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Notwithstanding its presence across the full message of the Old Testament, the question of justice and principally divine justice assumes a unique place in the reflection of the sages of Israel of which the book of Job is unanimously accepted as the greatest exponent. I propose that we look briefly at the unique reflection that the book of Job offers us on this subject. It is excellently set out in the literary (con)text. This is why I am concentrating on chapters 32-37 applying to the studies of R. Meynet, mainly to his new and surprising notion of literary context, fully developed and assumed in Biblical Rhetorical Analysis. 1 The uniqueness of the reflection on the justice of God which I want to present emerges as a fruit of this new idea of context. It deals with a study of the Book of Job never done before, in which the newness is based on the challenge of a careful reading that propels the text into new horizons of understanding.

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