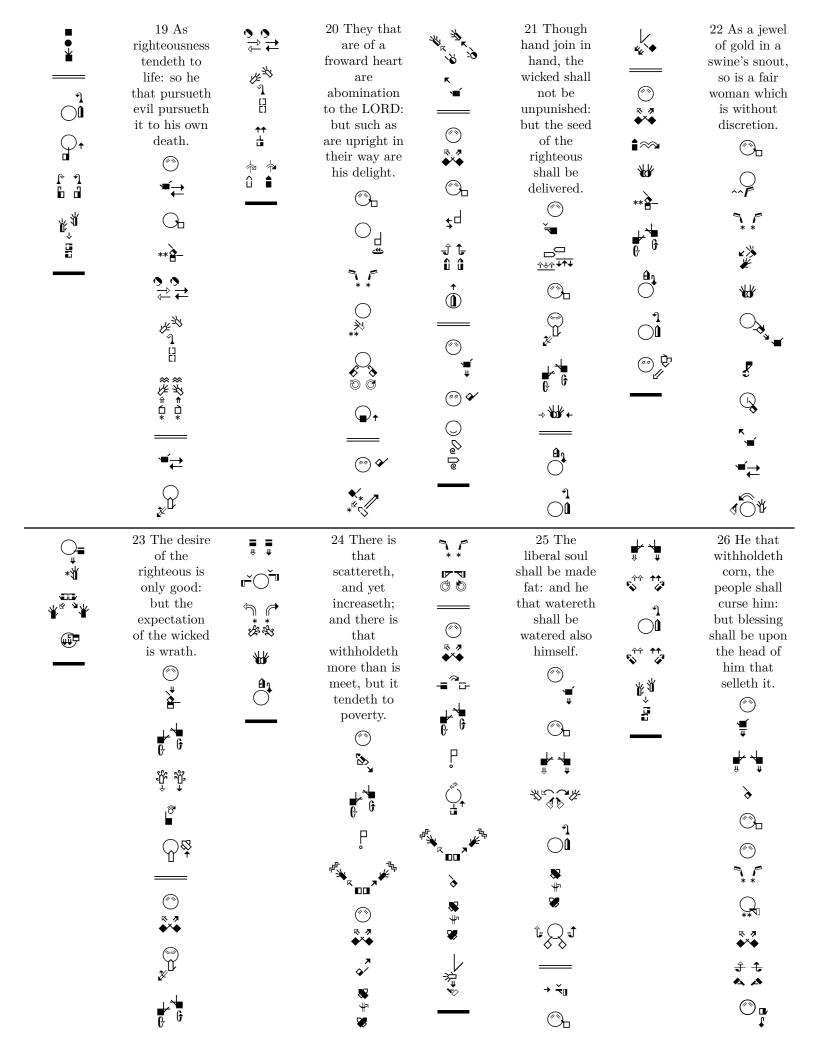






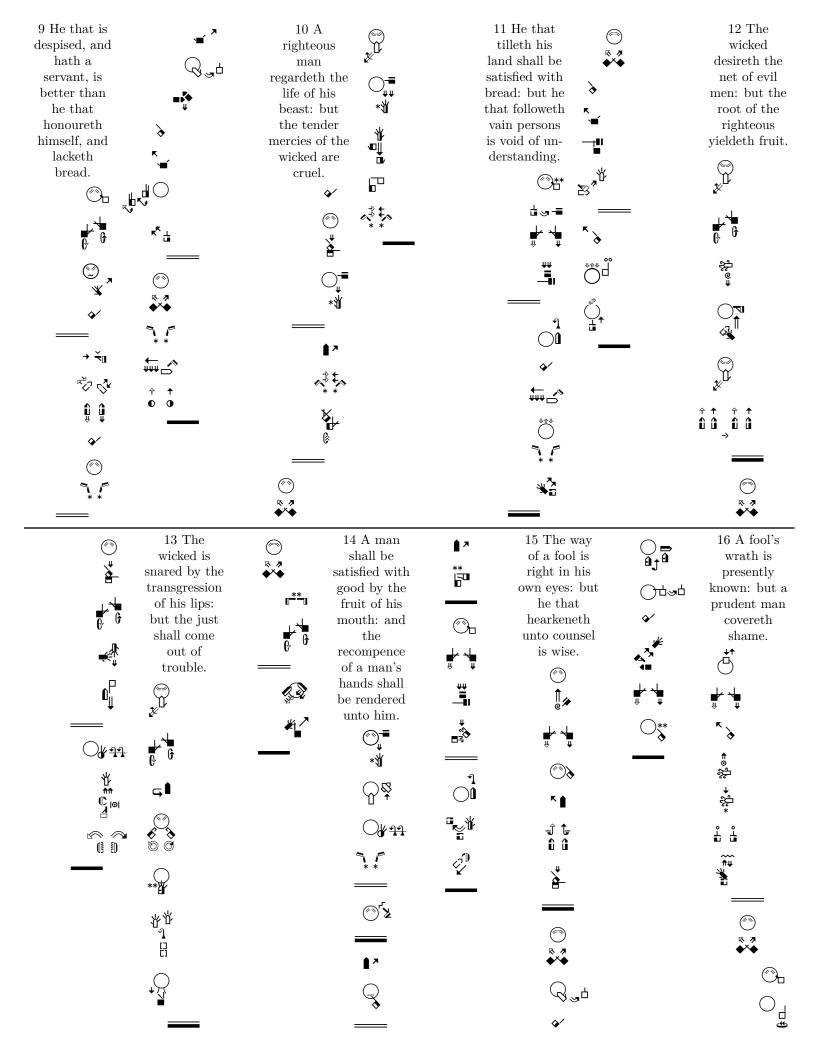


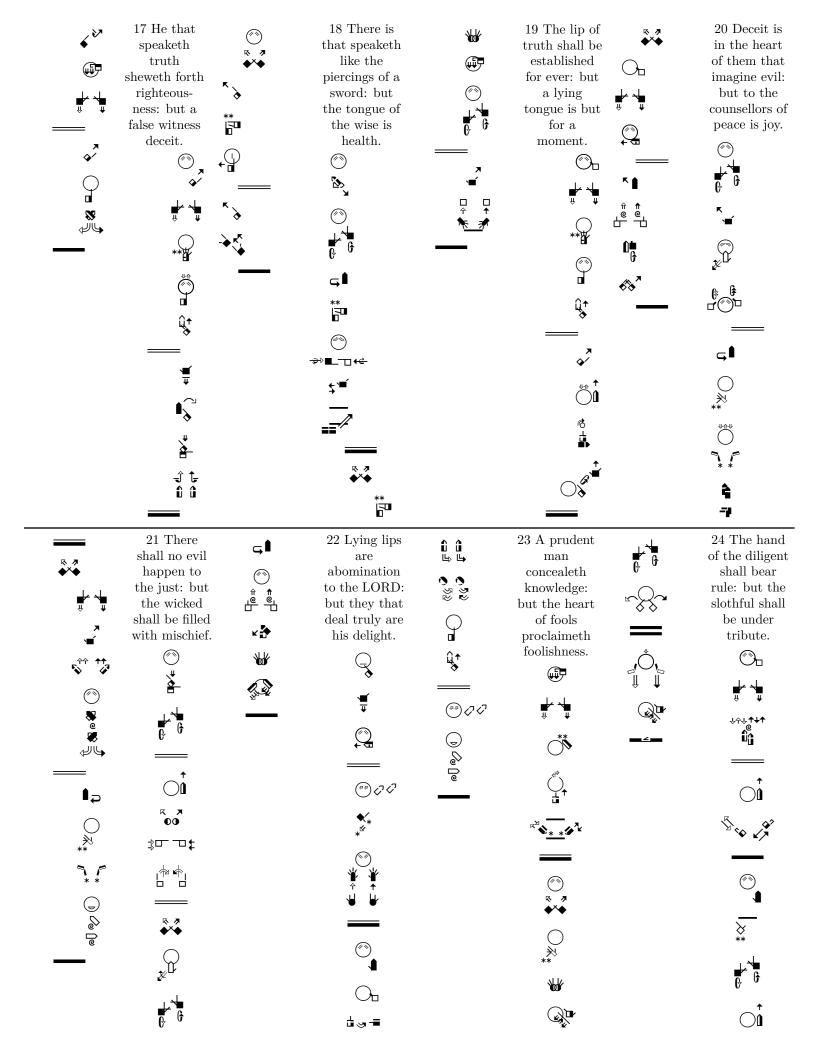


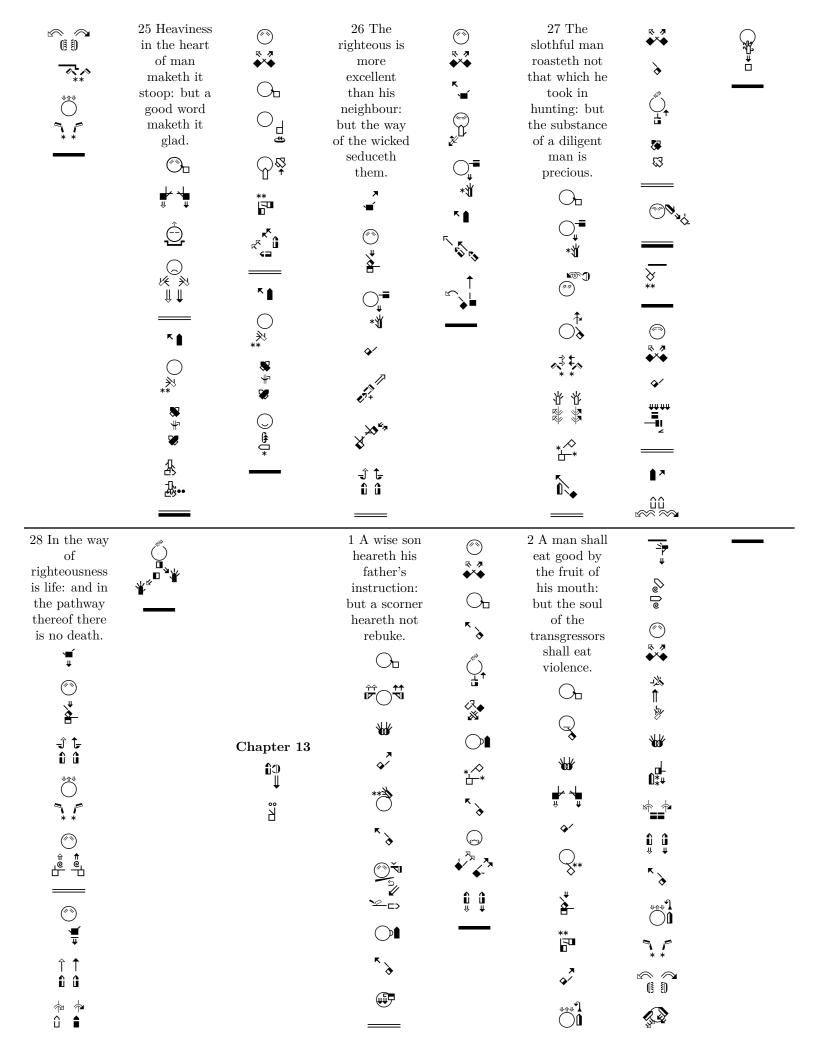






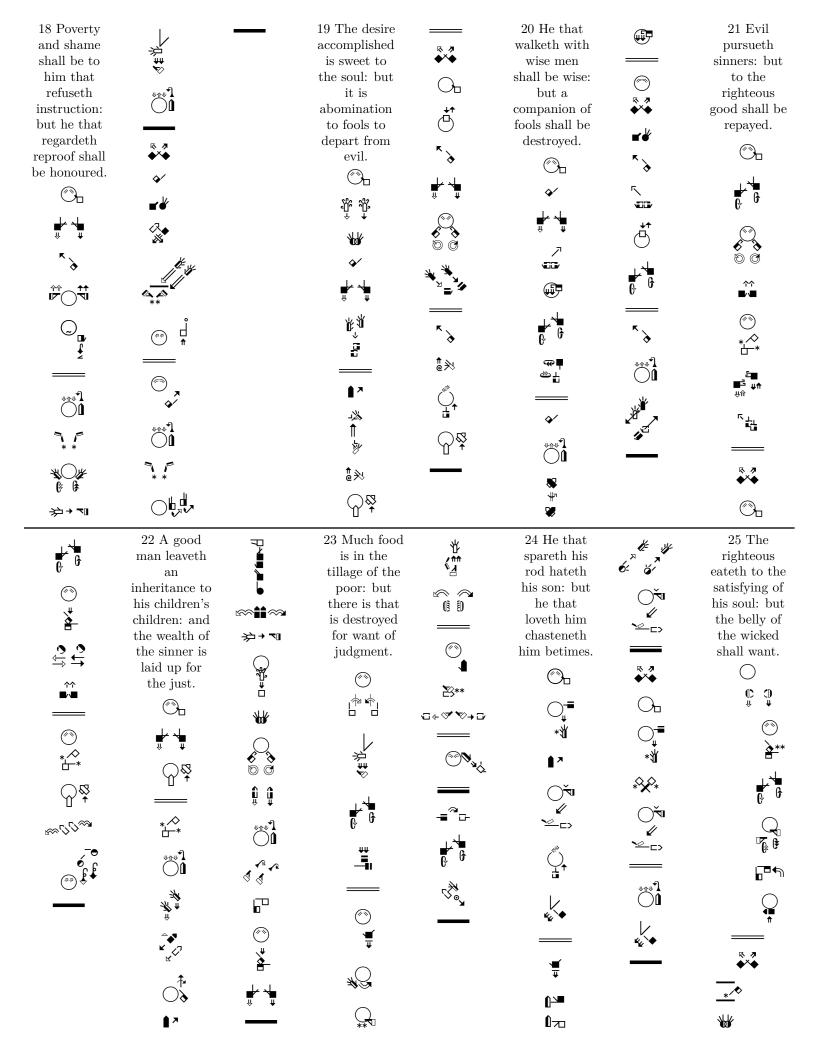


