

ABU SIMBEL

Egypt, Africa

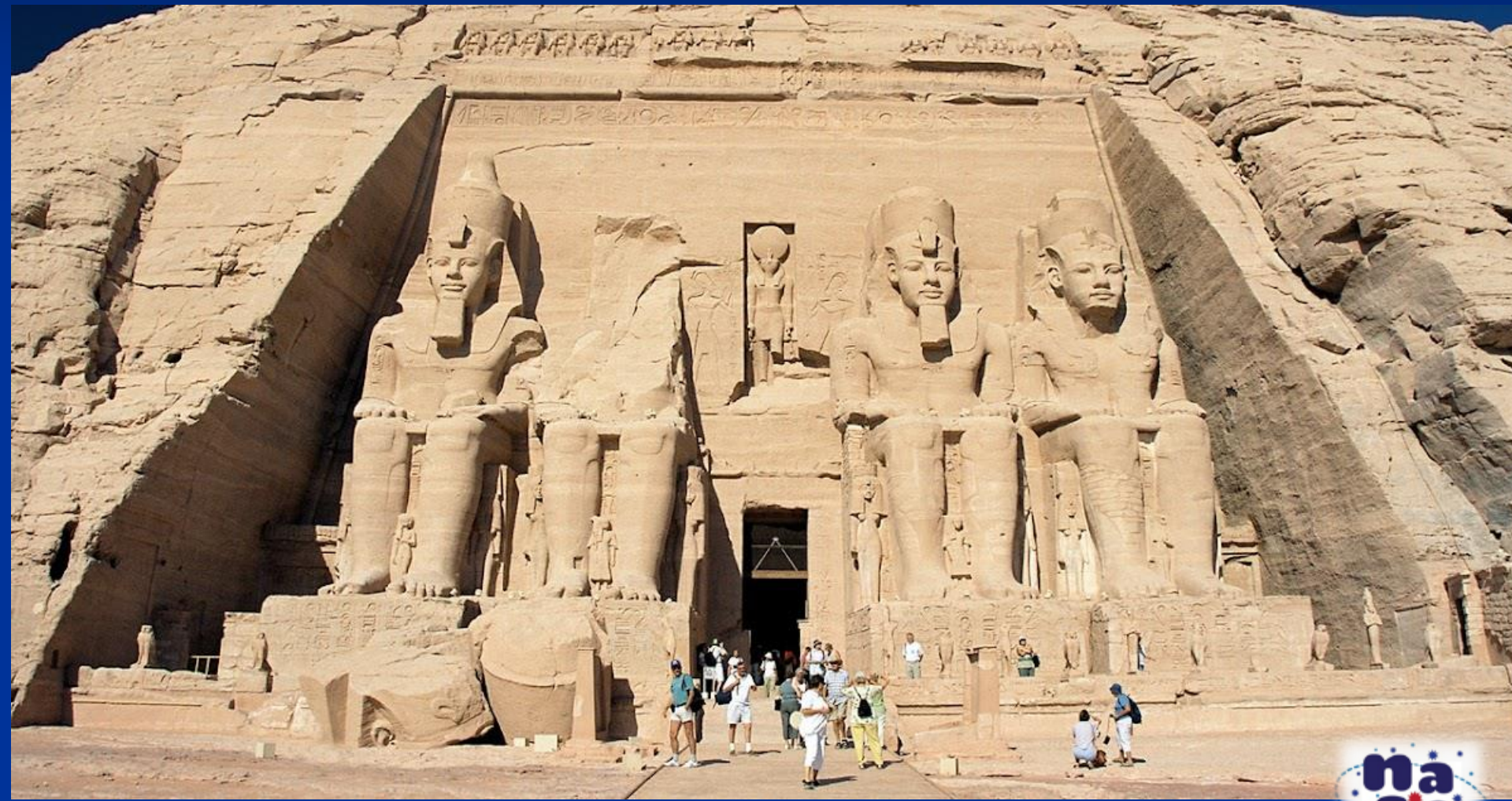
1284- 1264 BC



Abu Simbel was built by Ramses II to commemorate his victory at the Battle of Qadesh (ca. 1274 BC). It is dedicated to the great deities of Ancient Egypt, Amun, Ra and Ptah. These three gods were represented in the main temple with Ramses is represented as the fourth great god of Egypt.



