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## Sommario/riassunto

Through close readings of texts such as Ezra-Nehemiah. Philo of Alexandria, and 4Ezra, Hindy Najman develops the idea of a discourse tied to a founder, illuminating the nexus between revelation, interpretive authority, and the quest for perfection in ancient Judaism.

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