

2413 - Giving the name Hessa to a baby girl

the question

I am having a baby in 3 weeks, on the net I found a muslim name listed as Hessa (female) and the meaning was described as 'destiny'

I have asked many people about this name and no one seems to have heard of it...

My question is, if it is in fact a proper name is the meaning correct and would it be an appropriate name?

Detailed answer

In Lisan al-Arab [a famous Arabic-language dictionary], Ibn Manzoor says concerning the root ha-sa-sa: Hissah means a share of food, drink, land, etc. The plural is hisas haassahu means he shared it out, and everyone took his share of it. If you and your husband wish to name your daughter Hessa, there is nothing wrong with doing so. And Allaah knows best.