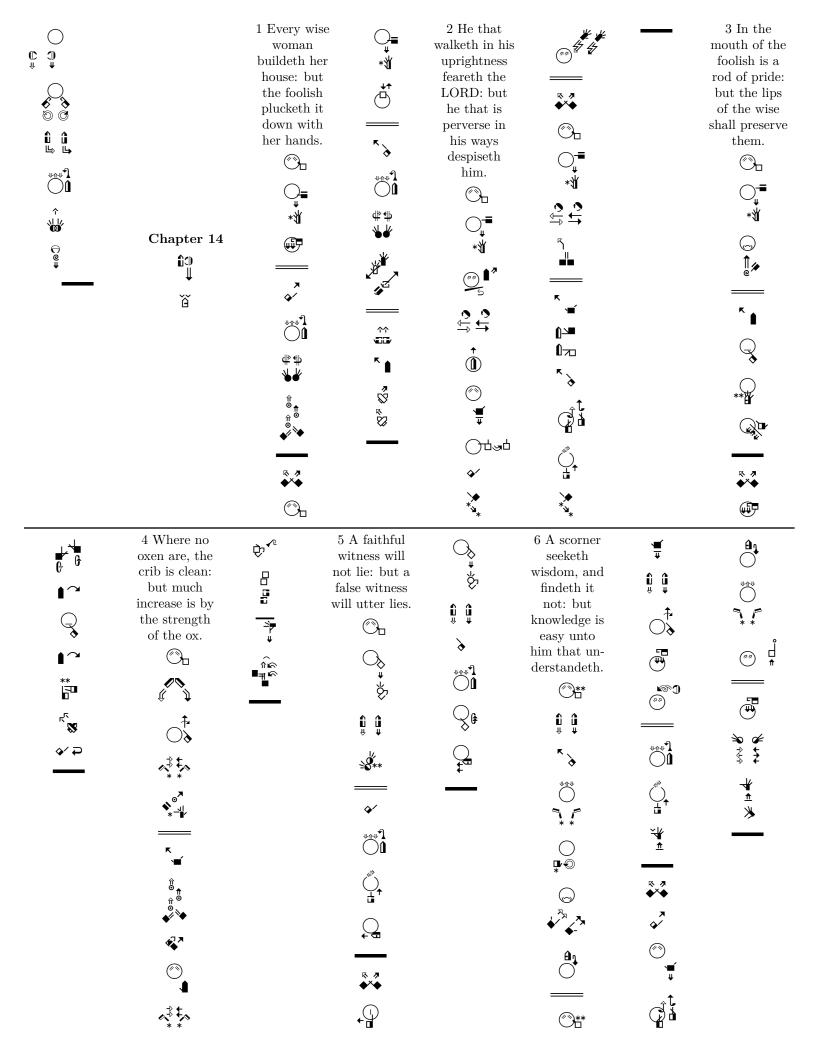






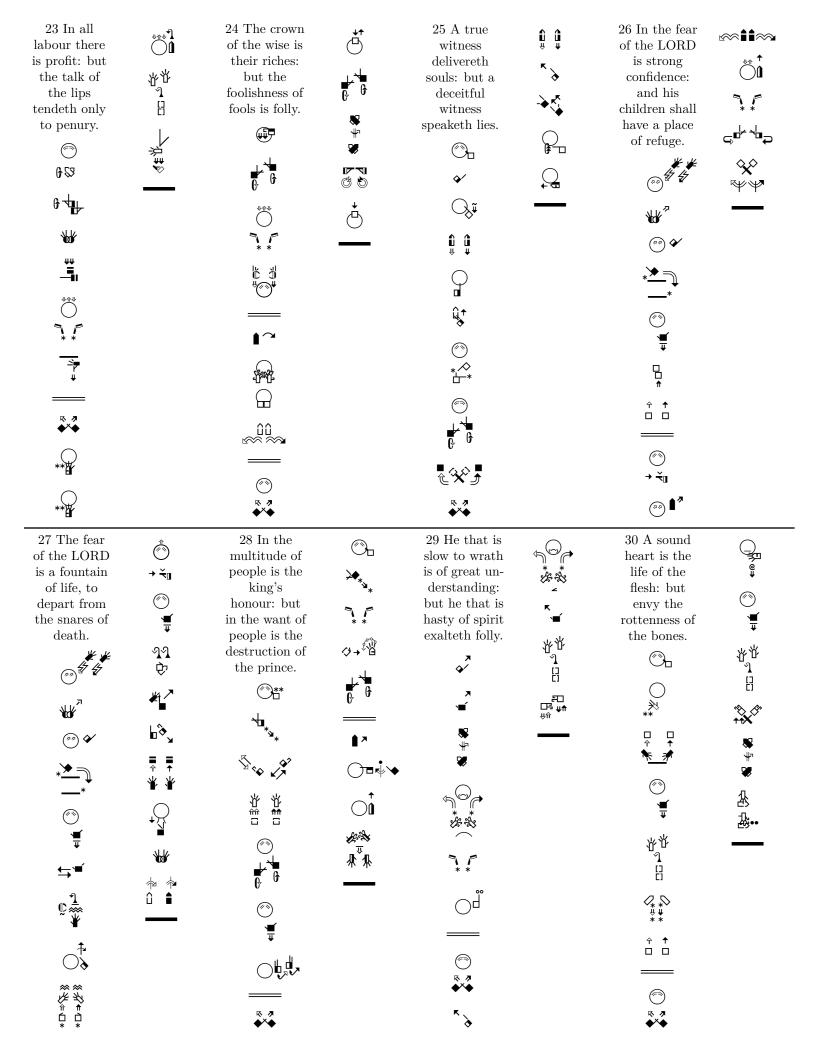




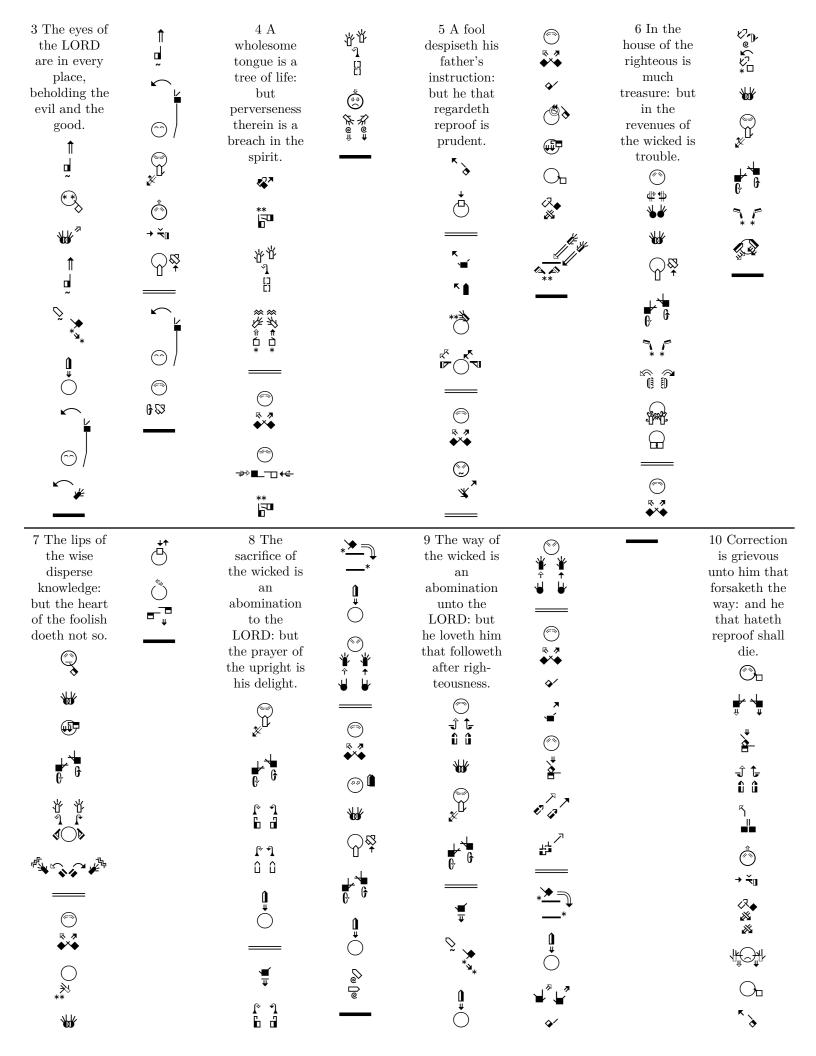






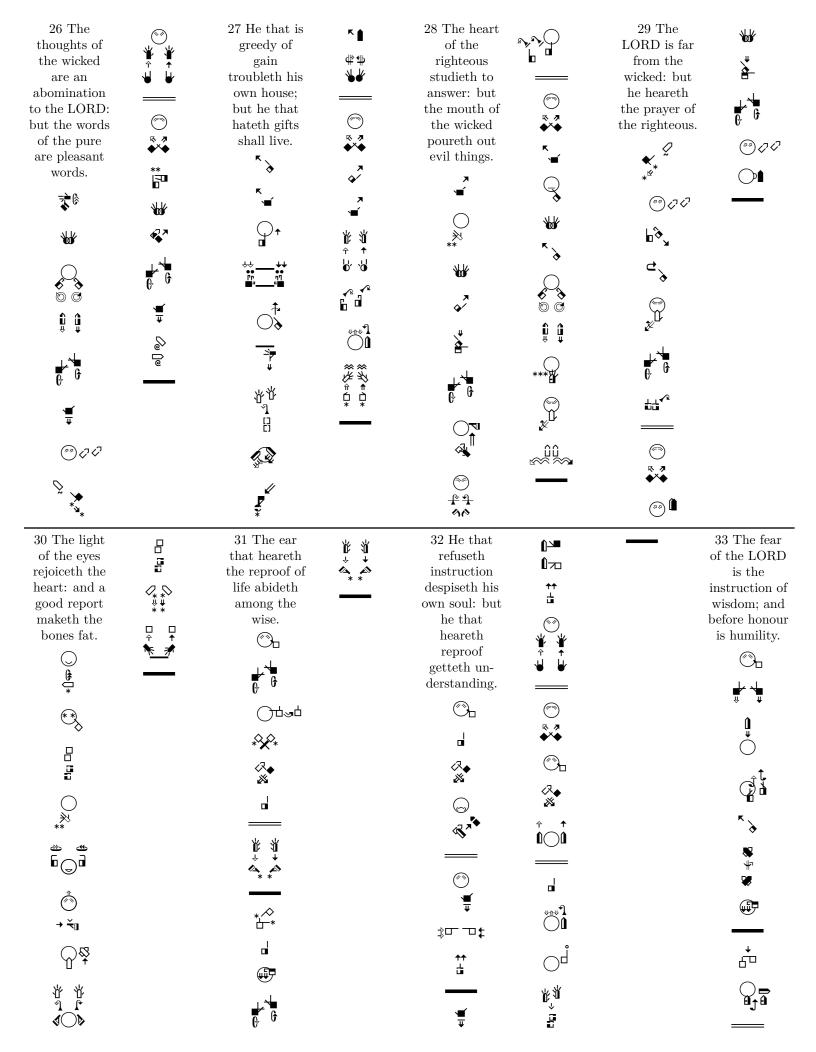


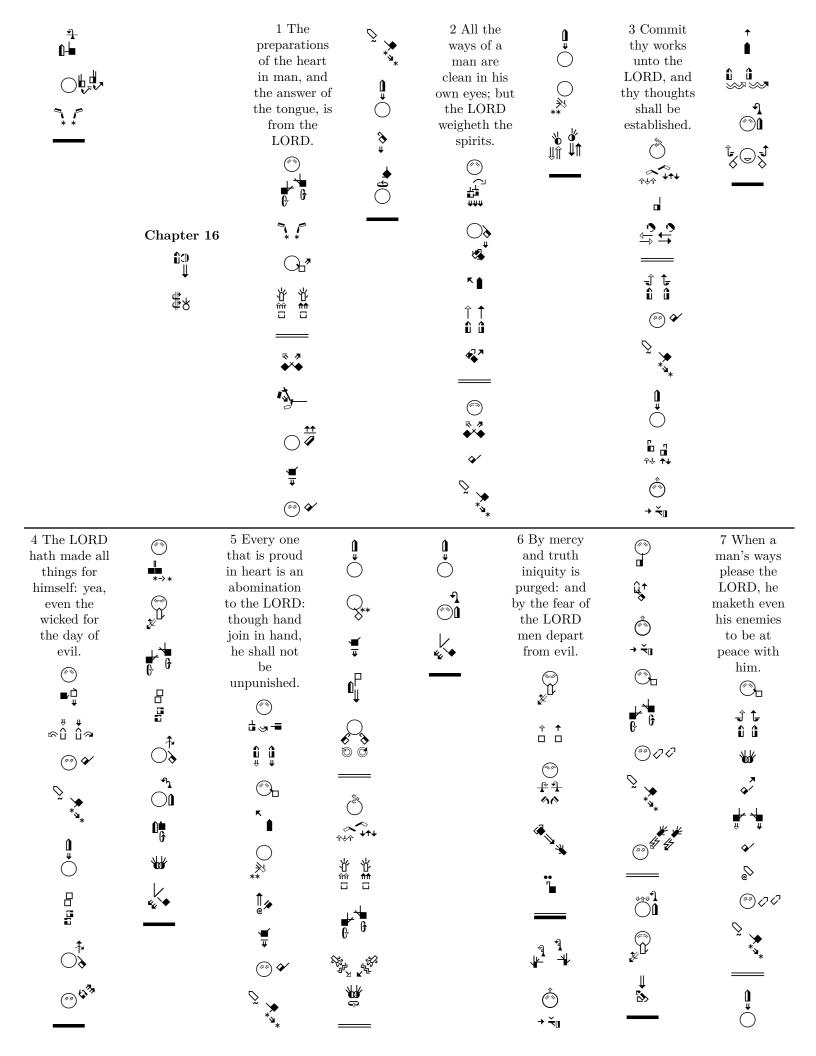






