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<sup>6</sup>Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way. <sup>7</sup>She will chase after her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.’ <sup>8</sup>She has not acknowledged that I was the one who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil, who lavished on her the silver and gold— which they used for Baal.

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