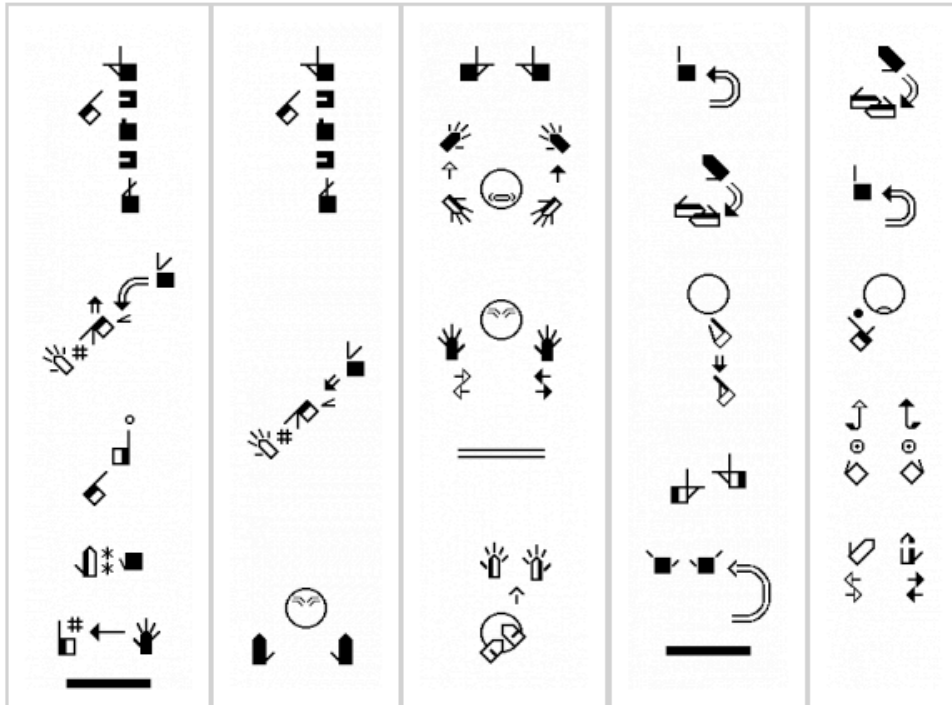


WHAT IS THE MEANING OF WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?



Note that we are still studying the same day, the day of Pentecost. The events of this day changed history as much as Easter Sunday.

Mockers (**Acts 2:13**) said the people speaking in tongues were drunk. Peter did not get defensive he just showed this was not likely. Non believers often dismiss the work of God with something evil. People said John the Baptist was full of the devil and that Jesus was a drunkard. They said the Lord's miracles were the work of Beelzebub.

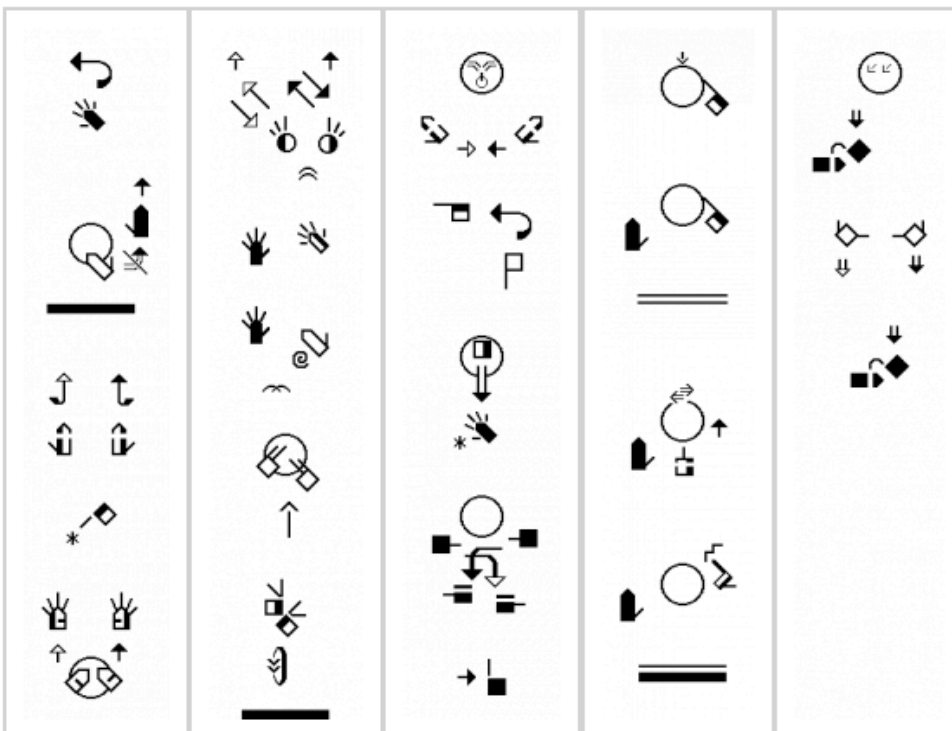
Peter appealed to their reason. It was nine in the morning. This is a fulfillment of prophecy.

