• *Genesis* 2–3. In the record of Creation and the subsequent fall of man, Adam stood in a primary relationship over Eve. The ramification of this position was intensified by the Fall (i.e., the negative aspects of subordination of woman to man) but was in existence prior to the Fall. Thus, from Creation and in the Fall, the woman is subordinate to the man, which is the basis of Paul’s argument in 1 Timothy 2:13–14 in which women are forbidden to teach or exercise authority over men in the church.

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