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

Praise be to Allah.

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.