(Joel 2:28) This was the promise of the Father.

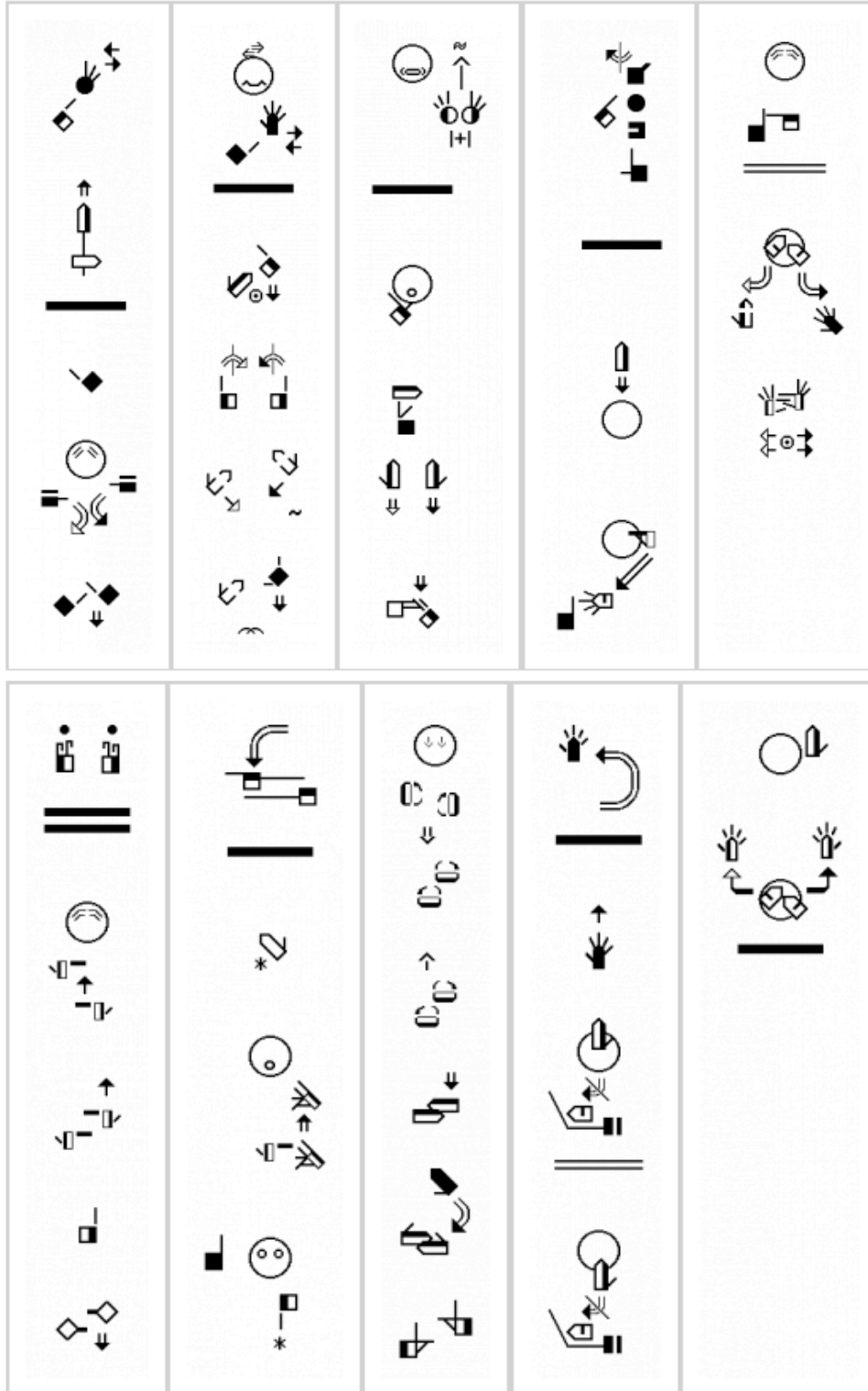
(Luke 24:49)

Many Christians emphasize salvation, living a sanctified life, doing good works, and these are all expected to be in the normal Christian's life and the Holy Spirit's power is God's way of accomplishing these things in and through us.