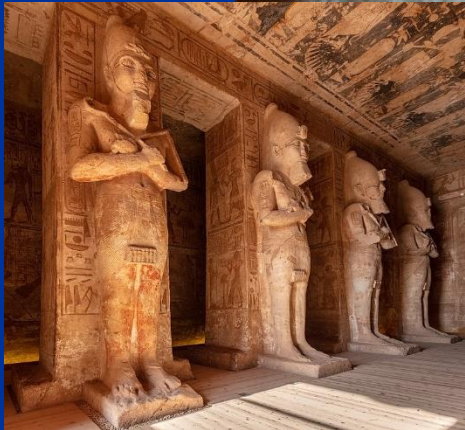
The construction of the Abu Simbel began approximately in 1284 a. C. and lasted about twenty years, until 1264 a. C.



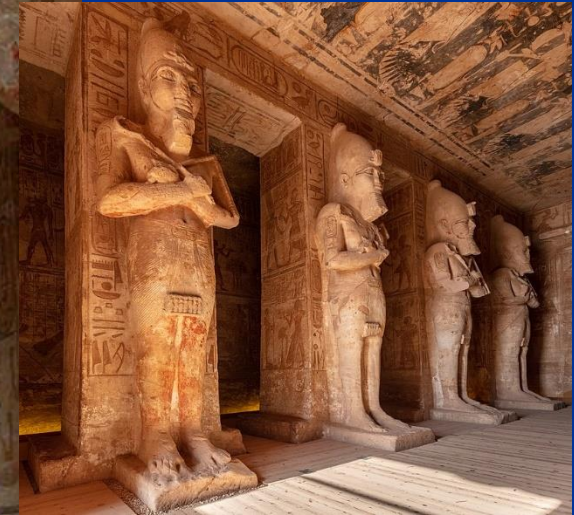
The construction of the Aswan Dam it was dangerous for Abu Simbel because it could disappear under the water.

The rescue of the Abu Simbel temples was initiated in 1964 by UNESCO. Between 1964 and 1968, the entire site was carefully broken into large blocks dismantled, raised, and reassembled at a new location 65 meters higher and 200 meters further from the river.





The temple was built with such an orientation that the sun's rays penetrate to the sanctuary, located at the bottom of the temple (after Hypostyle sale)...



The orientation was such that during the days of October 21 and February 21 the sun's rays illuminate three of the four seated statues, except the statue of the god Ptah, the god related to the underworld, who always remained in the dark.



Phat, Amon(the sun god), Ramses, Ra Horakhti
(the sun rising on the horizon).



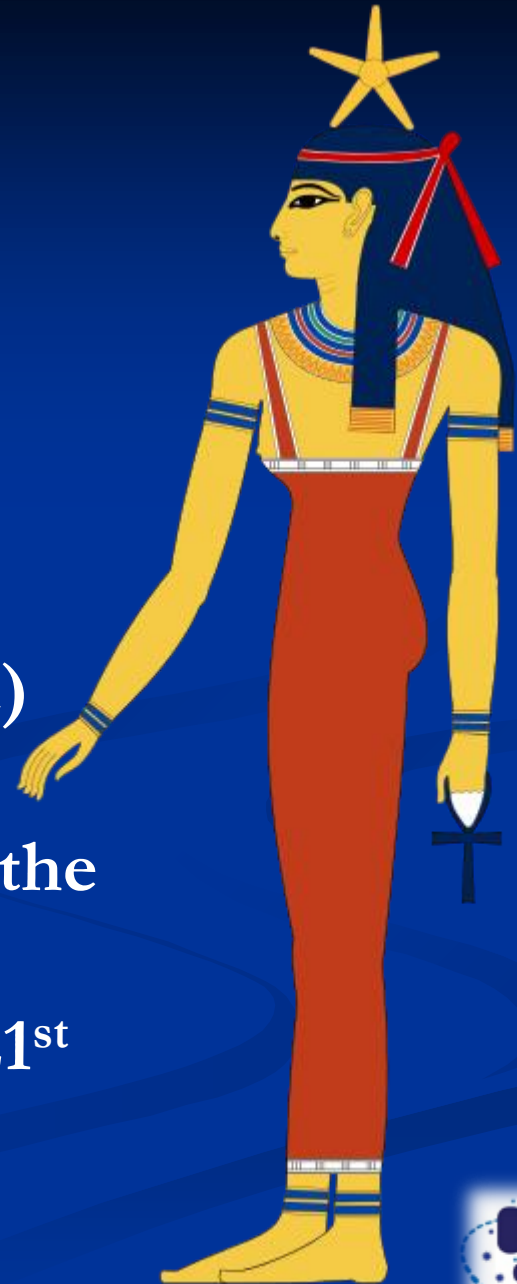
These dates could correspond the seasons

