

122042 - Ruling on using the name Yazan

the question

I have been blessed with my first child and I have called him Yazan. Some of my friends criticised me for choosing this name. Please note that I have not registered the name yet. What is your opinion on this name? Please suggest a name for me.

Detailed answer

There is nothing wrong with using the name Yazan, because there is no reason not to do so in sharee'ah. Yazan is the name of a valley in Yemen. It says in al-Qamoos al-Muheet: Yazan is a valley, the original name of which was Yaz'an; it is also the name of a tribe from Himyar. Dhu Yazan was a king of Himyar because he protected that valley. End quote.

So it is the name of a valley and the name of a tribe from Himyar.

But it would be better than that to call the child 'Abd-Allaah or 'Abd al-Rahmaan or Ahmad or Muhammad, or the name of one of the Sahaabah, or a name that carries a good meaning. This is better than calling him by the name of a valley.

For more information, see the answer to question number 7180.

And Allaah knows best.