The Template Challenge

To maintain the integrity of scriptures, the following time-specific events must all align with the Jewish timeline with respect to Passover and the seven-day Festival of Unleavened Bread.

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The challenge is to place all 10 events into the template for this Jewish feast:

1. Jesus being in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.
2. The Last Supper.
3. The 14th-day Passover sacrifice.
4. The time of Christ's death.
5. The 15th-day Sabbath that follows the 14th-day Passover sacrifice.
6. The Saturday Sabbath.
7. The seven-day Festival of Unleavened Bread.
8. Sunday—the first day of the week (Luke 24:1).
9. The day Jesus was condemned and crucified, such that it fulfills Luke (24:1, 20, 21), which says Sunday was "the third day since these things happened" (with "these things" being the condemnation and Crucifixion).
10. The day his disciples questioned Jesus about where they should prepare for the Passover (Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:12; Luke 22:9).

In the following pages we will consider various doctrinal beliefs to see which one meets the test. The final templates in this chapter will show how these events had to occur, but first we will consider the template of the Passover and the seven-day Feast/Festival of Unleavened Bread, as commanded by God to Moses:
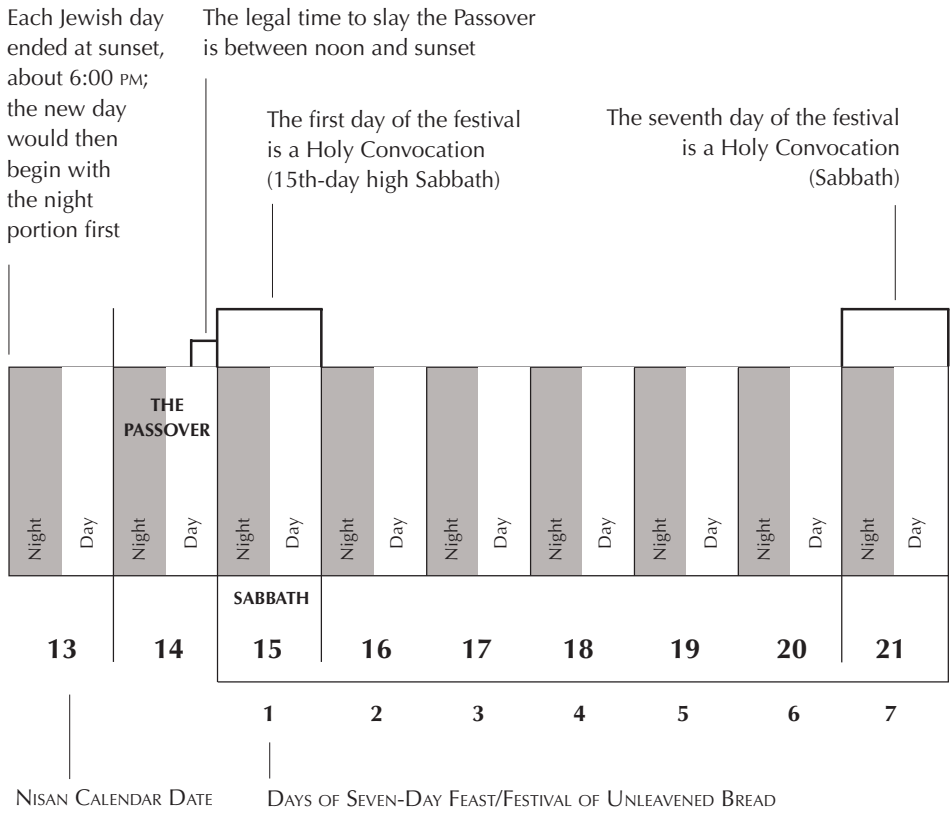
Figure 1. Template challenge: the template of the Passover and the seven-day Feast/Festival of Unleavened Bread, as commanded by God.

^{JPS} Numbers 28:16–18, 25   And in the first month, on the **fourteenth day** of the month, is the LORD'S **passover**. And on the **fifteenth day** of this month shall be a feast; **seven days** shall unleavened bread be eaten. In the **first day shall be a holy convocation**; ye shall do **no manner of servile work**; And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work.

Unfortunately, three of the most popular theological doctrines—namely, the Early Roman Catholic Option, the Double Passover Option, and the Saturday Resurrection Option—all violate certain scriptures when overlaid on the template.

As we will see, only one possible option exists to place all these events within the template of this feast, such that no scripture is broken.

But first we will consider these three most popular options.