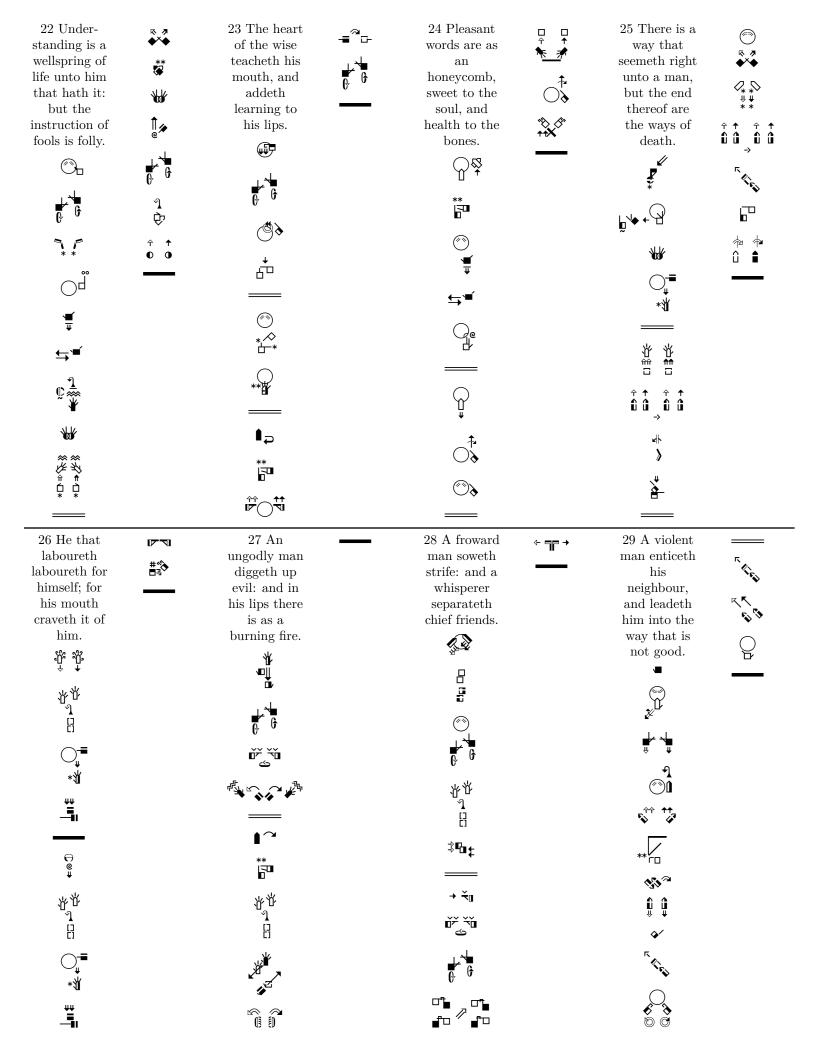


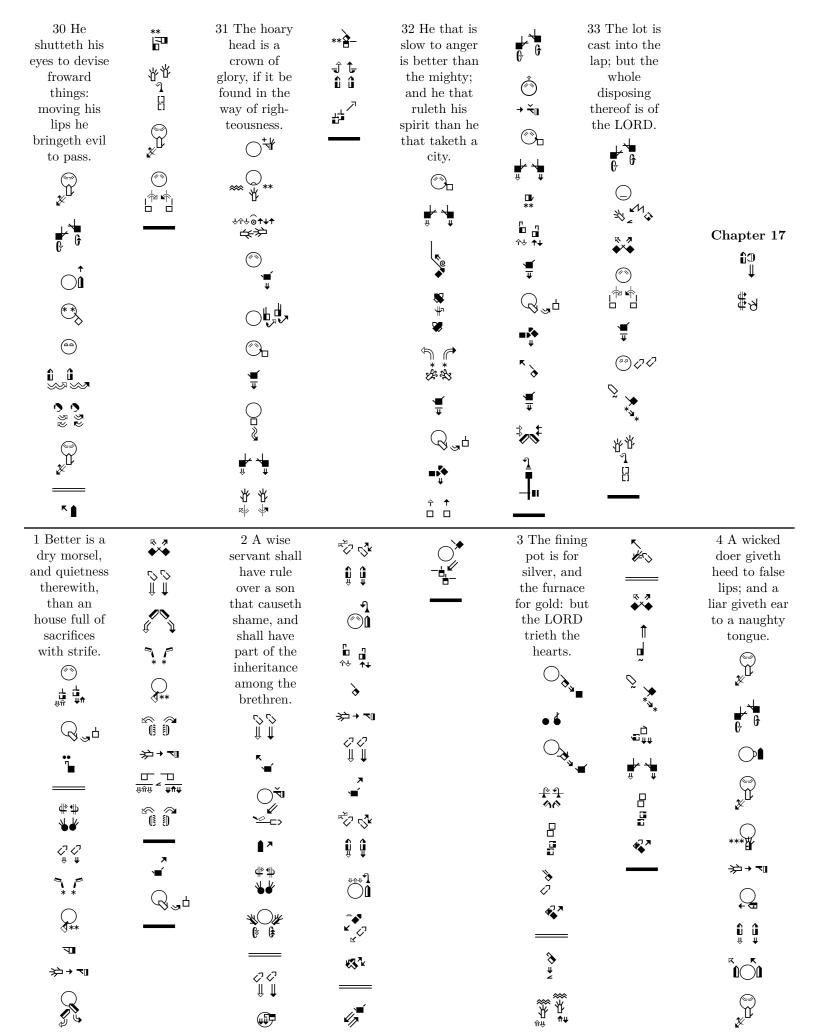


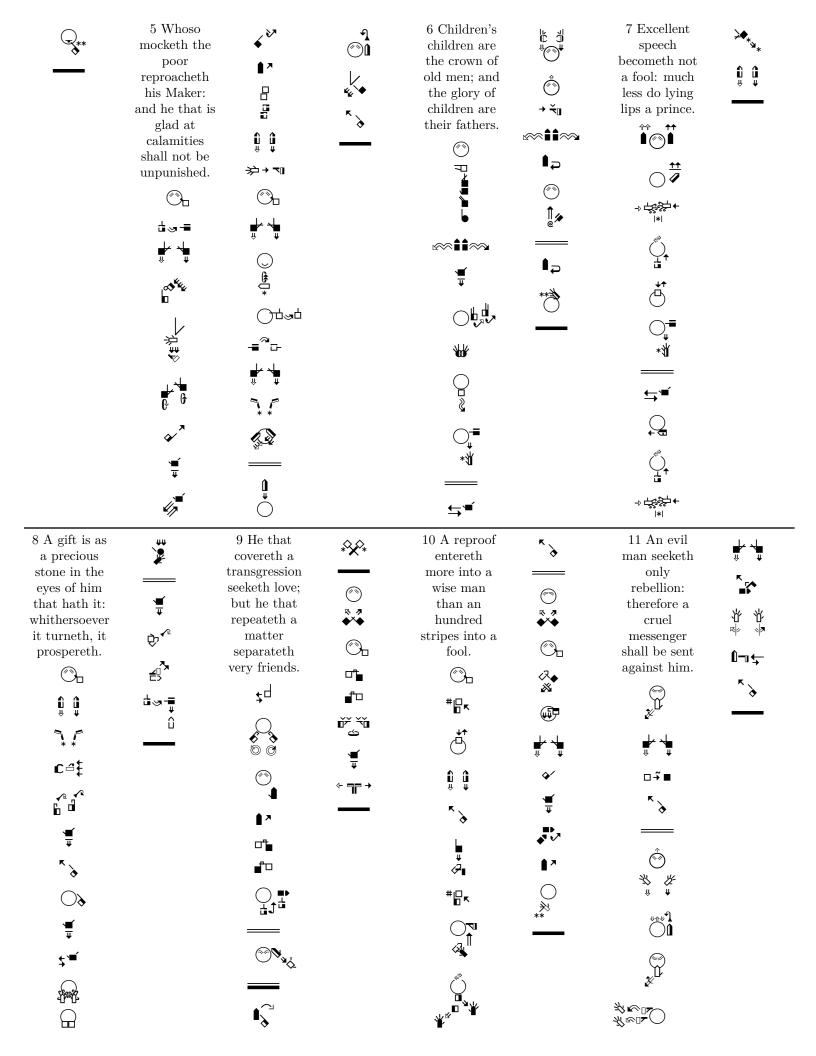






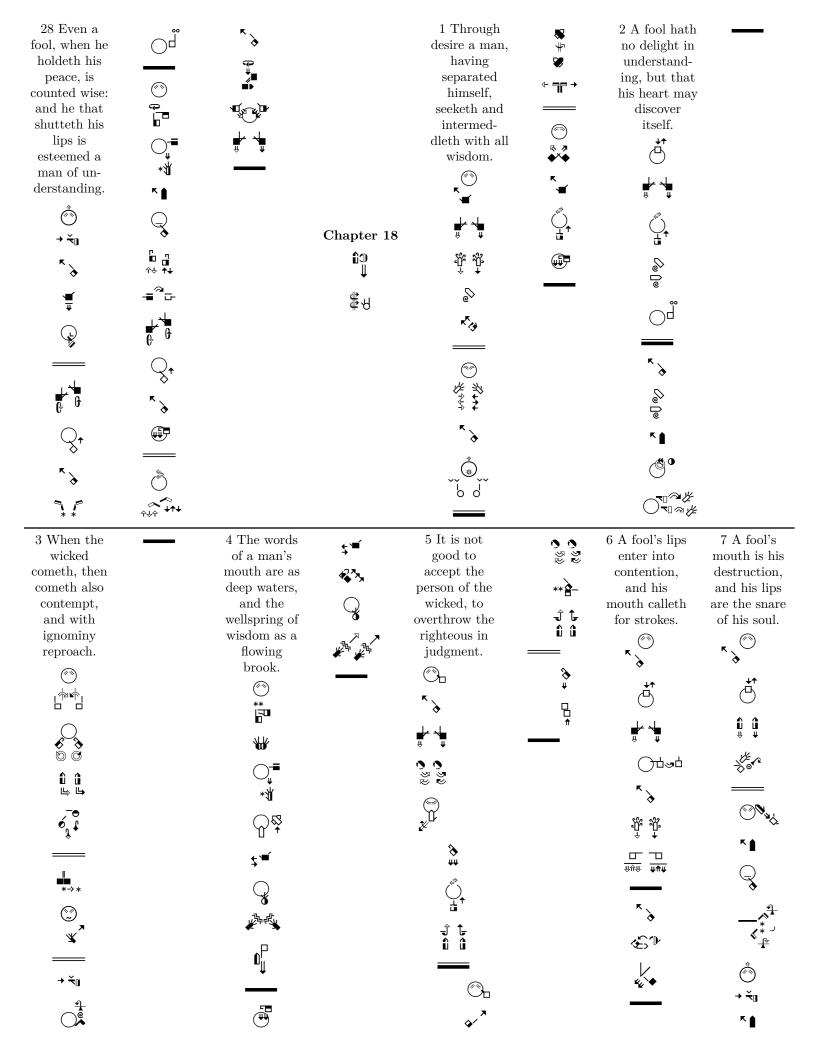


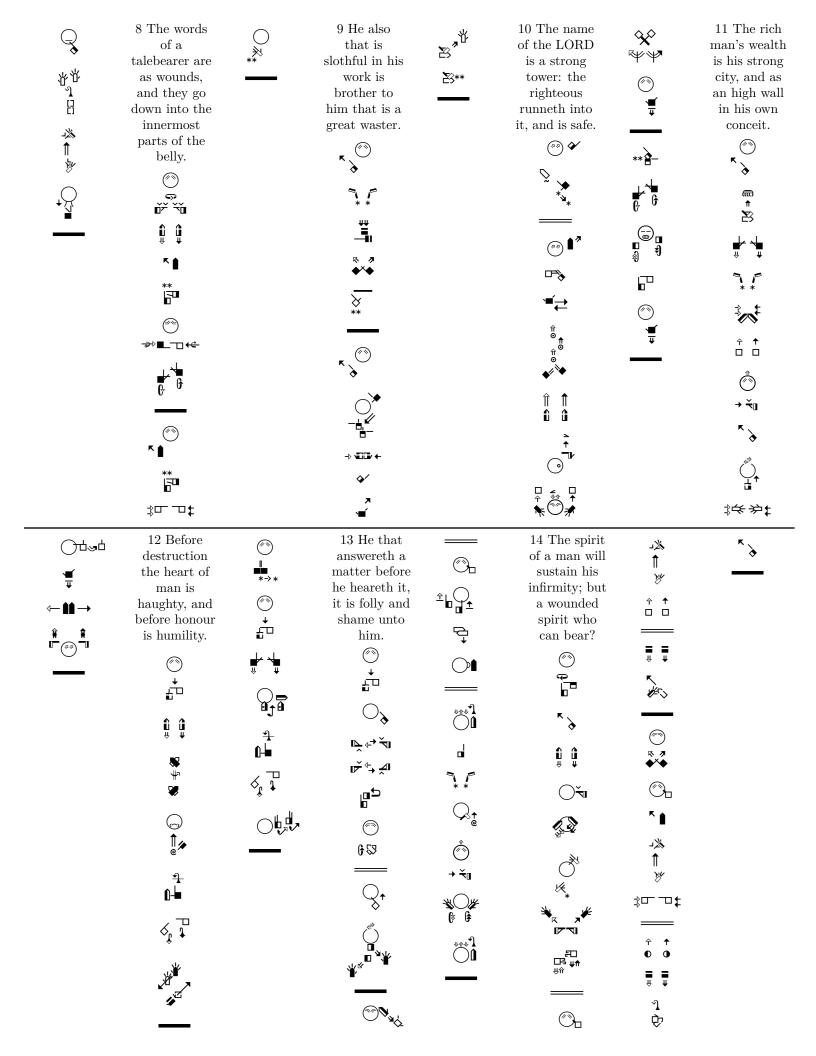