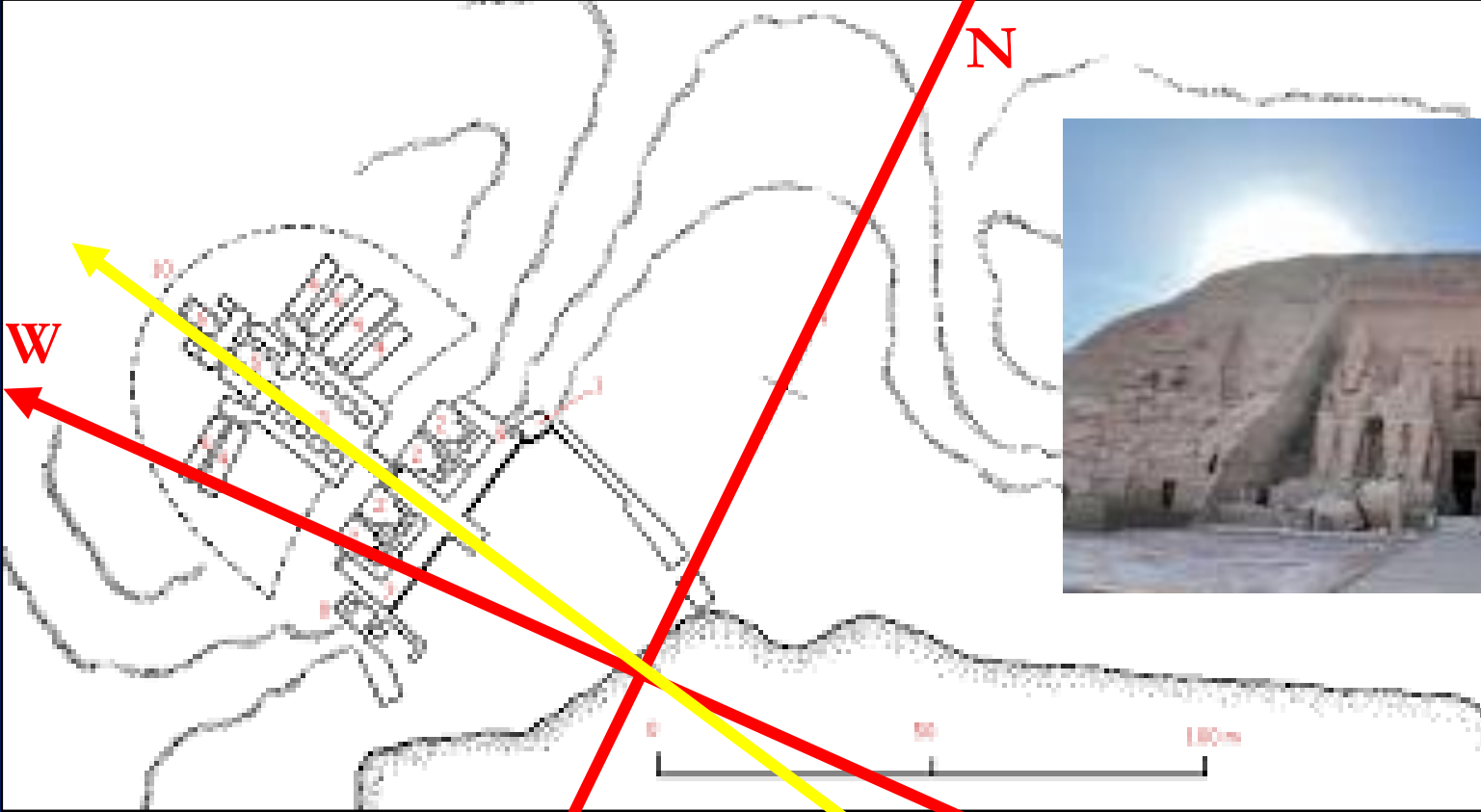
The year had 3 seasons:

The first was Akhet, the flood of the Nile at mid-July when Sirius (Sopdet) reappears

The second was Peret, the planting (the water leave) at 21th October approx.

