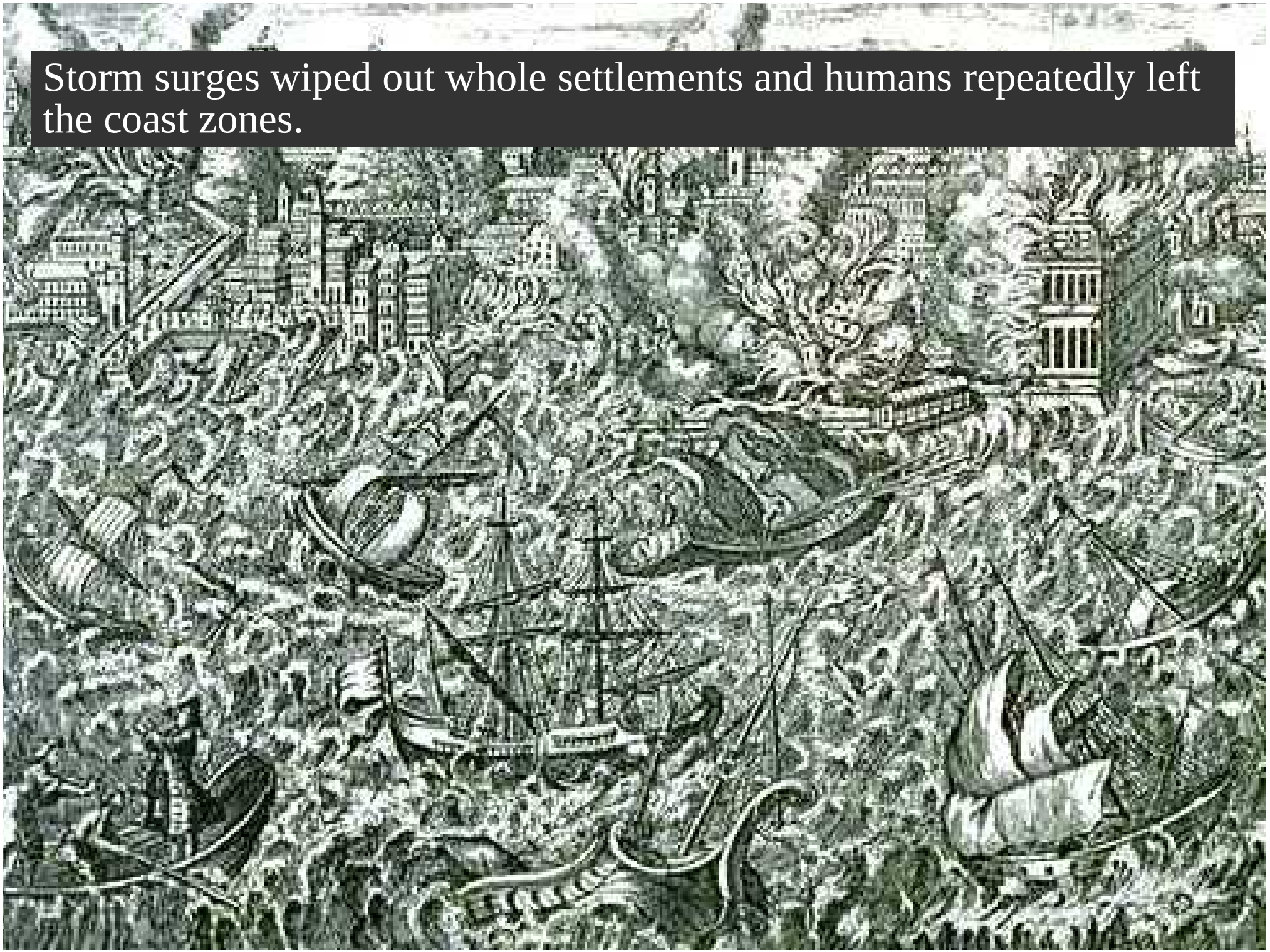Storm surges wiped out whole settlements and humans repeatedly left the coast zones.