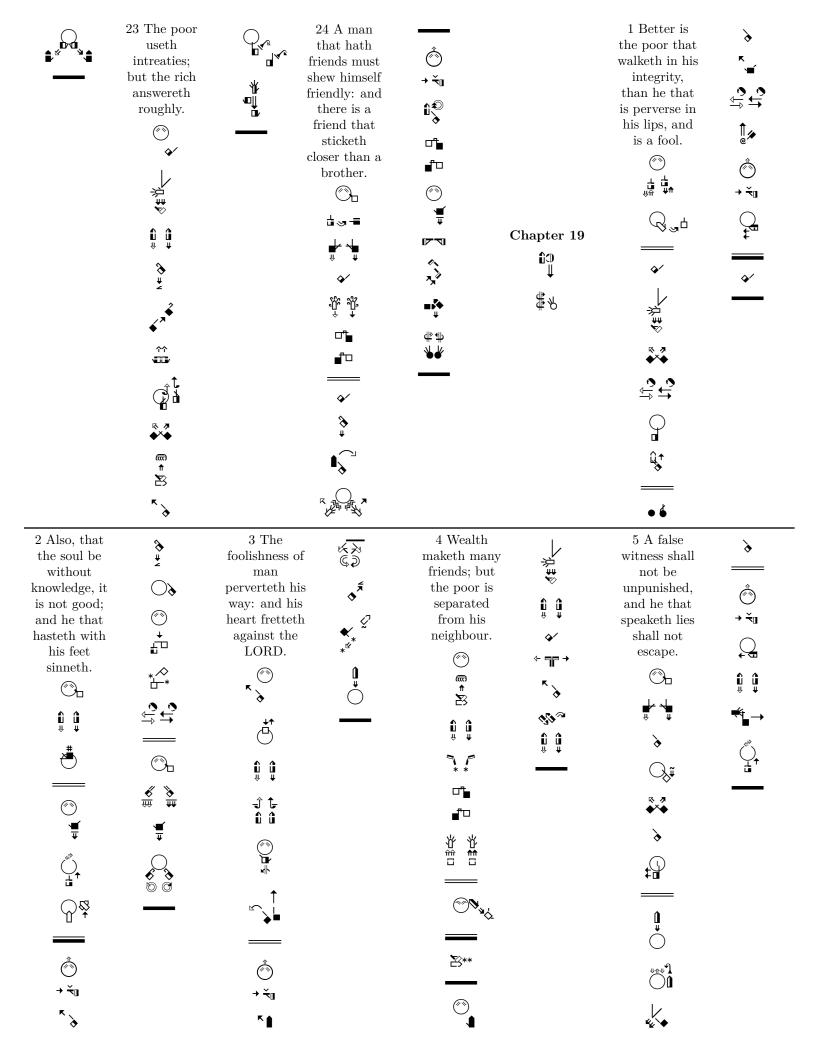




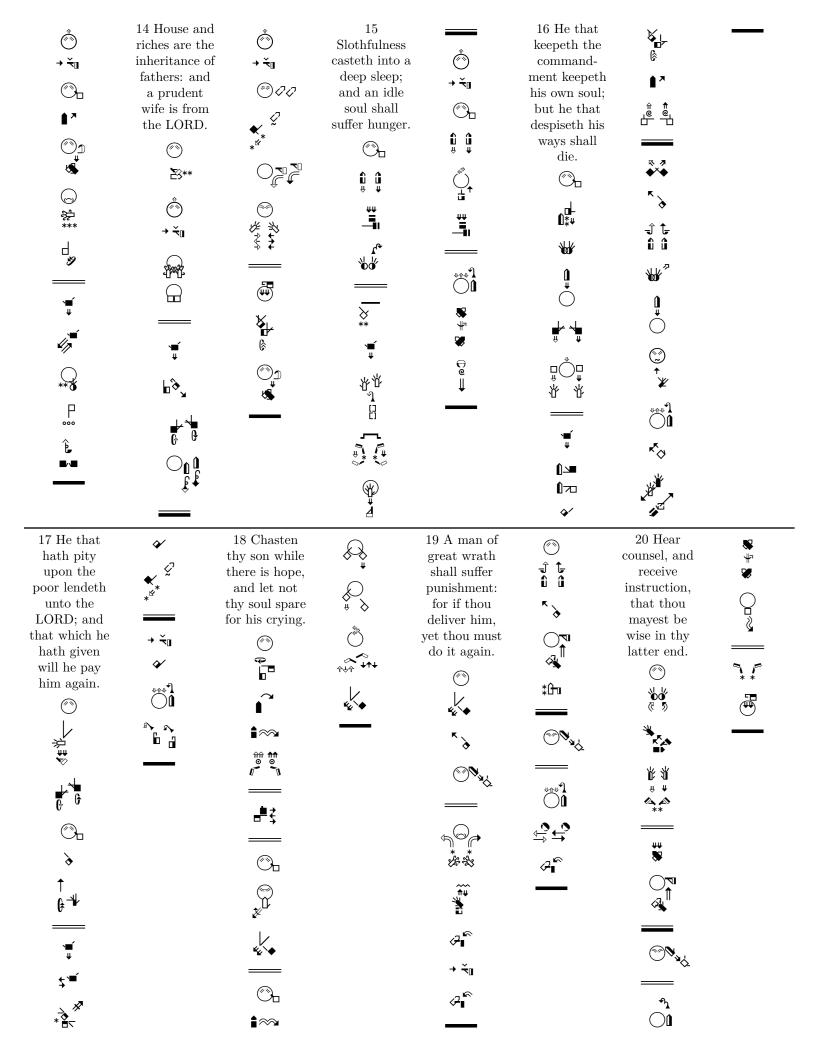


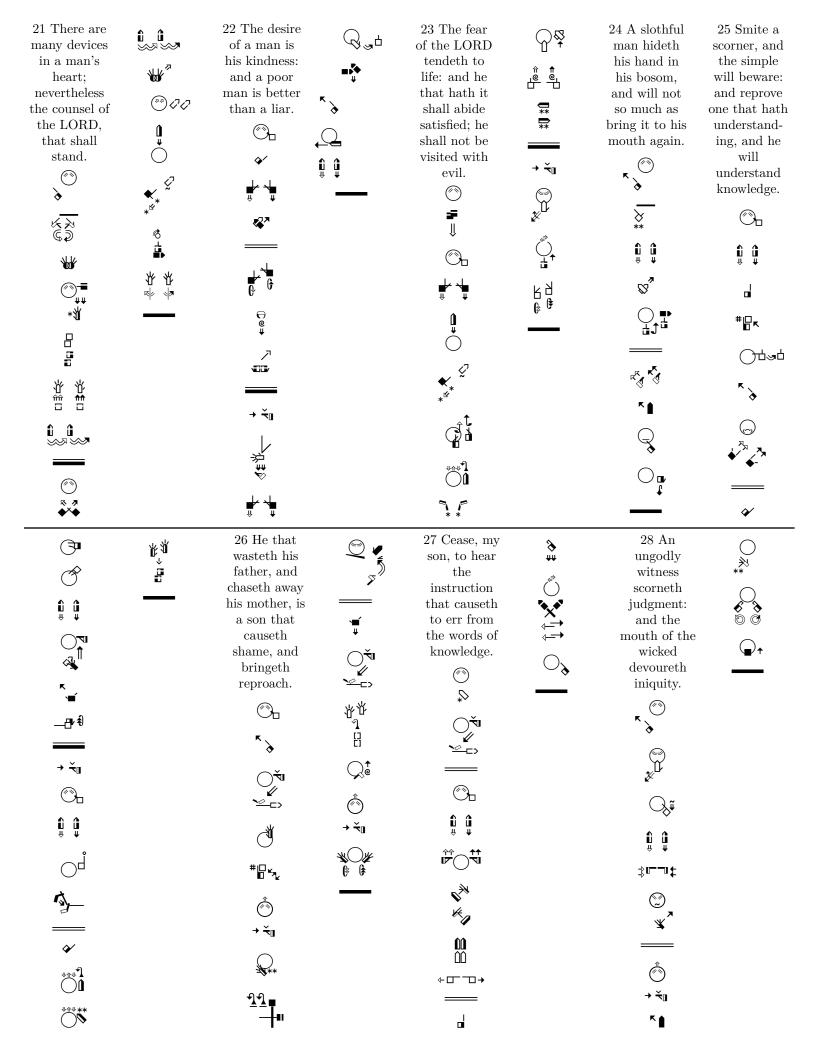


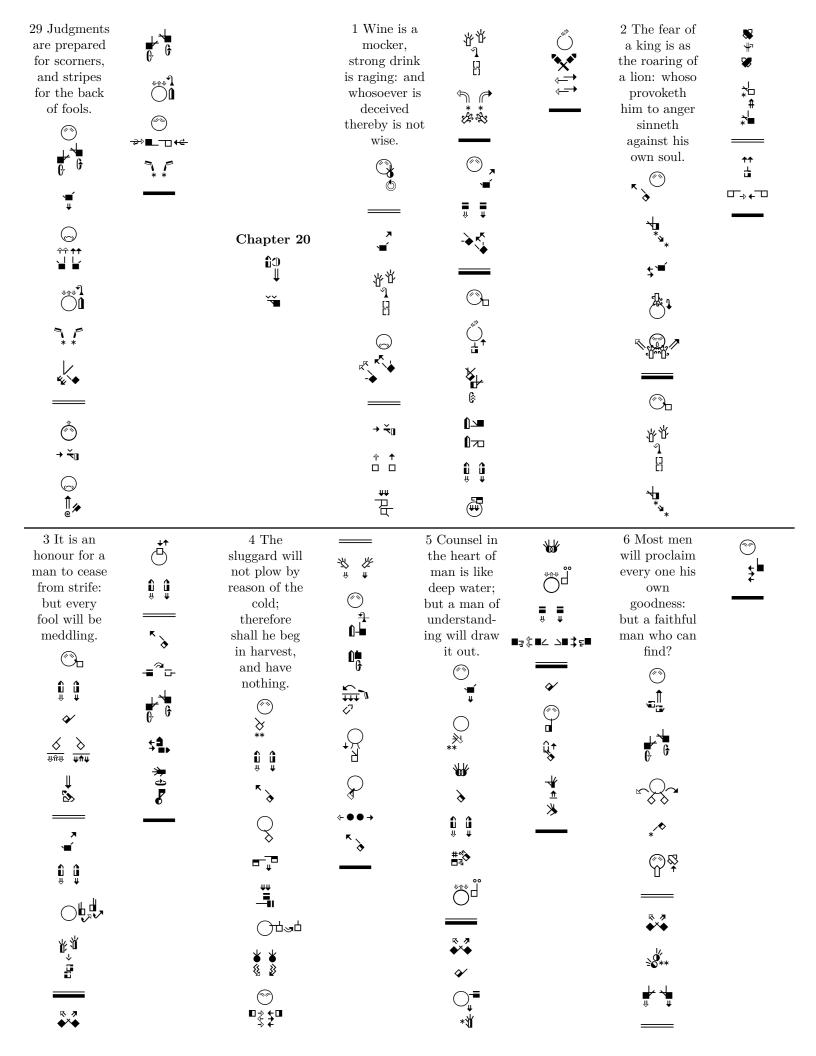


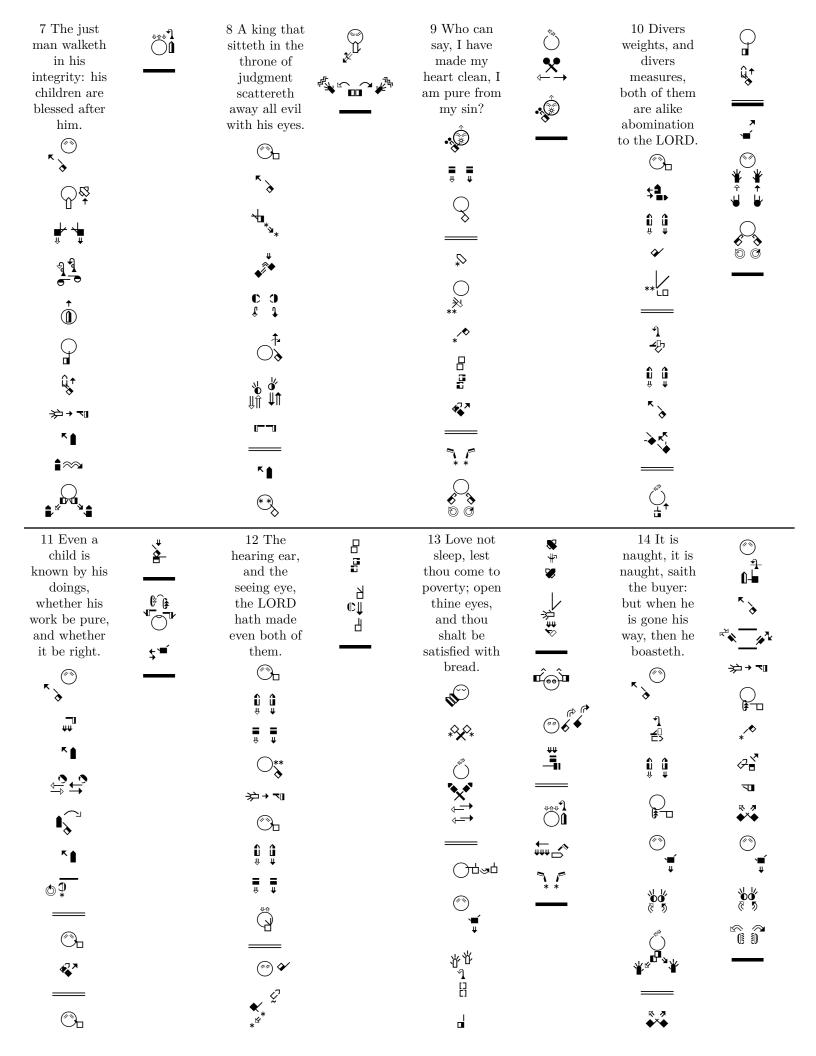