The last was Chemu the harvest, at 21st February approx.





Sunrise on Feb.21st or Oct. 21st ???

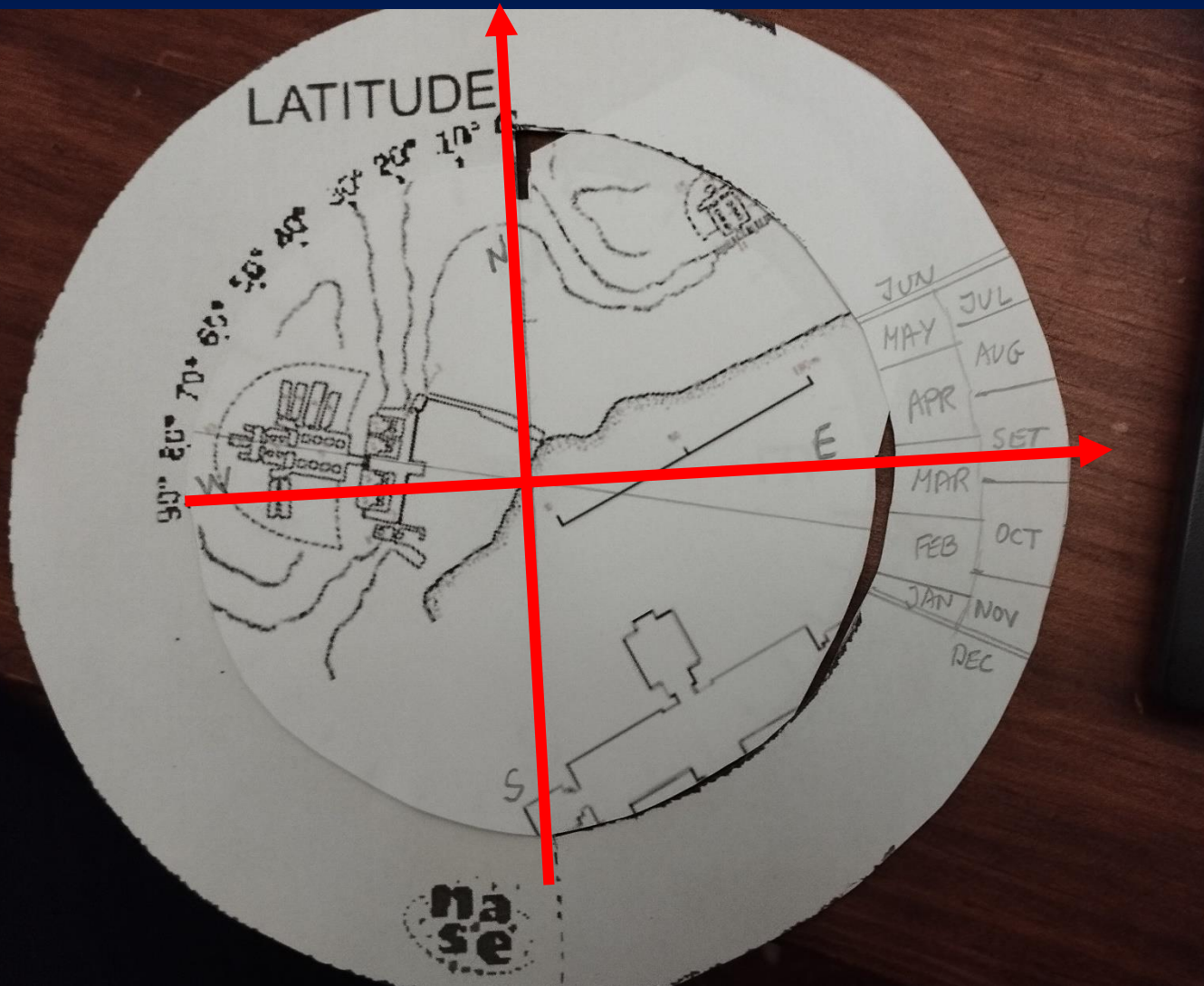


Tabla de declinación solar anual en grados, minutos y segundos.

