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Sommario/riassunto

In our present-day society "Angels" are being talked about more frequently again. But where are the roots of these discourses to be found? How have they developed?. The present volume focuses on important sources for the investigation of angelic images within the ancient Near East, Old Testament, early Judaism and early Christianity. Particular emphasis is given to deuterocanonical Old Testament writings. In addition, significant developments with regard to iconography and piety are examined within the fields of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