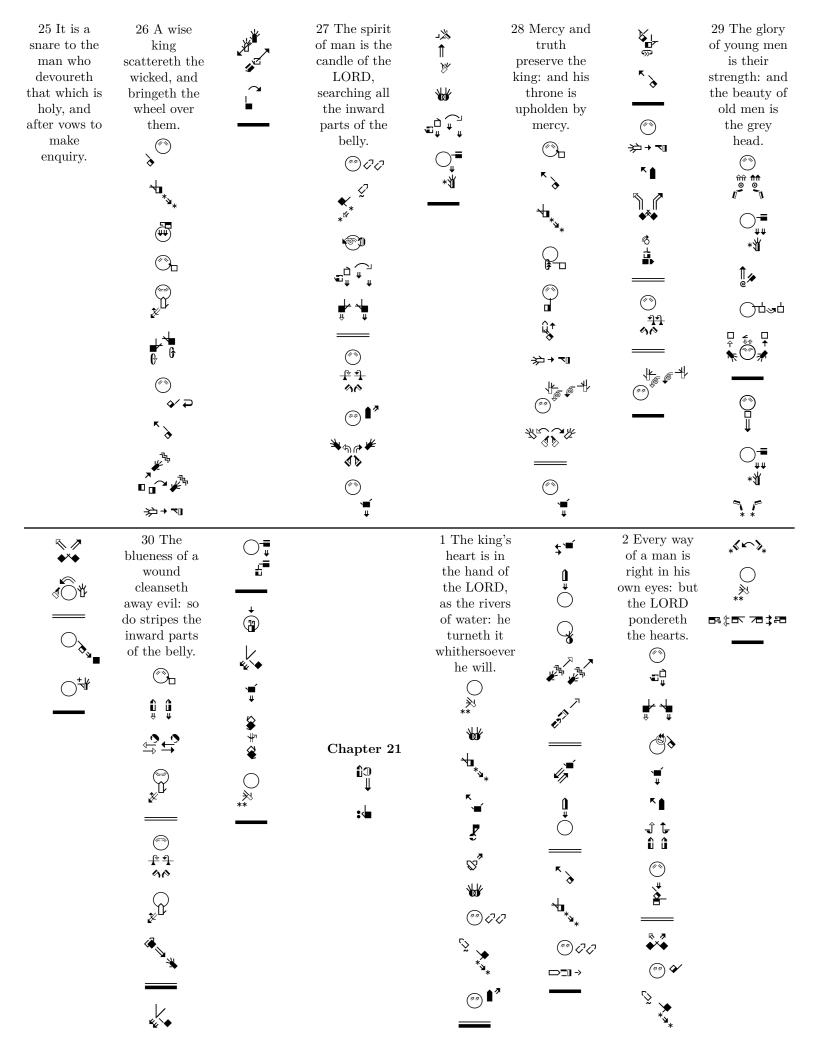




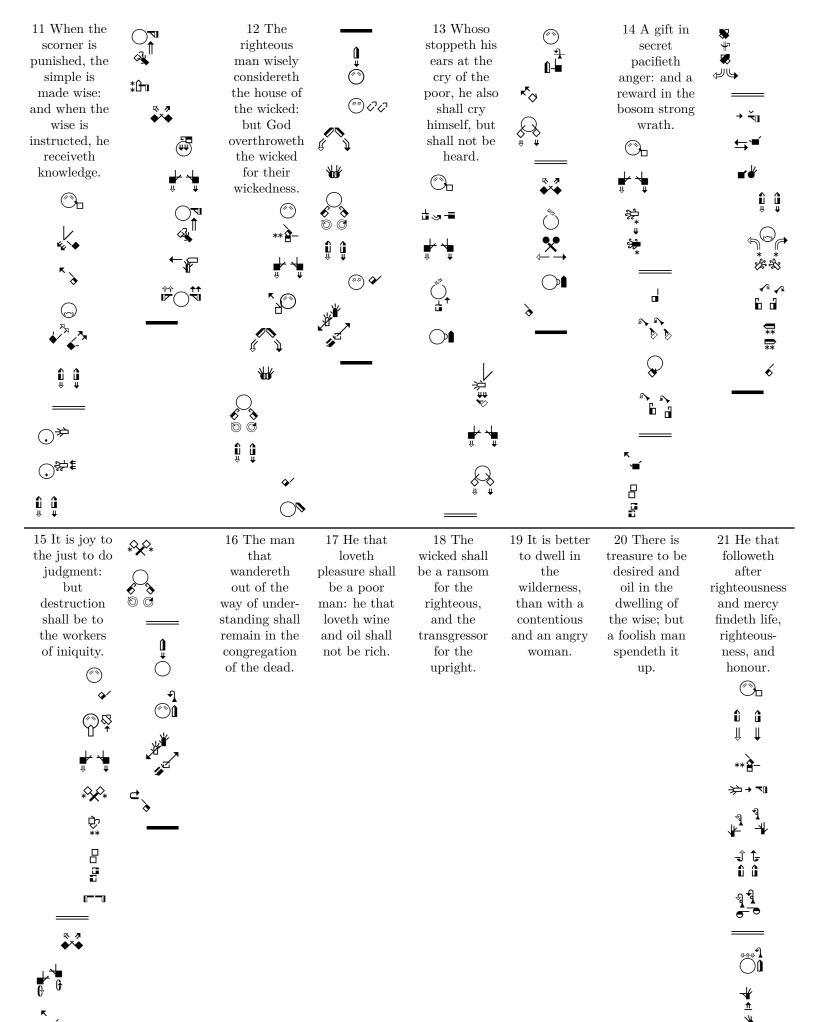












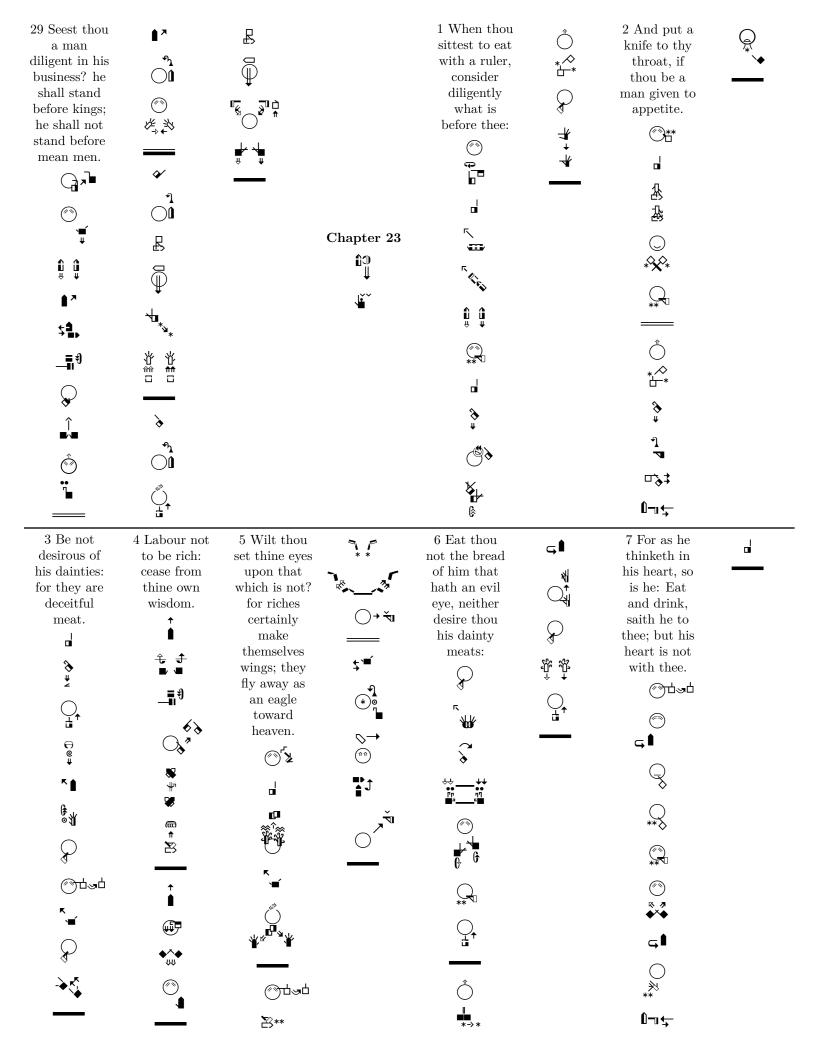




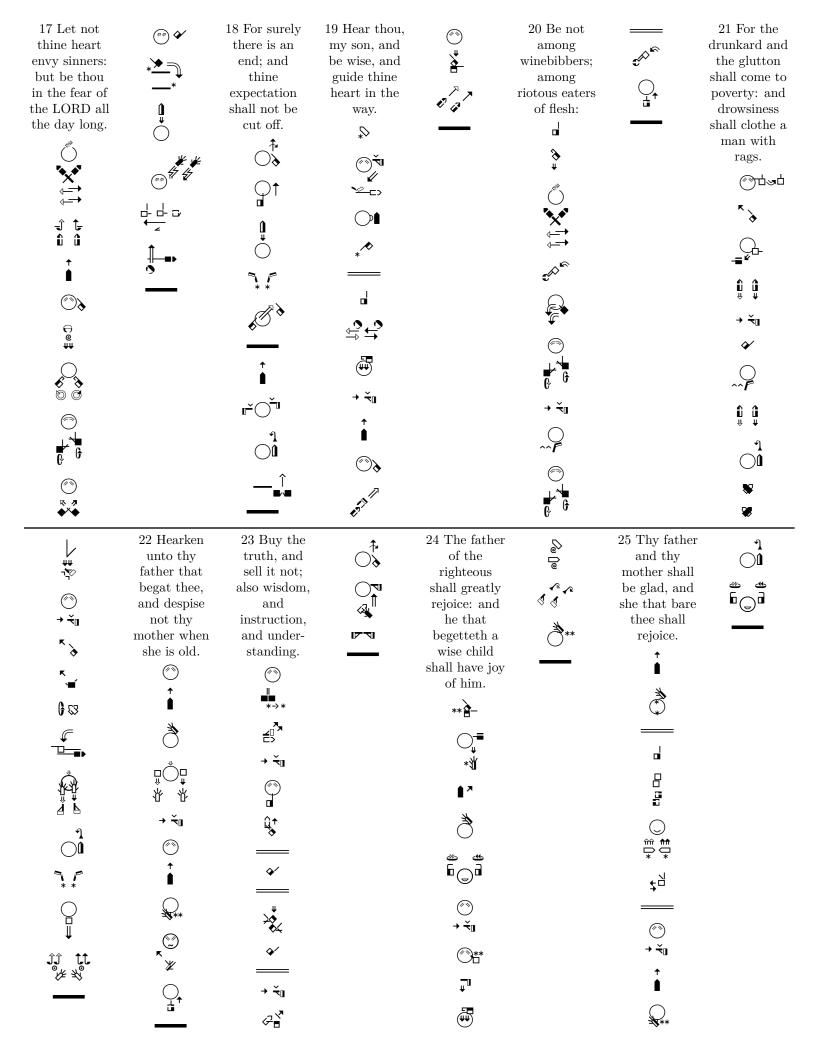








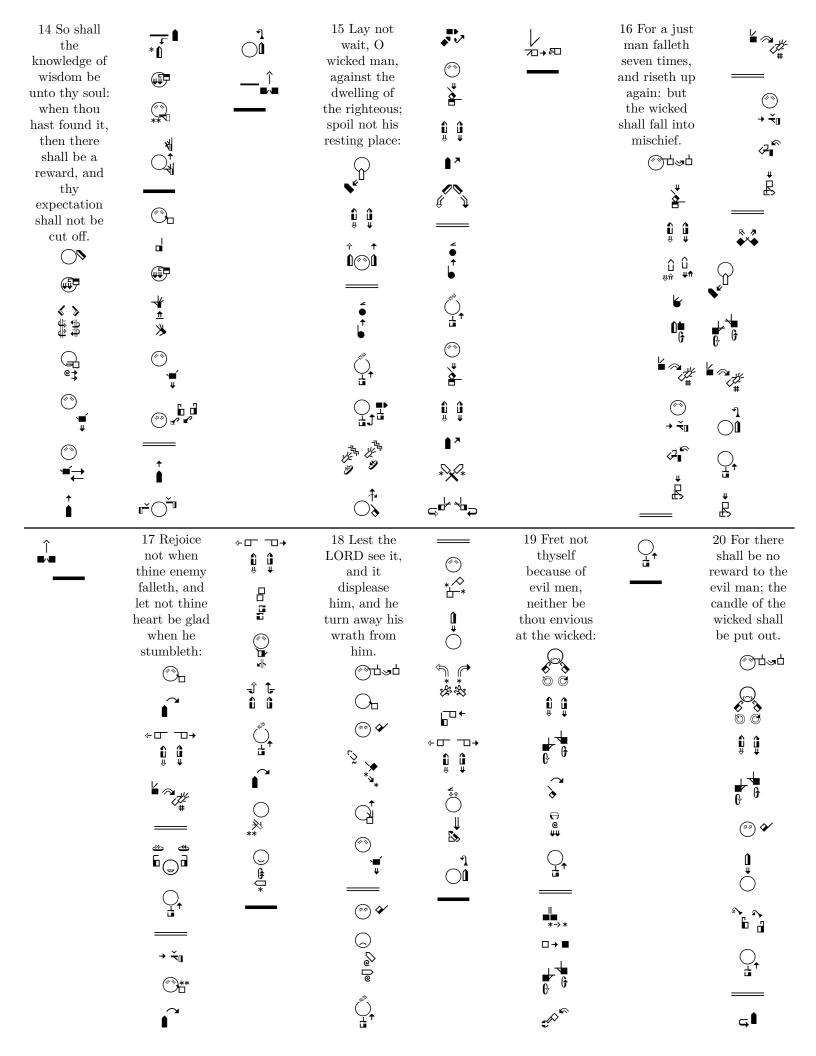