	<u>Enero</u>	<u>Febrero</u>	<u>Marzo</u>	<u>Abril</u>	<u>Mayo</u>	<u>Junio</u>	<u>Julio</u>	<u>Agosto</u>	<u>Septiem</u>	<u>Octubr</u>	<u>Noviem</u>	<u>Diciemb</u>
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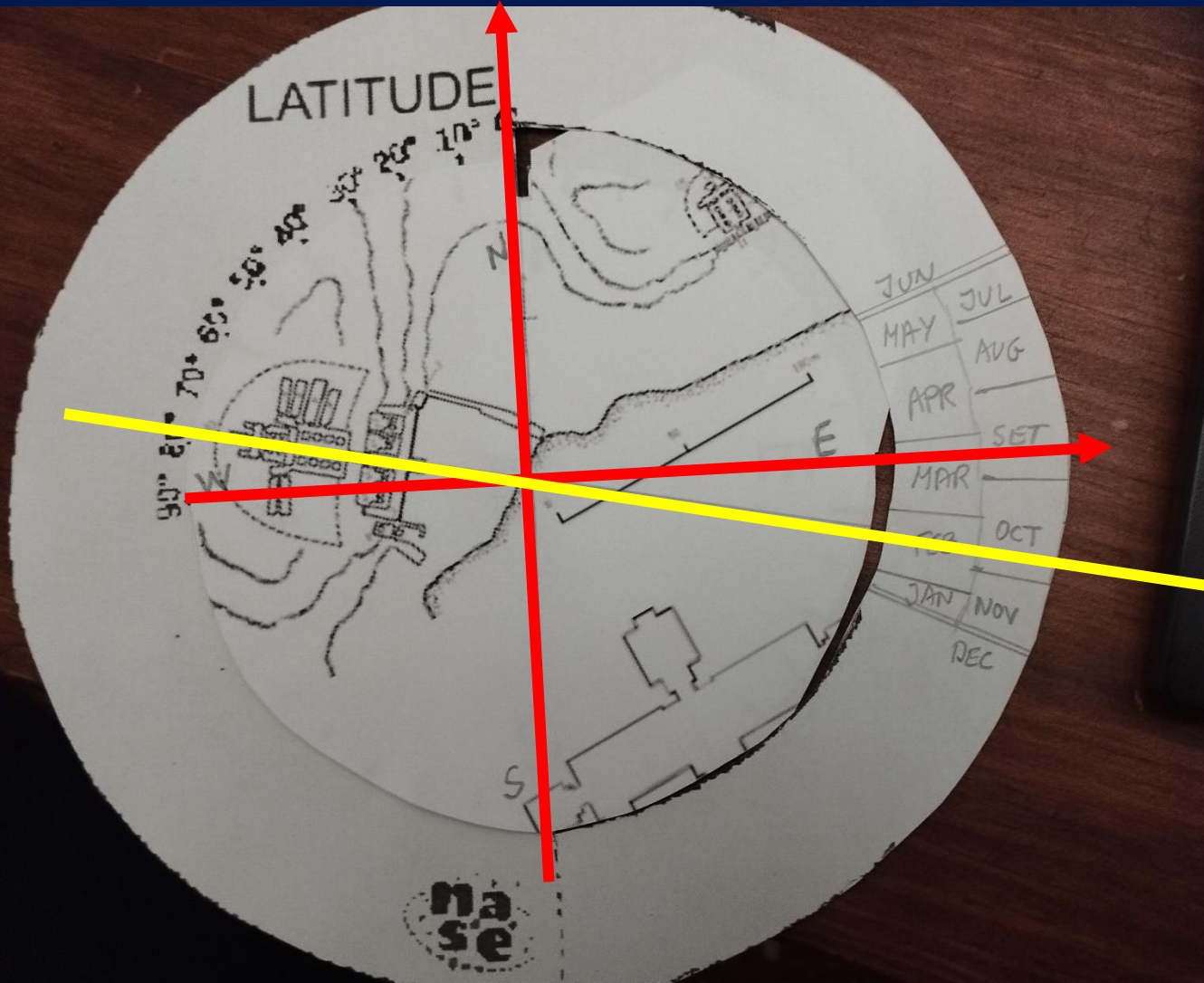
* El signo + significa que el sol está por encima del ecuador, y el signo - que está por debajo.



