

Video Class: Why Study Biblical Characters
Discussion Questions

1. Rabbi Steinsaltz spoke of his empathy for Leah. With which biblical character(s) do you identify? Why?
2. What is the first Biblical story you were taught? Has the meaning of the story changed for you as you have gotten older? In what way?
4. What do you think Rabbi Steinsaltz means when he says that many biblical characters are archetypes? Do you agree with his perspective? Explain.
5. Are there universal messages that characters in the Bible can teach us? If so, what are some of the messages?
6. According to Rabbi Steinsaltz, the Bible has a “thin, as contradictory to fat, style.” What does this mean? What are some consequences of this?
7. What is the value in continuing to learn about biblical characters?