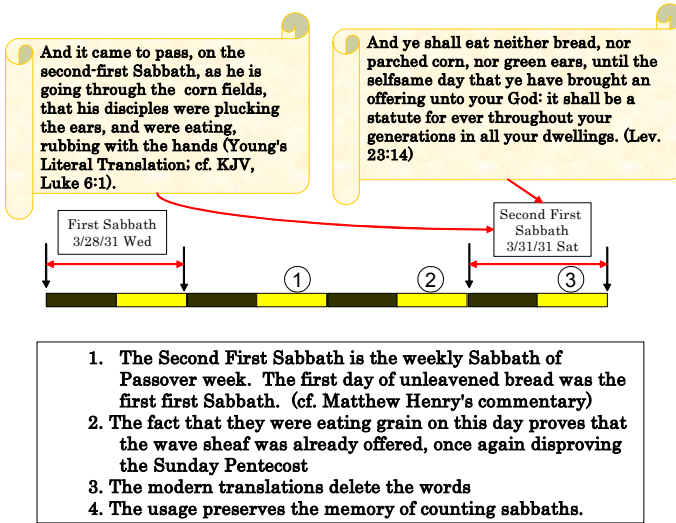


Figure 13



The "second-first Sabbath" has been raked over the coals in the scholarly journals without a definite solution. Some end up wanting to delete it. However the scripture clearly attaches the word "first" to only two Sabbaths: the first day of unleavened bread (Lev. 23:11), and the weekly Sabbath after (Lev. 23:15). So it is very clear what the "second first Sabbath" must be. See Exegesis of Lev. 23:11-16 on page . This was clear enough that as far back as Matthew Henry's Commentary, the truth was noticed, however Matthew Henry contradicted the text on eating the new grain by supposing that the wave sheaf was on the day after the weekly Sabbath.