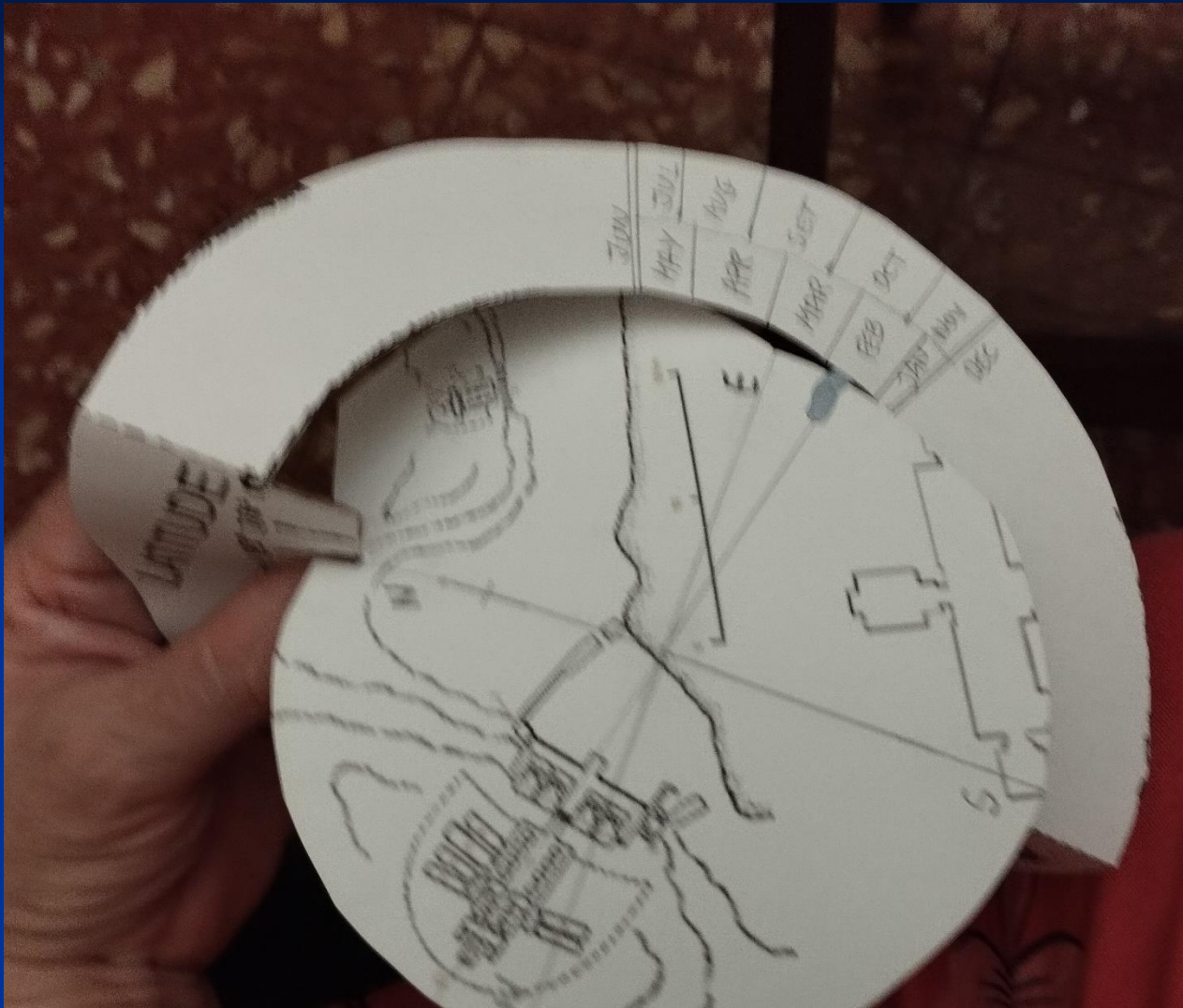


Abu Simbel
map on the
demonstrator
well oriented



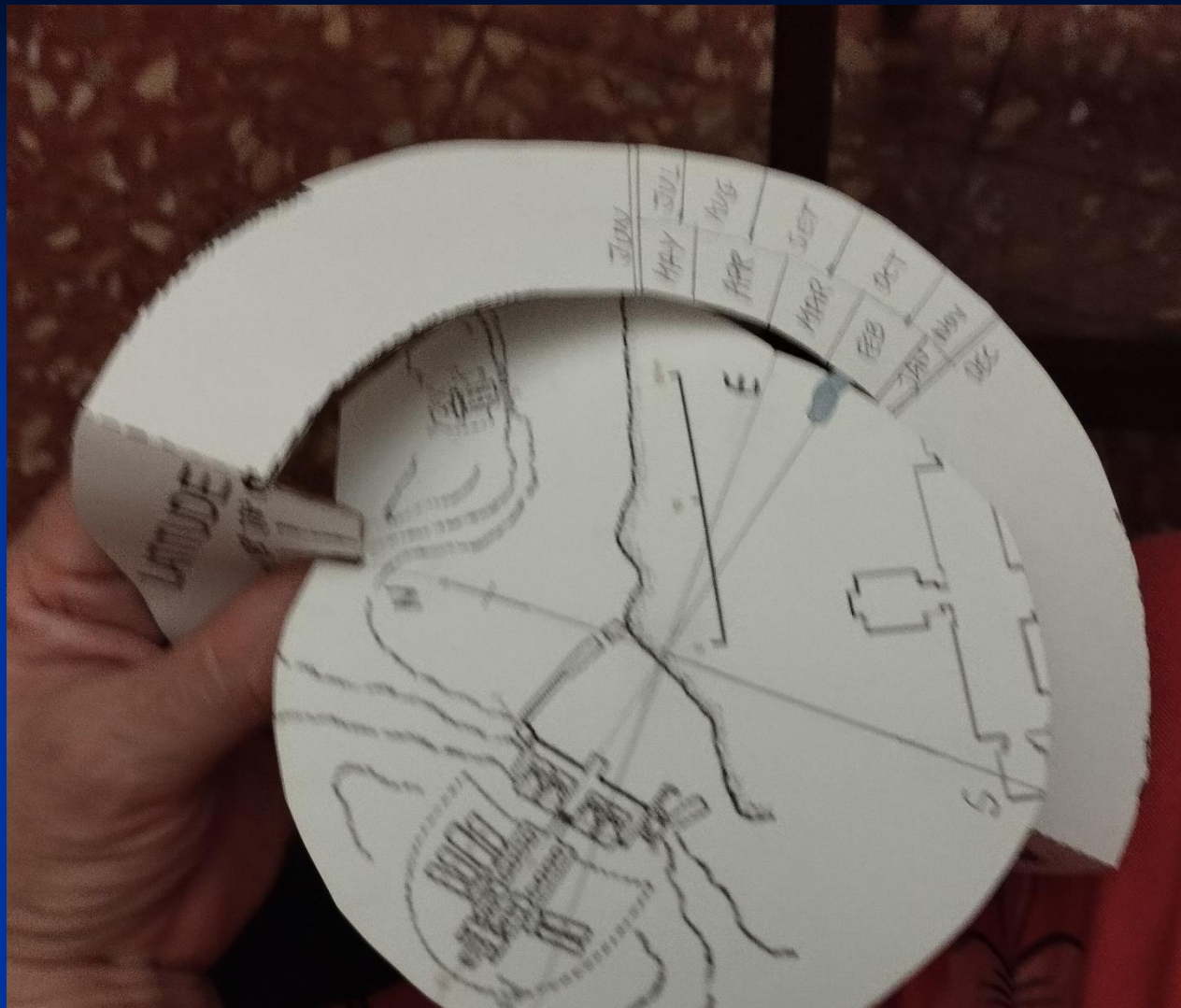


Sun direction that arrive to the sanctuary



Latitud 22°

**Sun direction in
the position of
Feb 21st or Oct 21st**



Finally we take the measurement of the angle between E-W line and Sun direction in the position of Feb 21st or Oct 21st

This angle is $x=12^\circ$

**Many Thanks
for your attention !**