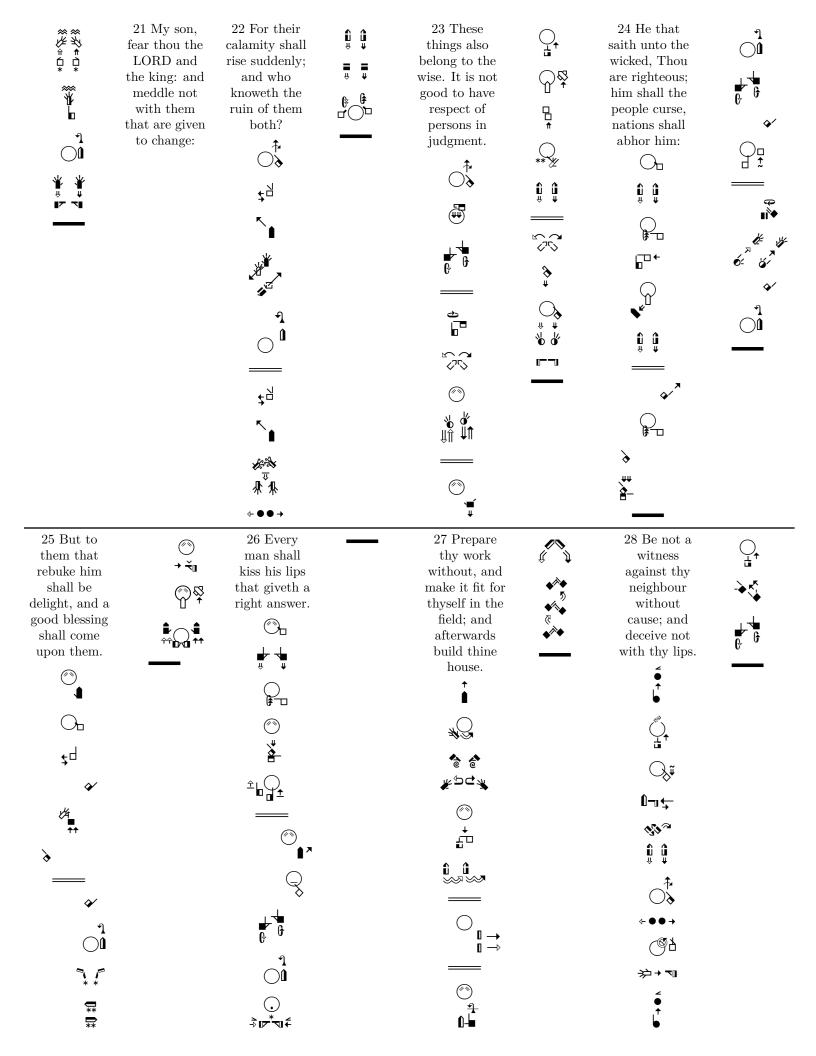


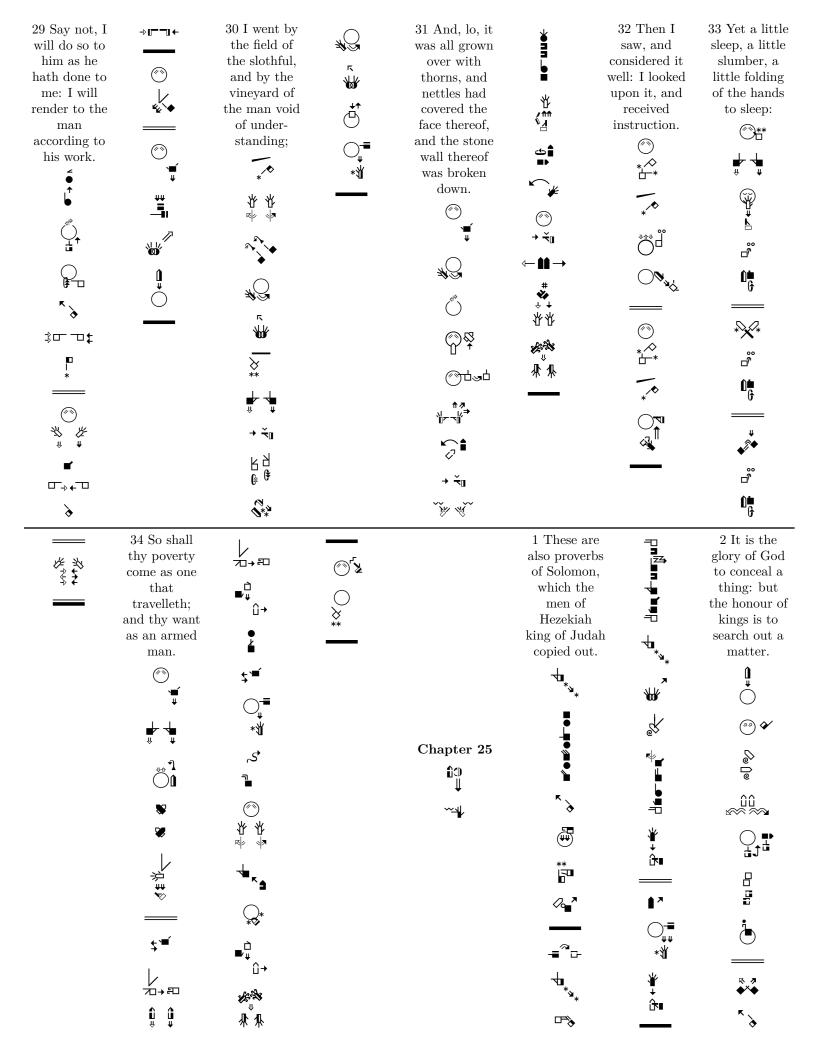


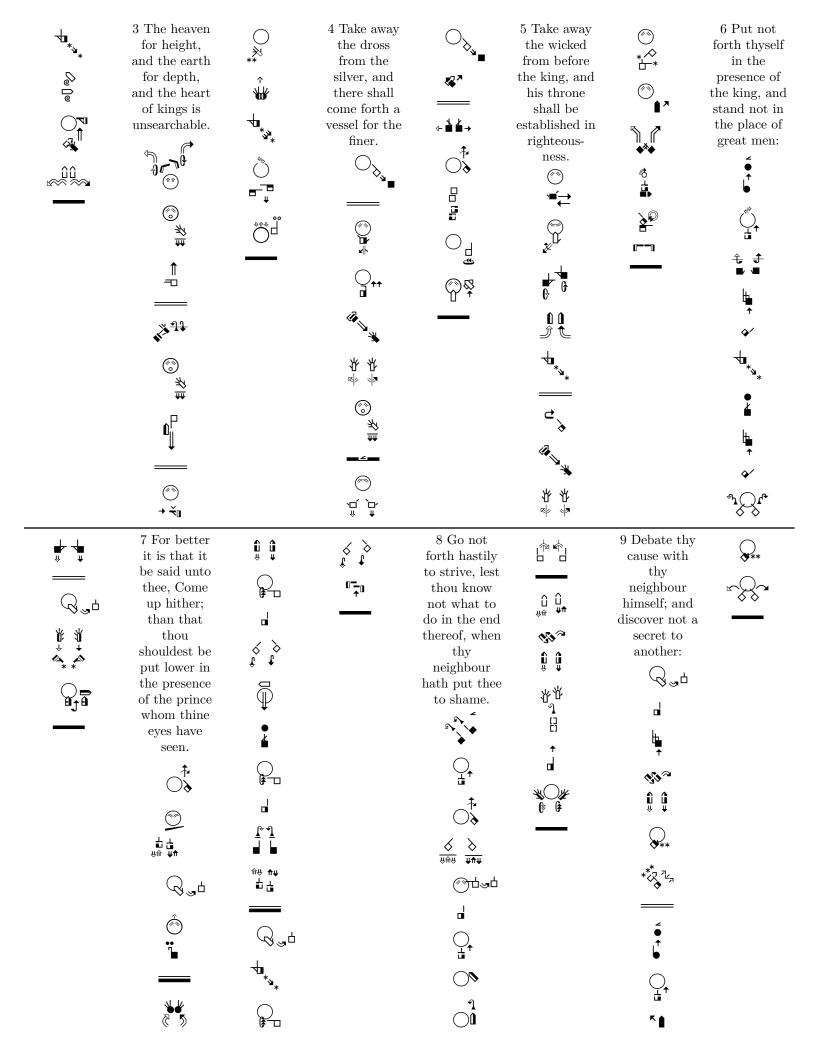


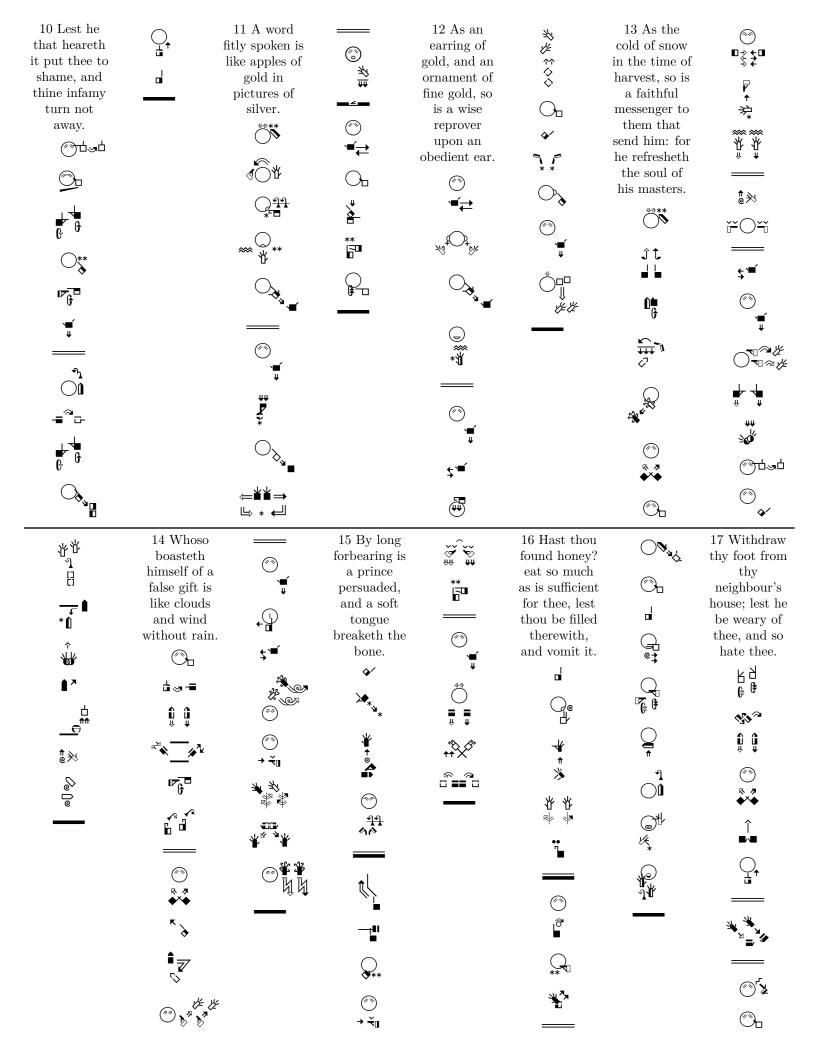








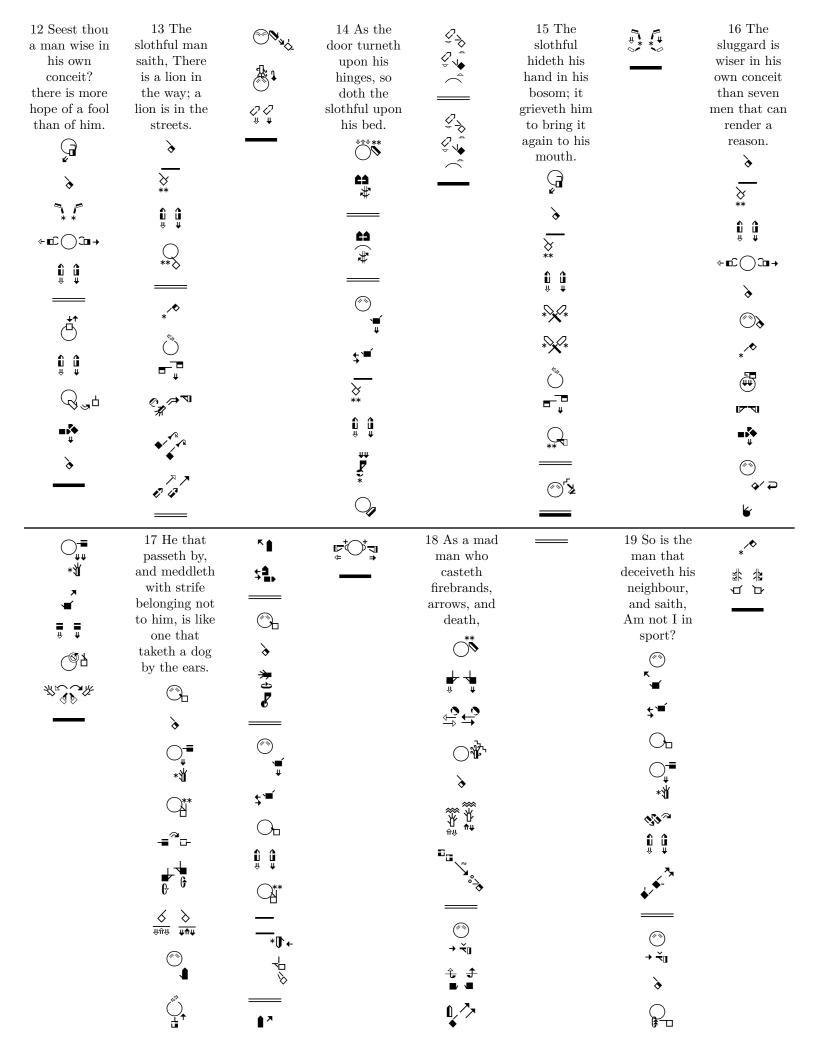






