The Flood

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Facts:

Never rained before Genesis 2:6
The earth had been watered by a mist. This means that "rain" was a new thing. We understand how rain happens now but we don't know what that system must have been. We can only speculate, but we can say with assurance that it is NOT like now.

It was the judgment of God 6:5-7
God will always judge sin. This demonstration shows the extent to which man had gone in his deprivation.

Noah and his family were spared 6:8-14
They were told to build a boat which would save them from the judgment. This boat is a vivid type of Christ. Those inside the boat would be spared, those outside of the boat would perish. Same with Jesus.

Noah obeyed God 6:22, 7:5
Remember from lesson one that God required obedience. It is still the watchword, obey.

God gave everyone a chance 7:4
We know that Noah was a "preacher" (II Peter 2:5). It stands to reason that Noah would have generously spread this message. Everyone would have been warned about the final week.

Animals were spared 7:9
Within that week the animals began to march into the ark. What were the people thinking who saw this event? Even the parade was a warning to the people. The opened door to the ark was an invitation. They refused to believe.

It was colossal 7:11

This was not a gentle afternoon sprinkling. It was cataclysmic. The earth broke up the heavens opened, the environment was broken into.

It rained forty days and forty nights 7:12
For forty days the earth was pounded by this disaster. Physical changes were experienced. Mountains were push up, valleys were formed. The continents were formed.

It was global 7:19-20
This was not a local flood, the entire earth was covered. Every civilization has a flood story.

Everything else died 7:21-22
When the rain started, how many of the people would have liked to change their mind?. How many would have liked to have entered the ark? How many would believe? ALL! It was too late. Judgment was come. These truths will be experienced again when the FINAL judgment comes.

The system changed
    II Peter 3:4-6
    The world that had existed before the flood, radically changed. It perished. The pre-flood world is not the same as the post flood world.

    Gen. 6:3, 6:4, 7:11, 8:22, 9:2, 9:3, 9:13-14, 9:21
    Can you spot the changes in the verses above?

Lessons:

Grace 6:8
Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Eph. 2:8-9

Mercy II Peter 2:5 (preached)
Mercy was also available to the participants in the story. Since Noah was preaching to them, warning them, they could have responded.

Last chance 7:4, 9

At some point God will close the door on everybody.

Opportunities end 7:16, Isaiah 55:6
God's mercy is incredible but will end. Find Him!

Ark a picture of Jesus "Pitch" 6:14
In the Scofield Reference Bible a note is included for this verse. The note says that the word used for "pitch" in the old Testament is the same word used for redemption in the New. Smear "redemption" on the outside so that the judgment cannot get in and put it also on the inside so that those on the inside cannot leak out.

This is how it works with Jesus. See the picture.

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