(Mt. 3:11, Mr. 1:8, Lu 3:16, John 14:16)



Prophecy has always been God’s method of leading and instructing His people. **(Mt. 23:34-35)**



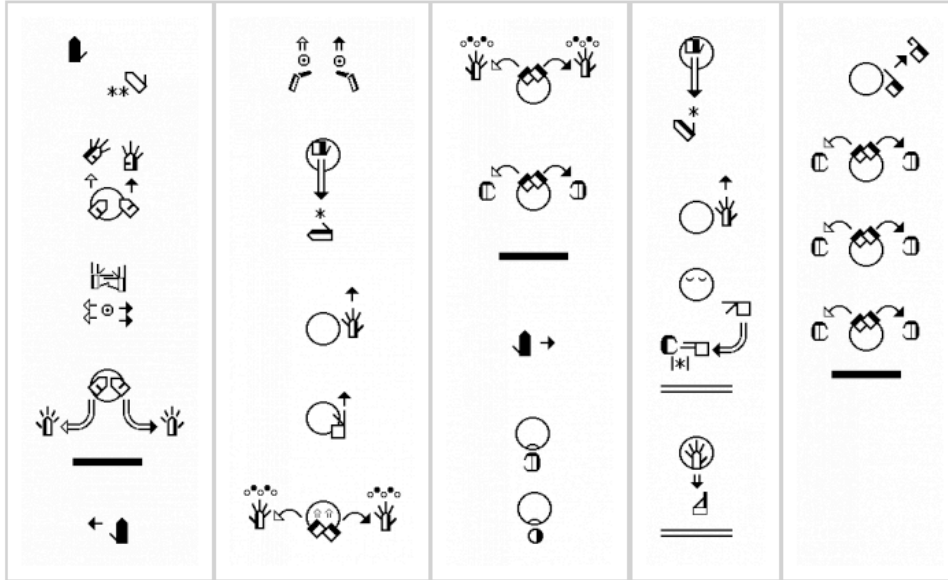
We have said before that “**you**” in the Bible often means the church, and every individual in the church. **(Numbers 11:29)** God wants all of His people filled with the Holy Spirit and administering His various gifts. **(1 Cor. 12:7)** Everyone does not have the same spiritual gift but everyone needs to have the Holy Spirit.

As for the possibility of people being “saved” but not filled with Holy Spirit the Bible clearly teaches that possibility. **(Acts 8:15-16)** Among other verses supporting that principle we can just look at all the other people who lived before the day of Pentecost that were saved but not filled with the Holy Spirit.

If the Lord thought we did not “need” to be filled with the Spirit why do all four gospel writers record that God wants this? And why did Jesus say in **(Lu 11:13)** to ask for the Holy Spirit.