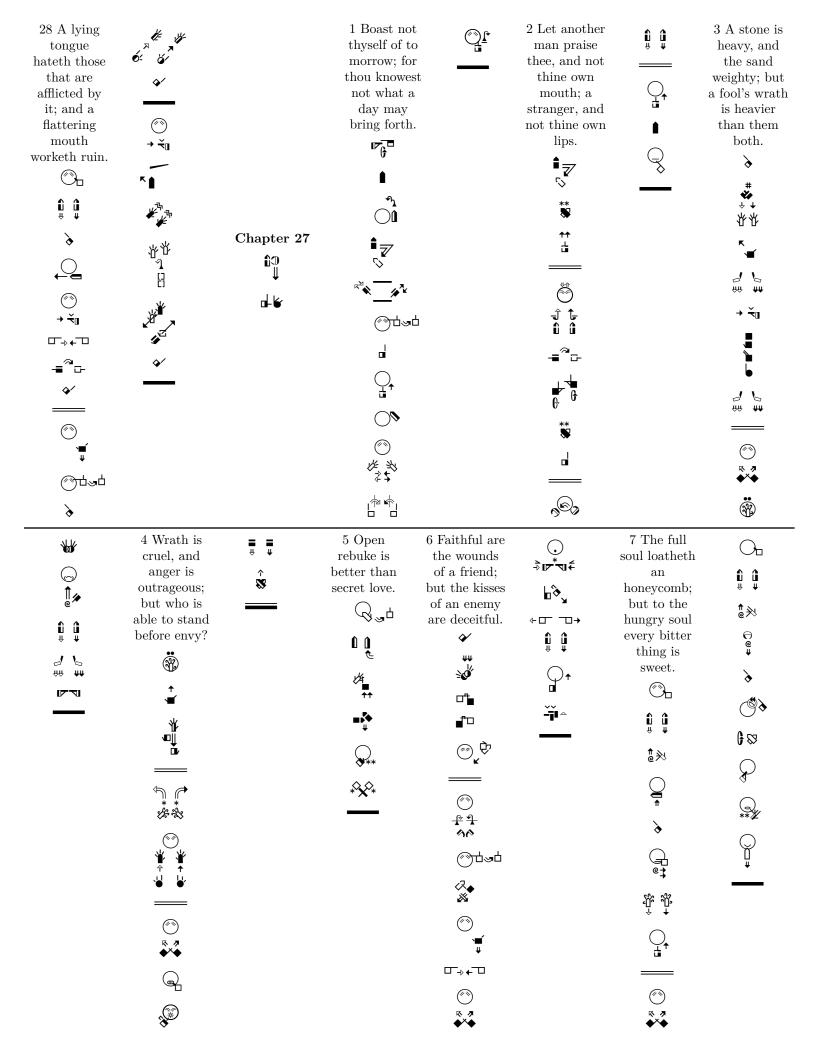






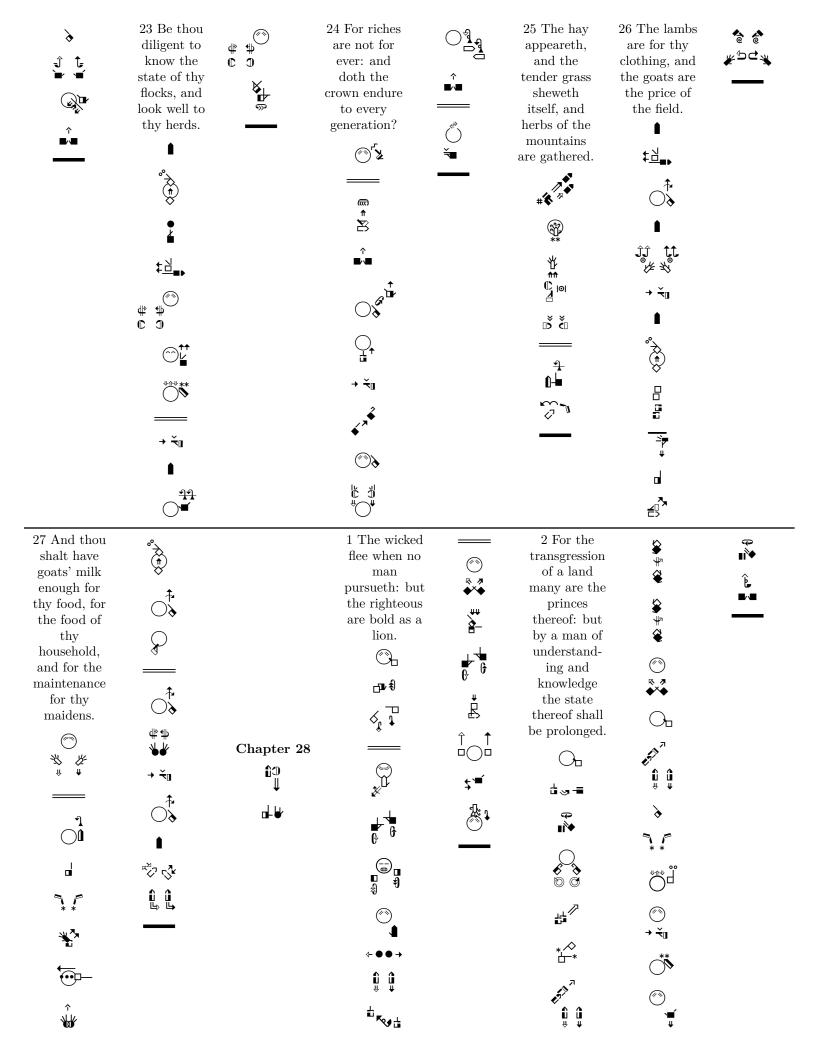


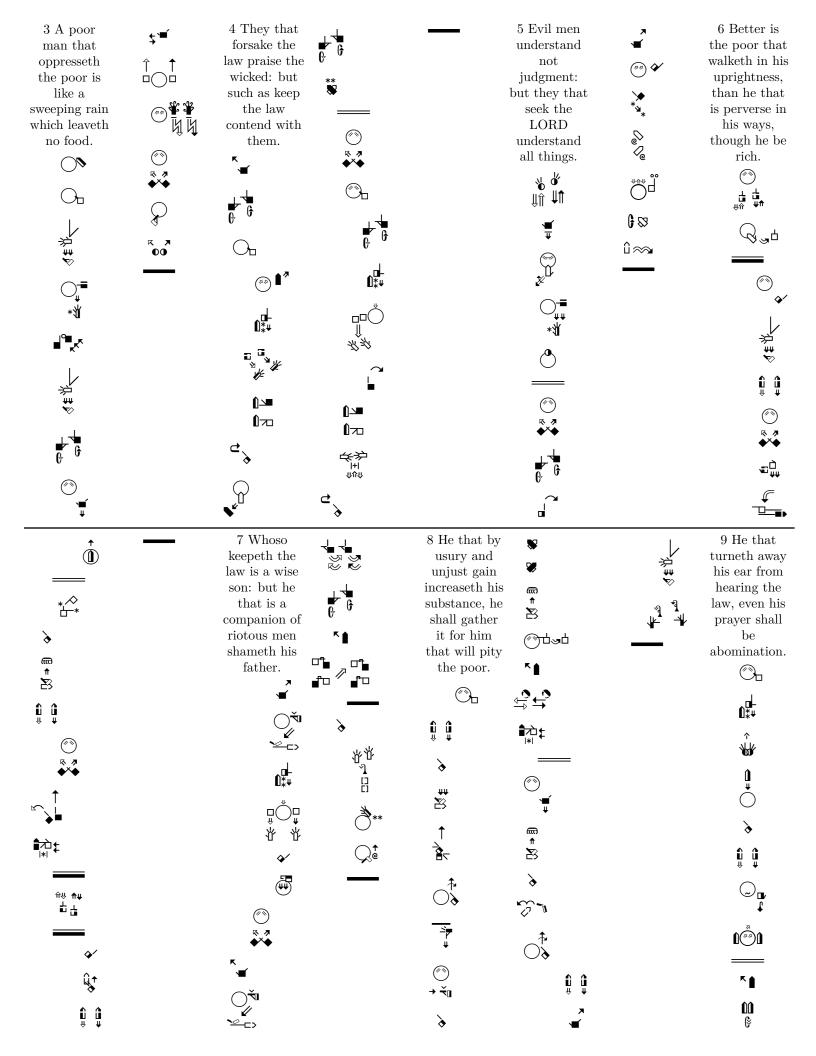
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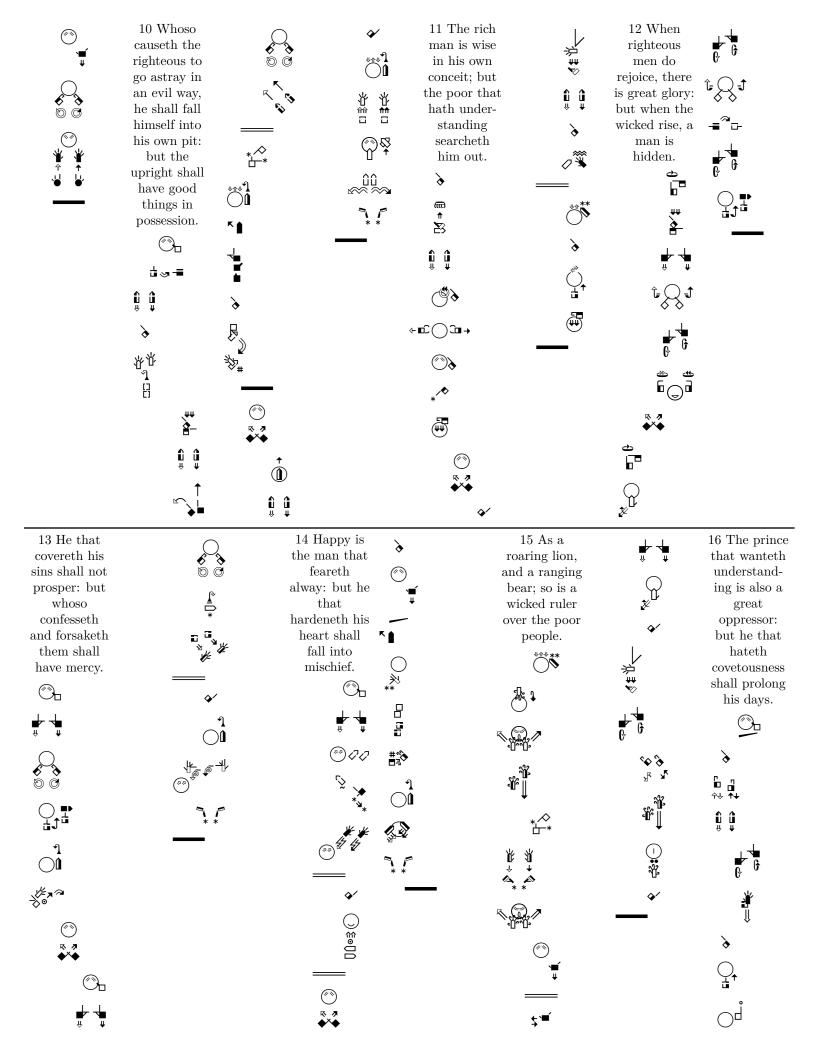




