

Joshua 24:15b NIV "...then choose this day whom you will serve..."

Matthew 24:35 NIV "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

I often wonder what the time-frame was that the Angels had to make their decision to follow God. How much time did Lucifer have to influence that decision? How long did they function with God before the rebellion was exposed? Did they spend all of their "days" in the rebellion plot, weeding out those who would remain faithful to the Lord and who would rebel or did "life" go on as usual, in service to God, while all things were playing out?

I know that those things are not necessary for us to function or they would have been revealed to us through the Word. It is fascinating, however, to understand that there were some sort of time-frames where-by the Angels functioned, and then there was a conclusion to life as it was known for some of them. Once the heavenly rebellion was concluded and the "players" of God's plan had solidified their positions by their actions, God went on to His next work – us.

Now we, as a human race, are in the same sort of initial time-frame that the Angels had. We have been created, Biblical history has shown us of a rebellion, this time with a means for redemption through Jesus Christ, and this very day we are on our way to the conclusion of this time-frame in our lives. What happens next, only God knows.

What does seem of paramount importance, however, is how we redeem each moment that the Lord has given us before He closes this portion of history. Our days are definitely numbered. What we do with each one, seems to have a definite impact on our function in God's economy, not only for today, but also for the many futures to come.

Needing to function in God's plans, not mine – Jim Corbett