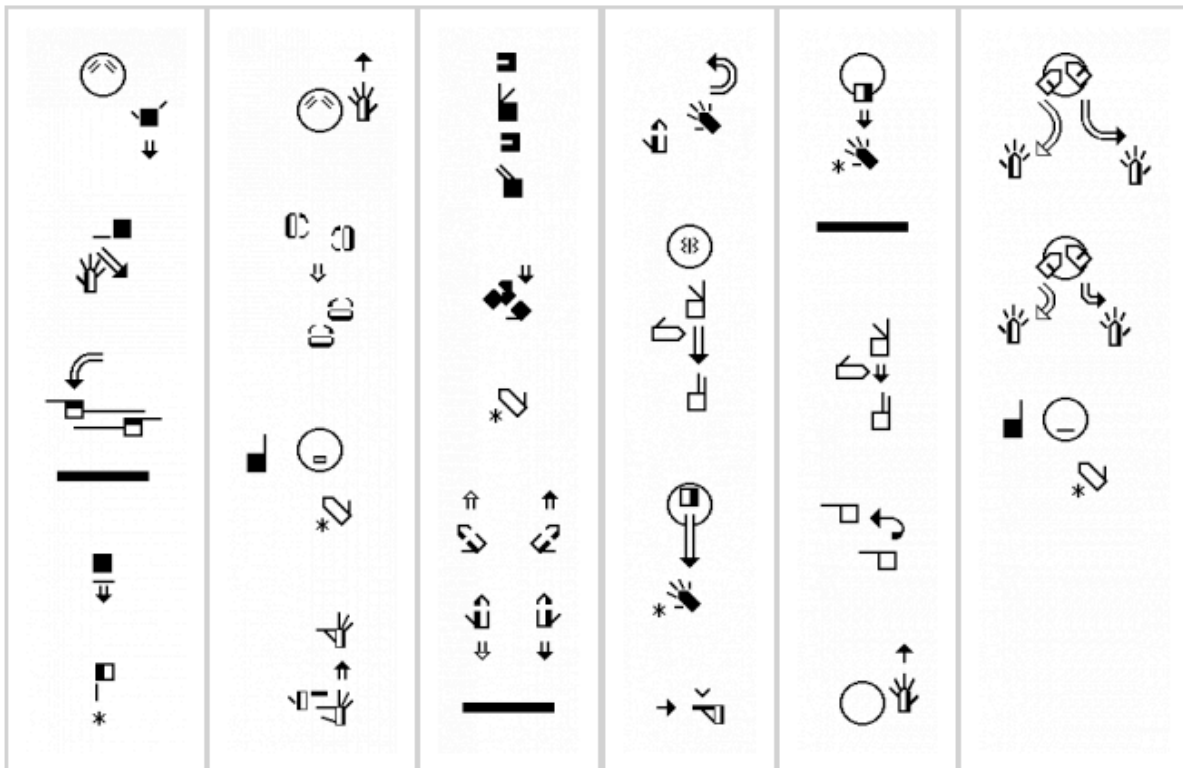
The symbolism of the Old Testament Tabernacle teaches us the importance of ordering our hearts for the manifestation of God’s presence, the Holy Spirit.

If what God is doing during our age is through the Church it is incumbent upon each Spirit filled person to dedicate his life and resources to saving lost souls.