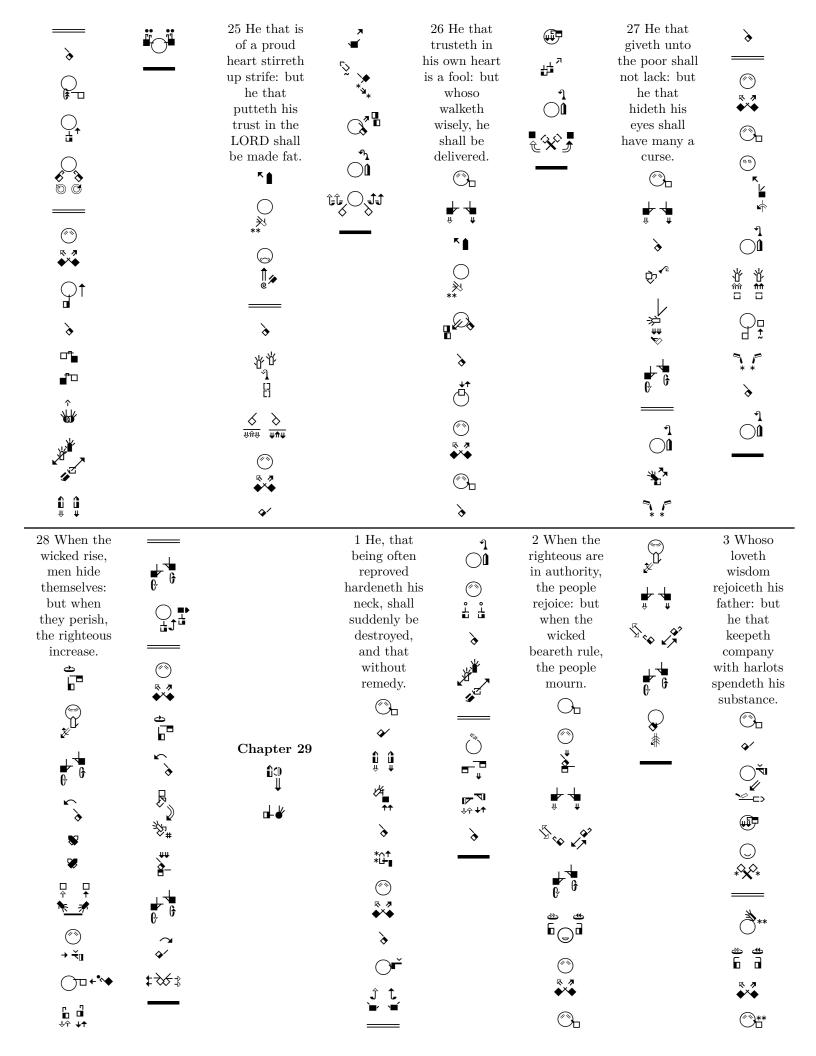




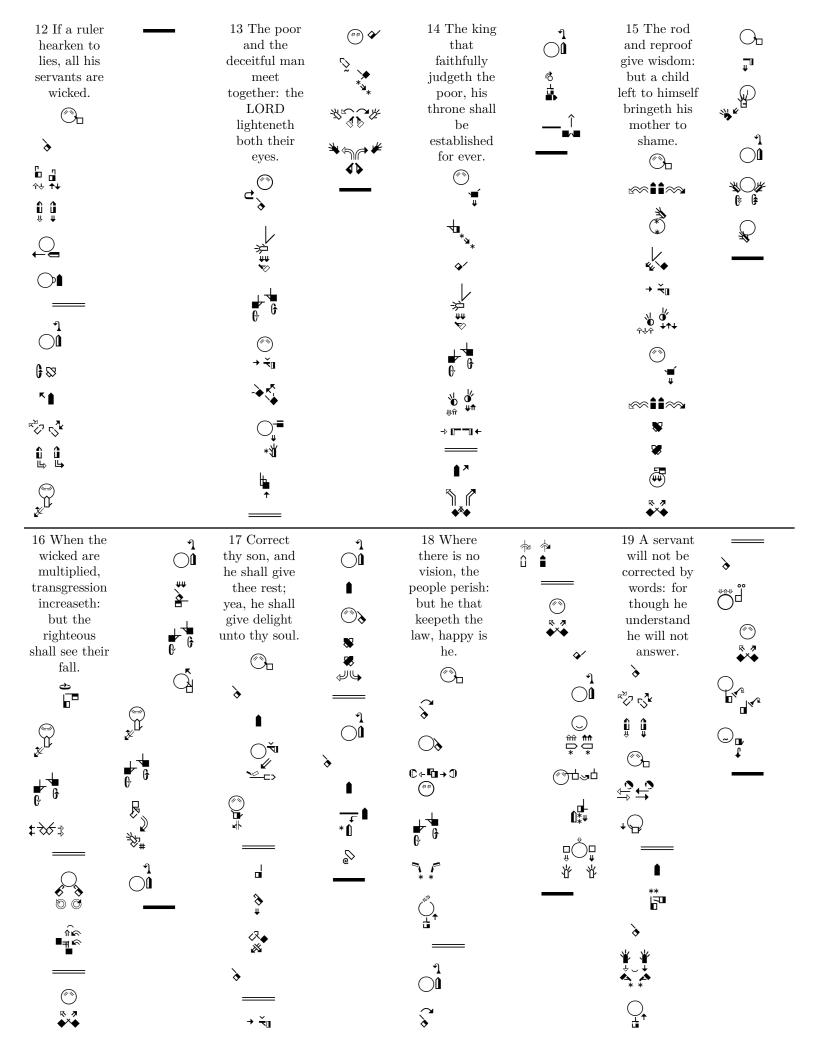




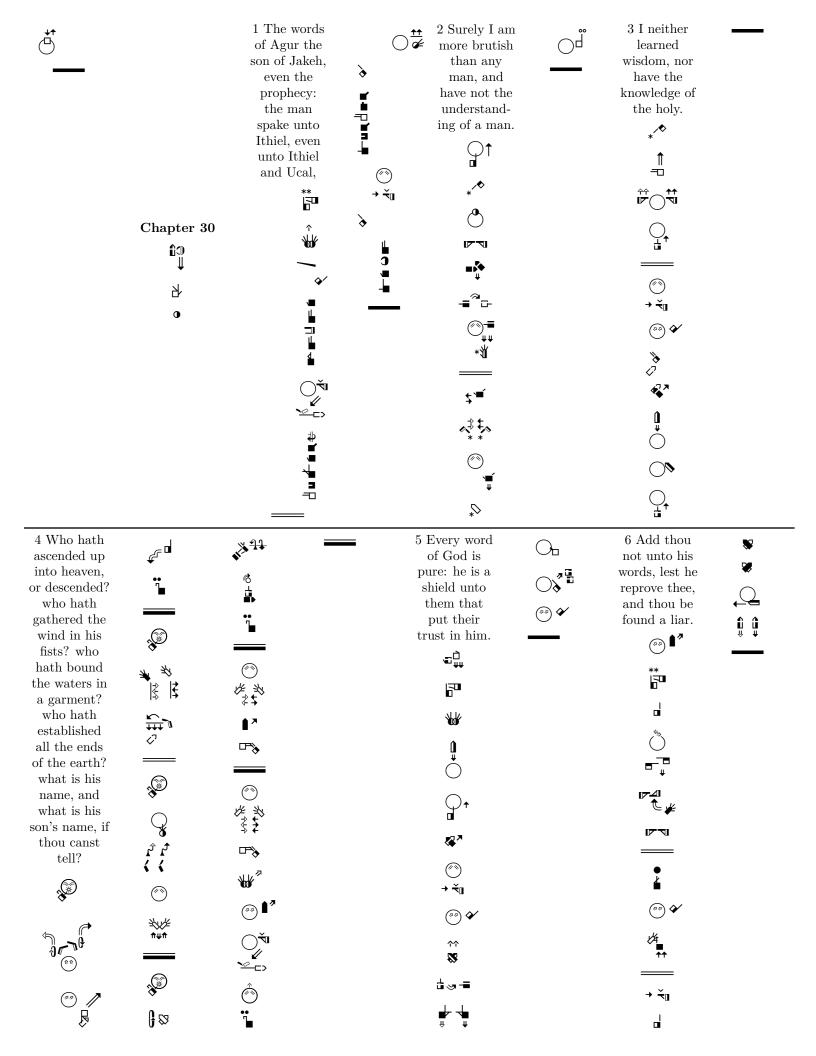






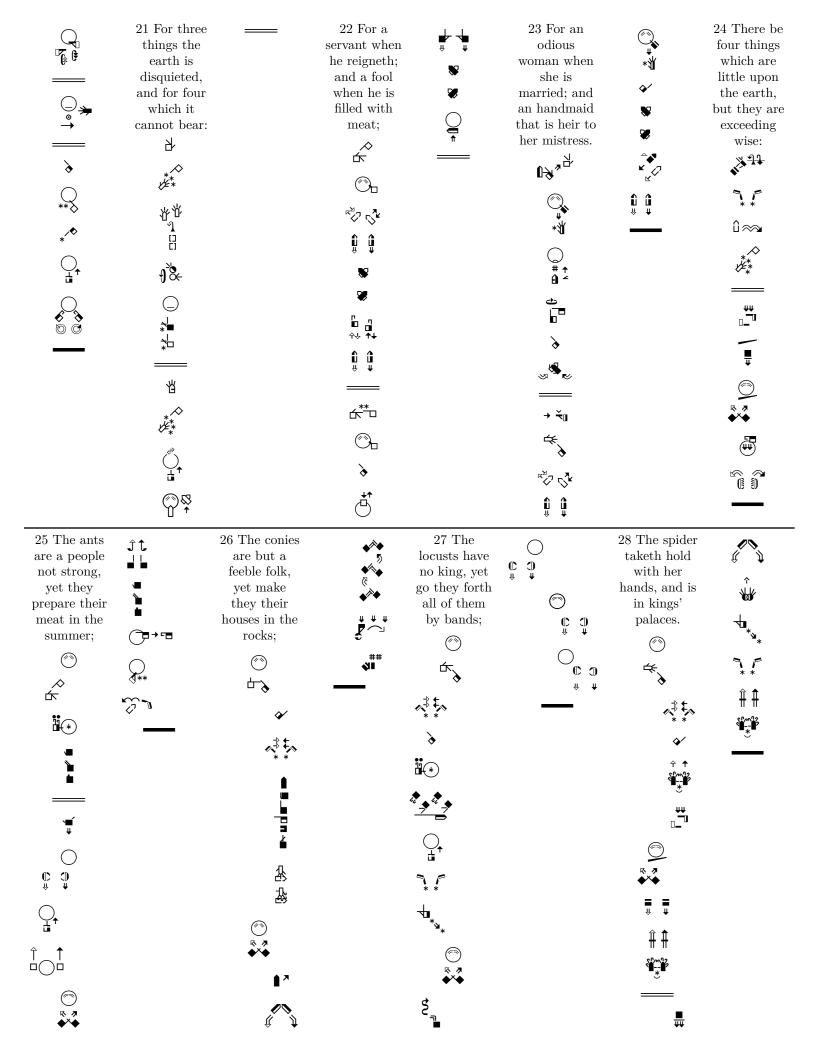


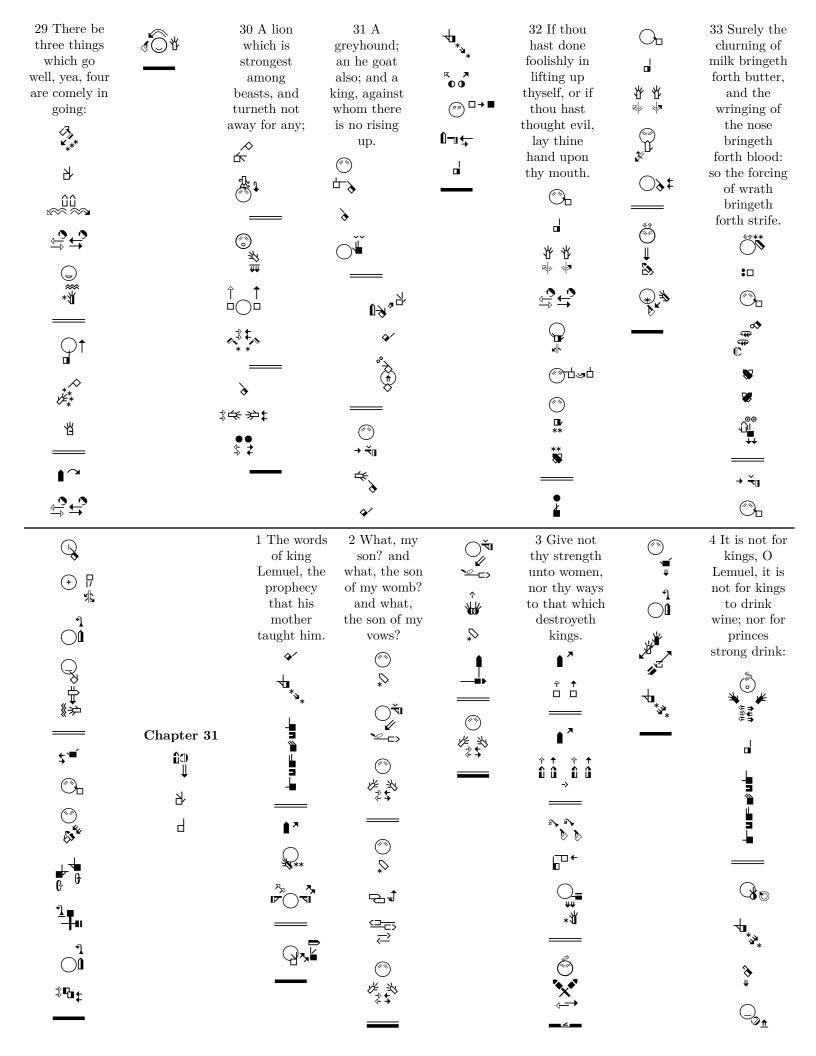


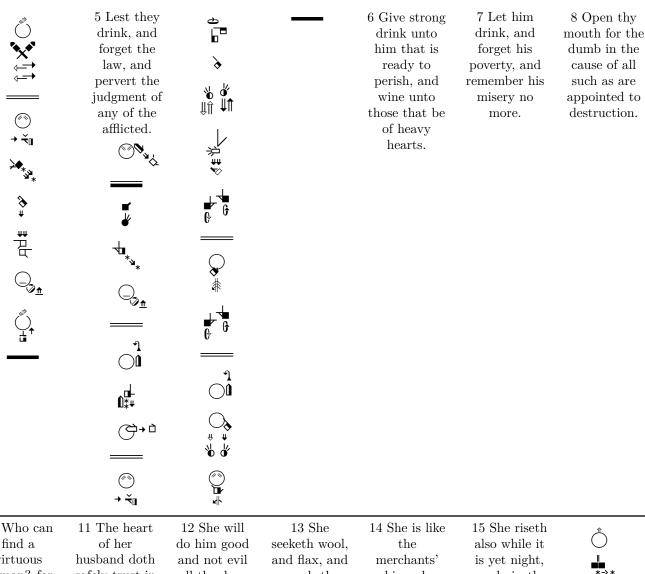












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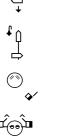
safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

all the days of her life.

worketh willingly with her hands.

ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 4





16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

9 Open thy

mouth, judge

righteously,

and plead the

cause of the

poor and

needy.





