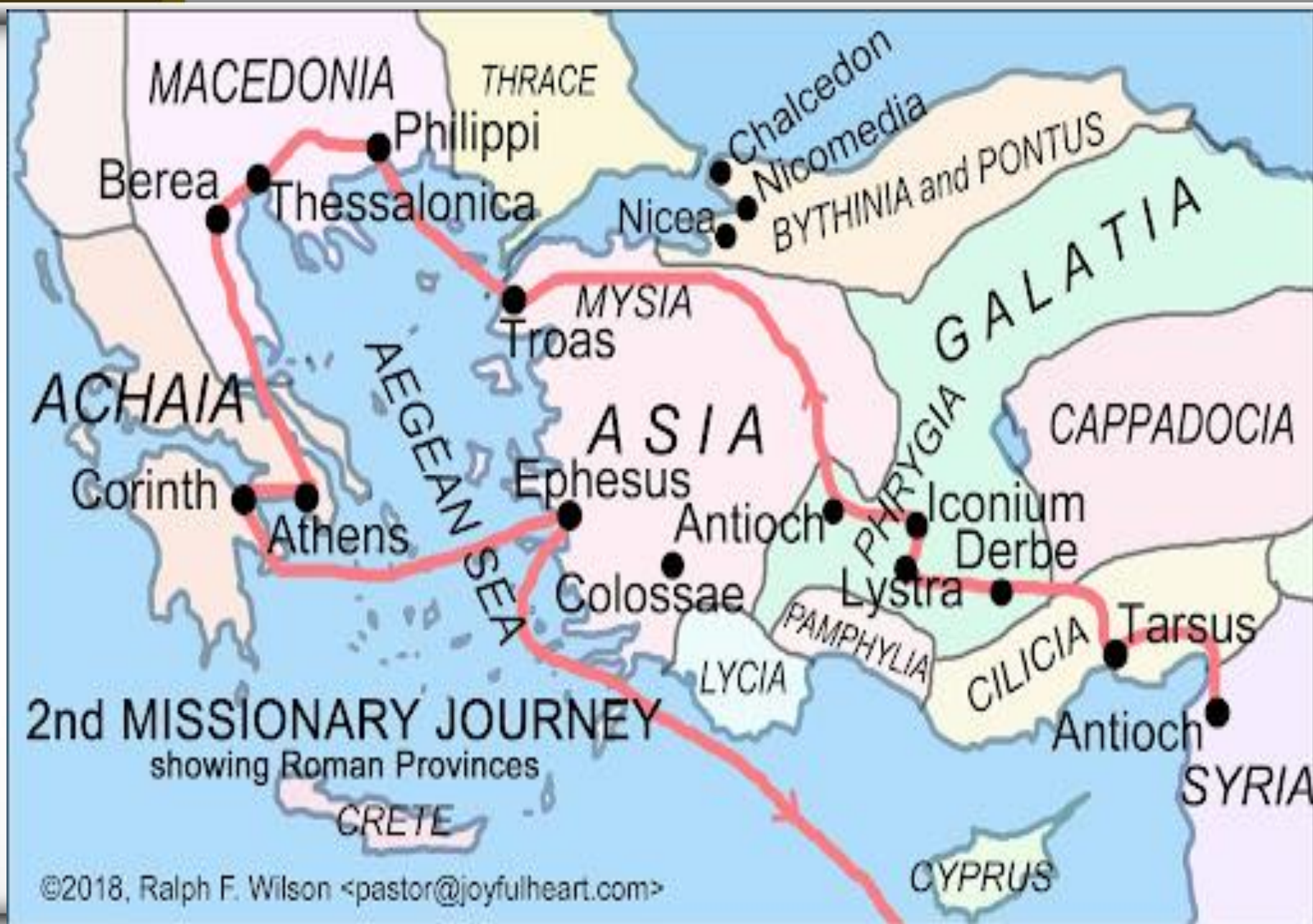


MAP 13 KEY

- - - - - First Journey
- Second Journey
- Third Journey
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The City of Rome in 58 AD

- Rome was the largest and most important city in the world at that time.
- All roads ran to and from Rome.
- When Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, the Roman Empire was experiencing the better days of the earlier years of Nero's reign (AD 54-68)
- It was enjoying one of its happiest periods since the death of Augustus. In 14 AD.

- Rome was located mainly on the left bank of the River Tiber, about 15 miles from the Mediterranean Sea.
- At 14 AD, the year of Augustus Caesar's death the population was 4.1 million inhabitants.
- The Jewish population had been brought to Rome with the captives by Pompey after taking Jerusalem in 63 BC.
- Because of the generally favorable attitude of the early emperors, the Jews became numerous in the city.

- Acts 18:2 – “... Claudius had commanded the Jews to leave Rome.”
- For our purposes, we will date that event as issued in 49 AD.
- Claudius reigned from 41-54 AD.
- Nero Claudius Caesar reigned from 54 AD until his death by suicide 14 years later in 68 AD.