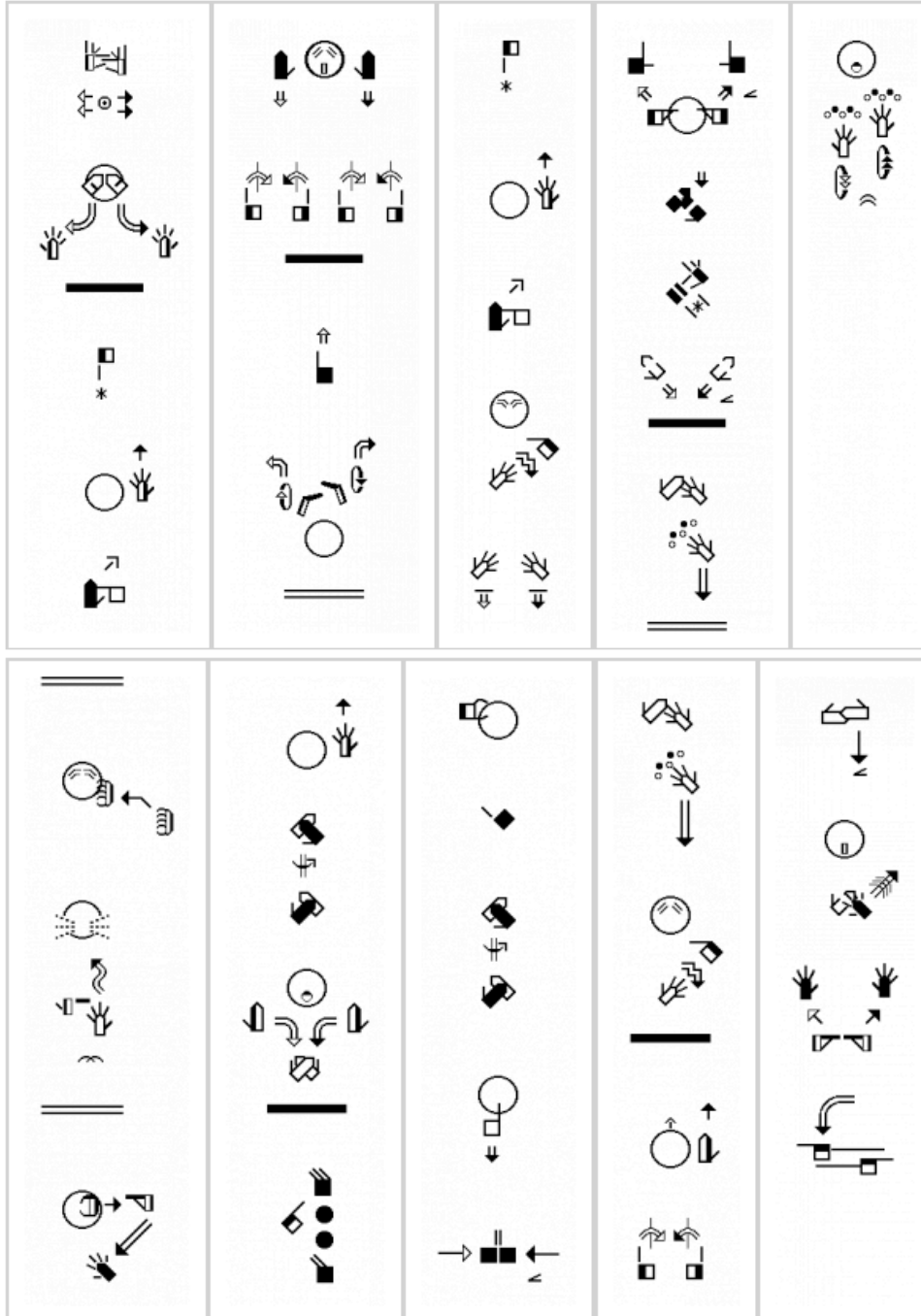


Joel's prophecy described what God would do before the He poured His wrath on the earth. God's people would be filled with His Spirit; they would preach the gospel to whole world, and that there would be great signs before the day of the Lord.

Pentecost was the beginning the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. Time is getting short.



There is no doubt the world is slowly collapsing: wars, disease, famines, and immorality are exponentially increasing. There is no doubt that all people will die. The only possible salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you dedicate your life to saving people?



The "Church Age" was only hinted at in the Old Testament.

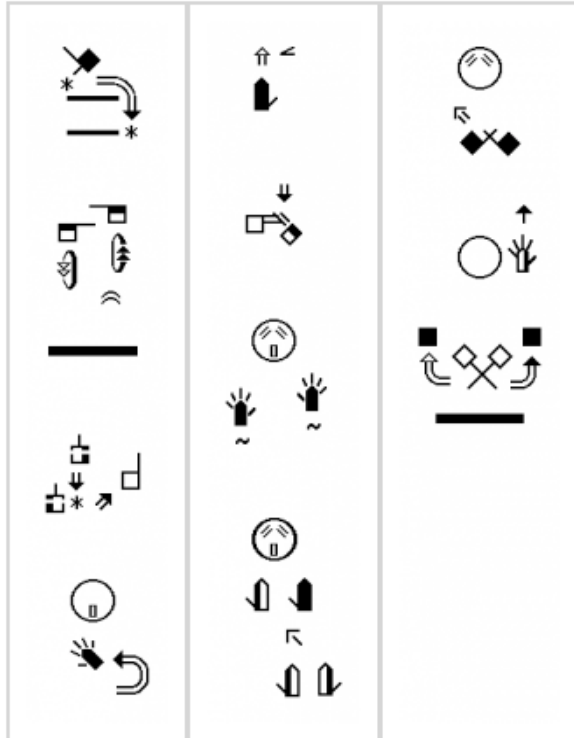
(Hosea 2:23, Romans 9:25, Acts 15:12-19)

God was about to do something totally new.

This started with the Jews but it did not finish with them.

(Romans 1:16)

The future of the world is predetermined; the future of the Church is predetermined; the future of each individual human is determined by their response to the preaching the gospel. (Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13)



Joel's prophecy ends with the effect God desires: the salvation of souls. We must not neglect to understand the means to this effect, this goal. The preaching of God's Word through a Holy Spirit filled Church, made up of holy and sanctified prophets. God wants all His people to prophecy. (1 Cor. 14:1)

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.